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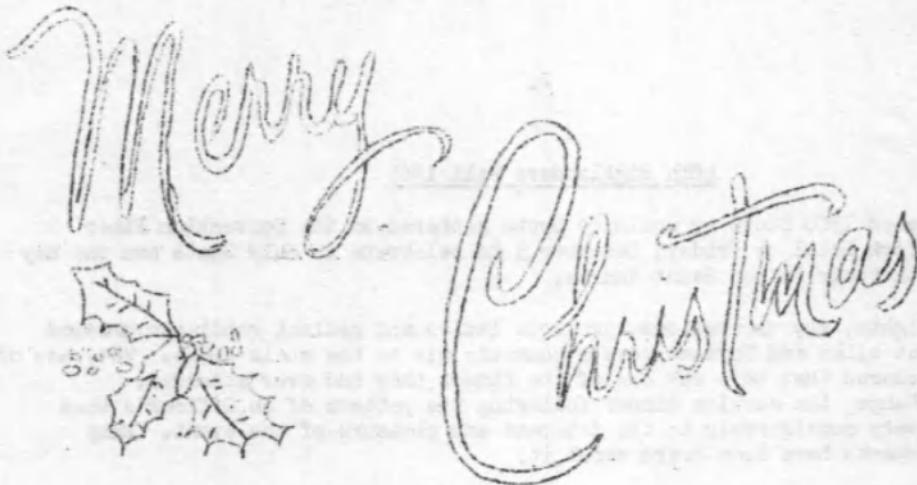
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Lt-Col J.M. Lowndes, CD
Commanding Officer



COMMANDING OFFICER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Since my last Christmas message to you a great deal has happened to the Militia and to the Regiment in particular. We have successfully suffered through the agonies of the Reorganization, moved again into new temporary quarters upon the disbanding of The Irish Regiment of Canada, attended many training schemes, courses, summer camp, parade for the Change of Pipe Majors and four church parades. We have indeed been busy and I feel on the whole it has been a successful year.

Our Pipes and Drums have maintained, and in many ways even improved, their outstanding record of the past. I especially appreciate their training accomplishment at Summer Camp, their fine strength and their continued enthusiasm. The Military Band, a victim of the Militia Reorganization, at the sacrifice of their military pay have continued to parade and grow in strength. The student militia training programme has been successful, and the results of the courses which we've all taken this year have been most gratifying. The Q and A personnel have all received accolades from the Regular Force inspection teams for their efficiency.

The only thing that I am not completely satisfied with is our total strength and the slow-up in recruiting. I am, of course, fully aware of our problems but nevertheless our established strength is 300 and we are under this figure at this time. Recruiting is the responsibility of every man in the Battalion and starting with the new year, I would ask every Jr NCO and man to bring in one new man each in the month of January. I would particularly mention A. B and HQ/Sp Coy who should double their respective strengths. Recruiting is of utmost importance if we are to continue to be Canada's Finest Regiment.

I hope and trust that you and your families will all have a very happy and merry Christmas and that the New Year will bring great prosperity to everyone and to the Regiment. I sincerely appreciate all the time and effort the officers, NCO's and men have put in during the past year and I know I can expect you all to do the same next year. You only get as much out of the Regiment as you put in, and it is a very worthwhile cause.

J. M. Lowndes, Lt. Col.

48th Highlanders Ball 1965

An estimated 1300 Scots or would be Scots gathered on the Convention Floor of the Royal York Hotel on Friday, December 3 to celebrate as only Scots can the day associated with their Patron Saint Andrew.

Bright lights, gay decorations, gracious ladies and gallant gentlemen dressed in their finest silks and Tartans gave a romantic air to the whole scene. Veterans of many balls declared that this was one of the finest they had ever attended. One notable change, the earlier dinner following the pattern of an Officer's Mess Dinner added very considerably to the interest and pleasure of the event. Many favourable comments have been heard about it.

Sarjeant Rankin excelled himself in the address to the Haggis. He did so well that some of his friends are now encouraging him to consider learning the English language in the hope that on another occasion they may be able to understand what he says.

Among the distinguished head table guests were the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario the Honourable Earl Rowe and His Worship Mayor Philip Givens of Toronto. Members of the Saint Andrews Society and Royal Scottish Dancing Society were present in large numbers along with the Highlanders and friends of all three groups mingled together to make a most delightful evening.

The dancing was carried out with all the enthusiasm and vigour we have come to expect in this event and with the usual wide range of skills and gracefulness.

The Pipes and Drums under Pipe-Major Ross Stewart had a very heavy assignment but carried it out with rare excellence.

The Retreat Ceremony in the wee small hours was of a high order. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all of them.

We were happy to have a half hour presentation of the Ball highlights on the C.B.C. Television Programme "On The Scene", last Tuesday 7 December. Those who were fortunate enough to watch the show felt we got very good coverage even if as one person said "they did use considerable poetic license."

Hearty congratulations and our grateful thanks are due to the following officers who composed the committee that planned and carried out the vast number of arrangements and details so essential to the success of the evening.

Major R. Cameron C.D.	Chairman
Major R. Read	Ticket and Table Allocations
Capt. D. Osler	Dinner, Messing facilities, and Public relations
Major D.S. Johnston	Decorations
Major W. Stark	Duties
Major A. Baker	Dance Practices



Sgt. Peter Catenacci of the famed 48th Highlanders bellows orders - From left to right - Ptes David Lewis, Alex Richardson and L/Cpl George Naklowych.

OUR 'LIME-LIGHTERS'

On 12th November 1965, the Toronto Daily Star published an article in the column 'Focus on Youth' relating to the new concept of today's role played by the militia and in particular the 48th Highlanders of Canada. The recruits whose photographs appear above were interviewed by the Star correspondent who wrote this article. He was interested to learn why these promising young men joined the Unit. It was an unfortunate circumstance that due to the lack of space available for this article only portions of their answers were published. However, we are most grateful to the Star for the publicity they gave us and hope that it will serve to interest many more young men in the opportunities available to them through joining our unit.

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THE CHANGE OF THE PIPE MAJORS

Pipe Major Archie Dewar never looked better than on that Sunday morning October 17th, 1965 when his Pipes and Drums led the 48th Highlanders of Canada up University Avenue along King Street and into St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. His usual calm and efficient nature appeared quite unperturbed as following the Church Service he set out on his last route march with the Regiment in which he had given 37 years of unbroken service. Not even as he played his last set with the Pipes and Drums which had been his very life for so many years did he show anything of the deep emotions that must have been stirring in his soul.

It was deeply moving experience for some of us as he led us in his last March Past and it was a solemn moment when a short time later we marched past again our Honourary Colonel Brigadier E.W. Haldenby taking the salute with Pipe Major Dewar standing beside him on the saluting base. This was Archie Dewar's last parade. This was his Regiment's tribute to a great Pipe Major who had filled to the full his place of honour in a distinguished succession of 48th Pipe Majors.

The Change over itself was strictly military in the best tradion of the Regiment yet with a touch of informality and genuine warmth of feeling that made it a most memorable occasion.

Lt-Colonel J.M. Lowndes, CD the Commanding Officer called Pipe Major Dewar to stand before him. He then called for Pipe Major Ross Stewart who had not been on parade until this point. The act of changing Pipe Majors was simple and direct. Pipe Major Dewar handed to Pipe Major Stewart the Regiment Pipes as the symbol of his taking over the Pipes and Drums. Pipe Major Stewart then took up his position as Pipe Major at the right hand front corner of the Pipe Band.

As a token of appreciation for his long years of service Colonel Lowndes, on behalf of the Regiment, presented Archie with a Silver Cigar Box. Sergeant Jimmy Raffan, on behalf of the Pipes and Drums presented him with a set of Silver and Ivory Mounted Pipes. The Sgt's Mess had previously given him an oil painting and the Offrs Mess a set of well filled decanters.

Pipe-Major Dewar was born in Bridge-of-Weir, Scotland on Easter Sunday March 27, 1910. Here he spent his boyhood and received his education. In 1926 his family came to Canada and settled in the East end of Toronto. Here it was that he met Pipe-Major James R. Fraser of the 48th Highlanders of Canada and began what has proved to be a long and distinguished career in the field of piping.

In 1928 Archie joined the 48th Highlanders and again he began what has proved to be a long and distinguished career as a Highland soldier. Upon his retirement on 17 October 1965 he had completed 37 years of continuous service in the Regiment and as he himself said, "I didn't miss many parades either".

When World War II broke out Archie Dewar was among the first to enlist in the 1st Battalion 48th Highlanders and proceeded overseas with them in 1939 where he served continuously through all their campaigns until the end in 1945.

During his overseas service Archie rose to the rank of Corporal and when Pipe-Major Andy Anderson left the regiment in the spring of 1945 he was made a sergeant and directly promoted to the rank of Pipe-Major which he held until his discharge from the Canadian Army Active Force in the fall of 1945.

His next step was to rejoin the Militia as Pipe-Sergeant and when Pipe-Major Fraser retired he became Pipe-Major in which capacity he has served with distinction until his recent retirement.

During these years from 1952 to 1965 the pipe band has attained a high standard of excellence. In band competitions both in Canada and the United States the 48th Pipes and Drums have been placed high consistently. They have also travelled extensively to perform at various functions; two of the most notable being the Vancouver Festival in 1961 and the Edinburgh Tatoo in 1963.

Pipe-Major Dewar has played at so many important functions and before so many distinguished people that it is difficult for him to single out any one event as more memorable than others. One highlight however, was the occasion when he piped the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to dinner in the Royal York Hotel in 1959.

The contribution which Pipe-Major Dewar has made to the Pipes and Drums is well known to all who are acquainted with them. Of the present number of pipers he has personally taught 9. During his life time he has tutored at least 60 although as he admits all who began did not make the grade.

In addition to his life in the regiment Archie is a member of the Masonic Order and a Presbyterian in religion.

During his very busy life he found time to marry Mary Wright and became the father of 3 children, Frances, Alexander, and Sheila. The son, Sandy is a member of the Pipes and Drums, and the elder daughter Frances (Mrs. Donald Lawrie) is at present a member of the Toronto Ladies Pipe Band.

During the 75 years lifetime of the 48th Highlanders of Canada there have been numerous occasions where brothers or fathers and sons have served in the Pipes and Drums. The Dewar family has the distinction of having had the Pipe-Major, his son, three brothers and one of their sons all serve as pipers in the 48th Highlanders.

When asked what he does now that he has retired from his busy routine in the regiment he assured us that he still plays his pipes just about every night and that he still has a number of pupils to keep him busy. Keep up the good work Archie.

It is not often that we think of the Toronto Scottish Regiment contributing to the life of the 48th Highlanders but almost 40 years ago it was the pipe playing of his neighbour, the late Pipe-Major Adam MacDonald, of the Toronto Scottish fame that first caught the ear and thrilled the soul of the little toddler on Monarch Park Ave., Toronto, who has just become our Pipe-Major.

Pipe-Major Ross Stewart was born on Oct. 27, 1924 in Toronto which gives him the distinction of becoming the first Canadian born Pipe-Major to serve in the 48th Highlanders.

He received his schooling at Plains Road and McGregor Public Schools and East York Collegiate. Ross began his piping career in 1937 by starting to take lessons from Pipe-Major James R. Fraser of the 48th Highlanders who was also a friend of the Stewart family. He was an apt pupil and even in those early days showed the marks of leadership and military discipline for which he is now so distinguished. I remember him as one of the more advanced pupils among the young pipers of that day.

When World War II broke out Ross joined the Canadian Army Active as a 48th Piper and was sent to Simcoe, Ontario. When an opportunity to go overseas with the Canadian Dental Corps suddenly opened to his Ross seized it. He served as a Storeman and Driver with the Dental Corps in Britain and later in North West Europe. In 1945 he transferred to the 48th Highlanders Pipe Band and returned home with the Regiment on October 25 of that same year.

It was on that wet and wonderful day that a couple of young girls were watching the 48th Highlanders march up University Avenue. One of them, Shirley Passmore, said to her friend "Maybe we can get a boy friend out of this lot". She spoke more truly than she knew for less than 3 years later on June 12, 1948 she became the bride of one of those young pipers, James Ross Stewart. The Stewarts who now live at 72 Ferris Drive, Scarborough have three daughters Catherine 9, Linda 7, and Heather 5.

Immediately following his discharge from active service Ross rejoined the 48th Highlanders Militia as a piper. His advancement since that time has been continuous. In 1949 he became Lance Corporal, in 1952 when Pipe-Major James Fraser retired and Pipe-Major Archie Dewar succeeded him, Ross Stewart was made a corporal to be followed directly by being promoted to pipe-sergeant. In 1955 he became a Staff Sergeant and in March 1965 he was promoted to WO II and on October 17, 1965 he assumed the duties of Pipe-Major on the retirement of Pipe-Major Dewar.

Ross says that the most memorable occasion to date was in 1953 when he and Pipe-Major Archie Cairns of Hamilton's Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders represented their respective regiments and played at the Coronation Ball in London, England. During this visit Ross had an opportunity to have a chat with H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

In addition to his responsibilities in the Regiment Ross is an elder in Westview Presbyterian Church, Scarborough. Previously he was an elder in Riverdale Presbyterian Church where he also taught a young people's Bible Class. He points out with interest that three 48th Pipe-Majors, Fraser, Dewar, and Stewart have all belonged to Riverdale Church. Ross is also a Past Chairman of Metropolitan Toronto Association for Hearing Handicapped Children. In the time that remains he, like his predecessor, is an employee of the Toronto Electric System where he is The Safety Officer. Those who know Pipe-Major Ross Stewart are confident that he will carry on in the best tradition of those whose motto is "Dileas Gu Brath".

NEWS FROM THE PIPES AND DRUMS

The last half-year has watched a tide of chage roll over the pipes and drums of the 48th, leaving it strong and spirited under the leadership of Pipe Major Ross Stewart. As always, the band has been kept busy, displaying the colours in a series of conderts with the military band, during parades through the streets of Toronto, at performances in Maple Leaf Gardens, Massey Hall, and the Royal Alec, and on the cover of a new record album. Unfortunately, a hurricane and flood postponed our penetration into lovely New Orleans-on-the-Lake.

On October 17th, following the St. Andrews Church parade, crowds gathered in Fort York Armouries to watch the transfer of power from retiring to succeeding pipe-major. Early in the afternoon, with the autumn sun streaming into the silent, cavernous hall, Archie Dewar handed over his pipes to Ross Stewart - only the third time the ceremony has taken place in this century. Sgt. James Raffan then presented Pipe-Major Dewar with a set of pipes from the band. After the formality came the feast. Hot sausage rolls and meat pies supplemented popular liquid refreshment.

Besides the pipe-major, Donald MacQueen and Bob Dewar have retired; while a flock of new members now swells the ranks. We welcome pipers K. Bice, G. Cairns, L. Campbell, J. Cooperwhite, R. Martin, C. Osborne, M. Rowe and drummer K. Berry to the band.

Congratulations go to Ray and Colin McKay, who have become father and grandfather with the addition of a daughter to Ray's family. Congratulations also to Drummer Graham Clark on the birth of a baby boy. We extend our deepest sympathy to ex-bachelor Jim Laing, who fell in marital battle on December 3rd, while practising the pibroch of Jingle Bells. We wish him and his wife happiness and the best of luck.

On that note of domesticity we conclude this segment, with wishes for a me rry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bob Read

One nurse to another: "I'm not dating any medical students this month - they're studying anatomy.

"What's this fly doing in my soup?" asked the business man who was getting more irritated by the minute. The waiter came back, stood a minute looking into the soup bowl: "Looks like the backstroke to me."

The strip-tease dancer was about to do a solo act for the first time. But as she reached the centre of the stage, the spotlight full on her she suddenly froze with terror. She stood completely rigid for a full 10 seconds before a voice yelled out from the back of the audience: "Well, don't just stand there. Undo something!"

The telephone is a wonderful invention. It enables teenagers to go steady without ever seeing each other.

Army Chow Sergeant: So you're complaining of finding sand in your soup?

Private: Yes, Sir!

Sergeant: Did you join the Army to serve your country or to complain about your food?

Private: I joined the army to serve my country, sir, not to eat it.

"HQ/SP" Company NewsMortar Platoon

On the weekend of the 12th, 13th and 14th of November at Camp Borden nine young men qualified on Group 1 Mortar. We congratulate these men on their outstanding performance. The result of time, attendance and personal integrity have earned these men a better position in our regiment. After three months of hard work and studying they have produced excellent group 1 mortarmen. Besides getting their trades' badge these men get a substantial bonus. When a man finishes this course he sees that he has accomplished the first step and is now eager to continue into the second and third steps. Besides becoming mortarmen, these men must go through training in driving and must receive their standing orders. There is more opportunity of travelling and of having more enjoyable weekends which they shall never forget. So we ask you men. Is this not the man's course to follow?

Signal Platoon

"Click....click....click....bang #?X "G!!", and the HQ/SP Co. special training course again starts off with a flying leap. The leap, by the way, comes from a shock which some lucky signaller received when someone cranked up the TA 43 telephone set.

Hi! This is your ace reporter, Pte Alan Nabozniak, reporting on that very interesting and entertaining signal course, run by the most enlightened training staff ever assembled on the 4 corners of the Armoury. This staff, which includes Lt. Smith, S/Sgt. Watson, Sgt. Bryning, Pte. Docherty, and of course me, have passed on our hard-earned knowledge to the willing students of this course. This knowledge deals with the operation of the 26 set, the 510, and the 42 set.

The few schemes that we have been on have shown us that this signal course is the best yet. While the luckless riflemen of the other companies have been clopping their way through field manouvers, we signallers have been sitting under a tree, casually conversing with the fellow members of this course, under the pretence of doing training.

True, our equipment is not the best, but what we lack in equipment, we make up in pluck and daring. Thanks to men like Pte. Mizzie, and Cann and Henderson, and..., well I can go on for ages.

Yes, we signallers have it easy, and our training is of the highest degree. However, the course does demand a small bit of knowledge, as well as a little practical work.

If, any of those who read this are interested in taking this made-to-order course, see Major Stark of HQ/Sp and tell him of your desire.

Well, this is your ace reporter signing off for now, with that famous ending known by everyone, "Wilco Over and Out".

P.S. Staff Watson would love me for that!!

Pte. Alan Nabozniak

Don't forget the Turner Shoot at Camp Ipperwash on the Mechanical Target Ranges on the weekend of January 29, 1966.

ALPHA AIRS

Once again "A" Company has its proper name back.

The changes that have taken place since last march have meant not only the loss of old friends to other parts of the Regiment, but also new faces in the company room.

The "A" Company Fund, is addition to supplying refreshments after each parade, is staging a party for all present company members and those who have recently left the company. It will be history by the time this is read. It is an attempt to bring together both the young and the old.

Under our Company Commander, Major Johnston, and the 2 I/C, Mr. Osler, we now have Lts. Temple and Cameron as Platoon Commanders.

We are happy to welcome to our Company 2/Lt. Roberts. Our congratulations go to 2/Lt. Buller on his promotion.

CSM Boggiss recently moved to the Training Wing, and has been replaced by CSM Chappell, who returns to the Regiment after several years in Montreal. CSM Chappell is well known to the older members of the Regiment, having long service with the Regiment prior to going to Montreal.

Sgt. Snow has moved to Stores, and will be missed (except when we are drawing rifles). The Senior NCOs in the Company now are Sgt. Moze, Sgt Shalapata, and L/Sgt. Murphy.

Cpl. Stanton is now doubling in brass in the Unit Library.

Among recent recruits are Ptes. Adams, Gillespie, Hall, Herman, Martin, and Watson. These lads are busy preparing for the climax of the recruit course run by Mr. Cameron. They have slowly but surely learned right from left, etc.

Pte. Thomson is transferring from the Artillery. Another lad has seen the light.

A keen spirit is being shown by these new men, and it augers well for the future of the company.

The recruits had an opportunity to experience life in the field early in the fall on a scheme at Camp Borden. Their second foray to Borden upheld the tradition of "A" Company as good riflemen and keen shots, when the company did very well in the annual classification shot, with Mr. Temple coming in a strong second to ex-"A" Coy member, Sgt. Snow. Mr. Temple, with a score of 118, was joined in the "Marksman" Classification by Pte. Thomson with a 113.

Pte. Adams with 106, Mr. Cameron with 104, Pte. Gillespie with 99, and Mr. Roberts with 96 are First Class shots.

Ptes. Cutler, Richards, Herman, and Burt made Second Class shots.

Good work, men!!!

Recruiting is progressing favourably, with two Blue Maple Leaf tickets going to the man bringing in the largest number each month.

All in the company, but especially its new members, were impressed by the two public parades in which the Regiment took part this fall. In particular, the Church Parade to St. Andrew's and the march to the Armouries set the stage well for the change of Pipe-Majors. All agreed that both the Pipes and Drums and the Military Band outdid themselves that day.

The MacGregor shoot is to be held in January. Perhaps, for the benefit of the new men, it should be pointed out that the shoot is named for the Commanding Officer of "A" Company who was lost during the gas attack at Ypres in April, 1915. After that battle, "A" Company was able to muster only six men of the nearly two hundred who had gone into the line a short while earlier.

The men of "A" Company have a long tradition of service which has been passed to us by those who have gone before. Let us be worthy to follow in their footsteps.

'B' COMPANY NEWS AND VIEWS

This is (I hope) the first of many news letters to the 'Falcon' from 'B' Company.

'B' Coy. is an old and tried Coy. but it suffered the same fate as the others in the 'Re-organization' deal and ended up as platoon in 'X' Coy. But now it has been re-activated and is composed of men from just about every coy. in the regiment.

The Coy. Cmdr. of 'B' coy. is a well known and popular officer namely Lt. L.R.M. Currie. This is Lt. Currie's first command and he has already shown that he is a capable and efficient Coy. Cmdr. and, with the willing co-operation of his officers, N.C.O.s and O.R.s, Lt. Currie will raise 'B' coy. to the high standard it enjoyed in the past. In fact, I am sure we will surpass the achievements of the old 'B' coy.

'B' coy. is small in numbers as are the other coys, but we have the nucleus of a strong and efficient coy. in our present members and, given the chance, we will accomplish our aims. We have a few potential N.C.O.s attending the Jnr. N.C.O. course who will be training the rest of the coy. when they have completed their course. 'B' coy. does not believe in letting their Jnr. N.C.O.s sit around and let their training go to waste.

At this time, on behalf of the coy., I would like to welcome the following people to 'B' coy. First there is Pte. (Dale) McFarland who is an ex-Irish type. Pte. (Dave) Shoults who served as an Army cadet at one time. Pte. (Colin) Wood. Pte. (Jim) Forrest who is an Ex-British army type (as I am myself). Pte. (Greg) McQuaker.

Welcome to 'B' Coy. and may your stay be long and pleasant.

Congratulations are in order for Lt. A. Beal (5 Pltn, Cmdr.) on his promotion to Lieutenant, also L/Cpl. Gledhill on his promotion to L/Cpl.

After looking at the scores from the recent (Rifle Classification Shoot) at Borden, it seems as though we have quite a few crack shots coming up in the coy. We obtained three first class seven second class marksmen from the shoot at Borden. This is pretty good considering that most of the fellows who shot have not had much experience at shooting. One chap, Pte. McQuaker, obtained the score of 74 and a second class marksman after having only fired a rifle twice in his life. Once in the .22 range and the second time was at Borden where he obtained this score. Congratulations chaps on a good show and keep up the high scores.

'B' COY Cont'd

The recent schemes and shoots were well attended by 'B' coy. types and they conducted themselves as true 48th. Hldrs. As for example the recent scheme at Borden 2/3 Oct. the coy. played their gallant part in repelling the charge of the dogs at the 'Battle of the Backyard'. I received the reports on this engagement second hand as I (unfortunately?) could not attend that week-end. I suppose that the Medics will be carrying anti-rabies vaccine in their first aid kits.

Apparently we have a budding 'Audey Murphy' in the person of Sgt. Bolton. It seems that Sgt. Bolton wiped out the coy., not with a machine gun but with his bare hands. What happened was that the coy. was moving through some trees in single file. and Sgt. Bolton stalked each one and took them out before they knew what had happened. This was good lesson on observation for the coy. Then there was the attack of the Purple People Eaters or so it seemed by all accounts. It happened when a certain L/Cpl. bombed a certain Lt.. with, of all things, a purple smoke bomb. All in all it sounded like a typical 48th scheme.

I was very sad to see 'D' coy. disbanded. I am sure that quite a few of the members of the regiment felt the same as there are many ex-Donald's men in the regiment including our C.O., Lt. Col. J.M. Lowndes, C.D. I myself spent four years in 'D' coy. and have many fond memories of my stay.

I would like to see 'Donald's Return' still being included in the Pipe Band's selections on a Friday night. This would be a tribute to the memory of a fine company. I am sure that other ex-members would appreciate this token of respect.

We are fast approaching the end of the year and as this is the last edition of the 'Falcon' for this year I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Coy. Cmdr., officers and men of 'B' coy., to wish our C.O. Lt. Col. J. M. Lowndes C. D., the officers and men of the regiment a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Sgt. Cormack R.L.

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In the Bible lesson the teacher in the Fife mining village was telling the children about Joseph being taken into slavery in Egypt. He told them: "And Reuben returned into the pit and behold Joseph was not in the pit." "Where was Joseph?" asked the teacher. Without hesitation up shot the hand of one small boy: "Please, sir, he was on the other shift."

Father: "Yes, son, I'm a self-made man."

Son: "Bad, that's what I like about you. You take the blame for everything."

Bugler: "I'm entering the contest for the best buglar in camp. How do you think I'll come out?"

Corporal: "On a stretcher, probably."

Police captain: "So you let him escape? Didn't you obey my orders to guard all exits?"

Rookie: "Yew sir, we guarded every exit. He must have slipped through one of the entrances."

Bridegroom - "I'm beginning to think your mother takes a dim view of me. Those towels she gave us are marked 'Hers' and 'Its'."

HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS TRANSFER TO



CHARLIE COMPANY NEWS

Since the last issue of the Falcon in June of 1965, Charlie Company has been very active in all fields of training both on company and battalion levels. On the 25th, 26th, 27th of June, "C" platoon (now 7 platoon) showed its worth on Exercise "Get Lost IV" under the stern leadership of Capt. Brown and the sympathetic guidance of Lt. Currie. The weekend was very successful and was enjoyed by all attending. I may add, that L/Cpl Brewer of Support Company has the films to verify this statement. Only a week after this Charlie turned out again; this time in support of the summer tactics. 'You also learned how to lay out your bedding, didn't you fellows!' Meanwhile, not too far off, Charlie's new recruits, the Student Militia 65 were undergoing their first phase of training; "Camouflage and Concealment at Niagara Summer Camp." Charlie's SM's practised concealing themselves as riflemen, mortarmen, cooks and small bushes. But we all enjoyed the days under canvass immensely. Them, during the next four weeks the Student Militiamen completed their training and I am happy to say that everyone passed the course and ninety percent of the new lads entered the ranks of Charlie Coy in the fall. Pte. Jefferries was honoured as the best recruit on the course and Pte. Billings as the best shot - congratulations again, boys!

Monday, 13 September, found some of our lads on the Guard of Honour at the New City Hall Opening.

The Saturdays of 18 and 25 September found Ptes Bukovec, Curran, Chartrand, Feek, Gilbert, Hamilton, Hay, Miller J., Mills, Read, Scott E. H., Scott W.G. (brothers), Sweeney J.M.; Cpl Benford, Cadenhead, and Sershall (now L/Sgt) on the Combat Leadership Team under the controversial leadership of Lt's Currie and Iversen and Sgt. Richards. We didn't come in first, but the Adjutant had assured me that he is still proud of us!

On the 12, 13, 14 November Charlie went to the ranges at Camp Borden - congratulations to Pte's Whitmore (highest score in 'C' Coy), Reynolds, Boudreau, Billings, and Grieve - all are now first class shots. As far as Sarg Catenacci and L/Sarg Sershall are concerned, they also are first class shots - but this is the one and only time that they will be honoured; nothing less than a first will ever be expected of them; eh Cat! eh Sersh!

Then let me add, to fill in the spare time between the schemes, Charlie has been on three formal parades; the Garrison Church Parade, the Annual Regimental Church Parade and the Warrior's Day Parade. Good Show! As if all this wasn't enough Charlie went on a scheme on 30, 31 October to a farm in Caledon East. Although the weekend proved to be a wet one at times, the spirits were higher than ever - we thank the catering platoon for that while we were in camp and Sarg Richards while we were in the field: - nothing discourages a cook or a sergeant, so they say! Thanks are also extended to Mr. Shipman, Maj. Baker and Maj. Stark for a successful weekend. Mr. Shipman really showed his worth by securing the most vehicles ever obtained for a Coy scheme since anyone can remember.

PROMOTIONS WITHIN THE COMPANY

Congratulations to Major Baker on his promotion and his appointment as Officer Commanding, 'C' Coy. Our best to him!

Charlie Coy Cont'd

We also congratulate Sarg. Catenacci on his new sash, Mr. Murry on his new stars (LT), L/Sgt. Richards on his three new strips and Pte's Barnes, Buyers, Craig T.J., Gilbert, Hay, Murphy and Young A.G. on passing the Jr. NCO Course. - a few arms to keep an eye on, - start being nice to them now boys!

-- "C" Coy signing off for now -- see you in the next issue --

P.S. L/Cpl Brewer of Support Coy has been taking films on most of these exercises and is thinking of starting a film library - many thanks too for your enthusiasm!!

Lieut. J. Iversen

WE ONE ALL TO SCOTS

If it weren't for the Scots where would we be? Still in the Dark Ages.

That's the message that came through at the 129th anniversary banquet of the St. Andrew's Society of Toronto.

"For 500 years, Scotland has enriched the world with a surplus of its able men," guest speaker Hugh MacPhee, of Scotland, told the 250 Toronto Scots celebrating the day of St. Andrew, Scotland's patron saint.

The Scottish race gave Canada Sir John A. Macdonald, the explorer Alexander MacKenzie, Lord Elgin and most of its nationbuilders, he said.

He made it plain that Canada became a nation of full stature only through the Scottish vigour of Sir John A. and "his fellow clansmen."

Even earlier Canada's fledgling legislature had its first real say in the running of its own affairs because of the "bravery" of a governor-general with Scottish blood, Lord Elgin, he said.

Mr. MacPhee, a renowned scholar of Scottish culture and the Gaelic language, even doubted whether Canada could have survived the War of 1812 and stayed out of the clutches of the United States if there hadn't been scots around to do the fighting.

When it came to fighting, as great a warrior as Napoleon relied on a Scot - Marshal MacDonald, "Napoleon's favourite general," MacPhee said.

"The dour, rugged independence of the Scot" also set an example for the world to follow in his pursuit of liberty and personal freedom, he said.

The above has been reprinted from the Toronto Daily Star.

It's obvious the army prefers single men, Married ones haven't any fight left in them.

Mike: I keep seeing spots before my eyes.

Tim: Have you seen a doctor?

Mike: No, just spots.

RECRUITING NEWSSUMMER MILITIA 1966

1. The regiment was originally formed by a large group of Scottish Societies and individuals who appointed Lt Colonel J. I. Davidson in 1891 to be the unit's first Commanding Officer. Throughout the regiment's history it has been regarded as a family regiment with a mass of proud traditions as indicated by the Battle Honours borne on our Regimental Colours. Many generations have served with the unit and in this regard it truly may be said that our motto Dileas Gu Brath (Faithful Forever) was appropriately chosen and applies to many families including the Haldenbys, the Elms, the Darlings, the Dewars, and the Gledhills; to name a few, and the many more who answered the call to the service of our country both in war and peacetime by joining our unit. All of these men have contributed in no small way to our traditions, honours and achievements, and in order to maintain such continuity, we would appreciate and feel honoured to have the younger generation join us and attend the Summer Militia course next year.

As all applications must be processed by the 15th February 1966, we have taken the opportunity of contacting by letter 60 schools in the Metropolitan Toronto area and suburbs requesting them to publicize our campaign. Since there are only 40 vacancies, acceptance will be on a 'first come first served' basis. Major A. W. Baker, O.C. 'C' Company intends to start preliminary training in the new year with the view to getting an early start. Standards and requirements are the same as in previous years, that is 16 to 18 years of age with parent's consent, Grade 9 education or better and in good health.

Central Command has tentatively stated that in addition to the six weeks pay, recruits can earn 20 days local training pay. However, it is expected that a Directive to this effect outlining pay, training, etc, will be issued in the near future.

UNIT'S STRENGTH

2. Although we have recruited some 25 men since the first Fall parade, there are still some vacancies left in the regiment for young men of good character. All ranks are urged to help bring the unit up to strength. If you know of any one whom you think will make a good highlander, please let us know his name and address and we will contact him.

Capt. G.C.E. Day

Definition of Mixed Feelings: Seeing your mother-in-law go over a cliff in your new car.

His daughter had just arrived home from finishing school and the brand new millionaire was showing her about the mansion he had built in her absence. At the swimming pool they stopped to watch several athletic young men diving and stunting. "Oh, Daddy," exclaimed the girl, "And you've stocked it just for me."

The preacher at the close of his sermon discovered one of his deacons asleep. To teach a little lesson, he announced, "We will now have a few minutes of prayer. Deacon Hack will lead." "Lead?" said Deacon Hack, suddenly awakening, "I just dealt."

Effective 1 Oct 6

OFFICERS	RATES OF PAY			ALLOWANCES			MEDICAL OFFICER	DENTAL OFFICER
	Brigadier.....	\$124.90		Colonel.....	\$201.00			
Colonel.....	974.00			Colonel.....	\$150.00			
Lieutenant-Colonel.....	764.00			Lieutenant-Colonel.....	225.00			
Major.....	600.00			Major.....	301.00			
Captain.....	453.00			Captain.....	357.00			
Lieutenant.....	346.00				102.00			
Second-Lieutenant	250.00							
Officers below the rank of Major promoted from S/sgt and above... (QR 205-225)	423.00							
MEN	Standard Group \$	Group 1 \$	Group 2 \$	Group 3 \$	Group 3X \$	Group 3A \$	Group 3Y \$	Group 3Z \$
Pte Recruit.....	117.00	129.00	153.00	171.00	177.00	180.00	183.00	189.00
Pte TBR.....	124.00	136.00	160.00	178.00	184.00	187.00	190.00	196.00
Pte THR.....	146.00	158.00	182.00	200.00	206.00	209.00	212.00	218.00
L/Cpl, L/Bdr.....	209.00	221.00	245.00	263.00	269.00	272.00	275.00	281.00
Cpl, Bdr.....	215.00	227.00	251.00	269.00	275.00	278.00	281.00	287.00
Sgt.....	239.00	251.00	275.00	293.00	299.00	302.00	305.00	311.00
S/sgt, CGMS.....	272.00	284.00	308.00	326.00	332.00	335.00	338.00	344.00
WO 2.....	311.00	323.00	347.00	365.00	371.00	374.00	377.00	383.00
WO 11.....	347.00	359.00	383.00	401.00	407.00	410.00	413.00	419.00



1891 - Sgt - Parade Dress



1891 - Pte - Parade Dress



1891 - Sgt & Pte Parade Dress

Note - Length of Rifles

Sgt - with short Snider Enfield

Pte - with long Snider Enfield



1900 - Colour Sergeant



1915 - Battle Order



1915 Battle Order - 1939 Battle Order



1910 - Sgt - Parade Dress
Note - Ross Rifle



1910 Sgt - 1900 Colour Sgt
Parade Dress- Musketry Order



Assorted models - 1910

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the next meeting - 1910
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1910 Officer - Parade Dress

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Rev. A.C.G. muir,
38 Elfreda Blvd.,
Scarborough, Ontario.

Dear Padre:

It is with a deep sense of loss that I report the passing of so many 48th Highlanders during the period from May 16th to November 24th, 1965.

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

Yours truly,

Sam Leake and Bill Starr,
Sick Committee.

48th Highlanders' Deaths from May 16th to November 24, 1965.

CONNELL, James	May 26, 1965	48th Band
HOVEY, William Lt.	" 28	Queens Own - 48th - 39er
CRÖSBIE, George	June 7	48th
ROBSON, Raymond W.	8	48th - 39er
GIBBS, William Beattie	15	48th - 39er
RILEY, Ralph Edmund	27	48th - 39er
LAMBIE, David	July 3	48th - 39er
EKE, Hugh	8	48th - 39er
ARMSTRONG, Thomas A	16	48th Bugler
DAVIE, James A	16	48th - 35 th - 39er
MITCHELL, Charles	27	48th South Africa
WHITE, William	29	134th - 15th
HODGE, Sydney	31	134th Can. Engineers
PIPER, Gordon	Aug. 12	92th
FORSEY, Joseph B.	13	48th - 22nd
CHERRY, Fred	15	170th - 48th
ASHDOWN, C.E.	18	48th - 39er
HONSBURGER, A	Sept. 1	92nd
McILROY, S.A.	2	48th - 15th
MACKAY, J.W.	7	48th - 134th
FODEN, David J.	16	134th - 15th
MCINTOSH, Thomas	16	134th - 15th
CUBITT, E.A.	24	48th - 39er
MILNE, M	26	134th - 170th
BAKTER, J.G.	Oct. 3	Blackwatch - 15th
KERR, R.W.	7	92nd Draft
SIMCOE, William	8	48th - 39er
WILLES, Stanley	15	48th - 39er
LOVEGROVE, George	19	92nd - 15th
HAY, Robert	20	92nd - 15th
SMITH, Peter	24	48th - 39er
NICOLSON, P.O.	Nov. 11	18th - 15th
BRUCE, Ernest R.	17	48th Band

15.
A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

THEME: "The Wonder of Jesus"

TEXT: ".....his name shall be called Wonderful....." Isaiah 9:6.

When we speak of "the wonder of Jesus" our minds immediately turn to the prophetic words of Isaiah: "...his name will be called "Wonderful".". The church down the ages has seen in Christ the fulfillment of the prophet's vision. We cannot believe it has been mistaken in so doing. For what word could more fittingly describe our Lord than "wonderful"?

Is there not something wonderful in the fact that after nineteen hundred years we should gather to contemplate his Advent?

The wonder of Jesus is seen in the fact that what everybody thought was the end of him turned out to be the real beginning of him.

But now look at this more closely. Apply to Jesus some of the tests by which we evaluate other men. Some men are remembered because they leave imperishable books. Jesus wrote no book.

Other men are remembered because they have left imperishable works of art. He left none.

Still other men are remembered because they have amassed great wealth. Jesus died a poor man.

Still other men are remembered because they commanded great armies or were identified with some form of organized effort: military, political, economic, social. Jesus left no organization whatever. All he left were twelve disciples who at the time of his death deserted him. Yet this man, who died alone and who during his life never traveled more than a few score of miles from the place of his birth, today had followers who are numbered in millions and are to be found in every country.

"What manner of ^{man} is this?" Some said, "Is not this the carpenter's son?" Others said he was a prophet. Still others thought he was someone risen from the dead. None of these explanations will suffice. The only adequate explanation brings us to the greatest wonder of all. It is the wonder of the God who was in Christ.

This truth - of the incarnation of God in Christ - has become such a commonplace that one fears it has lost its cutting edge. But when one stops to think about it, what could be so wonderful as the faith that the infinite and eternal God, the transcendent God, is no longer a faraway God but has become immanent in one of us - Christ our Lord - who was made in all points like unto his brethren? What could be more wonderful than the faith that bids us see a child lying in a manager or a man dying on a cross and behold in him the redemptive love and power of God? Yet one could no more explain Jesus without God than one could explain the blossoms of May without the spring.

And so stands Christ, the most wonderful man who ever lived; the Son of man, the Son of God. One with us, he reveals us to ourselves. One with God he reveals God to us. He is the finest flower of our race. Accept him. He is the best we have. He is the best we shall ever have.

Adapted from "Preaching the Nativity" by Harold Cooke Phillips.