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INSIDE FRONT COVER

HRH Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief,

Lt. Col. C.E. Rayment, CO,

Lt. Col. J.F. Lake, Hon. Col.

Opening of the new Ontario House, Knightsbridge, London — February, 1988.

The continuing interest, support and co-operation from our Regimental Family and, of course, our Allied Regiments throughout the world has made it possible for us to produce another edition of our Regimental Journal.

During the past year, Lieutenant Colonel C.E. Rayment, CD took over command from Lieutenant Colonel B.G. Baskerville, CD. Lieutenant Colonel J.F. Lake, CD. QC was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and our new Honorary Lieutenant Colonel is Colonel H.C.F. (Hank) Elliot, CD.

A Change of Regimental Sergeant Major from CWO Rob Chan, CD to CWO Brian Budden, CD also took place this past February, 1987.

Mr. Art Gay has accepted the role of Manager of our Regimental Kit Shop. (Members in the Toronto area who wish to purchase from the Kit Shop may do so every Wednesday evening at Moss Park Armoury (7:30 - 9:00 p.m.) or visit your Regimental Headquarters, Suite 405, 100 Adelaide Street West on a Thursday

between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. Out of town members, please telephone (416) 362-3946).

Casa Loma, the home of our Regimental Museum, is now open to tourists, having been closed for a short period of time so that 98 rooms of the castle could be refurbished.

Celebrations to commemorate our Regiments 128th birthday will be held on Sunday, 24 April, 1988 at Moss Park Armoury. For further details, please refer to the enclosed brochure.

Plans are well underway for a return trip to France, Belgium and Holland in 1989. It is advisable for those members who are interested, please contact Colonel Elliot Dalton - RHQ, or Jack Martin at your earliest convenience. Further information concerning this tour can be found in this journal.

We appreciate your continuing support and hope you enjoy this your ninth edition.

'ONCE IN THE QUEEN'S OWN, ALWAYS IN THE QUEEN'S OWN.

**JOYCE F. REDDIN
EDITOR**

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POWDER HORN 1958-64

One of our members, Mr. Jim Britt of 423 Aysgarth Street, Nanaimo, British Columbia, V9R 1V7 is very anxious to obtain copies of The Powder Horn 1958-64.

REPORT OF THE HONORARY COLONEL

This last year has been one of many changes in the Regiment. After three years of exemplary service, LCol Grahame Baskerville turned over command of the Regiment to LCol C. E. Rayment. We are all indebted to LCol Baskerville for his dedicated work during his term of command, and wish him well in his new position with the Army in Ottawa.

In July, in order to further our alliance with the Brigade of Gurkhas, I accompanied Major M.L.J. Burke, MOE, CD, on his annual visit to Nepal and Hong Kong on behalf of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada). (An account of our visit is included in this issue of *The Rifleman*.)

We are proud of our alliance with our fellow riflemen and trust that it will prosper in the future.

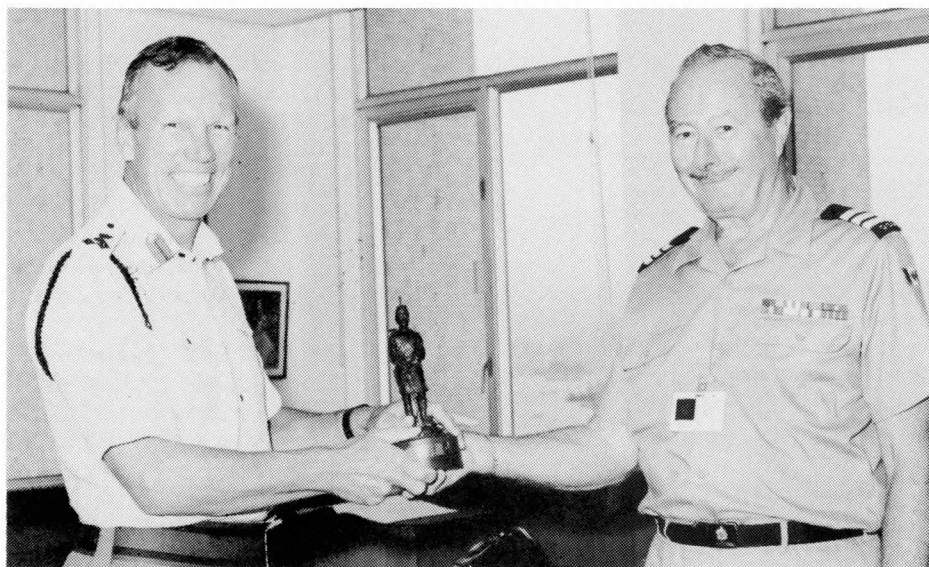
BGen Neil Gordon completed his term of office as Honorary Colonel in September, and I had the pleasure of succeeding him. General Gordon's service to the Regiment over the past fifty years is living proof that "Once in the Queen's Own, always in the Queen's Own." During General Gordon's term as Honorary Colonel the Regiment has gained by his experience, and I hope that I will be able to devote as much time and energy to the position as General Gordon has during his term.

LCol Ed Rayment has already indicated, during his short period in command, that he is an energetic, innovative Commander, and I am sure that the Regiment will be in good hands during his tenure.

Lt. Col. J.F. Lake

HONORARY COLONEL VISITS BRIGADE OF GURKHAS HQ

During July, 1987, I was invited by Major M.L. J. Burke, MBE, CD, to accompany him on his annual visit to Nepal. Mike Burke is a guiding genius of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada) and has taken yearly inspection trips for the past 12 years. It was



also a great opportunity to reaffirm the alliance of our Regiment, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, with the Brigade of Gurkhas which began in 1982.

On July 29, 1987, we flew to London, then to New Delhi, India, and eventually to Kathmandu. The British Gurkhas Nepal are commanded by Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis, MBE, who has his Headquarters in Dharan, approximately 180 miles southeast of Kathmandu. The British maintain three Camps in Nepal, namely, a large Transit Camp in Kathmandu and Recruiting and Pension Paying Camps in Dharan and Polkhara. After staying five

days in Kathmandu we flew to Dharan. This is a beautiful Camp built by the British Engineers and contains its own electric and water supply, golf course, swimming pool and other amenities. It also contains a 70-bed British Military Hospital which not only looks after the serving soldiers in the Camp but also treats more than 40,000 civilians from Dharan and surrounding area each year. Credit must be given to the dedicated British medical doctors and nursing sisters for their excellent work. I had occasion to test their facilities when I contracted a severe case of dysentery, which lasted six days.

During our visit Brigadier Hunt-Davis, his deputy Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Kefford and their staff were most hospitable and made sure that we were properly looked after.

During our stay in Nepal we were accompanied by Captain Dalbahadur Sing who is the Administrator for the Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada), and who arranged our tour of Nepal. Captain Sing always arranged to have our Land Rover and driver available at the appropriate times and it was most helpful during our entire tour.

In addition, Major Nima Lama, 10 Gurkha Rifles, the Brigade Welfare Officer for the Gurkhas in Nepal, accompanied us on several occasions, although his presence was missed when he deserted us to get married and have a short honeymoon during our visit.

We stayed at Dharan Camp for ten days, making several side trips to the hills. Although they are called "hills" in the area, since they reach a height of four to five thousand feet, I consider them mountains.

We appreciated the hospitality of the Officers' Mess during our visit and attended a Dining-In Night in the Mess and an excellent Dinner at the Brigadier's home in Dharan.

From Dharan we proceeded by Land Rover through the Nepal plains, visiting various Welfare Centres built by the Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada), and stopped overnight at Welfare Centres in Chitwan and Palpa before arriving for a 4-day visit at the British Recruiting Centre in Pokhara. This is commanded by Lt. Col. A.R.C. Stewart, 7 Gurkhas. It is a beautiful Camp located only 18 miles from Mount Annapura, which next to Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the Himalayas. We were regally treated by Lt. Col. Stewart and his staff during our visit.

Leaving Pokhara we proceeded by road to Kathmandu, which is 90 miles away. It took more than six hours due to the condition of the roads. We were in 4-wheel drive most of the way

back to Kathmandu. We visited the large British Transit Camp commanded by Lt. Col. Martin Stevens, who was most helpful during our 4-day stay in Kathmandu.

I had the honour, during the second visit to Kathmandu, to officiate at the opening of the General Simonds House. This House will be the headquarters for the Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada), and consists of a large modern house together with an annex and a large building to be used as a Gurkha Welfare Centre. All of these buildings are located on spacious grounds located in the middle of Kathmandu. The House is named in honour of Lieutenant General Guy Simonds who was the first Chairman of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada).

During our visit to Nepal we travelled approximately 350 miles through the hills by Land Rover. Due to the condition of the roads, the mud slides and the hills, it certainly felt a lot more than 350 miles.

We flew from Kathmandu to New Delhi, India, spending two days there before proceeding by air to Hong Kong. In Hong Kong we stayed at the Gurkha Transport Regiment's Mess at Gun Club in Kowloon and made the typical tourist rounds of Hong Kong. We also visited H.M.S. Tamar, Headquarters, Brigade of Gurkhas, Hong Kong, commanded by Brigadier John Edwards, R.E. Brigadier Edwards kindly made transport available to us at all times and received us at his Headquarters. During our

visit to the Headquarters, Brigadier Edwards handed me a statuette of a Soldier in the 6th Gurkhas, and I presented him with a statuette of a Pioneer Sergeant in the 1860 uniform of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Brigadier Edwards also provided us with his helicopter for an aerial tour of Hong Kong and the harbour.

Proceeding to the New Territories we were entertained in Perowne Camp by the Gurkha Engineers. Brigadier Edwards also held a very lavish dinner for us and several Senior Army and Hong Kong Officials.

After spending four days in Hong Kong we departed for Toronto via Vancouver. Oddly enough, we had no trouble with our baggage on our World Tour until we arrived back in Toronto, where we ascertained that the Airline had left our bags in Vancouver. However, things were rectified when our luggage was delivered the next day.

The trip itself was most enjoyable and I was pleased to be the first representative of our Regiment to pay a formal visit to the Brigade of Gurkhas with whom our Regiment is allied. I cannot speak too highly of the courteous reception given to me at all stops on our trip, and hope that we will be able to reciprocate when any of the Gurkha Officers visit Toronto.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THEM?

Following donated by F. David Luxford (former QOR Officer), Submitted by LT. Col. B.G. Baskerville.



L-R: Capt. Grant Mills, Capt. George Hall, Lt. Ivor MacLeod, Lt. Grahame Baskerville, Lt. Bob Gallagher, Lt. Fred Wagner, Maj. Ron Wilkinson, 2 Lt. Paul McKenna, Lt. Doug Williams, 2 Lt. Cal Kempffer, 2 Lt. Bud Hoddinott, 2 Lt. Clair Donnelly, Lt. Frank Vannier.



L-R: LCol. B.G. Baskerville, Col. G.S. Thomson (Cdr. TMD), BGen. J.N. Gordon, LCol. C.E. Rayment (C.O.).

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Many of you have asked "how is our airborne tasking." We had an extremely successful Operational Evaluation on November 8, 1987 and Captain Steve Brand, the OC of 60th Coy, provided a complete platoon to be tested against Regular Force members of 3 Commando. We not only did our best, we did better. The Regular Force personnel left 20 minutes before our departure and within one hour we had caught up and passed them. This indicates the outstanding calibre of our people. Another strong indication of the tenacity and success of our riflemen is that on all courses conducted during 1987, the top candidates on courses attended by Queen's Own Rifles of Canada were our own unit members. The new Infantry Section Commander's Course, held in the Spring 1987, found Master Corporal Paton and Master Corporal Saunders AL to be the top candidates. The summer ISCC program found Master Corporal Saunders DD and Master Corporal Thompson topping the course. The MWO Course conducted in November was topped by Warrant Officer Bamlett and the Advance Officer Classification Program was topped by Captain S. Brand. These

types of results clearly indicate our ability to serve our country. Physical fitness will continue to be an important point in the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and each month we send 5 personnel to the Canadian Forces Jump School at CFB Edmonton.

As most of you are no doubt aware, this year marked the first Annual Association Range Shoot led by the capable Joe Resnick. Thirty-eight members of the Association attended the ranges at Niagara-on-the-Lake and all qualified with the FNC1A1 rifle, the new C-7 service rifle, the Brengun, a 577 musket, a 7.62 style sniper rifle, as well as the infamous C-5 sniper rifle which ended up taking advantage of the good nature of both Harry Fox and Rolf Jackson. The cost was a modest \$10 per individual, and the day was well enjoyed by all. This event will become an annual event, and a special award has been created (a 1943 Brengun) to be presented to the best shot at the Annual Association Shoot. Joe has assured me that next year we will have enough members for two bus loads. For your information, the future date will be 10 Sept 88.

Turning to other points, the Regiment will be launching an aggressive recruiting campaign aimed at increasing Regimental

strength to over 200. The recruiting campaign will start in January with a recruit course starting by 01 Apr 88 with 75 candidates. This program will continue into the summer as the student youth employment program. By MILCON 88 we will field two new platoons as well as our Airborne Coy for the annual MILCON, which will be held in CFB Petawawa from 10-22 Aug inclusive. The Queen's Own Rifles have been tasked to provide two Airborne Platoons and arrangements are currently being made to conduct an airborne battle school with 3 Commando of the Canadian Airborne Regiment. On completion, we will "marry up" with units of the Northern Ontario Militia District for a final exercise.

In addition to helping the other units in the TMD Garrison, we have presented a proposal to the Commander and all the Commanding Officers, whereby outstanding individuals may transfer to the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada for a period of two years. This will help in meeting our operational tasking, as well as help the District in developing the long-term potential of outstanding junior NCO's.

Turning to the Officer's Mess, our Officer strength is now up to establishment and all are above-average performers. Our Mess is managed by Dick Hilton, a volunteer who has put in many hours of worthwhile time. We also have a new Steward, Heather Smith, who during the day is employed by the Royal Bank.

Regimental Headquarters has done an outstanding job. Congratulations to Col. H.E. Dalton (Regimental Secretary), Joyce Reddin (General Manager), Charles McGregor (Public Relations), and John Whyte (Protocol Manager). We are looking forward to bringing in a new face into the Officer's Mess this year, that being Major Don Straw, a previous member of the Windsor Regiment, who will be assisting as a volunteer officer in the renovating of the Officer's Mess.

Arrangements have also been made to provide a computer listing of the Associate Officers by

Shawn Steepe and Associates Ltd. This will enable us to ensure that all addresses are up to date and all members of the Officer's Mess, both Regular and Associates, receive notice of all the upcoming events.

Unfortunately, I must advise that the Upper Canada College Cadet Corps will be stood down, but not disbanded, due to a lack of interest by the student body. It is anticipated that we will be able to revive the Corps in the future when student interest in military affairs becomes more evident.

On the lighter side, arrangements have been made with Trinity College School to start a new Cadet Corps which will be affiliated with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Captain John Stephens, former of the Upper Canada's College Cadet Corps will be starting this new corps with approximately 40 cadets. We look forward to working with them in the future, and wish John all the best with his corps.

2881 Highland Creek Cadet Corps is flourishing under the successful leadership of Captain Alister Wilson. This Cadet Corps continues to be a strong viable entity and has assisted the Regiment both in the field and on the parade square.

The 1860 Cadet Corps, led by Captain Ivor Gould, continues to provide a meaningful liaison between the students of the area surrounding Moss Park and the Regiment. Cadets are now permitted on unit exercises, and in fact, we encourage their participation as radio operators. As a point of interest, on exercise Sabretqche IV when I commanded the Light Infantry Battalion in the field, we had over 17 cadets participating. Their assistance to the unit consisted of the perimeter guard for the Battalion CP. They did their job outstandingly, considering the terrible weather and normal administrative hiccups that we have to go through in the field. I have appointed Captain Paddon as a Senior Cadet Liaison Officer in addition to his normal duties as Officer Commanding Vics Coy. Rod has now three assistants who

look after the various cadet corps, those being George Scheben for 1860, Tim Hannan for 2881 and Chris Donald for TCS.

Turning to our Pioneers and Skirmishers, Captain Erik Simundson (OC Buffs Coy, our recruit company) has been endeavouring to revitalize the Pioneers and Skirmishers. It is hoped that by 1989 we will be able to field a company's worth of volunteers on every CO's parade. Basically this will be the reintroduction of Number 4 company, which will consist of members who are unable to fulfill full-time obligations as Militia members but would like to participate with our Pioneers and Skirmishers. If you are interested please contact Erik Simundson. There are certain criteria to fulfill but age is not one of them. Another point of historical interest is that we are currently making arrangements with the Queen's Yorkers, a period drill association specializing in the mid 18th Century, to allow them to start parading with us. It is hoped this will further tie our

Regiment to the richness of the past.

As many will not deny, history repeats itself. Therefore, with constant and diligent effort on the part of all ranks of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, our history will repeat itself in that Canada's oldest and finest regiment will be the finest regiment of tomorrow.

Lt. Col. C.E. Rayment, CD.



REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR'S REPORT

1987 has been a demanding and challenging year for The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. The first main event of the year was the Change of R.S.M. Parade, held on Sunday, 22 February, 1987, when I took over from CWO Rob Chan. We all wish Rob well in his future endeavours at the TMD Battle School. I feel very honoured indeed to be appointed Regimental Sergeant Major to Canada's oldest and finest Rifle Regiment.

As the unit was preparing for the Annual TMD Inspection on 11 March, the unit by far had made quite an improvement over the previous years. As there was no MILCON this year, this was an opportunity for Jr. and Snr. NCOs to qualify on ARTS courses and instruct on qualifying courses. The course reports from all members attending were excellent and done in Queen's Own fashion.

Congratulations to the following Riflemen who attended qualifying courses on their achievements.

Infantry Section Commander's Course

Cpl. Galea
Cpl. Paton — Stood 1st on course
Cpl. Quinn
Cpl. Saunders, A.R.
Cpl. Saunders D.D. — Stood 1st on course
Cpl. Thomson — Stood 2nd on course

Cpl. Jafelice

TQ3 Course

M/Cpl. Scott — Stood 1st on course

M/Cpl. Roper

TQ4 Course

Sgt. TenKortenaar

TQ2 Infantry Machine Gunner Course

Cpl. Thomson — Stood 1st on course

M/Cpl. Copeland

Cpl. Jafelice

Vehicle Tech TQ2 Course

Cpl. Campbell

Explosive Ordnance Course (EOD)

M/Cpl. Shering

TQ3 Musician

Cpl. Gauci
Cpl. Park

MWO Course

WO Bamlett — Stood 1st on National Course

Many Snr. NCOs put forth their efforts in instruction on ARTS and qualifying courses and the running of them. Those who qualified the basic parachutist and completed the airborne indoctrination course, are commended on their achievements. Buffs Coy ran the GMT (recruit and basic) and TQ1 courses and those riflemen who qualified are on their first phase of an airborne rifleman.

Congratulations to the following NCOs on their promotions.

Promotion to M/Cpl.

Cpl. Foebel
Cpl. Galea
Cpl. Paton
Cpl. Quinn
Cpl. Saunders, A.R.
Cpl. Saunders, D.D.
Cpl. Thomson
Cpl. Rouxel

Promotion to Sgt.

M/Cpl. Tindall
M/Cpl. Cameron — Transferred to Reg. Force PPCLI
M/Cpl. Parris
M/Cpl. Martin — Transferred to Reg. Force — Svc. Bn.
M/Cpl. Kominek
M/Cpl. Scott
M/Cpl. Smyth

Promotion to MWO

WO Figa
Sgt. Jarvis — formerly with H & PER — has joined the regiment.

An open house (including the public) was held at M.P.A. the weekend of 26 April — our Regimental Birthday.

To take the load off Militia units, TMD has formed a Battle School. One Snr. NCO from each Regiment was assigned to the school and I posted Sgt. Scott Patterson who I know will do a good job there.

I would like to thank our Regular Support Staff, Capt. Wiegand, WO Bludd, Sgt. Warford and M/Cpl. Hannan for their tireless effort, expertise and knowledge of skills they share within the Regiment and wish our previous RSS, who left us this year, Capt.



Angelo and Sgt. Strong all the best in their new positions.

During the training year the Regiment participated in Exercise Sabertache which was a TMD exercise held at CFTA Meaford, commanded by Lt. Col. Rayment. The unit withheld their own and did an excellent job. Our airborne evaluation reports were positive in November on Exercise Highland Laddie with 3 CDO.

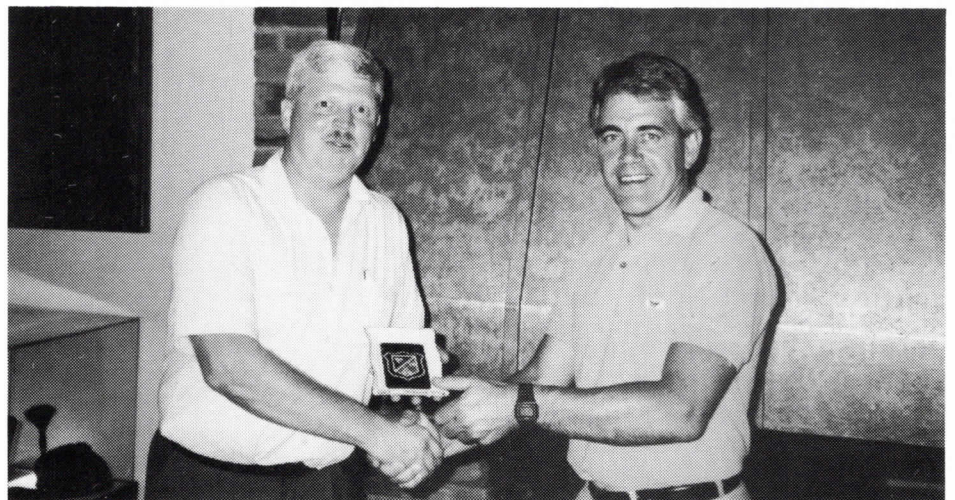
During the summer, MWO Figa and myself attended the first CMA Snr. Warrant Officer Tactical Training Course at CFB Borden and CFTA Meaford. This proved to be a very interesting course and learning points were brought out. This course will be run every year and I highly recommend it.

The Regiment and Toronto Association held a 'Shoot' on 19 September at Niagara-on-the-

Lake ranges. This was a very successful event co-ordinated by L/Col. Rayment, Capt. Paddon and myself. We look forward to doing this on an annual basis.

The Sgt.'s Mess held their annual Sgt. Cosen's dinner on 25 February. Our special guest was WOI Harry Fox (formerly the Regiments RSM during the war years and RSM of the Hasty PEEs). The Cosen's banner, that was formerly on the bridge at Latchford, was hung from the Armoury upper balcony.

Our 104th Annual Mess Dinner was held on 21 March in the Officers' Mess. It was a great success. Our guest speaker, CWO John Marr, (FMC Command Sergeant Major) was the highlight of the evening. We congratulate Mr. Marr on his new appointment as the Command Chief Warrant Officer of the Canadian Armed



RSM Brian Budden accepting Regt'l. plaque from Sgt. Sean Shinnors.

Forces stationed in Ottawa. We look forward to seeing CWO John Marr again.

Another event held in the Mess was the D-Day Breakfast. Although 6 June was a Saturday, the turnout for this parade was overwhelming. Snr. NCOs mounted the Cenotaph at the Old City Hall. Later that evening the Legion held a dinner to which Gloria and I were invited as guests.

In July I had the opportunity to meet Sgt. Sean Shinnors from Dublin, Ireland, who is a member of the reserves in that country. I gave him a tour of the Armoury and he was impressed as to how different we were compared to the reserves in Ireland. Sgt. Shinnors made a presentation to the Mess and I look forward to corresponding with him in the future.

Another eventful day in the history of the Regiment was the Change of Command from L/Col. Baskerville to L/Col. Rayment on 27 September. All Snr. NCOs extend their best wishes to L/Col. Baskerville for the future in Ottawa.

Having been appointed Supervising Officer of the Jr. Ranks Mess, I look forward to corresponding with all members to assist, where possible to ensure they enjoy their mess at all times.

The Rifle Team, under WO Senetchko did very well at the Connaught Ranges in the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competitions. Qualified personnel are urged to take part in the QOR Rifle Team in order to lead them to better things in the future.

Gurkha Coy — Pioneer & Skirmishers displayed their proud performance throughout the year. One major event was the official opening of the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Commanding Officer and I attended a lecture on 'Canada and NATO; Defending Peace With Freedom'. The speaker was the Minister of Defence, Perrin Beatty. Observing and listening, there will be changes and better things will be happening within the reserves, but this will happen

over a period of time. As commented, "time will tell."

As most of you are aware, the Minister of National Defence announced the White Paper on 5 June. This will be a 15 year program that will lead up to 2002. We are looking at an increase and better things for the reserves and augmentation with the Air Force.

Our new distinctive environmental uniform greens and tans will be issued in March, 1988, and will include black ties, coloured field service caps, shoulder belts, black waist belts, rifle slings and sword carriers.

The Sergeants' Mess Steward, WOII Wilf Durance retired recently. Wilf has been associated with the Queen's Own since 1927. Wilf will continue to be active in our Museum at Casa Loma with our Curator. Lt. Col. Bill Barnard, but nonetheless, we will all miss him.

Another Snr. NCO also retired this past year — WO Carol Cunningham who was the regiments chief clerk for many years. All members wish Carol every success in her future endeavours as President of the QOR Br. 344 Legion.

The last event of the year was the Annual Men's Christmas Dinner, which was held on the Armoury Parade Square on 16 December. Our guest speaker was Central Militia Area Sergeant Major, Jim Tuffin who enlightened us on the future of the Militia. District Sergeant Major Harry McCabe was also present. Later that evening, the following presentations were made:

Airborne Rifleman of the Year — M/Cpl. A.R. Saunders (Outstanding Performance)

New Commanding Officer's Sword Award — Cpl. French (Dedicated and good performer).

New Year's Levee, commencing with our traditional breakfast in the Sergeants' Mess, was carried out with traditional mess visits and hosting guests to the Mess. I would like to thank the Mess Committee, under the direction of the PMC Sgt. O'Connor and V/PMC MWO Figa, for a job well done.

I would also like to thank all

Snr. NCO members within the Battalion and QOR Association, our Regimental Headquarters for their continuing support which is greatly appreciated and offer congratulations to Sgt. John O'Connor on his recent Canadian Forces Decoration award.

In closing I anticipate 1988 to be a demanding and challenging year. There will be a push on our recruiting drive, airborne tasking and preparing ourselves for MILCON which I know the regiment will do their best and exceed all expectations.

"IN PACE PARATUS"

"Once In The Queen's Own — Always In The Queen's Own"

CWO B.W. Budden, CD
Regimental Sergeant Major

BUFFS COMPANY REPORT 1987

Once again an article must be assembled for the Rifleman. This annual duty while seemingly simple always proves to be difficult, mainly due to the need to be positive and upbeat in our Regimental Journal. The need to record, for posterity, the personal side of soldiering in a reserve unit is recognized and certainly every member likes to see his name in print or his sub-unit's activities described, however our Journal should offer more. Each year the Rifleman tells a tale of a marvelous struggle through the pitfalls of service and this is good. This Unit and its members achieve high standards wherever they go more often than not in spite of the system rather than because of it. Perhaps what is needed is more teeth. Tell about the poison ivy in the sleeping bags, the lack of vehicles and weapons, or write articles on kit and tactics. There is room in the Rifleman to provide a forum for such discussions and still publish the "remember when" articles that we all like to see. The ex-members might even think a bit more of us if they did see some writing on current trends and technology. Before anyone leaps to any conclusions, no whinning! Now, that the editor has something to cut out and I have "run out of steam", here is

what happened in '87.

This training year has brought many changes to Buffs Company. The Light Infantry platoon has been transferred to 60th and many changes of personnel have taken place. The high point of training was the basic trades trg Infantry, under 2Lt Chris Donald and Sgt Wilmot, culminating in an extended exercise at CFB Borden in sweltering heat. The Exercise consisted of long marches with quick attacks, patrols and defensive routines. One attack ended with a reorg out of DND property despite the interference of a 4ft barb wire fence.

A recent innovation is the opening of the TMD recruiting office which has been organized to conduct all the recruiting documentation for all Toronto Units. Of course we still have to attract potential recruits with posters, school visits and any other means of spreading the word. The introduction of a new recruiting poster along with traditional means will soon show an effect on our numbers.

Many personnel changes have taken place with Captain Lomasney coming in as Company 2ic, 2Lt. Bryce as PI commander, Sgt Parris and Sgt Tenkortenaar back again, and two new recruit serials starting training. Sgt O'Conner was awarded the CD then promptly went out and qualified on the basic Para course.

The Company participated in the Change of Command parade in September with a good turnout including some recruits brought up to scratch for the occasion. We are looking forward to LCol. Rayment's leadership over the next years.

CAPT. E.R.C. SIMONDSON,
C.D.
OC BUFFS

VICTORIA COMPANY

Victoria Company has had some great achievers this past year.

Captain Collins and WO Bamlett became husbands and Corporal Thompson became a father.

Most members attended rank

and trade courses and several attained very high marks.

As usual we gained a few faces. Captain John Lyne came to us from CFSAL to be our Signals Officer. Lt. Irene Vaughan came to us from the Sky Hawks to be our Administration Officer. Sgt. Smyth and Pte White transferred in to bolster our clerical staff.

We lost Cpl. Walsh and Cpl. Arnold to the Grey and Simco Foresters due to relocation, and MCpl. Foebel, until the Spring, while he is on call-out at the MIR of CFB Borden.

We did very well in all areas this year. We are at last a team, able to provide any kind of combat service support to our line companies. If you're not convinced, read the Administrative Inspection Report. We were top in the Garrison.

In May, I had the honour of representing the company at the Ordination Service of Lt. Brian McDonald. The service was held at Mount Alison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. The now Rev. Brian McDonald was

then posted by the United Church of Canada to Boiston, N.B. We shall miss him, but I'm sure he will be pleased to learn that we have replaced him with two chaplains, Lt. Murphy and Lt. Flowers, who will be joining us in early 1988.

One noticeable item worth mentioning was that this was the first year my annual report to the CO has not listed the motor vehicle accidents incurred by Cp. Campbell. Rumour has it that even the OC Buffs will now ride with him.

All in all Victoria Company has done a first-class job. While it is always expected, it is not often appreciated at the time. However, even with the "Log Wog" okes, we know that deep down, the line companies know they would not get far without us. They also know they can count on us in the coming year, because we are and always will be, Queen's Own.

V.R. (Rod) Paddon
Captain
OC Victoria Company

N.J. AIRBORNE COLOUR GUARD VISIT

DOVER, N.J. — MAY 1987

On the weekend of 15 - 17 May 87, five members of the QOR Airborne Company travelled to Dover, New Jersey, to be guests of the New Jersey Airborne Color Guard. 2 Lt. John Fotheringham, Sgt. Scott Patterson, MCpl. Adam Saunders, MCpl. Bill Paton and Cpl. Rob Vulakovich paraded with the Color Guard as

part of Armed Forces Day at Picatinny Arsenal.

Armed Forces Day is similar to our QOR birthday celebrations at Moss Park — just magnified a hundred times. With a twenty-thousand dollar budget, the U.S. Army is able to put on quit a show. Over ten thousand spectators watched us parade along with dozens of other groups in-



cluding the National Guard, Veterans Associations, Scouts, etc. Demonstrations included skydivers, a helicopter assault and displays of armoured vehicles and weapons of the past, present and future.

American hospitality ("free beer") followed at the bar/liquor store of a local veteran, and we heard war stories rivalling MCpl. Quinn's "when I was in the Brit Paras" — including the recollections of a U.S. Army sergeant-major who'd jumped into Ste-Mere-Eglise on 6 June 1944, fought in Korea, and was part of a Special Forces A-Team in Laos in the late 60's; and of the Green Beret who found the remains of an NVA soldier who'd bore-sighted an M-72 LAW during an attack on a fire-base one night in Vietnam — the rocket may have gone where he'd aimed it, but the back-blast made sure he didn't live to see it hit.

A brunch on Sunday completed this excellent weekend and we were made members of the N.J. Airborne Color Guard and invited back for 1988's Armed Forces Day. We hope to bring a platoon to parade next year and bring home the trophy for Best Foreign Color Guard and some brand new war stories!

2 Lt. John Fotheringham



1860 CADET CORPS

The Corps has had another active year in 1987.

Training

The year began with a weekend field exercise at Greenwood Conservation Area in January. This was followed by a range and field



training weekend at CFB Borden in February, and a return to Greenwood for a day's field exercise in May. In October a group of senior cadets joined the battalion for an exercise at Meaford, which was followed by a second range and field training weekend at CFB Borden in November and a range day at Winona in December to wind up the year.

The Corps also took part in the annual Forbes West Combat Shoot at Winona in October.

During the year three cadets were successful in the annual Gold Star examinations, eleven attended summer camps, and one spent the summer as a Staff Cadet at the Air Cadet Camp at

shot at Ipperwash Army Cadet Camp in 1987.

Ceremonial

The Corps provided a detachment for the Regiment's Change of RSM Parade in February, for the Change of Command Parade in September, and for the Annual Remembrance Day Parade.

At the Annual Inspection in June the reviewing officer was Lieutenant-Colonel K.J.W. Reeves, CD, formerly of The Royal Canadian Regiment. The inspection, which featured a live firing demonstration on the indoor range, was a great success.

Other Activities

The Corps participated in Toronto's Army Cadet Tag Day in November.

During the year Captain Ivor Gould was granted an extension of his tour as Commanding Officer for a fourth year. The Deputy Commanding Officer, Captain Dorry Gould, and the Training Officer, Lieutenant Willy Larsen, were promoted to those ranks. The Supply Officer, Lieutenant Dale Coyne, left the Corps for the Supplementary Reserve in the late summer.

The Corps currently has vacancies for an experienced Supply Officer and for two young officers, provided these last have a substantial army cadet background, and since both the Captains Gould expect to leave the Corps at the close of the current training year, the need is dire indeed.

**Captain F.I. Gould
Commanding Officer**

CFB Trenton.

Shortly before sending these notes to the Editor of *The Rifleman* it was learned that Cadet David Shambrook, who has since left the Corps for the world of the Militia, was the winner of the Lieutenant-Colonel R.P. Russell Trophy for the best cadet rifle

OBITUARIES



Archdeacon Jack Clough.

A gallant, fighting Anglican padre of World War II, the Venerable Jack Clough of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, passed away early this year — he was 82.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Church, Port Hope, where the retired Archdeacon of Peterborough was honorary assistant.

"He was a wonderful fellow who was there for the funerals of every Queen's Own officer who died since the war" said our Honorary Colonel Jack Lake, who stormed ashore with Clough on D-Day.

Archdeacon Clough raced across the Normandy beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944, with a Holy Communion set in one of his empty ammunition pouches, cigarettes, stationery, wound dressings and morphine in the other.

He dodged bullets, bound up wounds, ministered to the dying and prayed for those who fell. Then, unarmed, he captured 33 Germans. The first were two wounded German officers and their chauffeur in a staff car. The padre, had refused a revolver offered him the night before the

landings, but he had no trouble persuading the Germans to drive him back to the beach. He handed them over and kept the car. He drove his 'prize' back toward the fighting front, which had moved inland, and promptly ran into a truckload of 30 Germans who had lost their way. Before Padre Clough could raise his hands (they were armed), they raised theirs so he, once again, captured the lot.

This is the passing of a great man, a great soldier and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Archdeacon Clough is survived by his wife, three daughters and son John.

Marcel Dorion

It is with regret we announce the passing of war veteran Marcel Dorion in July, 1987.

A Quebec native, Marcel served with three military regiments; Quebec's Royal 22nd Regiment (The Van Doos), The Royal Rifles of Canada (now disbanded) and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

Marcel was a true patriot who fought willingly to preserve freedom in Canada. He spent four

years in a Japanese prison camp during WW.II in the battle of Hong Kong. In December, 1966, he went back to attend the Hong Kong Reunion.

While serving with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada he was the Pers. NCO and Recruiting NCO during the 1950's and early 1960's. He was most notably known for his role as Steward of the Sergeants' Mess.

Marcel loved his country, was very outgoing, friendly and a hard worker. Very well known, dedicated and would never say no to a task. He was also very active with the Markham District Veterans Associations Annual Poppy Drive and he will be greatly missed.

CWO BRIAN BUDDEN, CD

WO II E.G. Stock.

Ernie Stock, an old member and staunch supporter of The Queen's Own Rifles, passed away on 5 July, 1987.

For the past several years he had been in a retirement home in Guelph, close to his daughter Sharon and her husband, Jim.

Ernie served his country in Algeria, North Africa and Italy and maintained his connections with the regiment to the end.

He was Secretary and Treasurer of The Queen's Own Rifles Rifle Association and The Maple Leaf Rifle Club for many years, and later was Range Officer at Hart House Rifle and Pistol Club of Toronto University.

As a very competitive rifle marksman, he won the Governor General's prize at Ottawa in 1929, was a member of the Canadian Bisley Team in 1927, 1933/34, and as late as 1974 participated in the Palma Match and was part of an Ontario Rifle Team to Bisley in 1977.

The funeral service was held at St. James' and a regimental bugler gave the last post.

We extend our sympathy to Sharon and Jim.

KEN GREGORY



It is with regret we announce QMS Stan Storms, a loyal member of the regiment for many years, passed away on 20 February, 1987.

Stan joined The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in 1954; was awarded the C.D. (plus bar) and Canada's Centennial Medal.

Many will remember Stan, not because of his moustache (which he was so proud of), nor for his sense of humour, but mainly as Chief Steward of the Officers' Mess, a position he held for approximately ten years. He was also privileged to be a member of The Maple Leaf Club, the Sergeants' Mess as well as an Association member.

Stan will be sadly missed, not only by the numerous friends and members of the regiment but also by his fellow workers at Safety Supply Canada.

Editor's Note:

We are saddened to learn that Mrs. Stan Storms (Lil) passed away this past year on 6 February, 1988.

DOCUMENTATION OF MILITARY SOUVENIRS

During a recent visit to the excellent Military Museum at CFB Petawawa, I was struck by the problem the museum staff con-

tinually faces by the lack of written documentation received with items donated to the museum. They have at the Petawawa museum a considerable quantity of photographs, maps, uniforms, insignia, equipment, weapons and related items that are without identification of any kind. Many photographs have no information with regard to: where or when they were taken, the names and units of the people pictured or even who donated them. This lack of information reflects a serious loss of historical importance. When the museum staff attempt to identify someone in a photograph to authenticate an artifact or to verify an item's original owner, they are confronted with nearly impossible, time-consuming and expensive tasks.

Military museums everywhere face similar problems and our Regimental Museum at Casa Loma is no exception.

The obvious solution is detailed documentation by donors. Therefore, it behooves all of us, who own military souvenirs of any kind, to take the time to document each item as completely as possible. This should apply to both wartime and peace time souvenirs, clothing, insignia, equipment, weapons and especially photographs. Make a list of the items with a full description of each, or better still, use index cards that can be purchased at any stationery store. For each item, use a separate card. Write on the card your name, rank, unit, service dates and places and all pertinent data concerning the item. Then attach the card to the item, e.g., staple it to an article of clothing, tie it to a weapon, tape it to a medal or to the back of a photo. For an enemy item, include on the card here and how it was obtained.

Especially important is the historical documentation of photographs. Memories fade, names, places and dates are forgotten and, in too many cases, individuals remain frustratingly anonymous in photos of the military. Take a few minutes to look through both your old and recent

photo albums and jot down the details on the backs of the photos.

Recently, I heard that the widow of a World War II veteran filled two large garbage bags with World War II uniforms and other military items and threw them out in the garbage. This is disturbing to hear but is, of course, understandable as most such items would mean little to the ladies. So, if you want to hang on to your military souvenirs until your demise, tell your heirs how you want each item to be disposed of; a sure way to do this is to put the details in your will. If such action is taken we won't hear any more horror stories about military souvenirs being thrown in the garbage.

It is high time for each of us to look at our military mementos and particularly our old wartime souvenirs in a new light. These are, in reality, items of very considerable historical value. It should be important to each of us to maintain the "Queens Own" heritage. Take time to document both your peacetime and wartime souvenirs. If you don't want to give them to a museum, at least your family members will have a personal account of each item so that collectors and historians of the future will have information for reference, research and publication.

Time has run out for many of our comrades and the years roll on ever more quickly for all of us - and this applies to even the youngest of our militia men. So don't leave it until tomorrow. Take the time now before it is too late. Document your souvenirs and either send them to our Regimental museum or prepare instructions for their eventual sensible disposal. Address any items for our museum to:

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Curator/Director
The QOR of C Regimental
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Casa Loma
1 Austin Terrace
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Maj. (ret'd) R.B. (Bob) Firlotte

SERGEANTS' MESS REPORT

The Mess has undergone many changes in membership since our last report and we welcome the following new members — Sgts. Ken Kominek, Cecil Parris, Gary Scott and Alia Smyth. Over the past year we lost two active members, Sgt. Clay Cameron (now a Cpl. in 'B' Coy, 1PPCLI, Calgary) and Sgt. Fred Martin, (now a Cpl at CFB Toronto). In addition our long time Steward Mr. Wilf Durance retired and we welcome his replacement Mr. Joe Marsala. We wish Wilf much pleasure in his retirement and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial acquaintance with Joe Marsala.

Over the past year the mess hosted a number of social functions, beginning with the traditional New Years Levee. Shortly thereafter a Dining In was held in commemoration of Sgt. Aubrey Cosens, VC. This annual dinner was held at Moss Park Armoury on 17 March, 1987. Our guest speaker of the evening, CWO J. Marr, MMM, CD injected a moment of hilarity as he summarized the problems of having women in the forces. The problem, he suggested, was men!

As the 1986/87 training year drew to a close and unit personnel started disappearing into various courses and summer programmes, mess activity slackened. Much effort was redirected into unit training to compensate for those personnel absent. As John Bennett would say (at least five times for emphasis), "no peace for the wicked"!

Since the 1987/88 training year began, the mess has engaged in a number of activities. The regiment hosted its Association at Niagara-on-the-Lake ranges on 19 September. Among the weapons made available (ranging from WO Andrew Sarossy's two bander Enfield to the intended replacement for the FNC1, the C-7), was Mr. V. Danylchenko's Bren which generated many war stories and reminiscences. Since that time the new Commanding Officer, Lt. Col.

Rayment has presented a Bren Gun to the mess to be held in the mess and presented to the 'best shot' at the Annual Association Shoot. This year's top shot was Lt. Col. John Strathy.

The following weekend, 27 September, the regiment paraded at the Change of Command. On this occasion the mess presented to the retiring C.O. Lt. Col. B.G. Baskerville, a 'shooting stick'.

The reception in the mess following Change of RSM Parade on 22 February, was an occasion of sober reflection.

In October the mess encountered a conflict in commitments between the TMD Exercise and the wedding of WO Bruce Bاملett. Although no official tally was taken, it would be a safe bet that few will have stories to tell of that weekend exercise. No, we have not forgotten the stag which preceded this event, some things just don't merit a written account.

The weekend of 23/25 October the regiment conducted Ex Progressive Volley, running rifle and grenade practices for The Queen's York Rangers, The Royal Regiment of Canada, The Toronto Scottish and 2nd Field Engineers Regiment. However, Saturday night the mess was well represented, once again at the Barrie Hug'n Slug.

On 28 November, Sgt. Phil TenKortenaar, our resident bon-vivant, organized another Ladies Night. Sgt. TenKortenaar surpassed last year's effort and a fine evening was had by all.

After a decent interval, time enough to recuperate from the Men's Christmas Dinner held on 16 December, the annual wine and cheese party was conducted on 20 December, organized and staffed by WO's Gerry Senetchko and John Bennett with the kind and efficient assistance of their wives, Mrs. Darlene Senetchko and Mrs. June Bennett, together with the RSM's wife, Mrs. Gloria Budden.

While future events are currently being planned, details are not, as yet available. Although every effort will be made to in-

form all concerned of upcoming events and details, as soon as possible, please feel free to call the mess (416) 366-5965 for inquiries. If you wish to attend any function, please phone or write at least one week prior to the event. As always, unexpected members or guests cannot be guaranteed seating.

There is within the mess a shortage of regimental accoutrements such as mess kit, drill canes, leather belts and most critically, cross belts. Any member, active or association who can assist us in acquiring such items are urged to contact the mess. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Finally, it is with deep regret that the mess reports the passing of MWO Stan Storms, BMaj, Bob Wilson, BSgt Vic Watts, S/Sgt Ernie Stock, Sgt. Marcel Dorion and WOII Cliff McLaughlin. They will all be sadly missed.

MWO J.C. Figa

REPORT FROM THE JR. RANKS MESS

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The Jr. Ranks had a good year although there did seem to be a slight decline in memorable events attributed to members passing into either civilian life or the Sgts' Mess (is there a difference?) and with no new members coming in this year, the Mess saw a drop in numbers.

We did, however, start the year off right with our usual New Years Levee visit to our friends at HMCS York, once again, reaffirming how close we feel to 'the boat'. We had a great time.

Our annual Beach Party was a great success. With the rental of palm trees, shells, sawdust for sand, the Mess was transformed into a Caribbean Island and a great time was had by all well into the early morn.

Unfortunately, our annual BBQ was cancelled.

Come Fall, however, there showed a renewed interest in recruiting with new members coming into the regiment.

The Mess has recently gone through a transition with MCpl Saunders and myself, as PMC and VPMC, retiring. I would like to say that both of us feel very proud of the fact that we represented the Mess and went through some of the most memorable events that I have ever witnessed.

Both Saunders and I thank the regiment for their almost 'Christ Like' understanding also for the camaraderie that we have encountered and would wish our successors MCpl Copeland, the new PMC and Cpl DeMaine, new VPMC, support and success during their term of office.

MCPL QUINN

Courtesy of Maj. R. (Bob) Firlothe, Editor, 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion Association Journal.

Parachuting from a helicopter over a drop zone inside Camp Dawson, W. Va., a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Special Forces Group Airborne found himself battling a sudden wind, which forced him down on a nearby golf course. On landing, the Green Beret fumbled for the release but another gust drove the chute and its struggling captive down the fairway, catching the attention of three players about to tee off. "Can we help?" shouted the golfers.

Sliding by them, the officer clung to his sense of humor as well as his pride. "No thanks," he called out, "I'll just play through."

3 COMMANDO INVOLVEMENT 1987

The 1987 training year witnessed an increased involvement with 3 Cdo. Liaison visits and training exchanges, including A1C, Pegasus Strike, Jump Bivouac and Highland Laddie, received more QOR participation than in past years.

Members of The Queen's Own Rifles travelled to Petawawa in July to attend the 3 Cdo Change of Command from Maj. Ring to Maj. Sweetnam. Maj. Flood, Captains Brand and Lomasney,



Sgt. Paris and Cpl. Paton were also able to jump with 3 Cdo, prior to the parade.

Maj. Ring's efforts to improve 3 Cdo's support to the Q.O.R. have been accelerated by Maj. Sweetnam. In fact, planned joint training and aircraft availability have increased dramatically and the Q.O.R. can look forward to a challenging new year.

Capt. Brand was fortunate to be able to attend the Annual Airborne Battle Group Mess Dinner in Petawawa and 3 Cdo reciprocated when Maj. Sweetnam and his Adjutant, Capt. Pennington, attended the QOR Airborne Officers Mess Dinner, held at Moss Park Armoury.

Our relationship with the 3 Cdo is steadily growing and will continue to improve training standards and our operational readiness to support 3 Cdo.

CAPT. S. BRAND

Ex Coelis Jump Bivouac 10-14 August 1987

Ex Coelis, an annual invitationalsymposium designed to exchange and foster airborne philosophies between NATO member countries, was conducted this past August by the Airborne Regiment at CFB Petawawa. Delegations from various armies were present including a large contingent from 1 and 2 Para UK, US Army Rangers as well as Marines, French Foreign Legionnaires and German Fahl-



shirmjagers. Additionally, about 30 Canadian jumpers were invited, with the Queen's Own participants including Capts Lomasney and Johnson, Sgt J Wilmot, Cpls Paton and Halcro as well as our UTA, WO M Bludd.

All of our jumpers were mixed among different chinks helping to host the foreign contingencies. Following a stop drop Monday morning after chinks 1 and 2 got off and winds had to have been 25 knots plus, (as would be painfully attested to by both Capt Lomasney and WO Bludd), the daily routine was a 0500 hrs chalk assembly and 2 or 3 good jumps each until noon hour. The jumps were all hollywood from C130 and the CH 135 Chinook which was used exclusively on days 3 and 4. At least one senior officer was observed running off the DZ panting, "You have to work for something that feels so great!" as he got in line, sweating, for the next manifest.

After lunch, each country delivered a presentation in the au-

ditorium, one of the most interesting by a Ranger Sr Nco who was leader of the first section on the ground in Grenada "Just like a quick rig exercise, discounting the jump under SA fire from hill-tops which continued on the DZ, and sporadic fire fights later." (They were home in 72 hours). The evenings were strictly social gatherings in various messes to continue "fostering" the Airborne spirit...and many a great spirit was sorely "tried" at the 0500 chalk assembly. Airborne!

Capt Lomasney

EX PEGASUS STRIKE

8 - 12 DEC. 86

Ex Pegasus Strike, the first of three annual winter sovereignty exercises the Airborne Regiment conducts for Defence of Canada Operations (DCO), is a bugout/quick rig ex which practices unit to sub-unit activity from Wng O to successful completion of a mission. Last year the Queens' Own sent nine members to CFB Petawawa to participate; three officers — Maj Flood and Capts Lomasney and Brand, who understudied specific command functions and six Jr NCO's — Cpls Burrell, Jafaelice, Vulacovitch, Thompson and Halcro, as well as MCpl Copeland who were all assimilated into platoon organizations.

Following the Bug-Out notification at 0300 hours from Regtl HQ, 3 Commando was able to contact 100% of its troopers and within 2 hrs. all had reported to Cdo HQ to begin with the required concurrent activity. With all of the AB Regt, less 3 Cdo and RHQ elements, on UN Duty in Cyprus; we probably had an opportunity to participate in a more focused environment where all C³ and support services were dedicated to 3 Cdo as opposed to the entire Regiment. The Cdo O Gp, which took place that afternoon while the platoons were zeroing weapons, called for a mission which dropped us behind enemy lines to take an enemy bridge rigged for demolition. This would be achieved with a long and speedy approach and the Commando dividing short of the objective with



MCpl. Quinn - Chief Sled Dog

2 platoons assaulting from the north while one platoon circled and cleared from the southeast. Stressed throughout the O Gp by Maj E. Ring, until recently CO 3 Cdo, was the requisite element of speed and violence necessary for mission success. The Cdo was by now secured (under total communications blackout) in Bldg 1103 (Para Refresher Shack) where the officers and Sr NCO's now went to conduct their own platoon O Gps and briefings.

The next afternoon, following extensive rehearsals and final preparations, we boarded buses for the long trip to CFB Trenton where we would emplane. Departing Petawawa amidst foul weather, (-25 and snow storm), there was some trepidation directed towards the definite possibility of a stop-drop which would require either mission cancellation or immediate return by bus to carry on. Maj Ring, however, dismissed all such talk and indicated that we would jump and accomplish the objective notwithstanding the weather. He was right; the sky cleared to a beautiful night. P - Hour was 2300 hrs double door mass. It was a six plane formation, nape-of-the-earth flying which if you lucked in and were on the lead aircraft as the ramp went down to release the toboggan wedges; you could see the rear aircraft with their lights bobbing about nicely. A great night jump into a cushion of snow, no winds.

RV drills completed, we shook out into marching order with the pathfinders leading, who by the way had jumped the night before and already recce'd the objective. The O Gp had detailed dress to be light, no parka liner, just the shell, a windbreaker as well as only summer bag and liner in ruck, and though extremely cold, this was sufficient as our pace was quite rapid. Four hours and 15 km later we arrived at the ORV and those fortunate enough to go on the leaders recce stayed warmish while the remainder positively froze waiting. Confirmatory orders completed, a gun group was sited on a crest overlooking the bridge, and the main body conducted a speedy assault to secure the objective. The enemy players, consisting of a bridge demolition guard from the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, were quickly overwhelmed by the aggression of 3 Cdo, as well as with the assistance of the deep cold as the Hasty P's had been in a stagnant position for 40 hrs. The bridge secured from demolition and following the marryup with the cut-off platoon, Endex was called.

For the Queens Own, Pegasus Strike was a great opportunity to participate in such a mission oriented routine which was marked by the professionalism of very capable and hardy men. Airborne!

Capt Lomasney

**Airborne Indoctrination
Course 8701, 17-21 August 1987
(For Yachting Enthusiasts Only)**

0500 Hrs. Black and cool as 40 men muster for roll call on the airborne parade square commencing 3 Commando's AIC 8701; the first day of what would turn out to be "Regimentally (AB), the hardest course in years."

Designed to inculcate the airborne spirit of toughness and speed into soldiers newly posted to the AB REGT, and what was up to two years ago a 10 day course, the AIC is now compressed into five long and hard days. Individuals are assessed on physical fitness, para skills, navigation, battle drills, fieldcraft, first aid, comms, and weapons handling among other skills.

Day 1 set the standard. Miles of running, often with rucksack complete, always with weapon, much upper body work, long classroom lectures with olive drab combats, black with sweat and endless cries of "Airborne! Master-Corporal!" to awaken the inattentive spirit when either an individual or the group was deemed to require jacking-up with countless push-ups which seemed to occur with all too regular frequency. Cpl Leithnen, ex QOR, now a section 2i/c, especially endeared himself to the Queen's Own candidates while trying to emulate CSM Figa. The yachtsmen from Toronto, as the course 2i/c, WO Campbell, inexplicably dubbed the Queen's Own contingent of six (you can forget about your yachts in Toronto Harbour for now, we own you for the week) included Major H. Flood (what's the man talking about, I don't have a yacht - yet); Captain P. Lomasney (shall I go the MIR now or wait and donate my feet to McDonalds?); Cpl A Saunders (chin-ups are easy work - just like my printing presses); Cpl Burrell (easy, eh sir?); Rfn Dequilla (dead eye dick); Rfn Gracey (Airborne! Mcpl, we always run like this at home) our new USO, Capt R Weigand (this is crazy - I just had a month's leave in Germany!) and our intrepid

cameraman, Mcpl "Ceil B De" Paton, who had previously completed the 10 day version (God forbid) and was shooting film for a recruiting video.

Day 1, which ended at midnight and was interspersed with 3 x 15 minute meal breaks at which one rarely could eat due to copious amounts of sweat blocking ones vision and the stomach not ready to accept food after being so abused, was repeated in earnest on days 2 and 3. Highlights included the swim test (nice break) though not the approach or withdrawal; watching 2 Cdo and 1 Cdo walking! or being trucked!! and the jumping, which tended to wake you up. Indeed we were so awake after the first jump that we decided to don our helmets and hoist on our gear and run 10 miles back to the lines, which we did in 1 hour, 52 minutes.

Exercise Maroon Beret, a type of validation ex, began following the first 2 x 10 miler, with a 17 km approach in assault boats, up-river and up-wind. At the orv, a shale cliff was scaled and a quick ambush sprung. Following a rappel down the same cliffs, we re-embarked into the rubber boats and hours later, after a 60 minute nap at Pegasus dock on Browns Airfield, we were donning chutes

again. The plan was to complete the second 2 x 10 miler from the DZ following RV drills. However, invoking the great "max flex" clause, our directing staff, who were in as much of a stupor as the candidates, postponed the run by a few hours so all could grab some sleep, which we did off the DZ, despite Cpl Burrell who kept groaning, "It's not fair - I've got my adrenaline up now!" Following the last 2 x 10 miler, (90 degrees in the shade!) the course began to wind down with post-ex drills, range work and night jumping not to mention numerous visits to the foot doctors and and snarly messages from wimpy brigade medics to the course staff.

It was altogether a terrific and unforgettable course very ably run by Captain B Pennington, 3 Cdo Adj, and his excellent and dedicated staff. While a few men did not complete the course, due to both physical and mental reasons, all of the Queen's Own candidates did and in fact were commended on their motivated performance. Now there are seven more men who have earned the right to be called paratroopers. Airborne!

Captain Lomasney



They told me it would float!



FREEFALL PARACHUTING

Once you've tried freefall, exiting at 1000' AGL will never be the same. In Canada each year hundreds of able-bodied citizens take the big step from static-line to freefall. This can be done either on a Military Freefall Parachutist (MFP) course, or at any local civilian parachuting centre; the latter being far more accessible to Reservists. Keep in mind when comparing the two types of parachuting, military vs. civilian, the purposes, training and equipment are totally different. Gravity, aerodynamics and excitement, however, are consistent in both.

As one of the QOR of C's newest officers, allow me to introduce myself. I am Lt. Eileen Vaughan, a FIN O recently transferred from 1st Field Regt. RCA in Halifax. I have 2948 parachute jumps in a combination of static-line,

freefall, military and civilian. I am a qualified Basic Para and MFP and have spent the '86 and '87 seasons with the Canadian Forces Parachute Team, "The Sky Hawks". On the civilian side I have been a member of the National Team since '82 and have attended three World Parachuting Championships. I hold Instructor, Coach and Rigger ratings. In nine years of parachuting, a sprained ankle is my most serious injury (knock on wood).

Imagine putting your hand out a car window while driving at 60 m.p.h. You feel a lot of air pressure, which is half of what you fly with in freefall. By manipulating your arms, legs and torso you can perform controlled manoeuvres like somersaults & turns (or some uncontrolled manoeuvres in a few cases). It is not a stomach-lurching drop from exit to opening. It is possible to perform aerial gymnastics, like up with a

few friends, or group on a cylinder of supplies for an exercise. There's a lot more to freefall than simple survival.

I was fortunate enough to be involved with the 8701 MFP course in Edmonton as an instructional assistant and course candidate. I was not the largest nor most graceful person ever seen in full equipment, waddling to the end of a Herc ramp and diving (falling?) off. It was quite an experience. The snowshoes, rifle and rucksack are worn on the back of the legs and although very awkward before exit, they are not very noticeable and certainly more comfortable in freefall. 7TU parachutes pack more of a punch on opening than a CT1, but the rumour is that by 8801 a ram-air ("square") parachute system will be in use for MFP. A lot of MFP'ers will thank their lucky stars (especially all those seen on openings) for that.

Task jumps on the course in-

cluded freefall manoeuvre sets, tracking (gaining horizontal distance in a ski-jumper-type position), grouping on a cylinder, and full equipment jumps to name a few. Only one course per year is held for fifty candidates, over a full month. Most candidates come from the Airborne Regiment or Airborne Centre with many being Pathfinders. As a Reservist I was lucky to get on this course, being at the right place at the right time, while on callout with the Sky Hawks.

The easier, though more costly route to learn freefall, is with a civilian centre. The equipment is lighter and more comfortable and the schedule less rigorous. As most centres only operate on weekends, it does require extra motivation to get out there enough times to gain some level of skill. Because of the equipment and training differences, most centres require even military static-line qualified jumpers to start with the first Jump Course for safety reasons. After a few static-line or similar jumps, the freefall training begins. Any person with Airborne jump experience will have the advantage of knowing what it will feel like and what to expect after exit, even with the different techniques used. The first qualification goal on the civilian freefall side is the "A" Certificate of Proficiency (commonly called "A License"). This includes freefall skills, target landing accuracy, equipment skills and a written exam. In past years I have helped instruct groups of QOR members on week-long civilian freefall training courses. Perhaps such courses may be held again.

Once any military member, regular or reserve of any rank, trade, command or sex has passed a Basic Para Course, plus earned a civilian 'A' license or passed the MFP course, he or she becomes eligible to try out for the CFLPT, Sky Hawks. This is a demonstration team that travels around Canada primarily putting on shows for airshows, community celebrations, or any requested military or civilian special event. It is public relations

oriented and a recruiting vehicle for the CF as well as an eight-month TD callout. Tryouts include two weeks orientation in Edmonton for parachute packing, uniform fittings, lectures, fitness testing, hanging harness drills, etc. This is followed by a six-week training camp in Yuma, Arizona, jumping six days per week, with six-plus jumps per day, weather permitting. The official team is selected at the end of camp after all facets of the job have been reviewed and assessed, including freefall skills and routines, accuracy, safety, fitness and PR skills.

A season with the Sky Hawks can be a summer like no other. Lots of travelling, exercise, meeting few people, jumping, signing autographs, and good parties fill the weeks. It certainly gave me a lot of good memories and stories to save for rainy days. It also gave me the chance to wear the coveted maroon beret for two eight-month seasons, of which I was very proud. People were respectful or resentful, but rarely indifferent to my head-dress.

If your imagination has been sparked by the idea of freefall and you would like further information, or you would like to share your jump stories, just look for me at the QOR and I would be happy to spare some time.

Airborne! Lt. E.M. Vaughan

"D PLUS 45 YEARS" TRIP

As mentioned previously, plans are underway for a return to Normandy for the 45th Anniversary of "D-Day". It is rather difficult to offer something different to previous trips but we never cease trying. Naturally, very little is confirmed at this early date, least of all, the rates for both airlines and/or hotels but perhaps we can outline some of the things we are endeavouring to do. First of all, we are extremely fortunate to have as our Chairman, Col. Elliot Dalton who needs no introduction to you. As you will see later, "Ellie"

will have played an important part in this proposed trip.

With probable flights by Sabina Belgian Airlines we will travel to Brussels and bed down for some sleep to rid ourselves of jetlag. We may be invited to meet the King of Belgium, and/or pay a visit to NATO Headquarters before heading for CAEN. In CAEN we must encompass both June 6th and June 11th. Between those dates visits will be arranged to the New Memorial Museum in Caen, the Invasion Museum in Arromanches, a visit to Bayeux, to the famous castle at Fontaine-Henry, places like Falaise and Norrey-en-Bessin etc.

June 6th of course will be the special day for many and on June 11th, in co-operation with the 1st Hussars, a plaque will be unveiled to the memory of those who fell in that terrible battle at Le Mesnil-Patry, June 11th, 1944.

On June 12th, we depart Caen and here, the group will go separate ways; One group (who so desire) will return to Brussels for the return flight home. Another group will depart for the U.K. where we are trying to arrange visitations with the Royal Green Jackets.

The third group will move north, through VIMY RIDGE and further north for a short visit to OOSTBURG which should ring a bell with some of you. Some of you may have taken part in that now-famous bayonet charge for which, Lt. Jack Boos of "A" Coy received the Military Cross. This is the area where the famous "Dalton Bros." played such a large part in the liberation of many towns in the Breskens Pocket.

From OOSTBURG we will travel north into Holland and probably settle in and around the town of MEPPEL, of which you will hear more about at a later date.

We are extremely cognisant of the fact that we are now a lot older and are attempting to make this visit as relaxing as possible. Prices should be available before the middle of next year so stay tuned.

**Jack Martin
Co-Chairman**



MUSKETRY

At the beginning of the year I was given the task of improving the musketry skills of the regiment and to rebuild the Regimental Small Arms Team to its former glory.

I feel that this goal was accomplished and that 1987 was a banner year for musketry in the regiment.

The following events will attest to the regiments' success:

To start off the year, the regimental indoor team participated in the DCRA Postal Matches and came in a close second overall in the Garrison.

In April the Regimental Team attended the ORA Service Rifle and Sniper Rifle Matches, held at Base Borden. This was our first time out and was considered a warm up match, so we did not expect too much. I was surprised by the results and knew that the team would have a good year.

In May the Regimental Small Arms Team, comprising of rifle, pistol and sub machine gun shooters, attended the ORA, CMA Small Arms Competition at Base Borden, the results were as follows:

- Rifle Team — Second overall with 44 teams competing
- Pistol Team — Third overall, with 38 teams competing.

— SMG — Eleventh overall, with 38 teams competing.

The combined pistol and SMG teams came in sixth overall. They were also in the most improved position from 1986. The result of the combined scores of the Rifle, Pistol and SMG Teams was third overall.

Individually we did very well. Cpl. 'Rocky' Polsinelli won the Top Tyro Trophy in the rifle competition and in the pistol competition, 2Lt. Croxall won the Top Tyro Trophy. This was quite an accomplishment as it is not very often that two members of the same team win top tyro awards.

Although the other members of the team did not win trophies, their individual scores were important and relevant to the overall success of the team. Members of the 1987 QOR of C Small Arms Team are:

Rifle Team

- WO G.N. Senetchko
- Sgt. Keenan
- Sgt. Tindall
- Cpl. Polsinelli

Sniper Team

- WO G.N. Senetchko

Pistol SMG Team

- Capt. Paddon
- 2Lt. Corxall
- 2Lt. Fotheringham

Resulting from our standings at CMA Competitions, Capt. Pad-

don and myself were selected as members of the CMA Small Arms Team, representing our Regiment and Militia District at the National Small Arms Competition, held at the Connaught Ranges, Ottawa. Congratulations to Capt. Paddon on winning several personal and team awards at these matches.

In September the regiment hosted a 'Shoot' for association members at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The turn out was good with approximately 35 association members attending. In the crowd were a lot of old faces I had not seen on the ranges for years, such as Cpl. Gus Steinhouser, Sgt. Ivan Hill and especially W01 Harry Fox who had not been on the ranges in approximately 40 years,

The 'Shoot' was a casual event with weapons fired ranging from a vintage bren gun to the new C7.

Also in attendance was W0 (retired) John Bennett, who for some strange reason during the middle of the shoot, grabbed his Martini Henry and a handful of ammunition and was heard screaming "Cavalry has been sighted, form a square in the road". Must have been an historical flashback!

Capping off the year was the Maple Leaf Club's 75th Anniversary Shoot, which took place at Moss Park Armoury in December. Following that, a dinner was held in the Officers' Mess during which commemorative tie tacks and shooting awards were presented to the members.

Congratulations to our Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. C. Ed Rayment who tied for top shot with Ken Gregory, both had a perfect score.

In between all these events, the regiment had numerous range weekends, during which small arms skills were practiced. From what I could see, old ones were sharpened and new ones learned well, but the bottom line is what I have always said, "The difference between a good shot and a bad shot is a truck load of ammunition".

W0 G.N. SENETCHKO
Musketry N.C.O.

QOR BR. 344 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

I am pleased to report that the branch membership has increased one hundred percent from last year under the guidance of Art Gay (Membership Chairman).

The past year has brought about many changes within Br. 344, which has made my job as President very difficult. With the help and devotion of some of our dedicated members, we have overcome the difficulties and the branch is running in an efficient manner.

Our Honours and Awards Night was held at our D-Day Dinner, 6 June, 1987 and awards were presented to:

Robert McKnight, Sandy Hemeniuk, Jenny Sykes, Ethel Hargan, Nan Miles, Carol Cunningham, Maureen Hargan, Mary Dixon, Sheila Earl.

On Friday, 26 June, 1987, the Ontario Massed Legion Pipes and Drums, the Royal Canadian Legion colour party and marching unit, left Toronto for England to celebrate Veterans U.K. Canada Day, ably supported by Art Gay, Ira Bowman, Bill Lewin and Archie McQuade, representing the Q.O.R. Br. 344 Royal Canadian Legion.

Sunday, 28 June, 1987, they participated in the Brookwood Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Canadian Veterans Association of the U.K. accompanied by Mr. Tom Wells, Agent General for Ontario; Mr. J. Kobolak, President Royal Canadian Legion; Mr. A. Lawrence, President Canadian U.K. Veterans Association and Brig. D. Green, President Royal British Legion. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church, Bramshott and at the Canadian War Memorial in the Brookwood War Veterans Cemetery. The Last Post and Reveille was played by two buglers of the 6th Gurkha Rifles and a lament by Piper Archie McQuade of the Queen's Own Rifles.

Monday, 29 June, they boarded a bus for Brighton and paraded along the sea front, the Mayor of

Brighton took the salute in the presence of Mr. Roy McMurtry, Canadian High Commissioner; Mr. Tom Wells, Ontario Agent General, Dame Vera Lynn and many other dignitaries and guests. Afterwards were treated royally by the Royal British Legion.

Wednesday, 1 July, 1987, Canada Day, they drove to the Wellington Barracks of the Coldstream Guards and paraded to the forefront of Buckingham Palace where the Legion Pipes and Drums performed for The Queen Mother and presented Her Majesty with 'Addresses of Loyalty' from the many Ontario Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion. They then paraded through the Palace main gate, down the Mall towards the Admiralty Arch to the Horse Guards parade ground, dismissed and proceeded to St. James' Park (across the street) to be greeted by the Canadian High Commissioner and the six Agent Generals in London representing, Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia, as well as other distinguished guests. Food and refreshments were provided, courtesy of the Government of Canada (UK).

The highlight of the day was when The Queen Mother observed the men in the green berets and green blazers — Art Gay; Ira Bowman and Bill Lewin and made a point of shaking hands and conversing with them.

The Queen's Own can be proud of their four representatives who performed with dignity and respect.

Also in June, our Over 65 Club had a trip to Peterborough, (accompanied by those not over 65). This was a very enjoyable trip for all who attended.

At our first General Meeting, 8 September, life memberships were presented to:

Cliff McLaughlin, Tony Cornett, Tom Montgomery, Jack Higgins, Bill Haire.

Life memberships in the Royal Canadian Legion is a rare honour. Our warmest congratulations to these men.

We now have a professional administrator at our branch whose impact will certainly have a major effect on the future operations of this branch, under the supervision of the Executive.

Forthcoming Events:

We have many events planned at the branch. Firstly, we are holding a New Years' Eve Dinner/Dance, along with other events planned for the New Year.

For one week commencing 17 June, 1988, the legion will be hosting Caravan 'Windsor Pavillion' and would urge members to participate in the entertainment as well as other interesting events. The caravan will be held at the branch on Lakeshore Blvd.

I extend my personal thanks to all committee members and area representatives for their support, time and assistance over the past few months.

In closing, we are sorry to announce that our 1st Vice President, Cliff McLaughlin passed away this past 30 November. Cliff was also Past President of the Over 65 Club. He will be greatly missed.

**Carol Cunningham, CD
President**





MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - LT. DENNY RINGLER

Capt. Steven Irwin, B. Mus., B. Ed., who has been with us since 1984, resigned during the summer due to the pressure of additional responsibilities in his professional career. He is sadly missed by all the members of the Band.

Our new Director of Music, Lt. Denny R. Ringler, C.D., holds the degree of Bachelor of Music from McGill University, as well as the degree of Bachelor of Education and Master of Education from the University of Saskatchewan. As a musician Lt. Ringler was a member of the Band of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, has played in symphony orchestras, as well as being a free-lance trombonist. His experience includes conducting, arranging, and adjudicating at music festivals. In civilian life he is the director of music for Crescent School, a private boy's school in Toronto. His twenty-three years as a musician, educator and administrator, places him in excellent stead as our new Director of Music; and we all look forward with great anticipation to his contribution to the musical life of the Band and the Regiment.

Lt. Ringler assumed his new

appointment during the midst of our busy summer season. With his military background and extensive experience he has effected a number of changes in the Band, including organization, training and rehearsal schedules, and musical programmes. His invigorating conducting style is much appreciated and enjoyed by all the members of the Band.

"Once in the Queen's Own, al-

ways in the Queen's Own," really applies these days in the Band. Capt. George Gresham, Director of Music from 1976 to 1984, has stayed with us and plays flute. Also to our delight Capt. Steve Irwin has continued with the Band playing clarinet. Thus we have three directors of music on tap (so to speak); or as Capt. Gresham would say: "Three barbers — no waiting."



Ajax, Ontario; WO F. Watt, CD. conducting.

REGIMENTAL BAND

The Band has had a very busy year, commencing with two well-received concerts for the patients, including some of our own Queen's Own men, of "K" Wing of Sunnybrook Hospital. Our activities included the Change of R.S.M. and Change of Command ceremonies, the official opening of the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, the official opening of the new extension of Cullen Gardens at Whitby, Ontario, attended by His Honour the Lt. Governor Lincoln Alexander, the Tattoo "87" together with other bands of the Toronto Military District at Varsity Arena, as well as other park concerts in and around the Metro area. A highlight of the year was the Band's

attendance at the annual dinner meeting of the Canadian Infantry Association at Base Borden where the Band, assisted by the Pipes and Drums of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, played the regimental march of every infantry regiment of the Canadian Armed Forces. Our proposed trip by helicopter to Base Petawawa to play a special mess dinner for the Canadian Airborne Regiment had to be cancelled at the last moment owing to mechanical difficulties with the helicopter.

During the year the Band was outfitted once again with new busbies, much to the delight of our new Commanding Officer. The Band appeared for the first time wearing the new busbies at the Ajax Home Week in June.



The opening of the Shaw Festival — Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This is a week-long celebration for present and past residents of the town of Ajax. There were many activities involving the whole community which was sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion and the various clubs of Ajax. The week finished up on Saturday with a grand parade through the town in which our Band participated. After the parade we were awarded a plaque for being the best overall band and another for the best marching unit. (Perhaps the new buses helped on this occasion!).

Following is a list of the Bandmasters and Directors of Music from 1860 to 1987.

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| Mr. A. Maul | 1860-1866 |
| Mr. Chataupka | 1866-1867 |
| Mr. R.W. Robinson | 1867-1872 |
| Mr. Wm. Carey | 1875-1879 |
| Mr. John Bayley | 1879-1901 |
| Mr. G.L. Timpson | 1901-1914 |
| Mr. B.H. Barrow | 1914-1920 |
| Capt. R.B. Hayward, R.M.S.M. | 1920-1928 |
| Capt. James J. Buckle, R.M.S.M. | 1928-1945 |

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| Capt. Wm. T. Atkins, C.D., R.M.S.M., A.R.C.M. | 1947-1968 |
| Capt. J. Long, R.M.S.M. | 1968-1971 |
| Capt. John O'Brien, A.R.C.M., L.T.C.L., M.C.C. | 1971-1976 |
| Capt. Geo. Gresham, C.D. | 1976-1984 |
| Capt. S.J. Irwin, B. Mus., B. Ed. | 1984-1987 |
| Lt. D.R. Ringler, C.D., B. Mus., M. Ed. (Music) | 1987- |

QOR IODE CHAPTER

The IODE Chapter once again joins the many fine organizations accredited to the oldest and finest regiment in Canada.

The Chapter has had 77 years of continuous service and though the ranks are thinning, hopes to continue for many years. One of the chuckles the Chapter enjoys is that the thinning ranks are not attributed to the common cause of passing on, but to migration of the snow birds to Florida!

Members enjoyed a day at the Shaw Festival, at Niagara-on-the-Lake and the end of the year was celebrated with the Christmas Luncheon and auction sale.

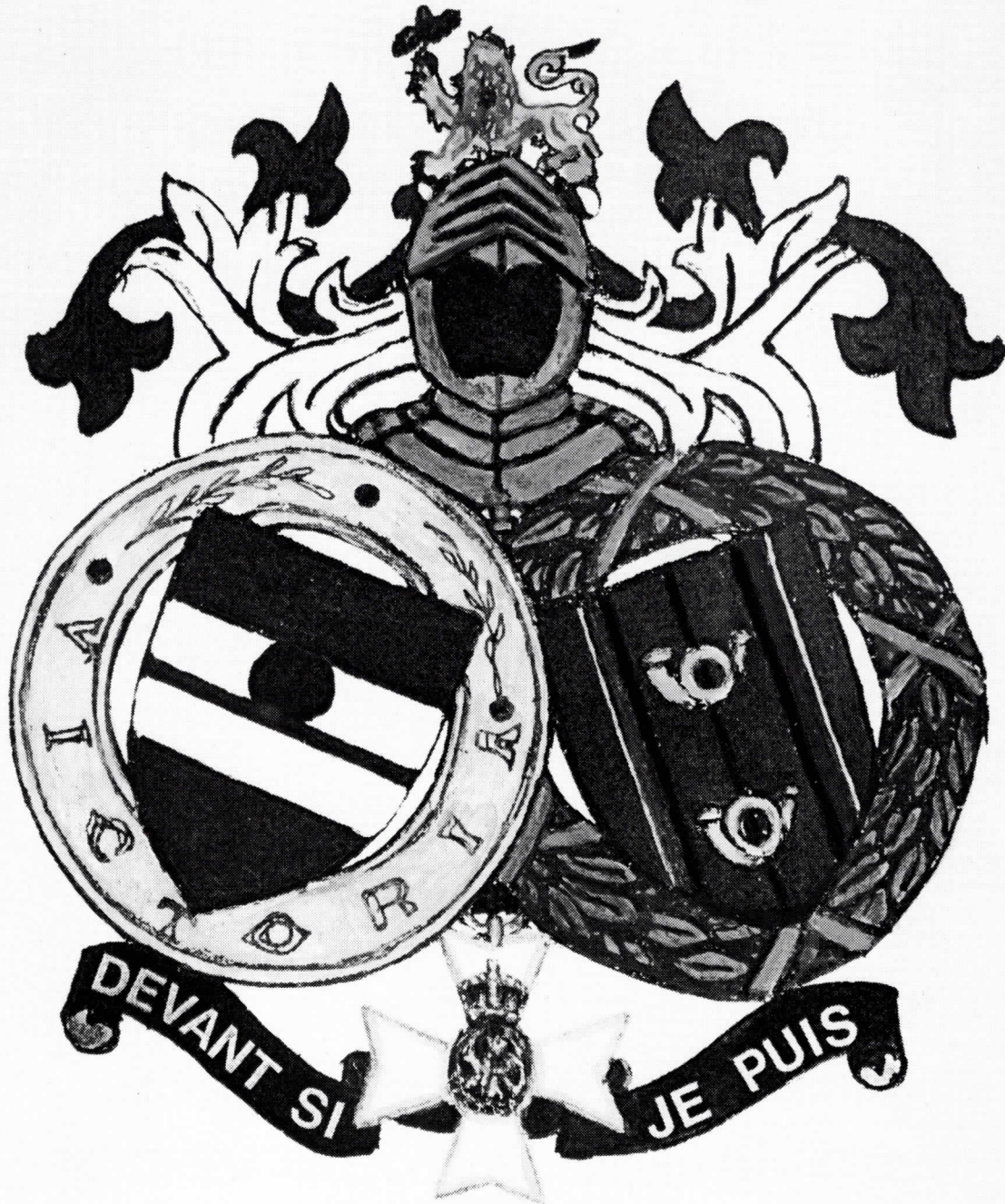
However, it is not all fun and games at the Chapter. We support many projects, the IODE Children's Hospital (the wing of the North York General Hospital), the K Wing Padre at Sunnybrook Hospital, Canada Scene, the Salvation Army and the Home For Battered Women. The War Ward in London, the Scott Mission and the 1860 Cadets which we are very proud to sponsor.

We have had an ongoing friendship with the three handicapped sisters in Austria and were saddened to learn of the passing of one of them this past summer.

Did you know that the Chapter has funds available for a worthy student conducting with the Regiment?

Yes!, the Chapter is alive and well and proud to be 'Once In The Queen's Own, Always In The Queen's Own.'

Pellatt of Toronto



THE ARMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT OF SIR HENRY MILL PELLATT

The Crest

Surmounted upon a Knight's helm affronte, proper, a Lion, passant-guardant, proper clasping a sprig of Oak with Acorn proper. All standing upon a wreath gules & argent.

The Shields

Two Armorial shields, en-

joined. The first gules, tierced with two bars argent, the uppermost charged with a pellet proper. The whole enclosed within a circlet, Or, bearing two slips of laurel and the inscription VICTORIA.

The second divided per paly, gules, argent, vert and sable to the dexter pale point and reversed from the sinister pale point. The pale gules and vert,

the chief and honour points charged each with Rifle bugles argent. The whole enclosed within a wreath of Immortelles.

The Badge

The Badge of The Royal Victorian Order, proper suspended from a riband proper.

The Scroll & Motto

A ribbon scroll azure bearing the motto, Or, DEVANT SI JE PUIS. Translation: - "FIRST IF I CAN"

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The Passing Scene

King George V Public School wanted a slide of King George V for their 75th Anniversary Celebration. A slide of the monarch in full regalia at an Indian Dunbar was obtained for them and John Missons acted as intermediary.

Several requests were received regarding former Skirmishers who fought in the early days. Two university professors were given information regarding their respective researching.

The number of visitors during the year was in excess of previous years, particularly in September and October.

A very useful innovation by the General Manager is the providing of guides in the off season for the visits of school children and others.

At the request of the General Manager, an instructional tour was given to the Casa Loma guides. Fifteen brochures were prepared giving regimental information and given to the General Manager for future use.

Other tours were given, including one to Jean Clough, (widow of our late Chaplain) and her daughter, Elizabeth.

The latest among skirmishers who write books, is Major John Hasek. His latest book entitled 'The Disarming of Canada' is available from any W.H. Smith book stores.

Accessions

Robert C. Rae - History of the Trinity College Rifle Company QOR, compiled by Bob from 'A History of Trinity College 1852-1952' by T.A. Price.

Mrs. R.S. Schmitz - various bags of buttons and badges collected by the late Captain Schmitz, founder of the QOR Museum.

Fern Bayer, Curator of Art, Ontario Government Art Collection - A photo of the original painting of Lt. (later Lt. Col.) Dunn, VC in the Charge of The Light Brigade at Balaklava during the Crimean War 1853-1856. Col. Dunn



Sir Henry Pellatt Display - West Wall - South Room.

was Canada's first to be awarded the Victoria Cross.

Alf Frost (through Ralph Jackson) - Black belt and anklets; two Sam Brownes; Greatcoat; Kahki forage cap; Coloured F.S. cap; battledress jacket and trousers; serge jacket and trousers; Cloth belt; Mess cape - all have the full complement of rank, badges and patches.

Signaller Killingbe - Named photo of the Signal Platoon, QOR of C, Gander Airport, Newfoundland, 1941.

Mrs. Roger Clarkson (through Col. E. Dalton) - Volume of photos of QOR officers 1893.

Mrs. R.S. Malone and Museum Staff - A shadow box containing artifacts of the late Brigadier R.S. Malone.

Les Smith and Don Smith - A cassette of battlefield noises was needed for the D-Day diorama. Les, after searching many trade catalogues, ordered a record of various noises, including battlefield uproar from the U.S.A. His son Don painstakingly transferred them to a cassette which he presented to the museum. The effects are first rate.

Major Newsham (our one time padre) through Ron Brockie gave a framed panorama of The QOR on a visit to Oshawa, Ontario, in 1925.

General Manager of Casa Loma donated a photograph of five named riflemen at Niagara Camp, May, 1910.

Alfred Mulvey - A postcard of The QOR on a route march in 1910 - Aldershot, England.

Col. Cameron Fraser, 48th

Highlanders - the menu of a dinner given by Sir Henry to five Indian Chiefs and twenty-five warriors on 23 June, 1910.

Charles Stewart - A volume written by Charles entitled 'A Record of Valour; Canadian recipients of the Victoria Cross and of the Medal of Honour U.S.A. plus five hundred museum letter-heads.

As well as being a military historian, Charles is a student of heraldry and a deviser and painter of coat-of-arms. Sir Henry Pallet did not have a coat-of-arms of his own so Charles originated one correct as to heraldry and done in The Queen's Own colours. A blazon or heraldic description accompanied the device. A 5 x 7 copy has been framed and is on exhibit. This splendid addition to our museum is much appreciated.

Capt. Rex Macdonell (through Mrs. Marion Macdonnell) - Rifle green tunic with badges; Mess cape; Mess jacket with badges; Mess waistcoat; Two summer drill jackets and a kahki greatcoat.

Museum Staff - For many years the staff have displayed samples of all service rifles issued to The QOR, twelve cases of regimental history; photos and trophies of a century of rifle teams; various uniforms and memorabilia of Sgt. Aubrey Cosens, VC. Now we have added collections relating to Sir Henry, WWI, WWII and Upper Canada College.

LT. COL. W.T. BARNARD
Curator

This is the story of two Canadians, Capt. T.A. 'Al' Staunton and Lieut. Bob Rae, both of whom were with the regiment on the D-Day assault and most of the Normandy campaign.

THE FIRST TIME WE SAW PARIS

This is the story of two Canadians who went to see Paris while she was still wearing the glow of liberation. News of the entry of Free French and American troops into Paris came on 25 August 1944. My friend and I were languishing in a convalescent camp in Normandy, hoping for re-assignment to some form of active duty. On the pretext of collecting personal kit from our unit — now heading for the Channel Ports — we obtained a few days of leave. We took a detour and hitch-hiked to Paris.

We have our last 'lift' in the back of a tarpaulin-covered army van which provided a very limited view through a slit in the canvas. From our cramped positions we were unable to prepare ourselves for the view that was to meet our eyes. Our driver-benefactor bade us farewell on a small side-street and we walked a hundred yards to be precipitated into the beautiful Place de l'Opera and the glamour of Paris. Overwhelmed by the perspective we collapsed into chairs on the side-walk terrace of the Café de la Paix.

From three broad boulevards came a parade of bicyclists — the bicycle was the principal method for civilian transportation. So we were introduced to the beautiful girl on the bicycle; the central theme of our Parisian visit. There were hundreds of pretty girls, and the bicycles enhanced their loveliness. They had clothed themselves in a special dress for the bicycle. The girl does not sit on the dress but drapes it becomingly over the bicycle seat. The billowing silk became the banner of Paris; it was one of the ways in which she displayed her invincibility. Although captive she did not surrender her beauty and her flair.

The costumes were of the gayest hues, blended carefully so they became a treat in technicolour. Red, wooly coats; blue flaring skirts; symphonies in brown, scarlet and black; whites with vivid trimmings and most often a bright, red handbag suspended from the shoulder by a red strap.

The girl was brunette, blonde or red-head, of average height and attractive to the eyes. Her beauty aids were few — no glaring red slashes of over-mascarade eyes. It was a treat that Hollywood could not have matched. There were countless times when we were in danger of being run over when we 'were stopped in our tracks' by these lovely creatures.

The girl on the side-walk was smart and chic, too — although she did not have the aloof glamour of the bicyclist. Her shoes were very striking, several thicknesses of material giving a very built-up appearance to her footwear. The hats, of course, were of the kind that only Parisiennes can wear and her clothes have a personal, tailored appearance.

It was some time before we could recover our equilibrium and set about the task of securing a place to stay — and food to eat. Paris seemed to have many things we have not seen in these war years but she was desperately short of food and cigarettes were not to be seen except for 'gaspers' made from tree leaves.

We were fortunate to find a Canadian mission being assembled and enjoyed this hospitality for two days — subsisting on American rations a welcome change in diet for us.

After supper we fared forth gain, in the gathering dusk, and strolled along the lovely Boulevard des Capacines. Now we saw the magnificent shopping centre of Paris, and in the display windows gazed upon many treasures we had not seen for years. Leather goods, jewelry, famous Paris perfumes and powders, dresses and clothes — and, yes, the dainty silken garments that ladies love to wear. All of it arrayed tastefully and displayed with the inimitable touch of the true stylists.

The prices were by no means high although behind the brave front, goods not plentiful.

It was the people who delighted and attracted the eye. Cheerful, friendly and happy in the first days of liberation. We heard excited cries of 'Canadien' or 'Canada' as our uniform patches caught the eyes of the crowd. The Parisians, those whom we met, were patriots with a deep love and reverence for France. The partisans freed the city, too; no doubt of that. Many of us were dubious in this regard but a visit to the city soon removes doubt. Two examples of the courage and cunning with which the FFI dealt with tanks could be seen near the Jardins des Tuilleries and in the Place de la Concorde. The destruction was achieved without anti-tank weapons; home-made Molotov cocktails did the job.

Sunday was our big day in Paris. We rose early on a beautiful day which revealed Paris at her best. The air was invigorating and we soon felt the 'joie de vivre' which was reflected in the bearing and faces of passing Parisians.

We strolled along the Rue Royale and entered into the inner courtyard of the Louvre. Before the Arc du Carrousal stood an organized party of sightseers — American soldiers — accompanied by an official guide. Things were quickly returning to normal conditions. Passing through the arch we walked past the Jardins des Tuilleries and turned left to cross the Seine by the Pont Royale. Here we paused to glimpse a pleasing view and to watch fishermen at their patient labour.

Seeking seclusion we slipped down one of the narrow streets. We were soon distracted by an open café door and entered in to become the centre of attention as our Canada 'flashes' became evident. Here, with an American soldier and an ex-French Marine, a merchant and several others, we spent a pleasant hour drinking good German lager. Innumerable toasts were proposed; always including a salute to Canada.

After a lengthy 'au revoir' we continued down the street but were soon captured by another little café, featuring pictures of French boxers. Here we were taken in tow again, particularly by a young French couple who kindly escorted us to our hotel — by this time we were lost.

Following lunch we sallied forth once more, and after a short debate, decided to follow the crowd. We marked time in one of the side-walk cafés, 'the Pam-Pam', near the Place de la Concorde. This is the best way to see Paris; from the curb-side tables we could see the passing throng — and have a splendid view of the bicyclists.

Continuing on our way we made another mistake by being drawn into the maelstrom of the Champs Elysees. It was like a World's Fair on a large scale. The lovely, wide thoroughfare was filled with people; like Labour Day at the Exhibition multiplied several times.

Our personal crisis came about when four English officers leapt from a Jeep to question us about Canadian friends. It was a grave error to stop in the streets of Paris on that Sunday, if you wore Canada 'flashes.' We were engrossed in conversation and failed to notice the rise of a tide that threatened to engulf us. Suddenly I felt a tap on the shoulder and turned to see, with astonished eyes, that a tremendous crowd had gathered around us. All were smiling and many shouted, 'Bravo, Canada.' There were enquiries about friends or cousins in Montreal and Quebec. It reached the stage of autograph requests. We thought we had better retreat. It was a difficult extraction.

Finally, after eating an 'ice', we found refuge in the tomb of Napoleon. It is a beautiful shrine in which the people reverently keep alive the memory of their great military genius. There were many Americans present but the majority of the people were Parisians, paying homage in their happiest hour.

We turned our steps in the direction of our billets, following

quiet alleys. Back over the river we joined people in side-street cafés for wine and lager. From somewhere came musicians, two veterans with a guitar and an accordion. The words and music of 'Madelon' set every one's blood racing. Song followed song until it was time for dinner.

A late dinner resulted in a shortened evening programme; for while there are people in the streets after dark, the cafés close and the famous night spots have not yet re-opened. We fared in the direction of Montmartre and, on the way, viewed the huge railroad station, St. Lazare. Dark and without trains at this time it would soon be alive again with heavy tourist traffic. Along the Rue d'Amsterdam we were presented with a picture of DeGaulle — for which the donor skilfully extracted cigarettes from us.

Monday morning came and with it our last few hours in Paris. The people were back to business to-day. We had decided to shop this morning but found, to our disappointment, that the stores nearby were closed on Mondays. We had to be content with more window gazing and being amazed at the wealth of articles on display.

Our final send-off from Paris became one of the high-points of our visit. We called on Gregory Clark, War Correspondent and veteran of World War I, at the Hotel Scribe. He entertained us for an hour with his humour and a description of his entry into Paris on the day it was liberated. Later, we were amused by a jocular conversation between Greg and Ross Munro, another great reporter. Eventually we arose, said farewell and reluctantly began our exodus from Paris.

Two other incidents, worthy of record, occurred before we found ourselves outside the city's boundary. As we were travelling by the 'rule of thumb' method, we found it difficult to get out of Paris. Along the Champs Elysees we found numerous side-walk cafés which we had not seen on the day before. At the rate of about 4 cafés per hour we finally reached the Arc de Triomphe,

paid our respect to the Unknown Soldier's flame and turned for a last look at the beautiful city.

Later in the day we were given a 'lift' by a French family. Their old touring car was already crowded but, somehow, room was found for the two of us. We felt quite 'at home' in the midst of a happy family. Before bidding us 'adieu' it was essential to celebrate the occasion. We were taken to a small hotel high up on the hills that parallel the south bank of the River Seine. This must have been a popular roadhouse in peace time. From the balcony we saw an eye-filling view. Below us stretched the valley of the Seine with the city of Mantes — first crossing point of the advance northward — and other little villages clearly visible. Behind us rose the green hills with many trees and gardens — so green and so like a Canadian scene that it made our heart's ache.

For this special occasion, Madame descended to the cellar where she had kept her most precious treasures hidden. Triumphant she returned brandishing a dusty bottle of champagne. It was an appropriate way to end our visit to Paris by sampling this enchanting liquid.

After many compliments and the draining of the bottle, we left our kind and generous hosts, quickly obtained a ride in an army supply vehicle and returned to our base in Normandy. It was an unforgettable experience; our trip to Paris in the bloom of its liberation. **LIEUT. BOB RAE**

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The Editorial Staff would like to thank MWO J.C. Figa, CD, for the numerous photographs he has contributed to 'The Rifleman' over the past years.

MWO Figa's involvement with photography has enabled him to start his own freelance photography business.

Should any of our readers require MWO Figa's services, he can be reached by telephoning (416) 447-8663.

Once again, many thanks Josh, greatly appreciated by all concerned.

THE MAPLE LEAF RIFLE CLUB 1912-1987 CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY

This year marks a significant event in the history of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and that is the celebration of the 75th anniversary of The Maple Leaf Rifle Club. There is a brotherhood amongst us which you seldom or never find with any other class or aggregation of men - as Riflemen.

The splendid good natured rivalry between the different regiments must be attributed, in a great measure to the influence of the rifle shot, as they are a lot of fine sportsmen who know each other by name.

The object of the Club is to meet at least once a year in friendly target practice rivalry. In so doing to refresh and enliven among its members the feeling of good fellowship created while serving in the Regiment.

According to "The Blast" a regimental published on April 17th, 1926 - The Maple Leaf Rifle Club, in existence since 1912, meets but once a year on the eve of Christmas when Santa Claus, with his reindeer leaves a consignment of chicken, geese and turkeys at the Regimental bungalow, situated at the long Branch Rifle Ranges. All members of the club laugh at the elements as they sit by a great log-fire until such a time as each is called for him to display his skill on the target. The shooting is wound up by a roast beef dinner prepared by members. Tables are thereafter rearranged in the large front room of the Regimental bungalow and set up for games - such as Progressive Euchre. The fowl is then distributed to the winners of the shoot and the games and the evening ends around 11:00 o'clock with good fellowship abounding.

Ernie Stock, Bisley shot, was elected a member in 1933 and served as President in 1958 and as Secretary - Treasurer from 1960 to 1981. Ernie was then transferred to the Honorary Membership list.

Ernie recalls the mode of transportation in those days to

the Long Branch Ranges, which were situated on Lakeshore Road running from Toronto to Hamilton, was by CNR train from Union Station to Long Branch - free passes for all - with orders to stop the train as close to the range gates as possible, because of the cold and snow.

Ernie went on to say "The tract of land was approximately 200 acres, just west of Dixie Road and extended south from Highway 2 to Lake Ontario. There were 3 ranges facing out towards the lake, one 900 yard range, a 600 and 500 yard range and at the far west end two other ranges of 300 and 200 yards. To the east of the range entrance and close to the highway, was a row of Range Huts starting with one owned by The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, the next by The 48th Highlanders of Canada, with the others owned by such famous Canadian Regiments as The Toronto Scottish and Irish Regiments of Canada."

Bill McDonald, also a member since 1933 recalls that every member was equal (rank did not have its privileges), but to him the shoot has always been a regimental affair and everyone has to have served in the unit at one time or another. Bill is proud to be a rifleman and remembers fondly shooting and messing with men who served in the Boer War, World War I and World War II such numeries as, Bill Cook, Alex Leake, Jack Matthews, Alex Rutherford, Bob Campbell, Charlie Cook, Charlie Collett, Frank Atkins, Ernie Payne and Bert Lucas.

Les Smith, who joined the club in 1952, relates "All members pitched in on duties and each was delegated a responsibility especially at Long Branch Ranges. Some of the duties were collecting wood and coal for the fireplace and stove. Buying the roast beef, vegetable and refreshments, and supplying targets, ammo and rifles, then Jack Burgess would don his apron and supervise as well as cook the dinner."

As in 1912 we still have a mem-

bership of 28 and invite guests to our annual shoot.

Times have changed the atmosphere of the club but we still maintain fatigues, prepare all meals and reminisce about the past. Annual dues are \$10.00 per member compared to \$2.00 in 1912. To become a member a certain quality of marksmanship is required as well as service to the Regiment. Membership is by invitation only as it was in the beginning and ever shall be.

In 1986 the club elected LCol W.T. (Bill) Barnard to be Honorary Chairman. Bill is the curator of the Regimental Museum at Casa Loma. Bill turned 90 in 1987.

Dunc Green, who joined the club in 1949 and served as President in 1964 also celebrated his 91st birthday in 1987.

Since 1982, our 70th anniversary, the following members passed away. Jim Kirkwood, Jack Burgess, Bert Shepherd, Stan Storms, Ernie Stock and Cliff McLaughlin.

The 75th anniversary celebrations were held in Moss Park Armoury on Sunday December 13, 1987. Art Gay as President ran the shoot and meeting. Jim Green is Vice-President, Moore Jackson is Treasurer and John Strathy is Secretary.

We all received silver Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Tie Pins thanks to the committee headed by Jim Green and Joe Resnick.

MAPLE LEAF RIFLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP 1987 HONORARY CHAIRMAN Barnard W.T.

MEMBERS

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| Dick Ayton | Archie McQuade |
| John Bennett | John Missons |
| Fred Burroughs | Gord Moore |
| Tony Coronet | Sid Phillips |
| Wilf Durrance | Don Pryer |
| Art Gay | Joe Resnick |
| Frank Gaines | Art Richardson |
| Dunc Green | Fred Rowell |
| Jim Green | Gerry Senetchko |
| Mike Holland | Erik Simundson |
| Bill Ives | Les Smith |
| Moore Jackson | John Strathy |
| Kim Kenn | Honorary Members |
| Bill 'Lucky' | Clay Bell |
| Lochmanetz | Dick Cullington |
| Bill MacDonald | Ernie Marsh |
| Jack Martin | Lloyd Ruttle |
| | Sam Score |



QOR (TORONTO) ASSOCIATION

Firstly, many thanks to David Vine for the good work performed as President of the Association during 1986/87. Hopefully we will be able to build the work already accomplished.

Some years back, when Lt. Col. John Power was Commanding Officer, I had the opportunity to shoot with the regiment at its annual practice at Camp Borden. In the years since it has not been possible to get back on the ranges, however, this year was the exception. The incoming Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Ed Rayment, realized how important it was for Canada to maintain the shooting talents of 40 plus years ago and extended an invitation to our Association to shoot at Camp Borden on 19 September, 1987. Because the army is still the last minute to Niagara-on-the-Lake ranges.

On the morning of 19 September, some 32 stalwarts assembled in the Sergeants' Mess for coffee and donuts prior to departure. It really was quite depressing to listen to the sob stories of heart trouble, gout, arthritis, aches here, pains there, just about anything that can go wrong with an abused body. Yet, miracles of miracles, when everyone embussed at 0800 hours, all aches and pains disappeared and we had a bus load of reborn 18-20 year olds.

The unit provided expert instruction and no doubt were sur-

prised at the quality of most of the shooting. In fact, most of the shooters surprised themselves. This writer felt pretty good about 6 bulls, 3 inners and a magpie. The bulls and inners were in a five inch circle.

At noon the unit provided an excellent box lunch. Everyone enjoyed it.

Shooting was completed around 1600 hours and the 'Best Shoot Of The Day' was John Strathy. Strathy and Bill Houston also supplied two cases of liquid refreshment for the guys.

It was a tired bunch of bodies that went home that night, tired but most appreciative of the efforts put forth for our benefit by Lt. Col. Rayment, RSM Brian Budden and other members of Canada's finest. If you missed this day, you missed a great one!

Next year we can send 80 people so if you think you would like to go, send your name, address and phone number now to Regimental Headquarters. You'll be glad you did.

Remembrance Day Services at the Cross of Sacrifice was organized by John Missions and was well attended by members and friends of the Regiment. A vote of thanks to Rev. Hockins of St. Paul's Church for his participation.

Members of the Association who attended the shoot were invited to participate in the Mens' Mess Christmas Dinner which was held on 16 December.

The big event for 1988 will be the Regimental Church Parade to be held at Moss Park Armoury



on Sunday, 24 April, 1988 at 1100 hrs. This will be in the form of a Drumhead Service, followed by an annual meeting of the Association which should take no longer than twenty minutes. At the conclusion of our meeting we will be holding a Regimental Family Party at which time we will honour three buglers who have served this regiment for well over 150 combined years. Can any other unit top this?

Our special guest at the party will be the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Veterans Affairs and the Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Music will be provided by our Regimental Band and a buffet lunch will be served.

Your executive committee deserves your support and thanks for working on your behalf to make our Regiment truly Canada's oldest and finest, so show them you appreciate their efforts by attending this event with your wives and families — they are all welcome on 24 April. You will never be any younger on this date, so come out and enjoy. Further details concerning this event will be mailed to you in the near future.

In closing, special thanks to Harry Rollo, our treasurer who enjoys the pay and privileges of his office and to Art Gay who accurately keeps our lists current.

**JOE RESNICK
PRESIDENT**





QOR CALGARY ASSOCIATION

Greetings from the World Winter Olympic Capital. We trust you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and that 1987 was good to you. On to the task at hand. The New Year's Eve '87 dance held in the Sgts. Mess, Currie Bks, was well represented by Association members and their wives, such notables as Ken and June Barrett, John and Lyla Fridt, Roy and Edith Dunford, Doug and Irene McCargar and of course Donnie and myself.

The above also attended the 127th Regimental Birthday along with many other Queen's Own, also held in the Sgts Mess. Out of town guests included Gordie Hyshorshyn, who proved to be his usual congenial self, Jim Bulmer and Marsha.

Obituaries are sad but often become items of memorabilia as one reflects on time past. I regret to inform readers of the death of Jim Martins early this summer. Those of us who knew Jim, I feel sure, greatly admired his thirst for the challenging aspects in life, to mention only a few, mountain climbing, or repelling from same and jumping from perfectly good aircraft. Jim was a more than willing participant. He would wish to be remembered that way.

George Wittig died of cancer in July. George accepted this diabolical disease with a sense of fatality, but also with a strong sense of gratitude for the warmth and comfort of his wife Elise and friends.

It is with deep regret that I must record the death of John Lalor in July at his home in Summerland, B.C. He died of a heart attack. We all remember John as an easy going person who never criticized others, who always took life one day at a time, not to mention the fact that he always had an encouraging word for others. He would wish for no other sentiments.

It was with deep sadness and shock of the passing of Verna Hearn last December. She was indeed as much a "Queen's Own" as those who served. Verna was forever assisting others, she was a lovely lady. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all those who have lost loved ones.

This past summer Donnie and I had a very pleasant visit with Do-reen and Chuck Davey on their way through to Victoria. Also a new member to our midst, Duke and Isabel Bellis, welcome home

A visit by Al Tate in August to the Regiment at Moss Park Armoury, resulted in the replenishment of items for our kit shop. Thanks Al.

I also visited Toronto in late September. The visit proved to be a most rewarding and enjoyable one. The Commanding Officer, LCol Ed Rayment made me most welcome, this in turn established a sound communication dialogue between the Calgary Association and the Regiment. I also wish to thank the PMC Capt Dick Hilton for his kindness during my visit, not forgetting Sgt. Joe Smith for his assistance.

The annual Bar-B-Q held 19 September was well attended. It was nice to see Arlene and Al Haskins in from Edmonton, also many other comrades. To mention a few, Arnie and Jeanie Bat-tram, George and Pearl Gofenko, Homer and Marg Touchette, Verna Sornberger and Tom and Shea.

On Remembrance Day, Al Tate represented the Association in placing a wreath at the Cenotaph. It is well worth mentioning that Al's father served with the 19th Battalion (QOR of C) in the first world war and with the Regiment as a Sergeant in the Second World War, and of course Al carried on the tradition.

PERSONALITY

All too often one waits for an opportune time to express the sentiments towards a comrade but never quite sure when that



L-R(F): J. Frigt; A. Tate; K. Barrett; J. Hearn. L-R(B): R. Dunford; D. McCargar; A. Crump; J. Cresswell.

time is appropriate, so I am taking this occasion to speak of one, Jim Bulmer.

Jim was born in Dauphin, Manitoba in 1922. Only "he" can tell you where that is. His family saw the light and moved to Hamilton in 1930. He enlisted in the R.H.L.I. in September 1939, proceeded overseas in 1940, and later took part in the Dieppe operations 19 August 1942. In July 1944, Jim was wounded at VERRIERES RIDGE in NORMANDY. He returned to Belgium September 1944, was subsequently captured in Holland in October 1944, liberated in Hannover, Germany April 1945. That in itself is quite a story, but there is more. Jim re-enlisted in the 27th Brdg., 10 May 1951, served two tours in Germany (how well I remember) and in Korea.

In 1964 a rotten trick was played on Jim. He was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis and received a medical discharge in October 1965 with the rank of SSgt. He relocated back to Hamilton and undertook employment in car sales and Real Estate. Jim's situation worsened and he was forced to retire.

But Jim, being the person he is, has remained active in organizing Bingos and assisting with Legion activities. Just this past August, Jim had a mild heart attack but has once again bounced back.

Through all this one other person must be mentioned, Jim's wife, Marsha. She has been a great motivator with her constant encouragement, her compassion and inner strength. Jim, I know, is proud of her, as we all are. Well done Marsha and Jim.

I think I have just about run out of steam, about time you say! In closing, may I once again thank the committee for the excellent job they do, not to mention the many Riflemen that take a pace forward to assist. Thank you all. I should remind you at this time that our next function will be the Regimental Birthday 24 April 1988.

To all Riflemen from coast to coast, all the best for 1988.

**JOHN CRESSWELL
PRESIDENT**



CHILLIWACK ASSOCIATION

Due to Greta and I vacationing in Pheonix, Arizona for the month of April, no dinner was held in celebration of our Regimental Birthday this year.

On our arrival in Pheonix, the temperature was 100 degrees, 101 the second day and a mere 85 degrees the third — people were wearing sweaters!!

Ian Shantz; Dave Rickman; Bill Kowalchuck; Frank Laroix and Marc Gagne all work with me. Fred Dorman; Wes White and Jerry Kendall work across the road. Stu MacPherson is the new doorman at Branch #4 Legion in Vedder Crossing. Jim Schultz has moved from Winnipeg and now resides in Abbotsford. Jerry Smith and Ray Demuells work for a computer company in Vancouver. Neil (Crab) Reid paid a visit to Brother Tim. Nick Pope has returned to CFB Chilliwack and Dave Yendall is the Drug and Alcohol Officer for the base. Jerry Lund has taken over the Equipment Manager for the new Jr. 'A' Hockey Team (Eagles). Bill Kowalchuk paid a visit to his brother-in-law, Ken Cotton and he also met Keith

Coughlin and Brayshaw.

Skip Schomehorn was over for a visit and was welcomed by Ralph Ferris; Bill Demny; Tim Reid; Ed Bogan and myself. Also in for a visit was Reg Thomas and his wife Agnes and they got together with Tim & Lyl Reid, Keith & Barb McCarthy, Ed & Brigitte Bogan, Jerry & Dianne Smith, and Ralph Ferris — just like old times.

Greta and I attended a wedding in Harrison Hot Springs in July and for breakfast at an outdoor diner, there was Keith & Barb McCarthy, Ed & Brigitte Bogan, Gord & Donna Hryhorshyn, Doug and Gloria McLeod and, of course, ourselves. Lo and behold, who came along, walking his dog, none other than the famous Lew Wiseman. Needless to say a very happy reunion took place.

Don (Moose) MacDonald passed through Chilliwack and stopped off at Tim Reids.

Greta and I also attended the Royal Winnipeg Rifles (B.C. Branch) on 3 October, also attended by Major Frank Batterhill (retired) and Bob Duchairne.

All the very best to all riflemen wherever you may be.

Bob Foster

REPORT FROM "THE REGIMENTAL SHRINE"

Well, here we are at the end of yet another year! Where does the time go? It seems that as we get older, time slips by so much faster, and leaves us with so little of that precious commodity. So, I had best quit wasting it, and get this report done and off to the Editor by the deadline!

In addition to the Edmonton tornado, the stock market crash, the Canada - USA Free Trade Agreement, and the Super Power Summit; 1987 marks the end of another chapter in the Regimental archives. Yes, seventeen years after the demise of the Regular component of the Regiment; the last serving Regular Force member still wearing the badge, was retired. I speak of course, of Maj Ron Barker who plans to move to the West Coast next year to settle in White Rock. We look forward to adding Joyce & Ron to our list of regulars for the Regimental Birthday Bash activities!

In spite of Ron's retirement, NDHQ has yet another QOR of C badge in its midst, in the form of LCol Grahame Baskerville, who is currently on a callout at the HQ. Flaunt it "Grimy", flaunt it! (Or do you prefer your more recent handle, "Blinky"?) Speaking of callouts, Sandy Ligget of Ladysmith, advises that Bill is on callout at FMC HQ in St Hubert, PQ.

Visitors to The Shrine during the year, have included such notables as Cliff & Louise McPherson, and John & Maudie Doerksen all from Kelowna; Lyall (Foo) & "Percy" Hunter from Victoria; "Rapid Robert" & Doris Firlotte from Scarborough, Ontario; Betty Waldron, Mary Stout and Gord Hryhoryshen of Victoria; and all the way from N Delta, Bob & Franca Burns (Bob was Cpl in 2nd Bn and is now SSgt with Delta Police Force). Bob is also the Drum Major of the Delta Police Pipe Band, and on his cross belt worn with the highland regalia, is his QOR of C cap badge. A couple of proposed visits that didn't quite make it, were Charlie & Mary Park who

are apparently living in the Calgary area; and Pete & Claire Mitchell from Ottawa.

Phone calls during the year have included one from Oslo, Norway from Bill Minnis (now in Damascus, Syria), Ralph McDiarmid (now in Ottawa), and Wayne Dehnke, the sole survivor in the Northern Flank; the annual call from Al Collingwood in Brandon, Man; Lloyd Cornett from Seoul, Korea (he and Eleanor were over there on a Harbour Commission junket); Ivor Dancey from Lahr, W Germany; "Buck" Pacholzuk from Penticton; Dave Luxford of Calgary; Art Vanderford, Pat Wilson, and Laurie Johnson all of Victoria; and Grahame Baskerville from Ottawa.

Well, Ev and I finally made it over to Germany this past summer, and we had a super month long visit (mid June to mid July). We thoroughly enjoyed our time with Sandra, Brian, Tony, Nicholas & Ashley of course; and it was also nice to see so many old Regimental buddies who are still serving over there, such as; John & Joan Sharpe, Pierre Lalonde, John & Marilee Joly, Derek & Mitow Bamford, Jim & Sharon Allan and Jerry & Angela Jensen. Also, on a visit to the Sergeants' Mess with Brian, I encountered a few old familiar faces; Bob Stevens, Brian Anderson, Steve Kozlik, Tim Ogilvie, "Shake" Schaffel and Butch Thornhill. Yes, the Black Net is indeed alive and well in Deutschland! We regret that we did not get to see Ivor Dancey, nor did we have time to go see Ken & Lillian Radley in Brussels. The month was gone before we knew it, and we found ourselves climbing aboard our Wardair plane for our non-stop Frankfurt - Vancouver flight, which was as pleasant as our initial flight over.

Recent postings have seen the following Skirmishers return to the West coast; Dick & Eileen Cowling are now in Vancouver after many years absence in London, England. Dick is now Chief of Staff, Militia Area Pacific / CO RSS Pacific, and appears to be in good form. Peter & Shirley Mar-

cetta, and Tom & Mary Stout have all returned to Victoria from Ottawa.

Robbie Robinson is retired from the Red Cross now, (no more Count Dracula jokes!) and he & Brenda have become cruise enthusiasts. Robbie is also the President of the Vancouver USI which took him to the Vancouver Remembrance Day Service this year, leaving Lloyd & I to do a duo at our local Delta Service. The three of us normally don berets and medals on the 11th of Nov. and put on a display of the old style saluting!

Which leads me to the unhappy tidings of this report. During the year, we have lost two more of our stalwart comrades. Capt Mike Wood, in Langley from cancer in July; and LCol "Wild" Bill Matthews, who died very suddenly on his Gabriola Island property on 12 Dec. Both of these gentlemen are well remembered for their soldierly deeds, and they will be missed by all who came in contact with them. On behalf of the Regiment I salute each of them, and extend our sincere condolences to their families.

I recently had the good fortune of seeing Col Jack Lake who was on his way to Hong Kong to visit The Brigade of Gurkhas in his capacity as Honorary LCol. He unfortunately did not have time to visit the Shrine, but assured me that on his next trip out as Honorary Colonel, he would ensure that a visit to the Shrine would be on his agenda. I have just recently learned that Col Hank Elliot is replacing him as Honorary LCol. I extend sincere congratulations to both of these gentlemen; and to the new CO, LCol Ed Rayment. The Regiment is in good hands!

Also encountered another familiar face a few weeks ago. Cpl Bob Timms of 1st Bn Bugles fame, is now a member of the Sheriff's Dept of the Vancouver Small Claims Court.

The Mountain clan are all well; our fifth grandchild, Dana Lea made her debut on 04 May 87 and is a real cutie. Chris, Terry & Lara are all very proud of her. (As of course are her Grandpa-

rents!) Guy & Kelly bought a house in Surrey last Feb, and are now comfortably established in it. Linda went on a month long tour of Europe in Sept., then joined Sandra & family where she is currently living, and working on Base. She has a job offer in London which she is planning to accept in Feb. Sandra, Brian & family will rotate back to Canada with the Bn next summer, to Winnipeg. At the present time, the majority of our clan are in Germany (50% of children and 60% of our grandchildren!)

The annual Regimental Birthday Bash will be held here at The Shrine on Sat., 30 Apr. 88. Mark your calendar now, and plan to be here; the more, the merrier! We will look forward to seeing you.

In closing, I wish to, once again, extend my very sincere congratulations to the editorial staff for the continuing excellence of their work, in producing a first rate annual journal! Well done to all concerned!

Ev joins me in sending our very warm regards to all Skirmishers and your families, wherever you may be; and remember:

ONCE IN THE QUEEN'S OWN
ALWAYS IN THE QUEEN'S OWN!!

Maj. Bill Mountain

HEADQUARTERS THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS

There have been quite a few changes since the publication of our last newsletter: 2nd Battalion, 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles are now resident in Hong Kong having taken over from 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles who moved to England in April. Now that both Battalions of 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles are in Hong Kong we are lucky enough to have The Band of The Brigade of Gurkhas (2 KEO Gurkha Rifles) close at hand. Major General G D Johnson OBE MC became Major General Brigade of Gurkhas in August, and has since managed to visit 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles in Brunei as well as Head-

quarters British Gurkhas Nepal. Brigadier John Edwards left Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas in November and handed over the post of Brigadier Brigade of Gurkhas to Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis.

One of the most time-consuming subjects this year has been discussing the necessary changes for the future of the Brigade of Gurkhas post 1997: the options are now being studied by the Ministry of Defence. Within the Brigade every effort is being made to ensure that Gurkhas continue to prove that they could be well employed in a variety of arenas. Gurkhas are employed as far afield as Canada, Germany, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Exercises have been conducted in Fiji, Hawaii, New Zealand and Malaysia to name but a few. The year began with 6 members of QCE flying to the Cook Islands to assist in clearing the debris left behind by Cyclone Sally. Projects in exotic locations continued throughout the year: one such event was the participation of Pipes and Drums from 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles, The Queen's Gurkha Engineers and The Queen's Gurkha Signals in celebrations to mark Her Majesty The Queen of Thailand's birthday celebrations. International sporting

events have been well supported by members of the Brigade: Gurkhas have participated in the New York and London Marathons, and enjoyed success in Taekwando, swimming and football at National Level. Readers may well remember reading about the Queen's Gurkha Engineers' Trans-Canada relay run which raised nearly HK\$1 million for Benefactors such as the Gurkha Welfare Trust of Canada and The Gurkha Museum. This is the first major event to start a fund raising campaign for the Gurkha Museum which badly needs a new home. 1988 has already been designated as the year of the Gurkha Museum in order that sufficient finance can be obtained to re-house the Museum at Winchester in early 1989.

We were delighted to meet Colonel Lake when he passed through Hong Kong in July, and the bronze statuette he presented to Brigadier Edwards has pride of place in Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas. Another pleasant surprise was the award of the MBE to 2 members of the Brigade, and of the BEM to 1 other member in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

We wish all members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada a very successful 1988.

CAPTAIN P.F. WRIGHT WRAC



Enroute to Cook Is. (N.Z.) to help clean up after Cyclone Sally.

6TH QUEEN ELIZABETH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES NEWSLETTER

This season of mellow fruitfulness finds the Battalion in a remote area of South West Scotland about to participate in the largest amphibious exercise since World War II. The Hong Kong border, illegal immigrants and all our usual areas of interest could not be further from anyone's mind indicating just how much our lifestyle has changed since our arrival in U.K. seven months ago.

We are now part of 5 Airborne Brigade and back in Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Church Crookham which the old hands of the Battalion remember well. Life in the Army's only Airborne Brigade is never dull and the Brigade's maxim 'be prepared for the unexpected' has certainly been the way of things since our arrival. Our two major commitments in the summer were to run the Regular Army Skill at Arms Meeting at Bisley and also to carry out public duties at Windsor. The administrative headache of organizing Bisley was more than amply compensated by the success of our shooting team in winning the Major Units Championships. This they managed to do still armed with the SLR in competition with units already equipped with SA 80. We will, in fact, be getting SA 80 in December so hopefully this augurs well for Bisley 1988. Public Duties at Windsor went off well and apart from the now inevitable comments from perplexed American tourists about why Japanese should be guarding the Queen, was well received.

The rest of the year seems to have passed in a whirl of Battalion and Brigade exercises including the present one "Purple Warrior" to which half NATO and the Warsaw Pact seem to have been invited as observers.

Next year sees a change of command with Lt. Col. John Anderson handing over to Lt. Col. Duncan Briggs. It also sees the



Battalion deploy to Belize for a 6 month tour lasting from April to November.

Our best wishes to you all for 1988.

Major I.P. Bushell

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

Honorary Colonel - Major General K.R. Murray AO, OBE, RFD, ED QC. Commanding Officer - Lieutenant Colonel M.J. Neil RFD, QC.

On a personnel note 1987 has been a year of steady growth for the Regiment. Recruiting has risen our ARES strength to around 540 all ranks. There have been no major changes to the key appointments of SUR during 1987. The present CO, Lt. Col. Neil is due to leave in June 88 with his replacement to be Maj. Richard Verco, the current Regt. 2IC.

In the training field we have been concentrating on our primary role of producing all Corps officers for the Army Reserve. We have run our normal promotion and qualification courses in May, August and December with approximately twenty officers being produced during this current training period.

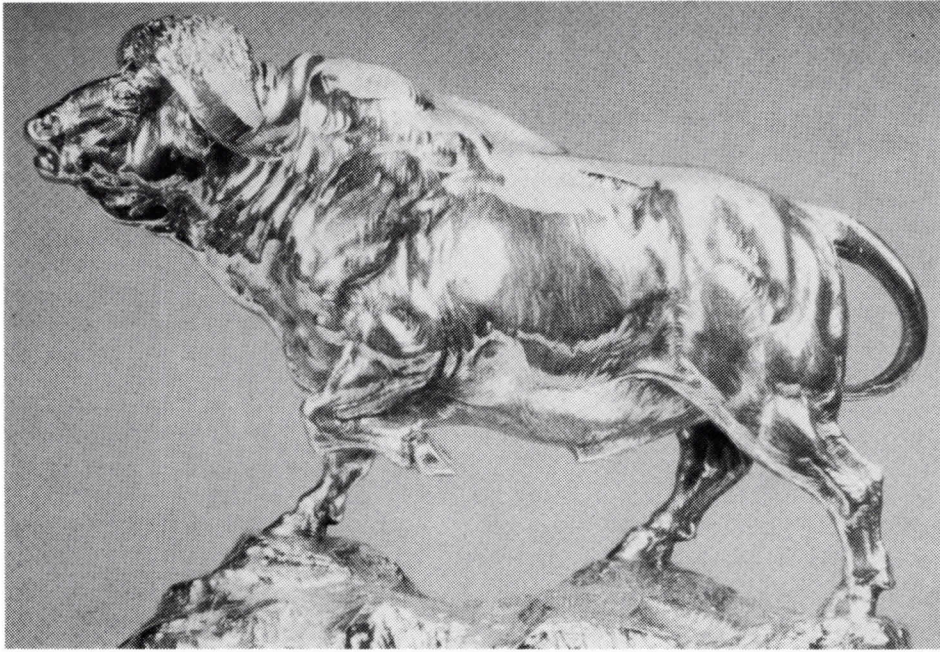
In January the Regt. deployed to Singleton in the Hunter Valley for its Annual Field Training. This was, once again, a four phase exercise with the first being four days of Infantry small

arms qualification and live fire defence shoots. Phase Two was to exercise defensive operations at Coy level and Phase Three was a Regimental Defence Exercise. The final phase involved advanced live firing ambush exercises plus armoured familiarization. In all we had 375 soldiers attend this AFT.

As a part of AFT, the Regiment had to select a section of soldiers to attend an overseas exchange exercise with the New Zealand Territorial Army in March. This selection was carried out and the section deployed to the 'Land of the Long White Cloud' for the exercise. The soldiers involved benefited greatly from this training experience and enjoyed greatly their period across the Tasman.

The last half of 87 has been spent in preparation for our Annual Field Exercise to be held in January of 88. The Regiment is to exercise Offensive Operations in a Light Scale Mode. The exercise is to be held in a training area called the Pilliga State Forest, a forest about 70 km by 50 km in Central New South Wales. The exercise will be basically foot mounted advance to contact.

The exercise will be very demanding both physically and mentally for our young soldiers. January is of course our hottest time of year and we are expecting high ground temperatures with all the associated water and reptile problems. The Regt. looks forward to this exercise with en-



thusiasm. We will also have armoured support from 12/16 Hunter River Lancers again for this exercise.

We have also throughout the year undertaken our normal series of Officer/NCO Teuts and Company training periods and weekends.

All in all 1987 has, as we have said, been a year of steady growth and the Regiment is now looking on to '88 with anticipation. Although, as we have indicated, there have been no major key position changes in '87, the Regular Army Cadre staff will change greatly in '88. The Adjutant Capt. M.J. Moon will be replaced by Capt. M. Stevens, the Quarter Master WO1 J. Caporn will be replaced by WO1 J. Harwood and most of our training warrant officers and our RQMS are to be posted and replaced.

Finally, we would like to take this time to wish your Regiment all the best for Christmas and the New Year and good soldiering in 1988.

Captain M.J. Moon

THE KENYA REGIMENT and THE KING'S AFRICAN RIFLES

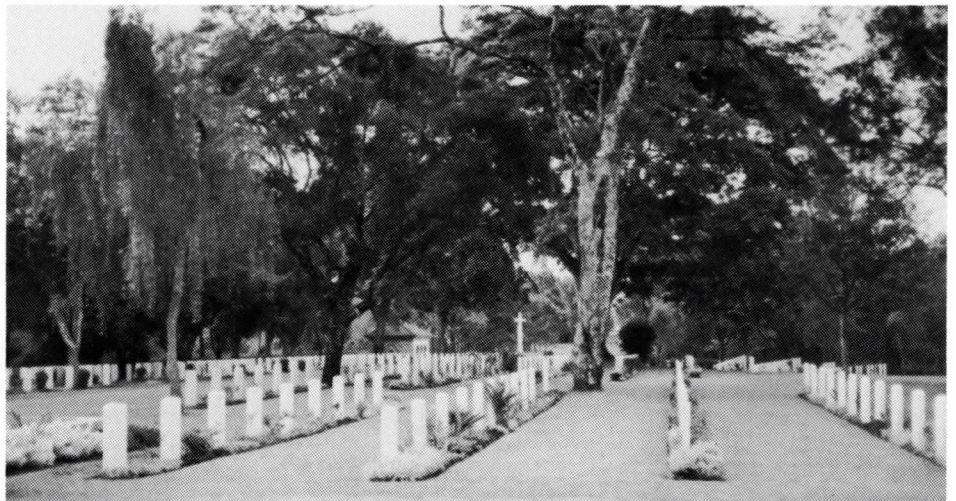
Formed in 1937, disbanded in 1963, the Kenya Regiment paraded for the last time on 12 May

1963 before laying up its colours in All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi — reduced to nil strength as an economy measure.

Although no battle honours are emblazoned on the colours, men of the Kenya Regiment saw service on many battle fronts in the Second World War and later in the Kenyan Emergency. In World War II, while most became leaders in The King's African Rifles battalions in Abyssinia and wherever else they served, the regiment sent more than 1,500 commissioned from its ranks to serve with the British Army in the Middle East, Italy, North-West Europe and South-East Asia and like many Canadian Militia units allowed transfers to the Navy and Air Force. Of the 7,000 men who served in the Reg-

iment during its existence, during World War II 3,500 men from Kenya, Tanganyika (Tanzania), Uganda, The Rhodesias (Zimbabwe), Nyasaland (Malawi), South Africa, The Congo and even Brazil were trained under the Kenya Regiment badge. In addition, the East African Light Battery, the Auxiliary Air Unit and the Reconnaissance Squadron which so distinguished itself during the Abyssinian campaign, were "thrown-off" to develop their own identities.

In 1937 the colours were non-existent. Not until 1939, when World War II was imminent, was an appeal launched to purchase colours for the Regiment. £140 was raised by the appeal, the balance being provided by the officers. The designs for the colours — the Queen's Colour consisting of the Union Jack embroidered with



the Regiment's name and battalion cypher — the Regimental Colour of St. George's Cross with the Regimental crest of a charging buffalo in gold thread superimposed and surrounded by a garland of roses, thistles and shamrock — were given approval for presentation by King George VI in 1940. Unfortunately, the colours arrived in Kenya when most officers and men of the Regiment were on active service. It was thus impracticable for them to be consecrated and presented until after the war. It was not until November 1950 that this ceremony took place.

While many honours and decorations were awarded to those who served in the Regiment the most illustrious is the Victoria Cross awarded to Sgt. N.G. Leakey, Kenya Regiment, serving with 1st/6th The King's African Rifles. Sgt. Leakey who was born in Kenya in 1913 was a member of the famous Leakey family of anthropologists.

He won his VC on 19 May 1941 at Colito, Abyssinia. The citation reads in part "In company with an African CSM and two other Askaris, he proceeded to stalk these tanks. The first two tanks passed, but Sgt. Leakey managed to jump on to the third tank and opened the turret and killed one of the crew before the fourth opened fire with a machine gun and shot him off the tank." "The superb courage and magnificent fighting spirit which Sgt. Leakey displayed, facing almost certain death, was an incentive to the troops who fought on with inspiration after witnessing the gallantry of this N.C.O.'s remarkable feat, and succeeded in retaining their position in face of considerable odds."

When the Regiment was formed, initial assistance was provided by the Coldstream Guards but later affiliation was with the Green Jackets. This affiliation between the 2nd Green Jackets, The King's Royal Rifle Corps was officially recognized in June 1956 when Queen Elizabeth II gave official approval to the alliance of the two regiments. To signify this alliance the

Kenya Regiment adopted the green beret and green patrol uniforms and all Green Jackets serving with the Kenya Regiment wore the lanyard of the Regiment.

The badge of the Regiment, a charging African buffalo was taken from the memorial to one of the greatest African hunters, the late Mr. F.C. Selous, for whom the Selous Scouts were also named. The charging African buffalo was also cast in silver and took pride of place at regimental functions. It is now in the safe keeping of the Royal Green Jackets.

The Kenya Regiment still lives in the hearts and minds of those who served. It is perpetuated by the Kenya Regiment Association, still going strong in Nairobi. I'm pleased to be an Honorary Member.

Major K. Bowles C.D.
Nairobi, Kenya

THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT

1987 has been an eventful year for The Queen's Regiment. The new Regimental Museum was opened in Dover Castle in May and was visited by HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, in her capacity of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, in July. Also that month the Regiment provided our Quebec Band and a Guard of Honour for HRH Princess Margaret when she opened the Tynwald Parliament on the Isle of Man, while the following week HRH The Duke of Kent officially opened the Territorial Army Centre at St. John's Hill for our new Volunteer Battalion.

Previously the Regiment had received the Freedom of the Borough of Ashford as one of a program of Freedom Parades, in June, which also included the London Borough of Barnet and the City of Chichester. In September the Regiment exercised the Freedom of the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, in October of the Borough of Worthing, and in November the Volunteer Band and a contingent marched in the Lord Mayor's Show in the



Lord Lieutenant of Kent presenting the Wilkinson Sword of Peace to Lt. Col. Bob McGhie, C.O. - 3rd Btn.

City of London. The Regiment takes great pride in its 19 Civic Honours which do much to foster its relationship with the local authorities and people in the Regimental area.

The Regiment was delighted to hear earlier this year that the 3rd Battalion had been awarded the Wilkinson Sword of Peace for its work in 1986 for the civilian community in Belize. The Sword of Peace was presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Kent at a parade in Canterbury in September. Another sword had been won in April by Officer Cadet Andrew Mallon who was awarded the Sword of Honour at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst and subsequently commissioned into the Regiment.

Meanwhile the six battalions have been heavily committed in operational and training roles. Both the 1st and 3rd Battalions have carried out a four month tour of duty in Northern Ireland and then returned to their barracks in Tidworth and Canterbury respectively. The 2nd Battalion, based in Minden, West Germany, exercised at the British Army Training Unit, Suffield, in Canada in August. The two senior Volunteer Battalions had busy programs as usual and achieved several successes during the year while the new 8th (Volun-

THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT



HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, visits Regiments Museum, Dover Castle.



HRH Princess Margaret inspects Guard of Honour - 6th/7th (Volunteer) Btn.



2nd Battalion training at Suffield, Canada - Aug. '87.



Freedom Parade in the City of Chichester.

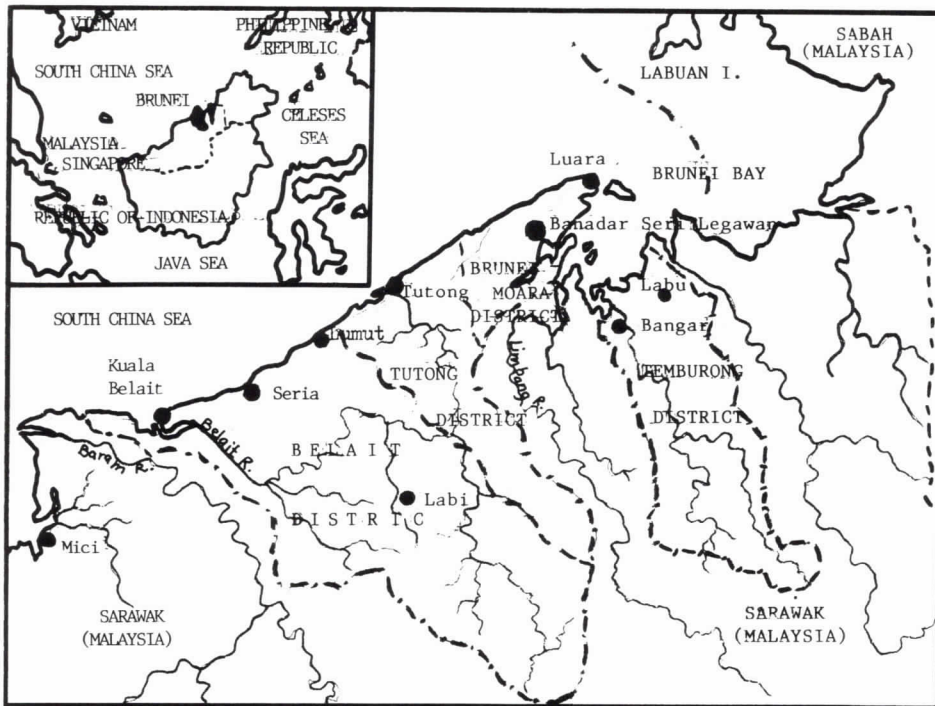
teer) Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London) is now well established and recruiting hard in London.

Many other events and activities — such as the Regimental

Grand Reunion in July and our Free Fall Team 'The Flying Dragons' — could be mentioned, but space is limited. Suffice it to say that The Queen's Regiment has enjoyed a most successful and

eventful year and looks forward to the future with confidence. We wish all ranks in our Allied Regiment, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, all the very best in 1988.

Lt. Col. J.J. White



7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES

1987 started well for the Regiment and we have continued to prosper in mind and body during the past year in Brunei's pleasant climate and calmer atmosphere. Regimentally we were delighted by the news in the New Year's Honours List of the awards of the OBE and MBE to Lieutenant Colonel W J Dawson and Major (QGO) Kaluman Rai respectively. With Hong Kong and higher headquarters now 2000 miles away - some might say not far enough - we have been able to concentrate on maintaining high professional standards in the field and in administration in barracks.

The task given to the Battalion by Brigadier R A Pett MBE, Commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, was to be by the end of the year the best jungle trained unit in the British Army. If time spent in the 'ulu' was the only criterion of efficiency then we would have no fear of not achieving our objective. From early January until mid June the rifle companies have spent an average of two weeks in every five under the canopy in the Labi

training area with occasional forays onto the jungle ranges near Lumut or in assault craft on the Belait and Tutong rivers. A number of exercises from Hong Kong to Brunei, Malaysia and New Guinea since our last tour in the Sultanate had kept alive our jungle skills and drills but regular training in this demanding environment is necessary to perfect them and develop to a high standard the fundamental tactics of patrolling, ambushing, the close recce and assault of an enemy camp. At the end of April company training was put to the test in a well conceived exercise designed by the Training Officer, Captain M W L Theobald R IRISH. Patrol bases, platoon ambushes and an attack on a defended enemy base, manned by the redoubtable Pipes and Drums Platoon, were all watched by the eagle eyes of directing staff to the occasional discomfiture of some commanders. Details of exercise play were a well kept secret and an unpleasant surprise was in store for those who thought that the exercise had ended with the arrival of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces' helicopters. Not so, for companies were dropped on the south side of the Belait river which was in spate and tole to make their

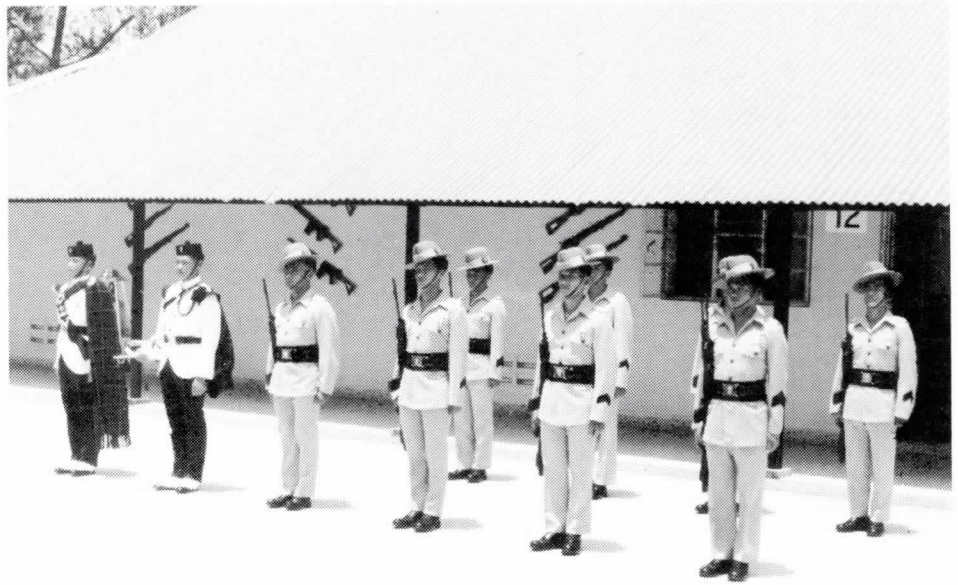
way across with a little help, of course, from the Assault Pioneer Platoon. A number of soldiers must have wished that they had not used their Australian sleeping kit lilo to sleep on but instead had slept rough and saved it for the buoyancy which it could not now give having been holed by thorns. None was more anxious than OC Support Company Major D G Hayes who was responsible for the safety of the crossing. All the safety instructions in AGAIs and as many boats as one can muster may not save the man who loses his grip and panics. From the river crossing safely completed and for the last night of the exercise companies went straight into an ambush of an old Kampong house and spent an uncomfortable ten hours skulking under bushes whilst providing feast for a variety of insects - a situation that would be very familiar to some older readers. It was with much confidence and credit that the men returned to camp after their efforts.

In the meantime Battalion Headquarters had not been idle and a number of CPXs were carried out to shake off the cobwebs which are spun during a three and a half year tour in Hong Kong 'POLMIL'. A plethora of visitors - the Brunei Syndrome - has also kept the headquarters staff busy. A total of 80 officers have visited the garrison and battalion. Distinguished guests include: the outgoing Major General Brigade of Gurkhas, Major General T A Boam CB CBE; the Secretary of State of Defence the Right Honourable George Younger MP; Brigadier Brigade of Gurkhas, Brigadier J H Edwards; Commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, Brigadier R A Pett MBE; the Deputy Commander British Forces Hong Kong, Brigadier I A Christie CBE MC; the Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse GCB GBE; and, latterly, our new Major General Brigade of Gurkhas and Commander British Forces Hong Kong, Major General G D Johnson OBE MC. We have also been very pleased to see on a number of occasions His Excellency Mr.

Roger Westbrook, the British High Commissioner to Brunei, who has taken a keen interest in our activities.

At the beginning of June, Battalion Headquarters led the way back into the jungle as we had a first go at combining the concurrent operations of all the elements of the Battalion spread over a wide area. Most amusing event of the exercise was the destruction in an ambush by B Company, commanded by Captain (QGO) Chambahadur Rai, of an enemy platoon complete with the helicopter resupplying it, an object lesson perhaps in securing one's LP even if you think you know the 'Pink'! Result - a hungry enemy. For the final phase the Mortar Platoon, under command of Lieutenant T D P O'Leary, were flown forward to LPs to provide fire support during a series of strikes at enemy bases. With medium lift helicopter support somewhat curtailed because of Ramadan, C Company were obliged to manpack forward the simulated rounds of mortar ammunition. Meanwhile the Anti Tank Platoon under Lieutenant C W Hillis RHF were taking part in Exercise BLUE FLYER 1987, the antitank concentration for 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade units which was head jointly with Australian and New Zealand armies at the Buckabunyal training area in Victoria, Australia. Despite the cold weather the platoon enjoyed a well run, demanding and instructive exercise and the presence of real tanks as the enemy - Australian Leopard IIs - was a much appreciated change from mute, motionless hessian screens.

Our isolation in Brunei, served as we are only fortnightly by a military charter flight to Hong Kong, has meant that we have not fully participated in sporting events with British Forces in Hong Kong. However, the Nepal Cup football team, unsuccessful against ½ GR in the first round, and the Shooting Team led by Captain (QGO) Jagandhoj Limbu, with more success - second place in the Hong Kong Skill at Arms Meeting, did get away. The



Shooting Team went on to Bisley and their 11th place with a relatively young and inexperienced team out of 38 competing major units was a satisfactory result. The Tae Kwon Do team proved to be our most successful team winning the British Forces Major Units Championship in Hong Kong. Nonetheless there have been many sporting opportunities in Brunei and a full range of events have been completed for in the champion company sports competition, less of course the Khud Race! Fixtures have been played with visiting exercise troops, against a number of local sides and our hockey teams steered by Captain C Douglas RAEC have been particularly successful. Runners from A Company led by Rifleman Aitabhadur nearly swept the board in the Brunei Marathon.

The Queen's Birthday Honours List brought more very good news and we congratulate Major (QM) G B Watkins on the award of the MBE for service with the Light Infantry and Colour Sergeant Siva Limbu on the award of the BEM for service with the Second Battalion. This year has also seen the award of LS and GC medals to 10 of our Warrant Officers and Senior Non

Commissioned Officers and 12 new Queen's Gurkha Officers have been commissioned. 52 Gurkha officers and men have proceeded on pension but we have welcomed in their place 33 reinforcements from the Training Depot including our champion recruit 21167722 Rfn. Tejprasad Limbu, whose father served with 1/11 GR in the Indian Army and grandfather served with 2/7 GR in the Second World War.

All ranks enjoyed a fortnight's (two weeks) break in late June before we settled into a very full programme of cadres and community relations projects. The Senior Leaders Cadre to select our future sergeants was organised by Major L A Holley and supported by A Company whilst the 1982 galla of riflemen strove to prove themselves as potential junior non commissioned officers on a cadre coordinated by Major D R d'A Willis supported by D Company.

We have maintained the tradition of holding a Gurkha fair both to raise money for the Regiment and to foster good relations with the local community. Although it was a chore for Major R Walker Queens and his C Company who built it, the fair does help to offset the costs of Dasher and despite -

or perhaps because of - the rather amateurish stalls and competitions it is remarkably popular with the local people. For various age groups of children both from the Army and Brunei Shell Petroleum and for some of their parents too Major C B Spencer and B Company organised a three day jungle safari. Navigation, survival and the cooking of 'compo' rations were part of the course and this year's adventurers had to rough it. For an even more exclusive group invited from all over the state we have held two large cocktail parties followed by Beating Retreat. On the second occasion we combined our Pipes and Drums with those of the Second Battalion Royal Brunei Armed Forces to produce a very good display. The present British Officers' Mess has none of the architectural style of the old Istana Mess but its position adjacent to the beach creates an attractive and pleasantly cool setting for such events.

In early September we were back on the jungle south of Tutong. As part of the brigade commander's formal visit to us Exercise JUNGLE SABRE was set to practice all elements of the Battalion working in cooperation with supporting arms. Invaluable assistance was given by E Company from the Second Battalion Royal Brunei Armed Forces who played enemy alongside our own D Company. The first few days were spent on company level ambushes placed along an imaginary national border whilst reconnaissance patrols probed to find the location of an enemy camp. This had been prepared some weeks earlier by a troop from the Queen's Gurkha Engineers on exercise in Brunei from Hong Kong. The camp was built to include bunkers, trenches and a tunnel system. D Company occupied the camp and completed the defences with an obstacle belt of fences, panjis, rattan creeper and barbed wire, topped off with cunningly concealed foxholes booby traps and trap doors placed underneath latrine areas. A collection of assorted weapons was hidden in the tunnels.



The emphasis of the exercise attack was to be on realism with time no object. After a build up which included helicopter gunship sorties and simulated artillery fire against the camp the assault companies flew into a nearby LS in Royal Brunei Armed Forces Bell helicopters. Our direct support artillery battery came, less guns, from a Royal Artillery officer on secondment to the Royal Brunei Armed Forces. The MT Platoon and other elements of Headquarter Company were formed into a sub-unit of stretcher bearers and were soon busy. The ambulance driver having started late rushed a little too far forward in his attempts to catch up. Outstripping the leading troops advancing on the enemy base he was 'blown up' on a mine and ruled out of the exercise by the umpires. A further seventy casualties were awarded during the course of the ten hour battle to capture the camp which left everyone, attackers and defenders alike, dirty, weary, hungry and thirsty and with just an inkling of a feel for the real thing. Contact was resumed the following day with pursuit operations

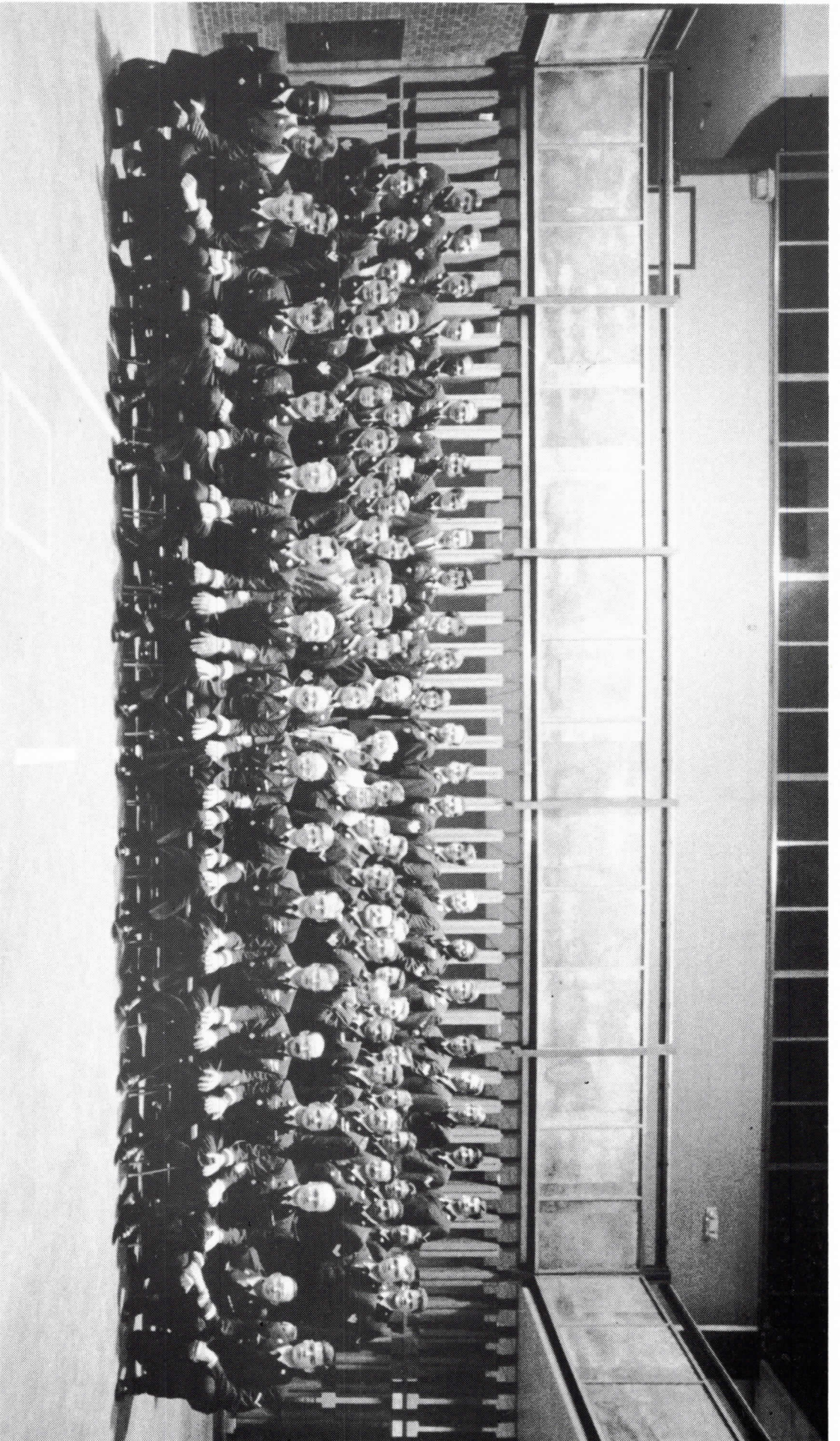
against the withdrawing enemy whilst the Assault Pioneers combed through the camp and ferreted down tunnel systems. It was a good climax to jungle training for the year and we received much praise from the brigade commander.

October and November were administrative periods which included the Dashera and Diwali festivals. We also played off the remaining Champion Company events in a very closely fought competition. The Mortar Platoon went to Hong Kong for the annual concentration whilst our medium machine gunners got into shape for the forthcoming GPMG (SF) exercise in Hong Kong. The rifle companies deployed to the Binturan training area for field firing exercises at the beginning of December and as this newsletter ends a tropical Christmas is once more upon us. It is extraordinary how quickly the year has passed by and it is with some alarm that one realises that when next this newsletter is printed we will be back in Hong Kong. We must make the most of the next 12 months.

MAJ. D.R. d'A. WILLIS
SECOND-IN-COMMAND

As we had space — a collage of 4 (CMBG) - Canadian Forces Base Lahr, Germany - Courtesy of your Managing Editor!





FRONT ROW - L-R: Rtn. Lennon (kneeling); Rtn. Lowry (kneeling); Capt. Walsh, WO Bamlett, Capt. Paddon; Maj. Flood; CWO Budden; LCol. Rayment; CWO Tuffin; Capt. McEachern; WO Sarossy; Capt. Brand; MWO Figa, Capt. Simundson; CWO McCabe (DSM); Capt. Lyne, Rtn. Morgan.

SECOND ROW - L-R: Cpl. Blom; 2Lt. Bryce; MCpl. Saunders DD; Cpl. Gray; Rtn. Veltri; Sgt. Smyth; MCpl. Rouxel; MCpl. Saunders DD; Cpl. Gray; Rtn. Veltri; Rtn. Tsangamkis; Cpl. Polinelli; Sgt. Tindall; Rtn. Saul; Rtn. Tsang; Rtn. Galliford; Rtn. Logie; MCpl. Galea; Rtn. Van Loon; Rtn. Arkley; Rtn. Gracey; Rtn. Harrison; WO Bludd (RSS); Sgt. Warford (UAA); Cpl. Campbell; MCpl. Quinn.

THIRD ROW - L-R: Sgt. O'Connor; Rtn. Larsen; WO Senetchko; Rtn. Skinner; Rtn. Dold; Rtn. Owen; Cpl. Sherman; 2Lt. Hasek; Cpl. Gray; Rtn. Nolan; Rtn. Good; Rtn. Runowski; Sgt. Jarvis; Cpl. Micks; Rtn. Clark; Rtn. Yang; Sgt. Smith; Cpl. Bildy; 2Lt. Donald; Rtn. Anastas; Rtn. Furlotte; Rtn. Kuligowicz; Capt. Lomasney; Cpl. French; Rtn. Kenchington. **BACK ROW - L-R:** MCpl. Copeland; MCpl. Volpert; MCpl. Roper; Rtn. Wilson; Sgt. Parris; Lt. Fotheringham; Cpl. Rodriguez; Lt. Clower; Rtn. Rainforth; Cpl. Celerio; Pte. White; Sgt. Kelly; Lt. Vaughan; Capt. Johnson; Rtn. Straw; Sgt. Scott; Lt. Welsh; Lt. Croxall; Cpl. Burrell; Rtn. Larsen; Cpl. Currie; Rtn. Ashbourne; Rtn. Small; Cpl. Thomson; Rtn. Czulinski.

