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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Since my last message to you last June, our Regiment has again come through its summer and fall training with distinction. As we stand down for Christmas, it is perhaps an appropriate time to review our achievements and look forward to what is ahead.

In July, our Mobile Command contingent, although somewhat weakened by some unexpected last-minute drop-outs, still managed to win the Bayonet Trophy in the hotly contested Skill-at-Arms competition held at Camp Petawawa. The Trophy has only been in competition for two years, and 48th Highlander platoons have won it both years. The winning platoon, led by Lt Temple, is to be congratulated for its excellent showing, and I know you all join me in doing so. Although we were nosed out by the Cameron Highlanders for the Kitching Trophy last summer, we'll be there next summer to bring it back where it belongs!

Throughout the balance of the summer, course candidates from the Regiment attended Qualifying and Trades courses conducted at Ontario Region Summer Schools. I was tremendously proud of the results you achieved - I cannot recall a year when so many excellent reports came across my desk! Personnel who were attached to 4 CMBG in Germany are now back with the Regiment and report that the training they received was of the highest standard - something we have come to expect from our Regular Units in the Brigade.

Fall training has proceeded according to plan, with the new Training Wing in full and successful operation. With more time to prepare training periods, instructors have been giving better lectures. In this area, too, the Regiment has been singularly honoured. The Regular Force could not accommodate all the candidates nominated for the Junior NCO Course this fall because of the numbers submitted. They therefore asked us if we could run a course concurrent with their own. We agreed to this, and the Training Wing is now conducting a Junior NCO Course for 30 candidates drawn from our own as well as other Units. It will come as no surprise to you to know that we are the only Unit considered capable enough to take on such an assignment.

The presentation tonight of the Gzowski Trophy marks the fourth year in succession that we have won this Trophy! Awarded to the best Militia Infantry Regiment in Canada, the competition is intense, and demands the utmost from each and every member of the Regiment. Everything each of us does during the training year is marked and counts in the competition - even down to the number of parades we attend! I thank each of you for the individual efforts you have made - for the sum total of your individual efforts, taken together, is what the Regiment is marked on. But now is not the time to get complacent: remember, it's often easier to get to the top than it is to stay there - and the top is the only place to be!

Christmas Message - cont'd

I had hoped to be able to give you some definite news as to our future at this time. However, the future composition and role of Canada's Reserve Forces is still being actively discussed in Ottawa, and nothing has been finalized as yet. But I can tell you that the original plan to reduce every Regiment to 50% of its present establishment has definitely been scrapped. That there will be some sort of cut is almost inevitable. However, I have been advised that we will be virtually unaffected by the changes now being discussed. This is very good news indeed - A Christmas present that I'm sure all of us are pleased to receive!

Finally, my thanks again to all of you for the enthusiasm, dedication and sheer drive you have all displayed throughout the summer and fall. There is absolutely no doubt whatever in my mind that the reason we will escape the main bite of the "Accountant's Axe" is because of the record we have together established. Let's go after some more when we get back from the Christmas Holiday!

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to each of you and to your families.

Peter A. G. Cameron

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commanding Officer 48th Highlanders of Canada

PROFILE

An old clipping from a local newspaper recently found its way to the editor's desk. It is dated January 11th, 1936, and it introduces someone whom all in the Regiment have come to know:

At Long Branch Ranges on Saturday, the McGregor Club of the 48th Highlanders held its twenty-fifth annual meeting and twenty-fourth shoot. Old comrades were remembered in speech and story which followed the usual dinner under the presidency of J. E. Phillips. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Capt. E. C. Gordon; vice-president, H. Ralph; secretary, P. E. Cleal; treasurer, R. G. Henderson; bard, Duncan Cowan; committee, H. Ashling, J. R. Shaw, J. McConnach, F. North, G. Elms, and J. R. Fraser.

The shoot was keenly contested, a feature of the meet being the excellent marksmanship of Bill Elms, a sixteen-year-old member of the bugle band, who carried off the championship from the veterans present with a score of 25.11 out of a possible 25.15.

Bill Elms is still the best shot in the Regiment. At the classification shoot held at Camp Borden in October, he was complaining about the sights on his rifle, and then proceeded to fire 130 out of 135, 5 points ahead of his nearest rival. In the interval, of course, his position in the unit has altered. The enlistment book records that he was taken on strength as a "Boy". The present nominal roll lists him as RSM (CWO) Elms, WP (CD). Between the two entries is to be found most of the recent history of the 48th Highlanders.

Mr. Elms is the only member of the present active regiment who went overseas with the first battalion in December 1939. That was thirty years ago this weekend, and on Saturday he will be at the club to celebrate "Riena Del Pacifico" night. The "Riena Del Pacifico" was the troopship which carried the 48th when they sailed from Halifax just before Christmas. Bill was then a drummer in the Pipe Band, but as the war wore on the band was dispersed and he served at various times with A, C, Support and HQ Companies. As the band had been attached to B Company it means that he has served in all the companies of the Regiment. He went to France in 1940 as a private in A Company, but that expedition lasted only a week. For part of the time that the Regiment was in England, Bill was a driver and bodyguard for Maj-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, GOC of 1st Division.

Mr. Elms returned to the Regiment in the fall of 1942, and took part in the landing in Sicily in the following summer. He was with Transport, so he missed those long marches in the Sicilian heat. For a time he was Col. Johnston's driver. He was still part of the band and played when the band was brought together, but except for the company pipers all the bandsmen had to do regular regimental duties. Later, in Italy the band was re-formed as a unit, but by that time Bill had left for England. Bill



REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR (CWO) W. P. Elms, CD
48th Highlanders of Canada

Profile - cont'd

contracted malaria in Italy, and was invalided out soon after the battles at Ortona. He was in England for nearly a year, and then early in 1945 he was sent back to Canada. He was discharged from the active force on the 16th February 1945, and the following day enlisted in the 2nd Reserve Battalion. The reserve battalion was to become the nucleus for the post-war militia, so Bill's service in the reserve goes back to that date.

Mr. Elms was still a bandsman, and on the first of October when the Regiment returned to Toronto, he was there to play them up Bay St. It was a very special day, the end of the war for so many old comrades, but it was also Bill's wedding day. He marched in the afternoon, and brought his friends from the parade to the wedding in the evening. Ten years later he became the Drum Major, and led the band in many ceremonies, including the Trooping of the Colour in 1956. In 1961 he left the band for HQ Company, and for a brief period he was CSM before being promoted to RSM. He has held the latter post for nine years, and at the Sergeants' Mess dinner in October he announced that it would be his last dinner as RSM. When he retires he will be just short of 35 years continuous service in the 48th. He has served in the Regiment under 17 colonels. His father Capt. George Elms is a 40 year veteran of the Regiment. Bill and his wife Norma have two sons, Geordie, a piper in the band, and Billie, who may be in uniform next year.

An old friend of Bill's remarked the other day that there are no special tales connected with his service, except that he was always there, always did his job, and always did it well. "The Regiment," said George Baker "has been his life, and you know that it will go on being his most important interest." Bill has done a great deal of work to make the museum in the Club the fine collection which it is, and he expects to have more time for this in the future. He is a collector of military badges, and has a collection of 7000 badges of Canadian units dating back to 1790. He is an authority on military dress, and knows every uniform worn by the 48th since 1891.

Bill is off to Italy in May, when the old comrades tour the battlefields of 25 years ago. It should be a great trip, and there will be some great Highlanders who make the journey. One of them will be Bill Elms.

SERGEANTS' MESS

It is hard to believe that in two more weeks we will be standing down for the winter break. Time can surely pass quickly when you are as busy as this Regiment has been in 1969.

The Sergeants' Mess has been as busy as usual with their social activities. One event was a picnic that we held in June at a farm which is owned by George Lewis, in King City. It was a very kind gesture on his part offering us the use of his property. We had a good turn-out despite the damp weather. We enjoyed the farm so much that we intend to make this an annual affair. That is if it is alright with George.

Sergeants' Mess - cont'd

On November 1st the Mess held a Golf Tournament at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. Again the weather was a little damp but we thoroughly enjoyed the day. The get-together in the Locker Room was a little rough in spots. I learned the hard way not to order cheese and crackers. That night we entertained our Ladies in the Mess and had a wonderful time. This day would not have been a success, if it had not been for the efforts of the Golf chairman, WO Watson and the Entertainment chairman Sgt. Harding. Thanks for a lovely day chaps.

The Annual Mess Dinner was held on October 18th and was well attended by the Active and Continuing Members. The dinner went well and the C.O., who was the RSMs Guest, gave a very good address. We all enjoyed it. Really. After dinner we all retired to the Mess where we had some fun and games. This topped off a very successful evening. Again, this was all due to a hard working committee. Believe me these events are not easy to organize and the members of the committees have to put a lot of their own time into the job.

When the Gordons and the Royal Scots Greys visited the Armoury we had them up to the Mess to entertain them. There they were presented with a copy of 'Dileas' and each one of them received a Falcon tie pin and cuff link set to commemorate their visit. I got to talking to some Gordons from Aberdeen and it was good to hear the old dialect again, and to hear about how things are in the Granite City by the sea.

We have six new members in the Mess due to the promotions of Sgts Martin ED, Bangsball, Dobson BW, Goldman VR, Graham AA and Scott ED. A hearty welcome chaps we are happy to have you all as members of the Mess.

Watch out for the boys in blue, and their little box of tricks!
Come back safe and sound in the New Year!

Yours Aye,

Sgt Cormack RL

ALPHA COMPANY

There have been many changes since the last issue of the Falcon. In Alpha Company there have been a number of transfers and also some promotions. We welcome into the Company Sergeants Dobson and Goldman, and also Corporals Ward and Wood. We have some men who transferred into A Coy from the summer course: Privates McCartney, Withey and MacDonald. We also welcome Privates Macneil, Muise, Mills, Missons, MacLean and Hoponik. Captain Temple transferred into Alpha Coy on his promotion, and Captain Iversen was also promoted and shifted to Bravo Company.

Alpha Company - cont'd

Congratulations are in order to Private King and his staff for arranging the McGregor Shoot, Buffet and Dance. Best shot in the Company was Captain Temple. Among the other companies Colonel Cameron won, although he had to fight all the way. The leading lady in the Ladies' Powder Puff was Miss Gale Gouthro, who was escorted by Private Macneil.

The following Privates are taking the Junior NCO course: Boggis, Hough, King, Strachan and Rosser. Hope we all make it!

Alpha Company wishes all the officers, NCOs and men a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

P. H. Strachan

HQ/SP COMPANY

This fall period has been a very busy one for the members of our company. I must say that the chaps really worked hard and left our attendance record at a high level. All this work has paid off as the company has maintained its high level of training, putting it second to none.

On August 30th, Pte. (Brandy) Brandenburg succumbed to the charms of one Barbara Carmichael and made her a blushing bride. The fellows in the company extend their congratulations to the happy couple.

What had to be the outstanding event in our training was the exercise we held on the Thanksgiving week-end. The exercise was televised by CTV (Ch. 9) and was used in a documentary program on the Militia:

Exercise "Haggis"

On the week-end of Oct. 11-12-13, HQ/SP held a field training exercise code named Haggis which was held at Stoney Lake.

The company moved out from MEA at 0730 hours, Sat. Oct. 11/69. On arrival they unloaded their equipment vehicles then proceeded on foot to a river. Capt. Murray crossed in his "yacht" with a rope. Then the group proceeded to cross by different methods - some of which are not in the book. Surprisingly, no one fell into the water. Upon reaching the other side of the river, the group proceeded through the bush to their first point which was the bivouac area. Here they had lunch then carried out training in patrols.

The group then broke up into sections, with Lt. D. Johnson commanding No. 1 section and his section leader was Cpl. (Stretch) Gray. No. 2 section was commanded by Lt. W. Hudson and his section leader was Cpt. J. Hall.

After supper, the combined sections set out on a night patrol. Part of the route was to be between two swamps, then over a bog. As the patrol was moving towards the swamp, one Cpl. remarked that it would be wise to follow the one swamp and cross the bog when they found a dry spot. After crashing and stumbling through the bush for what had seemed to be all night, the Cpl. in the lead section said, "To H--- with it! Straight through the swamp. We will never find that so and so bog." So on into the swamp went the gallant lads muttering very uncomplimentary words about swamps in general. One lad was heard to complain that they must have hit every blankety blank swamp in the Kawarthas. Another lad called out, "McMillan, don't sit down in the water - get up on your feet." A voice full of despair cried out, "I'm standing Brandy, I'm standing." Brandy replied, "Then get out of that hole or you will drown." One of the Cpls. felt that this was an exaggeration as the water was only up to his knees. I can bet that it was Stretch.

The patrol then moved up onto a ridge which had a steep drop on one side and dense bush on the other side. In the darkness no one knew about the drop until one chap said, "Say Cpl, do you know that we are on the edge of a cliff? The Cpl. growled, "Keep it quiet or someone will fall over." Needless to say no one did fall over. The patrol bedded down at a point close to their objective and waited for daylight to be sure of their position. When day came, they found that they were 100 metres from the objective which was a beaver dam.

After breakfast, the patrol broke up into two sections and headed off on individual bearings to a drop zone. No. 1 section ran into H.Q. which was stopped on a bluff above a lake. No. 2 section made it to the drop alone but when the drop was made the kit bag opened and the contents were scattered in the bush. After the drop, No. 2 section proceeded to High Falls and met the camera crew enroute. The crew filmed the section moving tactically through the bush. On reaching High Falls, they made an impromptu attack on No. 1 section much to the delight of the camera crew.

After the filming the group set up for the message pick-up. When the Otter arrived the pilot dropped a message to say that he would drop rations instead. Unfortunately the kit bag landed in the river above the falls and Cpl. Gray waded in to rescue the rations. Some one told him it was full of cans of beer.

After eating some of the rations the two sections moved by separate routes to their final objective which was to Lt. Cameron's cottage by the lake.

On the way there, No. 1 section ran into some difficulties which resulted in having to complete the trip in the dark. The Coy. piper tuned up and played a stirring tune to "Home-in" the "Lost Legion". As each man staggered in from the dark he was handed a can of beer which was gratefully received. Next morning the whole group moved over to the mainland where they got on the trucks and headed for TO. It was a tired group of men who arrived at MPA on Monday afternoon but they were quite pleased with their weekend.

Well, that's it for this time except to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Until next year, Cheerio for now.

Yours Aye,
Sgt. Cormack RL



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EXERCISE HAGGIS

HQ/SP ~~COY~~ at Stoney Lake 10-13 Oct., 1969



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1. What! No Mirrors?

2. Here comes the lunch wagon.

3. Good Lord! That's a small lunch.

4. Doesn't sound like Redcap to me!

5. Did anyone find any food in there?

6. The 'Lone Piper of the Kawartha's.
(I wonder why)

7. That's some outboard that fellow has.



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BRavo BRAVURA

Many of our members had a busy summer this year. Six went to Germany, and most of the rest went to Petawawa on the MOBCOM concentration. Congratulations are due to the latter for helping to win the Bayonet Trophy for the second straight year. Having seen everyone on the Memorial Day Parade, we were glad to find that no one was still lost in the "jungle lanes".

Cpls. W. J. (Wee Willie) Bradley, J. J. Moreau, R. A. Short, and PTE. R. J. G. Allen spent three months on Exercise ORION SPECIAL with the PPCLI in the Ruhr Valley in Germany. They were busy boys as their stay there coincided with the NATO fall exercises. By the way boys, are you missing those 7¢ packages of cigarettes?

WO A. G. Young and Capt. Iversen, our new company commander spent eight weeks in Germany, also with the PPCLI. Capt. Iversen spent the majority of his time with the Reconnaissance Platoon, and WO Young with the Pioneer Platoon. They have both talked a lot about the training, but we would like to hear a little more about the "Gasthofs".

Congratulations are due to WO Young, Sgt. Scott, and Cpt. Baxter on their recent promotions; and also to Cpl. Baxter on his marriage. Your reporter was informed by a nameless source about the wedding in an immortal way: "Remember Baxter, he married a girl!" We should also mention Cpl. Ernie Forrest's promotions in his civilian job, and wish him continued success. The same good wishes to MWO J. J. Osborne in his new position.

There have been several new additions to the company this year, three officers and seven senior NCOs. We welcome them to B Company, and also Pte. N. H. Leggatt. We hope to see more people qualify over the next year as junior NCOs. Ptes. C. L. Banavage, R. J. G. Allen, D. P. M. Strang, D. M. Rochford and J. F. Dunn are presently taking the junior NCO course, but we would remind the Training Officer that B Company still has a good number of keen, deserving lads who should be on the course.

Remember everyone, if we wish to win the Gzowski Trophy for a fifth time we must try to parade as strongly as we did in the Memorial Day Parade!

Anon and Anon

A Western farmer came to Toronto for his first visit to a big city - Dauphin was the largest place he'd ever been. As his train, the Super-Continental, rolled into Toronto Union Station, his eyes bulged in disbelief at the size of the yards and the length of the platforms. He found his way to the main rotunda and gazed in amazement. A gentleman notice him and said, "Excuse me sir, I see you are admiring our architecture." The farmer replied snappily "Architecture! heck no! This place would sure make a magnificent place to store my hay."

CHARLIE CHATTER

Charlie Company parades on Saturdays, and thus is relatively autonomous in its training from other sections of the Regiment. This unique situation, far from being a hindrance, is in fact a source of strength in that it has facilitated the training of senior privates. In this regard, special commendation goes to PTEs. Bell and Macri, who are both doing exceptionally good work. In addition, training as a unit, under company officers and NCOs, has strengthened the elan and spirit of camaraderie that sets Charlie apart from the other companies. The men train together, and as a result operate as a more cohesive, efficient unit in the field.

The calibre of our instructors is high, due to the summer training that many of them have received this year. Two officers of the Company spent seventeen weeks at Camp Shilo on the R.O.U.T.P. course. Warrant Jackson went to Germany on Operation Pegasus, Corporals Redmond and Whitmore, Privates Fountain and Scallan gained experience on Operation Orion. Sergeant Graham and Corporal Welsh were attached, as instructors, to the Summer Militia course. As a result of a high standard of instruction, and a lot of hard work on the part of all concerned both the GMT and MOBCOM courses are running well.

As well as participating in the Regimental weekends in September and October, Charlie conducted a MOBCOM exercise November '69 at the Boyd Conservation Area north of Woodbridge. The exercise - training in section battlecraft - went off smoothly, and was enjoyed by all who participated in it. The only difficulty encountered, outside of the rain, was the fact that one senior NCO, who shall remain nameless, didn't gas up his vehicle before he left the armouries, and as a result ran out of gas halfway there. The men trained as platoons, under the platoon NCO's in the morning, and put in six section attacks per section in the afternoon. Thanks goes to Sgts. Dobson and Gledhill for bolstering our "I" staff strength on the occasion.

A good deal more is being planned in the way of exercises, recruiting, and surprises for the Regiment by Charlie's officers and NCOs. If our recruiting program works out, we'll have a third platoon by Spring.

Many personnel changes have occurred in Charlie Company as elsewhere in the Regiment. Warrant Officer Jackson, the source of much of Charlie's elan, is now CSM. Sergeants Bangsboll and Graham received their third hook this fall, Guyatt and Harker were promoted corporal, and Flight and Macri became section commanders. Capt. McCrossan, our OC of last year has been appointed to regimental "I" staff as chief instructor. Maj. Simmons has taken his place, with Lt. Sandham as ZIC. The Kerr brothers have moved on. Capt. John Kerr is now Adjutant, while Ken has left for Paris to broaden his social and educational horizons. Lieutenants Bartley and Whitbread are the new platoon officers. Many of Charlie's NCOs have been transferred to other companies, and to them go our best wishes as they carry on the traditions of camaraderie and hard work which they helped us to nurture. With so many Charlie men in other parts of the Regiment, we will not be able to stand idle if we want to keep in the lead. It really would be nice to have some competition to keep us on our toes. T.T.F.N. Remember, we are Number One.

J.B.B.

GERMANY

1. Gung-Ho: WO Young
2. Watching the ladies? Capt. Iverson
3. Two Hitchhikers WO's Jackson and Young
4. Capt. Iverson, WO Jackson
WO Young, visit the Gordons
5. WO Jackson in command

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HERE AND THERE

11. Grave of L. Col. MacKenzie
in Holland

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BORDEN

6. In Conference
7. Ear Inspection
8. Total war:
Dobson VS Goldman.
9. Stand Easy
10. On the March.

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DOINGS AROUND BHQ

As everyone may know this has been a very hectic year for everyone in headquarters. To start with there was the Tattoo which involved everyone in some kind of extra duty from the numerous administrative details to such jobs as manhandling props. There were many other things besides, such as weekend exercises and personnel going on course which needed arranging, and also the MOBCOM concentration, and PEGASUS and ORION. Lately there have been many busy nights in the orderly room in taking thumb, finger and hand prints. Perhaps some interesting profiles may be turned up along the line!

Since the first parade in September there have been some transfers of personnel to other companies, and there are new faces in headquarters. MWO Jeffrey has been taken on strength from the Supp. Reserve and confirmed as RQMS. With him in stores are WO Watson, the 21C of Tech. Stores, Pte. Lynn, who has come from MOBCOM, and Pte. Rootes, who recently joined the Regiment. For a time we had two CWACs working in the orderly room, Pte (W) Gledhill being joined by Pte. (W) Adams, but the latter had to leave the service after a short stay due to pressure of the business world, leaving Mrs. Gledhill on her own again.

One man who did yeoman service during his stay with the Regiment, and who will be missed, is Sgt. Turner, who was our PORA from October 1966 to June 1969. He came to us from the PPCLI in Edmonton, and his services were much appreciated in arranging two of the most important events in the recent activities of the Regiment. These were the Trooping of the Colour at Varsity Stadium in July, 1967, and the 48th Highlanders' Tattoo held at Maple Leaf Gardens in March this year. His jobs included all the details of liaison with Oakville and London for APCs and drivers, with Maple Leaf Gardens, the TTC and the Gray Coach. The success of both of these events owed a lot to his energetic work. We wish him the best of luck in his new posting in Germany, and hope he will drop in and see us when he is back this way. We give a hearty welcome to his successor WO John Sumida. WO Sumida joined us as PORA after a tour of duty in Ottawa. We hope that he has a happy and active posting with the 48th.

Some of the officers have also been assigned to new duties. Capt. Murray now commands HQ/SP Company, and his place as Quartermaster has been taken by Capt. Currie. Capt. Kerr is the new adjutant, replacing Capt. Beal who is now with the Training Wing.

To conclude this report with a joke: Did you hear of the snake charmer who married the undertaker? They had their towels marked "Hiss" and "Hearse".

P. A. McCallum

Editors' note: Last spring Sgt. McCallum was presented with a certificate acknowledging that he had given blood to the Red Cross fifty times. Signed by the Governor-General! Congratulations!

48th O.C.A. NEWS

519 Church St.

To you readers of the Falcon:

This is a "First" on news about the O.C.A. We greatly appreciate the Padre Rev. Ian Wishart, for asking us to contribute news about our Club. I believe everyone had an enjoyable summer by what they have said. The O.C.A. Picnic was not so largely attended as of other years, but a lovely time was enjoyed by those there.

On Saturday, September 6th, Pop Fraser had another one of his "Bow Tie" Jamborees. Pop and his committee invited 25 patients from Sunnybrook Hospital as their guests for the afternoon - a wonderful afternoon. Also, Friday, September 19th, Pop Fraser held a "Bow Tie" Dance which was also a stunner. NOTE: December 19th he is having a "Bow Tie" Jamboree. It was a severe shock to me, when he told me it will be his last Jamboree, as he is going South for all the winter. We will miss him, as he is a great showman and has done a lot for our club. Best of luck, Pop Fraser.

The Saturday night dances were held all through summer, but with a hot summer and vacations, the attendance was down. However, with the Fall here and Winter next door, the patronage is starting to come back. The Warrior's Day Parade attendance was not as large as we would have liked it to be, which of course lost us that Big Prize. So fellows, turn out next year eh! Our Drill Team, if they did not win 1st Prize, they done us proud. Thanks boys, you were good, and many thanks to Gord Outhwaite and Knobby Clarke; many thanks to you, coming all that way down here, Knobby.

At the time of writing this much, our old and reliable Wally is a patient in Sunnybrook Hospital - nothing too serious. However there is one sad bit of news. Wally has declined to take Office or Executive position for the year 1970. And we are going to miss him. However, he deserves a good rest. And knowing Wally as I do, he will always be there with a willing hand and advice if needed. Good luck, Wally. Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

Well the election for the O.C.A. was held on Thursday evening, November 13th with a good turn out of members and the results were as follows: President, Hugo Goldberg; Vice President, Herb Sershall; Secretary, Arnold Lea; Treasurer, Wally Peddle; Marshal, Charlie Roe; Executive, Bill Starr, Bernie Whyte, James Brannan, Gord Outhwaite, Ed Walker, Stan Pett, Bob Nicholson. There Gentlemen! The men chosen to rule the O.C.A. Association for 1970. Won't you stay behind them and give all the support they need for a better Club.

That is all for now. May you and yours have a very happy "Yule Tide" Season, a happy and prosperous New Year and most precious of all, good health.

Bill Starr

The Bloke who Walks the Hospitals

48th O.C.A. News - cont'd

Hi Gang:-

So pleased to contribute a little something for the "Christmas Issue" of the Falcon. It's so fitting that it's the final issue for the year 1969 and this will be my final message to you as the acting old secretary of the O.C.A. I must truthfully say that over the years it has been a helluva lot of fun. I enjoyed working with all the boys and I retire with the hope that in some small measure I have brought a little light and joy into somebody's drab cold world. To my successor, Arnold Lea, I wish all the best and "carry on OLD CHAP"!!

At this time of year, we usually take stock of our present situation and selves - how we made out over the past year. Well, as far as the O.C.A. are concerned things have been kept pretty well on a par with other years except the old Club is in the process of being sold (and from where we sit, in all likelihood the deal will go through) and the C.O. has promised that we'll certainly have another Club but where that will be - your guess is as good as mine. However, this matter is in the hands of a working committee and I am sure that when the time comes you'll get the news pronto. In the meantime, don't worry about it.

General meetings have not been well attended when we consider our strength on paper. This situation is the same all over with other Vets' Clubs. It would be appreciated if you would make note now that every SECOND THURSDAY of every month except June, July & August is our meeting night and that you all try and make an effort to get down to your Club - 519 Church Street, Toronto.

Pop Fraser has done a terrific job on running our musical jamborees over the past year. He's closing out this year with another "smasher" - Friday, Dec. 19th. If you have a ticket, you are all cordially invited to attend. It'll be a "jim-dandy" show you should naye miss Men. I might mention that this "do" will be run in conjunction with our Annual Christmas Draw and half of the proceeds derived from the Jamboree will go to the Cancer Fund. Let's have your support, huh? By the way, have you sent in your stubs and the dough for the Christmas Draw? I know Jim Brannan would be very happy to acknowledge receipt of same from you. Do it now, huh?

Saturday, Dec. 13th - All Highlanders are requested to attend this reunion at the Club. Yes - we are celebrating the "30th Anniversary of the Regiment leaving Canada for Overseas Dec. 16th, 1939". You are requested to register at the Club - cost - \$2.00. A real "bash" has been laid on by the committee so come on down and enjoy yourself. We will call it RIENA DEL PACIFICO night!

Flight to Scotland 1970. Tentative dates are June 25th to July 15th. Cost approximately \$220.00. First-come - first-served basis. If you are interested, please contact our Club Offices or Mr. Wally Peddle. They'll be glad to fill you in on this deal.

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The Memorial Dinner was well attended this year. Major-General Spry, our Guest of Honour, was well received and on his leaving the dinner expressed deep admiration for the "Fighting Four Doz". It was so nice to see so many members of the Active Regiment taking part in this annual affair. We at the Club appreciate your support.

And I guess that's about all I have to say Men. Have yourselves a Very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you happiness, good health and prosperity . . . and all that sort of stuff.

Wally B. Moore - A/O/Sec.
Old Comrades Association.

THE TRAINING WING

This year the Training Wing of the Regiment has had personnel assigned to it whose primary function and responsibility in the unit is to train and instruct those on the various courses being taught.

Major Stark continues as Training Officer, with the addition of Captain McCrossan as Chief Instructor. Captain Osler and Captain Beal also join the Training Wing. Drill Sergeant-Major Boggiss continues as last year, with Warrant Officers Brining and Docherty, Sergeants Campbell, Gilbert, Martin and Shields, and Corporal Campbell making up the remainder of the Training Wing complement.

Congratulations are in order to Warrants Brining and Docherty and Sergeant Martin on their recent and well-deserved promotions.

Under the auspices of the Training Wing, two weekends have been held at CFB Borden, the first being the Classification Shoot, and second a general training weekend for the unit.

In addition, the Training Wing is currently running the GMT Course for recruits and has recently begun a Junior NCO Course for 30 candidates from the 48th and also from other units in the Toronto Garrison.

During the last year, the Training Office has made considerable progress in streamlining its operation, ridding itself of obsolete material and acquiring new training aids of all types. This is often an uphill climb, but definite gains are being made which would be obvious to all those on course.

In addition to courses run within the unit, the Training Wing is responsible for receiving nominations for many different courses, choosing from among them and forwarding them to the Regular Force groups running a wide variety of training.

All ranks of the Regiment should be aware not only of the existence of the Training Wing, but also should feel free to come to the Training Office for any assistance we can give them.

LEST WE FORGET920 Dovercourt
Toronto 4, Ont.

It is with deep sense of loss that I report the passing of so many 48th Highlanders from the period to Nov. 30th, 1969.

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.

Bill Starr,
Sick Committee.

48th Highlanders' Death to November 30th, 1969

Henderson, R.N.	Feb. 1, 1969 @ New Glasgow, N.S.	92nd
Anderson, Alex	March 6	GORDON - 48th - 39er
Allison, Robt. G.	June 21, 1969	48th - 39er
Main, J.	June 27	92nd
Leake, S.	June 29	48th
Clarke, J. C., D.S.O.	July 1	48th - 39er
Sinclair, A.J., Major	July 12	Boer War - 15th - 48th
Buchanan, W. J.	July 14	134th
Roberts, R.	July 16	48th - 39er
Greville, A. H.	July 19	15th
Seages, A.	July 25	134th
Grieve, W. J.	July 26	R.S.F. & 48th
Kelly, T.I. M.W.O.	July 31	48th - 39er
Holmes, W. H.	Aug. 26	134th
Dorkin, J.	Aug. 29	92nd
McQuaid, B.	Sept. 3	48th - 39er
Walker, J.	Sept. 4	134th
Walton, J.	Sept. 14	92nd
Else, W.	Sept. 14	19th - 15th
Garrow, A., Major	Sept. 23	48th
Whalens, W.	Sept. 27	92nd
McLeod, R.	Oct. 4	15th
O'Brien, J.	Oct. 6	48th - 39er
Kenner, G. J.	Oct. 6	48th - 39er
Davidson, A. G.	Oct. 17	48th - 39er
Osborne, J.E., D.S.O., Lt.Col.	Oct. 30	15th
Brookes, J.W.	Oct. 31	48th - 39er
Logan, Syd	Nov. 10	92nd
Brown, W. R.	Nov. 16	92nd
Bryson, J. B.	Nov. 18	48th - 39er
Craig-Murphie, R.	Nov. 30	48th - 39er

NOTICE - To any member of the Regiment who is unfortunate to become hospitalized, I will willingly visit him, if he or a relative will give me a phone call or leave a message at the Club.

Bill Starr
Chairman of Sick Committee
O.C.A.