



## THE REGIMENTAL MONUMENT QUEEN'S PARK, TORONTO

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## EDITORIAL

by Major JA Brown, CD

This is the first issue of the revamped Regimental Journal "The Falcon" and I hope it has your approval. Much hard work has gone into this issue, and it is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Douglas Graves, a Journalism student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, that an ambition has become a reality. On behalf of all the Regimental Family, I would like to thank him for making this possible. I would also like to thank you, the members of the Family, for accepting Doug as an erstwhile Highlander, and for giving him your cooperation and contributions.

We intend to publish twice a year, in June, and at Christmas, and this must be a Regimental effort — we need your contributions, photographs, ideas, and constructive criticism to make this a worthwhile Journal. We would also welcome letters to the Editor. All contributions or letters should please be sent to The Editor, "The Falcon", 48th Highlanders of Canada, Moss Park Armoury, 130 Queen St. East, Toronto.

Unfortunately, not all members of our Regimental Family have contributed to this issue, but we realize that much extra work has to be done to get ready for the 90th Anniversary Reunion, and there are only so many hours in a day.

May we hear from you?

Managing Editor Major JA Brown, CD  
Editor Douglas Graves

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Lieutenant-Colonel D.G. Temple,  
Commanding Officer,  
48th Highlanders of Canada.

Thank you for the loyal and affectionate greetings which you have sent on behalf of all ranks of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, who celebrate this year the 90th Anniversary of the inception of the Regiment. As Colonel-in-Chief I send my warm congratulations to all of you on achieving this anniversary, and express my confidence that the Regiment's next 90 years will be as distinguished as the first.

ELIZABETH R.

April, 1981.



## COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

TO ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENTAL FAMILY

Every year you make it possible for the Commanding Officer to say "this has been another good year for the Regiment". The Battalion has come through in a way we can all be proud; be it training, qualifications, administration or the many and varied social events which keep our name in the forefront.

The Regiment is fortunate to have ideals and standards of excellence which have been entrenched over the past ninety years. It is these ideals and standards which have formed the rather unique traditions we strive to maintain today.

This new edition of the "Falcon" has been improved upon, revitalized in format, and will be published on a bi-annual basis, and it is fitting that this issue is being published during our 90th Anniversary year — serving all members of the Regimental Family.

I am enthusiastic as to the benefits we can obtain from this medium, and I hope everyone is impressed with this, our first effort. To Major JA Brown, CD, Mr. Douglas Graves, and to all other contributors — I congratulate you and encourage you to continue in this fashion.

To conclude, the achievements of the past year have resulted from the positive attitudes and efforts of all ranks of the Regiment and all other members of the Regimental Family. As Commanding Officer, I wish to thank all of you for your significant contribution, and I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion.

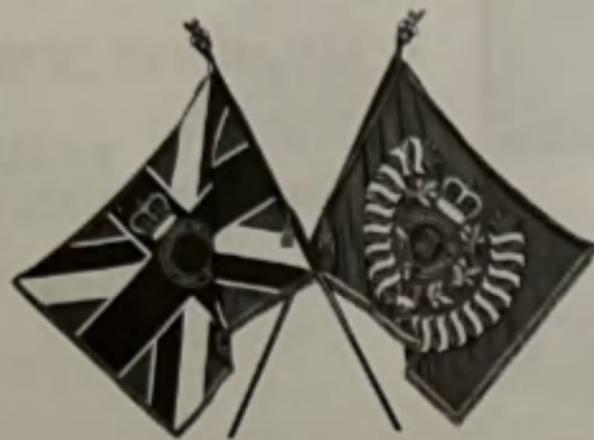
D.G. Temple  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding Officer

## THE COLOURS

Colours have been carried into battle since the beginning of history. The Bible mentions standards of "silk and damask" carried by armies and tribes prior to the Christian era. Roman Legions used metal standards topped with a Roman Eagle. Napoleon Bonaparte's forces used the same thing to rally around, in their dreams of a French Empire.

In more recent times, Colours were carried by Regiments into battle as a visible rallying point, close to the commanders. The advent of modern warfare forced a halt to the carrying of Colours into battle. The Colours symbolize the history and spirit of the Regiment, for on them are borne the battle honours granted to the Regiment in commemoration of gallant deeds.

On 24th May, 1892, the



*The present Colours were received from the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in a ceremony held in Ottawa on July 1, 1959. The Colours can be found encased in The Officers' Mess at Moss Park Armouries.*

fledgling 48th Highlanders were presented with their first Colours by His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada. These were retired, and a new set were commis-

sioned in 1925 after the First World War, by Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada. These Colours were also retired and laid to rest in St. Andrew's Church in Toronto on the 18th of

October, 1959, where they can be seen today.

The present Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented by the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in a ceremony held in Ottawa on July 1, 1959. The Regimental Colour of the 48th Highlanders of Canada carries 21 battle honours. These 21 have been selected from among the 49 battle honours which have been earned by the Regiment.

The present Colours are kept in the 48th Highlanders Officers' Mess, the customary keeping place, and although these proud symbols are no longer carried into battle, they are carried by the young subalterns of the Regiment on all formal parades, a woven history of victory and honour.

## BATTLE HONOURS OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

(those Battle Honours in capitals are emblazoned on the Regimental Colour)

### SOUTH AFRICA 1899-1900

YPRES, 1915, '17  
Gravenstavel  
St. Julien  
FESTUBERT, 1915  
MOUNT SORREL  
SOMME, 1916  
Poizieres  
Thiepval  
Ancre Heights  
Arras, 1917, '18  
VIMY, 1917  
Arleux  
Scarpe, 1917, '18  
HILL 70  
PASSCHENDAELE  
AMIENS

DROCOURT-QUEANT  
Hindenburg Line  
CANAL DU NORD  
Pursuit To Mons  
France And Flanders, 1915-'18  
LANDING IN SICILY  
Valguarnera  
ASSORO  
Agira  
Adrano  
Regalbuto  
Sicily, 1943  
Landing At Reggio  
CAMPOBASSO  
San Nicola-San Tommaso  
Cassino II

Gustav Line  
LIRI VALLEY  
HITLER LINE  
GOTHIC LINE  
LAMONE CROSSING  
Misano Ridge  
RIMINI LINE  
Torella  
San Leonardo  
The Gully  
ORTONA  
San Martino-San Lorenzo  
Fosso Vecchio  
Italy, 1943-'45  
APELDOORN  
Northwest Europe, 1945

QUEEN'S COLOUR



REGIMENTAL COLOUR



The above second set of Colours, emblazoned with ten First World War Battle Honours were presented to The Regiment by Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada, in 1925. They were laid up at St. Andrew's Church in Toronto on the 18th of October, 1959.

# HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT



The above picture was taken at Madison Square Gardens in New York in May 1902. Here the physical drill squad goes through its paces.



*Toronto, Jan 26, 1892*

*Dear Sir,*

You are respectfully requested to attend a meeting of gentlemen, to be held in the Casino Hotel, on Friday evening 28th inst., to promote the interests of the British Regiment now on parade in this city.

The principal matter for discussion at the meeting will be to arrange for a representation to the Dominion Government, the formation of a regimental fund, and other matters.

More than the full complement of men (30 companies, 25 men) have been enrolled, and they have unanimously chosen Mr. John A. Davidson as their Colonel. The Military authorities, so far as consulted, are favourable to the scheme, but the co-operation of the British Community is necessary to the successful issue of the project.

**D. M. Robertson,**  
*Sec. Secretary, Toronto.*

Months of careful planning went into organization of Toronto's "Kilted" Regiment, as shown by this notice.

Headquarters 22nd Regiment, Engineers, N.G., N.Y.  
Broadway and 68th Street  
New York City.  
May 1902

TOMMY ATKINS (Revised)

When the Highlanders came down from Canada  
To attend the "Tournament" held in New York  
The natives here received them with eclat  
And of the town they soon became the talk.  
To Toronto now we hope when they return  
The friendships formed here in their hearts will cling  
From one mother race we sprung  
And we speak one mother tongue  
So with friendship and regard we truly sing.

CHORUS

Oh the Forty eighth Toronto, are good fellows one and all,  
They can fight a battle, play a pipe, or drink a Scotch "high ball"  
Though they wear a coat of scarlet  
And our uniform is blue  
Here's LUCK to them "OUR BROTHERS"  
That's the wish of 22.

The above song was sent to the 48th Highlanders shortly after they returned from New York in 1902.

The new unit came into the Canadian militia an already firmly established nucleus of citizen soldiers under the command of Lieutenant Colonel "Hielan" John Irvine Davidson. The Regiment adopted the Davidson tartan and Falcon's Head Crest, long associated with the Davidson family, as its official tartan and crest. The Regimental March was designated

Ninety years ago, a group of Torontonians of Scottish ancestry, became determined to form a Highland Regiment. Anticipating Government support, they began voluntary drills on their own and months later on October 16, 1891, Government officials sanctioned the birth of the 48th Highlanders of Canada.



The late Major Alex Sinclair had the unique distinction of serving in the 48th as a private in the South African War, as an officer commissioned from the ranks in the First World War, and as a Major with The Regiment's Training Unit in the Second World War.

as "Highland Laddie" and dress was ordered to be Full Highland Scarlet with Feathered Bonnet.

Initial planning for a Toronto kilted regiment favoured the name Queen's Highlanders. The Department of Militia in Ottawa ruled otherwise and so the new unit came into being as the 48th Battalion (Highlanders) from which 48th Highlanders of Canada eventually derived.

The unit established roots quickly and firmly. Within a year of founding, on May 24th 1892, the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Queen's and Regimental Colours were presented to the Regiment by His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada.

The Regiment's motto, Dileas Gu Brath — Faithful Forever — has from the outset reflected traditions of service and sacrifice that are the 48th's hallmarks in peace and war. A group of volunteers from the 48th served in the South African War of 1899 - 1900, becoming the first members of The Regiment to serve under fire and winning its senior Battle Honour, South Africa 1899 - 1900. The Regiment has been part of first Canadian Contingents in all major conflicts in which the nation has been involved since the 48th was formed.

By 1904, the 48th's reputation was such that it was accepted as an allied Regiment of the famed Gordon Highlanders, one of the most renowned of Highland Regiments. The link with the Gordons,

which is still maintained, was further cemented in March of 1911 when General Sir Ian Hamilton, GCB, GCMG, DSO, Colonel of the Gordons, was named Honorary Colonel of the 48th.

World War I provided the 48th with its first all out challenge to serve "Dileas Gu Brath" in the full sense of its motto. The Regiment responded in force, raising the 15th, 92nd and 134th battalions and providing many drafts for other overseas battalions in just over four years on active service.

Twenty-one World War I Battle Honours, names which read like a roll call of The Great War's major engagements, testify to the extent of the 48th's contributions.

A solid core of those who served with The Regiment during the war years remained with the 48th in its militia role of the '20s and '30s. Their experience and battle-forged spirit, along with the unstinting support of those who had also served but chose honorable retirement after the battles, give the 48th that extra something — a distinction which persists.

Moved overseas as part of Canada's First Contingent in 1939, the 48th was stationed in the south of England where it combined the intensive training essential to moulding a citizen into an active service



Reigate, England, October, 1941, The Regiment marked its 50th Anniversary by Trooping of the Colour. Special guest General Sir Ian Hamilton of the Gordons, right, at that time Honorary Colonel of the 48th, chats with Lieutenant-Colonel W.W. Southam, then Commanding, and Brigadier E.W. Haldenby, former CO and later Honorary Colonel of The Regiment from 1961 to 1967.



Late fall 1939 The Regiment was off once more as part of a First Canadian Contingent.

soldier with responsibilities for defence of a portion of the south coast. When it took the offensive The Regiment fought in Sicily, Italy and Northwest Europe as part of the first Canadian Infantry Brigade. During the conflict, The Regiment added another 27 Battle Honours, bringing its total to 49, a record unmatched by any Canadian militia unit still in service.

After World War II, The Regiment received new Colours, which carry 21 of its Battle Honours, from its Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in a ceremony held in Ottawa on 1st July, 1959. The first two sets of Regimental Colours are laid up at St. Andrew's Church, King and Simcoe Streets, Toronto, the unit's Regimental Church since the 48th was first raised.

Today, the 48th's current militia unit remains "Dileas Gu Brath" — Faithful Forever — to the time



Circa 1940 or 1941. Part of "D" coy 2nd Battalion, 48th Highlanders. Commanding is Capt. GR Marani OC "D" coy. "D" coy is marching down Yonge street during Victory Bond Parade.

honoured traditions and achievements of the Regiment. Victorious in various competitions, the Regiment has won the Sir Casimir Gzowski Trophy awarded annually to the best all round militia infantry unit in Canada, a record five times in a row, the last one in 1970.

In addition to its domination of the Gzowski competition, the 48th has won the Kitching Trophy and Colonel I.M. MacKay Trophy repeatedly. The Kitching Trophy is awarded to the top infantry platoon during summer training exercises at Camp Petawawa. The Colonel I.M. MacKay Trophy is presented to the unit which best demonstrates top efficiency in first aid.

The 48th Highlanders of today stand firm in their commitment to remain "Dileas". They will continue to add fresh laurels today, for the Highlanders of tomorrow.



Entraining for Valcartier in 1914 the 15th Battalion, first of three the 48th sent into battle in the First World War got a rousing sendoff.



Presentation of the Sir Casimir Gzowski Trophy in November of 1970 marked the fifth year in a row the 48th was judged Canada's best all round militia infantry unit, a modern day record. Obviously very much pleased about the results, and with good reason, are left to right, CSM (MWO) Osborne, J.J., CD; Pte DeLazzer, J.A.; LCol R.L. Read, CD, the 48th's Commanding Officer; and Cpl Casey R.A.

## 1st Battalion

# THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS

by Maj IF Stewart



From left to right is LCol CH Van der Noot, CO of The Gordons, the Colonel-in-Chief, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, and the Colonel of the Regiment Brigadier JRA McMillan.

Edinburgh and the delights of the Tattoo have been as much a part of our lives, as have the Royal Guard, the forbidding massive walls of Her Majesty's Prison, Frankland, and the clanging bells and the flashing blue emergency lights of the Green Goddesses. It is with relief that we can sit back and on looking back over the last six months ask if it really happened. Yes, it did, and so much more, that this summary would hardly do justice to the Battalion and more than ever to the good humour and

dedication to duty of the Jocks.

We all returned to Scotland from Chester, some with longing and even more with trepidation as Chester had become very much part of our lives, and the many hundreds of "Cestrians" who came to our Farewell to Chester Parade paid tribute to our success, and to the Battalion who made so many delightful friends in Chester. We also took away from Chester our fair share of wives and left behind many broken-hearted girlfriends. However such is

life, and yet every weekend sees many Jocks en route via British Rail to Chester to renew acquaintances and to keep alive old friends.

Back to work and to the recent past and to the present. Our arrival coincided with the preparations for the Tattoo with D Company being attached to Redford Cavalry Barracks to become the Tattoo Administrative Company to cater for the performers from near and far. We also despatched the Royal Guard to Ballater to prepare for the arrival of The Queen in mid August and to assume its other responsibilities. B Company provided the Dargai Party for the Tattoo and it must have been quite an awesome task for the platoon who were to re-enact the Storming of the Heights of Dargai on the Castle Esplanade, knowing that it would be filmed and photographed many thousands of times by visiting tourists. No doubt it is being shown on film somewhere by someone who is avidly reciting the story of the incident to an audience.

We were not really able to forget our duties and yet the world outside was changing, with the run-up of the American Presidential Elections and the Elections themselves in November; the much publicised and little-boycotted Olympic Games in Moscow, and above all the evolution of political power in Poland. A quiet reminder of the real world outside the glare and glamour of the Tattoo, the Royal Guard and all the razzmatazz provided by the Big Brown Marching Machine on the Castle Esplanade.

Our Regimental connections were not to be forgotten and were being carefully nurtured by the Royal Guard who attended all the local shows and Highland Games, both as participants and spectators, and also as helpers providing much assorted skill and assistance to the organisers. We also organised an extremely well run and efficient KAPE, the results of which will hopefully be seen in the months and years to come. Our Regimental Reunion attended by our Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales, was an outstanding culmination to the period of public duties and activities. The KAPE Teams and the organisers deserve to be congratulated on an excellent job very well done.

The Royal Guard too were having their moments, beating and providing the stalking ponymen and performing very creditably whilst at Ballater, and really getting the standard for future Royal Guards.

A Company had the honour of providing the Guard of Honour for the Governor of the Tower of London, General Sir Peter Hunt, in October, and it was a picturesque and historic spectacle to see the Yeoman of the Guard parading with A Company in the Keep of the Tower for the Ceremony. It was also a fitting tribute to a very dedicated and outstanding

Queens Own Highlander who in his years had fiercely championed the cause of both the Army and in particular the Highland Regiments.

Our final months of the year were gaily planned in advance with preparations for Belize in the form of individual training (a much needed requirement after all the Public Duties). This training to be followed by the Grade 1 Boards, the Support Weapons Cadres and all the other cadres that we desperately needed to bring us back up to a high standard of military competence.

Throughout the summer we sent people off on courses, all the while trusting that they would be back in time for the cadres and the individual training. However it was not to be, for we were soon to be plunged into the now all too familiar round of Military aid to the civil communities (MACC).

The bombshell dropped in October, 1 GORDONS were to be deployed forthwith to become Prison Warders at Frankland Jail, the new and as yet unfinished high security jail at Durham.

The sheer magnitude of the task was unimaginable, as the prison had to be activated from scratch. The prison was absolutely empty with only 1 office, and 1 office worth of furniture plus a Governor busily awaiting its activation 2 years hence. Nothing daunted we began, and the Commanding Officer really set the pace, juggling with company returns day in and day out, and for many a long night. We were to be given manpower reinforcements from everywhere, Royal Navy and Air Force personnel, alongside RMP and MPSC warders and all the other specialist staffs required to run a jail of 600 rather subdued and bemused prison inmates who eventually filled the jail. So many people did so much, that it would be envidious to single out individuals, rather the Battalion as a whole, which showed just what can be done in times of crisis, and to say we succeeded would really be to say very little in praise.

Alas the period at Frankland was not to be our last problem. For we had no sooner been told that we were to be relieved, when we were tasked with providing the fire cover in the Strathclyde and Lothian Regions when the Fire Brigades Unions called for a series of selective strikes in support of their pay claim. We duly re-organised and received from the Depots the Green Goddesses with all their equipment. Jocks were despatched to Rosyth to Navy Fire School to receive instruction in fire fighting. Firemens helmets replaced the TOS, and oil skins the barrack order dress of the prison staff. A Company was allocated the more gentle Lothian Region, and D Company Strathclyde. We reached the state of 4 hours notice to move and then came the cancellation of the strike call and we were able to

return our Green Goddesses to the Depots and who knows what fate will next befall them.

We approached Christmas with a shattered training programme. Throwing everything to the wind, the Commanding Officer decided that enough was enough, and December would be the Battalion Sports period. We competed for the Inter Company Football trophies, The Cross Country trophy, the Orienteering trophy, the Volleyball trophy and we also held a mini Skill at Arms competition at Dechmont. A Company decisively took the sporting honours whilst D Company decisively defeated the remainder at shooting.

We said farewell to Major Mike Tait on his posting to Aberdeen University Officer Training Corps and he and Dargai will be sadly missed.

Since our move to Kirknewton we have been inundated with visitors, and amongst the first of many was the VCGS Lt Gen Sir John Stannier who came to see how we had settled in to Kirknewton, of which he had previously heard so much! The Chief of Defence Staff Admiral Sir Terence Lewin also visited us in mid August and we received the

Honorary Colonel of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, Col FF McEachren in September en route to the Braemar Games. HMP Frankland opened its heavy gates to visitors and the Battalion was visited in quick succession by the Home Secretary, Mr. William Whitelaw and Gen Sir Timothy Creasey, the Army Minister Mr. Barney Hayhoe and a host of other visitors all no doubt anxious to visit this strange new Army establishment.

Our life has not stopped, and now we are heavily committed to the individual training, the much needed JNCO's Cadre, the Signal cadres, and the Support Weapons cadres. Our Grade 1 Board will be held immediately after the cadres prior to the commencement of the collective company training at Otterburn. We are also committed to a major stocktaking board, an audit and finally to the hand-over of Commanding Officers in early February.

Belize is our next major task and the next notes will be from Belize, the colony reluctantly nearing independence and no doubt a rough entry into the real world of international politics.



The above photograph was published by The Toronto Sun while the Gordons were visiting the Regiment in 1980.

# YESTERDAY



48th Highlanders Headquarters Toronto, November 1904.



The victorious 48th Highlanders return home to Canada after WWII. Here we see them marching up Yonge St.



48th Highlanders Sergeants' picnic at Centre Island, Toronto, 1907.



These early armoured vehicles are used to assault a hill in training before World War II.



London — Lloyd's Weekly News 13 Sept. 1908 — LCol DM Robertson along with eight other officers and NCO's are received by the King.



This picture taken about 1939 portrays the 48th Highlanders Rotary Cadet Corps.

# TODAY



Today's Highlanders welcome the challenge of the '80s.



## CHANGE OF RSM



RSM (CWO) DP Chappell CD, left wishes the new RSM (CWO) MAP Barnes CD luck in his new appointment.

With the last strains of "Hieland Laddie" echoing off the walls of a silent Moss Park Armoury, RSM (CWO) DP Chappell CD turned over the RSM's claymore to RSM (CWO) MAP Barnes CD, capping

off some thirty-six years of service to the 48th Highlanders.

RSM Chappell began his service as a cadet from 1945-1948, after which he joined the Militia Battalion. In July of 1948, he enlisted in the Canadian Army Regular Force and served with the Royal Canadian Signals.

At the outbreak of the Korean War he was posted with 2 RCHA and served with them overseas. After the war he rejoined the Regiment (48th) and remained with it until a company transfer moved him to Montreal. While in Montreal Mister Chappell was appointed RSM of the 11th Signals Regiment.

He returned to Toronto later and rejoined the 48th Highlanders. RSM Chappell had held a variety of appointments, including CSM and Drill Sergeant Major before his appointment as RSM.

Taking over is RSM (CWO) MAP Barnes CD. RSM Barnes began his service with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada as a cadet from 1962-1964, after which he joined the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

During his service with the Regiment, he served on several attachments to the Regular Force, notably the 1st Bn Royal Canadian Regiment and the 2nd Bn The Canadian Guards. Courses in demolition, advanced anti-armour and winter warfare mean that the new RSM will be well prepared to lead the Regiment.

The Regiment extends best wishes to RSM Chappell in all future endeavours. His leadership and presence on the parade square will be missed by all. However, it is a testament to his success as a leader and instructor that he leaves the well qualified RSM Barnes to take his place.

Congratulations to both men!

## REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR

by Captain WA Leavy  
The Royal Canadian Regiment

He stands in naked solitude,  
Peerless, proud and square,  
Immaculate, meticulous,  
Ambivalent, yet fair.

One glance can pierce recalcitrance,  
One gesture clear a room,  
A chosen word can cure despair,  
A scowl can summon doom.

He never lacks humility,  
Not humourless nor dry,  
Not modest, yet not pompous,  
Not pretentious, never rye.

Compassionate, yet ruthless when,  
Paternal talks prove wrong,  
An exemplar of the discipline,  
That keeps the unit strong.

He's the Regiment's nobility,  
A bastion strong and true,  
Disparaging old slothful types,  
A pattern for the new.

Experience has shown this man,  
What schools have never taught,  
The way to gain a soldier's trust,  
A trust that can't be bought.

He acts as buffer in between,  
The officers and ranks,  
With subtle skill he arbitrates,  
His judgements wise and frank.

An elixir to Esprit de Corps,  
For troops to rally by,  
A forte to summon courage from,  
To fight and maybe die.

Many of the most unique,  
Have faded into time,  
To some it's part of changing ways,  
To me, it's just a crime.

## TURNER SHOOT '81



This firing party takes careful aim.



A Highlander tallies up his score.



WO C Potten presents the prize for best overall shot to MCpl T Scott at the dinner.



This Highlander squeezes one off — resulting in a bullseye — no doubt.



The above table at the dinner features members of the OCA. To the right we can see George Roberts brandishing his prize.



Private B Kerr cants his weapon awaiting the all clear.

If CSM A Turner had been alive today he would have probably cancelled this year's Turner Shoot, held annually in his memory. After all, it was CSM Turner who maintained that the best way to "Soldier" was to take part in a competitive shoot in the worst possible weather conditions.

The weather couldn't have been better, as record high seasonal temperatures greeted the Regiment upon their arrival at CFB Borden this past 13, 14, 15, of February. If CSM Turner had been a superstitious man he would have blamed the "bad" weather on the departure date for the exercise, Friday the 13th.

But the weekend was anything except bad luck for the troops. One feature of this year's shoot was the combining of the Spring Classification with the customary festivities. Pretty well everyone classified at the Langemark and Vimy ranges, with the help of ideal conditions.

The prizes were dominated by the "C" Coy rifle team. MCpl T Scott of "C" Coy won the best shot overall with a perfect score of 50 out of 50. The "C" Coy five man team comprised of; MCpl T Scott,

MCpl J Jenkins, MCpl P Williams, Cpl B Kingston and Cpl T Slater also took the team trophy.

One of the terrific things about the Turner Shoot is that other members of the Regimental Family participate. Led by their President, Leo Trudelle, the Old Comrades Association was well represented. Indeed, one of their members, George Roberts, won a prize ... for lowest score. George accepted the prize good-naturedly at the dinner, but afterwards he alluded to a sinister plot to keep him from winning the best overall shot.

Indeed, this reporter can attest that his aim, after the dinner and continuous libation, was true enough.

The dinner was excellent and the Casino Night held afterwards great fun. The Turner Shoot was all in all a great opportunity for the Regimental Family to gather and mix the business of soldiering with pleasure.

CSM Turner might have objected to the weather this weekend, but he surely would have approved of the results.



The Pipes and Drums, and the Military Band of the 48th Highlanders are shown together in this photograph taken at the Canadian National Exhibition this year.

## PIPES and DRUMS and MILITARY BAND

### WEMBLEY TATTOO

by CAPT. T. WHITESIDE CD, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Military Band of the 48th Highlanders will be sharing a privilege in June of this year by combining with the 48th Pipes and Drums, the Band of The Royal Regiment of Canada, and the Toronto Scottish Regiment Pipes and Drums as The Canadian Contingent to the 1981 Military Musical Pageant at Wembley Stadium, London, England.

This presentation will be the seventh in the series of world famous Military Musical Pageants which take place every two years in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales will take the salute at the first of two performances. The shows will be seen by over 100,000 people.

For the first time in the history of the pageant,

bands from outside the British Army, namely our Canadian Contingent, will perform with bands of the British Army in this spectacular show.

This invitation is indeed a great honour. The membership will number 150 men and the "Salute from Canada" will be entirely of Canadian music content climaxing in the shaping of a huge Maple Leaf and the spelling of CANADA. The manufacture of a gigantic Canadian flag has been commissioned measuring 80 feet by 40 feet and will be flown at one end of the stadium.

The Military Band is working with vigour and dedication towards this show and as always appreciate the Regimental Family's support.

### ANNUAL PIPES AND DRUMS BALL



Above from right to left is the Commanding Officer, LCol DG Temple with Mrs. Reay MacKay. To her right is her husband Pipe Major Reay MacKay, who in turn is leading Mrs. D.G. Temple in the Grand March.



Here the 48th Pipes and Drums perform surrounded by clusters of reeling Highlanders.

One of the truly impressive evenings of the Regimental social calendar is the Annual Pipes and Drums Ball, held this year, last February 21st at Moss Park Armouries.

Featuring traditional Scottish music performed by the 48th Pipes and Drums and the more conventional orchestrations of "Bobby Brown and the Scottish Accent," members and guests of the Regimental Family were treated to an evening of dancing and entertainment.

Resplendent in tartans and traditional dress, the guests at the Pipes and Drums Ball got the opportunity to dance the Gay Gordon and other flings and

reels long since abandoned by a world that moves too quickly at times.

This gala evening was a trip backward in time and custom. Even the non-Scottish guests present that evening couldn't help but get swept up in the highland atmosphere. The Annual Pipes and Drums Ball makes all its guests Highlanders, if only for a night. There can be no doubting the history and tradition prevalent in the heritage of the music and dancing of Scotland, and the important role the Annual Pipes and Drums Ball plays in sustaining that history.

## 48th HIGHLANDERS CADET CORPS



The 48th Highlander Cadet Pipes and Drums on far left is Cadet Pipe Major Darrin Lee.



The Cadet Corps Commanding Officer, Capt. CM Calverley inspects Cadet LCpl John Bottle.



The 48th Highlanders Cadet Corps marches on change of RSM's parade with the Regiment.



Cadet LCpl Kevin LeBlanc receives orders from the CO Capt. CM Calverley.

The training year so far this year has been one of the busiest ever recorded for this Cadet Corps. We have done everything from formal parades, to moving bank furniture and all kinds of other stuff.

Earlier this year 5 of our cadets were invited to go on a citizenship tour to the City of Buffalo with the Queens York Rangers Cadet Corps. Upon arrival at Masten Armouries in Buffalo, one of our cadet pipers piped the parade of Army Cadets into the Armouries. One thing the cadets, especially our cadets noticed was the hospitality of the National Guardsmen. They treated us to all kinds of memorabilia and refreshments. One day in the future we hope to reciprocate the hospitality.

A first this year for our Cadet Corps was the invitation from the Regiment to send 10 of our cadets on the winter indoctrination course with the Militia. All the cadets who participated in the exercise completed it successfully and were presented with a certificate from the CO of the Regiment.

Another first for our Cadet Corps was our participation in the first ever combined Army Cadet Corps Church Parade in many years. There were about 250 cadets from nine different cadet units in the area of Metropolitan Toronto in the parade.

Besides exercises and parades, we Army Cadets have to write examinations for our training status and promotions. For the first time in four years our

Cadet Corps have had two of the top cadets in our Corps reach their gold star level of achievement, with marks in the top ten percent of all of Ontario.

One of the aims of Army Cadets is to promote good citizenship. We do this in many ways. First, we provide a community service by canvassing for the Heart Fund and having our cadet band go to hospitals to play for the patients. Getting back to the Heart Fund, the collection this year was a record which broke all previous records. This year, in one day we raised over \$700. This was an increase of over 63% from the year before.

Like we said earlier, we visited the patients at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. We made such a good impression that we have been asked to return. In addition to that we have been asked by the 48th Highlanders Ladies Auxiliary to accompany them on a trip to the United States this summer.

To support all of our schemes in the Cadet Corps we have been asked to move furniture for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce from Branch to Branch. Not only do we make money from these moves, but we also get furniture for the Regiment. One thing the Cadet Corps decided to do with the money was to give \$2,000.00 to the Military Band to help finance their trip to the Wembley Tattoo next summer.

Our Annual inspection will take place on Sunday May 10, 1981 at 2:30 p.m. at Moss Park Armouries. We are honoured this year to have as our inspecting officer, B Gen JA Cowan, CD, Director General of Reserves and Cadets. General Cowan started his career as a cadet in the Toronto Rotary Highlanders which was the first cadet unit of the 48th Highlanders. In his letter of acceptance he expressed his delight at being asked because of his early affiliation.

### CADET PIPE MAJOR



Cadet Pipe Major Darrin Lee

At 13, Cadet Pipe Major Darrin Lee is the heart and soul of the fledgling Cadet Pipes and Drums. Playing since he was seven years old, Darrin has developed into a prize-winning piper. He explains how he got started.

"One reason was my mom and dad thought it would be good for my lungs," said Darrin, explaining further that he had asthma.

For whatever reason, once he got started it became evident he was a natural. So far he has won 8 medals in bagpipe competitions, the most recent one being the Annual Indoor Games where he came in second, last April 18th.

Darrin's parents credit a neighbour, Alan Little for starting Darrin off with his first chanter. Later he went down to the 48th Pipes and Drums where he was taught first by Mr. Darby MacCarroll and then Harry Hodgson. The Cadet Pipe Band has been together now for about a year and already they are playing in places like Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto for the patients.

Now entering grade 8 at St. Theresa Shrine Separate School next year Darrin looks forward to finishing school and most of all to playing with the senior Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders someday. Indeed, he is almost good enough now.

## THE OFFICERS' MESS

by Major JA Brown, CD, PMC

New Year's Day, 1981, started off as usual at the ungodly hour of 0730 hrs with the Officers visiting the Sergeants this year to enjoy a glass or six of "moose milk." After breakfast, the Mess was open to visitors from the rest of the Toronto Garrison who seemed to enjoy the PMC's first effort at making Atholl Brose — at least there was no cigar ash included now that Andrew Roberts is with TMD.

In January, we had a successful father and son dining in night, and in February the Officers' Association threw their annual mid winter cocktail party in the Mess.



Above are three former Commanding Officers; from left to right, LCol WC Stark, CD, Col PAG Cameron OMM, CD, Col JM Lowndes, CD, and LCol DG Temple, CD, the current CO.

The annual active/associate Officers' Mess Dinner was held this year on 25th April, and we were delighted to have as our Guest of Honour BGen James A. Cowan, now Director General Reserves and Cadets, who started off his army career as a 48th Cadet, and was later commissioned as a 48th Officer. That evening we were delighted to welcome BGen Cowan as a Highlander coming home to his Regiment.

We were particularly pleased to welcome back to their Mess that evening Col Ed Willis, Captain George Elms and Captain Geoffrey Marani, all youngsters of more than 80 years of age.

We were delighted to have a letter from Tom Carnegie who, having been with his company, Exxon, in the Philippines, Australia, Pakistan, Singapore, and the US, is now in London, England.

On behalf of all members of the Mess, I would like to wish all Highlanders a very happy 90th anniversary.

## 48th HIGHLANDERS OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

by Lt GL Cassaday

I am privileged to be the President of your Association, sharing the responsibilities of the position with a very dedicated executive committee.

One of your executive members is responsible for initiating and spearheading this first edition of The Falcon in its new format.

Each year, through periodic bulletins, you are advised of functions put on especially for you. We urge you to attend these social activities and remind you that you are most welcome at the Officers' Mess on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Additionally there are other functions, ceremonial and otherwise, put on by the active battalion to which you are cordially invited.

These events offer you the opportunity to talk with former associates, get to know others who preceded or succeeded you as officers in the finest Regiment in the land. An opportunity also, to meet the generation of young officers who have the task of carrying on and furthering the traditions of the 48th.

This then, is an appeal to you to support your Association, and through it, the Regiment. Please ensure we are kept informed of your current whereabouts so that information about Association and Regimental activities will reach you.

The year 1981 marks the 90th Anniversary of the Regiment, let's make it a memorable event by getting together.

## THE SERGEANTS' MESS

by WO C Potten  
President Sgt's Mess

The big event this year was the change of RSM from CWO DP Chappell, CD, to CWO MAP Barnes, CD.

We hate to see a man of CWO Chappell's calibre leave and wish him good fortune in the future.

We also know that CWO Barnes is capable of doing a great job as new RSM.

Another highlight this year was a trip to Ohio for an exercise with the 107 Armored Cavalry Regiment on a combined Command Post Exercise. Our parti-



The above gentlemen were responsible for putting together the continuing sergeant's night. From left to right are OCA President Leo Trudelle, Stu Montgomery, George Jeffrey and his brother, Gord Jeffrey.



Above are three 48th Highlanders from World War I — From left to right, George Eyles, Harry Wignall and Leonard Faulkner.



Above Stu Montgomery officiates at door prize draws.



Former Royal Marine RSM Jack Phillips shares a joke with the other continuing sergeants.

cipants were mainly Officers and Senior NCOs, which included most of our Senior NCOs.

The Officers did the liaison work, map marking, intelligence and "O" Groups, while we did the company commanding and the actual battles. I must say at this time we did a very commendable job of winning all our battles with very few losses.

I would like at this time to comment on the sad loss of Continuing Sergeant Ken Watson. He will be missed around here at our mess dinners with his comments about how things should be run and laughing on how the younger fellows have changed from rebels, to very conscientious workers.

We also would like to thank Continuing Sergeants George Jeffries and Stu Montgomery for their involvement of keeping the Mess busy with activities involving the continuing Sergeants.

The next function that will be a very busy time for us all, will be the 90th Reunion and I am sure everyone is looking forward to seeing young and old together celebrating 90 years of old stories and good and sometimes bad times.

## C COMPANY

By MCpl J Jenkins

The 1980-81 training year has been an extremely busy and interesting year for the members of the company. The regular Coy training consisted of many weekends of practising "Advance to Contact" in Meaford and Borden. Winter indoctrination saw members of the Coy acting as tent group commanders for thirty members of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment from Stow, Ohio, it was a long and cold exercise that many won't forget.

This year's Turner Shoot was quite a success with "C" Coy taking the trophy for the best Coy shooting team. Members of the team were:

MCpl Scott T  
MCpl Jenkins J  
MCpl Williams P  
Cpl Kingston B  
Cpl Slater T

MCpl Scott (Machine Gun Det. Commander) also took the trophy for the best unit shot, with a score of 50 out of 50.

With winter passing us by quickly, the spring training schedule looks like a very promising one, with house clearing and patrolling.



"C" Coy — Winners of the Turner Shoot best team of 5 men, receiving their award from the CO.

Besides the regular unit training taking place, many members of the Coy kept busy on courses and on call-out. Some of the courses that took place were, TQ2 Small Arms Coaching Course, TQ2 Infantry Communications Course, TQ2 Machine Gunners Course and the Junior NCO Course.

A note worth mentioning is that the men of the Coy extend their congratulations to Cpl John Burton on placing first on the Junior NCO course, quite a victory considering our arch rival unit was teaching it (R Reg. C).

Five members of "C" Coy, Cpl Merrideth, Cpl Miller, Cpl Tong, Ptes Mason and Jones were attached out to 1 R.C.R., S.S.F. for three and a half months of winter warfare training. Their experience from training in Petawawa, Shilo and Norway through the worst of the winters weather will be a great asset to our next years winter warfare training.

Next years training should be very interesting with the unit seeing the arrival of the new! armoured cars. Training with these vehicles and being part of their crews should be an experience.

With a promise of new and extended training for the 1981-92 season, "C" Coy will be a company up and on the go, in the field and in garrison.

## D COMPANY

by Capt JH Sandham

D Company has gone through many changes during the past immediate history of the Regiment. At present, D Company trains all incoming personnel from recruit level to Infantryman. The Recruiting Office is now part of D Company so that when a young man applies he moves directly from recruiting to the Company. In the Company he will complete three courses — General Military Training, Recruit, GMT, Basic and finally Trade Qualification One, Infantryman. This programme is completed on Friday evenings, and weekends, training is of a very high standard, and it takes between 12 and 18 months for a young soldier to become fully qualified.

The CSM, MWO Roger Aiken, along with the CQMS, WO Mark McVety, ensure all runs smoothly; Course Commanders are Sgt Bhattacharya and Sgt Strachan. The real workers are the juniors NCOs — MCpl Bean, MCpl Price, MCpl Fitzgerald, and Cpl McKay. And of course MCpl Price, the Company Clerk, keeps the Company Commander in line, and makes sure he gets all his returns in on time.

The Company was sorry to bid farewell to Sgt Bob Leek recently. He made a valuable contribution to all facets of D Company Life, and we wish him well in the Transport Section. Unfortunately Sgt Strachan will be transferring to the Training Office in April, and he too will be missed.

The results of the hard work of 2Lt Mark Bossi as Recruiting Officer and his Staff can be seen on the parade square.

Recruiting is a difficult area. Many suitable young people are often unaware of the Regiment, or hesitate to join a military group. You can help keep your Regiment alive and well by encouraging young people, between the ages of 17 and 26 to join up. This unit has always had strong family ties, and I urge you to encourage and support anyone you feel will make a good Highlander.

In closing, let me address a few words to those who were in D Company, and are now no longer active. YOUR Company, the D Company that you helped build, is alive and well in Moss Park Armoury, and we all look forward to welcoming you to see your Company training any Friday evening; we also look forward to your continuing support in the future.

## 48th HIGHLANDERS — LIFE MEMBERS

by JM Rae, Chairman

Due to the efforts of many "Dileas" men the above association was formed. The aims were to keep the men who had reached that advanced plateau of sixty-five years young and who were still interested in all facets of Regimental and "Old Comrades" activities, to keep together as a body and do what we can for the "Regiment" we love and respect.

The first meeting was held on the 26th day of June 1978 when a Committee was formed consisting of a chairman, secretary, treasurer and some very keen gentlemen to act on an entertainment committee.

All that is required for admission to the above honourable group of "Life Members" is a card from the "Old Comrades Association" and a five dollar per year fee. As quoted by Past President John Taylor in 1980, no medical is required, no questions as to moral or any other standards, and just your five dollars.

Meetings are held usually on the first Monday of each month unless a holiday is called for that Monday. Copies of the minutes are mailed to each member.

Refreshments are served, both liquid and more

substantial, without doubt the cheapest bar in existence due to the fact we have some affluent members whose gifts keep on arriving at the bar.

I would point out that we have some very fine "Dileas" Officers who served over seas with us and when they attend our meetings, we find that all rank has disappeared and they, like us, are just old soldiers.

One especially interesting trip we had was to Gordon Sinclair's summer cottage when Gordon, an ex 48th Battalion member, entertained us royally. Gordon has also been a speaker at our meeting, as was Inspector Tom Keightly one of our own original 48th members, Second World War.

On various occasions we have entertained and been entertained by Legion Branches and who knows what we will do in the future; with so many interested men in our organization and with so many ideas nothing seems impossible.

Our meetings are usually attended by at least one Piper as Archie Dewar is an honourable member of our group and he has some fine blood brother pipers who attend with him.

To all of the above I would add one note of caution, do not delay in obtaining membership in this group, unlike those dark days overseas when we couldn't obtain reinforcements, our group never lacks reinforcements. I leave the reason for the above to your own imagination.

You will see "The Life Members" out in strength at the May Reunion.

## OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Leo Trudelle, President

Memorial Hall, our present home on King Street, is the place where most of the affairs of the OCA take place. It is our home. Therefore it seemed appropriate on our 90th Regimental Birthday to trace the early history of the OCA and recall how we came to be.

It all began, I'm told, in the Sergeants Mess at the old University Armoury about the start of the Depression Years. Some of the "old sweats" from World War I were discussing, as old soldiers will, the Regiment and the men of the Regiment. Aware their time of usefulness to the unit was about spent, they were reluctant to write "finished" to the fellowships and comradeships spawned and developed in times of stress, danger and hardship. They decided to

make their continuing association with each other a formal thing. The result was the creation of the 15th Battalion Association.

The first President of the Association was CSM Adam Goodfellow, who held the position until 1937. Perhaps some of you "older" old sweats will remember the names of Teddy Rogers, who was president after Adam until 1938 and Andy Stewart, President until 1939. The Association's origin in the Sergeants Mess provided a continuing, and carefully cultivated, contact. As a result, beer was available at the occasional gathering. The struggling organization, would you believe, had it's own pipe band? Pipe Major Bob Smith is worthy of your attention in this

regard, if you are ever fortunate enough to have the opportunity. The Late Sam Hewitt was also active in this group. There was, suffice to say, progress — despite the "Dirty Thirties."

As World War II loomed imminent, space was acquired at 97 Yonge St. Will anyone who visited that establishment ever forget it? Steep, ski-run stairs, as hazardous to ascend as descend, a piano that absorbed as much beer as any member. Who can forget the past presidents who ran the Association back then. John Edmundson DCM presided for two years, 40 to 41. Later in 44 he returned to again take charge as President. In between 41 - 44 Art Scully MM ran the Association for a year before turning over the mantle to Guy Mackenzie in 1943.



Memorial Hall, 1976. It's been a long road, with many well-remembered watering places along the way. Join us, anytime; you'll want to come back.

All things end, including World Wars. In October 1945, on the return of the Regiment, it was learned through the good graces of Capt. Vaughan Chambers, that property at 519 Church St. was available.

Acquisition of The Hall, the comings, goings and events which transpired in that hectic period, is a tale of its own. Suffice it for this record to report that on a bright morning in May, 1946, our former esteemed leader, Field Marshall Alexander, formally opened the doors and there was such a place as Memorial Hall.

The event heralded further changes. The Association reconstituted and incorporated representatives from the Regiment, the O.C.A., the Officers Association, The 48th Chapter I.O.D.E. and the Ladies

Auxiliary.

It is a long way from a corner in the University Armoury through various meeting places — the Prince George, 97 Yonge St., 519 Church Street, and now 284 King St., East. The names of men such as; Harry Ralph, George Lovegrove, Frank North, Stan Gledhill, Herb Helliker, Wally Moore, James Shepherd, and Gordon Keeler MM will all be remembered as post war presidents who contributed to paving the way for today's Association.

The New Memorial Hall on King St. is distinct as soon as you approach the front of the building. A beautiful entrance, with picturesque frieze over the doorway depicts the Vimy Memorial, flanked by replicas of our two monuments from Queen's Park and Mount Pleasant Cemetery. It is an area of many recollections.

On the second floor we have:

The Assoro Room — a meeting area, commemorative of a fateful evening in World War II and the place where young Highlanders were blooded and became experienced combat troops;

B.O.R., the Board Room — where strategic situations are assessed;

Across the hall the Vimy Room, reminiscent of World War I;

Next, Bill Elms' "sanctum sanctorum", the Museum with all the artifacts of the Regiment since it's inception in 1891.

In the Secretary's office and T.A.C. HQRS. at the end of the corridor the "yellow peril" is created; here also Manager Arnold Lea administers O.C.A. adjudications.

The St. Julien Room on the main floor has great significance to members who served in World War I. The atmosphere here is what can be expected of buddies with so much in common.

Downstairs, in the Apeldoorn Room, the dart specialists are indulged, as are the 15-2 group; and to the rear is the pool room where the cue-stick boys hold sway.

All in all a very special place in our history — "The Hall", wherever located. To the members of the OCA and the rest of the Regimental Family, Happy 90th Anniversary! — come home to our Memorial Hall, 284 King St. E.



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