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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER - LT COL J.M. LOWNDER CD

Since my last message to all ranks in the Falcon the Regiment has continued to be very active and has now completed the move out of Fort York Armoury and into Moss Park Armoury. This historic move was completed on May 20, 1966 when we marched from our old quarters to our new quarters where the Padre held a moving Dedication Service. I would like to thank all ranks for their assistance during the packing and moving but particularly I would like to say how much I appreciate the efforts of the 25 slave labourers who did the physical move on May 16th and 17th. They all worked extremely hard and although they will receive an additional pay allocation, they cannot be rewarded sufficiently for their stellar efforts.

On June 25th the Unit moves to Camp Petewawa for the annual Summer Camp. This week should be extremely interesting and instructive to everyone and I hope that as many personnel as possible will make arrangements to attend. The Regular Force Unit stationed at Camp has demonstrations planned for all Militia Units and these should prove to be very informative. Make arrangements now to be at Camp.

Usually after Summer Camp we have a well deserved layoff for two months but this year however such is not the case. We have been requested by the 75th Anniversary Reunion Committee to assist in the Reunion by joining the Veterans on the Warriors' Day Parade at the CNE on Saturday, August 20th and at the Memorial Service on Sunday, August 21st.

In addition, the City of Toronto has honoured the Unit by granting to it the Freedom of the City. This presentation will be made on Nathan Phillips Square by the Mayor on Friday evening, August 19th, 1966. This weekend should prove to be a major historical event in the Regiment's history. Three rehearsals will be held for the Freedom of the City presentation, and these will be at Moss Park Armoury on Tuesdays, August 2, 9 and 16th at 2000 hrs. In view of the significance of this weekend and the need for a good show on the City Hall Square, I expect as many as possible will attend the parades and the weekend. A copy of the Administration Order will be mailed to all ranks before Camp.

I am very pleased with the standard of training we have reached this past year and am particularly impressed with the large number of personnel who passed their qualifying exams from Recruit to Militia Staff Course. Keep up the good work and have an enjoyable summer.

J.M. Lowndes, Lt Col

REUNION - 75th ANNIVERSARY - 19th - 20th - 21st August 1966

An already distinguished Canadian fighting unit is to be further honoured, this time by the people who know it best. The 48th Highlanders of Canada are to be granted the freedom of the City of Toronto in recognition of 75 years of continued and dedicated service to their community and their country.

Official ceremonies for the time-honoured gesture will be part of the colourful program on Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto on Friday evening, August 19th, to launch the three day Regimental Reunion with which the 48th is to mark the 75th Anniversary of its founding.

One of a number of public events planned for the three days, civic recognition of the unit will see the Regiment turned out in full dress, with participation by both the famed 48th Pipe Band and the unit's Military Band in a special march past and the traditional Retreat Set.

Established in 1891, the 48th has served Canada and Canadians continuously since that time.

Lt. Col. M.E. George, C.D., a former Commanding Officer of the 48th who is chairman of the 48th Highlanders Association 75th Anniversary Reunion Committee, is anticipating attendance from across Canada. Anyone who has served with the Regiment, at any time, is eligible to attend and take part.

"We have already heard from a number of distant points", Lt. Col. George says, "And there appears to be a lot of interest". He and members of his committee are seeking the co-operation of all servicemen, particularly former members of the 48th, in passing the word about the reunion and extending an invitation to attend.

Plans for the gathering, which coincides with the opening of the Canadian National Exhibition, are well advanced.

Ceremonies on Nathan Phillips Square on the Friday evening, August 19th, will be followed by unit smokers at the 48th's Memorial Hall at 519 Church Street.

The next day, Saturday, August 20th, the 48th will be accorded the honour of leading the traditional Warriors' Day Parade into the Canadian National Exhibition grounds..

Saturday evening there will be a regimental banquet. On Sunday, August 21st, the unit will turn out for services at the 48th Memorial Cenotaph in Queen's Park.

Official registration for the reunion opens May 15th. Registrations and any inquiries for further information should be forwarded to the 75th Anniversary Reunion Registrar, c/o 48th Highlanders of Canada Association, 519 Church Street, Toronto.

ACROSS THE YEARS 1891 - 1966

It seemed most fitting that this 75th Anniversary Edition of "The Falcon" should contain some historical notes that we hope will prove of interest to all. It is our particular hope that they will inspire many to dig more deeply into the rich and exciting story of the 48th. Our regiment is most fortunate in having Had a very full record kept. The following books contain that record and tell the story in an interesting and easy to read manner.

- 'History of the 48th Highlanders of Toronto' by Alexander Fraser
This old book covers the period 1891 - 1900
- 'The Red Watch' by John Currie
Covers the initial forming, training and battle action of the 15th Battalion 48th Highlanders until after the Battle of Vres.
- 'The History of the 48th Highlanders of Canada' 1891 - 1928 by Kim Beattie
- 'Dileas' History of the 48th Highlanders of Canada 1929 - 1956 by Kim Beattie

The first three books are now out of print but copies of them all are in existence and can be located for interested persons. 'Dileas' is easily available. Enquiries may be directed to the Padre Capt A.C.G. Muir.

The following excerpts from A. Fraser's 'History of the 48th Highlanders' will provide a brief sketch of the steps that led to the formation of our regiment in August 1891.

"The organization of such a regiment - a militia corps mainly composed of Scotsmen, wearing the Highland dress, and having a band of pipers - had been discussed occasionally for some years prior to 1891, when the idea took definite form. The existence of the 5th Royal Scots in Montreal was a constant incentive to Toronto, and the visit of that corps to Toronto in 1884 stirred the desire for a like regiment there. In the Minutes of the Toronto Gaelic Society for 1884, reference is made to a discussion of the subject at a meeting of the society, when an enquiry was ordered as to the cost of raising and equipping a Highland regiment, but the subject does not appear to have been revived. A few years later a proposal was made to form a uniformed corps in connection with the Sons of Scotland Association, which while it did not secure the support necessary to carry it through, was the real stepping-stone to the larger movement resulting in the formation of the 48th Highlanders.

Early in 1891 the question was taken up by Captain Wilbur Henderson and Alexander Fraser, and a meeting of Scotchmen was called by circular, and invitation to the various Scottish societies in Toronto, to convene at Temperance Hall, the meeting place of Burns' Camp, Sons of Scotland, Toronto. The announcement of the meeting was well received by the Scottish societies, and the attendance was fairly representative of the Scottish community. Sixteen of those present agreed to sign a provisional roll, the first to sign his name being Mr. James Henderson; thus the nucleus of the regiment was formed. Mr. D.M. Robertson, Barrister, acted as secretary of the meeting, keeping a record of the proceedings and Captain Henderson was asked to take charge of the informal enrolment of the men. Some time having passed without further action, the Gaelic Society moved in the matter, instructing its officers to co-operate with Messrs. Robertson, Henderson, and Fraser. Accordingly, a meeting of the officers was

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held on 31st May, 1891 at Ardchronie, the residence of Mr. William Innes MacKenzie, president of the society, and it was there agreed to invite representatives of the St. Andrews, the Caledonian, and the Sons of Scotland Societies to meet representatives of the Gaelic Society of Oakville, Ont., on the 27th June, the occasion of the annual excursion of the latter society, there to devise means for the furtherance of the movement. The meeting at Oakville took place, but the attendance being small, Mr. Alexander Fraser, the secretary of the Gaelic Society, was instructed to call another meeting at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, on an early day. Three days later, on the 30th June, this meeting was held, and at that meeting the movement was formally launched."

Another important excerpt records some basic decisions.

"The first meeting of the Regimental Committee was held on the 11th of August, 1891, at which some important business was transacted. It was decided, on the suggestion of Captain John I. Davidson, the commanding officer, designate, that the name of the regiment be "The Queen's Highlanders," should permission be obtained. Mr. Fraser submitted patterns of the following clan tartans from which to choose one for the new regiment: Cameron, Gordon, MacKenzie, Davidson, Macdonald, and Hunting Stuart, with a recommendation in favour of the Old Davidson tartan in honour of the first C.O. of the regiment. Dr. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. John A. Currie, that the Old Davidson tartan be adopted as the tartan of the regiment, and this was unanimously agreed to. On the motion of Mr. Fraser the motto "Dileas gu brath" was chosen, also a falcon's head, erased, as the regimental crest."

"Correspondence was opened with the Militia Department, Ottawa, with respect to the number by which the regiment should be known, and the number of one of the Highland regiments of the British army was suggested, but that suggestion could not be acted upon, and there being a vacancy in the number 48, that number was given to the regiment with the word "Highlanders" to designate it, the name "Queen's Highlanders" not being considered available by the Department."

COMMANDING OFFICERS - 48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

1.	Oct 1891 - Mar 1898	Lt Col John I Davidson
2.	Mar 1898 - May 1900	Lt Col Alfred M. Cosby
3.	May 1900 - May 1906	Lt Col William C. MacDonald
4.	Jul 1906 - 1911	Lt Col D.M. Robertson, VD
5.	1911 - 1913	Lt Col William Hendrie, VD
6.	1913 - Jun 1915	Lt Col John A Currie, VD
7.	Jun 1915 - May 1916	Lt Col W.B. Marshall, DSO
8.	May 1916 - Dec 1917	Lt Col Charles E. Bent, CMG, DSO
	Apr 1918 - 1919	(Demob)
9.	Dec 1917 - Apr 1918	Lt Col J.W. Forbes, DSO
10.	1920 - Nov 1923	Lt Col Clifford W. Darling, VD
11.	Nov 1923 - Apr 1928	Lt Col K.R. Marshall, CMG, DSO, VD
12.	Apr 1928 - Mar 1930	Lt Col George H. MacLaren, VD
13.	Mar 1930 - Mar 1932	Lt Col Ian M.R. Sinclair, DSO, CBE, MC, VD
14.	Mar 1932 - Mar 1936	Brig John P. Girvan, CBE, DSO, MC, VD
15.	Mar 1936 - Mar 1939	Lt Col George M. Alexander, MC, VD

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16.	Mar 1939 - Sep 1939	Lt Col John H. Chipman MC, VD
17.	Sep 1939 - Aug 1940	Brig Eric W. Haldenby, CBE, MC, VD, CD
18.	Aug 1940 - Jan 1941	Lt Col W.W. Southam, DSO, ED
19.	Jan 1941 - 1942	Lt Col W.B. Hendrie, ED
20.	1942 - May 1943	Brig J.E. Ganong, ED
	Oct 1945 - Jul 1946	
21.	May 1943 - Jun 1944	Brig Ian S. Johnston, CBE, DSO, ED
22.	Jun 1944 - Apr 1945	Lt Col Donald A. MacKenzie, DSO
23.	Apr 1945 - Oct 1945	Lt Col James R.O. Counsell, DSO
24.	Jul 1946 - Apr 1949	Lt Col W.W.G. Darling, DSO, ED
25.	Apr 1949 - Jul 1952	Lt Col M.E. George, CD
26.	Jul 1952 - Apr 1955	Lt Col G.A. Fraser, CD
27.	Apr 1955 - Apr 1958	Lt Col H.K. Macintosh, MBE, ED
28.	Apr 1958 - Apr 1961	Lt Col K.C.B. Corbett, CD
29.	Apr 1961 - Apr 1964	Lt Col D.C. Haldenby, CD
30.	Apr 1964 - Apr 1967	Lt Col J.M. Lowndes, CD

RESERVE BN 1914 - 1919

Aug 1919 - Dec 1915	Lt Col Duncan Donald, VD
Jan 1916 - 1919	Lt Col C.W. Darling

92nd BN (48th Highlanders)

20 May 1916 - Jan 1917	Lt Col G.T. Chisholm, VD
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134th BN (48th Highlanders)

4 Dec 1915 - Aug 1916	Lt Col Duncan Donald, VD
Aug 1916 - Feb 1917	Lt Col A.A. Miller

RESERVE BN 1939 - 1945

Sep 1939 - 1940	Brig J.P. Girvan, CBE, DSO, MC, VD
1940 - 1943	Lt Col G.M. Malone, MC, VD
1943 - 1945	Lt Col J.E.F. Seagram, ED
1945 - Oct 1945	Lt Col H. Cassels, MBE

The information about the Commanding Officers has been supplied by Lt Col John Lowndes and the article about Regimental Sergeants Majors and the Drum Majors was written by R.S.M. W.P. Elms who was most helpful in tracing down a number of other facts as well. Our sincere thanks is extended to them.

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SERGEANTS MAJOR AND REGIMENTAL SERGEANTS MAJOR OF THE
48th HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA 1891 - 1966

I have tried to come up with some comprehensible sequence for this information so that it might be more readily understood by everyone and as a final resort have decided the date system is possibly the best.

One word of caution that may eliminate some misunderstanding is the term itself "Regimental Sergeant Major". Until late in 1914 and even to early 1915 there was only one "Sergeant Major" in each battalion. The companies at that time having a colour sergeant as their most senior NCO. Therefore the term Sergeant Major was distinctive enough to designate this singular personage. However, with the appointment of a Sergeant Major to each company at this time it was necessary to provide a further distinction and the title was changed to "Regimental Sergeant Major" for "The Sergeant Major" and the Senior N.C.O. in each company became a company Sergeant Major. At the same time the additional distinction of "Warrant Officer Class I" was given to the RSM and Warrant Officer Class II to the CSM.

Until 1914 the rank badge of "The Sergeant Major" was an Imperial Crown (without Wreath) worn on the lower sleeve. With the introduction of the new appellation, the badge for the Regimental Sergeant Major became the Royal Arms and the old badge of the Plain Crown was given to the (then) new rank of Company Sergeant Major. At this time also another new rank badge was introduced to distinguish another two singular personages - The Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant and the Regimental Orderly Room Sergeant. Up to this point these ranks had been distinguished by four chevrons point uppermost on the lower sleeve with a star above. Their new badge became the old crown of the Sergeant Major with the addition of a wreath of laurel.

In 1939 a new Warrant Officer Rank known as "Platoon Sergeant Major" Warrant Officer Class III was introduced which necessitated a further exchange of badges. The R.S.M. retained his Royal Arms. The R.Q.M.S. and Orderly Room Sergeant Major shared their Crown and Wreath Badge with the C.S.M.'s who gave up the single Crown Badge to the new "Platoon Sergeant Major". This new rank however was relatively short lived and within three or four years had disappeared entirely.

At the conclusion of World War II all Commonwealth Armies who had adopted the "Platoon Sergeant Major" WO II rank and subsequently abolished it reverted to the previous arrangement giving the C.S.M. the single Crown and the R.Q.M.S. and Orderly Room Sergeant Major the Crown and Wreath.

For a reason which the writer is unaware of the Canadian Army did not follow suit and our distinctions are as for World War II except the single Crown is not worn.

1891 - 1914

Sergeant Major Alfred G Robertson	1891 - 1896
Sergeant Major Alexander Rose	1896 - 1913
Sergeant Major J.W. Kirkness	1913 - 1914

1914 - 1919

Home Service Battalion 48th Highlanders

Sergeant Major J.W. Kirkness	1914 - 1919
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15th Canadian Infantry Battalion 48th Highlanders

Sergeant Major William Grant	1914 - 1916
Regimental Sergeant Major James Keith	-1916
Regimental Sergeant Major - William Fraser DGM	1916 - 1917
Regimental Sergeant Major Frederick C. Gledhill DCM	1917 - 1919

92nd Canadian Overseas Battalion 48th Highlanders

Regimental Sergeant Major J.R. Cotterill

134th Canadian Overseas Battalion 48th Highlanders

Regimental Sergeant Major Robert B. Henderson

1921 - 1939

R.S.M. Louis E. DeHarte	1921 - 1927
R.S.M. Frederick C. Gledhill DCM	1927 - 1934
R.S.M. Frank Jamieson	1934 - 1939

1939 - 1945

1st Overseas Battalion

R.S.M. Frank Jamieson	1939 - 1942
R.S.M. James R. Shaw M.M.	1942 - 1943
R.S.M. William Crossley M.M.	1943 - 1945
R.S.M. Victor G. Jackson M.M.	1945

2nd (Reserve) Battalion

R.S.M. Robert Alexander	1940 - 1943
R.S.M. Thomas Cotten	1943 - 1948

1945 - 1966

R.S.M. George M. Stephen	1948 - 1951
R.S.M. Frederick C. Wigmore M.M.	1951 - 1956
R.S.M. Stuart Montgomery M.M.	1956 - 1961
R.S.M. William Elms	1961

REGIMENTAL MUSIC 1891 - 1966

Music has been at the heart of the 48th Highlanders from the very beginning. This is made clear by A. Fraser in his "History of the 48th Highlanders" when he writes, "At the very commencement of the Forty-Eighth the pipers were there. When Captain Henderson drilled the men in Bailey's Hall, Piper Charles Munro and Piper George Murray were there to rouse the enthusiasm of the candidates for a place in the Regiment. On the formal organization of the Regiment one of the first things done was to secure for the pipe-majorship Mr. Robert Ireland, reputed the best player on the continent. In a short time the pipe-band became famous, and the blue-ribbon of the profession in Ontario was a position in the Forty-Eighth pipe band."

This first band consisted of 15 pipers and 5 drummers under the leadership of Pipe-Major Ireland. The following were the members of this first band: Sergeant James Sutherland, Lance-Sergeant John Trenholm, Pipers Frank Aitken, Wm. Currie, E.D. McInnes, James R. Muir, George Murray, John Sullivan, John Sutherland, S.C. Swanson, Blackhall, Malsolm McBain and John Sharpe, Drum-Sergeant George Kyle, Drummers Alexander Munro, Samuel McCracken, William McCracken, and Daniel Wilson.

PIPE-MAJORS 1891 - 1914

Robert Ireland	1891 - 1895
Norman MacSwayed	1895 - 1900
Farquhar Beaton	1900 - 1913
James R. Fraser	1913 - 1952

1914 - 1919

<u>Home Service Battalion</u>	<u>15th Battalion</u>	<u>92nd Battalion</u>	<u>134th Battalion</u>
J.R. Fraser	A. Keith A. Newlands	William Burns	David Bell Robert Smith

1921 - 1939

Pipe-Major J.R. Fraser

1939 - 1945

1st (overseas) Battalion

P/M A. Anderson 1939 - 1945
P/M A. Dewar 1945

2nd (Reserve) Battalion

P/M J.R. Fraser 1939 - 1946

1946 - Present

P/M J.R. Fraser 1946 - 1952
P/M A. Dewar 1952 - 1965
P/M J.R. Stewart 1965

DRUM MAJORS

J. McLeay 1891 - 1900
G. Marlborough 1901 - 1917
M.J. Gillespie 1922
A.C. Kirkaldy 1923 - 1931
J.R. Small 1932 - 1937

A. Armstrong 1937 - 1939
C.W. Gordon 1944 - 1955
W.P. Elms 1955 - 1961
D.M. Fletcher 1961 - 1966

Regimental Music Cont'd

The 48th Brass Band (Military Band)

"According to Alexander Fraser's History of the 48th Highlanders the Brass Band was organized in the fall of 1892. Mr. John Griffin, a graduate of Kneller Hall Military School of Music, and Bandmaster of H.M. 63rd Regiment, was selected, and appointed Bandmaster. Upon his arrival in Toronto, he began the formation of the first "kilted" brass band in Canada. The Regiment purchased a complete set of band instruments, uniforms, etc., costing in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The Band paraded for the first time with the Regiment in the spring of 1893, for the purpose of attending a church parade. From the very outset the Band became one of the recognized bands in Canada, and played at some of the most important events.

The position of Bandmaster becoming vacant in January 1896, Mr. J. Slatter, was selected from a large number of applicants, and was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Slatter was formerly soloist in the famous 1st Life Guard's Band, of London, Eng., and later served with distinction in Brook's great Marine Band. He is a successful composer and writer of band music. Under his direction the Band at once took rank, and has been acknowledged for three years as one of the best, if not the best, brass band in Canada. It has grown to a strength of forty members, and the Regiment is naturally extremely proud of it."

It is of special interest to know that John Slatter continued as bandmaster until 1944 which is a record difficult to equal.

Bandmaster Albert Dobney succeeded Capt Slatter and served in this distinguished position for ten years until April 1954 when the present Director of Music Captain Donald Keeling was appointed.

Between the World Wars I and II reed instruments were introduced into the Band so what began as the 48th Highlanders Brass Band is now known as the Military Band.

THE BUGLE BAND (as recorded in Alexander Fraser's History of the 48th Highlanders)

"The Bugle Band was organized at an early stage in the history of the Regiment under Bugle-major E. Robertson, and soon attained to strength and excellence. Bugle-Major Robertson was succeeded by Mr. J. Woods, also an excellent instructor and manager. At the present the Bugle Band is disorganized, the Regiment trying an experiment in the direction of further strengthening the Pipe and Brass Bands instead of maintaining three."

The Bugle Band must have remained disorganized since it does not appear again as a Regimental Band. (Editors note)

- On Granville Street two little girls were watching eagerly as the Regiment moved off in column of route for the Garrison Church Parade on 15th May last. One was heard to say to the other. "No! They're not Indians".

MARCH IN - MOSS PARK ARMOURY

Friday 20th May marked another historic occasion in the life of our Regiment as we said farewell to our temporary quarters in Fort York Armoury and set our faces toward a new home at Moss Park. The Pipes and Drums set the keynote as they let off with an old and significant tune "Gabhaidh Sinn An Rathad Mor" (We Will Take The High Road). For some of us it is associated directly with daring adventure of over two hundred years ago when in August 1745 the Highland Clans set off to regain the British Crown for the House of Stuart. Our goal was not so bold or romantic, nevertheless there was a sense of achievement and destiny as we made our way along the wet pavement of Toronto's streets.

For three years we have shared quarters with the Toronto Scottish Regiment and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude. Although for the last little while we had the benefit of quarters of our own it was very good news indeed when we learned that Moss Park was ready and we could move in.

Within the New Armoury the Regiment was quickly drawn up in a hollow square for this brief service of Dedication conducted by the Regimental Padre Capt. A.C.G. Muir.

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading - Joshua 1:1-8

Address

Act of Dedication: On this historic occasion we the members of the 48th Highlanders of Canada renew our vows of loyalty and faithfulness to our God, our Queen, our Country and our Regiment.

"Lord God of Hosts be with us yet
Lest we forget. Lest we forget"

Prayer

Hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past" (Vs 1, 2, 6)

Benediction

In his address the Padre spoke from Joshua 1:1-8 which tells of a famous March In when the Israelites of old entered their new home in the land of Canaan. From the scripture the Padre stressed the need for Strength, Courage and Faithfulness in the four basic relationships in the life of a man of the armed forces; the Relationship to God, to the Queen, to our Country and to the Regiment.

Following the Service the Commanding Officer Lt Col John Lowndes expressed his appreciation to all who had helped with the move and paid especial tribute to Brigadier E.W. Haldenby who used his good offices with the officials in the Department of National Defense in Ottawa to assure that an adequate building was provided in a central location favourable to the Militia generally and to our Regiment in particular.

A Regimental March Past with Brigadier Haldenby taking the salute, brought the ceremony to a most fitting close.

REPORT FROM THE PIPES AND DRUMS SUMMER 1966

The pipes and drums greeted the arrival of warm weather in a new band room, with a batch of new promotions and by preparing for a busy summer and a September trip to New Orleans.

The band room at Moss Park can be easily located simply by following the hot water pipes in the basement. The acoustics are excellent, and when the fan is switched on, the hum and roar come in loud and clear. Our committee worked hard to have it in fine shape for the march-in on May twentieth.

Wearing fresh stripes are sergeant Ken Well, corporals Peter McLeod, Stu White, Gordie Rankin, Bill Booker, Bob Spears, Norm MacKenzie and lance corporal Graham Clarke. Congratulations to these meritorious men.

Our annual ball in February was a tremendous success, as was June's massed bands concert and the numerous parades and programs in which the band participated. When one of the pipers was asked who introduced him to his wife, he answered, "We met; that's all. I don't blame anybody for it." The band will show a strong attendance at camp in July and will also play an integral part in the reunion festivities in August.

We are sorry to accept the retirement of Drum Major Fletcher who, through his leadership and devotion to the band, has won the respect and admiration of us all. We wish him the very best in the future.

For a week in September, the town of New Orleans will be invaded by a group of kilted, enthusiastic Canadian musicians from the 48th. It may never be the same again.

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Two Gurkha soldiers, who had volunteered for service with India's sky troops, asked an N.C.O.:

"From what height are we supposed to jump?"

"Five hundred feet," was the reply.

"Nothing doing," they said "it's too high. Can't we try from three hundred feet?"

The N.C.O. explained that from such a low height there was a danger of the parachutes not opening in time, and the Gurkhas broke into smiles.

"Oh, that's different," they said. "We get parachutes, do we."

Husband: "Darling, did you ever stop to realize if you knew how to cook we'd be able to save some money?"

Wife: "Yes, and if you knew how to save money we could keep a cook."

"You're an honest lad," said the old gentleman "but it was a ten-dollar bill I dropped not ten ones."

"I know, mister, but the last time I found a bill the man didn't have any change."

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS NOTES

Since the commencement of training in September of 1965, a number of changes have taken place in the personnel of Battalion Headquarters. First, we welcomed to the Regiment Sgt P.A. McCallum CD who transferred to Toronto's Finest from the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada out in Winnipeg, a city noted for its long and bitterly cold winters and somewhat flood threatened springs. Sgt. McCallum enlisted in the Cameron Highlanders exactly two years before 'D Day - the Sixth of June' - 1942, and served continuously with that regiment continuously until June of 1965, before moving to Toronto and settling here. We are somewhat curious as to what he may sound like on the parade square. Word has it via the grapevine that it may be somewhat blasting, therefore a word of caution to those with sensitive eardrums, take note and act accordingly. He is serving the Regiment as a Group I Clerk in the BOR.

In October of 1965, the Regiment and especially those in the Orderly Room were saddened by the sudden passing of Cpl Olive Revell of the CWAC through a tragic accident in her home. We all extend our deepest sympathy to her immediate family in their sad loss.

A fine member of our Orderly Room team is Cpl F.A. Brady CWAC, attends faithfully every week rain or shine, and helps to keep the administrative end of the Regiment going in her quiet and capable way. Cpl Brady has served with the Regiment for many years now and we trust that we will see her around for many more.

In January of 1966, CSM WO2 Jim Boggis was transferred to the Training Wing of Battalion Headquarters, and is at present assistant to the Training Officer, Major Read as well as being the Drill Sergeant Major.

As this goes to press, we have finally settled into our new Quarters in our new home in Moss Park Armoury, and the Orderly Room is becoming a hectic place what with all the odds and ends that seem to crop up. We are looking forward to many years in the new Armoury after having lived "out of a suitcase" these past few years.

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- Then there was the one about the missionary who was captured by cannibals. They couldn't boil him because he friar. (~~Hummmmmmm!~~)

-- What did the bachelor buy the jar of vaseline for? Thirty-nine cents.

- At the girl's front door the young couple were saying their good nights.

"It's been a lovely evening," said the boy.

"I'll never forget it," said the girl. "At least, not until you pay back the four dollars.."

- The officer candidate was being inducted into the army.

"Did you go to grade school?" asked the sergeant.

"Yes, Sir" said the applicant. "Then I went to high school, graduated from college, and took another year to get my master's degree."

The sergeant shuffled the applicant's papers, reached for a rubber stamp and marked down one word, "Literate".

Along with the rest of the Regiment, Alpha Company is getting settled down at the new Armouries. As with any move, there are both pro and con attitudes, but at long last we have a home of our own.

Sgt. Pett transferred from "B" Company a while ago, and is acting QMS. A number of hooks have gone up since the last issue of the Falcon, with Cpl. Headley sporting his second, having successfully completed the Jr. NCO Course. Cpl. Butler, the vanguard of the Newfie invasion, also has two up. He had qualified while with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. L/Cpls. Lewis and Campbell have joined the ranks of the exalted as well.

L/Cpl. Lewis' younger brother, known appropriately as "Young Lewis", (the Corporal is old?) has come into Alpha Company, having the rigors of Ipperwash Cadet Camp behind him, as is also the story with Pte. Ramsay. Two former members of the Regiment Ptes. Matthews and Michaels, are returning to the fold. Pte. Bickford, who had former service with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment along with Cpl. Butler, is also a new face amongst us. Two other Newfies, the Ptes. Cobb (Marks I & II) and another Butler have also joined, along with Ptes. Bunton and Gornley.

These new men, with the older members of the Company, joined in the Garrison Church Parade as well as the march to the new Armouries. The latter was the longest march the Regiment had had for some years. As usual, the rain clouds parted and typical "48th" weather prevailed.

Several successful training weekends have been held, with "A" Company on one occasion being airlifted to Lake Rosseau for an arctic exercise, with the mercury dropping to a low of 38 below.

Lt. Temple, L/Cpl. Lewis, and Pte. Adams attended a weekend at Ipperwash where the APC's were demonstrated, and participated in operations with them. The same weekend the rest of the Company were at field firing at Borden.

One scheme held by Mr. Cameron's #2 Platoon recently is well described below:

ALPHA COMPANY, #2 PLATOON SCHEME, STONY LAKE

After the parade on Friday, 29th of April, we of 2 platoon stretched out on the cold, hard floor of the company room and spent a short, uncomfortable night. We were glad to arise at 0500 hrs. Saturday. Lt. Cameron and Lt. Murray soon got us into the two three-quarter tons, driven by L/Cpl. Brewer and Pte. Cassel. Being half-asleep and sitting in a hundred drafts, we nearly froze to death. Luckily we were able to thaw out in a roadside restaurant. We continued the trip swathed in blankets but were forced to get out for a bit of running, up and down the road, needless to say our officers were in such superb condition they didn't have to join us.

Upon arriving at Stony Lake Cpl. Butler and the officers made a daring crossing of a creek in an overloaded canoe, just above the roaring rapids, again needless to say, only Cpl. Butler got wet. Leaving our large packs and extra equipment to be taken over by canoe, we went upstream and secured a rope across the creek. Lt. Cameron crawled across and several of the braver men went across, hand over hand, until Pte. Herman "dove" in, giving his clothes and rifle a good washing. The gallant L/Cpl. Brewer picked him out as he floated past.

Pte. Lewis and Pte. Cassel crossed using a pulley, the rest of us went back and used the canoe.

Alpha Airs Cont'd

After Pte. Herman was dried and rifle cleaned we had lunch. What a busy morning!!

In the afternoon and the next morning we trained in two sections led by L/Cpl. Lewis and Cpl. Butler, the officers observed and advised and acted as snipers. Each section tried attacks on the other. I think we all learned quite a lot from these exercises.

On the side, we received driving instructions from our drivers and listened to L/Cpl. Lewis as he piped at civilian passersby just to let them know we were Highlanders.

Yes, Lads, Alpha company, particularly the 2nd platoon, combines fun and serious training on its weekend schemes, so if life looks black you know where to come.

Pte. Edward Martin

'B' COMPANY NEWS AND VIEWS

It's that time again when we all have some 'Siller in oor Sparran'. This Pay will have been well earned after the training that we have just completed. It sure has been a busy one what with all the exercises, range work etc.

'B' Coy., as per usual, has been well represented in all these activities. The exercise that we found most interesting and challenging was the one that we held 11 - 12 - 13 March 66.

The mythical situation was that enemy agents had infiltrated the Municipal Governments in the Southern Ontario area. Much after the style of the W.W. II Fifth Column. Our task was to gain information on these people without their knowledge.

To accomplish this we were to pretend that this was a normal training exercise. So, without the help of James Bond or any of his cohorts, three sections set out from H.Q. in Target Area H.Q. Newmarket to different points in Southern Ontario. One group went to Owen Sound, another to Bobcaygeon, and the third one to Huntsville. On reaching their destination the section leaders were given sealed orders which contained instructions on the return routes and tasks that had to be performed en-route.

As can be imagined, our people had a long and arduous journey back to Newmarket. This exercise had to be completed in 48 hrs. which the fellows did in fine style. The members who took part in this exercise are to be complimented on a job well done.

On the social scene 'B' Coy., in conjunction with H.Q. Sup., held a party just before the Ball. This turned out to be a most enjoyable evening for all concerned. There was Scottish as well as modern dancing. Also there was an impromptu course of Scottish Country dancing which was received with great enthusiasm.

'B' Coy. had a good turn-out to the Regimental Ball. Some how or other a piano and refreshments found their way into our coy. room after the Ball. Being good Highlanders we could not let this go by the way and so made good use of the find and had a Ball of our own. A grand ending to a grand evening.



"B" Coy News and Views Cont'd

We of 'B' Coy. are looking forward to Summer Camp. But due to summer employment and such things, we will not have as many attending as was hoped for. Nevertheless those who will be there will, I am sure, uphold the 'B' Coy. spirit in all ways.

To the members of the Regiment who will not be at camp a happy and safe summer and we will see you all in the fall. Until the next issue of the 'Falcon' cheric for now.

Sgt. Cormack R.L.

- A Minister taking a walk by the river with his two lovely daughters, spoke to an angler -- "Is the fishing Good?"

Angler -- "Very; are you a fisher?"

Minister -- "I'm a fisher of men."

Angler (Looking at the daughters) -- "You've mighty fine bait".

- A chum is a chap that knows you -- but still likes you.

The highlanders of old did not have very fancy furnishings in their homes. They placed their values on other than material things. As an example there is the tale of the 'Candle sticks'.

A Clan Chief returning home from England visited a friend who had been with him at an English University. He was invited to banquet in his honour at which his friend boasted of a beautiful candelabra on the table and said that the Chief could produce nothing so valuable as these in his Highland home. A wager resulted and the Chief undertook to produce two more valuable candlesticks when his friend visited the Highlands.

When his friend came North and was being entertained to dinner, he reminded the Chief of the wager and asked for the candlesticks. Immediately the Chief called for two of his tallest clansmen who stood on either side of the Chief's chair holding lighted torches in their upraised hands. The Chief won the bet..

To the Chief the clansmen were of far more value than any fancy candlesticks. There could be a lesson to this story if one looked close enough.

- Sentence Sermons -

- Many a man succeeds by making hay from the grass that grows under the other fellows feet.

- The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.

- A youthful figure is what you get if you ask a woman her age.

- The way of the transgressor may be hard, but it isn't lonely.

- Adolescence is when children start bringing up their parents.

C COY NOTES

Charlie Company, sometimes referred to as Charles Company looks back on an exciting and eventful training period.

Recruiting for the 1966 Student Militia Program got under way in earnest in January and training commenced in February with the view to have these lads up to par for the unit's spring activities. They were a welcome addition at our annual inspection in March and in May at the Garrison Church Parade and the march to our new home at Moss Park.

Currently they are on leave to complete their June examinations and will return early in July for the six week summer course which will be under the capable guidance of Lt. John Iversen. Other C Coy personnel assisting on the programme will be Lt Jim Murray, P2 Lt Bob Buller, Sgt. Peter Catenacci, and Cpls Michael Barnes, Mike Buyers, Steve Gilbert and Greg Young.

The total effective strength of the company including the 50 enrolled for the summer course is 97 all ranks. Capt George Day is to be congratulated on his excellent organization in the Recruiting Office.

The oldtimers of Charlie have been hopping at a grand rate since Christmas. With the company courses were run involving Intelligence and Map Marking, a Weapons course and Signals training. Various persons completed promotion qualification courses. In addition the company took part in Unit and Coy tactical exercises.

In February we were directly involved in Exercise Snowball II. C Coy officers leased directly with the Air Force to obtain eight single engine "Otters" and two twin engine C 45s (Expeditors) to support the exercise at the Colonel's Training Area at Lake Rosseau.

The A aircraft left Canadian Forces Station Downsview at 0800 hrs and landed on the ice of Skeleton Bay. We then scaled up a 300 foot cliff towing equipment laden toboggans to a bivouac site at the top. The Otters returned later to free drop our arctic tents and the camp was soon in good order. After some tense moments our rations and sleeping bags arrived at last light and shortly after dark all were tucked away in what was estimated to be -36° temperature.

Early the next morning the aircraft assisted the company in making an effective attack against A Coy located about 5 miles away. As two fighting patrols attacked their bivouac location the Air Force provided additional realism by bombing the enemy.

Our sincere thanks to the personnel of Sp Coy who did yeoman service with the transport section and, of course to A Coy for their part as an enthusiastic and tenacious enemy force.

Tactical exercises continued in the spring at Raglan where we provided one platoon for company tactics and again at Aurora where we did platoon tactics supported by a section of Mortars from Sp Coy.

We anxiously look forward to summer camp at Petawawa when we will be employing the skills learned on these exercises.

SP COY SCANDLE Present Strength - 43 all ranks

HQ/SP Coy has had another very successful term since Christmas. Early in January we had a bang up Coy party which started with a sleigh ride at a farm in North York and wound up with a very late and enjoyable party at the Company Commander's house. To keep a good thing going we had another party, this time with B Coy, which was held in the Bds Room in Fort York. Once again a success, we even made \$11.00 for Coy funds.

The Annual CSM Al Turner Memorial Shoot was run by the Coy this year. For the first time this event was held at Camp Ipperwash. 87 keen competitors had a fine weekend with many first for the regiment - mechanical target ranges, a morning with APCs, at which time all had an opportunity to ride and some to drive them. Winners - Turner Trophy - Sgt Briny and Maj Stark tied (a shoot off is to be held) - Whiz Bang Trophy - Sgt. Catenacce from C Coy.

When called to the fore to participate in a Barralicon Drill Competition the Coy took up the challenge with maximum enthusiasm and of course came out with top marks.

RECRUITING NEWS

There has been a marked improvement in our campaign for recruits for the regiment and I find it most gratifying to be able to announce that 50 lads have been recruited for our 1966 Student Summer Militia Course commencing 4th July 1966. In addition, another seven students from the Intelligence Corps will be attached to this course for training.

It is our intention to continue recruiting after we have reached our authorized strength of 271 other ranks, (presently 261) as we hope to create a "reserve" pool of recruits to replace those who become non-effective and eventually are struck off strength.

For the guidance of men bringing new recruits to join their coys, we would like to republish the requirements for enlistment and we must adhere strictly to these standards. A man must be 16 years and over, British subject, Grade 9 education or better, 5'6" in height and must have NO criminal record.

Recruits who are on shift work have always been a problem for the Coy Comds. It is not always practicable for these men to attend the Recruit and Trained Militiaman's Course consistently owing to the hours they have to work and it becomes impossible for us to give them any training, since they are periodically missing lectures and instructions. It is therefore not advisable to recruit men in this category and any new applicants who are on shift work will be discouraged from joining the unit.

Capt. G.C.E. DAY

LEST WE FORGET

135 Tyndall Ave.,
Apt 708,
Toronto 3, Ontario.

Rev. A.C.G. Muir,
38 Elfrads Blvd.,
Scarborough, Ontario.

Dear Padre:

It is with deep sense of loss that I report the passing of so many 48th Highlanders during the period from November 25th, 1965 to May 25, 1966.

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,
Bill Starr,
Sick Committee.

48th Highlanders' Deaths from November 25th 1965 to May 25th 1966

MacDONALD, F.W. M.C. V.D.	Dec. 4, 1965	48th - 15th
ROBERTSON, R.	" ? "	15th
ROSS, C.	" ? "	15th
DUNBAR, A.P.	Jan. 1, 1966	48th - 15th
MAIR, W.	" 6, "	15th - 92nd Piper
HINSCLIFFE, W.L.	" 9, "	48th - 161st
ALEXANDER, G.M. Lt Col M.C. V.D.	" 14, "	48th - 15th
NOYCE, E.	" 19, "	92nd - 42nd
MORRISON, J.	" 20, "	48th - 15th
COOKE, Lewis	" 29, "	Blackwatch 48th - 39er
CHAMBERS, H.	Feb. 9, "	15th
SUTHERLAND, R.J.	" 22, "	75th - 48th Pipe Band
LOWENTHAL, W.	" 25, "	56th - 15th
STURROCK, A.	March 3, "	15th
EDWARDS, R.H.	" 16, "	123rd - 48th - 39er
MackENZIE, A.E.	" 18, "	15th
STEWART, Archie	" 26, "	92nd
RAMSAY, W.	April 8, "	48th
JAMIESON, Frank	" 27, "	92nd - 48th - 39er
ROSS, P.	May 3, "	134th
FLANAGAN, J.D.	" 9, "	48th - 39er
CHURCH, R.J.	" 10, "	48th
POWERS, Grant	" 17, "	15th

FRANK JAMIESON

An elder of Riverdale Presbyterian Church for some years, Frank Jamieson passed away at his home on Hazelwood Avenue, April 27th, 1966. Aged 78.

Frank was born at "Kirriemuir" Scotland, on March 28th, 1888. His parents were of fine farming stock and, in his early years, Frank was engaged in Forestry near "Rorphine" in "Aberdeenshire".

He came to Canada in 1911, went overseas in the "First Great War" with the 92nd Highlanders draft of the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

For many years he was a valued employee of the "City of Toronto Playground Department".

He was a man well loved by all with whom he came in contact. A member of "Occident Lodge" Masonic order; "St. Andrews Society" and many other groups.

Between the two great wars prior to 1939, he represented Canada as a Crack Rifle Shot at "Bisley England".

In 1939 as Regimental Sergeant Major he proceeded overseas with his Regiment the 48th Highlanders of Canada and was overseas for six years.

"Frank Jamieson" is survived by his widow "Elizabeth" and son "James Jamieson". To list all the accomplishments of Mr. Frank Jamieson would require much space, suffice it to say, "He was a big man" big in body and mind as his minister Mr. Robert B. Milroy, M.A. attested at his funeral service.

He served his "God", his "King" or "Queen" with a singleness of mind and body, the recititude of his actions in peace and war guided many men who grieved to see him pass but are proud to have known him.

WHAT IS DYING

I am standing at the sea shore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean.

She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud where the sea and the sky come down to mingle with one another. Then, someone at my side says "There ! She is gone".

Gone where? Gone from my sight - that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her. Just at the moment when some one says, "There - She's gone", there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes"! And that is dying.