

The RED TOURRI

October 1992

Greetings,

Well, here we are again with a Red Tourri to bring everyone up to date on our planned activities for the next few months and to report on the news of the world as we know it down on Leslie Street.

The cocktail party in honour of Col. and Mrs. J.M. Lowndes, was a great success, and we thank all who contributed to it. There is no truth to the rumours that Club Steward Bob Lavergne or President Gord Outhwaite started the fire next door about 5pm. - But it did clear the premises in record time !! No serious damage was done, and departing guests abandoned very few drinks.

This Tourri contains an item headed "History Recalled", and dealing with a special time in the history of the 48th. Lt.-Col. M. George CD contributed the article. We heartily welcome this, and any other material which members may care to send in. Although we don't promise to publish everything, and the Editor has a sharp blue pencil, we will try to give space to anyone who sends in material. Various committee heads also contribute regularly to the Tourri and we appreciate this very much.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

CRIBBAGE goes on Wednesday evenings and we now have enough players.

EUCHRE has started again at 8 p.m. every Monday evening, and we're getting between ten and twelve tables of dedicated cardplayers. Come early for the best seats! **There will be no Euchre on Monday, November 30 and December 14, due to other activities.**

DARTS The **ARROW MIXED DARTS LEAGUE** plays every second Friday (Oct. 30th, Nov. 13th, Nov 27th et seq.) and would welcome players at all levels. Please contact Doug Russell at the Club on the dates shown above. Other dates are listed on the Bulletin board. All players must be club members.

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TURKEY SHOOT We plan to hold the Turkey Shoot this year on Saturday December 12th. We will post details in the Club well before the event. We expect to make it a "double header" by having a meat roll a little later on the same day.

SATURDAY We are repeating the dates for our upcoming MEAT ROLLS because they are the best value in town. Have a pile of fun and maybe win great meat and other food prizes on the roll of the dice for only \$2. We really need a good crowd to make these work best.

NOVEMBER 21st

DECEMBER 5th AND 19th

UPCOMING EVENTS - FOR YOUR DIARY

We ran most of these dates in the last Tourri but we've updated some of the information, so here they are again. Don't say we didn't tell you about things. If you miss 'em, it's not our fault. Come on along and join us. All events are at the Club, 29 Leslie St. unless otherwise stated.

OCT 31st O.C.A. HALLOWE'EN DANCE.

8.00pm - \$10.00 - BUFFET

NOV 7th REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

10.45am MOUNT PLEASANT CEMETERY

NOV 7th REMEMBRANCE DAY DINNER.

7.30pm \$25.00

NOV 8th REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE.

11.00am QUEENS PARK

NOV 27th O.C.A. GREY CUP DANCE.

FRIDAY 8.00 pm \$5.00

NOV 29th O.C.A. & L.A. GREY CUP DAY.

SUNDAY 4.00pm \$5.00

DEC 31st NEW YEARS DANCE.

6.30pm BUFFET CASH BAR

DETAILS WILL BE POSTED AT THE CLUB

Don't forget the Grey Cup Dance on November 27th, - we'll be picking a Miss East and a Miss West. Then on Sunday November 29th, we start at 4.00 pm and go until the end of the game. Besides the standard refreshments at the bar, there will be snacks, draws and noise/movies.

SICK and VISITING

Harry Ross, Al Smith, Ray Bower, and Marg Attwells visited the Highlanders in "K" Wing and the George Hees Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital, on October 1st. They are:-

D.McLennan	Angus Dewar	Gord Todd
John Kyle	Bert Hendry	Jack Ridgeway
George Wilson	Cecil Demman	Herb Hellicker
	Jim Reeves	

(The last Tourri missed Jack Ridgeway from the Sunnybrook list and I'm sorry. How could anyone miss "The Babe" ?? Babe, the next IPA's on me. - Ed.)

Ray Bower reports - All the Highlanders above are taking life in their stride and wish to be remembered to all of you. They would like to thank you for your concern for them. We are sorry to report the death of John Ramsden at the end of September.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, is drawing closer. We do want to get a good crowd out at 2 pm. at Sunnybrook Hospital, "K" Wing, Town Square. The Drill Team will be there, and all the O.C.A. members we can muster, along with the pipes and drums of the Scarborough Pipe Band. Please come out and have a good time.

LAST POST

We regret to report the passing of these Highlanders.

TUTCHENER Gord. W. B73608 48th WWII Aug 22

We shall remember them.

Our Club's success is in your hands. The more participation we get, the more events we can give you. How about some suggestions? What would you like?

We now have a V.C.R. which we will hook up in the Apeldoorn Room. How would you like a movie on Tuesday night (or afternoon)? Please let me know.

Ed Mageau

REMEMBRANCE DAY 1992

The September Tourri gave all the details for the Parade, Dinner and Service during the November 7/8th weekend. If you can't find it, come down to the Club, where we have a few spare copies left. You should have picked up your tickets for the Dinner by now.

We want to thank the Life Members for their generous donation toward the cost of table wine at this year's Dinner. We also wish to thank the 48th Trust for their contribution toward the expenses of the same event.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

There will be a Change of Command ceremony at Moss Park Armoury, on Friday Oct 30th, at 8.15pm. All members and friends are most welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership is 353 Regular, 57 Associate and 14 Life. We also have 142 Social members for a paid-up total of 566.

Well fellows, another year has passed and we didn't do too badly. I'm sure we can do better this year.

New membership cards for 1993 will be available around October 21st. Send in your cheques, or whatever NOW, while you are thinking about it. Better still, bring it down and visit your club. Who knows who you might run into? Let's make this a banner year, then you can truly say :-

"I belong"

Dileas,

Jack Smale

HISTORY RECALLED

The 1st. Battalion 48th Highlanders of Canada, breached the Adolph Hitler Line on May 22nd, 1944. Kim Beattie, the Regimental Historian, considered this to be the Battalion's most difficult and dramatic action in World War II.

In his book *Dilias*, Beattie covers the whole sequence of events leading up to the attack, the attack itself, and establishing and holding the tenuous bridgehead.

On May 25th, 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade published an extra of its News Highlights under the heading "Canadians Lauded Throughout the World". The breakthrough of the Adolph Hitler Line by the Canadian Corps brought out the following comments:-

Moscow Radio says the Canadian troops in Italy are the greatest fighting forces the United Nations has ever put on the field.

American Radio says our Northern neighbour may well be proud of the magnificent men of the Dominion who have shown that their actions on the Adolph Hitler Line lived up to all expectations, making them members of the best fighting forces.

The BBC reports that the Canadian Corps in Italy, fighting for the first time as a corps, has greatly distinguished itself in cracking the Hitler Line.

Canadians celebrated the news of the success throughout the land.

Mackenzie King said in Parliament that when this war is over, we in Canada will show our gallant men how much we appreciate how much they have done.

Lt.Gen. Sir Oliver Leese Bt. KCB, OBE, DSO, Commander of the Eighth Army wrote to Maj.Gen. Chris Vokes DSO, Commander 1st Canadian Division as follows :-

"I feel at this stage of the battle I would like to write this letter to thank you and congratulate you and all ranks of your great Division on your breach of the Adolph Hitler Line.

This line was vaunted to the world as an impregnable position. One has only to visit the defences for a short time to realize the immense amount of work and ingenuity that have been put into their layout and construction.

I would be glad if you would pass this message on to your officers and men.
With my grateful thanks and best wishes for the future."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

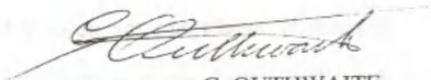
As you read this Tourri, you will see that we have added a little history of the Regiment. We at the Club are always looking for interesting items for the newsletter and I would hope that you as members could share with us that which you feel would be interesting to our readers.

Your Executive, the Ladies Auxilliary, and the Club employees are doing a superb job in keeping the Club operational for your pleasure so, if you are in the neighbourhood please drop in and say hello !! We are open until 1.00 am. Remember this is your club, don't be a stranger. Be a supporter and your club will survive.

The Club is looking for one or two part-time bartenders, so if you are interested, or can recommend somebody, please come in and talk to Bob Lavergne, our Chief Steward.

We are fast approaching the year of 1993 and will soon be looking for regular members of the Association to run for Executive positions. Give it some thought. If you can give one or two hours of your time, one or two nights a month for meetings, we would be most grateful.

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