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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

The Diamond Jubilee year of the Regiment has indeed turned out to be an eventful one. The 48th Highlanders of Canada are now part of the Active Force, an honour shared with only a few other Reserve Force Units. As was to be expected a goodly number of our Comrades have joined the 48th Companies in the Active Force and I am sure you all join with me in wishing them well wherever they may be. I feel confident that they, as 48th Highlanders, will maintain the good name of the Regiment.

Their departure leaves large gaps in our ranks which must be filled by recruiting further men as soon as possible. We did it after the Korean Brigade was formed and I feel confident we can do it again.

However this can only be accomplished by everyone getting behind the Regiment and making an honest endeavour to bring in some new recruits to the Regiment. As one 48th Highlander to another I know I can count on your full support in this important matter.

Dileas Gu Brath.

48TH HIGHLANDERS NOW IN ACTIVE FORCE

Friday evening, May 4th, Defence Minister Brooke Claxton announced the formation of a new Infantry Brigade Group, the 27th Brigade, to be mobilized in part by certain Reserve Force Units. This was a memorable date for the 48th Highlanders of Canada, for the Regiment was one of five Reserve Force Units chosen to muster two companies for the formation of a composite Highland battalion. In addition to the 48th Highlanders, the Highland Battalion will draw companies from The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Vancouver, The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) Victoria, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, Montreal, and The North Nova Scotia Highlanders, Amherst, N.S. Also in the Brigade will be a composite Fusilier Battalion composite Rifle battalion together with elements of various supporting arms and Services.

It is indeed a great honour for the Regiment to be chosen as one of the Reserve Force Units to provide Active Force companies, more especially when it is remembered that there are 102 Reserve Force Regiments in Canada to-day.

The basis of selection by Army Headquarters were the following three considerations:

- (a) Geographical Location
- (b) Wartime Record of the Units
- (c) Present Reserve Force strength and standard of training.

On Saturday morning, May 5th, The Commanding Officer along with all other Reserve Force Brigadiers and Commanding Officers attended a conference at Central Command called by the General Officer Commanding, General Carnhan. Here everyone was briefed on details regarding the formation of the new Brigade.

Sunday morning, May 6th, out at Long Branch Ranges the Commanding Officer briefed the Regiment, giving in detail terms of service and other details of the 27th Brigade. It was very evident from the number of questions asked the Commanding Officer at the conclusion of this meeting that a good number of the men in the Regiment were considering joining the Active Force Companies.

Recruiting started Monday morning and by 9 o'clock no less than 46 Reserve Force Highlanders had signed on the dotted line for the Active Force. This magnificent response to serve with the 48th companies in the Active Force was a further example of the 48th men's pride in the Regiment and their sense of duty to serve Canada and help Canada carry

out her military commitments as a member of the North Atlantic Pact.

The companies will first concentrate at Camp Borden where they will be under the Command of a 48th Highlander of the Active Force, Major L. G. Smith, a former company commander in the last war and for three years A&T Officer with the Regiment.

Later the 48th Highlanders will move to Valiartier where The Highland Battalion will be concentrated. If present plans materialize the Brigade will sail for Europe sometime in the Fall. The Brigade will wear a French gray patch and the Highland Battalion will have a thistle superimposed on this patch.

The fortunes and travels of these 48th companies of the Active Force will be followed with great interest by all their comrades in the Reserve Force and indeed by all former members of the Regiment. So wherever you may be good luck-----to your lot has fallen the task of carrying the good name of the Regiment into the Active Force. Judging from the calibre of men recruited, you should bring further honour and glory to the Regiment now celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of its founding.

REUNION NEWS

Hello Again:-

The weather is ideal for reunions don't you think? Have you registered at the Club for this never-to-be-forgotten affair? The fee is \$1.00 and in return you will receive a badge to be worn during the re-union. This badge will be the only means of identification so be sure to wear it Pal. Here's the gen:-

Friday, May 25th - Registration at the Club all day. Smokers for the '39-'45 Vets at the Club (auditorium); 15th Bn. (Beverage Room) and the 92nd Bn. (Pine Room). Club rooms will be open from 6.00 p.m. on, refreshments will be served around 10.30 p.m. and pipers will be on hand to play the old familiar tunes. At the University Avenue Armouries the following will RV around 8.00 p.m.:- 134th Bn. under Frank North ("A" Lecture Room); 2nd Bn. '40-'45 under RSM Drader; present active regiment (Men's Canteen); 19th Bn. under Mr. Burroughs; 58th Bn. under Mr. Euden; 74th Bn. under Mr. Mathews and the 48th Highlanders NPAM.

Saturday, May 26th: - Varsity Stadium at 5.00 p.m. The Colour will be trooped by the Active Battalion of the Regiment under Lt. Col. M.E. George. Viscount Alexander will take the salute. Tickets will be issued on registration to all members of the Regiment and their families. The public will be admitted without tickets to the unreserved sections of the stand. The Reunion Dinner will be held at the Armouries at 7.30 p.m. and is open to all members registered for the re-union. Don't miss this affair.

Sunday, May 27th - Memorial Parade for all members attending the re-union. Fall in at 2.00 p.m. at the Armouries and march to the Monument in Queen's Park. Bands of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders the Toronto Scottish, Earls Court Legion and Toronto Composite Pipe Band will accompany the regiment and various units. The service will commence at 3.00 p.m. and space will be reserved for the families of members attending the re-union.

OLD COMRADES' NEWS

The next meeting will be on September 13 so 'ave a jolly good summer vacation you fellows! Dinna forget to be around for the kids' picnic on July 21 (you will be postcarded on this), Warriors' Day Parade and the Highland Games. Make note of these items now huh?

THE IRISH REGIMENT OF CANADAA Brief History

We are indebted to Honourary Major Rev. D. P. Rowland, M.C., padre of The Irish Regiment for this information.

The Irish Regiment of Canada is one of the younger regiments of a young nation. Nevertheless, with most of our history still before us, we take a long view of the matter, and realize that since our regiment was in existence less than fifty years after the creation of the Dominion of Canada, and has served with distinction in both world wars, the anticipation with which it looks forward to the future is justified by the knowledge that its destiny is already firmly interwoven with that of the Canadian people.

Gazetted on October 15, 1915, the 110th (Irish) Regiment of Canada came into existence through the endeavours of the Irish Club and the Irish Rifle Club, two Toronto organizations formed to offer an opportunity for fellowship among the local citizens of Irish descent. A battalion of the new Regiment proceeded overseas in 1916, and there, unfortunately was broken up to reinforce other regiments already in the field. However, a record was kept of the personnel of this, the 208th Battalion, and of the 108th Sportsmen's Battalion which followed it overseas from the same source. The Regimental Colours were deposited in Belfast Cathedral during the war, and remained there until a party was despatched to bring them home to Toronto at the close of hostilities. About 80% of the personnel of the Regiment were killed or wounded during this period, and the list of battle honours inscribed on the colours will serve to indicate the actions in which they fought: Arras 1917-1918, Hill 70, Ypres 1917, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, Pursuit to Mons, Scarpe 1918, Drocourt-Queant, Canal du Nord, France and Flanders '18.

During the ensuing years of peace-time activities the Regiment was maintained as a Machine-Gun Battalion of Canada's Non-Permanent Active Militia. A succession of enthusiastic and influential Commanding Officers succeeded in bringing the Regiment into a position of distinction in Toronto through the development of a distinguished dress, a pipe band, and careful training, all of which succeeded in forcing the Highland units of the city to make way for a unit of equal prominence and ability. The kilt of saffron was adapted in 1931, and this, together with the caubeen, and the hat-badge consisting of a silver harp mounted on the five-pointed Star of Independence in gold, surmounted by the Imperial Crown, with the motto beneath, *Fior Go Bas*, has been the distinguishing mark of the Regiment since that date.

In August, 1939, The Irish Regiment of Canada was called upon to provide detachments for the guarding of a number of R.C.A.F. depots and airfields. At this time 200 all ranks were mobilized. However, it was not until June, 1940, that the Regiment received general mobilization orders for active service.

After completing basic training, the Regiment was ordered to the east coast of Canada, where they spent over a year in a coastal defence role.

In October, 1942, the 1st Battalion proceeded overseas, and came to rest in that inevitable destination of all Canadian troops, Aldershot. Shortly after the arrival of the Regiment in England, the organization of an Armoured Division was changed, and the Regiment was transferred from the Fourth to the Fifth Division, where they became part of the 11th Brigade.

In the final stages of training at King's Lynn, in Norfolk, the King graciously consented to have a Canadian guard at Sandringham, and this signal honour was bestowed on the Regiment.

In November, 1943, the Regiment proceeded with the remainder of the Division to Italy.

After a period in the static fronts near Orsogna and Arielli in the late winter of 1943-44, as well as a time spent in a bold role at Mount Cifalco, just north of Cassino, during April and early May of 1944, the Regiment moved with the rest of the 1st Canadian Corps into the Hitler Line. Here with the armour of the British Columbia Dragoons it exploited, until 1st June, the breach made in the line on the night of 23rd May by the West Nova Scotia Regiment. This point lay midway between Pontecorvo and Aquino, and the exploitation carried us across the Melfa River to the important town of Ceprano, at which the Liri River is crossed by Highway 6. The highway having been cut at this point, the attack was carried forward to a point not far from Frosinone, where a final consolidation was made on 1st June.

At the close of the summer the Regiment participated in the breakthrough of the Gothic Line. With a squadron of the 8th New Brunswick Hussars it made a breach in the line at Montecchio, a little inland from the Adriatic coastal town of Pesaro. Hills 120 and 111 of the Gothic Line at this point were captured on 1st September, and from there the Regiment moved on to a series of actions, among which might be mentioned Tomba de Pesaro, and a particularly difficult assault on the town of Coriano, near Cattolica, the capture of which brought messages of congratulations from the Army Commander and from Mr. Churchill. The obstinate citadel fell to us after a forty-eight hour battle and after having repulsed repeated attacks by other units in the area. Its fall enabled the Eighth Army to move out onto the plains of Northern Italy. The crossing of the Savio, Munito and Lamone Rivers brought us, in December, to the Senio River, north of Ravenna, from whence we were recalled, after some extensive fighting, to prepare for departure to north-western Europe. We left Italy in January of 1945, and in March moved into the line south of Arnheim. After the fall of that city to the 49th British Division, our Division took up pursuit in a drive to the Zuider Zee. En route, at the little village of Otterloo, just north of Arnheim, a heavy German counter-attack was concentrated on the unit, which was at the time in a reserve position. A stout battle ensued, and with the aid of daring sallies on the part of our flame-throwing platoon, the attack was repulsed, and incidentally, the pressure on Divisional headquarters, which was itself visited by German troops, was removed completely. The final action in which the Regiment participated was the drive to Delfzijl, on the Ems River in northern Holland. After some days the German garrison there surrendered to our Regiment; 1,300 German soldiers were removed from the town on 2nd May -- rather a formidable opposition for a single regiment already depleted somewhat in strength through previous engagements.

In December of 1945 the Irish Regiment left Holland, where they had spent the post-war months, and after a short stay in England returned to Canada. Toronto welcomed home the 1st Bn. in January, 1946,

During our absence the 2nd Battalion (Reserve) had maintained a training programme, first for those under-age for active service and then as part of the home defence scheme which trained men unfit for active service. At present the Regiment is once more a single unit, training a nucleus of officers and N.C.O's. at weekly training periods. Affiliated with it are the Cadet Corps of Northern Vocational and Malvern Collegiate. These units parade to the Fort York Armoury, the headquarters of the Irish Regiment, for their annual inspection, and from their ranks it is hoped that the future personnel of the Regiment may be drawn. A flourishing Veterans' Association keeps close contact with the Regiment and periodically brings together large numbers of men who served with the unit at various times. 1951 finds the Regiment an accredited and firmly established part of Canada's militia, and the honour of being affiliated with the Royal Ulster Rifles is most certainly one of which it is justly proud.

THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS

The Regiment as it is now known was formed by the union in 1881 of the 91st (Argyllshire Highlanders) and the 93rd (Sutherland Highlanders). The 91st became the 1st Bn. and the 93rd the 2nd Bn.

The Argyllshire Highlanders were raised in 1794 by the Duke of Argyll in response to an appeal from the King when Britain was threatened by the French Republicans.

The Sutherland Highlanders were raised under the patronage of the Sutherland family in 1800 also at the request of the Throne. A proportion of the able-bodied sons of the tenants on the Sutherland estates were required to join the ranks of the Sutherland regiment as a test of feudal duty, and this form of conscription is believed to have been the last instance of the exercise of feudal influence on a large scale in the Highlands.

Both regiments went into action for the first time at the Cape of Good Hope, the 91st in 1795 and the 93rd in 1806. The 91st was present at the victories of Roleia and Vimiera in the Peninsular War and gained much credit in the memorable retreat of Sir John Moore on Corunna during which it formed part of the rear guard and was seven times engaged with the enemy. It rejoined Wellington in time to take part in the desperate struggles in the Pyrenees and fully maintained the best traditions of Scottish valour on the Nivelle and at Nive, Orthes and Toulouse.

In 1814 the 91st was fighting at Bergen-op-Zoom in The Netherlands, while the 93rd was engaged at New Orleans, where they lost 520 officers and men in the fruitless attack on the City's formidable entrenchments.

In the Crimean War the 93rd formed part of the Highland Brigade, which distinguished itself at Alma, Balaclava and Sevastopol. It was at Balaclava that the Regiment won immortal fame when, under Sir Colin Campbell, it formed line in two ranks and repelled a charge of Russian cavalry, thus gaining the title "The Thin Red Line". The Argylls have the distinction of being the only infantry Regiment to bear the honour "Balaclava".

The outbreak of the Indian Mutiny took the 93rd there in 1857 where it participated in the storming of the Secundrabagh and the capture of the Shah Nujjif to bring succour to the Lucknow garrison. Seven officers and men of the Sutherlands received the Victoria Cross for gallantry during the Mutiny.

The 91st was engaged in the Zululand campaign of 1879, this being the last occasion on which they carried their colours in action.

On amalgamating in 1881 the new Regiment took the title of Princess Louise's (Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders). This was later changed to Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) and subsequently again altered to its present title.

The 1st Bn. embarked for South Africa in October 1899, and joined forces under Lord Methuen in time to take a prominent part in the battle of Modder River. It later formed part of the Highland Brigade, and while with it took part in the memorable night attack on the Boer position at Magersfontein. The 3rd and 4th Bn. (Militia) also served in South Africa.

In the war of 1914-18 the Regiment put 27 battalions in the field seeing service on the Western Front, in Macedonia and Palestine. In the second World War the Regiment served with distinction in France 1940, Malaya, Abyssinia, Crete, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and North-West Europe.

The Argylls have the right to march through the Royal Burgh of Stirling with bayonets fixed, flags flying and drums beating.

BATTLE HONOURS: Cape of Good Hope, 1806; Roleia, Vimiera, Corunna, Pyrenees, Nivelles, Nive, Orthes, Toulouse, Peninsula, South Africa 1846-7; 1851-2-2; Alma, Balaclava, Sevastopol, Lucknow, South Africa 1879; Modder River, Paardeberg, South Africa 1899-1902.

Mons, Le Cateau, Marne 1914 '18, Ypres 1915, '17, '18, Loos,, Somme 1916, '18, Arras 1917, '18, Cambrai 1917, '18, Doiran 1917, '18 Gaza.

REGIMENTAL TARTAN: The 42nd tartan. It is worn by all ranks and by the band and pipers. The Argylls are the only regiment to wear a plain red and white dicing on the glengarry and the feather bonnet.

REGIMENTAL MARCHES: "The Campbells are Coming", "Highland Laddie".

CAMERON HIGHLANDERS OF OTTAWA

THE MARCH OF THE CAMERON MEN

There's many a man of the Cameron
Clan
That has followed his chief to the
field;
He has sworn to support him or die
by his side,
For a Cameron never can yield.

I hear the pibroch sounding,
sounding,
Deep o'er the mountain and glen,
While light-springing footsteps are
trampling the heath,
'Tis the march of the "Cameron Men".

Oh! proudly they walk; but each
Cameron knows
He may tread on the heather no more;
But boldly he follows his chief
to the field,
Where his laurels were gather'd
before.
I hear the pibroch, etc.

The moon has arisen, it shines o'er
the path
Now trod by the gallant and true;
High, high are their hopes, for
their chieftain hath said,
That whatever men dare they can do.
I hear the pibroch, etc.

The mobilization of two Canadian infantry divisions at the outbreak of World War II found the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa allotted to the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division as the Machine Gun battalion to the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade. A machine gun battalion since the reorganization in 1936, the Battalion was most fortunate in having the nucleus of well trained officers and NCOs around which it was possible, without much difficulty, to weld a strong unit..

The call for recruits in Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley was quickly answered and the Battalion was recruited to full establishment with as fine a type of soldier as any commanding officer could wish for. It was these men from the farms, mills, offices and schools who formulated the strong regimental spirit which prevailed throughout the campaign and drew praise from the senior officers under whom the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa served.

Based originally at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, the Battalion trained throughout the winter of 1939-40 at the limited training areas nearby. In May 1940 the Camerons moved to Camp Borden, Ontario, to concentrate with 4 Cdn. Inf. Bde. Word was received that the Camerons were to reorganize to an infantry battalion but before new training could get under way the Battalion moved to Halifax for embarkation overseas as a machine gun battalion.

On 1st July 1940 the Camerons streamed out of Halifax on the Empress of Australia in company with the Les Fusiliers Mont Royal, bound for Iceland. Here they joined "Z" Force, a Canadian brigade comprising the Royal Regiment of Canada, Les Fusiliers Mont Royal and the Camerons.

This ad hoc brigade formed part of the British garrison known as Alabaster Force. In September 1940 the Royals and FMR left to join their division in England but the Camerons remained as machine gunners to Alabaster Force. In April 1941 they were relieved by the 1/9 Manchesters and arrived in Gourrock, Scotland, on 1st May, 1941.

On arrival in England the Camerons were informed that they were no longer in 2 Cdn. Inf. Div. but were the machine gun battalion to the newly arrived 3 Cdn. Inf. Div. Exercises, hardening training, road convoys and above all the invaluable machine gun concentration at Netheravon, Hants, the home of the Vickers medium machine gun, rounded the Camerons into a fine team.

Overseas Training

While in England the Battalion was the subject of three major reorganizations which caused a considerable amount of grief. In December 1942 the Camerons reorganized as a Beach Brick, a part of the newly formed beach organization so vital to an assault landing on enemy territory. This caused long hours of toil and training in Scotland but just as the Camerons were becoming proficient and resigned to their fate another and more drastic reorganization appointed them as a Support Battalion. This organization was designed to supply a self-contained Support Group to each Bde. and was comprised of a company of machine guns, a company of heavy mortars (4.2 in.) and a company of 20 mm. LAA guns. The Bn. HQ was designed to look after the Divisional Administrative Area. Many new and fine reinforcements from the St. John Fusiliers, Lorne Scots, Black Watch and SDG Highlanders helped swell the Bn. to over 1200 all ranks. However, this organization proved too unwieldy and on the 1st February, 1944, the Camerons reverted to a machine gun bn. with 3 MMG Companies and a Heavy Mortar Company.

Preparations were proceeding for the coming invasion of the continent and the companies were allotted to Bdes. for the assault -- "A" Company to 7 CIB, "B" Company to 8 CIB and "C" Company to 9 CIB. The Heavy Mortar Company ("D" Company) allotted 13 and 14 platoons to 7 Bde. and 12 and 15 platoons to 9 Bde. The Companies at assault strength were now concentrated with their Bdes. and detailed briefing took place. Four years and nine months of arduous training found the Camerons of Ottawa an integral part of the famous 3 Cdn. Inf. Div. ready to carry the fight to enemy territory.

Invasion of Normandy

The famous storming of the Normandy beaches on the 6th June 1944 is history now and the Camerons helped make it. The recce parties of the MMG platoons landed well up with the assaulting infantry of 7 and 8 Bdes. By late morning the carriers came ashore and into position to support the hard pressed infantry. Nos. 13 and 14 platoons landed in the afternoon and "C" Company landed with 9 Bde. and concentrated ready to break out and race for Carpiquet airfield according to the plan. Nos. 12 and 15 platoons were delayed by a broken hoisting gear on their LST but managed to get ashore the following day.

While the assault did not achieve the full limits of the objective, a sufficient lodgement was secured to allow the planned build-up to proceed without too much interference from the Germans. All platoons helped maintain this strong line and fired harrassing tasks and in direct support of the battalions they supported. Casualties for the first day were relatively light but subsequent days found machine gun and mortar lines unhealthy places in which to linger.

Two operations by 49 (WR) Division and 15 Scottish Division were supported by elements of the Camerons and the ground gained by these attacks placed 3 Div. in position to assault Carpiquet airfield from the west. On the 4th July, 8 Bde. with one battalion from 7 Bde. under command assaulted the airfield and the entire Battalion supported the attack. With a part of the airfield secure the stage was set for an attack on Caen and on the 9th July the Battalion fired in support of 7 and 9 Bdes.

Activities in North West Europe

Relieved by 2nd Div. the 3rd Div. crossed the Orne River and attacked south to secure the high ground and if possible streak for Falaise. The entire Battalion again supported the attack which carried the Div. to the Lne Four-Bourguebus-Hubert Folie. An attack on Tilley-le-Champagne by 9 Bde. was supported by all except "A" Company but the attack failed to secure the objective and the Div. went on the defensive. After a few days rest the Div. joined with 4 Cdn. Armed Div. in an all-out attack toward Falaise. A heavy bombing programme by Bomber Command fell short of the target creating havoc and casualties of which, unfortunately, the Camerons received their share.

By the 17th August the Div. had reached the jaws of the trap at Trun and Chambois and for four days the Camerons pumped bullets and mortar bombs into the remnants of the 7th Army as it strove to break out of the trap.

With resistance in Normandy at an end the Division streaked for the Seine to secure a crossing before the Germans could reorganize and form a line. The Camerons, moving with their Bdes, alternatively, lifted what infantry they could and fired in support of them when they encountered centres of resistance. After crossing the Seine it was found that the Germans had retired in strength to the channel ports and were prepared to fight it out.

On the 17th September 3rd Division attacked Boulogne and for this show the Camerons concentrated and fought as infantry attacking from the south and SE. "C" Company assaulted Mt. Herquelingue, silencing four casemates and taking 150 prisoners. "B" Company, inching forward from the south, took 45 more prisoners and a detail from HQ Company pressed through to link up with 9 Bde. taking 88 more prisoners. 400 more Germans surrendered to 9 Bde. as a result of Cameron action.

Elements of the Camerons assisted 9 Bde. in silencing the heavy guns at Cap Gris Nez and the Battalion concentrated once more to act as infantry in the assault on Calais. The Camerons took 850 prisoners including the garrison commander.

On the 4th October 1944 the slugging match to gain control of the Schelde estuary started. "A" Company and two platoons of heavy mortars supported 7 Bde. while "C" Company and two platoons of mortars loaded into Buffaloes to make an assault landing with 9 Bde. from the east. After a month of fighting under frightful conditions the approaches to Antwerp were secured.

After a few days rest in Ghent the 3rd Div. moved to Nijmegen and relieved the 82nd US Airborne Div. Here preparations were made to attack through the Reichswald and thus turn the Siegfried Line. On the 8th February this all out attack took place with the Camerons firing in a "pepper-pot" along with 40 mm Bofors, 17 pounder Anti-tank Guns and a squadron of tanks. As the Germans had flooded the polder land "B" and "C" Companies had to swim forward in Buffaloes and man-handle their equipment into position.

By the 22nd February the 3rd Div. was facing up to the next strong line--the Hochwald. Another "Pepper-pot" was arranged. On the 26th February the Div. surged forward and by the 4th March all opposition east of the Rhine had ceased. Plans were laid to cross the Rhine and "C" Company and 2 platoons of heavy mortars joined 9 Bde. who were under command of 51 Highland Div. for the assault. On the 23rd March the assault went in and 3rd Div. followed over two days later. Having broken through the German resistance on the Rhine the Div. followed up the east side of the River Ijssel. The Camerons alternately fired in support of battalions and turned infantry to patrol or assault strong points.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PIPE BAND

In the year 1890 two pipers, Charles Munro and George Murray, could have been seen and heard piping for a group of ardent Scotsmen as they drilled in Baileys Hall. These two men were the tiny spring from which was to grow a mighty river of bands, pipers and drummers of the 48th Highlanders of Canada. Let us follow this river and see who we can meet.

First we would be greeted by "Heiland Laddie" played by a group of company pipers of the new Scottish Regiment formed in 1891 - the 48th Highlanders of Canada. These pipers wore various tartans, Balmoral bonnets with long straight feathers, full length hose and silver buckles. There name were: A. Company - Piper R. Drummond, B. Company - Piper W. Currie, C. Company - Piper A. MacNaughton, F. Company - Piper F. Riddle and G. Company - Piper G. Murray.

Pipe Major R. Ireland was brought to the Regiment in 1892 and formed the first pipe band with 11 pipers and 5 drummers.

In 1895 the Regiment moved from the old Upper Canada College to the half finished University Avenue Armouries. With this change came also a change in pipe majors. Pipe Major MacSwayed took over the band of 14 pipers and 4 drummers. In 1896 Pipe Major MacSwayed retired to Scotland and Pipe Major F. Beaton took charge of the band now totalling 16 pipers and 7 drummers.

Pipe Major Beaton was really the first teacher of the band. He was well-known as a composer of marches and introduced two and four part harmony for pipe tunes. It seemed most peculiar to hear two pipers arguing as to just how an alto or tenor part should be played.

It was in this same year, 1896, that two very important figures were added to the band. First Drum Major McLeay became the first Drum Major and secondly, but certainly of no less importance, John Slatter joined the Regiment as Band Master. One may be criticised for including a Band Master in an article on Pipe Bands, but here was no ordinary Band Master. Captain John Slatter introduced combination marches for Brass, Pipe and Bugle Bands, and although the Bugle Band has been disbanded, the Brass and Pipe Bands of the Regiment are famous throughout North America for their ability to play combination marches.

The reputation of the Pipe Band of the 48th Highlanders of Canada was spreading. In 1901 the Band attended the Pan-American Exposition. They were described as "A Band of bagpipers, wearing half white leggings, goat hair pockets and short skirts." In 1903 they accompanied a team of 40 men to the Military Tournament at Madison Square Gardens. Many other important engagements were carried out by the Band.

In 1913 probably the most important event in the history of the band took place. Pipe Major J. R. Fraser took command. Little did he realize that the following year would see the beginning of the first World War.

During the next three years while the Pipe Band of the home Regiment was maintained at strength it was necessary for Pipe Major Fraser to build three other bands. October, 1914 saw the Band of the 15th Battalion under command of Pipe Major Alex Keith board the S.S. Megantic for overseas to the tune of the "Cock of the North".

The first night after safely reaching France, the Band came close to having its first casualty. A piper fell through a hole in the floor right on to a company Q.M.S. The Q.M. evidently did a good job, as although the piper was not hurt the Q.M. went to the hospital. On March 28th, 1915, Piper J. Thompson was accidentally shot by a sentry and became the first casualty in the history of the Band.

In 1916 two other bands temporarily left the mother Regiment to lead their respective battalions. These were the 92nd Battalion under Piper Major W. Burns, and the 134th Battalion under Piper Major R. Smith.

Space does not permit us to dwell on the honourable exploits of these bands. Sufficient to say that they did more than was expected of them and did it well.

On July 6th, 1918 the bands in France in the company of the 51st and 52nd Lowland Divisions took part in the massed bands held at Timocques by the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade. On December 2nd, 1918 they played into Germany.

The years following the war saw much activity in the Band. Under Pipe Major J. R. Fraser the membership increased until the band became the largest in the British Army. It reached a peak of proficiency never before attained by a Canadian Army band. It was in demand for many important events. In Arlington Cemetery, in the fall of 1927, they visited the Canadian Memorial. 1932 saw one piper and the entire drum section of the Pipe Band chosen for the representative Canadian Pipe Band to make the trip for the dedication ceremonies of the Vimy Memorial. In July, 1934, they accompanied the Regiment to the Chicago World's Fair and August of the same year saw them in St. John, N.B. for the Centennial Celebrations.

We have made only one mention of a Drum Major. Drum Major McLeay was followed by Jim Marlborough; a mountain of a man, 6'5" tall and weighing about 250 lbs. He was replaced on his retirement by Drum Major Kirkaldy, probably the best known of all 48th Drum Majors. He in turn was followed by "Army" Armstrong and "Tiny" Small both legends of the Regiment.

We have reached the year 1939 and the second World War. The home Regiment became the 2nd Battalion and the overseas Regiment became the 1st Battalion. The Band of the 1st Battalion left under the command of Drum Sgt. A. Marr with Corp. A. Anderson as acting Pipe Major. In 1940, Sgt. Marr was transferred to Transport and "Andy" Anderson was appointed Pipe Major.

During the training period in England the Band took part in many important affairs including the Massed Bands for the London Army Week and the Guard of Honour to the Queen at Nutfield in 1941. Many pipers took the piping course at Edinburgh Castle. The pleasant times were marred by two sad occurrences. Piper A. Nicholson was killed in a train accident and Drummer Lou Murphy was injured by an automobile. The training period over, the Band left on the S.S. Derbyshire on June 13th, 1943 for Sicily arriving there on the 10th of July.

In Sicily and Italy the Band saw active service. This was the first time in its history that the Band was split up and attached to companies. They had the following list of casualties to add to their honour:

Drummer -	Thompson	-	Killed	July, 1943
Piper -	J. Morrison	-	Wounded	July, 1943
Piper -	R. Blythe	-	Killed	Dec. 1943
Piper -	K. Rennie	-	Wounded	Dec. 1943
Piper -	R. Lindsay	-	Wounded	Oct. 1943
Piper -	R. Grant	-	Wounded	Mar. 1944

The Band served with the Regiment up and down Italy until it left Leghorn for Holland, in March, 1945. Here it became a unit again and played alone and in massed bands at Vimy and in Apeldoorn. Pipe Major Andy Anderson left the band in 1945 to return home. Corp. Archibald Dewar was appointed Pipe Major until the Colours were turned over in Toronto.

Furing this wartime period the 2nd Battalion (Reserve) Band under Pipe Major Fraser had been carrying on under very trying circumstances. Enlistments and the "call-up" system were depleting the ranks. Pipe Major Fraser and Drum Sgt. J. Clegg worked like trojans to train pipers and drummers faster than the government could take them away. Their efforts were successful. The 2nd Battalion always had a good band. This band played at all patriotic parades and rallies and even made a trip to

Pittsburgh. It was a credit to the Regiment.

While we are waiting for the overseas band to come home, let us take a look at the Drum Section of the Band. Some of Canada's finest drummers pass through here. Bill Bass, Bob Tait, Alex Marr were and are side drummers "par excellence"; Thompson, Ogg, Armstrong and Mac-Clumpha - top notch bass and tenor drummers.

It is a day in the fall of 1945. It is raining but crowds extend from the Union Station to the Armouries. The 1st Battalion is home! A royal welcome is given to them and then they are allowed to meet their loved ones and find their way into civilian life. Many stay with the Regiment. Almost half of the members of to-day's Band saw active service.

The war over the Band is busy again. Competitions are the order of the day. Prior to the war, these were spasmodic affairs with about 4 Bands competing. Prizes were usually won by the Argyll & Sutherland Pipe Band of Hamilton or the 48th Highlanders of Toronto. Since the end of the war interest in Pipe Band work has spread and the sight of 27 Bands in a single competition is quite commonplace.

The Band of the 48th Highlanders re-entered competition in 1946 and has competed in the Senior Band Class. Last year on July 1st, the Band was split for the first time to enter two Senior Competitions on the same day. It was able to win three firsts, a third and a fourth. The results of the competitions by years are as follows:

1946 - 2 Firsts	1948 - 8 Firsts	1950 - 9 Firsts
2 Seconds	2 Seconds	1 Second
2 Thirds	1 Third	2 Thirds
- Competing 6 times	1 Fourth	1 Fourth
	Competing 12 times	Competing 13 times.
1947 - 6 Firsts	1949 - 11 Firsts	
4 Seconds	2 Seconds	
Competing 10 times.	1 Third	
	Competing 14 times.	

As this shows, the Band has never played "out of the money". Two of the nine cups won in competition last year are to be retained permanently by the Band due to its having won them each three times.

Preparation for the Regimental Re-Union and the approaching competition season halted the other night while the Band bade adieu to three of its members who have joined the 48th Company of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade -- Corporal K. Lee, Piper R. Taylor and Drummer D. Fletcher.

Here is the Pipe Band as it stands to-day, then, the largest in the British Army, the best in Eastern Canada and the United States, smart, efficient and an honour to the Regiment.

Ultimate in Instruction:

Instructors should be reasonably certain of their capacity to teach before assuming to dogmatize. As the English train emerged from the tunnel the girl said: "Erbert, you shouldn't have kissed me like that with all these people around, even if it was in the dark."

"I didn't kiss you," said the boy looking angrily around the compartment. "And I only wish I knew who did--I'd teach him!"

"Erbert," sighed the girl, "you couldn't teach 'im anything."

THE PIPE BAND

Our annual ball was held this year on February 24th in the Banquet Hall of the Royal York Hotel. Once again the demand for tickets exceeded the supply and we fear some of our friends were disappointed. To these our condolences, and a bit of advice--the tickets for next year's ball go on sale early in January, 1952!

Pipe-Major Fraser and Mrs. Fraser greeted many guests during the course of the evening, among them Lieutenant-Colonel George and Mrs. George, who this year again honoured us with their presence.

From the Grande March at eight-thirty to the Home Waltz at eleven forty-five guests enjoyed a full evening of Scottish dancing as a duty band under the direction of Pipe-Sergeant Dewar furnished music for the "Gay Gordons", "Dashing White Sergeant", "Highland Schottische" and "Reel O'Tulloch", while Wal Bromby's orchestra supplied accompaniment for "The Waltz Country Dance", "Lancers", "Eightsome Reel" and "Quadrilles".

Our thanks to all who contributed to the Ball's success, particularly to the hard working masters of ceremonies.

The evening of April 17th was quite a busy one for us. After playing Retreat on the Armouries floor at 8:30 in honour of the Black Watch officers who were visiting our officers' mess, we caught a pair of waiting buses which landed us at the Galt Armoury by 9:00 in time to play our sergeants into the Annual Ball of their confreres of the Highland Light Infantry. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

We made another safari, this time to Buffalo, on the evening of April 14th. The occasion was the Annual Ball of the Buffalo Gordon Highlanders, held this year in the luxurious surroundings of Kleinhan's Music Hall.

The smallest cribbage league in the Toronto Garrison operates the last Monday in each month from September to May, with meetings alternating between the Toronto Scottish and the 48th Pipe Band rooms. This month sees the closing match for the season with the Toronto Scots at home to the 48th. The standing?? Well, never mind--but we're warning the Scottish now---just wait till next year!!

Watching the "Trooping" ceremony by the Welsh Guards on the screen in "A" Lecture Room a few Friday nights ago, members of the Pipe Band were trying hard to pick out familiar faces in close-up shots of the Brass Band. During their engagement at the C.N.E. back in 1948 several of the Guards (including one drummer who was an ex-Seaforth Highlander) paid a visit to our practice room. Needless to say, we took it upon ourselves to see that the remainder of our guests' stay in Toronto was a lively one. Incidentally, the Guards left Toronto that year with 48th pipes ringing in their ears. A section of the Pipe Band played them off as their train pulled out of the Exhibition station. We won't forget one discomfited guardsman who had inadvertently packed his hat with the rest of the Band's luggage which had been shipped ahead that day to New York! Let's see---September, 1948---May, 1951---yes, Charlie should be getting out of the "glass house" any time now!

The Band Room Committee are still seeking pictures and clippings of past years concerning the Pipe Band for inclusion in the Band Scrapbook. Anyone having such items to spare is urged to contact any member of the Pipe Band or drop into Room 131 any Tuesday or Friday night. Eventually we hope to have compiled the most complete pictorial history of any band in Canada.

Yours for the best re-union ever,
THE PIPE BAND.

THE BRASS BAND

Maybe its spring but---

You're young enough to remember when that familiar phrase "Let George Do It" was popular and pretty widely used hereabouts. Well, lemme tell you about a certain George who actually did "do it". George Santanay was his name and he later became famous as a writer and wielder of words. Early in life he taught a class in College. Found it boring! Then, April came in all its gladsome glory. One day he stopped smack in the middle of a sentence--looked out the window and said: "Gentlemen, it's April and Spring is here!" Santanay walked out of that classroom forever! Found a quiet peaceful spot where he could do his writing, sharing the dreams with others. Many a man would like to do that very thing, get far away from the daily battle for business. But life has become more or less like a one way street and there is no turning back---and there was no turning back in those weeks of preparation in mastering the "Troop" and we sincerely trust that when the time comes we do an excellent job of playing "Comin' Thru The Rye" for you. Gulp, we should at least know it by now without music. You know my wife couldn't understand why I used to scream in my sleep every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening--never got over it until Monday after those Friday night "Jam Sessions" on the "Troop".

YARNS:

Tommy Whiteside -- "She told me she mustn't see me any more".

Al Moody: "What did you say?"

Tommy:- "Nothing, I turned out the light".

Doctor: "The best thing you can do is to give up drinking!"

Jimmy Welch: "What's the next best thing, Doc?"

Harry Wiseman and Ken Allen saw two pretty girls meet and embrace.

Ken: "That's what is wrong with this country".

Harry: "What do you mean?"

Ken: "Women doing men's work".

Stuart Downing: "When I came to Canada I didn't have a dollar in my pocket."

Ross Morgan: "When I came I didn't have a pocket to put a dollar in."

Stuart: "How was that?"

Ross: "Born in this country!"

Mrs. Freddie Reid: "Dear, wake up. I heard a mouse squeak."

Freddie: "Well, whadaya want me to do? Get up and oil it?"

Continuing our Thumb-Nail Sketches of our members we present for this issue our Drum section:

Sergeant Jack Breech: Jack has been with the band for eighteen years joining up just prior to the Regiment's trip to Chicago World's Fair. Is one of the Country's outstanding percussionists, being much in demand for radio - opera - symphony and show work. In fact, Jack does everything but "Jive". Is very proud of the fact he has been selected to adjudicate the "Drums" at the Bugle and Trumpet Band Festival coming up Saturday, June 16. When he has any spare time he is engaged in the plastic industry.

Joe Hamilton: Our Bass Drummer and another old-timer joined the Regiment in 1915 and has been with us ever since, having been with Captain Slatter on all the tours the band has taken. Has done considerable dance and symphony work and joined up originally with the 14th battalion Prince of Wales Own Rifles at Kingston, Ontario. In private life is an iron molder.

Cyril Potter: Plays the Snare drum and cymbals and has been with the band for ten years. Does the odd dance work but his main forte is the violin having been with the Danforth United Church Orchestra for fourteen years and the John Ross Robertson group for three years. Is a locksmith by trade.

George Ummells: George was recently married and frankly right at the moment he is late for every parade and practice but we trust the novelty will wear off very shortly! Plays the guitar as well, but the "traps" are his main instrument, does dance work and also plays with the Harmonic Symphony Orchestra. In civilian life is an interior decorator. Has been with the band for five years coming to us at the end of World War II having served with the 48th and the R.C.A.S.C. bands at Camp Borden.

And our Bass or "Bombardon" section: -

Sergeant Allen Wood: We have told you about "Woody" in several previous issues but just to refresh; was with the R.C.A.F. throughout the war. Is Bandmaster of the Metropolitan Church band. Is a tailor, recently to a new home and still 'thinks' he can play baseball.

Sidney Hughson: Sid is another of our old-timers having been with the band since 1915, previous to that was with the 46th Durham and Northumberland Rifles. Has been on all the tours the Band has taken and this year saw Sid complete 35 years of playing the ice skating at Varsity Rink. Confines all his musical talent to military bands and is equally at home on the Bass-Baritone-Sousaphone-Trombone-peckhorn and Euphonium. Is the biggest candy-eater in the Regiment. Sid recently retired from business world.

Curtis McGill: Has been with the Band for 9 years on both Bass and Trombone. Confines his playing to the Band only. Was formerly with the Salvation Army and was Bandmaster of the Swansea Temple. Is a foreman in the paint shop at Anderson Buick.

Harry Moore: Has been with us for the past five years, but has been playing the Bass and Trombone as a hobby for the past twenty-two years with the Queens Own, Irish and Royal Regiments. Harry is a salesman for the shoe finding industry.

And our French Horn section:

James Bates: Jim came to us back in 1930 direct from the "Imperials" having served with the 2nd Durham Light Infantry in France, Russia, India and China in the Band and Stretcher Bearer Section. Has had the distinction of attending the British Army School of Music, "Knellar Hall". Confines his playing to the Band only and makes those big transformers up at the C.G.E.

William Caddell: Bill has been with us since 1921 except for the war years when he was Band Corporal with the R.C.A.M.C. at Ottawa and Camp Borden. Confines his activities to the Band and telling jokes, is employed by Dept. of Works of the Province of Ontario.

Just a few more "YARNS"

Frank "T.T.C." Swain reports.

The nervous passenger had made quite a nuisance of herself by asking the bus driver every few minutes if they had got to Maple Avenue. Finally she asked, "How ill I know when we get to Maple Avenue, driver?"

Keeping his temper with a noble effort, the bus driver replied: "By the big smile on my face, lady!"

Bill Croft: "Oh, I have hears so much about you."

Tommy Blackwell: "You can't prove a thing!"

Jack Colman tells us that twenty years later he acts toward his wife just as he did before they were married. He says he remembers how he would walk over to her house, lean against the fence and gaze up at her window, afraid to go in--says he acts the same way now!---

Reporting that:

We are very pleased to see Harry Moore back after his seige of "pneumonia".

Sorry that John Keene and Arthur Carter have been sick and trust that when you read this they will both be back and well again.

Freddie Reid is a "poppa" again - a daughter and we understand she is as good looking as her father.

"Scotty" Ross is back home again after being over in the "Old Country" for three months - tis said he personally recovered the "Stone of Scone".

Bob Browne another of our old-timers recently passed away and we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family.

Congratulations to George Ummells who recently pledged his troth.

Tommy Whiteside our popular "tenor singer" is tying the knot on May 19, and we trust he will have completely recovered and is back in time for the "Troop".

Despite the fact that Frank Swain promised never to lose his music again---he did at the Church Parade, April 29th.

Frank Stevens SR, finally put his cornet in the mothballs (or hock shop) after many years of faithful service with the Band. We thought we would miss you grandad, but it seems you come around more now that you are through, than you ever did when you were actively engaged.

Tommy "Yes Please" Blackwell (talks a good golf game) says: "Golf is a game much more polite to play than speak".

and

Jimmy "Librarian" Welch says "Dollars!--a unit of money that will purchase 25% worth of goods any place".

and

Tommy "Irish" Whiteside says a great time saver is "love at first sight".

and

5 Lloyd "Contractor" Cope, says: "The professor who sent his wife to the bank and kissed his money goodbye was not absent-minded!"

and

Cyril "Little Fitch" Armitage says: "Did it ever strike you that, for the first 20 years of a man's life his Mother says "Where are you going" and the next 50 years his wife asks "where have you been?"

and

Windy "Dealer" Verog says: "Speak well of your enemies; remember you made them".

and

Ross "Blondy" Morgan says: "A girl can go a long way if she's straight -- and a whole lot further if, in addition, she's properly curved".

and

Ed "Soloist" Carter says: "The reason gentlemen prefer blondes is probably because blondes know what gentlemen prefer".

Since we last appeared in the "Falcon" we would bring you up to date on our civilian engagements.

On November 4, 1950 we played the Argo-Montreal Rugby Game in the afternoon and the Leaf-Ranger hockey game at night.

Nov. 15 - Hamilton vs Argonauts Rugby Game for Big Four title.

Nov. 18 - Headed Santa Claus into town and our Director W.O.I Dobney was in charge of music for entire Parade.

Nov. 18 - after the parade we helped Argonauts whip Balmy Beach for the Eastern Canadian Title.

Nov. 25 - we plodded the "mud Bowl" and helped Argonauts soundly whip the Winnipeg Bombers for the Grey Cup.

Dec. 2 - hockey. Maple Leafs vs. Chicago Black Hawks.
 Dec. 16 -hockey Maple Leafs vs Chicago Black Hawks.
 Jan. 20 -hockey - Maple Leafs vs Boston Bruins
 Jan. 23 - We played two engagements with the Western Technical
 School Musical students and band.
 Feb. 10 - hockey Maple Leafs vs Detroit Red Wings.
 March 7 hockey - Maple Leafs vs Detroit Red Wings.
 March 28 hockey - Maple Leafs vs Boston Bruins in the first game
 of the Stanley Cup playoffs which incidentally, Maple Leafs lost, only
 to come back in a blaze of glory.

On April 28 we met the Kids ("Pardner" Hopalong Cassidy and
 paraded him (in the rain and how) to the City Hall for a civic reception.

And then in the Afternoon out at the C.N.E. bandshell we helped
 "Hoppy" shake hands with forty thousand kids (our arm is still sore) and
 to finish up a tough day we in the evening helped Barrie Flyers beat
 Quebec Citadels for the Eastern Canada title.

And a few from our "Limerick" dept.

Russell "Marker" Bertram says:

I was seated in the parlour

And I said unto the light

"Either you or I, old fellow

Will be turned down to-night".

Albert "Bandmaster" Dobney says:

Why do we say "as cheap as dirt"

When land has a sky-high price ceiling?

And why do we say "as homely as sin"

When sin is so darn appealing?

Frank "Contestant" Locksley says:

Cards to cards,

Seats to seats

When a woman's in a casket

She never cheats.

Ken "This is me at one year" Allen says:

There was a young lady named Bright

Whose speed was much faster than light

She went out one day

In a relative way

And returned on the previous night.

We are very pleased to extend the glad hand to our lat st recruit
 Paul Reeves. Paul comes to us direct from Vancouver, B.C. and is on
 clarinet but can also play saxophone--we hope Paul, that you get to like
 the rest of us as we like you, remember a secret is something you tell
 one person at a time but if it will make your stay happier don't be
bashful in telling us.

We would draw your attention to

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Did you know your Band is in the movies for proof see "Toronto-Boom Town".

Gosh, it's getting so a guy hardly has time to recover from the headaches and hurrahs of the New Year before he's in the middle of Spring.

We remember Grandma always used to say: "Goodness gracious, the way time does fly." And of course we accept her comment for a fact. But now it seems the old cliché was an understatement. Nowadays, time is jet propelled and hurries helbent down a one-way street.

Guess most everyone would like to forget all woes and worries for a little while at least. And we'd like mighty well to help 'em do it.

Nothing we know of helps a fellow forget his troubles like making a pleasing show. Come hell or high water, we're willing to work shoulder to shoulder with you in putting on the "Troop" and in keeping the 48th Canada's most famous Regiment.

A very cordial welcome to all you "Joes" here for the Diamond Jubilee Re-Union.

Thanks for listening and Good Luck -- always.

Cheerfully and Hopefully,

"Dileas Gu Brath"

THE BRASS BAND.

THE SERGEANTS' MESS

The first social duty for our new R.S.M. was a pleasant one indeed as he welcomed his old comrades from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Our guests on March 3rd, rumour has it we defeated the boys from Hamilton in a baseball game - at least we have the trophy as proof. The dinner and entertainment following the epic contest were a real credit to the committee in charge.

Slightly out of place perhaps, but a great party nonetheless was the Mess celebration of St. Patrick's day. CSM O'Clarke, in his new capacity as Mess President, is to be congratulated.

The invasion of Galt on April 7th by four bus loads from the Mess and Pipe Band was accomplished with a minimum of casualties, one dislocated thumb. The H.L.I. put on a grand party and special thanks are due to a former Regimental Piper, Cpl. John Gordon now with the H.L.I.

Another worthwhile effort to foster inter-regimental relations was the Formation of a Garrison Sergeants' Cribbage League. Our team led by CQMS Don Bain finished the competition in fourth place.

Congratulations to: Sgt. M. T. Smith who was married a few weeks back; to Sgts. McIver and Lamonte who recently put up their third stripe.

CADET NEWS

We were very sorry to lose Lt. Hill (now Capt.) who was taken from us and promoted to Adjutant of the Regiment. With him go our best wishes in his new appointment. Lt. Owen is now O.C. Cadets and Lt. MacLeod, Training Officer.

There were a number of promotions within the Cadet Corps for the graduates of The Cadet NCO course.

Members of the Cadet Pipe Band were the guests of the Gordon Highlanders of Buffalo on the weekend of April 14-15, 1951 and everyone had a wonderful time.

"ABLE" COMPANY

At long last Spring is here, the time of the year when we shed our greatcoats and various other unkilty accoutrement and come on parade "regimental". Parades will soon be over for the Summer, so lets keep our heads about us when we smell this fresh spring air, especially if there is a tinge of brewing wild oats from O'Keefes in the wind, and keep the thought of Sunnyside and Hanlan's Point out of our minds for just a few more weeks.

Congratulations from all members of the Coy to our Sgt. Venton, now CSM Venton of Support Coy., and the best of luck. L/Cpl. Wignall has hoisted another stripe--good going Harry. Jimmy Smith has set off his winged mounted uniform with two stripes (one on each arm). By the way those dress wings you had on Sunday looked like something that should be issued with a harp.

Our new Company clerk is doing a good job, we thought it best to mention this gentleman as we like to get paid for the parades we attend. Of course, we mean Pte. Shrubshall, Paragraph Troop, of the Chairborne Command.

Hats off to our Committee men: Pte. Nowell, Cochran, Duario and Robertson for the swell job of organizing the Company party at the Highland Games Dance. That was really a great 'to do'.

Our Company Stag is in the offing and promises to be quite a time. No date as yet, but the Committee will give you all the details later.

To keep the records straight--it was a baby boy the Don Thomsons had, not a Girl! Sorry Don!

The welcome mat goes out to: Ptes. Walker, Dymond, Rundell, Jacors, Sullivan and Cohen---just in time fellows.

It must have given many an old-timer's heart a quick beat to see the Regiment out in white shell on Sunday and if that turnout was any indication of the turnout for the Trooping of the Colour we should get by okay with just a bit more effort on our equipment.

As news is scarce, we thought you might appreciate this anonymous poem, taken from the Eight Army Crusader. This poem was blown by the wind into a slit trench at El Agheila, North Africa, during a heavy bombardment.

A Soldier - His Prayer

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| (1) Stay with me, God; the night is dark
The night is cold; my little spark
Of courage dies. The night is long
Be with me God, and make me strong. | (2) I love a game, I love a fight
I hate the dark; I love the light
I love my child, I love my wife
I am no coward. I love life. |
| (3) Life with its change of mood and shade
I want to live, I'm not afraid
But me and mine are hard to part
Oh unknown God, lift up my heart. | (4) You stilled the water at Dunkirk
And saved your servants.
All your work is wonderful, Dear God
You strode before us down that dreadful road. |
| (5) We were alone, and hope had fled
We loved our country and our dead
And could not shame them; so we stayed
The course, and were not afraid. | (6) Dear God, that nightmare road
And then that sea, we got there
We were men
My eyes were blind, my feet were torn
My soul sang like a bird at dawn. |

- (7) I knew that death is but a door (8) I'm but the son my bore
 I knew what we were fighting for A simple man, and nothing more
 Peace for the kids, our brothers But - God of strength and gentle-
 freed, ness
 A kinder world, a cleaner breed. Be pleased to make me nothing
 less.
- (9) Help me, O God, when Death is near
 To mock the haggard face of fear,
 That when I fall, if fall I must
 My soul may triumph in the Dust.
 (Anonymous)

BAKER BY-LINE

Well gang! Big Baker isn't quite so big any more -- Old Joe saw to that! We have lost ten of our stalwarts, brave and true, as well as two of our guiding lights, Major W.A. Pincoe and Lieutenant L. O'Brien to the fighting 27th Infantry Brigade.

Its a good thing this crises didn't arise during the baseball playoffs for "Slugging B" might have had a tougher time taking all the marbles for the Baseball Championship. By the way team, if this writer may re-iterate - "congratulations and well played B" Don't worry too much about that Cup. We have our scouts out and "Myrtles" good for a few more seasons, as is "Sizzlin Wright".

A new twist to an old theme was added last week - "small packs, gas capes rolled, worn, packed - into the butt trapes move" but medals no less! Speaking of medals there's a rumour circulating in "Fighting B" that "Our Sergeant-Major" needs a small boy to carry his gongs around for him!

On behalf of those of us who are left holding the light (you've heard the reference sans doubt!) we all say "Au revoir, Bonne Chance" and all those things you'll soon be hearing in Gay Paree--to our comrades in arms who have picked up the torch of freedom and will hold it high over Europe. And may those Reds soon know the glory of "Dileas Gu Brath".

"D" COMPANY NEWS

The season was initiated by "D" Coy. holding its annual grand Christmas party at Memorial Hall. Our turnout is getting bigger and better, for this year we had over 100 members and ex-members of "D" Coy. Needless to say a grand time was had by all.

In the Sports Department we were not quite as successful as we were last year. Once again we won the Volleyball Championship defeating "A" Coy. in two straight games! The Baseball team did not fare as well. After a tight game, "B" Coy. defeated us 23-21, for the Bn. Championship. Next year we guarantee to have an even better team -- watch out "B" Coy.

Much to our sorrow we lost our Coy. Commander, Major W. B. Reid to 4th Bde., where he will take over the position of Bde. Major. It was unfortunate for "D" Coy., but we congratulate Major Reid on his promotion.

We were very lucky to get an old "D" Coy. officer back as Coy. Commander. Welcome back, Capt. Haldenby -- we lost one good "D" Coy man, but replaced him with another.

Since December we have had a great turnover in men. We have added Ptes. Stewart, Chambers, Wilputte, McKenzie, Upson H., Upson L., Belshaw, Lloyd, Turner, Dirkson, Appleton, and LaFont. Welcome to "D"

Coy. men -- you are in the best Company -- be sure to help keep it that way.

The 27th Infantry Brigade is now being formed and we are proud to have a Coy. of the 48th Highlanders in the Highland Bn. To this Bn. we have lost Ptes. Holliday, Lloyd and O'Prey. These are all the men we know of at the time of going to press--we expect more to follow to uphold "D" Coy. tradition in the 48th Coy.

Also to the Highland Bn., 27th Inf. Bde. we lose Lt. Sinclair. Lt. Sinclair has been with us for a long time and it will be hard to replace him. Good luck to all "D" Coy. men who have joined the Highland Bn.,

As usual "D" Coy. remains at the top of the attendance Record. Keep it that way men! We look forward to seeing all members past and present of "D" Coy. at the Re-Union.

Hoping to see you all at Summer Camp. Good Luck.

Evidence in the Case

The last member of the party was drifting slowly home. He was making heavy weather of it with one foot on the pavement and one in the gutter. After travelling this way for some blocks he was met by a policeman.

"You're drunk," said the officer.

"Thank goodness," the belated reveller retorted in evident relief, "I thought I was lame".

"SUPPORT" COMPANY

We are all extremely proud of our "active" boys, but its hard to say how much we'll miss them. We'll be counting the days until we're all together again.

A/TK has had a tremendous response to the active call. Mr. Skelleran, Cpl. Spence, Cpl. K. Luttrell, McCann, Reid are all on the way. Sgt. McIvor from 5" mortars has been accepted as an officer cadet in the special force.

From Track and Wheel, Mr. Ware and Sgt. Wood have answered their call.

In Signals, Adams and McDermott are off on Special Force Signal Trg.

Cpl McAfee from Coy. HQ. is away and smacking his lips in anticipation of English beer.

To all of them go all our very best wishes, and our thoughts will be with them wherever they may be.

Our heartiest congratulations to Cpl. Rose who has been accepted by the R.C.M.P. All you dope peddlers beware, our Rose is blooming!

The weekend schemes have been busy again. A/TK pl. spent a profitable weekend at Camp Borden.

T. & W. too, have been scheming, and Cpl. Leebody after years of trying has finally managed to throw a track and the pl. doesn't mind his loosing a track, but suggests that next time he go back and pick it up.

The Company is looking askance at a certain L/Cpl. who said he was never in Barrie, but who managed to lead his Company through all the devious back alleys in a "short cut" through that famous little city.

RIFLE SHOOTING IN THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA

Ever since the 48th was organized it has been known all over Canada and at Bisley for its Team Shooting, and the 48th has done a great deal to promote rifle shooting in Canada.

Since 1896 no Canadian Team has gone to Bisley without at least one 48th man and it has been as high as five.

As early as 1892 Major W. C. MacDonald was adjutant of the Team.

In 1929, Col. George Chisholm was Commandant.

In 1930, Capt. Stewart Graham was adjutant.

In 1950 Capt. Guy F. MacKenzie was adjutant.

In 1913, Pte. (Bill) W. Hawkins won the Kings Prize.

A great many of the outstanding "Shots" both in the 48th and in Canada have gone to the Great Unknown. Some of the Shots who built up the Shooting Team in days gone by-----Bill Davidson, Adam Graham, Harry Kerr, Bill Harp, Bill Hawkins, Bob. Campbell, Walter Riddle, Johnnie Borland and many other, are gone.

George Emslie is one of Canada's outstanding shots and has been on the Bisley Team 14 times. Still goes out to the Ranges, but does not take an active part in the shooting.

After the war of 1914-18 rifle shooting went into the background. If it had not been for the great work of Capt. Stewart Graham there would not be a Rifle Team in the 48th to-day. He and Lt. Col. Bill Darling worked hard to keep it going, and to-day we have the finest Rifle Association in Canada. In the past the 48th have won all the main trophies in Canada.

The Governor-General's Prize has been won by G. Meech, Harold Ashling, George Emslie and Jim Boa.

The King's Medal by Gil. Boa (2), and Fred Wallace.

One could write pages about the prizes the 48th has won. Their members are scattered all over, men like, Tom Young, now 83 years young still take an interest in shooting. Dick Storrar is with the Q.O.R., George Hermitage still has a shoot.

If the members of the present Regiment are going to keep up the record the old-timers have established (which I hope they do), they will have to show a lot more effort than they do at the present time. And it is their duty to help to keep up this wonderful record of a wonderful Regiment.

Alba Gu Brath.

"Dileas Gu Brath"

A poem written by J. Connolly, 15th Bn., 48th Highlanders of Canada, killed in the First World War.

48TH AT ST. JULIAN

From the German line the gas cloud flowed,
A gas both green and deadly,
And their guns thundered, ten to our one
With shrapnel bursting madly.
And from their lines the Hun horde charged
Thinking we were beaten badly.

But our gallant boys with rapid fire
Met the advancing foe
And piled them high before our wire
And brought the enemy low.
And though they charged time after time,
A brave and stubborn foe
They could not break that thin red line
They could not make them bow.

Brave 48th your deeds that day
 Will be forgotten never,
 And future men will honour thee
 Nor will forget thee ever.
 You fought and died that we may live
 That freedom may remain
 We will strive to live as you have died
 Else you have died in vain.

Occasionally a story slips under or around the iron curtain and emerges in the light and this one is, reputedly, direct from Moscow.

One Russian asked another, "What was the nationality of Adam and Eve?"

"There is no possible doubt," retorted the other, remembering that nothing worth while--as our first parents certainly must have been--could be credited to others. "They were Soviet citizens," he asserted belligerently. Then, feeling a certain lack, he produced the evidence.

"They had nothing to wear," he said, "nothing to eat but an apple, and they lived in paradise."

Two old time friends who hadn't seen one another for a couple of years met at a college reunion. "Is your wife as pretty as ever?" one of them enquired. "Oh yes," his friend responded with enthusiasm. Then he added, thoughtfully, "But it takes her half an hour longer."

The harassed young mother snatched up the toddler who had just smashed a lamp. "That settles it!" she cried. "Your're going to be an only child."

A woman called for jury duty was loudly protesting that she couldn't serve. "Hy not?" asked the judge. "You must have a reason."

"I'm opposed to capital punishment. It's wrong. It's bestial. I could never agree to it."

"This case will hardly involve such serious results," the judge smiled.

"It is merely a case where a wife is suing her husband, because she gave him \$1,000 to pay down on a fur coat and he lost it in a poker game."

"I'll serve," the woman said with decision. "I could be wrong about capital punishment."

Word to the Wise

Posted conspicuously at the entrance to a midwestern town is the following sign:

5,104 persons died of gas last year.
 44 inhaled it.
 60 put a lighted match to it.
 5,000 stepped on it.

THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS' CHAPTER I.O.D.E.

With the meeting on May 17th the spring term of the 48th Highlanders' Chapter I.O.D.E. comes to a close. This does not mean that the work of the Chapter ceases for the Summer. The holiday season is an active one for several of the members. Hospital visits are made regularly and the usual gift cigarettes are distributed; children are sent to camp and the calls for welfare are nearly as numerous in Summer as during the rest of the year.

When the workrooms re-open in September there will be a renewal of activities reminiscent of the war years. More men of the Regiment are going into the active army and so more work is created for the Regimental Auxiliary and in the course of time there is more welfare work. This welfare is not restricted to members of the Regiment whose wives or mothers are members of the Chapter but is available to the families of all ranks of the 48th Highlanders who have been with the Regiment for at least six months. Monetary aid is rarely given but food, clothing, bedding and medical supplies are sent out when the Chapter is advised by a reputable agency that such aid is necessary.

To carry on its various projects the Chapter needs a large number of workers and new members are always welcome. The membership is restricted to wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of men and officers of the Regiment. Meetings followed by an informal tea are held on the third Thursday of every month from September until May in the Memorial Hall and the workrooms open every Thursday during those months at ten in morning.

We wish to extend to the 48th Highlanders' of Canada our most sincere wishes for a successful and happy re-union and to hope that our association with them in the future will be as pleasant as during the forty-four years the Chapter has been the Regimental Auxiliary.

