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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Shortly after the Trooping of the Colour ceremony, to be held at Varsity Stadium on July 1, Canada's official 100th Birthday, we will be taking a well-deserved vacation from formal parades until mid-September. I hope that all ranks will enjoy a good summer holiday and return in the fall refreshed and revitalized, and ready for the fall training season which, incidentally, appears to be a rather heavy one!

Speaking of the Troop, I would like to emphasize again what a signal honour it is that the Centennial Commission has picked the 48th Highlanders of Canada to officially celebrate Canada's 100th Anniversary. We are the only Unit in the country who have been asked officially to undertake this assignment, and we can all be justly proud of the honour which has been conferred upon us.

As I have told you, we have much work to do in order to reach the standards required, and the next few weeks will be very busy ones. I am counting on each and every one of you to put all other considerations aside and make this the most memorable ceremonial event in the Regiment's history.

With respect to our regular training, I expect to have the details of our new rôle within a few weeks, and I will pass these along to you just as soon as I can. It is my hope that we will be placed in the Mobile Command Reserve because, from all I know of the Minister's plans at present, this will be the most interesting and challenging of the five rôles available. Whether or not we are, however, makes no difference of course, for we will carry on in the true Highlander tradition whatever it is we are asked to do.

In conclusion, I would once again like to thank you all for the excellent Parade 14 April last. I have received hundreds of letters and telephone calls complimenting the Regiment on its excellent showing that night. I know only too well how much work it takes, and I appreciate all your efforts most sincerely. My congratulations to each Company for the series of training schemes which have taken place over the last month; to the Pipes and Drums for their excellent performances during Canada Week in New York; and to the Military Band for their fine increase in strength during the last few weeks and for the improved quality of their playing. My thanks also to the unsung heroes of the paper brigade, who labour so well and so effectively on our behalf behind the scenes.

Once again, I hope you will all have a pleasant summer and will come back in the fall fully rested and ready to go to work.

P.A.G. Cameron, Lt Col

With all the splendour and precision which has long been associated with our Regiment the Command of the 48th Highlanders of Canada passed from Lieutenant-Colonel J.M. Lowndes, CD, to Lieutenant-Colonel P.A.G. Cameron CD, in the Moss Park Armoury on Friday April 14, 1967.

At 8:30 P.M. the ceremony began as the Regiment marched into the Armouries and was drawn up for inspection. At 8:45 the Inspecting Officer Brigadier J.B. Clement, CD, Commander, Central Ontario District, arrived and proceeded to inspect the Regiment. He was accompanied on the Inspection by the Military Advisor, Central Ontario Command, Colonel H.J. Legge, ED, the Honorary Colonel of the 48th Highlanders, Brigadier I.S. Johnston, CBE, DSO, ED, Q.C., and the retiring Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J.M. Lowndes, CD.

Following the Inspection, the Regiment marched past in column with Brigadier Clement taking the Salute. The Regiment then formed up in line facing the saluting base to witness the Change of the Commanding Officer's Dirk from Lieutenant-Colonel Lowndes to Lieutenant-Colonel Cameron by Lieutenant-Colonel R.G. Hardie, CD, Commanding Officer of the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton) Regiment. Colonel Hardie then commented upon the long association of the two Regiments and upon the significance of the ceremony just performed.

About 10 or 12 years ago as a token of the friendship between the two regiments the 48th Highlanders presented a Claymore to the Lorne Scots to be worn by their Commanding Officer; and the Lorne Scots presented a Dirk to the 48th Highlanders to be worn by their Commanding Officer. At each Change of Command this token of friendship is re-enacted.

At this point many hearts were stirred by deep emotions and many minds filled with a host of memories as Colonel Lowndes gave his farewell address to the Regiment. In three short years a great many important events had occurred; events of great significance to the Regiment. They had not been easy years, but they had been years of achievement and progress, and what was more important for this occasion they had been years during which a great affection and a deep loyalty had developed between the Commanding Officer and those who served under him. In his gracious manner Colonel Lowndes praised the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment for their hard work and thanked them for their loyal support.

The ceremony then moved to the central event of the evening as Brigadier Clement introduced the new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel P.A.G. Cameron. Colonel Cameron formally accepted the Command of the 48th Highlanders of Canada and then proceeded to make a short address. He spoke with sincere appreciation of his association with Colonel Lowndes underlining the impressive array of achievements made during his command. He then pledged himself to give his best to the responsibilities of his command and appealed for the continued loyalty and support of the whole Regiment as he assumed his new duties.

Colonel Cameron next marched the Regiment past the retiring Commanding Officer. Following this there was an Advance in Review Order and the playing of a General Salute. The Colours were then marched off.

At this point, both the Pipes and Drums and Military Band gave a short concert concluding with the Highland Dancers of the Regiment dancing a set. This part of the programme was given a very hearty reception by all present.

The ceremony concluded as the Battalion marched out under the command of the 2IC, Major R.L. Read, CD.

Lt-Col J.M. Lowndes, CD

Although he is still a young man Lt-Col John Montgomery Lowndes CD has a record of achievements equalled by very few as the following outline of his personal life and accomplishments will show.

- 1939-44 St. Andrew's College Cadet Corps. Commanding Officer the last year with the Corps, winning the Best Cadet Corps Trophy in MD2.
- Jun 1942 Joined 2 Div Petrol Coy RCASC CA(R) at 16 - L/Cpl
- Apr 1943 Transferred to 2nd Bn, 48th Highlanders of Canada CA (R) at 16 - Pte SOS 1 Jun 44.
- 2 Jun 1944 Joined CIC and served at Brantford and Borden. Became 19 on VE Day. Volunteered for Pacific and sent to Barriefield and then to Fort Benning, Georgia. After VJ Day, returned to Petwawa and Simcoe. Discharged Cpl 4 Dec 45
- Attended University of Toronto - 1946-49. Graduated - Degree BA
Attended Osgoode Hall, 1949-53. Graduated - Barrister-at-Law.
- Nov 1946 Joined U of T COTC as Officer Cadet - SOS'd to Supp Res as a Lt Oct 1948. Qual Capt
- 5 Apr 1949 TOS'd 48th Highlanders of Canada as a Lt and appointed Pl Comd. Promoted Capt 27 Apr 51 and appointed Adjutant Oct 51. Appointed Coy Comdr June 52. Promoted Major 1 Apr 54. Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) in Dec 55. Attended Militia Staff Course 1957 and awarded MSC 10 Aug 57. Appointed Trg Offr 1 Apr 58. Appointed 2IC 1 Apr 61. Appointed Commanding Officer 1 Apr 1964.

Personal Information:

John Montgomery Lowndes - Born 8 May 28, Toronto
Parents - Roy Howland Montgomery Lowndes and Marjorie Hewson Lowndes
Sister - Ann Lowndes McVittie

Attended Whitney Public School - 1931-1939
Attended St. Andrew's College, Aurora, 1939-1944 - Prefect, commanded Cadet Corps, Captain Football - Hockey, Swimming and Track, etc.
Attended University of Toronto 1946-49. BA - President, Intercollegiate Swimming & Waterpolo Association - Swimming, Waterpolo. Teams - University College Bronze UC - Beta Theta Pi fraternity, etc.
Attended Osgoode Hall - 1949-53 - Barrister-at-Law

17 May 1952 married Marilyn Elizabeth McVittie

Sept 1953 started with Ricketts, Farley & Cory - subsequently became Ricketts, Farley & Lowndes. Presently a partner with the same firm.

Children - Parry (14), Susan (11), Jennifer (9), Margo (7), Jock (2)

Activities - Golf, Squash, Baseball, Skiing, Swimming - drastically reduced by Military activities.

Lt-Col J.M. Lowndes, CD Cont'd

Associations - Law Society of Upper Canada, York County Law Association, Canadian Bar Association, Lawyers Club, Toronto Hunt Club, Badminton & Racquet Club, Royal Canadian Military Institute, St. Andrew's Society, St. Andrew's College Old Boys Association, etc.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER

While we read with pride and interest about the personal life and the many and varied achievements of Colonel Lowndes it is with his term of service as our Commanding Officer that we have a special concern.

On Friday 7 April 67 his fellow officers gathered to honour him at a farewell mess dinner. It was the kind of occasion that those who witnessed it will never forget. During the traditional mess dinner his successor Colonel Peter A.G. Cameron paid a glowing tribute to Col Lowndes in which he underlined the most impressive array of things accomplished during his Command. These we have incorporated in this the Falcon's own tribute to our retiring commanding officer.

When Colonel Lowndes took command of the 48th Highlanders of Canada the Regiment was passing through a difficult time added to the normal problems of building, maintaining and commanding a Militia Unit was the fact that we were intemporary quarters in the Fort York Armouries. We were sharing the facilities of the Toronto Scottish Regiment which graciously came to our rescue when we had to move from our old home in the University Avenue Armouries. Eventually we were able to take over the quarters occupied by the Irish Regiment of Canada when that unit was transferred to Sudbury, Ontario.

Only those who were close to the inner workings know how difficult that period was but Colonel Lowndes brought us through both intact and in good heart.

The third week of May 1966 marked the beginning of a new era in our unit's history. It became possible for us to make the long anticipated move into our new home in the Moss Park Armoury. Again Colonel Lowndes showed his fantastic ability to organize, guide and inspire. In just two days, May 16 and 17, the colossal task of packing all the Regimental stores which included equipment from the messes, the orderly rooms, and company rooms, was completed. A similar feat was accomplished when everything had to be unpacked again at Moss Park.

The highlight of this week, however, was Friday 20 May 1966 when Colonel Lowndes led the Regiment, with almost a hundred percent turn-out from Fort York to march into the Moss Park Armouries. It was a thrilling occasion filled with all the excitement and hop of a great adventure. Members of the units that were quartered with us at Fort York lined our route to wish us well in our new accommodation. In the new Armouries Colonel Lowndes had arranged for a Service of Dedication conducted by the Padre Capt. A.C.G. Mair. Following some short addresses including one by Colonel Lowndes the new quarters were thoroughly 'christened' by 48th Highlanders in less formal ways. In all it was a great night. (For full details see The Falcon June, 1966)

No account of our move into Moss Park would be complete without telling of the endless paper warfare carried on by Colonel Lowndes with Central Ontario District over the allocation of new space, including the Company Rooms, Orderly Rooms, the new Officers' Mess and the Sergeants' Mess. In the latter two locations many changes had to be fought for and obtained by our Colonel whose skilful diplomacy was

Lt-Col J.M. Lowndes CD Cont'd

strongly fortified by stubborn determination. In the end we can all agree that his untiring efforts have been well rewarded for both messes are second to none.

As we are recounting Colonel Lowndes' efforts to obtain the best facilities possible for the Regiment there are some matters related especially to the Officers' Mess that should be mentioned.

Because of Colonel Lowndes' persistent efforts we have, for the first time in the Regiment's history, a complete gallery of all the Commanding Officers' pictures in one place.

As part of his concern to keep the Regiment strong and to maintain the interest and support of many people Colonel Lowndes started the practice of sending CO's Bulletins three or four times a year to members of the Officers' Association and friends of the Regiment. This has proved to be a popular move, and has caused a resurgence of interest in the Regiment by that group.

Another popular feature instigated by Colonel Lowndes has been serving lunches in the Officers' Mess each Friday during the noon hour. Between 35 and 40 members of the Officers' Association have taken advantage of this service. This too has created a resurgence of interest that can only benefit the Regiment in many ways.

Among the numerous events of Colonel Lowndes' Command the 75th Reunion celebrations of last August will remain in the minds of many Highlanders as a supremely memorable occasion. Here again John Lowndes played a full part throwing his full energy and influence behind all the plans. His good offices were especially used in receiving the Freedom of the City of Toronto which was unquestionably one of the high points of the whole week-end. His part in the Reunion Dinner and the plans for the Memorial Service at the Regimental Memorial assured that each of these events were well ordered and all concerned are deeply grateful to him.

To this point we have paid our tribute to a number of significant contributions made by Col Lowndes to his Regiment. For all of them he will be remembered but it still remains to be said that when we look back across the three years from April 1964 to April 1967 Colonel John Lowndes will be remembered most of all for his strong emphasis upon training. He never forgot to put first things first. Whether it was at summer camp or on one of the 17 or 18 Army / Airforce Combined operations run by the 48th Highlanders or training events like the very successful Exercise Hardrock of last spring Colonel Lowndes called for and expected the highest possible standard of excellence. Such a persistent demand for the best was not to go unrewarded. We all remember the delight and pride that came to us last December through the winning of the coveted Gzowski Trophy for the most efficient Militia Infantry Regiment in Canada.

To round out a very full career as a Militia Officer John Lowndes also played baseball. From his TOS days until the present he has played on the Dominion Champion Officers' Baseball Team, bringing in yet another way, honour to his Regiment.

It is not always easy to identify these characteristics that make a soldier great and set him apart from the ordinary. Whatever they are however Colonel John Lowndes had them and as long as the 48th Highlanders of Canada exist his name will shine with a brightness all of its own.

In appreciation of his strong but congenial command, and in an attempt to express their deep gratitude for a Commanding Officer of singular gifts and talents his fellow officers presented him with a pair of silver drinking horns.

Then it happened! The subalterns had a presentation to make also. An audio-visual one so it turned out. The room was darkened, a movie projector began to wheeze and Colonel Lowndes' summer property appeared before his startled eyes. The scene soon focused on his somewhat battered outdoor sanitary (some said un-sanitary) facility. Presently this staunch little fortress appeared to be under attack by what was obviously a detachment of the 48th Highlanders. The fighting 48th did it again. In a matter of moments it shuddered, raked and fell exploding (so it seemed) into a mass of roaring flames. The stunned Colonel groaned OH NO!! But it was Oh Yes. That rugged little building that had served for many, many, years had turned to ashes. The end had come. Or had it.

The room brightened again. The subaltern continued their ceremony. With full military dignity and precision the Colonel was marched to a great curtain covering one corner of the room. Orders were shouted. The atmosphere grew tense. A cord was pulled. The great curtain fell away and there, for everyone to behold, stood one of the most distinguished looking Privies one could ever wish to see. A huge green job complete with everything from a mink lined seat to falcon windows. To say the least it was a moving moment. But somehow most people found words suitable to the occasion. A grateful Colonel rose to the challenge and extended an invitation to all to visit him some time and make full use of this unique token of the affection of his subalterns.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL Peter A.G. Cameron CD

As the advertisement says, "It's what's up front that counts". This also applies to a military unit. The 48th Highlanders of Canada has won a unique place in this city and indeed throughout the whole nation largely because of the high calibre of a long succession of commanding officers. If many people have been full of praise for the achievements of the retiring Commanding Officer Colonel Lowndes we have also high hopes and real confidence in his successor Colonel Cameron. Once again our Regiment has a man of genuine distinction and ability to lead us on to new achievements and new glories.

The following outline of his personal background will give ample reason for the pride and the trust we place in our new Commander.

Lt-Col Cameron was born in Toronto in 1930, and received his early education locally, graduating from Appelby College, Oakville, Ontario, in 1948. While at Appleby, Col Cameron commanded the Cadet Corps for two years in succession, was Head Prefect of School House, and was awarded first-team colours in Football, Hockey and Cricket. He also represented his Cadet Corps at the Provincial Cadet Concentrations held at Niagara-on-the-Lake in 1944 and 1945.

On completion of his early schooling, Col Cameron enrolled at McGill University in Montreal and, within a few weeks, was accepted in the Armoured Corps Contingent of the McGill COTC. He took his officer's training in Montreal, Camp Borden and Meaford, receiving his Commission in July 1951. Col Cameron graduated from McGill with a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

LT-Col P.A.G. Cameron CD Cont'd

Following graduation, Col Cameron took up residence in Windsor, Ontario where he transferred from Armour to Infantry, and joined the Essex Scottish Regiment, taking command of the Mortar Platoon.

Early in 1954, Col Cameron returned to Toronto, transferring to the 48th Highlanders of Canada. He has had service with the Regiment from then until now, during which time he has held major Regimental appointments, such as Adjutant, Company Commander, Training Officer and Second-in-Command. Col Cameron took the Militia Staff Course and in 1959 was awarded the MCO. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in 1968.

Col Cameron comes of an old Army family. His grandfather was a Company Commander in the Royal Grenadiers. His father, a Squadron Commander in the Governor-General's Horse Guards before World War II, went overseas with the 4th Armoured Division and served in various staff appointments until war's end.

Col Cameron resides in Toronto with his wife and three children. He is a member of the Toronto Golf Club, The University Club of Toronto, and the Royal Canadian Military Institute. He is a member of the Board of Governors of Appleby College and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Opera Company. A successful business executive in civilian life, Col Cameron is a Vice President of Foster Advertising Limited.

Personal Information

Peter Alfred Gordon Cameron - born 15 September, 1930, Toronto
Parents - Alfred Gordon Cameron and Dorothy Somerville Hendrick
Prother - Donald Stratton Cameron

Attended Crescent School, Toronto - 1935-1939
Attended Revenscourt School, Winnipeg - 1939-1941
Attended Appleby College, Oakville - 1941-1948. Head Prefect School House, Commanding Officer Cadet Corps (2 years), first-team colours Football, Hockey, Cricket, Campbell Essay Prize, Edin Heward Prize Public Speaking
Attended McGill University, Montreal - 1948-1953
B.Comm., Commerce Representative Students' Executive Council, Chairman Finance Committee, Students' Executive Council, Chairman McGill Winter Carnival, Director Scarlet Key (Men's Honour Society), McGill Football Team, Vice President Delta Upsilon Fraternity, Winner McGill Gold Award for Achievement.

Married Suzanne Marguerite Seaton Noble - 29 October 1955

Children - Ian (10), Janet (7), Patricia (5)

Activities - Squash, Skiing, Baseball, Golf, Sailing

Clubs & Associations - Toronto Golf Club, Toronto Racquets Club, University Club of Toronto, Royal Canadian Military Institute, Member Appleby College Board of Governors, Director Canadian Opera Company, Institute of Canadian Advertising.

(Tribute to Brigadier Eric W. Haldenby, CBE, MC, VD, CE.)

In the spirit of "Old Soldiers Never Die" the Officers Association of the 48th Highlanders used the occasion of their Annual Dinner to pay a very deep tribute to one of their most distinguished members in the person of Brigadier Eric E. Haldenby, CBE, MC, VD, CD. The occasion was his retirement as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. It was a night of many memories for many people but it was laid upon one of his brother officers and a former Commanding Officer Colonel K.C.B. (Casey) Corbett to put in words the things that needed to be said.

We are printing that address in full in the hope that 48th Highlanders both old and young will be able to share in part at least the spirit of that night.

Gentlemen:

It is our privilege to-night to honour one of our most distinguished brother officers, Brigadier Eric Haldenby, our retired Honorary Colonel. He is a gentleman who has had a profound influence on our Regiment, having served it for 51 of its 76 years. He has played a prominent part in its affairs in two World Wars and in the uneasy peace between them. This is quite a record for someone who really started out to follow a family tradition in the Royal Grenadiers.

Our guest of Honour enlisted with the 92nd Bn of the 48th Highlanders in 1916 and proceeded overseas where he joined the 15th Bn just prior to the battle of the Somme. In his early days with the 15th, he had certain liaison duties. This involved him at one point in making contact with the CO of the 13th Bn, Royal Highlanders. Now, the entrance to the 13th Bn HQ dug-out was down a chute. Lt. Haldenby slid down the chute and to the surprise of the CO of the 13th landed feet first on the table. From my personal experience, and aside from Eric's feeling of embarrassment I consider this a more superior form of travel for liaison purposes than the motorcycle.

In due course, the Brigadier took over as Adjutant from Captain Chipman, who left for England and a staff course. When Chipman came back from England Eric went back to command a Company. However, in 1917, he was once again the Adjutant and was able to issue the Historic Operation order which began: -

"The Canadian Corps will take the Vimy Ridge"

This was 50 years ago and as you know the Anniversary Celebration will be held in a matter of days. This was a most significant battle for our Country. Indeed it has been said that the action of the Canadian Corps at Vimy Ridge heralded the real emergence of Canada as a sovereign nation. Eric was the Adjutant through to March 1917 when it became his turn to leave for a Staff Course. After the Armistice, however, he returned to the Adjutant's office and remained there through the return of the Regiment to Toronto.

In the period between the Wars, our Guest served in various capacities leading up to his Command of the Regiment and his leading it overseas in 1939. He commanded the Regiment until August of 1940 when he was promoted Brigadier to return to Canada to help form and take Command of the 9th Highland Brigade. After this Command, he was placed in Command of a Reinforcement Depot in Italy at Avalino. It was here that he found out about the state of training of some of the reinforcements coming from Canada. It was at about this time that Col Ralston, the Minister of National Defence,

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was touring Europe to learn about things first-hand. What he learned at Avalino was about as first hand as you could get. He asked a Forty-Eighth Sergeant-Major called Crosseley how things were going. While the Minister was no doubt expecting some pleasant platitude, Crosseley described the general state of training of the reinforcements in rather colourful terms. Turning to Brigadier Haldenby, and obviously shocked, the Minister sought confirmation. This was forthcoming with the statement that, when time was available the Depot was able to improve this situation with training but obviously time was not always available. Col Ralston proceeded to North-West Europe where he found a similar situation. Thus shaken, he came back to Canada to urge the Prime Minister to institute conscription for overseas Service, for which the Government already had a mandate. The Prime Minister refused to act in this regard. Col Ralston resigned and General MacNaughton, who said conscription was not necessary, was named Minister of National Defence. He was not a very great success since among other things, he was unable to win a seat in The House of Commons. I think that we can say that Eric was present at the birth of one of the sensational crises in Canadian History. This and his presence at Vimy make him a knocker at the gates of history.

Brigadier Haldenby has been, to successive CO's of this Regiment, a mentor and an inspiration. His enthusiasm and support of the Regiment have been evident since the beginning of his service. In Civilian life, we know him as a distinguished Canadian Architect. In the Regiment, we recognize his profession in our proud fire-place and in our handsome Regimental Memorial at the Head of Queen's Park. I suggest also that he has been in a true sense an Architect of the Regiment. With this in mind and recalling that you have been the Guest of Honour at numerous Regimental Dinners and have received most of the traditional presentations we have prepared a memento for you which symbolizes your architectural art both in civilian life and in the Regiment. This Sir, is an Italian Figure of an Architect and is inscribed

Presented to:

Brigadier Eric W. Haldenby, CRE, ME, VD, CD

by his brother Officers

on the completion of his term as Honorary Colonel

48th Highlanders of Canada

with affection and gratitude

1 January 1967

May you be with us for many years to continue to help us in building our Regiment.

THE 48th HIGHLANDERS IN CENTENNIAL YEAR

What is the place of the 48th Highlanders of Canada in this Centennial Year 1967? There are three parts to the answer.

Whenever the Regiment goes on Parade in full dress, for whatever occasion, it is an immediate reminder of the past. Every intelligent Canadian with some knowledge and sense of history must think at once of the glories and achievements of the past. Thoughts of the 'Thin Red Line' of the British regular army spring to mind. For us in Canada this means at least the Capture of Louisburg in 1758, the Capture of Quebec in 1759 under General James Wolfe and the heroic defence of Canada against American invaders in the War of 1812. A Regiment like ours steeped in the traditions of the past serves as a steadying influence amid all the chaotic changes of our modern world. It stands for strength and stability; and for the Peace and Security of our nation.

It also stands for the present. At camp or on an exercise in the field it can be quickly seen that the Regiment is as up to date as today's newspaper. Whatever assignment comes the Regiment is 'With it' and carries on training using the most modern methods available to it. The winning of the Czowski Trophy in 1966 shows that we lead the way in the present day Canadian Militia.

Finally we also look to the future with confidence. During a period when some militia units have gone out of existence and when others are struggling on with small numbers the 48th always manages to keep up to full strength. The spirit and energy of the Regiment is, in fact, amazing and gives the assurance that as we move into the future, come hell or high water, the 48th will be there ready for any emergency.

As a mark of our place in Canada in Centennial year the Regiment has been given two specific assignments. In May the Pipes and Drums were among those who spent several days in New York City publicizing Expo 67, and on July 1, to mark our 100th year as a nation, it is the 48th Highlanders of Canada that have been chosen to Troop the Colour in a public ceremony at Varsity Stadium.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BEST WISHES!

and DILEAS GU BRATH!

REPORT FROM THE PIPES AND DRUMS.....Bob Read

The band's activities of the last few months were highlighted by a trip to New York City during the first week of May. As part of the centennial festivities, the government organized Canada Week with parades and concerts intended to publicize our country and draw the crowds to Expo. Acting in this capacity of public relations agents, the band did an excellent job, playing in Central Park, Rockefeller Center and at a final evening ball in the Waldorf Astoria. There was a strong turnout of both pipers and drummers and some men enjoyed themselves enough to return the same month with their wives.

With the retirement of Jim Lang and Colin McKay, several new members have joined to fill the ranks. — We welcome pipers Arthur Nesbitt, Dave Lewis, and Dave Waterhouse as well as drummer Lou Stark.

Report for the Pipes and Drums Cont'd

The band elected its committee for 1967: President: Gordie Rankin, Vice President: Darby McCarroll, Secretary: Bob Taylor, Treasurer: Al Harding, and members: Bill Booker, Jimmy Cooperwhite, Larry Fullerton, Peter McLeod, Pat Mulvenna and Bob Read. The committee helped with the annual band dinner which was held on January 7. Stan Hamilton's group provided the dance music and Burns' address to the haggis was recited passionately by Cpl. Rankin. The picnic, held June 4 at the farm, enabled the families to get together for a day of games and miscellaneous merriment.

As summer approaches the competition band prepares for the various outdoor games. Sandy Dewar and Chuck Osborne won prizes in their particular divisions at the indoor games this spring. The dancers including S. White, D. McCarroll, A. Dewar, and G. Rankin, have been doing a great job, adding necessary life and colour to the band's performances. Norm Nash received his Twelve-year medal recently and early this year Peter McLeod abandoned his bachelorhood. Congratulations to both.

Among many engagements, the band played at soccer games, Massey Hall, parades, CBC's Studio Seven and G.H. Wood. Upcoming trips include Ottawa on June 25 and Louisville, Kentucky in October. Meanwhile the band is sitting on pins and needles in expectation of the purchase of a serviceable can opener.

HQ/SP COY NEWS

Since the beginning of 1967 HQ/Sp Coy has been very active with training courses and schemes. The result of this training has been indeed gratifying in that the Coy has qualified a number of recruits and trained militiamen together with Gp I signalers and Gp I Militia Infantrymen. The Coy now has a number of men with Sp II Militia Infantrymen qualifications which has resulted in two members of our Coy L/Cpl Bachelier and Pte Maksmychuk being selected to serve with our forces in Europe this summer.

Lt. Beal ran an excellent Gp I Signaller's course this year which was well attended by other members of the Regiment. This course was the most extensive Signals course run by the Toronto Garrison other than those run by the Toronto Signals Regiment. Furthermore the course was run by our own instructors without virtually any assistance from the I Staff. Approximately six members of the course qualified in an excessively stiff examination set by the I Staff. Those who qualified are the first Group I Signalmen to be qualified by the Regiment in many years. Both instructors and students who qualified are congratulated for a job well done.

With regards to schemes the Coy has been very active not only on their own and Regimental schemes but also on other Coy's schemes where drivers and signalmen have been required. The Coy and Regimental schemes are referred to below. The other schemes where the Coy provided drivers and signalmen are too numerous to specifically record.

WINTER DRIVING SCHEME: March 3,4,5, Coy driving scheme to Rosseau area involved winter driving skills and Winter Survival training. This was a well attended scheme where the Coy learned a great deal about making "Hoochies".

LIVE FIRING SCHEME: March 9, 10, 11 Camp Petwawa. This was one of the best Regimental Schemes the Coy has ever attended. Although the members of the Coy did not obtain much sleep on this exercise everyone had an enjoyable time. The experience of participating on a live firing exercise added stature to everyone who attended this exercise.

ASSAULT CRAFT TRG EXERCISE: May 14, 15, 16 Toronto Bay. On this exercise conducted by the RCE, members of the Coy were introduced to battle assault craft and to the foot bridge. The exercise was attended by 15 members of the Coy. Although several members experienced an early dunking in Lake Ontario the training added to the skills of the Coy and it is hoped that the Coy will be able to take a fishing expedition in the near future.

OPERATION HEENAN: May 23, 24, 25 Cobourg Area. This scheme was the culmination of a years training and was held jointly with C Coy. After a 15 mile route march the Coy successfully attained its objectives of the Cobourg Police Station and east Wharf of the harbour. The Recce Pl was led with considerable dash by Mr. Shipman who incidently also claimed the capture of one deep sea tramp steamer. All who participated in this scheme are congratulated for their endurance and spirit on the long march.

To all the members of the Coy I wish to extend my wishes for a happy and safe holiday season. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you next fall for another active year.

A.S. Johnston, Maj.

- - Said one Golfer dejectedly to another "The only two good balls I hit were when I stepped on the rake".
- - Two skeletons were in a closet. One said to the other. "If we had any guts we'd get out of here".
- - Knowing that television has presented the younger generation with many new heroes to admire, my husband wondered if all the old favorites of another era had been forgotten. He decided to see for himself. Beginning with Sandra, our ten-year-old, he asked if she had ever heard of Tom Mix. "Well," she replied in complete sincerity, "I've heard of Tom Collins Mix."
- - This would be a fine world if all men showed as much patience all the time as they do while they're waiting for a fish to bite.
- - Two reckless drivers were up before the judge for having been involved in an accident. "I wish to commend you two careless fellows," said the judge, "for having run into each other instead of some innocent person. If this sort of thing can be encouraged, we may have hit upon the solution to a serious problem."

Once again we approach the end of the training year, but this spring is certainly not to be a quiet concluding to what has been a busy year. The weekend at Petwawa (partially courtesy of the RCAF) was an outstanding one, and will be long remembered by those who participated.

Later the Change-of-Command took considerable time, but the company members felt it well worth while, both to give an appropriate send-off to Colonel Lowndes and to salute Colonel Cameron in his new position of CO. The parade itself, and the festivities which follows, were a high point of the year.

The company has welcomed many new faces during the year, with the latest being L/Sgt. Foley, who traded places with Sgt. Gledhill, who now returns to B Company. Our congratulations to Sgt. Foley on his appointment. Pte Adams also has put up a hook, and our best wishes to him. Pte. Harold Adams has returned to the Regiment and the Company, and new recruits include Ptes. Assopardi, Beaton, Coull, Donnelly, Elliott (by way of the QCR and the Brockville Rifles), Gilbert (both Barry and Rick), Longboat, Luther, MacDonald, McGirr, Melling, Porter, Semeniyuk, Sullivan, Tuominen, Waugh, and Wronski. The company strength is the highest it has been for some time. And all effective, too!

Early in the new year a sleigh ride was held in Willowdale with the company repairing to Major Stark's home for a very fine party afterward. For the first time our new Company Commander became aware of the liquid capacity of his new command. It leaves us wondering about the quality of his former commands, at least in this area.

The MacGregor Shoot, in memory of an "A" Company Commander who was lost in the gas attack at Ypres in 1915, was held again this year after missing a couple of years due to the difficulties encountered in our temporary quarters at Fort York. A good attendance was noted, and "A" Company would like to thank Colonel Cameron, BSM Elms, and all those who attended. Next year will be even better.

CSM Chappell's threat about going into the haircut business must have smartened up the boys, since he has not had a chance to operate on anyone. Like all good CSM's, though, he is probably just biding his time.

At the moment A company is preparing for the drill competition and, of course, for the Troop on July 1st. The Troop will be the highlight of the training year, and indeed of Centennial Year for many of us.

On the weekend of May 5-6-7, "A" company held a company scheme at Stony Lake, north of Peterborough. L/Cpl Ron Adams wrote the following commentary on the affair.

-- On the weekend of May 5, "A" Company began an exercise ordered by Colonel Cameron. The designated area for the exercise was Stony Creek at one of our officer's summer place.

Parade was held as usual on the Friday, and the "A" Company drew weapons and equipment for the weekend. We remained at the armouries for Friday night, and found no trouble in getting some sleep. (after 3:30 A.M.) At 5:30 May 6, we were awakened to the joyful piping of Pte Cameron and would-be piper Pte. Watson. (For this rather brisk awakening, both Ptes were given work details by one of our Sergeants)

We left the armouries at 6:30 and arrived at our destination at 11:00 that morning. Our exercise began on our arrival at the area, and we proceeded to set up our river crossing apparatus. This consisted of a rope and pulley stretched across the river. I might add that orders were given saying that no one was to take a swim in the river on their trip over. The only mishap was the dropping of one newly appointed L/Cpl's balmoral into the river.

The only apparatus remaining on the other side of the river was the men's personal gear. To bring this over to our side of the river, Cpl Headley recruited some men, and began rowing towards the gear. Well, he headed in the general direction of the gear anyway. "E" for effort Cpl Headley. After a hasty lunch, we began our manoeuvres in the area, and I believe that all those, whether new recruits or the trained men of the company, enjoyed and learned a great deal from these exercises. We continued our training for the afternoon and then broke off for supper at 5:30. Later, we enjoyed the use of Lt. Kerr's and Lt. Roberts' 12 gauge and 4/10 shotguns. We also found out that beer cans made excellent clay pigeons. Our day ended in typical Highlander style, and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Sunday, May 7, we ate a hurried breakfast and began training again. This time the new recruits worked with the higher trained men and again, all seemed to enjoy the manoeuvres. We stopped training at 12.00 and returned to our camp and began the army man's necessity of cleaning his rifle. After this, lunch was eaten and we prepared to depart.

We crossed the river on the same apparatus used before, except that this time we were pulled across by the men. The only mishap this time was the dampening of a senior personage's battle dress pants. I told our CSM that I would not allow any names to slip out, and I won't. Safely across the river, we loaded the trucks and then started back to Toronto. After arriving at the armouries and turning in our equipment, we headed for home and rest after a most successful weekend.

-- A fellow still suffering from his adventures of the night before walked into his favorite pub the next day. "Two aspirin," he said to the bartender. "And don't slam the lid of the box."

-- One of former President Eisenhower's favorite golf stories concerns a golfer who tried to induce a friend to join his foursome one day.

"I'd love to," said the friend, "but I promised my wife....."

"Ah, come on," the golfer persisted, "forget your wife. Are you a man or a mouse?"

"I'm a man," the friend replied. "My wife is afraid of a mouse."

-- A New York executive walked into an elevator which was populated only by a stunning brunette with a moppet who was tightly clutching her hand. As the doors closed and the car moved down, he leaned over and patted the child's head. "Tell me, dear," he said, "did anybody ever tell you what a pretty little mommy you have?"

This has been a busy Spring for the Batt...Why, it seems like yesterday that I wrote our last contribution to the 'Falcon'. Now it seems that we are in for a busier time of it with the new organization for the Militia.

We of 'B' coy are very enthused over the prospects in store. Whatever role the Battalion is given you can be sure that we will play our part in making it a success.

TRAINING;

The Batt. exercise at Petwawa was well attended by 'B' coy pers. We all felt that it was a great success and that a lot was learned by all.

Certain members of the coy learned more than they expected. In fact they even paid (indirectly) for their tuition. Some people acquired a taste for L.C.B.O. rum while at Petwawa. That is all but a certain Sgt. who became quite upset at the mention of that particular type of rum. It could have been a sense of loss that bothered him.

The coy held an exercise at Raglan on the 12-13-14 May under the code name of 'Bash On'.

The exercise was mainly a route march and a tactical attack by enemy troops.

Due to un-fortunate or fortunate circumstances - depending how it was viewed - we did not get away from M. .A. until later in the day (Sat). This meant that we had to cut the distance to be marched to 12 miles rather than the 25 miles originally intended.

The drill was that we would go by vehicle to a point 25 miles north of Raglan; march to the Q.Y.R. training area where we would bivouac for the night. During the night the Q.Y.R. would attack us.

This is how it was supposed to be. This is how it turned out.

We arrived in the bivouac area in the dark so, to be able to see what we were doing, we turned on the truck lights and lit up the place where we would sleep. Some of the fellows gathered fire wood and lit a bonfire to heat our rations and ourselves.

This was not good security I know but it was thought that the enemy would think that we were not prepared. Perish the thought.

Patrols were sent out at different intervals to recon the area.

The night wore on and our people became colder and colder. Even with the bonfire going it was cold. Some of the fellows rolled themselves up in their blanket and ponchos to try and sleep.

This was the situation at 04.00 hrs - except that there was no patrol out at that time - when out of the night roared about three jeeps with machine guns blazing. Talk about the 'Rat Patrol' it did not have anything on this.

Of course our coy was wiped out and like good sports we did not argue the point. Besides it was too cold and miserable.

'B' Coy News and Views Cont'd

Yours turly was rolled up in his blanket and poncho when the firing started. What action did he take? He pulled the blanket over his head and muttered 'Bash on fellows, bash on'.

The best part of the exercise was the breakfast Sunday morning in Oshawa and getting safely back to M.P.A.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On the evening of Friday, 14th April, 67, this Battalion had a 'Change of Command' ceremony at M.P.A.

This was both a sad and happy occasion. Sad because we lost a well loved C.O. in the person of Lt. Col. J.M. Lowndes. Happy because we gained a fine C.O. in Lt. Col. P.A.G. Cameron.

Lt Col J.M. Lowndes CD

Col Lowndes stepping down has ended a fine term of office. He has accomplished more in his three year term than a lot of other C.O.s have in the past. All that anyone has to do is look at the records and they can see for themselves.

I believe that the Regimental Pride of Unit has never been higher in a long, long time. It takes a good C.O. to get these results.

Sir, may I express the feelings of 'B' coy with this quotation:

Happy to meet,
Sorry to part,
Happy to meet again.

Haste ye back.

Lt Col P.A.G. Cameron CD

We all know ex. Major Cameron as a hard worker for the Regiment. He filled key posts in the Battalion namely training officer, 2i/c to Col Lowndes. Col Cameron was mostly in the background and so a lot of the members of the Batt. did not realize the work that he did. Now they will as he is a go ahead type officer much like Col Lowndes.

Sir, from 'B' coy Welcome and you can depend on us for our fullest support.

'B' Coy

On Friday 19/67 Cpl Foley was promoted to L/Sgt. Congratulations. The hard part of it is that he was transferred to 'A' coy. Our loss their gain. To counteract our loss we have gained an ex 'B' coy man in the person of Sgt Gledhill. Welcome back.

That's it for now. See you all in the next edition of the 'Falcon'.

Yours aye,

Sgt. Cormack R.L.

CHARLIE CHATTER

Well another edition of the Falcon means the end of another training season. This last one was extremely successful for the battallion and particularly successful for C Company. Much has happened in courses and schemes as the following will explain.

COURSES:

Lt. D.G. McCrossan's Leading Infantryman course was finally tested at CFB Borden early in February. To everyone's delight all 37 candidates passed and were awarded the Group 1 Leading Infantryman. (this included a \$5.00 bonus) Congratulations to Lt McCrossan and his staff for such an excellent showing.

Lt R.F. Buller completed his recruit course qualifying nine candidates to go on to a Trained Militia programme next fall. Lt Buller is now organizing the Summer Student Militia now called the Undergraduate Militia Training. This course looks promising as the syllabus had been completely rewritten. This year NBCDW and National Survival have been dropped as extra schemes, route marches, and special to corps subjects have been added.

As the completion of the L. I. testing Lt McCrossan ran a patrolling course for all ranks C Company that terminated in "Exercise Heenan".

EXERCISES:

Besides contributing to battallion exercises and functions C Company had two highly successful company schemes.

The first was a winter patrolling scheme at CFB Borden in February. 14 Wing R.C.A.F. Auxiliary airlifted fifty members of C Company to Borden airfield early Saturday 11 February 67. We were met there by acting QM Lt J.R. Mulley and issued ammunition. We were then airlifted in 6 Otters to a barren field where we deplaned and met vehicles. A short drive brought us to the edge of the enemy positions. We then marched cross country for upwards of 3 miles in 2 - 3 foot snow. (an ordnance snafu had denied snowshoes). Two platoons under Lt's McCrossan and Buller separated and made their way to a drop zone by noon. There the Air Force paraded our lunches. The platoons then split up into 3 sections each under a corporal who was given a Grid Reference of a suspected enemy position. They then took their individual sections on a recce. A slight confusion arose as to whether Lt Murray and the stores truck could be considered enemy when he had brought us hot tea. However most sections accomplished their missions and returned to the RV to be trucked back to MTC for Saturday night.

Sunday was a company advance-to-contact under Maj. Baker. The advance was extremely successful although Pte Sabanski reported killing the same enemy soldier 3 different times. The exercise ended in an excellent assault on an enemy position with support from the Air Force although only quick action by the Sigs officer saved annihilation of Lt Buller's platoon by "Friendly" Air Force. It seems that friend and foe look alike from the air. We then flew back to Toronto on Sunday afternoon.

Charlie Company Cont'd

EXERCISE HEENAN:

On Saturday 20 May 67 the most daring exercise yet was launched by Maj. A.W. Baker. A platoon from C Coy under Lt McCrossan and a platoon from HQ/SP Coy under Lt A.V. Shipman drove to a bivouac site about 10 miles north of Port Hope. There they received an airdrop of bedding and supplies from the Air Force under the watchful eye of CBC and CFTO news men. From there we marched over 15 miles to a hide in the northern outskirts of Cobourg. There we cooked dinner and prepared for a fighting patrol into the city of Cobourg.

At 2250 hrs we advanced carefully into the heart of Cobourg under cover of darkness. Each of the six sections had specific tasks: #1 Sec, the armouries; #2 Sec, a hydro transformer; #3 the West Pier and bunker of Cobourg harbour. HQ/SP Coy had the East Pier, City Hall and Police Station and a railway switch area. Each section handled themselves extremely well. Dummy explosive charges were placed at each target successfully. Lt Chipman found a freighter at his pier and decided to seize it as a target of opportunity. It surrendered to him in a matter of minutes.

What few townspeople realized we were there accepted that their town had been captured by the enemy force. Only one put up a fight but he realized that 9 SMG's out powered his one shotgun. We left early Sunday morning with the majority of the townspeople not realizing that 50 soldiers had invaded and captured 6 keypoints of their town. We returned to our bivouac area where we slept the remaining few hours of Saturday night and returned to Toronto by noon on Sunday. This climaxed four months of planning.

C Coy is now busy preparing for the Troop as well as the summer course. Our personnel have changed slightly: Lt Murray to stores, (we're sorry to have him go) Sgt Richards to S/Sgt and A/WOII And Cpl Gilbert to Sgt. Congratulations to you all.

R.F: Buller Lt.

- One Executive to another, watching repair of computer: "How human can a machine get? It's got a screw loose!
- I was asking motherly questions of our son, home on leave after completing recruit training. "How was your bed?" I asked. "Was it comfortable?" He paused thoughtfully, then said, "I guess I don't know. Every time I was in it, I was asleep."
- When the boss hired a shapely new secretary, everyone expected his wife to explode. Instead, she said, "I'm delighted, Henry won't dare come home late for dinner any more!"

LEST WE FORGET

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

Rev. A.C.G. Muir,
38 Elfreda 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 24, 1966 to June 1, 1967.

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 24, 1966 to June 1, 1967.

Fairlie, John F.	Nov. 24, 1966	48th
McAlister, James	" 24, "	92nd Draft
Rushton, Bertram	" 28, "	92nd Draft
Seymour, H.R.	Dec. 10, "	55th - 15th
Woodley, Thomas	" 15, "	48th - 39er
Owen, Robert	Jan. 4, 1967	134th
Wink, James	" 5, "	15th
Prior, James	" 19, "	92nd Draft
Hewlett, Jack	" 23, "	48th - 39er
Blaudin, A.	" 24, "	R.C1 Air Force - 48th - 39er
Collins, Douglas	" 26, "	15th
Willis, John	" 27, "	15th - 48th - 39er
Crossley, W.G.	" 30, "	48th - 39er
Murray, A.	Feb. 2, "	48th - 39er
Davis, William A.	" 10, "	92nd
Hanna, Wm. J.	" 10, "	Pipe Band
Ewart, James	" 21, "	19th - 134th
Loughrin, J.	Mar. 1, "	48th - 39er
Downey, D.M.	" 7, "	48th
Gardiner, C.C.	" 16, "	134th
Taylor, George	" 23, "	48th - 15th
Smith, C.T.	" 26, "	92nd
Deas, Thomas	Apr. 4, "	48th - 39er
Allen, George	" 5, "	48th - 39er
Wood, George A.	" 11, "	134th
Alexander, R.	" 16, "	15th - 48th
Boyd, Wm. H.	" 19, "	48th - 15th
Gunn, John	May 17, "	RCMR'swW 1 - 48th - 39er
Martin, W.J.	" 22, "	15th
Jago, W.W. Major	" 23, "	15th

AT EXPO 67 visit the CHRISTIAN PAVILION

In Terre des Hommes, Saint-Exupery writes, "To be a man, is to feel that one shares in the building of the world." Expo 67 reflects the marvelous material achievements of man in his struggle against the forces of nature. Creation is challenged and a world is being built.

The Christian Pavilion recognizes man as the crowning work of God's creation and invited the visitor to take his rightful place in the building of the world in which he lives.

"God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God, He created Him, male and female He created them...to conquer the earth and rule it... God saw all He had made, and indeed it was very good."

These words from the Bible might well serve as a preface to the Christian Pavilion. They place man in a universe filled with hope. MAN CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD TO RULE THE WORLD....that was God's intended role for man in His world.

The garden at the entrance of the Pavilion shows life as God wanted man to live amidst peace, plenty, and joy.

Zone one is an image of man as he is. He is a member of the human race, working for the progress and happiness of the community. He readily shares technical and scientific discoveries in an effort to build a better world.

Does man achieve his aim of a better world? In some civilizations he has acquired an abundance of material affluence but always he is dominated by a spirit of selfishness.

Man had forgotten to serve God and has become the victim of "False Gods" of his own making, resulting in a world where hatred and violence, selfishness and trust in material values have become the laws of life.

The second zone, into which the visitor descends, portrays the world that man has made. Confronting him on every side are the brutal realities of life.

Man created in God's image, - the calm and peace of the garden - have all faded away and disappeared. As the panel between the first and the second zone suggests, our world is a broken world.

As the visitor leaves the second zone, a faint light, - a sign of hope and liberation - leads him into the third area where a world in the making, can fill him with joy, courage and hope.

While the Christian shares with all men feelings of discouragement and a desire to escape, he is sure of one Presence, Christ who died and rose again. As Christ shared with us the experience of Birth, Life and Death, He became man's Saviour and Redeemer. Thus He can give meaning and purpose to the realities and crises of our lives. Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all today.

At Expo 67 Cont'd

The texts of the five panels in the last zone indicate how God is present with us!

- "For us a Child is born - He is the light of men."

This God who became one of us is Love. He invites us to love our brothers as He loves us.

- "You do not live by bread alone. I come to bring you life, far more Life than before."

To reveal to us how far the Love of our neighbor should go, He even accepted death.

- "He died for all that all might live. By this we know love."

But on the third day He rose again and is with us for all eternity.

- "Why search for Me among the dead? I am with you always."

The Spirit which He sends invites all men to believe in Him, liberating them from anxiety and death, free to live in the service of others.

- "You are called to freedom, now through love, serve one another."

The Gospel, this GOOD NEWS, is His invitation to us to help give birth to a better world. Thus Christ allows us to share in the true fulfilment of creation.

The visitor's last view of the pavilion reminds him that;

- "The Light still shines in the darkness and the darkness shall never put it out."

The presence of Christ and his Spirit places us in a new era, a new creation. It is this new creation that the Christian Pavilion offers to MAN and HIS WORLD.

The theme of the Pavilion is the EIGHTH DAY. This expression, used since the beginnings of Christianity, summarizes the Christian message for today - a challenge to build a world in which all men may work and live in fellowship with Christ.

- "He who loves his Brother dwells in the Light."

The EIGHTH DAY, which comes after the end of the week, inaugurates a new era and points us toward the future. It says, "Christ is with us now. In hope and confidence we await His final coming in judgment and deliverance."