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### COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

In the five and a half months which have passed since my last Message to you, the Regiment has been involved in many exciting new activities. The chief among these, of course, has been the evolution of Echo Company - our contribution to Mobile Command - from a paper establishment to a viable, enthusiastic, well-trained group of Officers and men capable of representing the 48th Highlanders of Canada with honour.

Then, too, there is the Mortar Platoon which we fought so hard to retain and which has in the last few months justified the faith placed in it by the Regiment. As I mentioned on Parade two weeks ago, when presenting Mortar badges to those who successfully completed the course, the men of this Platoon have trained under extreme difficulties - shortages of equipment, ammunition and training supplies, to mention just a few - and yet their morale has continued to be high and we are being permitted to send them to the Concentration at Petawawa.

The Regiment has conducted a number of courses during this period as well - courses designed to qualify new personnel and previously unqualified personnel to serve in Echo Company (Recruit, GMT). Specialized courses (Radio Operator, Driver) have also been run. These courses have resulted in a very satisfactory number of qualifications, despite the ever-present lack of proper training facilities and training aids.

And, finally, during this period, there have been superhuman efforts by Regimental personnel employed in the Staff and Logistical areas, whose responsibility it is to ensure that required paper-work is processed accurately and on time, and that supplies and materiel are available when needed.

So, since my last Message, we have been through a hectic period, a period which has placed a severe strain on our resources. But the result has been first-class, and I am very pleased.

The culmination of the year's training of course will take place during the summer months. Echo Company and the Mortar Platoon will be attending the Mobile Command Reserve Concentration at Petawawa the first week in July. Course candidates from the 48th Highlanders of Canada will be attending the Driver's Course; Radio Operator's Course; Militia Cook's Course; Junior NCO Course; Senior NCO Course; Lieutenant's Qualifying Course; Captain's Qualifying Course; Major's Qualifying Course; and the Staff Course. In addition, the summer Militia Training program will take place from 8 July through 8 August, and at least eight Regimental personnel will take part in fly-over training with the Brigade Group in Europe. I myself have been selected to attend the Brigade Exercises in Northwest Europe as an Observer, and I will be flying over with our contingent in mid-August.

Commanding Officer's Message Cont'd

I cannot emphasize too strongly at this time to those members of the Unit who will be attending summer training in different parts of the country and, indeed, in different parts of the world, the need to remember who you are and what you represent. You are members of the 48th Highlanders of Canada — the best and most efficient Militia Unit in the country, as proven by twice winning the Gzowski Trophy. Each of you represents a Unit which, on its next birthday, will be 77 years old and which has won, during its short lifetime, no less than 49 Battle Honours for service to its country. So, when you are on a course, or at Petawawa, or at Borden, or in Europe, you must never forget the tradition of excellence which you have inherited. It is up to each of you personally to make sure you do not let the Regiment down. Don't forget, the eyes of the Regular Force will always be on you for, because we are the best, the best will be expected.

In closing, I should like to thank all ranks for the hard work and personal sacrifice which have been so freely given during the past six months. It is my hope that you will all enjoy your summer's training and will acquit yourselves as true Highlanders. I also hope that you will have an opportunity to take a well-earned holiday from Regimental duty during the summer months, and that you will return in the fall rested, refreshed and ready to meet the challenge of a new training session.

Dileas Gu Brath!

Peter A. G. Cameron  
Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding Officer 48th Highlanders of Canada

EDITORIAL

WHAT DO YOU CARE?

THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE AND POVERTY conference committee reports unabashedly that 7,000,000 Canadians live in a state of destitution, poverty or privation.

Three million Canadians are attempting to survive on family incomes of less than \$2,000 a year; another 2,000,000 exist on yearly earnings between \$3,000 and \$2,000 per family and another 2,000,000 urban families earn less than \$4,000.

This means that more than one-third of a nation more affluent than any other in the history of the world except the U.S. lives in degrading poverty.

It is outrageous that 3,000,000 Canadians go to bed hungry every night, but it is even more outrageous that while Christians worry about the theological details of abortion, the infant mortality rate of Indians in Canada is eight times greater than that of whites.

Thank God that while many Christians concern themselves with the theological niceties of Church union, some people of both mainstreams of Christianity meet in true union to concern themselves with the plight of the poor.

The Canadian Conference on Church and Society, under the co-chairmanship of Mme. Pauline Vanier met recently in Montreal. We wish them well, along with all those concerned with the problems of poverty.

But no matter how influential a conference this may have been, it is powerless unless there is a great cry from all Canadians demanding that our government take action now. Following its report, which will undoubtedly bear out these shocking statistics, it would be a crime verging on mass murder if a united Christian Church did not act without any hesitation to demand immediate action.

There is an incredible paradox of want and starvation in the most affluent society in the history of mankind. We cannot ignore it.

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YOUNGEST IN THE 48TH

The youngest member of the 48th belongs to 'B' Company, and there isn't a kilt in stores to fit her. Yes, 'B' Company even has a girl in the ranks, and CPL Bradley has his hands full in making her an effective member of the squad. Her name is Tai Yu Chung, and she is one of the children in Hong Kong who are supported by the Canadian Save the Children Fund.

'B' Company adopted Tai Yu in January. She will be eight years old in September, and lives in Kowloon, the mainland section of Hong Kong. There are nine others in the family, all supported by her father who is a casual worker with an income of about \$62 per month. Her 71 year old grandfather who lives with them, has no work. Youngest in the family are twin girls, Tai Kuen and Tai Mei, aged two. Tai also has an older sister and three brothers.

The Canadian Save the Children Fund gives assistance to children in 19 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, and South America. It also has special projects to help Eskimo, Indian and other children with special needs in Canada. Money given to CANSAVE is distributed through agencies in the country where the child lives, and is applied in ways which are most helpful. It may provide family counselling, assistance in housing, or even a business loan to a father. For Tai Yu it supplies schooling at St. Barnabas' School in Kowloon. Tai Yu is completing the first primary grade, and gets good marks at school.

'B' Company are to be commended for their project. CAPT Currie has given it his full support, and CPL Bradley is the person responsible for keeping in touch with Tai Yu and with CANSAVE. Members of the company contribute to the fund voluntarily, as much or as little as they wish. Through 'B' Company the regiment is making a small contribution toward the world's poverty problem.

HQ/SP COMPANY

The past year has been one of great change for HQ/SP. CAPT. Ron Simmons has moved up from 2IC to command the company on MAJ. Dave Johnson's retirement. Other new faces are LT Dave Cameron who is now Mortar Officer and 2IC; LT John Kerr who is presently Transport Officer, and WO Chapell our CSM.

Mobile Command Reserve has demanded a good deal of time and effort from the Company. We have supplied transport, mortars, and signals for MDBCOC as well as for Battalion and company schemes. In spite of this heavy load we have carried on most of our usual company activities. A company scheme was conducted at the country estate of CPL Brewer, near beautiful downtown Emsdale, Ontario. The Al Turner Memorial Shoot was conducted this year at Camp Borden on a conventional type range. This situation required a butts party, but on the positive side also enabled us to include a run-up as part of the program.

The Mortar platoon, under LT D.I. Cameron has had a very active year. Two complete courses were run and two shoots were conducted. One new Mortar was added to our stores, as well as new improvisations in plotting equipment. All that remains now is for other companies to send us people to be trained.

Transport section has had its ups and downs. Many people were placed in MDBCOC platoons and a few people left the regiment. Recent arrivals and some replacements have produced a new and better Transport Section which is now busy training many drivers from the various companies.

Signals does not seem to be suffering from lack of an officer, and is thriving under the leadership of SGT Brining and WO Watson.

J. Kerr.

ALPHA ATRS

It hardly seems possible that five months have flown by since the last issue of the Falcon. The excitement and wonderment of the last few months probably accounts for the quick passing of time.

The newest and probably the best thing to happen to the Militia in recent years is the formation of Mobile Command. Alpha Company has been given the honour and the responsibility of forming 13 Platoon of Echo Company (MDBCOC). The Platoon is most ably lead by LT D.G. Temple. The Company is at present only supplying two of the three sections. L/SGT Foley and SGT B. Docherty have brought their sections along very well. The number one on the GPMG (30 cal) is CPL Coleman, formerly of the Queen's Own, the number two is Rifles PTE Salituro. PTE D.M. Gilbert and PTE Grant are the back-up men. The Carl Gustva (MAW) is being manned by CPL Headly and PTE Rossi. The names of the individuals and the jobs they are doing would require more space than there is available. MWO (CSM) D. Crook is with 14 Platoon as platoon sergeant.

Alpha Airs Cont'd

It has not been easy for the A Company personnel. Echo Company has demanded a great deal of extra time, nearly one weekend a month. All ranks are to be commended for the fine job they have done both for MDBCOC and for the company. My sincere hope and belief is that these men will continue to do the magnificent job which they have done in the past. In our own hearts and minds, let us be able to say that we are the finest company in the Canadian Militia.

Best wishes and good luck to CPL Lewis who is leaving us for a career in the Permanent Force.

On the light side of things the Pipes and Drums Ball was a great success. The Regimental Ball was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Under the able direction of CPL Watson, the McGregor Shoot was a tremendous smash. For the first time wives and girl friends were invited, which proved to be a big hit. Highest scorer for the men was MWO (CSM) D. W. Crook, for the ladies, Miss Mary Boag. During the evening a buffet supper was held followed by dancing. My ears are still ringing. From the shooting? No! From the band!

Congratulations to L/CPL Watson and PTE Martin on passing their Junior NCO course, also Pte Grant, Wallace, Hough, Berthelotte, on passing GMT.

A hearty welcome to CPL Coleman, PTE Calla, McMann, Dowzanski, Snow, Wilson, Tarniow, Trizna, Berthelotte, Buder, Hamilton, Hough, and Noble.

I shall close with this last thought. Being part of a great heritage does not make us great today. It merely means our unit has been great in the past. It is only by constant striving that we can build and maintain great traditions.

Good luck to all during their Holidays. We look forward to see you all next fall.

J. H. Sandham.

'B' COMPANY NEWS AND VIEWS

At last, another issue of the 'Falcon'. For a time I thought that the 'Old Rag' was defunct - perish the thought!

One of the many things that I like about the 'Falcon' is that when an issue is due it means that pay is not far off.

Training News

There is not much news training-wise. The company is going through the usual training from recruit on up to MBOCOM.

We did experience one or two hitches in the MBOCOM training. One of the problems is the lack of senior NCOs which we have on paper, but not in the flesh. The only senior NCO that we have in MBOCOM is SGT Shields and he has a work problem which prevents him from participating full time in the training. Yours truly is relegated to the rear echelon, along with the other 'Auld Folks' so therefore I have no contact with our people when they are with MBOCOM.

'B' Company News and Views Cont'd

We settled this problem within the company, as we do with all our problems. Why do you think there are cries of pain coming from our company room now and again?

'B' Company has always had a nucleus of well trained men, and now, with our new recruits, we are building up a fully trained company. I feel that by the Fall training period we will have obtained our objective.

On the Social Side

It has been said many times that 'B' Company is great on the social side of the regimental activities. I feel that the reason is that we are good Highlanders, in that we work hard, but also play hard. This could be the Scottish influence in the company. If you ask any of the old soldiers how they played after a tough one, you will find that it was "Hard man, Hard!"

When the call goes out for volunteers to do duties at any of the regimental functions there is a good response from 'B' Company and, I must say that they do a fine job.

Last Fall I was approached by some of the lads to arrange for Scottish Country dancing lessons. I contacted a chap, who is an instructor, and arranged for him to give instruction on a Wednesday night at the Memorial Hall on Church St. We started with the people from our company to gauge the response. Meanwhile other companies were inquiring about being included. On the strength of this I sent notices around to the companies with all the information regarding the instruction.

Only two or three people turned up at the club. Why the response was so poor I do not know. I do know that a group of our fellows put a lot of effort into this project, not to mention the instructor, who must have wondered at this lack of interest from a Highland unit. Perhaps the need for instruction was noticed at the regimental ball when the Scottish dances were attempted.

We never say die. Therefore we are planning the same dance instruction in the Fall. There will be more on this later.

Family Affairs

Since the last issue of the "Falcon" we have had two of our members trapped in marriage. The word has gone out about the fine catch that a Highlander is. The lucky(?) fellows are CAPT L.R.M. Currie, who married Gunta Mateas on the 25th of January, 1968. He is recovering quite nicely, thank you. The other chap should have known better, as he is an NCO. This fellow is none other than L/CPL Bob Scott. Mary Kelly brought him down, and had him sign away his freedom on the 20th of April this year.

By the way, Bob is one of my section leaders. I always knew that he did not listen to me.

My other section leader, who was married last year, has now consolidated his position by fathering a baby girl (Kim) who was born on the 5th of May. Now let's try for a boy, Ernie. You could build up your own section that way and call them 'Forrest's Rangers'!

'B' Company News and Views Cont'd

Some one told PTE Jim Dooley that the regiment was still paying a recruiting bonus, so he went and fathered another boy. Keep it up lad, you have a lead on the rest of the company.

Welcome

As with the other companies, we had the usual shuffle of officers and senior NCOs. After the dust settled we had less than last year. The only new-comer was CDT W. Lucas, who is shaping up very nicely. A hearty welcome to you Sir, and may your stay be long and happy.

We have had quite a few new chaps in the ranks, but some have left us. To those who stuck it out, welcome. You will find that you have joined the right company.

Farewell

In the shuffle we lost LT Sandham who went to 'A' Company. I have noticed that the experience that he gained in 'B' Company is standing him in good stead now.

SGT Gledhill was our other loss. He has gone into the MIR and is now showing the MD how the job is done.

SGT Bolton had to leave the regiment because of work problems. He was with us for quite a spell, and we hated to see him go.

Our Honorary Member

Last Fall the company decided to sponsor a needy child. I volunteered mine but they would not go for it. Anyway, L/CPL Bill Bradley was nominated to attend to this project. He contacted the Canadian Save the Children Fund (CSCF). In January we received the proposal to sponsor a child in Hong Kong. This we have done. The child's name is Tai Yu Chung (A good Irish name). You will see from the account on page 4 her family are in bad shape. We feel that perhaps we can help the little girl by sending gifts as well as money.

If any of the other companies are interested in a similar project we would be only too happy to pass along the information on how to go about it. See L/CPL Bradley.

The New Padre

As you all know, our old padre, CAPT A.G. Muir, was transferred out of town by his church. To replace him we have a new padre by the name of CAPT I.S. Wishart who comes to us from the Navy, of all things. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome him, on behalf of 'B' Company. Come and see us some time, Sir. We can be located in Lecture Room 108 on a Friday night after parade. This way you will meet the whole company.

This is all the news for now. We all wish everyone a happy vacation. Hope to see you in the Fall.

Yours Aye,  
SGT Cormack, R.L.

CHARLIE CHATTER

The mortar course under H.Q. Support was very successful with CPL Lloyd, CPL Dobson, CPL Redman, L/CPL Docherty and L/CPL Faust qualifying on the 8 mm mortar. To everyone's delight all candidates passed. Congratulations for such an excellent showing.

LT Iverson is now organizing the Undergraduate Militia Training Course - Best of Luck, J.C.I.

Exercises

Besides contributing to Mobile Command, Charlie Company has had a couple of successful exercises. The first was at C.F.B. Borden in February. Originally "C" Company personnel were to go to C.F.B. Meaford but due to Meaford being snowed in (5 feet), we proceeded to Borden.

On Saturday patrols were sent out, and this was followed up on Sunday by a successful attack.

Week Concentration

During the Spring break for most of "C" Company there was a week concentration at Borden. After a bad start on Monday (we were left out in the field and had to walk about two miles through water up to our knees before we were picked up and brought back to camp), the rest of the week went well with lectures and demonstrations on barbed-wire fences, etc. The week was brought to a climax on Thursday night with a party at which AGT Jackson presented to our Platoon Commander the "rusty mag" trophy, and to our instructors a cap badge each.

At the party selected members of "C" Company took part in a fashion show - which included CPL Dobson (Morticia Dobson) - a double Scotch (PTE Richardson) and various others. The night was enjoyed by all.

This Spring Charlie Company instituted a new type of auxiliary training. It is hoped that these sessions will help develop the men's fighting ability to greater heights. It was led by PTE Wood under the able eyes of "C" Company's Officers and NCOs. The group is known as Charlie Combat Training Team (CCTT). Training is varied and interesting, ranging from lectures on Insurgency Campaigning to week long marches in the bush.

C.C.T.T. is made up of 16 men, all ranks, which is further divided into four teams with four men in each team. The teams train after every Saturday parade, all day Sunday, plus one Saturday night per month.

So far the men have been keen and eager, the typical Highlander mood. Since the formation of C.C.T.T. it has, theoretically, blown up the Leaside Bridge along with several apartment buildings. We are now looking forward to a week long trek along the Bruce Trail which will get the men into fighting condition for the week concentration at Petawawa this summer.

PTE Wood, P.C.

ECHO COMPANY

This January the 48th Highlanders received their new role. They were tasked to Mobile Command Reserve in direct support of Canada's regular armed forces.

In this new role the Highlanders were asked to provide a rifle company to the Infantry Battalion. Other units in this group are the Royal Regiment of Canada, the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, the Highland Fusiliers of Canada, the Lorne Scots and the the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. As you can see most of the units are highland or Scottish units, so what could be more appropriate than that the colonel, Col. Cowan, be an ex-48th Highlander, the best of all the units.

The 48th Company has been designated as "E" or "Echo" Company. Major Blake is the Company Commander. 13 Platoon is supplied by A Company and is under command of LT Temple. 14 Platoon, supplied by B Company is commanded by LT Iversen. C Company personnel make up 15 Platoon, under LT Kerr. Not to be outdone HQ/Sp Company has supplied an entire Mortar Platoon commanded by LT Cameron. The training has been excellent, divided into three phases: Phase I consisted of instructional concentrations for all officers and senior NCO's; Phase II was for the entire company. During this phase the men met Carl Gustav - the medium antitank weapon, or MAW for short. During the Easter holidays some members attended a one week concentration. Again the 48th was in the fore with LT Kerr assigned as Company Commander, SGT Barnes acting as CSM, and the men generally showing the other units how things should be done. This demonstration of excellence continued the following weekend when the MAW team competed with the Royals. This close contest was climaxed by SGT Barnes putting the finishing touches on the 48th victory with a direct hit on the tank.

Phase III saw the entire company bivouacked in the field in a "hide" position. This "hide" was so effective the CSM had difficulty finding all the men for his nominal role. The 48th leadership was again shown when LT Iversen and LT Kerr led all officers in marksmanship on the pistol range. The men gained practical experience, blisters, and even some poison ivy while digging and camouflaging their trenches. PTE Hamilton's 30 cal. machine gun position was so well camouflaged that he had to "talk" the enemy into his sights.

All ranks are eagerly looking forward to the next phase in Camp Petawawa June 30 to July 7. This week will be climaxed by a skill-at-arms competition among the platoons. See you all there!

REPORT FROM THE PIPES AND DRUMS

April is the cruellest month...stirring dull roots  
with spring rain.

Eliot, The Burial of the Dead.

As spring arrives, members of the pipes and drums emerge from among the dried tubers of winter wasteland and start polishing their union cards for the busy summer season. All of which leaves meagre store for reporting on the cool Canadian progress from January through February, March, Strathspey and Reel and necessitates clumsy padding such as that exhibited in paragraph one.

Paragraph Two: is about two young drummers who have passed on to the great white wilderness in their eyes. Brian Passmore, the wild colonial boy, was married early this year, and Gary Fraser wed Elizabeth Phillips on January 27. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

Some people who are ignoring their role in the prevention of a population explosion are Harry Hodgson, who became the father of a little girl named Heather, Reay McKay, whose wife gave birth to a daughter, Glenna Jean, in February, and Freddie Fisher, daddy to a baby girl.

A new Committee was elected for 1968 and has been busy ever since with dances and the like. President: Peter McLeod; Vice: Bob Read; Treasurer: Al Harding; Members: Bill Booker, Jimmy Cooperwhite, Ray Martin, Stan Robertson, Lou Stark and Dave Waterhouse. Corporal McLeod has done an excellent job of revitalizing the Ladies' Nights. Three in the spring, which saw some minor but effective innovations such as lighting by coloured candles, were entirely successful. Pizza and fish'n'chip Friday nights have also been well accepted by assorted stomachs. Tartan wallpaper and a stereo now make the band room one of the plushiest after-hours clubs in the city. Thanks to Stan Robertson and Gordie Rankin, who worked on the walls, Darby McCarroll, who built the cover for the refrigerator motor, Art Blinkhorn, who worked on the bar (and is still working on it, on a regular, first-name basis), Lou Stark, who disguised the floor, and all the members who helped with the remodeling.

At the band dinner, held in the armouries on January 5, Corporal Rankin made his usual sparkling recitation of Burns' Address to the Haggis. Stan Hamilton's band provided the dance music and a good time was had by all. Very similar to the Ball at the Royal York.

Many men have been coming down early and staying late at practices in order to make this year's competition band a winner. All you anxious pipe fans of Bombay and Bulgaria who subscribe to the Falcon can read about the results of their efforts in the next edition.

Already this year the band has been represented at the Indoor Games by quartets and individuals. A new group, led by M. McCarroll and including Jimmy Cooperwhite, Chuck Osbourne, Lorne Campbell and Dave Waterhouse, did well in their division. In the A Competition, the 48th quartet of Reay MacKay, Fred Hodgson, Sandy Dewar and John McDonald captured a fine second place standing. Darby McCarroll came third in the picebearaieghoughed with Patrick Og MacCrimmon, Reay MacKay fourth with MacIntosh's Lament. Reay also won a third in the march,

Report from the Pipes and Drums Cont'd

playing Renfrew Pipe Band and second in the S & R doing Ewe with the Crooked Horn and The Little Cascade. Reay puts his musical skill and perception to use in the summer by judging as well as competing. He went to Wilmington, Delaware, to judge the piping at its Highland Gathering May 25. Sandy Dewar played John Roy Stewart and Mrs. McPherson to win a third at the Indoor and won the March competition in Alma, Michigan.

Jerry Worth was forced to buy a round for his promotion in the winter and Tom McKean when he was sent to the Chair in Sarnia. Congratulations to all the competition winners, Warrant Officer North and Dr. McKean.

Commando-like they tiptoed noisily toward the barbed wire and were swallowed up in the night. His boots around his neck, Ah Pong tiptoed after them.

BOB READ

THE SERGEANT'S MESS

This is probably the first time in a long while that the Sergeant's Mess has written to the 'Falcon'. I could be wrong but if I am I shall soon find out. (The hard way).

The RSM felt that we should submit a contribution to the 'Falcon' so that everyone could know what happens when those fellows with the big sticks and loud voices disappear through the mess door.

First of all, the mess is supported by mess dues which all senior NCOs pay each year. (For the privilege of being there?) Out of these monies we have furnished the mess and decorated same.

We consider the mess to be a place to go to and relax. It is not a place where sergeants plan hideous things to do to unsuspecting recruits. As a matter of fact, shop talk is frowned on. You may see some sergeant sitting in a corner studying his 'Pams' so that he can appear well versed when he instructs his squad.

In a sense you can compare the mess to the teachers' lounge at school, only I do not think the language is the same.

The Social Side

For those of you who do not know, the Regimental Ball is really the Sergeants' Ball. The Sergeants' Mess does all the organization and arranging of the Ball, which has become an old tradition over the years.

As you can imagine, this is a big undertaking, and calls for the full resources of all the senior NCOs.

Other social events are inter-mess activities which promote good relations between units. Also the famous 'Blacknet' which provides our advance information of things yet to come.

The Sergeants' Mess Cont'd

One of the strongest of these is our exchange visits with the 1st Bn. RCR in London, Ont. If you have wondered why the RCR leans more to our regiment then this is probably one of the reasons.

When the RCR had the tragic accident where they lost those chaps by drowning, we were deeply shocked. The three Senior NCOs were very close friends of our mess and we have wined and dined with them at mess dinners.

The mess was privileged to have twelve members at the funeral on the Monday and six at the funeral on Wednesday. A significant honour was bestowed on our Pipe Major in that he was requested to play the 'Lament' at the funeral on the Monday. An honour to our regiment also.

On the more happy side, we have enjoyed many fine visits from the RCR and hope to have many more. There are times when these functions seem to be an endurance test made to test our stamina, but like good Highlanders, we endure.

Another traditional function is our shooting (rifle, not bull) competition with the QOR Sergeants' Mess, held annually since 1927. To date the two messes are about even in the over-all score.

You can see that the Sergeants are not REALLY what you think they are. Eh? What's that?

There are two traditional games we play when we are entertaining visitors from another mess. One is Bottle Walking at which MWO (CSM) Jack Osborne is mess champion. His challenger is SGT Bill Shields, but he has a problem in that he waits until he has visited the bar too often. Of course it is great entertainment for the spectators and the comments are quite interesting. I wish I could repeat them. The other game is 'Indian Wrestling' which is something to behold when the contestants are in kilt.

Our Serious Moments

We do have our serious moments such as when we dedicated our memorial fireplace. This fireplace is built from the stone and brick from the old University Armouries. The regimental battle honours are cut in the stone work for all to see. The fireplace is an object of pride to us, both as a work of art and because of what it stands for.

Another serious moment is when, at the monthly mess meeting, the OCA reports the death of any of our ex-sergeants. This, to me, is a sad moment in that each one who dies means another link in our regiment's past is gone. We, the active members of the mess, have a great respect for our continuing members and we fully realize that it was their hard work and devotion that made this regiment what it is today. The best in Canada!

Welcomes and Good-Byes

It is not very often that we lose any members of the mess, but sometimes circumstances decree that a member leave the regiment. This is unfortunate, in that the regiment loses a valuable man, and we lose a comrade. This is the situation in which SGT John Bolton and SGT Dave Billings find themselves. In John's case it is a work problem. John has served in the regiment for at least eight

The Sergeants' Mess Cont'd

years. He was an RP for quite some time. After the RP section was disbanded, John was transferred to 'B' Company where he served until now.

We wish you the best of luck, John. Do come and see us now and again.

SGT Dave Billings came to us from the Student Militia about two years ago. I knew Dave when he was a student at Cedarbrae C.I. so therefore I have taken an interest in his progress in the regiment. Dave now wishes to make the army his career, and for this reason he is leaving us. We all wish you the best of luck, Dave, and let us know how you are doing in your training. We will be expecting great things from you now. Come and see us in the mess when on leave.

It is sad to say farewell to friends but it is most gratifying to welcome a new friend. In this respect I would like to welcome SGT Jim Campbell to the regiment and the mess. Jim is an ex-guardsman from the 2nd Bn. Scots Guards. He has also 'just-a-come' from his native Scotland (whar's that?). The only problem is that he is a Lowlander. For all that he will, I am sure, be a great asset to our regiment and to the mess. Jim has had quite a bit of service in the British army and is well qualified in many aspects of the military. Welcome to the mess, Jim. We hope your stay will be long and happy. A word of advice. Stay away from those dice players. They are rough!

That's all for now from the Sergeants' Mess. The RSM (CWO) Elms, CD, Mess Committee and members of the mess wish you all a happy and safe summer. See you in the fall!

SGT Cormack, R.L.

for Mess Committee.

TRAINING OFFICE AND LIBRARY MUSES

What is so rare as a day in June,  
Or a pamphlet returned three weeks too soon,  
Or a training scheme finished with a full platoon.

Despite all the difficulties, training seems to be progressing satisfactorily. Of course, as the Commanding Officer stated in his remarks in the fall, "satisfactory" is not good enough for the 48th Highlanders of Canada. I am sure, however, everyone is doing his level best to improve the quality of the training, and this includes the training office.

We have had a good response to our requests to have pamphlets not in use returned. The library is growing, but we are still extremely short of the most important literature required for our training. The response has been good but it could be a whole lot better. If you know of anyone no longer active in the Regiment ask him for any pamphlets he may have. Remember, the more training literature available the better the job the instructor can do, and the better job you can do, with a more efficient result for the training office and the Regiment.

Then we can say: --

What is so good as a day in September,  
When a pamphlet you borrowed you finally remember,  
And a training scheme finishes with not even one lost member.

Sgt. Pett, S.J.  
Training Office.

YOUR NEW EDITOR

The last issue of the Falcon carried the news of Padre Muir's transfer to Timmins, Ontario, and his consequent resignation from the 48th. His departure marked the end of a long association with the 48th, and we hope that Padre Muir will be able to visit the Regiment in the future when he is in Toronto.

Your new editor is Padre Wishart, a newcomer to the Regiment, but well acquainted with the 48th. For many years a member of St. Andrew's Church, the regimental Church on King Street, he is now the assistant minister at Calvin Presbyterian Church, near St. Clair and Yonge Streets.

Padre Wishart's military experience began in the Cadet Corps of St. Andrew's College, Aurora, from which he went to the Canadian Services College, Royal Roads. This was followed by six years as an officer at H.M.C.S. York, one of 48th's notable rivals in the Officers' Softball League. With the Navy, Padre Wishart has served in Halifax, Victoria, Hamilton, and also in Scotland with the Edinburgh Division, R.N.V.R. in Granton. His last appointment was three years as Chaplain of H.M.C.S. Queen, the unit of the Naval Reserve in Regina. In the midst of these various activities Padre Wishart spent three years as a student at Edinburgh University, and is a graduate in Divinity from New College, Edinburgh.

He is honoured to have been given the appointment as chaplain of Canada's finest militia unit, and looks forward to being taken on strength in due course. He would like to meet all the various members of the regiment and would welcome an invitation to visit the bands, companies and messes of the unit.

Your editor thanks the various contributors to this issue of the Falcon, and to Capt. Day and Padre Muir for their advice on its production.

LEST WE FORGET

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Toronto 3, Ontario.

Rev. Ian Wishart,  
Calvin Presbyterian Church  
26 DeLisle Ave.,  
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Dear Padre:

It is with deep sense of loss that I report the passing of so many 48th Highlanders from the period from November 26th, 1967 to June 12th, 1968.

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 26th, 1967 to June 12th, 1968

Munro, William	Nov. 28, 1967	48th - 39er
Malone, G.M., Lt. Col.	Dec. 9, 1967	48th
Montgomery, Bruce	Dec. 16, 1967	48th
Bocker, Wm. H.	Dec. 27, 1967	15th
Brennen, James R.	Jan. 1, 1968	48th - 39er
Hay, William	Jan. 19, 1968	48th - 39er
Guild, David	Jan. 18, 1968	15th
Robinson, Walter	Jan. 20, 1968	48th - 39er
Killoran, C.J., Capt.	Jan. 20, 1968	48th - 39er
Langford, Wm.	Jan. 27, 1968	48th - 39er
Walsh, W. Harry	Feb. 6, 1968	15th
Sellers, Joseph	Mar. 1, 1968	48th - 39er
Thompson, George	Mar. 4, 1968	48th - 39er
Turner, Francis E.	Mar. 21, 1968	48th - 39er
Russ, William	Apr. 3, 1968	15th
Newlands, J.A.	Apr. 24, 1968	15th - 48th - 39er - Reinforce
Connors, Ken	Apr. 26, 1968	48th - 39er
Barron, Bert	May 13, 1968	15th
Sheppard, D.C., Lt. Col.	May 15, 1968	48th
Miller, H.R.	May 16, 1968	48th - 39er
Turquand, James	June 1, 1968	48th - 39er
Hall, Horace	June 2, 1968	48th - 39er - Reinforce
Jackson, James, Capt.	June 8, 1968	15th - 2 Div.