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# COMMANDING OFFICER'S

# THE REGIMENT

## MESSAGE

## MWO YOUNG AG



L COL W.C. STARK, CD

### HIGHLANDERS:

As we near the close of 1975, I believe we have had a good year; done much to enhance the image and respect that we have come to expect as Highlanders down through the years.

All of our sub-units have enjoyed a vigorous training year and, I feel the results have been rewarding for each and everyone of us.

Representatives from our Unit have received parachute wings during 1975, some people were included in the contingents of Militiaman going to Europe and Cyprus, others are on their way to the mid-east. At Concentration '75 our Unit did a great job: the SSEAP program proved to be a training ground for future growth that will make the Unit strong in the future.

The Pipes and Drums and Military Band participated in a considerable number of functions during the past twelve months. This did much to tell the people of Toronto that we are an active and important part of the Reserve Component of the Armed Forces.

On the 18th of October, at the Annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner, MWO (Greg) Young gave the Toast to the Regiment. His address impressed those present so much so that the Editor felt the FALCON readers should share the sentiments expressed.

### A TOAST TO THE REGIMENT

Tonight it is my honour to offer the traditional Toast to the Regiment. The achievements and history of the Regiment are well known to all here and this is not the time to recall the glories of the past. However, it is a fitting time to pause for several moments and think of the bond that we all have formed with the Regiment. The Regiment that will march tomorrow in our Annual Church Parade is not the same Regiment that stormed Ortono, or fought at the Somme, or served in South Africa.

The Regiment is the men who make it up and, since men will always differ, so the character of the Regiment constantly changes. Yet there is, and always has been a common thread that has joined together men of different backgrounds and different periods in the Regiment's history. It is an invisible but a complete and permanent bond. Call it esprit de corps, comradeship or Dileas but it is the common desire to serve and be part of the Regiment that is the strength upon which we are founded.

So, it is to the men - and the spirit of the Regiment that I ask you now to rise and join me in a toast to the Regiment.

The forecast is that: Our Unit, and the Militia as a whole, as we approach 1976 are probably coming into a period of great prominence and growth. The government has announced better equipment and support for the Armed Forces. We shall no doubt share in the benefits from this fresh approach.

Start thinking of next year as we have a big job ahead of us and I want full participation in the summer program at camp! It will be essential that we turn out as a unit, 100% next summer. This will make us a stronger, better trained battalion than ever before.

Enjoy the Holiday Season and return in January with an even stronger desire to achieve your personal goals and objectives in the New Year.

## BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

SGT. CHARLWOOD J. BOR

### THE ADM NET (BOR)

There is a great race going on between CMA and the resident clerk to see who can change simple procedures, into the most complicated operations. CMA appears to have a slight edge, but the UAA is gaining ground.

On the serious side of things, the administration is currently undertaking some major changes. Administrative procedures are being modified and expanded to enable us to reach our optimum peak in efficiency. Unit personnel will suffer some minor inconveniences until all of the innovations have been implemented and begin to function smoothly.

One of the new innovations being introduced by FMC, is the Reserve Data System. As of this writing, CMA is in the midst of converting our personnel records to enable us to adapt to this new system.

Well, I am not in a position to elaborate in any great detail on this new system. The objective is to provide the Militia with a very complex data system network, which will greatly increase the administrative efficiency and expand greatly on its current capabilities. As an example: when this new system is fully operational (Jan '76), it is expected to increase the efficiency of the militia pay system. This increased efficiency will probably be most noticeable when an individual experiences a pay discrepancy.

It has been designed to solve problems in a much more expedient manner. As a result, Militia personnel are not expected to wait months to receive their pay, when they have some type of technical difficulty in their pay records.

To all Falcon readers, the members of the BOR staff extend to you and your family, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be looking forward to seeing you again in the new year.

### BARBS

The most unfortunate thing about the younger generation is that we don't belong to it any more.

Speaking of ailments — must you?

A cynical pal looking over the presidential timber for '76 says it looks as if the land had been pretty well cut over in years past.

2/LT. LANG CRB RECRUITING

### RECRUITING

When Sgt Cormack asked me to write "about 500 words" on recruiting to be published in the FALCON, I really wasn't sure where to start. We've heard "pep talks" so many times, it is difficult to be innovative. Facts and figures are tossed about, which may or may not be encouraging in themselves and the strength of the regiment rises and falls with the times. Through it all, men continue to pass through the recruiting office door. Why do they come?

One question that I put to each prospective recruit is, "Why do you wish to join the 48th Highlanders?" The answer coming back, usually has something to do with the fact that the recruit KNOWS that the 48th is tops and he wants to be part of the best. This person is going to be an asset. Occasionally, we see a recruit who doesn't know why he wants to be in the 48th, or the Canadian Forces for that matter; this is the recruit who may become a Non-Effective.

Next, we discuss the 48th as a "family" and I explain that wherever you may go in life, you carry a very precious identity as a Highlander that will be of greater value than any other affiliation that you may make. I have personally met Highlanders under circumstances that enabled me to have an instantly and brother and we have all heard stories of chance meetings of fellow Highlanders and how they were able to assist one another in a serious jam.

If those of us who are really "Dileas" are the blood and body of our regiment, the recruit must be the food to keep us healthy over the years and, as such, the prospective recruit must be cared for from the moment that he comes in the door of the Moss Park Armoury until he feels that he really belongs to the regiment and that the regiment belongs to him. Over the years, we have asked you all to bring in one friend in order that we may continue to grow. This is our single best source of top recruits, with one exception, the cadet corps.

Yes, the cadets are sharing our facilities, ceremonies and spirit. Yet they are being too much neglected by those of us who are not working with them. These young men feel as great a pride in being associated with this regiment as does any of us and they must be made to feel an integral part of it. How many of us know one cadet by name? Do you ever stop to

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## CHANGE OF PIPE MAJORS

SGT. CORMACK R. L. CD

On Friday October 24, 1975 the Regiment took part in a very historical moment of its history. It was on that occasion when the sixth Pipe Major of the Regiment formally relinquished his appointment. The 48th Highlanders have always been fortunate in having Pipe Majors that were the best in the Continent. Pipe Major J Ross Stewart is no exception.

The new Pipe Major, Reay S MacKay, has the qualifications, background and ability to continue the traditions of 48th Highlander Pipe Majors

### PIPE MAJOR J ROSS STEWART MMM, CD

Pipe Major Stewart, who is completing his 37th year of service, has an envious and interesting record since joining the 48th in 1939 as a boy piper at the age of 14. Tutored by the legendary father of piping in North America, Pipe Major James R Fraser, Stewart has achieved some memorable milestones in his regular and part-time military service which includes three years of overseas duty (1943 to 1945 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany).

Pipe Major Stewart has been presented to Her Majesty the Queen, Colonel-in-Chief of the 48th Highlanders and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and was one of two Canadian pipers at Buckingham Palace for the Coronation in June 1953. Pipe Major Stewart has also been presented to the King and Queen of Greece and has played the pipes in an official capacity for every Canadian Prime Minister from William Lyon Mackenzie King to Pierre Elliot Trudeau. Other memorable experiences include piping at Mackenzie King's funeral, presentation and conversations with Lord Louis (now Earl) Mountbatten of Burma and former British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan.

Long a familiar sight to hundreds attending practices for the 48th Highlanders Ball and in alternate years the St. Andrews Ball, Pipe Major Stewart, as dance co-ordinator and Chief Highland dancing instructor for the regiment, taught the strenuous art in recent years to former Governor General Roland Michener and Mrs. Michener.

During his tenure as Pipe Major the Pipes and Drums of the Regiment have maintained a strength of 48 Bandsmen (largest pipe band in the Commonwealth) and a standard second to none. Under the Pipe Majors' lead the band has made good will tours to New Orleans, Florida, Chicago, New York, and Louisville, Kentucky. In

New York, during Canada's Centennial Celebrations for "Canada Day", the pipe major was introduced to (then) Governor Nelson Rockefeller at which time the late Prime Minister Lester B Pearson was an interested observer.

Pipe Major Stewart was made and remains the FIRST honorary piper of the Toronto Press Club. No other press club in Canada claims an honorary piper to date. In professional life he is the Director of Personnel for the North York General Hospital.

The events in which the Pipe Major has led the pipes and drums are well known to Torontonians: Trooping the Colour at CNE stadium (proceeds to the Canadian Cancer Society) Tattoos at Maple Leaf Gardens for the Ontario Society for Crippled Children and the Annual opening ceremonies with the familiar march, on the ice to begin the NHL season at the Gardens.

In a career that has been long and continuous Ross Stewart has served faithfully and honourably. In recognition of such service he was invested a member of the Order of Military Merit by the Governor General in Ottawa in 1973. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration and clasp after 22 years of service and retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer, the highest non-commissioned rank in the Canadian Forces. Pipe Major Stewart, the sixth pipe major of the Home Battalion, has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Regiment in the tradition of Regimental music for which the 48th has been familiar and famous since 1891.

The Officers and the men of the Regiment wish Pipe Major Stewart the best of life in his retirement. We will miss his presence at the night of the Pipe Band, but hope he will grace us with his presence at Regimental functions. Haste ye back.

### PIPE MAJOR REAY S MACKAY CD

Pipe Major Stewart's successor is Master Warrant Officer Reay S Mackay, holder of the Canadian Forces Decoration, who started instruction on the pipes at the age of 5. At the age of 12, while visiting Scotland with a Toronto Choir, the future pipe major played the pipes to keep up morale for the stranded passengers of the Samaria, aground on a sandbar off Southampton. The same year, 1951, he received an award of excellence for piping at Braemar from the Marquis of Huntley. Pipe Major Mackay was given the distinction of being spotlighted soloist at the Edinburgh Castle Tattoo during the same visit.

## DELTA DOINGS

### SGT. ARIKEN R. H.

We have started our fourth year as the training Coy and as usual, there have been a number of personnel changes.

Capt Roberts has been transferred to the BOR as the new Pay Master. 2/LT Leach and Sgt MacLean have gone to Charlie Coy.

Maj. Jensen has been transferred from Charlie Coy as our new Coy Comd along with him came Capt Bartley and Sgt Short. New to Regiment, and the Coy, is 2/LT Burrow. WO Headley has come up from stores and is currently the CQMS. We also welcome back WO Boggiss who had to leave the unit for one year due owork commitments.

We are pleased to announce a number of promotions within the Coy: CSM WO Barnes has been promoted to MWO. Contratulations are also due to Sgts Marr and Michitsch on their recent promotions.

Unlike previous years we did not start right into GMT training. Instead, while Maj Jensen, 2/LT Legge and MWO Barnes were preparing a new training plan, the rest of the instructors took what recruits we did have down to the indoor ranges for shooting. By the time the course began on October 31st we not only had a complete and detailed course package for the entire year, but we also had two sections of recruits to begin the course. Most of them have developed into pretty fair shots. This is quite a change from previous years when we would start off with only 2 recruits.



Along with shooting on the ranges and preparing for the years training our Coy has been busy at a number of other activities, both in the field and on the parade square. The year started off with the fall classification at CFB Borden on 19, 20 and 21st September which was

well attended by the Coy. As usual there was firing on the FN and SMG ranges; we also got a chance to throw a few grenades. This year we stayed in barracks instead of tents and, on Saturday night, all ranks gathered at the local Drill Hall for what was to be a quiet (?) party.

On 23, 27th September all instructors took part in an Instructor Training Course which was run within the Coy. During this time all instructors, including the OC brushed up on the methods and principles of instruction, which seemed to have been lacking in the past.

On the 19th October the Coy attended our Annual Church Parade at St. Andrews Church. After the parade, we all marched over to 284 King St. for the dedication ceremonies of the new club. On the 24th October we were again on parade in full dress for the change of Pipe Major. We would at this time congratulate MWO MacKay on his new appointment and give all our best to CWO I R Stewart on his retirement. On the 9th November we paraded from 519 Church St. to our Regimental Memorial for Remembrance Day Ceremonies. As usual the Coy had a full turn out.



Not all of the fall was taken up with ceremonial parades as, on 14, 15, 16 November, the Coy took part in a Bn Ex at CFB Borden. Since the week-end was devoted to individual Coy training we trained on GMT subjects and covered Sentry Duties, Movement, Cam. and Concealment and digging, digging, digging. All those who attended the week-end agreed that it was well run and that much was learned by all.

On 5, 6, 7 December we will again be off to CFB Borden for a shooting week-end and the 12th December will be our final parade for the year.

Thats about it for now. See you all in the new year.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## SSEAP COURSE REPORT

PFC. DOWNES R. B.

The way I figured it, if I hadn't taken the summer course, I'd be in Delta Company for the rest of my illustrious military career (I also needed a job). The course was an excellent opportunity to acquire GMT 1 and 2 along with LI in one shot.

The first day was hectic. We received an outline of the course and were introduced to our platoon commanders. I was placed 12 platoon, headed by WO Goldman whom I knew would endeavour to give his all in showing his men the proper attitudes and disciplines needed to be a Highlander. I felt in my Heart that this is a man who I could follow into the glory of battle (does the reader detect a hint of sarcasm?).

The course itself was headed by Captain J.H. Sandham. It turned out to be both a valuable learning experience and an overall great time for everybody. On the course there were approximately 65 men and 10 women (all of which had friends and/or fiances at the end of the course), who were divided into three platoons as follows:

10 platoon - MWO young, Sgt McVety, Sgt Marr, Cpl Ewing

11 platoon - 2LT Leatch, Sgt McGuffin, Cpl Shalapata

12 platoon - WO Goldman, Sgt Michitsch, Cpl Crawford; RSM Crook later joined the course. Needless to say the quality of instruction was very high.

The day's training consisted of in-class lectures on such topics as NBCW Warfare, map using, radiotelephone procedure, tank recognition, some CF weapons and first aid. On the parade square (which now possesses our souls/soles) we were taught and then performed the various drill movements. Outside the Armoury in Moss Park (amongst the rubbies) we had both physical and field training.

For further field training the course travelled to St. Andrew's College for polishing up on our section tactics. Here, on the way back from lunch, we (the entire company) were ambushed by the instructors, quite obviously "AMBUSH LEFT" was called and we all charged up the hill shooting and yelling. Later MWO Young said (or rather cursed, ranted and raved) that we were lucky we didn't kill ourselves, really, the entire hill was booby-trapped, pungy pits, spike boards, the whole bit.

We, the men of the summer course also risked our lives on the firing range at CFB Niagara-on-the-Lake. You don't believe me? OK then you try classifying on the same range as Pte Moze!

At Meaford we dug in for the night. During the night our trenches were attacked by MWO Young, WO Moreau and a few others. To our dismay our own Pte Irvin was captured. The mental anguish which we all went through was relieved when Irvin was returned bandaged, cotton stuffed in mouth and blindfolded. He had a sign tacked to him which said, "Herr Goldtman, we return you this one, all the rest die". Seriously though, the lessons of a disciplined night defence were brought home quite well. Also at Meaford, if I may add, WO Goldman saved his whole platoon when he wrestled with a dangerous baby garter snake. May I take this opportunity to thank him for this heroic deed.

For all of us the summer course peaked at CFB Petawawa. Here the men and women of the course combined with the rest of Charlie Coy to form Echo Coy, commanded by Major DS McCrossan (who is now OC of Charlie Coy). On the first week at Petawawa we reviewed our training and on the second we engaged in various exercises of various time limits. It is no lie to say that after Petawawa the men felt that they accomplished something (though what we are still thinking).



On August 27th 1975 the summer course officially ended when we had our passing out parade in front of many of the parents of our men. Awards were given to various men and women in the Company. Congratulations to the following:

- Best Private in the Company - Pte Kim
- Best Private 10 platoon - Pte Miller (W)
- Best Private 11 platoon - Pte. Wilsher
- Best Private 12 platoon - Pte Thornton
- Best Shot (Classification) - Pte Huyke
- Most Improved Recruit - Pte Smith

At the end of the summer course many people remained in the unit thus making the course a success. At this time I'd like to thank Captain Sandham, the RSM and all the instructors on the course for their work. I'd also like to thank the men and women who made the course a success. We now have new people with new ideas; a whole new look for the 48th Highlanders of Canada.

# WARRENDALE

CAPT. OLIVER D. A.

Sunday, 14 September '75, dawned as a crisp, mostly sunny, early fall day that suggested heavy sweater dress

People started arriving shortly after 11:30 am with some still drifting in just in time for supper. As the Tor Scots were involved in a training week-end at CFB Borden, they were not present en mass. Their cadets did a very commendable job representing the Regiment. Perhaps WHG '76 will see separate events for the Cadet units, females and the children.

## THE BIG STICK

The Caber Toss was like watching some primitive form of Highland dancing. Sometimes the balance left a lot to be desired. Not too many girls did this one. Scott of the Tor Scots, McIlveen of the Argyll and Griffin of the Fusiliers had the best individual toss. Placing teamwise were as follows: 48th, Argyls and Fusiliers. Scott, by the way, made a 17'3" toss!

## PUTT PUTT PUTT

With McIlveen of the Argyls making a shot put of over 42 feet, the competition was keen ... to say the least. Some people need to learn that it is required to let go when throwing. Scott placed again, as did McIlveen in the individual pots. The team placings were: Argyls, 48th and Fusiliers.

## DASHERS ALL

The 100 yds dash saw each unit do a 'Run Off' to pick their two best runners. These runners then did a 'Run Off' to find the three fastest. This was the only event that did not record team positions. The top three were as follows:

First Place	Pindur	48th
Second Place	Martin	Tor Scot
Third Place	McEvoy	Argyl

# HIGHLAND GAMES



# WARRENDALE HIGHLAND GAMES

1975

## HEADS UP!

Unless you are the Padre, or a Photographer with horseshoes in the right place, it was safer to stay clear of the wild Hammer Throw area. There were some very interesting happenings down in the hollow. The individual standings were: Lorne Scots' Irvine (61 ft) and the 48th's Skory. Harmar, of the HF of C, and the Argyll's McEvoy tied for third place. Team standings were: 48th, Argyll and the Fusiliers.

## GRUNT AND HEAVE

The blood and the guts and the gore and the grunts. The tug of war, as usual, proved very popular. Ten of the best(?) from each unit did a round robin with a 2 loss elimination. The Argylls retained the trophy they had put up for the event. The Lornes and the Fusiliers placed 2nd and 3rd. Maybe in '76 we'll all try it in bare feet and, for the excitement they would cause, Kilt should be mandatory.



LCol I. Warron (centre), Laird o' Warrendale, LCol 'Mike' George, (left) Hon. LCol, with the Commanding Officers: 48th Highers, Argyles, HF of C, Lorne Scots and the Tor Scots.

## The LONLINESS OF A LONG DISTANCE

### RUNNER

Cross country had a field of twenty five persons (two females-Hares?) starting together in the area and trying to round one fence post at the same time. This proved very interesting! The course did prove to be too long and difficult, springing out the field too far. Twenty minutes can be a long time to run hard as some people earned and, I hope that those who didn't finish got home eventually. The Lorne Scots' Baternchuk, followed by Beale and Martin of the Tor Scots, topped the field. Team standings were: Lorne Scots, Tor Scots and 48th.

## THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to thank all of the people who helped with the organization and running of this successful day. The family of Major Wilder, of the Fusiliers, get an extra thank you for the neat little ribbons that the individual winners received. The Officer's and Sr NCO's, who participated in the events, were not awarded individual positions but, their placing did count in the team scores and in the overall placing.

The overall placing for the games were as follows: The Tor Scots third. The Argylls second and the 48th first. Again the 48th proved best.

Plan on attending and having a good time at the WARRENDALE HIGHLAND GAMES '76.

## CHARLIE CHATTER

MWO YOUNG A. G.

*"That which is possible is done,  
That which is impossible will be done"*

Caesar

The task of building and holding together a company of men for any length of time has never been an easy task for this sub-unit and this past training year has been no exception to the rule. However, as this new training year started the company had three advantages over previous years: first, the retention of a high number of SSEAP candidates from a very successful summer recruit course; second, a stable foundation of old C Company veteran NCOs and ORs, and thirdly a re-organized and more efficient organization left behind by Major Jensen, our previous Company Commander.

Nevertheless, the task still is a difficult one as there have been many drains on the Company's strength and normal turnover is still with us.

Since the last edition of the Falcon, C Company has seen many changes in personnel, structure and operation. At the conclusion of the summer shutdown almost the entire officer cadre of the Company, with the exception of Lt Korb, was transferred to D Company and other Regimental sub-units.

The loss of Major Jensen, although his period of command was relatively brief, was a difficult blow as his guidance and steadying influence was, and is, much appreciated by those of us who remain in the Company. Command of the Company was given to Major MacCrossan who was accompanied to his new position by Lt Leatch, who commands Rifle Platoon, and Lt Wright, who has since been appointed 2 IC. The Company also lost one of its oldest familiar faces in the person of Sgt Short who toiled diligently for many years as the Company's Quarter Master Sergeant. This loss was eased by the arrival of Sgt MacLean from D Company whose experience will be put to good use.

The Company was also happy to receive the news of many long awaited and long deserved promotions. The black sheep of the Company, Sgt Goldman, was promoted to warrant Officer, a well deserved reward after many years of hard work. (besides he had since learned how to eat without using his fingers). The Regiment, for the first time since the last War, had three field promotions at Summer Concentration in Petawawa. Cpl's Marr, McGuffin and Michstch were elevated to the rank of sergeant. All three were C Company products and we were proud to have their honour reflect on the Company. Sgt Marr was posted to D Company in the winter and

Sgt Michstch followed in September. Our loss was their gain and we wish them both the best of luck in their new sub-units. Similarly, the often neglected but always important rank of Cpl gained several new members in the persons of Cpl's Ewing, Sieniewicz, Shalapata, and Wilkinson.

As for a quick review of the training conducted by the Company, a general comment would be that we tried to brush-up on many of the basic skills that we so often take for granted. Thus, we spent a weekend in Camp Meaford rediscovering the rigours of basic battle drills (as well as being introduced to the ills of poison ivy). Following this weekend, the Company took part in the annual TMD exercise which was also held at Meaford. This exercise stressed the offensive phase of war with company, and finally a battalion scale advance to contact. One brief side light was a patrol against a harbour area defended by the Toronto Service Battalion and the Toronto Scots. A confusing diversion provided by the bulk of the patrol inside a stolen 2 1/2 ton truck allowed a smaller group to infiltrate the position, create a little chaos and escape with two prisoners in tow. As usual, this was accomplished in the traditional C Company conditions... pouring rain. After a rather chilly night avoiding the enemy, by hiding out in deserted tank shed, the patrol eventually got back to its own lines.

The Company finished off the training year with a highly successful and well attended party which was held (or at least started) at the Old Comrades Club on Church Street. After the elegant dining, the evening was just getting under way. Twenty pounds of chicken, one case of wine, one Irish pub, two arrests, and one pool party later, the remnants of the Company staggered out of RSM Crook's house sometime the next day. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

Although the Regiment officially stood down for the summer, for many Company personnel the work was just beginning. Many personnel, like Cpl Ewing and Cpl Sieniewicz, attended courses with the Regular Army. Others like Cpl Wilkinson were fortunate to acquire an attachment to the NATO forces in Germany. And many, such as MWO Young, WO Goldman, Sgt McGuffin, Sgt Michstch, Cpl Shalapata, Cpl Ewing, and Pte Criik, turned their attention to the task of training the SSEAP recruits. Many of us who have done a large number of these recruit courses felt that this course was in many ways one of the more enjoyable and productive courses run in several years. At any rate it was highly successful as was evidenced by the large number of recruits that decided to stay on with the Regiment at the conclusion of the summer.

The climax of the summer for the recruits, as well as the rest of the Regiment, was summer Concentration at CFB Petawawa. It was the first time in many years that the unit looked after its own training and organization. The first week was mainly refresher training in all phases of war followed by a second week of battle runs and tactical exercises designed to test the skills of the unit. The horde of artillery prisoners captured on the final exercise attested to the ability of the Company in the rigours of maintaining a defensive position. Often chaotic and frequently exhausting, the training provided each man as an individual, and the Company as a whole to test themselves against some thing more than the usual "hardships" of Regimental training. But, other than the hard work, many of us will take away another batch of fond memories to add to our collection. The men's mess (affectionately referred to as the ZOO), the Unit's first beach wedding, the rigours of fighting forest fires, the annual C Company Warrant Officers brawl with the traditional loser keeping up his tradition of losing. The excellent accommodations and laundry facilities and of course, the closing of the Sergeant's Mess at the conclusion of Camp by a group of NCO's who shall only be referred to as the BAND

As for the new training year which started in September and still fairly fresh in our minds, a quick review reveals that, although a little chaotic at times, the pace is still pretty hectic. The scarlett tunics have seen a lot of service with the Annual Church Parade and opening of the Club on 19 October; Remembrance Day on 9

Nov.; the opening of Yonge Street Parade at City Hall on 5 Sept. and the change of Pipe Major on 25 Oct. Like-wise the combat uniforms have also seen their share of action with Fall Classification (or the Great Grenade throwing competition), the Patrol Competition, the Don Valley Patrols (or C Comp any vs. SWAT), the Pickering Patrol (or the Mekong Delta revisited). The Battalion Exercise at Borden in Nov. (advancing to the rear and how to have fun with gas) and the most recent Battalion Exercise at Borden in early December where the Comp any was introduced the village fighting.

As we move closer to the Christmas standown a busy New Year looms ahead of us: rappelling at Kelso, Internal Security training and exercises. A tank-hunting course operated in conjunction with live Carl Gustav and M-72 training; Long Range Penetration Patrolling; watermanship; the annual Company combat shoot at Niagara; and last but not least the weeks training for selected Company personnel with the U.S. Marines at Quantico, Virginia.

All the ingredients for success are present; the troops and the instructors are there and there is a good variety of training that is both practical and new which hopefully will combat the reservist's two biggest enemies, boredom and repetitious routine. Finally, for the first time in many Years we may yet see a well trained, closely knit and up-to-strength rifle company which can only serve as an example for the rest of the Unit and add to the overall growth and success of the Regiment.

#### CHANGE of PIPE MAJORS cont from Pg 5

Well known as an adjudicator and piper in Canada and the United States, Pipe Major Mackay is in his 22rd year of service with the Regiment, having joined the band at age 13. He is a consulting teacher of mathematics for the Board of Education for the Borough of York.

Our hearty congratulations to Pipe Major Mackay on his appointment. We don't envy your task ahead, but pledge our support in your endeavours.

#### RECRUITING cont from Pg 3

talk to them? Do you consider them Highlanders? It is easy for us to grow stronger in morale and number, and, rather than putting on public relations campaigns, I would prefer to see us do our building from within. So it comes down to the old basics: bring a friend, talk to someone who has come in the front door, not sure of what he should do or where he should go, and finally, take pride in our cadets. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



## HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT

LT. SOMERVILLE D&C

It has been quite a year for Support Company.

We started off 1975 by organizing and running the Turner Shoot, as per usual, which by all accounts proved to be a great success.

The shoot itself, the dinner in the evening cum wine and the gaming room afterwards were well received.

But especially well received, according to a usually reliable source, were the educational films shown in the evening. Considering their complex, serious and demanding nature, the showings were well-attended. The source was particularly amazed to discover how much stress the human esophagus can take.

In 1976, gratis DND, the regs will be running the bar. We'll report on how they handled the traffic next issue.

During the winter and spring sigs and transport training progressed. WO Julie Moreau called this year's training "a smiling success." (?) "We had a few scares with some of the girls passing trucks on corners," he says, "but other than that there were no mishaps."

He says the courses were well-attended and about half the course have their 404's.

2/Lt David Way, in charge of sigs, reports similar success. He says although with training a bit behind because of exercises and the ball, with the able help of Sergeants Dave Harrison and Cam Roney, training is going well and retention is good.

A more than usually reliable source reported Mr. Way saying "What's happened has been really dramatic."

As if the Turner Shoot, exercises, training and ball weren't enough, there were some extensive changes in the company's command structure.

Captain Jim Muir, ex-O C HQ/SP was transferred to CMA in the early spring and Captain Dan Oliver, the 2iC, took over until standown. In the fall Major Roy Rogers, hardened by many years of battle and practical experience and jokes about his name, was joined by this humble writer as O C and 2iC of the company respectively, with Capt. Oliver being transferred to the training office. The good Captain reportedly cannot decide who is more difficult to work with: Major Temple and WO Dale, or the girls of Support Company.

WO Julie Moreau took over as CSM in late fall after WO Bruce Gledhill left the regiment having put in many years of service. With "Julies" wit, intelligence and charm (all very necessary ingredients in a CSM) we're sure she'll be a dynamite CSM.

Then, chappies, there was Conc '75.

The coy fielded what I believe is the only girls's rifle section, led by Cpl. Shalapata, who performed much better than expected under two adverse conditions: the sylph-like Support Coy girls wore runners, and they did their thing under the eagle eyes of a couple of gentlemen with excessive amounts of weight on their shoulders.

But perform they did, and what with one of our girls getting married in a beach ceremony, forest fires and a full-scale battalion advance to contact everyone's hands were kept full.

In the fall stand-to everyone was back at work and training progressed smoothly.

The one mellow highlight that stays with this writer was the weekend when Support Coy soundly thrashed "combat happy Charlie Company" during a village-clearing exercise.

To some, this company has the reputation of being a "good place to hide." A company of clerks, drivers and radio operators. In short, a company of non-combatants.

The village clearing exercise changed all that. The company was described in a Charlie Coy briefing as being an "elite force" which was expected to offer stiff resistance. They did live up to their briefing.

Things were a bit rushed as we only had ten minutes to deploy in the various houses and basements of the village before the attack got underway.

Machine-gun platoon Cpl "Skippy" Crawford and faithful sidekick Stewart set up their GPMG in the second storey of a house with a beautiful field of fire in time to see a heretofore secret tactic dreamt up by C Coy.

Capt. "Butch" Sandham's tigers were deployed along a tree line ready to attack three bunkers with no one in them when they started to make smoke.

The smoke generator worked fine and belched the stuff out until it had created a bright, white backdrop to the attacking force for Cpl. Crawford.

When the enemy finally lurched into the open, and it was open, the finely tuned GPMG dealt with them.

The rest of the battle went similarly. Two C2's sited on another flank had nice fields of fire and inflicted heavy losses there.

Sgt. Harrison with two faithfuls weren't so lucky, however. The barbed wire they had packed on the only staircase leading to the upper storey where they were to make the house into a fortress, turned into a prison when a couple of smoke generators were hurled in, and the Support Coy hardies, driven out.

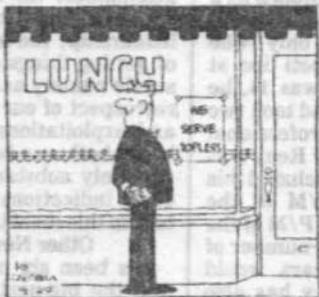
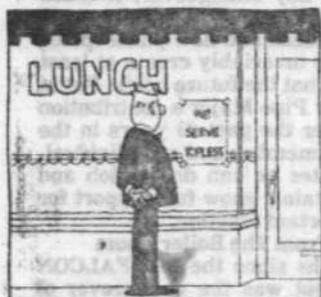
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OH BOY, is Santa in trouble! British cartoonist Giles shows Saint Nick getting carried away by the Christmas spirit in an English pub while a "Green Hornet" writes out a ticket for the illegally parked reindeer and sledge.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom



DELTA COMPANY



## PIPES AND DRUMS

SGT MACLEOD P. K.

**Change Of Pipe Majors:** October 24, 1975. On that eventful night the band, Regiment and friends of the band had the pleasure of witnessing a rare ceremonial order, in fact a very rare occasion as far as the 48th Highlanders is concerned. Reay Sutherland MacKay became primate of the largest pipe band in North America...perhaps the world. Now, the rise through the hierarchy to the dominant position is a feat in itself, and the internal and external demands and pressures of the position would deter the most ambitious. It has been said that the 48th Pipes and Drums is more than just a band of individuals to play pipes and beat drums; it has almost reached cult proportions.

### P/M (MWO) Reay S MacKay CD

Reay is the son of Colin MacKay, who is nothing short of a legend in the Regiment having spent 42 years with the band. Through this close connection with bands and pipes, Reay took up pipes at a very early age. When he was only 13, he was proficient enough in playing ability to join the band. In fact he was somewhat of a child prodigy on the pipes. Reay was tutored very early by his father, Colin, who was no slouch as a player, later by the late Murdo MacLeod and latterly by John Wilson. When he was only 14 he took first prize in the Juvenile Competition at Braemar, Scotland. Again, when he was 14, he played in his first open competition and took two firsts and a second against the best professional players in the country. That same day Reay was part of the winning quartet that included his father Colin, Bill Gilmour, now P/M of the RCR's, and John John Wakefield, now P/M of the Toronto Scottish. To go on and list the number of prizes Reay has won over the years would require a book to list them all. Reay has also acquired the Canadian Forces Pipe Major classification, which few in Canada have or have the ability to attain.

This is just a short precis on the musical attributes and qualifications Reay brings with him as our new Pipe Major. On the personal side Reay is a Toronto boy, a west-ender at that. He attended Oakwood Collegiate and then on to Lakeshore Teachers' College. Ever since graduating from Teachers' College 15 years ago, Reay has taught public school in York Borough and recently has been promoted to Mathematics Consultant to all the borough schools in preparation for the metric conversion. Playing the accordion is another side of his musical ability. For the past 17 years, Reay has played

Scottish Dance music with Ed Brydie and Angus MacKinnon and also has been on the production of three records of Scottish dance music. He is a member of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Now that Reay is Pipe Major of the 48th Highlanders he becomes a member of the St Andrew Society and will be in the Pipe Majors contingent playing at the St Andrew's Ball.

For the past 15 years, Joan MacKay has had to sustain all the trials and tribulations of pipe band life. From hot dust-bowl Highland games every summer weekend to "pass the Bromo" nursing care on a day after a Mess Dinner. Now Joan and daughters, Sheila and Glenna, will certainly be paramount in the positive domestic supportive role that Reay will need in administering the band.

One of the main ways the band has remained strong in numbers has been the infusion of young blood. For the past ten years Reay has been teaching pipes to young aspiring pipers. In fact, he has taught even long before that as the writer was taught by Reay way back in grade 9 and 10 days at Oakwood Coll. It is still very hard to formulate any earth shattering objectives or policies Reay has in mind for the band. With the amount of individualism always inherent around musical groups, Reay is following an "open door" personnel policy coupled with a very "hard nosed" approach to band practice and attendance. As with any changeover, it takes time for any group to mold itself to a new leadership; the new ideas and new philosophies of getting things done invariably create at least subtle anxiety as to what the future holds. But in retrospect of our new Pipe Major's contribution and exploitations over the past 23 years in the band, both as a band member and an individual, certainly substantiates he can do the job and early indications certainly show full support for him in this most important function.

### Other News From The Boiler Room

It's been six months since the last FALCON and the big gest event was the changeover of Pipe Majors. In appreciation of Ross Stewart's long service and leadership a full "swords and cords" send off was given him Oct 24th. The band members bestowed various gifts on him and his wife Shirley. In particular a claymore to remind him of all those intangible events he had over the years (and some very tangible grey hairs). I was once asked on an engagement who "the big fellow was with all those medals". They never saw anyone imbibe so voraciously in the "water of life". We'll look forward to future visits from him and we'll certainly make sure he is well entertained in typical Ceilidh fashion.

Drum Major "Hawkeye" Fullerton was a Gold Medal winner with the Canadian Sniper Championship team. Larry is also a member of

the Canadian Militia Association Rifle team. At the Drum Majors Competition CNE 1975, the Drum Major won honours of top North American Drum Major. He is also as proficient swinging a golf club as a m.ace and won the Association Golf Club tournament. In the next parade he will have two anchors to allow some of us old "creakies" a chance to keep up to his Olympic pace.

The band elected a new committee with Al Harding Sr as President, Louis Stark as Vice-president, and Gordie Rankin on the committee to translate Louis' verbosity. Other committee members are: Pat Mulvenna, Stan Robertson, Sandy Leil, Ray Martin, J Cooperwhite and this was the first election in some time where people weren't "volunteered" to the job. Jerry Black has taken over the debit and credits to ensure we are accounting on a flow through "virtual certainty" rule of future profitability. If future band dances such as the committee ran on Nov 15th are any indication we should have a most active social season. Future social events to remember are:

- P. B. Association Buffet Night Dec 5th
- Regimental Christmas Tree Dec 14th
- New Year's Day Levee Jan 1st
- Dinner and Dance Jan 10th
- Pipes and Drum's Ball Feb 28th

Write these dates down now and plan to attend as many as possible.

Three new band members are coming in and all three have some past connection with the Regiment: Piper Brown who has served as piper to the Cadet Corps, and whose father, Major Brown was in charge of the Cadet Corps; Donald Spence, brother of litigationist Charles, and whose father Charlie was a member of the band and John Baird whose father was also a well known member of the band. Dave Lewis is also a returnee after a years absence teaching in North Bay.

The prolific member of the band over the past months was Larry and Beth Fullerton with the birth of a son. Freddie and Linda Hodgson have become members of mortgage manor. Fred Fisher is on a colestrol diet so he only drinks and doesn't eat and still is merry. Graham Clarke can now afford the gas for his Cadillac when wife Sheila was a \$10,000 Wintario winner. Emergency Hydro trucks are now equipped with cameras to snap "simple peasant bands" on Sunday parades. This is the first year we don't have to worry about getting the Christmas Card printed in time. Art did a fine job in refurbishing the bar and bar area. I understand other remodelling for the bar area is underway.

Well that's all just now from the Pipes and Drums. Until next Falcon the Pipes and Drums wishes all the readers a most Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.



"ACTUALLY I FORGOT HOW IT ALL GOT STARTED."



"Actually, I'm on an army endurance test."



"Well, that rules out a coalition."

#### HQ SUP

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Maybe we'll try it again next year, huh Charlie? Only next year, we'll teach you how to use the GPMG's, and we'll have arty sims, T-flashes and smoke too.

Odds and Ends Dept: Another Highlander on the way. WO Moreau had boy Richard this year who is doing fine.

Sgt. "Brandy" Brandenburg is back from the M-E, and we're glad to have him, but we've lost Pte. Smith. We'll see him again though.

We lost Sgt. Jim Scallan, but we gained Cpl. "Max" Maksymchuk. 2/Lt Bruce Gooding qualified lieutenant at the grueling Gagetown course last summer, and a hearty pat on the back to Pte. Doug Ross who was course senior on his Jr. NCO Course.

That's most of it in 1975. See you all at the Turner Shoot and all have a very Merry Christmas and a good new year.

## 48th CADET CORPS

MAJ. BEESTON A. CD

On the first of September, 1975, Major John Brown CD, who revived and commanded our Cadet Corps for four years, transferred to the supplementary list. During his tour as commanding officer, he won the Strathcona Shield for the Corps. Major Brown's last job, well done, was to lead fifteen cadets and Lieutenant Neil MacNaughtan on a wonderful trip to Scotland as guests of the Gordon Highlanders and the Black Watch (RHR). Funds for this trip were raised ENTIRELY by cadets and friends of the Corps.

The Corps was honoured to have Her Honour Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, as inspecting officer at our annual inspection in May, 1975.

We who remain with the Corps, thank Major Brown for his years of hard work and many sacrifices during his service with the Corps.

Piper David Brown (John's son) is carrying on the family tradition with the Regiment as a member of the pipe band.

Master Warrant Officer Charlie Calverley, CD, who has served with the Corps for the past two years, has been promoted to Lieutenant and appointed Training Officer. Lieutenant Neil MacNaughtan continues his service as Supply Officer.

Major Alf Beeston, CD has taken over the duties of commanding officer. He enlisted as a sapper in February, 1942 in the 2nd Field Park Company RCD RCE(R), where he first met young Spr Charlie Calverley. Major Beeston served in the RCNVR with the 65th Motor Torpedo Boat Flotilla during WW II, returning to the Engineers where he qualified as a sergeant. He then transferred to the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada where he obtained his commission. In 1961, he again transferred to the Engineers where he served until 1970. Major Beeston organized and commanded the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Cadet Corps for three years, after which he served for one year with Toronto Militia District Headquarters as OIC Moss Park and Fort York Armouries. We wish Major Beeston well in his tour as OC, 48th Highlanders' Cadets.

We are all looking forward to an active training year in 1976 and would welcome visitors to observe and assist with our activities.

Our latest fund raising activity may be of interest to you, as a Highlander. We are selling beverage mugs bearing the Regimental Crest which may be purchased from any member of the Corps. Your help in this endeavour would be very much appreciated by the young lads.

## THE TARTAN WHATNOT

By John Findlay

This is the tale of Sandy MacSpartan whose pride and joy was his fine kilt of Tartan. To tell you the truth, if you don't as yet know it, Sandy MacSpartan wore nothing below it. The lassies around would hope for a breeze that would blow Sandy's kilt well up over his knees.

Their eyes they would sparkle and look so forlorn when they glimpsed at what Sandy had under his sporran.

At Burns Night dinners he was always selected to carve up the haggis for the newly elected. One night, as he stuck in the knife with a slap, the whole ruddy mess slipped onto his lap. When he lifted his kilt to get rid of the dollup six ladies in front hit the floor with a wallup. Doctor Gregg shouted, "They've fainted as sure as your born"

They had glimpsed what Sandy had under his sporran.

The kilt was a mess with haggis and stuff.

"Och, don't let it worry you", said Mrs MacDuff, "I'll wash it in water and soak it in Lye and just spread it out on the heater to dry".

To Sandy's despair the kilt shrank such a lot that it didn't quite cover his Highland Whatnot, and the Parson's wife said, "My! is that Gabriel's Horn?"

when she glimpsed what Sandy had under his sporran.

"Since you can't keep it hidden, why not camouflage it?"

said an English Militiaman, Captain Sam Paget. So artist MacNabb, who hails from Dumbarton, painted the thing the same shades as the Tartan. So, all of you ladies who are looking for thrills just go to Scotland and head for the hills for, there in a glen with where Wallace once fought

is the only man on earth with a Tartan Whatnot.

## THE PICK OF Punch



"No, no, be natural—we want to remember you as we first saw you—the tight little smile, the supercilious manner, the condescending air of disbelief..."

## OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Sgt. BRANNAN J.

**THE CLUB** 284 King Street East. Doesn't it have a familiar ring? And the building itself has a warm friendly atmosphere already.

The entrance off King Street is quite imposing and is very bright and cheery. Upstairs and right along the corridor to the end is the Assoro Room, a familiar name to World War Two chappies who experienced Sicily's heat and dust. This is a meeting room or party area where seventy plus folks can foregather; a nice bright room with ... guess what? An adequate bar. There have been quite a few pleasant sessions with members groups and friends who followed us from "our old place".

Along the corridor is the Board Room, or, as Arnold Lea, with tongue in cheek calls it, "57" - BOR. Guess he means this is where great strategic plans are formulated. You know ... that would not surprise me a bit. This is a most pleasant room with the same furniture from the old board room, and is carpeted.

There is a small room next door suitable for small meetings with a very familiar title: The Vimy Room. Across the hall is a longer room suitable for larger groups.

Then, down in the south east corner is Col. "Mike" Georges' bailliwick, The Museum, and what a grand job he has done with larger space. The exhibits are spread a bit further and can be appreciated much better.

Around the corner is the Secretary's Office. A little joke Wally Moore and I share is that the Sec's Office at Church Street was always "Wally's Office", despite that Wally had moved out five years previously. So, we are just waiting the day that someone will again give the familiar title of Wally's Office to the new place. However the office, though small, is adequate. It is shared with the addressograph, mailing machine, membership card cabinet and a small desk. Last week I had for company practically all of the November bulletins complete with draw tickets for, as everybody was aware, the PO was not functioning.

Next door is T.A.C. HQRS, or Managers Office, very comfortable and well laid out with sliding door cupboards taking up more than the lower half of one wall. The room is bright and cheery and sufficiently out of the way that Arnold can carry on with administration duties with little or no interruption. Headquarters indeed.

On the main floor, immediately to the left, is another long corridor that at first seems a waste of space but, is ideal for the display cabinets which contain our many trophies. The opposite wall is just fine for showing some of our many interest ing pictures. Ortona Room - again a

memory of a rather miser able Christmas in (sunny Italy?) Italy - is commonly known as the beverage room. The walls are painted over brick - which is always good for discussion. There are those who think the brick walls are just fine, and there are those who are just as vehement against them. But, it is a very pleasant place with many picues of Highlanders in far off places; the usual panoramic regimental pictures. This room is illuminated with pot lights and the argument is "too dark" against "just right". There is one dart board that gets sporadic play. The most recent acquisition is a Hammond organ that does almost everything except get up and dance. A most welcome and pleasing addition.

Through the movable partition (the Berlin Wall?) is the St. Julien Room (has that a familiar ring to 15th Btn., members?) which is a veritable home away from home. More suitable furniture is planned to improve this already pleasant scene. The dividing wall can be removed on special occasions; most Friday and Saturday nights. It is closed at other times so the male members can enjoy male comradeship; the gals can enjoy ... whatever they enjoy, together. But, it is agreed that we make the most of what we have and appreciate the necessary improvisation.

The bar under the stewardship of the two Bobs, real friendly fellows, will satisfy your every need. Draught beer, your choice of spirits and vino-rouge or blanc; not to mention the old favourite, drambuie, from Prince Charlies own recipe and guaran teed to satisfy all palates.

Out and to the left, downstairs, is the Apeldoorn Room - scents of tulips and cheese. Apeldoorn is the final battle honour bestowed on the Regiment from World War Two. In this room, with the Dutch name, is where the Arrow Mixed Darts group thoroughly enjoy themselves as they test their skills in: "double top or double out", or in somewhat more difficult shots to keep an even score. Also, over the Whirlpool bath is a very adequate card playing area, where the 15-2 Boys hold sway; an adequate bar where friendly Jack Grievson keeps score on other than darts.

While there is no real kitchen the staff have improvised a room with a fridge and stove where sandwiches, light lunches (hot meat pies etc.) can be made for peckish people.

This briefly is our home. Very comfortable indeed, and I would just like to mis-quote an old saying: "it takes a heap o'livin to make a club a home". So, come on brethern and sistern, make yourselves at home and enjoy yourself.



Editor's Note-book

Volume 25, Number 2, 49th Printing. The FALCON was born in June 1949 which would make the June '76 issue the fiftieth printing.

What better time for our Golden Anniversary than this spring. We have a Change of Command in April, our Reunion in May and a year that promises to be the greatest in the post war history of the Regiment.

Your editor would like to hear from former correspondants to the FALCON with a view to printing some of their comments in the 50th edition. Any pertinent material will be appreciated.

As you can see the print in the rest of this issue is typeset. This is due to the generosity of the Toronto SUN and, in particular, the kind courtesy of Douglas Creighton, Publisher of the SUN. Mr. Creighton is a former Militia type who still has the Militia at heart. A grateful Thank You, Sir. Thanks also to Lt Sommerville; the Typesetting Dept of the SUN and our Padre, Capt Roberts for their help in arranging the typesetting.

Typing, that most frustrating, exhausting job, was well done by Joan Thompson who volunteered(?) her typing skills. Every piece of copy must be typed accurately for printing. This takes strict concentration on the part of the typist and this can be very exhausting.

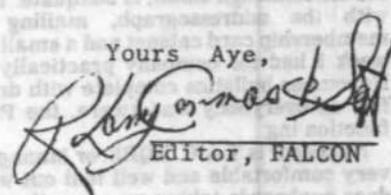
Bruce McNab, the A.V. Technician

at my school, went out of his way to have the photos in this issue reproduced and layouts cut on special stencils. It is due to his help that I was able to print photos in this issue. Some of the photos are not clear but, under the circumstances, they lend that little touch to the copy-all setup.

Last, but by no means least, a big Thank You to the coy Reprs. You chaps out did yourselves in your submissions. I must congratulate Pte Downes on a well written report on the SSEAP. This is the type of article that I asked from those who took part in the Summer Courses last year.

I can't say enough about the help and co-operation that I received from people both inside and outside the Regiment. But... it is the old story of the few doing the work of many. It would be more of a Regimental Magazine if the different mess's, Officer, Sgts' Men's, and the individual members of the 48th family contributed items to the FALCON. Write a letter to the editor giving your comments, news of interest to other Highlanders and your suggestions (good or bad) as to what you think should be in the FALCON. Remember! Deadline for the June issue is no later than May 24th.

Yours Aye,



Editor, FALCON

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