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# COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



## To all members of the Regimental Family

*"You cannot look forward with hope if  
you cannot look backward with pride."*

Since the last edition of *The Falcon* almost two years ago, The Regiment has not only had a great opportunity to look backward with pride but also has grown steadily so that today it can continue to look forward with confident hope.

The Centennial of our Regiment in 1991 was a year that few Highlanders will ever forget. To view and to march with The Regiment on the occasion of its

100th Year was an honour and a source of pride for all members of the Family. The hard work of all elements of The Regiment paid off handsomely with the successful Reunion weekend in May of '91. The Colours Parade was the highlight of the Centennial as The Regiment paraded in Full Dress before 18,000 people in Varsity Stadium. It was a night to rekindle old memories, to display pride in our common heritage and to have our confidence in The Regiment's future reassured. It was a show to behold and every Highlander on parade that night can say with pride that he marched with the 48th on the 100th.

Although the Centennial occupied centre stage, throughout the year and into 1992, the Active Battalion continued to meet its military commitments in the professional manner that has become our trademark. On every course, posting, attachment, exercise and concentration The 48th made its presence felt. Officer strength grew dramatically, NCO strength and depth remained solid and the strength of the ORs although slow has been steady. Despite lack of direction from higher echelons preoccupied with the state of the military, The 48th continued to stress the basic individual and sub unit skills necessary to create good infantrymen and a good infantry Unit. This was our simple goal and we have been successful in achieving it.

At this point in the early summer of 1992, The Regiment's future direction looks uncertain. But as we look at ourselves before summer standdown we have reason to be confident. We have been inspected as never before this year and have come out highly rated on every occasion; we have met and exceeded our quota of recruits for the summer as strength continues to increase; and we have performed our military tasks above expectations. The 48th is the most solid infantry Unit in the garrison bar none.

I cannot acknowledge the efforts of every individual, so as CO I commend all members of The Regiment collectively for their contributions over the past two years. I also task you to set your sights on the year ahead as it will be every bit as challenging and demanding as the one you have just finished. Again, look to your Regiment for direction and give it the consistent dedication that has come to be expected of you. This has been and remains our formula for success.

I wish all members of The Regiment success over the summer and I know that wherever you serve you will be a credit to yourselves and the Unit. Until we RV at CAC in Petawawa, good luck and good hunting. Dileas.

*G. Young  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer*



# THE FALCON

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## EDITORIAL—The Tradition that Remains

*By Captain S. W. Gilbert, CD*

Tradition — that is what remains after you have considered all else about the 48th Highlanders of Canada. From the rudimentary vision of the Scottish immigrants who founded the Unit to the sense of pride that we instil in our newest recruits when we present them with their first balmoral and cap badge, tradition is at the centre of what we are and what we will always be.

We began as a concept created from the Highland notions of spirit, loyalty and duty. It was a tradition brought to Canada by those whose ancestors had nurtured it on the clan battlefields against both each other and outside invaders over centuries of conflict. Over the last one hundred years, thousands of members of our Regimental Family have taken up this great tradition and molded it into something that is clearly our own.

Names like Davidson, Elms, Darling, Haldenby, Turner, Outhwaite, Jackson, Lowndes, Ruthvan, Pearce, Brown, Harding and White come to mind. They represent the several generations of Highlanders who have, at various times and places and in many different ranks and positions, given meaning to these traditions through the loyalty and courage of their actions.

The articles in this, the Centenary volume of the Falcon, reflect the great things that the members of our Regimental Family are doing now and have done in the past, in short, their service to Canada.

The future of our unit seems of late to be very uncertain, more so than it must ever have seemed to our founding fathers. Yet the traditions that we have come to represent will carry us through whatever challenges we encounter. We will always remain what "a century of faithful service" has proven us to be — strong in our sense of duty and consistently excellent in our performance.

*Dileas Gu Brath*

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# A CENTURY OF SERVICE

## ALPHA COMPANY

*By Major I.A.G. Cameron  
Officer Commanding Alpha Company*

When I look back at 100 years of service from the point of view of Alpha Company, I am reminded of all of those who served in Alpha Company throughout our 100 year history. While I am not familiar with their names, ranks or years of service, I have to believe that there were many famous Highlanders who went before the serving members of Alpha Company today. I am also equally confident that they distinguished themselves as well in war as in peace. The most difficult job of a Company Commander today is trying to live up to the standards that have been set by those who have gone before us. To all those Highlanders who have gone before us, I assure you that we will try to continue that tradition of excellence that you have established.

Alpha Company has a strength today of about 70-80, all ranks. We are the trained company within the Regiment and, should a tasking require the Regiment to send a formed sub unit anywhere, we would be the ones to go.

Whatever the state of the Army as we see it, we will continue to serve as best we can like all those former members of the Regiment did in years gone by.

This year has been one that has seen lots of activity from all the various parts of the regimental family and especially from the active members of the Regiment. I am very proud of the soldiers from Alpha Company; they did a tremendous amount of work in preparation for the 100th activities. Not only did they prepare for parades through continuous practices but they still did all of their operational taskings. Higher headquarters did not allow the 48th to relax on their field training or administrative work. So, when you combine the operational taskings such as courses, field training and classroom activity with the ceremonial functions surrounding the 100th celebrations, it made for a busy, busy spring. The soldiers of Alpha Company and the Regiment are to be complimented for hard work and devotion to the Regiment!

During the summer months most of the company was either away on a course, teaching on a course, or attending CAC. While I did not command the company at CAC, Major Delaney has informed me that they did a great job there as well. In fact, they placed 7th overall in the LFCA Infantry Competition. Again, they should be congratulated for their efforts!

The fall was very busy as well. We had several field training exercises, the change of RSM parade, the laying up of the Old Colours and the Royal Winter Fair Guard of Honour. These activities ended off the 100th celebrations and then the Regiment had to contend with the budgetary restrictions that were imposed on us from above. My view of those restrictions will unfortunately remain unpublished. However, it should be said upfront that this was the toughest test the Regiment faced in many years.



*A section from #1 platoon of A Coy completes an assault boat practice landing.*



*Members of A Coy and other battalion sub units after conducting a Royal Winter Fair Guard of Honour.*

In summary, I would like to thank all ranks of Alpha Company for their hard work and patience. It has been a tough year but I think that we can all be proud of the part we played in the Regiment's 100th birthday. To those who served the Regiment before and those presently serving, particularly those in Alpha Company, remember our motto, "Dileas Gu Brath", as we continue the traditions of the Regiment into its second century of service. I look forward to serving with you in the years to come!

## BRAVO COMPANY

By Second Lieutenant J. Graham

A slow economy combined with ongoing cuts in the regular force have made this an interesting year for Bravo company. As might be expected, the shortage of challenging summer and part-time jobs has brought an influx of students to the Regiment. At the same time, the slowdown in recruiting for the regular force that customarily accompanies periods of restraint has meant that more resources can be devoted to recruiting for the Militia.

As a result, some twenty new recruits have been placed on courses since September, and with a further seventy in the system we can expect a good turn-out for the summer. At present we are looking at having only thirty-two spaces available to us on QL2 and QL3 recruit training courses for the summer, but there is still hope that more spaces may be added in time.

The quality of the new recruits has been of a uniformly high level. This is exemplified by Pte Koor and Pte Bechtold-Coon, who finished in first and second places respectively on the Toronto Scottish's QL2 course. Course instructors Mcpl Lennon and Cpl Adkins can take credit for having achieved excellent results with the new recruits.

We are looking forward to an equally productive year coming up. Plans are being examined by the Adjutant, Capt Gilbert and the Recruiting Officer, Lt Walker with a view towards establishing a Co-op program for high-school students beginning next Fall or Spring. These programs, which have been used to good effect by businesses as well as several other units in TMD, allow students to earn credits towards their diplomas while training with the Militia. These programs have proven successful not only in turning out good soldiers, but also in raising the profile of involved units both in the schools and amongst the general public.



Pte. Tim Van der Ster of B Coy gets a feel for the tiller bar during winter indoctrination training.

Bravo company was also well represented on the Regiment's annual Winter Warfare exercise in February. The company provided a strong showing from recruits at all levels of the training program. Their operational task for the exercise was to provide an enemy force in opposition to Alpha company. The various members made good use of the opportunity to learn as much as possible about winter warfare and patrolling in general, and put in an excellent showing during the night ambush. Despite their relative lack of experience, all the recruits demonstrated coolness and a good appreciation of the situation in their first exercise with the unit.

## SUPPORT COMPANY

By Capt. D. B. Beaton CD

Much of the past year has been taken up preparing for and participating in the events of the Regiment's 100th Anniversary. The activities of the various components of Support Company were as heavy and demanding as any in the Regiment.

Transport Platoon was ably led by Lt. Tremblay and the Pl. WO WO Gillie last year. Their small band of drivers and veh techs were Cpls. Dorlandt and Thompson ... This year the Pl. Comd. is OCDT Robertson with an as yet unnamed Pl. WO and the same staff ...

The Log Pl. had very little change of people this year. The same yeoman service is being provided by Lt. Birchall and his Pl. WO Sgt. Reece and their staff. One departure is Pte. Adkins, winner of last year's Outstanding Sp Tradesman Award, who transferred to the Regular Force. We wish him great success in his new career.

A new section added to Sp Coy this year is the Maint. Det. It is run by Sgt. Rosa who, with the wpn and veh techs is ensuring all unit equipment is kept in proper condition.

Regimental Stores had a monumental job getting all the uniforms ready for the Colours Parade on the Reunion weekend. The task was accomplished through the devoted efforts of my staff, MWO McVety, Sgt. McDougall and MCpl. Slater in Stores and the very professional work of Ms Sharon Purdy, who did all the production of the Full Dress uniforms. Also involved were Maj. Delaney and the 100th Committee.

The Reunion also meant added business for the Kit Shop run by Capt. Bradfield. He was constantly juggling to keep track of all the souvenirs being sold by different branches of the Regimental Family.

Overseeing all these groups and preparations was the Coy HQ, led by Maj. Delaney, Lt. Hergel, the 2IC,

and the CSM, initially MWO McVety and then MWO Boggiss. Both Maj. Delaney and MWO Boggiss have been transferred to other Companies this year, and on behalf of the Company I would like to thank them for their work last year and wish them all the best in their new positions.

Capt. Turner has taken over command and WO Gillie has become the CSM; both these two have previously held positions in Sp Coy so they can't say they weren't warned! All the members of the Company welcome the chance to serve with them.

## 48th Highlanders of Canada — Pipes and Drums

By Sergeant I.C. Steingasner, CD

Without question, this has been a hectic year! The Regiment had more than its normal share of ceremonial duties. This commitment added even more pressure to the schedule of the Pipes and Drums. Although the "ceremonial season" didn't start for the entire Regiment until the beginning of spring, the Pipes and Drums were busy practising for the upcoming competition season immediately after Christmas. Starting with the Indoor Games on March 16, there was little relief until the end of the summer.

The highlight of the year was without doubt the centennial weekend in May. During this weekend, the ceremonial capabilities of the Regiment were put on display. We are one of the few, if not the only, reserve regiment that has the ability to present a complete ceremony without any significant assistance from bands of other regiments. Both the Pipes and Drums and Military Band were on parade in full strength. The resulting music contributed significantly to the success of the evening. For some members who remembered the "old colours" being presented back in the '50s, the ceremony brought back many memories. The Change of Colours Parade also represented a watershed of sorts for the Pipes and Drums. Unless the British government changes its mind, this parade was probably the last time to see pipers from the Gordon Highlanders parading with us. The Gordons sent over a contingent of officers and men to participate in our Change of Colours Parade. Amongst them was one piper, Private Alexander (Ali) Brown. They face an uncertain future since the Gordons are slated for amalgamation with the Queen's Own Highlanders. Within our own Pipes and Drums, a few old faces will be disappearing from the parade square at the end of this year, taking this juncture to put down their pipes or drums and retire from the active band. Fortunately,

new faces are joining the band to replace them. However, the experience and knowledge that the band will lose with the departure of some of these senior members will be missed.

On the competition circuit, this year was approached as an "experience year". The bands were led by Pipe Major (CWO) Dewar and Master Corporal Mike Moir for the grade two and four bands respectively. Competing at many of the games this year was a challenge in terms of both the competition and the weather. The Grade Four Band was competing against the Special Service Forces (SSF) pipe band. This band composed, for the most part, of regular forces soldiers, was supposed to have been moved up to grade three for this competitive season. However, the Grade Four Band performed well, beating them on a few occasions. At Chatham, the Grade Four Band had to contend with heavy rain while it competed. It was rather daunting for the younger members of the band who were already battling competition nerves. In the Grade Two Band, many of the new faces had never competed at the grade two level. They had been advanced from the Grade Four Band for the start of this season. In spite of this, the results were quite favourable with both bands doing well. The results for the year were as follows:

Competition	Grade 2	Grade 4
Indoor Games	First	First
Georgetown	n/a	n/a
Fort Erie	n/a	First
Coburg	First	Second
Chatham	Fifth	Seventh
Cambridge	Fourth	Eighth
Barrie	Third	Fourth
Fergus	Second	Seventh



Pipe Major Sandy Dewar and members of the Pipes and Drums during the presentation of Colours Parade.

After a brief rest from Fergus, the Pipes and Drums were again committed to participate in the Warrior's Day parade. Since it was our centennial, we led the parade. This was a nice change since the Warrior's Day parade tends to drag on for a long time if you're in a band stuck at the back of the parade. Also, they changed the route this year making the march a bit shorter and more direct.

With the conclusion of the Warrior's Day parade and duties at the Canadian National Exhibition, the Pipes and Drums were finally able to stand down for a while.

Although stood down, the Pipes and Drums were anything but inactive. At the suggestion of Military Band Sergeant Major Brian MacInnis, a combined bands dinner and dance was organized for October 4. During the entire reunion year both bands had duties at every engagement that the Regiment was involved in. For example, at the Reunion dinner the Military Band had to play throughout dinner with certain pipers designated as duty pipers for the evening. The entire massed bands performed a retreat ceremony at the conclusion of the dinner. This did not leave much time to socialize or really enjoy an evening. Originally thought of as a simple "evening out" restricted to the two bands, the event grew under the direction of Pipe Major Dewar and Drum Major (MWO) Fullerton to become something quite grand. Attendance at the event was opened to the rest of the Regimental family on a first-come first-served basis. It was held at Casa Loma and included a lavish meal with a free bar. Each guest received a specially engraved beer mug or wine glass as a souvenir of the evening. With dinner over, everyone danced the remainder of the evening away to the live music of "Bobby Brown and his Band of Renown" and various selections played by a DJ.

The rest of the year was marked with other "regular" events such as the opening hockey game of the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Guard of Honour at the Royal Winter Fair. Both events are a great crowd pleaser with both bands playing combined sets. The St. Andrew's Day Ball brought the year to a close. Members of the Pipes and Drums can now look forward to the next year, budget constraints and all, with the promise of a slightly less hectic schedule.

## MILITARY BAND

By MWO B. W. MacInnis, CD  
Band Sgt. Major

This has been a wonderful year for the Regiment, and certainly for the Military Band. And, in retrospect, the various functions associated with the centennial of this great institution instilled tremendous pride to be a

Highlander. Music contributed so much to the events of the Anniversary Weekend, and both bands performed their responsibilities to give leadership through music to drill movements and to entertain.

For the brass, reed and percussion players, the anniversary weekend started with a portion of the band providing music during the Royal York Hotel dinner. Then, following a short break for a meal, we joined the Pipes and Drums for a "retreat" programme. The lack of microphone, for a beautiful and very appropriate finale set, couldn't keep us down. Our vocalist Danielle Bourre, being the professional that she is, sang an arrangement of Captain White's *Memory*, and then *Amazing Grace*, entirely without the assistance of a microphone. The band provided an accompaniment with balance and control such as few bands could.

The following day was filled with rehearsals for the evening Colours Parade. That evening the four (4) hours the bands spent on parade were a test to our endurance. We measured up; the entire parade was excellent — for everyone. The evening was cool for the audience, but for the Highlanders, we were kept warm in the celebration. During the Bands Show programme we appreciated the support of seven (7) members of the Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada.

For Sunday, the weather was perfect. The Military Band met at the Memorial before the parade for a long overdue photograph. The parade marches, the music for the Service of Remembrance, and the dismissal proved the Band as capable as on the previous occasions. Once dismissed, we finally got to relax and unwind and revel in "a job well done".

## ANOTHER ACTIVE YEAR OF PERFORMING

The Military Band has had an extremely busy year; busier than many before. The 1991 calendar started with a most enjoyable Dinner and Dance held at the Valhalla Inn, Hwy. 7/Hwy. 404. We played at the opening of this lovely hotel the previous year.

The young year developed into and through the May activities and on to a combined bands display for a Doctors' convention, May 21. A Brass Quartet provided "wake-up" music for a Pulp and Paper Association convention June 12, and a small ensemble led the singing of the National Anthem at Queen's Park on July 1. The full Band entertained many visitors with their annual "walk-about" at Ontario Place on July 6. The annual Band Picnic followed the next Saturday.

In August, we performed a concert at the Queen's Own Rifles legion, August 8; a tattoo in Fergus, August 9; back to concertizing again in Kew Gardens, August 11; then the Warriors' Day parade followed by a marching and musical display with our good friends the Concert Band of Cobourg (Royal Marines Association Band) in Fort York Armoury. Three more

concerts and one combined show with P & D finished the month: the CNE, August 18 and 31; the Granite Club, Toronto, August 28, and Casa Loma, August 14.

In September, the Band Golf day was again held — a lot of fun and generous prizes. At the time of writing we are busy preparing for the 1991 RCMI concert at Roy Thomson Hall on November 17.

### MUSICIANS TURN COMBAT

Having well represented the Regiment in all of the preceding, some members of the Band made time to complete their SARP training, and five (5) finished the course and qualified with top marks.



*Members of the military band entertain the active battalion during the Annual Christmas Dinner.*

Throughout the year, the Band owes a great deal to the Director of Music, Captain Roland White for his patience, leadership, friendship, humour, and stamina. He has given the Regiment so much in a "ready and able" Military Band.

It must also be recognized that the Band was very well served by the Assistant Director, Sgt. Paul van der Bank, on occasions when the "Boss" wasn't taking us through our paces.

## A TRIBUTE FROM THE REGIMENT'S FRIENDS IN HOLLAND

*What follows is the translation in English from an article in Dutch, which recently appeared in a newspaper of the city of Apeldoorn, The Netherlands. The Dutch newspaper clipping had been sent to Mr. Maxwell McDougall, Sergeant of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto, by a Dutch couple who had been billeted in the home of Maxwell and Audrey McDougall on the occasion of the 100th*

*Anniversary of the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. McDougall have proofread this transcript in English.*

*The article describes the origin of and reason for the establishment of the 48th Highlanders of Holland Pipes and Drums.*

The heading of the article reads:

### LIVING MONUMENT FOR CANADIANS

A living monument has been realized through the establishment of a real, genuine Pipe Band\* for all Canadians who liberated our country and — in particular — who liberated Apeldoorn. This was the goal set out by the initiators of the new band of "48th Highlanders of Holland Pipes and Drums" on January 15, 1991, during the opening ceremony of the founding of the Band.

Gerrit Ham, who had billeted Canadians in 1985 and 1990, had been contemplating for a long time the idea of starting a living monument in memory of our liberators. "I believed and still believe to this day that we in Apeldoorn do not have a good monument to commemorate the liberation by Canadians. Therefore, the thought came to me for a living monument by means of a Pipe Band. I realized that this was not just an idea that could easily materialize, until someone suggested that I get in touch with Dirk Goudkuil of Lieren\*\* who himself is an enthusiastic bagpiper. This I did in early November, after which everything started to roll, with the result that on January 15 a meeting took place in the village hall of Beekbergen\*\* in order to incorporate the 48th Highlanders of Holland."

### DAVIDSON CLAN

"We could not, of course, just assume the name of 48th Highlanders," so continues Gerrit Ham. "Thanks to Colonel Michael George and Sergeant David (Bud) Lloyd (who both performed enormous tasks) we here obtained — through their efforts — permission to use the name of 48th Highlanders, and as well to wear the same type of outfit as was worn by the 48th Highlanders in 1945. This means: an army green doublet of special design; a kilt of the tartan of the Davidson Clan, complete with diced hose. This was reason enough for us to proclaim both these Canadians as honorary members of our organization. These appointments were conveyed to both gentlemen by Jurry Hulzebos during his visit to Canada on the commemoration in Toronto of the 100-year existence of the 48th Highlanders."

Article 2 of the statutes of the Dutch 48th Highlanders clearly stipulates the purpose and intent of the new corps. Literally it says: "To maintain the memory of the liberation of The Netherlands in 1945 by the allied forces and in particular by the Canadian Army.

"One of the means by which to do this is to lay a wreath every year on or about April 12th, on the burial



site of Lt-Colonel Donald McKenzie, the commanding officer who was killed in action on April 12, 1945, near Wilp\*. Although we actually could not play one single note, we visited the Canadian Cemetery in Holten on Sunday, April 14th to honour those 48th Highlanders who gave their lives during the liberation of The Netherlands; and also to lay a wreath on the grave of Lt-Colonel McKenzie," so tells Gerrit. "Interesting is the story of the shell casing which stood on the first grave site of Lt-Colonel McKenzie. When Gradus Meyerink of Rijssen\*\* heard of our existence, he donated this shell casing to the 48th Highlanders of Holland. On the shell casing is etched a cross and the name of Lt-Colonel Donald McKenzie. It most likely served as a vase on the first burial site of Lt-Colonel McKenzie at the foot of the dike near Wilp. Jurry Hulzebos, who was the only one of us to be in Toronto for the 100th anniversary, has presented this shell casing to Colonel John Loundes, Chairman of the Reunion Committee, during the dinner dance. The shell casing will be placed in the Apeldoorn room of the 48th Highlanders.

### PIPES AND DRUMS

The conducting of the musical affairs of the 48th Highlanders of Holland is in the hands of Pipe Major Johan van Ommen Kloeke of Leiden\*\*, a bagpiper of renown, who himself has many excellent contacts with the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Enthusiastically, once a week he travels to the town of Lieren to teach the aspiring Dutch Pipers in a hall, generously made available by Dirk Goudkuil in his factory. On a "practice chanter", which is the flute part of the bagpipes, the new members are learning the first steps on the long road to becoming pipers. For most of them it is the first time to handle a musical instrument, and the majority of these future pipers have to learn the basics of reading music. But where there is a will, there is a way, as was apparent at the last practice session just before vacation time.

Whereas Johan van Ommen Kloeke every week faithfully travels from Leiden to Lieren, from Rotterdam comes Dirk v.d. Engel, of the St. Andrew Pipe Band, to help the drummers on their way. The drums are a part of a Pipe Band and consist of: bass drum, tenor drums and snare drums.

Even the shortage of funds that the organization has appears not to dampen the enthusiasm of the members. Out of their own pocket some of them have purchased a variety of articles. The Dutch 48th Highlanders now possess a bass drum (about 1,100 guilders), two tenor drums and three snare drums. All of these drums have the beautiful dark blue exterior, such as the 48th Highlanders of Canada Band had in Apeldoorn in April, 1945.

As for the pipes, the first set has arrived from Scotland from the well-known firm of McPherson of Edinburg. Another six sets are expected to arrive before the end of the summer vacation.

### JEEPS

The 48th Highlanders of Holland will soon have their own transportation at their disposal. A few members of "Keep them rollin'"\*\*\* are planning to renovate their jeep to resemble the model as was used by the 48th Highlanders of Canada of the First Canadian Army. It will show on the front of the vehicle a shield, displaying a red field, in which the number 57 appears.

The road to success for the 48th Highlanders of Holland will be long and arduous. The men and women of the "Holland Highlanders" may expect to practise for the next three years before they will make their first official appearance. Whoever would like to support them financially and to make it possible for us to have — as our own — a splendid, Living Monument in memory of the Liberation by the 48th Highlanders of Canada, may register as a donor, by making a gift of 25 guilders minimal; to be deposited to account No. 48.69.49.222 of the AMRO-Bank at Beekbergen\*\*. The Bank's Gironumber is 837570.

\* The Dutch word for bagpipes is *doedelzak*; and a (bag)piper is a *doedelzakker*.

++ Name of a Dutch city, town or village.

\*\*\* This is an amateur volunteer group that restores World War II vehicles.

*This article shows a picture of 21 people involved in the Band, with the subtitle: "The Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders of Holland with their Pipe Major Johan van Ommen Kloeke in official dress, and Dirk v.d. Engel, guest drum teacher."*

*The Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders of Holland with their Pipe Major Johan van Ommen Kloeke in official dress, and Dirk v.d. Engel, guest drum teacher.*

*The above translation from Dutch to English was done by Jan Jansen, Associate Member of Branch 73 (Oakridge) of the Royal Canadian Legion of Canada, and a member (piper) of the Scarborough Pipes and Drums.*

## THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL HALL

By G. Outhwaite, O.C.A.

Registration for our 100th Anniversary brought many Highlanders to the Club on Leslie Street, and WWII

veterans mixed with members of the Regiment who have served since then. Highlanders all, they renewed many old and special friendships, and told and retold many a story. We also welcomed a large group of friends from Holland who joined us for the reunion celebrations. To those Highlanders who opened up their homes to our visitors, and offered so much great 48th hospitality, a special "Thank you".

The Old Comrades Drill Team, which has several very active members in their 70s, has often joined the Regiment on past parades. The team, complemented by a number of former members of the Regiment, paraded at Varsity Stadium for the presentation of Colours, and to mark the 100th Anniversary. All of us who took part in this event felt proud and honoured. I wish to thank Lt/Col. Young for the confidence he had in us, and for the opportunity to parade with the Regiment one more time and on such a special occasion.

Chairman of the Reunion Committee, Col. John Lowndes, had issued orders that all members of the 48th Highlanders of Canada would attend this reunion, and enjoy it. Regrettably, not all of our members could obey that order, some having been called by the Lord. Although they were not physically present, we remembered these Highlanders often during the reunion. They were certainly with us in spirit on that cold night in Varsity Stadium. It's at times like these that DILEAS GU BRATH has even more special meaning. Faithful Forever, a wonderful motto for us all.

The Old Comrades Association and the Ladies Auxiliary have actively supported the Regiment for many years and we want to do so for many more. The Club doors are open to all members of the 48th Highlanders Association, and we will always welcome members of The 48th Family with open arms.

## FROM THE SERGEANTS' MESS

*By CSM (MWO) D. F. Boggiss, CD*

There were times when we dreaded the thought of this anniversary. The weekends spent drilling in the wind, the sun, and the cold. The short tempers, and the sore throats caused by members with two left feet and an obvious desire to screw up our parade.

Then came the weekend that made it all worthwhile. We marched into Varsity Stadium, the crowd cheered and it became a moment never to be forgotten. We had worked hard to meet this goal and, as 48th Highlanders always do, we came through when it most counted.

To all the Junior Ranks and Officers whose mission in life it is to thwart all attempts by Senior NCOs to make them look good on parade — THANK YOU, you did us proud. To all the Continuing Sergeants and other non-active members whose proficiency on the drill square was a mite rusty, being more used to antique weapons and forming hollow square — THANK YOU, you did us and yourselves proud.

The weekend was long in arriving and when it finally arrived seemed to stretch forever. There were many familiar faces, some with long forgotten names, to be re-acquainted with. There were old war stories to be retold — and embellished upon. There were old friendships to be renewed. As long as the weekend seemed, it obviously could have stretched as we were torn between a sigh of relief and the desire to search out one more old friend.

The year and the celebrations are not yet over though. The Sergeants' Mess Dinner was appropriately set for Wednesday, October The opportunity to hold our dinner on our Regimental birthday was not to be passed over this year. This was a special night as many former serving members and friends of the mess were in attendance.

In this anniversary year we have celebrated our first hundred years and begun work on our second hundred. It therefore seems appropriate we had a change of RSM parade on October 18. We bid farewell and thank you to RSM (CWO) V.R. Goldman CD and welcome and good luck to RSM (CWO) J.K. McGuffin CD.

The Laying Up of the Colours Parade on October 20 finished off this week as it should, with the old being remembered and treasured yet looking forward with pride to serving under the new.

As the year drew to a close we looked back and remembered. We also look to the future. There are new memories yet to be created. There are new war stories yet to be accomplished (so they can be stretched and embellished upon). There are new friends to meet and old ones to keep. There are old traditions to treasure and new ones to build on. The Continuing Sergeants play an integral part in this. As we build toward our future they are our link with our past. This is an important link and we look forward to their continued assistance. Our active NCOs and those of the future are the backbone that will ensure our continued success. In the tradition of all Highlanders we will remain faithful to our past and build for our future.

*DILEAS GU BRATH*

## FROM THE OFFICERS' MESS

By Maj. T. A. White CD PMC

What an exciting year 1991 has been as we have celebrated the 100th birthday of our Regiment. During the year we have had the usual number of social events, the highlight of course being the 100th Birthday Celebrations of the Regiment on the weekend of May 17-19 and Presentation of New Colours at Varsity Stadium on May 18.

We once again had a very successful pool party and barbecue at Colonel and Mrs. Turnbull Warren's home at Puslinch and, of course, the 48th Highlanders Ball at the Royal York in November. The year closed out with a combined cocktail party for the Senior NCOs and Officers with their ladies. We then adjourned for dinner in our respective Messes.

It seems this year we have had a superfluity of free drinks in honour of marriages, promotions (both military and civilian), babies arriving, decorations, and just about any other reason individuals could invent for the honour of buying a free round.

Four Officers "took the plunge" this year: Ken McBey, Martin Delaney, Christian Hous, and Tom White. Congratulations to all eight of you.

It was with regret we learned of the death of Captain Ed Ruthren, who for many years served as Treasurer of the Officers' Mess along with many other duties in the Regimental Family. He will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

In memory of him and others lost before him, the members of the Officers' Mess remain "Dileas".

## OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

By Lt. G. L. Cassadey, President

All of you are familiar with that old saying "What goes around comes around". In preparation for this article on behalf of the Officers' Association I revisited previous issues of the Falcon and noted my submission to the December Issue of 1982. On that occasion I mentioned that as of the next annual meeting of the Association, my term of office as Association President would terminate.

What "comes around" is that at the next annual meeting I will terminate my second tour of duty as Association President. As on the previous occasion there were highs and lows that make the experience memorable. So, skipping over the lows, mention is made of the first visit of then Brigadier John R.A. MacMillan CBE (now Lt. Gen. Sir John MacMillan), giving rise to the largest turnout to the Annual Dinner on April 17, 1982. The second tour has been highlighted

by the 100th anniversary celebrations which took place during the whole of 1991. Sir John was present on this occasion as well and was accompanied by his very charming wife.

The anniversary brought back to the fold a large number of former officers who have been names only on the List of Numbers. Hopefully the experience of renewed comradeship will give rise to a closer liaison with the ITC Mess.

An effort is being made to create a new executive for the Association, made up of former officers from the postwar years — in effect a younger, more vital team for the beginning of the second hundred years.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to have had the opportunity to serve, in a small way, Canada's finest Regiment.

## THE ORIGINS...

An excerpt from *Dileas 1891-1928*

By Captain Kim Beattie

*It takes a deal of time, money and blood to make a regiment."*

In the annals of arms, there is no place where the truth in these words of Kipling is so plain, as when come upon running through the story of a unit of non-permanent militia. In such a corps, time and money must be spent without stinting, if it is to thrive and grow strong, and prepare for the day of the spending of its blood. Perhaps some vision of glorious destiny persisted in the minds of the patriotic officers and gentlemen who conceived the fortunate idea of forming the 48th Highlanders of Canada in the "Eighties". Whether or not this is so, it is a proud fact in militia history that time and money were given with lavish generosity, while the 48th Highlanders were born, and then slowly welded into a regiment which acquired that intangible necessity, *esprit de corps*, long before the day when its blood was to be offered in the welter of war.

From the ranks of Highland regiments serving in the early history of the British on this Continent, Canada drew many staunch men who settled into lives of farm and commerce. The Canadian Militia owes these hardy Scots, of intense patriotism and sentiment, a great debt. Always they turned their military knowledge to the advantage of Canada. Ever, such men and their sons supported the militia, and to them must go much credit for the formation of the Regiment. It is notable that the first regiment formed under the Militia Act of 1859, was the Highland Company of Montreal. Three years before this the Toronto Company of Highland Rifles, attached to the Queen's Own Rifles of

Canada, had been formed, but in 1868 the Company was disbanded when the Government refused the additional allowance necessary for the kilt.

For 23 years thereafter, Toronto was without a kilted corps, but the love of the Scot for his traditional dress and the fighting song of his pipes was strong. Members of the disbanded Highland Company of the Queen's Own had been chiefly responsible for the formation of the Caledonian Society, which took unto itself both Highlander and Lowlander. These same men were the most enthusiastic and generous donors towards the organization of the 48th Highlanders. When the idea was first broached, interest was aided by the presence in Montreal of the 5th Royal Scots. The visit of this regiment to Toronto in 1884 kindled the fire and that year formation of a regiment to wear bonnet and kilt was discussed at a meeting of the Toronto Gaelic Society. The Sons of Scotland a few years later made a proposal to form a Highland regiment but sufficient support was again lacking. The plan lay dormant, then, for some years.

Early in 1891, however, Capt. Wilbur Henderson and Alexander Fraser, still determined to form a Highland corps, called a meeting of Scotsmen which took place in Temperance Hall, gathering place of Burns' Camp, Sons of Scotland. A provisional roll was started and James Henderson was the first to sign, followed by 15 others. Capt. Henderson had charge of the roll and Mr. D.M. Robertson acted as secretary of the meeting. Events moved swiftly after this first nominal roll of the Regiment was compiled. The Gaelic Society decided to co-operate and a meeting was held on May 31st at the residence of William Innes MacKenzie. A quick echo of this was the dispatch of invitations to the St. Andrew's, the Caledonian and the Sons of Scotland Societies to meet with the Gaelic Society at Oakville. They came together on June 27th, and three days later a second meeting was held in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto. These meetings proved to be the great step in bringing about the formation of the Regiment and from now on the movement was carried forward vigorously. At this last all-important gathering of officers of the principal Scottish Societies were Dr. Daniel Clark, Dr. James Thorburn and George Kennedy from the St. Andrew's Society; Robt. Swan and William Adamson from the Caledonian Society; William Innes MacKenzie, John Cattanach MacMillan, Donald M. Robertson, David Spence and Alexander Fraser from the Gaelic Society; J.M. Wingfield, J.P., from the Sons of Scotland and Hugh Miller, J.P., Wilbur Henderson, Kenneth Miller and Geo. MacKenzie, all ardent supporters of the movement. Many warnings were received that the expenditures necessary would prove too great but the cautionings only caused these determined Scotsmen to lay plans on a more generous basis.

On July 3rd, the formation had reached the stage where the question of who should be offered the command was discussed. It was offered to Capt. John Irvine Davidson and he accepted on July 6th. Before this, although authorization had been granted, and it was always understood that there would be difficulty in obtaining it, a little body of uniformless men began drilling to the stentorian commands of a fiercely-moustached instructor. He was Capt. Wilbur Henderson, a man of boundless energy, whose pertinacity had aided greatly the carrying on of the movement and in preventing the dropping of the project as difficulties, which seemed insurmountable, were met. Here, then, were the first parades of the Regiment. Here, too, is the man to whom, more than any other individual, the 48th Highlanders of Canada owe their existence. Wilbur Henderson, D.M. Robertson and Alexander Fraser are the most outstanding figures behind the days of origination. Henderson was a Captain in the Whitby Regiment but was living in Toronto. In the old Bailey Hall on Huron Street, which he rented at his own expense, he drilled a nameless body of men that grew to 250, and, always, in the background of his mind and his ambition, was a kilted corps. Fraser, although never an officer of the Regiment, took a leading part on the Citizens' Committee, and by reason of his genial personality and wide acquaintance and influence with Torontonians of Scottish ancestry, was able to guide progress through the formative stages, and afterwards, in the raising of funds. Robertson, a Highlander and a native of Glengarry, was a mighty aid from the first suggestion of the formation of the unit and for decades after it was accomplished.

The 48th Highlanders were almost in being, but the Government balked at the proposal on the ground of expense. D.M. Robertson and Alexander Fraser formed the first deputation to ask for a Charter on July 10th. They failed. Undeterred, a deputation was suggested and help was obtained from many of the members of both Senate and House. The Government wrote warning that they could give no encouragement, but by this time the press was adding its weight in favour of the determined Scotsmen and Mayor Clarke and Alderman Saunders of Toronto accompanied the second deputation to Ottawa. They were successful and Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, at once gave formal approval. It was done. The 48th Highlanders of Canada had only to be christened and choose its tartan.

The work of the committees appointed to complete the formation now began in earnest. The Regimental Committee was composed of Capt. John I. Davidson, J.A. Currie, Alexander Fraser, A.M. Cosby, Thos. McCracken, Paul Campbell, Dr. W.T. Stuart, D.M. Robertson, Wm. Adamson and Dr. Geo. Kennedy, with Frederick Wyld as Chairman. At an historic meeting held on August 11th, 1891, the tartan,

the crest and the motto were decided upon. Alexander Fraser submitted six tartans — the Gordon, Cameron, MacKenzie, Davidson, MacDonald and Hunting Stuart. Dr. Geo. Kennedy moved and J.A. Currie seconded, that the Davidson be chosen in honour of the first commander. It was unanimous. Mr. Fraser then moved that the motto "Dileas Gu Brath" be chosen and that a falcon's head (part of the Davidson crest) be the regimental crest. This was also adopted. The "Queen's Highlanders" was chosen as a name but the Militia Department would not grant this, and, in the end, the number "48" with the word "Highlanders" added, was adopted. No Highland regiment bore this number. *Hielan' Laddie* became the Regimental march which was to echo from 48th pipes on the French *pavé*, the Belgian cobble and the roads of Germany many years later.

Gifts of money were generous and subscriptions to the regimental fund came from several societies and in smaller donations from patriotic citizens, all testifying to the popularity with which the movement was viewed by Toronto Scotsmen. The Regiment was gazetted on the 16th of October, 1891, and Capt. Davidson's appointment as Lieutenant-Colonel was gazetted (prov.) on November 20th. The numbers grew and in the latter part of October, Capt. J.C. McDougall of the Royal School of Infantry, took over the duties of instructor. Lt.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., swore in the men on the 22nd of October, 1891. The oath to Her Majesty was taken on the Gaelic Bible by 152 men and the 48th Highlanders took up quarters in the abandoned Upper Canada College building at the corner of Simcoe and King Streets. Here it lived until 1894. The first strength of the Regiment was returned on May 27th, 1892. It had grown to 350 during the winter.

By this first spring, uniforms had arrived from Scotland. They were modelled on that of the Gordon Highlanders. The Regiment, now in full activity, had as its first officers:

### HEADQUARTERS

#### *Lt.-Col. Commanding:*

John Irvine Davidson.

#### *Majors:*

Alfred Morgan Cosby,  
William Campbell Macdonald.

*Surgeon:* William Theophilus Stuart, M.D.

*Asst. Surgeon:* Alexander Anthony Dane, M.D.

#### *Chaplain:*

The Rev. Daniel James MacDonnell, B.D.

#### *Adjutants (Acting):*

Capt. C. J. MacDougall, Capt. Walter MacDonald.

*Quartermaster:* James Adams.

### COMPANY OFFICERS

#### *Captains:*

Donald Murdoch Robertson, Dugald MacGillivray, Wilbur Henderson (Capt. and Bt. Major), William Hendrie, Jr., John Allister Currie, Charles Albert Hunter, John Forbes Michie, Richard Scougall Cassels.

#### *Lieutenants:*

Geo. McLean Rose, Duncan Donald, Donald Hector McLean, William House Orchard, John Frederick Ramsay, Charles Alfred Campbell, John Eneas Thompson, Hugh Cameron McLean.

Lt.-Col. Davidson had known service in the 7th Aberdeenshire Volunteers, the London Scottish and the Uxbridge Yeamanry, and had served for ten years in the 10th Royal Grenadiers of Toronto. His great capacity for work, his unflinching and ever judicious tact, and his fine knowledge of human nature, aided him greatly in leading the new Regiment through those difficult and arduous first years. It was due to his fine leadership that the Regiment grew and prospered and wove itself into the hearts of the people of its home city. There were countless set-backs and disheartening periods, but the wisdom of those who had fostered the Regiment in offering the command to him, was increasingly evident. From 1891 to 1898, when he retired, the 48th Highlanders mounted steadily in public favour and in importance in the militia forces of Canada.

The first march-out was held on the 21st of April, 1892. The public at once accepted the Regiment as its own with unstinted applause along the route of march. It was a spontaneous popularity that was to grow with the years. The first church parade was on the Sunday following, April 22nd, and a great host crowded Queen's Park to see the new Regiment. Every available vehicle in the city seemed to have been commandeered and public enthusiasm was high when Pipe-Major Robert Ireland and his pipers led the kilted ranks up University Avenue. The Chaplain, Rev. D.J. MacDonnell, took the service in St. Andrew's Church.

The next memorable day was May 24th. On the birthday of Her Majesty, the Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented to the Regiment. They were made by ladies of Toronto and were formally presented by His Excellency, Lord Stanley of Preston, the Governor-General of Canada. The 13th Regiment of Hamilton honoured the 48th with their presence for the ceremony, which laid the foundation of a lasting friendship between the two units. The ceremonies of the historic day took place on the old cricket grounds behind the University of Toronto where an immense crowd assembled. The Governor-General inspected the two units after the salute and then the Regiment

formed open square, with the drums piled in front. The colours were uncased and were received by the Colour Party: Lieutenants D. H. McLean and Duncan Donald, the Colour Bearers, and Colour-Sergeants Simpson and Alex Rose, the Guards. It was an impressive ceremony, opened by a dedicatory prayer by the Chaplain. Major Cosby placed the Queen's Colour in the Governor-General's hands, who, in turn handed it to Lieutenant McLean. Major Macdonald then gave the Regimental Colour to Mrs. Henry Kobie Merritt, who represented the donors. It was passed to the Governor-General, then to Lieutenant Donald.

His Excellency's speech concluded with: "I trust you will always do your best to uphold the character of your Regiment, to honour all officers and one another, and to be true to the Colours, which in the Queen's name, I have now the honour to present to you," Lt.-Col. Davidson in his reply said: "I trust we shall bear out the motto 'Dileas Gu Brath' (Faithful Forever) which we bear, towards you, and Her Majesty the Queen, whom we are pleased to serve." Then the pipers skirled *Hielan' Laddie*, the Regimental march, and His Excellency took the salute as they swung past, their Colours rippling on the breeze for the first time.

## AND THE TRADITION...

*The following article, written by Sergeant John T. Cooney, a member of "A" Company, appeared in The Parry Sound Beacon★Star, Saturday, December 21, 1991.*

### REFLECTIONS OF A CHRISTMAS DAY...

## In the year 1943 ...

By John T. Cooney

Why do the nations so furiously rage together? (Handel).

I, too, asked the question on that Christmas morning in 1943, and I now realize that it was one of my most memorable ones.

Somewhere in Italy, high on a mountainside, a platoon of Canadian soldiers were huddled around an open fire, endeavouring to cook a warm breakfast. Our frying pan, one of our most important utensils, was fashioned from a five gallon container and was part of our equipment, which we carried no matter where we travelled and we guarded it jealously.

I am certain there were many mixed feelings among us on that particular day, and my own thoughts I kept quietly to myself as did most of my comrades.

We were cold, tense and watchful that morning as we awakened from a fitful sleep on the hard rocks. Our

minds were not free from the violent fray of the day before and the loss of our comrades. Life was not sweet at that moment.

As I looked contemplatively down into a great valley covered partially by patches of mist, there in the distance I could see shafts of sunlight seeking their way along the valley floor and stretching out to uncover tree, field and hidden mountain home.



*Highlanders in Italy-1943.*

Suddenly, a small village pointed itself to the skies above as it shook off the morning shroud of haze from its walls and roofs. There, unexpectedly, a church spire reached bravely to the heavens and found its place among the houses and its people.

A lonely dog tried his voice needlessly, perhaps only to hear his bark echoing through the narrow village streets. The braying of a donkey broke the silence in another part of the valley as he complained to his rider on this early morn. Then the yodel of a young boy as he hailed a friend from yonder dell, or perhaps it was the spirit of youth greeting the warmth of the sun and the new day. His voice floated like a swallow on the wing, reaching out to vale after vale, so hauntingly lyrical. His message reached my ear and my heart was gladdened.

Then, as though it was a providential message, a beautiful melody pierced the crisp air from the village below, and the sweet refrain of church bells reached up to touch and caress our woes, as we stood high above on this lonely mountain ridge.

"It was Christmas Day!" The melodious harmony filled our souls with its song. The message of the Nativity was clear in our minds now, and we were made warm again with new hope and renewed

strength. Our spirits rose, our thoughts were blended in blissful unity. For just a brief moment I closed my eyes and conjured up the image of home and family and savoured deeply this luxury.

These thoughts brought such warmth to my soul that I could feel their touch, see their smiles, and hear their happy greetings, and yesterday's griefs were windswept from my mind.

We were made whole and strong again.

Why are young men and women subjected to such savage pain? Where is the peace that this day should give us? Will this storm of war never cease? We find we are ensnared by man's folly.

I still feel the pain in my breast as my mind drifts back to the valley from whence we came. We had violently engaged the enemy forces just one day before, and after that battle we had unwillingly broken the foreign soil, dug deep with spade, and on bended knee we selfishly but reverently covered and left our comrades there alone, to see the stars no more. All we could give them was a sad farewell salute to the brave. The bond that had grown between us was now broken.

Our tears were scarce, almost unallowed, but the compassion in our hearts was crushing. I uttered their names in silent tribute.

Suddenly, once again the lure of the bells awakened my senses. All seemed quiet now and I knew that our enemy had probably envisioned the same message we had. It was Christmas, not just for us alone, but for all men in peace for this brief, wonderful moment.

I sought the ground with my eyes in homage for a short time and then I searched the skies for infinity.

## THAT CONTINUES... CAC 91

By Lt. M. Walker

From August 10 to 25, 1991 the 48th Highlanders of Canada participated in their annual summer exercise at CFB Petawawa, Ontario. This year CAC, or Central Area Concentration, required all infantry regiments in LFCA to gather there to conduct training with an emphasis on platoon and section level tactics. CAC was broken down into four stands: a patrolling stand, a woods clearing stand, an advance to contact stand, and finally the annual infantry Competition. The 48th Highlanders was tasked to provide one full platoon, company headquarters for the composite 48th, QOR, and TORSCOT company, and the staff to run the patrolling stand.

The first stand that the 48th platoon tackled was the patrolling stand. After arriving on the ground, the first day was nothing more than a shake out that allowed the company to set up their bivouac site. With the morning of the second day came a series of lectures on battle procedure and patrolling techniques. The instructors were all from 2 Commando and, as well as giving very good lectures, they also gave excellent demonstrations on patrolling techniques with the main emphasis on section size recon patrols.

On the second night MCpl. Pankatz, Cpl. Chapman and Cpl. Knight, along with the section commanders from the QOR and TORSCOT platoons, received their orders from Battalion HQ and began proper battle procedure for each of their recon patrols. After issuing their orders they conducted their rehearsals and set out for their objectives. The patrols took most of the night, due to the fact that the thickness of the bush in that part of Petawawa made movement slow. With forced rest all morning, the soldiers in the 48th platoon were ready for the demonstrations that 2 Commando had prepared for them on platoon-size ambushes. That night the 48th platoon commander Lt. Walker and his platoon warrant Sgt. MacIntyre took the platoon on an ambush. After another gruelling patrol through thick bush and a couple of minor "no duff" injuries, the platoon returned to its patrol base, having destroyed the enemy and learned many valuable lessons. Having completed the patrolling stand the company commander allowed for a quick but refreshing swim before the long hike to Dukes Plain, where the woods clearing operation would take place.

While a normal woods clearing operation may not have excited the troops, this particular exercise had a couple of interesting twists. Firstly, was the use of MILES equipment to register kills, and secondly, the fact that transport to the objective was to be by helicopter. After setting up our new bivouac site at Dukes Plain the company received a demonstration of how the MILES equipment worked. It was clear that the old game of "I got you!" — "No you didn't!" would not be allowed with MILES. The soldiers were fitted with sensors on their helmets and webbing and sighted their rifles with the accompanying laser.

The next day was filled with lectures and practices of woods clearing drills by the RCR. At night were the boarding and disembarking drills for the helicopters. During orders that night for the exercise, Lt. Walker had a hard time believing that his platoon was concentrating on woods clearing and not dreaming that they were in the helicopter scene from *Apocalypse Now*. The troops were not disappointed, however, as the four Hueys in support gave the platoon quite a ride before touching down on the designated LZ. The 48th platoon gained enlodgement without any casualties but, by the time the woods had been cleared, many

lessons on "using the ground for cover" had been learned. All in all it was excellent experience for the platoon, many of whose members had never used the MILES equipment before.



*Ready for battle — two members of the active battalion work on their field skills at CAC 91.*

The platoon then enjoyed the return lift back to Dukes Plain to complete the woods clearing stand. As the 48th platoon was keen to do well in the infantry competition they then proceeded to run the several kilometres to their next bivouac site. It was a good run, as the padre of the 48th Highlanders Capt. Dwight Nelson, who tagged along for the run, can confirm.

At our final bivouac site the company prepared for the advance to contact stand. The first full day was set aside for refreshing the soldiers in section battle drills. MCpl. Duff, MCpl. Pankatz and Cpl. Knight spent the full day running their sections through their paces. That night the platoon received orders for an advance to begin in the morning. During the course of the day the Highlanders went through five section attacks and a platoon hasty attack. Finally, as the 48th platoon was the lead platoon, they went into a hasty defence and waited for the rest of the company to catch up.

Once the entire company had joined us, Capt. Paterson issued orders to the three platoon commanders for three deliberate platoon attacks to take place at dusk. Lt. Walker, MCpl. Duff, MCpl. Pankatz and Cpl. Knight went ahead of the platoon to meet up with members of the recce platoon from the RCR who had been observing the objective all day. With their assistance and the assistance of night vision devices, the platoon commander and the three section commanders determined that there was a section dug in with armoured support at the objective. After rendezvous-

ing with the rest of the platoon and issuing confirmatory orders the weapons detachment moved into their position and the rest of the platoon moved up to their assault line. The DS put on a great show with smoke and arty-sims prior to the attack going in.

While most of the soldiers in the platoon were just off the summer programme and somewhat inexperienced, they more than made up for it with their enthusiasm. They put in a great effort closing with and destroying the enemy. With this stand complete the men of the 48th Highlanders could concentrate on the final stand at CAC, the Infantry Competition.

The Infantry Competition was divided into four segments: 1) TEOTs, which included tests on such things as map and compass, NBCW, first aid, weapon handling drills, and throwing hand grenades; 2) the platoon inspection; 3) the obstacle course and 7 km forced march, and 4) the firing of C-7, C-9, and Carl G sub-calibre. While the inexperience of the platoon hurt their results in the shooting and TEOTs, the hard work that they put into the inspection and forced march put us into a respectable finishing position overall. Out of 23 units competing, the 48th placed 2nd on the inspection and 2nd on the obstacle course and forced march. It placed 7th overall in the competition. This was a truly excellent effort by the new Highlanders and our potential to do even better next year is definitely there.

When considering that the emphasis of CAC this year was on platoon and section level tactics, one must agree that the unit definitely received practice in these areas. Since the vast majority of the soldiers in the 48th platoon were fresh off the summer programme, CAC allowed them to gain experience on equipment that is not as readily available at the home unit, such as helicopters, MILES, and the mock tower which was so graciously lent to us by 2 Commando for a cheap thrill.

A special mention must also go to the section commanders at CAC, MCpl. Duff, MCpl. Pankatz, Cpl. Chapman and Cpl. Knight, who had the patience to deal with the inexperience of the new soldiers and put in the extra effort that made my job so much easier. Next year CAC should be even better as the expected turnout should be even greater.

## THE LAYING UP OF COLOURS

*By Capt. V. R. Goldman, CD*

On Sunday the 20th of October 1991, the Regiment paraded to St. Andrew's Church to lay up its Old Colours. The Colours laid up that day had been marched off parade during the Colours Parade held at



Varsity Stadium the previous May as a part of our 100th Anniversary.

The Old Colours, the third set in the Regiment's history had been presented by Queen Elizabeth II at Ottawa on the 1st of July, 1959. After thirty-two years of service they were given to the perpetual care of our Regimental Church.



*The Commanding Officer and his colour party retire from the altar after entrusting the old colours to the care of St. Andrew's Church.*

These Colours along with the two earlier sets will now hang in the chancel of the church for time immortal.

## REGIMENTAL KIT SHOP

*By Capt. J. A. Bradfield*

1992 — A new year and a new, and much better location for us. The shop is now located just inside the B.O.R. in Rm. 126E. We finally have our own quarters after being in five or six different places since 1984.

I am also pleased to announce that Capt G.D. Turner and I will be operating the kit shop together. Capt Turner will be looking after purchasing and accounting and I will be in charge of sales and banking.

We have many interesting items to sell, most of which are in some way connected to the Regiment.

All members of the Regiment are most welcome to come in and browse around and hopefully buy something.

Kit Shop hours are 1930-2130 Tuesdays and Fridays

Except July and August, when the shop is open on Tuesday evenings only.

All profits from sales go to regimental funds, so help your Regiment and yourself.

## THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS' CADET CORPS

*By Capt. J. Mitchell*

The 1990/91 training year was especially active for the officers and cadets of the 48th Highlanders Cadet Corps. Aside from the mandatory Tuesday night training, the Corps attempted to carry out one weekend exercise a month.

The first exercise the 48th Highlanders cadets participated in was a Skill-at-Arms competition held in September 1990 at CFB Borden. The cadets combined with the 748 Governor General's Horseguards and placed a respectable second place. Not too shabby for the first year in such a competition.

In October the cadets took advantage of the hospitality of Col. and Mrs. Warren. Approximately 30 cadets participated in two days of fieldcraft on Col. Warren's property.

November 1990 offered some of the more senior cadets the opportunity to compete in a biathlon competition at CFB Borden. At this time there was no snow so the skiing portion became a cross country run. The 48th cadets did not place well as a team but MWO Shelagh Gustavison came in seventh individually, allowing her to represent the corps at the provincial competition at CFB Petawawa in January 1991.

Every year some of the senior cadets are eligible to attend their level 4 training, otherwise known as gold star. This involves two separate weekends of testing. The first weekend involves a day of exams that cover all the previous years of training and the cadets must obtain an average of 60% on each of the three exams in order to pass. Phase two involves all the cadets within a certain area and takes place at CFB Borden. The cadet in this phase must instruct in one drill and one mutual lesson while being monitored. The last part of phase two involves a practical map exercise. In March 1991 the Corps had three cadets pass — Cpl. Racheal Holmes, Sgt. Derrick Boast, and Sgt. Michael Bowers.

March Break also presents the opportunity for many of our cadet pipers and drummers to attend a one week course at CFB London. WO Derrick Boast attended a separate course designed especially for Pipe Majors. WO Boast did exceedingly well, which of course is expected of a Highlander who is also the top cadet Piper in Canada. This honour was presented to WO Boast earlier in the year at a dinner held in Ottawa.

In April 1991 the cadets met up with the Cameron Highlander Cadets of Ottawa. The two corps met at CFB Kingston completing three weekends that the cadets had spent together; the first in Toronto and the second in Ottawa. The highlight of the weekend came as two cadet pipers piped the cadets into Kingston.

By far the most impressive activity involved only a small part of the Corps, 14 cadets and one officer, myself. This was the May parade at Varsity Stadium, the Presentation of the Colours. It was the first opportunity many of the cadets had to wear full scarlets. All of those who participated were overwhelmed at the audience support. To march on parade to the cheers of 10,000-plus people was certainly a very emotional experience. The other activities surrounding the hundredth gave many in the Corps a chance to feel very much part of the Regimental family.

In June 1991 the Cadet Corps had its annual inspection as well as a change of command. Capt. Allistar Stark stepped down after four years of hard work and I, then Lt. Jennifer Mitchell, took over. At this time RSM Shelagh Gustavison stepped down and gave the Corps to MWO Derrick Boast.



*Members of the Cadet Corps during their visit to Col. and Mrs. Warren's.*

As usual the Cadet Corps closed down for the summer. This is not to say that cadet training is complete. So approximately 15 cadets were employed at summer camp. Many of them went to IACC for two weeks basic training or six weeks with the National Cadet School of Pipes and Drums. LCpl. Margaret Smith was employed at CFB Borden as a staff cadet, I also was employed during the summer at CF Medical Services School to instruct on a Med Aid course. MWO Boast was employed for the summer as the Pipe Major at Banff National Army Cadet Camp and LCpl. Piers Pappin earned his level 4 piper at this camp. Sgt. Shawn Bush attended the Edmonton parachute course after passing the pre-course at ValCartier and he is now proudly displaying his jump wings in the Regiment.

Once the summer is complete the cadets head back to their home units. The first month of training involves a lot of camp experience. September 1991 allowed us to once again use Col. Warren's property. This time the Corps invited the 748 Cadets and we enjoyed a weekend of fieldcraft against one another.



*Capt. Allistar Stark leads his cadets in a rappelling exercise.*

November 1991 was the Cadet Corps 20th birthday. The Corps had a very small parade with many of the former Commanding Officers present.

Our new officer, Lt. Derrick Boast took a group of senior NCOs out on a five-day winter idoc course at Algonquin Park over the Christmas Break. This was a gruelling course and Lt. Boast was assisted by officers from the Black Watch. It was so successful that it will be a yearly exercise.

In closing I'd like to add that the past year and a half has allowed the cadets to spend much more time with the Regiment. The senior cadets have been allowed on exercises and the resulting close comradery will encourage them to join the Regiment when they come of age. The cadet organization allows its members the opportunity to travel, meet with peers, experience a touch of the military, and learn about their Regiment.



*The Cadet Corps Flag Party — ready to go on parade.*

## PRE CAC WORK UP TRAINING

*By Major I.A.G. Cameron OC Alpha Company*

<b>EXERCISES: Fast Pace</b>	<b>10-12 April</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Dragon Fly</b>	<b>08-10 May</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>PloughJockey</b>	<b>22-24 May</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Bold Talk</b>	<b>05-07 June</b>	<b>92</b>

This year the Commander of LFCA, Major General N. Hall, decreed that all units would participate in CAC 92. He also stated that every Infantry Regiment in the area MUST send a minimum complement to CAC. This minimum complement was to be of Company strength and staffed solely with members of that Regiment. Any Regiment that did not meet this requirement would be subject to review by the LFCA Comds' staff with a view to reducing them to "nil strength" or converting them to "minor unit" status. With this in mind the CO focused all the training this year towards CAC 92. New recruits were told that they must go to CAC this summer, all members of the Regiment were told that attendance at CAC was compulsory and nobody would be allowed to attend any other courses unless they could commit to CAC. In other words, if they only had two weeks to give, it had to be CAC!

All training from September 91 to June 92 focused on the skills required at CAC 92; Patrolling, Musketry, Offensive Operations and Radio CPXs. The exercises mentioned above were aimed at offensive operations; specifically: Advance to Contact and Patrolling with one Radio CPX for the command element at the sub unit and sub sub unit level. When this article was written Exercises PloughJockey and Bold Talk had not been completed. However, the Hast & PER Regiments is tasked to provide the Battalion HQ for the Toronto District Infantry Battalion. In reviewing their orders and instructions surrounding these exercises which were authored by the Hast & PER, it is clear that they should be extremely challenging and helpful in preparing the 48th soldiers for CAC 92. Exercise PloughJockey will test Section Level Battle Procedure, Patrolling Skills and Minefield and Obstacle Clearing Drills. Exercise Bold Talk will be a Radio CPX that will practice Commanders at all levels with a Dismounted Infantry Company Orbat. They seem to be well thought out and well organized with emphasis directed at the proper levels.

Exercises Fast Pace and Dragon Fly were run at the unit level and concentrated on Advance to Contact at the Section, Platoon and Company level. Exercise Fast Pace was intended to be our first weekend in the bush after a long winter. However, a freak snowstorm hit CFB Borden and when we arrived there were eight

inches of snow on the ground. W.O. Dupuis managed to find a building for us to sleep in as we had been issued no winter kit for the weekend and the forecast called for 15-20 degree weather.

The Fantasians (Maj McBey and elements of B Company) had invaded Base Borden again (JEEZ, I hate it when they do that!) and the 48th was tasked to destroy all enemy positions south of the Base. #1 Platoon commanded by Lt Mike Walker led the attack starting at Square Woods and advancing east through D Area. It was obvious from the start that everybody was rusty when it came to Battle Drills, shaking out and Radio Procedure, to say nothing of proper section and platoon attacks. However as the day progressed "practice made perfect" with an excellent attack made on Pylon Hill through a perfectly laid smoke screen. Lt Walker and his platoon are to be complemented for their hard work and effort in getting their skills back up to scratch in such a short time.



*Live Fire . . .*

Our Fantasian friends were not quite finished with us yet; it seems that during their withdrawal they occupied the Soviet Defensive position just north of Pylon Hill. After a Recce on Saturday evening by the Platoon and Company Commander with the help of the Recce Course, we were ready for a first light Company sized attack. After advancing under an Artillery barrage laid down by 7 TOR RCA, we were on the Fantasians quickly and completed a Deliberate Attack that pushed the Fantasians back to the Base. They mounted a Counter Attack, but we were ready for them and in the end they withdrew from the battlefield totally whipped. The exercise was stood down and we prepared to return to MPA, but wait a minute, somebody was missing something, a C9 barrel it seems. That is another story which will only be recounted in the messes. However, I believe that this somebody owes Sgt Palermo and his crew a case of two four!!!!!!

Exercise Dragon Fly was conducted in CFB Borden where it seems that those Fantasian Fiends had managed to recapture all the ground that we had cleared. The only difference was that all enemy positions (under the command of Capt Andre Poles) were of section strength therefore demanding platoon attacks at each position. In fact this was the next step after completing FAST PACE where a majority of the attacks were at section level. #1 Platoon is commanded by Lt Matt Anderson and it was his job to clear the axis of advance. #2 Platoon and Coy HQ were to follow 1 tactical bound behind and reinforce if necessary. ALPHA Company moved to CFB Borden on Friday night to bivouac at Square Woods where the entire Company was briefed by the OC on the next day's activities.

Due to an Ammo shortage the exercise was changed to a one day FTX. It was also changed from a Battalion to a Company Exercise because a number of Officers and Senior NCOs had conferences to attend on the Sunday. Capt Turner and Support Company again acted as A1 ECH for Alpha Company as was the case for FAST PACE. This arrangement was used for most of the training year in anticipation of CAC 92 where the entire resources of the Regiment will be allocated to Alpha Company to meet the minimum strength requirements.

Lt Matt Anderson and his platoon moved slowly at first to start clearing the axis of advance. Initially this



... and battlecraft training — preparing for CAC 92.

was done to make sure that everyone was working from the same SOPs. It also provided time for the platoon commander and 2ic to get their drills down before heading out at full speed. The Fantasiens occupied two section sized positions between the LOD and the Ford both of which were successfully cleared by #1 Platoon. #2 Platoon and the Recce course secured the Ford area which allowed everyone to have lunch on a rotational basis. After lunch, #1 Platoon set off on the advance again and cleared two more enemy positions before they ran into Pylon Hill. The Recce Course had moved to within 25 metres of the position undetected. This allowed Lt Anderson the time to prepare for the attack before coming under effective enemy fire. He moved the platoon to a secure location and, armed with the information from the Recce Course, made his plan and issued orders. The Weapons Det formed a cut off group and moved into position undetected. At the same time the rest of the platoon moved through the woods and occupied their Assault Position. On the prearranged signal the attack went into motion and shortly thereafter Pylon Hill was cleared of enemy. There was a short debrief by the Platoon and Company Commanders. The Company Commander then conducted a "walk-through" of a Company attack to demonstrate what it would look like to soldiers who had never seen one before. Company attacks will be conducted at CAC 92 so a walk-through gave everyone an idea of what to expect.

The whole exercise was very successful and the soldiers had a chance to sharpen their skills. It was obvious that the long winter took its toll in terms of physical fitness. Consequently everyone should be getting back into shape before we leave for CAC, including the author! However, I am confident that the personnel attending CAC 92 will be better prepared based upon the exercises that have been conducted during this past training year.



... Field exercises ...

## TORONTO DISTRICT ANNUAL INSPECTION 1 MAY 1992

*By Major I.A.G. Cameron OC MPA ADF*

The new Commander of the Toronto District (TD) decided that past inspections where the soldiers were lined up on the Armoury floor in full fighting order (FFO) was not a true test of their abilities. Consequently the format of the inspections changed from a ceremonial one to an operational venue. Our task was to defend Moss Park Armoury (MPA) with an Armoury Defence Force (ADF) of company strength.

The District Headquarters submitted their Armoury Defence Plan (ADP) to the DCO and Operations Officer (Ops O) for implementation. The three of us met and discussed this plan, which was drawn up by a TD Staff Officer. We came to the conclusion that a good portion of it was not feasible. Therefore, I was tasked to rewrite it and submit it for approval. That being done, I set about the implementation of the plan with the help of Captain George Turner, OC Support Company. Several Training nights were set aside to teach our soldiers the different aspects of Territorial Operations (TER-R OPS). Lectures were taught on Perimeter Patrols, Vehicle Checkpoints, Search Techniques, Challenge Procedures, etc. The ADF was to be composed of the two existing platoons in Alpha Company plus a third platoon coming from Support and B Companies. The three Platoon Commanders, Coy HQ Staff, CSM and CQMS of the ADF were briefed, given their orders and told to "carry on".

The District added a very real enemy force that was supposed to try and gain access to the Armoury. It was unknown to us how, when and where this would happen, lending considerable realism to the exercise. All of the soldiers participating in the exercise had to be on guard and act professionally at all times. They also had to be aware of the plan for the Armoury Defence and what they were allowed to do in terms of response to the enemy force. Capt Stewart Kellock of the Cadet Corp and Sgt Peter Ross of Support Company are members of the Metro Toronto Police Force and were able to get us the equipment we needed to perform the defence. Such things as electronic wands for searching, police hand-held radios, and off duty constables were provided to add realism to the exercise. The day staff under the direction of Lt Mike Walker and W.O. Dupuis set up the defences during the day of 1 May, so that when all the soldiers arrived they moved into the exercise. This also contributed heavily to the success of the operation. Several other items were added for realism, such as: guard dogs, flak jackets and media

coverage. All of this was achieved with a lot of hard work on the part of members of the Regiment and outside resources. Their help in this endeavour made my job as the ADF Commander much easier.

The Deputy Commander of the District arrived at approximately 1930 hours with the staff that would mark us on our defence of the Armoury. The marking staff was composed of Major Julian Chapman (TPR SCOT) and three senior NCOs from the QOR; this was the signal that the exercise had started. It was purely coincidental that we were practising the ADP during all the trouble in L.A. This was made clear to the media that was in attendance from CBC, City TV and the Toronto Sun. Captain Poles is to be complimented for the way in which he guided and kept the media informed as to what was happening.

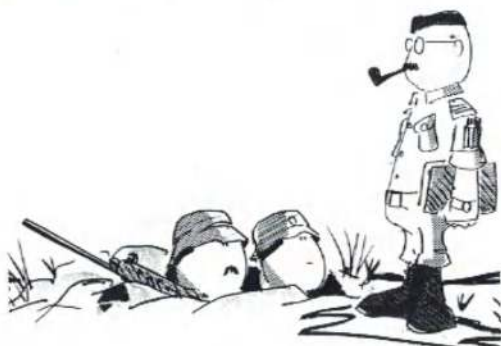
Throughout the evening there were two bomb threats, attempts at illegal entry, rushing the perimeter of MPA, and other various and sundry activities. Through it all the Coy HQ group kept control and reacted to enemy activities. #1 Platoon, commanded by Lt Matt Anderson was located outside the building with three Machine Gun OPs located on the roof of MPA. They performed their task very well and allowed no one within the perimeter. #2 Platoon, commanded by 2LT Marcus Sanderson, was designated as the Quick Reaction Force (QRF). Their job was to provide the mobile force that moved to areas within the Armoury perimeter that were threatened by enemy activity. They also provided the Bomb Search and Evacuation Team for the inside of MPA as well as the Entry Point Control Desk. They performed very well and reacted as directed. Last but not least was #3 Platoon which was composed of Support and B Companies and in fact outnumbered Alpha Company. They provided security for the inside of MPA on the Armoury Floor, at all entry points, in the Gun Park, QM, Arsenal and office security, as well as manning the CP. Without their help we would have been unable to complete our task and be as successful as we were!

At the end of the evening we had successfully repulsed the enemy force and completed the inspection. During the debrief after the inspection it was revealed to us that the 48th had done so well that we were ranked as the best in the District. It was also noted that we had a very large turnout that evening, a total of 120 all ranks not including the band or the 22 personnel tasked elsewhere that evening. The Deputy Commander commented on the fact that we should have no problem sending an up-to-strength Company to CAC 92 this summer. The success of the TD Inspection was due to a lot of hard work by a lot of people. If I have not mentioned you in this article, you have my apologies but thank you again for all your help!

SOME CHUCKLES FROM THE ACTIVE BATTALION



*This always happens when they let us wear our jungle boots.*



*Good morning, young Highlanders! I'm from Toronto District Headquarters, and I'm here to help you!!*



*Lt. Anderson*



*This is Capt. Tremblay of Recce. Area clear, no enemy in sight, over!*



*He says he's from the 48th and his CO personally designed this battle web!*

# CENTENARY



*Major Brown and the Commanding Officer discuss rehearsal details for the New Colours parade.*



*Captains Turner and Paterson rehearse the final trooping of the Old Colours.*



*The consecration of the New Colours.*



*Number 2 guard—the old comrades on parade at Varsity Stadium.*



*The Commanding Officer accompanies General De Chastelain, the C.D.S., during his inspection of the colours parade.*

# SNAP SHOTS



"Farewell" — CWO Goldman speaks to the Regiment for the last time before his retirement as the RSM.



"At ease" — drummers relax during a break at the Regiment's Centennial Dinner.



WO Darling stands sentry on the Regimental Monument during the Annual Remembrance Day Parade.



The Adjutant's wife, Mrs. Judy Gilbert, shares an amusing social moment with the CO and the C.D.S. at the 48th Highlanders 1991 Ball.



Major White and Pipe Major Dewar toast the conclusion of a year of formal Centennial celebrations.



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JACK BATTEN

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Gravenstafel

St. Julien

### FESTUBERT, 1915

### MOUNT SORREL

### SOMME, 1916

Pozières

Thiepval

Ancre Heights

Arras, 1917, '18

### VIMY, 1917

Arleux

Scarpe, 1917, '18

### HILL 70

### PASSCHENDAELE

### AMIENS

### SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1900

### DROCOURT-QUEANT

Hindenburg Line

### CANAL DU NORD

Pursuit To Mons

France And Flanders, 1915-'18

### LANDING IN SICILY

Valguarnera

### ASSORO

Agira

Adrano

Regalbuto

Sicily, 1943

### LAMONE CROSSING

Landing At Reggio

### CAMPOBASSO

Torella

San Leonardo

The Gully

### ORTONA

San Nicola-San Tommaso

Cassino II

Gustav Line

### LIRI VALLEY

### HITLER LINE

### GOthic LINE

Misano Ridge

### RIMINI LINE

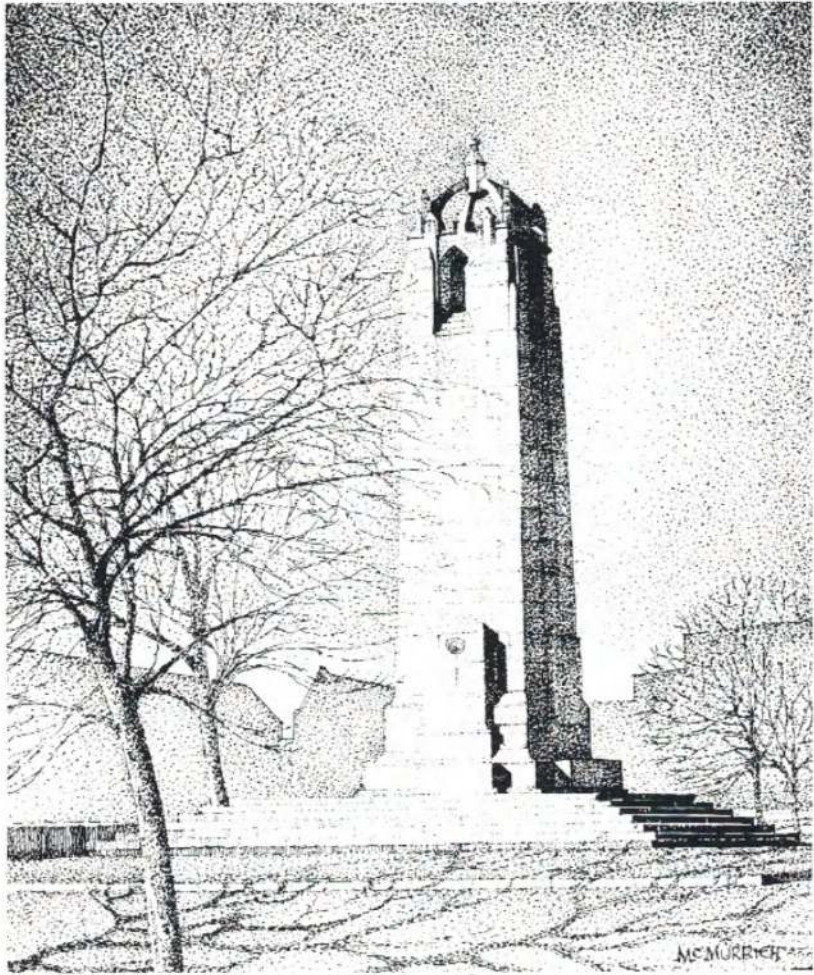
San Martino-San Lorenzo

Fosso Vecchio

Italy, 1943-'45

### APELDOORN

Northwest Europe, 1945



**THE REGIMENTAL MONUMENT  
QUEEN'S PARK, TORONTO**

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