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COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE



To all members of the Regimental Family,

The past two years have seen dramatic changes in the nature of Canadian army reserve training and operations. During 1993-94, the army's Ontario headquarters (LPCA) instituted a new program of 'Combat Readiness Standards' (CRS) to ensure that all regular and reserve soldiers were able to perform to the same standard. A comprehensive series of tests in weapons handling, communications, first aid, physical fitness, map using, navigation, and fieldcraft etc. were conducted on unit soldiers (phase 1), and on collective subunits at the section, platoon and company level (phase 2).

Due in large part to the dedication and perseverance of our male and female soldiers, combined with the leadership talents of the officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers, the 48th Highlanders of Canada have excelled in these recent tests of our operational competency. For the individual tests of combat readiness skills, the 48th Highlanders attained the highest number of CRS qualified reservists of any army reserve unit in Toronto District. Furthermore, on subsequent tests of collective operations, the unit achieved a first place standing in the infantry field operations testing conducted at Camp Meaford. Additionally, 48th Highlander attendance at summer concentration 1993 was at the highest level in the

past decade, and 210 serving soldiers were on parade for the Remembrance Day Parade in November 1993. This record of performance has attracted substantial attention as of late, and we have been visited by the Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Anderson CM CD, and by the Director-General of Britain's Territorial Army (DGTA), Major-General Kennedy CBE. These achievements by 48th Highers soldiers are all the more noteworthy given the substantial Federal Government budgetary reductions of the past two years which have resulted in significant cuts to pay budgets and funds available for recruiting programs.

When they were not busy stripping and assembling machine-guns or running their physical fitness tests in full combat webbing with the infantry soldiers, the 48th Highlander Bands have been fully engaged in some very successful musical endeavours. The Military Band played a key role in the Royal Canadian Military Institute's Military Band Spectacular held at Roy Thomson Hall in October 1993, with Director of Music Captain Roby White serving as guest conductor. The Pipes and Drums capped off a very successful season of engagements and competitions by winning the North American Championships for Grade 2 and Grade 4, and by receiving the 'International Daily Record and Sunday Mail' Trophy for 'the most improved band over the past year' from Colonel, The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor for the Province of Ontario. Well Done!

Having recently returned from a visit to Scotland in celebration of 200 years of glorious service by our allied Regiment, The Gordon Highlanders, I look forward to soldiering with you in the 48th Highlander Battalion at Meaford and Petawawa during CAC 1994. Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous summer!

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K.J. McBay
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer



THE FALCON

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FALCONER'S CORNER

Firstly, I would like to thank all the authors and photographers who contributed to this issue of the Falcon. All I had to do was edit, which is just like coaching a hockey team - if the players won't play it's right on impossible to win the game! Thanks again to all those who submitted articles and/or photographs.

Secondly, I would like to thank Capt Steve Gilbert as he hands over the Falcon to me (how come there's no "specialist" badge for editors? Jumping out of a plane is easy compared to this!) Also, thanks to Capt Beaton for helping and putting up with my A.C.P. (Article Collection Point).

Thirdly, you should have noticed a change to the cover. Actually, the flying falcon appeared several years ago on the cover of the Falcon, and we used it again for the crest of our Regimental hockey team (known either as the Flying or Fighting Falcons, depending on whether they are skating or slugging it out in the corners). Next time some duffard tries you about having "killer bunnies" for collar dogs, remember what a *real* falcon looks like!

Finally, the Falcon has gone "hi-tech" (no, not stealth). Instead of wasting Regimental funds, we used our own computer resources for this first attempt at desktop publishing. In addition, we are using recycled and/or recyclable paper in order to be politically correct and environmentally friendly.

Dixie's Gun Bunch

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ALPHA COY

by Capt A. Poles, 2IC



It has been a very eventful year for "A" Coy, a year full of changes and success. The changes started early, the first of them being a new Coy Commander, Maj George Turner, and a new Coy Second-in-Command, Capt Andre Poles. While these seemed like major changes at the time, they were nothing compared to the bombshell that was dropped on the last day of CAC '93. On that day we learned that the training plan that had been prepared for the upcoming training year would be tossed out the window as the Area Commander had instituted a new training priority effective immediately. This new plan was called **Combat Readiness Standards (CRS)**. Meeting and surpassing these standards would become "A" Coy's objective. To meet the Phase 1 objectives, which consisted of individual assessments, the battalion set up a training plan emphasizing individual skills refresher training. So, from September to December, members of "A" Coy spent all their training time re-learning the drills on the C-6 machine gun, the C-7 rifle, the C-9 light machine gun, the M-67 hand grenade, the M-72 and 84mm Carl Gustav anti-tank weapons. We also conducted NBC training, **Combat First Aid** training and basic Communications training. In addition to passing tests in these areas, CRS Phase 1 also included a requirement that every soldier also had to pass the **Personal Weapons Test** (a basic shooting qualification) and the **Fitness Test** (two miles, timed in combat boots, webbing and helmet, carrying a rifle - 18 minutes for Gold, 20 for Silver and 22 for Bronze, followed by a 100-

yard firman's carry). "A" Coy breezed through the first phase with 101 soldiers passing this testing, contributing to the Regiment's finish in qualifying more Militia soldiers than any other unit in the district!

During this initial testing phase "A" Coy said goodbye to retiring Coy Sergeant Major MWO Dave Boggis, CD. The Regiment will miss his experience and dedication. At the same time the coy welcomed its new CSM WO Ron Alkema just from his second tour of UN peacekeeping duties in Cyprus. While he had been away from the Regiment for close to a year he quickly slipped back into his new duties with an energy and dedication that was sometimes frightening to watch. Along with WO Bill Darling, the Coy Quartermaster Sergeant as of September, the CSM and CQMS displayed a great ability to adapt to the changing requirements of CRS training.

At the end of this first phase of testing "A" Coy also bid farewell to four of its members who decided that soldiering full-time was what they wanted to do. MCpl's Adkins and Chapman, Cpl King and Pte Bassingthwaite all are now Privates with the PPCLL.

Just prior to the end of CRS Phase 1 the coy found out that CRS Phase 2 would consist of testing platoons on their ability to conduct offensive operations, specifically section and platoon **hasty attacks**. The work-up training for this was directed by the coy and was conducted throughout the winter and into the spring. While doing section attacks in the winter (wearing snowshoes) is not the easiest thing you can do in the army, the soldiers of "A" Coy did a good job of it. As winter thaws into spring a number of soldiers from the coy were treated to a trip to Florida, courtesy of the army, as a result of the Regiment's performance in Phase 1. After their return these soldiers joined the rest of the coy in continuing its work-up for the Phase 2 testing. At this point I am happy to report that "A" Coy has successfully completed Phase 2 of the CRS testing, having three platoons, of 31, 24 and 25 soldiers pass the required standard (comparative rankings with the other units had not been released at the time of printing - more to follow).

In addition to the personnel changes already noted it is interesting to note that 1 Platoon managed to consistently parade the most soldiers while managing to go through three platoon commanders. Leading off was **Lt Marcus Sanderson** (until he was appointed Quartermaster), followed by **Lt John King** (benched by a "wonky" knee - hope it's mending), and finally **2Lt John McEwen**. Even then, **Lt Matt Anderson** had to "pinch-in" for 2Lt McEwen on the CRS Phase 2 test weekend (due to a conflicting start date at the Combat Training Centre in **Gagetown** for RESO Infantry Phase III).

At the end of the training year the Coy cadre was:

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| Coy Comd | Maj G.D. Turner, CD |
| 2IC | Capt A.G. Poles |
| CSM | WO Alkema, R.A. |
| CQMS | WO Darling, W.M. |
| 1 Pl Comd | 2Lt J. McEwen |
| 1 Pl WO | WO Ross, P.C. |
| 2 Pl Comd | Lt J.D. Parsons |
| 2 Pl WO | Sgt Mastathis, G.K. |
| 3 Pl Comd | Lt J.S. Graham |
| 3 Pl WO | Sgt Quinell, G.R. |



Cpl Mason captures the "evil" Cpl
Ronaldson



Ever hear the one about
"why did the platoon cross the road?"

1 & 2 PL GO SOUTH! EX SOUTHERN STRIKE

by Lt Parsons & WO Alkema



He (now Cpl) Henry

It all started with a whispered rumour. "Hey CSM" said OC A Coy, "There's a good go coming up, but I can't tell you about it yet." The rumour exploded: Every single troop in A Coy wanted to confirm that we were going to Florida. "Hey Sam's Major, are we really going to train with the Special Forces in Florida and going to get the Ranger qualification and American jump wings?" "Honest, guys, don't know a f***ing thing about it."

Then reality set in. The unit received a warning order to send a formed light infantry platoon to augment 3 RCR for an exercise in Camp Blanding, Florida. Included in this Wag O was a kit list. The bitching started! "Aw sir, We're trained guys with tons of experience. Why do we need a kit list?" "I don't get this stuff no more, this kit list stuff bases, man?" "Hey, CQ, if I lost this and you don't have one, where do I go to get one?" "Better start knitting then, Cpl Smith."

Finally, on Friday 11 Mar 94, after the unit selection, kit inspections, final briefings on acceptable (and unacceptable) behaviour, confirmation of the nominal roll and a beede of other last minute details, the platoon, under the command of Lt Parsons, mounted up on the issue school bus, and in a great cloud of smoke and dust, headed off to RV with the Pl WO in CFB Trenton.

Saturday morning arrived bright and early - following w/s 43B Sunray's rifle pass jux which resulted in a frantic call to the CQ at ZERO DARK THIRTY (his wife was not impressed). After the usual SSS and breakfast the Pl WO turned down the offer of tix and the platoon marched to the AMU. The uneventful flight (except for the Pl WO who had to sit next to the RSM) ended at Naval Air Station Cecil Field. Although there are more F-19's at that base than in all of Canada, the baggage handling capabilities leave something to be desired.

Training commenced on Sunday morning with a march to the rappel tower. Cpl Doucette was WIA even before training started (tooohh barrack-room football). The afternoon was spent retooling weapons. All was well until the next morning, and then things got better. Training consisted of sitting in an RV in the sun until the sections went through the live-fire range. Much complaining was noted; especially about having to apply Armed Forces facial make-up. By early afternoon all the sections had gone through the live-fire section attack/woods clearing range and patrol battle procedure for the evening's activity had begun.

The patrol went extremely well for 100m until a noise resembling the creature from Predator was heard in the swamp. Who was the rocket scientist who thought water moccasins made that much noise! The Pl Comd, realizing that we were issued with blank ammo only, decided that it would be prudent to hurry up and placed the ORV smack in the middle of a dry leaf pile. Breathing made enough noise to wake the dead. The patrol became an outstanding example of "recre by fire"; however, the pick-up timing was met - crucial because Tuesday was the opportunity to replenish vital fluids in St. Augustine.

The Pl Comd again demonstrated his superior navigation skills - his story is that the map was upside down, and he's sticking to it. The regiment has maintained a high degree of individual skills in all its soldiers which can be demonstrated by the number of "rounds down range". A large number of the platoon ate alligator tail, grits, and crawdads for the first time. Towards the end of the evening, all members (except for Mepi Testicore and his

Regulators, who can't tell time) again RV'ed for the bus back to Camp Blanding - and this time it's 44 SUNRAY MINOR did not object to the nines.

Wednesday morning the platoons got on the one and only cry truck, and headed for the "Ass to Smash" portion of the ex. Six hours, 450m of dense brush, and two platoon attacks later the Pl Comd decided to stop for lunch.

After an 18 kilometre forced march the platoon staggered into the biv site where the Pl WO and guide had efficiently completed their assigned tasks and were patiently waiting.

Reveille Thursday involved blisters, and, yes, yet another forced march - but this one of only 4 clicks. The "death march" ended at the CALFEX (Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise area). A briefing and walk through of the Soviet *coy defensive position* took the rest of the morning. The afternoon was spent spending all our Yankee bucks at the PX (where everybody except the Pl WO got a sleep shirt) and a rappel tower where Cpl Rob Mason decided that the Pl WO had not gotten enough excitement on the Ex, and tried to kick him off the rope (the Pl Comd wants you to try harder next time, Cpl Mason).

Friday started with good attitudes, and much anticipation about the CALFEX live fire section attack and trench clearing. Pioneers came out with battle simulation equipment, and made things a bit more exciting. Each section had to react to effective enemy fire; and with the help of a C-6, win the fire fight. After this was done the section commander had to lead the section through a breach in the minefield and wire, which the pioneers had done for them.

Although everybody had a good time on Ex Southern Strike, the ending fit in perfectly with the rest of the exercise. Arrival in cold CFB Trenton involved a 2-hour wait for kit bags, which got loaded on the wrong flight. Following a "dry" bus ride home on yet another "yellow peril", we arrived at MPA to meet the poor old CQ.



Most pers agreed that the ex was a good go. The performance of all members of the platoon was good. If 3 RCR comes looking for someone to get them out of trouble again next year, platoon HQ will be first in line.

The following is the nominal roll for Ex Southern Strike:

Pl Comd Lt Parsons
Pl WO WO Alkema

Pl Sig Plt Kalimeris

43A - "The Regulators"
Sgt "Shaky" Vicich
MCpl "Popeye Doyle" Tescione
Cpl McIver
Cpl Doucette
Cpl Mason, C.
Plt Martin, J.
Plt Jzapes
Plt Vrankovic

43B - Sgt Maunthias
MCpl Ireland
Cpl "But Sir" Smith
Cpl Mason, R.
Cpl Vienneau
Cpl Owoh
Cpl Ronakhton
Plt Waterman

43C - Sgt Quinnell
MCpl Rivers
Cpl Wheeler
Cpl Cherniawski
Plt Bush
Plt Martin, D.
Plt Anderson
Plt Keitzer

43 Det - Sgt "Groucho" Lennon
Cpl Thomason
Cpl "Waz" Wazny
Plt Enes
Plt Henry
Plt Nestor

"Howdy boys, ya'll wanna shoop?"

3 PLATOON

by Lt J. Graham



It was fitting that the "Junior" platoon in Alpha coy (3 Pl) made the single largest contribution of manpower to U.N. call-outs this year.

First to go was MCpl Adkins, 1 Sect comd, and a frequent stand-in as Pl 2IC for Sgt McIntyre, who himself was dividing his time between the unit and the RCR Bul School. MCpl Adkins already had served one call-out with 1 RCR as a CV gunner in Bosnia during a previous rotation. This, plus his excellent credentials with the 48th made him a natural

selection for transfer to the PPCLI under the accelerated entry program offered to Militia soldiers with experience with the Regular Force.

Next to go was Plt Bassingthwaite. Plt Bassingthwaite also had previous U.N. experience, having done a tour with 2 RCHA in Cyprus. Although a newer member of the unit, Plt Bassingthwaite had already shown himself to be an excellent trooper, and his high commitment to the unit enabled him to earn a place on Op Harmony in advance of a number of more senior members - new recruits take note!

The third, and final member of 3 pl to earn a transfer to the "Pickles" was Cpl Kevin King, one of the better-known personalities of the unit. While Cpl King did not have previous U.N. experience, he had served on a number of call-outs such as RV, and as enemy force for an officer's course at CTC Gagetown. Cpl King fulfilled a long-term goal in earning his place with 2 PPCLI, and we are certain that his permanent comments on life with the 48th will be missed in the future.

As the training year draws to a close, several more members from the Pl are undergoing the selection process for additional call-outs with the U.N. in the former Yugoslavia. Along with MCpl Adkins, Cpl King and Plt Bassingthwaite, out best goes to Cpl Wheeler, Cpl Bush, Plt Smitich, and all our fellow 48th's both presently and in the future putting themselves in the line of fire with the U.N., wherever they may be.



Plt Brier covers his arc in 3 Platoon's re-org (wishing he had a weapon sight, no doubt)

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

by CSM MWO McVey, CD



This year HQ Coy had an influx of new personnel and a return of some others to the company. We welcomed back Officer Commanding **Maj Martin Delaney** from the Rifle Company, while **Capt Mark Bossi** has returned from England and is OC of the unit's recruit course. **2Lt Graham Cameron** joined us and was posted to the recruit course as a platoon comd, then was sent to the course run by the Royal Regiment, but returned to us when the Royals course lost too many candidates, finally making a few guest appearances on our own QL2 course. This bouncing around must have been a premonition, for he ended up suffering a serious injury on his RESO Phase III. **Sgt Steve McKinnon** (our Weapons Tech Sgt) is here and there, after coming back from Ismaili he went to CFB Borden and then to CPTA Meaford to teach and maintain weapons for the Regular Force. **Sgt Lorenzo Palermo** has been posted in as the Transport Sergeant and **Sgt Guy Bowie** joined us midway through the training year to start up the Communications Section. **Sgt Carle Allen** arrived on the first of April from Toronto District Headquarters to work in our Finance Section.

Master Corporal Lindsay came back to us in the fall to bridge the gap with the retirement of **Master Warrant Officer Chuck Harding**, and **Master Corporal Rivers** came back from the Battle School and was posted to the recruit courses. **Corporal Ed Blakely** came back to us from the Rifle Company to work in the Communications Section. We also welcome to HQ Coy, **Pte Louder and Cpl Tim MacDonald** (from the Princess Pats).

Headquarters Company welcomes the new recruits to the Regiment and they are: **Ptes Periera, Tokarski, Warren** and **Williamson** who were on the course run by the Royal Regiment. **Ptes Biggar, Buckland, Byng, Darabas, Ellard, Forbes, Jamieson, Montano, Parkin, Pinchin, Procunator, Sanford, Tran, Veasay, and Yates** were on QL2 Course 9401 conducted by the Regiment (more to follow on the QL2 Course later). **Ptes Beamish and Bauer** are on the QL2 Course being run by the Queen's York Rangers.

The company had to say goodbye to **Master Warrant Officer Harding** who retired from the Militia after 32 years service with the Regiment. **MWO Harding** is now working in Regimental Stores when his schedule permits it. **Sgt Pedro Rosa** left Regimental Stores to work for the 7th Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery to be their RQMS. **MCpl Lindsay** spent a brief time with us after returning from Central Area Headquarters, but decided he had to leave to enhance his civilian career.

Headquarters Company has had a very busy year. It started off with **Major General Vernon's** new training program which was announced in August and took effect as soon as it was announced. Since then it has basically non stop. We have fewer days to accomplish more (just like Shell Oil - we go further with less). **General Vernon's** program introduced a series of skill-at-arms tests for all members of the unit. There is no rest for the wicked (or HQ Coy), however, as we also had to prepare for an administrative inspection. Thus, the coy was preparing for both tests at the same time, complicated by the fact that the tests were less than three weeks apart! All areas of HQ Coy worked very hard and ensured that the Regiment did very well in all aspects of the inspections.

January saw HQ Coy tackle the Annual Technical Inspection which was our next obstacle. The QM staff and the

Maintenances worked long and hard to improve our scores from 2.6 to an impressive 3.15. There is still lots of room for improvement and all areas are trying to exceed their overall scores for next year's inspection.

In February, HQ Coy was tasked to play enemy force to assist Alpha Company in preparing for CRS Phase II. Another tasking was conducting the QL2 Course (Recruit) Phase I. The course staff consisted of **Capt Bossi** as the Officer Commanding, **MWO Mark McVey** as the Course Sergeant Major, **Sgt Ozzie Reece** is the Quartermaster Sergeant keeping all the kit squared away. The other members of the company involved in the course are **Cpl Bruce McConnell**, **Cpl Peter Schilling**, **Sgt McKinnon**, **MCpl Phillip Rivers** and **Cpl Cherniowski**. The course is progressing quite well and members (Recruits) of this course have assisted the Regiment on several occasions (enemy force for exercises and augmenting our guard for the D-Day "Canada Remembers" parade).



Also in February the company held its first formal dinner in quite some time. The dinner was an event to encourage the members to dine together and bring down their spouses or friends to partake in a fun night. The food was excellent and the caterer **Le Petit Gourmet** did a very excellent job (maybe the Sergeant's and the Officer's Messes should use this caterer, in the near future?) The Company Sergeant Major donated a trophy to be awarded annually to the group with the best overall

performance as judged by the scores on the Annual Technical Inspection. This trophy is named after the late **Major Andrew Roberts**, who died suddenly while in England during the summer of 1989. The evening was outstanding but the music director for the evening should be given firm directions for the next event. **Cpl McConnell** and **Cpl Larry Agustin** did a great job and will probably be looking after it next year (if it ain't broke, don't fix it).

March to June has been a period where we have supported all taskings as directed. May 1st was the **Church Parade to Saint Andrews** and the parade was the largest in some time. June the 5th was for the first time in twenty years where HQ Coy was responsible for the command structure of a major guard. On this day we were on parade for "Canada Remembers", the 50th anniversary of the Landing in Northwest Europe on June 6, 1944. The 4th contingent on the parade was 93 personnel all ranks including the Military Band. Alpha Company supplied a number of troops and some uniforms so that the Recruits could be properly attired (the Sergeant Major had a few more grey hairs after his efforts in ensuring that the uniforms were "procured" to get as many people as possible on the parade).

Our thanks to Alpha Company for assistance to the guard commanded by **Major Ian Cameron**, the unit's Deputy Commanding Officer. Headquarters Company would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all ranks of a Coy for their outstanding performance on CRS Phase II testing, which was conducted on the same weekend as the "Canada Remembers" parade.

Now, just to make sure that we didn't forget anybody (pay attention - there'll be a test later): in summary, HQ Coy consists of the following: Coy Headquarters, Finance, Quartermaster Stores, Transport, Maintenance, Communications and Recruiting.

Coy HQ has been very busy co-ordinating all our taskings, administration and other challenges. **Major Delaney** commands the company with **Captain Ian Sergeant** as his 2IC. The Coy Sergeant Major **MWO McVey**, CQMS (Sgt) **Reece** and **Sgt Allen** are our day staff and have been kept very busy. **Cpl McConnell** has recently

been posted to the CQMS as his driver from Transport.

The Fin Section is commanded by 2Lt Nushacher and assisted by Sgt Alten. QM Stores is broken into two groups; Technical and Regimental. Tech Stores has QM Lt Marcus Sanderson, 2Lt Cameron and RQMS MWO Ron Short. Regl Stores has four very able retired Highlanders doing business; Captain John Bradfield runs the Kit Shop, MWO Harding, Sgt Max MacDougall and Cpl Roy Head look after outfitting unit members with the appropriate equipment.

The Tpt Section is commanded by 2Lt Justin Swaine and consists of Sgt Palermo (soon to be a father), Cpl MacDonald, Cpl Schilling and Cpl Ken Dorland. Maint is commanded by Lt Matt Anderson and consists Sgt (Who are you) McKinnon, Cpl Agustin, Cpl Grant Thomson and Pte Ray Sagalik. The Med section contains Cpl Chereniowski, Cpl Nathan Ramalidon and Pte Rose Hethkamp. Recruiting is guided by Lt Mike Walker and Sgts Paul McFotry, Dave Heaney and Neil Lennon can be seen looking after our new troops from their initial processing to the completion of QLT.

Our re-established Comm section consists of Sgt Bowie, Mopl Rivers, Cpl Blakely and Pte Andrew Lauder.

Preparing for Summer Camp, it helps to remember that even as one training year comes to a close, the next one is only a tactical bound away. Our task is never really complete and more testing is always just around the corner.

From our perspective the next training year will pose tougher challenges, demand still greater success, and appears to be just as busy as the last.

Dileas!



PIPES AND DRUMS by Cpl Iain Lang



(Bethlehem, 1993)

Between June '93 and May '94 the Pipes and Drums have been extremely active. The contest season delivered numerous awards and championships. An abundance of engagements from the opening hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens to adventures abroad still did not stop the band from completing their sixth recording. Training continued as well, with both musical and military courses being completed by many members as well as the CRS qualifications being fulfilled.

The summer of 1993 was one of the most successful contest seasons in 48th history. Two bands entered into competition winning the North American Pipe Band Championships in Maxville, Ontario, in both grades two and four. The Grade IV band under Sgt Moir placed 1st at all of the events they entered and as a result were declared winners of the Ontario Championship Supreme for Grade IV Pipe Bands. The Grade II band was once again invited back to the Celtic Classic Competition in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in September seizing 3rd prize and creating a small controversy as several learned listeners of piping agreed with two of the three judges that they had earned 1st prize, but there is always next year.

The band has a number of members who also compete in the solo events at the highland games and every year they do extremely well. Of mention this year was MCpl Clark placing 1st in the Open Jig at the North American Championships, Maxville and Cpl Lang who placed 1st in the grade I strathspey and reel and 2nd in the march at Maxville to secure the amateur piper of the day.

Sgt Mulvenna traveled to CFB Borden to the

School of Music to instruct bagpipers while Pipe Major Dewar took the helm as the course warran/piping instructor for the basic recruit course for bandmen. Ptes Churcher, Crocker, Donaldson, Fullerton, McGovern and Wilcox completed their recruit course and QJ.1. Cpl Lang completed his CLC with the Ceremonial Guard in May and June of '93 while MCpl Clark was promoted to Sgt in May of '94. The entire band participated in the CRS training attaining the standards required of them.

The band also participated in the Tattoo at Skydome in August also functioning as host to the Scottish bands and the Royal Marines. August also saw the Pipes and Drums and Military Band perform at the Fergus Tattoo as the featured performers presenting a spectacular 45 minute show.

The 48th was once again well represented in Ottawa with MCpl Clark, Cpl Lang and Cpl Hill comprising one-third of the pipers posted to the Band of the Ceremonial Guard. MCpl Clark served as 2IC of the pipe corps as well as commander of the fire extinguisher team. For his skill at burning tables and the wetting-down of the writer (with help from the PM of the E & K Scots) he earned a personal audience with the Director of Music and Drum Major of the Ceremonial Guard. Cpl Lang set a new 34 day CG record for remaining in top spirits which was previously held by a Cameron Highlander. In all the 48th pipers delivered superb music and enjoyable times to the Changing of the Guard for yet another year.



Pipers in Ottawa prior to falling in on parade to Parliament Hill

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48TH HIGHLANDERS FIRST TO PENETRATE HITLER LINE

With the Canadian Corps in Italy (C2) - Initial penetration of the Hitler line last week was made by the 48th Highlanders on May 22. They broke through the enemy's main defence northeast of Predosera.

The successful thrust - followed next day by a full-scale assault through the line further north by Western Canada, machine-guns and French-speaking battalions - earned for the To-

ronto unit congratulations from Lt-Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, Commander of the British Eighth army, with which the Canadian Corps is grouped.

A daring daylight patrol into the Hitler line by Stanley Caldwell, Toronto, Cpl. Buzzy Boyce, Swanton, Ont. and Pte. John Bernard of Victoria Harbor, Ont., preceded the 48th attack. The trio went forward 1,600 yards from their positions, climbed over 20 feet of

barbed wire, and dropped into an eight-foot-deep anti-tank ditch to observe enemy positions. On the basis of their information, plans were laid for a successful attack.

"I got stuck a couple of times on the wire and I had a sort of funny feeling, but the Germans never fired at us," Caldwell said. "Next day, the engineers told us the wire was strung over latrines, but I guess they just

weren't any in the particular spot we picked."

The next day the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry fought a courageous, one-day battle which will rank with any in the unit's history. Two companies were virtually knocked out in the first two days. A third fought through to its objective on the Pontassieve-Aquino road and held it for hours under severe fire from many types of enemy weapons.

In October the band again traveled to the **Stems Mountain Scottish Festival, Atlanta, Georgia**, where the band performed in the annual tattoo and opening ceremonies. The **King's Own Scottish Bordersers** were on hand this year as well as the **Metro Toronto Police Pipe Band** and the **Royal Regt of Canada**. The five-day trip once again included time for sight-seeing by double-decker bus and a day at the games where the bands enjoyed the fabulous hospitality of their hosts. The hospitality tent was apparently quite busy and enjoyed by all that day (much more than others).

In March while the Regiment sent a contingent to **Florida** the band traveled for a week to **The Citadel**, a civilian military college in **Charleston, South Carolina**, as the guest band in **Tattoo II**. The school's cadet corps treated the band like royalty and impressed them with their abilities in drill and music. The City of Charleston was also merciful in their treatment of the onslaught of Highlanders into its downtown core. The **Citadel Pipes and Drums** were very interested in the 48th as they rarely have the opportunity to see a military pipe band. The cadet corps' Executive Officer was a **Canadian** from the **GGHG** who was extremely delighted to see the 48th again.

In the week following **Charleston Cpls Lang and Hill** spent a time in **Pvungatuk**, an Inuit village on the northeastern shore of **Hudson Bay**. We were there to play at the **Snow Festival** and for the **Canadian Rangers**. The pipes worked well despite the bitter cold.

Not to be outdone the **Pipe Major** and **MCpl Clark** accompanied the **CFB Borden Pipe Band** in **Yellowknife** for a weekend to play at an air show in April. The **CFB Borden Pipes and Drums** have become familiar with the 48th since **Sgt Mulvenna, MCpl Clark** and **Cpl Lang** played with them on the **HMCS Nipigon** in August. Their Drum instructor **MWO Mike Steel** also plays with the 48th whenever he can.

The beginning of 1994 saw the **Pipe Major, MCpl Clark** and **Cpl Lang** accompany the **Canadian Forces Command and Staff College** to **Fort Hood, Texas** once again. The three spent a day lecturing to students at two schools and were interviewed by the local **CBS** affiliate for the 6 o'clock news. Everyone agreed with **MCpl Clark** who was quoted as saying "[he] will miss **Lone Star**" most and that the most memorable experience was "in the **Officers Club** but [he] doesn't remember it." Your writer thought the hands-on displays were at least as memorable as the officers club and **Cody's Dance Club**. The **Pipe Major** was a big BANG at the **Bar-B-Q** where he traditionally toasts **Coppers Cove** with one, two or three highland toasts. The trip ended with an unscheduled flight home aboard the **Prime Minister's**

AirBus after the scheduled **Hercules** broke down in **Trenton**.

MWO McCoy has been busy teaching the bigie team, increasing the size to seven with at least two more additions expected in the coming year. They were a highlight at the annual **RCMI Concert at Roy Thomson Hall**.

With all of this activity the band still managed to find time to produce a new recording disc out in late July '94. This effort promises to be the finest yet and something a little different. The previous recording and the current one will be available in the **Pipes and Drums** Mess so pop in and pick one up for yourself and your friends.

On the horizon, the band has been invited to perform in **Glasgow, Kentucky**, June 1st to 5th and at the **Santa Rosa Highland Games, California**, Labour Day weekend. The **Grade IV** band has been elevated to **Grade III** and the **Grade II** Band plans on increasing its strength in both numbers and abilities. Look for us on the field and we'll see you in the refreshment tent afterwards. If you see in **Ontario** visit the ceremonial **Guard** or **Rideau Hall** where you are sure to find at least one 48th Highlander to show you around. The band hopes to also send a group to **CAC '94** (Trillium Guard) and looks forward to "enemy" action against the Regiment in '94.

Dicas!

Hagar



MILITARY BAND

written "in concerto"

The **Military Band of the 48th Highlanders of Canada** has been doing quite well during the past many months since the previous **Falcon** was published. The **Mil Band**, under the direction of **Capt Roland G. White**, has been active rehearsing, and performing in a variety of venues. **Capt White** has challenged the band and has secured a satisfactory result.

During the year, we have enjoyed the inclusion of new personnel. They include **Melissa Pavlik** (flute), **Gail Leutert**, **Brian Birdsell** and **Ali McFadyen** (saxophone), **Brian Boyce** (trombone) and **Ed Seneniuk** (tuba). It was also our pleasure to receive two musicians as a result of the training conducted by **Toronto District** during 1993. They are **Penny Hicks** (French horn) and **Tim Locke** (trumpet). **Musicians Hicks** achieved "top-candidate" on the course which included **Musicians Kallo, Wilcox, WO van der Bank**, and **Cpl Reesor** as participants and instructors and who have been playing with the band previously.

The **Military Band** enjoys public appearances and has been rewarded in so many ways over the years. The individuals change periodically but the spirit continues. Recognition of members and associates is a highlight within the band structure.

In **May of 1994**, the band recognized **WO Allan Davis, CD** who has been an associate and performing with the band for many, many years on each and every occasion as he is available. **Allan** is an active member of the **Band of the GGHG** but has paraded/concertized as a **Highlander** often and his participation has been appreciated immensely (especially considering his youthful age of **82 years**). **Many thanks Allan!**

Capt White was named "**Citizen of the Year**" in the **Town of Cobourg**, a well-deserved designation for his continuing contribution to the town and the surrounding area. He and we are extremely proud of this accomplishment.

The **Band Sgt Major, Brian MacInnes, CD**, received a **Toronto Militia District, District Commander's Commendation** which stated "in recognition of inspiring leadership and dedication displayed while serving as the **Sergeant Major** of the 48th Highlanders of Canada **Military Band**." It continues, "Following the strong example set by their **Sergeant Major**, the **Military Band** has consistently maintained a high standard of musical and military professionalism, bringing great credit upon themselves and upon the Regiment as a whole." It has been signed by **Colonel, the Honourable D.J. Halkowski, Commander**. Well done, **Brian!**



"and the band played on, and on, and on, ..."

retirement in the fall. After many years of loyal service to the 48th Dave will be missed.

The biv routine again as in the prior year was enhanced greatly due to the kind generosity of ADAM'S RENTAL in donating to the unit the use of a generator (these ones really work).

The CAC '93 orbit was as follows:

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| OC | Maj Turner |
| 2IC | Capt Paterson |
| CSM | MWO Boggiss |
| CQ | WO Saunders |
| 1 Pl Comd | Lt Sanderson |
| 1 Pl WO | WO Ross |
| 1 Sect Comd | Sgt Pankatz |
| 2 Sect Comd | Sgt Quinell |
| 3 Sect Comd | MCpl Testione |
| 2 Pl Comd | Lt Parsons |
| 2 Pl WO | WO Darling |
| 4 Sect Comd | Sgt Palermo |
| 5 Sect Comd | Sgt Bowie |
| 6 Sect Comd | MCpl Ireland |
| 3 Pl Comd | Capt Toma |
| 3 Pl WO | Sgt McIntyre |
| 7 Sect Comd | Sgt Lennon |
| 8 Sect Comd | MCpl Jones |
| 9 Sect Comd | MCpl Percival |



ORAL/FCA SHOOT

(by 2Lt G.C. Kampikovicus,
Bn Musketry Off)

The 48th were well represented at the 1993 ORAL/FCA Rifle/Pistol Shoot held at CFB Borden. The team consisted of myself (OIC Pistol Team/Musketry Off), 2Lt Nusbacher (OIC Rifle Team), Sgt Quinell, MCpl Jones, Cpl's Dorland, McConnell, Thompson, Pte's Saul, Doucette and King - several of whom had shot in the 1992 championships.

The team prepared for the shoot with week-end practices at Borden and the Garbth Red & Gun club, as well as the Moss Park Armory .22 range. We arrived at Borden Friday night, where we stored rifles, processed the usual admin paper and attended briefings. The contestants were housed in modern and spacious barracks - we felt as if we were all on vacation!

As seems traditional at these Borden shoots, the weather was atrocious, raining heavily and with temperatures a touch too low. The rifle and pistol teams split up, departing to their various ranges. Despite the conditions, the rifle team placed mid-point amongst the 40-odd teams, an improvement on 1992. The pistol team finished second in the combat portion of the competition and mid-point overall.

After the shooting was over, all teams converged on the competition HQ where the award ceremonies were held. MGGen Vernon arrived by chopper to make the presentations of trophies, medals and silver spoons. The 48th pistol team received spoons for finishing second-most-improved team.

All team members agreed that the event was both a success and a fun experience. The team jackets, courtesy of Cpl's Thompson and Dorland, are still worn with pride by the writer and fellow team-mates.

THE RFC CREW (HERE TO HELP)

by Capt M. Toma

**(close-captioned for the reality-impaired)*

Summer 1993 saw a brand new set of Reg Force pers posted in to form a cadre in support to the 48th Highlanders **(this group of friendly and personable professionals is ready and willing to provide any administrative assistance and expertise required by the unit).*

This **(slick, well-oiled)* team is led by Capt Mark Toma who arrived at the unit fresh off the battlefields of Bosnia. Capt Toma is a **(keen, dedicated career)* officer who spent four years with **(the famed)* 2 RCR **(Canada's premier infantry battalion)*. Capt Toma works as the unit Operations Officer and helps to plan and coordinate all the training for the unit. **(After his first year in the unit Capt Toma has decided to dedicate his life to seeking the betterment of the relations between the Regular Force and the Militia).*

Number Two in the Ops shop is Warrant Officer Ken Saunders, the unit Training WO. An extremely capable soldier, WO Saunders left **(a promising career as a professional Old Timers hockey player in)* Pembroke in order to come to Toronto and serve with the 48th. This dynamic soldier has served with all three battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment **(and took this posting over an opportunity to serve with the Airborne Regiment)*. WO Saunders handles all the training requests for the unit as well as summer taskings **(and anything else Capt Toma doesn't want to do).*



(WO Saunders sorts out another young soldier.)

The position of linchpin in the BOR has been filled by Sgt

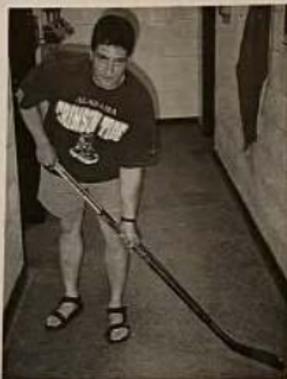
Jackie Bourdeau. **(She is a friendly, cheerful, easily approachable and considerate person who quickly adopted the role of Workplace Mother for the full time staff).* Although she is the unit's token member of the Air Force, Sgt Bourdeau has impressed everyone with her zeal for roughing it in the field. **(To her, wearing green and getting wet and dirty is the reward that makes all the admin hassles she faces in the BOR almost worthwhile).* As a professional clerk, Sgt Bourdeau has risen to the challenge of working within the administrative world of the 48th and has remained undaunted after almost a full year.



(Sgt Bourdeau preparing for the drive home on the Don Valley Parkway)

The last member of the Regular Force cadre is Cpl Tim MacDonald, a member

of the more junior PPCLI *Cpl MacDonald has worked extra hours to reach the minimum standard set by The RCR and the Air Force). Cpl MacDonald has managed to make a definite mark in the 48th *Wish-Ait dedication, work ethic, initiative and industriousness). It is felt that he can make an even bigger impression once it is determined exactly what it is that he does.



There you have it. You reg force comrades in arms. **(Learn about them, love them, and respect them.)*

This has been a test of the close-captioned system for the reality-impaired. We now resume regularly scheduled reading.



Regimental Kit Shop by Capt J.A. Bradford

This year brings changes to our method of selling various items in the Kit Shop. Due again to a lack of space in the regimental stores, we have developed a new format.

Thanks to the efforts and hard work of **MCpl Percival** and **MCpl Ronaldson**, a large exhibit case has been installed in the Je Ranks mess. All of the items sold in the Kit Shop will be displayed therein, and the price of each (including taxes) will be made available. After you have made your choice, come down to the regimental stores to purchase it.

(To answer a common question, yes, a small mark-up is made on each item sold. Any profit goes to regimental funds for the purchase of uniform parts which DND won't supply. In this time of budget restrictions, every penny counts - all this to say, the regiment needs our support in more ways than one.)

We currently have a good selection of glengarries in stock, and more are on order. Looking ahead, there may be some '94 pattern new items. Stay tuned!

Kit shop hours are 1930 to 2130 hrs Tuesdays and Fridays. During the summer stand-down (July and August), however, the kit shop will be open on Tuesday evenings only.

I should like to thank **Maj G.D. Turner** for all of his help and advice. I look forward to operating the kit shop next season, and welcome any suggestions or comments.

OFFICERS MESS

by PMC Maj TWR White, CD

The training year 1993-94 was another excellent one for our officers mess. The strength of the mess continues to be the "secret" of our success (proof in the pudding); both **Lt Mike Walker** and **Lt Marcus Sanderson** represented Canada at the CIOR competition in Belgium (this summer).



The officers and their ladies again enjoyed the usual great hospitality of **Col and Mrs Trumbull Warren** at their pool and barbeque party in June. It was a great "splash", as always.

Maj Ian Cameron and the lovely **Linda McVey** held their own "church parade" for the Regimental birthday, and now the DCO has a Commanding Officer on the home front, too. Future transport officers beware! There will be a field execution if a limo driver ever gets lost again.

The **Remembrance Day** dinner and parade were very well attended by both the active regiment and former members.



The 48th Highlanders ball on Friday 26 Nov 93 was down

in numbers but the calibre of the ball was excellent due to the presence of then CDS **Admiral John Anderson** and his wife. The Regimental quarter guard put on a most impressive show.

On 03 Dec 93 we welcomed **Major General George Kennedy** of the British army to the mess. On 11 Jan 94 we also welcomed **Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Graham**, GOC Scotland. Both generals were presented with regimental ice buckets by our Commanding Officer.



(Gen Kennedy receives his door prize)

We also had a very well-attended mixed mess **Burns dinner** in January. After-dinner we were serenaded by the Padre and his wife. The "tide" from Britain must have been quite strong, for it also washed in the "long-lost" **Capt Mark Bossi** (and his better half, the best-looking air force major in NATO). They are finally living in their "house from hell", which even has a tartan guest room with lots of stuffed Scottish terriers (to amuse those poor, homeless subsidies).

The **Cadillac Draw** was a great success also, as all the tickets were sold (but those *#&S@! 'subbies' won again). The splendid performances of the Pipes and Drums and the Military Band were much appreciated by all.

MGen Brian Vernon, Commander Land Forces Central Area, was the guest of the **Officers Association dinner.** A collective sigh of relief almost blew out the candles when he announced our Pipes and Drums would emerge unscathed, despite plans to reduce Militia Bands by fifty percent overall.



As usual, traffic in downtown Toronto ground to a halt May 20th when Maj George Turner and the radiant Joan Robertson made the "forced march" (just kidding) down the aisle of St Andrew's Church. Of course Padre Nelson was in the pulpit, so Maj Dong Johnson was pressed into service to sing a lovely duet with the padre's wife. During the reception at HMCS YORK's washroom, the swabbies (fish-heads?) were impressed that our mess had so many veteran "submariners".

On 27 May 94 a dinner was held in the mess and O/Cdt Knox made a "spicited" debut as Mr. Vice. Our guest of honour was Colonel D. Hallikowski, Commander Toronto District. A presentation of a regimental ice bucket was also made to him by the CO (honest, we had photos, but the camera went MIA). Those submariners also made their presence felt, although the Honorary LCol wishes they'd used a periscope (wrong shoes, Lieutenant-for-life!).

The traditional screams and sobs at mess bill time have taken on a metallic tone, as Capt Ian Sergeant somehow found time to computerize the system (does IBM really stand for I's Better Manually?) in between showing and selling his house.

We are looking forward to another great year in the mess in 94/95.

Dileas!

OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

by Capt John L. Barclay,
President

Like many of my contemporaries, the Regiment has been a part of my life from childhood, my father having served overseas with the Regiment in WWI, between the wars and in Canada during WWII.

I first wore the kilt at St Andrews College (remarkably, they still have their Cadet Corps), followed by 2 years with the 2nd Bn (1942/43) at the University Avenue Armoury, before becoming an active soldier with the QOR, briefly serving overseas in 1945. I rejoined the Regiment in 1948 as a 2Lt and left in 1956. From a perspective of time this makes me a "Grey Beard" and therefore my views of how best the association can serve are influenced by my past experiences, yet I realize while the past matters a great deal it is the future that matters most.



Looking ahead I see the need for change, because change is now very much a part of our lives. Today the Regiment's training, and commitment by both serving officers, non-commissioned officers and other ranks, is far different from what it was in 1956 when I left, or for that matter, even 10-15 years ago.

I don't propose that we should ignore the past functions of the association with its fine traditions built up over years of service by so many Highlanders both in war and peace, yet for a Reserve

Regiment to survive today, new values and perspectives are just as important and must be reflected by the Officers Association. To this end I see the primary role as President of the Officers Association is to initiate change within the Association, without losing those fine traditions we have built on, yet to incorporate values and activities that are in keeping with today's circumstances.

I see the need to encourage a more active role in our Association by those ex-officers who have served with the Regiment in the past 10-15 years, but have not found our Association's activities relevant to their interests.

Your Regiment's Officers Associations has set the following objectives for 1994:

- How can we best serve the Regiment?
- Encourage activities that are relevant to the current serving officers and to those who have served in the past 10-15 years as well as the "Grey Beards"
- To maintain and build on the traditions that are very much a part of the Regiment
- Create a transitional format that ensures continuous support of the "Grey Beards" as responsibility is passed to the younger ex-officers
- The survival of the Regiment

Dileas!



("Skipper" Parsons, winner of the 1993-94 Range Safety Officer Impersonation Award)





(Boys at the dinner!)



(budding Warriors?)



(Adkins, King, Basingthwaite, Chapman -
The Lost Boys ...)



(Pte Nestor, Sgt Lennon, and Pte Kalimeris -
or is it Sgt Lennon, Pte Nestor, or ...?)



(The RSM seizes the high ground,
in order to see eye-to-eye with the CO?)



(Babylon Six,
appropriate gear for travelling with the RSM?)

SGT'S MESS

by WO P. Ross, CD, Mess Secretary

During the 1993-1994 year the Sergeant's and Warrant Officer's Mess has been busy with CRS training which has left very little time for us to actually spend in the mess.



(Sgt Reece tells Gen Kennedy about Scottish immigration to Guyana)

As usual, there have been some changes to our cast. To start with, the mess saw PMC MWO Chuck Harding retire from the unit, and HQ Coy CSM MWO Mark McVety appointed as our new PMC. There were also some new faces in the mess, with WO Beauchamp transferring into the P&D. Sgts Frank Vicich, Dave Heaney and Fraser Clark were all promoted (the RSM told Sgt Clark that there will be no walking on the tables in the mess!)

We also saw changes in our full-time staff. Transferring in were WO Ken Saunders from 1 RCR, Sgt Jacky Bourdeau from Halifax, and Sgt Kerry Allen from TDHQ to take the position in Finance. We welcome them to the mess and know they will do an outstanding job for the Regiment. On April 1st WO Love moved from Class B to Class A - she will be missed by the full-time crew.

Underlining the significance of administrative and financial support to the unit, WO Love and MWO Harding were both given the 125 Medal by the unit for a job well done (*Servitium Nulli Secundus!*)

October 16th, 1993 was our annual mess dinner which was organized by WO Alkema and was a great success. This year's dinner will be on the 22nd of October. This date was

picked in order to ensure that the band would be back in town. We hope that there will also be a good turnout of Continuing Sergeants for this dinner. Sgt Bowie will have a news letter out by the end of June to all the active and continuing members of the mess.

I know that 1994/1995 will be even better year for us in the mess, hopefully everyone will even get a chance to get up to the mess!



(The RSM gives his version)



(WO Alkema says "it wasn't him!")

JUNIOR RANKS MESS

by MCpl R. Kierstead, Secretary

The past training year has been an exceptionally busy one, due largely in part to the **Combat Readiness Training** that began at the start of the training year and has only now been concluded in June of this year. And would you believe it? Rumour has it that we have to do it all over again this fall - Joy!

It looked like most of the troops made it through the year with only a few minor injuries and mishaps, until that fateful last weekend in Cobourg where half the unit came down with Poison Ivy. Headquarters Company put up a brave defense around the barbeques, but Alpha Company was successful in the end. I've never seen a longer re-org. they started at eleven o'clock and didn't leave the objective until all the beer was gone.

When MCpl Greg Jones took over as President of the Mess Committee this year, his mandate was to provide the mess with a more regimental atmosphere by the reconditioning of trophies, display cases, and memorabilia of the mess. In addition he made it clear that the mess committee was to focus on fostering morale and cohesion within the mess environs. In accordance with this, MCpl Perceval and Cpl Ronaldson have been kept busy renovating the display cases, and in putting a "48th touch" to the north east wall of the mess. The committee plans on purchasing some prints of the 48th on their way to and from the World Wars for hanging on the wall. They should look quite nice when suitably framed and hung in the mess.

The mess executive started two new committees this year, an entertainment committee chaired by Cpl Armbruster, and the ways and means committee chaired by MCpl Kierstead. Unfortunately, the mess funds were insufficient to sponsor any functions in the latter of this training year, but there are plans for events this fall. While the 50/50 draw has only been run on three parade nights, it has brought in approximately sixty dollars into the coffers. A combination of the hard sell and gambling fever has blitzed the mess. Basically, this means that MCpl Tesione is going to have another chance to win the draw.

Someone (who shall remain anonymous) has found the mess curts and will be handing them over to

the PMC shortly (or else they may end up in Yugoslavia!) So, by the fall you should have all received them.

On behalf of the Mess Committee and the members of the junior ranks mess, I hope you all have a great summer. As the Colonel McEly says, "See you all at Trillium Guard!"

Dileas!



(ride the Rocket! - CRS trg)

WAR ON ICE

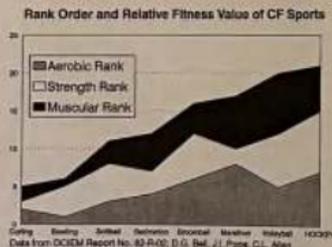
It has been said that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton... Who can say whether the battle of Ypres, Vimy Ridge, Ortona or Kapyong were won perhaps on some frozen lake or pond, or in some small arena back home in Canada?

The defence of Canada is contemplated at sea, on land, or in the air, but what about the ice? It should not be overlooked that war on ice is a discipline given much attention by many NATO and other countries. Two examples are almost household names, Central Red Army and Moscow Dynamo, yet to find a Canadian equivalent we must go back to the RCAF Flyers!

Physical Fitness

To begin the discussion, tangible evidence exists as to physical fitness benefits of hockey as competitors in several Canadian Forces sports championships were measured and ranked in order of their physical fitness. Using only the tests roughly equivalent to the present "Expres" test methods it can be shown that hockey players were the "fittest" followed closely by volleyballers (fig. 1).

Figure 1. "Expres" Test Methods



It is significant that although marathoners ranked third overall they were second last in strength (fig. 2). Reading about the British experience in the Falklands indicates that the fitness of "greyhounds" can be misleading, and more rounded physical abilities should be pursued. As such, hockey players would definitely meet this criteria.

Training

Beyond physical fitness, hockey illustrates many teaching points as it encompasses all phases of war in a fluid, physically-demanding forum: offence and defence are straightforward, while fore-checking and back-checking complete the cycle. The main defensive battle can be seen in every game as the teams struggle to control vital ground such as the slot and the crease, all the while subject to "artillery" fire from high ground at the point.

Figure 2. "Expres" Test Methods



Interestingly enough, maxims such as "they can't score if they're flat on their back" and "you can't beat them in the rink if you can't beat them in the alley" originated from a hockey legend who also saw action at the front in WWI - Conn Smythe.

In a more classic vein hockey espouses the principles of war:

Selection and Maintenance of the Aim - are you playing hockey to have a good time or to win? Do you play "fire-wagon" hockey or protect a lead by continually icing the puck?

Offensive Action - you don't win if you don't score

Concentration of Force - offensively it is a common tactic to flood the opposing crease, while defensively "kitty-bar-the-door" is an oft-used tactic

Cooperation - No hockey team can be successful without teamwork. Each player must pass the puck, forwards backcheck to help the defence, while defencemen clear rebounds and protect the goalie from all threats (NB author is a goalie).

Security - The last man back should never attempt to carry the puck lest a turnover result in a breakaway, while pulling the goalie is certainly a desperation move

Morale - few moments in history have been so indelibly etched in our Canadian memory as the image of Paul Henderson celebrating the winning goal in Moscow

Administration - you can't play without a puck (despite the legendary "forget the puck; start the game without it!")

Morale

Focusing on an intangible benefit, let us examine hockey within the context of the garrison. First, hockey can be played either on ice or on any flat playing surface (even in the Gulf or Rwanda!), thus keeping troops out of the bars.

Both intra and inter-unit rivalries can be channelled into a healthier display of enthusiasm than all-out brawling, etc. (suggestion: either the CO or the padre should referee!)

Looking at our own example, several Highlanders decided to form an all-ranks Regimental team instead of playing on various civilian teams which could conflict with unit training. Playing on a non-parade evening offered an informal opportunity to blow off steam, refresh weekend exercises, or tidy up last-minute details for upcoming events after the game in the "overtime" lounge.

Even non-players and Regimental Association members took an interest in the team and the messes soon became "Hot Stove Lounges" as the latest defeats and victories were told and retold ad nauseam. Tales of legendary officer-NCO games also came to light, and although it never got past the planning stage a District tournament was envisioned.

Finally, hockey became part of a "Total" package when it became a selling point to potential recruits, some of whom admitted that they made the final decision to join when they found out there was a Regimental hockey team.

"Three Stars"

It's Canadian, it's fun, and it's something we're good at! Let's make hockey the official team sport of the army!

48th HIGHLANDERS' HOCKEY TEAM, 1942-3
Hawthorn, Ontario Championships, Bayshore

The Team (from left to right): M. Hughes, Bill Terry, Captain, Coach James Kelly, Brian MacCormack, (2) Mike George and (3) Cliff Gendle, Wright, (4) Gordon J. Edwards, W. E. Macdonald, Bob Lee, Poppy Holmes, and Bobie Thomson.



1ST BATTALION THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS

by
Lieutenant Colonel
The Honourable I D W Chant-Sempill,
Commanding Officer



Despite the continued stability of a posting in Berlin, groups of Gordons have ventured far and wide, to places such as Bosnia, Northern Ireland, Denmark, Sardinia, Canada, Cambodia, Norway, Austria and all over Germany. Amalgamation and redundancy continues to occupy people's thoughts, however, a full programme of external courses, cadres, exercises, parades, adventurous training expeditions and visits have kept everyone fully occupied. Operationally we have contributed a platoon to 1 FWO for their tour of Bosnia, twelve soldiers to 1 KOSB for their tour of Northern Ireland, and have an officer on UN duty in Cambodia. Needless to say, the Gordon cap badge has been seen and worn with pride throughout the world.

Berlin continues to be one of the focal points of Europe which attracts many visitors. Visits by senior officers continue, with the highlights being by the Colonel of the Regiment and the Commander in Chief BAOR. Of particular note were the visits from the Regimental area; Aberdeen UOTC and forty nine members of the Regimental Association who visited the Battalion in June. Such visits enable old acquaintances to be renewed and are most important for us to appreciate the continuing level of support that exists for the Battalion in the Regimental area.

The Battalion continues to meet and mix with their opposite numbers in other armies. Regular contact has been maintained between the British, American, French, German

and Russian forces stationed here. Waterloo Company went to train with an Italian unit in Italy this summer. We have continued to foster our links with the local community and as recognition, the Battalion was honoured with the Freedom of Charlottenburg, the first British unit ever to receive such an honour.

The Battalion has trained hard throughout the year, with the continued uncertainty in the world reminding us of the need to remain vigilant and at the highest operational effectiveness possible. In fact the Battalion's philosophy has been to be able to deploy anywhere in the world at very short notice. In order to achieve this state of effectiveness, we have run regular cadres, field fired all our small arms and support weapons, and exercised all over Germany and Denmark. 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 continues to maintain an impressive profile in a wide spectrum of activities. The football and (field) hockey teams won their respective Infantry Cups, we won the Brigade sports competition and our companies were second, third and fourth in the Brigade Skill at Arms Meeting. 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 the rest of Europe. Both bands are in much demand and all continue to support local charities.

The kilt has continued to take pride of place in the prestige events of Berlin. Notable were the Queen's Birthday Parade and the Freedom of Charlottenburg, both of which attracted large crowds and were extensively covered by the German media. The many placards received bear witness to the professionalism and colourful nature of the Battalion.

Manning difficulties have continued, however a robust recruiting campaign staged throughout the year has paid dividends and we now begin to see an influx of Gordon Highlander recruits from the Infantry Training Battalion at Ouston. It is worth explaining that our recruits now attend Phase 1 training Regiment at Glenconor and their Phase 2 training at the Infantry Training Battalion Ouston. The association with the other Scottish Regiments remain close, with the Battalion hosting an attachment of twenty-three soldiers from 1 KOSB for six months this year. We continue to foster the links with the Queens Own Highlander both socially and professionally, all of which bodes well for September 1994.

The pace of life has been unrelenting and we can again look back at the year with a considerable sense of pride and achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Durcan whom I took over from in July, for all his efforts and in handing me the finest regiment in the British Army. We will continue to serve with professionalism, fortitude and a sense of humour and we will face all the challenges of 1994 with heads held high.

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THE GORDON AND 48TH HIGHLANDERS: THE TIES THAT BIND

by Captain D.B. Beaton, CD

This year will be remembered as one of emotional highs and lows for our Allied Regiment, The Gordon Highlanders. While 1994 marks their 200th anniversary, it likely will also see the amalgamation of the Regiment with The Queen's Own Highlanders. At the same time as they were planning the Bi-Centennial festivities, the Gordons have had to struggle with the unenviable task of arranging the details of the coming merger. Meanwhile, former members have been mounting a last-ditch effort to overturn the edict. Whatever the outcome, it seems appropriate to look back at the history of our proud link with the Gordons and to consider its future.

When first established ninety years ago, this was the first Alliance in the Empire, now the Commonwealth. It was formed in the aftermath of the Boer War, at a time when Britain was feeling particularly isolated in the world. The other European powers were hostile to her actions against the outnumbered, "down-trodden" Boers. Only Japan was prepared to enter into an alliance with Britain; all other states rebuffed her inquiries. In these circumstances the British looked to the Empire for support as tensions mounted in the lead-up to the First World War. Though the various attempts made at political union proved fruitless, the idea of an alliance was a simple means of forging a military link between the Dominions and the United Kingdom which proved successful.

The idea of alliances originated with Major General Douglas Hamilton-Cochrane, the Earl Dundonald when he was the GOC of the Canadian Militia. In 1903, he wrote to Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, the Comd-in-Chief, proposing the arrangement. In his memoirs, he describes it as a way for Canadian units to secure qualified instructors while giving retired British Army

members a source of friends overseas if they emigrated. He also wrote elsewhere of the importance 'of doing everything in our power to strengthen the sentimental connection between the great Colonies and the Mother Country', and above all between the military forces of the Colonies and the Imperial Army.¹ Interestingly enough, while he was attempting to obtain instructors from Britain for militia units he was also trying to dissolve the Canadian Permanent Force from its responsibility to provide instruction so it could concentrate on collective training.²

Once given Roberts' approval, Dundonald made his proposal to LtCol W.C. MacDonald, CO of the 48th Highlanders (1900-06), who was "enthusiastic". Finally, he approached Field Marshal Sir George S. White, Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders, suggesting the two Regiments be "Sisters". The War Office's response changed the term to "Allied" Regiments and granted King Edward VII's approval to the concept in 1904.³

If the Boer War was the main impetus for the concept, it is fitting that the Gordons were chosen as the British Army unit for an Alliance. They were involved in more engagements than any other unit and had officers in prominent positions during the war. The battalion shared in some of the luckiest moments as well as the brightest victories of the war. Field-Marshal White was a General in command of the garrison of Ladysmith and Major General Sir Ian Hamilton was also in command on occasion and served as Kitchener's Chief of Staff later in the war.⁴ As for why the 48th were chosen among Canadian Regiments, there is no explanation provided in the sources consulted. That suggests the reason is self-evident. The Regiment would maintain it was because of our great prominence during the war, some unkind, ill-bred member of another Regiment might suppose it was because we were most in need of instruction.

Needless to say no instructors were sent to the unit from Scotland, but James Fraser, a Gordons piper present at the Battle of Dargai, came to Toronto and served as our Home Battalion's Pipe-Major from 1913 to 1952. The most famous link with the Gordons that did come to Toronto is also connected with Dargai. In the Officers' Mess is the famous painting by Allan Stewart of the Gordon's charge up the heights at Dargai on October 20, 1897 - one of their most famous exploits.

For the most part our contact with the Gordons has been limited to visits between the units of Commanding Officers or Honouraries. Recent visits by MGen A.L.G. Kennedy, CBE, the GOC, Territorial Army (TAVR) and LGen Sir P.

Graham, KCB, CBE, Colonel of the Regiment to the 48th and LCol McBey and CWO McGuffin's attendance at the Gordons Bi-Centennial have served to keep us in touch with the Gordons. One of the few exchanges of troops happened in 1980 when about 12-14 Gordons came to attend our winter indoctrination exercise. I well remember the occasion because the Gordons claimed they had left more snow in Aberdeen than there was in Borden (probably quite true). The only memorable training was on the trip to Niagara Falls and through the streets of Toronto looking for "huge donuts".

The concept of alliances has shown itself to be very popular. Since 1904, The Gordons have also become allied with The Cape Town Highlanders of South Africa (1932) and two units in Australia: 56 Bn The Royal Victoria Regiment and 57 Bn Royal Australian Regiment. Among Canadian units, the Gordons are also allied with the Toronto Scottish Regiment. The concept has proven so successful, it has been expanded to include affiliations within Canada, Jumeilge, or "twinning", of Canadian and French units and NATO "partnerships". Today almost every Canadian Infantry unit, Regular and Militia, has links to at least one Regiment in another Commonwealth or NATO country.⁵

This ninety year connection is about to undergo a big change. As a result of the British Defence Review, called Options for Change, the Gordons have been slated for amalgamation with the Queen's Own Highlanders. This is now scheduled to take effect on 17 September 1994. To give you an update, the two Regiments have agreed on the following details for the new Regiment:

Name: The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)
 Badge: Queen's Own Highlanders
 Tartan: Kilt - Gordon, Trews - Mackenzie, Bands - Cameron
 RHQ: Cameron Barracks, Inverness (with a Regimental Office at Viewfield Road, Aberdeen)

Facings: Yellow (with some acknowledgment for buff and blue).

Personalities: The Colonel in Chief, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh

Deputy Colonel in Chief, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
 Colonel, LGen Sir Jeremy Mackenzie KCB, OBE (to be succeeded by a Gordon)
 Commanding Officer, LtCol Hugh B.H. Munro (to be succeeded by a Gordon)

A total of five Canadian Regiments are allied with one or other of the two units concerned and may choose to form an alliance with the new Regiment. They include The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Winnipeg, The Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver, The Toronto Scottish and ourselves. The 48th Highlanders have already indicated our wish to re-establish an alliance to continue the former association.

Perhaps the time is ripe to consider additional alliances as well. Besides the new Regular Army unit, the 48th could form a bond with the Territorial Army's 2nd Bn, 51st Highland Volunteers, which has companies that perpetuate the Gordons. Being a Reserve unit like ourselves, its members would be facing much the same conditions that we do. Now that South Africa has been admitted back into the Commonwealth, an alliance with the Cape Town Highlanders could also be a good way to forge new links while maintaining an historic association dating back to 1932. The Australian units with connections to the Gordons might find an alliance with our Regiment to our mutual benefit as well. All these "Options for Change" should be considered as a way to strengthen our historic links rather than see them weakened by the British Defence Review.

Whatever their fate, the Gordons have a proud history of service in peace and valour in battle. Their Battle Honours include most major engagements of the past two hundred years and without doubt this success will be continued by their successors. The 48th Highlanders are committed to maintaining our Scottish heritage and our link with a fine Regiment, in whatever form that link might take.

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IODE

by Grace MacKay Edgar, Public Relations Officer



Since organizing on May 3rd, 1907, the ladies of the 48th Highlander's Chapter of the IODE have played an important role in helping to maintain their Chapter and the support of our Regiment.

Although their method of fund-raising and assistance to the Regiment has changed since that first meeting in 1907, all members are still called upon to supply medical supplies, clothing to the needy, volunteer services, visitation to veterans and their families, restoration of uniforms and financial need where required. The days of holding band concerts, tag days and miles of donated pennies have been replaced with new projects to enable them to realize the goals set by the Chapter.

The following will give you some idea of the work carried on by the present Chapter, during the year 1993. Included will be the committed projects, required by the National and Municipal Chapters of the IODE, as well as the projects carried out to provide the funds with which to support the assistance to the Regiment.

Two fund-raising social events were held by the Chapter. The anniversary Luncheon was held in May and a Christmas Luncheon in December. A Bake Sale and Craft Sale were held in conjunction with the Christmas Luncheon. In June the Annual Garage Sale was held at the home of George and Marlene Jeffery.

During the month of November, an evening of Chocolate-Making took place, keeping the ladies interested and busy. Later on a follow-up evening meeting saw these ladies packaging all their creative "Goodies" for the Craft Sale, at their Christmas Luncheon.

All projects under the capable direction of our Regent Mrs. Marje Harding and her Executive Committee, proved to be the most enjoyable and financially successful.

With the assistance of all members helping to carry out these projects, their combined efforts enabled them to offer support in our Metropolitan area, to Hospital Services by sending a large supply of books and magazines to Sunnyside and the East General Hospital and several boxes of clothing to the Salvation Army. Financial assistance was sent to the North York General Hospital Children's Centre.

Our National projects took on the adoption of a Goose Bay, Labrador Grade 6, School Classroom, consisting of 20 students to whom we sent a good supply of School and Craft items, a 12 inch Work Globe and a supply of Christmas special craft items.

As well, Snack Packs were also prepared and sent to these children. This has been a very important project of our Chapter over the past three years.

We have collected used eye glasses and frames which we send to the Municipal Chapter and other areas in the Province. These are in constant demand and contributions to our Chapter along with articles suitable for our Garage Sale are always welcome.

A donation was made to the 100th Anniversary Fund of the National Chapter, for its Centenary being held in the year 2000. Approximately \$2,000.00 was expended on the above services.

Our Chapter's efforts relating to the 48th Highlanders offered assistance to Veterans

of the Regiment in the Toronto area. Christmas gifts were delivered to the 48th Veterans in Sunnyside Hospital. Bursaries were extended to four students of 48th families.

A presentation was made of the 48th Highlander's Chapter IODE Prize, to the "Best Overall Cadet of the 48th Cadet Corp. A donation was made to the 48th Highlander's Regimental Museum. In November a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph of the 48th Highlander's of Canada at Queen's Park.

Our Chapter prepared and mailed "Shoe Box Care Packages" to members of the 48th, serving in Somalia, Sarajevo, and Bosnia Herzegovina.

Now, with the arrival of 1994 a new page in our Chapters history will be started, when at the Annual General Meeting in January our Regent Mrs. Marje Harding steps down from this important position which she has held for over ten years.

Her successor will be Karen Barker a new Member of our Chapter. In the short time that she has been a member, Karen's willingness to help where needed and assist in all of our projects, has determined the direction of her appointment to this very challenging position in our Chapter.

All members are looking forward to 1994 under her command and with their support, I am confident the projects and goals set by the Chapter for this term will be realized.

We congratulate Marje for the niper job she has done over the years and welcome Ms. Karen Barker as her successor in the very challenging and demanding position as Regent of our 48th Chapter of the IODE.

(from CFB Toronto Routine Orders)

19. SQUIRREL INFESTATION

The ever-increasing squirrel population in William Baker Park has resulted in significant concerns to residents. Squirrels have, in the past, been known to root through garbage, rip holes in screen doors and windows, enter MQs in search of food and in reported incidents attack residents.

In an attempt to reduce these incidents, it is requested that residents refrain from feeding the squirrels. Though they may be cute and furry, please remember that they can be vicious.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION
(29 Leslie Street, M4M 3C3; 461-2064)

The active battalion is not been the only member of the Regimental family that has been busy! When there was not enough attendance for a proper meeting under the Constitution in April 1994, the previous Executive generously agreed to continue on a day-to-day basis, which gave us a chance to consider other options.

Senior members of different elements of the Regimental family held several meetings in May; reached various conclusions; and made plans for operation of the Club in the immediate future. A group of Past Presidents was given final responsibility for putting the plans into effect, with the support of the Board of Directors.

As a meeting on June 24th, the 1993 Executive was formally dissolved, and released from its voluntary obligation, with the thanks of the 48th OCA.

The four Past Presidents who have assumed Executive accountability for operations, in committee, are: Gord Outwaite*, Don Burr, Bob Harding, and George Roberts. These gentlemen will work as a single entity, and have undertaken to make themselves readily available to all members. *(Gord Outwaite has accepted the nomination of President.)

Day to day operations will continue to be the responsibility of the Senior Steward, Bob Lavergne. He will report to, and be accountable to the Past Presidents Committee. Social functions should be coordinated through the Club Steward (as they always have).

As of July 1994, our membership consisted of about 250 Regular members (including Life members), and 40 Associate members. There are also 50 Social members. This gives us a problem because numbers are down again from last year, and we've lost track of some people. If you know of any Highlanders or Associates who haven't heard from us lately, give us a call or drop us a line (address and phone number shown above).

Better still, drop by the Club! See you there!!

CONTINUING SGTS ASSOCIATION by Capt's Goldman and Gilbert

Retirement of CWO Mike Barnes, CD

Chief Warrant Officer Mike Barnes retired recently after a long and eventful career as a 48th Highlander.

He enlisted in the spring of 1964 and took his basic training that summer at Fort York Ammunition, Fort York was the Regimental home from 1963 to 1966 when the **University Avenue Ammunition** was closed and demolished to make way for the court building (ever noticed that the first street north of Queen at University is Ammunition Street?). **LCpl Young** and **Capt Gilbert** were also recruits that summer of '64.

Mike qualified **Junior and Senior NCO** at **Camp Niagara** in the summers of '65 and '66, and in the fall of 1966 he became one of the unit's youngest sergeants since the Second World War.

As a Sr NCO, he served in numerous training and field capacities. He was a platoon warrant in the unit's **Mobile Command** company during the late 1960's and later, from 1975-79, **CSM of D Coy** (the Training Coy). He became the unit's **Drill Sergeant Major** (DSM) in 1979. During this period he qualified as an **anti-armor and demolitions instructor**.

In February of 1981 Mike was promoted to his present rank and appointed **RSM**, taking over from **CWO Doug Chappell**. After relinquishing this appointment in 1984 to **Vic Goldman**, he went on to become the **Standards NCO** for **Central Militia Area HQ**, a job which he held for four years until, in May 1988, he was appointed **District Sergeant Major** for **Toronto Militia District**.

Mike retired from the Militia in October 1993, ending almost three decades of honourable service to his country.

Retirement of MWO Harding, CD

Master Warrant Officer Chuck Harding retired late last fall after thirty years as an active Highlander. He left wearing his **Canadian Forces Decoration** with two Bars and his **Canada 125 medal**.

After joining the Regiment in the early 1960s, Chuck rose quickly to the rank of **Senior NCO** and worked in **Headquarters/Support Company** and later in the unit's **1968 Mobile Command Company** as the **Transport Sergeant**. He went on to become a **CQMS** and eventually the **Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant**.

His well developed **A&Q** talents later led him to take on **senior unit positions** in the recruiting office and in the very important area of **monitoring non-effectives**. For the last decade, he has worked in the **Regiment's finance office**.

Chuck also served his **Mess** well, holding many positions on its executive, most significantly that of **PMC** during our centenary celebrations. It was in fact during those same celebrations that Chuck capped his career when he was the **Escort Conducting Warrant Officer** for the laying up of our old colours at **St Andrews Church** during the fall of 1991.

Through the years, the **Harding family** has played an important part in **Chuck's** life with the **Highlanders**. His wife **Marge** was for several years, including the time of the **Regiment's 100th anniversary**, the **Regent of the IODE**. **Daughter Pam** worked with her father in the **Finance Office**.

You can still find **Chuck** working at various tasks around the unit. After all, **CRA** (**Compulsory Retirement Age**) only required him to retire from the army, not from his **Regiment**.

48th CADETS (RCACC)

by Capt (CIL) J. Mitchell, CO

The 48th Highlander Cadet Corps had a successful training year thanks to the dedicated staff and senior cadets. Aside from weekly training, the cadets took advantage of the local training area of **Sunnybrook Park** in October for an orienteering exercise with the senior cadets. Aside from the orienteering, the cadets were able to do small party tasks such as building a rope bridge.

Thirty cadets and staff participated with the regiment in the **Remembrance Day** parade. This enabled the cadets to see and thank the **Old Comrades**.

At the end of November the junior cadets had their opportunity to learn and practice orienteering.

Thanks to **CI Bob Webster** the cadets have had access to farmland in **Madoc, Ontario**. The cadets participated in February in a **Cold Weather Indoc** weekend. Many involved were new recruits, but luckily the regiment was able to supply the required equipment.

In March the corps' two piping instructors, **Capt (CIL) S. Boast** and **2LI (CIL) D. Boast**, and the drum instructor, **Capt (CIL) B. McCue**, hosted a **Pipes and Drums** seminar. Approximately 24 cadets from both air and army cadet corps participated.



The junior and senior cadet NCO's participated in a state march through the **Don Valley** to **Sunnybrook Park** in April in order to reinforce their leadership, fieldcraft, bushcraft, as well as map and compass training. The corps also participated in an abseiling exercise at **Rackliffe** off 50 and 80 foot cliffs.

The cadets had an opportunity to meet, talk with, and even get their picture taken with the **Minister of National Defence** during the yearly "Clean-the-Don" project on May 1. The following day the corps went to **Niagara-on-the-Lake** to shoot the **FNCAI**. **OCpl Behn** shot a 98 out of 100 but hopes to improve his mark by attending a 6-week marksmanship course during the summer.

The cadets returned to **Madoc** in the spring to reinforce their fieldcraft and bushcraft training as well as doing night training.

Aside from cadet training many of the staff had also opportunities to attend or instruct on other **CIL** courses. In March **2LI Boast** took his **CIL Lieutenant-Qualifying** course in **North Bay**. **OCdt (CIL) Witteveen** completed his **CIL Basic Officer Qualifying** course in **May**, even being chosen as the parade commander for the graduation parade. Presently, **OCdt Witteveen** is attending the **CIL Junior Officer Leadership** course which is 17 days of intensive training designed to introduce **CIL** officers to the environmental element (**2LI Boast** completed this course last summer). **Capt McCue** instructed the drummers at a **Prairie Region** music concentration course in April 94, while I had the opportunity to instruct at the **Regional Cadet Instructors School** in **CFB Borden** in both **BOQ** and **CQ** courses on other weekend or eight-day courses.

On June 12th the cadet training year came to an end with the corps annual inspection, with **LCpl McBey** the reviewing officer. **e/RSM MWO Smyth** prepared the corps for the end of the year parade, the corps consisting of a flag party, a small pipe and drum band, and one platoon. As this was **e/MWO Smyth's** and my final year in command positions we looked forward to the parade with sadness as well as anticipation.

In the 94-95 training year there will be staff changes, **Capt Boast** will take over as the corps **CO** and will assign a new cadet **RSM**. **CI Bob Webster** is planning to enroll as an **OCdt**. Emphasis

in the next training year will be on the expansion of the pipe and drum band. As of now the cadet corps is young but has a strong active group of youths and if the corps continues with its training it should grow next year.



THE TIE THAT BINDS

from February 1955 *The Army Combat Forces Journal*

The assembled company commanders of a battalion 15th Infantry USA could hardly believe their ears. It was 1942, and they had recently arrived in North Africa.

One morning, after the company commanders had received the rest of their orders from the battalion commander, they heard him say, "From now on, neckties will be worn at all times - including the hike today!"

The company commanders were shocked. "Neckties with full field pack?"

"Sir," said one, "a man's neck swells during a twenty-mile hike, especially when he's carrying a heavy load."

"Isn't it against field regulations?" asked another.

"Let's have no more discussion, gentlemen" said the bc comd. "The order came straight from General Patton himself. Any questions?" There were none.

Glumly, the coy comds walked down the dirt road that bisected the cork forest in which the battalion was bivouacked. It was early morning, but the steel of their helmets was already warm. By noon even the buttons on their shirts would be almost too hot to touch. Neckties with full field packs!

"It's crazy," said the OC of C Coy. "After laundering their shirts themselves all these weeks, half of my men have shrunk the collars so that they can't even fasten the top button." Angriely, he turned off the road into his company area and called for his first sergeant. The other commanders stopped and listened ...

"Tell the men to get out their neckties and put 'em on."

"Sir," said the startled topkick. As the other coy comds walked on, they could hear the groans of the men of C Coy.

It was the same when A and B Coys received the news. The cork forest hummed with angry humming. The scene was different at D Coy.

While walking back with his fellow commanders D Coy's young comd had been thinking, seeking a reason behind this order. What could he tell his men that would satisfy them and shut off the gripes?

General Patton was neither a stupid nor a sadistic man, the captain thought, and so there must be a reason behind this seemingly senseless order. By the time he reached his area, the captain had found one. He told his topkick to assemble the coy.

When the men were seated on the ground the capt said: "As you know from our previous talks, our foothold in North Africa is still very shaky. Without the loyal support of the French colonial troops, we would have a tough time if Hitler decided to commit his reserves here, or if Spain should intervene with forces from Spanish Morocco."

"So far, the French military have gone along with us even though many of their families are Nazi hostages. As long as they think we can eventually liberate France, they are willing to pay the price. On the other hand, if the French should decide that American troops aren't good enough to defeat the Germans, they certainly would be tempted to lay down their arms now and at least save their families."

"That's why the French have watched us so closely since we landed at Fedala. They know our division is supposed to be a crack outfit and they are trying to size up the entire United States Army by what they see in us. Because we aren't fighting now, they can only judge our discipline and training by the way we march, the way we make camp, and the way we look. Especially by the way we look; and that's the reason I called you together this morning."

"Have you ever noticed how sharp the French officers and noncoms of these colonial outfits look? Real spit and polish. Always wear neckties - even in combat. They think it's the mark of good soldier to dress like that."

"Whether or not we agree with them about neckties in the field, we can't let a little thing like a necktie give them the wrong impression of us. Starting with today's hike, every man is going to wear a necktie all the time. If it will bolster our Allies'

confidence in us and thereby help win this war, what do we care about a little discomfort?"

"All right, men, let's put 'em on!"

We don't know whether General Patton issued the necktie order for the reason this capt gave his men, but eyewitness accounts testify that D Coy was the only cheerful coy in the bn on that day's hike. Moreover, the coy began to show a marked improvement in its general personal appearance.

The OC of D Coy knew the practical value of troop information and education. He knew it is not a function to be confined to a few prescribed hours of teaching, but something that can be applied any hour of the day to the most routine duties - to an order to wear neckties.

Junior officers and NCOs who neglect to guide the thinking of their men are shirking a command responsibility. It is in Training and Education that the immediate problems of command can be tied to "the big picture". Whether we are dealing neckties or international relations, it is the tie that binds.



OFFICERS OF THE 4TH HIGHLANDERS (Ltr. Author '44)

WHO? QL2! (9401, OF COURSE!)

Even though we marched at the rear of the Regimental church pde, there were a few questions such as "who were those guys?", or, "does the 48th have a cavalry squadron, too?" Actually, the story begins back in the fall when the unit was tasked to run a QL2 Common Course (9401).

To keep class "A" (mandatory) costs down, maximum use was made of full-time staff by employing MWO McVety (Crsr S/M), Sgt Reece (CQMS), and Pte Jones (crsr clerk). Sgt McKinnon traveled back from CFB Borden and CFPA Meaford to be a sect comd, while WO Ross agreed to stay on despite being transferred to 7 RCA (and promised congratulations!). MCpl Rivers and Cpl Chermiowski were sect 2IC's, while Cpl Reesor made quite a few "guest" appearances when instructors from the other units failed to show up. And, last but not least, Capt Bossi jumped in as Crsr Comd upon his "mid-season" return from England.

We knew something was up on the very first weekend when both the Toronto District Comd and DSM "dropped by" to watch the crsr start (it turns out that the QL2 crsr run by the Royals had suffered horrendous losses, much to the consternation of the Dist - 69 started, only 29 finished). Horror of horrors, with the Dist Comd looking over our shoulder, our candidates literally began dropping like flies during the crsr comd's opening address!! The day was saved in sterling 48th fashion, however, when Capt Bossi gave an impromptu lesson on the intricacies of remaining conscious on parade during long-winded speeches (with all due apologies for stealing the CSM's thunder).

As the crsr progressed, a potential conflict loomed when the Regimental church pde coincided with a crsr weekend. All 48th candidates had been ordered to parade with the Regt, and the initial plan was simply to have the pds from the other units show up after the parade. Upon reflection, however, it dawned on us that it would have been impolite not to invite the candidates from the other regiments to attend church with us. Thus, the "caper" was hatched (as they say in Hereford, "who dares, ...").



SQUAD ONE! We obtained our CO's permission (of course!) **SQUAD TWO!** We briefed the instructors (to avoid putting any other unit's noses out of joint, we emphasized this was an opportunity to show off their own unit's full dress). **SQUAD THREE!** The candidates were told that they would be allowed to parade if and only if their performance was satisfactory. **SQUAD FOUR!** We dropped our bombshell on the AdjT, who had to figure out where the heck to squeeze in another company on parade!

On the day, the crsr looked pretty good. Their boots sparkled, belying the fact that they had received only a few weekends of instruction. A regular member of the St Andrew's parish confided to Maj Bossi that he had never seen so many soldiers in church before, and best of all we did not receive any nasty-grams from the other units.

At the beginning of the crsr we adopted "pride" as our watchword, stating that:

pride is infectious;
pride will not let you quit;
pride gets you out of bed early on the weekend, not pay;
pride makes you march with your head up and shoulders square, not threats;
pride pushes you on route marches at nine minutes per kilometre (the Land Force Battle Task Standard was only eleven minutes per km); and
pride in being a good Canadian soldier is the strongest.

In the end, pride ensured that 56 candidates finished out of 68.

BACK IN "THE OLD COUNTRY" WITH THE 2ND BN*

- * [when you are Extra-Regimentally Employed (ERE), it's an inside joke to tell people that you are "2nd Battalion".]

When NDHQ posted Maj Bossi to post-graduate studies in Ergonomics at the Loughborough University of Technology in England, the 2nd Bn gained Capt Bossi for thirteen months.



To begin with, Loughborough is in the "Midlands" fairly close to Nottingham, which in turn boasts the Oldest Inn in England (1189 AD) Ye Olde Trip To Jerusalem. Capt Paterson also visited and took in the Robin Hood Adventure tour, as well as experiencing a bomb scare (but she had an Irish accent, honestly).



We stopped at the American PX courtesy of the Status of Forces Agreement. While stocking up on non-liquid groceries at RAF Alconbury (near Cambridge) we discovered the HQ of (our long-lost cousins, the USAF 48th Fighter Wing (a potential "social" alliance?)).



On another trip to London we delighted in watching our Colonel-in-Chief's birthday parade. When the RAF Flypast in the shape of the number "75" went over Buckingham Palace an American tourist asked "is she really 75 years old?", prompting us to explain that the RAF was 75, not Her Majesty.



On my first trip to Aberdeen, I couldn't believe my eyes when I walked into an office of the Gordon's RHQ and met Lt. Ron Birale (my mother's maiden name). I knew that my grandfather had served in the Gordons during the Boer War, but I had no idea that a "long-lost cousin" was presently serving.



On the continent, I stopped dead in my tracks, not believing my eyes when I saw the Cloth Hall in Ypres (a 48th battle honour) - until then I didn't know that it had been patriotically rebuilt. Nearby, in Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth cemetery in the world, are the graves of 11,908 soldiers and the names of 34,984 missing who "have no known grave".



The road signs are included on purpose to help you find the "brooding soldier" near St. Julian. "This column marks the battlefield where 18,000 Canadians on the British left withstood the first German gas attacks the 22-24 April 1915. 2,000 fell and lie buried nearby." It was quite sobering to read how many soldiers had no known grave, and to read the headstones inscribed "Known unto God".



Vimy Ridge (another 48th battle honour).



Fins coronat opus - the author at Stonehenge (we would have needed an entire edition of the Falcon to show you all of the best photos, so this is only an abridged sample).

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE JOINED (if you don't have a sense of humour!)

Murphy's Military Laws:

1. Never volunteer.
2. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
3. No battle plan ever survives contact with the enemy.
4. Friendly fire ain't.
5. The problem with taking the easy way out is that the enemy has already mined it.
6. The buddy system is essential to your survival; it gives the enemy somebody else to shoot at.
7. The further you are in advance of your own positions, the more likely your artillery will shoot short.
8. Incoming fire has the right of way.
9. If your advance is going well, you are walking into an ambush.
10. The quartermaster has only two sizes, too large and too small.
11. If you really need an Sr NCO in a hurry, take a nap.
12. The only time suppressive fire works is when it is used on abandoned positions.
13. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
14. There is nothing more satisfying than having someone take a shot at you, and miss.
15. Don't be conspicuous. In the combat zone, it draws fire. Out of the combat zone, it draws sergeants.
16. If your sergeant can see you, so can the enemy.

Murphy's Military Maxims for Commanders

- a. The more a commander tells you your plan must be simple, the more complicated it needs to be.
- b. When planning the attack the more time you can spend on recon, the more likely you will be able to do a quick attack, which is much simpler. (Corollary) In the defence spend as much time on recon as you can. You will then be able to do a hasty defence, which is more fun.
- c. Time spent in recon allows the commander to appear to know what he is doing.
- d. When you see that the situation is hopeless, call down smoke. The situation will still be hopeless, but you won't be able to see it.
- e. If the situation appears hopeless do an estimate. This will confirm your suspicions.
- f. When you are lost, send a contact report (this will keep the boss off your back long enough for you to figure out where you are).
- g. After you have completed your recon and made your plan, do an estimate. This will confirm your plan.
- h. Remember the fundamentals of the attack:
 - Bags of smoke, 2 up and a hot lunch on the rooq.
 - When in doubt, go left (or right).

O'Toole's Observation on Military Matters

When making your plan be cognizant of the fact that the enemy made his plan knowing that your plan considered his plan and reflected your knowledge of his plan in your plan. This process will lead to a "what the heck!" attitude and allow you to launch a quick attack out of frustration - thereby achieving surprise.





BATTLE HONOURS
of
the 48th Highlanders of Canada

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

SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1900

- YPRES, 1915, '17
- Gravenstafel
- St. Julien
- FESTUBERT, 1915
- MOUNT SORREL
- SOMME, 1916
- Pozieres
- Thiepval
- Ancre Heights
- Arras, 1917, '18
- VIMY, 1917
- Arloux
- Scarpe, 1917, '18
- HILL 70
- PASSCHENDAELE
- AMIENS

- DROCOURT-QUEANT
- Hindenburg Line
- CANAL DU NORD
- Pursuit To Mons
- France And Flanders, 1915-'18
- LANDING IN SICILY
- Valguarnera
- 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