

The

RED TOURRI

November 1992

Greetings,

Hello again. Well, this is the fifth Tourri since the start of our executive term in April, and it's the last edition this year. I've had a lot of fun, and a little frustration, editing the letter. I just hope it does for you, the readers, what you want it to do. If not, let me know.

The year has gone by quickly, and I want to take this chance to once more say "Thank you", to everyone who has contributed to the Tourri. Special credit for production goes to Don Burr and his colleagues. Gord Outhwaite usually leads, (and sometimes is) the folding and envelope-stuffing detail. Once again we have an item from Lt.-Col. M. George CD., which deals, in a somewhat topical way, with some special times in the history of the Regiment.

Editors have final responsibility for accuracy, and so, for any production errors, I'm sorry. In particular my apologies go to Ed Majeau and Herb Helliker, both of whom have been victims of my computer mistypes.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and Happy New Year. (Ed.)

CHRISTMAS EVE

We invite you to drop in to the Club on Thursday December 24th, between Noon and 5pm. Everybody who is somebody, comes in that day to exchange seasons's greetings with friends, and to enjoy a drink. You can also enjoy some great food, which is kindly provided by Margaret Ritchie and Bob Lavergne. Bring a designated driver and stay a while, although we do close early so everyone can be home in time for Santa.

NOTICE



We have been told that the parking regulations are being enforced on the big lot, south of Eastern Ave. We suggest you should be careful if you are going to park there for any lengthy period of time.

--- A word to the wise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

The dues for 1993 are a bit slow in coming in this year, and the Membership Chairman sends the following message :-

"Here it is, almost another year finished and we are starting a new one. Make a pledge right now to your club and yourself to send in your dues.

Xmas is a time of caring and giving. What better way could you express yourself to your "Dileas" friends and comrades than to keep yourself in good standing.

Send in your dues, or better still take a more active part in your club. Let's see you here among friends more often in the New Year.

A Merry Xmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year to you all."

Jack A.Smale

O.C.A. Drill Team Draw Results

George Jeffrey asks us to publish the following :-

First Prize	Brian Duboy	Fire Dept.
Second Prize	Colleen Hannah	Ajax Ont.
Third Prize	R. Antoine	Richmond Hill Ont.
Fourth Prize	Surish Patel	Markham Ont.
Fifth Prize	Nola Doucet	Mississauga Ont.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

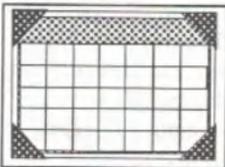
This Tourri issue is very meaningful to everyone. It should make us reflect, and looking into a mirror ask ourselves:-

How many times did I participate in events posted?

Was I a critic, or did I use the old saying "Let George do it"?

Your committee can only set up the functions, -- **your** participation gets the results. We cannot survive without your help. So far this year we have had good nights and lean nights. The good sessions were July 1st., Warriors Day, Hallowe'en, and L.A. dances. Unfortunately, Meat Rolls and Euchre are "fair" only.

Remember, this is your Club, so participate.



UPCOMING EVENTS - FOR YOUR DIARY

EUCHRE December 7th. and 21st. Only \$5.00 per player. Cash Prizes. **There will be no Euchre on Monday, December 14, due to other activities.**

TURKEY SHOOT Saturday, December 12th. at Noon. Throw darts and win a turkey. You can win only once, **BUT**, you can shoot as often as you wish for \$2 (Three darts) a time.

MEAT ROLLS On Saturday December 5th. and 19th. 2pm. to 4pm. The cost is only \$2 per Roll. There are high and low winners and a surprise roll at the end.

V.C.R. - Afternoon movies can be available. Why not bring your lunch, buy a drink at the bar, and enjoy a popular movie in the quiet of the Apeldoorn Room. Let us know if you're interested.



Thanks to all Committee members for their support.

Ed Majeau



DEC 31st NEW YEARS DANCE.

Buy your tickets early - room is limited. \$30 per person.

Cash Bar - Good Food - Dancing

Door Prizes - Draws - Spot Prizes

Don't miss the boat - First Come, First Served

LADIES AUXILIARY

Once again, my tenure as President is coming to an end.

It has been an exiting two years. It was great to see all the Family organizations working together, to make the 100th Anniversary of the Regiment so successful. Unfortunately, this year is a different story, and a number of our functions have not been successful. Without the support of all members, the Ladies auxiliary and the O.C.A. cannot function.

I want to thank my executive for all their support and hard work in the last two years.

Jean Waylett - Vice-President Patricia Ritchie - Treasurer
Shirley Heasman - Secretary Norma Blake - Sick Visits & Flowers
Marie Nelson - Sunnybrook Linda Wilds - Entertainment
Shirley Majeau and Lynn Lee - Membership
Lucille Attwells and Margaret Elson - Social

Thanks to Ruth Bond, who sent everyone Birthday cards, and to I.P.P. Margaret Attwells. Margaret worked hard to keep us in line; she also visited our Vets at Sunnybrook and the Life Members who can't get about.

As well as saying "Thank you" to all members of the Ladies Auxiliary, I want to make special mention of some O.C.A. members. Gord Outhwaite, Don Burr, Ed Majeau, Art Currie, Graham Elson, Ken Waylett and Gerry Major are always there when we need help. Last but not least, to Bob Lavergne for his help and support.

It has been a real honour to work with and for all the members of our Association.

DILEAS GU BRATH

Margaret Ritchie

We recently held our elections, and are pleased to announce our 1993 Executive :-

President	Constance Wood
Vice-President	Rhoda Stea
Treasurer	Patricia Ritchie
Secretary	Shirley Heasman
Executive	Norma Blake, Margaret Elson, Noreen Foster, Joanne Herdman, Lynn Lee, Shirley Majeau.



Although we have had to cancel our Christmas Dinner Dance, we do have one more function this year. I hope you will come out and support our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 12th. It starts at Noon. Come down and finish your Christmas shopping. There will be home-baked goodies, stocking-stuffers, and some special gifts for men, ladies and children. We will have draw prizes, Lunch Specials, and of course the bar will be open.

SICK and VISITING

Harry Ross, Al Smith, Ray Bower, Marie Nelson, and Marg Attwells visited the Highlanders in "K" Wing and the George Hees Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital, on October 29th. They are:-

D.J.McLennan	Angus Dewar	Gord Todd
John Kyle	Bert Hendry	Jack Ridgeway
George Wilson	Cecil Denman	Herb Helliker
	Jim Reeves	

The Highlanders mentioned above are all in good spirits, especially after our special visit with the pipes and drums, along with old comrades, and the Ladies Auxiliary.

I am sorry to report at this time, the passing away of an old and faithful comrade, RSM Stu Montgomery MM. CD. This is a man who will go down in the history of the Regiment, and we will remember him in the years to come, as DILEAS GU BRATH. So long Stu, and good luck with your next command.

Ray Bower

LAST POST

We regret to report the passing of these Highlanders.

NOSS, Earl B45926 A&S Highlanders, 48th Highlanders, WWII
June 22nd Age 77 Simcoe Bch. Legion.

GOODER, Pte. John I. B134905 A&S Highlanders, WWII
July 27th Age 69 Q.O.R. Bch. Legion Toronto.

MUNRO, Allan K. B7114 48th Highlanders, WWII
July 15th Age 68 Bobcaygeon Bch. Legion.

STRATHY, Lt.-Col. Stewart T. 48th Highlanders, WWII June 22nd
Age 72 Brig.Gen. G.H.Ralston Bch. Legion Port Hope.

We shall remember them.

CHRISTMAS ABROAD

When the 1st Battalion, 48th Highlanders of Canada left Toronto on December 17, 1939, who would have thought they would be spending no fewer than six Christmas's away from loved ones back home?

CHRISTMAS 1939 .. At sea, aboard the Reina del Pacifico. The weather was extremely rough, and this reduced attendance at a delicious noon hour dinner.

CHRISTMAS 1940 .. Spent at Brighton by the Sea. The Battalion had moved here temporarily from Kingswood, and later went back there to spend the winter. The 39ers have many fond memories of the English people of the Redgate/Reigate area.

CHRISTMAS 1941 .. Spent in the Littlehampton area. Able Company was near the Ford Airdrome, Baker Company by the golf course. Charlie Company was at Wick, while Dog Company was right in Littlehampton.

CHRISTMAS 1942 .. Shira Camp near Inverary, Scotland. We took part in NOEL I, a combined operations exercise, using LCIs (Landing Craft Infantry). We returned to camp after the landing in bitterly cold weather.

CHRISTMAS 1943 .. At Cemetery Hill (to the North and West of Ortona). After a night advance the battalion found itself completely surrounded by the enemy and subject to fierce counter attacks. It was a most unhappy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS 1944 .. Christmas dinner of turkey and pork just behind the lines at shell-wrecked Boncellino. Able Company had to be left out, as they remained in contact with the enemy, positioning themselves in slits and wrecked farm houses.

So the 1st Battalion, 48th Highlanders of Canada had observed, (rather than celebrated), Christmas at sea, Christmas's in England, Christmas in Scotland, and two Christmas's in Italy.

A long, long time to be away from home...

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

This will be the last letter going out for 1992 and I hope we (your executive) have supplied you with enough information as to what is happening at the Club. December looks very promising with a fair amount of activity so make sure you record the dates in your diary.



The Remembrance Day Dinner November 7th was a huge success with 116 members present. If you were one of that 116, you know what I mean. If you could not attend, I hope (God willing), you will be able to join us next November. We had a good turnout from both the Regiment, and veterans. Many a war story was revitalized, and the meal was superb.

Our speaker Lt.-Col. M. George CD., kept the attention of everybody from start to finish, something that does not happen very often at our dinners. Thank you, Lt.-Col. George.

Lt.-Col. K. McBey CD. took command of the Regiment on October 30th, 1992 from Lt.-Col. Young CD. To Lt.-Col. McBey, we say "Welcome" and pledge to you the support of the Old Comrades Association.

To Lt.-Col. Young, we say "Thank you for a job well done. We at the Club wish you every success in your military career which lies ahead, and extend to you the support of the O.C.A."

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