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## 48<sup>TH</sup> ITALIAN CAMPAIGN VET HONOURED AT JUNO BEACH REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Gordon Outhwaite, a 48<sup>th</sup> Highlander veteran of the Italian campaign, gave the keynote speech at Remembrance Day ceremonies held on November 11, 2008 at the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer, Normandy. With Gord were his companion Lyndsay Reid and a 48<sup>th</sup> Piper, Corporal Dan Locke. They were there at Canada's museum of the D-Day landings in 1944 to represent all Canadians who had fought in the Italian Campaign. The Directors of the Centre had issued the invitation to send a 48th Highlander veteran to highlight further the exhibit they had opened in May featuring the central role that Canadians had played in the 1943 to 1945 series of battles up the length of Italy.

Gord described the trip with enthusiasm. "We flew to Paris overnight on November 9 and 10", he explained, "and then took a train to Caen." Cpl Locke added, "I was going to pick up a car in Caen but the law in France requires you to be 25, so we took a taxi to Courseulles. That just meant that all three of us could enjoy the countryside as we travelled." At Courseulles they were met by Nathalie Worthington, Director of the Juno Beach Centre, and taken to a bed and breakfast in a beautifully restored eighteenth century house just a couple of hundred metres from the Centre.

"On the morning of November 11 we were driven to the local cemetery to begin the French Remembrance Day ceremonies. "Following the ceremonies there Cpl Locke was asked to lead the citizens and visitors to the cenotaph in the centre of town," said Gord. "We pointed out that Dan didn't know the town and being in the lead meant he didn't have anyone to follow. A local policeman stepped forward and cleared the way. Cpl Locke's sense of direction

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Citizens pay their respects at Juno Beach Wreath laying

### LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS Celebrations Planned for 2010, OCA asking for Expressions of Interest in Attending

Mr. G. F. de Graaf, Burgemeister of Apeldoorn, The Netherlands recently met in Toronto with Honorary Colonel Geordie Beal. He wished to discuss plans that The Netherlands have developed to hold National Celebrations to mark the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of The Netherlands by Canadian Forces.

The meeting was held in the 48th Highlanders Officers Mess on October 17, 2008. Attending from Apeldoorn were Mr. de Graaf and his Chief of Staff. From the 48th were John Dunne, President of the OCA and both immediate Past Presidents, the Commanding Officer, LCol John McEwen and the HCol who acted as Chair for the meeting. Also attending was a representative from Veteran's Affairs Canada.

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### CHARLES SCOT-BROWN D-DAY AT NORMANDY

by Nancy White - 11 November 2008

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**E**ditor's note: Charles Scot-Brown was a WW II officer with the Regiment. During that conflict, he served with the Gordon Highlanders as a member of the CANLOAN Program.

"Absolute chaos." That's Charles Scot-Brown's enduring memory of D-Day at Normandy. "I never saw so many boats." A 20-year-old Canadian lieutenant on loan to the British, he and his platoon scrambled onto Gold Beach about six hours after the first wave of Allies.

Their mission: take a radar station about three miles away. "It was a cement emplacement, very robust. You had to wriggle

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CO

It is with great pleasure and more than a little humility that I write this, my first, 'Message from the Commanding Officer'. I have taken Command of a Regiment that is, in all areas, well prepared and situated to meet the demands of not only the Army, but also the Canadian people over the next several years.

It has been three Generations since the 48th Highlanders of Canada last sent so many soldiers to serve their country overseas. The soldiers that we deploy are among the best led, trained and equipped in the world. With Remembrance Day just behind us and the Holidays fast approaching, I ask that all members of the Regiment keep in their thoughts those Highlanders overseas and their families.

Here at home, the Active Battalion continues to train in emergency preparedness as well as in general combat skills. This winter the Regiment will complete the Basic Winter Warfare Course in order to participate in future Arctic Sovereignty Operations. We will also continue to develop our Junior Leaders by challenging them with more the advanced training opportunities available on International Exercises.

Above, I noted that the entire Regimental Family is well positioned for success. As the Unit's contributions to overseas missions and domestic operations increase, the Regiment must continue to be strong. We need to train and support our soldiers so that they are prepared for whatever they are called upon to do in whatever part of the world.

DILEAS

J. McEWEN

LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
COMMANDING OFFICER 



## PROMOTIONS & DECORATIONS

**2Lt S.A.M. Kassissia promoted to LT**  
**Cpl Avdagic A. promoted to MCpl**  
**Cpl Moosazadeh M. promoted to MCpl**  
**WO Joseph R. promoted to MWO**

**Capt Peter Martinis awarded GCS**  
**(General Campaign Star, Afghanistan)**  
**Cpl Adrian Markowski awarded MB**  
**(Medal of Bravery)**

**WO Ace Duncan awarded CD**  
**MCpl Dwyke Young awarded CD**  
**Cpl George Boast awarded CDI**

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your way up, two guys firing, two guys moving, and then find a crevice, a weapons slot, to throw in a grenade."

In capturing it, he lost four men, with six wounded. That night the young lieutenant wrote his first next-of-kin letters. "The one thing I hated the most," Scot-Brown, 85, remembers with a grimace.

Wearing a navy double-breasted blazer, he's sitting in a leather armchair in the wood-panelled library of the Royal Canadian Military Institute. A portrait of the Duke of Wellington hangs over the fireplace. Winston Churchill stares from across the room.

Scot-Brown, wounded three times in Europe – "nothing serious, just unpleasant" – could trade a few tales with Winnie.

Such as that sunny day in September 1944, when thousands of paratroopers, Scot-Brown among them, floated down on Holland. White chutes filled the sky. "All the Dutch were looking up at us."

It was Operation Market Garden, a bold but unsuccessful plan to secure bridges, the one at Arnhem his group's target.

He ended up about 60 miles behind German lines. Radios didn't work. Supplies didn't come. German tanks hammered them.

After 10 days, they were told they could surrender. "Everybody would be proud and all that garbage," he says. "I had a phobia about being taken prisoner."

At night, he and another soldier stripped down and swam across the Rhine River to where other Allies had landed. "It was probably about 100 yards across, bitterly cold, very fast-moving," he says. "I touched land with my feet on the other side and heard voices speaking a language I couldn't place.

"I yelled, 'Englisch' and then I heard the most beautiful words in my life: 'Polski, Polski.'"

The Polish paratroopers, part of the operation, helped get them to headquarters.

Scot-Brown continued the fight across Holland and into Germany. He remembers one Dutch town where snipers killed one of his soldiers. Scot-Brown asked a tank to fire on the house from which the snipers had fired.

He ran into the smoking house. The snipers were dead. But in the burning basement were a terrified mother, father and two young sisters.

Fifty years later, Scot-Brown, who retired from the military in 1970 after serving many UN missions in the Middle East, returned to the Dutch town with some of his WWII soldiers. They were led to the house he had ordered blasted.

Inside were the two sisters – who thanked

him profusely.

"They said, 'A burned and damaged house can always be repaired. Freedom is a gift. I will never forget that.' 🦋

## OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

by John Dunne - OCA President

I would like to thank the following OCA Members for their donations to the 48TH Cadets Marksmanship Program: Col. J. Lowndes, K. Jackson, M. P. Thomas, R. Denham, G.L. Cassady, M.J. Tracy, K. Walduck, H. Wignall, B.T. Parkman, F. R. Romano, M.P. Thomas, D. Murray, S. Stewart, D. Antoine, J. Pickering, D. Ross, HCol. J. Newman, R. Smith, S. Redgrave.

A cheque totalling 930 dollars will be sent to help support this Program.

The OCA held their Annual Memorial Service at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Saturday November 8, 2008. The Parade was taken by WO H. Wignall and our Padre, Capt. G. Bailey. Padre Bailey gave us his usual excellent Service.

On Sunday November 9, 2008, the OCA, The Regiment, the 48th Cadets and the St. Andrews Cadets Paraded for the Memorial Service at The 48th Highlanders Monument. Prior to moving off for the Parade, a Regimental Family Picture was taken. On our return to the Armouries, we formed up and fell in with The Regiment. When we marched off, it was to the tune of "The Boys from the Old Brigade". It was a very proud moment, particularly for our Veterans.

For both Memorial Services, the weather was cloudy and cool but was not a deterrant as we had an excellent turnout.

The OCA Remembrance Dinner was held on Saturday November 8, 2008 at the York Reception Centre in Toronto with 164 in attendance, including members of the OCA, The Regiment, their families and friends.

We had a number of guests this year including Ms Karen Barker, Regent of the IODE, HCol. Geordie Beal CD and Mrs. Nancy Beal, CWO Paul McIntyre CD and Ms. Irena Marga.

Our Master of Ceremonies was Bill Dance who carried out an excellent Program. The dinner was delicious. Following dinner, our guest speaker was Cpl. Adrion Markowski MB. He presented Visual Aids and gave a wonderful talk about his Tour in Afghanistan. All and all, it was a very enjoyable evening.

*DILEAS GU BRATH* 🦋



## A SPECIAL MESSAGE OF REMEMBRANCE FROM RSM CWO MCINTYRE

On the 21st of December, the 125th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Regiment, the Mess will present a new Parade Sword to the 1 RCR Sgts Mess to be worn by the RSM. This will maintain the tradition established 50 years ago and serve as a reminder of the friendships created during World War II. It will be an opportunity to recognize the continuing bonds between our two regiments. I would like to thank WO Appleton, RCR, for his comprehensive history of the link between the Royal Canadian Regiment and the 48th Highlanders of Canada. WO Appleton believes that "the Moro River - Ortona battles in December 1943, are at the heart of the special relationship between the 48th Highlanders and The RCR."

"December 1943 proved to be the bloodiest and bitterest month of the war for the Battalions of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade. The RCR had landed in Sicily five months previously with 756 officers and men. By the end of December less than 200 of these originals would still be with the unit. The crucible of the Moro River and Ortona battles would forever define the characters of The Royal Canadian Regiment and the 48th Highlanders and the relationship between the two Regiments. During the month of December these Battalions fought heroically in several desperate, but ultimately victorious battles, including **San Leonardo, the Gully, Ortona, and San Nicola - San Tommaso**. Many a legend and tradition was added to the annals of both Regiments that December. For

The RCR, these included the Defence of Sterlin Castle and the Ortona Toast. Undoubtedly, the best remembered engagements of the war were those fought at Ortona Crossroads by The RCR and the capture of Cemetery Hill by the 48th Highlanders.

Throughout this trying month, neither the 48th Highlanders nor The RCR were allowed to rest in reserve, but remained in constant contact with the enemy. By 20 December the prolonged, bloody street fighting in the town of Ortona, involving the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade, had begun. On 22 December the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade was ordered to drive northwards from the Ortona Crossroads, outflank the seaport to the west, and cut the coastal highway to the north of Ortona. It was on the night of 23-24 December that the 48th Highlanders, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Johnston, performed one of the most remarkable feats of arms of the war. Much depleted by casualties, weakened by exhaustion, the Highlanders were asked to penetrate the German lines and capture a high, dominating plateau on Riccio Ridge facing the village of San Tommaso, just two miles west of Ortona. Furthermore, the objective had to be captured without prior artillery preparation or benefit of supporting arms.

Carrying only personal weapons, the Battalion moved off into the night in single file, following a hidden footpath. Utilizing the elements of stealth and surprise, the 48th Highlanders were able to march a mile behind enemy lines and capture their objective without firing a shot. However, the Battalion was now isolated on prominent, vital ground in the midst of the German 1st Parachute Division. The Battalion dug in and was in all round defence by dawn. The

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situation was precarious in the extreme, with the unit cut off and out of communications with Brigade HQ. Enemy activity grew throughout the day and at dusk the 48th Highlanders were facing their first serious counter-attack from the German paratroopers.

The Battalion spent Christmas Day surrounded by an ever tightening ring of enemy firepower, with fire from German 88 MM guns, machine-guns, mortars, and snipers a constant menace. "A" Company launched a local attack to throw the Germans off balance. That Christmas Day on Cemetery Hill, the 48th Highlanders lost eight men killed and six wounded. That night a patrol from The RCR finally reached the lines of the 48th with news

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of a Brigade carrying party bringing food, ammunition, radio batteries, and rum. The RCR, badly under strength, had been desperately trying to break through to the Highlanders since first light on the morning of 24 December. Without artillery support, over ground that was a morass, and in the teeth of heavy German resistance, these efforts had been in vain. Very heavy casualties were suffered in the process. The RCR had renewed the attack on Christmas morning. Within minutes A Company, only 50 men strong to begin with, had lost 20 men killed and wounded. B Company was also hit hard. In just two days of fighting to rescue the 48th Highlanders, the RCR had lost over 50 men in action. After Christmas Day the Regiment could muster less than 150 men.

At 1000 hours on 26 December, the enemy threw everything it had at the 48th Highlanders in a coordinated and sustained attack. The fighting was intense, vicious, and often hand- to- hand. Victory hung in the balance when three tanks of the Ontario Regiment arrived from the rear. With the tanks in support, the 48th Highlanders now launched their own counter-attack, wreaking havoc on the Germans. An estimated 120 Germans were killed or captured. By 27 December the 48th Highlanders were no longer isolated and the German 1st Parachute Division was falling back. With the capture, first, of the Ortona Crossroads by The RCR, then of Cemetery Hill by the 48th Highlanders, the German defenders at the seaport of Ortona were in danger of being trapped. On the night of 27-28 December these German paratroopers hastily abandoned Ortona.”

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## 48<sup>TH</sup> HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA UK POLO TEAM

by Doug Ross

You may not be aware of it, but in the spring of this year the Commanding Officer gave his kind permission for the raising of a 48th Highlanders of Canada Polo Team to compete in the United Kingdom and take part in a number of tournaments. The intention was to put together a low goal polo team by soliciting interested players from the 48th family, who are currently part of the Canadian expatriate community in the UK. The team's sponsor is the international consulting firm of Square Peg. Lt. Col. David Barron (Royal Regiment of Scotland) is our military advisor. He has been a strong supporter of the 48th family and served with the Gordon's until their recent amalgamation. The Sussex Polo Club, located near Gatwick, is the host location for the team and provides polo and logistics advice and support.

I am pleased to report that the 48th Team took to the field at the Tidworth Polo Club in England. Lt. Col. Allan Flood of the Grenadier Guards, who served with the Queen's Own Rifles for quite some time while in Canada, hosted the event. We mounted a strong effort, but lost one of our games, thus missing out on playing for the overall tournament championship. In the end we placed a very respectable 3rd right behind the Grenadier Guards team.

We are keenly interested in entering the 48th Polo Team in two tournaments in the 2009 season and I will keep you up to date with developments as they unfold. *DILEAS!* 🦅

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

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY, CITY HALL, TUESDAY 11 NOV 2008



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### CELEBRATIONS TO BE HELD EVERY 5 YEARS

The Burgemeister explained that the celebrations in 2005 had been intended to be the last of the formal recognition events. This conclusion was reached with the realization that soon there would be no Second War veterans to attend. However, he and others in The Netherlands have received many requests for continuation. These requests came from citizens across The Netherlands, from Canadians and from Canadian Veterans. He stated further that The Netherlands has decided to make the Liberation Celebrations a national event to be held every five years. He indicated that the people of The Netherlands believe that such celebrations should become part of the ongoing history of the country. Accordingly, they are proceeding with plans for May 2010.

The 2010 celebrations will commence with national events on May 4 and May 5 to mark the liberation. For the following three days there will be local events held in towns and at Canadian cemeteries. The national program will conclude on May 9 with a parade through Apeldoorn beginning from the gates of the Palace and finishing at a local arena. In 2005 there were over three hundred thousand people in attendance for the parade, this in the town of Apeldoorn which has a population just over one hundred thousand.

Mr. de Graaf said that the people of Apeldoorn recognize the 48th Highlanders as their liberators. Accordingly he, on behalf of the citizens of Apeldoorn, is inviting all current and past members of the Regiment to take part in the festivities. Each Second War veteran will be required to be accompanied and will ride in the parade in restored Second War vehicles. Other former and active 48th Highlanders may march in the parade.

### 48TH PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

The 48th O.C.A. has met already with travel agents to prepare a trip that would arrange to keep together those attending for all planned events. While it is too early to determine the costs for this trip, we will be able to arrange travel and lodging to suit everyone's needs.

The OCA Planning Committee wants to know how many are interested in joining the group. At this time we are seeking expressions of interest with no commitment, so that we may assess what arrangements will be needed. So far 28 veterans have been contacted personally by the Committee. Fifteen would like to go, 2 are undecided and 11 are unable to attend due to health issues.

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NEEDED

Please look ahead to 2010 and consider being a part of this experience. We will be sending updates as they become available. If you are interested let us know. We will be creating a special mailing list to keep you informed. Upcoming issues of The Falcon will have more details as they are developed.

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## 48th Highlanders of Canada Military Band – November 2008

by WO J. Murray, CD, Band Sergeant Major

Under the leadership of Director of Music Capt. (Ret'd.) Mike Lawson, CD, the Military Band of the 48th Highlanders of Canada continues its tradition of service to the Regiment. Summer and Fall 2008 saw a number of important public performances added to the band's usual military parade duties for Regiment and Brigade. These included a Salute to Scotland night for the Toronto Blue Jays where the Military Band performed at the Rogers Centre alongside the Regimental Pipes & Drums, providing personnel to support the DND contingent at the daily parades and concerts during the Canadian National Exhibition, musical support for the Toronto Maple Leafs' Home Opener at the Air Canada Centre, and wowing the large crowd at the annual Certified Management Accountant's of Canada Convocation Ceremonies. As always, the annual "Military Band Spectacular" fundraising concert for the Royal Canadian Military Institute at Roy Thompson Hall gave the Military Band an opportunity to play alongside the other bands in the Toronto Garrison. Public performances such as these enhance the public image of the Regiment and are important contributors to establishing and maintaining the Canadian Forces' "footprint" in the Toronto community.

Without question, the highlight of the Military Band's Summer 2008 schedule occurred on 31 August when the Military Band performed an afternoon concert at Black Creek Pioneer Village in honour of the late Brigadier-General John McGinnis, former Chairman of the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority, which owns and operates Black Creek Pioneer Village. BGen McGinnis was a member of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps during World War II and continued in the militia eventually becoming commanding officer of

the Queen's York Rangers, commander of 15 Militia Group and Senior Militia Advisor for the Province of Ontario.

In civilian life, BGen McGinnis was a leader in heritage preservation whose work as the Managing Director of the Toronto Historical Board was instrumental in the development of legislation to protect heritage buildings in Toronto including historic Fort York, Mackenzie House, Colborne Lodge, the Marine Museum, Spadina House, and Black Creek Pioneer Village. In his honour, Black Creek Pioneer Village presents programs that celebrate a unique piece of Canada's heritage. And who better to represent that this year than the Military Band of the 48th Highlanders – a fixture on the Toronto military music scene for over a century? This was confirmed following the excellent concert featuring the music of the band, a vocal solo by Hldr K. Amenta and a pipes interlude by Pipe Major and Piper Lang, when audience members, including members of BGen McGinnis' family, approached the stage with tears in their eyes to thank Captain Lawson personally for a very meaningful tribute.

Regimental duties were also numerous and significant, with the highlight being our recent Change of Command Ceremony. Looking forward, the Military Band expects to be before the Regimental family again on Remembrance Day and, of course, at the Christmas Stand-down Dinner. Plans are also in the works for an afternoon concert at Sunnybrook Veteran's Hospital in support of the 48th Old Comrades Association.

In the meantime, the band continues to rehearse Tuesday nights at MPA. New players (all wind instruments and percussion) are always welcome.

*DILEAS!* 🐼

## IODE

### "WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE"

February 8th 2009 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
at the Sgt Mess. Come out and support the IODE. This is a fund raising event for the chapter and we would like all members of the regimental family to attend.

Gord Outhwaite ...continued from page 1



Mme Nathalie Worthington, Director Juno Beach Centre introduces Gord Outhwaite as Lyndsay Reid to the left and Mayor M. Fredric Pouille to the right listen.

was working well and we arrived promptly at the cenotaph.” While the town’s band played the French tunes of Remembrance and Cpl Locke piped *The Lament*, Gord laid a wreath.

The group then proceeded to the City Hall where the Mayor presented Gord with the medal of the city and gave each of Gord and Cpl Locke a history of the Courseulles and a bottle of the local liqueur.



Cpl Dan Locke at Juno Beach ceremony

“They took incredible care of us” said Gord. “At every event we were placed in the centre of the ceremonies and two chairs magically appeared for Lyndsay and me. Everywhere we went, the chairs reappeared, so that we didn’t have to stand for long periods. We stood for acts of Remembrance of course.”

That afternoon the ceremonies moved from town to the Juno Beach Centre. There, several people, including dignitaries from Ottawa and the town mayor, laid wreaths outside the Centre. Then the group moved inside to hear Gord’s remarks to guests, dignitaries and high

school students from Bear Creek Secondary in Barrie. In preparation, he had provided a copy to the translator so that she was prepared. Gord planned to add a few personal comments and hoped that she could catch them for the crowd. “I also told her that if I teared up at any time she was to just wait” he explained. Following introductions by Nathalie Worthington, the Director of Juno Beach Centre, Gord began:

*“I am here this afternoon to talk to you about Remembrance Day and why we wear a poppy.*

*Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, commemorated the end of World War 1 on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in nineteen eighteen. Soon after, in nineteen twenty one, the poppy was adopted to honour those who died in that war. In nineteen thirty one, Armistice Day became Remembrance Day.*

*I am a veteran of World War Two.*

*I wear a poppy because I was there, in that war and I want to honour my friends and comrades, soldiers who died fighting so you and I can live in freedom.*

*These were young men, and I pay tribute to them on special occasions through the*

*year, so that they will never be forgotten. I also remember that in wartime, it is not only soldiers who are killed and wounded. Many civilians die, or are hurt. Many people lose their homes and there is much damage and suffering in times of war.*

*Hollywood produces movies about war and there are many books about the subject. While these may be entertaining and informative, the truth is that for those who are there, war is mostly a mix of boredom and terror.*

*The worst is fear of the unknown.*

*Not knowing when the battle will start.*

*Not knowing if you will survive.*

*Not knowing how long it will last.*

*The greatest comfort is in your comrades - the people you meet, make friends with, and fight alongside - each of you trying to survive and, at the same time, looking after each other. This creates a bond so strong it can never be broken.*

*I am one of many veterans who, by the grace of God, returned safely to Canada at the end of the Second World War. My scars may not be visible, but they are real, and they will never go away.*

*This is why I still shed a tear on Remembrance Day and proudly wear the poppy in tribute to our fallen comrades.*

*We will remember them.*

*We WILL remember them.”*

As Gord’s remarks ended Cpl Locke played Highland Cathedral, the tune to which the



Gord Outhwaite and Canadian Forces Cpl Patrice Gagnon at Juno Beach wreath laying



*Honouring The Fallen at the Courseulles Cenotaph.  
L to R: Mayor M. Fredric Pouille, Gord Outhwaite, Deputy Mayor,  
Mme Nathalie Worthington.*

48th Highlanders' buried their dead in Italy and in Holland. Standing proudly to attention, Gord Outhwaite saluted. The crowd was silent in respect.

For the rest of the short trip Gord, Lyndsay and Dan Locke were treated to more French hospitality. "That evening we were all taken to dinner and the next day treated to a tour along the coast to see the landing areas of the British, Americans and the Canadians" Gord reported. He went on, "The barges sunk to make breakwaters are still off the coast, giving some sense of the magnitude of the landings."

The thanks of all in the 48th go to Gord Outhwaite and Cpl Dan Locke for representing the Regiment and all Canadians so well at Juno Beach this Remembrance Day... and our thanks also go to all our veterans, of the Second World War, Korea, the European deployments and most currently in Afghanistan. 🇨🇦

## AN APPRECIATION OF AN NCO INSTRUCTOR'S LEADERSHIP SKILLS

by Cadet Justin Nice

*Editors note: earlier this Fall the St Andrew's College Cadet Corps conducted its annual Silver Star (ie Cdt MCpl trg) FTX from 20-22 September. The Active Bn was asked to support this training by providing several recently qualified junior leaders to assist the Cadet Instructor Cadre Officers in key areas of learning, such as field craft, completing an obstacle course and introductory firing of the C7 rifle.*

During our Silver Star FTX, there were many times that the junior leaders of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, who were assigned to train us, displayed outstanding leadership. My NCO was Corporal Kyle Peebles. He had many different leadership skills that were very helpful not only for me but also for my entire platoon.

The first skill Corporal Peebles showed to our platoon involved him setting a good example for us to follow. When we first met he greeted us with enthusiasm and made us feel welcome. He was in full dress and looked and acted professional but approachable. He told us about himself. He took his role seriously and was strict with the rules but made it fun as well. On our way to our campsite, one of the members of my platoon's rucksack broke and he stepped in to help carry his things to the campsite. This showed the platoon that we must all work together as a group.

Corporal Peebles also made sure that each and every cadet in our platoon worked together

as a team in order to complete a task. We all helped each other to set up our "hootchie's" when we reached our camp. We also helped each other put them back up in the middle of the night when they were cut down by other platoons. We worked together as a group to cook and prepare meals. On the obstacle course, he ensured that we all worked together to encourage each other to get through the

course, to overcome fears and to help each other physically when it was necessary to do so.

Corporal Peebles also treated the cadets as he would like to be treated himself. He was polite and mannerly when he asked people to do things and always said thank-you. He did not just give out orders. He involved himself with all of the duties and helped out with

all the tasks. He made us feel that he was there for us no matter what needed to be done. When packing up my rucksack, I had some problems and he immediately stepped in to help me. I had mistakenly been given all breakfasts for my meals and he generously gave me some of his lunches and dinners, so that I did not have to eat three breakfasts in one day. These are examples of how to treat those who you are assigned to lead. He always encouraged us and never put us down.

Corporal Kyle Peebles continuously set a good example of the types of skills a leader should have. He encouraged us to work as a team and to have a mutual respect for each other. He was there for us whenever we had problems. I think all of these things make a good leader. Working with Corporal Peebles as my junior leader was a great experience and I know he will be successful with leading other groups in the future. 🇨🇦



## HIGHLANDERS CONFINED TO BARACKS

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FOLLETT, Jack - K3W Room 88  
LEONARD, Stanley - LE Room 41  
WATERSON, Bill - K1W Room 21

GRAHAM, Jack - LE Room 36  
McCALLEN, Jim - K2E Room 33

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WALKER, George

GREEN, Stuart.

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COLTON, G.E.

FOREST, Ed

McKENNA, Jack

SOPER, Kenneth

*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.*

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

## SCHEDULE of the 48th Highlanders of Canada REGIMENTAL FAMILY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DRESS
1 Jan 09	Levee	MPA	#1 Blues
17 Jan 09	Robbie Burns Dinner	R.C.L. Branch 66	Mess Kit/DEU
23-24 Jan 09	PD - LCol D. Grossman	GTA	Cadpat
8 Feb 09, 4 PM	IODE Wine Tasting Experience	Sgts Mess	Formal
12-13 Feb 09	Davidson Challenge	FYA/MPA	Cadpat/Pt
20-22 Feb 09	Basic Winter Warfare Crse FTX	Meaford	Winter Marching Order
3 Apr 09	MacKenzie Shoot	MPA	Cadpat
4 Apr 09	Regimental Ball	King Edward Hotel	Mess Kit/DEU
April 09	EX READY HIGHLANDER	MPA/USA	Travelling Order
8-10 May 09	Church Parade Weekend	MPA	DEU/Full Dress
29-31 May 09	EX HIGHLAND STRYKER	Borden/Kingston	Travelling Order
5 Jun 09	Bn Stand Down BBQ/Pde	MPA	Cadpat