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A Message from The Commanding Officer:

Through the medium of our Regimental Magazine, "The Falcon", I wish to thank the present members of the Regiment who have paraded faithfully throughout the past year.

We have again had a very full and varied year of military activities, and in all our public appearances have put on a show that I feel has been a credit to the Regiment. In particular, I refer to our very excellent week-end spent in Oshawa with the Ontario Tank Regiment.

We are proud of the thirty members of the Regiment who left us last summer to join the Special Service Force. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them good luck in their important new job.

Next year being the Diamond Jubilee of the Regiment, it is planned to have a three day reunion with tentative dates set for May 25-6-7. On this occasion on the Saturday afternoon, at some outdoor stadium, the Regiment will put on what is considered the most colourful and exacting of all ceremonial parades, The Trooping of the Colour. This will require a lot of hard work and it is the intention to start rehearsing for this early in the new year.

May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone associated with the Regiment a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

M. E. George, Lt. Col.

THE GARB OF OLD GAUL

When one speaks to-day of Highland dress, he usually is referring to either the uniform of a Highland regiment or to the beautiful costume worn as evening dress. However these are only modern descendants of a very ancient and picturesque form of dress which in many respects was much different. No national dress which has retained any living character can be other than the result of a process of evolution.

The origin of the Highland Dress is lost in antiquity. The earliest documentary evidence of its existence dates from the end of the 15th Century.

Many people will be surprised to learn that the kilt itself - which is to-day the badge of the Highlander - did not exist in any recognizable form before the end of the 16th Century. Prior to this time the Highlander wore the LEINE CHROICH, or saffron shirt, as his main garment. It was of knee length to facilitate running and fighting. In the winter, close, tight trousers were worn covering thighs, legs and feet. Brogans of untanned leather were worn and a short, waist-length jacket. Above all this a loose cloak of several yards of tartan-like woven cloth was worn which was held about them with a broad leather belt so that it hung to the knees. This garment served as a blanket at night.

About the year 1600 the linen saffron shirt went out of use and the dress of the Highlander changed markedly. The FEILE MOR or belted plaid came into use. It was a piece of tartan cloth, two yards wide and six yards long. It was put on by laying it on the ground, arranging it in pleats, leaving only enough at each end to cover the front of the body. The Highlander then lay down on it and folded it about him and belted it around his waist. After standing up and putting on his jacket, the remainder of the plaid was brought up over the left shoulder. It served as protective covering in bad

weather. Up until about 1725 this was the common form of dress in the Highlands of Scotland. The more affluent, the aged and crippled were the only exceptions. They wore trews of tartan while riding horseback.

About the year 1725 the FEILE BEAG, or little kilt came into use and by 1745 was worn almost exclusively. It was just the lower half of the FEILE MOR and was essentially the same garment as the kilt of to-day.

In a further article I will give some of the history of the tartan and of the traditional ornaments of Highland dress.

The Memorials of The Forty-Eighth Highlanders of Canada

The memorials of The Regiment in Toronto bear eloquent witness to the illustrious service of the Regiment and the glorious sacrifices of those who gave their lives for King and Country. These memorials number at least five in various parts of the city.

The first is a dignified and beautiful monument on the north side of Queen's Park facing north on Avenue Road. This has been erected "to the glorious memory of those who died and to the undying honour 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 the east side "134 Overseas", and on the west side "92 Canada Overseas". The names of the battles in which the Regiment took its full part and in which 61 officers and 1406 non-commissioned officers gave their lives are carved in the stone - Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens, Drocourt-Queant, Canal Du Nord, Ypres, Festubert, Mount Sorrel, Somme and Vimy. The designer of this beautiful monument, surmounted by the Christian Cross of Sacrifice carved in each of the four sides, was Captain (now Brigadier) E. W. Haldenby, C.B.E., M.C., V.D. It was erected in the summer of 1923 and was unveiled by His Excellency, Lord Byng, Governor-General of Canada at the Armistice-Remembrance Parade of the Regiment in November of that year.

There are two beautiful memorials of the Regiment in St. Andrews Church, King and Simcoe Streets, which has been its church since it was first organized. The first of these is the exquisite memorial Communion Table in the chancel beneath the Regimental Colours and dedicated on Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 11, 1934 by The Minister of St. Andrews and Chaplain of the Regiment The Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D. The table is the gift of the Sergeants to the church in memory of their comrades who fell in the First World War and now stands as a memorial to those who gave their lives in World War I and World War II. It has been used since its dedication at every celebration of The Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Table is wrought in oak and is the inspired creation of Dr. John A. Pearson a member of St. Andrew's Church. There are five panels in the main part of the Table on both front and back. The ends are covered by abutments also pannelled. Around the margin of the table top, in one continuous line are carved Jesus' words: "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of Me. This Cup is the New Testament in My blood; this do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me". On the frieze below the top,

in the upper part of each panel, are carved the symbols of Bread and Wine. On the centre panel of the front is the heraldic figure of St. Andrew, while on the corresponding panel at the back is the Burning Bush with the legend "Nec Tamen Consumebatur". Intertwined in the Gothic tracery of the panels are floral designs -- the maple leaf, the rose, the thistle, the shamrock, acorns and the fleur-de-lis. The interior of the table is ventilated through small decorative openings in the tracery and is vacant.

The abutments are narrower than the Table, and about six inches lower; each has a removable oak top, and at the Communion the abutments are used as part of the Table. Below the oak tops each has a lower top of plate glass, set in a hinged frame which can be opened and closed, and also locked to safeguard the records within. The records rest on an inner shelf, about ten inches below the glass and hidden in each chamber is an electric light which can be turned on or off by a switch on the Chancel wall. When lighted a good view thus can be had of the open pages of the Book within.

In the right-hand abutment are 25 loose leaf pages with the names and rank of the dead in both World Wars, 1818 soldiers. The Book has beautiful hand-writing of good sized block script and is very legible. When the Book is opened showing two pages about 120 names are in sight. In the left-hand abutment is the title page and dedication of the Book, all engrossed on parchment within an artistic coloured border of flowers and symbols. These are as follows:

"Their name liveth forevermore - Book of Remembrance - 48th Highlanders - inscribed upon these pages are the names of those men of the 48th Highlanders of Canada who in the Great Wars gave their lives that those they left behind might be spared the ills which they themselves endured. Their comrades have placed this memorial beside The Lord's Table in the trust that they, their wounds all healed, their sufferings overpast, may live forever in the light of His Kingdom Who gave His life a ransom for many."

On the front of the right-hand abutment there are carved these words: "My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I have fought His battles who now will be my rewarder."

And on the front of the left abutment there are the Regimental Crest and these appropriate words of St. Paul: "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand." The symbols of the "Armour of God" are carved on the sides of both abutments, - The Girdle of Truth, The Breastplate of Righteousness, The Sandals of Peace, The Shield of Faith, The Helmet of Salvation and The Sword of The Spirit.

Thus there is in this shrine of Christian Faith a beautiful and useful memorial in the place of sacrifice and communion with God.

The other memorial of the Regiment in St. Andrews is one given by Mrs. Thomas J. Clark who revered the service of the Regiment. It was unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, November 7, 1937 by Dr. Parker as a fresh tribute to "the brave that are no more." The active battalion and the veterans of the three Service Battalions held their Armistice Remembrance Parade at that time. The memorial is a stained-glass window in two sections entitled "The Highlanders' Window" designed by Mr. Peter Haworth.

The dominating figure in the large upper section is that of a Highlander in the full dress of the Regiment, standing with reversed arms, hands clasped on the butt of the rifle, head bowed - an eloquent symbol of mourning and respect. At each side of him, of the same dimensions but in perspective behind him are two great soldiers of

The Old Testament, Joshua and David the King, armed as in the days when they, too, fought and suffered and grieved for fallen comrades. Silently the group testifies to the timelessness of sacrifice.

In the head of the window are depicted marching Highlanders in the steel helmets and khaki uniforms of war-time; while the 48th Regimental Crest breaks the background. On a scroll behind the heads of the three principal figures are written the Battle Honours - Hill 70, St. Julien, Ypres, Vimy, etc. and beneath their feet is the inscription - "Remember thy children that sleep". On the lowest scroll, flanked by a crown and a shield bearing the St. Andrew's Cross, there is written - "To the Glory of God and in grateful tribute to all ranks of the 48th Highlanders who gave their lives in the Great War", and at the base a record of the gift - "Erected by Laura Christie Clark, 11th November, 1937".

In the smaller section beneath the gallery appear two angelic figures, one bearing the Urn of Remembrance and the other the Laurel Chaplet of Victory. The Regimental Crest, The Falcon's Head, and The Poppies of "Flanders' Fields" form the motif of the decoration beneath the angels' feet. Two inscriptions appear above, on a small ribbon beside the Crest, the noble words from Rupert Brooke's sonnet - "These laid the World away": at the base of the window the cry from Ezekiel's Vision of The Valley of the Dry Bones, -- "Come from the four winds, O Breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

Thus again in commemorative beauty the Regiment's sacrifices are recalled and revered.

In The University Armouries there is on the wall beside the Orderly Room door a large Memorial Cross with the names of those men of the 15th Battalion who were killed in action in the First Great War. The cross is in the familiar orb-encircled form and on the circle are the words: "In loving memory of 15th Battalion Canadians".

The remaining memorial is the useful and valuable Forty-Eighth Highlanders Memorial Hall situated at 519 Church Street. This is the Headquarters of the 48th Highlanders Association and developed from the 15th Battalion Social Club formerly meeting in buildings on Yonge Street and Elm Street. The Memorial Hall was opened on May 26, 1946 by His Excellency Field Marshall Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada. Since then the Hall has been very busy and active as the centre in which social and welfare work is carried on. It is a meeting place for all Highlanders and The Association welcomes all such to its membership of 1200. The Hall itself stands as a memorial to all 48th Highlanders who gave their lives in both World Wars while in the building is a Memorial Room set aside and beautifully furnished by The 48th Highlanders Chapter of The Imperial Order of The Daughters of The Empire for quiet, thoughtful consideration by all who enter that the Hall is a memorial for those who gave their lives for freedom and peace. The Memorial Hall stands as a living useful meeting-place for the Association to promote good fellowship in all ranks of the past and present members of The Regiment that the comradeship realized in the service of both World Wars may be continued for mutual help and service in peace.

These memorials of the Regiment constitute living and abiding tributes to those who served and to those who died that the unselfish spirit born of that service and in which 1818 Highlanders gave their lives might be continued as the surest bulwark of peace and the best preparedness to resist the evil which may beset us.

THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

We are again proud to write into the records the achievements of your Rifle Association.

At the Provincial and Dominion of Canada Matches about 30 attended each meet. Individually they won over 200 cash prizes. The teams won 14 prizes, the most important were: The City of Toronto Trophy, The Aylmer Card Trophy, The Victoria Rifles Trophy, The Woods Trophy, The Imperial Tobacco Trophy, and The Gordon Highlanders Trophy. Special mention should go to Lt. Gilmore Boa for winning The Kings Medal (second time), The Lt. Gov. of Quebec Match, The MacDonald Match, The Grand Aggregate, The Extra Series Aggregate, and The Bisley Aggregate; Major D. T. Burke and Lloyd Walker for winning a place on the Bisley Team; Sgt. George Boast, first in the Rapid Fire Match and second in The Kings Medal Match; Cadet Lt. N. Nicol and Cadet Des Burke Jr. for excellent shooting at both meets.

We have one regret, there were too few serving members on our teams. What are we doing about it? If you have not heard of the Winter shooting matches inquire at your Company room.

Our Annual dinner, final competition and The Goodfellows Trophy Match held at Long Branch Ranges on Saturday, September 16 was well attended. Buffalo, New York was represented by 21 marksmen with Winchester, Remingtons, Garands et al.

Capt. Guy F. Mackenzie welcomed the delegation from across the line, the President of the Buffalo Rifle and Revolver Club replied with an inspiring talk of the good fellowship in evidence on both sides of the Border, and the necessity of rifle practice as a defence measure, referring to recent world events to prove his point!

The rifle association wish to congratulate the winning teams from the Regiment in the Bren Gun and The Service Rifle competitions held during 1950.

RIFLE REMINISCENCES - 1950

A brief mental review of the shooting exploits of The 48th Highlanders in the season just ended, leaves a variety of impressions. The first, of course, is pleasure at the success attained not solely by the older marksmen, but also by the less experienced members, particularly in the Ontario Rifle Association Bren Gun and Service Rifle Matches. The only disappointing feature was the small representation of the active members of the Regiment at The Ontario and Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Annual Matches.

In the years between the Wars, Highlanders were always to be found at the top of the list, such experts as Capt. S. W. Graham, CSM Bill Hawkins, and Sgt. Joe Buick being only a few who were equally at home at Long Branch, Connaught Ranges at Ottawa, or Bisley, England. One whose record will never be excelled is CSM George Emslie, who gave up shooting this year when he found that there was nothing more to win. He won the greatest prize in Canadian marksmanship, membership on The Bisley Team, no less than fourteen times, and in his shooting there won almost every individual match at least once.

In charge of The Rifle Association we now have Capt. S.W. Graham, Capt. Guy Mackenzie and CSM Len Falkner, three stalwarts, who can be depended upon to maintain the high standards of the best.

At the Dominion matches this year, 48th teams won five matches, while the members won an equal number of individual events. The weather, as usual at this meeting, was excellent, mostly sunny with light winds, just shifty enough to keep the experts guessing. An

unusual privilege was ours this year, when we welcomed a team representing The National Rifle Association of Great Britain. The group included three King's Prize winners, who shot exceedingly well indeed, but no better than their less famous companions, who demonstrated their ability by placing first, second and third in the feature match of the week, The Governor-General's.

To the writer, the greatest satisfaction came not from the individual matches, despite an unexpected degree of success, but from selection as a member of Canada's teams in the Empire and Canada Matches. In these events we divided honours with the British, who proved superior at long range, while we won at the shorter distances.

A fact which should encourage the new marksman is the following: of the eighteen who qualified at Ottawa for the 1951 Bisley Team, only nine had qualified in previous years. This shows that there is plenty of opportunity for newcomers who are willing to devote the time and effort required to excel at this most exacting sport

THE FORTY-EIGHTH HIGHLANDERS' CHAPTER I.O.D.E.

In 1907 a group of women connected with the 48th Highlanders' of Canada decided to form an auxiliary. In peacetime a regimental auxiliary is not called upon to fulfil many duties so these women sought an affiliation which would keep them busy for some good cause. A women's organization then in its infancy appealed to them and in May, 1907, the Forty-Eighth Highlanders' Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire was formed and at the present time is one of the largest and strongest of the ninety Toronto chapters.

During these forty-three years the Chapter's chief work has been for the Regiment. In wartime gift boxes and cigarettes are sent regularly overseas; shipments of socks leave frequently; hospitalized veterans are visited monthly, and the families of the men are looked after as the need arises--Christmas baskets being sent where they are most required and families of soldiers being sent to summer camp when holidays would otherwise be impossible. In peacetime the hospital visits are continued; sewing sessions are held weekly to aid in the Order's projects, and welfare work is carried on; bursaries are established for soldiers' children and boxes are sent to adopted families overseas and to our adopted school in Northern Ontario.

As a member of a national organization we enjoy advantages which we would lack were we only a regimental auxiliary. This is especially true in wartime. We contribute to the National Shipping Fund and to the National Wool Fund. The former allows us to send all our overseas boxes through the facilities of the I.O.D.E. The latter enables us to purchase all our wool from I.O.D.E. headquarters very reasonably and to call upon an established "sock bank" when requests come in for these ever needed articles.

Through the medium of a carnival held annually funds have been raised to carry on the various activities of the Chapter. During the past war our expenditure for regimental welfare here and abroad exceeded \$25,000.00.

An exchange of ideas is always stimulating and through monthly chapter and municipal meetings, semi-annual provincial meetings, and annual national meetings, new needs of each and every chapter are presented and discussed and suggestions are acted upon during the following months.

An ever present need for help for others and for national goodwill and unity has kept the I.O.D.E. active and growing. As a member chapter of this now powerful organization we ourselves are strong,

for as the saying goes "In unity is strength". For this reason we became a chapter of the I.O.D.E. and because of this strength in unity we have been able to carry on and fulfill our duties for 43 years with our regimental motto ever before us--"Dileas Gu Brath" -- "Faithful forever" - to our King, our Country and our Regiment.

THE SERGEANTS' MESS

Our most outstanding event this Fall has been the Annual Dinner. Held in the Men's Canteen October 14. We were fortunate indeed to have as guest speaker H/Cpl. Rev. Paul Sterling, amusing and informative, his talk on India was the highlight of a grand evening.

CSM Clarke, C Coy, covered himself with glory - and with mud in the very successful scheme with the Oshawa Regiment. It was a great week-end, the hospitality of the "Tankers" will be long remembered.

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to our new sergeants. In recent weeks our ranks have been bolstered by the addition of Sgts. Gillham, Hawkins, Armstrong, Gaston, Wood, Young, and Hyde. Welcomed in traditional manner by RSM Stephen. The new members show promise of being real assets to the Mess.

The cigars have been plentiful in recent months -- the rest of our report reads like the Birth Column of the "Tely". -----

- Fullerton: To CSM T. Fullerton and Mrs. Fullerton, a daughter.
- Church: To CSM J.R. Church, M.M. and Mrs. Church, a son.
- Dewar: To Pipe Sgt. A. Dewar and Mrs. Dewar, a daughter.
- Kirk: To Sgt. and Mrs. Kirk, a son.
- Weed: To Sgt. Weed and Mrs. Weed, a daughter.

REMEMBRANCE DAY, 1950

November 11, 1918, 11 a.m. The last shell from the last gun fired on the Western Front whistled across the wintry sky, bringing to an end the greatest conflict man had ever engaged in. From the sacrifice of the thousands who perished in this struggle was to come a bright new future. And so it was designated that in thanks for their supreme effort, this day should forever be one on which to think -- and to remember!

But the memory of man is short. Once again in the years 1939-1945, the world was engulfed in a struggle wider and more hellish than was even dreamed of in 1914. Once again, the democratic nations emerged victorious, after long dreary years of battle. Once again, for the living, there was the bright shining future. But man's memory gets shorter and shorter! For with a short five years between the last conflict and the present day, the war clouds are still rising on the not too distant horizons.

It is time now, before we are too late, to REMEMBER what those young men of our nation fought and died for. And not only at 11 a.m. on November 11th, but at all times, all year round, and at the same time, don't be one of those who show their ignorance by continuing on their way or in their conversation when the two minutes silence is in effect. You've all seen them--the people who are too "busy" to bother with the "foolishness" of two minutes silence. If not for thinking and respect -- then at least let us have the RESPECT!

GENTLEMEN--THE TARTAN!

Here's to it;
 The fighting sheen of it;
 The yellow, the green of it;
 The white, the blue of it;
 The dark, the red of it;
 The fair have sighed for it;
 The brave have died for it;
 Foemen sought for it;
 Honour the name of it;
 Drink to the fame of it--
 THE TARTAN!

BAKER BYLINE

First of all congratulations are in order with regard to recent promotions in "Flighty B". You wear that crown very well Major Pinoco -- all the best from Baker Coy. Congratulations are also in order for Sgt. Gaston who has recently had three strikes called on him.

Welcome back to "B" Coy. to our 2-icky Mr. Cunningham, and also to a well rested Mr. O'Brien.

In case you haven't heard- Social Baker had a party at Long Branch recently. A good time was had by all. Yea Rosie! Let's have more of them -- parties that is!!!

We understand from "reliable" sources that Pte. Randall's wife recently had a baby - to listen to Pte. Randall you'd think he had something to do with it.

CSM Montgomery won the fur-lined prize at our party for the best dressed W.O.II present. The things you see when you haven't got a gun!

Congratulations to Pte. Grunden Sr. who is "B" Coy's best soldier salesman - re: enlistments - three assists yet!

Welcome to Ptes. Knisely, Tucker, Meredith, Allen and Grunden Jr.- good men all. Keep your eyes on the Bn. Drill Cup fellows, so far as turn-out is concerned--look out Dog. Coy here we come!

Ivan "Sweepstakes" Langdon says: -
 There was a young fellow named Dice,
 Who said, "They say bigamy's nice,
 But two women are a bore
 I prefer three or four
 For the plural of spouse -- it is spice!

Harry "Shoelather" Moore says: -
 There once was a pious young priest
 Who lived almost wholly on yeast
 For said he it is plain
 We must all rise again
 So I want to get started at least.

A Senator says His Success - is mostly due to the little lessons he learned at his mother's knee. Later in life, of course, he learned much more -- at other joints, elsewhere!

CHARLEY CHATTER

On Sunday May 21, twenty-one officers and other ranks paraded at the Long Branch rifle ranges. The outing was a great success. Quite a number of the fellows discovered that they had a clear eye and a steady hand for shooting. These fellows will probably be heard from in some of the future competitions. The weather was ideal for shooting, and the dinner was wonderful--some lucky ones got seconds, yet!

The Toronto Highland Games showed that the boys of "C" Company don't try to dodge fatigues--ninety-nine percent of the fellows put their shoulders to the wheel and shoved. Some were in as many as three fatigues. That's the sort of spirit that will put anything over, so let's get behind the Regiment and give it lots of support in ALL its enterprises. After all, the 48th is a second home, and you work at home!

The rifle companies had a chance to show everybody what they had learned at the Camp Borden scheme. A few more schemes like that would go a long way towards putting the reserve force on the same level as the permanent force. Under the able leadership of Lt. Church, we were able to "capture" an enemy patrol which was prowling about our territory, and send out a patrol of our own, through heavy brush. Working against a time limit, we managed to steal a lighted lantern from under the noses of the enemy, and report back with five whole minutes to spare. This patrol consisted of one veteran and three others, one of them being with us only two weeks. "C" Company's refreshments were transported and protected by Cpl. Patterson. When the main body arrived, they found the "sentries" wearing their hardware strapped down low. The six-shooters got a good work-out until 0300 hours. The show put on by the P.F. showed fire, movement, and teamwork which would get results no matter what type of ground fought on. It also showed some of the "musts" of war: fire-watching, expenditure of ammo, consolidation beyond the objective, and rate of fire given.

The 48th had two teams competing in the Service Matches at Long Branch on Saturday, October 7, and number one team carried off 4th prize. Not at all bad considering that some of them only had one day's practice. Just about everyone there carried off a prize of some sort, whether it was for deliberate shooting, rapid, or fire with movement. We are hoping to get a few more to take up target shooting. The indoor ranges are open every Saturday during the winter, so come on down.

OPERATION TURKEY, OSHAWA: "C" Company paraded twenty-one ranks, and after being given some idea of how infantry and tanks work together, we put on small schemes on a platoon-troop level. We put a little life into it, but after consolidating the objective, we discovered that we needed more practice; the huffing and puffing was fierce!! After fifteen minutes rest, our section leaders took us out into the fields and gave us some field craft. They explained formations, signals, and what fire and movement was. We would like to thank the Ontario Tanks for their fine cooperation, and the royal welcome they gave us. They must have canvassed half the town from house to house, the way the civilians lined the sidewalks to meet us. We are looking forward eagerly to our next tank-infantry scheme. CSM Clarke was a hard man to see at this scheme. He was crawling around like a two year-old, but he sure managed to put a lot of life in the company. Besides that, we learned a few unheard of and highly original phrases from this same fellow.

On our Remembrance Parade for this year, we paraded twenty-one other ranks, (that twenty-one keeps cropping up), plus four of the higher paid help. Although it was a trifle chilly, everyone enjoyed the service. Our main beef was the cadet bugle band, who would just give us time to get in step, and then start to play. The only suggestion I can make is to lead the battalion in per cent on parade, like we did last year (first and only 100% parade on record). Everyone enjoyed the coffee and doughnuts served after the parade. Besides being a great success, this parade will probably do much to cement relations between the O.C.A. and the present Regiment.

The Charley Company party, the first for this season, was held at the regimental hut at Long Branch. The party was a great success (I'm told), and was attended by such dignitaries as Lt. Col. George, Capt. McKay, R.S.M. Stephen, and C.S.M.s Fullerton and Wigmore. Of course Major Corbett, and Lieutenants Church, Murray and Reid, and "C" Company as a whole, with a few exceptions were there. A grand job of organizing was done by Staff Trent and Pte. Bell, helped by many others (big Anderson was a fine barkeeper). Private Pressley was in charge of the record player, and between records, encouraged the wallflowers to get out on the floor and show their stuff. C.S.M. Clarke promised the women a few more parties, if, in exchange, they would promise to quit beefing at the breadwinners for coming down to the armouries on Tuesday and Friday nights. Part of the evening's entertainment consisted of Major Corbett dancing the sword dance over crossed web belts, while Capt. McKay provided the music. The rest was dancing, eating, a little "imbibing", and listening to the stirring tunes played by pipers Bruce Heffler, Bobby Taylor, and Jerry Werth. Those three were rather quiet on the way out, but once there they loosened up; on the ride home, they played continuously, much to the enjoyment of all, including the bus driver. Our next party is scheduled for sometime in December. Now that we know how much fun these do's can be, let's get behind the committee and push for all we are worth.

I can't say much about summer camp, because the courses we took were too varied. Of course, we all enjoyed the Friday night party, and the Saturday morning shirttail parade. Regarding the shirttail parade, Cpl. Paterson would like to apologize to the padre. He thought he was waking up Lieutenant "Billy" Church.

The little fracas in Korea was a sad and sorry blow to our already depleted ranks--privates Adamson and Lamey have found a better home in the 2nd Bat., P.P.C.L.I., Cpl. Soper has joined the R.C.R.S., and private McIntosh is in the Service Corps, I think.

Sergeants Freeman and Leow have resigned, and were replaced by Sergeants Hyde and Young, both of whom acquired another hook in the transition.

In closing, I would like to welcome into our ranks Privates R.W. Bell, G. Loveys, D. Murray, H. Osborne, M. Phalen, Stenhouse, and Pepper. You are in the best Regiment in Canada boys -- let's keep it that way.

----- CHURCHILLIANA

Emanuel Shinwell, head of the National Executive of the British Labour Party, is rather famous for his irascibility. One day Winston Churchill discovered Shinwell groping about a public telephone booth. "What are you looking for?" Churchill inquired. "I came to phone a friend and I dropped the two pennies," he replied. Helpfully, Churchill reached in his pocket. "Here's sixpence," he said, "phone them all."

DOGGEREL

"D" Coy has had an excellent record in recent years in every phase of Battalion activity. Last year we won the Battalion Baseball and Volleyball competitions (if A company dispute the volleyball let them field a team): we had the highest steady average of men on parade; we were the first Rifle Company to clean up our Orderly Room; first to start a Coy magazine; first to organize our own Social Club and hold a Coy dance.

This year we have held our own. We are still the strongest Coy on parade. Our baseball and volleyball teams are vainly awaiting challenges. A big Christmas Dance is being planned by the Social Club. On a recent Bn scheme we were complimented for our good work with the tanks and we've already had one very successful Coy scheme at Long Branch.

As of November 15, Coy strength is 40, all ranks. The Coy Cmr. is Major W.B. Reid, 21/o Lt. Lowndes; other officers are Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Brown. The C.S.M. is T. Fullerton, C.Q.M.S. Hood, Sgts. Jones, Cole, Kirk, and Armstrong. There is a fair sprinkling of overseas lads in the ranks.

The Coy was very strong at Summer Camp and Pte., now L/Cpl. Milne won the Gold Cup for best in the trained soldier wing.

Training this fall has been on a two-platoon system with the 1st year lads in one group and the more advanced in another. This appears to be working quite satisfactorily and will be continued. The Coy parades as one platoon, however, for Bn parades although it is our earnest hope to be the first Rifle Coy to parade all the time in two platoons. For this, of course, we need MEN. When we hit the fity mark -- which we hope to do soon,--you'll see two platoons of "D" Coy on parade.

SHORT CUTS

There is with us all a peculiar lack of appreciation of the fact that people who are unfamiliar to us yet may have their own sensibilities. Mrs. MacDonald faced with a servant problem had decided to try a Chinese boy. When the boy arrived for an interview her first question was: "What is your name?"

"Fu Yu Tsin Mei," he replied promptly.

"Your name is too long," Mrs. MacDonald explained in her most urbane manner. "I'll call you John."

"What your name?" he asked.

"You must always speak of me as Mrs. Elmer MacDonald," she explained.

The boy shook his head. "Your name too long. I call you Charlie."

Cyril "Locksmith" Potter says:-

There was the faithful 'healer of Deal',

Who said although pain isn't real

If I sit on a pin

And it punctures the skin

I dislike what I fancy, I feel.

"I think," said the wife, "that men should wear something to show they are married,"

"Well," replied the husband, "what about their shiny suits?"

THE BRASS BAND

Well it has been a few months since you have heard from us so we are herewith jotting down a few of our activities.

On May 3rd we opened up what was a very disastrous season for the Baseball Maple Leafs seeing them shut out by the Syracuse Chiefs by a score of 4 to 0.

On May 10 at the Exhibition Grandstand we helped Manchester United Soccer Team give the Ontario All Stars a lesson.

On May 13 at the University Avenue Armouries we helped the I.O.D.E. put over their carnival.

On May 19 & 20 up at Maple Leaf Gardens we provided the musical arrangements and backgrounds for the Girl Guide Pageant.

On May 27 at Woodbine Race Track.

On June 2 we provided the music for the Guard of Honour (C.O.T.C.) for the visit to the International Trade Fair of the Premier of Pakistan.

On June 3rd at Thorncliffe Race Track.

On June 4 duty Band at the Toronto Garrison Church Parade.

On June 8 at Sunnybrooke Hospital.

On June 12 at Alexandria Park.

On June 16 Highland Games at Woodbine Park (still scraping the mud from our shoes).

On June 29 at Osgoode Hall we helped graduate the 1950 class of Barristers.

The Kin They Love to Touch:

It was a generous gesture on the part of the guy who figured there should be a Father's Day.

Chances are he meant well, but for goodness sakes why did he pick the 18th of June. That's just about the time Dad pays the last of the Christmas bills. He's still sort of groggy!

Even Doug. Abbott doesn't show any sympathy. The final installment on Dad's income tax is added to the burden on his bent shoulders.

You've got to hand it to Father, however, he will work his head to the bone to satisfy the wants of wife, son, daughter and many others.

"Father" is often called the "head of the family". That's because he's the guy who gets the headaches.

On July 1 we bussed to Picton, Ontario and helped the Picton Driving Club put over their annual show.

On July 5 a park concert at Eglinton Park.

On July 6 the Tom Foster Picnic at Exhibition Park.

On July 29 park concert at Wanless Park.

Not much we can say about our August activities being on vacation. Would just like to say, it's sure a sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do -- and Summer brings the urge to hit the open road - which will likely be closed for repairs, and, oh yes, on August 8th we played at Sunnybrooke Hospital. On August 25 we opened up the C.N.E. at the Bandshell and also gave a further concert in the evening. On August 26 in front of the Grandstand for the Warriors Day March past. On August 31 we also played afternoon and evening concerts at the Ex.

On September 2 we played afternoon and evening engagements at the C.N.E.

On September 4 we headed the Labour Day Parade.

On September 9 Argo vs. Hamilton Rugby Game.

On September 16 Argo vs. Montreal Rugby Game.

On September 21 Northways 50th Anniversary.

On September 23 Races at Woodbine Park.

And of course, on the night of Sunday, September 17, your band did its share to put on a marvellous show at the Massed Band Concert at the Grandstand Canadian Exhibition Grounds to open "Army Week" in Canada.

Now for the October happenings:

October 7 we saw Argo vs. Hamilton Rugby Game.

October 14 we opened up the Hockey Season, Maple Leafs vs. Chicago.

October 28 Rugby Argos vs. Ottawa.

As we go to press we would mention that on November 4 we played the Montreal Argo Rugby Game in the afternoon and the Maple Leaf vs. Ranger Hockey Game at night.

Since buying my new two way stretch super-slimming girdle I am a new woman. Needless to say my husband is delighted!

Windy "Dealer" Verog says:-

A Chicago meat packer named Young,
One day when his nerves were unstrung.

Pushed his wife's Ma unseen

In the sausage machine

Then canned her and labelled her "Tongue".

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF OUR NEW BOYS:

Frank Stevens Jr. is on cornet and does the "hot choruses" in our popular numbers. Frank follows in his Dad's footsteps (who was with the Band for years). After seventeen years playing dance bands (all night) and still ending up with four children, he threw in his lot with the Band. Is a big dealer in the Oil business.

Joseph Zelency: is on cornet. Came from Czecho-Slovakia when 11 years old and took up music in Toronto. Does dance work with Ukranian & Polish orchestras and bother you really work there. Joe is really polite and shows us the rest of us by raising his hand when he wishes to be excused or ask Sgt. Major Dobney a question. Looks after the food flesh up at Swift Canadian.

Frederick Daw: is on cornet and actually is just a beginner. Is employed with the Northern Electric as a telephone installer and is only in town on the week-ends, but nearly always gets back for Friday night parades.

Arthur Carter: is on clarinet. Has been playing for the past eight years. Recently joined us from the G.C.H.G. and away from the band is engaged in the upholstery trade.

A great big hello and welcome to you, Frank, Joe, Fred and Art and we hope that you got to like the rest of us as we like you, remember boys, a secret is something you tell one person at a time but if it will make your stay happier don't be bashful in telling us.

Our Base Drummer, Joe Hamilton on May 12 celebrated his 50th Wedding Anniversary. He tied the knot at St. Georges Cathedral in Kingston, Ontario, on May 12, 1900 and has been beating the drums for Mrs. Joe ever since.

July 3 we said goodbye to Arthur "Tibby" Tibbets, after thirty-five years with the Highlanders. Tibby retired and returned to England. We gave him a bit of a 'blow' (all had a good time, we think!) and Col. George made a presentation of a beautiful signet ring with the Regimental Crest, on our behalf.

Recently two more of our "Youngsters" were honourably discharged from the Regiment after over sixty years of service (combined) with the band. Sgt. Stuart Downing and Pte. Harry McMahon. Stuart is still playing on the civil engagements, but Harry has called it a day.

We are glad to see Frank Swain back once again. Frank was away getting the 'waterworks' fixed up and (aside to Frank: while we missed you, we didn't scab the race job).

Frankie "Hot Lips" Stevens hit the jackpot September 23, when his wife presented him with twin daughters, and Frankie reports all he has seen of the peace dove is the bill.

Cyril "Little Fitch" Armitage won a prize at the I.O.D.E. Carnival (3 pair of nylons).

"Scotty" Ross bought doughnuts that night, must of been selling cheap.

We've just had our Bandroom painted (same colour as the cover of this magazine). Ordinance reports it took seventeen coats to cover up the dirt ---last painted in 1892 or thereabouts.

In the last issue of the "Falcon" we mentioned that it was our intention to present in that issue and subsequent issues a brief history of our Band members in the different instrumental groups which we proceeded to do but overlooked entirely our Bandmaster W.O.I Dobney. As Ab's main instrument is the cornet we will head off our cornet section with him.

Warrant Officer Dobney: has been with the 48th since his return from the First Great War in 1919 where he served as Bandmaster of the 31st Battalion and also the 2nd Brigade; was the Band Sergeant from 1932 to 1944 until Captain John Slatter's retirement when he received his present appointment as Director of Music of the Brass Band. Ab is on the Executive Board of the Musicians Union and in civilian life (if time permits) is engaged in the printing industry.

Sgt. Frank Locksley: Frank is our assistant Bandmaster and is an outstanding cornet soloist, being much in demand at various functions. Has been with the 48th for 27 years and has had wide experience as leader of two citizens Bands. Now it can be told, Frank served in France in the First Great War for 4 years with the Grey County Regiment and on his return to Canada celebrated his 18th birthday. Acknowledged the youngest soldier to enlist in the Canadian Army. Has won many medals and cups for his musicianship and works in Simpson's furniture dept.

Cpl. Russell Bertram: has been with the 48th for 12 years with the exception of the past war when he served as Band Sgt. with the R.C.A.S.C. Is in the printing trade also.

John Keene: another old timer, has been playing the cornet for over 45 years on a professional basis. He has some great stories to tell of his experiences at the Grand Princess & Star Theatres (anyone remember these legitimate Opera houses?). Does painting and Decorating between parade and practice nights.

Lloyd Cope: has been with the 48th 30 years, serving in both the Band and the Regiment. Has just recently returned after a bout of poor health. Is in the general contracting business.

Thomas Whiteside and Allan Moody: these two lads joined us back in the Spring and we gave their history etc. in the last issue of Thumbnaill Sketches.
 Frank Stevens, Joe Zeleny, Fred Daw, complete this section and we gave their history in preceding paragraphs.

We would like to express our Very Best Wishes and Greetings for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Officers, NCO's and Ranks.

Dileas Gu Brath
 Who's talking, sez you?
 Who else but-----
 THE BRASS BAND

UNNECESSARY REFINEMENTS

A lady went to buy a drinking trough for her dog. The shopkeeper asked her if she would like one with the inscription, "For the Dog." "It isn't necessary," she replied. "My husband never drinks water, and the dog can't read."

APPEARANCES

A woman was asked by the customs official at the landing post, "Anything to declare, madam?" "No," she replied sweetly, "nothing." "Then, madam," said the official, "am I to take it that the fur tail I see hanging down under your coat at the back is really your own?"

OLD COMRADES NEWS

Just a little news from your Club at 519 Church Street. Have you been down to see the work that has been done on the premises? Believe me, you'd never know the place - in case you have been unable to visit us, I know you will be pleased to know that your auditorium has been renovated to some extent. A new dance floor has been laid, indirect lighting applied, and also a brand new paint job. If you take a peek in here on a Saturday evening, the attendance speaks for itself. The Club should be patronized by all members - you will never regret it. It is something to be proud of fellah and we would appreciate it, if and when, you and your good lady are at a loss as to where to go and enjoy a real evening, you would drop down to you Club. A member is allowed to bring in one couple on the Ladies' nights and as you are aware of the fact, you are responsible for your guests.

The men's beverage room downstairs has been painted, the billiard room and The Pine Room have also been decorated. The Memorial Room has been decorated and neatly furnished. All in all, the appearance of the Club is something you would enjoy and appreciate. Come down and have a look for yourself, huh? By the way, did you get down to the Memorial Dinner on November 11th? If you didn't, you really missed something. Without a doubt, it was a huge success. The boys behaved like honest-to-God gentlemen. The response to a hard working committee was gratifying 100% and we feel that everybody left the Club tickled to death that they were there. Our guest of honour was

Lt. Col. J. R. O. Counsell, DSO, and of course, his remarks were right up our alley. Guests at the head table were as follows: Padre Cameron, Brigadier Gagnon, Brigadier Haldenby, Col. Marshall, Lt. Col. George, Controller Jock Innes, Padre S. B. East. A lovely turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, was served to approximately 485 people and, brother, that's a chore. Entertainment followed the after-dinner speeches, which were short and sweet, and same was enjoyed by all those present. It was a real bang-up affair, and the success of it was largely due to the cooperation received from the members of the Committee, the management and staff, the caterers and all those who attended. We do hope that next year, this affair will be bigger and better. The service at the Monument in Queen's Park was well attended by ex-members of the Regiment. It was cold, but that didn't stop the boys from turning out, and printing indelibly on the minds of others that we shall not forget! On behalf of your president and executive members thanks for a job well done. Before I close, remember to fill in your cards which you will be receiving soon, regarding the Kiddies Christmas Tree Party to be held on December 23/50. We would appreciate it if these cards could be completed and returned to the secretary by December 15, at least. This will give your committee a break to assure the kiddies of something from the Old Comrades' Santa Claus. Don't let the kiddies down will you? I would be remiss in my duty as secretary not to mention to you our Nomination Meeting to be held in December. This meeting should be attended by all members of this Association so please make a note of it now.

Are you receiving your monthly bulletin from the Club? If not, please contact the secretary or the manager, and let us know. We will try to adjust the situation. Remember too, should you change your address, and not notify your Club, you cannot expect to receive any notifications whatsoever. You do your part and we'll try and do ours, pal. Well, boys, that's all the news for now. Cheerio.

Next May is a great month for The Regiment. We celebrate our Diamond Jubilee -- sixty years of service for King and Country. During those years the successive officers and men serving in the 48th Highlanders have added immeasurably to the ideals and reputation of the Regiment. During war and peace the work of service has continued with sacrifice, suffering, courage, heroism and devotion to duty. Some men have gained honourable recognition, many have served in the ordinary, every-day ways which characterize most soldiers' work. Honour and recognition is due to all for "all service ranks the same with God." The brotherhood of those who have fought for the right should be cherished as one of the finest possessions of life. The re-union on our sixtieth anniversary will help us to honour those who have gone before us and to bind more closely the ties which unite us to each other and to the principles of freedom and justice for which we, as citizens of The Dominion and The Empire, stand.