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# THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

LCOL W.C. STARK, CD

## Highlanders.

Once again the time has come for the unit to officially stand down for the summer break. As we reflect on the events of the past ten or eleven months I think we can feel genuinely satisfied with a job well done. I experience a sense of pride in the accomplishments, big or small, undertaken by each and every one of you within this unit.

## SUMMER CONCENTRATION

Last summer's Concentration at Pettawawa showed the best unit response in recent years. There certainly snafus and the occasional headache but, we must realize that the Concentration was completely organized and run by the Militia - for the Militia. We all learn by our mistakes - you, me and CMA who put it all together for our use. This year I anticipate better organization at all levels and fewer snafus.

## CONC. '75

From the 9th of August to the 23rd of August the unit will take part in the Summer Concentration at CFB Pettawawa. Each man should make the utmost effort to attend both weeks. If not, I certainly expect attendance for at least one of the weeks. I realize the strain this has on family plans but, we do need your help if we are to maintain the Regiment position in the forefront of Militia circles across the country.

Everyone talks about the Highlanders. Everyone wants to be a Highlander. So, let's have support from all of you that are Highlanders! Make this camp, under our new Regimental Flag, the very best yet!

We can win the prizes and walk off with the honours but, we will have to work,

work, work, and have 100% support from the lowest rank right up to the top. I'll see YOU at Summer Concentration '75

## PARADES

The fall months saw the usual parades: The Annual Regimental Church Parade to St Andrews on our birthday.

The Remembrance Day Parade to our monument at Queen's Park.

A highlight of the year was the hundred man Guard of Honour we paraded for the official opening of the Royal Winter Fair. HRH Princess Ann inspected the Guard, which was commanded by Major David Temple, and presented her compliments to both he and COL T Warren, our honorary Lt COL, President of the RWF.

## TRAINING

Winter and Spring training were varied; extensive and, I hope, we all learned more than we knew before. I know I did!

Now we leave the past and move on with enthusiastic anticipation to the future. The unit stand down is JUNE 27th, but that is just the beginning for many of the members of the unit.

The SSEAP enrollment for this year will be the largest we have produced in quite some time. At least seventy men and women will take part under Capt John Sandham and his able, excellent cadre of instructors assisting.

Courses range from: Supply Tech, Dvr Operator, Communications, Admn Clerk and Finance Clerk to: Rank Qualification courses. PLC to Militia Officer Staff courses.

These courses have already begun and many of you are already involved. I know that you will

I know that you will make the most of the courses as the Regiment can only

benefit from your experiences and new found knowledge.

#### REGIMENTAL HONOUR

An important and memorable day for those who proudly wear the uniform of the 48th Highlanders was Sunday, October 6th. This was the day that COL JM LOWNDES CD, a past CO of the Regiment, became the Commander of the Toronto Militia District - a most responsible position. The turnout was excellent and COL Lowndes was justifiably reassured and encouraged for the future by your show of strength.

#### REGIMENTAL PICNIC/HIGHLAND GAMES

On Sunday, September 14th we will gather all the 48th family, which includes, not only the active unit, but the Cadets, O C A, Ladies' Auxilliary and the IODE, together for a bang up, rootin-tootin' family picnic. Perhaps I should call it a Highland family picnic as invitations have been extended to the Argyls, Toronto Scottish Lorne Scots and the Highland Fusilliers to attend. All these units have accepted the invitation and a challenge in the Highland games. They are sounding dire warnings of their proficiency in the 100yd dash, cross country run, cake toss, hammer throw etc. We hope to get some practise and field competitive teams so - mark it on your calenders, bring your wives, children, mums and dads, aunts and uncles to cheer us on to victory in the field of combat.

#### OUR BANDS

Not heretofore mentioned, but certainly an essential cog in our operation and often the one source to provide us with excellent Public Relations, are our Pipes and Drums and the Military bands. I must thank them, Pipe Major Ross Stewart and Major Donald Keeling, under whose able leadership the bands perform. Our spirits can never sag too low as long as their music provides the beat for us to march in step. I wish the Pipes and Drums every success in their competitions this summer and we are al-

ways proud to see them in the Scottish Festival at the CNE.

Major Keeling has again been asked to direct the Festival, a monumental task. His experience, outstanding ability and unfailing sense of humour ensures the Festivals' success. My thanks for the unfailing support of Toronto's finest musicians.

#### THE OCA

To the OCA, my congratulations on your excellent effort at Niagara Falls. They walked off with all the prizes and, again, put the 48th out in front. Thank you for the excellent support from you during the year. Next year we open the new Hall and, *what a night that will be!*

#### 48th HIGHLANDER'S CADETS

Last, but certainly not least, are our Cadets under Major J Browns' excellent leadership. The proposed trip to Scotland, long looked forward to and soon to be past history, was worked hard for by all Cadets. It will certainly be exciting and educational. The Cadets and their leaders are to be deservedly complimented on their fund raising ability. The Cadet Inspection was one of several that I attended recently and it was, by far, vastly superior to the others. The Cadets have maintained their excellent standards, which they established in 1971, and we are just beginning to recognize some of the Cadets within the ranks of the unit.

In closing, my best to you all and my sincere thanks for your support. Best wishes for a safe, happy vacation.

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Put-down department: A friend of mine went to her lawyer and made out her will. When she came home, she told her husband that she had given considerable thought to this and, if she died before he did, she wanted him to promise to remarry. Not only that, she would want his next wife to have all her dresses and fur coats. "That is nice of you!" replied her husband, without glancing up from his paper, "but she is only size 10".

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# BATALION

# HEADQUARTERS

**BOR** Sgt(w) Scallan P

During the training season 1974-75 paper work was not the only thing coming and going from the BOR. We have said good-by and welcomed a great number of people.

## FAIRWELL

We were all sorry to hear that our crack-wiz typist Pte(W) Semple KM was leaving. No more will we hear the clicking of typ-ing keys from under Kathys' fingers. Instead, there will be the patter of little feet. All the members of the BOR wish Kathy the best of luck in her new role as mother. We were also sad to see Pte(W) Hallman C leave our ranks. Good luck in your new job. No longer will we hear the witty come-backs of Sgt Kowalenko AR as he too has gone on his way. When Sgt Scallan JJ transferred to HQ/Sp the confusion in the BOR was somewhat lessened. The outcome is that there is only one Sgt Scallan in the orderly room. We have said so long to Capt JJ Kerr and hello to his replacement Lt RN McRae. Lt McRae eventually had to leave to devote more time to his profession. The pay office also lost Lt JT Clark. Well, good-by and good luck to you all in what ever your doing now.

## WELCOME

With the so many leaving we have had to recruit replacements and, to add a little more confusion, we acquired another Scallan last September namely Pte(W) Scallan MJ who is doing a good job as a clerk in the BOR. When recruiting office sent a message for help we provided them with the services of Maj McCrossan (Rec Officer) and Pte(W) McDougall D as his clerk. Now all we hear from the Recruiting Office is "I do swear...." and "I need more forms!" On a gloomy December day someone said

"All we need now is another Gledhill!" So, to brighten the day, we now have Pte(W) Gledhill SD who is giving a hand in Training Office, Pay Office and 'C' coy. Due to Sgt Scallan JJ leaving the Pay Office more help was needed. Cpl Hiralal C was transferred to fill the vacancy. Everything was going nice until someone above dreamed up more forms, more reports, MORE PAPERWORK(Oh, those dreadful words!). So, out went the cry of HELP! To the rescue came Pte(W) Reynolds J and Pte(W) Smith J. Pte Reynolds works in the Orderly Room and Pte Smith in the Pay Office- or is it the other way round! Pte Reynolds helps out in HQ/Sp and "D" Coy's. Pte Smith has finally cleaned up the travel claims. But, I can promise there will be more. Pay Office needed a Pay Master. Now Lt. Laing is the NE and Pay Officer much to the relief of Cpl Gledhill. To top it all off we needed a good efficient Adj. We found the right person for the job in Lt PR Featherstone. We have also acquired the services of Sgt Charlwood J who is our new unit clerk (reg force type) If John continues to help us the rest of his term the way he has helped us in the first two weeks, he will be a great asset to the Unit. Hi everybody! Welcome to Battalion Headquarters.

## TID BITS

**GOOD REPORTS.** On the Adm Inspection we got a very good report. The orderly room ACED in almost every area. A hell of a job, which was well done. Congratulations to all who were involved.

**GRANNY.** Congratulations are also in order for Cpl Gledhill who became a grandmother for the second time in March. Her son, Steven, a former Sgt member in the Unit, and his wife Linda, are the proud parents of a baby girl- Sherry-Ann.

**SNOW QUEENS.** Pte's Reynolds, Scallan and Smith attended Winter Indoctrination where they got their fill of sleeping

**BOB**

in the snow and working in the cold... at least until next winter.

**CANTEEN QUEEN.** After obtaining her 404s Cpl Valenti was assigned the duty of providing the Unit with a Field Canteen. So 'Pudden' got together her chips chocolate bars, pop, beer and cigarettes; dumped them into the back of a one ton truck then hit the road.

**GETTING UP IN THE WORLD.** Several of the girls in the BOB have tried a civilian parachute course. When asked what it was like they replied. "It is indescribable! You will just have to try it yourself." They didn't get one bruise from the jump but got some from the practises in landing falls. Pudden is now 'Para-Pudden' (For further information talk to Jumper in HQ/Sp)

**THE BIRDS DO IT.** The RSM went South for a winter vacation at St Martin and the Virgin Islands. He spent his time sailing and diving and acquiring a tan. What else he wouldnt say. Another member of the BOB who went south was Pte Smith. Toots spent her Winter Break at Sebastian, Florida and came back with a beautiful tan. We thought that we had a new member working in the Pay Office.

**A HELPING HAND.** Cpl Hiralal spent the month of May on Call Out with the TMD where he learned the 'do's and dont's' of the money dept.

Cpl Valanti also did a term of Call Out at the Staff College on Avenue Rd. Mary-Ann is hoping that she will be selected to go to Egypt for six months as an Adm clerk.

**WEDDING BELLS.** Congratulations to SGT AIKEN and PTE SCALLON who are engaged to be married. 'D' Day is to be on July 10, 1976.

**FAMOUS (LAST?) WORDS**

- CO - 'What's going on here?'
- DCO - 'Smoking will kill you.'
- ADJ - 'Get a hair cut.'
- RSM - 'Who broke my frog?'
- SGT Scallon - 'Quit leaning on the counter Private!'

**EFFICIENCY.** We would like to extend our thanks to MRS KAY MAJOR for all of the help she has given the Regiment in the past. Without her efficient work the Orderly Room could not have functioned as smoothly and efficiently. Also, we would not have got such a high rating on the Adm Inspection. Thanks Kay.

That's all the news for now. see you at Pettawawa or in the fall. Have a good and safe summer.



"What do you mean not tonight! We're only alive 12 hours."

- CPL Hiralal - 'I forgot to sign in again!'
- Cpl Valanti - 'Pop a quarter, beer 50¢!'
- CPL Gledhill - 'Sign here.'
- PTe Gledhill - 'Turkey!'
- PTe McDougall - 'I'll get my man yet.'
- PTe Reynolds - 'Got any work?'
- PTe Scallon - 'I can't read the writing!'
- PTe Smith - 'What's your name?'

## STORES Sgt Martin E

At the time of writing, the Tech stores staff is just cleaning up after the first of two week-ends at CFB Meaford.

Hopefully, the second week-end will have equally good weather.

The Regimental stores is also just recovering from an exercise code named Garrison Church Parade. It seemed that people from most levels of rank and from each sub-unit waited until Sunday to discover that part of their uniforms were ill fitting, lost, broken or just worn out. There were also several recruits who were completely outfitted with Full Dress. In charge of this exercise was MWO Bill Turner, a former RQMS who has returned to the Regiment. He is replacing WO2 Harry Wignall who retired after some sixty years service.

### NEW FACES -- OLD SOLDIERS

The Technical stores have also had changes in the personnel department.

WO Headley has come to us from HQ/Sp, WO Sawdy ended a short retirement to help us out. Also, Cpl Barber J has joined the unit after a twenty year retirement from the PF, where he was an armourer.

### NEW FORMS - SIGN HERE DEPT

Some of you may have seen a small green and white form being waved around by the stores people. This form is signed by people who, having received stores, fail to return all that they have signed out. The next step is a pay deduction for the missing items. Anyone who is drawing stores must also make sure that, when the stores are returned, they are signed off the issue card. It isn't good enough to give the items to someone in stores, then walk away.

### IMPROVEMENTS

This year, possibly the most important project has been the assigning of personal weapons to members of each sub-unit. This was done in co-operation with the individual CQs. There are still some problems to be remedied but, the system seems to be working.

By the time you read this, the Regiment will be standing down for the summer. Although many people will be on courses, or doing their own thing, we will not train as a single unit until Summer Conc at Pettawawa.

So...we'll see you then and - Have a good summer - what ever you may be doing.

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## RECRUITING

Sgt Potten C

The first thing to mention is the return of Maj McCrossan to the unit as Recruiting Officer. He had been on Sup List and, when the post of Rec Officer came vacant, he volunteered his services. Since his return Maj McCrossan has been kept quite busy processing recruits. Another addition to the Rec Officer is Pte(W) McDougall D who is the daughter of a former Sergeant, Sgt Max McDougall, a member of the OCA Guard. May I welcome you both to Recruiting and I hope you do as well as Lt McRae did under my watchful eye.

### RECRUITMENT

We have had a good year, recruiting wise with seventy four applications of which fifty seven were enrolled. I hope we do as well in the next training period as we, in Recruiting, like to be kept busy enrolling new members.

*A sincere welcome to all of the new members of the Regiment.*

The unit has been allowed an enrollment of seventy five people for the SSEAP this summer. We have to date, processed 92 applications. Hopefully most of our summer students will decide to stay with us come September. They would make a welcome addition to the 48th family.

### THANKS

Recruiting has had tremendous help from Lt Laing, Capt Sandham and The Padre, Capt Roberts. All three have been helping with our recruiting drives; setting up films and compiling a picture album.

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# DELTA COY

Sgt Aiken R

Well, another training year has almost come to a close and, it goes without saying, we have been keeping busy - as always.

## CHANGES AND MORE CHANGES

We had many changes in the company over the past year.

First of all, Major Johnston has assumed command of HQ/Sp Coy. In his place we have Capt. Roberts as our new Coy Comd. Capt. Roberts' previous post was that of QM.

Lt Sommerville has returned from the African Savana and immediately jumped in - to the post of GMT course cmdr.

Lt Featherstone was transferred to BHQ as Adj and, in his place, 2/Lt Boyden has come to the Coy as the Pay Level C Course Comd. Sgt McVety was also transferred to C Coy and Sgt Toozegi has come to replace him.

Next, W/O Redmon has gone on to new and better things in the Permanent Force as a direct entry officer. Currently posted to Toronto he has paid us a visit and we were pleased to find out that he passed his course out west with flying colours.

WO Barnes recently returned to the unit after a short absence and he is now our CSM.

Our last addition to the Coy is Cpl Crook and we also congratulate him on his recent promotion.

Lastly, we have Cpls Marr and Leggat; Ptes Wong and Cornish who came to us from C coy.

## TRAINING AND EXERCISES

Enough has been said about our personnel changes as we now get into training which is what our company is all about. On the training side of things we kicked off the training year with the fall classification, and it kicked us right back as it rained for most of the weekend. Aside from the bad weather we did get a good turn-out for the weekend and

much was learned by the newer members of the Coy in shooting the FN as well as night recon patrols.

Aside from our regular Saturday parades the Coy attended the Bn Ex on 6, 7 & 8 November which was run by C Coy. This helped our training along as the object of the exercise was defensive works, digging trenches and laying wire. The enemy for the weekend was made up of the officers-NCOS, of our Coy and we of course came out the Victors. Better luck next time chaps.

Last year a bombshell was dropped in that the regular force has decided that the old way of section tactics is now passé and we should come up to the times. Therefore we have been forced to stop teaching forming squad and firing in volleys. (What ever happened to tradition?)

We started off the second half of the year with the Winter Indoctrination exercise at CFB Borden in February. As the weekend was for training in winter warfare the troops slept out under canvas as did our attachments; Pte (W) Reynolds, Pte (W) Scallan; Pte (W) Smith all from BHQ.

The training included pitching and the striking of arctic tents; using lanterns and stoves and the usual snowshoeing and tobogganing. The evening was taken up by lectures and we did one night patrol.

Due to constant changes in courses and parades, we didn't have another exercise until the Spring Classification weekend at CFB Borden in May. There we took part in firing the FNC 1 and the SMG. We also had to do our annual fitness tests which consisted of a five mile run and various parts of the obstacle course.

All members of the coy finished the test together and well within the time limit. Two weeks later we returned to Camp Meaford and, this time, all phases of training was taught. This included map using, drills on defensive skills and section tactics which the coy learned well. Apart from this: C coy was to put in an attack on our prepared defenses.

However, they got lost on the way in and didn't show until we were all packed and ready to leave for Toronto. Perhaps the next time someone will lend them a compass....and a watch!

**AND PARADES**

The later part of the first of the year was taken up with regular Saturday parades and ceremonial parades.

What had to be the most important ceremonial parade had to be the Guard of Honour for HRH Princess Anne who opened the Royal Winter Fair.

Another ceremonial parade of importance was the Garrison Church Parade held at City Hall on June 1st. We just had to have been the best unit on that parade and our coy, *again*, had a 100% turnout.

This brings to a close our activities to date; the future activities are:

The TMD exercise at Camp Meaford in the first part of June, The Drill Competition on the 21st of June and the completion of our courses on June 27th.

Good luck to you on your courses. Have a good summer vacation.

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**FIELD MARSHAL LORD WAVELL  
Training for War**

"Let us by clear about three facts. First of all, all battles and all wars are won in the end by the Infantrymen. Secondly, the Infantryman always bears the brunt. His casualties are heavier, he suffers greater extremes of discomfort and fatigue than the other arms. Thirdly, the art of the Infantryman is less stereotyped and far harder to acquire than that of any other arm".

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**RECRUITING CAMPAIGN**

I think that if every member of the Regiment would get involved in our Recruiting Campaign, the Regiment could double in size by the fall.

*Will you do your bit?*

To help with the campaign the Reg Office would appreciate any photographs that you have of training or fun week-ends. We would use them in our Recruiting Posters and photo album. Make this a Highlander's Year by recruiting, recruiting and recruiting some more.

See you at Summer Concentration '75?

# NEW VIKING '74

WO Boggiss D

## NEW VIKING '74 (Pt.1)

From the balmy shores of Lake Ontario, a platoon of the 48th Highers flew in to darkest Northwest Territories. Not knowing or caring about the dangers ahead these brave young men dozed peacefully on the night before their flight. (or was it a drunken stupor?)

Morning arrived much too soon and there were two Hercules waiting for us on the runway. Loaded from head to toes with arctic gear we stood in the sun waiting to board. We had to decide whether to dress for the arctic and sweat to death down here or stay comfortable and freeze there. Well... naturally those of us who dressed for the arctic sweated while enduring that old army tradition of hurry up and wait.

Arriving in Resolute we found the sun frozen in the sky and refused to go down. Darkest Resolute turned out to be twenty four hours of light-a commanding officer's dream.

The first week or so was fairly warm; we found it very, very easy to get badly sunburnt. This, along with the tendonitis and blisters, made the packs seem heavier and heavier. When it finally came time to bed down after the long days on the march the hoochies were looking not too bad. After the first exercise, which was all walking, the markees looked great and it was home even though we couldn't run the heaters and the floor was solid ice.

The seventh day was something to look forward to as we were going into town, in the back of an open 3 Ton. We went through Blub Town, waving to all the big Blubs and little Blub Cubs. We finally arrived at the Airport Complex and rolled into the restaurant to gorge ourselves on anything and everything that we could grab.

For the next seven days we were out in the wastelands again. This time the weather deteriorated adding to our miseries but, we somehow managed to struggle along dragging our tortured bodies back to base camp.

With the plane ride south to look forward to our spirits started to rise. When the great day finally arrived we boarded our plane and headed for civilization. It was 800 weather when we arrived in Toronto clad in arctic wear. After being paid, told to be back for a briefing at 1000 hrs next day, we set out to ravage the town.

Further details are a blank on our collective memories.

## NEW VIKING '74 (Pt.2)

After all we had been put through the army saw fit to send us to that great military resort-Petawawa. Here we received some great training, had a good time (after it was all over) and even managed a week-end in Ottawa-Hull.

We trained at repelling on a tower for several days until we all felt we qualified repel masters. Then came the great test-out of the choppers. The senior NCO's, naturally, were volunteered to be first out. It all sounded like a snap-until you were up there looking down. After one good leap we were ready to do it again as it became fun, and we could have gone all day only the little black box on the chopper broke down delaying the fun for awhile. The delay gave the storm clouds a chance to gather and although a few of us got in 3 jumps most only got two.

Our trip down the Des Moines River was a laugh (Ha Ha) as our 12 Man rafts just did not seem to be able to hold air. In fact our Reg. Force advisor abandoned boat after boat as they floated lower and lower. It was not all boating as a few of the braver souls (not to mention any names) attempted the impossible - a small gorge. We soon tired of this and after 30 or 40 ft. we left the boat and swam(?) the rest of the way underwater.

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# CHARLIE COY

Cpl McGuffin K and Cpl Michitsch H

## CHARLIE CHATTER

Charlie started the year, in its usual top notch fashion, by sending two of the members to Edmonton for training with the Airborne Regiment.

During January we attended Winter Indoc. with the unit and, through our resourcefulness and Arctic training, helped the tradesmen and the women of the unit to survive the winter conditions.

In February we received a new Company Commander in the person of MAJOR JENSEN. Under his able supervision and with the flawless guidance of the NCOs, Charlie went back to the basics in training. This was to prove to the other companies what the infantry is all about.

By participating in such exercises as navigation marches, night firing, bayonet fighting, range firing and section tactics, we affirmed our ability as advanced infantrymen. A goal the other companies should strive to obtain.

Now that we have affirmed our infantry qualifications, we are now running more advanced operations - such as a guerilla style operation against the Ontario Regiment in late June.

More advanced training is planned for the fall. Training that not only brings pleasure to the hardened vets of Charlie it also furthers us in the trade of soldiering. This, whether you be a signaller, driver, sup tech, clerk, or whatever trade, we should all be dedicated.

That wraps up Charlie Chatter for this issue. See you at Summer Conc '75 or in the fall.

### *ed's note:*

Charlie Chatter was almost not written. But, along came two dedicated Charlie corporals at the 11th hour, to write the foregoing epistle. This was done in the Jiff Ranks' Mess over several beers. Thanks chaps. You came through!



"I don't think you're dying of thirst at all, you dirty old man!"

# HEAD QUARTERS/SUPPORT COY

Sgt Brandenburg AR

Over the years the company's function has remained the same; only the people have changed. This year saw an exceptionally large number of personnel come and go.

## THEY HAVE ALL GONE AWAY

Lt John Sandham received his promotion to Captain and was appointed QM.

WO Wil Headley joined Cpt Sandham in his plunge to the nether regions of the basement area.

*Sandham's Discourt Centre* has been very successful - much to the DCO's happiness!

2Lt George Elms was promoted then took a commission in the Regular Forces.

Our deepest sympathies to the RCR.

Sgt Jim Hall decided to become a Kangaroo Killer and left for Australia.

Sgt Neil McLean was posted to D coy to help train future Driver/sigs in the basics of soldiering.

Cpl Andrews departed and Cpl Hiralá fixes the pay books. Cpl Kumpikericins has retired from Militia life.

Cpl *Micky* MacDonald and wife Fran now have a bouncing future Highlander who, Micky feels, needs his undevided attention. We were all sorry to see him turn in his gear, even if only temporary.

Cpl Makmchuck decided to *Go West* and is now in Calgary with the Calgary Highlanders - a come down in the world?

Pte Bolan has left to complete his book: *From Private to Private in Eight Easy Years*. - an autobiography.

Pte Donnelly retired and Pte Harvey was promoted to Cpl then decided to retire to Virginia.

Pte Lang has taken leave of the Regiment and Pte Leggat is now a Cpl with D coy. Some promotions were due and received by Cpl Harrison, promoted to Sgt and has been shorting his wires since.

Pte Rubino to the rank of Cpl - (it is the same in English)

*Fast in and out:* Capt Muir came in last fall and left after the Turner Shoot to watch over us from on high at CMA.

Cpl Brewer decided he really wanted to be in New Brunswick.

Pte Lewis flew into the coy then boomeranged back to Australia, misplacing his car in the process.

Pte Drummond came from the Regs, rolled a 3/4 ton, then moved on his way.

## WELCOME, WELCOME

As you can see we lost a lot of people, but we gained a few.

Welcome to Maj Johnson as Company Cmdr. Capt Oliver as 2 I/C, MWO Gledhill as CSM, 2Lt Gooding as MSEO, Sgt Scallan (jumper) far NES and Wpns, Cpl Johnston (fuzz) in TPT, Cpl Crawford (any courses available?) in Wpns. Pte Cormack (flat foot) in TPT and Canteen, Pte Korwin-Kuczyuski (about to be promoted) in Wpns Pte Paterson (can I get my GMT?) in TPT, and, lastly, Pte McLean (in 2 weeks out)

## TURNER SHOOT

The Turner Shoot this year was a smashing success. We only lost one vehicle and two nights sleep. A couple of Turner boys were there along with a good group of the OCA and a boisterous group of the Cadets.

Our sincere thanks to all who attended this year and contributed to the overall success of the Shoot.

Although the competition was fierce, it was HQ/Sp who won the Turner trophy.

Special thanks go to Ozzie Sheppard and Molson's breweries for the fine trophies and individual Medals.

## TRANSPORT

Army ingenuity is at work *again!*

We received a clutch of promised new vehicles: A 1974 AMC Jeep that has every thing but a heater and roll bar.

Four new Dodge Power Wagons (with 360 V8) equipped with heaters, seat belts in the nicely closed cab, fold down benches and seat belts for Troop carrying in back. Unfortunately

Unfortunately, the bodies dent easily and the paint is easily scratched.

We lost five 3/4 ton trucks in the shuffle. Lose some - win some.

## COMMUNICATIONS

In Sigs we've lost all but five C-42 radio sets, most of our 509-510's but, are supposed to have lots of 26 sets. This will all be sorted out by fall so that we can handle some good Sigs courses. We have been guaranteed to have enough radios to supply necessary usage on any exercises. (we all know what guarantees are these days)

## WEAPONS

Support Weapons training started with the GPMG and is well in hand.

Cpls Crawford and Korwin-Kuczynski are instructing on the course. Thanks to the good ground work by Sgt Brandenburg the course is running smoothly. He had some trouble finding volunteers to act as

targets and wonders why as the safest place is out front.

Perhaps, when Sgt Brandenburg returns from Egypt this fall, he will know of a way to gently persuade people to do this.

Capt Oliver and CSM Gledhill tell us the *Wildlife Recos* at CFB Meaford proved out the stories of scaled creatures living in the *Big Puddle*. Two were captured, dissected, examined; treated with lots of yellow stuff; given ample heat and sprinkled with sodium chloride, then sampled by all present. They were declared delicious.

## PARTIES ANYONE?

Parties are always enjoyable and the one we had at Major Johnson's was especially so in that we had a great time.

The girls had a good *Get to Know You* session upstairs and the men drank in the lower levels.

A royal Thank You to Mrs Kathy for a wonderful, bountiful feed of chili. We will remember that party for some time to come.

That's all for now. See you in the next issue of the Falcon.

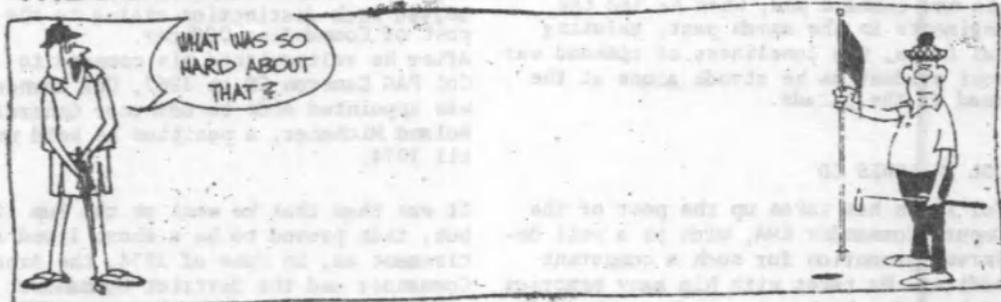
## NEW VIKING '74

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Just as we decided to go diving our boat turned over. The whole trip (for some boats) was one continual bath and the harder we tried to push our sinking boat the further behind we got. Finally it ended with a sneak attack on the "Red Landers", who were back in camp. When we wiped them out we were able to return to camp.

The best part of the summer was next - pay parade and home with lots of memories war stories and eager for the next New Viking' Exercise.

## THE BORN LOSER



# CHANGE OF COMMAND

## TORONTO MILITIA DISTRICT

Sgt Cormack RL CD

On Sunday, October 6, 1974 Nathan Philip Square resounded to the skirl of the Pipes and the blare of the Brass bands as twelve hundred men of Toronto's Militia Regiments marched onto the square. Resplendent in Full Dress uniforms of Scarlets, Blues and Greens of different hues, the Regiments wheeled in line and, halting, turned to face the City Hall. The color, pomp and ceremony was very impressive - as it was meant to be - for this was a very special parade.

### CHANGE OF COMMAND

Toronto Militia District was conducting a Change of Command in the time honoured tradition and, as they wanted to share this experience with their fellow citizens of Toronto, chose that Public Forum - Toronto City Hall.

At that solemn occasion, the Regiments of Toronto Militia District bade farewell to their commander, Col RW Lewis CD, who was about to relinquish his command to Col JM Lowndes CD.

B Gen AR McIntosh CD honoured the parade as Inspecting Officer and, as he strode through the assembled ranks, looked quite proud of the men he was inspecting.

Col Lewis must have felt pangs of regret knowing he would no longer be in direct command of such a fine force.

His successor, Col Lowndes, must have felt both awed and impressed looking over his new command and, when he led the Regiments in the march past, saluting Col Lewis, the loneliness of command was most evident as he strode alone at the head of the parade.

### COL RW LEWIS CD

Col Lewis has taken up the post of the Deputy Commander CMA, which is a well deserved promotion for such a competent officer. He takes with him many memories of hard fought battles to keep the Militia from becoming solvent as a viable

force - of some glories and of many, many frustrations.

May we, of the 48th Highlanders, extend our congratulations and best wishes on your appointment to CMA.

### COL JM LOWNDES CD

The Change of Command and Col Lowndes appointment is of special significance to our unit as he is a former Commanding Officer of the 48th Highlanders who, during his term of office, brought many honours to the Regiment.

It was in 1939, at the tender age of 12 when Col Lowndes first became involved with the military. He was a student at St Andrew's College when he joined that school's Cadet Corps. This involvement lasted until 1942 at which time he joined the Service Corp where he obtained the rank of Lieutenant. In 1943 he became a member of the 48th Highlanders which he served until, at the age of 18 years, he volunteered for the Regular Army. Col Lowndes was posted to the Canadian Infantry Corp (RCR) as a private and soon reached the rank of Corporal.

While attending the University of Toronto in 1946, Col Lowndes, as a 2Lt, undertook ROTC training. Three years later, in 1949, he re-joined the 48th Highlanders as a Lieutenant. There he served with distinction rising to the post of Commanding Officer.

After he relinquished his command to Col PAG Cameron CD in 1967, Col Lowndes was appointed Aide to Governor General Roland Michener; a position he held until 1974.

It was then that he went on the Sup list but, that proved to be a short lived retirement as, in June of 1974, the Area Commander and the District Commander approached Col Lowndes on taking the appointment of TMD Commander.

After much soul searching, family consultations and serious considerations of what would be involved, Col Lowndes accepted the appointment. His decision will be much appreciated by the Garrison but, his superiors may regret it when he confronts them on some issue concerning the well being of his command.

#### A TRUE HIGHLANDER

Col Lowndes years with the 48th could fill a book which could be used as a hand-book on how to be a complete officer. He has, and will always have the unqualified respect and admiration of those who served under his command. It has often been remarked that Col Lowndes would have been an exceptional war-time officer as his men would have followed him into battle without hesitation.

As a peace-time officer he made his mark by improving the conditions, training and the prestige of his men and of the Regiment. It was under his command that the Regiment won the Sir Casimir Gzowski trophy (awarded to the best Militia unit in Canada) for the first time and that honour was bestowed on the Regiment five times in all. Other awards and trophies were won during his tenure of Commanding Officer. What the men remember most about Col Lowndes was how he treated them personally. His concern for their welfare was manifested by his many, many brushes with the higher echelons, his compassion for a Highlander in trouble, his interest in the progress of all, down to the newest recruits. At the social functions Col Lowndes, with his wife Marilyn, at his side, could be found among the junior ranks - sharing a joke and a word with all. In the field he would be down in the bivouac area chatting with the men and assuring himself that their needs were being looked after. God help the officer or Snr NCO who was inconsiderate of those under his charge. It had to be the men first - self last!

To reiterate: A book could be written on Col Lowndes' years as an officer and CO for there is a wealth of material in his years of service.

#### A PERSONAL VIEW

On the personal side, Col Lowndes was born and brought up in Toronto and attended school at Whitney Public School. From there he went first to St Andrew's College then on to the University of Toronto. It was there that he studied law and, after Graduation, he joined the Law firm of Ricketts, Parley and Jewell; which he is now a partner and received his QC in 1971. Many Highlanders, be they Active or not, have availed themselves of Col Lowndes expertise as a Lawyer. It seemed that he pertise as a Lawyer. It seems that he is always going into court on behalf of some Highlander who ran afoul of the Law and, this probably after a dressing down for getting into a predicament.

Col Lowndes has a most charming and delightful wife, Marilyn, four girls and a son whose ages range from 10yrs to 21 yrs

When asked by the FALCON for a comment on his appointment, Col Lowndes stated that his prime concern will be to improve the training and instruction within the units. Also, to build up their strengths as enrolment is not at a desirable level. He did not find many changes in the Militia - different personalities, uniforms - but the problems and frustrations are the same.

Col Lowndes did not envisage any great changes under his command as his prime concern is to strengthen rather than change for the sake of change. He will be taking a personal interest in every units progress, especially the 48th whom he would like to see, once more, win the Gzowski trophy. We wish Col Lowndes good luck in his new command and pledge our support in all his endeavours!

#### WINSTON CHURCHILL

"Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others". "Patience and a tenacity of purpose are worth more than twice their weight of cleverness".

# PIPES & DRUMS

Sgt Macleod P

In 6/8 With The Pipes and Drums

As it has been nearly a year since the last FALCON, we have a fair amount on news happenings from Pipes and Drums.

## CONCERTS AND COMPETITIONS

The band played the usual park concerts and at the C.N.E.'s World Festival Tattoo. It is now confirmed that in 1975, the C.N.E. will swing back to the 'Scottish World Festival' which will feature the Black Watch and other top bands from Scotland. This should make Warrant Worth happy. One of the Regiment's greatest supporter, Gordon Sinclair, will open the Ex this year.

The competing band once again made a good showing of itself at the summer games and is hard at practice for the 1975 season.

Early last summer, the Highlands of New Hampshire were awakened to the fact that some of the band were around for a weekend socializing. They were making a special guest appearance at a local hotel *where else?* of one of our ex band members. I understand that there may be another repeat performance this year.

## THE NEW AND THE OLD

Two new members have joined since last summer. Drummer David Howells, who also played in his first summer with the competing band, is the Oliver Twist to Fagen Fred. Also, "Baby Blue" Ray Martin decided to return after a few years absence.

We have three members away getting further education. Al Harding Jr. is at Brock; Charles Spence at Windsor taking bail reform for the odd one of us that may fall be the wayside. He is also getting married in June. We all wish him the very best.

Chuck Osborne is still doing push-ups at Laurentian.

Three members receive the Canadian Forces' Decoration for 12 years service. Drum Maj Larry Fullerton; Sgts Fred Hodgson and Sandy Dewar. I can

remember the time their plaids had to be wrapped around them three times to fit. How time flies! Congratulations to Sandy Leil on being promoted to Sergeant. He even has three stripes on his suitcase.

## A NEW ASSOCIATION

A Pipes and Drums Association was founded last fall by ex band members so that they could keep in contact and have a few social evenings. The gathering last December was a most interesting night when Dr. Tom McKean talked and showed slides of his trip to Russia with Team Canada. Tom who was their dentist, gave us many facets of this series that you don't read about in the paper. It was a most fascinating evening.

## RENOVATIONS

The Boiler Room has been renovated by the Mr. Pixits of the band and they certainly did a great job. I understand an anonymous suggestion of a band wife was that: one wall should be adorned with Penthouse centrefolds they're better than Playboy. This would serve as a distraction from the bar and would certainly be an adrenal in builder for early trips home.

## THE PLAYS THE THING

Those that watch the band drilling will notice our new roll out to the left and to the right followed by a single line, left-right block pattern that culminates in a cris-cross rollover and, finally into a squared huddle. We are currently publishing a play book (top secret from our competitors) so that all the pipe major has to do is shout, '36-26-38' and we all follow through.

Our biggest problem is the heavily armed warrants in the front rank. They keep belting everyone else in the counter marches with their *Highland Toothpicks* (dirks)

## SHOW BIZ AND INFIRMITIES

Our annual ball in February was a huge success and those that attended had a

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# MILITARY BAND

## Sgt Harding K

As summer rapidly approaches, the Military Band is preparing for another active season of performances.

## ADDITIONS AND EXITS

The long winter months brought about several changes in Band personnel, both in the form of additions and exits. One exit of which we feel mixed emotion is that of Bandsman KEITH WRIGHT who is currently involved in Office Training. While we miss his bass voice in our chorale group, his staunch support of the Mess, we most of all miss a few sour notes from the French horn section. The Band welcomes new members at all times and is particularly pleased to have such noteworthy musicians as BRIAN MASHNNE and PETER CORDELL attending regularly.

## MOTHERS' DAY - AND THEIR SONS

It is always nice to see a new member become fully involved with his work and at a recent concert in Ajax, tuba player J. NICHOLS fill right into the swing of things. In fact - he felt right off the stage! Our concert in Ajax was in honour of Mother's Day and a special tribute to all Mothers was paid by CBC commentator BRUCE SMITH. We owe all the success of this concert to Sgt CHARLES PRESELY who worked dilligently and with great fervour to ensure a large and vocal turn out.

## MAJOR DONALD KEELING CD

Perhaps it is fitting to mention that the Director of Music, Maj DONALD KEELING, is entering his fifty second year in Military Music. A career which has seen him serve in a dozen countries and perform for audiences of every kind. He also holds the honorary position of *Zulu Chief*, bestowed upon him by the Band Sgt of Her Majesty's Royal Marines in 1973. The full impact of this award can only be appreciated by those who realize the courage, dedication and talent required to pass the test. Two other Band Sgts, namely HARDING and

MacKINNON hold lesser titles of *Zulu Warriors*. In all seriousness, the Military Band takes great pride and happiness in congratulating Maj Keeling on entering yet another year of a distinguished career.

## SERVICE, CONCERTS AND GOINGS-ON

Speaking of service to the Regiment, feel it should be noted that the Military Band boasts at last a half dozen active members with over 20 years continuous service to the 48th and, whats more, this summer the band promises to look and sound better than ever. Upcoming concerts include our list of TORONTO CITY PARKS, ONTARIO PLACE, a series of parades and of course the INTERNATIONAL SCOTTISH FESTIVAL at the C.N.E.

For those who only hear the Band on parade, they should be aware that our concerts cover a wide range of music from light classical, show tunes, military' overtures, marches and even soloists such as WO J. BREACH on xylophone, WO THOMAS WHITESIDE singing long renowned favourites and occasionally a duet of Scottish folk music as you can see, a wide variety of *Talent* is put to use and we would welcome your support at our performances. Dates for our shows are usually put in the newspapers, but a much better method of finding out when, is to visit our mess, have a drop of *Highland Cheer* and talk to the boys!

All the best for the summer.  
Will we see you at one of our concerts?

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wonderful time. The band committee has also had some good Saturday night dances.

Pipe Maj Stewart is almost on the brink of becoming the second "Stumpie" with his ankle problems. Anyway, the long hot summer and cool gins should cure his ills. We are looking forward to having him on parade shortly as *Heavens!* it's far too quiet in the front rank. Until next FALCON, have a safe and pleasant summer season.

# 48<sup>TH</sup> CADETS

2LT P Byrne

Since September of last year our Cadet Corps has taken a plunge in active membership but surprisingly - and happily our numbers increased handsomely after the New Year. This is the result, in large measure, to some of the old "sweats" returning to the fold after having been invited to partake of the Christmas party.

## TRAINING

As Napoleon said, "An army marches on its stomach", so too do the Cadets, apparently, although not enough emphasis is on marching these days. Not like your day dad, eh??

*Trucks? Never heard of them!*

As always, the boys, enjoyed immensely their field trips and weekend outings to Borden. *Yes dad, it is still there.* After all, this is what a Cadet Corps is all about - playing at soldiers and that's what keeps the boys happy. We hope to keep them a lot happier in that respect by initiating a whole new programme enabling all the boys to participate in outdoor activities, recreational pursuits, sports, judo and precision drill, foot and arm-not the 'brown bess' dad. You remember the old 303?

## TRIP TO SCOTLAND

This summer, fifteen boys of all ranks will take part in a trip to Scotland as guests of the Black Watch in Perth, providing that Regiment is not disbanded in the interim. This project is being conducted on a merit point system for all round efficiency. I look forward to announcing the names of the lucky lads in the next issue of the FALCON.

## RECRUITING

Hopefully, in the future I will be able to confirm a marked increase in our recruitment and, it is here that I would like to direct a few words to you, Mom and Dad. As you know the Corps is the

main pipeline to the Regiment; therefore the Regiment of tomorrow will be as good as the Cadet Corps today. So why not rally round and help us. For example: How many reading this have sons, friends or relatives whom you could direct to the corps, or could help recruitment at least through some inexpensive campaigning through your business activities. Sorry, but bounty payments have ceased dad.

## HELP WANTED

And why not yourself too, to lend a hand. If you stormed the beaches at Anzio or Pachino why not show the boys how it was done. You've talked it to death in Legion halls enough; you'll be a bigger hero to the boys than John Wayne! Don't bother about the uniform as Mr. McNaughton still has large waist sizes available. So please, don't moan about modern youth if you are not prepared to help and advise them. Besides, I think they are even better than you were. Don't believe that? Only one way to prove it. Being jealous of our reputation we would like to retain our proud title of best Unit in the Cadet Corps so, please help all you can - it will be greatly appreciated. Whether it be musical, weapon or first aid knowledge you can impart, you will be most welcome. There is even a cushy job as a clerical type open - also desk bound just like the old days, dad!

I'll close with these few lines to ponder. *Apologies to Kipling.*

*If your Officer's dead  
and the Sergeants look white,  
Remember it's ruin to run  
from a fight  
So, take open order,  
lie down, and sit tight,  
And wait for support  
like a soldier  
Wait, Wait, Wait like a  
soldier.*

Looking forward to meeting you in the next issue of the FALCON.  
Have a good, safe and happy summer.

# 48TH OCA

J Brannan

With the anticipated "move out" of 519 Church Street come moments of nostalgia and thoughts of the many, many pleasant and memorable events that have taken place in this, now hallowed hall. And some of the many persons involved in such events.

Such thoughts provoked another look at the pictures of the presidents displayed prominently in the vestibule. They are listed thus:

1937 A. Goodfellow DCM.  
Adam I met, but never got to know at all well. He seemed reserved and I guess, after all, I was a young(?) newcomer. But I was well aware of the respect and regard evident in his closer friends. The DCM also was most impressive.

1938 E.P. Rodgers.  
Now, Teddy I knew well - drinking buddies for sure. What a character he was and I am sure many guards in that prison camp were happy to see the back of the bold 'Teddy'.

1939 A.H. Stewart.  
This gentleman I cannot remember at all at the moment.

1940-41 J. Edmondson, DCM  
'Hans' or Jock was a prince of a fellow honest, logical and laconic. He was highly respected, popular and also a DCM winner.

1942 A.A. Scully, MM  
Jolly chubby Art - a nice guy. Better remembered possibly as Sick Committee Chairman.

1943 G.F. MacKenzie  
Guy was a real worker. Being a carpenter he pattered around 519 Church Street knocking in nails; figuring how to improve the building. Strange to see a Pres. in Toronto Scottish Officer uniform. Guy got his commission following his World War One service.

1944 J. Edmondson, DCM  
Jock again. He died one night after attending a club function.

1945 G. Lovegrove.  
George is probably better remembered for his many years as treasurer, but he was chairman when 519 Church Street was purchased. His many anecdotes on the raising of the money would have made a most interesting book.

1946 H. Ralph.  
Harry was in the chair during the difficult "founding" year and was a dedicated president. Too bad he was not around when his son-in-law made the radical alterations in the services. The son-in-law? Paul Helyer.

1947 J.F. Williams.  
Jack, or Bill, a very fine fellow and the oldest living, in point of service, past president. He just loves those horses.

1948 F.C. North.  
Frank was one of those notables - a friend of everyone. His Tuesday night stage in the post war years were terrific, complete with "Old King Cole".

1949 S. Gledhill.  
Stan was cool, calculating; extremely shrewd and diligent in all club business

1950-51 H.D. Helleker.  
Herb was really the first of WW 11 vintage. He was most industrious and dedicated and was just great for the 60th anniversary, the first reunion after the war. Very popular too.

1952 W.B. Moore.  
Our Wally was one of the most popular Highlanders to ever wear the Davidson. One day someone will write some of Wally's exploits; it will make grand reading. Awfully gib shoes to try to fill as secretary. *I know.*

1953-54 J. Shepherd.  
Jimmy was a Highlander. I would venture to say his blood was tartan. He lived for the 48th and knew enough of the history to out-do Kim Beatty.

1955 - L.L. Querie. Charlie to us. Did you know his first name is Leith? Outspoken and so honest. A gr-r-rand chap who never forgets a friend.

1956-57 G.R. Keeler, MW. Gordie, of WW II vintage, who withstood the handicap of double leg amputation; was one of our most ambitious presidents. Extension of the premises at 519 Church Street, the swimming pool and firing range all were in Gordie's plans. Too bad money was so tight.

1958 W.K. Ross. Bill will probably be remembered more for his many years as ten

for his many years as entertainment chairman. He was elected to Hon. Life Membership for his efforts and deservedly so.

1959-60 J.F. Lawrie. Jimmy is by nature a PR man and, as our representative, did us proud in meeting other veterans' club groups during his term in office.

1961-62 J. Brannan.

Yup, me too. I was most fortunate in my executive. There was our Seventieth Birthday, our first Golf Tournament, the trip to Scotland, Life Members and Pachino Dinners were inaugurated. It was enjoyable and interesting.

1963 M.J. Tracy. Morris, or Dick, had the Demolition Ball in his term when University Armouries became a fond memory. Tracy only served eleven months as he left to take up residence in Calif. U.S. of A.

1964-65 R. Nicholson. Bob had given yeoman service as Sports' Chairman and continued his hard-working efforts as president.

1966-67 K. Matheson. Ken was president for the 1966 Reunion which was another highlight in the history of the club. The Regiment received the Freedom of the City at that time.

1968-69 W.J. Wilson. Bill was another of those hard-working dedicated club men whose every waking thought seemed to be of club improvements and ideas for the betterment for the members. This is most evident in his continuing to serve on the executive.

1970 H. Goldberg. Hugo was a real trier. Lots of ideas and enthusiasm which I consider would have developed with another term, but he thought he had had enough and would not continue. "Perhaps at a later date" is his comment. I hope so.

1971-72 B. Whyte. Bernie also served during a reunion year and brought his administration experience to good use. His "Uncle Bernie's" Jamborees are something else.

1973-74 G. Outhwaite. Gord served in the critical times of the sale of the club and also in the obtaining of a new building. It is hoped his ideas are developed. His efforts in the formation and operation of the OCA Guard are incalculable.

1974 G. Roberts-? Good Luck George

That's it for now. Hope to see ALL Active Members of the Regiment at the new club. Let's really make it the '48th Family'.

## THE PICK OF Punch



"We've been coming here for our picnics for years."

# WOMEN'S PAGE

(Mrs) G Spence

This being the last article for the FALCON from 519 Church Street, I thought it appropriate to write about the Women's Groups who held meetings in this Hall that is so well known as the home of the 48th Highlanders.

## THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

Information on some of these groups has been difficult to acquire but, I shall summarize the information I have.

A handful of men, who formed the OCA organization, decided there should be an auxiliary and wifey was, of course, chosen and Sam Leake brought in our wonderful Alma Leake to start things going. The years have seen this Auxiliary grow to 175 members and, after they moved into 519 Church in 1946, the beginning of many wonderful years; all kinds of projects to raise money to help support this new Home.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

The Past Presidents are:  
Mrs Scully, Mrs McConnach, Mrs Hobson, Mrs N Brooks- The first recipient of the Past Presidents' pin in 1952, Mrs Stinson, Mrs Keiler, Mrs Sniddon, who, in 1954, started the Christmas Dinner/Dance.  
Mrs Ethel Willcock who, in 1956, started the Children's Christmas parties.  
Mrs June Wood who had the first Constitution and Bye-Laws published in book form.  
Mrs Dorothy Sheppard, Mrs Helen Munroe, Mrs Thelma DuSomme, Mrs Ida Willstrop who left the chair with memories of many worthwhile projects; one of which was the presentation of three chairs to the Princess Margaret Hospital lounge.  
Mrs Doreen Blencowe has claim to presenting a podium to the OCA. Mrs Rena Wilson who presented the OCA with a bar dispenser. Mrs G Spence who had the second revision of the Constitution and Bye-Laws published. She also had the new Auxiliary uniform of scarlet blazer, Davidson kilt and fancy blouse introduced to the Auxiliary. These were the most prosperous years that saw many of

the following projects completed: The Bazaar and cake Sales; thousands of Dinners served by the Social Committee and the Sick Committee, whose familiar, cheerful faces was always welcome at the Sunnybrook and other hospitals.

Our dances each year was one of the biggest draws and entailed weeks of preparations making costumes and practising.. This was for such entertainment as: The Irish Dancers, The Bowery, The All Nations, The Can-Can, the Charleston, the Centennial Variety, The Scottish Dance, and many others. These were done under the direction of Ethel Willcocks, Mae Low and Gery Spence who were thankful for the support of many talented, willing dancers such as: Marg Scott and her daughter, Shirley. Doris Winters, Mary-Ellen Driver, Thelma DuSomme, Joyce Loke, Liz Scott, Evelyn Stillwell, Dorothy Shires, Lil Pound, Marg Ritchie, Marjory Harding, Grace Munns, Nora Charles and the many others who took part. These colorful shows would always play to packed houses.

## IODE

The 48th IODE, a world renown organization, was also very active with wonderful women sewing as regents and assistants. Those were, to name only a few: Mrs George, Mrs Lowndes, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Elms, Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Blain, Mrs Spears, Mrs McKay and many others. These ladies donated many hours on such money making projects as: Bazaars, Bake Sales, Dances, Card parties, Teas and Bingos, etc. to raise money for to help our less fortunate families. This only names a few of the many, many achievements in our memory book.

## THE WILLING WORKERS

Last...but not least, we have a group of women who, when, years ago, beverages were brought into the meetings, broke away from the Ladies Auxiliary to start a small group of their own and called themselves 'The Willing Workers' An apt name for they spent many hours as seamstresses stitching for the needy. There is now only a handful of these ladies left.

WOMEN'S PAGE.

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It is, of course, imposible to write about everyone who took part in the groups but a 'Salute' to each and every one of you who gave of your time, knowledge and service in the old home of the 48th Highlanders.

If you have a newsworthy item, be it a birth, death, wedding, fashion, announcement, the Women's Page will try to include it in future articles.

I would be very interested in hearing from the ladies of the Active Regiment.

Please forward any items to:

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Until the next FALCON - Have a good and safe summer.

**BULLETIN**

LATE NEWS BULLETIN - 21 JUNE 1975

The results of the Drill Competition was received by the FALCON as it was going to press.

There was an exceptionally good representation from the companies (80%), all of whom put a tremendous effort into their drill and team-work.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Head Quarters Support, for winning the Drill Competition. Your hard work and perserverance has paid off-again!

**EDITOR'S NOTE BOOK**

*Right on!* It's the long overdue issue of the FALCON.

There are good (bad?) reasons for the long delay in getting this issue to press. Reasons such as: Money - \$\$\$ - the long green of which we are very short; Printing costs, which have become too rich for Regimental funds and various other conditions. Therefore, we had to fall back on the format used in this issue. To bad...but we are investigating different sources for funds to pay the costs in printing the FALCON in the same format as the November '73 issue.

My sincere thanks to the coy reps for their patience and submissions -(both!); Sgt Dave Boggiss for his article on New Viking '74 A well written piece of reporting a vey interesting exercise; my typist, Joan Thompson, for typing the first draft and a good part of the final draft. which was the hardest part.; the OCA secretary, Jimmy Brannan, for his work and to Gerry Spence for the Woman's Page.

With a group like this the FALCON will survive despite the lack of moneey.

I won't predict what the next issue will contain but, after such an active summer as is coming up, I expect to have lots of material for a very interesting issue. This will be up to the coy reps, people on courses and attachments. If you all keep notes on your activities over the summer you would have the material for a good article.

Read the CO's Message and try to attend Summer Conc '75 - it promises to be a really good one this year.

No matter what you are doing - just have a good summer and we will see you in September. Come home safe!

Yours Aye,  
*Larry*  
Editor Falcon

**DILEAS-GU-BRATH**