

## 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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## THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

### *Highlanders.*

Another LHQ portion of our year has come and gone. The only thing left now is probably the most important part of our unit training, that of individual rank qualification and specialist courses, the New Viking exercise, the training in Germany with the 4th Brigade and finally, but of greatest importance, the Summer Concentration at CFB Petawawa from 10-25 August. I can't impress upon each of you enough how important this final phase of our training is to you and to our unit. Again this year, the camp is for two weeks. You are encouraged to attend both weeks if possible but you certainly should attend one week, the first at least. The first week we will train ourselves, camp in our own area and be able to take with us personnel who are important to our unit such as the Padre, Paymaster, QM, RQMS and any highlander who can get to Petawawa. The second week we will hand over our full strength coy to 2 Combat Group to

become part of the militia or regular force Bn for the giant exercise during the last few days of camp. The middle weekend will include a sports day featuring an assault boat race, a relay race for ranks from Pte. to the CO, a swimming race and other competitions which will make a good day. As Highlanders, I would expect to make a good showing and walk off with all the marbles. Please make it a point to be at camp this summer.

As I look back over the past six months, I can see a definite improvement in the unit. Our morale is high, our training is keener and more interesting than it has been in years. Our recruiting is up and our scores at the classification shoots are improving showing in general that we are well on our way to putting the 48th back at the top of the heap where we belong, then we will be able to strike new highs in the District maybe even Area. We can do it -- let's get at it.

You may have noticed that we did not have a Regimental picnic this year. It was not forgotten--merely postponed. The date will be 22 Sept. at the farm of our Hon. LCOL. Warren in Puslinch (of course we all know where Puslinch is, don't we?). The picnic will coincide with the first annual 48 Highlanders Invitational Highland Games featuring races, tug-o-war, tossing the caber, the hammer throw, Piping, Drumming and Highland Dancing competitions and all the good things that go along with highland games. The day promises to be a lot of fun so mark it down on your calendar. By the way, the HF of C, Toronto Scots, Argyles and Lorne Scots will all be competing so be sure you are able to come.

We are already planning for the fall training. Here are a few dates to mark down:

13 Sept.	First parade
22 "	Highland Games
28 "	Fall Classification - Borden
20 Oct.	Regimental Church Parade
10 Nov.	Remembrance Day Parade

## RETIREMENTS

# editorial

Since the last issue of "The Falcon", six of our veteran soldiers (all from BHQ) have retired from the unit after many years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces.

In recognition of this service, we are presenting a special Retirement Section to focus on the military career highlights of each retiring Highlander. (N.B. - They were required to terminate active service with the Reserves after reaching compulsory release age during the past year.)

To Maj G.C.E. Day, MWO Jeffrey G., MWO Osborne J.J., WO Sawdy R.A.F., Sgt McCallum P.A., and Sgt Pett S.J., we pass along a sincere "thank you" and wish each well for a healthy and happy future.

### MAJ G.C.E. DAY, CD

Maj. Day began his military involvement in 1934 when he joined the Boy Militia in his native Burma. After recruit training he was transferred to the Royal Engineers (1 Coy RE) as a Cadet and remained with them until volunteering for active duty with the unit in 1939. Shortly after, he transferred to Army Headquarters, Burma, but returned to his old unit (Royal Engineers) in Jan. 1940 to help defend against the Japanese advance into Burma. (Pacific War) Unfortunately the British Imperial and Burmese forces were overpowered and had to withdraw to central India (a march of 350 miles) to re-organize for counter offensives.

For the next four years Maj Day participated in the bitterly fought campaign to regain Burma and during that time he worked his way up through the ranks to become a field Sergeant by 1944. In that year he was recommended for a commission, attended Officer Training School in India, and

was later posted to the 2nd Burma (Gurkha) Rifles as a qualified Lieutenant. With promotion to Captain in early 1945, Maj. Day soon saw the war end as 2 I/C of the Gurkha "B" Coy, 2nd B(G)R, when the recapture of Burma was solidified.

Later in 1945 he remained in the Imperial Forces (Regular) to become Adjutant of the Transit Camp, Rangoon (Burma), and helped in co-ordinating troop transfers to India. When the new Burma Army Staff College was formed in 1947 to train Staff Officers, Maj. Day accepted a posting there as Adjutant. Within a year he was promoted to Major and appointed senior College Administration Officer. In Jan. 1948 he transferred to the newly formed Burma Army (which was recognized as independent of the British Imperial Force) and was assigned to the War Office Staff.

Maj. Day ended a 16 year involvement with the Burmese military in June 1950 when he resigned his commission to accept a civilian staff appointment with the Shell Oil Co., British Borneo. Later, after much world travelling for the Company, he immigrated to Canada with his wife in 1956 and settled in Toronto. The next year (Oct. 1957) brought on a return to military activity when he joined 5 Column, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps as a re-commissioned Lieutenant in the CF Reserves. While with the Service Corps Maj. Day held A/QM and Platoon Comdr appointments before being promoted to Captain in May 1960.

In Jan. 1962 Maj. Day transferred to the 48th Highlanders and served as the Food Services Officer for two years before being appointed OC HQ/SP Coy in 1964. The following year (1965) he became the new unit Recruiting Officer and capably served in that appointment until retirement from the 48th in Sept. 1973. During 1971 Maj. Day was again promoted to his former rank of Major (previously obtained with the Burmese Forces) and presently continues to

serve as Secretary of the Canadian Gurkha Welfare Appeal. His military service record totals 31 years service for two countries (16 years with the Burmese Army and 15 years with the Canadian Forces) and he has the distinction of earning the rank of Major in both lands.

RCMS(MWO) JEFFREY G., CD

MWO Jeffrey joined the military in June 1940 with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (Regular Force) and soon trained in the Maritimes (Cornerbrook, Nfld. and Sussex, N.B.) until August of 1941 when his unit was transported to Aldershot, England. In September 1942 he transferred to the Essex Scottish and was assigned to the Transport Platoon before going on course at Borden, England (Feb. '43). Shortly after MWO Jeffrey returned to a holding unit, the 1st Division claimed all driver/mechanics which saw him transferred to the R.C.R. in March 1943 and shipped to Scotland.

In July 1943 his unit arrived in Sicily and within a month had gone through the island and crossed over into mainland Italy. A short while later at Montalbano, MWO Jeffrey contracted malaria and was sent back to No. 5 British General Hospital, Catania, Sicily. Three months later he rejoined his unit (R.C.R.) in time for the Moro River Crossing. During 1944 he worked as a carrier driver until April before returning to the anti-tank section, also as a driver. MWO Jeffrey was soon assigned a jeep which turned out to be a write-off when he ran over a land-mine, (fortunately, he was not). After a short stint in Regimental Police activities he tried his hand at tenor drumming by joining the R.C.R. Regimental Drums (which were soon to become a permanent group within the unit by the time they left Italy in March 1944.) With the War's end (and after playing out his option, so to speak) MWO Jeffrey returned to Canada and was discharged in November 1945.

Two years later in September 1947, he joined the Governor General's Horse Guards and attained the rank of Sergeant by late 1948. In 1953 he was sent to represent the G.G.H.G. at the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. With a promotion to SSM(WO2), MWO Jeffrey was appointed to RCMS early in 1954. By February 1955 he was on Continuous Army Duty (Call-Out) as a Permanent Quartermaster Assistant (PCMA) until 1957 when Composite Stores were formed. With this, MWO Jeffrey became the Snr. RQ of Comp Stores, a position he held until 1963 when University Armoury was torn down.

He transferred to the 48th Highlanders in 1964, reverting to the rank of Staff Sergeant (held until 1967). MWO Jeffrey was again appointed to RCMS in 1967 and remained in this position until his retirement in September 1973.

As MWO Jeffrey liked to regard his military involvement, "My total time served in both Active and Reserve units is 31 years and 10 months, and I don't regret a minute of it."

CSN(MWO) OSBORNE J.J., CD

MWO Osborne entered the Reserves in June of 1942 when he joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps (RCAMC) at the old University Ave. Armoury. He received his early Medical Assistant (MA) training at the former Christie Street Military Hospital (Toronto) and remembers the many capable service nurses who provided some excellent instruction. After his promotion to Corporal in early 1944, MWO Osborne attended a number of special "Rescue" courses to sharpen his first aid skills. Added experience soon brought a promotion to Sergeant in 1947 and by 1950 he had attained the rank of RCAMC Regimental Staff Sergeant (WO).

During his time with the Medical Corps, MWO Osborne served in the 7th and later 2nd Field Ambulance Units which he accompanied to the numerous

summer camps at Niagara-on-the Lake. While at one of these camps in 1950 he remembers a serious incident that occurred when a Medical Corps private kicked a discarded #69 Bakelite (Fragmentation) Grenade. The soldier suffered extensive shrapnel wounds, but MWO Osborne, who was the first MA on the scene, recalls he fortunately pulled through his injuries and is today serving in the Regular Force as an officer. The following year (1952) at Camp Borden another unusual incident occurred that this time turned out to be quite comical. MWO Osborne and some aids had hastily constructed a "stretcher-raft" to enable six nurses to cross a large pond. But the raft was not as sea-worthy as anticipated and every one of the nurses sank in the middle of the crossing attempt, much to the dismay of the howling MA bystanders.

Soon after completing 13 years service with the Medical Corps, MWO Osborne transferred to the 48th Highlanders in late 1957. He was posted to the unit Medical Inspection Room (MIR) as a Medical Sergeant, retaining his Staff-Sergeant rank. With a promotion to Master Warrant Officer in 1960, MWO Osborne was made acting CSM of HQ/SP Coy until it was split into two Coys (HQ and Support) a few years later. In 1962 he was appointed CSM of Headquarters Coy and later took over the role of CSM of Support Coy in 1964.

The 48th move to Moss Park Armoury in 1965 saw MWO Osborne made CSM of B Coy, a position he held until 1972 when he was attached to unit QM stores as senior QMS. From 1957 to 1968, MWO Osborne gave all First Aid Instruction to unit personnel and also recalls serving as PMC of the Sergeants' Mess on five different occasions. He completed his 16 year stint with the 48th as unit QMS, retiring in the fall of 1973.

After 31 years in the Reserves,

MWO Osborne commented that it was a part of his life he was quite proud of, and noted that military service is one of the greatest experiences that any man can have.

#### WO SAWDY R.A.F., CD

WO Sawdy's involvement in the military began in March 1942 when he joined the Active Service as a Dispatch Rider (DR) for the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals (RCCS). After basic training at Camp Borden and advanced signals instruction at Vimy Barracks (Kingston, Ont.), he was sent overseas and arrived at Farnborough, England in January, 1943. While there, WO Sawdy was posted to a new unit, the 1st Canadian Lines of Communication (1 Cdn L of C), as a motorcycle Dispatch Rider affiliated with their Transport Platoon.

He landed in Europe in June, 1944 (D Day plus 11) with the 1 Cdn L of C at Ostend, Normandy. During the drive towards Germany, WO Sawdy was attached for varying lengths of time to the 2nd Canadian Corps, the 9th American Army and the 2nd Canadian Division, again as an experienced Dispatch Rider. He was involved in convoy work supporting the front lines and remembers the hazards of sniper fire harassing the motorcycle DRs (who all wore the distinctive blue and white arm-bands). After passing through France and Belgium in 1944, WO Sawdy once again did DR support work during the last push into Germany which finally ended in May, 1945 and VE Day. With the conclusion of the War, he returned to the 1 Cdn L of C, came back to Canada with the Signal Corps and was discharged from active service in March 1946.

Two years later, in October 1948, WO Sawdy once again entered the military, this time with the CF Reserves. He joined the 48th Highlanders Signals Platoon as a top-notch signaller and, shortly after, in the spring of 1949, gained a promotion to Corporal. WO Sawdy followed this up with a further pro-

motion to Sergeant in September 1952 and was appointed Signals Sr NCO of the Unit. He held this sigs position for ten years and recalls attending numerous "brigade" exercises at Camp Niagara-on-the-Lake to provide communications support for five large units.

With a promotion to Staff Sergeant in early 1963, WO Sawdy was transferred to the BHQ Pay Office as a Pay NCO. For ten years he served in this demanding administrative capacity with many jaunts to annual summer camps to assist the Regular Force Pay Corps. WO Sawdy recalls that up until 1967 the Reserves used the old system of paying cash to serving members, which required his Pay staff to work in close conjunction with our own Regimental Police (RP) Platoon for security reasons. (This was discontinued in 1968 when the issue of government cheques began.) After 25 years in the 48th (21 years in the Sgts' Mess, WO Sawdy retired from the unit in November 1973.

#### SGT MCCALLUM P.A., CD

Sgt McCallum first enlisted in the services during June of 1942 with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (2nd Battalion - Winnipeg) for Reserve duty (Home Guard). He attended basic training and qualifying courses at Camp Shilo (Manitoba) and attained the rank of Lance-Corporal in May of 1945. After a promotion to Corporal in April 1946, Sgt McCallum attended a rigorous NCO camp run by the RCR at Camp Shilo and fondly remembers a certain Capt MacDonnell (RCR), who provided some strict but masterful instruction. In the spring of 1948 he attended a special Drivers Course that included training on the now defunct 3-ton right-hand drive vehicle (WW II vintage).

During the two-week Red River flood emergency in May 1950, Sgt McCallum was made an Acting Sergeant to assist in relief oper-

ations and aide the civil authorities in the massive clean-up. By the following August (1951) he had qualified as a Sr NCO and was promoted to substantive Sergeant. With this, Sgt McCallum was given the task of instructing drill and weaponry to his unit GMT. As part of Headquarters Coy, he was involved in recruit instruction and Infantryman training courses for over ten years, (1951-62). In 1958 he attended a strenuous .30 cal Machine Gun course, run by the Queen's Own Rifles (3rd Battalion - Regular) at Sarcee Barracks in Calgary, which he used to advantage back in his unit.

While with the Q.O. Cameron Highlanders, Sgt McCallum participated in two historic Troopings of the Colour: the September 1960 Troop to celebrate the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders' 50th Anniversary; and the November 1961 Troop which included presentation of new Colours to the unit.

After gaining an Administrative Clerk qualification in early 1962, Sgt McCallum continued to garner additional admin experience on call-out duties. In 1964 he qualified Admin Sgt and was posted to Battalion Headquarters.

With a move to Toronto in 1965, Sgt McCallum terminated 23 years of service with the Q.O. Cameron Highlanders (1942-1965), having worked in both instructional and administrative capacities. During September 1965 he transferred to the 48th Highlanders and was posted to BHQ, again as an Admin Sgt. Until his retirement in June 1973, Sgt McCallum remained prominent in BHQ as the Assistant Chief Clerk. Even though he participated in the 48th Troop of 1967, as well as the 1969 and 1971 Tattoos, Sgt McCallum feels the Guard of Honour for the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, (in June 1973) was his proudest moment on parade with the unit.

(Ed. note: In the spring of 1969 Sgt McCallum was presented with a certificate signed by the Governor-

General of Canada to acknowledge he had given blood to the Red Cross 50 times. He currently has a score of 65 and hopes to hit #75 within the next few years.)

#### SGT PETT S.J., CD

Sgt Pett entered the military in 1940 with the Governor General's Horse Guards Trumpet Band (Reserve Battalion). In 1942 he enlisted with the Royal Canadian Artillery (Active Service Force) and upon completing basic training was transferred to the 2nd Chemical Warfare Company, Royal Canadian Engineers. During 1943 he completed an NCO course at Camp Shilo (Manitoba) and Sapper training at Camp Petawawa before being sent to Suffield, Alberta for chemical warfare instruction (which included firing the old 4.2" American and British mortars with live mustard gas shells). But shortly after he completed this phase of training, the government disbanded the Chemical Warfare Coy (RCE) because it felt there would be no use of gas warfare by the German forces.

Sgt Pett then completed further stints with the RCE at Camp Chilliwack (B.C.) and Camp Delbert (N.S.) before being shipped to England in late 1943. A surplus of Engineers and a shortage of Infantry finally saw him transferred to the "gravel stompers" and by April 1944 he was in Italy as a reinforcement for the Perth Regiment (5th Division). At this juncture, Sgt Pett volunteered for the 1st Special Service Force (a joint American-Canadian paratroop-commando unit) when headed the first troops that landed during the main invasion of southern France in mid-August 1944. After this unit was disbanded by the American and Canadian governments in late 1944, Sgt Pett returned with the Canadian contingent to Italy and was allocated to the 48th Highlanders.

He served with the 48th from the Lamone Crossing to the balance of the Italian campaign and then went on

through France, Germany and Holland by March 1945. After the cessation of hostilities in May 1945, Sgt Pett was posted to the occupation forces and served with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada for three months. With the influx of new troops from Canada, he was soon reposted to the 48th and returned home with the unit. In October of 1945 he had the proud privilege of marching with the 48th in the Victory Parade up Bay Street to the old University Avenue Armoury.

After leaving the service at the war's conclusion (1945), Sgt Pett remained out of the military until 1961 when he participated in a trooping of the colour with the 48th. He was persuaded to return to the Regiment and joined "D" Coy (his old war Coy) later in 1961. After earning his Sr NCO rank in 1963, Sgt Pett served in various Coys ("D" to "A") until 1967. That year he began working in unit administration, first in the unit library (until Dec. '67), and later as Chief Clerk (1968-71). From 1971 until his retirement on Nov. 30, 1973, Sgt Pett served in the unit Pay Office.



# TURNER SHOOT



Have you got a drink or not?



Who's the guy next to me?



Where's the booze?



I won it, all by myself



Who says it has to be rice?



I don't want you to shoot plastic corks at me.

# BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

SGT. KOWALENKO, A.R.

## "IVORY TOWERS UNLIMITED"

For Battalion Headquarters the 1973-74 training year has been one of new arrivals, fond departures, earned promotions and good training. Many key events made it an usual year that saw the expected as well as the unexpected mix in strange harmony.

The fall training session started on a very sad note with news of the tragic death of Cpl. Carter, J.R. of C Coy in early September. Cpl. "John" Carter was a close friend to many in the unit and his untimely passing was a shocking upset to all ranks. We offer our sincere condolences to the parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Carter, on the loss of their beloved son, John, a fine young highlander whose memory will live on in those who knew him.

A lot of hard work finally paid off early in January when the sub-companies of BHQ passed the annual administrative inspection by District HQ with flying colours. Shortly after this success another high point of the year's training occurred when the unit came up with a fine parade turn-out for the District Commander's Inspection. When the final marchpast had concluded, TMD Commander, Col. R.W. Lewis, announced that our unit had shown a remarkable improvement over the previous year and that we would certainly be heard from in the near future. This assessment by the Commander of Toronto District gave the unit a welcomed lift and it seems that things have been steadily improving ever since.

Here now is an extended overview of the doings in Battalion Headquarters since the last issue of "The Falcon" and no doubt you'll agree, we've got a mixed bag indeed:

## BHQ Proper - (Higher Echelons Dept.)

It's no secret that our leading officers in BHQ have been choring incessantly over the past year to regain some lost ground, and it looks like headway has been achieved.

LCOL W.C. Stark, our diligent Commanding Officer, has blazed some new and far-reaching trails for the unit since taking over the "Big Chair" last spring. The CO feels we will soon reach full potential again and take our rightful place as the unit of the Toronto Garrison, (...beware RR of C!). To aid in the cause and make it more of a family affair, the CO's number two son, Fraser, has recently joined our Cadet Corps and will give his brother, Colin, currently a Cadet WO, some interesting competition, (...Now what about the Stark girls??).

Changes in the Deputy Commanding Officer's chair occurred during the winter when Maj. R.J. Simmons, former unit Training Officer, stepped in as the new DCO to replace the departed Maj. R.G. Darling. With promotion to a vice-presidency of National Trust, Maj. Darling was required to move to Hamilton and thus relinquish his DCO appointment, after serving 11 years with the unit. We wish Maj. Darling much success in Hamilton and we hope that some day in future he will be able to return to the unit once more. To our current DCO, Maj. Simmons, we offer our hearty congratulations and know he will do a capable job in his new and demanding role.

Administratively speaking, the Adjutant, Capt. J.J. Kerr, appears to be winning the war against his "IN" basket these days and has kept the BOR paper hanging staff humming appreciably. In the fall, Capt. Kerr welcomed a new member to BHQ, OCdt. I.B. Gooding, as his assistant. To ease the pressure of the fast flowing paperwork, Mr. Gooding has helped to keep the infamous "IN" basket at a low level (...and without a match, too!)

Providing a terrific boost to our public image has been the work of our new Secondary Duty Information Officer, Capt. G.L. Pearce, who returned to the unit after a two year absence. As preparation for the appointment, Capt. Pearce picked up valuable experience during June 1973 when he acted as a news media liason officer for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. He also worked with RCMP public relations officials during last year's Royal Tour and received an audience with the Queen and Prince Phillip, an experience he enjoyed immensely. As indication of our unit's fine relations with the local media, Capt. Pearce estimated that 80-90% of the numerous press releases we've put out have received good feedback in the form of newspaper, radio and magazine publicity. These results, he noted, can only help reinforce a favourable public attitude towards our unit and assist the Reserves in general as well.

On the drill and efficiency side of BHQ, Regimental Sergeant-Major, CWO D.W. Crook, has certainly kept all the Sr NCO's hopping, and they in turn have passed on the good word to the eager men in the training Companies. After guiding the successful drill of the Royal Guard last June and effectively preparing the troops for the HQ TMD annual inspection in January, RSM Crook enjoyed a short vacation in the Caribbean during late April. He has since returned, refreshed and invigorated, to resume the big drive to have drill and training sharpened to a fine edge for Summer Concentration in August. All signs point to a good camp this year and our RSM (alias "The Big Stick") will be "gettin' around" to ensure things turn out as intended (...heads up, recruits!)

Since last issue many will have noticed that we have a new Padre to assist in the spiritual needs of the Regiment. Padre Capt. H.F. Roberts, currently with All Saints (Anglican) Kingsway Church, was prominent in last year's Church Parade and Memorial Services and is heartily welcomed by all ranks. Our new Padre joins us to

take over from the departed Padre, Capt. I.S. Wishart, who left the unit early last year to take up ministry at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in St. John's, Newfoundland. We hope Padre Capt. Wishart's ministry in St. John's is a fruitful one and that our current Padre, Capt. Roberts, will enjoy his association with the unit.

#### Battalion Orderly Room - (Ulcer Dept.)

Around the Orderly Room one thing is always a certainty...paperwork!... and more paperwork! Many a flustered officer has wondered where it all comes from, while many a puzzled clerk wonders where it all goes! But nonetheless, the battle continues and our BOR crew is forging ahead undaunted.

Heading the CWAC contingent is the unit's first female Sr NCO, promoted late last spring, Sgt(W) Scallan P.M., who is still adjusting to the newly-wed game (...and may just win yet!) Congratulations are in order to Sgt(W) Scallan who also capably assumed the majority of Chief Clerk duties after the former Assistant Chief Clerk, Sgt. McCallum P.A., retired from the unit last summer (see Retirement Section). Sgt. "Peter" McCallum is to be thanked for all the hard work and many extra nights of paper shuffling he put in during his stay in the BOR. His good humour and hearty laugh will indeed be missed by the Orderly Room staff and we wish him well for a prosperous and happy future.

If there ever is an award for a zip-accurate typist our own Pte(W) Semple K.M. will be hard to beat. One of the reasons for the faster processing of paperwork of late is her ability to type just about anything under less than ideal conditions, and still make it back for more. Last March, Pte(W) Semple managed to score high on her Pay Level C trade test and has since put up her hard earned first hook (...good show, Kathy!)

To help in the hectic typing pool, the unit recently acquired a much

needed extra typist in Pte(W) Hallman C. The Orderly Room staff welcomes her and knows she will make a valuable addition to our paper jungle.

Once more, deep into the thick of things, the "wildman" of the BOR, Sgt. Kowalenko A.R. (alias "Mr. Fingerprint") has been let loose again!! After ace-ing his Sr NCO course during August, he could no longer be re-trained and was finally subdued into a promotion last December. With his new third hook and sensing ultimate victory was at hand, Sgt Kowalenko went on a fingerprinting rampage that knew no bounds. In five and a half months he claimed 63 victims and showed no mercy. Sgt Kowalenko estimates that since February 1973 he has put over 140 infidels into the fingerprinting screws, and (since each one possessed 10 digits) has printed over 1,400 fingers. To no one's surprise, he recently claimed of having nightmares in which he saw six foot thumbs start talking while three foot pinkies danced to the tune of "Heilan' Laddie"! (The rumour that men in white coats are looking for Sgt Kowalenko has been categorically denied by the RSM, who feels the unit has no saner screwball than our own Sgt K.)

Pay Office - (Bouncing Cheque Dept.)

To cheerfully handle inquiries and clear up those sticky financial problems our unit Pay Office now sports revamped and streamlined operations. And, in keeping with the times, it has gone "mod" (not "mad") with the adoption of special computer returns to record unit attendance. As many will remember, pay for Reservists became a centre of interest in January with the announcement of the substantially increased pay rates and the new "monthly" cheques.

This updating and "raise" prompted our jovial Paymaster, Lt. J.T. "Cash-box" Clark, to quip in typical Churchill fashion, "Never has so much been earned so quickly by so few for doing so little!" (Pay Office Motto 1974??) Incidentally, the Paymaster was the recipient of a special bonus last November when his wife, Danielle, presented

him with a bouncing baby boy, the first offspring for the proud papa (...and tax deductible too!)

On a return mission, the stork flew by the Pay Office again in March, this time bringing glad tidings to another anxious member. Cpl (W) Gledhill J.G. became a beaming "grandma" when her son Steve (the former Sgt Gledhill of our unit; now with the Regs in Gagetown), and his wife, Linda, became the happy parents of a new son. Apparently Cpl(W) "Grandma" Gledhill was so thrilled by the event she passed out a round of free cheques before being restrained by the gaping Paymaster, who scurried to recover them (...nice try, Grandma!) Now if only the government was as generous as the stork...

A "surprise" promotion hit the Pay Office recently when their HQ/SP Coy acquisition, Sgt Scallan J.J., put up his long awaited third hook in late April. (Congratulations, Jim!...so now we have two Sgt Scallans in the Orderly Room, eh?). Sgt Scallan is working energetically to help fill the gap left when two fine Pay NCOs, WO Sawdy R.A.F. and Sgt Pett S.J., retired from the unit last fall (see Retirement Section). The well known Pay duo of WO "Ross" Sawdy and Sgt "Stan" Pett did much to keep the unit "vault" in order on many trying occasions over the years. Their bouyant cheer and friendly co-operation will surely be missed and we offer our sincere well wishes to them for a healthy and prosperous future.

Recruiting Office - ("I solemnly swear..." Dept.)

Recruiting suffered somewhat of a setback last spring with the retirement of our veteran Recruiting Officer, Maj. G.C.E. Day, after serving over eight years in that capacity and screening many hundreds of unit recruits (see Retirement Section). The long military experience and good-natured personality of

Maj. Day were a valued asset to the unit and will indeed be missed. We certainly wish him well for much success in all future endeavours.

Fortunately, the unit has acquired a promising replacement, Lt. R.N. McKae, who assumed the position of Recruiting Officer last fall. Lt. McKae, formerly with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa and The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (APPCLI), has shown he is keen and enthusiastic to get results in the current recruiting drive. To prospective candidates, Lt. McKae is going all out to stress the "family" aspect of the unit. This he feels is the key to good recruiting and his goal is to attract "quality" recruits who will strengthen and give depth to the training Companies.

To assist the Recruiting Officer in the "weeding out" process is the new Recruiting NCO, Sgt Potten C.R., formerly of HQ/SP Coy. The ever watchful Sgt "Hawkeye" Potten estimates that over 30 new men have joined the unit since last September and that many more "good ones" are in the mill. He also hopes that the majority of our aspiring Cadets will continue on into the militia and help increase our numbers.

Adding a feminine touch to the Recruiting Office these days is Cpl(W) Valenti M.A., BHQ's Jr Ranks Mess Rep (...and "Miss Chargex" on occasion.) She is aiding to stem the onrushing tide of paperwork from becoming over flowing and as yet has not indented for a lifesaver (...hang in there, Mary Ann!)

Training Office - ("Who's got the syllabus?" Dept.)

Our Training Office has had a few changes since the fall with some new appointments and an improved training programme. Lt. S.W. Gilbert, formerly WO Gilbert of HQ/SP Coy, is now Acting Training Officer replacing Maj. Simmons, our current DCO. Mr. Gilbert has enjoyed the switch to his new status as an officer and is learning to cope with the additional

ream of paperwork. He notes that unit exercises are now more closely monitored and that our personnel can select from an increased number of qualifying courses and special attachments. (His most popular catchphrase seems to be, "Hey buddy, you wanna go to the Artic?")

Currently assisting the Training Officer with the ongoing paperwork is that veteran campaigner, Sgt Cormack R.L., who also aids in ensuring the new Training Bulletin Board is posted with interesting information for the rank and file. (Rumour has it that there are some nice pin-ups, too! Unfortunately business pressures forced the former Assistant Training Officer, Lt. D.I. Cameron, to take an extended leave of absence from the unit but we hope he will be back in future to pick up where he left off.

Making sure training standards remain at a high level is the ever sharp Drill Sergeant-Major, MWO Chappell D.G. (...our Far East traveller and Orient expert), who is always on the prowl to keep drill "snappy" and lectures "crisp". MWO Chappell also doubles as the unit Fire Warden and has recently shown a quick eye for spotting fire hazards around the Armoury (...better keep that hair short, recruits!)

(At this point, special mention should be made of the invaluable assistance provided by MWO D. Dale, Regular Force Support Staff, who aids in training instruction and supervision. Without his help the task of our Training Wing would indeed be more difficult than it already is.)

Medical Inspection Room (MIK) - ("Stick out your tongue..." Dept.)

On the medical side of things, our MIK, under the direction of the perservering Medical Officer, Maj. C. Stewart, reports all systems go to handle the influx of new recruits. Maj. Stewart is ensuring that our prospective highlanders are

medically up to scratch so they'll be able to handle the stiff training upcoming later this summer at CFB Petawawa (...militia vacation and resort centre of Ontario!?!). It is reputed that our MO's medical standards are among the highest in the Toronto Garrison, if not the highest, and that he is cracking down on borderline cases (...is that what that "rack" is for??)

Faithfully assisting the Medical Officer is WO Gledhill D.B. (alias "Mr. First Aid"; also known as "Grandpa" Gledhill since a few months back). WO Gledhill recently coached and captained our eager First Aid Team which included Sgt Aiken R.H., Sgt Boggiss D.J., and Cpl Legge J.B.J., with MWO Redmon J.A. helping in practice and instruction. Unfortunately, last March our team relinquished the coveted Sir Ian MacKay Trophy for the first time in four years when it lost out in a close battle to the Irish Regiment (Sudbury) during the annual Reserve First Aid Competition. As expected, WO Gledhill expressed disappointment at not making it four in a row as the top Reserve First Aid team in Ontario. He noted that insufficient preparation turned out to be the team's undoing but that next time around it would be a different story. Besides placing second to the top notch Irish team ("mine-rescue types"), our First Aid Team rated as the third best military crew, of both Regular Force and Reserve, in the province (...good show, fellows!). True, our side was caught a bit off-guard this year, but knowing the competitive WO Gledhill and his able team mates, we will be back next March to give the Irish a solid thumping (...unless they come dressed in four-leaf clovers!)

Quartermaster-Tech Stores - ("Who signed for it?" Dept.)

Quartermaster Stores gives indications that it is heading in the right direction with the adoption of a tighter security programme and more efficient equipment issue. The able

Quartermaster, Capt. A.J. Roberts, is confident that his re-arranged and better organized stores can continue to meet the hectic demands of our gung-ho training Companies. Capt. Roberts also welcomes a new Stores' addition, OCdt J.W.N. Leatch, as an eager administrative assistant who feels he will be the one to finally track down the infamous and elusive Stores rat (...still at large since 1965! --Good luck, sir!)

Providing additional leadership and polish to our Stores team is the newly appointed HQMS, WO Harding, C.G. who assumed the position after the retirement of former RQMS, MWO Jeffrey G., last spring. We offer our congratulations to RQ Harding who we know will do a capable job in his new role. As expected, he has managed to keep a tight rein on Stores operations in the field through some trying times this year. The RQMS feels our logistics will be in top form by the time summer camp rolls around to give the troops a boost over the long haul. As a social note, we've learned that the stork did his thing again, this time at the Harding household. WO Harding's wife, Marjory, presented the blushing papa RQ with a cute baby girl early last December, the first child for the happy parents (...what was that diaper requisition number again?)

Giving the QM and HQ a much needed hand is the smiling QMS, Sgt Martin E.J., who is not (contrary to some vile rumour) planting mouse traps in the Stores compound. He has, instead, instructed the new storesman, Pte Cormack R.D.A. to mount a "rat picquet" to ensure our Stores remain, as always, clean and pest free (...so that's what that big axe is for!)

Since last spring, QM Stores has unfortunately lost two veteran soldiers in former RQMS (MWO) Jeffrey G. and MWO Osborne J.J. due to retirement (see Retirement Section). The long experience and fine capabilities of both these old campaigners were a definite asset to

the unit and they will surely be missed. To both MWO "George" Jeffrey and MWO "Jack" Osborne we pass along our hearty well wishes for much health and happiness in the years ahead.

### Regimental Stores - ("What size kilt?" Dept.)

Regimental Stores, under the direction of Mr. Harry Wignall, reports things are ship-shape in the lower "dungeon" to accommodate the kilting of many more new recruits. The hard working Mr. Wignall notes that inflation has not bypassed our regimental accoutrement. Surprisingly, the price of a tailored kilt, the basic unit of a highlander's uniform, has doubled in the last ten years (...the current price hovers over the \$70 mark). In fact, he adds, the price of the full highland dress with all the trappings has gone up by over 30% in the same time period. As a historical note, Mr. Wignall points out that every feather bonnet owned and used by the unit today has in fact been passed on from the 48th Battalion (Highlanders) of 1891. The bonnets are renovated periodically but their metal and feather base is over eighty year's old (...how's that for economy?)

Assisting Mr. Wignall on occasion is Mr. George MacLean, who also does the mountain of bookwork required to keep our unit and mess funds in number one condition. (The rumour that Mr. MacLean is a "bookie" on the side has no foundation whatsoever. In fact he has said recently that the odds are 9-7 against it!)

### Wrap-up - ("Whew" Dept.)

Well we've finally come to the end of another long BHQ report and, as you can see, a lot has happened in the ol' Ivory Towers since last spring. Things are looking up for the unit all round and it appears even better days are just around the corner. On behalf of the sub-companies of BHQ, the Orderly Room staff wish all ranks of the unit a safe and enjoyable summer break. We hope you're back to take

part in what looks like a great camp in August. It promises to prepare us for another interesting and surprise-filled training year, besides making our troops a little more "dileas". Adieu from BHQ!

P.S. "Al" says thanks to Mrs. Kay Major, our unit "Girl Friday", who has helped the admin. staff tremendously over the long haul. Bonne chance a vous, madame, et avez un bon été.



*"Aren't you going to ask about our revolutionary new recruiting program?"*

# CHARLIE COY.

## SGT. SHORT RA

### "CHARLIE CHATTER"

Our last issue of the "Falcon" was some time ago, back in the far off days of last year. A great deal has happened since then, as is normal for an active reserve company. The most noteworthy of the personnel changes was the turnover from Maj. Johnson to Maj. Temple, the former "Adj." Maj. Johnson took command of Delta, the training company.

Another new officer is Capt. Robert Charbonneau (careful with the aspirants) from the Regiment Du Maisonneuve in Montreal. Capt. Charbonneau has proven a very energetic and good officer since he mastered his craving for pea soup and the art of swinging a kilt. We wish him success with the unit.

Sgt. Vic Goldman has returned to the regiment after a short absence. Rumour has it a too long exposure to a civilized environment forced him back.

Of all our losses this year, one in particular was the deepest felt and most tragic. Cpl. John Carter was killed in September as the result of a bicycle accident. The loss of this dedicated and experienced N.C.O. has been felt at all levels, by those who knew him as a friend and comrade in arms.

Many others have been transferred to other companies or promoted to other duties. We hope that experience and proficiency they gained in Charlie Coy will be put to the best use.

Two others have headed for new careers with the Government. Cpl. Tom Anderson has traded his kilt and bonnet for stetson and spurs; he is now in Regina at the R.C.M.P. Depot. Cpl. Jim Picknell had a fit of madness and applied for R.O.T.P.; his current

residence is the Royal Military College at Kingston. We wish both of these excellent N.C.O.'s all the best in their new roles.

Last year's training plan was both varied and extremely interesting. Summer camp stretched into two weeks instead of one, and provided a battle trophy as well as our first casualty. The exercise also gave an object lesson of the effects of fraternization with the enemy. (Three Platoon, where are you!)

The fall and winter training season found us climbing cliffs, doing amphibious assaults and almost flying. It proved to be the best year the company has ever seen.

A short resume:

- H.M.C.S. Haida; beach assaults, boarding and off-landing.
- Muskoka; Night attacks and underwater demolitions;
- Kelso Dam; cliff assaults and death slide
- an abortive airborne raid into Muskoka. The weather closed in and we were forced down before all the planes were in the air.
- Niagara-on-the-Lake; range weekend almost graced with a duck dinner.

In passing it should be noted that flipping off the back of a moving motorboat is beset with all kinds of problems (such as repetitive dives in 45 degree water and near drownings).

The best summation I can think of to describe our training, is that if you have a phobia, no matter how well hidden, we will find it. (And if you don't have one, we'll soon give you your choice of several.)

A good end to this year is formation of the New Viking platoon. This exercise will give the participants the unequalled opportunity of operating as a group with the regular force. These exercises are increasing at a rate that is wholly amazing in the light of two year's ago. Regular force duty is now

# DELTA COY.

SGT. AIKEN R.H.

The training year 1973-74 has brought many changes to the Company primarily in personnel changes.

First of all we would like to welcome to the Company Maj. Johnson who was transferred from C Coy as Coy Cmd in the early fall. Congratulations are also due on his recent promotion.

Along with Maj. Johnson, Sgt. McVety and Cpl. McGeoffin were transferred to Delta. They also deserve some congrats. on their recent promotions.

O/Cdt. Stevens has also joined the Coy and is currently commanding the G.M.T. course.

Sgt. Casey has left the Coy and joined the R.C.M.P., rumor has it that he will return to clean up in the near future.

C.S.M. (NWO) Kedmon is currently making his presence felt among the newer members of the Coy and already their drill has shows a marked improvement; however, this doesn't mean that the rest of you people can rest easy.

Lt. Featherstone is now in charge of the Pay Level C Course and he promises over Sgt. McVety's dead body that all will have completed their courses by the end of June.

Though most of the year has been spent in the armouries and on the parade square we have had a few small one day exercises on Don Valley as well as a weekend scheme at Cpl. McGuffin's cottage in Gravenhurst. The weekend consisted mainly of field training and battlecraft; however, it was not without its humorous moments. Among them being an unfortunate incident for a German Shepherd when he was unlucky enough to wander into a shoot-out between Sgt's. Aiken and McVety...

the dog lost. Pte. Eustace found that there is more than one way to skin a cat or how to use a smoke grenade. It seems that during a night exercise of which the object was to turn out your opponents lantern and neglected to be on the look-out for three NCO's lurking in the trees. Pte. Eustace has promised to give the whole Coy a demonstration on how not to disarm a grenade trap. Of course the night was topped off by a Coy party of which Sgt. McVety was the star in providing hot dogs, etc. etc.

The future is looking to preparations for the district exercise in June and most important summer concentration in August. Some members of the Coy are preparing to leave for the Arctic for some fun in the sun before moving on to Germany for a month's training with the NATO forces.

That's it for now. See you all at summer camp.

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE (cont. from page 3)

As the summer approaches and the unit stands down until camp, I must thank each of you for your contribution to making our Regiment stronger. The best of luck to you at whatever you do this summer, to those on courses, give it all you've got, do the absolute best you can. Highlanders like to come first.

I extend my hearty congratulations to Maj. John Brown and the Cadet Corps, on their winning of the Strathcona Shield for the best cadet corps in the Central Ontario Region. This is a hard earned victory which clearly reflects the high calibre of our cadet corps.

BI DILLAS

P.S. Do you realize that if every man brought down a recruit I would have to request permission for another company to be added to our establishment. I would like to have to do that. Think about it. See you at Petawawa.

# HEADQUARTER SUPPORT COY.

*Sgt Hall JM*

Well now, here we are again, at last. In our last issue of "The Falcon" we had many words about the coy's doings and of course, the biggest doing was the Turner Shoot. We have many more words of wisdom in this issue and also more words of the antics of the boys in HQ/SP Coy.

As always, we have some new members in the coy and I would like to take some time right now to introduce them. To start off, we have 2/Lt. G.R. Elms, who comes to us from the Pipes & Drums Band, and O/Cdt. D.K. Way from the Big Outside. A/Sgt. Major W.O. Headley W.J. CD has come to us from "D" Coy. Sgt Maclean N.J. is visiting us from "D" coy for awhile until he finishes his underwater course. Sgt. Roney A.C. has come to us from the Training Office. In addition to these, we also have acquired one Cpl. and many much needed privates. The Cpl. is John Brewer Jr. not to be confused with his father, John Brewer Sr. who was a Cpl. in our coy for many years before he went to the East Coast. John Jr. was in our coy a few years ago but left us to go to the Royal Reg't. of Canada. As we can all see, he has seen the light and came back.

The privates are; Sam Rubino and Neil Leggat who come to us from "C" coy, Gord Smith and Noel Koe from "D" coy, Bob Drummond from 3 RCR, Bob Ronan from the Big Outside, Bob Hughes back after a stint in the Big Outside. We also have one more who is waiting to come into the coy. This is Oscar Gonzalez from Peru. We in the coy want to welcome all these new comers into "The Old Timers Coy". Welcome aboard, fellows.

We are sad to say that we have lost a few people since the last issue of "The Falcon" but we wish them well in their new jobs.

Captain Bartley has gone to Area H.Q. and it is reported by a reliable source that he is very happy there with piles of paper work. WO Gilbert does not exist anymore. He is now

Lt. Gilbert and is working in the Training Office. Mr. Gilbert is kept very busy putting people all over the world, just about, on courses, NATO exercises and U.N. duties. Sgt. Potten is now busy in the Recruiting Office. Cpl. Jim Scallon is now Sgt. Scallon in the Pay Office. WO Gledhill is still the M.A. but now he is in BHQ.

Well that takes care of all of our losses and once again, we wish them well.

During the time between the last issue of "The Falcon" and now, HQ/Sp coy has been involved in many exercises. Some were with the individual rifle coys and some with the reg't. as a whole. As always our boys worked hard when they had to and played hard when their work was done.

The Winter Indoctrination, which went off in March went off very well. Although the weather prior to this weekend was not at all like winter, it seems that the C.O. called the chaplain and the Quartermaster into his office. He told them that he wanted some snow and cold weather for the exercise. They came through with both.

Our drivers and communications ops. had a ball. Night Patrols were out all over the countryside. Some were lost and didn't think they were, while other thought they were lost but in actuality they were not. Everyone else was.

The sigs. net was operating smoothly until both enemy and friend started to receive messages from an unknown station. Just who was NIK-NIK? At one time Call Sign One went off the air for some obscure reason called "Personal Maintenance". A great time was had by all on this very important weekend. A great deal

was learned also.

Another good weekend took place at CFB Borden during the beginning of May. This was the Spring Classification. The events taking place this weekend included qualification on rifle, S.M.G., grenade, pistol and proving that we are physically fit. In addition to doing all these duties, HQ/Sp Coy also were busy looking after transport, sigs., and providing range personnel. It was a weekend filled with goodies for everyone.

Speaking of goodies, Coy funds came through on the Saturday night with porterhouse steaks and wine for all the members of HQ/Sp. Steaks and wine were consumed with great enjoyment by the coy to the sweet tones of Piper Crawford's pipes playing our coy march. Of course there were a few rude, jealous remarks from outside the coy but being good stalwart types, we ignored them and those steaks came through for us the next day during the physical fitness exams. All of HQ/Sp coy passed all of the exams. Not bad for a bunch of Old Timers.

The Big Outside world never can understand the Turner Shoot. Why would a bunch of men give up a nice warm home to run off to CFB Borden and shoot rifles in the cold? Especially when they are not required to do so?

The reason this is done is very simple. It is done in memory of CSM Turner, who was the CSM of HQ/Sp coy before he died. He was a man who was greatly admired and he had a love of shooting. Not just ordinary shooting, but shooting in adverse conditions, which is the reason the Turner Shoot is always held in the middle of winter.

I am sure that CSM Turner would be pleased with the way his coy remembers him every year. The coy invites the rest of the Reg't. to the shoot, and in the past years we have been getting teams from H.M.C.S. York, 2 Q.O.R., the C.C.A. and R.R.C. Of course the coy does all the work to entertain the

guests.

First, the coy arrives at CFB Borden on the Friday night and have their party. The guests arrive Saturday morning and register. After registration is finished the guests are taken out to the ranges to fire. Lunch is served from hay boxes.

After the shooting, a mess dinner is served in a hall. It is here that trophies are presented along with everyone forgetting mess dinner rules. A great time is had by all and after the dinner is over, the bar is open along with a Millionaire's night for entertainment. Prizes are won and everyone seems to enjoy himself.

Sunday morning, the guests leave and HQ/Sp Coy cleans up the mess, have a drink to relax and then they leave. Another Turner Shoot is over and more memories are added, to be talked about until next year.

This year, Sgt. Hoggiss won the Shoot with the highest individual score outside HQ/Sp Coy. The highest score in HQ/Sp Coy was attained by W.O. Moreau.

The highest team score outside the Reg't. was won by the O.C.A. and the highest team score within the Reg't. was won by a team from "C" coy.

The Booby Prize was won by Piper Hinger of the Pipes and Drums.

That just about does it for this issue of "The Falcon" and so we wish everybody a healthy and happy summer.

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There was a young lady named Green,  
Who grew so abnormally lean,  
And flat, and compressed,  
That her back touched her chest,  
And sideways she couldn't be seen.

# PIPES AND DRUMS

By Sgt MacLeod P

## "A PUFF IN THE BAG"

At the time of writing this article, we are now well into the busy summer-season of band functions and engagements. We just played 3 weeks ago at the opening performance for Ontario Place - the Forum no less. Last weekend with the Military Band we played the "48th Highlanders Tattoo" at the Richmond Hill Arena. Col. Stark in the audience must visualize us as good for a trip to London, England or at least an overnigher by bus to Hamilton, Ontario. Drum Major Fullerton's mace is still up in the rafters following a magnificent burst of swings culminating in a 4 roller up that never did come down.

After stimulating the electrodes of IBM for 2 of their conventions at the Inn on the Park, they are trying a new programming system. It's based on the UBI system (useless BYTES of information) and would hook up our band to any IBM Terminal in the world. This would be for sociable purposes of course - and we are past masters at socialability.

Which brings up our Annual Ball. It was a most gay event, with excellent attendance and great entertainment. Pat Mulvenna and his committee did a terrific administrative job.

As a band we do stand ready at a moments notice. We were the pomp and circumstance band for the opening of the Ontario Legislature in March - after only a few days notice. For once the sun shone and we didn't have Aberdeen weather.

Speaking of Aberdeen, we are participating at the Aberdeen Pub during Caravan '74. I'm sure Aberdonians Walker and Robertson will look forward

to a bit of transplanted granite on Church St., Toronto. Especially with Big Mac's Haggisburgers - with the "woiks" - mustard and relish.

All during the summer, the competing band will be playing at the major games. The ordeals of Sunday morning practices after the Saturday before, and the extra effort after regular practices will again be tested. This has to be the most demanding function of any band member fortunate enough to have the ability to be able to play with the competing band. Warrants Mackay and Fisher are most dedicated workers at formulating the perfection needed. No doubt Sandy Dewar will be a top individual winner at the summer games.

Since last "Falcon" we have the addition of 5 new members. Yes we have to propagate too. We'de like to welcome Russel Cattell and Mike Mikol on Drums and James Scott, Allen Watson and Mike Moir on Pipes. This has certainly kept Quartermaster Taylor scrambling as no new recruit is standard size anymore. In fact there was a time when it took 15 years in the band to gain the corporation that our new high school recruits have. Anyway we need heft on the front line for Santa Claus and Grey Cup Parades.

Congratulations to Pipe Major Ross Stewart on receiving the M.M.M. Very few in Canada have received this distinguished honour and he has worked his way up through the ranks as a piper so it can be done. Congratulations to Harry Hodgson and Stan Robertson on being elevated to rank of Corporal.

Other U.B.I.'s (Useless bits of information) from the boiler room. Joe Binger saw a movie at Base Borden - Cooperwhite was asked for his I.D. card at a bar - Craig blows lumber for reeds - his brother Bill has balloons in his tenor stick - Zoom Crawford looks more like a Field Marshall every day - Base Fletcher would like for once to lead Fisher

in the Drum Solo - Hall is like Hull - only Hall has a broken leg. Al Harding takes bureaucratic March cruises - Leil got his sporran caught in a suitcase. Macleod and Bice will centre the Grandstand Tattoo '74 with a Duo Reel of Tulloch. Pity the Astro Turf! Rankin and Start certainly make "Dialogue" look tame, even when they "discuss" in the King's English. Spears looks as good in "mint green" as "khaki". Spence wears Bobby Pins to hold his Glen on while dancing. Freddie Hodgson is a vegetarian - especially while drinking Vodka - a very un-Highland appetizer. Congratulations to Piper Whyte on being on the team of 4 from Oakwood C.I. that devastated the opposition on the C.B.C. "Reach for the Top". We do have culture and brains in the Pipes and Drums.

AND FROM THE MILITARY BAND-  
by Cpl Harding K

The winter of '73 - '74 was a season of change for the Military Band. This year marked the retirements of three key members of the band, who together combined to total close to 100 years service to the 48th.

- Sgt. Thomas Blackwell
- Sgt. Thomas Nesbitt
- Sgt. Ivan Langdon

It is interesting to note that Sgt. Blackwell, at the age of 86, had marched in every parade and played in every tattoo and concert, up until the day he retired in the fall of 1973.

As always, the Mil. Band has been busy recruiting new men, and Major Keeling has now assembled a good blend of experienced veterans and eager new-comers. Enthusiasm runs high and is evident by our Tuesday night sing-a-longs in the Band's Mess. In fact, we would like to issue an open invitation to any soloists, duos, sextets (?) or whatever to come down and join us in a song. Perhaps an inter-company "Barber Shop Quartet" competition could be

arranged!

This summer promises to be busier than ever, as the Band prepares for the World Festival at the C.N.E. in August. Again, W.O. Thomas White-side will be featured as the soloist. Apart from the Festival, the Band will be conducting the usual part concerts throughout the city and surrounding areas, as well as a few parades during July and August.

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CHARLIE COY.  
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looked on by the Defence Staff as a desirable rounding-out of an individual's reserve training. It was a long time coming, but it finally got here.

Another long sought-after point has in part been achieved; a return to the spirit which is required to make any military formation function properly. This has been accomplished partly by an influx of new blood, which did not become apathetic in the bad times. These people have helped to give a new outlook to the times ahead.

On this philosophical note I'll close, wishing all a better year ahead.

Latest rumour: Sgt. Boggiss is flying to Las Vegas for a crash course in Black Jack. We wish him luck.

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There was an eccentric young lass  
Who wore panties constructed of brass;  
Said she, "They have uses,  
Like staving off' geoses  
And pinches and pins in the grass."



## 48th Highlanders of Canada

### CADET CORPS

CDT/CO Job, T.

Quite a lot has happened since the last printing of the "Falcon" so here is a brief resume of the past training year.

Last summer the corps sent many new and veteran cadets to summer camp for anywhere from two to six weeks. The camps that were open to us were Ipperwash ACC, CFB Borden, CFB Northbay and Banff NACC. The courses varied from Jr. Cadet Leader to Leadership and Challenge course. All who attended returned with many new ideas for the training year ahead.

In December we had a Christmas party to which the parents of the cadets were invited. A firm about Banff National Army Cadet Camp was shown and a short question and answer period was conducted by the ACC Capt. E. Dallow. The highlight of the evening was promotions.

During the school winter break in March we sent three cadets to the Master Cadet Qualifications course in Scarborough and, following many hard long hours of assistance from the former Cdt/CO, all who attended, passed. One more cadet was tested later and he also passed. The four who received their gold stars were: Cdt/Sgt. Colvin, Cdt/WO Stark, Cdt/Sgt. Reid and Cdt/Sgt. Martyn. GOOD SHOW.

In a never ending fund raising effort the corps sold Caravan '74 passports at this year's Regimental Ball and returned a good profit.

The day after the ball, the corps held its first sports day against #818 and #283 Air Cadet Squadrons. But due to the lack of experience, we did not do all that well, but we had fun and that's all that really mattered.

During the weekend May 3-5, the NCO's of the corps operated the butts for the classification exercise at Borden. While the weather was not pleasant the exercise was and we hope to be able to do it again.

So that's about it. We've been very busy and the numbers are still growing. In closing, the corps would like to extend its best wishes to C/CDT Grant who left his position of Cdt/CO to join the Regiment. The new Cdt/Co is Cdt/Lt. Job with Cdt/WO Ross taking over as Cdt/Rtd.

#### Note:

On Friday, 21 June, the Cadet Corps was informed that they had won the Strathcona Shield as the best Cadet Corps in the Central Ontario Region. Congratulations on this well deserved honour.

Ed.



"Why, Mr. Krock! That makes the fifth time this afternoon you've sliced your ball into the woods!"

# LADIES' AUXILIARY

by (Mrs) G Spence

A promise is a promise and, yes, this is a picture of our new uniform, and I hope you like the background, don't you think it appropriate?

The year 1973 ended with a newly nominated Executive but many events and projects were achieved since the last publishing.

Our Membership was, as at December 31, 63 Regular, 36 Life and 19 Associate Members. Mrs. Cathy Perry-Lowe became a Regular Member after 10 years as an Associate.

Our sick report, with Mrs. Munro, Past President as Convenor, looked after the visits at Sunnybrook Hospital and Mrs. Bond, her assistant phoned for delivery of 20 pots of flowers, 3 floral tributes, The Armistice Wreath and 18 corsages for our Dinner Dance, also mailed 29 Get Well and Sympathy cards, and 38 Thinking of You cards to our Life Members who are unable to attend our functions. I am sorry to report the death of Mrs. Etta Stewart, a Life Member, also the death of the husbands of two of our members. Our condolences go to the families.

"Social" was again our biggest money making committee. We served 1,501 hot dinners, 540 cold luncheons and approx. 80 sausage rolls at 3 jamborees. Our biggest undertaking was the Burns Dinner.

Donations and Projects were; our Blazer crests, the O.C.A. Executive and Past President's Dinner at cost, O.C.A. Life Members Dinner at cost, yearly donation to the I.O.D.E., the addressograph to the O.C.A. amounting to \$1,525, a new filing cabinet, Toories for the Cadets, our first bus trip in many years, to Hamilton where we had lunch at the Connaught Hotel

and on to the Safari. 35 Members and friends were surprised by a no charge announcement after a year of hard work was enjoyed by all. Our childrens' Christmas Party was again highlighted by a young dancing group well trained by a very talented Mary Henri. Our Christmas Dinner Dance is always enjoyed by all who attend.

Special Events; January 15th marked the ending of a second year term of a President with over a dozen years active on the Executive for Mrs. Rex Spence (Gerry) and was honoured by being presented her Past President's Pin and corsage, in the absence of Mrs. Wilson, I.P.P., by Mr. Bernie Whyte, I.P.P. of the O.C.A. the first time presented by an O.C.A. Member.

Our Bazaar and Bake Sale was again a success, THANKS to those who helped make it so.

Coming Events: Dance Dates:  
November 8th and Christmas Dinner  
Dance, December 13th. Do try to attend...

Membership for Regular Members is always open, Associates are limited, won't you join us.....





**48th HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION**

by J Brannan

The recent discussions regarding the club, to sell or not to sell provoked a thought, "where did it all begin?"

We all seem to take "our club" for granted with little, if any, thought on how it all happened.

Personally, I have a feeling of pride, of belonging, every time I enter 519 Church Street, for is this not the largest (single) regimental club in Canada?

There are larger buildings with reference to veterans but none the property of a single unit. And I am part of this and a Highlander as well. Proud, indeed.

Being a young (?) Old Timer I inquired around from some of the old, Old Timers and garnered some information and hope that this article may arouse other recollections that will prove more enlightening and create further interest.

From what information I gathered, it all began in the Sergeants Mess in old University Armouries around the start of the Depression Years. Some of the Old Sweats from World War One were discussing, as old soldiers will, the Regiment and the men of the Regiment. Some being aware that their time of usefulness to the Regiment was about spent and desiring to continue the fellowship

and comradeship that had been spawned and developed in times of stress, danger and hardship decided that at all costs such an association should be carried on and as a result, the 10th Battalion Association came into being.

It was started in most difficult times. The Depression had started and money was, to put it politely - scarce.

The idea of another organization with 48th connotations was not popular in regimental circles.

Perhaps it will be difficult for real young Highlanders to visualize, but in "them dark days" there were no pubs, cocktail bars, brewers warehouses or liquor stores. Booze was practically unattainable. Yet in this most difficult era "our club" managed to survive.

The meetings were held mostly in the Armouries, in lecture rooms, the Sergeants Mess or in some corner where the members could get together and promote the now well established comradeship. For special occasions, space was rented in the now long departed Prince George Hotel which stood at the south east corner of King and York Streets and it was customary and necessary to have an emergency "whip around" to pay the costs of such elegance.

The Association being started in the Sergeants Mess had a contact there, so on occasion beer was available. Would you believe this struggling organization had their own Pipe Band? Pipe Major Bob Smith is worth a listen if any of you ever get the opportunity. The late Sam Hewit was also active in this group.

The Association progressed and later as World War Two became imminent, acquired space at 97 Yonge St. No one who ever visited that establishment will ever forget it. Steep ski-run type stairs that were as hazardous to ascend as descend, a

piano that absorbed as much beer as any member. Beer was sixteen cents per bottle so a dollar got you six with four cents to the steward and there always was an extra bottle and into the piano it went. How Old Gibby ever got a tune out of it, heaven knows. The stories about this spot in club history are legend.

However, in October 1945 after the return of the Regiment, through the good graces of Captain Vaughan Chambers, it was learned that 519 Church Street was available. I will not attempt to relate the goings on that transpired in the acquisition of The Hall at this time as it is an interesting tale all by itself. It should be noted, of course, that this was the original Granite Club and the frieze in the auditorium shows the inter-locking G.C. Later it became the German Club until 1939 and in the war years it was operated as the Ulster Club.

Then on a bright May morning in 1946 our former and esteemed leader, Field Marshall Alexander, formally opened the doors and then there was such a place as our Memorial Hall.

This of course brought about more changes and the Association was formed incorporating representatives from the Regiment, the O.C.A., the Officers Association, the 48th Chapter I.O.D.E. and the Ladies Auxiliary.

But at the start of all this organization was a group of men with the determination and dedication already established in active service who scorned such obstacles as a depression, prohibition and disapproval and achieved their goal in forming an association that we, fifty years later, have the privilege of belonging and enjoying.

Adam Goodfellow, Teddy Rogers, Harry Ralph, Joe Buick and many others, all well known names in the history of the 48th Highlanders helped in the start of it all and we are now part of an extraordinary continuing Association.

I am obliged to George Perry for

considerable information. He was Secretary of the Association in its early years and has many anecdotes of the good old days and our interesting predecessors. Perhaps in another issue ---.

It is a long way from a corner in University Armouries through various come-by-chance meeting places, by 97 Yonge Street to 519 Church Street and next ---? We have come a long way and improved in each step so in the manner of these Highlanders who started it all, we will go on to even better things.

Of this I am certain.



Finished at last. We hope that you enjoyed this issue and as usual, we are open for any criticism, comments or notes to the Editor.

We missed the nimble fingers of Sgt. Cormack in the editing and assembling of this issue. We trust that he will be back at the Editor's desk for the Fall issue. He was able to encourage his staff of reporters to write their articles for this issue and we thank him and all the reporters for a job well done. A word of special appreciation to Sgt. Kowalenko for his editorial on the "retirements". We hope that if you take time to read all the articles, you will feel more at home in the Regiment. Have a good summer. We'll see you in the Fall.

Sincerely,

Capt. H.F. Roberts