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## 48th Veteran of Second War featured by Canadian Mint

### A Company 'Fighting Company'

by Captain Pedwell

This training year has been a busy one for A Company. We started the year by developing a new headquarters for the company with myself as Company Commander, MWO McVety (who recently returned to the regiment) as the CSM, and Lt Karpinski as the Company 2IC.

The original training plan called for A Company to quickly complete MLOC training and move on to conducting live fire ranges (from individual jungle lanes to full platoon attacks). Brigade and the Commanding Officer however had different ideas. Our objective was changed and now entailed the completing of MLOC training and conducting operations in a "Full Spectrum War" environment.

For those of you not familiar with this term, the "Full Spectrum War" concept is a recognition that our forces will have to conduct combat operations while simultaneously performing both humanitarian and peacekeeping functions as well. This is a drastic change from our previous way of operating and entails learning new skills and putting them into practice within the company. Well, that is exactly what we have been doing.

I for one have to admit that it has been both challenging and exciting for me. I say exciting because this shift in focus has allowed the company and those within it to develop new skills. To date we have participated in the following key training exercises:

#### 16-18 Sep 05 – Exercise Able Warrior I

This weekend was conducted in Borden and run by the 48th Highlanders. The aim of the exercise was to conduct PWT Level



Angela Mondou and Herb Pike in profile

### Herb Pike on Twenty-Five Cent Piece

by HLCol Geordie Beal

In recognition of "The Year of the Veteran" the Canadian Mint struck a quarter with the images in profile of two veterans of the Canadian Forces. The veterans selected were the 48th Highlanders' Herb Pike representing the veterans of The Second World War and Angela Mondou as a Peacekeeping veteran. A 10 Dollar Fine Silver collector coin is also available from the mint, one of which was purchased by the OCA and will be on display in the 48th Museum.

The quarter was circulated in the latter half of 2005. At the same time the Mint ran a commercial that included veterans from the

### First Regiment, First Love

by Ron Denham

Dad once told me about an old adage that states... "first Regiment... first love", and over the years I've come to appreciate, at least in my experience, just how true that is.

Having spent 25 years with The Royal Canadian Regiment, and know that my pride in having served with such a fine Regiment could ever be diminished, there has always been a special place in my heart for the "48th".

When I was very young, and away from school with an illness, a doctor visited, (they actually came to your house in those days and sat by your bed) and remarked when he saw the bed covered in toys, red-coated soldiers... that "perhaps I had been born 100 years too late." Royal Scots Greys... Grenadier Guardsmen... the Black Watch... they were all there. These, and "Chum" books filled with daring-do on the North West Frontier and the Khyber Pass, were all I needed to satisfy a very active imagination.

Being that I was of Scottish parentage, and that my Dad (overseas at that time) had served in the Great War in the Imperial Army (H.L.I.), Highland troops were always in the vanguard as the column of troops marched "to the sound of the guns."

From the time when I first heard the pipes, and seen for the first time all the colour and pride of Highlanders on parade, I knew that I would forever be in their thrall. There was simply nothing else in my life that could stir me so deeply.

In September of 1953 I enlisted at the tender age of 16 (with written permission) in the 48th Highlanders of Canada, and found myself for the first time in the company of

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*A Company Dinner Group Photo, 4 February 2006. Photo by Adam Bernard*

## From the RSM

Greetings, fellow Highlanders! As we approach the “final leg” of the training year, it’s time that I bring you up to speed on where we stand.

### TRAINING

The Regiment has been and continues to be busy. As I mentioned in my last article, we are training towards “full spectrum operations”. All of our training this year, and in years to come, will be working towards this end. The Regiment is continuing to keep our individual skills up to speed as well. A Coy remains the major sub-unit with the vast majority of our trained soldiers, and is expected to meet all our assigned tasks – attendance on 23CBG FTX’s / provide the majority of soldiers to EX VG 06, etc. B Coy is the training coy; and is tasked to prepare our soldiers for their initial leadership course, look after our ERE personnel, and administer the new recruits. Adm Coy supports both of the other coys in their tasks.

### UPCOMING EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 28-30 Apr 06** - EX Iron Talon I – prep for EX VG 06 this summer in Petawawa
- 07 May 06** - Regimental Church Parade
- 12-14 May** - EX Iron Talon II – prep for EX VG 06 this summer in Petawawa

In May, we will start to send our soldiers away on courses and taskings for the summer. The Bands are also gearing up for their usual number of events this summer; and in fact several members of both bands will participate on EX IT I & II.

**MCpl Chin, Cpl Marga, Cpl Greene, Cpl Ivens** and **Hldr Frank** have recently returned from their operational deployment to Afghanistan. They all returned in one piece, and after a bit of leave, are gearing back up to resume working with the Regiment. Welcome home!

**WO Kwok, Hldr Petrovic, Cpl Markowski,**

and **Hldr Brown** are getting ready to deploy to Afghanistan. They will report to the Task Force in early April, undergo their training and deploy in June. We expect to have them back with the Regiment in early Jan 07. As usual, we wish them the all the best.

There are currently 4 soldiers who are taking the Primary Leadership Qualification Crse – **Cpl Park, Cpl Thomson, Cpl Corea** and **Cpl Leandro**. These 4 along with **Cpl David** and **Cpl Tasca** are expected to complete this course in the summer, and will be qualified to MCPL upon completion. **Capt Goldman**, who most of you know, is the Operations Officer for the 32 CBG BSL, and has informed me several times that the Regiment consistently sends well prepared soldiers on the PLQ. Our success rate is the highest in 32 CBG. This is a credit to the leaders in B Coy. Capt Goldman has recommended to the other units that they emulate our Pre-PLQ training.

A Coy held a Company Dinner on Sat 04 Feb 06. This was a fantastic evening. The dinner was arranged by **Sgt Vienneau**, and over 80 members of A Coy and guests sat down for dinner in the Jr Ranks Mess. There was some serious wagering going on that they would all fit in the room. Kudos, to A Coy and **Sgt Vienneau**, for making this event a huge success. I hope it becomes an annual event.

As you can see, we have many irons in the fire. There is lots going on to keep us all out of trouble.

### RECRUITING

**WO Duncan** and **Cpl Hum** have done an excellent job in Recruiting this year. We currently have in excess of 60 personnel “somewhere in the system” at CFRC. Hopefully, they will all make it out the other end, and join the Regiment in the near future. A Coy lost the usual number of soldiers at the beginning of the training year – those going away to school, who only joined for a summer job, or who don’t like the army anymore. But since then, retention has been better this year than in the past couple of years. The CO has stated

a goal of increasing our strength. Recruiting and retention are essential, and both are on the increase this year. It is anticipated that we will have more soldiers on the square next year.

### PROMOTIONS & POSTINGS

The following personnel have been promoted since the last FALCON:

**Sgt Kwok** to **WO** – then back down to Sgt for his deployment

**Sgt Carswell** to **WO**

**Sgt Duncan** to **WO**

**Sgt Dewar** to **WO**

**MCpl Vienneau** to **Sgt**

**MCpl Chin** to **Sgt**

**MCpl Dewar** to **Sgt**

**Cpl Bennett** to **MCpl**

**Cpl Baptiste** to **MCpl**

**Cpl Curtis** to **MCpl**

**Cpl Oliykykov** to **MCpl**

**Hldr Madill** to **Cpl**

**Hldr Kowalenko** to **Cpl**

We will also be losing our Chief Clerk this summer. **Sgt Benson** has been with us for 2 years, and has done an excellent job in the BOR. Due to issues with previous CC’s there was a backlog in the BOR. She has sorted all this out and got us back on the administrative straight and narrow. Both she and her husband expect to be posted to Winnipeg this summer. Although we will miss her influence on our clerks and in the BOR, we wish her the best as she moves on.

That’s about it for now, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the active Regiment.

*DILEAS GU BRATH*

*9C, OUT.*

*R.A. ALKEMA*

*CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER*

*REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR*

*48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA*

# FIGHTING COMPANY

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III ranges, C9 and C6 ranges and additional ELOC training (mine awareness, grenades, navigation).

## 30 Sep -2 Oct 05 – Exercise Able Warrior II

This weekend was conducted in Borden and run by the Queens Own Rifles. This weekend was a repeat of Exercise Able Warrior II with the goal of ensuring that individuals who did not complete the first weekend finished the training. Individuals who passed the ranges on the first weekend were given the opportunity to practice the most basic soldier skill by getting more range time.

## 14-16 Oct 05 – Exercise Aggressive Viper I

This weekend was conducted in Meaford and run by the 48th Highlanders. This was our first opportunity to learn new “urban operation” skills needed for being effective in conducting operations in a “full spectrum war” environment. This was set up as stand training with soldiers within the company learning to do Vehicle Check Points, Urban Patrolling, Cordon and Search Operations at the Section level, extracting wounded personnel within an urban environment, first aid, room clearance drills and clearing a “kill house” using simulated ammunition. Officers and Senior NCO’s conducted additional training in dealing with the media and the capabilities and organization of Intelligence assets employed in overseas operations.

## 4-6 Nov 05 – Remembrance Day Weekend

Members of the Company had an opportunity to meet with unit veterans on the Friday night and learn about their experiences within the Regiment and overseas. On the 6th the unit mounted our traditional Remembrance Day Parade at Queens Park. Unit veterans turned out in large numbers for this event and participated in the march back to Moss Park Armouries with the unit. On Nov 11th the soldiers were treated to a talk by **RSM (CWO) Crook CD** a Korean War Veteran giving a candid discussion on his experiences in Korea. All of these experiences were appreciated by members of A Company and served to bring them closer to our veterans and gave them a greater understanding of the sacrificed made by members of our unit and the Canadian Military as a whole.



Some well known faces enjoying the Alpha Coy Dinner, 4 February 2006. Photo by Corporal Hum.

## 18 – 20 Nov 05 – Exercise Aggressive Viper II

This weekend was conducted in Edgar and run by the 48th Highlanders. For many of us this was the first opportunity to use this training facility. It was a unique opportunity to employ the basic skills developed in Exercise Aggressive Viper I in a small town environment. Edgar was ideal for this training as it is a self-contained site with sixty odd houses of various types as well as schools, government facilities, warehouses and a community centre. The company had the opportunity to practice camp security, urban patrolling, quick reaction force operations and cordon and searches at the platoon and company level.

## 2-3 Dec 05 – Exercise Crimson Tide

A Company provided a platoon and individual augmentees to support the Brigade Domestic Response Unit Exercise held in Toronto. Operations were mounted out of Moss Park Armouries, Fort York Armouries and the Toronto docklands. Training focused on conducting camp security, escorting VIP’s, establishing rest and first aid stations, house clearing drills, and the handling of media and civilians. This exercise afforded soldiers within the Brigade the opportunity to work with each other while in the public eye and to gain some valuable experience in coordinating with the Toronto Police Force.

## 27-29 Jan 06 - Exercise Cold Adder

This exercise was conducted in Training Centre Meaford and run by the 48th Highlanders. This exercise provided the troops with a chance to get familiar with winter warfare operations. Training concentrated on cross country movement, tent routine and familiarization with cross country skis and observation equipment. Training Centre Meaford would usually be ideal for this training but due to the warm weather, the troops were treated to a generous dose of mud to go with their snow. On

the Sunday, the troops enjoyed a leisurely stroll back to the quarters in Training Centre Meaford while sharing “pro tips” amongst each other.

As you can see, A Company has had a busy training year. It has been challenging but rewarding time for us and all members of the company are looking forward to the greater challenges that will be coming later this spring and summer.

I would like congratulate the following soldiers on their recent promotions: **Lt Martinis, 2Lt Laurella, WO Carswell, WO Kwok, Sgt Vienneau, MCpl Baptiste, MCpl Bennett, MCpl Curtis, MCpl Oliynykov, Cpl Kowalenko.** In addition, we would like to welcome back several soldiers recently returning from Afghanistan and to bid good luck to several others who are in the process of deploying overseas. As well, special mention should be given to **Sgt Vienneau who received the Deputy Chief of Defense Staff Commendation** in January for his work on Operation PALLADIUM Roto 13.

*CAPT HARRY PEDWELL  
OC A COY  
48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA*

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**THANK YOU to those who've submitted articles, letters, ideas and photos.**

# From the Archives – Events of Springtimes Past

by HLCol Geordie Beal

**40 Years Ago** – On 20 May 1966 the regiment moved to its current location, Moss Park Armoury, parading from a temporary home of two years at Fort York Armoury. In the 115 years since the founding of the 48th Highlanders in 1891, the regiment has been in just four locations. For the first three years home was on the north side of King Street just west of our regimental church, St. Andrew's. Here, the 48th spent these formative years in buildings vacated in 1891 by Upper Canada College when they moved to their present location in Deer Park on University above St. Clair Avenue. For the next 69 years the 48th occupied a magnificent and imposing red brick armoury on University Avenue, until as part of a decade of demolishing heritage buildings across Toronto for modern glass structures, the Department of National Defence put University Avenue Armouries into the wrecker's hands. Ottawa's plan was to scatter the units to sites around Toronto, some to Denison Avenue and the 48th to Warden and Eglinton. There would be no units in downtown Toronto.

Armed with research that showed the disastrous implications of this plan, Brigadiers Eric Haldenby and Ian Johnston, both war time commanding officers of the 48th Highlanders, took the argument directly to Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. Other units made similar efforts and, supported by a public profile raised by The Toronto Telegram and its publisher John Bassett, the decision was reversed. Then for almost two years, while waiting for Moss Park Armoury to be constructed, the 48th were welcomed into Fort York Armoury by the Toronto Scottish who generously offered to share their messes and facilities. Finally, forty two years ago this spring the regiment came to Moss Park, to be reunited with the units with whom we had shared University Avenue Armouries for decades, the Queens Own Rifles and 7th Field Artillery.

**60 Years Ago** – On 26 May 1946, in front of the Regiment, family and thousands of citizens, the Governor-General, His Excellency, Field Marshall Viscount Alexander of Tunis, KG GCB GCMG GSI DSO MC opened the 48th Highlanders Memorial Hall. The building, formerly the site of the Granite Club, was to be the home of the 48th Highlanders Association for the next 27 years. The Association with its

primary role as stated then, and as it is today, "the welfare of the regiment" was comprised of the Old Comrades Association, 48th Chapter IODE, Ladies Auxiliary, Officers Association and the Regiment. In 1973, the City of Toronto declared the building structurally unsound and the Association was forced to move the Memorial Hall to a new location on King Street. However, "structurally unsound" must be a relative term as, if one were to go to 519 Church Street today, you will find the building standing and occupied.

**65 Years Ago** – On March 8, 1941 Capt. Phillip Froude Seagram, who had served with the 48th since 1934, was killed in a bombing attack by the Luftwaffe which demolished the *Café de Paris* in London, England. Captain Seagram, the first officer of the 48th Highlanders killed in World War II had been on leave from the regiment to attend the Junior Staff Course at the War College. He was buried with full military honours in Brookwood Cemetery.

In May 1941 the 1st Canadian Division was authorized to wear the Red Patch in the field. This red, rectangular battle patch, worn on the sleeve just under the 48th Highlanders of Canada shoulder insignia, had been first put on in 1916 by the 1st Division to which the 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders of Canada) belonged just prior to the battle of the Somme. When putting up the red patch in 1941 RSM Frank Jamieson told the Highlanders on parade of the significance. The 48th Highlanders were the only battalion to wear the Red Patch in both wars.

**75 Years Ago** – In 1931 the Permanent Force in Canada was a total of just 3688. The militia (reserves) were larger but were also under pressure with government funding being slashed due to the recession. The response of the 48th Highlanders was to pay their own way, with officers donating their pay for the men. Private donations were sought, and made, to ensure that the regiment could train in uniforms and at locations that were appropriate. Through the depression the regiment grew and citizens of Toronto could see the continuing strength of their 48th Highlanders by the numbers on parade.

**90 Years Ago** – On 19 May 1916, Lt. Col. W.R. Marshall, DSO was killed in action at Ypres. There the battalion had returned to the spot where they had been gassed just thirteen months earlier, losing 661 Highlanders – killed, injured or missing. Marshall then a Major and DCO had won his DSO by rallying and leading the rear company and other small groups of

soldiers to create a flank position, repelling successive waves of German assaults. Now in 1916 and as Commanding Officer, Colonel Marshall was preparing battle plans for the battalion's attack near Mont Sorrel. Moving through the trenches, perhaps to get a better view of the enemy lines, some as close as 50 metres, he was spotted by a sniper crossing a low point in the revetments. Marshall was killed instantly. A fine portrait of Colonel Marshall hangs today in the Officers Mess.

## First Regiment, First Love

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real men!

Stu Montgomery... W.O. 2 and C.S.M. B Coy (my Company), was to me the epitome of "a real soldier". There were others: Cpl. Norm Quinn, Cpl Elms (Coy drummer), WO 1 (R.S.M.) Wigmore... splendid company indeed.

Once Kilted, I joined the ranks of "Baker" Company and the adventure began. A guard of honour to open The Royal Winter Fair... Armistice Day and the parade to the Regimental Memorial... Niagara-on-the-Lake and all the troops aboard the Cayuga... waking at Reveille to "Johnny Cope"... drying our kilts on the walls of our Bell Tent... the crack of rifle fire at Long Branch... all of this and more, to a very impressionable young soldier, were each in their own turn, an unforgettable experience.

But what will stay with me is that thrill when, in column of route, for the first time, I marched through those great doors of University Avenue Armoury, in kilt and white shell, behind the pipes and drums, and as we wheeled right, seeing my Dad by the curbside with his County Cap over his heart as the Colours passed. Surely there can't be many thrills greater than that in life.

So then – this soldier has come home, because – as sure as I'm here, you can take the soldier out of the Highlanders, but you will never take the Highlander out of the soldier.

DILEAS

## WANTED!

Volunteers for the 48th Highlanders Museum.

This is a good way to meet people and learn about the history of this great Regiment.

Wednesdays or Thursdays.

CONTACT Tom Thompson AT 705-722-0250

## YEAR OF THE VET COIN

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major branches in the Canadian Armed Forces and different periods of service. Herb and Angela were featured with their photographic images morphing into the engraved images on the coin. RSM Doug Chappelle was also front and centre in the commercial marching proudly toward the camera. The artist who engraved the image for the coin replaced Herb's glengarry with the more generic beret of the Armed Forces and if you look closely both cap badges have been replaced as well.



With the collector coin the mint included a Certificate of Authenticity and a moving description of the service and sacrifice that the coin honours. Extracts read:

*To go wherever we're needed...*

*To do whatever is asked of us.*

*A son leaves for duty, a mother weeps. Through sorrowful tears, a sister whispers "goodbye," knowing she will break her promise and also leave home. She too feels driven to serve.*

*Across Canada, this scenario played out in countless homes as two World Wars and the Korean War stirred a great sense of humanity in the hearts of Canadians. Many felt compelled to act, to rush to the aid of the oppressed and join the fight for freedom.*

*These were the times that bravery and self-sacrifice found their true definition. The soldier's ability to find courage in the depths of despair is a concept that is difficult to conceive in the comfort of modern freedom. It is a virtue that must never be forgotten – one that deserves open respect and admiration. Honour those who willingly chose to serve – Canada's heroes of the past, present and future.*

Herbert James Pike, today's President of the 48th Highlanders Life Members, joined

the Canadian Infantry Corp in 1942 at the age of 18. He was following a family tradition of service. His father, also Herbert James, had served in The First War in the artillery. He was part of George Drew's battery (subsequently Premier of Ontario) and won the MM as a Sergeant and the MC as a Captain.

"I was badged 48th from the beginning," Herb says proudly. Following basic training in Guelph he did advanced training in Stratford staying on several months as an instructor. From there he was transferred to Ipperwash as Battle Drill Instructor. In mid 1943 he left for England, arriving in Aldershot just after the regiment had departed for their landing at Pachino in July. Herb followed quickly, sailing to Philipville in Algeria to the 1st Reinforcement Group then on draft to the front to join the 48th Highlanders in October, just after the battalion took the town of Campobasso. Joining as a Corporal (although he had been a Sergeant at Ipperwash) Herb became part of Able Company, being promoted to Sergeant following the December battles of Cemetery Hill flanking Ortona. He remained with Able in Italy as the battalion fought through the Liri Valley, the Hitler Line, The Gothic and Rimini Lines and the Lamone River crossing. He was transferred to C Company as CQMS just prior to the battalion leaving Italy in March 1945 and remained with them through The Netherlands. Herb returned home with the 1st Battalion on 01 Oct 1945.

In recalling these years Herb stated quietly, "These were some of the best years of my life, with guys that I will never forget." In the Year of the Veteran, the Canadian Mint asked all Canadians to "never forget". To those of us fortunate to know Herb, and the other veterans of our regiment, it will be our privilege to carry out this request.

## A Letter from The Monte Cassino Society

November 8, 2005

Dear Mr. Thompson,

I am writing to let you know of the Monte Cassino Society, an association which I and two other daughters of Cassino veterans are establishing. The aim of the society is to continue and further an interest in the experiences of those who took part in the battles of Monte Cassino and the surrounding battles of the Italian Campaign.

At a time when a number WW2 veterans associations are closing, we feel strongly that the experiences of the veterans of Cassino and of the Italian Campaign should not be forgotten. Through the efforts of interested sons, daughters and relatives, we hope to achieve this aim.

We would like to hear from veterans who were at Cassino or elsewhere in Italy and would be very interested in an recollections and memoirs they would be willing to share with us. We would also like to hear from relatives of the veterans who share in our desire to further an interest in the veterans' experience.

We would be very grateful if you could pass along our message to your membership.

Those who would like to know more of our society's aims and objectives may contact us by email at [info@themontecassinociety.org](mailto:info@themontecassinociety.org) or by telephone at 416-921-0921, or by mail at RR 5, Orangeville, Ontario, Canada L9W 2Z2.

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# Awards and Honours – Medals and Citations in Regimental Museum

The 48th Highlanders Museum proudly displays medals earned by 48th Highlanders and donated, in most part, by the families of those who served with our Regiment. For those medals earned through awards and honours the museum has copies of the citations written as the original submissions for the awards. These are placed in a binder and are available as part of the display of medals to be read by the visiting public.

On this page are examples of three such citations, earned by 48th Highlanders well known to any who have read our regimental histories or just listened to stories related in the messes. In this, and upcoming issues of *The Falcon*, we plan to include citations illustrating the range

of awards and honours in the museum.

In the museum, we are planning a major upgrade of our medals display, details of which can be found in another article in this issue of *The Falcon*. It is our desire and intent that every set of medals in the museum will show the 48th Highlander who earned them – a picture of the individual, some regimental and personal history, the citation (for awards and honours) and the details of how they earned service or other medals. Naturally, we will be looking for volunteers to help with the research into these Highlanders. If you would like to help as part of our team, contact the museum during our open days – Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am to 3 pm at (416) 596-1382.



**AWARD of BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL to  
B. 73628 Sergeant (Pipe Major)  
Andrew ANDERSON  
Canadian Infantry Corps**

Pipe Major Anderson enlisted in the 48th Highlanders of Canada in 1922 as a Piper, having been receiving instruction for the previous year from the then Pipe Major. His service from the outset was such as to draw the admiration of his superior officers and by dint of much arduous and painstaking work, continuously from 1922 to the outbreak of war, earned for himself the appointment of Pipe Major. In this capacity his service has been unexcelled during the nearly five years with the battalion overseas. Through all the difficulties and trials of the war he has consistently maintained within the band a very high standard of soldiering, with the result that the esprit de corps of the battalion is in no small measure due to the pipe major himself.



**AWARD of THE MILITARY CROSS to  
Captain William Glenn ANGUS  
Canadian Infantry Corps**

On the night of 10/11 December 1944, the 48th Highlanders of Canada made an assault crossing of the Lamone river at MR 413348, this river has dykes some 30 feet high, sloping to the water at approximately 45 degrees; and with the enemy solidly dug in along the top of the dyke and in the fields behind, presented a formidable obstacle. "A" company was leading company in this assault, and Captain William Glenn Angus commanded the leading platoon. The moment his platoon appeared over our bank with their assault boats, a withering fire was brought down on them from MG posts at point blank range across the river. Rallying his men, this officer quickly had the boats launched and on their way across. He was amongst the first to land and personally led the platoon storming up the 30 foot dyke into the thick of the enemy positions. So inspiring was his leadership and so determined the assault

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**AWARD of MEMBER OF THE  
ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE to  
B. 485003 Warrant Officer Class II  
(Quartermaster Sergeant)  
Oscar Prior ARDAGH  
Canadian Infantry Corps**

This Warrant Officer has served continuously in the non-permanent active militia with the 48th Highlanders of Canada for a period of forty-one years. Prior to 1914 he was injured in a train wreck near Streetsville, Ontario, whilst returning to Toronto with his regiment from manoeuvres. As a result of these injuries, he was unable to proceed overseas with his battalion in 1914. Despite this fact, he has maintained a keen and active interest in reserve army activities over a period of many years. He has taken extreme pride in the performance of all his duties and has spent hundreds of hours of his own time in keeping battalion records accurate and up to date. His loyal and unselfish service have been of inestimable value to the regiment, and he has set a splendid example to all ranks.

# REGIMENTAL MUSEUM PLANNING

## NEW DISPLAY FOR MEDALS

by HLCol Geordie Beal

By the end of the year the 48th Highlanders Museum will have a new display that not only increases the visual impact of the sets of medals that the museum is honoured to have in its collection but provides the visiting public with the capability to learn about the 48th Highlanders who earned them. All this is made possible by a donation from a former Highlander in honour of his parents.

Our current collection has over 130 sets of medals representing periods of service from 1891. Included are medals from South Africa, two World Wars, actions in Canada and abroad, commemoration medals and those for long service. The existing display in the museum has become progressively more crowded as more sets have been donated. Although the sight of these medals in one large display cabinet is impressive, the ability of visitors and 48th Highlander family members to understand them in any depth has been lost.

The new display is being developed by Design in Three Dimensions; the firm that helped us design the museum in 1997 for our move into St. Andrew's Church. The total display will have three components, a display cabinet, accessible storage and a computer system.

### DISPLAY CABINET

First will be a new display cabinet on the wall. This cabinet will feature up to 20 sets of medals against a graphic background portraying the 115 years of service of the regiment. These sets will be representative of the collection as a whole. It will include all ranks: Generals, Officers, NCOs and ORs. The display will show all the major awards of the British Honours System with the exception of the Victoria Cross and most of the Commemorative and Service Medals. The layout will be three dimensional allowing for each set to be shown with clarity and impact.

Prominent in the display will be a highlighted space for "Featured Medals". This will allow one set of medals to be honoured on a rotating basis – monthly or quarterly. This Featured Medals area will show the medal set, a picture of the 48th Highlander who earned them plus name and rank.

Every set of medals in the display cabinet

will be comprised of medals, name, rank and a small photograph. Additionally there will be a coding system using numbers and shapes or colours. These codes will relate to the names of the medals (eg: Military Cross, Canadian Decoration), to the type of medal (eg: Orders, Decorations, Peace, Commemorative, Service) and to the individual Highlander. Below is a preliminary design as an example.



Elements of the design and copy in the cabinet will direct the visitor to the other components of the total medals display, the storage cabinet or computer. Copy and design elements will help the visitor move easily to the subject that holds their greatest interest.

### STORAGE CABINET

Below the wall display will be a storage cabinet comprised of drawers that can be pulled out by the visitor. Each drawer will contain several medal sets, with the same name, rank and coding system as in the upper display cabinet. A glass lid will secure each drawer, allowing the visitor to see but not touch. Medals will be placed alphabetically by the Highlander's name. As more sets of medals are donated they will fill remaining spaces. If required another cabinet module can be added easily.

### COMPUTER SYSTEM

A touch screen computer will be integrated

into the overall display. The computer will be self contained with a data base of information on hard drive and/or CD as appropriate. Information will be both specific to our 48th Highlander sets and medals in general and linked by the coding system in the displays. Our goal will be to begin with information readily on hand and expand it over time to include:

#### INDIVIDUALS

- Each individual represented in our collection
- Biographies, citations, photographs, military service, medals. This data can be expanded to include individuals whose medals are not in the collection.

#### MEDALS

- Each type of medal in the collection
- Terms, descriptions, pictures

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Introduction, types of medals
- The Canadian and British Honour System
- Order of Precedence
- Mounting and Wearing

### DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

#### FUNDS :

When the design is finalized the museum will be mounting a fund-raising campaign. Elements of the display will be costed and individuals can sponsor elements. Details of the fund-raising will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Falcon. However, should anyone wish to start earlier, donations can be made to 48th Highlanders Trusts and mailed to 39 Wanless Crescent, Toronto, M4N 3B6 or dropped off at the armoury.

#### MEDALS:

Medals, as always, should remain with the person who earned them. This principle of the museum has been stated clearly since RSM Bill Elms and Lt. Col. Mike George founded the museum fifty years ago. However, as Major Andy LeMesurier made equally clear, medals can be left to the museum by bequest. Andy encouraged all he knew to find out if their children wished to retain their parent's medals, or if it would be more appropriate to bequeath them to the museum. Once decided, a simple letter, signed and dated, can be placed with one's will. Questions or donations should be directed to HLCol Geordie Beal through the 48th Highlanders Trusts. The museum will honour the medals. And, by communicating to visitors and members of the greater Regimental family the stories of the deeds of service of the 48th Highlander who earned them, the museum will keep their honour visible and vital for the generations who enjoy the liberties we have today.

## OUR LEADERSHIP IN SWITZERLAND!

It has been brought to our attention that this noteworthy event didn't get its full dues, the following is a letter from Major-General H.M. Petras, Chief of Reserves and Cadets:

LETTER OF REPORT: MWO McIntyre PWG  
48th Highlanders Of Canada - Kloten Training Camp and Aesor Military Skills Competition 04-27 June 2005

1. MWO McIntyre represented Canadian reservists as a participant in the Canadian (Kloten) Training Camp and the AESOR Military Skills team competition (heptathlon). The competition, a series of seven highly technical events, required months of personal training

as well as participation in the grueling two-week training camp. The competition itself was an intense 2 day contest of determination, skills and strength of character.

2. The team coach found MWO McIntyre to be an enthusiastic individual who performed very well during the training camp and displayed tremendous improvement in skills and technical ability.

3. The competition team the MWO McIntyre competed on matched him with two reservists from Beauport and Halifax. This team had only the two week period before the competition to bond and develop a team strategy. Obviously this team was able to meet their objectives. The team finished first in the Guest Nation category narrowly defeating a strong Finnish team. The Canadians won the precision shooting/biathlon event, the zodiac event, and the water obstacle/flat swim event - achieving the best

time of any team in the competition. Other nations in the guest category were Finland, a German CIOR team, and the international team of Canada, France, and Spain. The Canadian team did well enough to finish 5th overall amongst the 30 teams entered in the competition.

4. MWO McIntyre should be congratulated for his effort and personal achievement. He is an exceptional athlete and an admirable ambassador for Canada and the CF who would be a welcome addition to future military skills competitive teams. I would like to personally thank and congratulate MWO McIntyre for his participation, dedication and success in Switzerland.

H.M. PETRAS  
MAJOR-GENERAL  
CHIEF OF RESERVES AND CADETS

## The Kilt Goof

by Norm Cromie

During the fall of 39 I paraded around in civilian clothes for a couple of weeks then the word came one afternoon, report to quartermaster stores which was in University armories, where I would be issued my uniform and equipment which was full highland dress. I could hardly believe my ears. I sat passively on a bench waiting for my name to be called. I then marched into quarter stores, which was full of crowns and stripes from WW1 and others. One of these military Gods was a kindly old ruddy-faced quartermaster who said hold out your arms and he loaded me down with kilt, boots, web, hose tops, Glengarry, sporran and so many other things. God almighty I thought with all this gear and a nine and a half pound le Enfield rifle Geez if I ever fall down, shit I will never be able to get up again and will probably miss the whole damn war.

I struggled back to the group that I was with and began sorting out and trying to understand what in the hell everything was for. If I had been a true Scot and worth my Haggis I would have known without having to ask anyone. So when I held up my hose tops, as you know they have no feet in them just a strap crossed the instep, I was dumbfounded. A crusty old soldier behind me who had come from New York to join the Canadian army and was like a character out of the dead end kids leaned over to me and in a very serious voice said God Mac, they have given you defective merchandise you don't have to take that shit. Go right back and give the quarters Hell. As his name was Joe Cambell I thought there must have been some Scots knowledge within him. So I raced back to stores, right up to the head of the line and through my hose tops on the front of the counter and with the voice of indignation voiced my complaint to that kindly old WW1 soldier. But, when the ruddy complexion on his face changed to a volcanic red I knew I had made a very very grave error. I now realized what the term (in deep shit meant) I can tell you those hose tops and myself made an exit from that room that would have put Jesse Owens to shame. I can still hear his voice ringing in my ears and I think in my haste what he was saying "Somebody get that crazy son of a bitch out of here before I kill him."

Once outside I had to brace myself against the Army wall as I was shaking and trembling so much. I now knew what the meaning of that old saying was. That War is Hell.

## Miracle in the rubble. Katrina topples church, but left window intact

Matt Hartley, NATIONAL POST  
Saturday, December 24, 2005



When Hurricane Katrina tore through the U.S. Gulf Coast in August, it killed more than 1,300 people, destroyed vast swaths of four states and caused more than US\$80-billion in damage. At the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi, Miss., all that was left was a single stained glass window. Reverend Harold Roberts, the church's Toronto-born pastor, believes in the significance of the survival of the red and gold window that once hung over the entrance to his house of worship. "I'm not a fundamentalist, but these kinds of things speak to the miracle of some of the stuff that goes on in the travesties of the lives shattered by the storm," Rev. Roberts, 61, said from his new home in Biloxi. He and his wife, Jan, lived next to the church until August.

The house and everything the Roberts family owned -- save for the couple's four cats -- were destroyed when Katrina hit. "The church was like the house, there really wasn't much identifiable after the storm," said Rev. Roberts, who lived most of his life in Toronto before moving to the Gulf Coast in 1997. "But this window was found essentially intact." One of Rev. Roberts' flock pulled the window from the rubble in the days after the storm passed. The window rested on the flatbed of a truck while Rev. Roberts led a service for the congregation at the church ruins the Sunday following the storm. This isn't even the first time the little congregation has had to rebuild. In 1969, Hurricane Camille -- which killed about 150 people in the Gulf Coast area -- levelled the original church.

Before bulldozers could clear away what was left of the structure, parishioners combed the debris to salvage fragments of the ornate stained-glass windows the church had housed. Three composite windows were fashioned from the shards pulled from the ruins, one of which featured salvaged fragments of the face and hands of Jesus. "It really was a welcoming face when you came into the church and an embracing face as you left," Rev. Roberts said. The window has since been stored for safekeeping by a congregant until the church decides how to rebuild again.

Meanwhile, Rev. Roberts has been holding Sunday services for the 120 members of his congregation in the gymnasium of a local public school. But with most of his parishioners still living in trailers and temporary housing, Rev. Roberts said he is more focused on bringing his people together for the holidays. "That's the great unknown," he said. "How do you make Christmas special? We decided we would let the message of Christmas -- its simplicity-- speak for itself. "This has been a faith builder on a whole," he said of the costliest disaster in U.S. history. "People are experiencing love and kindness and encouragement and support. I don't think anybody blames God for the storm. "We just continue to thank God that we are all alive and all together."

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## Old Comrades Association

### SUMMARY OF 2005:

President Tom White made the Remembrance Dinner his top priority and with the assistance of Vice President Harry Wignall made it a much appreciated event. The whole weekend was attended by many of our WW2 veterans and their families. 2005 was "The Year of the Veteran". Our dinner was a tribute to the Highland veterans who gave so much and they certainly deserved all that we could do for them in return.

Tom's second priority was the veterans return to Holland. Although this was not a co-ordinated trip the many segments all returned with happy memories and great tales.

The Old Comrades Association thanks all sections of the regimental family for their support for the events. The Regimental Trust financed the major part of our Remembrance Day events.

The annual barbeque held in early July in Acton was a real success again this year. Many thanks to those Highlanders who made donations to help the Continuing Sergeants and the O.C.A. to stage this event in 2005.

Life Members meetings, Drill Team meetings and parades were well attended and once again the Drill Team and Colour Party won an award on Warriors Day at the C.N.E.

We lost a lot of Highlanders to the upper camp in 2005. They will all be missed at the events planned in 2006.

The Old Comrades Association elections are completed and the results are as follows:

- President – Harry Wignall
- Vice President – John Dunne
- Treasurer – Ken Walduck
- Secretary – no volunteer as yet

The new executive takes office officially on April 21, 2006.

## CADILLAC DRAW

Over recent years the appeal of the Cadillac Draw in its current format has been declining. As the draw has been an important fund-raising vehicle for the Regiment the Officers Association are looking at other formats and approaches that supporters of the 48th Highlanders would find more relevant to today's unit and its roles. Look for more news in the next addition of The Falcon for an event, perhaps as early as this fall.



## Our Cadets Win Gold!

by Capt Norman R. Pope

At the Cadet Zone Shoot at HMCS York, on February 26, 2006 the 48th Cadet Rifle Team struck Gold.

Seen, receiving their Gold Medals (from left to right) Team Members: Cdt N. Zhang, MCpl A. Fillipov, Cpl M. Hanlon, Cpl K. Gibbons-Cummings, and MCpl J. Ouellet; supported by Assistant Coaches, MCpl Hines, and MCpl Vargas.

Individual categories were also won by:

Open: MCpl J. Ouellet - Gold (Over-all Top Shot); Cdt N. Zhang - Bronze  
Junior: Cpl K. Gibbons-Cummings - Gold; Cpl M. Hanlon - Silver.

A tremendous effort and improvement over past years. For this we can thank our Shooting Coach, 2Lt Greg Sych, himself a qualified Olympic marksman.

*NORMAN R. POPE, CD  
CAPTAIN  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA  
ARMY CADET CORPS*



*A snapshot from the A Company Dinner, 4 February 2006, left to right:  
WO John Tescione (Ret'd), Cpl "CJ" Mason (Ret'd), Sgt Brian Kwok, Sgt John Martin*

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## DARREN MELLORS

submitted by Douglass Chappell, 9 Mar 2006

1 year ago, my business partner and I started "Grenadier Precision, Ltd. Co." here in Hondo TX. We are a very small defence contractor specializing in small arms. The newsworthy report is that we are



on the verge of signing a letter of intent to merge with Leitner-Wise Rifle Company in Alexandria VA. In this year along with Leitner-Wise we have designed the next generation of infantry small arms using the Colt M4 as a basis but with radical functional, and handling improvements of the M4/M16. Our rifles are conventional, but incorporate a short stroke self regulating gas piston instead of a direct impingement gas tube that funnels gas and carbon into the working action of the weapon. We also had to develop and accessory rail to replace the handguard allowing attachment of various accessories, providing ventilation, protection, and access to the gas system and barrel.

This makes it run cleaner, cooler, far more reliable, gives it almost no recoil or muzzle rise, and the free floating the barrel makes it accurate beyond a typical service rifle. It serves as a bridge from outmoded small arms to radical new technology being developed that is still many years away. If you can imagine, the test mule has fired 71,500 rounds with no cleaning except for pulling through the barrel intermittantly. We don't suggest people do not clean weapons, but it does serve as a demonstration that the operator can be the weak link in whether his weapon works or not.

We are currently on the verge of a contract with the USMC IM-SRR (small arms replacement program) for 250,000 weapons, in the latest ARMY ARDEC TACOM small arms trials, with the USAF pararescue, DOD (Embassy Security Anti terror teams). We have weapons in service already in Iraq and Afganistan with the 5th, 3rd and 7th special forces groups.

Those who are familiar with the Canadian C7 or US M16, especially with NATO 62gr SS109 or M855 as they call it in the USA, know that it has proven a poor caliber choice in those loadings that can require several shots to incapacitate the enemy, esp. from

carbines. Good illustrations of this can be found with survivors of the US Army's failed capture of Aidid in Somalia. Soldiers have been lost to the anemic 5.56 round in Iraq and Afganistan as well. One example illustrated in an airforce after action reported 3 airmen on force protection duties in Iraq were shot, one killed after they had put 3 rounds of 5.56 into the terrorist, center of mass. The problems with 5.56 is exaggerated by the shorter barrel lengths of the M4 carbine as the M855 ammunition requires very high muzzle velocity to ensure fragmentation. Velocities are reduced when using a short barreled weapon. We have thus championed the 6.8 SPC (special purpose cartridge) which can be employed in carbines almost identical to the 5.56 carbines. The 6.8 projectile is just short of a 30 caliber. 6.8 Ball projectiles are typically 110 gr. Its terminal ballistics are not effected by the short barrels of the carbines the Armed forces are demanding for their urban intense vehicle borne operations.

I have attached pictures of four weapons so you can see what I am speaking of. This carbine has a barrel length of 10.5" and is in 6.8 SPC. Effective for clearing buildings and equally effective in accurately engaging the enemy at 400m with virtually no loss of terminal ballistics as it does not rely on projectile fragmentation and velocity alone. That makes it a very broad range weapon in such a small package.

I don't know what it is about the 48th Highlanders. It seems to bring out the best in all those who have worn the uniform. I was lucky enough to serve a few years in the infantry, blew out my knees on a course run by the Airborne and had to remuster to weapons tech for the remainder of my service with the 48th. I suppose this experience has served me well with experience as a grunt and a weapons tech. I give my comrades and the unit 100% credit for the way I raise my children, the values I cherish, and the person I am. The 48th warrior ethos seems to breed good hearty citizens. The Highlanders that came before us get credit for our freedom. This may sound



egocentric, almost like bragging, but a day doesn't go by that I am not inspired by the regiment and those who came before me. After all, we are a proud bunch.

My life long get out of jail free card is the motto "Dileas Gu Brath." It has never let me down, nor have my comrades. It has carried me through the good times and the hard times, esp. when I have felt sorry for myself only to think of the courageous soldiers of the 48th who sacrificed so much more than I could ever dream of. My heart sinks with every last post that Douglass sends as though a family member has died, but I am relieved to know, they lived a full life with the lifetime friendship



of thier comrades, both living and fallen. I am empowered by emails about comrades who do good works, like those recently taken up by a comrade in Louisiana. The motto in practice is contagious. Treat people in a manner congruent with the motto and they reciprocate.

I spent the better part of the previous 10 years running an Emergency room in San Antonio TX and pursuing small arms design on the side. To some, the work I am doing now is in complete contrast of what I have done previously. I do not see it that way. Either way, the goal is to save lives. No doubt, some will disagree, but I ask myself what a young soldier with a jam prone ross rifle would have thought when facing down a German infantry battallion. Whether one likes it or not, we still send young warfighters into battle and they deserve the best we can offer. They don't choose the fight, nor do they decide what they are to use in battle.

SINCERELY,

DARREN MELLORS (1988-1995)

DILEAS GU BRATH

## CONFINED TO BARRACKS

*We have seven Highlanders currently in Sunnybrook Hospital.*

J. CC Jack Hughes  
Sunnybrook - K2C  
Rm. 16

Nelson Liston  
Sunnybrook - K3E  
Rm. 21

George Mason  
Sunnybrook - K2W  
Rm. 33

Norm McMurrich  
Sunnybrook - K3W  
Rm. 33

G. Ron Pallett  
Sunnybrook - K2E  
Rm. 10

Sgt. Ed Cane  
Sunnybrook - K2W  
Rm. 4

Naury Rosenblath  
Sunnybrook - K2C  
Rm. 16

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

Don Burr (recent heart surgery)  
8662 Arkona Road, R.R. #2  
Thedford, Ontario N0M 2N0  
519-296-2899  
dburr@execulink.com

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Pickering  
130 New Densmore Road, Suite 526  
Cobourg, Ont., K9A 5W2  
905-377-8475

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

Keith (K.C.) Jackson  
Leisure World Care Giving Centre  
Room 233, 2005 Lawrence Ave. West  
Toronto, Phone # 416-247-6612

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

Al Harris ( on oxygen )  
259 Dunlop St., W., Apt. 607  
Barrie, Ont., L4N 4S7  
705-737-0489

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

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

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

- TOMMY THOMPSON

## AWARDS & HONOURS

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that the platoon had very soon accomplished its initial task, which was to clear the enemy bank for a length of 300 yards. In doing this, 9 enemy mg posts were routed, thus freeing the crossing point of aimed small arms fire for the remainder of the battalion. Leaving part of his platoon to hold this area, Captain Angus then immediately organized a fighting patrol to seek out and destroy further enemy. With complete disregard for his own safety he struck into an area known to be mined, he soon found the enemy who resisted his intention vigorously with small arms fire, rifle and hand grenades. In spite of this opposition, and in the lead throughout, this gallant and determined officer charged and captured 5 further enemy positions, each a section in strength, personally killing 3 Germans. Throughout this action Captain Angus displayed a most inspiring courage and a matchless initiative and determination. His action, over and above the terms of his orders in exploiting into enemy territory, ensured the successful crossing and subsequent exploitation of the remainder of the battalion, his aggressive spirit resulted in the capture by himself and his platoon of 48 of the enemy in this operation and the killing of a number of others.



Private Kieth Perera of the 48th Highlanders of Canada stays alert at a vehicle check point during Exercise AGGRESSIVE VIPER 2 in Edgar, Ontario.  
Photo by Cpl Phil Cheung, 32 Canadian Brigade Group



Master Corporal Corey Bennett of The 48th Highlanders of Canada tests the new night vision goggles during Exercise Cold Adder in LFCATC Meaford.  
Photo by Cpl Phil Cheung, 32 CBG Public Affairs

# SCHEDULE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL FAMILY

Tue 4 Apr	O.C.A. Life Members Meeting 12:30 noon, Drill Team Meeting 7:30 pm, Sergeant's Mess Moss Park Armoury
Thr 20 Apr	Annual General Meeting of the 48th Highlanders Association, 8:30 pm @ Sgt's Mess, includes IODE, Ladies Aux., OCA and Officers Assoc.
28 - 30 Apr	EX Iron Talon I – prep for EX VG 06 this summer in Petawawa
Tue 2 May	O.C.A. Life Members Meeting 12:30 noon, Drill Team Meeting 7:30 pm, Sergeant's Mess Moss Park Armoury
5 - 7 May	D-Day Dodgers Weekend, R.C.L. Branch 34 in Orillia. OCA Drill Team on parade 10:30 AM at the Soldiers Memorial
Sun 7 May	Regimental Church Parade
12 - 14 May	EX Iron Talon II – prep for EX VG 06 this summer in Petawawa
Sun 28 May	Pipes and Drums Wine and Cheese Social. At 1 PM in the band room at Moss Park armouries
Sat 3 June	Annual Officers Mess Dinner
Tue 6 June	O.C.A. Life Members Meeting 12:30 noon, Drill Team Meeting 7:30 pm, Sergeant's Mess Moss Park Armoury
21 June - 2 July	Pipes and Drums – Poland (tentative)
Tue 4 July	O.C.A. Drill Team Meeting 7:30 pm, Sergeant's Mess Moss Park Armoury
7 July – 22 July	Pipes and Drums – Edmonton
Tue 1 Aug	O.C.A. Drill Team Meeting 7:30 pm, Sergeant's Mess Moss Park Armoury
20 - 25 Sept	Pipes and Drums – Loon Mountain, Cleveland, Ohio
Sun 22 Oct	O.C.A. Drill Team visits Sunnybrook Hospital

## LAST POST

The following Highlanders passed away recently:

Don Graham	November 29, 2005	London
Edward (Ed) Martin	January 20, 2006	Toronto
Richard (Dick) Kenzie	February 11, 2006	Kitchener
Jean Stewart Crook	February 14, 2006	Mississauga
Glorien "Pete" Bergeron	February 15, 2006	Toronto
Major Joseph Henry Potts	February 26, 2006	Toronto
William (Bill) Anderson	March 13, 2006	Pickering
William A. Church	B-907612	
Brydon M Cruickshank	B-133300	
John A. High	B-100674	



Edward (Ed) Martin January 20, 2006



Richard (Dick) Kenzie February 11, 2006



MAJOR THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JOSEPH HENRY POTTS SOSTJ, CD, Q.C., KCLJ, OCM, BA., MA., LL.M.

February 26, 2006



Glorien "Pete" Bergeron February 15, 2006

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