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## SISTER'S SACRIFICE FINALLY HONOURED

*Family's quest for Silver Cross speaks to the unrelenting grief that is the legacy of war*  
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By ARTHUR MILNES  
SPECIAL TO THE TORONTO STAR

I never met Bobby Downes, but I heard a lot about him.

Private Robert Downes, 22, of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto, was killed in action in 1943. His only sister, my grandmother, Margaret Fines, never fully recovered.

I often stayed overnight with my grandparents when I was a boy. On the wall across from my bed was a simply framed black-and-white picture of Bobby in uniform that he'd mailed to his sister from England decades before I was born.

My grandmother, Nanny, often talked about the brother who was more like a son – she was 12 years older than he was and had left school as a child to raise him. Occasionally, she'd take me to the cedar chest in her room and carefully remove a box to show me. It contained Bobby's personal effects that were sent to her after he was killed.

There were his medals, prayer book and two small rocks that I held in my hands many times. I always imagined Bobby must have picked up one of the rocks when he first arrived as a soldier in Great Britain. The other he probably pocketed in Sicily, just days before he died.

Years later, I visited the National Archives while doing research for a 1997 article. Noticing a sign concerning war records, I filled out a form, placed Bobby's name on it and handed it in. A copy of my great uncle's file arrived

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## A NEW MEMORIAL FOR A FALLEN COMRADE

By Master Corporal George Duff

*"With courage, with a sense of duty, they have laid at their country's feet the most glorious contribution they could offer ... They have met danger face to face, and, after one brief moment while at the summit of their fortune, left behind them not their fear, but their glory."*<sup>1</sup>

On November 9th this year, I was invited along with several members of 48th Highlanders to a special event, something that made Remembrance Day this year different and more personal for us than in years past.

We assembled at Moss Park Armoury in the morning and drove to a corner of the city we rarely visit: St. Charles Garnier Catholic School. When we arrived, we found the result of many months effort to bring together efforts from the school, the army and the larger Canadian community. We found a playground, built by volunteer efforts and donations, and dedicated in the memory of a fallen comrade.

Corporal Ainsworth Dyer started his military career in Toronto with the 48th Highlanders.

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## The Afghan Mission: Canadians in Operation Enduring Freedom

By Brigadier General G. A. Young

**Editor's Note:** BGen Young is a former Commanding Officer of The Regiment; Commander of 32 Canadian Brigade Group; Deputy Commander and Commander of Land Force Central Area and, Deputy Commander of Land Force Doctrine and Training Systems. For his service in Afghanistan, as Deputy Commanding General of CSTC-A, BGen Young was awarded the Legion of Merit medal by the United States and the Bariyal Medal of Bravery by the Government of Afghanistan. Upon completion of his tour in Afghanistan, BGen Young retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in August 2007 after 43 years of service.



Most Canadians and most certainly readers of the Falcon will be very familiar with Canada's ongoing military operations in Afghanistan, chiefly in Kandahar province. Members of The Regiment have served there as well as in Kabul prior to the shift of our military effort to Kandahar in 2005.

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#### AINSWORTH DYER MEMORIAL ...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

He quickly gained the trust and respect of those around him, and is remembered as a man with a strong will, athletic ability and kind heart. Like many other soldiers who started out in the 48th, he decided he wanted to do more in the army and transferred to the Regular Force. He found a new home at 3 PPCLI.

One of his colleagues wrote: "Ainsworth's resolve, commitment, compassion and sense of humour shone like a beacon. Everyone who knew him was drawn to it."<sup>2</sup>

Corporal Dyer was deployed in Afghanistan, and he was killed there in the course of his duties. He was 24 years old. While it is always painful to lose someone, we can console ourselves with the thought that he knew the risks and chose to put himself in danger to accomplish something positive. His courage is a respectable and important example to the rest of us.

Now we have a lasting memorial to his life, and that example, in the dedication of the playground at St. Charles Garnier school. We can hope that Corporal Dyer's story can inspire and challenge the 400 children at that school to make the most of their play time, themselves and the possibilities of their lives.

The Let Them Be Kids Initiative<sup>3</sup> works to create play spaces for children in situations where they have been getting by without suitable equipment. Even the United Nations recognizes the need for play activities in children's lives, and we know how important it is for children to enjoy safe and interesting playgrounds.

Ian Hill founded and leads the Let Them

Be Kids Initiative. His organization responded to the invitation from St. Charles Garnier school, and in a few months organized a school makeover day. That meant books, bookshelves, computers and the playground delivered, assembled and built through the efforts of volunteers and donations. As part of that effort, soldiers from 32 Canadian Brigade Group and 32 Canadian Engineer Regiment lent a hand in the construction of the playground.

This was a success, and the children have been enjoying all this since April 2007, when the work was completed. The playground is a wonderful symbol of our collective interest in the well-being of children, and it is entirely suitable to link Corporal Dyer's name to this effort. He is the kind of positive role-model we want children to see.

Linda Alonzi, the Principal at St. Charles Garnier, told me why she felt the need for something more. She wanted to include a visible reminder, a tribute to a fallen soldier, to link the playground activities of the children to the name chosen for the dedication. "It wouldn't be complete," she said, without bringing soldiers in to the school to participate in their Remembrance Day ceremonies and making an event of the dedication.

As one of many soldiers who responded to her invitation this month, I was pleased to see the many decorations throughout the school and hear the songs and poetry from the



staff and children of the school. The ceremonies were moving. But my heart really responded to the stone placed nearby the playground, decorated with Ainsworth's picture, inscribed with his name and bearing the message: Let Them Be Kids.

It's a beautiful stone. I'm sure Ainsworth would have liked it.

#### (Endnotes)

<sup>1</sup> Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson Speech on the Occasion of a Memorial Ceremony for the Fallen Soldiers of 3 PPCLI <http://www.gg.ca/media/doc.asp?lang=e&DocID=1056>

<sup>2</sup> Eulogy by Corporal Di Capua [http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/LFWA/Eulogies\\_Dyer.htm](http://www.army.forces.gc.ca/LFWA/Eulogies_Dyer.htm)

<sup>3</sup> Website of Let Them Be Kids Initiative [http://www.ltbk.org/toronto\\_finale.htm](http://www.ltbk.org/toronto_finale.htm)

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Public Affairs NCO, 32 CBG







## From the CO

I would like to open my message by wishing all the members of the Regimental family a happy Christmas and holiday season.

As we approach the end of 2007, I have had the opportunity to reflect on what the Regiment has accomplished this year. I have to admit this year has flown by, and it is only on reflection that it has become apparent how much actually happened during 2007. The year began with the Regiment becoming accustomed to a new Regimental Sergeant-Major (RSM). On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, CWO Ron Alkema, CD completed his very successful appointment as RSM, and it was my pleasure to welcome CWO Paul McIntyre, CD as the new RSM. RSM McIntyre approached this role with great enthusiasm, which he continues to maintain.

A little over two months later, the Regiment was holding another succession parade, as CWO Sandy Dewar, MMM, CD stepped down after 22 years as Pipe Major and handed over leadership of best Pipes & Drums band in the country to MWO Iain Lang, CD. Sandy's exceptional service to both this Regiment and Canada was later recognized when Her Majesty extended an invitation for Sandy and his wife Carolyn to attend a private audience at Buckingham Palace. It was my personal pleasure to accompany Sandy and Carolyn, along with the Honorary Colonel and Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, to their audience with the Queen.

Despite the changes in the leadership of the ranks of our Senior NCO's, the Regiment has not faltered from its goal of maintaining its status as the best Reserve Regiment in Canada. The Regiment continues to generate a large number of Highlanders for overseas deployments, sadly too many to be able to individually recognize in this short article, and I want to thank and congratulate these recent veterans for their service to the Regiment and Canada. This should not downplay the contributions of the Highlanders who have not been able to deploy overseas. The Regiment is a closely knit family, and without everyone's efforts, we would not succeed.

And the Regiment's success is being noted. This year, for the second time in three years, the Regiment was selected to lead the training Battle Group (BG A) for Moss Park Armoury. This Battle Group consists of our Regiment, the Queen's Own Rifles, 7 Toronto Regiment (RCA) and 32 Combat Engineer Regiment. We, as the lead unit, are responsible for organising and supervising the four field training exercises the Battle Group undertakes in the fall and early winter.

Additionally, the Regiment has been chosen, a first time opportunity for any unit in the Brigade, to run the Brigade's major spring collective exercise called Iron Talon. This exercise takes place over two consecutive weekends in the spring, and involves every unit from 32 Canadian Brigade Group.

Without the efforts of every Highlander, it would not have been possible for us to have achieved this success, and I want to personally thank all of you for your continued dedication.

Once again, please have a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.

*DILEAS*

*ANDREW DC PATERSON, CD  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
COMMANDING OFFICER*



## EX AGGRESSIVE VIPER II

November 16-18 the Regiment went to LFCATC Meaford to conduct EX AGGRESSIVE VIPER II. This exercise was designed to practice the same section assault tactics that were used in October on EX AGGRESSIVE VIPER I however this time it would be with live ammunition. The soldiers went through individual fire lanes, pairs fire lanes and finally group attacks using the Urban Assault Range and using their primary and secondary weapons. This training will allow us to move on to larger live fire exercises in the winter and spring next year.





However, many Canadians are likely unaware of Canada's participation in US Operation Enduring Freedom through Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan (CSTC-A). CSTC-A, a US CENTCOM formation, is headquartered in Kabul with personnel and elements operating throughout Afghanistan in every one of its Regional Commands and their respective provinces. The mission of CSTC-A, in partnership with the Government of Afghanistan, other key partner nations and the International Community is to plan, program and implement the establishment of self-reliant and self-sustaining Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF – both the ANA and the ANP) that are capable of conducting independent operations to ensure a stable nation, strengthen the rule of law and defeat terrorism within their borders. Simply put, CSTC-A is responsible for the manning, training, equipping and facilitating of the ANA and ANP. In the case of the ANA, with exception of other nations like Canada that supply OMLTs or ETTs to the ANA and those donor nations that contribute some resources, the effort to build the ANA is chiefly a US one. The vast bulk of the equipment supplied to the ANA and the entire payroll for the ANA is provided by the US through CSTC-A. In the case of the ANP, although there are more nations directly involved in supporting the police program, again the vast bulk of the resources, infrastructure and training manpower is provided by the US through CSTC-A. The three most visible functioning components of CSTC-A were DRD (the Defense Reform Directorate responsible for the ANA and The Ministry of Defence); PRD (the Police Reform Directorate responsible for the ANP and The Ministry of the Interior); and CJTF Phoenix (41st Brigade Combat Team Oregon National Guard - CSTC-A's main field functioning arm) Although composed of mainly US personnel -Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force (Active, Reserve and National Guard) Department of State and civilian contractors – CSTC-A also had many NATO and non-NATO military personnel working throughout the formation. I was one CSTC-A's four Deputy Commanding Generals and in my case I was in command of the Police Reform Directorate. During my tour from Nov 06 to June 07 there were approximately 12 other

Canadians serving in CSTC-A, most within my Police Directorate. Given the attention paid to the ANA after the fall of the Taliban and the poor condition of the ANP both as an institution and a field force, the task assigned to PRD was arguably the most difficult piece in the rebuilding of the ANSF.

After completing pre-deployment training in late Oct 06 I began the usual Trenton, Hungary, Dubai, Kandahar, journey to link up with my team and join the US command in

Kabul on 24 Nov. My personal team

as dealing with the insurgency chiefly driven by the Taliban. The potential strategic impact of a reformed and rebuilt ANP, as well as the reality of its current weakened state, have unfortunately made the ANP the target of choice for insurgents and criminal elements. During my tour Police casualties were three to four times those suffered by the ANA. So CSTC-A PRD's basic problem was how to completely rebuild a security force from the ground up and fight insurgent and criminal attacks at the same time. This is in fact a perfect reflection of the larger Afghan problem- how to rebuild the state and fight a war at the same time. Its sort of like changing flat tires on a moving car.

Reforming a 67,400 man pre-existing



*Photos from top to bottom: BGen Young and President Karzai at the NPCC in Kabul.*

*BGen Young and team with local leaders in Kandahar.*

*BGen Young hands over new Ford Police vehicles to Afghan Police Chief in Kabul.*



consisted of a six man Close Protection Unit that literally became my shadow for the next six months; a PA in the person of former Brigade and Area CWO now Captain Stew Dalziel; and a US Air Force LCol as my XO. After a one week handover, that was the rough equivalent of putting a fire hose into your mouth for 18 hours a day, I assumed my duties as DCG PRD.

Reports in the media from Afghanistan frequently lament the state of the ANP and its inability to provide security in the form of effective policing. This in turn requires increased presence by ISAF, including the Canadians in Kandahar to operate without effective Police support and presence as well

national police force suffering from widespread corruption, 25 years of institutional neglect and dysfunctional ministerial leadership is a daunting task. Every aspect of the Police cried out for reform so where do you begin? The answer was everywhere and to start immediately. Recruiting; training; equipping; infrastructure; ethics; command and control; leadership; operational doctrine; fiscal accountability; pay and rank reform; etc, etc. In addition to reforming and rebuilding the existing force, tactical realities called for the development of new police capabilities both in terms increased numbers and resources as well as new police units to augment and





*Clockwise from top left: BGen Young, Col Stafford, LCol Shaw and Kabul Chief of Police. A group of the first 300 ANCOP (Afghan national Civil Order Police) grads at Mez RTC. Recruiting poster for ANCOP (Afghan National Civil Order Police). Blue and yellow shield is the shoulder patch of CSTC-A. Circular crest/emblem/logo of the CSTC-A. ANA troops on parade in Kandahar.*

compliment the existing forces. Our threat assessments concluded an 82,000 force was required composed of existing police units reformed and retrained along with brand new units being created. Some police units like the notorious Highway Police and Standby Police were stood down. Brand new units like the Auxiliary Police (ANAP) and the elite Civil Order Police (ANCOP) were designed and stood up. Special Counter Narcotics and Counter Terrorist units were established to focus on those two respective issues. The critical Border Police were increased in number, given new doctrine and tactics and finally started to receive the weapons and equipment so long denied to them. The vast bulk of the what we would call regular municipal or provincial police, the ANP, became the subject of much needed reform. The entire officer corps was put through a reform and merit board assessment to determine whether or not they qualified to be retained. Many were not and were removed from positions of authority. Six Regional Training Centres (RTCs) were established with standardized and more rigorous 8 week training curriculum for all new police recruits. Retraining for existing policemen and extended 16 week programs for the more elite CN, CT and ANCOP units. Pay was reformed both in terms

of across the board raises to establish equity with the ANA and also in terms of pay delivery to include wherever possible individual pay accounts for policemen

A command and control network was designed and installed to connect the National Police Command Centre (NPCC) in Kabul with the five regional Commands and the 34 provincial centres. Hundreds of police facilities were designed and being built across the country – HQs, command centres, logistics facilities, training centres, barracks, bases, FOBs, medical facilities and Check Points. By Spring an ever increasing stream of equipment was arriving in from the US and those nations making donations – trucks, weapons, ammunition, clothing, comms and IT equipment, motorcycles, aircraft, specialized emergency services equipment like fire fighting gear and all manner of police specific equipment.

Such a broad nationwide reform effort meant that although CSTC-A was headquartered in Kabul, we were constantly out operating in every region and province where the ANP, ANAP, ANCOP, CT, CN or ANAP were operating and projected to be operating. Recces to establish future operating sites were constant. Meetings with Regional, Provincial and District

Police Chiefs and their respective staffs were of necessity constant in order to coordinate the reform and keep in touch with the impact of these measures in the field as well as to hear concerns directly from field commanders and officers.. Flying was preferred for obvious reasons and we must have flown in virtually every type of aircraft operated by NATO forces that could lift us to where we needed to go. Brit and Dutch Chinooks; Spanish Pumas, Afghan Hips; US Blackhawks; Belgian or US or Brit or Aussie or Italian C-130s. A great vantage point to see the country from as well catching up on lost sleep. Road moves were usually by our ever present US ‘hummers’ with an occasional RG-31 provided by the Canadians when we were in Kandahar.

For those whose only impressions of Afghanistan are of the hot, rocky, desert terrain of Kandahar shown on the TV, there is surprising variety of terrain across the 1100 mile breath of the country. Desert; snow capped mountains; lush, almost tropically well watered areas; and seemingly endless barren mountainous valleys. We had more snow at Xmas than most parts of Canada. Having said that, it is a small world as I ran into Highlanders or former Highlanders in a number of places: Capts Dave Tsuchiya and Alan Best in Kandahar; Cpl Skippy Crawford, LCol Geordie Elms and Maj Howard Mischtsch in Kabul. The battle rhythm of US HQs tended to be a bit more intense than usual with 20 hour, 6 ½ day weeks being the norm and General Order # 1 completely prohibiting alcohol. Hence HLTA at mid tour was a very welcome break from the high intensity pace for everyone on the team.

The other equally important part of CSTC-A's mission, but often less visible on the ground, was the mentoring and fundamental



BGen Young and Close Protection Team at KIA boarding US C-17

Below: The Legion of Merit medal and the CENTCOM shoulder patch.

institutional reform of the Afghan Ministry of the Interior. As this Ministry has direct responsibility for internal security and controls all police forces, any reform of the field force component would be wasted unless the institution responsible for that field force was itself reformed. Working as mentors with key Afghan officials of the Ministry of the Interior, every aspect of its structure and operation were subjected to analysis, assessment and reform where required. This aspect of CSTC-A's role, and mine, meant frequent contact with numerous other international and national agencies working in country. This was the diplomatic side of the DCG PRD's role and one that gave me a new respect for the role of say someone like Eisenhower in World War II trying to keep all the Allies focused on their collective effort and not their national interests. Very much like herding cats some days.

Although the Canadian presence in CSTC-A was small, the contribution made was significant and on a number of occasions the Commanding General, MGen Robert Durbin, commented on the outstanding quality of "his" Canadians. The service of the Canadians, most of whom were Reservists in the Police Reform Directorate, was duly recognized by the Government of the United States and the US Army. My entire personal team that conducted approximately 300 missions was awarded Meritorious Service Medals; Col Gary Stafford a former 32 CBG Commander and LCol Rob Shaw a former CO of the GGHG were both awarded Bronze Stars. I was fortunate to receive the US Legion of Merit Medal which I recognize as a great honour that I will wear with pride knowing that it is a reflection of the efforts and successes of all the men and women,



US and non US, that served in CSTC-A PRD under my command. These were some of the best people I have ever had the honour and pleasure to serve with over my career. They are daily in my thoughts and I miss every one of them.

The mission in Afghanistan goes on and undoubtedly more Canadians and members of The Regiment will serve there as they have in the past. The CF's main effort will of course continue to be focused on operations in RC South, Kandahar. How long we will remain engaged in Afghanistan and our role there, will be determined, in due course, by the Government and people of Canada. But until the security situation is stabilized, the task of rebuilding Afghanistan will continue to be difficult. Ultimately, security must be provided by the Afghans themselves, through their Security Forces, the ANA and the ANP. The current state of the ANSF is such that ISAF forces are required to shoulder much of the conflict with the Taliban insurgency as both the ANA and the ANP reform and build their capacity. Much good work has been and is being done in this regard and although often not reported, progress, albeit often slow, is being made. It is an honourable mission and the Afghans are most deserving of our assistance. It is a paradoxically terrifying yet beautiful place and I fell in love with it and its people. I have nothing but admiration for those Afghans that I worked side by side with throughout my tour, especially the officers and men of the ANP and Ministry of the Interior. Along with our NATO allies, we need the patience and determination to see this mission through to the end both in terms of our military and reconstruction efforts. This will not be easy and it will not be quick.

## Custom – made 48th Highlander Brooch for Sale

Earlier this year LCol Ian Douglas CM, CStJ, a Second War officer in the 48th Highlanders, passed away. In his estate was a custom-made 48th Highlander Brooch. His daughters, Diana Douglas and Jane Douglas-Oliver, sent the following letter to *The Falcon*.

"Our father, Ian Douglas was a proud, life-long 48th Highlander. Especially, when we were young, our parents taught Highland Dance and went to many military occasions where Mum wore this 48th Highlander brooch. The story that we remember being told is that when dad was a young lawyer, a jeweller called him to say that this pin – one of only two made – had recently become available, and he, the jeweler, thought Dad should buy it. Dad said it was a big stretch for him to believe at that stage in his career he could afford it. However, he did!



The circular brooch is framed with a belt and buckle motif set with diamonds that is topped with a ruby-set falcon. There are 7 rubies and 37 single cut diamonds. The words "48th Highlander" are in green enamel. The number "48" is in blue enamel.

We both feel that we do not have the opportunity to wear the brooch and that it should go to someone connected with the 48th who would love and appreciate it. We therefore would like to sell it."

DIANA DOUGLAS AND  
JANE DOUGLAS-OLIVER

If any reader of *The Falcon* is interested in purchasing the brooch, please contact HLCOL Geordie Beal at 416 485-7483. The brooch has been valued for estate purposes. Colonel Beal will arrange discussions of all interested parties with the family.



# 48th Highlanders Trusts

by R G Darling, CD, LCol (ret'd), Honourary Colonel

In November 1952, the 48th Highlanders Trusts were established when the then Commanding Officer, Lt-Col George A. Fraser executed a Memorandum of Agreement between himself and five Trustees, mainly former Commanding Officers. Over the ensuing years the Trusts have played a major part in the development of the 48th and the regimental family.

The original purpose of the Trusts was "to raise, receive by way of donation, legacy, bequest or gift, to administer and apply funds for the efficiency, welfare and well-being of the 48th Highlanders of Canada". Future Trustees were prohibited from changing this provision and have honoured that prohibition.

Early on, funds were provided to the Trusts by some related predecessor organizations and initial gifts so that by the end of 1954 the assets of the Trusts totalled \$36,456. These funds were invested in long term assets with the income derived therefrom paid to the Regiment in response to requests made by the Commanding Officer. Over the years two major fundraising endeavours were undertaken, largely through the initiative of BGen Cameron, and other donations were received so that by 1976 the assets of the Trusts exceeded \$300,000. As well, the Trusts owned all the non-public assets of the Regiment (scarlets, musical instruments etc.) and of the messes so that they would be protected from seizure by the government in the event the 48th were deemed "not needed" by the government (not that wild a thought back then).

In 1976 the 48th Highlanders Association sold 519 Church St. and purchased 284 King St. E. The Association was the successor to the Fifteenth Battalion Old Comrades Social Club (founded in 1940) which acquired 519 Church St in 1946. The Club changed its corporate name to the 48th Highlanders Association in 1948. The Association sold 284 King St. E. in 1986 and entered into an agreement with the Trustees to deposit the proceeds (approximately \$700,000) into a separate account within the Trusts for investment. The Trustees agreed to pay the Old Comrades Association \$10,000 per month to assist in maintaining the rental premises being used by the OCA as the 48th Hall. Over the years membership declined, expenses increased and interest rates declined so that when the OCA determined in 2004 that the maintenance of separate premises could not be supported further, there was \$430,000

left in the special account. Agreement was reached to combine this amount with the main Trusts account and the Trustees agreed that the OCA would have the right to appoint a Trustee annually. This change and the need to update the Memorandum of Agreement brought major revisions to the document. In 2006, the unanimous agreement of the Trustees and the Commanding Officer to the changes was approved by Canada Revenue Agency and the Ministry of the Attorney General's Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee and they became effective.

The changes included:-

- the appointment of an additional Trustee annually by the OCA subject to approval by the other Trustees
- the responsibility of the Trustees to report to the Senate rather than the Commanding Officer
- the continuation of the CO as an ex-officio voting Trustee but without power to vote on amendment or revocation of any term of the Memorandum of Trust
- the definition of 48th Highlanders of Canada (the Regiment) is expanded to include all parts of the regimental family including the Regimental Museum
- changing the investment powers from The Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act 1932 (which no longer exists from an investment perspective) to the prudent person requirement of the Trustee Act of Ontario
- the appointment of an Investment Committee of no more than seven which can include up to three non-Trustees chosen for their investment knowledge (James Cassie was recommended by the OCA and serves) and the creation of a Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIP&P) to be reviewed and approved annually by the Trustees. The Investment Committee reports to the Trustees who approve appointments to it
- provision for the ultimate disposition of the Trusts assets should "The Regiment" cease to exist in the opinion of both the Trustees and the Senate. The assets should go to other charitable organization(s) which shall be of a military, military heritage or Scottish cultural nature but the Trustees shall not be limited by this expectation. No provision for these circumstances existed in the original Agreement

The Trustees believe that these changes will

provide for continued orderly management of the Trusts for the foreseeable future but the power to amend if needed is provided to future Trustees except for the purposes defined earlier which cannot be changed.

So where are we now?

The Trusts have assets of approximately \$1,250,000 managed by a well regarded investment management firm selected through an exhaustive manager search three years ago (McLean Budden headquartered in Toronto). They are overseen by an Investment Committee made up of the following:

Bob Darling, Chair  
Geordie Beal (member and Secretary)  
Jim Cassie  
Don Greer  
Bill Jensen  
John Newman  
Ian Sargeant

The Trustees are:  
Bob Darling, Chair  
Geordie Beal  
Peter Cameron  
Bill Jensen  
John Newman  
Harry Wignall  
Andrew Paterson (ex-officio)  
George Turner (Secretary)

The Trustees meet quarterly to review requests for funding and to follow-up on grants to ensure that they have been used in accordance with the purposes for which they were requested. The Trustees approve the audited financial statements and provide other oversight to the Trusts.

The Trustees have approved a spending policy which allows for the disbursement of 4% of the value of the assets annually. The investment objective is 4% plus inflation over the longer term. If the investments meet or exceed this target the purchasing power of the Trusts assets will be maintained over the years and distributions will increase over time. This objective has been achieved for a considerable number of years and we see no reason to expect that such results will not be achieved in the future provided that a sensible investment policy based on that expectation is maintained. This can only be achieved through the use of

common stocks in the portfolio as the current yield of fixed income investments does not provide the return target. The portfolio is a balanced portfolio of bonds and stocks with a greater emphasis on stocks (60%).

So where does the money go?

The bulk of grants made by the Trustees go to the active Regiment which is consistent with the purposes originally conceived by the original Trustees. This extra revenue provided to the Commanding Officer allows for him to provide the uniform and equipment that the government doesn't provide (particularly full dress) as well as support for morale building activities that he deems necessary and constructive (particularly the all ranks Christmas Dinner). As well, the Trusts provide the insurance for non-public assets of the Regiment.

Other parts of the Regimental family receive support from time to time particularly as it relates to special projects they undertake.

All grants must be for purposes consistent with the original purpose of the Trusts.

How can I help?

The Trustees welcome contributions to the Trusts particularly gifts made through estates. Attached as part of this article is a sample codicil for attachment to a will which has been prepared by Colonel John Lowndes. As well, many Highlanders make "in memoriam" contributions on the passing of friends or loved ones who had some association with the regimental family. Others have named the Trusts as a suggested recipient for contributions in lieu of flowers.

Giving during one's lifetime is most welcome as well. Such gifts can be for specific purposes or a contribution to the Trusts leaving the Trustees responsible for how the funds are used.

Those fortunate enough to own securities with significant unrealized gains can take advantage of our tax laws by donating securities. Because we are a registered charity there isn't no capital gains tax applicable to such donated securities and a charitable donation receipt is issued for the full amount. This is a win-win

situation.

Another way to donate is by naming the 48th Trusts as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Many of us have a number of small policies which may not be needed for estate purposes. Having the proceeds go to the Trusts is a useful way to assist the Regiment.

If you wish to make a donation to a specific part of the Regimental family with the intention that the donation is to be used in the near term by that organization (for instance – the 48th Museum), making the donation through the Trusts will get you a receipt from the Trusts for a charitable contribution. This helps at tax time.

If you have any questions about how to provide financial support to the Trusts, consult your lawyer or accountant or talk to HLCol Geordie Beal who can find the answers you need. Donating to the Trusts is a great way to support the Regiment.

*RG (BOB) DARLING  
HONOURARY COLONEL  
CHAIRMAN,  
48TH HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS*

## REMINDER FOR 48TH HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS DONORS

### MAKING A GIFT OF SECURITIES

The Federal Budget of May 2 2006 has made it more attractive to make donations to charities such as the 48th Highlanders Trusts. Effective budget day, **donations of publicly listed securities to Charities are exempt from all capital gains taxation.**

By donating publicly traded shares to the 48th Highlanders Trusts you will now **not pay any capital gains tax** normally associated with such a disposition. This means that you receive a tax receipt for the **full value of the shares** but are NOT taxed on any gain. Donors of securities therefore do not need to take any capital gain into income.

Your charitable receipt will reflect the closing price of the shares on the date they are received in the 48th Highlanders Trusts brokerage account.

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Tax due on gain	\$5,000 (50%* x \$10,000)	0
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## CODICIL FORMAT

THIS IS A CODICIL TO THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me, JOHN DILEAS SMITH of the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario, which said Last Will and Testament date the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1991.

I “IN ADDITION to the specific bequests set out in Paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ of my said will ( OR,if no PRIOR gifts) I DIRECT that the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid to the 48th HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS to be used in such manner as the Regimental Trustees deem advisable for the benefit of the Regiment or its personnel.”

II In all other respects I confirm the contents of my said will.

IN TESTAMONY WHEREOF I have to this Codicil to my Last Will and Testament written upon this and one preceding page of paper subscribed my name this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN DILEAS SMITH

[The usual attestation clause (as in your will) will be inserted and witnessed by 2 witnesses both present at the same time you sign and date your codicil.]

## WILL

When preparing your new will include a clause prior to the distribution of the residue:  
“TO THE 48th HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in such manner as the Regimental Trustees deem advisable for the benefit of the Regiment or its personnel.”

## HOLOGRAPH WILL / CODICILS

These documents are recognized in Ontario. They must be handwritten by the testator and be dated and signed by him/her. Witnesses are not necessary. It can be a simple statement leaving a specific amount, a part, or the whole of the estate to the 48th HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS. This is not recommended, but is an alternative. It is important that you allocate a beneficiary for the residue of your estate if you prepare a holograph will / codicil.

Be sure to consult with your lawyer and consider giving him/her instructions to include a gift to the 48th HIGHLANDERS TRUSTS in your will or codicil.



# REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND 2007





# BAGPIPES COMING HOME TO CANADA

Ian Pearson with article from Jack Kopstein

The bagpipes of James Richardson are coming home to Canada and to his home province of British Columbia. Richardson won a Victoria Cross in one the most bloody battles of the First World War, The battle was the fight for the Regina Trench. The stronghold was held by the Germans and on October 8th 1916 Richardson's Battalion was being slaughtered after an advance had been stalled. The conditions were of indescribable horror and the battle almost lost until Richardson rose up playing his pipes swaggering through the lines with the "greatest military coolness". It was because of his daring and dangerous exhortation through his pipes that the Canadians rose up and leaned into the enemy crossing 700 metres of barbed wire and sweeping the enemy from the position.

Later Richardson was killed while escorting a wounded Sgt Major to the rear position. His pipes disappeared and although he himself has been honoured by his hometown of Chilliwack BC with a bronze statute in his likeness it was not until recently that the pipes surfaced.

The research to find the bagpipes was carried on by well known and honoured Pipe Major Roger Maguire of the Canadian Scottish Regiment. He was able to determine that a piece of cloth found on pipes which were on display in a school in Crieff Scotland match that of the Richardson clan. A school teacher who was serving in the war discovered the pipes and they have been on display for almost three-quarters of a century.

The pipes are to be displayed in the rotunda of the British Columbia Legislature in Victoria. The pipes were purchased from the school by the Canadian Club of Vancouver and will be presented as a gift to the province. The Premier and other dignitaries including Pipe Major Mcguire will be attending a handover ceremony later this month (October) at the Ardvreck School in Crieff Scotland. Pipe Major Roger Maguire is the son of Frank Mcguire, well known author and writer and authority on the music of John Philip Sousa. James Cleland Richardson was a resident of Chilliwack BC having come to Canada from Scotland as a child.

## London Gazette 22 October 1918

"James Richardson, No. 28930, Private (Piper), late Manitoba, Regt, Canadian Expeditionary Force. For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty when, prior to attack, he obtained permission from his commanding officer to play his company 'over the top.' As the company approached the objective, it was held up by very strong wire, and came under intense fire, which caused heavy casualties and demoralized the formation for the moment. Realizing the situation, Piper Richardson strode up and down outside the wire playing his pipes with the greatest coolness. The effect was instantaneous. Inspired by his splendid example, the company rushed the wire with such fury and determination that the obstacle was overcome and the position captured. Later, after participating in bombing operations, he was detailed to take back a wounded comrade and prisoners. After proceeding about two hundred yards, Piper Richardson remembered that he had left his pipes behind. Although urged not to do so, he insisted on returning to recover his pipes. He was never seen since,



and death has been presumed accordingly, owing the amount of time."

Major Gavin H. Davies wrote to Richardson's father when he heard young James had been awarded the Victoria Cross. "It was with the greatest pleasure in the world that I saw this photo and read the good news about your "Bonny Boy" had at last been awarded the greatest metal of all. He was a delightful chap, and in my company from when we left Vancouver. Never tired, however long the march was, and always ready with a willing hand to do anything and give the boys a tune and always anxious to lead his company "over the top." He was a great loss to the battalion, and I am sure greater to you. I had always hoped that he would receive the V.C.. I was in the fight when "Jimmy" went back for pipes, but never returned. You have deep sympathy in his loss and best congratulations on the great award"

John Stephen, of Hamilton, Ontario composed a poem on Pipers Richardson's heroic deed. It was printed in a Toronto paper with an account of award and death.

## **Piper Richardson**

*"Over the top and awa', awa'.  
Come, Pipe, gie us a blaw, a blaw.  
The piper played as he forward strode,  
A merry old tune for rough old road.*

*"He played the lads through the mud and fire.  
When the men were held by the ugly wire,  
He played and strutted up and down  
As if on parade in his old home town.*

*The day was won and the men were proud.  
'Where is the piper? Called the crowd;  
The wounded he tended back to light,  
But he was gone into the night.*

*The pipes are lost and the piper gone,  
The men are forlorn without his song;  
But forever floats his brave old tune  
Where seas are murmuring to the moon.*

*Where the crowds are jostling in the street,  
Where brave men march with rhythmic beat;  
At set of sun you can hear his note  
Like a far song from a wee bird's throat.*

*Tune up your pipes for the way is long;  
Tune up! For we cannot spare your song.  
Over the top and awa', awa'.  
Tune up for a blaw, a blaw."*



**SISTER'S SACRIFICE HONoured...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**  
months later.

In the page after page of army records, the depth of Nanny's sadness and sense of loss was finally revealed to me. I wept as I reconstructed what had occurred.

On Oct. 2, 1943, two months after Bobby's death, she visited an army office to fill out forms. In handwriting that reflected her lack of schooling, she asked for "any personal effects I would like as a keepsake as I raised Pte. Robert Downes his mother died when he was two-and-a-half years sincerely his sister Mrs. Margaret Fines."

Later, prompted by a story she'd read in a newspaper, Nanny sent a letter to the Department of National Defence. "Dear Sir," she wrote, "I would appreciate it very much if you would send me the Silver Cross to which I am entitled as I am the only female relative of the late Pte. Robert Downes....I am his only sister...."

Nanny soon had a reply. "I am to inform you the Memorial Cross...is issuable only to the mothers and widows of those who die in the service of their country," a major wrote. "Therefore, it is regretted your request cannot be complied with. With reference to a recent article... that the Memorial Cross is issued to the next-of-kin, may I say this newspaper article was in error."

She persisted for years, but the paper pushers remained firm. Finally, she gave up.

Closing the file, I knew I had to act.

Through my work as a reporter, I had got to know Diana Fowler LeBlanc, the wife of then Governor General Roméo LeBlanc. Her Excellency was now my only hope.

In January 1998, I sent Fowler LeBlanc a heartfelt letter, explaining the situation. She agreed to look into the matter but warned me she didn't think even the wife of the Queen's representative to Canada could pull off what I was asking.

But, a few months later, a small package arrived in the mail. I froze, realizing immediately from the label that it must have something to do with Nanny, Bobby and their medal. I found myself in tears when I discovered the powers-that-be in Ottawa had finally changed their minds. Nanny had her medal – 55 years after Bobby's death.

Soon after, my wife and I made that familiar drive to Scarborough to give Nanny the medal. Quietly, I told my grandmother how I had accessed Bobby's war records and learned of her desire to be acknowledged as a Silver Cross Mother. She said nothing, just continued to sip her tea.

I placed the box in her hands. Nanny opened it but, again, had no words to offer. Did I want to see how her garden was progressing? she asked. So we walked in her yard and never again spoke about the Silver Cross.

I thought I'd been too late.

In December 1998, my grandmother died. She was 89.

I stayed at her house the night before her funeral – the picture of Bobby still in its place across from my bed – but thoughts of Nanny and Bobby kept me awake. Eventually, I got out of bed, went to the cedar chest and opened the special box.

And there it was.

Nanny had carefully placed her own medal inside, where it joined Bobby's service medals and those special rocks from Europe. She had understood after all.

I carried the medal in my pocket at her funeral. After the priest said the final words at the cemetery, we all began the walk back to our cars. I gripped the box, not sure of what to do.

And then it hit me. I had no right to keep this medal. I – unlike my grandmother – had done nothing to earn it.

I turned back to the gravesite and carefully placed the medal on the coffin. Nanny, just like her brother, was a war hero. She never wore a uniform but she, too, was a veteran.

Arthur Milnes is a journalist who lives in Kingston.

## **HISTORIC ARTIFACTS DONATED TO MUSEUM**

Recently, Captain (Ret'd) Alec Shipman, CD, donated several boxes of historic records to the 48th Highlanders Museum. Included in the artifacts were Records of Service Cards for the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders of Canada). These cards, stored in three separate card holders, were labeled A to G, H to Q and R to Z. This complete set of cards, all handwritten, will enable the volunteer researchers in the museum to assist more quickly the descendants of 48th Highlanders who served in the First World War to find details about their ancestors. Requests for research into family members of Highlanders have become an increasing role for the museum as more and more Canadians seek to know the contributions made by their relations.

"I was Quartermaster for the regiment when we moved from University Avenue Armouries" explained Captain Shipman. "The move was made very quickly and many items that were not recorded in stores were tucked



*"Captain Shipman and Cpl Alban of the QM stores look at the 1st Bn Casualty Cards"*

away throughout the armoury. A couple of days after the move had been finished I went back to the armoury and like any good QM did a search of garbage bins put out in the trash. These records and a few others were in the bins. I thought they should be saved so I tucked them away in my attic. They recently resurfaced when we were about to move to a new condo."

Also in the artifacts was a battered wooden chest. Inside was another set of cards. This time they were the Second War Casualty Cards for the 1st Battalion. Each card records name, rank, date of injury or death, type of wound and other personal details. For those killed in action, the card also records the map reference of the temporary grave of the Highlander.

"Recently I visited the Regimental Museum in St. Andrew's Church" said Alec. "When I saw that items were carefully accessioned and maintained I felt that this was the right place for these records."

The museum received the items on November 29. Following accession by WO Anthony Percival, Curator of the museum, they will be added to the historic records for ongoing research.

If you would like to contribute to future issues, please e-mail your stories and pictures to:

**falcon\_newsletter@hotmail.com**

*Thank you to all those who made submissions to this issue.*

This issue of the Falcon published by:

**Capt Steve Gilbert – Editor**  
**Adam Bernard – Assembly**

# BACK TO SCHOOL - THREE "R'S" FOR THE 48TH (EVERY HIGHLANDER A RECRUITER)

By Captain Mark Bossi

*Editors Note: Captain Mark Bossi, previously Assistant Zone Personnel Selection Advisor, Recruiting Zone Headquarters (Central), is currently a staff officer at Land Force Central Area/Joint Task Force Central Headquarters in Toronto. He was the first 48th officer to receive the General Campaign Star, serving during 2003-04 on Operation ATHENA in Kabul, Afghanistan.*

Not "reading, writing and 'rithmetic". We're talking about Regimental Recruiting and Retention!

*Oh, why the deuce should I repine,  
And be an ill foreboder?  
I'm twenty-three and five feet nine.  
I'll go and be a sodger.*

ROBERT BURNS: EXTEMPORE, 1784

Once upon a time (all good stories have to include that) a friend told me when you're in a hole, the first thing you do is STOP DIGGING. What does this have to do with recruiting and retention? Well, you've heard in the newspapers that General Rick Hillier wants to increase the size of the Canadian Forces. Specifically, the CDS said:

*Recruiting is everybody's business and I intend to revitalize our recruiting culture. I expect every sailor, soldier, airman and airwoman to recognize their role as a potential CF recruiter.*

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The flip side of this is the Army's traditional practice of reinforcing success. Thus, at the same time we're entering a period of heightened competition for every available recruit, we're also going to be under scrutiny for our performance. The stronger we are, the more we will be rewarded. It's our job to make sure we're on the same page, and pulling in the right direction, making our Regiment stronger!

*Every soldier must know, before he goes into battle, how the little battle he is to fight fits into the larger picture, and how the success of his fighting will influence the battle as a whole*

MONTGOMERY OF ALAMEIN

The USMC has a slogan: "You are the Corps' best recruiter" and the Marines consistently meet their recruiting targets when the other services stumble. YOU, our active serving member, are the 48th Highlanders best recruiter.

As mentioned previously, the CF is recruiting aggressively (and not every recruiter is wearing a 48th cap badge.) Thus, we're in a race to recruit. When a candidate goes to the recruiting office if they say "I want to be a 48th Highlander" then that is what will happen. If they just ask to join the reserves then they will be directed to the unit who has vacancies, or to the unit of the recruiting office's preference. Our job, YOUR job, is to encourage candidates who say "I want to be a 48th Highlander."

Keeping in mind first impressions are the most important, you might be the first soldier that some civilians have ever met face-to-face. If you impress them, they'll be impressed with the Regiment. If you turn them off, it's the closest thing to a guarantee that they won't join us, ever. And, please keep in mind that the potential recruit, most likely younger than you, may be looking for a role model. That role model is you. Even if somebody is a year or two too young to join now, your actions might be the reason they come to our Recruiting Office a couple of years from now.

When you're outside of the armoury, especially when you're in uniform, and when you meet civilians (who don't know too much about the Army) you will become the Army to them. If they ask what seems to be a 'dumb' question, it's because they really don't know the answer (Or, it's also possible they didn't get a straight answer from the last soldier they talked to). Tell them about your experiences, how much you enjoy and gain from your training, how many great friends you have met and....tell them about your pride in the 48th Highlanders.

Promote the Regiment and the reserves with your friends too. What could be better than a buddy on Civvy Street being the buddy on your left or right in the field? The bond that you have today will only get stronger, and make the Regiment even better.

*An army raised without proper regard to the choice of its recruits was never yet made good by length of time.*

VEGETIUS: DE RE MILITARI, I, 378

People laugh when I explain that years ago the traditional question asked of 48th officer applicants was "Do you play baseball, or the piano?" However, there was actually some wisdom of the ages in it. Here's why.

The Army, and the Regiment, is one big team. Thus, we're looking for team players. To use a hockey analogy, on every team, there needs to be a healthy mix and balance between fast-skating forwards, bone-crushing defensemen, and goalies that truly epitomize 'The Puck Stops Here'. So, the "piano" question asked of officer candidates refers to team chemistry. Will the recruit fit into the mess, and therefore the Regiment, and contribute to its success or are they a lone wolf who will only hang around on the balcony?

Thus, don't be too quick to weed out a potential 48th draft pick. Highlanders come in all shapes and sizes. Keep in mind it's the heart inside that matters most. We can always work on teaching and improving our recruit's ability, given the right raw material. However, if their heart's not really in it the recruit and the Regiment will both be better off in the long run if we go our separate ways.

*Look upon your soldiers as you do infants, and they willingly go into deep valleys with you; look upon your soldiers as beloved children, and they willingly die with you.*

SUN TZU

Once you have got someone to consider the Army and the Regiment treat them with respect and help them understand. Sometimes we forget what it was like when we first stumbled into the Recruiting Office, so let's refresh our memories. First of all, not too many recruits know everything about the Army. (And the ones that do - yikes!) If a potential recruit doesn't know the difference between a corporal, a captain, or a colonel he's probably not going to understand the old joke: "Don't call me 'Sir', I work for a living" (chuckle). Go easy on the inside jokes, until the recruit is truly inside.

Second, keep in mind that the recruit is investing their time when they volunteer to join the Regiment. Give them a bad vibe early in the process and who can blame them for taking their investment elsewhere. Stay in touch during the recruiting process. You know how long it can take to get all the paperwork right.



Make sure your recruit doesn't lose touch, and knows that the Regiment wants them on board.

Third, once the recruit is on strength don't forget for an instant that they are DEFINITELY a Newbie. In the learning stages you can't treat them the same way you treat experienced troops. The recruit is still trying to figure out which way is up, while the seasoned trooper knows which way to the front. Thus, you have to invest extra time and effort explaining what you're asking them to do, why they should do it, and then showing them how and when. Don't fall into the trap and just say "Follow Me" and then wonder why you're the only one on the objective.

To sum it all up in simple terms - the Army needs good recruits, and... the 48th Highlanders needs good recruits. Don't wait for someone else to grow the Regiment. Act in the knowledge that every 48th Highlander must be a recruiter and that every 48th Highlander is in the best position to bring the best candidates into our Regiment.

*The Army taught me some great lessons  
- to be prepared for catastrophe - to  
endure being bored - and to know that  
however fine a fellow I thought myself  
in my usual routine there were other  
situations in which I was inferior to  
men that I might have looked down  
upon had not experience taught me to  
look up.*

JUSTICE OLIVER WENDELL  
HOLMES, JR. (1841-1935)

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR - FROM A MUSEUM VOLUNTEER

Visitors to our museum soon understand that it is more than just a collection of artifacts. As one of the volunteers at our museum I help them to understand the people behind each artifact. The dictionary defines *MUSEUM* as "a place where articles of historic interest may be placed on permanent display"... but then the Regimental Museum is a little more than that. It's the past... the present... even the future of The Regiment... a living entity.

There are those, of course, for whom history is just that... dry, dusty, moldy stuff...a collection of "who cares anyway"... articles and things relating to the irrelevant. Nothing will ever change their view. But to others, when this little "treasure trove" is introduced to them in a manner that fires the imagination, there are countless stories and incidents associated with each and every artifact. The story of THE Regiment unfolds like a fine tapestry... which begins as they cross the threshold.

First there are the beginnings of The Regiment... the stand of colours... the uniforms and equipment... our Commander in Chief opening the premises. Further on...The Vimy Cross... and the wall of medals and decorations given to us in trust by the families of those who preceded us... our dead Commanding Officers. Stories indeed.

Visitors, coming as they do from "the four corners", will, more often than not, find something of particular interest to them; but make no mistake... what fascinates all is The Kilt, and the wearing of it. In the simplest of terms, I describe it thusly: "in addition to being the traditional "battle garb" of the ancient Highland Warrior, variations of which pre-date the Roman legionnaire, it is ultimately "a state of mind", which when enhanced by the din and smoke of battle and the skirl o' the pipes, excites the blood of said Warriors."

In the Military World, every unit and organization has something that holds them separate from the rest... the Airborne and their beret... the Guards and their steadiness under fire... the Marines and all that is unique about them... all have a common bond that unites them...the kilt is ours. Like a fine Highland weave it knits us together and sets us apart from "the rest".Without it ...and the honour and spirit that is surely a part of it....what would we be? Why ...we'd only be Infantrymen, of course, with no intention to demean "the poor bloody infantry".

Finally, then, more is expected of the Highlander ...and invariably more is delivered when the \_\_\_\_\_hits the fan. Balaclava comes to mind... "The thin red line"... as does Ortona. The uniforms, the rich traditions, the stories and the glory... it's all here to see and experience... a little bit ...a wee bit ...of the story of The Regiment.

DILEAS  
RON DENHAM

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### THE 48TH RAISE \$2,597.65 TO THE TROOP MORALE FUND

Left to Right: Ontario Provincial President Comrade George O'Dair Br.197 Acton, 2nd. Vice President Dave Crook (Representing the 48th Highlanders of Canada), Branch 197 Acton President Was. Kutasienski.

Presentation of a cheque for \$2,597.65 to the Troop Morale Fund, at the District B Fall Convention, in Acton on October 14th, 2007. The money was raised by the 48th Highlanders of Canada Association at their annual re-union held last summer at branch 197 Acton.



### OCA BURNS DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, January 19th, 2008 Cocktails: 1800 hrs., Dinner: 1900 hrs.  
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## SCHEDULE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL FAMILY

DECEMBER 4, 2007	Life Members Meeting & Luncheon	1100 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
	OCA Drill Team Christmas Party	1900 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
JANUARY 1, 2008	New Years Levy –	See your Mess for details	
JANUARY 8, 2008	OCA Executive Meeting	1030 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
	Life Members Meeting	1200 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
JANUARY 15, 2008	Continuing Sergeants Meeting	1930 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
JANUARY 19, 2008	OCA SPECIAL EVENT Cocktails	1800 hrs	RCL Br. 66
	"BURNS DINNER" Dinner	1900 hrs.	North York, Ont.
FEBRUARY 5, 2008	Life Members Meeting	1130 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
MARCH 4, 2008	OCA Executive Meeting	1030 hrs	Sgts. Mess
	Life Members Meeting	1130 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
	OCA Drill Team Meeting	1900 hrs.	Sgts. Mess
APRIL 2008	48TH Highlanders Association Annual Mtg.	Date & Time to be determined	
APRIL 19, 2008	REGIMENTAL BALL Tickets \$75.00 each		King Edward Hotel
MAY 11, 2008	REGIMENTAL CHURCH PARADE	0900 hrs	MPA
JULY 19, 2008	ANNUAL PICNIC Sponsored by the Continuing Sergeants & the OCA		Acton, Ont.

## LAST POST

### The following Highlanders passed away recently:

WILKINS, Robert E.	September 29, 2006	Chatham	Ont.
WILSON, E.J.	December 4, 2006	Bolton	Ont.
SMITH, Stanley B.	March 10, 2007	Midland	Ont.
NARRAWAY, John L.	March 28, 2007	Coldwater	Ont.
MARQUIS, Donald K.	April 4, 2007	Lindsay	Ont.
HEAPE, William B.	April 10, 2007	Hartney	Man.
DENNIS, William C.	May 24, 2007	Calgary	Alta.
COOK, George F.	July 8, 2007	Orillia	Ont.
SMITH, Donald	August 4, 2007	Toronto,	Ont.
MORRISON, Ernest Samuel	August 28, 2007	Castleton	Ont.
MURRAY, John E.	September 23, 2007	Mulgrave	N.S.
RAPSON, The Reverend Alex	November 3, 2007	Orillia	Ont.
TURNER, Walter	November 6, 2007	Edmonton	Alta.
CHAMBERS, Marion Catherine	November 9, 2007	Scarborough	Ont.
EVANS, Thomas	November 10, 2007	Scarborough	Ont.
CAROTHERS, William W. "Curly"	November 17, 2007	Toronto	Ont.
CAVANAGH, James "Jim"	November 18, 2007	Jarvis	Ont.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning We will remember them.

Ruby Marie George, wife of the late Col. Mike George, passed away on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. She will be long remembered by the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlander Family.

## CONFINED TO BARRACKS

### 1) SUNNYBROOK HOSPITAL – VETERANS WING

- John Jack Follett - 3W Room 88
- Nelson Liston - K3E Room 21
- Jim McCallen - L2 Room 34

### 2) BAYCREST HOSPITAL – 3560 BATHURST STREET

- Lloyd Tucker - 7th floor

### 3) SPECIAL CARE UNITS

- BILLINGS - Henry David,
- CARTER - Clifford W.,
- GIRDLESTONE - R.J.,
- JACKSON - Keith (KC),
- McCRON - Don,
- PICKERING - Jack,
- VIRAG - Wendell,
- WALKER - George

### 4) CONFINED AT HOME – PROBLEMS GETTING AROUND

- COLTON - G.E.,
- FOREST - Ed,
- McKENNA - Jack,
- SOPER - Kenneth.

For addresses and/or telephone number of above Highlanders, please contact Harry WIGNALL at 705-431-2765 or hwignall@rogers.com

These Highlanders will be pleased to hear from you. Give them a call or better still, pay them a visit. Don't forget, they are Dileas, as are we.  
– HARRY WIGNALL