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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

June 18, 1964

Shortly the Regiment will be taking a well-deserved vacation from Friday night parades, lasting from June 26th to September 18th and I hope that all ranks will have a very enjoyable summer vacation. The paper brigade will, of course, continue to work during the summer so that the never-ending administrative jobs will be done.

I would like to thank the members of the Regiment for the consideration and cooperation which you all have given me since I took Command two and a half months ago. It has been an exceedingly busy time for us all with two schemes, a Church parade and numerous qualifying examinations. I feel that we have accomplished a great deal, especially on the last training exercise at Camp Borden on 12-14 June.

As you all know, construction has begun on the Moss Park Armouries at the corner of Queen and Jarvis Streets, with possession expected on May 1, 1966. I sincerely hope that when we march into our new home we will be far stronger than we now are.

The Militia Commission have now completed their report and it is expected that the recommendations of this report will be published in the Summer or Fall of this year. Whether or not the Commission's recommendations are implemented is anyone's guess but I do personally feel that we will see a great number of changes in the Militia structure this Fall but that this Unit will not be affected detrimentally in any way. The Commission, the Regular Force and the Government as a whole have been, and are, watching us closely and if we are going to maintain our enviable position in the Militia, every single officer NCO and man must work a great deal harder and do his utmost not to let the Unit down in any way.

Numerous people have asked me what I foresee for the Unit in the Fall. I would have to be an expert crystal ball gazer to answer that question accurately but I can make an educated guess and advise you what I expect of the Regiment. As I mentioned earlier, I do not expect our Unit to be touched in the Fall by the Militia Commission's report and we anticipate that the emphasis this year will be on Corps Training. Keeping this in mind, we should expect a more realistic and interesting Training Programme from Army. This means that the Recruit and Trained Militiaman Training will be greatly improved and that we will again have Trades qualifications. My aim is to have every single officer, NCO and man on a qualification course next Fall. Too many people are doing nothing on Tuesdays and Fridays and this will cease. Every officer and NCO will qualify for one rank higher than the one he now holds; every Trained Militiaman will either be on an NCO or Trades course; every recruit trained will take the Trained Militiaman course and every new recruit will, of course, have to qualify. Therefore, for the next year all usual but unnecessary events will be curtailed and the emphasis will be on training. In addition, I feel that our athletic and extracurricular programme should be expanded. Naturally, this must be done on a Regimental basis but cannot be done until we receive the new Training Directive.

I am anticipating a great resurgence in the Militia this Fall and I think we should all benefit. Let's set a goal for the first parade--every man bring down one recruit.

I sincerely hope that you will all have a very pleasant summer and will come back in the Fall fully rested, full of vim, vigour and vitality and prepared to work.

J. M. Lowndes Lt Col

THE CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Fort York Armoury was filled to overflowing on Friday evening April 17, 1964 for the impressive Change of Command ceremony when the Command of the 48th Highlanders of Canada passed from Lt Col D.C. Haldenby CD to Lt Col J.M. Lowndes CD.

The Regiment was in fine form for the occasion and carried out their part with care and precision. Inspecting Officer was Major General G. Kitching, CBE, DSO, CD, General Officer Commanding Central Command. Changing over the Commanding Officer's Dirk from Lt Col Haldenby to Lt Col Lowndes was performed by Lt Col E.F. Gonover CD, Commanding Officer of the Lorne Scots.

At the close of the programme the Pipes and Drums and Military Band put on as usual, an excellent show.

The events of the evening climaxed in a fitting way a Command filled with activity, achievement and change; one which in many ways was unique as Capt Ware's following article on the retiring CO will clearly indicate.

LT COL D. C. HALDENBY CD

On the retirement of Lt Col Haldenby, it would be negligent not to review the three years in which he commanded the Regiment.

It was the 14th April 1961, just two weeks prior to the 70th Anniversary Reunion when Lt Col K.C.B. Corbett handed over the responsibilities of command to the son of one of our most distinguished Highlanders (Brig E.W. Haldenby, CBE, MC, VD and Honourary Colonel of the Regiment).

This period proved to be a difficult test for a new CO, for not only was he faced with the Trooping the Colour ceremony on June 3rd, but the Memorial Service on the following Sunday. It was at this Service that the Regiment's 1939-45 Battle Honours were unveiled on the south side of the Regimental Memorial by the Lieutenant Governor Keiller McKay.

In July, the Pipes and Drums visited the Vancouver Festival Tattoo and another Summer Camp at Niagara under canvas saw a large turnout of Highlanders.

Remember the Royal York Hotel strike? Col Haldenby will never forget it, for the traditional Highlanders' Ball (recognized as Toronto's outstanding social event) was forced to find a new home. To handle the huge crowd (approx 1,500 people) he chose the University Avenue Armouries and through the able chairmanship of his 2 i/c (Major Lowndes), we experienced probably the finest Ball in the history of the Regiment. The decor (thanks to Capt Binnie) was so unique, the CBC produced a live half-hour TV show from the (pink) dance floor.

In 1962, another laurel was added to the Colonel's record of achievement and a proud Unit returned from Camp Niagara with the coveted Gordon Trophy.

In 1963, the end of an era was sounded. The beloved University Avenue Armouries were to make way for civic construction. The Regiment Trooped the Colour on June 1st to an estimated audience of 20,000 at the C.N.E. Grandstand. This was followed by the Demolition Ball and three short weeks later (JUNE 25th), the Highlanders "Marched Out" to our present, temporary quarters at Fort York, accompanied by our good friends, The Toronto Scottish Regiment.

LT COL D.C. HALDENBY

Amid the confusion of a new and crowded home, a determined CO led the Regiment to another Summer Camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake to return with the prized McGuinness Trophy, the symbol of unit efficiency.

The following month, Pipe Major Dewar and Drum Major Fletcher led our famous Pipes and Drums on a visit to Scotland and England.

In September '63, the CBC televised (for the first time) a military church service, as the Unit worshipped in Old St. Andrew's and in November of the same year, Lt Col and Mrs. Haldenby hosted the Highlanders' Ball at the Royal York Hotel.

On April 17, 1964 Lt Col Haldenby relinquished command to Lt Col J.M. Lowndes CD. He guided his Regiment through three years of the most difficult circumstances a CO has to face. The loss of the University Avenue Armouries, and the problems of moving and maintaining smooth administration was a cruel burden. His constant drive to maintain the high standards demanded by his pride in the Regiment is a credit to himself, his Regiment and his father.

LT COL J.M. LOWNDES CD COMMANDING OFFICER, THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

Colonel Lowndes enjoyed his first military achievement in his St. Andrew's College school years, when in 1944, as commander of the College Cadet Corps, he won the "Best Cadet Corps Trophy" in highly competitive MD2. He also captained the football team and was outstanding in hockey, swimming, and track.

In 1942 (at the age of 16) he joined the 2nd Div Petrol Coy RCASC reserve and rose to the rank of L/Cpl. After ten months service he transferred to the 2nd Bn, 48th Highlanders (Reserve) as a Private.

At the age of 18, he enlisted with the CIC and served at Brantford and Borden. He celebrated his 19th birthday on VE Day and immediately volunteered for the Pacific which involved training at Barriefield and Fort Benning, Georgia. Following VJ Day he was returned to Petawawa and finally Simcoe and received his discharge as a Cpl in December of 1945.

In the Fall of 1946, Col Lowndes entered the University of Toronto to graduate in 1949 with a BA Degree and his commission as a Lieutenant through his training with the COTC where he qualified to the rank of Captain. His academic prowess at University was almost equalled by his enthusiasm for sports, for he was not only President of the Inter-Collegiate Swimming and Water-polo Association but an active swimming member of the team. He was also awarded a coveted University College Bronze Award for overall athletic ability. In the same year he became a Beta Theta Pi Fraternity member.

1949 was a decisive year for the then Lt Lowndes. In April he returned to his first love, the 48th Highlanders as a Platoon Commander. He also entered Osgoode Hall in the Autumn to graduate in 1953 as a Barrister-at-Law. During this period his responsibilities towards the Regiment were never neglected due to the demands of his studies at Osgood Hall. This is evident in his outstanding record of promotions, appointments and dedicated service to our Regiment since his enlistment.

Lt Col Lowndes

In 1951, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and appointed to the exacting office of Adjutant, within 18 months he was appointed Company Commander and received his Majority in April 1954. He was awarded the CD in 1955 and attended the Military Staff Course in 1957 and appointed to Training Officer in 1958. Three years later (1961) he became 2 i/c of the Regiment and on April 1st of 1964 he was to realize his boyhood dream when he was appointed Commanding Officer of the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

During this continuous period with the Regiment, Col Lowndes somehow found time in May of 1952 to marry Miss Marilyn McVittie, the charming granddaughter of a former 48th Highlander and a sister to Capt Tim McVittie, presently attached to 15 Mil GP. Mrs. Lowndes since then has managed to keep track of him long enough to honour him with four delightful daughters, (Parry 11, Susan 8, Jennifer 6, and Margo 4) and last month, a Highlander named (of course) John Montgomery.

The following Spring (1953), he joined a distinguished Toronto Law firm and is presently a name partner (Ricketts, Farley and Lowndes) with offices at 372 Bay Street.

Lt Col Lowndes is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada, York County Law Association, Canadian Bar Association, The Lawyers Club, The Toronto Hunt Club, The Badminton Club, The Royal Canadian Military Institute, St. Andrew's Society, and the St. Andrew's College Old Boys' Association.

Although his sports activities have been drastically reduced by his Regimental activities, he still manages to play a "mean" second base for the Regiment's (Champion) Officers' Baseball Team as well as maintain better than average form at golf, squash, skiing, and swimming. His additional interest in recently acquired cottage property in Muskoka is being unselfishly suppressed until he is relieved of the responsibility of Command.

For those of us who have known and served under Lt Col John Lowndes since his return to the Regiment in 1949, this brief biography does little justice to his record of dedicated service. In closing, however, I would like to quote a tribute paid to the Colonel on taking Command by the Royal Canadian Military Institute:

"This famous Unit (the 48th Highlanders) holds a position of special significance in the community and to become its Commanding Officer is universally regarded as a signal achievement."

KNOWN FALL EVENTS

- 18 Sept - First Parade
- 27 Sept - Annual Church Parade
- 2-4 Oct - Scheme at Borden (tentative)
- 8 Nov - Armistice Parade
- 11 Dec - Pay Parade

BASEBALL ANYONE?

At 20:30 hours, 30 May 64, "The Arm" let go with a sizzling, high, outside, ball. This was the beginning of a delirious evening for Major Read as he piloted his Toronto Garrison League Champs into the Inter-Garrison final against the Black Watch (Montreal Garrison Officers' League Champions'), for the coveted Inter-Garrison Trophy.

This may seem, at first glance, to be of slight consequence in the annals of military sports. Let it be remembered however, that our heroes were handicapped by shameful Montreal trickery, calculated to destroy both their co-ordination and spirit prior to this grueling contest on the historic asphalt diamond.

It all started (too many years ago to remember) when in true Highland spirit the fearless 48th challenged (or was it the other way around) the intrepid Black Watch to field a baseball team in defense of their honour. We or they, must have met the test, for from this misty beginning emerged the traditional "A & A" Weekend. (Alcoholic and Athletic).

This historic occasion has been loosely perpetuated since that day and although the official historians of both units have endeavoured to chronicle the "Athletic" aspect of the contest over the years, none as yet have managed to survive the "Alcoholic" part of the weekend to record the scores for posterity. There is little doubt in this reporter's mind however, that the Dileas Boys must have won every time.

It is also traditional (and hereby hangs the terrible conspiracy that confronted our officers) for the host team (this year the 48th Mess) to royally entertain and, at all costs, "fill-in" their playing guests prior to game time.

On reviewing the Mess bills there can be little doubt that we enthusiastically maintained this cherished tradition and it was inconceivable that our guests would not co-operate in being "filled-in". (By now the true sportsman is probably beginning to sense the dastardly plot), Foul!!! belched our Colonel as the Watch team trotted onto the floor at game time. Disgraceful !!!!! shrieked our wives from the gallery... The Watch were shamefully sober.

Shaken but undaunted, your heroes rallied around the "Arm", gave a whoop and carried Big John Macfarlane to his post at 1st. The Colonel hugged 2nd and confidently ordered the adj "Curly" Stark to catch everything between 1st and 3rd...and he tried. "Cuddles" Darling searched for 3rd while "O K" Cameron and a miscellaneous collection of subalterns faded from view in the outfield. Unfortunately, I cannot recall what happened to "The Mitt", Captain Osler, after attempting to catch the first pitch with his left bicep.

Your reporter (and official 1964 "A & A" historian) at this point joyfully realized the \$27.06 worth of MacTavish, VERY OLD AND RARE, was finally providing the desired effect on what I thought was the Black Watch pitcher. Needless to say, my faith in the glorious Watch was momentarily renewed until Captain Dey pointed out my victim was their team mascot. This realization, good sports, plus my condition (which you must remember has also become traditional for official "A & A" historians...and I know you would want me to maintain such a fine Highland tradition) made it extremely difficult for me to continue to concentrate on the play and record the vital statistics. Would someone please let the Officers know who won?.....

THE BOTTLE OF WATERLOO AND ALL THAT (An alcoholic view of history)

A new, alcoholic interpretation of military history has been worked out by a governmental committee on prohibition in India.

The committee report proclaims that drinking has been responsible for some of the world's most famous defeats, and abstinence for some of the world's most famous victories.

A special chapter maintains that the Indian Army would fight better if cut off from the gin and beer it was provided by its former British mentors.

The supporting historical argument begins with Alexander the Great, who, according to the report, died at the peak of his military career in his 33rd year because he "twice filled the Herculean cup of wine containing six quarts and fell into a drunken stupor" from which he never recovered.

The report does not say whether Alexander had previously been an abstainer, but profane history would suggest the contrary, and presumably he achieved his previous successes in spite of hangovers.

The next item is headed Burgundy Wine and the Bottle (sic) of Waterloo and declares that Marshal Ney spent the night of June 17, 1815, "with his Burgundy Wine" and thus was too befuddled to reinforce Napoleon the next morning against Wellington, who presumably, did not have a hangover.

The report then declares that the collapse of the Germans in the First World War "is attributed to their lack of resistance to French wines."

This secret weapon has been double-edged, however. In the Second World War the report says, "the French Army, believing in the impregnability of the Maginot Line, lay behind it drinking their favourite red and white wines." When France fell the report says, Marshall Henri-Phillipe Petain explained the debacle with the comment: "Our men drank and could not fight."

A paragraph that makes no reference to the collapse of the Russian armies in the First World War declares that the Czar's mobilization order was executed in 16 days instead of a month as the result of a prohibition ukase. The report adds:

"In the words of Professor Pares, the official British eyewitness of the Russian Forces (of the First World War): 'I can state with certainty that there is not one case of drunkenness in the whole Russian Army'. No further comment is called for."

"Why is it," the American track coach asked of the Russian track coach, "that your runners are so much faster than ours."

"Simple," was the answer. "We use real bullets in our starting pistols."

"There are two ways to do almost anything," pontificated the husband.

"Yes," commented the wife, "the right way and the way you do it."

THE PIPES AND DRUMS

Well here we are again, summer's here and another pay parade. The warm weather means that our hi-fi pipers and drummers are practicing feverishly for the various Highland Games. Hope they have their usual success.

Since last going to press the Band has welcomed four new men: Piper J. Williams, Drummers Highland, Fraser and Adams. Williams and Fraser are both old hands with the Band. Our old timers will remember the famous (or notorious, depending whether you were out or in) tent at summer camp known as the "Lushwell Arms" and its friendly proprietor, J. Williams. Yes, we have him back and John is laying in supplies now for summer camp 1965.

Fred Fisher and Norm Nash have become proud fathers--two more recruits for the cause.

John MacDonald has forsaken his carefree bachelor days and is now a happily married man. He must be happy--he is smiling all the time--just like the cat who swallowed the canary.

The Pipes and Drums Ball was a success and we would like to thank all who helped make it so.

Hope everyone has a good summer--see you on parade.

FOUR GENERATIONS OF HIGHLANDERS

An interesting family history of service in the Regiment has recently been brought to our attention.

Sgt. David Hunter enlisted in 1910 (15th Battalion)--

Angus Hunter, his son enlisted in 1921--

Harold Scott (a son-in-law of Angus Hunter enlisted in 1942 --

Edward Scott the great grandson of David, the grandson of Angus,

the son of Harold Scott enlisted in 1964--

This adds up to four generations all serving with the 48th Highlanders--an enviable record to be sure. - Ed.

The company's business had suffered a steady decline and the manager had called all of the salesmen in for a special meeting.

"I wanted to let all you men know that we are going to have a sales contest," he announced grimly, "and the man who wins keeps his job."

The telephone rang in the real estate office and a woman's voice enquired, "Do you sell maternity clothes?"

"No," replied the quick thinking salesman, "but could I interest you in a larger house?"

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Whether an army marches on its stomach or on its trucks, the 48th Highlanders would be doing very little moving without the devoted, industrious Headquarters Company. Both its platoons, catering under 2/Lt. D. Marshall and transport under 2/Lt. A. Livingstone, are responsible for the success of a great number of unit functions.

Talented cooks tantalize appetites and satisfy all gastric cravings at mealtimes during scheme weekends, shooting banquets and Mess functions. Our culinary masters not only cater to the needs of the men of the 48th Highlanders but also spread their menus before the fortunates of other units who have recognized the feats of our small band of hard working individuals.

Transport platoon has served this unit flawlessly for its various functions and excursions and has survived many a dead battery, flat tire, empty gas tank or near collision to carry on its all important role in moving men and equipment to the training areas. This expanding platoon spends hours preparing beforehand for its jobs. These men are usually the first and last people to leave an armouries because of the equipment and vehicles for which they must account.

Under Capt. Dey, the Platoon commander, and Sergeants-major Turner and Valiquette, the Company is expanding and improving its service. The course offered by the Company were not as well attended as had been hoped by the delegated members of the other companies. It is hoped that next year training will be revived in the two fields represented by HQ Coy.

With the addition of young blood and some keen old soldiers, the company is progressing to its proper position on the right of the Unit. No longer are we "cooks and drivers", but trained, disciplined soldiers with trades--and trades pay.

ARE YOU A HIGHLANDER ?

What does being a Highlander mean to you? If you cannot think of some good responses, it's about time some serious thought was put to the question.

A Highlander is not just a "Friday night soldier". A Highlander eats, breathes and sleeps Highlander: that is to say, realizing that the success of a Unit depends on its men, a Highlander should do his best to support his Unit (the best) at all times.

Supporting your Unit involves "playing the army game". You're a soldier because you want to be one. Think on that! You were not conscripted, drafted, nor forced in any way to join. Therefore, it stands to reason, you must attend regularly and train hard because you want to, not because you have been told to. An NCO despises the job of having to phone his men: they should be there or get out and make room for more interested personnel.

The ranks above corporal should be an example of good Highlander material. They are inspired in their jobs when you show you are interested in learning and training. Nothing ruins a Course more easily than non-attendance.

ARE YOU A HIGHLANDER? (Cont'd)

Show an interest in your Unit by attending Unit functions such as schemes, balls, parades and sports activities. Understand all the rules before attempting too much. Question what troubles you. Accept discipline. Learn about your Regiment.

Some questions designed to start you thinking are listed below. Answer them truthfully, then think about your answers to decide your next move.

Why did you skip parade?

Why did you join the 48th Highlanders?

Why are you still a recruit?

What aim do you have to accomplish in being a Highlander?

What Regimental history do you know?

Who are the present Company Commanders?

What are Company March Pasts?

Why don't you know how to do Highland dancing?

When was the last time you qualified on the rifle?

Have you ever volunteered?

Have you ever recruited a friend?

What are Regimental Standing Orders?

What can you do to boost morale and esprit de corps?

ARE YOU A HIGHLANDER?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Highlander went to heaven and was stopped by St. Peter at the gate---
"Before you can enter heaven tell me what good you have done on earth".
"Weel, Ah rreturned ah wee dime to the barr stewarrd when he gave me too much change."
"Anything else?"
"Ah foond ah dime and gave it to a hobo on the strreet."
"Is that all?"
"Ah paid a dime farre forr a bairrn on a boos."
"Anything else?"
"Ah canna think on onythin' else."
"Well, here's 30 cents laddie, now go to hell."

SUPPORT COMPANY

As the Pipes and Drums played "Leaving Port Askaig", Support Company was re-constituted in January of this year under Lt. Baker with Lt. Darling and Lt. Cameron as D C commanders. CSM Osborne was another addition to the Coy.

Activities commenced immediately as the Turner Shoot was held at Niagara Ranges on the 1st parade weekend in January. This shoot is in honour of former Coy CSM Al Turner who enjoyed competitive shooting under extreme weather conditions. As things worked out the weather met all requirements and a tremendous weekend was enjoyed by many unit personnel.

We were extremely pleased that Support Coy won the team trophy this year and will be back on the firing point next year to make certain the honour remains in the Coy. Capt. Stark, unit Adjutant, won the Whiz Bang Trophy as best shot other than Sp Coy and 2/Lt. Marshall took home the Turner Trophy as best for the weekend.

Rivalry and enthusiasm were tremendous as all ranks enjoyed the competition and excellent meals provided by Catering platoon. We expect a complete sell out next year, so get your orders in early.

Special thanks to HQ Coy for all their help.

Throughout the rest of the training season the Company consistently was among the leaders in percentage on parade and with the recruiting underway should really go into orbit next fall.

Have a pleasant and safe summer. Be prepared to come back in the fall full of pep and ready to accomplish many things.

CORPORALS' CLUB

At a meeting held in the M. I. R. on the 8th May it was decided to reactivate the Corporals' Club.

At a subsequent meeting, held at the same location on the 5th June, a Board of Management was elected. The following Corporals were elected to the following positions: President, Cpl. R.L. Cormack; Vice-President, Cpl. S. Stanton; Secretary-Treasurer, Cpl. Downie.

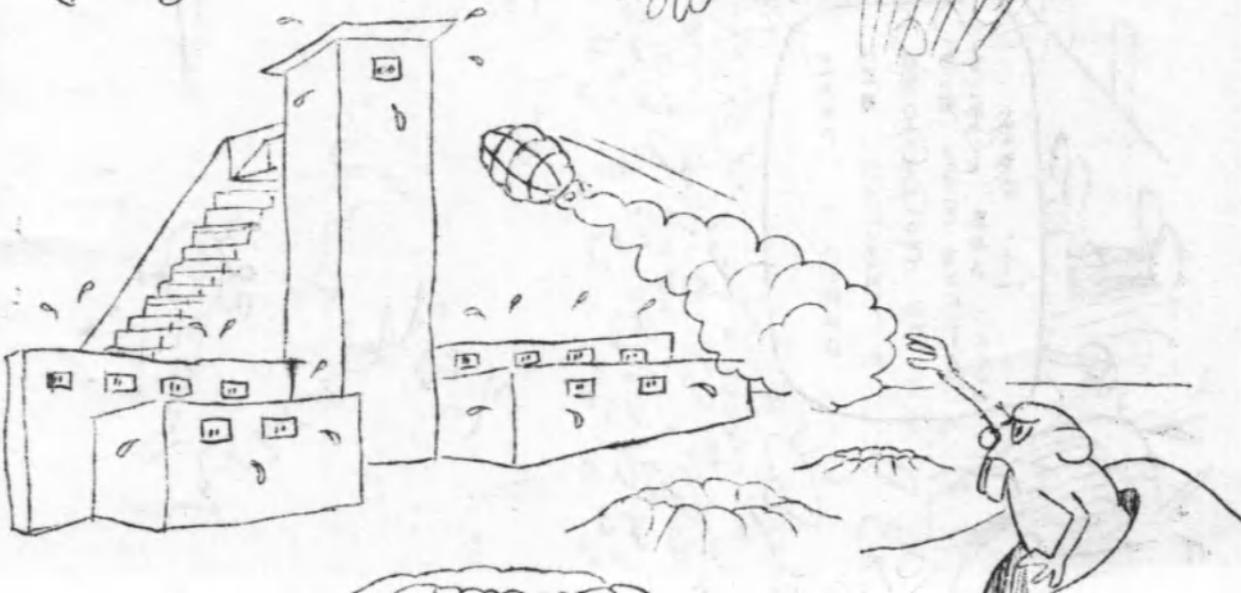
Although the last meeting was announced in Part I Orders, there was a poor turnout. However, there were enough interested corporals present to conduct an election, which they did, with the above results.

A Corporals' Club is an unique feature in the Militia and it was the 48th Highlanders, with their usual progressiveness, who brought this Club into being. Now it is up to the Corporals of the Regiment to back their Club to the limit. So let us ALL do what we can to keep the Club alive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who voted for me as President and for their choice of the other Board members. I am sure that they wish to join me in thanking you all.

Cpl R.L. Cormack

FALCON CARTOONS



CBC
MOBILE
UNIT



WELL, I GUESS
THE COLONEL'S
DEDICATION OF
OUR NEW FALCON
MASCOT HAS ABOUT
HAD IT!



ALPHA 'APPENINGS

Since we last reported on the activities of Alpha Company, many events of interest have occurred and many new faces have shown up.

We want to welcome Corporal Henry back to the fold and other ranks who have joined include Ptes. Bice, Lindsey, Michaels, and Morely, all of whom transferred from Charlie Company. Ptes. Campbell, McGurgin, Montgomery, Richards and Sigall are new to the Regiment as well as to the Company.

Company spirit is very high, and this has been shown by the fact that Alpha has been leading the formal dismissal regularly, based on the percentage of the company on parade.

An event which helped to build this spirit was the social and Highland dancing practice held during the winter at the Regiment's Hall on Church Street. This showed non-Scots the ins and outs of Highland dancing. Captain Johnson ably instructed us and Sgt. Peddle arranged the affair and laid on the refreshments which we were so much in need of.

A long time member of the Company, our Company clerk, Cpl. Caton, received a well-deserved promotion and now sports a second hook. We understand that during the war the corporal wore hooks with zippers and for good reason.

The new members of the Company were helped to fit in and feel at home while at the Annual Classification Shoot at Camp Niagara. They also got used to such joys of army life as sand, snow, sleet, and sergeants.

In recent weeks the Company has been undergoing training in field tactics and the bayonet in the park area across from the armouries under the leadership of C.S.M. Gaston, who apparently adds amusing army anecdotes. This has proven a welcome change from the long series of Recruit, Trained Militiaman and N.C.O. courses in which most of the Company took part during the winter. Latterly the Combat Leadership Course has taken a good deal of training time, and as this is written the Company is looking forward keenly to putting their new knowledge into use this coming weekend at Borden.

Two other events which made all ranks feel a part of the Company and the Regiment, were the Change of Command and the Annual Garrison Church Parade. The polishing, pressing, brushing, and buffing of the full dress uniform suddenly became worth it all when we paraded in front of General Kitching. This was felt even more when we marched down University Avenue to the cheers of all Toronto. As usual the 48th were the smartest outfit on parade and once again "A" Coy led The Regiment.

In April "A" company was host to the rest of the Regiment at the annual McGregor shoot. Our own eagle-eyed Company Commander won the MacGregor Cup and Cpl. Norton won the Graham Shield.

"Is it true" the cub reporter asked the visiting explorer, "that in the jungle wild animals will not harm you if you are carrying a torch?"

"It all depends," replied the explorer, "on how fast you're carrying it."

"B" COMPANY NEWS

It is a twofold pleasure to again be writing the "B" Coy news. Firstly, great pleasure is derived from talking of all the glorious exploits of the "B" Coy "Tigers", and secondly, the FALCON is only issued on a Pay Parade which perhaps gives even more pleasure.

"B" Coy now more powerful than ever, and with a solid base of stalwart men, has just started a recruiting drive, and as in all things "B" Coy undertakes, this is bound to be a whopping success. Therefore, at this time we would like to apologize to the rest of the Regiment as we soon expect to be crowding them a little on the parade square. Condolences are also extended to Capt. Pearce whose place as Coy Commander of the largest Coy will soon be taken over by Major "Dicky" Read, the fabulous pitcher who led our great regimental softball team to a Dominion championship.

When this is published, the members of the Company will be looking back at "B" Coy party which was held at Ft. York Armouries on Saturday June 7. As is usual with "B" events, this will have been an outstanding success.

"B" Coy members have been for the most part attending lectures on the Combat Leadership Course in preparation for a night patrol in competition with other regiments from Central Command. "B" Coy and "A" Coy are jointly fielding a team and it can be easily seen that this great combination is bound to turn out victorious.

A Boston spinster was shocked at the language used by workmen repairing telephone wires near her home, so she wrote to the Telephone Company. The manager immediately asked the foreman on the job to make a report which read as follows:

"Me an Spike Williams were on this job. I was up the pole and accidentally dropped the hot lead which fell on Spike and went down his neck. Then Spike looked up at me and said: 'Really, Harry, you must be more careful!'"

Canadian (to Englishman): "How do you like the girls over here?"

Englishman: "Oh, they are alright, but I'll never forget the ones I was engaged to back home."

Canadian: "What were their names?"

Englishman: "Gladys, Gloria, Jean, Joan and Sam."

Canadian: "Sam?"

Englishman: "Yes, the London fogs are pretty thick, you know."

They had agreed to separate vacations but when he returned she was waiting with fire in her eye. "Don't deny it", she stormed. "You were seen playing around with a blonde on the beach."

"Well", he replied, "at my age would you expect me to play with a pail and shovel?"

Two battered old characters were sitting together on a park bench. One leaned over and said to his neighbour, "I'm a man who never took advice from anybody." "Shake, pal" the other replied, "I'm the man who followed everybody's advice."

DONALD'S DIGEST

University Armouries--Fort York Armouries--and on to Moss Park Armouries. With the breaking of ground at Moss Park all members of "D" Company are looking forward eagerly to our projected move back to our own sweet home. However, while marking time at Fort York Armouries the Company continues to strive for perfection despite training difficulties afforded by our present location.

"D" Company personnel entered a team in the McGregor shoot and as expected distinguished themselves by winning the Graham Trophy. For the purpose of the Trophy the three top team scores were Major J.I.B. Macfarlane, WO II Rands, C. and L/Sgt Pett S.J. Congratulations also to the two other members of the team, Sgt. Moze K.C.D. and L/Cpl Worth S.

Since the last issue of the FALCON "D" Company Social Club, always a going concern, elected a new committee consisting of Cpl. Cormack R.L. as President, Pte Binnie S as Secretary, and L/Cpl Cormack D. As Treasurer. Committee members elected were: Ptes Patten C., Nicholas G., and Short J. The Company is expecting great things from our new committee and we are confident they will not disappoint us.

Regimental functions attended by "D" Coy were the Annual Garrison Church Parade on 31 May 64, a field firing practice at Camp Borden on 23 May 64, and the Combat Leadership Training also at Camp Borden on 12 June 64. All of these parades were well attended by "D" Company whose members contributed their expected full effort.

There have been no major changes of company personnel recently. However, two men who were promoted to Corporal were Corporals Cook R., and Lightning R. Appointed Lance-corporal was Pte. Cormack D.

A point of interest to the Regiment relates to the Regimental Hockey team. This fine aggregation earned an enviable record in the games played last winter. "D" Company would like to honour L/Cpl Worth S., who was primarily responsible for the initiation of a Regimental Hockey team. "D" Company was again well represented among the players.

The team started without equipment other than the player's own, but in a short time were decked out in sweaters with Regimental crest, helmets and matching socks, supplied through the kind generosity of WO II Valiquette A., and by those who so kindly supported the lucky draw. Success of the hockey team was largely due to the unstinting support of the players themselves and by their own contributions which supplied ice time and necessary equipment. L/Cpl Worth would personally like to thank the O.C.A. for making it possible to participate in their league and also Lt. R.G. Darling of Support Company and Lt. C.J. Sams of "D" Company, for their excellent coaching and moral support. Lt. Ross of "A" Company also assisted greatly by joining the team for the playoffs.

A young lady suspecting she was pregnant visited the Doctor. After the usual tests and examinations, the doctor entered the room and exclaimed, "I have good news for you, Mrs. Wilson."

"But", protested the young lady, "I am Miss Wilson."
Whereupon the doctor apologized and said, "Miss Wilson, I have bad news for you".

HOW IT SHOULD BE

"Education," Stephen Leacock argued in one of his fine essays, "is eating up life." The article, included in its entirety in The Leacock Roundabout published by Dodd, Mead & Company, can be recommended as much for its wisdom as its humor.

"In this discussion of education," Leacock wrote, "I am addressing myself to plain people. By this I mean people who shudder at mathematics, go no further in Latin than E Pluribus Unum and take electricity as they find it. As opposed to these are the academic class who live in colleges, or in the shadow of them, and claim education as their province. But the plain people are of necessity interested in education because their sons and daughters go to college, or, more important, can't go to college.

"Now the plain people have noticed that education is getting longer and longer. Fifty years ago people learned to read out of a spelling-book at six years old, went to high school at twelve, and taught school (for money) on a third-class certificate at sixteen. After that, two years in a saw-mill and two in a medical school made them doctors. Or one year in a saw-mill and one in divinity fitted them for the church. For law they needed no college at all, just three summers on a farm and three winters in an office.

"All our great men in North America got this education. Pragmatically, it worked. They began their real life still young. With the money they didn't spend they got a wife. By the age of thirty they had got somewhere or nowhere. It is true that for five years of married life, they carried, instead of a higher degree bills for groceries, coal, doctors and babies' medicine. Then they broke out of the woods, into the sunlight, established men--at an age when their successors are still demonstrating, interning, or writing an advanced thesis on social impetus.

"Now it is all changed. Children in school at six years old cut up paper dolls and make patterns. They are still in high school till eighteen, learning civics and social studies studies for old men. They enter college at about nineteen or twenty, take prerequisites and post-requisites in various faculties for nearly ten years, then become demonstrators, inviligators, researchers, or cling to a graduate scholarship like a man on a raft...

"All this, you will say, is exaggerated, is overcoloured, is not truth. Very likely. But a half truth in argument, like a half brick carries better, High colours show up where neutral tints blend to nothing. Yet the main truth gets over. Education is eating up life....

"Life, we learn too late, is in the living, in the tissue of every day and hour. So it should be with education. But so it is not; a false view discolours it all. For the vastly great part of it the student's one aim is to get done with it....Then at last--his four years are out, his sentence expired, and he steps out of college a free man, without a stain on his character--and not much on his mind. Later on, he looks back wistfully and realizes how different it might have been."

"LEST WE FORGET"

Rev. A.C.G. Muir,
38 Elfreda Boulevard,
Scarborough Ontario.

192 Victor Avenue,
Toronto 6, Ontario,
April 30, 1964.

Dear Padre:

It is with regret that I have to again report the names of so many 48th Highlanders who have died during the period from November 15th, 1963 to April 30, 1964.

My sincere thanks to those who so kindly notified me of the death of 48th Veterans, and also thanking those who acknowledged the Floral Tributes sent by the Old Comrades Association.

Yours truly,

Sam Leake,
Sick Committee,

48th Highlanders Deaths from November 15, 1963 to April 30, 1964

WRIGHT, John	Nov. 16	1963	48th - 19th
CARRUTHERS, Capt. R.H.	"	"	30th - 15th
SUMMERVILLE, Donald, Ex-Mayor	" 19	"	48th Band
KIDD, Thomas	" 27	"	48th Band
HANNA, Lt. Wm.	"	"	92nd
MOIR, David	" 28	"	92nd - 15th
McAlister, Robert	" 29	"	15th
NOKES, Wm.	Dec. 1	"	15th
MOSS, Edward	" 1	"	134th - 15th
MURPHY, Louis	" 10	"	48th
SHELSON, Arthur	" 19	"	134th - 15th
McNEILLAGE, Douglas	" 21	"	Black Watch - 48th
HAMILTON, Rupert	" 24	"	15th
McCLELLAND,	" 27	"	15th
RUSS, Bernard	Jan. 5	1964	48th
CAIRD, Robert	" 13	"	92nd - 42nd
SNOWIE, Wm.	" 25	"	48th
FRASER, Hon. Alister	" 25	"	15th
PLANT, George	" 26	"	15th
BELL, F.C.	" 30	"	61st - 15th
OSLER, Maj. Gordon	Feb 1	"	48th
PADDON, Albert M.M. & Bar	" 3	"	134th - 15th
GAZEY, Alfred	" 6	"	15th - 48th
CLEATOR, A. R.	" 6	"	48th
HARRINGTON, Harry	" 11	"	48th
GREER, George	" 19	"	48th
BUICK, Joseph	" 21	"	15th
TARR, Frank M.M.	" 28	"	48th - 19th
ARMSTRONG, Robert	Mar. 4	"	134th - 15th
FOSTER, G.	"	"	30th - 15th
PEEL, George	"	"	30th - 15th
RELF, Wm.	" 10	"	48th
SMITH, John	" 21	"	134th - 19th

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HALDENBY Lt. R.E.	Apr. 7 1964	15th
WHALEN, Joseph	" 12 "	134th - 19th
McINTOSH, Duncan	" 17 "	92nd Draft - 15th
BARNES, Wentwrth	" 26 "	134th - 15th

ON LIFE ETERNAL

Of ourselves we know only that all things die. What our eyes see and experience daily is that there is nothing perfect. When we look about on this great universe, we shudder. In the midst of infinite space, with its millions of suns that arise and grow old in millions upon millions of years, what does this little earth-history mean? In the midst of the history of man, where races stream forth as from an inexhaustible spring into visible life and then disappear again after a few short centuries of stardom--what is the meaning of your insignificant life with its seventy or "by reason of strength" eighty years? Is there any meaning to it all? No, says the universe to us. Yes, says the Word of God, the Creator of all these suns and races is thy creator, the tremendous starry world that frightens you is not the real world. This racial life with its waxing and waning is not real life, this is only on the surface. Beyond it is another life, that longs to break forth. It has broken forth once in Jesus Christ the Risen Lord, and it will break forth for us all in the Resurrection. This other life is eternal life. Eternal life is not an unending continuance of this life--that would perhaps be Hell--but eternal life is a quite different life, divine, not mundane, perfect, not earthly, true life, not corrupt half-life.

We cannot form a conception of eternal life. What we imagine is ever simply of the earth, temporal, worldly. Nor could we know anything about our eternal life if it had not appeared in Jesus Christ. In Him we realize that we were created for the eternal life. If we ask what is this eternal life? what sense is there in thinking about it if we can have no conception of it? the answer is, "It is life with God, from God: life in perfect fellowship." Therefore it is a life in love, it is love itself. It is a life without the nature of death and sin, hence without sorrow, pain, anxiety, care, misery. To know this suffices to make one rejoice in eternal life.

If there were no eternal life, this life of time would be without meaning, goal or purpose, without significance and without joy. It would be nothing for what ends in nothing is itself nothing. That our life does not end in nothing, but that eternal life awaits us is the glad message of Jesus Christ. He came to give us this promise as a light in this dark world. A Christian is a man who has become certain of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Death ends all life on this earth. We shall all die someday. Tomorrow? Next year? It makes no difference. Some day! Even the whole race will one day die. Without faith that means all is over. But faith says: the end is eternal life.

Is it certain that faith is right? Can one know that so certainly? In the last analysis is it not a supposition? When this question arises--and why should it not arise?--we find out whether we can really believe. Faith is the assurance that God has truly revealed His will to us in Jesus Christ, and this will is eternal life. How He will realize His will we do not know, the "how" is unimportant for us. Our business is to live in this faith, to be joyful, and to live even now in this love which is the inner meaning of eternal life. Eternal life begins by faith in Christ, and when it has begun, death can have no more dominion over us.