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Welcome back to our soldiers from overseas!

From the RSM

The best part of The Falcon is getting caught up with the goings-on of all branches of the Regimental Family. The worst, is having to write an article that is current, timely and does not repeat same information as articles written by others. Hopefully, I can achieve this mission.

Let me bring you up to speed on what has been keeping the Active Regiment busy:

• **The Regimental Ball** – held Fri 07 May was a successful event. Although we did not have as many persons attending as hoped, it was great to have the Ball for the first time in several years. Thanks for their hard work and effort; go to Mr. Bill Dance and the rest of the committee for arranging this evening.

• **Regimental Church Parade** – was on Sun 09 May 04. Again, the attendance left something to be desired, but the Regiment was out in the public eye, and the soldiers who were on parade demonstrated the high standards of dress, drill and deportment that is expected of all Highlanders.

• **Exercise Iron Pilum I & II** – were 32CBG FTX's held: 30 Apr – 02 May, and 28 – 30 May. These exercises were both work up training for EX STALWART GUARDIAN, the 10-day LFCA exercise that will be held in CFB Petawawa in August. Our attendance at these exercises was better than that of other regiments who were recently tasked to provide a second mission element.

• **D-Day March** – held Sun 06 Jun, this was 32CBG's annual "foot print in the community" event. The entire brigade formed up at

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Sgt Nathan Ronaldson with some Afghani children.

Governor General announces THE GENERAL CAMPAIGN STAR & THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

July 7, 2004

OTTAWA --Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, is pleased to announce today that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has approved the creation of the General Campaign Star and the General Service Medal.

"As Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces, I am delighted that the General Campaign Star and

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FROM THE 48TH ARCHIVES – EVENTS IN AUTUMNS PAST

by Geordie Beal

105 Years Ago – On 29 November 1899, the 2nd Battalion RCRI, in which were twenty-six 48th Highlander volunteers, disembarked from the SS Sardinian in South Africa. Recruiting had begun across Canada on 13 October, just two days after the Boers declared war. Vacancies were so limited that only 20 members of the 48th were accepted in the Toronto Company. Six others, under Lieutenant R.G.H. Temple, determined to go

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Sunnybrook Hospital and marched to Queen's Park. The dismissal at MPA was the Regimental Stand-down Parade for the summer.

• **Ex Blanding Blast** – the Regiment is sending a platoon to train with the 48th (US) Inf Bde in Camp Blanding Florida for 2 weeks.

The Regiment continues to have one of the strongest WO & SGT's Messes in the brigade, and we are getting stronger. **Five sergeants have completed their qualifications to WO** this spring. Congratulations to **Sgts Carswell, Dewar, Duncan, Kwok and Tolton** for this accomplishment. Promotion to Sgt is also in the works for several of our Jr NCO's – more to follow on this at a later date. The 32CBG Battleschool has requested by name, that **MWO McIntyre** be posted to them for several years as one of their CSM's. Our NCO's, both Jr and Sr, are motivated, skilled, a credit to the Regiment and the class of the brigade.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the soldiers who have earned the Regimental awards this year:

TOP WO / SGT – **Sgt Duncan**

TOP MCPL – **MCpl Farr**

TOP CPL / PTE – **Cpl Marga, I**

TOP SUPPORT SOLDIER – **CPL Wourinen**

Along with having their names engraved on the trophy, they received a Silva Ranger compass, and a CO's Commendation. Congratulations on earning these awards, you have all worked hard and demonstrated that the spirit of DILEAS is alive and well in the Regiment today. Well done!

As in past years, we have many of our soldiers away over the summer; on tasking, taking courses, teaching courses, or otherwise employed. The rest of us will be conducting the usual "battle procedure" in preparation for next year's training.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer, is able to take some "forced rest", and comes back in September ready to carry on with the mission of continuing to keep the 48th Highlanders the finest reserve infantry regiment in Canada.

DILEAS GU BRATH

9C Out.

R.A. ALKEMA

Chief Warrant Officer

Regimental Sergeant Major

48th Highlanders of Canada

D-Day Commemoration parade on Saturday June 6th, 2004



The 32nd Brigade, of which the 48th Highlanders forms part of, held a D-Day Commemoration parade on Saturday 06 June. The brigade marched from Sunnybrook Park through the downtown area to the Queen's Park Legislature building. This parade makeup was from the many units in the Toronto environs. These parades are an RSM's nightmare. It is like trying to herd cats. There were two changes of headdress from floppy to unit for the march pasts.

Trying to keep step with the different band's cadence was a challenge. I am sure most of you have been there when the Pipes and Drums stop playing and The Queen's Own start to play. The drummers playing the tap seem to have different beats. Maybe they need an electronic metronome hidden in their ear. I heard that the command was concerned that such a show of troops might disturb the public. (Geez). - photos and text by *Douglass Chappell*



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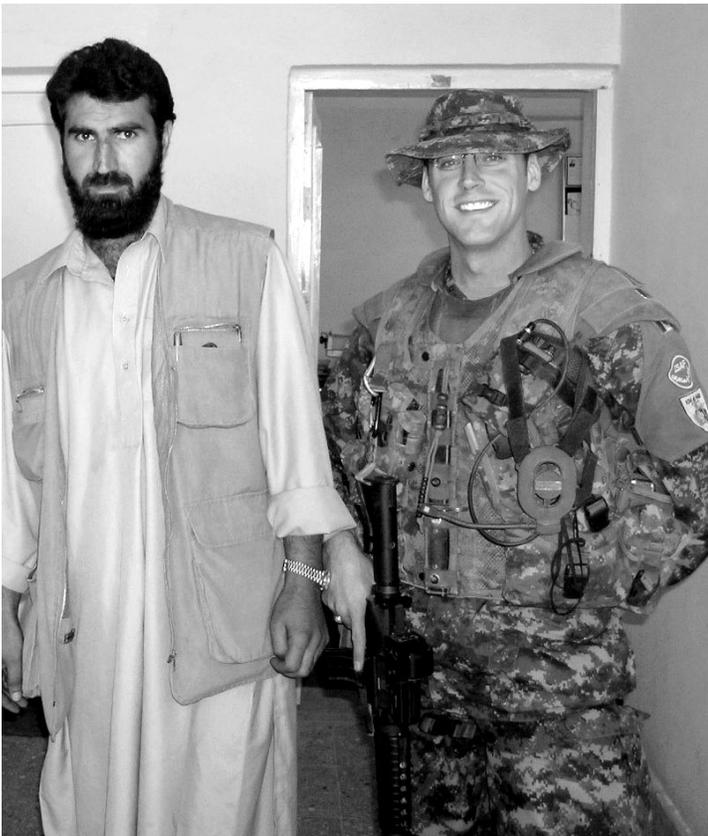
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Sgt. Ronaldson in Kabul.



Sgt. Ronaldson in Kabul.



Sgt. Ronaldson with the Mayor of Kabul.



A example of the average sand storm in Kabul.

Governor General announces the General Campaign Star & the General Service Medal ...Continued from page 1

the General Service Medal are being awarded to the men and women who serve Canada courageously, and contribute to the international public good," said the Governor General. "They act with determination in the exercise of their duties often performed in harm's way, and, for that, they deserve our unqualified support and our heartfelt recognition. Together with all Canadians I am proud of them."

The General Campaign Star recognizes military service in a theatre of operations in the presence of an armed enemy. The General Service Medal acknowledges civilian and military service in direct support of operations in the presence of an armed enemy. Both honours are issued with bars identifying specific operations. The honours may be awarded posthumously.

Only the Sovereign of Canada has the authority to create a new official honour, which she does on the advice of the Government of Canada. Honours policy advice is provided to the Prime Minister by the Honours Policy Committee, a group of senior public servants, chaired by a senior member of the Privy Council Office. Once an honour is created, it is the responsibility of the Governor General to administer the honour, through the Chancellery of Honours.

The inaugural presentation ceremony will take place at Rideau Hall at a later date.

For more info visit: www.forces.gc.ca



General Campaign Star



General Service Medal

Officers Association

by Col Bill Jensen

On May 8th, the 59th anniversary of VE Day, we held the annual Officers' Dinner. The attendance by former officers was spectacular as we had many people come from out of town. Some of the people we haven't seen for a while included: **Maj Bruce Brown, Maj George Pearce, Maj Jim Douglas, Maj John Brown, Maj Don McCrossan and Major Bill (Suds) Sutherland** who was the unit's first Regular Force Support Officer (USO) in the early eighties and who hadn't been back to a function since that time.

Ours guests included **LCol Chuck Santose** (who many of you will remember from the early eighties and who is formerly of the 107th Armoured Cavalry Regiment, Ohio National Guard), and **Gord Outhwaite**.

LCol Bill Stark made a moving and memorable toast to the Regiment and Major John Brown, in his usual heartfelt and eloquent manner, toasted those present who served during wartime: **Charlie Tidy, Mike Ogen, Ian Douglas, Gord Outhwaite, Padre Alex Rapson, Jack McKenna, Leo Cassaday, David**

Roland, Bill Whiteacre, and John Lowndes.

Some of you have said this was the best dinner we have had in years and are looking forward to next year's dinner when you will see even more of your old friends. We want to express our appreciation to those who helped with transportation. Next year we will once again, make every effort to arrange transport for those who otherwise would not be able to make it.

We are delighted to advise that over 80 of the approximately 200 former officers with whom we are in contact have paid their membership dues to both the Officers' Association and the OCA. This is higher than it has been in more than a decade! Many of you have included an additional donation. Our thanks go to all of you who continue to support our Regiment. You make it possible for us to subsidize the Active and Cadet Officers at the dinner and to help maintain and improve the Mess.

The **annual Golf Tournament** will be held at the Toronto Golf Club on Thursday, September 23rd. For details, contact **Col Bill Jensen at 416-222-1482** or awjensen@sympatico.ca. A mailing will be sent to those who have attended in the past.

Ladies Auxilliary

by Violet Pett

Our Wine and Cheese party in May was cancelled, as you know. I have rebooked it for Sunday, September 12, 2004, at the C.C.A. Club at 201 Niagara Street, just south of King.

I hope we can get some representation from all Families. Cost is now \$10.00. We can also wish our O. C. A. members a great trip to Italy. The Sergeant's Mess is closed until Nov. We served a luncheon for the family members of **Jackie Trudell**, who passed away. For tickets or information for the **Wine and Cheese** party, please contact **Marg Ritchie at 416-423-1552**.

VISITORS FROM APELDOORN - 28 JULY!

As part of their visit to a sports competition in Burlington a group of approximately 80 Dutch youth from Apeldoorn Holland will be visiting the Museum, Sgts Mess, Officers Mess and the Pipes & Drums Mess on **Wednesday 28 July**. If you would like to take part in greeting our visitors please come down to the Museum during their luncheon between 11 am & 1 pm on the 28th of July.



C.S.M. DeHarte Drawing, 1916

From the Vaults of the 48th Museum

by WO Anthony Percival

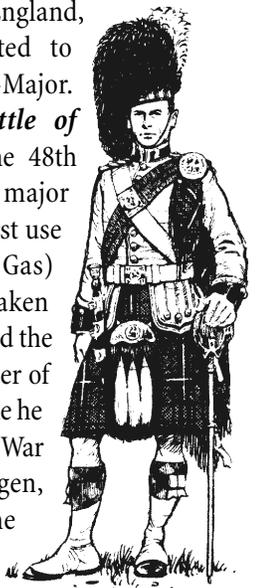
The 48th Museum is always happy to accept donations of artifacts, photographs and information that relate to the service of 48th Highlanders. **Mr. William DeHarte** donated the following artifact to the 48th Museum in 2001.

This framed portrait of Company Sergeant-Major Lewis E. DeHarte, 15th Battalion C.E.F. was rendered in pencil and colour paint by **Emile Deckers** in 1916 while both individuals were Prisoners of War.

Lewis DeHarte was born in 1885 and joined the 48th Highlanders as a Private in G Company in 1910. That same year Pte DeHarte was promoted to Corporal and the following year to Sergeant. When the 48th raised a battalion at the start of the First World War, Lewis DeHarte volunteered and sailed overseas as a Colour-Sergeant in G

Company. While in England, DeHarte was promoted to Company Sergeant-Major. During the **2nd Battle of Ypres**, April 1915, (the 48th Highlanders first major engagement and the first use of Lethal Chemical Gas) CSM DeHarte was taken captive and would spend the rest of the war a Prisoner of the German Army. While he was being held in the War Camp in Gottingen, Hanover, Germany he met the Belgian Artist Emile Deckers.

The Portrait was originally drawn in pencil and later finished in colour by the artist. In a letter home, CSM DeHarte told that the Camp Commandant had seen Deckers' drawing and requested his own portrait. Deckers agreed provided that he was given colour paints to work with. The C o m m a n d a n t



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The D-Day Dodgers Reunion, Saturday May 8th, 2004

The Drill Team had 16 members on parade in Orillia for the “D Day Dodgers” remembrance service and parade to the Royal Canadian Legion. They were joined by 5 O.C.A. members in blues and greys who attended the laying of the 48th Highlanders wreath by Bill DeHarte and Harry Wignall. President Tom White, Bud Leigh and

Nick Birch marched with the Drill Team from the hospital to the Legion. Other Highlanders and O.C.A. Members in attendance were Dan Oliver and L. Col. Bill Stark. The Drill Team had Italian veterans Jim Davidson and Wally Moore in the front rank behind the colour party.

Annual Church Parade, Sunday May 9th, 2004



From the 48th Archives – Events in Autumns Past ...Continued from page 1

with their fellow Highlanders, rushed to London, Ontario, to enlist with the Western Ontario Company. At least 116 members of the 48th Highlanders volunteered for service by the end of the war. Training, cut short in Canada by the quick departure of the RCRI (Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry), was the first order of business in South Africa. Three Highlanders were mentioned in dispatches and **Ernest Beattie**, a sergeant from the Pipe Band, was killed.

90 Years Ago – On 3 October 1914, the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders of Canada) embarked from Quebec City in the largest armada in history – 30,621 Canadians in 32 transports escorted by seven warships. Just three days after the declaration of war on 4 August the regiment's offer to send a full battalion had been accepted. By the time mobilization orders arrived on 15 August, the battalion had already recruited to full strength. The battalion, 970 strong, was supplied free of expense, and fully equipped except for rifles, knapsacks and bayonets. The regiment, as a gift to the country, had paid for their uniforms and accoutrements at a cost of \$25,000. By the end of the war over 1467 Highlanders had been killed in action.

70 Years Ago – On Sunday 11 November 1934, **Rev. Stuart C. Parker**, Minister of St. Andrew's Church and Chaplain of the Regiment dedicated a Communion Table in the church. The table, a gift of the sergeants of the 48th Highlanders in memory of their comrades who fell in the First World War, now stands as a memorial to those of both world wars. **Dr. John A. Pearson** designed the

wrought oak table. Pearson, a member of the church and a sergeant in the 48th, was the architect of the present Parliament Buildings and the Peace Tower in Ottawa. In abutments under glass tops at each end of the table is the **Book of Remembrance** upon which are inscribed the names and ranks of the 48th Highlanders of both world wars who died. One page is turned each year in the Remembrance Day ceremony.

65 Years Ago – On 17 December 1939, under command of **Lt-Col E. W. Haldenby**, the 1st Battalion, 48th Highlanders of Canada, 797 strong, boarded a CN train in Toronto, bound for Halifax and embarkation on the *Reina del Pacifica* for convoy to England. They would experience Christmas at sea before dropping anchor in the Clyde at Gourock, Glasgow on 30 December. Just over three months prior, on 1 September the adjutant, **Capt. Eddie Ganong**, had received the telephone order "Mobilize!" from the Headquarters at Military District No. 2. As they had in 1914 the regiment moved with lightning speed. By 15 September they had recruited to battalion strength. Selected in November to be part of the 1st Canadian Division, comprising three regular army and six militia units, the men of the 48th joined the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment as the 1st Brigade. By the end of the war, over 317 Highlanders had been killed in hostilities and a further 81 while serving with other regiments.

(Author's observation – I wonder if all major conflicts begin with war in late summer and convoy in early winter. The three for the 48th have amazing parallels.)

Fifty Years Ago – 15 October 1954 saw Toronto receive a lashing from an unprece-

dent 18 centimeters of rain as **Hurricane Hazel** brought disaster. Torrents of water swept away homes, bridges and motorists trapped in their cars. Just after 2300 hours that evening HQ Central Command at Oakville received the first call for army assistance. The next day at 1930 hours **Dana Porter**, the attorney general of Ontario, issued the formal civil emergency request, however, troops and equipment were already at work. After the waters subsided No. 15 Militia Group, of which the 48th were part, were called out for the weekend of 23-24 October to search for victims that might still be buried in Humber River debris. The regiment turned out 350 of their total strength of 450 under overall command of **Major John Lowndes** with two companies under **Captains Ken Cunningham** and **Peter de C. Cory**. The turnout was not surprising, as all knew personally of someone who had suffered.

Twenty Years Ago – On 29 September 1984, a stained-glass window was installed in the chapel at Sunnybrook Medical Centre in honour of **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's** visit to Toronto and to Her Regiment, the 48th Highlanders. **Colonel Doug Haldenby**, the Honorary Colonel at the time, designed the window, a life-sized figure of a Highlander in full dress beneath a profile of the Queen and above the regimental crest. The dedication of the window a month later on 29 October saw 48th veterans from K Wing join members of the active regiment and the Old Comrades at the ceremony. A bugler sounded *The Last Post* and the Pipe Major played *The Flowers of the Forest*, then all joined for remembrances and stories of times served together.

Letter to the Editor

Good Morning Tom,

I have just received and enjoyed reading issue No. 1 of *Falcon*, Spring 2004. "Well Done" on your current and past coverage of the activities of the unit. Your newsletter is well organized.

It brought back many pleasant memories of my (our) "Across the Border" association with the Regiment back in the 80's when the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 48th Highlanders trained together both at

our Annual Training Exercises at Camp Grayling, Michigan, our weekend training exercises as well as your Winter Warfare Training. I have also had the privilege of attending many of your Regimental Balls and have also taken part in many of your Parades.

Good friends... good memories! Hi to all my former comrades and friends both in and retired from the 48th!

RICHARD C. DAVIS

First Sergeant (Ret'd)

Troop K, 3rd Sqdn,

107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Army of the United States

Time Out for a Joke:

Thirty-four years ago, Everett Davis, a Tennessee Mountain man was drafted by the Army.

On his first day of boot camp, the Army issued him a toothbrush. That afternoon, an Army dentist yanked several of his teeth.

On his second day, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon, an Army barber sheared his head.

On his third day, he was issued a jock strap. The Army is still looking for him.

The O.C.A. Life Members

34 members were in attendance for the June 1 meeting. This was a luncheon meeting and a fine buffet of cold cuts and salads were available and a good time was enjoyed by everyone. A tribute to **Marg Ritchie** was paid for her many years of service to the O.C.A. and O.C.A. Ladies Auxiliary. Marg was presented with a

collector plate by **Gord Outhwaite**. Their next meeting will be Tuesday September 14 and because of the renovations at Moss Park it will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 66 which is on Spring Garden Ave. north of Sheppard Ave. on the east side of Yonge St. They do not have meetings in July or August.

Old Comrades Association

The OCA is proud to announce that our donations to the **Passing the Torch** campaign have been greatly appreciated. Below is text from the letter we received from Chairman of the **Passing the Torch** campaign:

7 May, 2004

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing to you, as a valued multiple contributor to the **Passing of the Torch** campaign, to inform you of a major milestone accomplishment. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of you and our many other donors, **Passing the Torch** has now surpassed its target of \$15 million. This is happy news for those of us who, like myself have been engaged for so long in this unique campaign. Going "over the top", to use a military phrase, is the culmination of nine years of effort by the many volunteers and staff who make up the campaign team and, together with our donors, we can be very proud of the part we are playing in bringing Canada's rich and important military history to Canadians in the new **Canadian War Museum**, which promises to be a world-class venue.

Speaking of which, I am pleased to say that construction of the new facility is progressing very well indeed. It is on budget and on schedule for the official opening in May, 2005. If you haven't done so recently, you might have a look at the live webcam view of the construction site at www.warmuseum.ca. This will give you a good idea of the scale and quality of the architecture, and the fact that the building itself is nearing completion, in readiness for handover to the museum this Fall.

Just as important, work on the interior is also coming along very well. Fabrication and

installation of the exhibitions and displays begins soon.

So the news is all good, and in the next year will be particularly exciting.

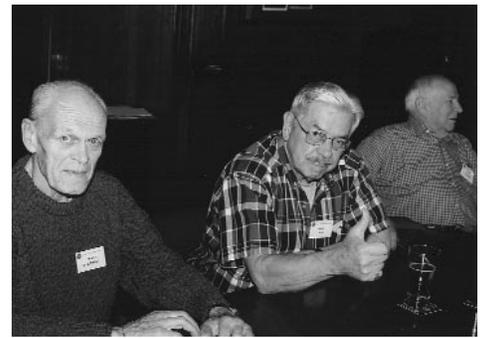
Although we have reached our **Passing the Torch** target (the net total currently stands at \$15.2 million), we have decided to keep the campaign going as long as donations keep coming in, knowing that every additional dollar received makes it a better museum. This is not a bad philosophy, in my estimation.

Much of the campaign staff's effort these days is dedicated to the important business of ensuring that our donors are prominently recognized in the new facility. For example, we are now designing a large Donor Wall, to be located just inside the main entrance, where the hundreds of thousand visitors annually will learn of the generosity of donors like the **48th Highlanders of Canada Old Comrades Association**.

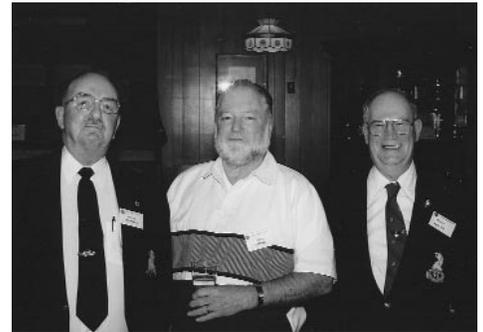
If you have any questions or comments about all of this, don't hesitate to contact me (819-776-8624) or Lisa Davey, Campaign Director (819-776-8636). In the meantime, please accept best wishes from all of us on the **Passing the Torch** team. We are truly grateful for the valuable continuous support you have given to the new Canadian War Museum and the military heritage that it will preserve and display so effectively.

Sincerely,

General (Ret'd) Paul D. Manson
Chairman



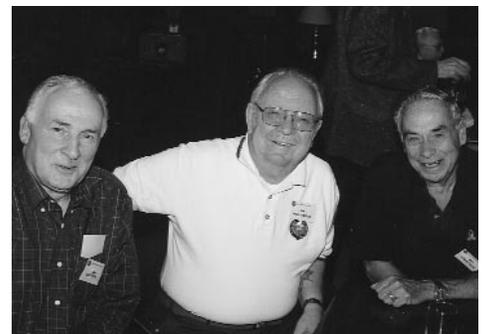
Bruce Gledhill, Herb Pike and Frank Curry



Harry Wignall, John Dunne and Bruce Baillie.



Tommy Thompson and Jim Cassie



Don Cooper, Ian Williamson and Bill Thompson



Boris Charyk, Blackie Allan and Sam Cassar

Victory in Europe

by A.E. Brock

On the 13th June 1940 I was a Private Soldier with the 48th Highlander of Canada, enroute to almost certain death in collapsing France. On the 13th Apr 1945 (another Friday?) I was the Lieutenant in command of #14 Platoon, same Regiment and now a veteran of the Italian Campaign - about to start my last battle of WW II - in Holland!

The 1st Cdn Corps had come up from 'Sunny Italy' to help end the war in Northwest Europe and frankly, I was a bit surprised to be still alive. I had survived a lot of fighting and apart from a few superficial wounds and some impaired hearing, I was still in good health. Most of us knew the war must be coming to an end soon and there was a renewed determination to 'get on with the job' and get back to our homes and the loved ones we had not seen for so many years.

The battle for Apeldoorn started with an amazing amount of support for we PBI (poor bloody infantry) - more artillery, tank and air support than we had ever seen before. Even lowly Platoon Comdrs were able to call up rocket firing Typhoon fighter planes to blast enemy machine gun positions and it was an inspiring sight to see those 'Tiffies peel off and scream straight in on a well defined target. We were also impressed by the defiance of the Germans who would often stand up in their trenches and fire at our aircraft with apparent disregard for their lives. These were not the 'old men and frightened boys' thought to be all that was left of the *Vermacht*.

We had the 1st Hussars for tank support with their versatile Shermans and, all we need do was indicate points of resistance with our tracer fire and they would hit the spot with those devastating 17 pounders. They were the most willing tank support I ever saw and as long as we could protect them against ant-tank fire, they would assist us in our attack.

On the morning of the 14th we were slowed by an increasingly resistant enemy and my Platoon got pinned down by a sniper who killed one of my men with his first shot. We couldn't spot the marksman, who would fire with deadly accuracy at our slightest movement. But, within minutes of my radioed request, we had clouds of 3" mortar smoke onto our position and we were up and onward

to rejoin the attack.

Our gallant, 30 year old Colonel, Don Mackenzie had been killed on the 1st day of this battle and now we had crossed the Ijsell River between Zutphen and Deventer and were entering the built up suburbs of our objective. It was here that my long time friend and brother officer, Lieutenant Freddie Williams was killed as he led #13 Platoon in deadly street fighting.

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By the 17th, only 4 days after kick-off, Apeldoorn was taken, intact because the Germans, fearing encirclement, had withdrawn. The inhabitants were delirious with joy and treated us as the conquering heroes - we had always wanted to be!

On the 19th April the Germans agreed to a short truce in order that food could be transported through/across/over their lines to the starving Dutch who were in desperate straits. In the meantime we had moved a short distance West of Apledoorn to the small town of Soest. Now it was almost over although rumours were rife and we were kept in a constant state of readiness. But the 'food truce' held for awhile and on the 26th April I found myself with a representative contingent from the Regiment attending a commemorative service in the nearby village of Wilp, where the 19 killed in this last battle now lay buried in graves heaped with flowers by the grateful Dutch. "They shall grow not old, as we grow old, nor will the years condemn".

Right up to the last hours of the war we were kept on 'stand by' and I remember being issued with maps for the area of our next battle where 'last ditch' German S.S. troops were reportedly ready to die before surrender. The conventional signs for enemy armour, artillery and heavy mortars were thick on the map in this area and as usual, we were under strength in the Battalion.

Then - - Oh Blessed Day! On the 7th May (which happens to be my birthday) came the longed for order: "Effective 0900 hrs all offensive action will cease". I have never had, before or since, a more welcome birthday gift! It is impossible to describe the sense of relief that war's end brought to me. Not only would I live, but no longer would I see my friends and companions slaughtered beside me. No longer would I have to write those dreaded letters to

the next-of-kin of the men killed in my Platoon; those gallant men - who I shall always remember.

- A.E. Brock, Capt. R'td.

From the Vaults of the 48th Museum

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agreed and Deckers completed the portrait of CSM DeHarte in colour. Unfortunately, the portrait of the Commandant was not flattering. When challenged by the Commandant to make it more appealing, Deckers replied that he only painted what he saw. In anger the Commandant confiscated the colour material and Deckers was forced to return to drawing in pencil.

Emile Deckers was born in Ensival, Belgium in 1885. Before the war he studied art at L'Académie des Beaux-Arts de Liège where he was a student of Carolus Duran and Evariste Charpentier. During the First World War he was a soldier in the Artillery at the Fortress of Liège. Emile Deckers was taken Prisoner on August 8th 1914 after the Fortress fell just days after the start of hostilities in the west. Between 1914 and 1917 he was kept in various POW Camps one of which he befriended C.S.M. DeHarte and drew his portrait. In 1917 Emile Deckers received authorization to pass to Switzerland where he was held in an internment camp till the end of the War.

Following the War, Emile Deckers traveled to Paris before moving to Algiers in 1921. He took up the style of the Orientalist Painters and became known for his Portraits. In 1930 he showed his work at the Salon des Artistes Français.

C.S.M. DeHarte was returned to Canada at the end of the War. After rejoining the Unit Lewis DeHarte was the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 48th Highlanders from 1921 to 1927.

This is but a taste of what you will discover at the 48th Highlanders Museum open Tues & Wed 10 AM to 3 PM or on the web at www.48highlanders.com/museum_cover.html

The 48th Highlanders Regimental Ball, Friday May 7th, 2004



Phyllis Lee and Jim Raffan



Mr. & Mrs. Tom White



The MacKay Family



Geordie Beal and Ian Sargent



Brendan and Sharon Furlong



Mrs. Don Pringle and Karen Barker



Members of the Pipe Band



Wallie Moore and Marlene Jeffries



Gord and Lynn



Gord, Shirley, Mcpl Potapenko & his date



Bill Dance with guest

48TH HIGHLANDER REGIMENTAL BALL - FINANCIAL REPORT

Income	201 paid attendance @ \$25.00 =	\$ 5025.00
Disbursements	Disc Jockey	\$ 400.00
	Food	\$ 355.00
	Tables, chairs, tablecloths	\$ 797.00
	Tickets	\$ 250.00
	Table snacks (munchies)	\$ 175.89
	Texas Mickey	\$ 110.00
	Pipe Band	\$ 2000.00
	Total	\$ 4087.89
Net profit		\$ 987.11
Proceeds will be allotted as follows:		
	Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 300.00
	I.O.D.E.	\$ 300.00
	48th Cadets	\$ 337.11
		\$ 987.11

A Memory to Consider from WWII

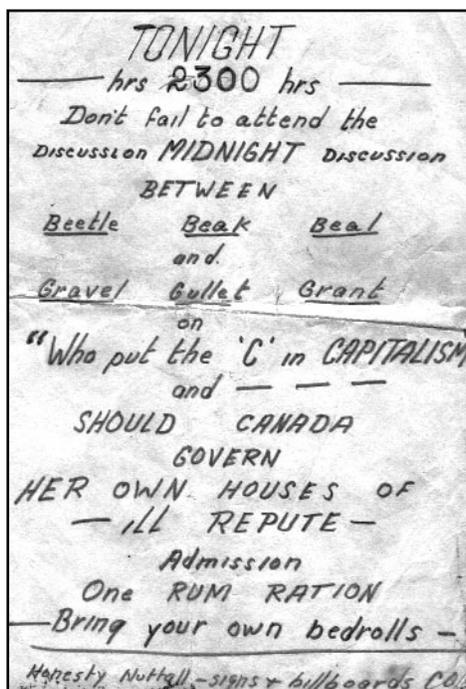
by Geordie Beal

One of the notable characteristics of the 48th Highlanders during their period in Italy and Holland was the high morale and readiness of the soldiers. Of course this was no accident. From the beginning the C.O., Colonel Ian Johnston, realizing that the long boring stretches between battle actions were a threat to unit preparedness, had decided that these stretches were an opportunity. In these gaps RSM 'Bulldog' Crossley ran battle schools, Officers taught NCO schools and there was training at all levels. At Torella, [on the north of the Bifirno River and taken on 25 October 1943 by the battalion.] clearing the rocks from a likely looking flat piece of ground on a hill-top created a parade square. The discipline of drill on the square was a natural companion to field training, even if it was under occasional shelling from annoyed Germans.

However, Colonel Johnston insisted that the mind of a 48th Highlander was to be exercised with as much discipline as the body. As Kim Beattie wrote in Dileas:

"It was the almost complete isolation of Torella which launched the 48th Highlanders into their most notable Italian period of discussion and debate. It was said by visitors to the Regiment, and frequently commented upon by Padre East, that the table conversation of the Highlanders' Officers Mess was always interesting, and generally on a good level. Any pseudo-intellectual straining for superiority was likely to be squelched, and hard; so was forced sophistication; but intelligent conversation was such a distinct feature that it had become a regimental characteristic. The C.O. always sets such a pattern in a regiment, and if it was done by deliberate policy it was very wise; it was a perfect antidote to war's boredom."

In one of the letters that my father sent home in 1944 was a leaflet, handwritten in pencil, announcing a debate between two officers, my father, then Captain George Beal, O.C. of A Company and Lieutenant Don Grant. Attendance was open to all in the regiment. The topic was obviously serious, although some evolution seems to have happened since Torella as you can see in the copy.



The poster about the midnight discussion was done by Lt Bob Nuttall, 7 platoon commander in company with Don Grant of 8 Platoon. Accompanying the poster was a cartoon, drawn by Grant, with a touch of humour that friends could display, even to their company commander.



The high morale of the 1st Battalion was no accident. It seems to me that the lessons apply to today as well, whether in the regiment, at one's civilian job or with family. The more active and challenged you are, the more confident and capable you become.

Worth considering.

48TH HIGHLANDERS

FAMILY PICNIC AND BARBEQUE

The event was sponsored by the Continuing Sergeants and the Old Comrades Association. R. S. M. David Crook, Chairman of the Continuing Sergeants spearheaded the organizing and activities with the help of Bruce Gledhill, Kevin McGuffin, Wilbert Headley, Harry Wignall, Gord Outhwaite and Tommy Thompson. The Lorne Scots Association were invited as our guests and several were in attendance. It was estimated that there were 90 to 100 in attendance. Many members from the Acton Legion joined us and everyone enjoyed the band from Base Borden who entertained us with a nice variation of show tunes and popular songs.

The members of the Acton Legion were kept busy serving over 160 hot dogs and hamburgers. The location, weather and enthusiasm of the group lead to a good time for all.

Watch for a repeat next year.

LAST POST

Robin Walters	London	Passed away March 11, 2004
James Piggott	Coldwater	Passed away February 1, 2004
Sydney Watling	Kitchener	Passed away April 10, 2004
James Buckley	Barrie	Passed away May 30, 2004
Reverend Alex Muir	Served as Padre and editor of the Falcon from 1960-1967, Beloved husband of Jean Brown Muir	Passed away July 1, 2004
Gordon Woodrow	Shelburne	Passed away July 5, 2004
Douglas Andrew Berry	Toronto	Passed away July 7, 2004

CONFINED TO BARRACKS

Tom Kelly is now in St. John Regional Hospital, Address of the hospital is P.O. Box 2100, Saint Johns, New Brunswick, E2L 4L2. Tom has been an active member of the 48th and came to Toronto for many events.

Dave Logan was please to hear from some of the fellows after we listed him on the sick list.
Phone # 416-762-8809

Jack Vaughan, Parkinsons disease, does not get out much. Phone # 905-354-8842

Dick Kenzie, move to Westmount Nursing Home, 200 David Bergey Dr., Kitchener, N2E 3Y4.
Phone # 519-570-2115, ext. # 317.

Lloyd Tucker, let's not forget Lloyd. You can't talk to him on the phone but you can call his wife Pat at 416-223-7513 and ask her when you could visit him at the Baycrest Hospital, on the west side of Bathurst St. just south of the 401.

Bill Kelly is in the Cobourg Hospital. Sorry but we dont' have any more info.

Jack Smale is at home with a badly bruised leg.

Maybe you could take a minute and call these Highlanders or possibly send them a card. It might brighten their day.

WARRIORS DAY PARADE INFORMATION - SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2004

There will be a bus leaving Moss Park Armoury at 9:00 AM that will take you to the C.N.E. The parade will form up across the street from Fort York Armoury. The 48th Pipes & Drums and the Military Band will lead the O.C.A. for this parade as they have done for so many years. Our Drill Team will carry our colours and they expect to have a good turnout in the marching unit. If you are an O.C.A. member and can handle a short march please join us. Our numbers get fewer every year. The bus will be returning to Moss Park at 2:00 PM. This will allow you to enjoy the Tattoo being offered in the C.N.E. If you are travelling directly to the C.N.E. we will be forming up in the blue section, just look for the uniforms and be there at 10:00 AM.

Following the parade The Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders of Canada along with many other military bands will be performing a spectacular musical finale to salute our Canadian heroes!

Fill out and mail the below form to get tickets for your family.

Sir, I require _____ tickets for the Warriors' Day Parade, August 21, 2004

Name, Rank & Serial or Regimental Number: _____

My Military Unit was: _____

By August 2nd, mail this request with a stamped, self-addressed reply envelope

Mail tickets to this address: _____

MAIL TO: Ticket Chairman
Warriors' Day Parade Council
105 Hollyberry Trail
Willowdale, Ontario
M2H 2N9

GREETINGS - FELLOW HIGHLANDERS:

Did you know that we have an elite group of "Dileas"? Yes Sir - they have a meeting on the 1st Tuesday of every month, except during the months of July and August. It is held in the Sgts' Mess, Moss Park Armoury, convening around Noon. I believe this little Club within a Club was instigated by the late Jim Brannen when we were located on King Street East. I stand to be corrected on the history. Cam Fraser was the secretary and the Old Timers

(the young lads reaching the age of 55) became and have attained the big 55, you qualify to join us. The dues are \$10.00 for the O.C.A. and send to John Allan, at 1227 Owen Court, Oakville ON L6H 1V2. Phone 905-844-4218 plus \$10.00 for the Life Membership and send to George MacLean, 685 Durie St., Toronto ON. 416-766-1268. Spread the news - inform your fellow Highlanders about this fine group. Herb Pike, our chairman and his executive (Vice - Doug Chappell, Secretary - Wally Moore and Treasurer - George MacLean) would only be

too happy to welcome you aboard. It's a move you will never regret. Our meetings last about half an hour, after squaffing a few - the "boys" remanise and chew the rag with their buddies. The secretary sends out his Newsletter keeping members informed of what goes on at our monthly sessions - along with his "Giggle Dept." humour. And so I hope this little note put you in the picture. Do have a wonderful summer and play it safe.

Yours Aye - WALLY MOORE - The Sec.

SCHEDULE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL FAMILY

Saturday July 17	O.C.A. Drill Team Parade in Orillia Scottish Festival.	11:00 AM, Orillia Main Street
Saturday July 24	Uxbridge Highland Games. Pipes & Drums perform	
Saturday July 31	"Festivent" Quebec City. Pipes & Drums perform	Various locations, all day
Friday August 13	Fergus Tattoo. Pipes & Drums perform	
Sunday August 15	O.C.A. Drill Team parade R.C.L. Branch 614 Agincourt Tattoo, 11:00 AM	
Saturday August 21	O.C.A. Parade at C.N.E. (see details on the previous page)	
Sunday Sept 12	Ladies Auxilliary - Wine and Cheese Party	(see page 4 for more info)

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DILEAS SEARCH-A-WORD

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O. C. A. Trip to Italy

Now scheduled to leave on Monday, September 27 and return Monday October 10. If you would like to make the trip you must contact us before July 26 as final payment to the travel agent is due August 1. We currently have 26 registered with several enquiries from other regiments and associations so if you want to join us please call now, we don't want to leave any Highlanders behind. 705-722-0250 - Tommy Thompson or 416-254-1999 - Ed Rayment.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

It is with regret that we have to admit that we neglected to credit Frank MacKay in our article about the Scotch Nosing in the last issue of the Falcon for his well done address to the Haggis. Your address was an integral part of the event and was greatly appreciated by all who were in attendance. We look forward to many more of your presentations.

Please bear with us, if we've made a mistake regarding a name or info contained herein, we will strive to make future issues of the Falcon as accurate as possible. If you have any suggestions, questions or you have a story and or graphics/photos to contribute please e-mail your stories and pictures to: falcon48@sympatico.ca AND CARBON COPY: tom.thompson@sympatico.ca or call Adam Bernard @ 416-652-6121 or Tom Thompson @ 705-722-0250

PLEASE NOTE DEADLINE FOR MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 20th.