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## REMEMBRANCE

In two World Wars the 48th Highlanders of Canada suffered the loss of 1818 men in the protection of Canada and The Commonwealth and the cause of liberty. We remember them and should find inspiration for our service in their sacrifice. We believe the cause for which they died was the cause of God's purposes for all men. Sometimes it is necessary when protecting the sacred things of our precious heritage, to take up arms and to destroy life - when that life incarnates evil principles. It is just as necessary to-day to stand firmly for freedom and justice and righteousness as it was in those former years. The best way to honour our precious dead is to continue steadfast in the protection of those principles of civilization and religion in which they believed and for which they fought and died.

Cruel, unjust critics recently have spoken viciously against our British monarchy. The Commonwealth has suffered severe setbacks in its internal organization and in the characteristic leadership which it has tried to give the free world for security and welfare of all men. One wishes that the various members of our Commonwealth could be brought to act closely and cooperatively in many ways that we might be a closer knit family of nations leading the world into a broader and deeper conception of the principles of democracy and freedom than it has yet known and by its strong influence protecting the welfare and rights of men. This is a goal for which not only statesmen but all men may live and work.

Perhaps the greatest treasure of our British heritage is justice before law for every citizen and its result in the profound respect which British people have for law and order and the rights of the individual man.

Treasure these, work for their increase and stand fast prepared to protect them. This can be our perpetual remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

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The Annual Remembrance Service and Parade will be held to the regimental memorial on Sunday afternoon, November 10.

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## CHANGES IN MILITIA ORGANIZATION

On Friday, October 4, The Commanding Officer explained to the whole regiment in an encouraging and inspiring way, the changes which the Government of Canada has seen fit to make in the organization of the Reserve Army in the interests of economy. Mainly these changes are 40 days pay instead of 45 per year is allowed and there will be no summer camps. It seems, also, that the Reserve Army's job will include training of citizens in civil defense. This is based on the concept of a future war as being a 30-day war. This may or may not be a correct forecast.

The C.O., however, made it clear that The 48th would continue (we hope forever) to serve in whatever way the best interests of Canada require. And when we have fulfilled the required service we can turn to carrying out our own programme which will include our own summer camp and other projects which we have always carried forward. This is an opportunity for greater service and more specific work for a great regiment with a long and honourable history of service.

Something New - For Things Old. -- A Regimental Museum.

Under authority of the Commanding Officer Lt. Col H. K. MacIntosh M.B.E., E.D., a committee has been formed for the purpose of establishing a Regimental Museum. Chairman of the Committee is Lt. Col. M. E. George, C.D., and the members are a representative group of 48 Highlanders whose service with the Regiment covers a span of more than 50 years.

The Regimental Museum will be permanently housed at the 48th Highlanders Memorial Hall, 519 Church Street, in what is presently known as the Memorial room.

Since the formation of the Regiment in 1891, several thousands of men have served in the Regiment and have participated in many stirring events, both in times of peace and during the periods covering two major wars. The purpose of the Regimental Museum is to endeavour to perpetuate these many and varied events in the life of the Regiment. The Committee can only accomplish this with the full co-operation of all former members and friends of the Regiment. The Committee is now organized and ready to accept and collect the following items of regimental interest from former members, relatives and friends of the Regiment:

Documents: Regimental orders covering the period 1891 to 1901  
 Notices and announcements  
 Maps, charts and diagrams  
 Papers and correspondence  
 Any other printed matter of interest pertaining to the Regiment.

Newspaper Clippings

Photographs (with identification noted if known)

Uniforms and Accoutrements

To include - headdress of all types  
 Badges - cloth or metal  
 Buttons  
 Orders and decorations.

Equipment and Band Instruments

As worn or carried by members of the Regiment from 1891 to 1939.

Weapons

Used by the Regiment prior to 1939  
 Enemy weapons connected with specific regimental events.  
**Note:** No ammunition or explosives please

Trophies: Military trophies, badges and awards pertaining to the Regiment.

Flags presented to or used by the Regiment.  
 Enemy flags captured by the Regiment.  
 Any other articles associated with the Regiment or its functions that may be considered of historical interest.

Initially for safe-keeping purposes, it is proposed that all donations will be temporarily stored in the homes of some of the Committee, later to be moved to the Memorial Hall and exhibited in suitable display cases. All articles received will be acknowledged by an official receipt. A card of acknowledgment giving the name of the donor will accompany all articles exhibited.

Below, you will find listed the members of the Regimental Museum Committee, together with their home addresses and telephone numbers. A telephone call to any Committee member and he will be only too pleased to give you any further details regarding the Museum. If you are in a position to donate articles of interest to the Museum, any of the Committee will be glad to receive or collect your contribution.

As there is bound to be a time lag between receiving donations of articles and the displaying of same in the Museum, it is proposed to bring out interim reports on the progress being made by the Museum Committee.

48th Highlanders help us to make the outstanding Regimental Museum in Canada.

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Please take this as your personal invitation to co-operate.



A Highland Regiment in the Indian Mutiny - reprinted from "Red Coat"

In the first chapter of these reminiscences I mentioned that, before leaving Dover, the 93rd obtained a number of volunteers from the other Highland regiments serving in England. Ours was the only Highland regiment told off for the China expedition, and it was currently whispered that Lord Elgin had specially asked for us to form his guard of honour at the court of China after he had administered a due castigation to the Chinese. Whether the report was true or not, the belief did the regiment no harm; it added to the esprit de corps which was already a prominent feeling in the regiment, and enabled the boys to boast to the girls in Portsmouth, that they were 'a cut above' the other corps of the Army. In support of this, the fact is worthy of being put on record that although the regiment was not (as is usually the case) confined to barracks the night before embarking, but were allowed leave till midnight, still, when the time to leave the barracks came, there was not a single man absent nor a prisoner in the guard-room; and General Britain put it in garrison orders that he had never

been able to say the same of any other corps during the time he had commanded the Portsmouth garrison. But the 93rd were no ordinary regiment. They were then the most Scotch of all the Highland regiments; in brief, they were a military Highland parish, minister and elders complete. The elders were selected from among the men of all ranks--two sergeants, two corporals, and two privates; and I believe it was the only regiment in the Army which had a regular service of Communion plate; and in time of peace the Holy Communion, according to the Church of Scotland, was administered by the regimental chaplain twice a year. I hope the young 2nd Battalion of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders are like the old 93rd in this respect. At the same time, I don't ask them ever to pray for the men who took away the numbers from our regiments; may their beards be defiled, is the only feeling I have for them. By taking away the old numbers a great deal was lost, and as far as I can see nothing has been gained except confusion and the utter effacement of all the old traditions of the Army. The old numbers could easily have been retained along with the territorial designations. I hope at all events that the present regiment will never forget they are the descendants of the old 93rd, the "Thin Red Line" which Sir Colin Campbell disdained to form four deep to meet the Russian calvary on the morning of the memorable 25th October, 1854: -- "Steady, 93rd, keep steady! Damn all that eagerness!" were Sir Colin's memorable words. But I am describing the relief of Lucknow, not the "Thin Red Line" of Balaclava.

- A. Forbes Mitchell, Reminiscences of the Great Mutiny, 1893.

#### The Dress of The Highlander - reprinted from The Clans and Tartans of Scotland.

The older form of the Highland dress was the breacan-feile or belted plaid, and consisted of "a piece of tartan two yards in width, and four or six in length. In dressing, this was carefully plaited in the middle, of a breadth suitable to the size of the wearer and sufficient to extend from one side around his back to the other, leaving as much at each end as would cover the front of the body, overlapping each other. The plaid being thus prepared, was firmly bound round the loins with a leathern belt, in such a manner that lower side fell down to the middle of the knee joint, and then, while there were the foldings behind, the cloth was double before. The upper part was then fastened on the left shoulder with a large brooch, or pin, so as to display to the most advantage the tastefulness of the arrangement, the two ends being sometimes suffered to hang down, but that on the right side, which was of necessity the longest, was more usually tucked under the belt."

It was a convenient article of dress as it could be used as a cloak by day, or as a blanket by night.

The feile-beg, or little kilt, is now universally used as modern Highland garb, and consists of the lower part of the breacan-feile, which rarely exceeds thirty inches wide and seven to eight yards long. It is plaited and sewn, sufficient cloth being left plain at both ends, which are crossed in front of the body, and the whole sometimes being fastened by a belt round the waist, although a strap and buckle are most common. A silver pin is fastened to the apron a few inches above the lower edge of the kilt.

For ordinary wear the kilt may be made of tartan or tweed and may be box-pleated, or knife-pleated; for dress wear it should be made of tartan of a finer quality of material and should be of the dress tartan of the Clan, if the Clan possesses one. The kilt should be worn with the lower edges reaching not lower than the centre of the knee-cap.

The ordinary or everyday jacket and vest worn with the kilt should be made of tweed, home-spun, or other suitable material, preferably with horn buttons. For dress or evening wear the coat should be made of dress cloth or velvet of green or other colour, or of tartan, and may be cut with short tails, and should be ornamented with silver buttons. The vest for evening wear may be made of tartan, black or scarlet cloth. Within the past few years it has become fashionable to wear tartan jackets and vests, a style common in the early nineteenth century.

The sporran, or purse, may be made of leather, or the head and skin of the badger, seal or other animal. Leather sporrans are preferable for day wear. For evening wear sporrans made of baby seal or other light coloured skins are worn.

Hose for outdoor wear should be knitted. For evening wear they may be fine knit, woven or cut from the piece. Garters are usually of wool or worsted, and knotted with a garter knot, the end or flashes hanging below the overturn. At present elastic garters with tartan flashes attached are popular.

Shoes for evening wear should be light weight with silver or gilt buckles. For outdoor wear black or buckskin brogues are correct.

The "Balmoral" style bonnet is the most popular headwear and it approximates more closely to the old broad bonnet of the Highlander. It is generally blue in colour, but may have a pom-pom of red or other colour. The bonnet should display the crest in silver of the wearer, if he is entitled to wear one, or the crest of the Chief of the Clan, within a strap and buckle, may be worn by members of the Clan. In no circumstances should an ordinary clansman wear the crest with the strap and buckle which indicates that the wearer is merely displaying his chief's crest. The evergreen plant, or badge, should be worn in the bonnet behind the crest. There appears to be some confusion as to the difference between the crest and the badge. Broadly speaking, the crest is part of the Chief's coat of arms while the badge is the plant worn as the Clan symbol just as the thistle is the badge of Scotland.

A broad sword is worn with court dress, and the wearing of a dirk may have some justification on dress occasions, but it is not necessary. A sgian-dubh, however, may be carried in the right hand stocking on all occasions.

The kilt is male attire and should never be worn by ladies. A pleated skirt is the correct female attire and under no circumstances should a sporran be worn. For evening wear a tartan skirt of silk or other fine material, with suitable corsage, may be worn together with a sash of silk tartan. The sash is fixed by a brooch to the left shoulder, one end crossing the back and the other carried across the breast, both ends being knotted on the right side. Many ladies prefer a plain evening frock with tartan sash fixed as above.

By the process of time and to meet changing conditions the ancient dress has been simplified to its present form. The survival of the kilt is due almost entirely to the Highland regiments, who have worn

it since their inception as military units. The Black Watch, 42nd Regiment is the premier Highland-regiment. This rather sombre tartan is sometimes claimed to have been a Clan Campbell tartan. It has been used as a military tartan since the eighteenth century and in early references to it is called the "Universal," "Government" or "Military" tartan. Many tartans are based upon this Black Watch pattern, the only difference being the addition of overstripes as in the Forbes, Lamont, Gordon, MacKenzie, MacKinlay, Murray of Atholl, and so on. The Lowland regiments wear tartan trews which have helped to popularise tartan.

Details of the Regimental tartans are as follows:

- THE ROYAL SCOTS GREYS AND SCOTS GUARDS - Neither of these units wear tartan but the pipers wear the Royal Stewart tartan.
- THE ROYAL SCOTS - Since 1902 the 9th Battalion has worn Hunting Stewart tartan trews. Prior to 1902 the Universal tartan was worn. The pipers wear Royal Stewart tartan.
- THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS - In 1882 this unit was given trews of the Universal tartan. In 1928, to commemorate the raising of the Regiment, the pipers were given Erskine tartan in honour of the Regiment's first commander, the Earl of Mar.
- THE KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS - This regiment was originally called "Levens" or "The Edinburgh Regiment." In 1882 trews of Universal tartan were worn. This was later changed to the Leslie tartan in honour of their first commander, the Earl of Leven. The pipers wear the Royal Stewart tartan.
- THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES) - Trews of the Universal tartan were issued in 1881. This was changed to Douglas tartan in 1895.
- THE HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY - This regiment is now a kilted unit. They wear the MacKenzie (Seaforth) tartan.
- THE BLACK WATCH - This regiment the oldest of the Highland regiments, wear the kilt of "Universal" tartan, now called the "Black Watch" tartan. The pipers wear Royal Stewart tartan.
- THE SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS - This unit wears the MacKenzie (Seaforth) tartan. The basis of the design is that of the Universal tartan with the addition of white and red overstripes. This tartan is now accepted as Clan MacKenzie tartan, but there is little doubt it was first worn by the regiment and then adopted as the Clan tartan.
- THE GORDON HIGHLANDERS - The tartan worn by this regiment is the Universal tartan with a yellow overstripe as difference or distinguishing mark. It is now accepted as the Clan Gordon tartan.
- THE QUEEN'S OWN CAMERON HIGHLANDERS - This regiment has the distinction of wearing a tartan completely unlike the Universal tartan. When the regiment was raised in 1793 the tartan was specially designed for its use by blending the tartan of Clan MacDonald with that of Clan Cameron. It is called the 79th or Cameron of Erracht tartan. The pipers wear the Royal Stewart tartan.
- THE ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS - The Universal tartan, in light colour shades, is worn as the Regimental tartan. It is sometimes worn as Clan Sutherland tartan.

The wearing of tartan is not confined to purely Scottish regiments. Many Commonwealth units wear tartan and the Liverpool Scottish Regiment wear the Forbes tartan. Some native Indian units had pipe bands and the pipers wore tartan plaids and had tartan ribbons on their bagpipes.

## FROM ATHENS TO SPARTA

Last May I joined the 48th Highlanders and in the Summer I took the summer Training Plan. For me not everything was new however for the majority of the boys it was.

Since I am writing this story for most of the boys who had little or no military training I give the title "From Athens to Sparta".

Before the beginning of July the fellows had no idea of army life, but they soon found out! On a Saturday in July we set out for Camp Niagara by bus after being dissappointed in not taking the Cayuga. Our first impression of Camp Niagara was a huge mass of land covered with tents, but we soon discovered the gigantic puddles of muddy water. From then on it was reveille at 5.30 a.m. Breakfast at 6.30, Parade at 7.30, and bed according to your physical standpoint 7 p.m. 9 p.m. or like the bands any hour (in the morning).

Here we had instruction from 2 Lt. Pearce whose P.T. periods were for me like demonstrations in Physical Education at Teacher's College. Next we had R.S.M. Wigmore, known to us as "Wiggie". We all enjoyed his stories of India and Sicily but most of all his favorite saying "We was---." Next was C.S.M. Wignall. If anything some of the younger fellows must have set bad examples of "the pitter-patter of tiny feet" however he is a brave man and did get married. Next was Sgt. (Tiny) Martin who to most of us was the most feared man we had met, however it was most humorous to see him do a "roll". Sgt. Harbison in my opinion would just be terrific in the C.W.A.C. what with that baby face! Cpl. Turner was our youngest N.C.O. We liked him so much that we tipped him out of bed. As for girls - he goes with the fellows.

After camp we ran into two others. The first being Sgt. Joe "Diamond" Eden, known to us as "Scotty". He was our "Dorothy Dix" especially in the restaurant around the corner. The second was Sgt. Cane who after six or seven weeks with us was glad to get back to selling.

Last and not least were O/C Gartshore and Capt. Keeling who were always present on pay day.

We learned as much as possible about drill, Bren Gun, Rifle, Signals, map using, defence, attack and girls. Later in the summer we were on parade in Niagara Falls with other regiments and corps of the training plan and we were second to no one.

A wonderful supper at Church Street's 48th Highlanders' Club gave a fitting finale to the Summer Training Plan, and as a note of interest more than half of the fifty-six trainees decided to remain in Sparta.

## SUMMER CAMP CADET TRAINING

During the past summer, the regiment for the first time conducted a Summer Recruit Training Course for a period of nine weeks. The course, originally called the Faiching Plan and subsequently called by its present title of Concentrated Summer Recruit Training provided basic infantry training for secondary school students who qualified for acceptance by meeting Regimental and Militia Standards.

The instructional team throughout the course composed of Capt. Donald Keeling, 2/Lt. G. L. Pearce, WO 1 Fred Wigmore and Officer Cadet J. A. H. Gartshore had the task from the beginning of accommodating 60 boys from the first day of camp to the end of August. Captain Keeling and Mr. Wigmore started the ball rolling with a dozen or so early birds two weeks prior to camp.

The boys heartily enjoyed their first taste of military life by being thrown into the breach for practical training at camp before they had time to catch their breath. Under the enthusiastic guidance of CSM H. T. Wignall, Sgt. R. D. Harbison, Sgt. Martin and Mr. Wigmore, the course was squadded and training was carried on on a somewhat competitive basis. Mr. Wigmore took one squad and supervised all others throughout the one week period.

Sergeant Major Wignall's maximum activity lecture on fieldcraft during which the boys repeatedly took to ground like a herd of hungry elephants crossing the Ganges will long be remembered by any who were able to sit up and witness it.

We express herewith our sincere appreciation to those Warrant Officers and NCOs who helped us to get off to a good start the first week of camp. Sgt. Harbison did a splendid job of getting the maximum from the squad by never letting up with interest and enthusiasm. Sgt. (C'mon ya shoulda been there by now) Martin was a 'tower of strength' throughout.

Mr. Wigmore won the respect and admiration of the boys from the beginning by proving to be the 'old master' at drill and discipline and many an occasion occurred when small groups were held spellbound by his past and varied experiences. Pte. Tomlin, who "really has lovely hair UNDERNEATH" can attest to the tonsorial artistry of our previous RSM who seemed to be able to handle any situation at all. Cpl. Turner was on hand at the beginning to assist the senior NCOs throughout the summer and succeeded in electrifying (?) the course with his knowledge of signals and RT procedure. But then, you dear reader, haven't lived until you've heard Cpl. (now L/Sgt.) Eden on a 26 set!!

Sgt. Cane, and Cpl. Eden joined the course later in Toronto and contributed greatly to its success.

The boys were the last members of the regiment to use the Long Branch ranges where they had one, sometimes two, days per week practice with rifle and LMG. Most of them qualified in the latter days of the course. Once a week the training was devoted to an outdoor exercise in tactics, individual fieldcraft, stalking and house clearing. We were able to use the excellent facilities of Brig. Johnston's farm and Mr. Wigmore's 25 acres. Swimming was also included on the programme once per week, thanks to the Central YMCA, Mr. Gartshore and the Toronto Police Force. (we marched there and back, of course!).

Space unfortunately does not permit the recording of every humorous adventure, the countless quips of the wits, the ridiculous situations one or two of us found ourselves in. The writer still doesn't know why Nadore makes bird noises in bushes or what a HORRIBLE LITTLE MANSTER is, but the more significant results of the course are important to the regiment and are presented here for readers to draw their own conclusions.

Of the sixty boys who started the course five were struck-off strength because of non-attendance, or they requested to leave after completing over half the course. The remaining 55 returned to Niagara for a concentrated parade with 15 militia units represented and were judged to be the smartest on parade. Of these 55, 38 expressed a strong desire to remain in the regiment, 6 enrolled in the Military Colleges for ROTP training, 3 went to the regular army, 2 were accepted in the Soldier Apprentice Plan, 1 went to an American College (Tony Watts, a most devoted Highlander), and 5 were undecided about further military training.

We should like to thank office cadet, John Brown for lending his stentorian voice to the Niagara Concentration and for volunteering his service to the course during a week of his holidays.

All things being equal and if the ICBM doesn't get us in the meantime we can look forward to a bigger and better course next year. Maybe by that time SPUTNIK will have us in the newsreels!

#### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

To the general public the function of the Militia might appear to consist of dressing up in fancy uniforms and holding a Garrison Church Parade once a year. As members of a highly efficient Regiment it should be a part of our job to correct this impression, and by so doing, create a desire on the part of young men to participate in our interesting training programme.

Basically, we are fighting unit. As such, we must train a sufficiently large cadre so that should the need ever arise we could mobilize and provide a sound organization upon which training for war could be completed.

To achieve our training aim the regiment will concentrate on weapon handling and a high standard of marksmanship; tactical instruction and organized study for all ranks. From the newest recruit to the Commanding Officer courses will be open to all. Under the direction of the Training Officer, recruit training will be carried out by each Company; Junior and Senior N.C.O. courses will be conducted as well as trades training.

New weapons for training include the .75M.M. Recoilless Rifle an Anti-tank weapon, the new Canadian Rifle FN 7.62 M.M. C.I. and the .30 calibre Browning medium machine gun. Specialist training will continue for Transport, Signals and Mortar platoons. Whenever possible training schemes will be held on the ground on week-ends.

Apart from the threat of war, recent disasters have shown the value of trained Civilian Defence personnel. In this respect the Militia could be of inestimable aid to the civilian authority. At Niagara Camp this year several members of the Battalion graduated from the Civil Defence Rescue Course. With this nucleus of trained personnel to act as instructors, a Civil Defence platoon will be trained.

This presents a brief outline of our aims - their achievement is up to each member of the Battalion. You can help to maintain our high standards by doing your individual job well and seeing that we get a continuing flow of high class recruits.

#### Real Gentleman

The gracious hostess was entertaining a group of guests around the television set in her living room.

Soon she realized that the TV show they were watching might be boring, and she knew another station was televising wrestling matches.

So, to be a good sport, she turned to one of the male guests and said: "This is rather boring. Would you care for some wrestling?"

The guest, a somewhat bewildered gentleman, slowly got up and started to take off his coat. "I don't mind a bit. What will it be-- two falls out of three?"

"A" COY NEWS

Welcome back to the Coy room that never closed this summer due to the task of re-decorating the old place. A lot of toil and sweat went into our effort but we think we accomplished what we set out to do. We especially wish to thank O/C J. A. Brown for his help and we are sorry to see him go to another Coy. Well we hope a good time was had by all at our Stag Party. We thank R.S.M. Montgomery for honouring us with his presence also Sgt. James McLeary, an ex-"A" Coy member.

Congratulations go to Capt. Potts on the new arrival at his home, a baby boy. We have a few more Corporals now as L/Cpls. Welsh and Smith Ptes. Spence and Cameron have been promoted to full Corporals and Pte. McCartney to L/Cpl. We welcome two new officers to our Coy, Lt. Binnie and 2/Lt. Read. We also welcome the men who came in for the Trooping of the Colour and have decided to stay with us, and to Pte. Carson who has come to us from "B" Coy.

"D" COY NEWS

The summer brought many changes to "D" Company. The Company Commander, Major B. E. Brown, was promoted from Captain. Lt. Whiteacre left us to become Assistant Adjutant and his post as Company 2IC has been filled by Lt. J. I. B. MacFarlane.

Following the completion of the Summer Recruit Training Plan, Cpl. Eden was appointed L/Sgt. Cpl. Blair was posted to "B" Company.

This year A, C, and D Companies are being brought together for the Advanced Training Course of this Regiment; the instruction to be carried out by D Company officers with the assistance of Lt. Taylor and 2/Lt. Johnson.

Pte. T. H. (Guards) Martin has just returned from an extensive pilgrimage to Great Britain and the Continent, where he instructed a Guards Brigade in proper (48th HIGHLANDERS) drill procedure. It is rumoured that he was forcibly ejected from Stirling Castle by the guard of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, who could not understand his "Yankee" accent!

L/Cpl. Brady, who has just been elected President of the Company Social Committee, is to be complimented on the fine job he is doing in keeping the Company Room and administration in good order.

In order to make the physical training programme of this Company more interesting and enjoyable this year, a course in judo is being initiated.

At present time quite a number of recruits are in the process of joining our ranks. To them, the Company extends a hearty welcome.

Accident Prevention

Noticing that his Scottish guide went bareheaded in all sorts of weather, the London sportsman made him a gift of a fur cap, the kind that has heavy ear flaps for extra warmth.

On his next visit to the lodge he asked the old Scot how he liked the cap.

"I hae not wore it since the accident," was the gloomy reply.

"What accident?"

"Jock MacLeod offered to buy me a drink," sighed the guide, "and I didna hear him."

SUPPORT COY.

Well a lot of things are happening in Support Company this year and I guess the biggest is the way C.S.M. "White Stains" Jones is lighting the fire under everybody's A-----! The Company has a good turn-out every night and the morale is high. We are getting a new 75 recoilless anti-tank gun and this will mean that all the pls. now have the new issue weapons. Mortar Pl. is equipped with the 81 mm. M.M.G. Pl. has the new 30 cal. Browning along with the Signals with the new 510 sets.

We would like to welcome all the "B" Company men that have joined our ranks in the past month and say that we hope all of them will live up to the high standards of Support.

Major Lowndes successfully passed his Maj. to Colonel exam and is now a qualified Colonel - so lookout H-----!!!

A scheme is laid on for Meaford this year and promises to be a real success. Judging from our last schemes, everyone has a good time, lots of firing of the weapons, a chance to use the signal sets and a chance to clean them. We now have a new committee made up of the following:

President: Pte. Manson  
 Vice-President: Pte. Elythe  
 Secretary: Cpl. Turner

Committee members are:

Pte. Mortensen  
 Pte. Stanley  
 L/Cpl. Deacon

So with this fine team of men we can all look forward to some great parties and a well run committee.

Support Company won the Company lines pennant at camp. This was done at great effort from each and everyone of the men and Cpl. Ionson showed his true colours by rigging up quite an impressive display with the help of Pte. Millier. This year we were all close seconds in the competitions and made a fine showing although we did not take top honours. We were in there pitching and next year it will be all firsts. Everyone I have talked to has said that Support Company guard on the troop was the best ever and anyone doubting this has but to look at the film of the trooping.

Signals finally found out they were not the owners of Room 120 and were moved to Room 121, to complete H.C. Pl. Our Company room has just been painted and cleaned up and is just about the best Company room in the Battalion. A lot of work through the Summer by the paint party made this possible.

Mr. McLeod, the Mortar Officer, met with a serious accident over the summer holidays and his imported Jaguar was completely wrecked. At last report Lt. McLeod was still suffering effects.

Pte. Brooks is now in anti-tank and has won himself the title of Company scrounger. Seems he found four firing mech. for the 6 pounder.

A scheme is laid on for Eorden for all Support Company's of the Toronto Garrison. This will be in May and as usual everyone in the Company is looking forward to the fire power display put on by the R.C.S.I. Boys.

Congratulations are in order for the promotion of Cpl. Calverly, Sgt. Howard, L/Cpl. Turner and yourstruly, Sgt. Holmes. Capt. Dakon is now Quarter-Master and seeing that he has just left our Company we should be the best dressed highlanders on parade (we hope)! Our two carriers are in top shape and with Mr. Rolphe having a farm, we should all have our standing orders on these vehicles by camp.

Congratulations to Pte. Mortensen on his marriage to Doreen Sutton. These two should make a fine couple and I know will do their part to help our Company with recruits.

All the men from Support on the courses at camp, passed with flying colours and there was many a glass tilted after this feat. Our party at camp turned out to be the best one of the Battalion, we had many visitors to this affair including Colonel MacIntosh, who said when leaving "Thish wash a swell do". As everyone no doubt has noticed this Company now does it's training on the Parade Square. This is a big change from the gun park and so far has proven quite successful. Anyone interested in joining Support Company should get in touch with our Company Orderly Clerk, Corporal Parkman as soon as possible as we have many interesting courses starting, this includes, anti-tank, M.N.G. and possibly carriers. Everyone who attended our picnic last July at Aurora can truthfully say "I had a good time". Many prizes were given away to the kiddies as well as the grown-ups. The rain made it a little wet, but Mr. Molson made it even better.

Also on our list of events for the year was a winer roast to Mr. Lowndes Folke's farm up by Claremont. We had a good time with lots eat and drink. A bus was chartered for the occasion and Mr. Binnie put on quite a show with his fireworks. Ever since this Weiner Roast he has been known as "Boom Boom Binnie". But the highlight of the affair was when a certain Sgt. started a grass fire and Mr. Lowndes made a beautiful field goal kick of the gas can. Cpl. Turner and Pte. Mortensen proved to be a real horseshoe pitching team, defeating all opposition until finally, retiring undefeated chumps! I mean champs!

Pte. Buchal is sporting a new 1957 Ford Sedan and last rumours were that C.S.M. Jones is ready to pack in his relic.

Congratulations to Cpl. Fowelston on his marriage to Pauline. I think they will make a fine twosome and best wishes from myself and the Company to you Ken. Sgt. Howard has proven that he knows how to run that new recording machine of his, "eh Ted,". Well that's all from Support Company for now but look to Support for leaders, good training, a good social life, and above all Esprit de Corps.

#### Person Unknown

The solemnity of a courtroom was recently broken up by a woman seeking a divorce from her husband for--among other indignities--his lack of attentiveness.

"I doubt if Henry has taken a good look at me in years," she wailed, "I swear if anything happened to me, he couldn't identify the body!"

#### Wrong Way Thinking

A man got off a train, green in the face. A friend who met him asked him what was wrong. "Train sickness," said the traveller. "I'm always deathly sick when I ride backwards on a train."

"Why didn't you ask the man sitting opposite you to change with you?" asked the friend.

"I thought of that," was the reply, "but there wasn't anybody there."

### OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Once again it is a pleasure to convey a little news to all the readers of the "Falcon" about the goings-on at our Memorial Hall on Church Street. To the readers who haven't dropped in to see us for a long time, you will be glad to hear that we are still solvent and enjoying the comradeship that money will never buy. All committees are doing a terrific job and I might say, for your information, that the affairs of your club have been handled very capably by the executive that you elected - 'way back in 1956.

As this goes to press, people are working diligently on your behalf to line up a good programme of entertainment for your enjoyment during the coming winter months. To keep posted, read the monthly bulletin and in that way you won't miss a trick. However, just in case it has been mislaid, do make note of the forthcoming functions as your Club present them:

Wednesday, Oct. 16 - was a free social nite for you and the wife or sweetheart. Too late for that one now but on

Saturday, Oct. 26 - Hallowe'en Dance. Grab your partner and away we go. You may come as a "taffy-apple" if you wish but do keep us guessing, huh?

Thursday, Oct. 31 - Kiddies Hallowe'en Party - up to and including members' children 12 years of age. Time - 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the kids with the best costume, treats and entertainment will be laid on for them. So let the kids have a "ball" okay.

Practices for the Annual Shoot between the Regiment and the Club will be held at the Armouries on October 19, 20, 26 and 27th between 12 and 3 p.m. So get the old shooting eye sharpened up kid.

Saturday, November 9 - 7.00 p.m. - Our Annual Armistice Dinner at the Club. Tickets must be picked up at the Club on or before November 2, otherwise, you will be S.O.L. Dinnah say I didn't tel ya.

Sunday, November 10 - Fall-in at 2.00 p.m. at the Armouries. It's our Annual Remembrance Service at Queen's Park. All vets of the Regiment are requested to be "on parade" that day.

And that just about covers all the forthcoming events with the exception of our Annual Christmas Draw. Within the next few days the members will be receiving ONE drawbook, the cost of which will be \$2.00. The proceeds of this draw help us to provide cheer for our members in hospitals or sick at home during Christmas time - it provides a lovely party for the kiddies (and how they do enjoy it) of members of our Club. We ask that you give us your continued support by buying, selling or getting rid of it no matter how, and send along your dough to "Little Joe", chairman of the Christmas Tree Draw just as soon as you possibly can. Furthermore, if you require any more books just get on the "blower" and give us a shout. We'll do the rest.

Dickie Boyle states that the Cribbage and Dart House Leagues are now under way but if any chaps are interested in participating, why, he'd be only too glad to count you in.

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