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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



The Commanding Officer and his signaller MCpl Rivers.

To all members of the Regimental Family

Since joining the 48th Highlanders from the Governor General's Horse Guards twelve years ago, I have always been very impressed with the time commitment and personal dedication of all elements of the active Regiment and the Regimental family. I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the men, women, senior non-commissioned members and officers who have worked so hard for many years, often with little or no recognition for their efforts. I am very proud and honoured to be your Commanding Officer.

Your aforementioned hard work and dedication has resulted in a number of recent noteworthy successes. The Regiment has prospered and grown since the last edition of the *Falcon* despite ammunition, training and budgetary restrictions and cutbacks. The Regiment's 1993 Annual Inspection was excellent, surpassing the standard of the past few years. Additionally, the personnel strength of the Regiment has increased to a five year high due to a combination of successful recruiting and retention programs.

As detailed in my Regimental Address of November 10, 1992, we must continue to go forward and build upon our successes. During my tenure as Commanding Officer, I plan to emphasize three main areas of operations: 1. **Battle Procedure:** Timely and properly executed orders and passage of information throughout all levels of the Regiment; 2. **Training:** Effective and interesting training is essential in keeping the volunteer soldier in the Regiment. Training must focus upon teaching the soldier to master increasingly challenging tasks and thereby develop a feeling of achievement and self-confidence; 3. **Leadership:** An emphasis on leadership training at the officer and ncm level must reinforce the importance of team effort and proper coordination and execution of section, platoon, and company level tactics.

I wish to thank Captain Gilbert and Second Lieutenants Nusbacher and Graham for their efforts in organizing and editing this edition of the *Falcon*. Our Regimental journal will once again be published on an annual basis, and I am sure Highlanders will enjoy reading about the activities of all elements of the Regimental family.

The distribution of this edition of *The Falcon* coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Regimental Battle Honour — LANDING IN SICILY — on July 10, 1943. Despite the passage of time, the same spirit of the soldiers and their commitment to the Regiment which started with its formation in 1891, continued with them in their landings at Pachino and throughout Sicily and the Italian campaign, and is still very much in evidence today in 1993. It is these customs, practices, traditions, and especially the importance of the soldier and the notion of teamwork, that keeps the 48th Highlander family strong, irrespective of whether the soldier is serving in Canada or, like his predecessors, in foreign lands such as Cambodia, Somalia, Cyprus, Bosnia, or the Middle East.

I wish you all a very happy and safe summer.

DILEAS GU BRATH

K.J. McBey
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer



THE FALCON

THE JOURNAL OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

EDITORIAL

By Captain S.W. Gilbert, CD

This year's Falcon reflects less celebration (after all, the reunion and its aftermath is now behind us) and more commentary on the day-to-day military training of the active battalion as well as on activities throughout the Regimental family.

Beginning with the new Commanding Officer's precise statement of the goals for the unit during his tenure, we offer you articles on the unit's operational and support sub units, about Highlanders working at other units, and about our bands. We also have contributions from the I.O.D.E., the Continuing Sergeants, and a special letter from the O.C.A.

Also featured in this edition are some special articles. One is a memorial to Stu Montgomery, a second is a remembrance of a battlefield Christmas in 1943, a third is a message from the Gordon Highlanders and a fourth is a "Regimental Facts" revelation.

Finally, we offer a two-page photo spread of last October's Change of Command parade.

It has been, as always, a labour of joy pulling all of this together. I would like to sincerely thank all of the contributors, my two assistant editors and the Commanding Officer for all of the assistance they have given me in getting this year's volume to press.

Dileas Gu Brath

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ALPHA COMPANY

By Major M de P J Delaney CD
Officer Commanding
Alpha Company

The most enjoyable aspects of being a Rifle Company Commander today is planning and participating in the excellent training we try to provide to the soldiers and seeing Company personnel on parade whether it be in garrison or on an exercise. For all those Highlanders who have gone before us, I assure you that we try to maintain that tradition of excellence and service that you have established.

Alpha Company has a strength today of about 100-110, 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. As it is now, we have a sizable number of our company personnel giving of their time and expertise in the world's current Hot Spots, Bosnia, Croatia, Cambodia, and Somalia to name but a few. With the ongoing Army taskings and UN duties that our Government has committed us to around the world, we are certain to see a rise in the numbers of 48th Highlanders participating in these crucial operations. Whether we are serving overseas or in the Toronto Garrison the "Jocks" of A Company are serving our Country proudly.

Why do young men and women give of their time and energy so? I believe it boils down to three answers; 1) for the sheer challenge both mentally and physical, 2) to ensure the protection of their families and friends in times of national crisis and 3) last but certainly not least to continue the traditions and spirit of the regiment. Despite the fact that we are still sorely underfunded, under equipped and ignored by our politicians, we continue to improvise and do the best we can with what we have. However, military service has long been a thankless pursuit, Kipling had it right a century ago when he said:

*"For it's Tommy this, and Tommy that,
and Chuck him out, the Brute!!
But it's Saviour of his country
when the guns begin to shoot".*

When you combine the operational taskings such as courses, field training and classroom activity with ceremonial functions, it makes for a very busy training year. The soldiers of Alpha Company are to be complimented for their continued hard work and devotion to the regiment!



1 Sect, 3 Pl, after four hard days of work.



Frog's Cup winners.

During the summer months most of the company was either away on a course, teaching a course or attending CAC (i.e. Annual Camp). While I did not command the company at CAC, Major I.A.G. Cameron and Major G.T. Turner had that pleasure. They informed me that the troops did a superb job in CFB Petawawa, in fact the Company distinguished themselves handsomely in the LFCA Infantry Competition. Again, they should be congratulated for their efforts! The fall was very busy as well, as we planned a number of combined arms training exercises with the other Regiments of the Garrison and the fittest soldier in the Company Competition.

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 it is one we can all be proud of. To those who served the regiment before and those in Alpha Company, remember our motto "Dileas Gu Brath", as we continue the traditions of the regiment!

1 PLATOON

By Pte. C.J. Nestor

At CAC, under the command of Lt. Sanderson and Warrant Officer Alkema, 1 Platoon was formed. Like most of the newly trained, I was absolutely dreading another two weeks in the field, due to the fact that there was no break between G.M.T., QL-3 and CAC. To my surprise, CAC turned out to be a good balance of fun and not-so-normal training. Days were spent practicing platoon attacks, firing in jungle lanes, and riding in Huey helicopters. Evenings were organized around movie nights, hot showers, swamp swims, soccer, hot showers, barbecues, and more hot showers! Nothing could be worse than Borden, so Petawawa seemed tropical in comparison.

Back in Toronto, considering that a lot of people were on course, 1 Platoon had a fairly good turn-out for most weekend exercises. There was some shuffling of positions, most notable being Warrant Alkema's departure to Cyprus.

Our platoon participated enthusiastically in all of the planned events including the change of command, the Remembrance Day parade, and the Christmas dinner. Pleasantly uneventful probably best describes the year, as no one lost a bolt, a rifle or anything, and nothing disastrous occurred.

In retrospect, 1 Platoon may not have won three-way soccer, the winter IDOC relay, (although we deserved to win.), or the tent pitching comp. However, what other platoon can boast they have a platoon sergeant that can order a pizza to a grid square, or their own personal Ittis? I am sure I am not alone in saying good times were had by all.

P.S. I've heard enough blond jokes to last me a life time!



Well, Mr. Sanderson, this is what we call a map ...

2 PLATOON

By Cpl Lawrence Kim

This year 2 Platoon was not only a platoon by name but also in numbers. The platoon was made up of mostly regulars from Alpha Company, but we also got our share of new recruits from the summer courses.

Even though 2 Platoon went through pre-CAC training before the summer, the platoon would not find its true identity until CAC 92 where we were dubbed "MAX RELAX PLATOON." We had shown 1 and 3 Platoons that we could get the job done but still be in relax mode at the same time. CAC gave 2 Platoon a chance to work as an infantry platoon as we learned many aspects of offensive operations; but more importantly, it gave us a chance to get to know each other.

From CAC, the platoon was going to put out the most personnel on the ground for the training year. The year started with EX QUICK START, the annual range qualification weekend, then on to offensive operations exercises EX STAND FAST and EX SUDDEN FURY, where we practiced our section and platoon battle drills. The platoon also had a chance to participate in an academic exercise with members of the Governor General's Horse Guards at EX ROLLING THUNDER. The year 1992 ended with the annual Christmas dinner.

Back from the holidays, 2 Platoon immediately got back to work with the two weekends of winter indoctrination training at MTSC Meaford where we learned and practiced winter warfare skills. During the training year, 2 Platoon won itself a bottle of Jack Daniel's in a friendly game of "Murder ball" against the other platoons. It was these little competitions that kept 2 Platoon at its best.

With various platoon and section commanders coming and going, the platoon core identity still remains in place with the help of 2Lt Parsons, WO Darling, Sgt Pankatz, MCpl Chapman, Cpl Ireland and myself.

As the Spring and Summer approach, the platoon will be participating in the pre-CAC training exercises where we will develop skills which we will use at CAC 93. After the pre-CAC training, the platoon will be stood down for the summer, as various members head off to summer taskings, looking forward to CAC 93 at CFB Petawawa.

3 PLATOON

By Sgt. N. Lennon

This has been a year of change for the members of 3 Platoon, A Coy, 48th Highlanders of Canada. The year started off for the privates of the platoon with their QL2 and QL3 courses in the summer. This was possibly the greatest change in their lives.

In September the platoon was on parade for the Rebadging of the unit back to the buckle badge and the range weekend. On the Rebadging Parade a number of the regiment, including two members of the platoon, were promoted. The members were now MCPL Rivers and the author of this piece, now Sgt. Lennon. The new Sergeant was tricked back into the Junior Ranks Mess and showered with beer in keeping with an old tradition in the Regiment.

Lt. Anderson was placed in command of 3 Platoon with Sergeant Bowie as the 2IC. Sgt. Bowie, because of the work load of his civilian job, stepped down from the 2IC post and Sgt. Mastathis was named to take up the post. Sgt. Bowie is now doing a great job in OPS and TRAINING.

The platoon had good turnouts for all the training and parades in the fall and early winter. The first FTX of the year, October 2-4, 1992, was advance to contact; the platoon had better weather than the first time they moved down that piece of real estate. In the summer it was raining on the march into Blackdown Park to end QL2. The ride in the Bisons (armoured personnel carriers) was for many the highlight of the weekend.

3 Platoon was in full dress for the Change of Command Parade on October 30, 1992. The Remembrance Day Parade on November 8 was well attended by the whole unit.

After the Christmas Standdown, training entered the winter warfare phase. On EX BIG CHILL, January 15-17, 1993, 3 Platoon won the Frogs Cup in a race to move and set-up the 10-men tents as a platoon unit. This was a well earned victory because very few of the platoon had been on a winter ex before.

On EX SNOW OWL, February 19-21, 1993 the platoon successfully defended their holding of the Frogs Cup when the company had a two-part contest. Part one was a chain of command race and part two was a forced march of 4km with rucksacks. With this victory, 3 Platoon keeps first place in the standings ahead of 2 Platoon who won the Frogs Cup in December for a sports parade.

The remainder of the year will be a good one for 3 Platoon and its members as they try to win the Frogs Cup for the year. In the years to come may the young privates look on this year and say it was one of the best years of their lives.



RSM McGuffin and WO Love.

HQ COY By Capt R Hay CD

With the restructuring of the battalion into a field company plus, Headquarters Company was re-established from SP Coy. The Commanding Officer appointed our cheerful regular force Unit Support Officer, Capt Bob Hay, as Company Commander. MWO Mark McVety was appointed as CSM. The company itself was broken into the following detachments:

- A. **Coy HQ**
Capt Hay, Lt Sargeant, MWO McVety;
- B. **Pers/BOR**
Capt Gilbert, 2Lt Graham, WO Love, Sgt Leblanc, MCpl Sutherland, Cpl Pagitakis, Pte Haygarth and Pte Ramsay;
- C. **Finance**
Lt King, MWO Harding, Cpl Liddell, Pte Thavarajavel and Miss Pam Harding;
- D. **Medical**
Cpl Cherniawski, Cpl Chapman, Cpl Ronaldson, Pte Heitkamp;
- E. **Transport**
2Lt Swaine, Sgt Quinnell, Cpl Schilling, Cpl Dorlandt, Cpl McConnell, Cpl McBean, Cpl Morrison, Cpl Bachelder;
- F. **Recruiting**
Lt Walker, 2Lt Nusbacher, MCpl Hearney;
- G. **QM**
Lt Sargeant, MWO Short;
- H. **Security**
Capt Poles, Cpl Rozon;
- I. **Veh Tech**
Cpl Thomson, Pte Antoine, Pte Bull, Pte Sajalik;
- J. **Wpn Tech**
Cpl Agustin, Cpl Mellors;
- K. **Regtl Stores**
MWO McVety, Sgt Macdougall, Mr Roy Head

The Finance Office is off to a good start to the year with a successful TD inspection in January. Pay parades have been regularly scheduled on all parade nights. We have also begun issuing cheques at 2100 hrs on Tuesday evenings for those who wish to come down.

A new option for the members is direct pay deposits in which the members' pay is deposited directly into their personal accounts. Due to a slow response at the unit, direct pay for 48th members should begin in April.

This is just a reminder to all those who experienced any problems or questions with their pay to check their stubs carefully and if a problem still exists, to approach the pay office through the chain of command. We will do our best to answer the question or solve the problem as quickly as possible.

We begin the Medic Section portion with the Mary Otter First Aid Competition. The team not only consisted of 48th medics, it also included soldiers from A Coy, namely Pte Lauder and Cpl Kim. After a month or so of training, the team managed to do extremely well, placing 7th in Ontario and was the highest-ranking militia unit.

With the competition out of the way things got back to normal with the medics continuing their usual medical coverage for A Coy. In addition to this they also completed many taskings. This meant instructing first aid courses to several units, including 25 Med Coy. Cpl Cherniawski (or Chernobyl as he is more commonly known) also was involved in providing medical coverage for an eight day winter warfare exercise in Burwash with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters.

When the summer came along, the medics made contributions to ARTS Borden, beginning with the advance party, working as part of the med squad and preparing the MIR for the long sick parades that lay ahead. With the arrival of the recruits, Blackdown Park was put in full swing and the MIR staff was subjected to a seemingly endless routine of poison ivy blisters and attempted medical RTU's. Cpl Cherniawski, however, left Borden to try his luck on the Combat Leaders' Course being run at the RCR Battle School in Petawawa.

As with all the troops in Blackdown, the medics also went to Petawawa to participate in CAC 92. Once there the medics were tasked with medical coverage of the three platoons the 48th had fielded: Pte Hietkamp with the Leisure Platoon, Cpl Chapman (yes, the other one) with the Lost Boys, and Cpl Ronaldson being sentenced to the Penal Platoon. Not only did they provide medical assistance, but they also participated in the infantry training along with A Coy which included only advance to contact, ranges and live fire, and the infantry competition. Although it had been rumoured that Cpl Cherniawski had become MIA during the tornado that hit Pet before CAC began, it was later discovered that he had been tasked with other medical duties at CAC.

With the onset of the new training year in September, the medics went back to their usual duties and also instructed First Aid on district recruit courses and to the 48th Cadets.

Now for this year's first aid competition. As with last year, the team was supplied with troops from A Coy, these being MCpl Jones, MCpl James, and a return engagement for Cpl Kim. On top of regular unit training, the team has spent the past month preparing for the competition. Unfortunately, the competition takes place after press time, so the results are unavailable. But whatever the results, this team, like last year's, has worked hard and should do well.

Despite some setbacks, this year has been a good one for the transport and maintenance section. The year has been marred with a few setbacks (e.g. one serviceable vehicle after CAC), but thanks to the dedication of our personnel, these problems are ending.

New personnel in transport and maintenance are the transport officer, 2Lt Swaine, and transport warrant, Sgt Quinell. As well, we have a new records clerk and dispatcher, Cpl Bachelder. They work hard to make sure everything runs under control and as planned.

Very important as well are the maintenance staff. Working hard with daytime MSS, we now have a fully operational fleet of vehicles. The maintenance section commander is Cpl Thompson. Under his direction are Pte Antoine, Pte Sajgalik and Pte Bull.



Mess with us, and it's good-bye route letter!

"Some people don't seem to realize how difficult our job can be at times," says one driver. Our drivers' job is to support Alpha Company. Drivers shuttle personnel and supplies all day to support any exercise. Being a driver in a hard-driving regiment such as the 48th is no easy task. Our drivers are led by Cpl Schilling as section commander. The other drivers are Cpl. Dorlandt and Cpl McConnell.

The Quartermaster stores of the Regiment have undergone a major change in the last year. On the direction of higher headquarters, the 48th has concentrated all resources to A Coy. This has meant the transfer of all equipment, from machine guns to laundry bags, from the battalion QM to the A Coy CQ. The QM staff, consisting of Lt Sargeant, 2Lt Parsons (now 2Pl Commander), MWO Short and Sgt Reese, have retained responsibility for all external-to-the-unit functions. These responsibilities include ordering and returning stores, co-ordinating equipment maintenance, and submitting reports to District and Area.

This year's Annual Technical and District Staff Inspections, though still far from perfect, were vastly improved from last year. Praise must go to the weapons and vehicle technicians, the CQ staff and many work parties that toiled in preparation. With constant work things should be much better next year.

We regret that during the summer of 1993, all our regular force personnel will be moving on to new assignments. Capt Hay and WO Dupuis are being posted to 2RCR in Galetown. Sgt Wanda Leblanc is being posted to CFB Comox, BC, to rejoin her husband who was posted out last June. Cpl Rick Rozon is posted to the Canadian Scottish in BC.

In conclusion, the year for HQ Coy has been an eventful one, with the change of command on one hand, and visits from the Lieutenant-Governor, the CDS, and the commander, LFCA, to name a few. From all the regular force personnel posted honorary Highlanders, thank you and good luck. We enjoyed our tour with the finest militia regiment.

Dileas.



I don't need CAM, I'm the RSM.

Ops and Trg

By Maj G.D. Turner

Ops and Trg is divided into 2 distinct Sections. The Ops section is responsible for the planning and preparation of all Unit Collective training while the Trg section is responsible for the processing of Pers on individual courses and taskings.

During the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993 the Organization of the Ops and Trg cell was as follows:

Ops O — Major G. D. Turner
 Ops WO — WO M. Dupuis
 Trg O — 2Lt G. Kumpikevicius
 Trg WO — Sgt L. Palermo
 Trg WO — Sgt G. Bowie
 Trg Clk — Mcpl T. Slater

Operations

The following Exercises were conducted during the July 1992 to June 1993 period:

1. Exercise Quick Start — 18-20 September — CFB Borden

The concept of Exercise Quick Start was a live fire exercise consisting of the Personal Weapons Test on the C7 and the throwing of Hand Grenades.

The unit had available 70 hand grenades to throw thus enabling Pers to throw 1 each. Training was preceding at a rapid pace until the Commanding Officer (LCol A.G. Young) approached the Throwing Bay. Although the throw far exceeded the rest of the Unit the resulting bang left much to be desired as his was the only dud thrown during the day.

2. Exercise Stand Fast — 2-4 October — CFB Borden

The concept of Exercise Stand Fast was a Company strength Advance to Contact along one major axis. A Company advanced through F area with HQ Coy and Bn HQ providing Enemy force.

As part of the Exercise the Unit was to have available a Squadron of helicopters to provide air lift capabilities. The helicopters were to be provided from the U.S. National Guard. Due to Administrative problems that occurred at the last minute the helicopters were cancelled.

3. Exercise Sudden Fury — 23-25 October — CFB Borden

Exercise Sudden Fury was a non tactical exercise consisting of field lectures given in Deliberate Attacks, Woods Clearing and Counter Ambush drills. Lectures were given by Bn HQ officers and assisted by both the RSM and Ops WO.

4. Exercise Rolling Thunder — 13-15 November

— CFTA Meaford

Exercise Rolling Thunder was an exercise consisting of Team Live Fire Jungle lanes and Cloth Model Exercise in Infantry/Armour Tactics.

Due to weather conditions present (Snow in November) the Jungle lanes provided a challenge to the Pers present. The Cloth Model Exercise was conducted by the Armour Squadron Commander and his small detachment.

5. Exercise Big Chill — 15-17 January

— CFTA Meaford

Exercise Big Chill was a Basic Winter Idoc weekend in which Tent Group routine and basic Winter skills were taught. The exercise consisted of short route marches practising navigation skills with at the end of each leg the practise of setting up the Winter tent. By the end of the Exercise all members present were proficient in these skills.

6. Exercise Snow Owl — 19-21 February

— CFTA Meaford

Exercise Snow Owl was a Winter patrolling exercise against a live Enemy force. Initially 25 Med Company was to provide the Enemy. However due to the extreme Budget problems that have occurred throughout the District they had to cancel at the last moment.

The training area used for this Exercise was being used by various other units currently training on the weekend. This provided sufficient Enemy activity for the Patrols to avoid.

On Sunday morning a small competition was held consisting of: 1. Chain of Command Race, and 2. Snowshoe Race.

7. Exercise Metal Jacket — 12-14 March

— CFB Borden

Due to Budget restrictions imposed by higher Headquarters all Unit training was cancelled for the month of March.

At the time of writing this article 2 additional Unit Exercises were to be conducted. The concepts for both were related to Bridge Demolition Guards and Escape and Evasion drills.

At this time I would like to thank WO M. Dupuis for a job well done over his 4 year posting with this Unit and wish him success in his new posting back to 2RCR. Although he never wore a Kilt at the end of his posting with the 48th he became Dileas.

REGIMENTAL STORES

By Sgt M McDougall & Cpl K Head

The Regiment issues approximately \$1400.00 of kit to a private. There are 130 complete uniforms for all ranks.

We in Regimental Stores have the onerous task of keeping track of all of this and, we love our work.



Sgt Pankatz and Capt Bradfield.

KIT SHOP

By Capt J A Bradfield

The new year brings a new location. It is actually one of our first locations. Because of shortage of space in the BOR, we have had to move in with the Regimental Stores, on the basement level of the armoury. The Kit Shop is not a bit cramped for display and storage space, but we will carry on to the best of our ability.

Maj GD Turner and I will be operating the kit shop the same way as before: Maj Turner looking after the purchasing and accounting, and myself in charge of sales and banking.

We now have a good selection of glengarries in stock, and urge new members of the Regiment to buy one. A revised list of prices will be available soon. Kit Shop hours are 1930 to 2130 Tuesdays and Fridays. During summer stand-down, July and August, the Kit Shop is open 1930 to 2130 Tuesday evenings only.

Remember, all profits from sales go to regimental funds, which in this time of budget restrictions are most needed.

CAC 92

By Major I.A.G. Cameron, CD

Last summer the 48th participated in CAC 92 (the new abbreviation for MILCON) as it has in past summers. Both the current and immediate past Commanding Officers stressed throughout the year that if the soldiers had time to give, it should be for CAC 92 versus a course, ARTS employment, etc. As always, higher HQ were counting "warm bodies" on the ground in order to determine whether or not some units would retain their major unit status. WELL . . ., there certainly wasn't any doubt that the 48th would succeed! In fact we were the second largest unit at CAC when compared to all the other Infantry Units in the Army of Ontario (we were surpassed only by the Lincoln and Welland by 20 odd soldiers) when we arrived in Petawawa. Our total strength was approximately 138, our best showing in a number of years. This did not escape the attention of higher headquarters, in fact, the CO won a bottle of Scotch from the District Commander for exceeding his projections!

We provided a dismounted infantry company complete as well as providing the staff for the Patrolling stand and DS for the Infantry Competition (which was supposed to be staffed from NOMD). Most of the training was conducted at the sub unit and sub sub unit level. However, this seemed to be a repeat of last year's training with a lot less toys, i.e. no MILES eqpt., no woods clearing stand, etc. Also, there were the inevitable problems of providing the soldiers with showers, laundry facilities and replacement of lost or damaged kit. It seemed that our Regular Force cousins were unable to provide for us. Great thanks should go to Sgt. Ross, Sgt. Rosa and MWO Gillie for improvising and making our time there a lot easier to stand. As usual, their improvisations confounded the Regular Force because they were Militia improvisations and not Regular.

We managed to entertain the soldiers through the use of a generator (donated by a former 48th officer), TV and VCR with Blue Jay games, Movies and Hot Dog Nights served by the Coy HQ staff. In fact Major Turner looked quite good in a Chef Hat versus the Camp Standard steel helmet. Both Major Turner and myself were ultimately concerned with training our soldiers. However, we both felt that if they trained hard, a little relaxation in the evening was welcome! Due to new regulations for CF Reserve, all officers must have seven consecutive days in the field in command of a sub unit or sub sub unit in order to be promoted. This is not very good for consistency of command but we had to comply or deny career advancement to some of our officers. Therefore the Company had two completely different staffs for the two week period, as follows:

Position	Week 1	Week 2
OC	Maj I. Cameron	Maj. G. Turner
2ic	Maj. G. Turner	Capt. Poles
Ops O	Capt. S. Tremblay	Lt. I. Sargeant
CSM	MWO Boggiss	MWO Boggiss
CQMS	Sgt. Ross	MWO Gillie
1 Pl Comd	Lt. I. Sargeant	Lt. F. Hung
1 Pl 2ic	WO Darling	WO Darling
2 Pl Comd	Lt. M. Sanderson	Lt.M. Sanderson
2 Pl 2ic	WO Alkema	WO Alkema
3 Pl Comd	Lt. M. Anderson	Lt. M. Walker
3 Pl 2ic	Sgt. Bowie	Sgt. McIntyre

The section commanders remained pretty well the same throughout CAC 92 even though a lot of the senior ranks did change. So, some consistency of command was retained.

There were the usual pranks, problems and prima donnas as is always the case when you get the 48th co located with the QOR, Hast & PER, Tor Scot and Royals. None of it serious, just good healthy competition, although I understand something got burned up at the end of the FTX which another nameless regiment was looking for! I also believe that the incriminating photographs and negatives have been destroyed so as to disavow any knowledge of the incident! Even though there was healthy competition between the units, the Toronto District Battalion was the largest at CAC. Even some of the Regular Force Infantry Officers had to admit that they rarely saw their own whole unit together let alone at the same strength as the TD Battalion.

Overall, I believe that CAC 92 was a success. Some good training was to be had although next year we need to be challenged a little more and have more support from the Regulars. It would also help if some sort of Adventure Training was included. However, with the upcoming budget cuts, I suspect that CAC 93 will be more of the same. I would like to thank all members of the 48th who attended CAC 92, it was great to lead the best of the best for one last time!

DILEAS GU BRATH



Cpl Dorlandt in the Butts at Winona.



Highlanders patrolling at CAC '93.

PATROLLING

By Capt. V. Goldman, CD

In recent years, the 48th has specialized in the art of patrolling. Since 1988 the unit has run the patrol stand during the annual CMA/LFCA summer concentration. In addition we have run a number of unit patrol exercises, conducted qualification courses, and have many experienced patrolmen in the regiment.

The unit conducted an instructors' course in the Spring, qualifying Capt Tremblay, Lt Walker, WO Alkema and WO Darling as QL4 Recce Patrolman.

CAC 92, like previous summer training exercises, saw the unit run the patrol stand where we concentrated on the organization of an eight man recce patrol, patrol orders and the action at the ORV and the objective. The FTX at the end of CAC saw the stand staff form their own patrol. The missions for this elite patrol included LZ markings and security, PZ Recce, and the guiding of the assault companies to their start line for the grand attack up Hill 187.

The Fall saw the unit conduct a district QL4 course that graduated Pte Bush, Pte Doucette, Pte King, Pte Kwok, Pte Owoh, Pte Simpson, Cpl Smith and Pte Theriault as qualified recce patrolmen. The course started in September and ended in January. Over ten very demanding weekends the course members conducted area, point, layback and route recces without the aid of tents, stoves, hot meals or other luxuries of field life. Congratulations to the candidates and thanks to my staff, which included WO Alkema, WO Darling, Sgt Pankatz and MCpl Chapman; as well as MCpl Tesione and his enemy force.

Winter training 93 saw the unit once again conducting patrolling and thus the spirit of aggressive warfare lives on.

107th A.C.R.

By Capt. V. Goldman, CD

The 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, which had its beginnings in 1878 as the 1st Cleveland Troop, is now making the next or perhaps final step in its evolution. As part of recent government down-sizing the 107th will disband in September, 1993. Many of the unit personnel will be part of a new armoured brigade that will be composed of battalions of infantry, armour, artillery and supporting elements. Friends may remain but the famous black horse head patch will disappear forever.

K Troop 3/107th with whom the 48th has always shared a special bond will not be a part of this new unit. K Troop in Ashtabula, Ohio, will become a tank maintenance unit. This change in military occupation specialty will mean that unit members must remuster or drive to another armoury if they wish to remain tankers.

The 48th association with the 107th goes back to the early 1970's. The first training session with the 107th was with M Coy at the Ravenna Arsenal in 1976, when a platoon commanded by Lt K. Wright with WO V. Goldman, Sgt McGuffin, Sgt Marr, Sgt Scarlett and Pte R. Hay (our current USO) participated in a weekend of tank/infantry co-operation.

Over the years the 48th participated 3 times as enemy force at Grayling, Michigan; attended computer warfare exercises; and ran numerous joint winter indoctrination exercises.

Colonel Jensen, LCol Young and Captain Goldman have been honoured by the 107th through presentations of cavalry spurs that are proudly worn during visits to the U.S. LCol Young was further honoured by the presentation of the U.S. Army Commendation Medal by MGen Teeter. The 48th has honoured Sergeant Major M. Howley and 1st Sergeant R.C. Davis by making them honorary members of the sergeants' mess.

To help the 107th celebrate their final regimental ball a team of six highlanders attended this sad, last reunion. A moving letter from LCol McBey, and the presentation of the regimental history and a service dress uniform by CWO (RSM) McGuffin was most appreciated.

The death of the 107th is the end of an era, but perhaps a new liaison will grow out of the old, for the 48th has already been invited to attend the first regimental ball for the new 37th (U.S.) Armored Brigade.

The spirit of "Garryowen" still lives.

RIFLE TEAM

By 2LT G. C. Kumpikevicius

I was appointed regimental Musketry Officer by LCol Young in January, 1992 with the additional mandates of forming a rifle team and a gun club. With the Regiment so heavily committed to winter training and garrison duties it proved difficult to put together a rifle team based solely on an open competition. Fortunately, a number of individuals expressed interest in shooting, and from them I formed a team. It included myself, Lt Hung, MCpl Cornish, Cpls Dorlandt, Thompson and McConnell. Throughout the Winter and Spring team members expended many hours and thousands of rounds of .22 ammunition practising on the range. One weekend saw the team hosted by the Guelph Rod and Gun Club, located in Eden Hills, honing their skills with their personal weapons.

The team competed in the ORA/LFCA shoot at CFB Borden on 30/31 May, 1992, posting credible but improvable results under trying conditions. Our top shot, Cpl Dorlandt, won a silver spoon for his high scores as a tyro.

After Summer stand-down, a competition was held within the regiment with the aim of expanding the team with proven shots. Sgt Croft, amongst others, joined the team and provided yeoman service in running the range practices. The team provided two units of four men to the shoot conducted by the 2nd Field Engineer Regiment at Fort York Armouries on 28 November, 1992.

Recently, the team attended the 48th Cadets winter pre-qualification shoot held at Winona. All agreed that the FN C1's were a trifle different to shoot than the C7's! Further co-operation with the Cadet Corps will be undertaken in the future.

The team participated in the ORA/LFCA service rifle smallbore finals in March at the Princess of Wales's Own Regiment armoury in Kingston, placing fourth in the Province. At press time, the team is preparing for the ORA/LFCA finals at Camp Borden, with separate rifle and pistol teams in training.



Cpl Dorlandt fires a .357 magnum Desert Eagle.

ERE's

By Capt V Goldman CD

There are a number of Highlanders serving in extra-regimentally employed (ERE) positions. These soldiers are members of the regiment, but don't hold line serials within the serving battalion. Their position is different from those who are attach-posted to the Battle School or are on United Nations service. The current list of 48th Highlanders who are extra-regimentally employed is as follows:

Col Jensen	LFCA HQ
LCol Mowat	LFCA HQ
LCol Temple	TD HQ
LCol Young	LFCA HQ
Maj Johnson	25 Med Coy
Capt Beaton	TD HQ
Capt Goldman	TD HQ
Capt Leach	TD HQ
Lt Birchall	TD HQ
Lt Hergel	TD HQ
CWO Barnes	TD HQ
MWO Gillie	25 Med Coy
Sgt McKinnon	MTC Meaford
MCpl Kierstead	TD HQ

BATTLE SCHOOL

By Capt V Goldman CD

In previous years the battle school concentrated on leadership courses, but this year the thrust was changed. The heavy concentration of courses for the 92/93 training year were at the QL2 level with a QL3 Infantry and a Small Arms Coaching course added to round out the training year.

Like most things in the military, the 48th stood out as the unit that best supported the Battle School. Capt. Goldman, Lt Walker, MWO McVety, WO Ross, Sgt Quinell, MCpl Rivers and MCpl Vicich are this year's battle school staff.

The routine of every weekend all year long is a little hectic but the experience of planning and running a course and the camaraderie of being a very active militiaman is worth the sacrifice.

CHANGE C

From LCol GA Young



The Audience



Pipes & Drums and Military Band.



Colonel Halikowski OMM, CD inspects the Regiment.



LCol GA Young CD gives his final address.

COMMAND

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D to LCol KJ McBey CD



Col KJ McBey CD takes over command of the Regiment.



Old Comrades.



The Colour Party.



LCol and Mrs. McBey.

PIPES AND DRUMS

By Cpl Iain Lang

Since the last issue of the Falcon the Pipes and Drums have been quite active with regular training and performances. The highlight of past events would have to be the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the regiment. The entire year supplied plenty of opportunities for the Pipes and Drums to perform for events connected to the celebrations as well as engagements with which the Pipes and Drums have become known, such as the Opening Hockey Game, the St. Andrew's Ball, the RCMI Concert at Roy Thomson Hall and the concerts at the Canadian National Exhibition to name a few.

In October 1991 the Pipes and Drums celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Pipes and Drums with a dinner and dance at the majestic Casa Loma, the location of numerous engagements over the years for which the Pipes and Drums have performed. The evening afforded the current members a night of celebration free of band duties and time to talk with a number of past members and friends of the Pipes and Drums in attendance that night. A comprehensive selection of dance music was supplied with live entertainment provided by Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent and the remainder provided by a disc jockey. A few of the younger members performed a couple of selections and showed the old guard what the new is capable of. The meal was excellent and as always the choice of refreshments was endless. The evening was an exquisite experience for all.

The week following the dinner a band of ten ventured to St. Louis, Missouri for three days to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Convention, representing the Canadian contingent. The Pipes and Drums were treated like royalty. They played in the Canadian flag before thousands of delegates and their families. The following day was spent touring the great city and the evening playing the newly elected Canadian IBEW president through the entire Adam Mark Hotel late into the night. The evening concluded with Mcpl Clark leading the members of the Pipes and Drums playing down the streets of St. Louis to our hotel in the early morning hours. With all of the intense work only one misfortune was reported as Drum Major Fullerton stumbled down the stairs while playing the bass drum (the drum was fine).

Competition serves to maintain the level of proficiency at which the Pipes and Drums play by supplying an excellent training opportunity in both the summer and winter months. The Pipes and Drums ranks have been strengthened with a number of young players who have been brought up from our junior

Pipes and Drums. The Junior Band compete in the grade IV contests, under the command of Sgt. Michael Moir, and they continue to achieve excellent results at all of the summer pipe band contests. The summer of 1992 for the grade II contest band was also noteworthy, as the name of the 48th Highlanders was recorded several times on the prize lists. As a result of their accomplishments they were invited to the Celtic Classic competition in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in September.

A growing number of members have also taken to the solo piping and drumming events and have taken quite a few championships in the process at all levels of competition.

Mcpl Fraser Clark and Pte Kirk Hill served with the Band of the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa for the summer of 1992. The two competent players carried the regimental name in the Changing of the Guard ceremony on Parliament Hill and Rideau Hall every day. Two regimental pipe banners were on parade during the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Pte Hill was lucky enough to have a short chat with his Colonel-in-Chief after the presentation of Colours to the Canadian Grenadier Guards. Mcpl Clark performed solo on more than one occasion at the National War Memorial for visitors such as Boris Yeltsin.

In October, the entire band travelled to the Stone Mountain Scottish Festival, Atlanta, Georgia, where the band performed in the annual tattoo and for the opening ceremonies. The five day trip presented a full palette. The entire first day was spent rehearsing for the tattoo with the other bands, and later that same night the tattoo was performed in front of a full house. Friday left time to see Atlanta by day in a double decker bus complete with spiritous refreshments and an evening of socializing with the Metro Toronto Police Pipe Band and the Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada, both lodged in the same hotel. For many younger players, Atlanta was their indoctrination to band trips, and most came through the experience standing tall, although one or two found it difficult to adjust to the hectic social schedule and looked somewhat faded for the final Saturday morning performance.

The beginning of 1993 saw the writer accompanying the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, Land Command Staff Programme USA Field Study Exercise to Fort Rucker, Alabama and Fort Hood, Texas. The writer played at all the social evenings held in honour of the students comprised of Majors from Canada, the U.S., the U.K., Turkey, Germany, Norway, Australia, Korea and Pakistan. The writer attended numerous briefings by U.S. ARMY III Corps as well as a tour of the III Corps Simulation Centre, static displays of the AH-64 Apache, OH-58D Warrior, UH-60 Blackhawk, CH-47D Chinook, a briefing on the RAH-66 Comanche, and a hands on display of the I

Cavalry Division's MIA tanks. In all, the trip was informative and great entertainment as well.

In the coming year, the Pipes and Drums hope to see even more prizes in competition than last year, a repeat of the trip to Atlanta. Increased numbers travelling to Fort Hood, and a variety of concerts and engagements around Toronto. The writer and Pte Hill are confidently awaiting acceptance to the Band of the Ceremonial Guard while Mcpl Clark will once again instruct on the Basic Recruit course for bandmen this summer. At least six pipers from the 48th will be drilled into shape. In the distant future the band is planning a trip in August 1994 to visit the Gordon Highlanders and in May 1995 a repeat trip to Holland for V.E. Day.



Drums along the Mississippi: The P&D in St. Louis.

48th Highlanders of Canada — Military Band

By Captain Roland G. White, LRAM

When the request for an article from the Military Band was received, a blank expression appeared on the faces of the band members.

"Who'd like to volunteer to write this article?" I asked.

Suddenly instrument keys needed immediate and 100% attention, music demanded instant repair. I had not seen such an abrupt hive of activity for a long time.

Hence, as no volunteer was forthcoming, I put pen to paper myself.

Where to start? Perhaps if we go back to our activities during 1992 and begin with May 9 when, with the Pipes and Drums, we were the feature bands at the BELLEVILLE HIGHLAND TATTOO. On this occasion, the Military Band paraded 30 to so musicians making a spectacular visual display and a harmonious and outstanding musical performance. We received a tremendous ovation.

Following this engagement, the Band performed in High Park, in Toronto and this time on stage with a 31-piece concert band. This was followed by another concert band engagement at Gull Lake, Gravenhurst, and on this occasion with Ms. Danielle Bourre, our vocalist, and pipers. The whole ensemble was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.

I must interject at this point to comment that we are fast becoming an amphibious band as both the High Park and Gravenhurst engagements were performed afloat over water.

One sub-group which has grown in popularity is the Military Band 13 piece "Mess Band". This ensemble has been enjoyed by our own Sgts. Mess for this Annual Mess Dinner, and also at the retirement party for Col. John Lowndes held at the 48th Memorial Hall, mess dinners at the Wilson Heights Staff College, and a "Robert Burns" dinner organized by Maj. John Brown. Other venues have been at the Avenue Road Staff School, the Royal Canadian Military Institute, and Osgoode Hall for a Salute and Garden Party following the bestowing of an Honourary Admission to recently retired Lt. Governor Lincoln Alexander who was accompanied on this occasion by the present Lt. Governor, H. Jackman. Also for the Law Society of Upper Canada, we supplied trumpeter Cpl. Steven Roberts for their Service of Remembrance.

The Military Band paraded as a featured guest at Cobourg, Ontario for their Canada 125 Parade. On July 1st, an Ensemble performed at our 48th Memorial Club's celebration of Canada Day and we must add our profound appreciation to the Club for the hospitality shown.



Brass Quartet — Toronto Rotary Club, Royal York Hotel, Christmas 1992. L to R: MWO Malinnes, Cpl Roberts, Sgt King, Sgt Philpot.



The Military Band — Canada 125 Parade, June 1992 in Cobourg.

Again in 1992, the Band combined with the Pipes and Drums to open the N.H.L. season at Maple Leaf Gardens where the writer nearly went "Oops a daisy" on the ice. (But I didn't!)

In the Toronto Warriors' Day 1992 Parade, the Military Band and the Pipes and Drums combined as usual leading our Drill Team and Old Comrades Association. The Military Band took **second place** in the Bands Competition.

November 1st saw 20 members of the Band on the stage of Roy Thomson Hall to again participate in the R.C.M.I. Concert. The 1993 concert is already being planned and will be performed on Sunday, October 31.

During the past year, the Military Band has seen growth in its membership by 3-4 musicians. These individuals have gone "on-strength" and a number of new "volunteer" members have joined us as well. We now average 20-25 very capable musicians at each rehearsal on Friday evenings.

The Band's calendar is beginning to fill up for the coming year 1993.

On August 19, 21 and 22, we have been engaged to perform in the SkyDome. We will be in the company of the following Military Bands — the Band of H.M. Royal Marines (Flag Officer Northern Ireland and Scotland), the Band of the United States Marines, the Band of H.M. Royal Marine Association Canada, Canada Armed Forces Bands (Stadacona and Air Command), and possibly others. Of course, our Pipes and Drums under the leadership of Drum Major Fullerton and Pipe Major Dewar are the hosts to pipe bands from Scotland and Canada.

Again this year the Band will be performing at High Park and the Fergus Highland Games, Warriors' Day (C.N.E.) and possibly for the London Ontario Western Fair and Warriors' Day Parade.

One very pleasant non-performing event took place through the unification of both bands who now enjoy mutual surroundings and social fellowship in a combined **Bands Mess**.

I, as does the Military Band, look forward to a very exciting and happy year in 1993. Our continuing objective is to represent the Regiment to the public by always appearing and performing to the very highest standards possible.

Dileas.

THE CONTINUING SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

By Cameron E. Fraser Lt.Col. (Ret.)

As people have asked me, "Why Continuing Sergeants"? I decided to take a bit of space and explain our name. Sometime in the past a Board of Management, with the approval of a Regimental Sergeant Major decided that if a Highlander became a member of The Sergeants Mess then he or she would always be a member. While other units and formations designated former members as Associate, or ex members we continue on as members. This may seem a small point to outsiders but it means a lot to us.

The aims and objects of our Association are quite simple and understandable. We are a focal point which enables former members to remain in contact with the Regiment and with other former members. One of our main objectives is to ensure that all members are informed about what is happening in their Regiment, to keep them interested and most important of all, to encourage them to participate. The management of the Association is the responsibility of a small Executive on which The RSM and The PMC are members. The present executive consists of:

President	RQMS	George Jeffrey
Vice-President	SGT	Ian Green
Treasurer	CQMS	Herb Pike
Secretary	SGT	Cam Fraser
Member	CQMS	Dave Logan
Member	SQMS	Jack Smale

In this Association all members are addressed with the rank they last held while an Active Member.

I suppose it will be in order to say that the main role of this Executive is to provide a support group for The RSM and The Board of Management. Regimental training is so demanding of time these days that the serving members must have some assistance in dealing with Mess Administration and Social Events. Possibly the most important function of the Executive is the preparation and publication of The Sergeants Mess News Letter which goes out to all active and continuing members three or four times each year. In our opinion these news letters serve a very useful purpose; they not

only enable members to keep in touch but ensure that all members are kept informed of all Regimental activities. We like to think that the interest generated by these news letters is partly responsible for the large attendance by members of this Association on all parades. We are quite sure that they are the main reason why more than a hundred attend our Annual Mess Dinner each October.

One other responsibility has to do with The Annual Mess Dinner held each October. It is the responsibility of this Executive to notify all members; to attend to registration and to collect the assessments on behalf of the Mess. We do believe that having all invitations originate from The Continuing Sergeants Executive gives the members a closer feeling of belonging and could be part of the reason why we always have a large attendance of former members.

The Executive also has the responsibility of sending out statements and of collecting the Annual Assessment. As we have over 200 on the mailing list this is no small task and it does pose a challenge for our Treasurer.

Out of the amount collected we keep just enough to pay for our administrative costs and pass everything on to The Mess Treasurer for the good and upkeep of The mess. As the amount we collect exceeds \$2,000.00 we are proud to think that we are a viable part of the Mess, not just an associate group.

Early in the spring of each year we organize "The MacIntosh Shoot" which is held in The Mess parlours. This is a competition between the Active and Continuing members in three events: Musketry, Darts and Cribbage. The event is really a 'fun day' running from about 10:00 hours to 15:00. The bar is of course open throughout and an ample cold buffet is set out at noon. Strange to say the Active members always win. But remember, they sight the rifles, use the darts with sharp ends and also set their marks on the cards. Who cares! It is a chance to get together and bring out all those old war stories.

Before closing this off I must mention the members lost to us in the past year:

Sgt. Jim Brannan
Sgt. Bill Cook (Pipe Band)
CQMS John Garven
Sgt. Angus Laing (Pipe Band)
RSM Stu Montgomery, MM.

They are no longer with us but will always be remembered.



RSM Stu Montgomery with fellow OCA members at Warriors' Day '91.

MEMORIAL

By Capt. V. Goldman, CD

November 5, 1992, saw the passing of a regimental legend. WO1 (RSM) Stuart Montgomery fought his last battle and passed over the great divide to join the legions of tartan-clad warriors who have gone before.

WO1 Montgomery enlisted in 1934 in time to march with the Regiment at the Chicago World's Fair. He volunteered for active service and went overseas in 1939 as a corporal. He was promoted sergeant in 1941.

In the Spring of 1943 he was posted to Aldershot as an instructor. Subsequently he was transferred to North Africa in the same capacity. He rejoined the Regiment in Italy in the summer of 1944.

At Kestrel, near Rimini, he won the coveted Military Medal for saving a comrade's life while under enemy fire.

Stuart Montgomery ended the war in Holland as a CSM. After rotating home he re-enlisted with the militia and proceeded through the ranks. He was promoted WO1 and appointed RSM in 1956. He served as the Regimental Sergeant Major for five years, retiring from the Army in 1961.

The camaraderie shared at the Sergeant's mess dinner in October will be the last memory of WO1 Montgomery that many of us will cherish for the rest of our lives.

The funeral saw Highlanders from privates to generals pay their respects to a man who was the model of a 48th Highlander. Serving senior NCO's carried the casket while former RSM's CCWO Elms MM CD, WO1 Jackson MM, CWO Boggiss CD, Captain Goldman CD and the current RSM, CWO McGuffin CD, served as the honorary pallbearers. The eulogy was delivered by a life-long friend and confidant, CQMS Pike.

We shall remember.

IODE 48th Highlanders Chapter 1907-1993

By P/M Grace Mackay Edgar
Public Relations Officer

The Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, known to all as the IODE, had its beginning in Canada on February 13, 1900 when support for Canadians departing to fight with the Empire forces in South Africa was required. A Canadian women's organization, it was formed on a foundation of patriotism, loyalty and service. Its founder was Mrs. Clark Poulson Murray.

A constitution was adopted and Municipal and Provincial Chapters were established under the jurisdiction of a National Chapter. Its mission dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, youth and those in need, through education, social services and citizenship programs.

It was in 1907, through the efforts of Mrs. John I. Davidson, first Regent of the National Chapter and wife of the first Commanding Officer of the 48th Highlanders Regiment of Canada and Mrs. Mackenzie Alexander, second Vice Regent of the National Chapter, that the 48th Highlanders' Chapter IODE came into being.

Consent was given by Col. D.M. Robertson with the understanding the Chapter's efforts would be confined to the benefit and welfare of the Regiment and Membership to the 48th Highlanders' Chapter would be restricted to the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and men of the Regiment.

The Chapter's first meeting of 32 members on May 3, 1907 at 3 p.m. was chaired by Mrs. Davidson and took place in the General Mess of the University Armouries. Mrs. Van Kaughner, Hon. Organizing Secretary of the National Order stated the Aims and Purposes and Mrs. William Hendrie moved, seconded by Mrs. Duncan Donald, that a primary Chapter of the IODE be formed under the name and motto of the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Its motto, that of the Regiment, "DILEAS GU BRATH" (Faithful Forever).

For over 87 years the Chapter has carried on in its capacity to assist the Regiment. All members have been called upon in its efforts to supply medical supplies, clothing, food parcels, volunteer services, visitations to veterans and their families, bursaries to sons, daughters or to active members of the Regiment, and trophies and awards to encourage its members to excel in their military training.

During WW1 and WW11 special efforts were made to keep the soldiers, at home and abroad, supplied with food parcels, knitted garments and news from home. Help was offered after the war to veterans and their families. In 1955 the ladies' time was spent restoring the full dress uniforms of the Regiment and, in more recent years, they have assisted in the upkeep of the Highland uniforms of the Regiment. Visitations to the veterans located in Sunnybrook Hospital, planning and helping out at the reunions held by the Regiment every five years, and extending bursary grants to students were other projects carried out. Along with these, other projects which involved the community as a whole were performed.

On May 4, 1987 at 3 p.m., after 80 years, the Standards which were no longer being used by the Chapter were presented to the Regimental Museum for safekeeping. The Chapter's Standard Bearer for over 40 years, Mrs. L. Fletcher along with the Regent Mrs. C.G. Harding and members of the Chapter, witnessed the Laying Up of the Standards Ceremony. These Standards symbolize the alliance of the IODE and the Regiment and all they represent, both past and present.

During the years 1990 and 1991 the members, under the direction of the Chapter's Regent Mrs. C.G. Harding, assisted in the preparations for the Regiment's 100th Anniversary reunion and celebrations to take place from May to October, 1991. This was a massive undertaking for the Regiment and those who volunteered. Others who could sew made up a supply of new garter knots and red torries for the Glengarries.

On May 3, 1992 the Chapter celebrated its 85th Birthday by holding a reception for all members of the Regimental family. The Bazaar and Bake Sales held at the Anniversary luncheon and the Christmas luncheon, along with the Garage Sale held in June at the home of George and Marlene Jeffrey, were all worthwhile events.



Mrs. Charles Harding (Regent) and Mrs. Stan Richards cut the cake at the IODE's 85th birthday celebration.

During 1992 funds raised by the Chapter were allocated in the form of Educational Grants to three members of families associated with the Regiment. Donations were made to the Sergeants Mess, Officers Mess and the Regimental Museum. Visitations and gifts were made to ten veterans confined to hospital and nursing homes. Photographs were taken of the veterans hospitalized at Sunnybrook Hospital. These photographs were then mounted on wooden plaques and presented to them as gifts at Christmas time.

During the Annual Cadet Corps Inspection a trophy and cheque on behalf of the IODE was presented to the Outstanding Cadet of the year.

Some services performed which were not related to the Regiment included the adoption of a school located in an isolated area of Labrador. The Chapter sent a supply of books, chocolates, cards, valentines, games and craft materials to our adopted school. Housewares were given to the Goodwill Society and used clothing to various other institutions.

A computer program was donated to a local school and a supply of Good Grooming articles were donated to a well-known ladies institution. A collection of eye glasses, all makes and sizes, frames, pairs of lenses and sun glasses were delivered to the IODE Municipal Chapter for distribution through the World Vision project.

Other donations of funds were presented to the North York Children's Centre and to the IODE Municipal Chapter towards the 100th Anniversary of the IODE in Canada, which will take place in the year 2000.

The 48th Highlanders' Chapter will celebrate its 90th Birthday in 1997. Membership is open to the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of the Officers and members of the Regiment. Those who may be interested in lending support to the work of the Chapter and would like to be on hand to celebrate this historic date are encouraged to join.

"Dileas Gu Brath"

OFFICERS' MESS

By Maj T W White CD

It seems like our 100th birthday celebrations were only yesterday, however a year has come and gone and sometimes we wonder where the time goes. The strength of the officers in the mess is excellent as we currently have one of the strongest in the garrison. This year we welcomed more new officers to the mess, so we continue to strengthen our resources with good officers.

The Cadillac Draw held in March was once again successful as all tickets were sold and all that attended

enjoyed themselves as the massed pipes and drums and the military band put on a great show.

The officers and their ladies enjoyed the great hospitality of Colonel and Mrs. Trumball Warren at their estate at Puslinch where we had our annual pool and barbecue party.

The officers of the mess held a dining-out mess dinner for LCol A G Young CD, and presented him with various gifts that related to his many years of service with the 48th Highlanders. The subs put on a very lively skit that proved to be very entertaining for all members present.

The change-of-command parade was held on 30 October, 1992, at which time LCol K J McBey assumed command of the Regiment. There was an excellent turnout of all ranks of the Regiment, Old Comrades and cadets. There were many guests of honour, relatives and friends in attendance, and the various receptions in the messes were well attended.

The Remembrance Day parade and dinner were well-attended by the active Regiment and former members. A book of Remembrance was dedicated in the Memorial Room of the Officers' Mess which contained the names of the officers killed in action in World Wars I and II.

We concluded the year with a mixed Christmas cocktail party with the senior NCO's and their ladies prior to our respective mixed mess dinners which once again were very successful.

SERGEANTS' MESS

By WO WEM Darling CD

The year has proven to be relatively quiet for the mess, a mixture of social events and exercises, not quite up to the hectic pace of the anniversary year. September and October saw the usual sore throats and short tempers from the senior NCO's as we attempted to whip the junior ranks and officers into shape for the Change of Command on 31 October, 1992. Compliments to all on a job well done. The remainder of the year was the usual mix of social exercises (mess dinner, Christmas dinner, etc.) and parades (Remembrance Day and church parades).

The renovations in the Mess started in 1991 continued throughout the year and are expected to carry on well into next year.

The Mess had the opportunity to welcome back two members who have not been familiar faces for the last several years. RQMS (MWO) R Short CD back from Montreal and British Columbia and Sgt S McKinnon back from MTC Borden. The Mess also saw several members posted to UN duties: WO R. Alkema to Cyprus and Sgt P Rosa to Cambodia.

The Mess also lost two valued members in WO M Dupuis CD and Sgt W LeBlanc CD, the two regular force members who have both been posted. Our many thanks and best wishes for the future.

We continue to look forward to serving the regiment in any and all taskings that the Powers that Be can thrust our way.

Dileas Gu Brath.

FROM THE JUNIOR RANKS' MESS

By Pte C Nestor

The combination of Friday night battalion training and Lt. Walker's recruiting skills made for a somewhat chaotic year in the junior ranks' mess. With the addition of an entire platoon from the beginning of 1992 to the end of June, the mess, with its not so nice furnishings, provided a most appropriate place to administer copious amounts of beer showers to unsuspecting new recruits.

The mess, although not the most aesthetically pleasing place in Moss Park Armouries, is certainly one of the most lively, and definitely one of the cheapest places to drink. Enthusiasm throughout the year remained high for the notable events including: summer standdown, and the presentation of Lt. Col. Young's parting gift from the J.R., — a carefully constructed military miniature scene built by Mcpl. Tescione. There was also the Christmas dinner, and a number of promotions, including Sgt. Lennon's promotion, which without a doubt takes the prize as both most memorable and most saturated.

The presidency of the mess also changed hands as Pte. Silver passed the honours to Pte. Lauder. Pte. Lauder's plan is to include a copy of *The Spirit of the Regiment*, with each mess membership, as bringing back "The Spirit", is part of his overall mandate. He intends to increase beer prices by a quarter, so alas, even the J.R.'s mess cannot consider itself exempt from inflation.

The junior ranks look forward to the new year with Pte. Lauder, and the activities within his plan.



Junior leaders of the future: Pte Edwards, Cpl Lyeo, Cpl Kim.



The Ceremony of the Address to the Haggis, in which the Commanding Officer's sgian dubh always plays an important part.

REGIMENTAL FACTS

SGIAN DUBH

The Above words in Gaelic mean 'dubh' (black) and 'sgian' (dagger). The dagger was called this because the handle was invariably made of bog oak which of course was black in appearance. This was suitable very hard wood useful for the purpose. The fact that it is ornamented is merely a reflection of the Highlander's lack of confidence in paper money which resulted in his ornamenting much of his personal wearing apparel with silver and cairngorm stones which are of value. Thus he carried on his person most of his worldly wealth and did not entrust it to banks, which in retrospect seems not a bad idea.

The black dagger (sgian dubh) was invariably carried in a place of concealment, very often under his armpit (or oxtar). This gives support to the view that "black" does not refer to the colour of the handle but implies "covert" or "concealed", as in blackmail, black market, yea, Black Watch. When the Highlander visited a house on his travels, having disposed of all his other weapons at the front door, he did not divest himself of his concealed stabbing dagger since it was unsafe to ever be totally unarmed, not because he feared his host but rather he feared intrusions from outside. Accordingly although retaining the dagger, he out of courtesy to his host, removed it from its place of concealment and put it somewhere where his host could see it, invariably in his stocking on the right hand side if he was right handed or on the left hand side if he was left handed.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL HIGHLANDERS

Because there are so many new members of the Regiment, I'm very glad to have this chance to pass along some information about the Club. We are located in the 48th Highlanders Memorial Hall, at 29 Leslie Street, near the northeast corner of Leslie Street and Eastern Avenue.

This is your club too, and we would like to see a lot more of you. Any serving, or former Highlander may become a Regular Member of the Club. You don't have to be a veteran. Those who have served in other branches of the armed forces, may also join as Associate Members. As a member, you may attend all club functions.

Drop in, say hello, and meet some of us. We are all Highlanders, and although some of us are a little older, we would really like to see you here. I'm sure we can learn a lot from each other. The club operates under L.L.B.O. rules so we can't serve alcohol to anyone under the age of nineteen (19). However, everyone is welcome to check out the facilities. We have a pool table, darts, and a juke box.

The Regimental Museum is in our building, and we are very proud of it. A small, dedicated group of Highlanders work hard to make this the finest in Canada. It houses an excellent collection of weapons, uniforms and equipment used by Highlanders from 1891 to the 1980's. I am sure you will find it very interesting. The history displayed will show you why the Regiment has more battle honours than any Militia Regiment in Canada, and make you proud to belong. Perhaps your Company Commander will bring you to visit the Museum, as an important part of your military training.

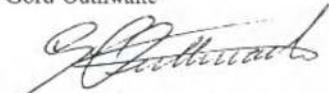
The O.C.A. marching unit attends various outside parades during the year, going to affairs such as:-

*Warrior's Day, Toronto; D-Day Dodgers, Orillia; Western Fair, London;
and Parade Events at Fergus, Collingwood, Burlington, etc.*

The unit is always glad to welcome new members (between the ages of 19 and 99!). You will meet a great group of drill team members, have a good time and increase your involvement with the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

We look forward to making your acquaintance.

Gord Outhwaite



President, 48th Highlanders O.C.A.

THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS

A WORD FROM THE 1ST BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICER LIEUTENANT COLONEL A.J.M. DURCAN, M.A., LLB.

Although we have enjoyed a stability uncommon elsewhere in the Army, 1992 has seen the Battalion as busy as ever. Groups of Gordons have been to Russia, Poland, France, Denmark, Holland, Sardinia, Norway, Austria, Canada, Northern Ireland and all over Germany. While the issues of amalgamation and redundancies have never been far from people's minds, a full programme of external courses, cadres, exercises, parades, community and humanitarian projects, adventurous training expeditions and visits has kept everyone fully occupied. Operationally we have contributed platoons to 1 KOSB and 1 Queen's Own Highlanders for their tours of Northern Ireland. We have had three officers attached to the UDR/Royal Irish Regiment and one officer to the UN in Western Sahara (and he also spent four weeks in Bosnia). It wouldn't be fair to say that the stock of The Gordons is as high as it has ever been.

The opportunity for all ranks to meet and mix with their opposite numbers in other armies continues to be a unique feature of Berlin. Regular contact now exists between the British, American, French, German and Russian forces stationed here, and platoon groups have been to train with Dutch and Danish units in their home countries. Our links with the local community also continue to grow. Both bands are in much demand and the Messes and St. Margaret's Church has done much to support local charities. Further abroad we have sponsored and participated in two Food for Russia convoys and a project to refurbish a youth centre in Poland.

Berlin is very much a focal point and attracts many visitors; we have long given up totalling how many stars worth we have hosted! Highlights have been the Colonel in Chief's visit during the annual Duke of Rothesay's Dirk competition, the Colonels of the Regiment, Commanders in Chief (old and new) BAOR and members of a Russian Motor Rifle Regiment who spent a day (and a good part of the night) on a fact-finding mission into what made a crack British Battalion tick. Of particular note of course were the visits from the Regimental area; the ACFs and UOTCs, the impressively large contingent from the Regimental Association in June and the Regimental Council in November. Such visits enable old acquaintances to be renewed and are most important for us to make us appreciate the level of support that exists for the Battalion in the North East of Scotland.

The Battalion has trained hard throughout the year, the daily events in Northern Ireland, the situation in former Yugoslavia serving as constant reminders of our real purpose in life. We have run regular cadres, field fired all our small arms and support weapons, exercised all over Germany and sent almost half the Battalion to field fire as part of 4 RTR Battlegroup in BATUS Canada. Running in parallel, a demanding programme of adventurous training exercises and sporting competitions has ensured that the Battalion remains in peak physical condition.

The Battalion has maintained an impressive profile in a wide spectrum of activities. Battalion teams took the top three places in the Berlin Infantry Brigade March and Shoot competition and carried away top honours in Squash, Golf, Tug o' War, Shooting and Driving. As always, the Drums and Pipes and Regimental Band have complemented the efforts of the rest of the Battalion with a hectic schedule of engagements in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. Notable was the contribution made by the Battalion to the Last Tattoo in Berlin with both bands and almost two hundred others acting as ushers, programme sellers, ice skaters and dancing torch bearers. The various performances attracted crowds of thousands and was televised across Germany. The many plaudits received bear witness to the professionalism and colourful nature of the Battalion.

Manning difficulties forced us to amalgamate A and D Companies in July to produce Waterloo Company. With regard to the Battalion amalgamation, our courtship with 1 Queen's Own Highlanders continues to flower. We hosted one of their companies for a week of training in Berlin. We have a platoon attached to them during their current tour of Northern Ireland. We are sharing an adventurous training lodge with them in Bavaria and we send our APC driving cadres to Munster to be administered by their rear party. We take great heart from the positive way in which officers and jocks of both battalions are approaching amalgamation and we are confident that the new Regiment will be the finest in the Army.

The pace of life has been unrelenting but we can look back on 1992 with a considerable sense of pride and achievement. Wherever we were — in Battalions, company, platoon or section strength, or as individuals — we served with The Gordon Highlander characteristics of professionalism, fortitude and good humour. 1993 beckons and with such qualities within us, we are well poised to deal with whatever comes our way.

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 a 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 and 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.

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 their 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 the image of home and family and savored 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 wind swept 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 and 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.

Excerpts from The Parry Sound Beacon Star, Saturday, Dec. 31, 1991



Vets on Parade — Warriors' Day, 1992.

REGIMENTAL SNAPSHOTS



CO and Adjutant — First Parade Night, 1993.



M/Cpl Cornish — Crackshot, firing on Winnona Range.



Arctic Warriors — Winter FTX, Feb. '93.



Lt Hergal — A two-fisted drinker at the Battalion Christmas Dinner, December, 1992.



BATTLE HONOURS of the 48th Highlanders of Canada

(those Battle Honours in capitals are emblazoned on the Regimental Colour)

YPRES, 1915, '17

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

Valguamera

ASSORO

Agira

Regalbuto

Adrano

Sicily, 1943

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

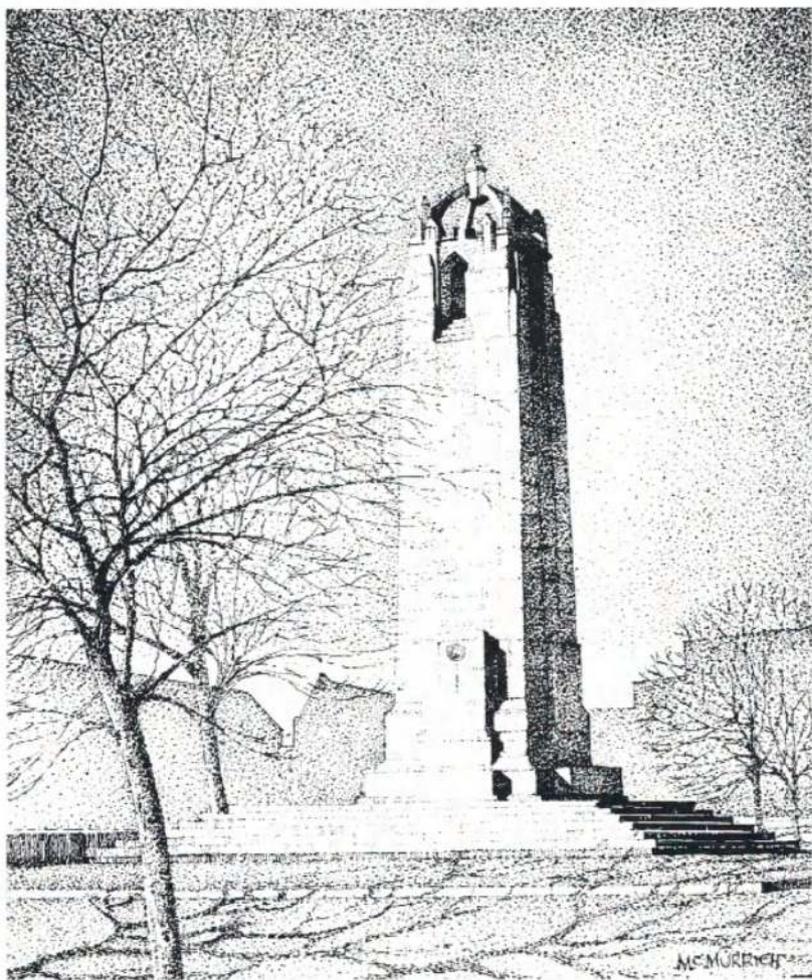
LAMONE CROSSING

Fosso Vecchio

Italy, 1943-'45

APELDOORN

Northwest Europe, 1945



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