



## MESSAGE OF WELCOME



It is a great privilege for me as the present Commanding Officer of the Regiment to welcome all 48th Highlanders to this great three day reunion commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

Is there ever a time when a 48th Highlander ceases to be interested in his old Regiment? Since its inception in 1891 our Regiment has built up and maintained a record second to none in the Militia of Canada. This record has only been made possible by the fine Esprit de Corps of the Regiment that has been passed down and instilled in each succeeding generation of Highlanders who have worn the Davidson kilt.

The Reunion programme provides an opportunity to renew old friendships with regimental comrades, to witness a ceremonial parade—Trooping the Colour by the present Regiment in peace-time dress, a grand get-together dinner and, above all else, an opportunity to pay tribute to our fallen comrades, as we remember our motto "Dileas Gu Brath", "Faithful Forever".

The Committee-in-Charge have worked long and hard to ensure the success of this gathering of 48th Highlanders. It now remains for you to make the reunion a memorable milestone in the peace-time history of our Regiment.

*Michael George*  
LT COL

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

## FRIDAY, MAY 25

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Registration—Memorial Hall, Church St.	Page 4
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15th Battalion (48th H. of C.)

Ground Floor, Memorial Hall, Church St.

92nd Battalion (48th H. of C.)

Pine Room, Memorial Hall, Church St.

134th Battalion (48th H. of C.)

"A" Lecture Room, University Avenue Armouries.

1st Battalion (48th H. of C.)  
1939-1945

Auditorium and Games Room, Memorial Hall, Church St.

2nd Battalion (48th H. of C.)

University Avenue Armouries.

Present Active Regiment of the  
48th H. of C.

Men's Canteen, University Avenue Armouries.

48th Companies in:

19th Battalion C.E.F.

University Avenue Armouries.

35th Battalion C.E.F.

University Avenue Armouries.

58th Battalion C.E.F.

University Avenue Armouries.

74th Battalion C.E.F.

University Avenue Armouries.

48th Highlanders N.P.A.M.

University Avenue Armouries.

## SATURDAY, MAY 26

5.00 p.m.—Trooping the Colour—Varsity Stadium.	Page 12
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## SUNDAY, MAY 27

2.00 p.m.—Memorial Parade forms up at University Avenue Armouries.	Page 14
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BLOOR STREET W.

BLOOR E.

VAR  
STADIUM

QUEEN'S PARK  
MEMORIAL

MEMORIAL  
HALL

BAY ST.

WELLESLEY STREET

CHURCH STREET

COLLEGE STREET

UNIVERSITY AVENUE

YONGE STREET

DUNDAS STREET W.

DUNDAS E.

UNIVERSITY AVE.  
ARMOURIES

BAY ST.

QUEEN STREET W.

QUEEN STREET E.



48th Highlanders of Canada Memorial Hall.

**REPORTING IN . . .** The three days to which we have looked forward so eagerly have now begun. We are sure that they will prove to be memorable and very enjoyable ones. In order that you may be well posted as to what lies ahead, it is suggested that you read not only the Programme of Events on Page 2, but also the other portions of this Souvenir Programme dealing with particular events.

On the payment of \$1.00 at Registration, each member attending the reunion will receive the following:

- Identity Badge.
- Souvenir Programme.
- Ticket for Trooping the Colour at Varsity Stadium.
- Ticket for Reunion Dinner at University Avenue Armouries.
- Ticket for Memorial Service at Queen's Park.

Please note that the tickets for the Trooping the Colour and the Memorial Service admit your family as well as yourself. Ample space will be reserved for friends and families of 48th Highlanders at both ceremonies.

A word about dress. For members not actively serving with the Regiment, civilian dress with glengarry or balmoral and medals is suggested. It is emphasized, however, that attendance at any of the functions, including the parade to the Memorial Service, is quite in order with civilian dress only.





University Avenue Armouries.

## BATTALION AND COMPANY

A prime purpose of the Reunion is to see again those with whom we served in the Regiment in years past. The opportunity to renew old friendships will be provided the first evening of the Reunion, Friday, May 25, at 8 p.m., when Battalion Smokers will be held at the various locations listed below. Here you will find the members of your battalion attending the Reunion, and there is no doubt that there will be many a small gathering within the larger ones of old company and platoon associates. Those who served with more than one battalion may, of course, be expected to do some commuting.

The names of those in charge of arrangements at the various smokers, the smokers themselves, and their locations are as follow:

15th Battalion (48th H. of C.)		Ground Floor, Memorial Hall, Church St. Col. Osborne, Capt. Proudfoot, R.S.M. Fred Gledhill.
92nd Battalion (48th H. of C.)		Col. Chisholm, Maj. Chambers, R.S.M. Frank Jamieson. Pine Room, Memorial Hall, Church St.
134th Battalion (48th H. of C.)		"A" Lecture Room, University Avenue Armouries. Maj. Hugh Murray, Maj. Geoff. Marani, R.S.M. Frank North.
1st Battalion (48th H. of C.) 1939-1945		Auditorium and Games Room, Memorial Hall, Church St. Brig. Johnston, Lt. Col. Counsell, Lt. Helliker.
2nd Battalion (48th H. of C.) 1940-1945		University Avenue Armouries. Lt. Col. Seagram, Maj. Smart, C.Q.M.S. Drader.
Present Active Regiment of the 48th H. of C.		Men's Canteen, University Avenue Armouries. Lt. Col. George and R.S.M. Wigmore.
48th Companies in: 19th Battalion C.E.F.		University Avenue Armouries. Lt. Col. Hamilton Cassels, Mr. Glendenning.
35th Battalion C.E.F.		University Avenue Armouries. Mr. Square, Mr. Burroughs.
58th Battalion C.E.F.		University Avenue Armouries. Mr. H. Euden.
74th Battalion C.E.F.		University Avenue Armouries. Mr. Mathewson.
48th Highlanders N.P.A.M.		University Avenue Armouries. Lt. Col. Seagram, Maj. Smart, C.Q.M.S. Drader.

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of Canada

Colonel K. R. Marshall, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.

# HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT

**R**EGIMENTAL reunions are more, much more, than the chance to revive old comradeships. They also hold a deeper meaning than the opportunity to relive for a little while those shared experiences, grim or gay, which only fighting men can know. A seacetime muster of a regimental family is stirring martial history come suddenly alive, and revealed in a way no saga or historical work could achieve.

For instance, the present reunion of the 48th Highlanders of Canada provides an occasion, as did the reunion in 1928, when the Regiment's true history may be seen and heard and felt. This is because no printed record can successfully tell the story of such a fighting regiment. Documents coldly register 48th battle facts, and a sprinkling of individual 48th names and gallantries, but they always fail to tell why the Regiment was inevitably great in time of test, or how those who wore its insignia in war lived and laughed, suffered and fought, and ofttimes died.

The real story of the 48th Highlanders of Canada lies only in the collective memory of its own long and proud past—and it is in time of reunion alone that the really important things are even partially uncovered.

## FOUNDING

**I**t is not long, as history is made and measured since the 48th Highlanders of Canada was founded, but the details are already growing dim.

The Regiment was conceived in the minds of a determined group of intensely patriotic Scottish Canadians in the 1880's, who persistently planned despite official discouragement. In the spring of 1891, a nameless body of men began drilling, to the stentorian commands of Capt. Wilbur Henderson, in the old Bailey Hall on Huron Street, Toronto. These were the 48th "originals". With the authorization still held back, Capt. John I. Davidson was

offered the command of the proposed new militia unit; he accepted in July. On August 11th, a memorable meeting was held which marks the Regiment's birth, although this was not official until October 16th, when it was finally gazetted.

At this historic August 11th meeting, the Davidson tartan was chosen, and a falcon's head (part of the Davidson crest) was adopted—with the motto, *Dilex Gu Brach*—as the regimental crest. *Highland Laddie* was chosen as the regimental march.

From this point on, the Regiment was fostered and shaped in the sweat and swing of countless drill squares and route marches, in the talk and song of many billets and camps. Somewhere along those years of welding, before tradition piled on tradition in war, must lie the answer why the 48th Highlanders of Canada was always able to rise to any order of its Commanders when faced with a harsh demand of battle—such as the ordeal of the First Gas at Ypres, in 1915, or when cut-off on that bloody Christmas near Ortona, 28 years later, or in a score of such critical situations through each of the two World Wars.

With others, the names of Wilbur Henderson, D. M. Robertson, Duncan Donald, John Michie and Alexander Fraser should always be linked with the birth of the Regiment 60 years ago. Its shaping, prior to 1914, was under the command of John I. Davidson, A. M. Cosby, W. C. MacDonald, D. M. Robertson and Wm. Hendrie. They moulded well.

## THE FIRST WORLD WAR

**T**O 48th veterans of 1914-18, the names of John A. Currie, W. R. Marshall, C. E. Bent, J. W. Forbes and J. P. Girvan (the war commanders) are as synonymous with momentous wartime phases of regimental life, as there is a 48th battle ring to the names of St. Julien, Festubert, Givenchy, the Ypres Salient, the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, the Crow's Nest and Canal du Nord.



## HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT CONT'D

The 48th Highlanders reached action in February, 1915, and fought through until Italian Liddle lifted their victory-step over the Rhine on the Cologne bridge in late 1918. The Regiment recruited three full active service battalions (15th, 92nd, 134th), plus another in various drafts. More than 12,000 names appeared on the rolls of the 15th Battalion alone. A total of 61 officers and 1,406 non-commissioned officers and men of the 48th Highlanders gave their lives, including W. R. Marshall, sniped near Ypres in 1916.

### THE SECOND WORLD WAR

THE welding process was again taken up and continued faithfully between wars, under the commands of C. W. Darling, K. R. Marshall, G. H. McLaren, I. M. R. Sinclair, J. P. Girvan, G. N. Alexander and J. H. Chipman—until once again Canada was forced to realize her oft-neglected Reserve Army was her greatest insurance in time of national peril. E. W. Holdenby, who had been Adjutant during the First World War, led the Regiment overseas in 1939 for the Second.

For their training in England, the mud of Salisbury Plain of 1914-15 was traded for Surrey and Sussex and the North and South Downs. Until 1943, the Davidson kilt was familiar to Aldershot, Reigate, Kingswood, Uckfield, Littlehampton, and scores of other southern English towns. It had appeared in 1940 that another French campaign was in store—when the 48th Highlanders made their quick, exciting "in by Brest and out by St. Malo" foray—but Sicily and Italy were destined as their major war theatre, though they left Italy in March, 1945, and rejoined the 1st Canadian Army in Northwest Europe in time for the decisive fighting in Holland.

Valguarnera was the 48th's first major action—a success—in the Sicilian invasion, followed by further hard, successful attacks at Niserna and the Agira hillside. Then came 20 months of bitter fighting up

Italy, including their brilliant crossing of the Moro and the tough battle near Ortona, the Hitler Line, and then the grim, slugging Rimini series that carried them up the Adriatic to the Senio River, where they closed their Italian campaign in sight of the Valley of the Po.

Their war leaders were E. W. Holdenby, W. W. Southern, Wm. B. Hendrie, J. E. Ganong, Ian S. Johnston, D. A. MacKenzie and J. R. O. Covnell. The home unit of the 48th Highlanders recruited a second battalion, and sent many men with other drafts. Upwards of 4,000 went through the rolls of the active service battalion. Their dead numbered 25 officers and 351 non-commissioned officers and men, including a commander, D. A. MacKenzie, killed in Holland at the crossing of the IJssel River.

### THE AFTERMATH - - AND REUNION

IN the postwar reorganization, the command was taken by J. E. Ganong, followed by W. W. C. Darling; M. E. George now commands.

If today's young soldiers, who now wear the Davidson kilt, listen and watch closely during the Jubilee reunion, they will hear and see the Regiment of the past come alive through its reminiscing veterans. Resurrected for them from the days of death and tumult will be mighty old ghosts and high gallantiers; regimental rascals and fighting leaders; stealthy patrols and grim attacks; forced marches in the night; strange camps; memorable billets; hilarious farloughs; martial ceremonies in far places; and, not the least, the appalling shock to the survivors of a smashed regiment, and the thrill of unit-prise as it rises again. It will be regimental history revived and relived with a realism that cannot re-occur, for many will not be there again.

If they are earnest and discerning young soldiers, they may even see why the Regiment in action was always great.

# GRAND REUNION DINNER

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At 7.30 p.m., Saturday, May 26th, all members of the Regiment will gather on the main floor of the University Avenue Armouries for the Grand Reunion Dinner. It will be appreciated that the co-operation of everyone will be required to get the large throng seated speedily and in good order. For this reason assembly areas in the Armouries, in which refreshments will be served, have been allotted to the various units of the Regiment. **Please note that you are asked to enter the Armouries before 7.30 p.m. by the South or West entrance in order that the Marshall may direct you to your unit assembly area.** Except for active members of the Regiment, who will be in uniform, dress will be informal.

## PROGRAMME

Call to Dinner—Pipe Band.  
Selections by Regiment Brass Band—First War Songs.

TOAST . . .	<b>The King</b> —Brig. E. W. Haldenby, C.B.E., M.C., V.D.
TOAST . . .	<b>Our Colonel in Chief</b> — Brig. J. P. Girvan, D.S.O., M.C., V.D.
	<b>Selections by Brass Band</b> —Second War Songs.
TOAST . . .	<b>Our Fallen Comrades</b> — Hon. Major S. B. East, M.B.E., M.C.
	<b>"Last Post"</b> —Regimental Buglers.
	<b>"Flowers of the Forest"</b> —Pipe Band.
	<b>"Reveille"</b> —Regimental Buglers.
TOAST . . .	<b>The Regiment</b> — Col. Charles E. Bent, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. Brig. Ian S. Johnston, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D. Lt. Col. M. E. George.

**Chairman**—Lt. Col. J. R. O. Counsell, D.S.O.

## OTHER DAYS



Marching westward at last—  
homebound from the  
Rhineland, 1919.



Training 1940—  
Aldershot Rifle Ranges.



Roll call after second battle of Ypres.





Inspection—Trooping the  
Colour, England, 1941.



Service at 48th Cemetery—  
Holland, 1945.



A chat with the  
Padre in Italy.



Buying War Bonds  
at Ortona.



Unfortunately this  
was not a permanent  
solution.



Remember those long  
marches in southern Italy  
—and the company pipers.

# TROOPING THE COLOUR

This ceremony in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of the Regiment, will take place at Varsity Stadium at 5 p.m., May 26, 1951, in the presence of Their Excellencies Field Marshall Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., and the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis.

## ON PARADE

**Commanding Officer** . . . Lieutenant-Colonel Michael E. George.

**Second-in-Command** . . . Major George A. Fraser.

### COLOUR PARTY

Lt. J. M. Lowndes  
C.S.M. G. A. Venton  
C.S.M. W. A. Stewart

#### No. 1 GUARD

Major J. I. Douglas  
Capt. J. E. Featherstone  
Lt. J. M. Lowndes  
Lt. W. T. Ware  
C.S.M. S. Montgomery, M.M.

#### No. 2 GUARD

Major K. C. B. Corbett  
Lt. J. A. Skellern  
Lt. D. L. Sinclair  
2/Lt. T. B. Chipman  
C.S.M. S. A. G. Clarke

#### No. 3 GUARD

Major H. W. D. Kilgour  
Capt. J. R. Hill  
Lt. L. S. O'Brien  
Lt. S. Heighington  
C.S.M. J. R. Church, M.M.

#### No. 4 GUARD

Major W. A. Pincoe  
Lt. P. deC. Cory  
Lt. W. A. Church  
Lt. D. S. Barclay  
C.S.M. T. Fullerton

**Adjutant** . . . Capt. D. C. Haldenby.

**Regimental Sergeant Major** . . . W.O. F. Wigmore, M.M.

**Pipe Band** . . . Pipe Major James R. Fraser.

**Brass Band** . . . W.O. Albert Dobney.

## TROOPING THE COLOUR - Order of Ceremony

- 1 THE GUARDS MARCH ON PARADE.  
Quick March—Pipe Band....."Donald's Return From the Wars"
- 2 WARRANT OFFICERS TO THE FRONT.  
Quick March—Pipe Band....."Bonnie Dundee"
- 3 THE ASSEMBLY, OFFICERS FALL IN.  
Quick March—Pipe Band....."The Hills of Glenorchy"
- 4 OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS MARCH TO THEIR GUARDS.  
Slow March—Brass Band....."Loch Na Gar"
- 5 RECEPTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY FIELD MARSHALL VISCOUNT ALEXANDER OF TUNIS, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA.  
Royal Salute—Brass Band....."God Save the King"
- 6 INSPECTION OF THE GUARDS BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA.  
Pipe Band....."MacKay's Farewell to the 74th"
- 7 TROOPING THE COLOUR.  
Slow Troop—Pipe and Brass Bands....."Road to the Isles"  
Quick Troop—Pipe and Brass Bands....."The Glendaruel Highlanders"  
Escort for the Colour—Brass Band....."British Grenadiers"  
Royal Salute—Brass Band....."God Save the King"  
Slow March—Brass Band....."The Grenadier March"
- 8 MARCH PAST.  
Slow Time—Brass Band....."Coming Thro' the Rye"  
Quick Time—Pipe Band....."Hielan' Laddie"
- 9 ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER.  
Royal Salute—Brass Band....."God Save the King"
- 10 THE GUARDS MARCH OFF PARADE.  
Quick March—Pipe Band....."Black Bear" and "Caller Herring"





Queen's Park Memorial

THIS is one of the memorials of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, situated on the north side of Queen's Park in Toronto, facing north on Avenue Road, erected "To the glorious memory of those who died and to the undying memory of those who served" by their regiment. The years of commemoration are indicated on the north side of the monument as 1914-1918. On each side of the granite pillar, set on an elevated base of six steps, is the regimental crest surmounted on the face of the monument by a sheathed sword carved in the stone. On one side the crest bears the words "15th Canadian Battalion", on another "134 Overseas", and on another "92 Canada Overseas". The battle honours in which 61 officers and 1,406 other ranks gave their lives are recorded as follows: Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, Drocourt-Queant, Canal-du-Nord, Ypres, Festubert, Mount Sorrel, Somme and Vimy. It was erected in the summer of 1923 and was unveiled by his Excellency, Lord Byng, Governor General of Canada, at Remembrance Parade of the Regiment in that year.

## CHURCH PARADE . . . SUNDAY MAY 27th

### REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL—QUEEN'S PARK

<b>DRESS . . .</b>	Fall in—University Avenue Armouries. Regimental Bands—Scarlet. Remainder—White Shell Jackets. Former Members—Glengarry with Medals. Move Off.	2.00 p.m.
<b>ROUTE . . .</b>	North on University Avenue to Queen's Park. Service—Officiating Chaplains. Hon. Capt. Ross K. Cameron. Hon. Major S. B. East, M.B.E., M.C. Hon. Lt. Col. C. K. Nicoll, M.M. Move Off.	2.30 p.m. 3.00 p.m. 3.45 p.m.
<b>ROUTE . . .</b>	South on University Avenue to Armouries. Saluting Base—Military Institute. Salute will be taken by the Hon. Lt. Col. of the Regiment, Col. K. R. Marshall, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. Dismiss—Armouries Floor.	4.30 p.m.

The Pipe Bands of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's), Highland Light Infantry of Canada, Toronto Scottish Regiment and buglers from the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada are by the kind permission of the Commanding Officers of the Regiments. Earls court Legion Band and the Toronto Composite Band are by the kind permission of the Legion Executive and Mr. David Donaldson, respectively.

TRIBUTE  
TO THE  
FALLEN

WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

*"Dileas Gu Brath"*

*"These were His servants; in His steps they trod,  
Following through death the martyred Son of God."*

OF OUR GALLANT COMRADES  
WHO FOUND THEIR REST IN  
FLANDERS' FIELDS OR WHO  
FOUGHT AND DIED AMID THE  
OLIVE GROVES OF SICILY, BE-  
SIDE THE HEDGEROWS OF  
HOLLAND, IN THE SHADOW  
OF MONTECASSINO, ON THE  
BANKS OF THE LAMONE, AT  
RIMINI, AT ORTONA, AT TOR-  
ELLA OR WHEREVER THE  
HONOUR OF THE REGIMENT  
HAS BEEN UPHELD; OF THEM  
WE CAN ONLY SAY WITH THE  
ASSURANCE OF FAITH: "THEY  
HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN."

*Not given in vain, these gallant lives,  
The silent passing of the years  
Shall touch them not, who fought and  
fell,  
They ask no tribute of our tears,  
O Loyal Hearts from death set free,  
Not lost, but living unto Thee.*

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