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This year the Falcon has a new look!

A Message From Honorary Colonel Richard L. Read

To all 48th Highlanders,

This is the first issue of this newsletter. It is the successor to the Regimental magazine of the same name and it is intended to provide a vehicle by which all the components of the Regimental family can keep in touch with each other.

This is *your* newsletter. Its success will depend on your contributions. All of the groups within the Regimental family have been asked to contribute to this issue to publicize your events to the 800 or so members of our family. We will publish information on upcoming events, reports on past events and items of interest to all or only a part of the Regimental association.

The Senate has agreed to carry the cost of publishing and printing at least the first few issues. As well, each association within the Regimental family has been advised that mailing costs will not increase as the result of having to mail out this newsletter. In time, we also envision a centralized Regimental family mailing list that will make mailings more efficient for everyone.

The editor of the O.C.A. newsletter, Tom Thompson, who has done a fabulous job of improving that newsletter, has graciously agreed to take on the task of editing the Falcon. He welcomes your ideas, articles and photos.

I look forward to seeing a huge turnout at the Regimental Ball on May 7th and the Church parade on May 9th.

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COL R. L. REID



Sgt Tolton and members of 2 Sect 2 Pl A Sqn, RCD BG Op Palladium Roto 13

The 48th Highlanders Deployed on Operation Palladium Roto 13

by Cpl Thomson and members of 2 Sect 2 Pl
A Sqn, RCD BG, Op Palladium Roto 13

For the first time since The Korean War, the 48th have fielded a full section of Highlanders for operations. 31, 32, and 33 CBG's have all provided a platoon each to form C Coy, Royal Canadian Dragoon Battle group. The Highlanders make up 2 Sect as part of 2 Platoon (32B). The platoon also has soldiers from The Grey and Simcoe Forrester's, The Lorne Scots, The Royal Regiment of Canada, the Toronto Scottish Regiment, and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Before deployment 32 was detached from C Coy and attached to A Sqn,

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FROM THE 48TH ARCHIVES – EVENTS IN SPRINGTIMES PAST

by Geordie Beal

110 Years Ago – 1894 White shell jackets were worn for the first time on the 20th of April, 1894, by the company sergeants, the bugle sergeant and pioneer sergeant, in Drill order. This was only the second uniform to be worn by the Highlanders, who began and continued with scarlet Full dress until The First Great War. The regiment wore white shell (Undress: Review Order) from 1920 to 1939 and again from 1945 to 1956 as the cost to maintain scarlet Full dress became prohibitive. Since the founding of the regiment in 1891, ceremonial uniforms have been funded privately with the government providing bat-

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A Message From Commanding Officer LCol I. Sargeant

To All,

I just wanted to say a few words as this is the first edition of the Falcon in its new format. Many thanks to those in the Regimental Family, who have given their time and efforts into getting this edition out. I look forward to having a regular publication with the details of what has happened within the Family.

The Regiment is doing well these days with an effective Strength of 145 and another 60 in the Military Band and the Pipes and Drums. You will find articles in this edition about the two tours that the Canadian Forces have been involved in recently overseas. This is because this year the 48th Highlanders of Canada had 5 members serving in Op Athena Roto 1 in Afghanistan, and 15 members serving in Op Palladium in Bosnia, which was the largest contribution of any Reserve unit in Land Force Central Area (LFCA).

We had a major exercise 5-7 March, 2004 in Fort Drum, New York, where we participated in an Operations in Built Up Area exercise at the very impressive training facility that the US has. There is also an impressive range weekend at the end of March where members of the Regiment will be firing 60mm Mortar and the new M203 grenade launcher. Also preparations are in the works to get ready for EX Stalwart Guardian in August which is LFCA's week long summer concentration in Petewawa.

In closing I would just like to acknowledge those members of the active regiment who were either promoted recently or received decorations. Please see the list below.

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LCOL I. SARGEANT

Recent Promotions

Maj McEwen WO Smintich
MCpl Potapenko MCpl Papodakis

Recent Decorations (CD's)

WO Reesor Sgt Kwok
Sgt Lauder Capt Pedwell
Cpl Forsuth - Bar

A Message From The Regimental Sergeant Major CWO R. Alkema

"Like a Phoenix, rising out of the ashes"; "the more things change, the more they stay the same"; "greatcoats on, greatcoats off"... and many more sayings can be used to describe the reconstitution of The Falcon. I believe that a newsletter is vitally important to all branches of the Regimental Family, and one that combines all the branches under a common banner, even more so. My congratulations go out to the team that has worked diligently to re-establish The Falcon.

I urge all branches of the Regimental Family to submit articles, pass on information and to "send up the count". In these days of increased demands on our time, The Falcon will be an excellent resource for all of us to improve communications with each other - but only if we all submit our articles, and read each others.

The active Regiment currently parades about 146 all ranks. Although not the largest unit in 32CBG, we remain current and "up to speed". I will provide a more complete briefing on the strength, status of ARE and LFRR at a later date.

My final point for this inaugural issue: I would like to extend a "welcome home" to all our soldiers who have returned from operational taskings in Bosnia and Afghanistan. Well done on your missions, I have heard nothing but good things concerning the jobs you have done. Take a quick "smoke-break", and then, be ready to step back into positions here at the Regiment.

See you all at Church Parade.

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CWO R. ALKEMA

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Please note if you received more than one of these in the mail please contact your association so that we can arrange to have JUST one mailed to you.

As well if you would like to contribute to future issues please e-mail your stories and pictures to: falcon48@sympatico.ca AND carbon copy: tom.thompson@sympatico.ca
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RECRUITING NEWS AND INFO

Sgt Ace Duncan, Unit Recruiter

I would just like to keep everyone up to date on recruiting for The Regiment and the training for new recruits. For a new soldier to earn his/her first stripe and Balmoral he must complete three courses. The BMQ (Basic Military Qualification), SQ (Soldier Qualification) and the BIQ (Basic Infantry Qualification).

The BMQ is run over weekends out of Denison Armories starting in Oct and Jan. The SQ and BIQ are run over the summer out of ATC Meaford and are four weeks a piece. Since September of 2003, the regiment has enrolled personnel on two winter BMQ courses. These personnel are:

- PTE(R) Su *Infantry*
- PTE(R) Olechowski *Infantry*
- PTE(R) Martin *Piper*
- PTE(R) Carson *Infantry*
- PTE(R) Gohal *Infantry*
- PTE(R) Mai *Clerk*
- PTE(R) Markham *Infantry*
- PTE(R) Petrovic *Infantry*
- PTE(R) Webb *Infantry*

The infantry personnel will continue their training in ATC Meaford with a SQ/BIQ course. PTE(R) Martin will be going to the Borden School of Music and PTE(R) Mia will complete a SQ followed by on the job training back at the unit. The Regiment has 10 spots for a BMQ/SQ course this summer and should have no problem filling it.

I would also like to note that The Regiment has a new Padre. Padre Bailey was sworn in on the 20th of February and has taken on the difficult task of learning the duties of an army padre. He will be attending courses this summer in CFB Borden and I am sure he will return to The Regiment in September eager to continue his duties.

I would like to ask all members of the regimental family to think about recruiting. The best candidates that walk through my door are from word of mouth referrals. Next time you are talking to a co-worker, neighbor or nephew tell them about how much The Regimental Family has done for you and how much you have enjoyed giving back to The Regiment. If even a quarter of the members of The Regimental Family were able to persuade someone to join, we could double the number of troops on the parade square.

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The 48th Highlanders Deployed on Operation Palladium Roto 13

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RCD, and operates out of Camp Maple Leaf, Zgon.

In theatre the Battle groups mission is to provide a safe and secure environment to the men, women and children of Bosnia Herzegovina. Our day to day task in support of A Sqn was conducting normal framework operations (NFO).

NFO consists of patrolling local areas assigned to the sections, called Opstinas. Opstinas are similar to townships and each section in the platoon was responsible for one, within the platoon's AOR. 1 Sect which is mainly comprised of Grey and Simcoe Foresters was responsible for a town called Sanski Most, 2 Sect which is the 48th sect was responsible for Bosanski Petrovac, and 3 Sect which is the Lorne Scot section was given the town of Kljuc. The sections would go out during the day or at night patrolling their areas in Iltis, talking to people, meeting local community representatives (LCR's), or just patrolling the area maintaining a SFOR presence.

Our home for six months would be Camp Maple Leaf, which is located near the small town of Zgon, BiH. The camp is where BG HQ operates out of, and like all the other Canadian camps maintain a 24/7 Defense and Security team. Each section of the platoon would operate for two weeks of NFO and then have a week of camp routine.

During this week the section would perform any maintenance required on vehicles or kit, conduct any refresher training needed, and be responsible for the Defense and Security tasking when need be. When on D & S (gate duty) the section would be split into two shifts working six hours on, and six hours off for one day. The week off of NFO provides a good opportunity for a change of pace, and some time to catch up on personal admin.

A large part of our tour was spent on



The Complete Section - 2 Sect 2 Pl A Sqn, RCD BG Op Palladium Roto 13

Operations. C/S 32 was involved in five different Ops inside and outside of our AOR. The Ops varied in task; but most were based on searching homes and cars for illegal weapons. C/S 32 worked together with many organizations to succeed in completing these tasks. The local

operational environment. Many of us would never have gotten the chance to work as closely as we have with some of the different weapons platforms, including Coyotes, LAV III's and even firing the coyote's 25mm canon. Several members of the platoon have found a career they like on tour and are following through a component transfer to the Regular Force. Going on tour is a good way to ground yourself and see other parts of the world, while improving your interpersonal and soldiering skills.

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CPL THOMSON and members of 2 Sect 2 Pl, A Sqn, RCD BG, Op Palladium Roto 13



On route to the front. Photo by Sgt Tolton

police were almost always right behind the soldiers, preparing for when they conduct operations themselves. We also worked with the Royal Engineer Search Team from Britain, the Italian Carabinieri, and The Hungarian and Slovenian Armies.

All in all going on tour has been a positive experience for the soldiers of C/S 32, enabling us an opportunity to see how our Regular Army and other nation's armed forces work in



In convoy to Velika Kladusa. Photo by Sgt Tolton

Officers Association

by Col Bill Jensen

The Officers Association comprises all former officers who served with the 48th Highlanders and several who served with the Black Watch who live in the Toronto area. Included are all Regular Force officers who were attached to or posted to the unit and all former Cadet Officers. Altogether we have just over 200 officers on our mailing list.

The purpose of the Officers Association is to support the Regiment in general and the active members of the Officers Mess in particular. In the past, the funds we have raised have gone to repairing the frames of the portraits in the Officers' Mess, a major cleaning of the carpet in the Mess, and other repairs. We also coordinated the restoration of most of the paintings in the mess. This project was completed in 2002 and, thanks to several generous donations, all of the costs now have been covered. This year, we are working on several initiatives including the repair and re-plating of several of the silver items in the Mess.

Each year, we join the active officers for a Mess Dinner. This year, the dinner will be held

on May 8th (1800 for 1900). We are making a special effort to look after transportation for those members who might otherwise not be able to come to the dinner. If you are interested in attending, please contact Col Bill Jensen at 416-222-1482

Cadillac Draw

by Col Bill Jensen

The annual Cadillac Dinner and Draw was held on March 19th in the Officers Mess. Over 80 Highlanders and friends of the Regiment were in attendance at this formal affair. We sold 99 dinner tickets and so a number of people who just wanted to buy Draw tickets were disappointed. Mr. Colin Cook, Charlie Tidy, LCol Ken McBey, HCol Dick Read and the Old Comrades Association had the pleasure of splitting the top prize of \$4,000. Other prize winners included: Herb Pike, Bill Dance, the Regiment's new Padre Capt Greg Bailey and Maj Tom White.

Although this fundraiser is run by the Officers Association, all the profits from the Dinner tickets are turned over to the Trust which holds them pending directions from the Commanding Officer. All of the monies from

the sale of Draw tickets are given out as prizes so we only make money on the dinner tickets. This year, the event generated about \$6,600 for the Regiment! In the past these funds have been used to support sending our soldiers to Scotland for training with the British Army and for uniforms.

Our thanks go to the members of the Pipes and Drums and the Military Band who performed a wonderful concert during the evening. We also thank all of those who bought tickets – especially those who bought dinner tickets - for their support of our Regiment.

Ladies Auxilliary

by Violet Pett

The Ladies held a meeting on Sat. Mar. 20, 2004. We have decided to have a Wine and Cheese party on Sunday May 16, 2004. We are hoping to have it in the Sergeant's Mess, We will be launching the new Newsletter at this time, SO WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM ALL FAMILIES OF THE 48TH. Cost will be \$12.00 per person. We will be participating with the I.O.D.E. For more info please contact Violet Pett at 416-678-5017.

From the Vaults of the 48th Museum

by WD Anthony Percival

In each issue of the Falcon I hope to uncover the hidden tales of the 48th through the artifacts stored in our Museum, the gems of our 48th heritage.

Memorial Tablet, 134th Bn C.E.F.

This tablet commemorates the eight officers of the 134th Battalion [48th Highlanders] who died in the First World War. The memorial was dedicated November 13th, 1921 at Bonar Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Lieutenant Colonel D. Donald, VD who commanded the 134th Battalion from 1915-1916, unveiled it along with Mrs. Armour A. Miller, widow of the Battalions second Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Colonel Armour A. Miller, VD died of wounds while commanding the 19th Battalion. The Church's



Minister (also the former Chaplain of the 134th) Rev. N.A. MacEachern, M.A presided over the ceremony.

The tablet was designed by Captain James Nicoll former Quartermaster of the 134th Bn and erected by their Brethrens

Officers.

Bonar Presbyterian Church was established in 1878. This Church amalgamated with and moved to the Parkdale Presbyterian Church in 1969 to become the Bonar-Presbyterian Church. This memorial was salvaged from the old church by the 48th Museum prior to its demolition.

The eight officers that are commemorated are:

- LCol Armour A. Miller VD, was CO of the 134th Bn 1916-1917. Killed in action as a Major in the 19th Bn 21st June 1918.
- Capt Francis M. Murphy, was Adjt of the 134th Bn. Killed in action with the 15th Bn as Adjt 2nd Sept 1918.
- Capt John E. Hodgson, started with the 92nd Bn, transferred to the 134th Bn. Died 5th Nov 1918 with the P.P.C.L.I.
- Lt Geoffrey

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The Pipes and Drums Association

by Peter MacLeod

For any 48th Highlander, nothing was and is more inspiring than marching to Highland Laddie. Even after a long freezing or stifling hot parade, marching into the Armoury when the Pipes and Drums struck up Hielan Laddie, the shoulders went back, and one was proud to be a Highlander. But where did this tune originate?

The old tune was well known by the middle of the 17th century in England and printed in the first edition of Playford's Dancing Master. Again like so many old melodies, no one knows who actually composed the music. The naval version came under several titles: *Where ha'e been all the day*, *Were you ever in Mobile Bay*. The Canadian version, a sea shanty, Donkey-Riding (*Were you ever in Quebec, donkey-riding, donkey-riding?* (don't tell Don Cherry)). The Canadian version became very popular in English and Canadian ports, especially with Mobile Bay cotton stowies of the 1840's. The first verse goes:

***Were you ever in Quebec
Bonnie Laddie, Highland Laddie
Stowing timber on the deck?
My Bonnie Highland Laddie.***



PM Ross Stewart and the 1991 Reunion Band taken in front of the Legislature.

There are about a dozen different verse versions written for the tune, some predating the Jacobite Rebellion. Burns based his version on the title of *I hae benn at Crookerden* using the tune *Cockle Shells*. Another version had words describing a Highland Laddie fighting against Napoleon, a version that Beethoven arranged in his settings of Scottish songs. But no matter which version of verse, the second line was always *Bonnie laddie, Highland laddie*, and the last line *Bonnie laddie, Highland laddie*.

Highland Laddie or Hielan Laddie, was adopted for Highland units of the British Army by official decree in 1881. The Black Watch (regimental quick march) adopted it around 1850. Highland Laddie is the regimental quick march of the Scots Guards. The Gordon Highlanders used the tune until 1932 when it was replaced by the *Cock of the North*. The Royal Scots

Dragoon Guards adopted it from the Royal Scots Greys. Highland Laddie is the official quick march played by the Highland Band of The Scottish Division.

In Canada, besides the 48th, some other regiments that have Highland Laddie as their march past include, the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada, the Calgary Highlanders, The Lake Superior Scottish, Essex and Kent Scottish, The Lanark and Renfrew Scottish, 2nd Battalion The Nova Scotia Highlanders and a battalion of the RCR's.

The Pipes and Drums of the 48th are the only band to play four parts to Highland Laddie. I have never heard another pipes and drums (note the designation pipe band is not used in relation to the military) play the four parts for any occasion. There is a 5th part, but even the 48th didn't incorporate this part into the regimental march.

(many thanks to Ian Pearson, International Military Music Society, Canadian branch, who researches the history of regimental marches as a hobby)

Peter K. MacLeod, Secretary Treasure, Pipes and Drums Association

Note: The Pipes and Drums Association is always open to accept new members, even if you were not in the Pipes and Drums. We issue a newsletter pertaining to Pipes and Drums among other topics. Contact Peter MacLeod at (905) 881-2591

48th Highlanders Chapter IODE

by Karen Barker

The 48th Highlanders Chapter Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire was formed in 1907 through the efforts of Mrs. John I. Davidson (wife of the first Commanding Officer of the Regiment) and Mrs. MacKenzie Alexander. They asked the Colonel of the Regiment for his consent to form a chapter. Consent was given on the understanding that the chapter's efforts would be confined mainly for the benefit of the regiment and the welfare of the troops.

On May 3, 1907 at University Armouries the first meeting was held of the newly formed chapter. During the war years the chapter raised money to support the efforts of the regiment. From 1911 -1914 the chapter enlisted the support of Captain John Slater and Pipe Major

Fraser and raised funds by conducting band concerts throughout Toronto. One of the most important concerts raised money to support the survivors of the SS Titanic.

May 10, 1919, the 15th Battalion was enthusiastically welcomed home by the Regent Mrs. C. W. Darling who presented a set of bronze laurels to be placed on the Colours that led them to victory. These laurels are now on display in the Regimental Museum.

The IODE has continued to support the Regiment since that time. In October 1963, the Social Club of the 15th Battalion presented to the IODE an amount of money to be kept in trust and used as scholarships to deserving highlanders. This trust has been named the "Help a Highlander" fund. Students who were assisted, were expected, when they became financially able, to contribute back to the fund. The IODE has been administering this fund

since 1963.

The fund is available to any serving member of the Regiment or any family member either serving or who has previously served the Regiment. Application forms and guidelines are available in the 48th Highlander's BOR. Applicants are requested to submit the completed form, along with proof of enrollment, in a college or university, to their company commander for approval, the company commander will in turn forward it to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment for his approval

Once approved all completed forms, are to be mailed to: Karen Barker, Regent 48th Highlanders Chapter IODE, 128 Queensdale Avenue, Toronto, M4J 1Y4. Applications are kept confidential and all applicants will be notified by mail if their request has been accepted.

Please take advantage of this fund as it was made available for the Regimental Family.

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the dress and kilt in lieu of trousers. Full dress resumed in 1956. The Old Comrades Association Drill Team continues today in Undress, Review Order.

100 Years Ago – In May 1904, the 48th Highlanders became allied with The Gordon Highlanders, an old and renowned regiment raised in 1794 by the Duke of Gordon. This was the first officially sanctioned regimental alliance in the British Empire (as it was then called) and had been proposed by General the Earl of Dundonald when he was General Officer Commanding the Canadian Militia in 1903. The goal was to create advantages in instruction and foster friendships that would be invaluable away from home. On 14 March 1911, the bonds were strengthened further by the appointment to Honorary Colonel of the 48th Highlanders of General Sir Ian Hamilton GCB, GCMG, DSO, Colonel of the Regiment, The Gordon Highlanders. Training exchanges began in 1907 and continued in both Canada and Scotland with the most recent a platoon of The Highlanders (the amalgamation of Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons in 1994) joining the 48th at summer concentration in Petawawa

60 Years Ago – On May 22 1944, the 48th Highlanders breached the Hitler line, a power-

ful defensive position guarding Rome to the south at Pontecorvo. This formidable obstacle comprised concrete fixed fortifications, artillery, mortars, machine guns, anti-tank guns, tank ditches, wire, Teller and box mines and was manned by 8,300 troops. The Germans claimed it was impregnable. The line, and the approaches to it along the Liri Valley, was under direct observation from the heights of Monte Cassino to the east, a position

“the battalion would begin in silence without the normal softening up artillery barrage.”

that had brutally repelled all allied efforts to take it. Lt-Col Ian Johnston laid out a daring plan that ignored the lack of a sapper recce of the ground, the absence of FOOs for artillery and directed that the battalion would begin in silence without the normal softening up artillery barrage. Sneaking low through spring crops whose growth obscured the sight lines of the Germans, lead platoons then companies penetrated the wire under fire, reformed without orders and assaulted strong points as they found them. Quickly all four companies were inside the lines, swung right and began to assault up the slopes. Through the afternoon they fought, rushed strong points and beat off counterattacks. Finally they stopped, forced by the absence of tank support to consolidate for

the night. The next day, reinforced by a squadron of Churchills of the Suffolks, who had volunteered to join up in support, they fought forward from 0600 to 1730. At 1700, the Hastings followed by the RCR arrived through a gap in the mine field to their front into the bridgehead developed by the Highlanders. Within days, the Hitler Line was breached totally, flanking Monte Cassino and opening the road to Rome.

Dileas, the regimental history says: “They were the first Canadian battalion to break the German’s strongest position existing in Italy. Unassisted and alone, except for tanks on the second day, they had then fought behind the fortifications of the Hitler Line for a long, long 24 hours. Before other attacks were launched they had already written Canadian Army and regimental history.”

55 Years Ago – 1949 The first issue of The Falcon was released in June 1949. Edited and published by Major Stew Reid the front page of Vol. 1, No. 1 featured the hand-over parade of 8 Apr 49 from Lt-Col W W G Darling DSO, ED to Lt-Col. M E George. During World War II, news from the 1st Battalion and letters from the Commanding Officer had been published and read avidly, leading to the idea of The Falcon as a way to build regimental spirit. Initially a small black and white magazine published four times a year, it was recreated a few years later by the Padre, who was skilled at getting people to contribute interesting articles on time.

A short story about a return trip to Korea

by David Crook

DAY 1: We received notification around January that my wife and myself would be making a return trip to the Land of the Morning Calm as guests of the Korean Veterans Association and with some trepidation on my part we left on Korean Airlines at 10pm, on a very long nonstop flight of some 14 plus hours. The flight took us by way of what they call the great northern route up over Alaska to the top of the world where you could see the glow of the Sun shining on the other side of the globe, quite a sight, the back into darkness again for the slide down the

Asian land mass towards Japan and Korea across the date line to land at Incheon just outside of Seoul. This flight incidentally was the same flight that the Russians shot down some years back even the same flight KA 007. Slept on the floor most of the time and even enjoyed Authentic Korean food served on the plane. We were greeted by the Canadian Military Attaché from the Embassy told us about the planned activities for us while we were in Korea after which we departed for our Hotel in downtown Seoul, did not get into our room until 9am, exhausted we got in and slept for about 8 hours. Got up and went out to explore what we could in the vicinity before dinner which was great and then went back to the room to sleep until our wake up at 7am, had breakfast and boarded the bus to take us to the first of many stops, the traffic was incredible but no one seemed to be upset by delays everyone is so

polite even bowing at the bus as it went by, and cars nothing older than 3 years and literally 3 million of them in Seoul, if there not moving they are washing them all this and 10 million people in an area 1/3 the size of metro Toronto. They have one of the highest population densities in the world canadian population is one person per 58 square miles they have 448 persons per square mile By now I’m getting the hang of bowing if it moves bow if not its a post. Motorcycles are every where mostly on the side walk because traffic is to slow for these delivery boys, they are piled so high with material you cant hardly see the driver weaving in and out of people on the side walk like a running back at a football game. We go to the traditional Korean folk village built for the tourists and it basically is how I remember what I saw on my first trip in 1950, mud huts, dirt floors, thatched

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roofs and very primitive. Had lunch here in Korean fashion that is cooked at the table and everyone just helps them self to what ever is the dish of the day (dog?) I went to the bar and had beer as did my wife.

We were then supposed to go to the Hotel for R&R but they insisted that we view the new Stadium built just for the World Soccer Tournament on the way we crossed the Han river which now has 30 bridges across this wide and fast flowing waterway, last time here there was only one and it was down by bombs. Beautiful stadium but we did not do the tour as we were too tired so back to the Hotel for Dinner and more sleep to be ready for the next day at the National Cemetery.

Day 2: Departed the hotel at 9:30 for the short trip to the National Cemetery where the National Heroes are buried and the Remembrance building for the missing located on the same grounds. The entrance is very impressive with very large imposing warrior figures on each side of the main entrance, the pathway from the arch entrance to the grounds was lined on both sides with ROK Marines who look every bit as tough as their reputation, we proceeded up the the walkway in a very solemn procession not a word spoken as we moved up to the shrine for the missing of the Korean War incense was burned and a short service for the departed (this is a National Shrine and very hallowed place), we moved inside and were astonished by the beauty and the size of the interior the central entrance had a large magnificent statue sword in hand reaching to the sky through the roof of the building where huge dome of semi-translucent material let the light shine through to light the interior, off the centre there were a number of halls where the names of the missing were inscribed in marble on both sides and ledges for family members to leave items when they came to pay their respects, the ceilings were all painted with different figures much like the Sistine Chapel. The North Koreans boasted that they had taken over 75 thousand prisoners in the first days of the war, only 7000 were returned after the cease-fire and no record exists of some 69000 and what happened to them. My wife and I were in awe, struck with simplicity and beauty of the place much like the Wall in Washington and since

the Koreans had put theirs up before USA they thought that they stolen the idea from them. We emerged from the building to a light rain and the Marines never moved a muscle as we left for the National War Memorial.

A box lunch was served on the way and it was still raining when we got there, here we were treated to another fantastic entranceway. The courtyard plaza was dedicated to their War Dead some 403 thousand fatal, we entered the building proper through a hall where all the United Nations War dead are memorialized by Country and name on marble slabs on both sides of the hall, Canada's are in two different spots 1950-53 and after cease fire 54-57 you then enter into the centre hall where they pay tribute to the Country's heroes all are cast as bust in bronze with their deeds explained on a plaque. Then into museum proper what a place! a war history room going back to pre-historic times to the founding of the Republic of Korea, a Korean War Room to witness the tragedy of the people during the war, a UN Allies room where you can find information on the countries that came to the aid of Korea, a combat experience room where you can have

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the life-like experience of night combat, a Korean Expeditionary Forces Room that shows their contribution to world peace, two more rooms that are similar plus all the weapons, tanks, smaller airplanes, and all the assorted equipment that goes with it, then on to an out door display where they have a large Modern Equipment Display including planes, ships, tanks and rockets and everything in between. We stayed 2 hours but I could have stayed all day, it was so well done just immense, if Canada does half as good with the new museum in Ottawa it will something to be proud of.

Next: Dinner Banquet tonight (to be continued)

Old Comrades Association

by Tom Thompson

The O.C.A. consists of three main groups:

- 1) The Association itself which has approximately 270 members.
- 2) The Life Members (over 55 Group).
- 3) The O.C.A. Drill Team

The O.C.A. (OCA)

The O.C.A. has one general meeting on the 3rd Thursday of April each year. We have various social events such as barbeques, luncheons and make arrangements for trips to Holland and Italy. The other main events are Warriors Day Parade at the C.N.E. and the Remembrance Day weekend. The O.C.A. has a parade at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery on the Saturday before the Sunday Remembrance Day parade with the Regiment at Queen's Park followed by a Remembrance Day Dinner that evening. The O.C.A. arranges transportation to take members from the armoury to the special events such as Warriors Day, Remembrance Day and other events. The staff at the 48th Highlanders of Canada Museum is also made up of mostly O.C.A. Members.

The Life Members (Over 55 Group)

These are the O.C.A. Members who meet the first Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held at 12:00 noon in the Sergeant's Mess, Moss Park Armoury. They have approximately 60 members. Membership is available to any member of the O.C.A. who is 55 years of age or older. They do not hold meetings in July or August.

The O.C.A. Drill Team

These O.C.A. members meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Sergeant's Mess, Moss Park Armoury. They have approximately 27 members, not all can parade because of health problems. Any member of the O.C.A. can join the Drill Team. They do not hold meetings in January or February.

General Items

We will try to report through the "Falcon" all future events. Check the upcoming events list. For further information contact Tommy Thompson or Tom White, President, at one of the following:

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Tom White: 416-622-7442

Thoughts from the Museum

by Geordie Beal

The Regimental Museum at St. Andrew's Church is doing well under the care and attention of our volunteer staff. The number of visitors grows daily. Their fascination with the stories we have to show, and to tell, is a great thing to see. The humanity and people that are the reality behind each artifact seems to show through. It makes us realize that the true dimension of the museum is not its artifacts but the experiences of Highlanders and the spirit that we all know as Dileas.

We need more stories, the kind of stories that may not find their way into a Regimental History but show every day events and the people behind them. Two such stories, sent in a couple of years ago, illustrate the point (with thanks to their authors).

Lt-Col R F (Rod) Davenport enclosed an original copy of an amending order for the landing of the battalion on the beaches at Pachino in Sicily. The copy, typed on board ship, is dated 8 July 43 and is initialed by the six officers of H.Q. In his letter Colonel (then Lieutenant) Davenport wrote:

"On April 1943 I transferred from the 2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders to the 48th Highlanders as Battalion Signals officer, and remained with the Regiment until I was wounded in Sicily. During our Combined Ops training in Scotland (Loch Fyne and Oban Areas) much emphasis was given to landings where sandbars might be encountered. The attached message from the CO (Ian Johnston) to Company Commanders and which I received from my Coy Comd (Capt John Clarke) was sent whilst were on board ship en route to the landings at Pachino. Suddenly the reason for the emphasis on exercises wading through sandbars became obvious." [The amending order warned of sandbars at the beaches of Pachino.]

Major Robert (Bob) Nuttall sent several reminiscences that I treasure about my father. Here is one that paints a vivid picture of northern Italy.

"There are a few humorous tales I could tell you about Able Company of the 48th in those days, commanded by a very capable officer and a gentleman. One of the best is when I had my platoon ensconced in a large house, We were in a semi rest area but still had to dig trenches outside, I had allowed the boys to

strip the eavestrough and tie them up in the trees with the ends entering the house in an upstairs window and the other end in a tree directly over the latrine. That of course was done so the guys upstairs would not have to make a trip down in the night. One Sunday after church parade, Maj. Beal made a visit to my position. He asked to see the latrine and while we were standing looking down at it a trickle of liquid suddenly began to descend. His reaction was to order me to get the damn things down to which I replied of course "yes Sir". This was all show on his part for the benefit of bystanders – but as he walked away to his jeep, he turned to me. I saluted and he said, "bloody good idea Mr. Nuttall – keep up the good work – I probably won't be back this way before we pull out of here".

"The humanity and people that are the reality behind each artifact seems to show through."

So, if you are going through your "junk" drawer (and we all have one) and come across snapshots, drawings, cartoons, caricatures, letters and other things of the personal side of your time in the Regiment, perhaps you could send them along. Add a few lines to tell the story behind it. Send a copy if you want to keep the original. It will be just as meaningful to the museum, and just as interesting to our visitors. We need stories from all periods. To our visitors the recent events in Bosnia and Afghanistan are just as engaging as those from the Second War and Korea.

Don't forget to come down in person. We're open Wednesday and Thursday from 1000 to 1500 hours. Bring a story. We'll tell you a couple in return. 416-596-1382

From the Vaults of the 48th Museum

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Heighington MC, was awarded the Military Cross with the 4th C.M.R. was wounded and died of pneumonia in England 2nd Nov 1918.

- Lt Montague H. Bird, died of wounds with the 1st Bn attached to the RAF 9th July 1918.
- Lt Gordon M. Matheson, started with the 120th Bn transferred to the 134th Bn and died with the 44th Bn 10th Aug 1918.
- Lt Wyndham J. Colquhoun, started with the 120th Bn transferred to the 134th Bn and died of wounds as the 15th Bn Signal Officer 8th Nov 1918.
- Lt Horace B. Steadman, started with the 137th Bn transferred to the 134th Bn and died with the 15th Bn 2nd Sept 1918.

...This is but a taste of what you will discover at the 48th Highlanders Museum open Tues & Wed 10 to 3 or on the web at www.48highlanders.com/museum_cover.html

Some Doctrine Humour:

From a Soviet Document: "One of the serious problems in planning against Canadian doctrine is that the Canadians do not read their manuals nor do they feel any obligation to follow their doctrine." (StaMP)(1)

A German General Officer: "The reason that the Canadian Army does so well in wartime, is that war is chaos, and the Canadian Army practices chaos on a daily basis." (SAP)(2)

Anonymous 1st Canadian Division Staff Officer: "If we don't know what we are doing, the enemy certainly can't anticipate our future actions!"

1. Standard Male Procedure
2. Standard Army Procedure

Pipes and Drums

submitted on their behalf by the Editor

The 48th Pipes & Drums have a busy year ahead of them. Some other dates and events you might want to make note of so you may enjoy them when they parade in your area.

July 23	Uxbridge, Highlands of Durham	Games & Tattoo
July 31	Quebec City	Festivent
August 14 & 15	Rochester, New York	International Marine Tattoo
August 21	C.N.E. Toronto	Warriors Day Parade and Tattoo
September 7-12	Stockholm, Sweden	Swedish Military Tattoo
September 17-20	Hampton, Virginia	TRADOC Military Tattoo

EXERCISE PEGASUS STALKER

by Lt Krzysztof Karpinski, 2 Pl Comd

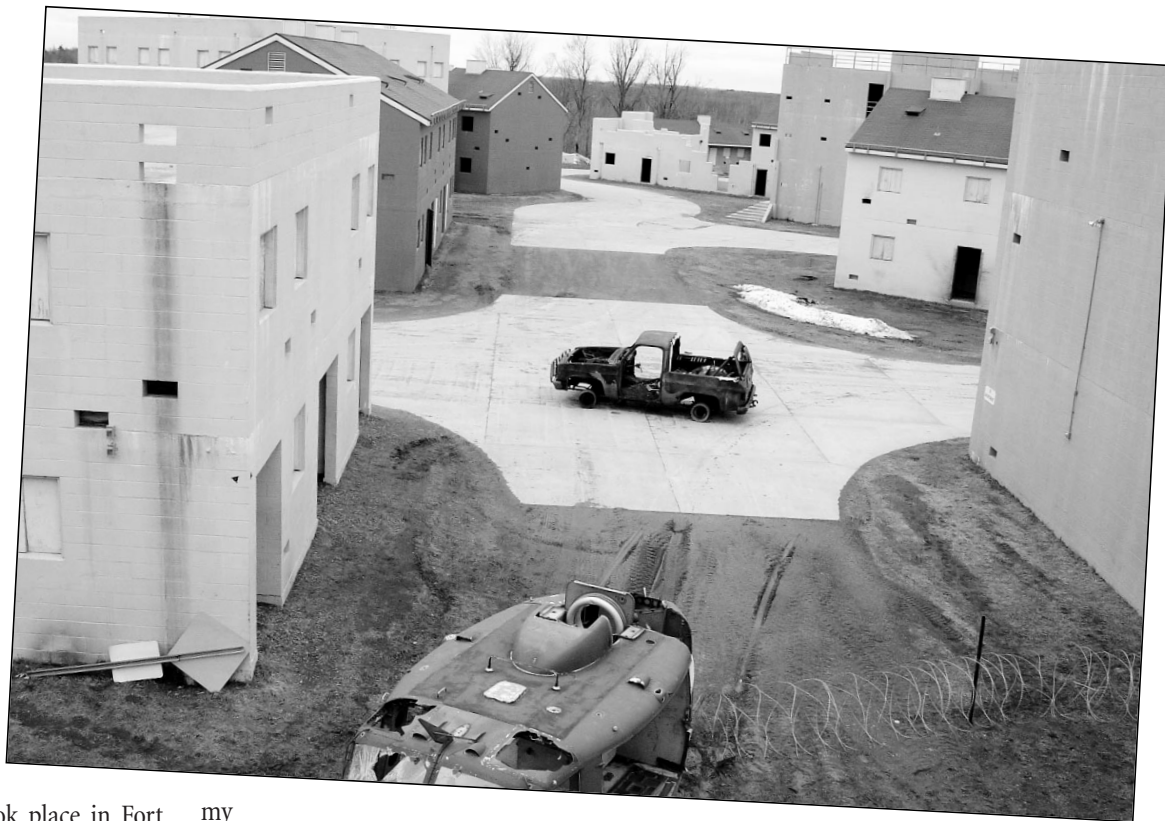
On 5-7 March, 2004, 48th Highlanders had the opportunity to participate in an exercise that focused on Operations in Built-Up Areas (OBUA). A platoon and company weapons detachment were sent to support Battle Group Alpha which consists of the 48Highrs, QOR and RRC and would provide a force of a company plus to

the exercise. The exercise took place in Fort Drum, NY just south of Kingston. The facility was a standing town with actual buildings that one could find in any town such as schools, houses, and banks. The OBUA site in Fort Drum was covered by cameras in order to record the exercise.

The situation for the enemy on this EX was as follows: The allied forces have defeated the enemy yet the enemy is still capable of holding ground and are preparing for a counter attack using, what might be very real on today's battle ground, bioweapons. Intelligence had reported through the capture of the lead research scientists that his brothers are in possession of his notes and plan on continuing the development of bioweapons. Their location is in the hometown of Dalbani, (which would be in the OBUA site in Fort Drum).

Battle Group Alpha's mission was simple; Neutralize the threat of bioweapons, and if possible capture the brothers. It was expected that there would be an enemy security force, platoon size, and the presence of civilians, which might be used as human shields.

The company was responsible for the capture of buildings 7, 9, 10, and 11 in the town which consisted of two tall apartment buildings and a series of townhouses. The 48th platoon's objective was building 9. As I prepared



my orders for my NCOs, my 2IC Sgt Kwok was preparing the platoon for the mission. His concurrent activity was to ensure that rehearsals were done, and each soldier had the appropriate equipment. We all were equipped with Miles gear. This consists of sensors on your webbing and helmet and a laser fixed to the end of each weapon that works with blank rounds. This meant that if you got shot you knew about it.

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Our transportation to the RV was by Griffin Helicopters. As each chalk landed soldiers adopted their respective positions in the RV (a triangular formation). When the entire Coy was in the RV the OC issued the order to step off. As we marched we had to make a few tactical halts as reports were coming in from the recce elements and lead PL on enemy movements. During all this time pre-designated bombardments were occurring on the objective by artillery.

H-hour was getting close, and there was no guide! The OC ordered me to reach the attack position on our own. I signaled my platoon

and we started to move towards our attack position. As we approached our attack position we set off a trip flare. Luckily the enemy was slow in responding, due to the confusion caused by the bombardment and harassing fire from west by friendly snipers. I quickly ordered the signaler to inform Coy HQ that we were compromised and the coy weapon's det quickly opened fire on the objective.

From that second on it was a race for the objective! The entire Pl had to run up some 50 m to get into good attack position. Once we got there, the pl weapons det, led by MCpl Vujic opened up on building 9. We had two C-6 general purpose machine guns with us and we made sure that the enemy felt them before we even breached the building.

Sgt Westrop, the breaching section commander, took off towards the objective to breach the building and secure the entrance for the remainder of the pl. The terrain we had to cross was wet and swampy. I proceeded after the breaching section with my two assault sections led by MCpl Potopanko and MCpl Papadakos. Sgt Kwok took charge of where the forward support was positioned.

As the breach was made, not without taking some casualties, 1st assault section poured

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EX PEGASUS STALKER

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in through the entrance to support breach section and continue the attack. All this time we were taking enemy fire from building 11! We fired back providing cover for the next section to move in. We started taking casualties while the 1st floor was being cleared. Reports of booby traps came in from the lead assault teams and engineers were called in to deal with them. After some 10-20 minutes of intensive fighting we secured building 9 and started consolidating. Sgt Kwok was in charge of casualty point inside the building and who ever could be spared helped wounded to the casualty room.

However we were still taking fire from building 10 and 11. From the second floor of building 9, Cpl Goussev fired his C-6 onto building 10 to provide support for 3 Pl. Three platoon was moving through our building in order to launch an attack against building 10. Cpl Marga and Hldr Goudz reported enemy fire and movement on the second floor of building 11. It was obvious to us that there was still plenty of fighting left. One also must remain cautious not to get hit through a window or a mouse hole. I ordered Sgt Westrop to form reserve to support 3 Pl. Fighting continued through other buildings by other platoons. PWs and civilians were found and removed.

At the end of the day we accomplished our mission. We learned some new lessons and came away with better understanding of the complexity and confusion one can be exposed to in OBUA, especially were civilians are a possibility. We all enjoyed the video of the attack on our way back to Moss Park Armoury with a good laugh. But it was also very clear to us how real this could have been and the importance of lessons learned.

DILEAS

LT K. KARPINSKI

The 3rd Annual Scotch Nosing

by Sgt Shawn Bush

Well what a year for the 3rd annual scotch nosing. We started back in September 2003 organizing it with 2 out standing people, Sgt Adam Bernard and Sgt Andrew Lauder, We came up with the first weekend of march break hoping that not to many people would be taking off to Florida or even on a trip to Meaford. I asked Adam to design the tickets again because for the last 2 years he has been there doing it for me. I would like to say that Adam is the best person to ask if you need help for something like this. We have been trying to change the design every year and I think its been good. We decided to still go with the tickets looking like

a book mark for those avid readers. On December 10th the tickets were ready to sell. In the process I had made up two plaques for 2 companies that have supported us for the last 3 years, *Habano on the Beach* (Cigar place in the Beaches) and *The Glenfiddich Rep* (*John Jones*) from

PMA fine wines, the reason why I got them a plaque was that both companies have supported us out with product giveaways and tickets sales, Both of them gratefully appreciated the plaques.

Leading up to the event I had to go to the Isle of Man for a month and I knew this would put a small damper on the organizing. I got back with only one month to go and I still had to contact the scotch reps, look at catering, collect money, boy it didn't look good so much to do not enough time . Because of being gone for so long I didn't know all the numbers for the event which made it hard to pick what caterers to go with, they all wanted numbers 6 days before the event but the funny thing was even I didn't know the numbers until the day of the scotch nosing, 4 weeks before the event we had 25 scotch drinkers and 5 non a total of 30 people, on the day of the event we had 100 people,

as you can see it would almost be impossible to go with a caterer not knowing the numbers. Therefore Sgt Andrew Lauder once again stepped forward to help out with the catering. From all the feed back on the day of the event, the food from Andrew was really good, So good QOR MWO Kelly asked Andrew "This it great when did you get into the Catering business?"

The event was well turned out with aprox 100 people for this event and over 83 drinkers participating in the nosing . The scotches we sampled were, **ManX** spirit from the Isle of Man, **Arran** (Robbie Burns) from the Isle of Arran, **12 year old Springbank** from Campbelton, **12 Old Pulteneny** and **1989 vintage Caol Ila**. *The connoisseur was Tod Stewart* from LCBO. We also had over 100 gifts to give away to people, and some of the gifts consisted of crystal glasses and decanters, massage sessions from Terra Cota, Raptor tickets, mini bottles of scotch, 26ers of

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scotch, DVD player, DVD movies from Jumbo Video, and much more . The event was a success in that it made up to \$1000 after paying all the staff and expenses. Not as much as I would of liked but any profit is better then none. I would also like to add that I will not be running the scotch nosing myself

next year but I will be showing the ropes to another Sergeant who can organize the event. I would like to thank you for all the support for the last 3 years . I would also like to thank 2 people on helping me run this event and with out them this wouldn't have been such a great success Sergeants Andrew Lauder CD and Adam Bernard CD thank you .

SGT SHAWN BUSH, see you next year

LAST POST

Helen Marion Boggiss	wife of RSM James Boggiss and member of the 48th Highlanders Chapter of the IOOE	Passed away March 16, 2004
Marie McGron	wife of Sergeant Don McGron	Passed away March 1, 2004
Howard (Howie) Martin	Sergeant in HQ, served 1948-1955	Passed away February 23, 2004
James H. Graham	served 1948-1955, Resident of New Brunswick, O.C.A. member	Passed away February 27, 2004

CONFINED TO BARRACKS

Tom Kelly is now in St. John Regional Hospital, Address of the hospital is P.O. Box 2100, Saint Johns, New Brunswick, E2L 4L2. Tom has been an active member of the 48th and came to Toronto for many events.

Dave Logan was please to hear from some of the fellows after we listed him on the sick list. Phone # 416-762-8809

Jack Vaughan, Parkinsons disease, does not get out much. Phone # 905-354-8842

Dick Kenzie, move to Westmount Nursing Home, 200 David Bergey Dr., Kitchener, N2E 3Y4. Phone # 519-570-2115, ext. # 317.

Lloyd Tucker, let's not forget Lloyd. You can't talk to him on the phone but you can call his wife Pat at 416-223-7513 and ask her when you could visit him at the Baycrest Hospital, on the west side of Bathurst St. just south of the 401.

Bill Kelly is in the Cobourg Hospital. Sorry but we dont' have any more info.

**Maybe you could take a minute and call these Highlanders or possibly send them a card.
It might brighten their day.**



O.C.A. Members at the Padre Major East service with Legion Branch 210.
From left to right: Gary Anderson, Jim Davidson, Herb Pike, Jack Smale, Wally Moore, Tom Thompson (behind) and Col. John Lowndes. At the rear with the colour party: Dave Imbeault, Silvia Ernest.

In war there is no prize for the runner-up
- General Omar Bradley

Every area of trouble gives out a ray of hope; and the one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable.
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.
- General Douglas MacArthur

So long as there are men there will be wars
- Albert Einstein

Address to a Haggis

by our beloved Robert Burns

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!
Aboon them a' yet tak your place,
Painch, tripe, or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o'a grace
As lang's my arm.

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin was help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

His knife see rustic Labour dight,
An' cut you up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like ony ditch;
And then, O what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin', rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive:
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive,
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve
Are bent like drums;
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
Bethankit! hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad make her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! see him owre his trash,
As feckles as wither'd rash,
His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash;
His nieve a nit;
Thro' bloody flood or field to dash,
O how unfit!

But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his tread.
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
An' legs an' arms, an' hands will sned,
Like taps o' trissle.

Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware
That jaups in luggies;
But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer
Gie her a haggis!

The Proposed Trip to Italy (O.C.A.)

The current time frame is: leaving Sept 29, returning Oct 12. We currently have received notice from 27 people who are interested in the trip. We are hoping for 30 but could still make the trip with a smaller group. If you are interested but have not replied please contact me as soon as possible so we can keep the tour group informed as to how many will be going. - Tom Thompson: 705-722-0250

The 48th Highlanders REGIMENTAL BALL - Friday May 7th

7:00 PM to 1:00 AM
Moss Park Armoury

GRAND MARCH - 8:00 PM

Featuring the
48th Highlanders Pipes & Drums
for Highland Dancing & a disc jockey.

Snacks provided at each table.

We invite all members of the Regimental Family to come out and support this special event. Tables of 8 or 10 are available if you are bringing your family and/or friends.

PRICE: \$25.00 PER PERSON

For tickets contact:

Bill Dance 416-752-3353 or 416-299-0415

Tommy Thompson 705-722-0250

SCHEDULE OF THE 48TH HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA REGIMENTAL FAMILY

Tuesday April 6	O.C.A. Life Members Meeting	12:00 noon, Sergeant's Mess
Tuesday April 6	O.C.A. Drill Team Meeting	7:00 PM, Sergeant's Mess
Thursday April 15	48th Highlanders Association Annual Meeting	7:00 PM, Sergeant's Mess
Tuesday May 4	O.C.A. Life Members Meeting	12:00 noon, Sergeant's Mess
Tuesday May 4	O.C.A. Drill Team Meeting	7:00 PM, Sergeant's Mess
Friday May 7	48th Highlanders Regimental Ball	7:00 PM, Moss Park Armoury
Saturday May 8	48th Highlanders Officers Dinner	Officers Mess
Saturday May 8	D-Day Dodgers Reunion and Parade	Orillia Legion, Parade at 11:00 AM
Sunday May 9	48th Highlanders Church Parade	10:30 AM, St. Andrews Church
Sunday May 16	Ladies Auxilliary Wine and Cheese Party	See details page 4
Tuesday June 1	O.C.A. Life Members Meeting	12:00 noon, Sergeant's Mess
Tuesday June 1	O.C.A. Drill Team Meeting	7:00 PM, Sergeant's Mess
Tuesday July 6	O.C.A. Drill Team Meeting	7:00 PM, Sergeant's Mess
Saturday July 10	Regimental Family Picnic (all members welcome)	(See details below)
Saturday July 17	O.C.A. Drill Team, Scottish Festival Parade in Orillia	11:00 AM, Orillia Main Street

From the Continuing Sergeants Association & the O.C.A.

The Continuing Sergeants and the O.C.A. are combining their efforts so that there will be a social function for the whole Regimental Family. We are planning a picnic/barbecue for Saturday July 10th. RSM David Crook has arranged for us to use the facilities at the Acton Royal Canadian Legion which is located by a lake.

Early thoughts are to have the Lorne Scots join us and compete at baseball, horseshoes and darts. In order to supply hamburgers and hotdogs for everyone we thought that a fee of \$5.00 per family would help us buy the right quantities. Because this is still in the planning stage we will have to provide further details at a later date.

Please bear with us, if we've made a mistake regarding a name or info contained herein, we will strive to make future issues of the Falcon as accurate as possible. If you have any suggestions, questions or you have a story and or graphics/photos to contribute please e-mail your stories and pictures to:

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