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### Editorial:

#### Tradition and The Regiment

The history of The 46th is replete with deeds of courage, determination, suffering and genuine heroism. Very few regiments in any army have a more illustrious past. Those which have are fortunate in having a longer period of time of service in which to build up a tradition. Compared with some regiments in The British Army, for instance, ours is young. But during all its years, since its formation in 1881, The 46th has been adding continually to its high reputation and good name.

Tradition can be stuffy and hampering if it be not used properly. The best of the past should be like a foundation upon which the present and the future structure of character and service is built. The deeds of great men can be an example and a real inspiration to those who carry on the regiment's work and service now. Those who try to scrap the social and political achievements of the past are treading on exceedingly insecure ground. They are fools to say the least. The inspiration and guidance of past accomplishments, progress and sacrifice are essential if we are to serve well.

The service of our regiment during three wars has been of a high order. But its service spreads over into the peace-time periods as well. It's harder to see that in those times service is as valuable as in war-time. There isn't the glamour attached to it; there isn't the same intensity of hard work and painful sacrifice required. Nevertheless, in our imperfect world, preparedness for whatever may happen by way of threat to our cherished freedom is a wise and necessary service to our country and to human welfare.

In both times, war and peace, the tradition of The 46th is invaluable. The regiment always has been marked by discipline, order, dignity and loyalty to King and Country. Those qualities are vitally necessary now when, both within Canada and outside, there is an organized, vicious enemy to human freedom and welfare. Every bit of service we render, recognized or unseen, is adding to our tradition and contributing to the bulwarks of freedom and justice and peace. Every time a soldier takes his place in the ranks, every time he obeys an order, every time he does what seems plain slogging he is adding to the tradition and doing his bit for the highest and best interests of free men everywhere.

Be grateful, proud and at the same time humble in the thought of our tradition -- grateful for strong men who have showed us the way, proud to be given the opportunity to continue their service and humble in realizing that none of us can play a one-man game; that all must cooperate and work together in close team-play for the tradition to be enriched and increased.

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It is our intention to present in each issue of The Falcon articles which indicate something of the cultural heritage of those who, in The 48th, are continuing The Scottish Tradition. In this issue Mr. Len. Falkner has provided us with an excellent and enlightening example of and article on "Celtic Art." We also reprint from "The Baker Blurb" a valuable article on "The Gordon Highlanders" with which The 48th is honoured in being affiliated. We hope to be able to print from time to time interesting articles on the histories of Scottish Regiments in The Canadian Army. If you have information of value and interest along these lines we should be glad to receive them at any time.

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It is unfortunate that some of the companies and regimental units are not represented in this issue because the correspondents and contributors failed to have their "copy" in the hands of the Editor by the specified date of May 15. All "copy" mailed to The Editor, at 110 Hepburne St., Toronto 4, before the specified date each quarter will be printed. Cooperation is essential for a successful Falcon every issue.

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A correction of an item in our last issue is necessary. "D" Company did not receive sweaters from The 48th Old Comrades Association. The sweaters were the generous gift of The 48th I.O.D.E. Chapter. This organization of devoted women is constantly working for the welfare of the men in the regiment as well as for their families. Their work of service and mercy never ends as indicated to some extent by Mrs. Nailer's article in the present issue. Every man in the regiment benefits by this wonderful self-sacrificing service and we should be constantly grateful to those who give time, talents and energy to the welfare of all the men and their dependents.

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Jock was the rawest of raw recruits. In the first week he lost his rifle. "Twenty-eight days detention and five bob a week off your pay until it's paid for," snapped the sergeant. "Ye mean I gotta buy th' army a new rifle?" "Yes," said the sergeant, "and be thankful it was'n a tank." "Noo," groaned Jock, "noo I ken hoo a Captain prefers t' gae doon wi' his ship."

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We are sorry to lose from the regiment and the post of Assistant Editor Lt. J. Cowan whose skilled, tactful work and devotion to the job has been a large factor in the success of The Falcon. Jim has been transferred to the wild westes of Northern Ontario and is expected to make a big "strike" through the mining contacts and interests he is building up. We wish him the very best of everything and hope he returns soon.

THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS"The Gay Gordons"

Every regiment in the Army has its own particular niche in military history, but the Gordon Highlanders have a distinction that cannot be claimed by any other regiment. That distinction is association with a ghost.

The 1st Bn. of the Regiment was raised in 1787 by the Duke of Gordon and was then known as the "75th Foot." It was formed from the Duke's own clansmen and, according to legend, a guinea and a kiss were given to each recruit by the Duchess, a woman of remarkable beauty. Whether that is true or not, the Regiment was raised with amazing rapidity. After her death, the memory of the Duchess was carefully preserved. She, in her turn, is said to keep eternal watch over the Regiment, the ghost of a weeping woman with long, fair hair appearing over her grave whenever the Gordon Highlanders are threatened with danger. The ghost is said to have been seen before the battle of Magersfontein, when the Regiment suffered tremendous losses.

It is not many years since the land in which the Duchess lies buried came up for sale, and officers of the Gordon Highlanders subscribed the money to buy, for the Regiment, that portion containing her grave.

Seven years after the formation of the 1st Bn., the 2nd Bn. was raised by the Marquess of Huntley, and soon became known as the "92nd Foot". The two Battalions were amalgamated in 1881.

The Regimental badge shows the crest of the Marquess of Huntley within a wreath of ivy, and the motto "Bydand" (Watchful). There is also the Royal Tiger, superscribed "India", and the Sphinx, superscribed "Egypt". Those references to the Regiment's history are amplified in its battle honours, which include Mysore, Srirangapatam, Almeraz, Vittoria, Waterloo, Delhi 1857, Lucknow, Kandahar, Afghanistan 1878-80, Nile 1884-5, and the defence of Ladysmith.

In the Great War, in which 21 Battalions of the Regiment served, the "Gay Gordons" fought at Mons, Le Cateau, The Marne 1914, Ypres 1914, '15 and '17, Loos, Somme 1916 and '18, Amiens 1916, Arras 1917 and '18, Cambrai 1917 and '18, and Vittoria Veneto.

Among the Regiment's famous deeds was the great stirrup charge with the Royal Scots Greys at Waterloo. Men of the Gordons dashed into action clinging to the stirrups of the cavalry. Another famous episode occurred in 1813, when the Gordons were being attacked in the Pyrenees by French troops under Marshal Ney. The Highlanders had lost 400 men in withstanding four charges by the French, but at the end of ten hours their ranks were still unbroken. They were then relieved, and were ordered to retire, but the Piper-Major stepped out in front of the Gordons, tucked the Bagpipes under his arm and began to play that thrilling air "Haulds of Comdale". Instead of retiring, the Gordons charged, and drove the French back more than a mile.

That air, however, is not the Regimental tune. The Gordons now march to two Regimental airs--"Cock O' the North" and "Highland Laddie". Their jaunty step and their traditional association with the beautiful Duchess of Gordon are responsible for the Regimental Nickname of the "Gay Gordons".

Men of the Regiment are believed to have helped to carry the dying General, Sir John Moore, off the field at Corunna, and to this day the officers of the Gordons wear a black thread in their gold lace to commemorate Moore's death.

When the two Bns., were amalgamated, men of the old 92nd, the 2nd Bn. regarded the merger with such deep feeling that they buried their Regimental number with full military honours. Next morning, however, according to a legend, a stone appeared over the grave bearing the inscription "Ninety Two, not dead yet".

Men of the Gordons won many honours in the Great war, but there is no prouder day in the Regiment's history than October 19, 1897, when two V.C.'s were won in the attack on Dargai Heights, North West Frontier of India.

An interesting ceremony connected with the Regiment took place in 1935 when its Colonel, Sir Ian Hamilton, went to Germany to take over, on behalf of the Gordons, the Regimental drums which had been left at Ostend in 1914. They were returned by the German Army.

The colorful history and proud traditions of the Gordon Highlanders--the "Gay Gordons"--fill a unique and imperishable niche in Britain's military story.

### Highland Regiments in The British Army

Originally, units bearing the name of Highlanders were Scottish Reg'ts. in the British Army. Previous to 1881, the term designated the Regiments of foot soldiers in the British Army who wore the old Highland costume, each with its own distinctive tartan. These were the 42nd, 71st, 72nd, 74th, 78th, 79th, 92nd, and 93rd Regiments. In 1881 a reorganization of Regiments took place, the numerical designation of the Foot Regiments was dropped, and the Battalions were linked. The following is a list of the Highland Regiments.

| <u>ORIGINAL TITLE</u>                      | <u>DATE FORMED</u> | <u>PRESENT TITLE</u>               |
|--|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Black Watch                                | 1666               | Royal Highlanders                  |
| Ross-shire Buffs<br>(Duke of Albany's)     | 1777               | Seaforth Highlanders               |
| Cameron Highlanders                        | 1805               | Cameron Highlanders                |
| Gordon Highlanders                         | 1787               | Gordon Highlanders                 |
| Sutherland Highlanders                     | 1800               | Argyll & Sutherland<br>Highlanders |
| Other Scottish Regiments (Lowlanders) are: |                    |                                    |
| Cameronians                                | 1686               | Scottish Rifles                    |
| The Douglas Regiment                       | 1660               | Royal Scots                        |
| Scots Fusilier Guards                      | 1660               | Scots Fusiliers                    |
| 71st Highlanders                           | 1771               | Highland Light Infantry            |
| Borderers                                  | 1792               | King's Own Scottish<br>Borderers   |

A harassed husband never seemed to be able to please his complaining wife. On their wedding anniversary she bought him two ties, one green, the other yellow. He thanked her profusely, but she sighed: "Well, I guess you don't like my gift."  
"But, darling, I do. I'm mad about them. I'll prove it to you."  
He removed the tie he was wearing, put on the yellow tie and beamed: "There."  
His wife looked at him sadly and sighed: "Don't like green, eh?"



"By a chain of religious, political, and many other circumstances, the methods of the construction of the great art of the Celtic peoples of Britain and Ireland, and particularly that of the Pietish school of Celtic Art, have been literally kept in cold storage from the ninth century of the Christian era until now.

The few remaining evidences of this great art, the ornamental cross-slabstones of East Britian, from Durham to Orkney and Shetland, and the counterparts of their ornaments in the Books of Darrow, Kells, Lindisfarne, St.Chad, the Tara Brooch, the Hunterston Brooch, the Ardagh Chalice, and other masterpieces of the art of the Celtic canvas, scribes, and jewellers, have been known to and admired by the whole civilized world from time immemorial. But the knowledge of the unique mathematical and hidden methods of construction that produced their beautiful and intricate rhythmic ornaments have remained unknown until the works of J. Romilly Allen sent the author on this most engrossing Quest".

The above is the opening paragraph in a chapter on the subject by George Bain, and printed in a 1947 edition of Scotland's "S.M.T." Magazine.

George Bain is the founder and principal of the College of Celtic Cultures at Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire. The motto of which is: "To serve your community is to serve God." He has made it possible for young and inexperienced people, as well as art students, to follow the ancient patterns and create new ones in the Celtic tradition.

## THE I.O.D.E.

How many of you know about the welfare work which is done by your women's auxiliary, the 48th Highlanders' Chapter, I.O.D.E.? Welfare work goes on always, peace or war. Some years there are very few calls, other years there are many.

During the past year emergency relief in the form of food, clothing, bedding and fuel was given to fourteen families; drugs were sent to a tuberculous child and layettes, made by the chapter members, were given to families who needed them. A cot is maintained yearly at the Preventorium. Twice yearly large donations are made to the Neighbourhood Workers' Association to be used for Bolton Camp and the Christmas Exchange. Last year thirty people with regimental connections were at Bolton camp and twelve families received Christmas baskets.

All hospitalized veterans of the regiment are visited monthly by Chapter members and are given cigarettes. At Christmas one hundred cigarettes and a new \$1.00 bill are given to each of these men. Welfare funds also cover the cost of placing memorial wreaths on the 48th Highlanders cenotaph and in the Armouries.

As a member of the I.O.D.E., we have commitments outside the regiment. To our adopted school in Northern Ontario we send gifts and good used clothing. Now and used clothing is sent overseas through the facilities of the I.O.D.E. shipping fund to which we contribute annually. The new clothing is made by Chapter members in the workrooms.

The calls made on us are many and varied. We are asked to spend our money, our time and occasionally, our energy -- as on Poppy Day. Members and their friends cover a large downtown area that day but the work that is necessary and the effort put into it are always repaid when year after year our collection is the largest turned in to the Poppy Fund.

Assistance is not limited to members of the Chapter but is available to anyone who has been a member of the regiment for six months or longer. Our work is done with the cooperation of well known social agencies whose trained workers are always at our service and without whose help we would find our work most difficult. If you need assistance or know of anyone who does, call the welfare conveners whose names may be obtained from your orderly room or at the Memorial Hall. Each case is dealt with separately and no names are mentioned in our reports, so do not hesitate to call.

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One of the requirements of the establishment of an equitable peace in the post war world is the organizing of an effective police force composed of the armies of the nations desiring peace working cooperatively. It is the essence of policing that every one who is to be policed and share the benefits of the policing system should make his appropriate contribution to the maintenance of the force. This is the rule in democratic countries, where under the common law it is the duty of every citizen to assist the police in the execution of their duty. Clearly it is a principle which should also be applied internationally when the world, and especially Europe, has recovered or, at least, partially recovered from the effects of war.

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RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The main purpose of a rifle Association, operating under the direction of Dept. of National Defence, is to promote rifle shooting within the regiment. Many units are not strong enough to form an association of their own so we are permitted to "sign up" any member, or ex-member who applies. The annual fee is \$7.00.

And again, may I emphasize, the membership to 48th regimental personnel is \$0.00--free for nothing. This covers the use of targets, ammunition and a rifle issued by the Quartermaster under Bond. However, members must sign the roll and get a card from V. Thompson, when they can meet at the ranges.

We have received donations equal to fees from active members to assist in prizes and markers for which we are very grateful.

Watch out for the service rifle competitions.

The best preparation takes the most prizes.

Join your Rifle Club.

At present, as always, we are the strongest regimental rifle association in Canada. Even so, we are very short of junior shots as compared with other years.

Every Canadian Bisley Team since 1900 has had anywhere from one to five 48th representatives on it. Many of those good shots have passed on, and for the sake of the regiment we must build rifle teams with young men each year to carry on this tradition.

The most coveted of all, "The King's Prize", at Bisley was won by the late Pte. W. (Bill) Hawkins in 1913 and also by, then Pte. now Major, D. T. Burke in 1924. Major (Doc) Burke has won the King's Medal, service conditions shooting at Ottawa, seven times. Lt. Gilmore Bea won it in 1949. Lt. Bea has made the Bisley team more times than any man in Canada. C.S.M. Geo. Emslie, M.M., has been on the Bisley team fourteen times and made the King's Hundred eight times. The Governor General's Prize at Ottawa has been won by Pte. Beade, Sgt. H. Ashling, C.S.M. Geo. Emslie, M.M., and Lt. G. Bea. Most of these chaps you will meet during the early summer.

The 1950 Bisley team sails on June 13, in which we are represented by Major D. T. Burke, Major R.D. McLeod and Lt. D.O. White, and don't forget the Adjutant, Capt. Guy F. Mackenzie.

The Bea brothers also made the team but cannot spare the time to go.

An ex-member of the old 92nd Btn., Harold Wall, will be representing another unit.

A great amount of credit for promoting shooting in the Regiment over a number of years belongs to Capt. (Stew.) Graham who has been with the regiment since 1910 and is still assisting young fellows who take the game seriously to improve their shooting.

During the winter months we have had a representative in attendance on the miniature range every Saturday afternoon for the convenience of members and personnel of the regiment. Cold as it was down there many members availed themselves of the very necessary practice to prepare for .303 shooting at Long Branch.

The ranges at Long Branch will be available every Saturday afternoon, 1 o'clock on until July 22. Once again we bring to your attention the Service Rifle Matches for Active Units and Reserve. This competition is keenly contested and the soldier with the best preparation takes the most prizes.



The officers for 1950 are:

Guy F. Mackenzie Pres.  
 Lon. J. Falkner Vice Pres.  
 M.V. (Vic) Thompson Sec. Treas.

Committee

Lloyd Walker  
 William Young  
 George Benton  
 A. B. Young.

She murmured blushing, "My dear, Bill proposed to me last night".  
 "Congratulations, darling," purred her friend, "He does it so beautifully doesn't he?"

CHARLIE CHATTER

Since the last issue of The Falcon, we in Charlie Coy have lost two staunch supporters, Ptes. Josh Hodgson and Tommy McKay. These two men are primarily responsible for the smart appearance of our Orderly Room. They were given able assistance by Sgt. Dunc MacArthur, Pipe Major Fraser and others.

The instruction and training in the profession of soldiery, received while in the 48th ("C" Coy), made them decide to "go active". The best of everything, boys, and show the Royal Canadian School of Infantry how it is done.

Through the Regimental grape-vine we hear that a certain Major made a bet (No gambling in the Army - Sec.??, LR (Can)), about attendance. Might as well cough up now Mister, because Charlie Coy, first in most things (as usual), came up with 100% attendance on Friday, April 28.

While we are on the subject of attendance, regardez (French for look), those dry Friday night sermons we've become so tired of are beginning to pay off. CSM Clarke has a one-track mind when it comes to attendance--everyone out every night, or else. Giving credit where credit is due, we must thank CSM Clarke and our officers for putting us on the "top of the hit parade", and, believe it or not, they are fighting among themselves for the privilege (?) of lecturing us.

In the last issue of The Falcon, under "Current Events", Support Coy was credited with second place in the obstacle race on last Open House Night. We wish to take exception to this claim and point out that it was Charlie Coy that came in second, not Support Coy.

Many in the 48th heard a massed pipe-band for the first time when the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders visited our armouries three weeks ago, but we were very disappointed when the Argylls were not given the floor and permitted to show their stuff. We were



also disappointed to note that there wasn't a mad dash of "bodies" to the BOR to sign on the dotted line. If music like that won't make you don the kilt, nothing will.

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It was a very agreeable change for Charlie Coy to lead the first route march of the season--another first. It's funny, but you never feel the cold up front, maybe because we're red hot right now. Let's keep that way, oh fellows.

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Two more of our boys, Ptes. MacIntosh and Adamson, have signed Navy applications. Lieut. Reid, on finding this out, gave them some very sound advice, but censorship regulations forbid us divulging details.

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Now that we've reorganized our Company Association and the dues collecting system, let's get behind and push. Here are the results of the election of officers: President - Pte. A.K. Anderson, Treasurer - Cpl. Len Soper, Secretary - Cpl. Jack Saunders. Sgt. Trent, recently promoted from Baker Company, is special adviser.

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"C" Company with a turn-out of 92 per cent led our Annual Church Parade this year. Being up front with the Bands certainly has its points--especially for keeping in step.

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We opened this column by losing two men, so we'll close by gaining five (good business, that). Welcome Ptes. Hardy, Phalon, Power, Pressley and Tanner.

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That's all for now folks.....

Your Correspondent

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Sergeant, confidentially.: "You know I'm not such a bad sort. Every night I go over all the hard things I've said during the day, before I go to sleep."

Private: "Then do you sleep?"

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Artless Appraisal: With my brother, a war veteran, I was visiting the National Gallery in Washington. Both of us admired Renoir's beautiful painting of the nude Diana and the deer which she has just slain. I moved on, but my brother continued to stand meditatively in front of Diana. A little embarrassed, I wondered if people would notice how long he had been staring at the nude. At last he turned from it to say thoughtfully, "You know that arrow would never have killed that deer."

THE BRASS BAND

We haven't had much recognition or say in "The Falcon" to date (our own fault), so herewith we are giving out with the happenings in and around the Brass Band.

PROMOTIONS

Corporal Jack Breech is now Band Sergeant--Jack is our popular snare drummer. The best drummer in Canadian Army Bands according to Major Streeter (Inspector of Canadian Army Bands) at least on the roll in "God Save the King". Celebrated his promotion by dropping a 200 lb. tank on his foot and has been laid up since.

Bdsman. Allen Wood is also a Sergeant. Allen is the lad on the double B bass. He further celebrated his promotion by being appointed Bandmaster of the Metropolitan Senior Church Band (the outstanding Church Band in Canada).

Bdsman. Russell Bertram is now our Corporal and (where's my pencil?) marker of our attendance book. Russ lives in the country and amazes the boys by coming to parades direct from his employment, waits until the Markers bugle's sounded and then dresses also shines his brass and blackens his boots and is first on parade at the fall-in. Russ was the Band Sergeant with the R.C.A.B.C. Band during the war and is a splendid Cornetist.

-----Well selected W.O.I. Dobney.-----

The Brass Boys are really 100% for our NCO's and this also includes the old standby Sergeant Frank Lockeloy who recently attended two parades in a row (no pun intended Frank we know you are quite busy with all your musical activities) but we really didn't get it when you recently mentioned you caught a cold EVERY Monday practice night from that open window.

ONE OF THE GREATEST LABOR SAVING DEVICES OF TODAY  
IS TOMORROW

THE BRASS BAND'S OF OUR NEW BOYS

KENNETH ALLAN--one of our youngest and newest members--Ken is an outstanding Trombone soloist. Has played in the Metropolitan Junior & Senior Band and has done orchestral and symphony work. Ken is currently an apprentice in the printing trade.

HARRY WISEMAN--also on trombone, is Ken's shadow--or is it the other way round boys? Has played in the Metropolitan Junior and Senior Band and has done orchestral and symphony work. Harry is a tailor and if you need any buttons sewed on or socks mended see him.

ALLAN MOODY--on cornet and is the third member of the Metropolitan trio (note "Danny Boy"--we cry for the week between parades after listening to this rendition). Al teaches readin', writin', rith-metic' at Cosburn School so watch your P's and Q's when Al's around.

PHILLIP ROSS--or "Scotty" as we know him better has just been in Canada two years, coming direct to us from Glasgow. Phil is a clarinetist and has played in Glasgow with the Highland Light Infantry Band, Springburn Military Band and the Knightswood Symphony Orchestra. On settling in Toronto, Scotty was with the Vaughan Road Orchestra before we rescued him. He is a carpenter and is currently engaged in building homes. We don't know how he did it so quickly but he latched on to a beautiful Canadian girl Marjory Graydon whom he married on March 31st, and at the time of writing, Scotty is still confused.

THOMAS WHITESIDE--or "Irish" as we know him better has also just been in Canada a little over two years coming direct to us from Belfast--Tom is on cornet and in Belfast he was Captain of the Agnes St. Wilver Band, Irish champions for five years. He also held the Irish championship for cornet for three years. Has done considerable playing on the B.B.C. On coming to Canada Tommy temporarily gave up the cornet to take up singing (tenor) with very good success. Unfortunately at the moment he is unemployed but we hope not for long as he too has also lassoed a Canadian Lassic and is patiently waiting for enough dough to tie the knot.

ALLAN WOOD--"Woody" is on the big Bb bass. Was with the RCAF Band at Rockcliffe and also served overseas at London, England, with the RCAF 1st Command Band. A tailor in private life and also the only known Canadian to play his horn with a broken finger suffered while trying to catch a seven year old lad's pitches in baseball.

DON COLAQUETTE--Don comes to us direct from the Alliston Citizens Band. He is on clarinet, but is also adept on the tenor saxophone. Studied for three years under Michael Angelo. Don is currently working as a grease monkey awaiting a call from the Royal Canadian Navy in which he expects to make his career as a Stoker Mechanic.

ROSS MORGAN--or "Blondy" is also on clarinet. He can as well "give out" on the tenor saxophone. Has done considerable dance work with Horace Lapp's orchestra and also led the "Red Morgan Trio", although he is a definite blonde. Served through the past war as a "DEMS" Gunner. Has been all around the world with the R.C. Navy, and among his row of medals has both the PACIFIC & ATLANTIC STARS. Recently married, Blondy has given up the dance work at least temporarily to put his best into the brass band. Currently with Imperial Oil as their ace oil burner mechanic, he is as well an outstanding athlete having played with some of the big teams in both Rugby and Lacrosse.

EDWARD CARTER--W.O. Dobney really hit the jackpot when he was able to obtain the services of this outstanding musician as our solo clarinetist. Eddie is originally from Huntsville having played with the now famous Anglo Canadian Concert Band from that town. On locating in Toronto, was with the old Toronto Concert Band. Has done considerable symphony work and is on the C.B.C. with Caesar Borre. He plays both Eb & Bb clarinet with equal skill and in private life is employed with the T.F.C. in the treasury department. IVAN LANGDON--Ivan is on the baritone with the band although he is equally at home with either the cornet or trombone. Began his musical career with the Salvation Army Dovecourt Band on trombone. Served through the past war with the Auxiliary Services and holds among his medals the Italy Star. Has been with the 7th Anti Tank R.C.A., 15th General Hospital, and the Ontario Regiment. Played and organized through the war years concert and dance bands. Is currently employed with The Post Office Department.

MAKE YOUR MONEY FIRST--THEN TRY TO LOSE IT LAST

DID YOU KNOW???

That the Parks Committee of the City of Toronto have approved that 30 Band Concerts be held in city parks this summer. Complete schedules are available at the City Hall but the outstanding concerts in this series will be given by you know what outstanding Band on:

June 12 at Alexandria Park 8.30 pm  
 July 5th at Eglinton Park 8.30 pm  
 July 29th at Danless Park 8.30 pm ?

Come and bring the kids and hear for yourself.

That your Band will be at Sunnybrook Hospital on June 8th and August 3rd?

That if you missed us on parade May 19 we were up at the Gardens helping the Girl Guides put over their show, and on June 16 at the Highland Games out at the Woodbine Race Track?

That your Band is honored as being appointed Duty Band at the Garrison Church Parade June 4?

That your Band is going to Picton, Ont. on July 1 to help the Picton Driving Club put over its Annual Show?

That last Christmas saw our Harmony Quartette complete its 24th consecutive year playing for the Carol singing at Simpsons? This group comprises W.O.L. Dobney, Sgt. Looksloy, Edsmen. Tibbitts and Blackwell, along with Sgt. Breach on the chimas, filling in the past few years.

That our newest recruit Len Allen has won 5 firsts and a 150 Scholarship at the Kiwanis Musical Festivals, all on trombone?

That at the recent Kiwanis Festival your band colleagues as follows won:

Ken Allen 1st on trombone  
 Al Wood, Bandmaster of Metropolitan Junior Band, 1st  
 Edsmen. Allen, Wiseman, Moody, 1st in Brass Quartette  
 Tom Whiteside (tenor soloist) 2nd for opera La Boheme  
 1st for Messiah  
 3rd for English Song ?

That "Windy" Verog our 684 "Clarinetist" who has a combination grocery & meat store in North York recently had a phone call as follows: Customer - "How much is sugar?" Ans. "10¢ a lb. Madam." Customer:- "It's the same price as in all the super markets & chain stores?" Ans. "Yes, that is correct Madam." Customer - "Well then, please deliver me a lb. I didn't want to bother carrying it from the chain store when I can get delivered from you at the same price."

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED TRY A LITTLE ARDOR!

THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: Scotty what happened to the feather in your Clengerry? It's only since your marriage its been in that condition.

Jack Colman--He didn't know there was that kind of money in painting and decorating, that enabled you to go South (Florida for a month--He will sure have to watch Johnnie Leone & Lloyd Cope--or don't they know the secret)?

If East York will ever return to a normal, peaceful, progressive community now that Harry McMahon lives there. Honestly Harry, is it true that you turned down the "REVERSE" because they wanted you to coach the Rugby Team.

When Jim Bates is going to learn to drive that Monarch Super Deluxe Sedan, whereby he has to take the garage doors off every night he lets his nephew have it, and waits up half the night to put the doors back on.

YOU CAN NEVER TELL ABOUT A WOMAN, AND IF YOU CAN, YOU SHOULDN'T

Have you noticed that at last we have a Clarinet section-- 7 of them--and they all attend parades fairly regularly, and incidentally, Colonel George, it was a clarinetist who cut through the parade on April 14? We are sorry, Sir, but it was the boys' anxiety to get on parade--did you notice he came in a taxi? We hope it will not happen again and we are sure it won't as we fined Don a new reed for each of the other "GOD STICKERS", and to a Scotchman it hurts through the pocket-book.

We are slowly being outfitted with complete new uniforms (Scarlet Doublets). Thank you Band President & Committee.

Aside to Sgt. Major Dobney-----He sure are sorry that we nearly scuttled the boat in "Sailing Down the River" at the ball game and also, Sir, he being that bar late in the Chimes in the "Church Call" at Church Parade April 30th.--well we had some strangers along--enough said!

Did you hear that our former librarian Lloyd "Boiler Factory" Cope was very nearly asphyxiated in an industrial project recently? Come, come Cope we know you wanted stripes but didn't think you would take it that hard.

It is our intention in this and subsequent issues to give The Falcon readers a brief resume and history of our Band members in the different instrumental groups. For this issue we present our:

#### TROMBONE SECTION

WILLIAM CROFT--Bill is now completing his 38th year with the Highlanders. Has been on all the tours the band has taken in that time. He is still much in demand and in the past has done considerable work with dance, shows, symphony and circus, as well as Brass bands on the trombone. When he has any time Bill is a cutter in the clothing trade.

THOMAS BLACKWELL--or "Yes Please" as we know him has been with the band 15 years. He too has and still does considerable work with dance, shows, symphony, circus etc. Toured from coast to coast with "Birth of A Nation". Began his career as a Bugle Boy in the South Staffords (Warwickshire) at the age of 13. He too, when time permits, is a cutter in the clothing industry--specializing in ties--Here fellows is the Guy that makes those ties your In-Laws and Relatives give you --that you never wear!

WILLIAM BROWN--Bill started his musical career with the Aurora Citizens Band. Has been with our band for several years and is a most useful member. He is with the Canadian Brewers' Transport and was awarded the 5 year Safety Shield for accident-free and courteous driving. So you see boys how Bill is making sure your "SUDS" reach you intact and on time.

To complete this section we also have Kenneth Allen & Harry Wiseman about whom we told you all in the thumbnail sketches of the new boys.

And also presenting our:

#### UCONIONS AND BARITONES

FREDERICK ROID--Fred is our soloist in this section. During the war he was with the RCMP in the Rockcliffe Band with the rank of Corporal.

Received his training with the Salvation Army and still plays with them quite frequently. Recently left the Civic Service to become a buyer for a musical instrument house.

JAES MELCH--Jimmie was with the R.C.A.M.C. during the past war. Received his early training in music with the Kiwanis Club. Is also quite proficient on the trombone. He is our Librarian and is in the sash and door business when not sorting out our music.

AMIEUR TIERSTES--Art has been with bands for 43 years, 35 of them with the Highlanders. Has been on the tours with the old original band and recently was made a life member of the Musicians Union. "Tibby" is an Electrician at the head office of the T.T.C. Tells us that very shortly he is retiring and is going to England to reside. Completing this section is IVAN LANGDON about whom we told you in the sketches of the new boys.

SOME FELLOWS DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'RE LIQUID--THE REST ARE MARRIED

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ---

About the springtime of the year that starts the sap rising in a fellow's system. Winter worries are forgotten. Enthusiasm is renewed.

And speaking of enthusiasm we're reminded that the first prize went to a galloping guy by the name of Paul Rovero. You know he was so enthusiastic about horses, he'd get up at midnight to ride. What a marvelous movie star he would have made!

I'm not what you might call particularly enthusiastic about horses. As a little lad I was kicked by one when I bent over to pick a four leaf clover.

Incidentally your Band will be in attendance at the Races at the Woodbine, May 27 and at Thorncliffe on June 3, and no doubt we will have Harry and Frank scabbing the job -- BOYS WILL YOU NEVER LEARN -- YOU CAN'T BEAT THEM!!

THE GOOD OLD DAYS WERE THOSE WHEN OUR GOVERNMENT LIVED WITHIN ITS INCOME--AND WITHOUT MOST OF OURS

#### THE SERGEANTS' MESS

The versatility of the C.M.Stores staff was never better demonstrated than on Exercise Brindale. Not only did they outfit and feed the troops but when emergency demanded they proved their worth as firefighters. True enough, the fire was out by the time they arrived on the scene but the staff certainly deserved credit for a good try. Earlier in the day their zeal led them into no-men's-land. Their nerves of steel unaffected they placidly washed dishes while battle raged around them.

#### Congratulations to:

CQ'S Hood for the splendid trophy he won at the Queen's Own Shoot.

Pipe Sergeant Dewar, whose picture adorns an article on the bagpipe appearing in May 15th Mclean's.

Sgt. MacMillan on the occasion of his coming out party. He looks undressed without that cast.

The intrepid team who defeated the Ontario Regiment in that most daring of all competitive sports: Tip-it.

Our Cribbage Team, who won the Trophy from the Toronto Scottish - again!

OFFICERS MESS

One need only glance at the quarterly mess bills to see that we have not suffered from boredom since the first of the year.

Since the close of the Baseball League, we have endeavored to keep in the same fit physical condition and have managed to keep the kinks out of our elbows and limbs. This was proven when we naturally defeated the Sgts.' Mess in a tug-of-war and stood up under their "fluid" hospitality while being entertained in their Mess when celebrating our winning of the McGregor Trophy earlier in 1949.

We welcome two new officers to the Mess, Jim Chisholm and "Ace" Grant. Jim commutes from the fair town of Oakville on a rather dubious motorcycle to the Bank of Commerce daily. Because "Ace" survived his first mess bill, we cannot help but feel he does work at something. In fact it is rumored that anything from an ironing-board to a new automobile may be purchased through Mr. Grant.

The annual Ex-Officers' Dinner on April 29th was a tremendous success, forming a reunion of friends that no active or ex-officer could afford to miss (much to the delight of The Syd Silver Costume Co.). After a very enjoyable dinner a Toast was made by Lt. Col. Sinclair to the Regiment and followed by a speech made by the Hon. Lt. Col. E. R. Marshal, who due to his business ties has been unable to be with us as often as we would like.

Brig. Haldenby gave a brief outline of the plans for the Regiment's Diamond Jubilee which is to take place in 1951, an occasion which few other men heading a committee could organize as well as he. We cannot forget the work he did in redecorating our Mess, and know that the Jubilee will be another of his successes.

Brig. Johnston shocked the gathering by referring to himself as a "has been" and classing himself as a civilian. We will accept the term "civilian" with some reserve, but hope he will never forget he is still a Highlander and that the Mess still has the finest stewards in the city.

Early in March we were forced to bid farewell to Jim Cowan due to his work taking him to the far north. His presence both with his friends in the Mess and in Support Coy is greatly missed. We learned however on his visit to the city for the Ex-Officers' dinner that we can expect to see him for training at Petawawa this summer.

The Cock O' the North baseball game took on a new look this year, with the 48th Officers arrayed in costumes ranging from long winter underwear to tartan riding pants. The R.R.L.I. played on however and managed to carry the 51 year old bird back to Hamilton with them.

SUPPORT REPORTS:

That Major Douglas had a seven and one-half pound baby boy while his wife had her appendix removed.

That Al Lattrell and Lenny Rose each received their well earned promotions.

That Corporal C.R. Gillhaume who is one of the very few full fledged mechanics in the battalion has gone into business for himself. Roy now owns and operates the Reliance Gas Station at Shepard and Dufferin, he is specializing in repairs to all makes of cars. Let's all give Roy a helping hand.

That Gene Kelloy's wife presented him with a five and one-half pound bouncing baby boy.



That it would like to wish George Kelley all kinds of luck on his pending operation.

That it would like to congratulate Bob Howard and Barb Peak on their recent engagement.

That Al Luttrell became the proud father of a seven and one-half pound baby boy. Only three more, Al, and Anti-Tank will have another gun crew.

### BATTALION BRIC-A-BRAC

#### Command Confused

Who is the officer in Support Company who ran to the top of a hill and shouted "Fire"? He was immediately met with a volley from six pounders, mortars, and rifles instead of a bucket brigade.

#### Strong Opposition

It is reported that on Sunday, May 7, No. 1 Platoon met with strong enemy opposition on a certain farm. Burning Question: "Will the Department of National Defence pay for the wrecked dahlias?"

Who is the member of Support Company that lit a thunderflash on a Yonge street car?

What were the two men, one from Support Company and one from Baker Company, doing in the Silver Rail until 2 am?

### THE BRITISH EMPIRE

"Whatever may be the future of this marvellous combination of peoples, one thing is certain. If or when the statesmanship of the world addresses itself seriously to the supreme problem of the establishment of just relations between the modern civilized peoples, the peoples of ancient civilizations now shaking themselves free from a long stagnation, and the primitive peoples who are beginning to escape from age-long barbarism, the most useful guidance will be found in the experience and achievements of the British Empire. For this experience and this achievement, in spite of their imperfections, have shown the way of advance from the crude conception of empire as domination to the nobler conception of diverse peoples linked together in a single commonwealth, and dwelling in freedom and peace.

It is the birth and the gradual development of this conception that forms the glory of the British Empire, and the justification of its existence." - Ramsay Muir