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The 48th Heather Rifle Club

During the 19th Century when retired officers of the British Garrison had taken residence in Toronto and Suburbs it became the custom of employees of the estates of these officers who were interested in shooting to set up targets behind a barn and enjoy rifle practice. Around Christmas or New Year friends visiting would join them and many a wager was won on a well placed shot.

About the year 1903 the group became too large so they decided that 25 should be the number invited and a club was formed and 25 invitations were sent out each year, unless a member died or failed to attend upon invitation, no one else could join.

The Heather Club, as it was called, has been alive ever since and only one charter member remains to tell the stories of those early meets, Capt. John Slatter who until a year or two ago was always present.

The annual shoot is always held during the last week of December or during January. The weather is not always as good as it was this year and sometimes is shot through a blinding snow storm and sometimes in zero temperature.

Rules nowadays are slightly relaxed and we do not reject anyone who really wants to join with us.

During 1949 the 48th Heather Club sent a rifle team to Ottawa to compete in the D.C.R.A. (Dominion of Canada Rifle Assn.) Small Bore Competitions. They won the C.I.L. (Can. Industries, Ltd.) Shield which represents the Championship of Canada.

The 48th Heather Rifle Club (Contd.)

The scores were out of 2,000:-

G. S. Boa	- 1967
W. V. Thompson	- 1965
J. C. Boa	- 1952
J. D. Rae	- 1950

The Club is also affiliated with the National Rifle Association of Great Britain and any 5 members may shoot in the Conan Doyle Qualifying Match at Bisley each year.

Winners of the 48th Annual Match were:

Flanders Trophy.....	Lloyd Walker
Stewart Cup.....	Major Kilgour
President's Prize.....	C.S.M. George Enslie, M.M.
W. Young Prize.....	D. Newton

Runners Up - Lt. Col. W. W. G. Darling, D.S.O., E.D.,
 Capt. S. Graham, Capt. George Elms, R.S.M. Jamieson,
 R.Q.M.S. H. R. Howard, Dnr. W. Elms and a special prize to
 R.S.M. J. Rae.

Following are the Officers for 1950:

President	- W. Elms
Vice Pres.	- L. Walker
Soc. Treas.	- Guy F. Mackenzie
Committee	- J. Buick
	- George Enslie
P. Pres.	- L. J. Falkner

Letter of Correction

48th Highlanders of Canada
 Rifle Association

January 3rd, 1950.

Lt. Ware,
 Editor,
 "The Falcon",

Sir: Re: The Rifle Association Report
 in your December issue of 1949.

In three lines the following observations could be made:

1. His Majesty should receive that title.
2. The Regiment is OUR Regiment.
3. We did NOT toast Major Burke.
4. The President of our Association was not mentioned.
5. Lt. Jim Boa is not a guest but a very important member.

And following that the most important item of the meeting was the acceptance of the Goodfellow's Trophy presented by The Buffalo Rifle and Revolver Club for annual competition with the 48th Rifle Association.

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Letter of Correction (Cont'd)

These lines are respectfully submitted, and we expect you have already noticed most of these opinions. But it is proper that we should say something.

LJF:F.

Len. J. Fallner,
Reporter for 48th Rifle Assn.

SERGEANTS' MESS

Since our last report the potential strength of the Battalion has been increased by two - Sgt. G. MacLean and Sgt. D. M. Antoine being the members to come in for congratulations on the arrival of new sons.

Once again we were happy to be hosts to our officers on New Year's morning. This is one of the traditional affairs that goes far to keep the Regiment strong. Photographs of Princess Elizabeth and Col. R. R. Marshall were unveiled adding greatly to the tone and dignity of our Mess.

Marring the festivities of New Year's was an accident that resulted in a broken wrist for Sgt. A. G. MacMillan.

Sgt. W. Trent was given a warm welcome by the R.S.M. at the February meeting on his return as an active sergeant.

The mantle formerly worn by our crack-shot from the Medical Section has now fallen upon c/Sgt. A. Kerr. With our former marksman under orders from the R.S.M. to remain at least six feet from a rifle Sgt. Kerr had no difficulty in distinguishing himself by scoring absolute zero as the Mess defeated the Toronto Scottish Sergeants in the Annual Shoot.

Briefly mentioned in the last issue of "The Falcon", the death of former Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Cotton, M.M., came as a severe blow to the Sergeants of this Regiment. A great soldier and a true gentleman Tom did a great job of blending his Second Battalion with the returning men from the First Battalion with a minimum of friction. Particularly sad was the sudden passing of Mrs. Cotton within a few weeks after the death of her husband.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to c/Sgt. David Foden whose wife passed away February 18th.

There is no truth in the rumour that Sgt. Joe Kirk is giving lessons in Highland Dancing, nor is he an entrant in the dancing competitions at the coming Highland Games.

We congratulate Mrs. Montgomery on her luck in a recent draw, the fact that her husband, C.S.M. S. Montgomery, M.M., did the drawing is merely coincidental (he says).

SERGEANTS' MESS (Cont'd)

Sgt. D. R. Wood, D.C.M., is building quite a reputation as a two bottle man. It is not as bad as it sounds, however, the two bottles contain milk as Johnny continues to pamper his ulcer.

You might ask C.S.M. Tom Fullerton why he is looking forward to the Picnic with such glee. He might tell you.

A war-born shortage continues to upset the serenity of the Mess. Can anyone let certain members know where to obtain mustache wax? It's a sad situation!

CURRENT EVENTSOpen House:

The Battalion's Open House was held on Friday 24th with the Armouries open wide to all who wanted to come in and watch the show.

The whole evening was well packed with interest. There were selections by both brass and pipe bands. A demonstration by the anti-tank platoon and 3" motor platoon.

Finals in an inter-Company drill competition were carried out by A and D Companies with A Company coming out the victor after a hard struggle.

An inter-Company Bren stripping contest and an inter-Company obstacle race was also held. B Company taking first in the Bren contest, Sp. second. A Company first in the obstacle race, Sp. sec.

A march past was held during the evening with Brig. Bennett taking the salute. Capt. Smith, A & T staff, (formerly Capt. Smith, Don Co.,) announced all events and described them to the large audience in the balconies.

The evening was called to a close with the Regiment Pipe band playing retreat.

The Annual Piper's Ball:

The Annual Piper's Ball was held at the Royal York Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 25th. A very enjoyable evening was held by all who attended.

Fiftieth Anniversary of The Boer War:

A commemorative service was held at St. James Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 26th, at 3 p.m. with nearly 400 veterans, including Toronto Garrison units attending.

The parade started from University Avenue Armouries, moving south to Queen St., saluting the South African War Memorial at University Ave., east on Queen to Church St. (saluting the War Memorial in front of the City Hall), moving south on Church St. to St. James Cathedral at King and Church Streets.

A very fine service was given, the Lesson by His Honour Ray Lawson, O.B.E., L.L.O., D.C.L., Lt. Governor of Ontario.

The Sermon by The Right Rev. G. A. Wells, M.A., D.D., C.M.G., W.D.

Returning from the Cathedral the Lt. Governor took the salute in front of the war memorial at the City Hall.

At the armouries upon returning all units were dismissed and hot coffee and donuts were served. An item that was very acceptable by all ranks.

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

1. We all wish to congratulate Capt. P. J. Connolly on his recent promotion to Major of H. Q. Co.
Lang may y'r Lum Rock.

Definitions:

Captain: Latin - "caput" a head. One who is chief and has authority over others.
Major: Latin - "major" - greater from "agnus" - great. One of dignity who takes charge.

2. Congratulations:- are also in order for two H.Q. Personnel.
Sgt. McLean, B.O.R., who is proud to report he has a new-born son. Born Dec. 19/50, now weighing 15 lbs.
Sgt. Ed. Lowe who is now walking the floor with a fine baby girl, now several weeks old. Sgt. Lowe is Provost Sgt.
Good work girls. Keep it up boys.
3. Lt. D.S. Barelay has left H.Q. Co. training staff and has been posted to Q.M. stores as assistant Q.M.
H.Q. Personnel wish you all the best on your new job.

"A" Co.'s. Loss - H. Q.'s. Gain.

Lt. Sandy Sinclair to be attached to Signal Platoon.
Mr. Sinclair will assist Lt. Cooper in the training of the Signal Platoon.

4. H. Q. Co. has recently taken over Don Co.'s. old orderly room and have started giving it a good old fashion face lifting.
5. One of the volunteers on the first work party arrived one hour late. For punishment his rations were cut and he received the privilege of extra fatigue. The work party was in the capable hands of Sgt. Joe Kirk with Lt. K. Cunningham standing by.
6. Assault Pioneer Platoon:

If and when there is an Assault Pioneer Platoon formed, a good man will be right on hand. At Winter Camp a support man proved he was well trained in a well known Art.

7. Pretty grin when ice cubes have to be used on ski runs, much better in a Collins.

OTTAWA (CP) - Three more regiments have been authorized to wear coloured berets instead of khaki ones. The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry of Hamilton and the Victoria Rifles of Canada of Montreal have been authorized to wear the green berets of a rifle regiments, and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will wear the maroon berets of a paratroop battalion.

It will probably interest our readers to know that the first brewery built on this continent was that erected by Talon, the intendant of New France, sometime between the years 1665 and 1672.

During the second World War, the Canadian Armed Forces had one motor vehicle for every four men and one wireless set for every 12.

WO's in Navy Have New Title

The Canadian Navy have abolished the rank of Warrant Officer and introduced a new rank of "Commissioned Officer" to take its place. Men with the new rank will wear the single-stripe uniform of sub-lieutenants and will have officer's privileges.

CADET CORPSThe Pipe Band

The Band which now numbers nine pipers and six drummers has been practising very diligently for the past few weeks. The reason is that they have been invited for the second time to be the guest pipe band at the annual Gordon Highlander's Association of Buffalo Ball, which is to be held on Saturday, April 15th, in the 174th Infantry Regiment Armoury. Last year the boys received a really warm and rousing welcome from the citizens of Buffalo as they marched to the City Hall, where they received a Civic welcome.

The Band is now in charge of Cdt. Pipe-Sgt. G. Johnstone, and we feel sure that they will again be a credit to the 48th Highlanders and the Cadet Corps.

Camp Borden Trip

The Cadets, numbering seventy all ranks, and three instructors, had a very interesting trip to Camp Borden during the early part of December. The tour of the Camp included an inspection of the Foreign Materials Section, the Rifle Range and the Swimming Pool.

A Church Parade was held to the Chapel on Sunday morning, and much spit and polish was in evidence due to the efforts of Cdt. Capt. J. Vaughan and Cdt. C.S.M. R. N. Stewart.

The visit lasted from Friday 2200 hrs. until Sunday 1600 hrs. This is the first time that cadets from Central Command have attended an active force camp and was enjoyed immensely by everyone who participated. We are looking forward to another trip sometime in April.

REGIMENTAL
PIPE BAND

The members of the Band would like to thank all the Officers, NCO's, other ranks and their friends for their support at the Annual Ball of the Pipe Band, held at the Royal York Hotel on Feb. 26th. It was a very successful night as anyone who was there will testify and recent reports indicate that after all expenses have been paid we should just about break even.

There are few, if any, of the members of the Regiment who do not readily recognize "Highland Laddie", the Regimental March of the Regiment, on hearing even the first few bars of it. This famous tune is also used as a Regimental March by many well known Scottish units of the British Army, including the Scots Guards and The Black Watch. In fact it is listed as a march part of all Highland

PIPE BAND

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Regiments. However, some units have more than one march past and, therefore, it is not used exclusively by those regiments. If more than one Highland unit is on parade "Hiolan' Laddie" is the march used.

However, it will no doubt be somewhat of a surprise to some members of the Regiment to learn that in addition to the Regimental March each Company of the Regiment has its own march.

These Company marches are possibly more familiar to the former members of the 1st Bn. of the Regiment from 1939-1945 as they were used more extensively during that period than they have been since. It is hoped that a renewal and continuance of this custom may be effected and in order to assist the Companies concerned a list will be found at the conclusion of this article outlining the various pipe tunes formerly used as company marches by the Regiment.

It is requested that the members of the respective Companies make some effort towards familiarizing themselves with those Pipe Marches and particularly to the March of their own Company. The assistance of the Company Pipers will possibly be required for a time in this connection but eventually the Company March should become as familiar to a member of the Company as "Hiolan' Laddie" is to the Regiment.

A	Company	-	Glendarvol Highlanders.
B	"	-	Scotland The Brave.
C	"	-	Blue Bonnets Over The Border.
D	"	-	Donalds Return From The Wars.
H.Q.	"	-	A Hundred Pipers.
B.H.Q.	"	-	Cock O' The North.
Support	"	-	Leaving Port Asnaig. ****

**** Owing to a peculiarity of the tune this was sometimes referred to unofficially by members of the Company as "Carry Your Jeeps and Mortars".

CHARLIE CHATTER

Charlie has a new look. A change for the better. Bigger and brighter smiles, more determination, increased strength, 92% attendance, a newly decorated orderly room, a new officer in the person of one Lt. Church, and a completely changed C.O., since he came back from the Potawawa Winter Front, battle-scarred.

Yes, sir, how changed can you get? Speaking of changes there have been a few in the households of a couple of the boys, Jack and Mrs. Saunders were thrilled at the arrival of their wee lassie - Mother and daughter doing fine, but the lucky father was pretty worried as to when the little tyke would make her appearance. But Charlie is not satisfied at producing one little bundle from heaven, we've come up with two. Ralph and Mrs. Carr are also happy to announce that a wee lassie barged in---I mean - arrived at their home.

CHARLIE CHATTER (Cont'd)

Much to the delight of all ranks the Orderly Room was completed. Many thanks to the following:- Pipe-Major Fraser, Sgt. Dunc McArthur, Piper Hodgson, Pte. Hodgson and Pte. McKay. Also through a certain party's persuasive pottings we induced Marge Botting to do some art work for us - we are very grateful.

Besides Lt. Church there are other new members we wish to welcome into the Company: Ptes. Paul Lamey, Jeff Stonhouse, M. Mercer, Billings, Honinick, A. K. Anderson, Blagden.

Also Sgt. Trent came into the Company to take over the job of C.O.M.S. Also men S.O.S. as of the 27th of January are: Ptes. M. Bradford, P. Walker, A. Thomas.

So you see we're still ahead of the game, more coming in than going out.

A "slam bang do" was laid on for the 1st of March. Everyone who attended was thoroughly satisfied with the event. Before dinner there was an enjoyable little skit put on by a few of the boys. We ate dinner and then engaged in a little "post-prandial conversation of a bibulous nature". Then we proceeded to a rousing hockey game. We'd like to do this more often but we can't afford it; our fund is bankrupt after dishing out scratch for the redecorating and the party.

Truth is certainly stranger than fiction. It surprises me that after the big "Open House" at which the Canteen was duly patronized and the big Ball the following night how so many men managed to show up on that Church Parade. Oh, well, I guess we can take it!

ABLE AIRES

Well, here we are again at another edition of the Falcon. There is plenty to say, so here goes.....

Flash

The McGregor Competition was again put into the hands of our Company after a long absence. To the new members of our group this competition is run by "A" Coy. and is open to all members and ex-members of the Company. The shoot is usually held on coldest day of February, but we have a bar for those who get cold and this by the way improves everybody's eyesight for the targets which are a scant 50 yards away. Your reporter noticed after a period at the warming table that the targets thereafter looked as though suspended on an elastic band. Looking around the hut, I noticed a group (shudder) of distinguished gentlemen who thought they could sing. I call them the "FLAT FIVE" or "THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU".

Hats Off Dept.

Congratulations to "SANDY I CAN DIE STANDING" Young who hold high the honours of "A" Coy. by defeating all comers to retain the McGregor Cup within the Company. We also would like to bow low to Stan Carr for, sharp-shooter that he isn't, he still came through to win a silver spoon. Ask him what his score was.

ABLE AIRES (Cont'd)Scorp

The chaps who were at the shoot were the only ones able to say they saw the R.S.M. shoot his perfect score. He must give thanks of course to his gun bearer and his supporters plus the splendid piping of Capt. Smith. The big question is "Did he pull the trigger"????????? I wonder.

I should like to take time here to thank Guy MacKonzie and his associates for the swell job they did in running the shoot with such success. Thanks also to the Sgt. Mess For operating the McGregor Shoot and keeping it alive during the past years.

Cigar Dept.

Congratulations to Sgt. Antoine on his new member TOS to his establishment. He finally has a boy but we still have to get our cigars yet.

In the Open House at the Armouries "A" Coy. did very well in capturing the Drill Competition and Obstacle Race. All through the program there were selections by both pipe and brass bands and from the balcony came the praise which always follows their playing. Support Coy. had their hands full all through the program with the Anti-Tank Platoon demonstrating the speed with which a gun crew of five men can get into action against a carrier and destroy it. The same can be said for the Mortar platoon in their role of support of a LMG section to meet the enemy, who in my opinion did a grand job to give trouble even if they did get wiped out.

In the gallery during the ceremonial parade the old Comrades looked out solemnly remembering when they too had gone through ceremonial drill, now only to watch the young Regiment carrying on the honour and tradition they had left.

At long last "D" Coy. finally got their sweaters presented to them by the 48th OGA President.

"B" Coy. won the Bron gun stripping competition. Well done Cpl. Art Gaston. Support Coy was a close second.

The surprise of the evening was the tug-of-war between the Officers and the Sergeants, and if ever you witnessed a grunt and groan contest this was it. When it was over the Sergeants looked a sorry lot. Better luck next time, fellas!

The drill competition finals was won rightly by "A" Coy. who defeated "D" Coy. after a hard battle.

The climax of the evening was a knee skinning and kilt raising episode under the nom de plume of an Obstacle Race.

This evening was a great success and this and many more should give the civilian public an idea of the team work and character training that is available to the men of the Reserve Army, and particularly the 48th.

OPEN HOUSE

All through the program there were selections by both pipe and brass bands and from the balcony came the praise which always follows after they play. From my view they again gave their all to putting the events across.

Support Company had their hands full all through the programme with the Anti-Tank Platoon putting on a show of how fast a gun crew of five men can get into action against a carrier and destroy same. The same can be said for the Mortar Platoon in their role of support to a Leg. attachment to meet the enemy, who in my book did a grand job to give you trouble even if they did get wiped out.

In the Ceremonial Parade you could see in the balcony the old Comrades looked out solemnly at the parade remembering when they too had gone through the same drill time and time again, now only to watch the young Regiment trying to carry on the honour and traditions they had left.

At long last "D" Company finally got their sweaters presented to them by the 48th OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION CLUB PRESIDENT. Next the Bron Gun Stripping Competition was started and was won by "B" Company, with Support Company a close second. Then came the surprise of the evening when the Officers vs. Sergeants - and if you ever have witnessed a grunt and groan contest this was it! When it was over the Sergeants looked a sorry lot. Perhaps next year they will win??? When the Drill Competition came on if you looked closely you would see determination on each man's face because there was a lot at stake. This competition was formed to find each year which company is the best dressed and the best at drill. This year "A" Company and "D" Company and the winner was "A" Company. To top off the evening was an inter-company obstacle race which consisted of a set of tables in the centre of the drill floor and the trick was to get over the tables and up the far wall the best the team knew how. Before the race was over there were many skinned knees. It also was a chance to see who was Regimental. When the programme was over the praise was high and every one hopes that our show will give everyone an idea of what goes on every Tuesday and Friday.

DID YOU KNOW THAT---

The 48th Highlanders of Canada were with the 1st Canadian Division in both World War I and World War II.

The Regiment sent a contingent to the South African War in 1899.

The 48th has been allied with the Gordon Highlanders of Scotland since May, 1904.

Pte. G. Stewart won the bayonet fighting championship of the British Empire in 1897.

Captain John Slatter, M.B.E., V.C., was Bandmaster of the Highlanders for fifty years, (1896-1946). Captain Slatter was also Director of Military Bands for Canada.

DID YOU KNOW THAT--- (Cont'd)

The Regiment wears the Davidson Tartan in honour of our first Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. John I. Davidson.

Our first Honorary Colonel was General Sir Ian Hamilton, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., who died in 1947 at the age of 94.

LAMENT

On January 15th, 1950, the Regiment suffered a very great loss. Every man who had served in the 48th Highlanders in the past three decades had lost a very dear friend. I refer to the death of our beloved Padre, H/Major the Very Reverend Stuart C. Parker, E.D., D.D.

Major Parker was born and raised in Glasgow, Scotland, and received his education at Glasgow University. Before coming to Canada in 1922, the Padre was assistant minister of the Glasgow Cathedral. In May, 1923, Major Parker was appointed to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, which, since the formation of the 48th Highlanders in 1891 has been the Regimental Church. At that time the Major was also appointed to be Chaplain of the 48th, and held that position until his retirement in December, 1949.

Many Highlanders will also remember the wonderful addresses he made to the Regiment when we attended St. Andrew's on the annual Church Parade and on Armistice Day.

I am sure that to those of us who knew him he will never be forgotten, and that his name will go down in the regimental history as one who contributed immensely and unsparingly to the spiritual needs of the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

DILEAS GU BRATH

If the greenest recruit in the Regiment asks you what our motto means you probably can tell him that it is "Faithful for Ever" and that it is Gaelic. But what does that in itself mean? What is "the Gaelic" and why is our motto written in it?

The Gaelic is probably the oldest living European language. It was at one time the only language of Scotland except the south-eastern corner and of all of Ireland and the Isle of Man. Beyond that it is one of the two main branches of the Celtic language (the other branch being Welsh) which was the tongue of all the British Isles, France and Belgium in Roman times. Many centuries ago, about twenty-five to be approximately correct, it was the tongue of all Europe.

To-day, the Gaelic is the sole language of only a small part of Scotland - the Hebridean fringe - and of the west of Ireland but it is the second tongue in much larger areas of those countries and is indeed the second official language of the Republic of Ireland.

DILEAS GU BRATH (Cont'd)

The Gaelic is the Mother tongue and second tongue of people scattered all over the earth wherever there are Scottish Highlanders or their descendants.

Only about 120,000 speak the Gaelic in Scotland to-day. Over 80,000 speak it in Canada. A small number in Cape Breton Island speak nothing else. However, considerably more than 80,000 Canadians are descended from Gaelic-speaking people and can still say "Cia Mar Tha Thu", although their knowledge of the language ends there.

To the Scottish Highlander, to whom the Gaelic is "Mother Tongue", the language is one of great beauty. It is a language rich in song, poetry and story. It is capable of a great range of expression. It is so old that it is frequently called, by the egotistical Scot, "the language of Eden", and at least one very scholarly book has been written attempting to prove it the language spoken by Adam and Eve. English, the most widely spoken language of to-day, has borrowed extensively from other tongues, the Gaelic not excepted. Certain words and idioms in everyday use are derived from the tongue of the Gael. The word "slogan", so much used in advertising, comes from SLUACH CHALUM - meaning a "call to arms". The common word "galore" is the Gaelic GU LEOIR - meaning "quite enough". When one says "I am going" or "he is sleeping" or some similar phrase, one is using an idiom common in the Gaelic tongue but which is quite foreign to the other ancestors of the English tongue, the Teutonic, Norman and Latin.

When the first Highland Regiment was formed in the British Army, it was made up of Gaelic-speaking men, most of whom spoke no English at all. The Regiments of to-day, even those recruited in Canada and other Dominions still contain a proportion of Gaelic-speaking soldiers. Indeed, more than seventy-five per cent. of the men in the Cape Breton Highlanders at the beginning of the last war were Gaelic-speaking.

The fact then that our motto is in the Gaelic tongue, quite apart from its actual meaning, should be a point of pride to each member of the Forty-Eighth Highlanders of Canada and something which he understands and can explain.

OPERATION FRIGID

On January 27th, 1950, under the command of Major Corbett sixteen men of the Regiment left the Union Station to attend Petawawa Winter Camp. Upon arrival we were issued with the finest of Arctic equipment such as Makluks, Parkas, Wind Proof Pants, String Vests, Skis, Snowshoes, Toboggan, Tents, Sleeping Bags, etc. The first few days were spent in lecture rooms learning how to live under sub-arctic conditions. One morning we were loaded on T.C.V.S. and dropped a few miles from Camp. That was the last we were to see of civilization and O'Keefe's for four days. We then proceeded to put into practical experience what we were taught. After a gruelling trudge we pitched tents and prepared our first meal. The following day we were busy building a lean-to in which we were to sleep that

OPERATION FRIGID (Cont'd)

night. Crawling nude into a nylon sleeping bag at 34 degrees below zero meant nothing to the Dilons boys. Breakfast meant burnt porridge and frozen coffee and bread that had been sliced with a saw. After a wonderful meal we donned rucksacks and toboggans and moved to our last position. By this time we were getting accustomed to sub-arctic conditions and worked as a highly trained team. Moving off the following morning we encountered a heavy snow storm and, boy, were we ever glad to get back to Camp! After cleaning equipment and settling down to civilized life we were then told our marks which far exceeded any other Regiment that was at Camp. The Commanding Officer received a letter from Chief Instructor of the Winter Camp complimenting him on the standard set by the Dilons boys.

SNOW LONG.

BATTALION BRIC-A-BRAC

At two o'clock on the morning of January 21st several members of Support Company with a few attached personnel paid a visit to the Yonge Street Subway. With red lanterns to guide them along their dangerous route this slightly (?) intoxicated group of Highlanders marched from one end of the excavation to the other. The committee reported that work was coming along fine and they gave the project their full approval.

Who was the member of the Anti-Tank Platoon that fired a rifle while the band was playing on the night of the Open House?

A certain member of the Mortar Platoon was being chased down Elizabeth Street at four-thirty in the morning. His pursuer was a Chinese laundryman who was armed with a montaxo. It was reported that this incident broke off all diplomatic relations between Chinatown and the 48th Highlanders.

It is reported that on New Year's Eve a certain Sergeant jumped out of the balcony onto the floor on a twenty-five cent bet and broke his arm. All we can say is that it is lucky it wasn't a half a dollar or he would have killed himself.

SUPPORT REPORTS

That it would like to welcome Jim Wilson, Gene Kelly and Bud Lloyd. The transport platoon received a new grease monkey by the name of Mr. Wear. We all hope they have a long and pleasant stay with us.

That ten members of the Company spent a most enjoyable two weeks at Potawawa Winter Training Camp. They're still shivering!

That Sgt. "Johnny" Wood after a long struggle finally gained possession of his dream home on Balloil Avenue.

That Bud Lloyd is proud to announce the arrival of his son, Allen David, on January 8th. The 9½ pound boy is said to have more hair than his old man.

SUPPORT REPORTS (Cont'd)

That Mr. Hill, our transport officer, is up and around with the aid of a walking cast. Mr. Hill suffered a rather serious spinal injury.

That it held its annual Christmas Dinner at the Memorial Hall. A good time was had by all.

That On February 24th, the evening of the Open House, both the Mortar Platoon and the Anti-Tank Platoon put on very realistic demonstrations. We are glad to announce that there were not any serious casualties.

OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION NEWS

Before the good old "Falcon" goes to press, I must get our two-bits worth in for the sake of a grand organization that is made up of guys like you and I. Our Association is only a cog in that great big wheel of fellowship - come down to your Club at 519 Church Street - the welcome mat is always there. It is definitely a 48th Highlanders Club fellow, and by your strong support, we intend to keep it that way. Regarding the membership, Eddie Alves, the congenial chairman of that committee is aiming for 2000 this year. If you are not already a member of this Association, invest a couple of bucks to-day, and become a member in good standing of one of the best veterans' clubs on this continent. On Ed's behalf, I would like to convey our thanks to the members of the Regiment who have assisted us in any way.

Are you aware of what goes on at your Club? Keep the following evenings in mind if you are at a loss as to how to spend a pleasant evening - TUESDAY NIGHTS (stag night for the members and friends and the entertainment is provided by the members present - you'd be surprised at the hidden talent we have around this Club) FRIDAY NIGHTS (television is the feature attraction - boxing bouts from New York and you see some of America's top notch fighters in action) SATURDAY NIGHTS (definitely a night for the ladies (God bless 'em) (A member is only allowed his lady and one other couple as the crowd is limited - come down early fellow and join in the fun.)

The SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH is the night of the general meeting of this Association. Make it your business to be on hand.

"THE RED TOORIE DINNER" - April 29th., 1950. This is the night of a grand re-union and believe me, we are hoping that our efforts to make this night a huge success will not be in vain. A lot depends on YOU, and YOU, and YOU. Arrange your party now - the tickets will be available after April 1st., at the manager's office. So dinna forget huh? "THE RED TOORIE DINNER ON APRIL 29TH."

"B" Company are having another reunion on May 6/50 at the Club. All the members in "Baker" Company please note - "McGilvray" will be on hand too.

Before closing, I would appreciate if any member of the Association would notify us when there is any change of address. You will then be assured of your bulletin. Thanks boys.

Wally B. Moore (Secretary)

48th HIGHLANDERS I. O. D. E.

Hospital Visiting

The visiting of the 48th Highlander men in the hospital is one of the outstanding activities of the Chapter, and one very dear to its heart. When we think of hospital visiting our thoughts immediately go to Mrs. Alex Sinclair, who has undertaken this work from the beginning and with her assistants carries it on to this day.

In 1914 she started hospital visiting in the Old Bishop's Strachen School in Euclid Hall and it is interesting to note that we have a patient in Sunnybrook today, who was in Euclid Hall.

Proceeding overseas Mrs. Sinclair visited our men in the Duchess of Westminster Hospital, No. 1 Canadian Stationery Hospital in France, the I. O. D. E.s, and the Joen Arnoldi Hospitals in England.

Members of our Chapter attended the opening of Christie St. Hospital and visiting was carried on there until it closed. When Hamilton Sanitorium was opened, the 48th Highlander patients there were visited periodically and those in London Hospitals had parcels sent to them. During the last war, when Grace Hospital was opened, visiting began there also at Chorley Park, Lyndhurst Lodge, Weston, and the Red Chevron.

Owing to the close connection between the Black Watch and the 48th Highlanders, the 48th Chapter decided to adopt those of the Black Watch who were hospitalized.

Today the patients in Sunnybrook, Divedale, York Central, and Red Chevron are visited monthly when cigarettes are given to each patient. At Christmas, gifts range from dressing gowns, sweater coats, socks, slippers, magazine subscriptions, to cigarettes. The Chapter members feel this personal contact is important as many times an anxious mind can be relieved by seeing the welfare of the patient's family.

As long as we have 48th men in hospital they will be visited and it is gratifying to the Chapter to know how much our efforts are appreciated by these men.

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An interesting event during the month of February was the presentation of sweatshirts by the Regent, Mrs. W. W. G. Darling to "D" Coy, winners of the inter company Baseball competition.

CARNIVAL

It is to be held on Saturday evening M y 13th at the University Ave. Armories. To make this carnival even more of a success than the last one, we are counting on the assistance of everyone who has the welfare of the REGIMENT at heart. COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.-----