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## Our Vets return to Holland for the 60th Anniversary!

Approximately 40 family members of 48th Highlanders will be making a trip to Holland this spring. It is the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe.

This will be the final year of parade and remembrances. Our group has chosen to go in several independent packets and we will be represented at most of the events. The list of events can be found on page 3.

### St. Andrew's College Highland Cadet Corps Faithful for One Hundred Years

by Major Brian McCue

May 7th, 2005 marks a century of Cadet training at St. Andrew's College, an independent residential school for boys, located in Aurora just fifty kilometres north of Toronto. In 1905, the school's Scottish Presbyterian foundations were a natural fit to the recently formed regiment, the 48th Highlanders of Canada, and a mutual affiliation was created. The Cadet Corps' first instructors came from the Regiment itself and the Corps adopted the Regimental scarlets and kilts, most of which were hand-me-downs acquired to get the Corps started.

World War I came upon the Corps quickly. Senior students and graduates of the College signed up to be part of the 15th Bn (48th Highlanders). Training with rifles and Lewis guns were commonplace at school, as was a rigorous military fitness program, all vital to the development of young men and young soldiers. Lt Maurice Malone and Capt Richard Brown MC were just two of the Officers of the 15th Bn (48th Highrs) killed on the muddy



*Saint Andrew's College Highland Cadets on parade October 1, 1945.*

battlefields of Ypres and Passchendaele. In total, St. Andrew's College and the Corps lost 107 young men in the Great War.

In 1927, the School relocated from its original home in Toronto's Rosedale area to its current campus in Aurora, at the time a quiet, rural community. The next dozen years saw the Corps continue to train in military skills, challenging its rivals, Upper Canada College (Queen's Own Rifles), Appleby College (Royal Regiment of Canada) and Ridley College (Lincoln and Welland Regiment), to contests and the ever-popular sports matches.

The onset of World War II re-established the bond with our Regiment. The call to arms once again drew senior Cadets and Old Boys to join "the Glamour Boys" (48th Highrs) at the front. The school flag was lowered 45 more times for our boys killed in action, including Lt David Munn Dickie, killed with the 48th in

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### EXERCISE SOUTHERN DRIVE 18-27 March 2005

by Cpl George Duff

During my training in the CF Reserve, I often wonder about the circumstances that would bring our soldiers into deployment during a crisis. Since I returned to the Regiment two years ago, I've seen many soldiers volunteer for service overseas to augment the strength of the Regular Force. But what conditions would lead to a deployment of Reserves in large numbers?

Exercise Southern Drive was based on a scenario of this type. In the scenario, the United States had asked for Canadian military assistance to defend their sovereign territory from a foreign invader. In response, Canada mobilized 32 Light Infantry Brigade, a com-

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# From the RSM

Greetings, fellow Highlanders! Now that the worst of winter appears to be behind us, it is time to look forward to the "spring campaign".

The last Falcon was issued in January, and since that time some things have changed, and some have not. There are several army axioms that spring to mind, but we will not get into them at this point.

Let me bring you up to speed:

1. MPA Renovations: I reported in January that the Regiment was finally back in our lines. I spoke too soon. Two weeks later, the contractor left the roof hatch open at night, and one of the sprinkler pipes froze. There was 18 inches of water in the BOR – back out we went while repairs were conducted. We finally moved back in (again) in the third week of March. The rest of the building is not complete – classrooms, messes, washrooms, and the parade square are all in various states of disrepair. We have been repeatedly promised that all work will be complete by 31 Mar 05. Well, today is 08 April and the work still ain't done! But we have been promised (again) that all work will be done, and all debris and material will be out of the building by 15 April 05. I'm not holding my breath!

## 2. Mess Renovations

The officer's have just moved back into their Mess last week, while the WO & Sgt's remain locked out of our Mess due to the ongoing construction. However, the floor has been completed, the ceiling and light fixtures are complete and the walls painted. We should be back in the Mess by 15 April. That gives us 2 weeks to install the chair rail, bring all the furniture and cabinets back in, hang the pictures and clean up before the Change of Command parade.

Due to the renovations taking so long (original intent was for us to be out of the Mess for 6 weeks; and we have been out for 10 months), events like the Scotch Nosing have been postponed. We will provide details as to when this will be re-scheduled.

## 3. Training

The Regiment has been busy since the last Falcon. We were the lead unit for the Domestic Operations Exercise that took place in February. We have soldiers on pre-deployment training for Afghanistan; there are 12 soldiers who are currently on course; the

preparations for EX Stalwart Guardian are well underway.

The Regiment sent a Platoon, a company HQ, and several odds and sods to Ft Knox, Kentucky for EX Southern Drive in March. Congratulations to Sgt Duncan and his section (Cpl Bennett, Cpl Duff, Cpl Greene, Cpl Corea, Cpl Valenzuela and Hldr Gahol), who were judged to be the top section in the battalion based on range scores, the obstacle course score, the bayonet assault course score, completion of tasks, and the OC/CSM assessment. I raise this as another example of the outstanding work that is being done by our NCO's and our soldiers.

## 4. Ceremonial

The Change of Command Parade is set for Fri 29 April 05, starting at 8:00pm. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend the parade that evening – these are major events in the life of our Regiment. It will also give you an opportunity to see the MPA and Mess renovations.

Regimental Church Parade will be held on Sunday 01 May 05 – note that this is 2 days after the Change of Command – I'm not sure if this service is for the benefit of the new CO, or for the rest of the Regiment!! Again, all the usual post parade festivities will be held in the Mess.

The Continuing Sergeants Association are working on the Second Annual Regimental Picnic to be held in July. Details to follow from the CSA. I would urge you all to attend – it is extremely important that we maintain our strong Regimental Family ties. They are like everything else in life – if we do not work to maintain them, they will fade and disappear. The ball is in your court!

In the event that I do not see you in the next several weeks, I wish you a good and relaxing summer. Take care, and be good to go for the start of another training year in the fall.

*DILEAS GU BRATH*

*9C, OUT.*

*R.A. ALKEMA  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER  
REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR*

## A MISCELLANEOUS NOTE:

Ex 48th Sgt Steve Martin and his wife Diana are now the proud parents of a girl: Sonja.

## Southern Drive 2005 ...Continued from page 1

posite unit made up of sub-units formed from the various CF Reserve units in 32 Canadian Brigade Group, of which the 48th Highlanders are a part. It was my job to act as the platoon signaller. I was proud to be travelling to a foreign country with a platoon of Highlanders as companions.

After the long drive to Kentucky, moving into the barracks and getting organized, we started into several days of work-up training. We made good use of the rifle ranges, which used remote-controlled pop-up targets that fall when hit. Once we had proven our ability to handle our weapons, we carried out more advanced training with live-fire exercises in pairs and by section. Our section commander, Sergeant Ace Duncan and our section second in command, Corporal Corey Bennett led us through an aggressive, yet well-controlled section attack. In part because of our excellent performance on the range, our section was recognized as the best in A Company for the exercise.

The tactical portion of the exercise consisted of a company raid to destroy an enemy force located in a wooded area overlooking a road. Battle procedure started with the company leadership receiving and issuing warning orders. We moved into the field, had our detailed orders, rehearsals by day and by night, rested, assembled for inspections and moved off. Our transport dropped us several kilometers from our objective, where we linked up with the reconnaissance element and started our march. Bush, mud, hills, streams – it wasn't too cold, but hardly a walk in the park, particularly for those of us loaded with C6 machine-guns, extra ammunition or radio sets. The raid itself went well, but I was astonished to hear our three C6 machine-guns firing, as I'd forgotten how loud they are, even with the blank ammunition we were using in this exercise.

Of course, after each tactical exercise, we still had lots of hard work to do in post-ex drills, cleaning weapons and equipment, repacking our personal kit for the drive home and enjoying a shower before a night on the town in Louisville. Overall, I felt we did a good job. While relieved to have the hardest work behind us, we're all interested in moving on to face more personal challenges in upcoming training exercises.

Please take note that the Regiment has updated and improved its website, please have a look:

**[www.48highlanders.com](http://www.48highlanders.com)**

# Schedule of Events for Holland 2005

April 29th - Reception at the Canadian Club (Apeldoorn)

April 30th - Queen Beatrix's Birthday

May 2nd - Reception at the Orphius

May 3rd - Visit to Grosbeek Cemetery and Ughelin. There will be a short tour of the different villages that were liberated.

Silent Parade to Orange Park

May 5th - Tattoo in Apeldoorn

May 6th - Visit Gross Kirk and Holten Cemeteries

May 7th - Twello and Wilp

May 8th - The big parade in Apeldoorn

May 9th - Farewell party at the Canadian Club

The O. C. A. executive has agreed at their meetings to take the following to Holland in May 2005.

1) A framed parchment and flowers for the family of Greta Overmeen. The parchment reads:

Honour, Greta Cornelia Overmeen  
November 4, 1925 – November 1, 2004  
The Angel of Holten Cemetery.

The Canadian World War two cemetery at Holten, Holland had an angel who watched over the heroes who fought and died for the liberation of Holland. Greta placed a small cross on every grave each Remembrance Day. She and the people of Holland placed candles on all graves at Christmas time. These small lights were for all to see and remember the sacrifices that were made. Greta will not be forgotten. Our sorrow at her passing is eased by our certainty that she will be with our heroes and someone will continue the labour of love and remembrance that she carried out so faithfully.

*This will be in both languages.*

2) 4 wreaths – to be laid as follows. Holten Cemetery, Groesbeek Cemetery, Wilp and Orange Park

3) 2 Brass Plaques – similar to those presented in Italy to be presented at Twello and Apeldorn. The plaque reads:

To honour the young soldiers who fought and died here for freedom.  
48th Highlanders of Canada Old Comrades Association  
May 2005

The plaque also has a 48th Highlander crest on it.

*DILEAS GU BRATH*

## LEST THEY FORGET

### Dutch children remember those who lost youth Canadian soldiers 'are never alone' in war cemetery

by Mark Atchison, Travel Editor, as printed in the Toronto Star May 1, 2003

HOLTEN, THE NETHERLANDS A young Dutch girl patiently rearranges a tiny white cross that a cool March wind has toppled in front of a soldier's grave. The breeze whistles through the surrounding

forest and plays havoc with the flowers two of her classmates are trying to plant in the sacred soil.

Myrte van Geerestein, 12, Wout van Zoelen, 11 and Paul Aaftink, 12 are not much younger than the mostly 20-year-olds buried beneath the perfectly manicured lawns of the Canadian war cemetery here. They giggle as a visitor asks to take their photographs. Their youthful laughter brings life to this place where 1,355 Canadians are honoured in death.

Once a year, Canadians collectively pause to remember the ultimate sacrifice our compatriots paid on the battlefields of Holland, the rest of Europe, and Asia during two world wars. Here, they remember every day. The local school children make regular pilgrimages to the cemetery, which was donated to Canada by the Dutch people, and twice a year May 4 and December 24 take part in more elaborate ceremonies to honour the Canadians and the 39 other Allied soldiers (36 British, 2 Australians and 1 Belgian) who rest beside them.

"The soldiers are never alone," said Gert Jan van 't Holt, the former headmaster of the nearby Haarschool where the three children attend classes. "Canadian tourists come here regularly and the town's people pay their respects often. "On May 4, which is our Remembrance Day, the local school children assemble here and read poems to the soldiers. And on December 24, the light a candle on top of each of the gravestones and sing to the soldiers."

As part of their school curriculum, every child here must learn the words to O Canada and are taught about Canada's contribution to their freedom. Only 13 of the Canadian soldiers buried here actually died defending the neatly kept little town located not far from Apeldoorn. The rest were brought here from various battlefields around the Netherlands.

"The bodies of the fallen soldiers were buried in shallow graves in local gardens after each battle and a detail marked each with a white cross. General G.G. Simonds, commander of the 2nd Canadian Army, chose Holterberg, this hill just outside Holten was the final resting place for his men. The bodies were collected and brought here, said van 't Holt.

The tradition of school children caring for the graves actually started in the 1950s, when each grave site was adopted by a local family. "Some of the graves were cared for more than others and the Commonwealth Graves War Committee (the group that administers war graves) wanted them all to look the same. So they took over the caring of the cemetery and hired a full time caretaker and today each is exactly the same," said van't Holt.

Well, not every one. On top of one gravestone engraved with the Star of David and containing the remains of H.J. Bockner, who like most of his comrades buried alongside him, died in battle on April 11, 1945, rest three tiny

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# EXERCISE QUICK FIX

## Weekend Patrol Ex with Bravo Company

by Cpl Eugene Ivens



Cpl Chandima Corea and Sgt Robert Mason

The warning orders were given, the maps were marked and the 4 man patrol detachments were well prepared for their missions. The soldiers of Bravo Company (B Coy), 48th Highlanders of Canada, were eager to begin the patrolling Exercise QUICK FIX on 18-20 February 2005. The B Coy patrol detachments, under the command of Cpl Parr and Cpl Corea, were tasked with providing two Observation Posts (OP's) along the Western border of CFB Borden. The OP's were further tasked with providing eyes on the main road leading into the base to provide early warning on any unfriendly forces approaching Lisle

gate or attempting to penetrate the western edge of Base Borden.

The soldiers arrived at CFB Borden early in the morning of the 19th to a sunny sky and chilly temperatures and at 2130hrs, the patrols departed for their objectives. While on the patrol, B Coy personnel used and refreshed their patrolling drills and fieldcraft such as carrying their weapons in the ready position, using hand signals and maintaining light discipline. Preparing for future junior leadership courses, all of the soldiers in B Coy already have a solid base of knowledge. They know their drills and are well trained. Several members of the patrols have recently completed their recce patrolman's course and as such were a great assistance to less experienced members of the patrols.

Once the patrol detachments arrived at their objective the two patrol commanders set out to establish their observation sights, while the remainder of the patrol established a warm shelter for the evening and secured the area. Once the OP's were sited, the two commanders returned and established a routine. Temperatures over night dropped to -16 C and there were a few cold feet, hands, noses and ears, but the night was relatively calm. There were several chance sightings, which

were reported to higher headquarters – making the patrol successful, without a doubt.

At 0630 (first light) the OP's were collapsed and called in. By 0730 hrs the toboggan was packed and B Coy withdrew to an established pick up point (PUP) to rendezvous with several patrol detachments from A Coy. Approximately 400m from their destination



Cpl Chandima Corea preps orders

the detachment commanders received some intelligence that enemy forces had broken thru the Western edge of Borden the previous night and had set up 2 or 3 fighting positions close to the established PUP. Under the direction of Cpl Corea, a hasty woods clearing attack was planned and B Coy stormed the objective by force, driving the enemy forces away and securing the area for the remainder of the Regiment. The PUP secured, the exercise was over and members of the patrol

returned to Moss Park Armouries to clean and maintain their equipment. This winter patrolling exercise allowed members of B Coy to refresh winter warfare skills and gave the two patrol commanders valuable lessons which they will take with them on their future leadership courses.

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**PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS JULY 1st.**

Several members of both the Active Mess and the Continuing Sergeants Association have raised their concern regarding the standard of dress worn by some guests in the Mess, especially during Regimental parades and functions. To that end, please take note of the expected standard of dress that all members and guests should meet when they are in the Mess during formal Regimental activities. Active members will be in full uniform of the day. Male guests should be in a jacket and tie, and women should wear a dress or skirt. The WO's & Sgt's encourage family and friends to visit with us, but do ask that you dress appropriately for the occasions, and to the standards expected of the Sr NCO's. Please ensure that any visitors who you bring with you are fully aware of the expectations we have on this matter.

## Ladies Auxiliary

by Marg Ritchie

The Ladies Auxiliary is having a Wine and Cheese Party at the C.C.A. Club, 201 Niagara St. just south of King St., Saturday June 4, 2005. Last year was a great success and the ladies would appreciate your support again this year. For information and tickets (\$10.00 each) call **Marg Ritchie at 416-423-1552.**

## WANTED!

Volunteers for the 48th Highlanders Museum. This is a good way to meet people and learn about the history of this great Regiment.

Wednesdays or Thursdays.

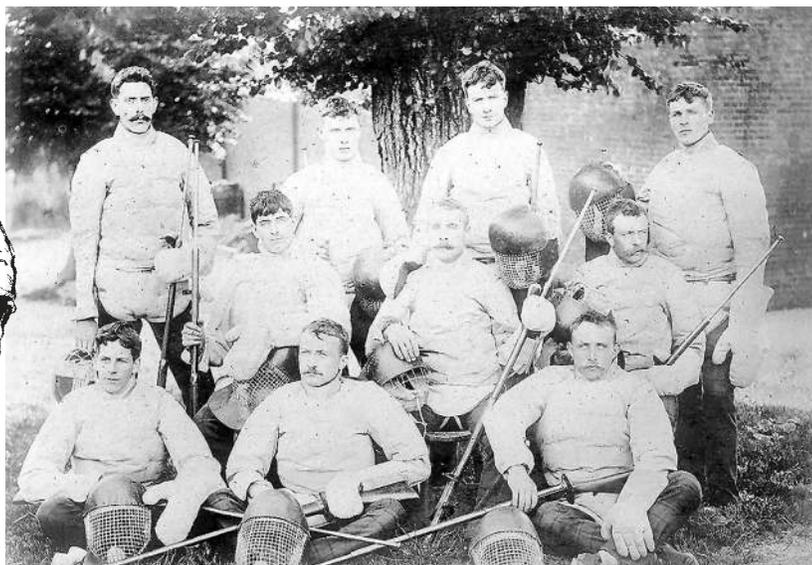
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# From the Vaults of the 48th Museum

by WO Anthony Percival

Before peacekeeping and the battles of the Great Wars, the 48th Highlanders prided themselves on the ribbons won in sports. In those early years the Regiment fielded a wide variety of teams for rifle, bayonet drill and tug of war competitions. At the Museum we display a wide assortment of trophies, medals and badges won by Highlanders. No sporting event was more celebrated than the 1897 success at the Islington Tournament in Britain.

In June 1897 a 48th Highlanders Bayonet fighting team was organized to travel overseas to compete against the best of the British Empire at the Royal Military Tournament in Islington, England. To cover the expenses of the trip donations were made by private citizens, City Council and the Government of Ontario. Kim Beattie in the 1932 History of the 48th Highlanders described the events at Islington as follows. *“Four 48th men, Williams, Wasson, McLean and Stewart opposed four Australians in the first event, Colonial Individual Championship. The Canadians at once demonstrated that they had to be reckoned with. They won all bouts, with Stewart first, Wasson second and Williams defaulting to Stewart, his pupil, in the third round. The second event was a fight between the victorious Canadians and the winners of bouts between the Regulars and the London Volunteers...Stewart then crossed bayonets with Daniels, the Regular’s best, and defeated him. Stewart thus won the bayonet fighting championship of the British Army... The third event demonstrated how definitely the prowess of the 48th Highlanders’ bayonet fighters over-shadowed that of the best in the Empire. The contest was between teams, composed of men chosen from the 1st and 2nd Life Guards, Grenadier Guards, Coldstreams and Scots Guards; mixed teams*



1897 48th Champion Bayonet Fighting Team of the British Empire

*from the different London Volunteer Corps, and the 48th Highlanders... The Regulars won and then fought the Canadians. The 48th Highlanders won by 5 points to 4 after a fiercely fought bout.”*

Alexander Fraser in the 1900 History of the Regiment continues the story *“on the arrival home of the team it was met on the train some distance from the city by a deputation of citizens and escorted in triumph to Toronto. A military and civic parade was formed, and amid the deafening cheers of thousands, a procession took place to Queen’s Park where purses of gold, gold medals, and copies of an illuminated address of welcome were presented to the members of the team.”* Among the dignitaries present was City Council, the Mayor of Toronto and Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

The museum has a number of artifacts associated with the success at the Tournament including the medals given to the team on return from Islington. The top of the medal is a brooch pin with the Crown and Cipher flanked by the Regiment’s Colours worked in white, red and blue enamel and 1897. Below this are two horizontal bayonets and a green banner with the word ISLINGTON. Hanging from two chains below is the Dominion Shield flanked by maple leaves and the clasp DIAMOND JUBILEE 1837-1897 and a thistle on the bottom. A further set of chains

hangs a bust of Queen Victoria surmounted by crossed rifles and the banner VICTORIA. The Cap-badge of the 48th Highlanders is the final element of the medal mounted on a cross in-filled with shells and surrounded by a wreath of maple leaves and thistles. Mounted from the brooch pin and hanging behind the medal is a stripped ribbon in the regiment’s colours. On the back of the medal is engraved *“Presented by the City of Toronto – Pte T.C. Wasson – 48th Highlanders”* and the manufacturer Ellis.

Private Wasson later served in South African as a Corporal and the First World War as a Captain going overseas with the 2nd Regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles (B.C. Horse).

The Royal Military Tournament at Islington (Northern London) was first held in 1880 and continued till 1999 when it was replaced a Military Tattoo.

...This is but a taste of what you will discover at the 48th Highlanders Museum open Tues & Wed 10 to 3.



# MEMORIES

## FROM UNDER THE KILT

(PART I)

by Bill DeHarte

The Regimental Histories record the official events, and a few other events that are “fit for publication” concerning the Regiment. This is a collection of oddball happenings, within the “ken” of one 48th Highlander. Ribald, stupid, almost unprintable, but still a part of the army life that surround the one person and his friends. Nearly everyone who has served have a similar group of off beat memories, if only something would jog that brain—cell and cause them to “pop up”. Such “pop ups” have caused me to reminisce at times, and someone says, “Why don’t you write that down so it will be remembered.” Well here it is. The results of having been blessed, or cursed, with a highly retentive mind. Things that histories and officialdom would most likely like to forget, and maybe should have been forgotten.

I’m 85, ready to die, and not very rich, so no libel suits, please. I have always claimed that I was born into the Regiment. Most birth announcements read “to Mr. & Mrs. ---” mine was “to Colour Sergeant & Mrs.” By this time my father had been gassed, left for dead, and made a Prisoner of War at St. Julien.

At war’s end, he was the senior rank in an other-ranks P.O.W. camp. A number of the prisoners had been paroled out to farmers as field—hands. The farmers were not telling their help that the war was over, so the senior ranks were sent out around the country to find these troops. He rode a motorcycle on this chore, so he came home in 1919 wearing britches. I had never seen a picture of my father other than in kilt, and I can remember my Aunt pointing to a man coming across a field and she said “there is your father, Bill” to which I replied “that’s not my father, he’s got pants on.” It caused quite a stir and laughter.

On to 1921, and the reorganization of the Regiment. I entered the Sergeant’s Mess for the first time. Taken in, —set on a chair inside the door,— given a bottle of lemon pop and told “not to move” And there around me I saw faces that for many years to come, meant the Regiment to me. Hank Ralph, the Ashlings, Man Goodfellow, Bill Hawkins, Walter Terrell, Pete Redfern, Pipe Sergt. Tank Thompson (more of him later) Pipe Sergt. Bob Snith, Fred Gledhill, Tiny Shaw, Tiny Small, Frank Jameson, Alex Jacobi, George Emslie, George Armitage, Bob Hermitage, George

Elms, and I could go on and on.

Tank Thompson was part of a Scottish family who came to Toronto. They were definitely “city types”. Anything west of the Humber, east of the Don, and north of St. Clair Ave. was positive wilderness. My father came off a farm in Brooklyn, just north of Whitby, he had grown up with horses, cattle etc. These two arrived at Stanley Barracks, then a “permanent force” military station on the same day to enlist into the Army. Conditions do not change much when it comes to P.F. logic. My father was posted to the Royal Canadian Regiment (Infantry), while Thompson was sent to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, (Cavalry). Years later Tank admitted that he did not know who was most afraid, he or the horse assigned to him. He did not last long. Even as a young man he had a great love of the “suds”. When he got a few too many, he would take his horse out, go to the foot of Yonge St., and then proceed to ride up Yonge, playing the Pipes, with the frantic horse rearing all over the street. He was shortly on civvy-street, and then into the 48th pipe band where his talents were more appreciated. Incidentally, in 1937, he piped the man he met the first day into the church at his funeral.

In 1923 the Regiment erected the Regimental Memorial. We ate at the kitchen table, and luckily it was a big one. From the day the foundation was laid, a 1 inch to 1 foot model graced the centre of the table while the drill for the unveiling was measured, re-measured, and re-worked over and over. As the time drew near the “Guards” were drilled two and three nights a week on a chalked— out drawing on the Armory floor. Time after time—Then when it was perfect, it was done a couple of more times to be sure. The timing of the whole ceremony was worked out, including the approximate length of Lord Byng’s speech, and standing that long was also rehearsed.

On the big day, the inevitable small dog appeared. When it suddenly realized that the sentry was not just a post, it went into the “head down low between the paws, and rear-end in the air” routine and barked. Hank Ralph did not move a muscle. Then in disgust the dog lifted its leg on Hank’s toe, and once again Hank did not move.

Drill nights in the early twenties were quite a social affair. There was no TV, Only “crystal set radios” and few of those. The balcony of the University Armory was crowded with the families of the Regiment. There was an “Officers” gallery area, a “Sergeants” area, and the rest was open to all O.R. families. I can remember my father spotting a man with the top button of his great coat undone before

he entered his Company room. “YOU” and the man was hauled over the coals at the top of his voice for being a “Butterfly” or worse.

And then there was the soldier, who was a downtown businessman all week and dared to wear his leather gloves down to drill. “YOU” “what gave you the idea that you were an Officer?” All OR’s wore woolen gloves. The strange part of this type of thing was that I once heard a private who had been torn apart, boasting to another about the way he had been given hell. He was part of that process that was making the 48th the first-class unit it was.

Business took our family to Montreal in 1927. My father’s reputation had preceded him, and both the Black Watch and The Canadian Grenadier Guards approached him to become their RSM. I accompanied him to his visit to each of these units, and heard him turn each of them down with a flat “NO”. On the way home in each case he muttered about the lack of perfection in their drill etc.

And then we moved to London. In 1934 the Regiment went to Chicago. Dad heard the train would be stopping at the London station, and took the family down to say “hello”. As we walked down the platform he was spotted from the cars carrying the Sergeants and there was a “Hi Lew” call went out. But when my mother also appeared to say “hello” there was a mad scramble. It was very hot on the train and nearly all Dads’ friends had shed their kilt and were sitting around half-naked.

My father died in early September 1937. Circumstances were such that we knew full four days ahead for his funeral. It was on the Tuesday that we knew, and we phoned relatives in Toronto. One of them called Frank Jamieson, the R.S.M. Tuesday night the phone rang. It was to say “the Mess will be burying Lew DeHarte The R.S.M. informed the C.O. of the situation, and he answered, “It’s your parade, Sergeant-Major. Do what you feel is right.”

To the Mess it was declared a “parade” and other Corporals and Privates were invited to attend if they were so inclined. Pete Redfern had been a sergeant in the early twenties, and was living in London. The R.S.M phoned that he was bringing two 30-seat buses, which could not go in a funeral cortège, so Pete was to provide 15 cars with drivers, each to carry 48th Highlanders. There were also nine 4-man private cars made the trip. This group arrived at the Hotel London, two blocks from the funeral home and fell in, numbered, formed fours etc. on the main street of London to parade down to the parlors, with a nine-man pipe band, 6 pipers, 3 drummers. A

policeman came roaring up to say "You can't block traffic like this. Do you have a permit for this parade?" Jamieson answered, "We do not need a permit, we are the 48th Highlanders." The policeman said "Oh", and walked away.

The casket entered the church carried SHOULDER high by eight bearers in scarlet. On the casket was the Union Flag, and on that a feather bonnet and a basket-hilt sword. This was one of the very last truly ceremonial funerals. Tank Thompson played them in to the "Skye Boat Song". It was the most elaborate ceremony seen in London for a long time, and was talked about for years. The 48th left quite an impression on Londoners as a unit that knew how to do things right. Surprisingly, there were no pictures taken. One of the drummers was a boy-soldier drummer named Bill Elms.

The pallbearers were entertained at Pete Redfern's, and in the early evening came over to pay their respects to my Mother. They had left Pete's house, piled into a couple of cars, and came over. As you entered our house right ahead from the hall were French (glass) doors, and right opposite was the mantle and above it a copy of the official Mess photograph of my Father, in all his "sternness". The first man in stopped short, and as they all piled up they looked over the shoulder ahead at Dad's picture. Not a word was said, they returned to the verandah, and re-entered with every button done up, and every belt buckle in place. As they passed me, one of them said, "Lew would come out of his grave and given us supreme hell for appearing in public the way we just were".

So along came September 1939, and war broke out. I enlisted that first day, then sent off to Christie St. Hospital for a medical. I had a small, ingrown toenail, but with plenty of recruits to choose from, that was serious and I was declared temporarily medically unfit and then discharged.

I went into Toronto General at my own expense, and had an operation, complete with the gas treatment and kept for two days to recuperate. It was another two days before I was comfortable with a shoe on, and down to the Armories again. No dice!! The Regiment was full, and the guards on every door turned me away. I roamed around until I saw a "Guard Mount" in progress, and the R.S.M. watching. I got his attention and said "I am Bill DeHarte" and with that he practically lifted me over the fence. "Where have you been? We've been searching for you." I was turned over to Sgt. Pethick, who paraded me to Major Haldenby, who turned me over to a young Lieutenant standing by (I. Johnston) who escorted me to Mickey Mouse (Maj. Gordon?) to be attested.

I was a 48th Highlander!

I was in the recruit class (awkward Squad?) and became at once some sort of oddity. The son of the "perfectionist" did not know how to slope arms, fix bayonets or even while at attention you curled the fingers and the thumbs were to the front!! And for years I was to hear from any and all the Warrant Officers and Sergeants who had served with my Father "If your Father could see how you did that."

I survived to be posted to "C" Coy. One of the other members of that squad was a Welshman who joined up, told anyone who listened that he was not in to fight, he intended to get to Britain, see his parents once more and then come back. He constantly praised the country so much that we christened him "Canada Elmes". Elmes was living at the Yonge Street Mission, and just before joining up, had been given a pair of shoes that had been given in. The original owner wore a size 12, Elmes foot was about a 6, So the toes of the shoes started to curl until the points were actually pointing straight up. On parade, appearing from under the white spats they were quite a sight. "For God's sake at least shine them well said C.S.M. McConnach". So, Elmes did a good job, including the part of the sole that was visible in the turned-up section.

So we lived at home, reporting to the Armories every morning, then marching up behind the U of T to drill and try to learn a little soldiering Cpl. Don MacDonald, a hoary 21 year old veteran of the militia, tried to give my squad the rudiments of Bayonet-fighting. In, Out, On Guard. I am left-handed, so asked the corporal if it was permissible to fight with the rifle on the left side. He did not know, and then was foolish enough to have me slope arms and paraded me to the R.S.M. to get a ruling. All hell broke loose. I was tongue-lashed to think that my Father's son would even think of such a thing. MacDonald got it for even thinking that there might be other than the "army way" to do anything.

We paraded back down University for lunch, and to pass under the open-meshed balcony of the Hydro Building where every day "Blondie" would come out to wave us past. There were a couple of souls who tried to claim that they were 100% sure that she was a natural blond but few believed their claim. Then down to the waterfront for afternoons.

We moved to the Horse Palace, and that was the first big change in a lot of our lives. We no longer went home to our families. For the first time the only ones to censure you were the military personnel, and they were also learning to adapt. We had double-tiered bunks, and there was a rush to get a lower bunk,

easier to get at and out of. In some instances this backfired if the upper occupant was a heavy drinker and not able to "contain". Many lower-bunkers moved out onto the floor to stay dry. To many the Queen St. wine stores were a must. Col. Haldenby ranted about them and the fortified Catawba they sold. He called it "ruby red rotgut".

The other notable thing about the Horse Palace was the Horse Palace Cough caused by the grinding of the cement by thousands of steel-shod heels. A number of us owned old cars that were barely runnable—today they would be ordered off the road. As the temperatures started to fall in mid November, early December and at break-off at four P.M. and we all wanted to drive home for those few precious free hours, we sort of formed a "Self-Help" club. No one left until we were all where we parked in a group. Then we all pushed the lightest car until it started, then it pushed another to start, then another until all were running, then we left.

We were not allowed to unfold our mattresses on our beds until after last parade, so to rest you would lie on the springs. One day Frenchy Pettigrew fell asleep this way at noon. We quietly passed cords around his feet and the strands of the bed, and tied them. The Sergeant was called and persuaded to holler, "Fall in 13 platoon" Frenchy came up off his top bunk with a lunge, and the whole double-bunk bed came over. Luckily only scratches occurred.

To England and Aldershot—let's not. In winter a cold, clammy, gray existence, heightened with some unusual happenings. Our first problem was learning how to make a little money go a long way—if you understood the money. We were sent on leave without any instructions, and many leaves were cut short through lack of funds. Not Alf Dougherty. He was Irish, had served in the British Army in India with the Inniskillen Fuseliers, then moved to Canada, and on the outbreak, joined the 48th. He went on leave to Northern Ireland but did not come back until 12 days A.W.O.L. So he's up on charge before Col. Haldenby. I was escort to the prisoner. Alfie pulls out a signed, stamped document from the health Dept. of Ulster he had had a re-occurrence of malaria in NORTHERN IRELAND!!! There was nothing the CO could do but "case dismissed".

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The Cadet Corps celebrated the return of the 48th Highlanders from the war, parading at Union Station alongside the Rotary Youth Training Corps which was later re-badged the 48th Highlanders of Canada Cadet Corps. Despite social and political change following the war years, the College continued with its belief that Cadet training was an important



Cadet Inspection, 1945

factor supporting the College's mission statement, "to develop the complete man, the well rounded citizen." Graduates from the College have served in Korea, Viet Nam, Bosnia, Afghanistan and in peacekeeping missions around the world.

Cadet Corps training today at St. Andrew's has evolved significantly from its purely military form to a more broadly based spectrum of leadership training suitable to help develop future business leaders and CEO's. A five-year developmental program covers standard military skills such as marksmanship, map and compass, parade drill and outdoor field skills. Equally as important to the program are the skills of team management, leadership theory and organizational skills. At the conclusion of the Gold Star level (grade 11), students at St. Andrew's are awarded a ministry recognized high school credit which may have significant impact on the completion of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

The College also has become an ideal training centre with its own high and low ropes course, rock climbing wall, swimming pool, gymnasiums and fitness facilities. Cadets today can train in optional programs such as scuba diving, first aid training, Royal Lifesaving certification, driver training, nordic and biathlon training and can achieve awards through the Duke of

Edinburgh's Young Canadians' Challenge. Our flagship Cadet Pipes and Drums and the Cadet Military Band continue to entertain and impress their audiences through their concerts, parades and recordings. The traditions of 100 years have not been lost and in fact are as strong as ever. At a current strength of 530, there are endless opportunities for rank promotions and appointments. Cadets in their senior years strive to be a Company Commander, Sergeant Major or, for those few, Cadet Commanding Officer, DCO, Adjutant or the Regimental Sergeant Major.

Marking our 100th anniversary, the Corps will re-establish its bond with the 48th Highlanders at the Annual Church Parade on May 1st, recreating history by parading



a very special thing. As the Commanding Officer, I am extremely proud to see the sincerity in which these boys strive for excellence in training and on parade. It is not uncommon to walk through the halls of the boarding houses late at night to the sounds of "Highland Laddie" on the practice chanter or to walk into a room of lads discussing how to motivate their platoon for the next day's parade practice. The sight of a kilted Cadet



together at the Regimental Church in Toronto. On May 4th, the Corps will be recognized by the Town of Aurora and Mayor Tim Jones with the granting of the "Freedom of the City." The main celebration will take place on May 7th for our 100th Annual Cadet Inspection held on the grounds of St. Andrew's College. Featured on this day will be our Reviewing Officer, Ms Belinda Stronach, MP, and a tribute to our veterans of VE Day with a flypast of the Lancaster bomber from the Canadian Aviation Museum in Hamilton.

A day at St. Andrew's is hard to describe. It isn't by any stretch a military school; however, to have a Cadet Corps that has lived together and trained together for a hundred years is

Corps over 500 strong marching to the Pipes and Drums would bring a shiver to all our veterans and serving members alike. Each year, hundreds of young men chant loudly the Regimental motto, "Dileas Gu Brath!" - Faithful Forever. This motto is part of their daily existence, not only while a Cadet at St. Andrew's College but for the rest of their lives.

*DILEAS*

*MAJOR BRIAN MCCUE, CD  
COMMANDING OFFICER*

for more information see our Corps website at <http://kilby.sac.on.ca/ActivitiesClubs/cadets>

## Senior 48th Highlander Officers and Saint Andrews College Old Boys

LCol James Edwin Ganong (SAC 1913-14)  
LCol Bruce King (SAC 1911-12)  
Col John Lowndes (SAC 1939-44)  
Hon Col Frank Maceachren (SAC 1931-37)  
LCol Alan Ramsey (SAC 1902-08,  
Master 1921-26, 1947-60)  
LCol John Reid (SAC)  
Hon Col Richard Read (SAC 1950)

### Recent and Current Serving Officers

Lt Jan Matthews (SAC 1989-96)  
Capt Alan Best (SAC 1985-92)

## A Return trip to Korea

(CONTINUED FROM ISSUE NO. 1)

by David Crook

We were picked up at our hotel and taken to Ministry of National Defense and were given a policy briefing by Officers from both Korean and US forces on the state of readiness to a perceived threat from the North. It was done in a most professional manner by junior Officers, L/Col and up the most surprising was how much they know about the North in terms of strength, deployment, and armaments and how they would deal with them if they had to. The immense details that were involved was staggering and coming though all of this was the idea that the enemy was completely unpredictable in what he might do or when! The 4 star General commanding all US forces did the closing remarks and was he ever impressive, General Franks was at least

6ft, Vietnam vet and wounded twice and built like a football player, but when he opened his mouth he was soft spoken and gave the impression that when he gave an order you had better start moving before he finished the sentence, there were 1, 2, and three star Officers on stage during this presentation sitting perfectly still paying attention to everything he said and if he asked for confirmation or a report on anything they would jump to their feet like a Pte soldier and rattle off the desired information. The last thing he said was his impression of the Dear Leader to the North was that he was very unstable and I thought maybe this was just US propaganda, in all it was a wonderful display of how the US forces are smart and powerful. I came away with the feeling that I hope we don't have to fight these guys in the future. We were to personally meet the General later at a luncheon he gave for us.

Back to the Hotel to freshen up and then wait for pickup to take us to the Novotel Ambassador for a dinner hosted by Gen.(ret) Sang Hoon Lee of the ROK army.

Dinner was in the Champagne Room, cocktails were served in the foyer, in the centre stood a magnificent ice sculpture which had imbedded in two swans, the flags of Canada and the UK ,unreal! We sat down to dinner at about 7pm and the host at our table was Col. in ROK army who was a very genial host and spoke fairly good English his wife was impressive as well dressed in traditional fashion. Dinner began with a salad with Quail eggs and Kimchi very hot I thought it fine but some could bring themselves to eat the eggs or the Kimchi, not me My wife and I both like hot food. Main course was filet steak with vegetables and potatoes.

I asked the Col. if this was beef from Korea and he said no Korean beef was far to expensive and was shipped to places like Japan, he said it was Canadian but I said I didn't believe him and he just laughed, desert was some fancy dish but I can't remember what it was. After dinner we were entertained by a group of 4 singers who impersonated all the stars of the 50s & 60s, they were very very good and if you closed your eyes you would think they were the real thing, after that some traditional Korean entertainment and presentation of medals by the Korean Gov't it was back to the hotel for some much needed rest. A great evening, all first class and well done.

Next Panmunjom Camp Bonifas at DMZ

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## OUR HONORARY COLONEL: ROBERT G. DARLING, CD

LCol ROBERT G. DARLING, CD  
6 HOPWOOD DRIVE  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA  
R3P 1W2

### Employment

Jan 1/95 - Feb/01  
Senior Vice President, Securities, Investors Group Inc.  
(Managing Partner, I.G. Investment Management, Ltd.)  
- Responsible for the investment management of all international and specialty mutual funds and various marketing and sales promotion activities.

### Educational History

Graduate of:  
University of Toronto Schools  
University of British Columbia - 1962 - B.A. Economics and International Studies  
University of Western Ontario - 1973 - Management Training Course  
Canadian Securities Course  
Various Canadian Armed Forces Courses including Reserve Officers Staff Course - Kingston - 1972  
Awarded designation of Fellow of the Trust Companies Institute - 1977

### Current Involvements

- Healthcare Employees Pension Plan (HEPP) - Member, Investment Committee
- Municipal Employees Pension Plan (MEPP) - Member, Investment Committee
- Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba - Member, Investment Committee
- Manitoba Museum - Member, Investment Committee
- Winnipeg Art Gallery Foundation - Trustee; Member, Investment Committee; (President 1997 - 2002)
- Children's Hospital Research Foundation - Member, Investment Committee (Chair - Mar 2004)
- Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, Manitoba Division - Governor (Chairman, Board of Governors - 1999 - 2002)
- 48th Highlanders of Canada - Honorary Colonel (Oct '04); Chairman, Regimental Senate; Chairman, Trustee and Chair of Investment Committee - 48th Trusts
- Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada - Member, Regimental Senate; Member, A&SH of C Foundation Investment Committee

- Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada - Member, Commanding Officer's Advisory Board; Chairman, Investment Committee of Regimental Foundation
- 78th Fraser Highlanders (historical society) - Lt-Col and second-in-command; member Ft Garry Garrison (Commander - 2000 - 2002)
- St Andrew's Society of Winnipeg - Member, Board of Managers - President (2004 - 2005); Trustee - Foundation
- Reserves 2000 - Manitoba representative
- St. John Ambulance - Member of the Council for Manitoba
- Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants - Member of Accounting Standards Oversight Council
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Young Canadians Challenge - President, Manitoba Division; Member, National Board
- Manitoba Club - member, Committee of Management; Chair, Finance Committee

### Personal

Born July 18, 1938  
Married to Alison Mary Stewart  
3 Children (daughter (1968) - lives in Toronto, two sons (1979 & 1981) in Winnipeg)  
Member: Manitoba Club, St. Charles Country Club, Toronto Golf Club

### Military History

1959 - Enrolled 2Lt - 48th Highlanders of Canada  
1960 - Promoted to Lt  
1964 - Promoted to Captain & appointed Adjutant  
1967 - Promoted to Major  
1971 - Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)  
1973 - Appointed Deputy Commanding Officer  
1974 - Transferred to Supplementary Reserve  
1974 - Transferred from Supplementary Reserve and appointed Deputy Commanding Officer, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's)  
1975 - Promoted to Lt Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada  
1977 - Relinquished command and transferred to Supplementary Reserve  
2004 - Appointed Honorary Colonel 48th Highlanders of Canada

George Simpson passed away on February 18. He had traveled with our 48th veterans contingent visiting battlegrounds in Italy.

*George Simpson enjoying a fanta pop.*



*George Simpson in Florence.*



### Lest they forget ...Continued from page 3

pebbles. The old school master smiled as he related a story concerning the three smooth stones. "For some time, our caretaker would arrive each morning and find the stones on graves containing the remains of Jewish soldiers. He thought some local kids had put them there as a prank so he would brush them off. Then one day a woman saw him doing that and asked why. She then proceeded to tell him the three stones were significant in the Jewish religion and represented tears turning to stone. 'They were put there to show sorrow,' she told the caretaker. He never brushed them away again," said van 't Holt.

Each of the graves is marked with a cross or Star of David or nothing. "It was left to the families how they wanted to mark the graves," said van 't Holt. Five of the graves have no names, unknown soldiers all. After World War II, the people of Holten started a poppy fund and the townspeople collected enough money to bring the families of fallen soldiers here to pay their final respects. There are 44 local committees that look after the cemetery and they are all working toward a major celebration in 2005 to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. "It will be the last major ceremony honouring those who fought here," said a saddened van 't Holt, recognizing the advancing years of the surviving veterans.

The eerie quiet of the cemetery, where different varieties of heather grow at various times of the year so a floral presence is always prominent here, is shattered by the arrival of a larger group of high school students. Half are Dutch but the rest speak German. Mike Battes, a young Dutchman with Hollywood good looks, told us the German students are from across the border. "They are here to learn about what sacrifices the Canadians made. They (the Germans) don't have military cemeteries like this so they are intrigued to see how many gave up their lives for freedom," continued Battes, who joyfully predicted: "One day I will be Holland's first Hollywood movie star".

One wonders just how many of those buried here had similar youthful aspirations.



*George remembering friends.*

## LAST POST

**The following Highlanders passed away recently:**

William 'Bill' McCutcheon	January 20, 2005	Richmond Hill
George Simpson	February 18, 2005	
A. E. Bud Hartwell	March 5, 2005	Orillia
Robert Arthur Ivory	March 24, 2005	Toronto
Robert O'Neill	April 4	91 years
John Maxwell McGarey	April 19, 2005	Lindsay

## CONFINED TO BARRACKS

*We have eight Highlanders currently in Sunnybrook Hospital.*

J. CC Jack Hughes  
Sunnybrook - K2C  
Rm. 16

Norm McMurrich  
Sunnybrook - K3W  
Rm. 33

Sgt. Ed Cane  
Sunnybrook - K2W  
Rm. 4

Nelson Liston  
Sunnybrook - K3E  
Rm. 21

Leonard Mills  
Sunnybrook - K3W  
Rm. 23

Joe Potts  
Sunnybrook - LGSE  
Rm. 23, code 4589

George Mason  
Sunnybrook - K2W  
Rm. 33

G. Ron Pallett  
Sunnybrook - K2E  
Rm. 10

*In hospital, Special Care, Nursing units or confined to home we also have the following:*

Fredrick George Morley (Veteran)  
Specialty Care, Bradford Valley  
2656 Line 6, Bradford, Ontario  
L3Z 2A4

R. E. Kenzie ( in nursing home )  
The Westmount, 200 Bergsy Dr.  
Kitchener, Ontario  
N2E 3X4

W. Carothers ( at home )  
269 Upper Highland Cres  
Willowdale, Ontario  
416-225-2852

Tom Keightley ( at home )  
27 Tiago Ave.  
Toronto, Ontario  
416-755-7468

Sgt. Lloyd Tucker (Drummer)  
Baycrest Hospital, 7 West Hospital  
Rm. 4, 3560 Bathurst St.  
Please call Mrs Pat Tucker before 10 a.m. before visit at 416-223-7513

Dave Logan ( at home )  
32 Frimette Cres.  
Toronto, Ontario  
M6N 4W6

G. E. Colton ( at home )  
220 Principal St.  
Fort Coulonge, Quebec  
819-683-2323

Jack Pickering ( at home )  
245 Elgin St. W. Unit 203  
Colbourn, Ontario  
905-377-8475

Ed Forest ( at home )  
54 Walkerville Rd.  
Markham, Ontario  
416-782-8809

Don McCron ( at home )  
318 Sunset Blvd.  
Stouffville, Ontario  
905-642-2312

Tom Kelly  
Ridgewood  
P. O. Box 2100, Saint John  
N.B., E2L 4L2  
1-506-693-1506

*We also have the following who have health problems but are still able to get out and around.*

Don Graham ( on oxygen )  
672 Gordon Ave  
London, Ontario  
519-686-5214

Chuck Mc Imoyle ( in wheel chair )  
26 Hurley Cres.  
Scarborough, Ontario  
416-438-7837

Al Harris ( on oxygen )  
259 Dunlop St. W. Apt 301  
Barrie, Ontario  
705-722-7994

Jack McKenna  
14924 Yonge St, Suite 304  
Aurora, Ontario  
905-841-3906

Art Johnson ( at home )  
37 Winstanley Cres.  
Scarborough, Ontario  
416-282-8430  
e-mail: dileas@aol.com

Major Joe Potts  
19 Whitehall Rd.  
Toronto, Ontario  
416-924-8802

*There may be other Highlanders but we are not aware of them at this time.  
When we are advised of any others we will advise you. - TOMMY THOMPSON*

## Cadillac Dinner and Draw

The Annual Cadillac Dinner and Draw will be held on Friday, June 3. Please buy a Dinner ticket for \$140 and a Draw ticket for \$60.00. These tickets are sold separately but preference for Draw tickets will be given to those who purchase dinner tickets. Please note that the Regiment makes no money on the Draw ticket – all proceeds are given out in prizes. If you want to contribute to the Regiment but you cannot attend, please make a donation or buy a dinner ticket that one of the Junior Officers or Sr NCOs can use.

Only 100 Draw tickets are sold and each entitles you to a chance to win one of eight cash prizes ranging from \$150 to \$4,000. It will be an elimination draw with the last ticket drawn being the winner of the Grand Prize of \$4,000.00. Prizes will total \$6,000.

Your dinner ticket entitles you to an entertaining evening which includes:

- A superb buffet dinner
- Complementary drinks
- A concert by the Pipes and Drums and the Military Band
- A donation receipt for the full amount permitted by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Last year, we sold all available tickets before the date of the draw and some people who showed up at the door anticipating they would have a ticket waiting were disappointed. This year we will not be holding tickets at the door unless they have been paid for. We will also be holding an Early Bird draw for all of those ticket holders whose payment is received by May 27th. The winner of this draw will receive \$150.00.

Tickets are often sold out so send your cheque in now. Please make cheques payable to "48th Highlanders Officers' Association."

Major Andre Poles  
Chairman, Draw Committee  
1462 Creekwood Trail  
Oakville, ON L6H 6E6  
(905) 337-8682

Tickets will be sold on a first come basis and we cannot hold tickets at the door for which we have not received payment.

Hopefully, the Regiment can count on your support. This will be a memorable evening that you can enjoy with your friends for only \$200.

# SCHEDULE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL FAMILY

Fri 29 Apr	Change of Command Parade
Sun 1 May	Regimental Church Parade - Sgts Mess responsible for food
Sat 7 May	D Day Dodgers Reunion in Orillia. Parade on main street after services at Soldiers Memorial Hospital at 10:30 A.M.
Tue 10 May	Continuing Sgts meeting at Sgts Mess. All C.S.A. members to attend please. RE: July Barbeque
Fri 27 May	Sgts Mess Meeting after training
Fri 3 Jun	Cadillac Dinner and Draw
Sat 5 Jun	Ladies Auxiliary Wine & Cheese Party. For details see page 4
Fri 10 Jun	Stand down Parade
Sat 9 July	Regimental Family Picnic & Barbeque at the Acton Royal Canadian Legion - details to follow
Fri 09 Sep	Stand To / Muster Parade
Sat 22 Oct	Annual Mess Dinner - cannot be held on 15 Oct due to conflict with 32 CBG training exercise.
Sat 05 Nov	Senior NCO's & Officers parade at Mount Pleasant Cemetery with the OCA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch in the Mess</li> <li>• Annual Mess Meeting</li> <li>• OCA Dinner</li> </ul>
Sun 06 Nov	Regimental Remembrance Day Parade - CSA responsible for food
Fri 09 Dec	Regimental Christmas Dinner
Sun 11 Dec	Regimental Kid's Christmas Party



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## DILEAS SEARCH-A-WORD

by Sgt. Frank MacKay,  
Continuing Sergeants Association  
Find The WW1 and WW2 48th Battle Honours

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MOUNT SORREL	SICILY	REGALBUTO
CASSINO (II)	LIRI VALLEY	SCARPE

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