

THE FALCON

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment

The above picture shows Her Majesty The Queen in Her robes as Sovereign of The Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle. The original portrait by Mr. Edward Halliday is the property of the Scots Guards and now hangs in the 1st Battalion Officers' Mess in Redford Barracks, Edinburgh.

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LCOL W.C. STARK, CD

THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Highlanders,

It has been some time now since I assumed command of this Regiment from my friend and mentor, COL RL Read. During this period, the Regiment has been successfully active in many phases of endeavour -- militarily and socially.

Our 82 Cadets put on a superb performance at their inspection on May 25th. The highlight of the evening being the inspection by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable W. Ross MacDonald. Awards were given to outstanding cadets and then displays of field formations, an obstacle race and a fine performance by a drill squad delighted the large audience of parents and friends. Also that evening, the Commanding Officer of the Cadets, Capt Brown, learned of his promotion to the rank of Major. Because of his fine work, our Corps establishment was increased from 80 to 121. Well done, Major Brown, and instructors!

The following weekend, at CFB Borden,

a good turn out from the Regiment participated in the Spring Classification. Shooting was done on the mechanical target range and, while adequate, it is to be hoped that scores will improve for the Fall Classification. All opportunities to practise on the indoors range should be utilized if we are to look for improvements.

We spent the weekend under canvas and spirits high. It was a pleasure to be awakened to the sound of "Johnny Cope" being played by Piper Crawford, who also accompanied us on his pipes for the two and one-half mile march back to the bivouac area from the range.

On June 8th, the MacKay Trophy was presented by COL Iain MacKay to the First Aid Team who, for the fourth consecutive year, won top honours as the best Militia Team in Ontario. Congratulations again to WO Gledhill, Sgt Boggiss, Cpl Aiken and Pte Legge.

On the 15th and 16th of June, we took part, along with other units of the district, in Exercise 'Brief Encounter' at Meaford Ranges. We presented the largest contingent with 55 all ranks. Much first hand knowledge was gained by everyone and the exercise proved to be a great success from our point of view. It is this type of exercise that demonstrated to our higher headquarters and, of course, to ourselves just how much we do know or don't know about our job.

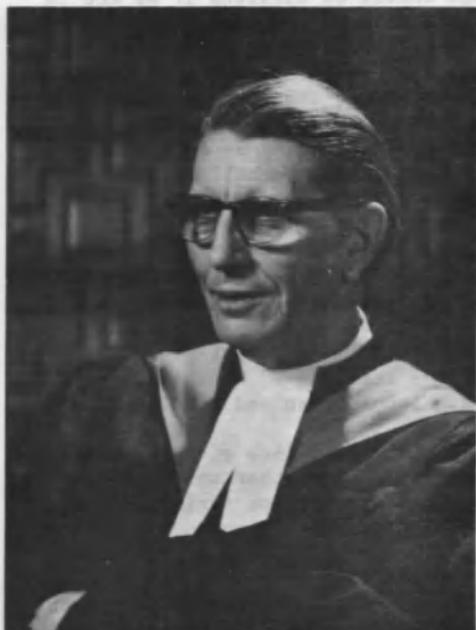
It was a tremendous honour to the Unit to be asked to provide a guard of 100 men and both bands on June 26th for the visit to the Ontario Legislature of our Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The guard, composed of men of the Regiment and members of the OCA, presented their usual steady performance. Comments overheard in the delighted throngs of people were most complimentary. Again, the Regiment was proud to be supported by our Cadet Corp, who lined the drive-way to the Parliament Buildings and did it with experienced discipline.

At this time, I would like to congratulate Pipe Major JR Stewart, CD, on receiving the Order of Military Merit Award. It is a tremendous personal honour to him and, indeed, to the Unit.

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THE REV. (Padre) DR. S.B. EAST, MBE, MC, BA, BPaed.

by Sgt RL Cormack CD



On Sunday, June 17, 1973 a contingent of OCA and Active Highlanders travelled to Islington by bus, to a public school parking lot. There they were met by a group of Legionaires from Padre East's branch.

The combined group, with our pipe band leading, marched to Islington United Church. At the church, Padre East conducted a regular Military Service. This was his last service as, after some twenty six years at Islington United Church, Padre East has retired. His association with the Highlanders goes back further, back to October 28th 1942. It was that date when he reported to the Regiment, which was stationed at Uckfield, England. Padre East served the spiritual needs of the Highlanders through some of the toughest parts of the war.

The 'Telegram' commented, on reviewing the book 'Dileas', that:

"Dileas is a book, man by man, a story on every page. Clergymen and church

goers will thrill to the share the great padre, Stewart East, has in it".

While serving as a Minister of Wesley United Church in Jarvis, Ont., Rev. SB East entered the army as a Lieutenant in the 41st Field Brigade, and joined the chaplaincy service in July 1940. He also served for a time as chaplain with the RHLI and the PPCLI before joining the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

On October 6th, 1944, as chaplain with the Regiment in Italy, Padre East was promoted to the rank of Honorary Major and Senior Chaplain in 1945.



During his time as a chaplain, Major Stewart B East served with valour and distinguished himself as a soldier and brought honor to the church.

His personal interest in people showed in an incident which took place early in his career in England. Enlisting the cooperation of several British organizations who were interested in entertainment for overseas troops, Padre East was able to arrange accommodation and a glorious time for some of 'his boys' on leave who could not otherwise afford it.

Among other things, Padre East had the distinction of being the tallest Padre in Active service. Princess Margaret described him as the tallest man she had met. His fellow officers described him as "Hell bent for Heaven" when he roared along the English highways on his motor bike.

While in Sicily he worked so hard during the first days of the campaign that he had to be hospitalized. He was on his feet and working in time for the

big move and could be seen striding up and down the marching columns sharing his water bottle.

When the unit went into action he stayed at the sides of the men to cheer them and to help the wounded. He served many times as a stretcher bearer during the hottest part of the battle. Often there were burial services to undertake during a lull in the fighting when he would take off his shirt to dig graves, rather than have the men do so.

Padre East received shrapnel wounds to the leg but would not leave off caring for the wounded and dying until he was ordered to the rear and hospital. He was twice decorated for his devotion to duty and was awarded the Military Cross in September 1944. In January 1945 Major Stewart B East was made a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

This, then, was the main reasons for the contingent of Highlanders attending the final service given by the Rev. (Major) Dr Stewart B East on Sunday, June 17th, 1973. There were many memories of a far off land where lie comrades who fell in battle and of a tall, lanky, dusty, disheveled figure in field dress crawling into their trench with a drink of water; a word of encouragement at the moment when they felt that surely the world had forsaken them.

Padre East, we salute you as a true Highlander; an example of devotion to duty and to your fellow man.

Our young Highlanders could not have a better example of what a true Highlander means.

D I L E A S G U B R A T H



WHO INVENTED THE BAGPIPE?

by P/M(cwo) J R Stewart CD

This is a question that has been debated loud and long for many years. One story goes that the Irish invented the bagpipe, gave it to the Scots for a joke -- and they haven't seen the joke yet!

However, there is absolute proof that the bagpipes have been in use in most, if not all countries of the British Isles, Eastern and Western Europe -- and the reedpipe, the foundation element of all primitive bagpipes and kindred instruments, has a vast Old World distribution covering Europe and Asia, also North and East Africa down to the Upper Nile.

About the third century, B.C., Aristophanes referred to "taking a bladder" to make music for a Spartan dance and also wrote, "You Pipers who are here from Thebes with Bone Pipes blow the posterior of a dog", followed by jibes at their waspish, droning sound. The reference to the use of a dogskin is easily believed, for present day bagpipes in Tunisia, Egypt and Syria use the skin of a goat and simply plug the natural openings that are not used for blowpipe, chanter, drones, etc.

As further evidence, the familiar saying "Nero fiddled while Rome burned", mentions the fiddle, it is possible the instrument was the bag pipe. In A.D. 115, Dio Chrysostom in a passage presumed to refer to Nero wrote:

"And yet one of the present-day kings desires to excel in understanding most things: not however such as cause no wonder among men, but those for which one is crowned: being a herald, singing to the cithara, tragedy, wrestling and pancratium. They say that he can write, carve statues, play the aulos both with his mouth and also with the armpit, a bag being thrown under it, in order that he might escape the disfigurement of Athene. Was he not a wise man?"

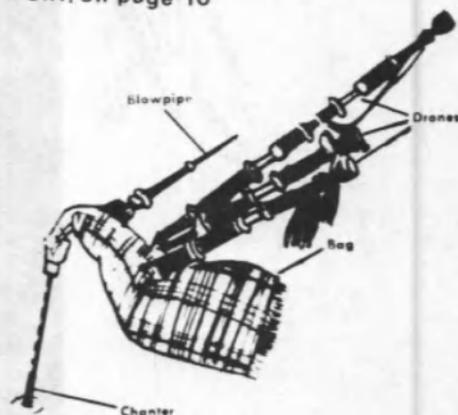
The disfigurement of Athene refers to the bloodshot eyes and swollen cheeks that can result from the practise (used by some players of reed instruments) of inhaling through the nose so as to permit them to blow continually and thereby maintain continuity of musical sound.

Probably one of the earliest illustrations of a bagpipe and a piper is the Hellenistic terracotta figurine in the Berlin Staatliches Museum. The figurine dates to the first century B.C. and portrays a seated man with a dwarf (clashing cymbals) at his feet. An inflated bag is under his left arm and he holds in his right hand what is obviously a chanter which is tied into the bag. There also appears to be a bellows under his right foot.

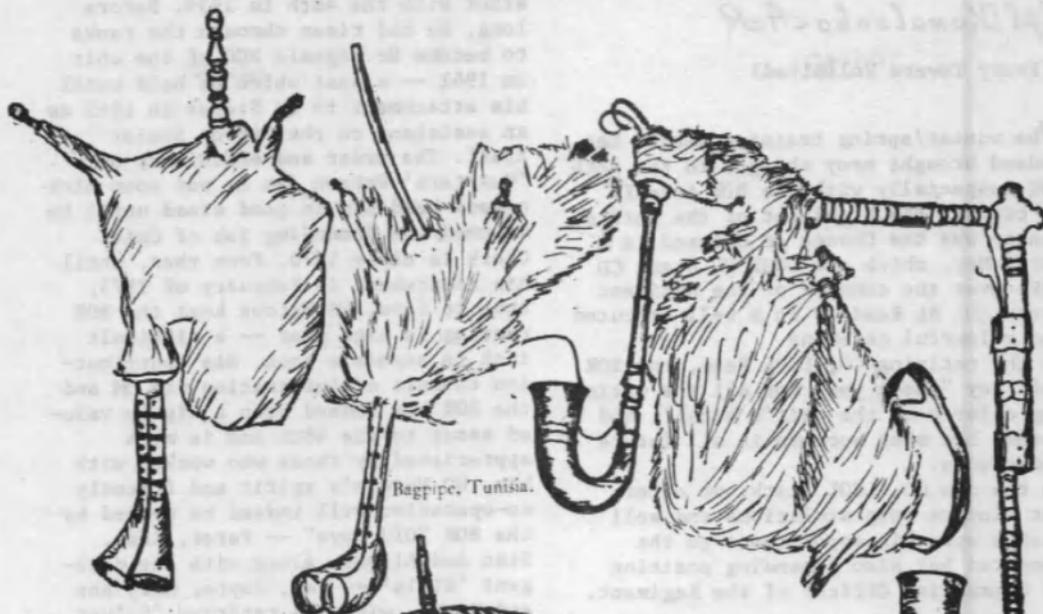
There is further reference (though sparse), in writings during the next ten centuries, by Roman and Arabic writers. The first evidence of the bagpipe in Western Europe and the British Isles dates to the twelfth century. English church carvings such as St. Mary's, Shrewbury (A.D. 1460) and Winchester Cathedral depict figures playing bagpipes very little from present forms.

The oldest preserved "Great Highland Bagpipe", the instrument played today, is the instrument presently in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland Edinburgh and bearing the date of 1409.

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BAGPIPES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Bagpipe, Tunisia.

Bagpipe, Arab, bought in Egypt.

Bagpipe, Bohemia.



Bagpipe, Syrian, Bedouin.

Bagpipe, Bohemia.

Bagpipe, Algeria.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Cpl Kowalenko AR

(Ivory Towers Unlimited)

The winter/spring training period has indeed brought many changes to the 48th BHQ, especially with the BOR itself. Of course, the highlight of the entire season was the Change of Command in early May, which saw LCOL WC Stark CD take over the command of the Regiment from LCOL RL Read CD in a well executed and colourful ceremony.

To the retiring CO, LCOL Read, the BOR Staff say "thank you" for all the untiring efforts on the unit's behalf, and wishes him much success in all future endeavours.

To the new CO, LCOL Stark, we offer our sincere congratulations and well wishes upon his appointment to the honoured but also demanding position of Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

Retirement also claimed another distinguished member of BHQ, WO Watson KC CD, better known as unit Chief Clerk (BOR). WO Watson's involvement in the military intermittently spanned four decades with his loyalty and service always being held in high regard. His debut in the armed forces was with the Royal Canadian Signals in 1942, but he soon transferred to the 48th Highlanders in 1943 to become a top notch infantryman signaller. Participation in the tough Italian Campaign of WW 11 enabled the then Pte Watson to display his courage and bravery in action (duly recorded in Captain Kim Beattie's DILEAS (1929-1956 page 625) which typified the rugged Canadian spirit in the field.

After being wounded late in 1944, his repatriation to England and recovery was followed by a short term of duty in a Signals Repatriation Depot, 1945-1946. His return to Canada in 1946 was capped by marriage to his lovely wife, Joyce. This led to a settled family life that produced two offspring, Susan and Denis (now married) to the proud parents.

The urge of the military eventually proved too strong to keep the veteran

campaigner Watson sidelined, so he once again laced up his boots for another stint with the 48th in 1959. Before long, he had risen through the ranks to become Sr Signals NCO of the unit in 1961 -- a post which he held until his attachment to QM Stores in 1965 as an assistant to the Stores Senior Staff. The order and efficiency of 'Quarters' Watson (as he was soon nicknamed) held him in good stead until he assumed the demanding job of Chief Clerk in early 1970. From then, until his retirement in February of 1973, true to form, WO Watson kept the BOR running in high gear -- a difficult task in anyone's book. His contribution to unit administration via QM and the BOR has indeed been a highly valued asset to the 48th and is much appreciated by those who worked with him. WO Watson's spirit and friendly co-operation will indeed be missed by the BOR "Old Boys" -- Peter, Ross, Stan and Al who, along with the diligent 'Girls' -- Pat, Joyce, Mary Ann and Kathy, wish the retiring 'Silver Fox' the best of everything for a prosperous and healthy future.

The departure of two fine young ladies has also left the BOR staff with a sense of loss. Pte (W) Gledhill SA (BOR) and Cpl(W) Faulkner JC (Rec) are to be sincerely thanked for their hard work and it is hoped they will also meet with success in all their plans for the future.

Despite the mild shake-up in the Orderly Room, the reams of administrative work have not been left unattended. In the absence of the retired Chief Clerk, the slack has been admirably taken up by the tireless Sgt McCallum

PA CD, his former assistant who, with the aid of that blushing newly-wed, Cpl (W) Scallan PM (the former Miss Pat Gledhill) and Pte (W) Semple KM (aspiring world traveller) have kept the BOR humming appreciably. In the thick of things, Cpl (Mr Fingerprint) Kowalenko AR, has been let loose again! With tube of ink and trusty roller in hand, Cpl Kowalenko masterfully cornered over two dozen Sr NCOs and Officers into pressing situation

Being in the 'p-ink', he also managed to successfully complete Blk 1 of the Snr NCO course run in February (a fun weekend with CWO JA Mott and company) and is now looking for new (not lost) horizons. And speaking of new, the RSM CWO DW Crook, has indeed brought a new level of smartness to the unit's drill (as demonstrated at the Change of Command parade) Recruits beware -- 'the Big Stick's gettin' around'!

Changes in the unit's higher echelons were also marked by additions and re-postings. Major RG Darling, former unit Training Officer, is now the newly appointed Deputy Commanding Officer (DCO) as he assumes the position formerly held by LCOL WC Stark, currently the new CO. Similarly, the new Adjutant, Captain JJ Kerr -- returning to his old position after a leave of absence -- takes over from the also newly promoted Major DG Temple (congratulations), now OC, Delta company. The BOR staff wish all three well in their new appointments.

The BHQ Pay Office, under the direction of WO Sawdy RAF, and his assistant, Sgt Pett SJ, has seen some changes of it's own in the last little while. The Pay Snr NCO's welcome a new addition to the Pay Office, Lt JT Clark (also returning to the unit) as the head of the 'Problems and inquiries' section of their department. They know he will handle all queries with efficiency and a smile. Another announcement is the initiation of a new pay structure which will, in effect, provide more frequent and, hopefully, more substantial cheques. The extra little boost will certainly be well received -- especially in the summer with vacations coming soon.

The advent of spring has seen not only the planned tightening of Stores security put into effective motion, but also the procurement of a valuable addition to it's staff in the person of Sgt Martin EJ (formerly of Delta coy). As expected, the watchful eye of the QM, Cpt AF Roberts, has ably directed the senior stores staff -- RQMS (MWO) Jeffrey G, QMS (WO) Harding CG and MWO Osborne JJ -- who have all done their share to keep stores ticking

smoothly and efficiently. Congratulations are in order to the 'new wave' of stores personnel -- Cpl (W) Valenti MA (BHQ's Junior Ranks Mess Rep) and Cpl Mann HS (formerly of Charlie coy) -- upon their course successes and recent promotions. In regards to well wishes, a hot rumour from Stores (via an old stool pigeon) has it that the QMS will be passing out cigars with the arrival of a bubbling new addition to his family (last word had the QM requisitioning diapers -- hang in there, Warrent).

Training Wing, not to be outdone, has come up with some new wrinkles of it's own. Taking charge is Major RJ Simmons, former OC Delta coy, now newly appointed Training Officer, who along with the new Assistant Training Officer, Lt DI Cameron, formerly of HQ/SP coy, promise new direction for unit training in general. Both will undoubtedly get valuable aid from that veteran administrator, Sgt Cormack RL CD, and a new arrival, Sgt Roney AC, whose experience in the Regs will be well utilized by

Training Wing. With all that experience concentrated in the Training Office, we can just see those bulging training syllabi flying now! The fall training season holds promise indeed -- instructors 'take heed, recruits be on hand to become part of it!

No BHQ report could be complete without mention of the fine job being done by the MIR under the knowledgeable lead of Major C Stewart. As evidence of this, the First Aid Team headed by WO (Mr First Aid) Gledhill DB, and composed of MWO Redmon JA, Sgt Boggiss DJ, Cpl Aiken RH and Pte Legge JBJ, once again captured the coveted Sir Ian MacKay Trophy, emblematic of the top Reserve First Aid Team in Ontario, for the fourth year.

We wish them continued success in the future and look forward to many more achievements of this high calibre.

Battalion Headquarters and the BOR (Ulcer Department on occasion) have indeed been revamped and revitalized to face not only the new but also the more exciting and challenging training ahead. The BOR Staff wish a happy and surprise-filled training year for all ranks.

PIPES AND DRUMS

by Sgt MacLeod P

Forty-two renditions of Amazing Grace or more and we're now to another Falcon issue. Activities are certainly on the march with us and the last few months were just a pace slower, letting us get a breather for the next few months.

December saw the gayful Christmas Party for the children -- and that is one day when the children have as much fun as their fathers. The downstairs boiler room known as the "Sunday School" most certainly attracts an active and participating congregation.

New Year's Day saw the largest turn out of band members for many a year. Our Annual Ball in early February was a sell-out and credit is due Bill Downie and his committee and to Ticket Convenor, Louis Stark. Louis did a terrific advertising job considering his command of the English word is centred only on "perfunct girvanisms." Under the 1973 Committee President Mulvenna, another lively Ladies' Night was enjoyed in the month of March.

During mid-winter break, Ptes. Binger, Crawford, Ferguson, the chocolate bar and Coca-cola set, attended Camp Borden. It is certainly an excellent idea and gives our younger members extra training with pay, during the holidays. When I look back, we were lucky to get to Centre Island for a trip.

The band has played several major engagements over the past few months. Our unique coffee saw us through the Santa Claus parade. And our hair was cut and our spats were clean and our brass did shine and we held our ranks like any good Santa Claus Parade band should - in spite of our famous coffee. Maybe a few other bands should have our famous coffee.

On the coldest Sunday morning, we played in Toronto's coldest square - the T.D

Centre. This was for a film to be shown at Ontario Place Cinesphere. We have a 30 second spot. This would be a film similar to "A Place to Stand." It was so cold that Sgt. Walker's grace notes froze in mid-air. This is known as "crisp playing."

Another engagement saw us treated to a round -- thanks to the generosity of the Inn-on-the-Park. Now, what every pipe band needs is another complimentary bottoms-up and it certainly tastes that much better in lush surroundings. The Four Seasons' managers, for whom we played, certainly enjoyed the set and the dancers under Sgt. McCarrol.

Drum Major Booker decided in February to take life easy in the country. We were sorry to see Bill go, but I do not doubt it won't be long before we hear a call from the wild announcing a Wilberforce Legion Pipe Band. Fortunately, we have enough diverse personnel, both in size and varied ability, so Larry Fullerton -- a Piper at that -- was called to the mace. D/M Fullerton certainly looks like a lively one and has yet to drop the mace amongst the front row -- or better still -- on a parked car!!!

The competition band has been hard at practise Sunday mornings and early Tuesday nights. Warrants MacKay and Fisher are certainly putting on the big push and by all sounds, this is going to be the breakthrough year with prize placings at all games. Again, the big test will be the World Scottish Festival at the C.N.E. in August.

May is to be a most prolific month with new arrivals expected by the Lewis', Fletchers and MacLeods, except MacLeod Jnr who decided to arrive four weeks early -- and on a Friday Parade night to make matters worse.

Finally, Channel 79 is surely the greatest attraction to come home to since the gals were newly weds. That "Baby Blue" on Friday nights is certainly depleting the bar early and are the wives really happy? -- well, time will tell, time will tell.

WHO INVENTED THE BAGPIPE?

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John Murray in "The Piper in Peace and War" writes:

"It may be noted, however, that the oldest memorial to a piper is not one to any distinguished Highlander or Borderer, to a M'Crimmon, a M'Intyre, a Mackay, a MacArthur, a Habbie Simpson, or a Hastie, but to an unknown Roman Legionary, a member of the Roman Army of Occupation in Britain. His statue occupied a niche in the great Roman Wall from the Tyne to the Solway. Though time has dealt gently with the effigies of the piper, it is to be regretted that it has not left his pipes in such a state as to enable us to trace the details of their construction. The bag is there but not the drones, yet here is evidence, though all historians are silent on the point, that the legions of Caesar marched to the strains of the pipes, and that the piper was a person of some consequence in the armies of Rome. It is strange to reflect that, just as in later times the Scottish bagpipe has contributed to victory, so the armies of Imperial Rome seem to have been led to conquest by pipe music."

Three centuries ago, when the bagpipe was heard all over Europe, who could have foreseen that the one bagpipe destined to become known the whole world:

over, would be the piob mhor or 'Great Pipe' of the remote Scottish clansmen. Today, there is no inhabited continent where the Scottish Highland bagpipe is not played, whether by Scots or their descendants, or by native musicians irresistably attracted by its frankly primitive musical character, its blazing sonority, and the pomp of the pipe and drum band first introduced to the world by the Scottish regiments of Queen Victoria's armies. To answer the question, posed at the beginning of this discourse, regardless of which country invented the bagpipe, there is no doubt the instrument has become synonymous with Scotland.

There is an old Scottish proverb that, "A man's as proud as a bubbly-joch who's half as proud as a piper", and this is very true. For wherever the Scottish soldier has gone, the pipes have spurred him on to greater endeavour and, if he was unlucky, played the lament at his grave.





CHARLIE COY.
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No 4 GUARD

(48th Highlanders)
TORONTO SCOTTISH REGIMENT

The Toronto Scottish Regiment was given the honour of 'Trooping the Colours' for the Scottish World Festival in 1972. As they were short in numbers - a chronic condition with all Militia units - they appealed to our Regiment for volunteers.

The response was overwhelming and we were able to parade a full Guard composed of OCA and Active members of the Regiment. We were known as 'No 4 Guard' and our performance was in the best Highland tradition. The Tor Scot CO had nothing but the highest praise for the 48th contingent.



This spirit of co-operation and camaraderie - especially between rival units - stands as a prime example for the other Militia units to emulate.

It was strange to be wearing the 'Hodden Gray' but, at least we weren't required to wear trowsers.

STAFF

Scottish World Festival Tattoo
1972

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CHARLIE COY.

by Pte Crawford RG

To begin with, may I, on behalf of the herbies in Charlie Coy, congratulate LCOL Stark and RSM Crook on their recent appointments.

It has been quite awhile since the last 'Falcon' and much has happened in Charlie Coy during that time. The following is just skimming the surface.

As far back as I can recall was the Winter Indoctrination when we drew all of the equipment and paraphenilia for living and fighting in Artic conditions. However, the requisitions for weather, winter-artic, Cl Al never went through and the climate was more like late autumn than winter.

Then, on the following Winter Week, which was mainly intended as a Junior Leaders Course, we got our winter weather in the form of icy roads, blizzards, huge snow drifts, and dueces full of snow. The one slight problem encountered was that we had given all our Artic equipment away as we had felt we would not need it.

It wasn't as bad as it sounds, as the men did a lot of training. We had reconaissance patrols and we also did a rather long advance to contact in the face of driving snow and winds. We also enjoyed ourselves after hours as the herbies went to base movies, filled up with pop-tarts and cookies at the base exchange and toured Worthington Armour Museum. Privates Mitch, Crook, Stinson and myself also amused ourselves by diving off the roofs of the barracks into neighbouring snowdrifts. Lots of fun.

Charlie Coy has several self-contained Clubs which will be explained later. However, the club which I feel deserves the most attention is a rather unofficial one which is growing in Charlie. It is called the moustache club and the members of Charlie nurturing 'dead rats' are Captain Johnston, Sgt Short, Cpl Carter, Cpl McVitie, Pte Ian Johnston, and Pte Stinson. All others pending puberty!

Our training has consisted of battle PT (which is physical training with helmet, rifle, webbing, and combat boots), riot drill with both shields and rifles; armoured personnel carrier mount, dismount, dismount drills and (review of) basic infantry skills.

It was about this time that WO Young invented a new section. It is the same as the old one except that it has two extra men in it known as bait. These men don't need weapons as when WO Young calls for "Bait", they run around roads, open fields, ground, and hilltops making funny noises, and waving their arms. When they get shot and stop waving their arms and making noises, WO Young usually assumes that there are enemy troops or poachers in the area.



Ex. Springboard,
CFB Borden.

*Charlie's Boys looking
Gung-Ho*



Ex. Springboard,
CFB Borden.

*Sgt Toszegi giving an
imitation of John Wayne.*



No2 Section No3 Platoon,
Petawawa '72.

*Nipponese? - Black face
comedians?*

Charlie Coy. cont.

We also practiced cliff scaling with ropes off the balcony in the armoury. It was then that Sgt Boggiss, DJ (Bogi Bear) won the best diving award which I witnessed. It was then also that Pte Jonston took his heroic determined jump off the balcony. For this leap, he is being presented with his metal wings (jump type) actually he fell off)

Most of Charlies' herbies are now taking a scuba diving course and on another side many are sporting 'zint suits'. These are camouflaged fatigues - the same as those worn by John Wahn ?? in Vietnam.

Every year Charlie Coy goes up to Sgt Short's cottage for not only exercises but also.... a party. This year was no exception as (it was reported) "their canteen cups floweth over". They claimed they went on two patrols but, I think the party occupied most of their time. If you're interested about the events which took place on the weekend - ask Piper Crawford and also why he had to clean off the bayonets, magazines and kits. He still claims "I never dropped a drank."

The Regimental Ball, after the Change of Command, was also well attended by Charlie Coy. All of our herbies had a good time, although some of the lads got carried away (ask Pte Binger over a coke some-time).

To date, our latest exercise was the classification at CFB Borden. Although we got to sleep fairly late, we had a good time and interspersed our shooting with good hot food, a party and a movie (The Guns of Naverone.) The singing of the Third Division's USO Troupe, a killer soccer game and a good one-half mile run with Lt Sandham leading the way.

The next exercise is up at Meaford and will probably be over by the time you read this.

As a last note, we are sorry to see that Pte Al Bingle is leaving us, but happy to see he is joining the Regular Force. We welcome Lt Sandham to Charlie Coy.

We also welcome our friends in Delta Coy to the 48th, and hope they will all get through their training and come into Charlie Coy as soon as possible.

OLD BILL



Again, this year, the Scottish World Festival was held as part of the CNE. We are indeed proud and honoured that our Director of Music, Major D Keeling, was involved as one of the producers. Needless to say, the Pipes and Drums were major participants, as was the Mil. Band. The combined Bands did themselves and the Regiment proud by putting on a really great show.

Of course, the most important aspect of our training year, Summer Camp 1973, at CFB Petawawa was a smash hit. The numbers were high as was the effort put forth by everyone who was there.

The comments by the advisors were most favourable. It was a grueling two weeks but everyone came through like true Highlanders. We learned more in that two weeks than in past years.

I wish to thank those who attended the Camp for a job well done.

The fall has been busy with C Coy. doing the most interesting and newest type of training available to us. Our fall classification shoot did result in a better percentage of qualifications and we are improving by the week in all areas.

This edition of the Falcon has been a long time getting published chiefly due to the crowded events of the Spring and Summer. The format has been changed making it more informative; however as you will notice many of the items were written in the spring and while they are not current as to content they are interesting. You will notice some promotions and some names no longer with the unit. I ask you to bear with the editors who have worked hard to produce the new look for the Falcon.

Christmas is a time of remembering as I have done mentioning some of the highlights of the past 7 months. Christmas is also a time to show appreciation. I would like to thank all ranks of this great regiment for the betterment of the unit. Some of you have put in many hours of work preparing and planning the things to be done for weekend training, inspections, and musical engagements.

I and my family extend to each one of you and your family seasons greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

The Regiment is on the upswing, recruiting is coming, morale is high. Let's put this Regiment where it belongs -- at the top.

I can't do it alone, nor can you individually but, together, we can again be Number One.

B I D I L E A S

DELTA COY.

by Cpl Aiken RH

The Change of Command was the big event for this training season with everyone working hard at polishing his brass as well as his drill. The parade was turned out very well by the men and they got a chance to see the other side of all their training. The company would like to wish LCOL Stark the best of luck in his new role as Commanding Officer. Also, the best of luck to Major Simmons, who has left our company to become the new Training Officer. We welcome to the coy, Major Temple, who has become our new Company Commander and congratulations are also in order for his recent promotion. We extend a welcome to Officer Cadet Lang, who also has recently joined Delta.

Ptes. Cormack, Patten, Smith, Whitehead and Wong have just recently successfully finished their General Militia Training and are now progressing on Pay Level C.

The recruiting drives carried out throughout the year have shown some success. Among the new recruits to the coy, we also would like to welcome Ptes Dennis, Kucyknski, Shalapata and Waddel.

The future looks to further training weekends in preparation for Summer Concentration at CFB Petawawa, which has been expanded to two weeks this year, will be required.

So, good luck on all your courses in the summer and we look forward to see you all in the fall.

HEADQUARTER SUPPORT COY.

Sgt Hall JM

Since the last issue of the 'Falcon', there have been many changes in the coy. I will try to list them all here, but I may miss something. If I do, I am sure I will be told about it.

First of all, I would like to - in the name of the company - welcome some new members into the group. These are Cpl Johnson and Pte Lang from 'D' coy, and Pte Dooley from 'C' coy.

We have some boys who have come back to the Regiment and found their way back to HQ/SP. These are Sgt Potten, Cpl Scallon and Pte Harvey. Welcome back to your old home, fellows!

Two other men have come back to HQ/SP from other companies. They are Cpl Hiralal and Sgt Hall. Cpl Hiralal spent a short time in 'C' coy and is glad to be back. Sgt Hall was loaned to stores for six months and then, after spending time in 'A' coy and 'D' coy, finally, two years later, with one more stripe, returned to HQ/SP coy.

We have had some promotions in the coy. Pte Harrison is now Cpl.; Cpl Potten is now Sgt.; and is also the CQMS.

Impressive initials, eh Charlie? Lt Bartley has risen to the heights of OC HQ/SP coy. MWO Chappell has added another hat to the many that he wears -- he is now the Training Officer of HQ/SP. Good luck and best wishes to all.

Congratulations to Pte Harvey and his wife for the birth of their second child. They now have two girls.

Congratulations also to Cpl Scallon, who married Cpl Gledhill from BHQ. Now, instead of getting confused by two Cpl Gledhills, we have two Cpl Scallons. It seems that we are still in the same

It was mentioned that Lt Bartley is now the OC of the coy. For those who don't know, Lt Cameron has left us to go into the Training Office until the end of June. At this time, he will retire from the Regiment to go into business. We are all sorry to see him go, but we know we will see him from time to time and, if

we ever need him again, we are sure that the call of Dileas will bring him back again.

Good luck in the new business, from all of us in HQ/SP coy.

The coy has been kept busy as usual. Transport and Communications sections have had their work cut out for them. Just to keep all of you up-to-date on who is who in HQ/SP, we have five basic groups. They are Coy HQ, Transport, Communications, Pioneers and Medical Assistants.

Transport under Sgt Moreau has been busy supplying drivers and vehicles for the companies on their various weekend outings. Every Friday night, Transport also gives transportation to the Cadets. In between these jobs, there is always paper work, maintenance, and trips for stores.

All in all, they are busy.

Communications under Sgt Gray, has been kept going steady by a course in communications and Maintenance of radio sets. From these efforts, the other companies have had their communications on their weekends out in the boonies.

Pioneers are just in the act of being reinstated. The Pioneers are led by Sgt Hall and they are busy getting a supply of equipment and are on a course of how to be a Pioneer. We hope to see them contributing to the weekends of the rifle companies, as well as contributing to the Regimental 'full dress' occasions in "Priod Dress". We are having some difficulty in acquiring some of the equipment as it is not cheap.

Medical assistants, led by WO Gledhill, are always in demand by the MIR. Although WO Gledhill works pretty much alone, there is a rumour that he is about to get some assistance.

Company HQ, under the direction of the OC, has the tough job of trying to keep all other elements of the company going in the right direction. This job, considering the men of the coy, turns into a very trying job at times. It all turns out well and we have a company

of high morale, hard work and hard play,

The company is now in the process, as is everyone else, of preparing for the Royal Guard of Honour. When it is over, we will be getting ready for Summer Camp. We are always busy, busy, busy!!

The big weekend that we put on once a year always brings out many war stories from all of those who attend. It is a weekend that the rest of the Regiment, members of the OCA, members of the 2 qor and some members of HMCS York, look forward to all year long. I refer, of course, to the Turner Shoot.

This Shoot is held in memory of CSM Al Turner, who contributed a great deal to HQ/SP coy, as he loved to fire under adverse conditions. We usually hold the Shoot at the first of the year. This year, it was held in March.

The Shoot started off with HQ/SP coy and a few hearty souls from the rest of the Regiment, leaving Friday night for CFB Borden. This was the advance party and their job was to set up the area for the guests. As usual, much work and play went on through the night. The party was still going when the first guests arrived at the Camp.

Everything was going along first rate, except we all wondered what happened to the adverse conditions. The only adverse conditions we had were hangovers on with the Shoot!

As usual, it was good fun out on the ranges with everyone firing their best or worst, according to how badly they were suffering. Sgt Dewar, of the Pipes and Drums, was the top shot and the Pipes and Drums also took the team honours. Pte Smith of 'D' coy ran away with the Booby prize. The best shot in HQ/SP coy was Cpl Harrison. Congratulations to all the winners.

After the shooting, the bar was opened and by the time dinner was served, everyone was in fine spirits. The dinner turned out to have more firing and better shots than earlier at the ranges... thanks to popping corks on wine bottles. The headtable enjoyed the wine, but not as much as everyone else. I am quite quite

sure that everyone will agree also that the food was much better this year than in past years.

Then the dinner along with its Toasts and speeches finally ended, we came up with a new form of entertainment - a Monte Carlo Night. This went over well and people turned into real life Monte Carlo gamblers.

Some comments that were heard are as follows:

"Brandy - how long have you been playing Black Jack?"

"Never dealt this game before".

"Are you sure you're not cheating?"

"Positive - I don't even know what I'm doing".

"How come you broke a Colonel, a Major and now me - a Captain?"

"You got in the way - I'm trying to break the RSM, but he keeps buying more money".

"Andy - what are the rules of Graps?"

"How should I know, I'm only running the game".

"But, aren't you the man of the world? I thought you, of all people, would know all about these games of chance".

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"Where's the bar? I'm broke again".

"What's the easiest game to win? I borrowed more money!"

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All in all, the Turner Shoot was a great success and more than a lot of fun. All those people who missed it will have to make a point of getting to the next one. We in HQ/SP coy feel that CSM Turner would be proud to know he is still remembered by his Regiment today.



48th Highlanders of Canada

CADET CORPS

C/Sgt Ross B

Our winter training concluded very successfully with trips to Trenton and to Kingston to see RMC, as well as a Rifle Shoot at CFB Borden. The most important, however, was the Master Cadet Course and promotions.

Our expeditions included tours of Trenton and Kingston. In Trenton, we had tours through various aircraft and rescue equipment. The rescue equipment included parachutes and first aid equipment. The next day we went to Kingston to see RMC, but since most of the school had gone to West Point to play hockey, there were very few students about. We also discovered that the food at RMC was much better than the food that we usually get.

On February, we had an exercise at CFB Borden. During this exercise, we were allowed to use Vimy Range, which has electrically operated targets. It was a very worthwhile experience which included a map course and a woodcraft course. Sgt Filby instructed and supervised the Cadets in the building of an army camp. The weekend was a great success since we did a considerable amount of field work and also had a lot of fun.

After two weeks of hard study, three Cadets from the 48th were sent to CFB Ipperwash as candidates for the Master Cadet Course. The Cadets sent were:

MWO Grant, Sgt Filby and Sgt Ross.
All three passed.

The Master Cadet Award is the highest army cadet classification. After passing the course, a cadet gets a gold star which is worn on the left sleeve. This means that the cadet is of a high calibre and has contributed substantially to the success of his Cadet Corps. The testing covered many different fields: rifle, map work, general knowledge, compass work, and leadership. Of all those who tried the test only 50% passed. So, when you see these men, you know they are top cadets.

For our spring promotions, we promoted one Lieutenant, one Chief Warrant Officer, two Warrant Officers, three Corporals and four Lance Corporals. Our Corps has now been divided into three platoons and a recruit platoon. In the recruit platoon, the recruits are trained for eight weeks before they get transferred to a regular platoon. As recruits, they are taught basic drill, map using, rifle, etc.

We are looking forward to our spring training which will include the Change of Command, our Annual Inspection by the Lieutenant Governor, W Ross MacDonald and a trip to Ottawa.

Editor's note: The Cadets were the first to submit a contribution to the Falcon. This is why their article is not complete. We are looking forward to a long, interesting article in the Christmas edition of the 'Falcon'



48th HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

by J Brannan

There has been considerable activity around the club this year. The City Parks Department evinced some interest in the property and considered extending the park area being established in the old DND property to Church Street. However, the price that was approved by the largest majority of the members of the Association was not to the liking of the City authorities so there was no sale of our property.

The house league tournaments created keen competition and considerable excitement. The winners were as follows:

- Darts - Singles - Ross Kennedy
- Darts - Doubles - John Gibb/
Bill Harris
- Crib - Singles - Jack Sandulack
- Crib - Doubles - Don Blake/
Bill Bradfield
- Billiards - Sid Toft
- Skittles - Bernie Whyte
- Snooker - Ted Rothwell

The Spring Golf Tournament at Pickering Golf Club, in spite of threatening weather, brought out twenty six enthusiasts and a good day was enjoyed by all. The winners from the OCA were:

- Low Gross - Ed Harrison - 90
- Low Net - Bill Dignam - 74

There was a number of guests and their winning Representatives were:

- Low Gross - Bill Barrett - 84
- Low Net - G MacDougall - 75

The Fall Golf Tournament is scheduled

for Pickering Golf Club on Saturday, September 15th.

This is the occasion when the trophies are at stake, so the increasing interest and keen competition is anticipated from all competing teams.

The OCA Drill Team paraded in the Canadian Corps International Parade on Saturday, June 2nd, and were the winners in their class. All at 519 Church Street are really proud. The Pipes and Drums, who accompanied our Guard, put on their usual great show and also were the best in their group.

Bernie Whyte had one of his great jamborees in February and is planning on another on Saturday, June 16th. These are great shows with wonderful entertainment for all age groups.

The Saturday night dances provide great evenings of fun as witness the attendance at every dance. The committee arranges for cakes on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc., for regular attenders. Also, every month there is a special suitable for the occasion or a particular date.

Our Roll of Honour lengthens as the advance years catch up with our members, but there is great truth and comfort in the words:

"We will remember them".

It had been planned to make space available in the Club for serving members of the Regiment to meet on other than parade nights, but this was not followed through. Perhaps when parades are resumed in the Fall, some action can be taken on this most worthwhile project.

This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the invasion of Hitler's Europe and we will hold our annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, September 7th -- 30 years! A long time indeed.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

by (Mrs) G Spence

served 1,478 plates of hot dinners and cold luncheons.

Our April, 1973, Bake/Bazaar/Rummage Sale was again a success - thanks to those who contributed and assisted.

I have been asked to describe our Ladies Auxiliary uniform again and is as follows:

The Davidson kilt, scarlet semi-fitted style blazer and we now have our crest, which is similar to the OCA's, but with Ladies Auxiliary worked around the Falcon head. I will have a photo for you in the next issue.

We have a change in our Executive. Mrs V. Pett replaces Mrs L Scott on Membership.

I hope some of you ladies connected with the 48th Highlanders will consider becoming a regular member of the Ladies Auxiliary. The fee is still \$2.00 per year. The requirements are as Article 3 (i) 'you must be the wife, mother, sister or daughter of a 48th Highlander, over 18yrs of age, who has served not less than two (2) years in the Regiment or the same time with the Gordon Highlanders.' I will be pleased to assist with further information.

Our sick report for 1972 consists of the regular visits at the Sunnybrook Hospital with donations of cigarettes, cigars and candies for the 48th veterans which is handled by Mrs H Munro and her assistant, Mrs R Bond. They also looked after sending out three floral tributes, 18 pots of flowers, one Armistice wreath, 35 get well cards and 36 thinking of you cards.

I am sorry to report the deaths of Mrs F Evans and Mrs O Musgrave, both regular members of many years. Our condolences go to the families.

Our membership, as of December 31st, was 65 regular, 35 Life and 20 Associate members.

Coming events are:
Dance on November 9th, and our Christmas Dinner in December. You are all welcome and bring your friends.

- Our 1972 projects were:
- March - donation of the OCA Exec. and Past President's dinner; the Life members' dinner was done at cost.
 - April - our Bazaar, bake and rummage sale gave us a profit of \$416.88
 - May - drapes in the Auditorium for the OCA at a cost of \$365.40.
 - September - our Ladies Auxiliary uniform was passed by the Association.
 - December - we had our Children's Party and on the 31st, our Social Committee convened by Mrs M Page and Mrs N Blake with cooperation and assistance from the Auxiliary,





Editor's Note-book

Whew! The job is finally done. Little did I know how much is involved in putting out a magazine until now.

Getting material seems to be the hardest part as no one seemed to have photos or know what is going on in their companies. It got to the point where I was being avoided like a creditor or the BOS looking for duties.

This is my first attempt (and maybe the last) at being an Editor. There will be many mistakes and many people upset with me but, please bear with me and perhaps the next issue will be that much better. I am intending to take English so that I might be understood.

There are some people who were of great help to me. Firstly the company reporters who came through with the material that makes the 'Falcon' a magazine. Cpl Kowlenko almost wrote a book on Bn H/Q. I don't know where he got all the info but it is really good reading.

I must thank the Pipe Major for his contribution which was well written and very informative. I would like to see more of this type of article.

In The Next Issue Of The Falcon:

Profile on the Elms family.

Regimental History: Part One.

Pettawawa 1973: Summer Concentration.

Regimental Picnic in Pictures.

A special thanks to (Mrs.) Marjory Harding for her wonderful job in typing the drafts and correcting mistakes that she found while doing so.

The 'Falcon' is our Regimental. It is meant to be informative, entertaining and a platform from which you can speak to the rest of the Regiment, and to friends of the Regiment. It can't be any of these if you do not take advantage of not take advantage of the opportunity presented. If you have a hobby connected with the military, write an essay on it and send it to the 'Falcon'. The Editor is open to any ideas that will improve the magazine. No! not shoot the editor. Think of something else.

Make the 'Falcon' a window of the Regiment for others to see what we are doing and how great is our Regiment.

On that note I will close and await your response which I hope will be overwhelming.

Yours Aye,

