



OLD CONRADES ASSOCIATION

D.R. Burr
President

SPECIAL NOTICE

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH PARADE ON SUNDAY, MAY 25TH HAVE BEEN CHANGED AGAIN. WE WILL NOW BE PARADING TO MOSS PARK ARMOURY FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH WHERE WE WILL FALL OUT.

A SHUTTLE BUS WILL BE ON HAND AT THE ARMOURY UP TO 3:00 P.M. FOR ANYONE WISHING TO RETURN TO THE MEMORIAL HALL FOR REFRESHMENTS. THE BAR FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE OPEN.

D.R. BURR,
PRESIDENT.



PRESENTATION OF THE ORIGINAL COLOURS 1892



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II, COLONEL-IN-CHIEF, 48 HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Commanding Officer,
48th Highlanders of Canada.

Please convey my sincere thanks to all members of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, past and present, assembled together to celebrate their 95th anniversary, for their kind message of loyal greetings. As their Colonel-in-Chief I greatly appreciated this message and send my best wishes to all concerned for a most enjoyable and memorable occasion.

ELIZABETH R.

23rd May, 1986.

THE EARLY YEARS



Highlanders dazzle their American neighbours - A physical drill squad, Madison Square Gardens, New York, May 1902



The unit's Stretcher Bearer Section under command of Hospital Sergeant D.A.W. Ross - 1905

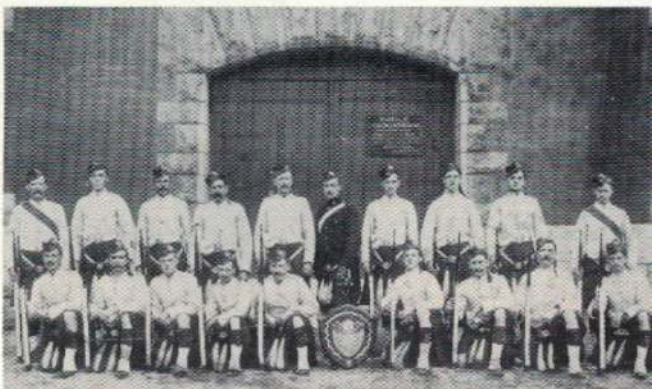


"ALL ABOARD!!!" - Highlanders depart for the South African War - 1899

THE EARLY YEARS 1891 - 1914

Long before the official date of the Regiment's gazetting (October 16, 1891), the spirit of Dileas was a driving force amongst Toronto's Scottish Canadians. Their vision and dedication insured the unit's initial successes. These were men like John Irvine Davidson, the unit's first Commanding Officer, in tribute to whom his family tartan and falcon's head crest survive as long established Regimental symbols.

There were difficulties in those early years, but roots were quickly established and not twelve months had passed before Lord Stanley of Preston, the Dominion's Governor-General, presented Queen's and Regimental Colours to the Regiment. This important occasion is depicted on your program's inside front cover.



Two winning teams from the 1890's - for Bayonet Competition (left): for Shooting (right).

1891 – 1914



Winning team of Highlanders - Dominion Rifle Asst. 1898

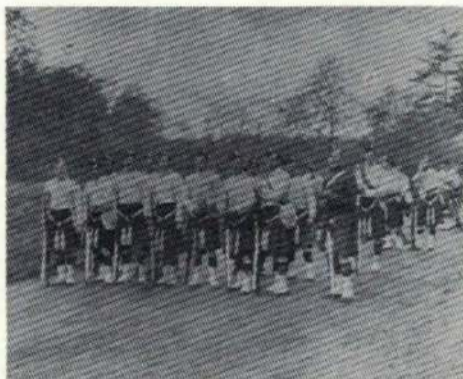


Two famous early Highlanders:

TOP: then Private, later Captain George Elms in 1911 patriarch of three generations of Highlanders;
LOWER: then private, later Major Alex Sinclair circa 1900 who had the unique distinction of serving the Regiment in the Boer War and both World Wars.

A tradition of excellence and achievement was established early in the unit and success in shooting and bayonet fighting competitions came as no surprise to those who knew of the 48th high standards. As well, the spirit of Dileas Gu Brath was affirmed quickly. Only eight years after the unit's formation a group of volunteers from the 48th served in the South African War (1899 to 1900). They became the first Highlanders to serve under fire and won for the unit its senior Battle Honour. The tradition, which they established has continued. Highlanders have been part of the First Canadian Contingents in both World Wars.

The years 1900 to 1914 saw the 48th effect an important alliance with the Gordon Highlanders and maintain a high standard of training and achievement. Great tasks were yet to be faced but the "Idea" or "Spirit" of the Regiment was created during these early years.



A Company after winning First Regimental Prize, Marching and Firing Competition - June 4th, 1904.



Highland Games during the 1890's



COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

This year the unit celebrates its 95th birthday. It will be a joyous time for all parts of the family. I cannot help but wonder at the achievements of the men and women of the 48th over these many years, and what has held them together.

I think it might be summed up in two words:

"The Regiment"

The Regiment means many things to many people. Tangibles such as family, comradeship, the unit, the colours; intangibles such as a feeling, sense of belonging, a burning desire to do better, to go a little further. Let us not forget that we joined the Regiment to serve Queen and Country, to do our duty, and to protect our freedoms. But why did we choose the 48th Highlanders?

Possibly because in the truest sense of the word, it is a family. It is a sanctuary for all to come back to in times of joy, and times of sorrow. It pulls people together from great distances to share a brief moment in time. It may be to welcome Her Majesty The Queen, to attend a Change of Command, or to attend the funeral of an old comrade. Whatever and whenever, there is a warmth that can be felt amongst all who are present. A feeling that they are amongst family and friends.

I am most fortunate to command during this period. I have an opportunity to witness a milestone in our history. A milestone that allows me to physically touch almost a century of soldiering from those who served in the first war, to the second war veterans, and to our soldiers just back from United Nations duty in Cyprus.

I will be a small part of the history of this Regiment. Yet I will have done my duty, and in years to come, I too will venture back for a brief moment in time, and join the family in celebration or sorrow. I will be privileged to say that I have been part of this great Regiment and to know that I will always have that special feeling.

To all of you far and wide, who may not be able to be with us, we will think of you and remember the good times and the bad. We will celebrate in the knowledge that we have withstood the test of time and have survived to soldier on another day.

Happy birthday the 48th.

Dileas Gu Brath

Hugh W. G. Mowat
Lieutenant Colonel



95th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIMENT 1891 – 1986

FRIDAY, 23 MAY 1986 TO SUNDAY 25 MAY 1986

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1200 to 1700 HOURS
2000 HOURS

SATURDAY 24 MAY 1986
1200 to 1700 HOURS

1700 to 1830 HOURS
1830 HOURS

SUNDAY 25 MAY 1986

0930 HOURS
1100 HOURS
1230 HOURS

Registration at 48th Highlanders Memorial Hall
284 King Street East, Toronto, Ontario
Regiment on Parade at Moss Park Armoury
Regimental Kit Shop open at Moss Park Armoury
OR
Reminisce at Memorial Hall

Informal get-together at Memorial Hall
Regimental Museum will be open with
Souvenirs for Sale

Reception at Moss Park Armoury
Reunion Dinner Main Floor Moss Park Armoury

Church Parade to St. Andrew's Church
Form Up of Parade

Service at St. Andrew's Church

Closing Ceremonies; Parade to March From
St. Andrew's Church to Memorial Hall;
O.C.A. Falls Out; Active Battalion Marches
To Moss Park Armoury for Dismissal

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DILEAS GU BRATH



Highlanders ready for action - somewhere in World War II Europe.



Marching out of Germany - 1919



Ed Ruthven, Mike George and Herb Pike, return to Holland for the Fortieth Anniversary of the Liberation - May 6, 1945

DILEAS GU BRATH HIGHLANDERS SERVE THE NATION IN WAR AND PEACE

It was the Great War that provided the Regiment with its first opportunity to respond in force to a national challenge. The 48th raised three full battalions - the 15th, 92nd and 134th - and provided many drafts for other overseas units during the four years of conflict

The Battle Honours which the Regiment received read like a roll call of the First War's major engagements. They include: Hill 70, Passchendaele, Canal Du Nord and nineteen others. Those who gave their lives to earn them - 61 officers and 1,405 non-commissioned officers and men were memorialized in the Regimental Monument erected in 1923



Changing the guard in Germany, 1951 - Highlanders serve as part of 27th Brigade

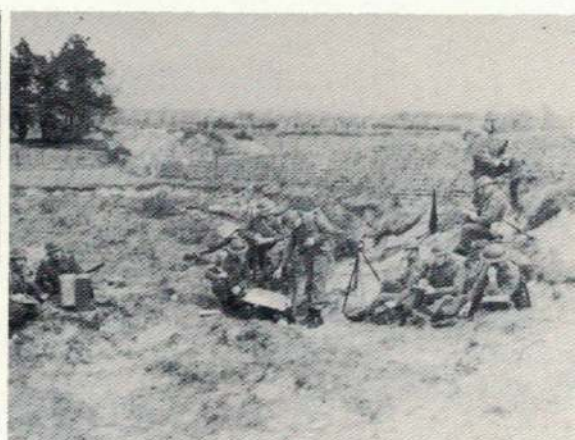


Honouring those who fell at the crossing of the Lamone River. Lt. Col. MacKenzie salutes his dead comrades.

HIGHLANDERS SERVE THE NATION IN WAR AND PEACE



"Homeward Bound" - members of the 15th Battalion - 1919



On exercise in England - 1940

Their sacrifice forshadowed the unit's later involvement in a second great conflict. During World War II twenty-seven more Battle Honours were added to the Regiment's record, but at a cost of a further 23 officers and 294 non-commissioned officers and men.

The years since 1945 have seen Highlanders called on to serve the cause of peace as part of 27th Brigade during the formative years of N.A.T.O., the Canadian contingent which fought in Korea, and most recently the nation's U.N. forces in Cyprus and the Middle East. The tradition of excellence and the spirit of "Dileas Gu Brath" have been guide post to these men and women as to their predecessors. Whenever the call to duty comes, Highlanders will be ready in the future as they have been in the past.



Cpl. Al Roher - B. Coy - and a comrade on the road in Sicily - 1943



Highlanders await the attack at Ortona



Left to Right, Pte. Woolley, Harding, Steven and Cook Italy - 1944

SOME OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES OF OUR YOUNG HIGHLANDERS

THE YOUNG HIGHLANDER TODAY

BY CPL. B. G. HEARNS

It is a bright, sunny Saturday morning. A small cluster of pine trees stands, by itself, in a field of high grass.

Rifle fire crackles nearby.

Suddenly there is a loud POP, and a dense cloud of smoke spews from a small metal can, drifting through the trees like a heavy fog. An explosion, and suddenly the smoke is filled with running soldiers, yelling and firing at an unseen enemy. They rush on through the trees and collapse into a circle a few dozen yards beyond the copse. A couple of minutes later, they are joined by six more men who have run up from another direction. Sweat steaks their green-painted faces as they relax and sit up.

A Sergeant-Major walks up to the breathless men. "Not a bad attack," he says, "but you bunched up too much again. If the enemy had been dug in depth, you'd have missed him."

Later, in the field kitchen, they will eat a hearty dinner of Mystery Meat ("What was this?"), vegetables (hot and plentiful), coffee, milk, bread and jam, with pie for desert. Then they will sit around, cleaning rifles and making jokes.

At least one weekend each month they can be found, factory workers, executives, and students, practicing the skills needed for modern war, training for a battle most hope never comes, they never have to fight.

A lot of the time, you hear them plaintively ask "What are we doing here? We could be at home, warm and dry, with a girl, or at a party, or whatever." No one seems to have an answer though.

"I guess it's because of good friends and loyalty to them," said 20-year-old George Quinnell. "I've been in for four years now, and I've got a lot of good memories, and had a few good times." Most incidents become legends in the Mess, where small groups huddle around tables, talking, playing cards, and drinking. Some bring their girlfriends.

"It's hard to put a finger on it," said Sergeant Frank Mackay, 25, "Good times, good people, and it spices up my life. I enjoy the training weekends, but there just aren't enough of them."

This year, more people were away from the Regiment on duties elsewhere than in years. Four were sent to Cyprus for peace-keeping duties, two went to Germany for training, and three went to Norway for Nato winter exercise. One is working in the Grizzly Hangar in Borden.

Training takes place in the field, but before they go out, Highlanders have to know what they are doing. In the Armoury, lectures and models are used to teach principles of modern tactics. And there is drill. Drill to teach discipline and confidence.

Private Bill Plum, 19, joined the Regiment last August, and has just finished his Basic Training. Soon he will begin his Infantry Course. "I joined because I wanted a little experience before I joined the regular forces," he said. The first little while was very confusing, the instructors shouting at us on the parade square telling us to do this, and not that. I was a little scared." Now Plum says "It's" a lot of fun

The training is fun. It is also hard, but often rewarding. Though our numbers are small, we are dedicated. Dedicated enough to give up our free time, evenings and weekends, to ensure that when duty calls, the 48th will be there to answer.





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