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## EDITORIAL

This year it is my privilege to be editor of your journal 'The Rifleman'. Having been involved with the journal since its inception six years ago, I feel this is truly an honour but by no means an easy task considering the outstanding performance of our past Editors.

I would like to start this editorial by introducing myself and a brief synopsis as to how I became involved with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

As personal secretary to Captain Adam Hermant, who shortly after my employment in 1973 was appointed Adjutant of the Battalion, I was 'volunteered' to assist him with a great amount of the Battalion administration, from the course of which I learned a great deal of military procedures, but more importantly I became immersed in the history of your Regiment.

Six years ago, Captain Hermant undertook to create a Regimental Journal 'The Rifleman', the first chronicle of your Regiment in ten years following The Powder Horn. Previously he and I had cooperatively produced several copies of The Big 2 Newsletter, which I am sure you will recall, and I have been pleased and privileged to have worked with him and the past Editors, Lieutenant George McNeillie, Captain Scott Ferguson and most recently, Lieutenant Colonel W.T. Barnard. If these gentlemen can be termed 'The Founding Fathers' of 'The Rifleman', then I certainly feel I am the 'midwife and wet nurse'.

Many of you will know that three afternoons a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I can be reached at our new Regimental Headquarters, 100 Adelaide Street West, Ste 405, Toronto (416) 362-3946, which is our Regimental resource centre providing ongoing communications with the Regimental Family.

From the response of past years, I know what this journal means to you all. This year I am pleased to say that this is the first time we have had so many important events occur in one training year; the Change of Command from Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Barnard to Lieutenant Colonel B.G. Baskerville; followed by D-Day Plus Forty; a contingent of the Pioneers & Skirmishers visit to the United Kingdom to participate in the Royal Green Jackets 'Tattoo Week'; plus the numerous activities of the Battalion and our Regimental



Family throughout Canada and overseas. In any publication there has to be a commencement and, of course, a final closing date and to those who were hoping to read of the Change of Honorary Colonel, I am sorry to say you will have to wait until the next issue of 'The Rifleman', as this important event took place in October, after our closing deadline.

In closing I regret that due to heavy training commitments of the Battalion, we were not able to produce this journal in September or early October as planned, however, as James M. Barrie once said, "God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December."

JOYCE F. REDDIN  
EDITOR

## THE RIFLEMAN JOURNAL 1985

**To ensure early publication next year, all articles and photographs must be received no later than Friday, 6 September, 1984. There will be no extensions beyond this date.**

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY COLONEL

This is my last report as Honorary Colonel as I will be turning my appointment over to Brigadier Neil Gordon in October, 1984.

I sincerely hope my efforts have assisted in strengthening the Regiment, highlighted by The Queen's Own being given a task by Mobile Command and the committing of the Regiment to an airborne role.

I would like to thank the four Commanding Officers who have served with me; namely, Messrs. Power, Wilson, Barnard and recently Baskerville, and also for the two Honoraries, Lieutenant Colonel B. Danson and Lieutenant Colonel J.F. Lake for their help and considerable contributions to our Regiment. Last, but not least, my thanks to all ranks who have made my nine years as Honorary Colonel so interesting and rewarding.

I would like to wish every success to our new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Grahame Baskerville, and although we have worked together for a very short while, I am positive that Grahame will do an outstanding job of commanding The Queen's Own.

I would also like to think that if I can be of any further assistance, the Honoraries and the Commanding Officer would call on me from time to time to help strengthen our Regiment, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

*COLONEL H.E. DALTON*

## REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIEUTENANT- COLONEL

In October, 1983, I had the honour to participate with the Regiment at the formal opening of the new Q.O.R. Legion Building. Also in October, along with the Adjutant, Lieutenant Neville White, RSM Harry McCabe, Captain Erik Simundson and Lieutenant Tony Welsh, I had the pleasure of representing the Regiment in Winnipeg at the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. The large audience certainly appreciated the display put on by the Pioneers and Skirmishers and we are grateful for the outstanding hospitality shown us by Lieutenant Colonel



Ron Wherry and our fellow riflemen of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

From the 18 to 20 November, 1983, I attended the Conference of Honorary Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels in Ottawa. This Conference draws together all honoraries from across Canada, at which time they meet with the Heads of Service of the Army and discuss problems and recommend various actions which should be taken to increase the effectiveness of Canada's Armed Forces.

On 29 April, 1984, a new era began for the Regiment. After long and faithful ser-

vice, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Barnard handed over command to Lieutenant Colonel Grahame Baskerville. Few people have worked as hard as Bill Barnard in the performance of his duties. I am sure that Lieutenant Colonel Grahame Baskerville will receive the same support from the present and past members of the Regiment that was given to Bill Barnard during his command. As usual, the Regiment is in good hands.

*LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
J.F. LAKE*

## REPORT FROM THE PAST COMMANDING OFFICER

Having recently retired, I fully expected my rather modest literary career in *The Rifleman* had ended along with my active service with the Regiment. Our Editor however, had other ideas and promptly disabused me of any notions I entertained about 'getting away with it' this year.

While it is once more into the breach, the tasking is somewhat different in that Grahame Baskerville will be giving us all the news that's fit to print on the Battalions past activities. This left a bit of a quandry as to what to write, but as we all know, a good rifleman should be a self-starter, possessing intelligence, initiative and wit. Shall we try for at least two out of four?

A year like this with a Change of Command, is a year of change, if nothing else and 1983/84 was no exception. By now the 'new management' should be well settled in and proceeding a pace. Accordingly I thought a few jottings on the new line up would be in order.

We were most fortunate to entice a man of Grahame Baskerville's calibre away from Ottawa to return to active service with the Regiment. For those of you who have not met him, Grahame was a rifleman from day one who saw a great variety of service with the regular battalions and throughout the service. He also went to a great deal of effort to get a new job in Toronto, and I feel confident in turning over the reigns to a man with Grahame's

experience and ability.

Also changed this year was the DCO's position. Tony Schultz finally succumbed to the trials of commuting between Waterloo and Toronto twice a week, and transferred to the Supplementary List. Tony came on board a couple of years ago to help out when the lack of a DCO was becoming critical and I for one am most grateful for his assistance. Replacing Tony is John Hasek, a former OC 60th Coy. John is another ex-regular who joined the Regiment with the express idea of working with the 60th and the Airborne Platoon. John and Grahame should make quite a one, two combination as CO and DCO.

Last fall we also bade farewell to our Director of Music, George Gresham. Many people may not be aware that for the past few years George continued in his position gratis, as he had passed his compulsory retirement age and was released from the service officially. As we had no immediate replacement, George continued to fulfil his duties until we could locate a suitable replacement. Finally we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Steve Irwin to take over where George left off. In addition to being well qualified musically, Steve is also a qualified Captain, Infantry having previously served with the Royal Regiment of Canada. It looks like we again go from strength to strength.

It has not happened, as yet (the wheels of bureaucracy grind slow, etc.) but sometime this fall, Elliot Dalton will be retiring as Honorary Colonel and Neil Gordon has

agreed to accept the 'demotion' from Brigadier to Honorary Colonel. I can't say enough about the enthusiasm, optimism and support we've received from Elliot Dalton over the last nine years, but suffice it to say "thank you for a job well done." I am also pleased to see a man of Neil Gordon's stature appointed to the job and wish him the best of luck.

At the same time some of the senior players are staying on to lend continuity to the mix. Both Jack Lake and Harry McCabe have agreed to extensions as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel and R.S.M. respectively. As Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Jack Lake has been a tireless supporter of the Regiment and has been unflinching when asked to perform yet another duty on our behalf. As C.O. I also valued his wise counsel and tart insights. There is no doubt that when it comes to the Regiment, Harry McCabe need only to be asked and he'll be there. I have also appreciated Harry's wholehearted support and thank him, not only for that, but also for his agreeing to an extension of his tour of duty.

I suppose all the ebb and flow of personnel within the Battalion goes to prove, that it is not a static group of people but rather an entity that outlasts us all in the final analysis. It is also that ever changing group of people that give the Battalion its character and personality.

When I was first asked to contribute an article, I had thought about doing a thank you piece to all those who have been so helpful over the last three years. That idea is a potential minefield for the simple reason that there are so many to whom I am grateful, that with my notoriously bad memory, there would surely be significant omissions. Suffice it to say I received a great deal of help, assistance and encouragement for which I am most thankful. If it wasn't all used, just chalk that up to a C.O. who is too thick to recognize a good idea when it is sitting right in front of him.

It was certainly an interesting tour of command with more than a fair share of high spots and only enough set backs and frustrations to keep one's feet firmly on the ground. What I will miss most of all is the people I served with, but 'Once In The Queen's Own, Always In The Queen's Own.'

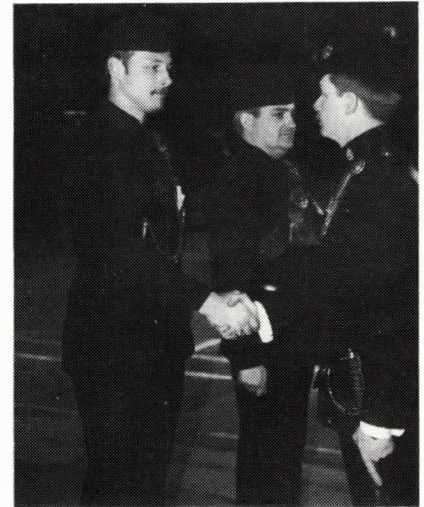
LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
W.J. BARNARD



## CHANGE OF COMMAND

A Change of Command took place on Sunday, 29 April, 1984, at Moss Park Armoury, Toronto, from Lieutenant Colonel W.J. Barnard, CD to Lieutenant Colonel B.G. Baskerville, CD in the presence of Colonel N. Hall, CD, Commander Toronto Militia District.

*Last official function by LCol. W.J. Barnard, CD was the presentation of the Canadian Decoration (CD) to Sgt. A. Sarossy and WO R. Dunk.*





*LCol. B.G. Baskerville, CD receives Commanding Officer's sword from Col. N. Hall, CD, Commander, T.M.D.*

*Farewell March Past to LCol. W. Barnard, CD.*

*LCol. J.G.B. Strathy, LCol. G. Knopf (709 Comm. Regt.) and LCol. B.G. Baskerville.*

*Bugle Maj. S. Byatt, Capt. F. Burroughs and LCol. B.G. Baskerville.*

*Editorial staff congratulate LCol. B.G. Baskerville.*



## REPORT FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

This is my first report as Commanding Officer and as an ex regular member of the regiment, it gives me particular pleasure to be reporting on the best militia unit in Canada. I will use this opportunity to share with you my still fresh impressions of the things which make militia soldiering so different and in many ways so much more difficult than the regular force variety.

The regiment is one of three in Canada which was tasked to provide one airborne platoon to augment the Canadian Airborne Regiment. This tasking has been met and reflecting our ability to respond quickly has now been increased to two platoons and a company headquarters. This additional increment is to be operational by December of 1985.

Hidden in this seemingly simple task are extraordinary obstacles. To train an infantry soldier to the standards of a paratrooper capable of taking his place among the regular members of the Airborne Regiment takes a minimum of two solid years of weekends, holidays and weekday evenings. In practice it can take much longer. There are very few people who can spare so much time for part time soldiering. At the moment in Canada there is no legislation that encourages militia training. The very great majority of firms do not give extra time off for service, nor do crown corporations or provincial and municipal governments. Even the federal public service is not obligated to make allowances for militia training. This means that the greatest percentage of people who become airborne militiamen are students, but educational institutions do not make any allowances either, nor is there any co-ordination between the military and the educators. Thus even the students have to cut corners to get sufficient jumps to stay current or to participate in the Regular Force Exercise which is obligatory for full fledged status of paratrooper. This means that inevitably there is a turn over of those who simply must allow their civilian careers to finally take precedence as the reserve soldier in Canada, unlike his counterpart in the USA and elsewhere, has no provision for participation in a pension scheme or other long term financial security.



There are those who manage to live entirely off militia service. They can do this by getting jobs in support positions such as drivers or clerks or by volunteering for the toughest airborne courses and exercises. It is the latter who are the backbone contingent of the regiment. They are among the most highly trained soldiers in Canada, regular or reserve, but their only thanks is the label of 'milita bum'. Never-

theless, if it were not for them there is no way in which we could fulfill the operational taskings. My thanks, as well as to all those who understand the system, must go to them. Until legislation regularizes their position, we must do more than offer our thanks, it must become a priority of all members of the Black Net to think of ways to help. This can be done by finding some sort of flexible employment which



will permit our soldiers to continue their valuable service to the regiment and the country and still maintain their competitive edge in the civilian economy.

On October 3, 1983, Colonel Elliot Dalton handed over his duties as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment to that other distinguished rifleman, Brigadier General J. Neil Gordon. This marks another milestone in the continuing record of service by Colonel Ellie to the Regiment. I and all members of the regiment extend our thanks for his excellent support. This, of course, does not end his service, for in his typical manner, he has volunteered to head a steering committee into a most vital task of the eighties. Namely how can we give the support to the regular army which it so desperately needs, without sacrificing the future of our best young soldiers. The committee will look at liaising with those industries which need a flexible but disciplined work force as well as at the possibility of organizing some form of cooperative housing in the vicinity of the armouries for some of those who live far away or in unfavourable circumstances.

During the past summer the majority of the regiment had at least some fulltime training while some spent the entire summer in uniform.

We recruited and trained a recruit platoon under the SYEP programme which ran throughout the summer. Capt. B. McEachern and his NCO's did an excellent job as they not only conducted the training but looked after all the administrative aspects as well. Reports from the local population near Canadian Forces Base Borden indicate that they had exceptional vocal talents which they exhibited during their road runs. The unit provided several instructors Area Rank and Trades School

(ARTS). The candidates we sent to ARTS did very well and Cp.l. R. Tenkornaar and Cpl. Elaine Welsh, one of our BOR clerks, distinguished themselves by placing first on the two successive serials of the Jr. NCO Course.

The unit provided five men to participate in the Toronto Sesquicentennial Ceremonial Guard which carried out a ceremonial changing of the guard at City Hall every day during the summer. Although we worried about having to convert the soldiers back to rifles drill, the bonus was that they trained and qualified as infantry signallers.

In August I visited CFB Petawawa where I saw ten of our jumpers headed by Lt. Steve Brand on the tough Airborne Indoctrination Course. Cpl. Keins jumped into the last exercise of the course with a badly slashed hand. He wanted to finish the course so badly that he had a self help patch job on his hand; fortunately the course finished before gangrene and lock-jaw set in. Later during the two week Central Militia Area Concentration I spent more time with ninety members of regiment headed by Capt. Ray Descotes who were all part of a full sized training battalion formed from the Toronto Militia District. A platoon under OCdt. Quentin Innes, (who had just finished his RESO phase 1 and 2 training) performed sterling service as part of a mixed rifle company who 2 IC. was Capt. Bruce McEachern. M.Cpl. Kelly and his keen 106 mm recoilless rifle detachments were another high profile part of the friendly forces. In repelling an attack of mechanized infantry against their positions, I saw a superb display of the use of ground and 'shoot and scoot' tactics.

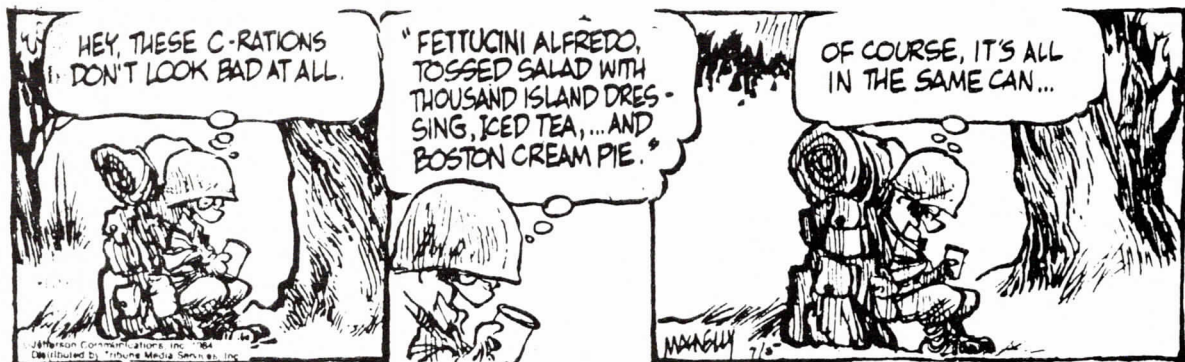
The airborne platoon were part of the much commended enemy force for this

concentration. They started each deployment against the friendly forces by an airborne insertion, either by parachute or by helicopter. One of these jumps was at night while another was conducted in marginal conditions and relatively high winds. All descents were with full equipment. The platoon, under Lt. Tony Welsh, performed without a hitch, under the watchful eyes of Capt. Bill Angelo, the Unit Support Officer, newly arrived from the Airborne Regiment, and my Deputy Commanding Officer, Major John Hasek, both of whom jumped in with the platoon.

I will also mention the administrative functions of the summer exercise as it is a demanding task to get the troops organized and moved to camp and safely returned to Toronto. I am extremely pleased that this was accomplished with no vehicle accidents, no serious personal injury, nor any loss of accountable stores. The officers, NCO's and riflemen are to be congratulated as I believe a good soldier is one who looks after the equipment he has been issued.

I look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year which include, recruiting and training new soldiers, conducting pre-airborne training for those soldiers recruited this year, recruiting new officers and building up and improving our administrative structure so that we can support the increased training commitments. This all having to be done within a budget that has not been significantly increased, however, I believe that through cooperation, team work and good communication amongst all members of the regiment, we will maintain our Regimental Motto "In Pace Paratus".

LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
B.G. BASKERVILLE



## VICTORIA (HQ) COMPANY

Victoria Company is alive and well still functioning and is the Headquarter Company of the unit.

Because of changes in MOC (Military Occupation Codes) or job descriptions, Victoria Company has a somewhat different perspective on things. Within the unit as a whole, there are nine MOC's, personnel and Victoria Company account for seven of them. These include administrative clerks, pay clerks, supply technicians (storemen in the army), vehicle technicians (REME), casualty aides, cooks and weapon technicians.

The various and myriad combinations and permutations of jobs and job descriptions, also duties are enough to upset even the Random Number Theory and all Laws of Probability. Suffice it to say that the unit requires these specialists so that operational training proceeds without problems, or as we say 'gliches'.

In mid' 1983, FMC headquarters directed that personnel must wear the badges of their applicable MOC. This caused great problems as some personnel at the time were wearing QOR of C badges and an MOC is different from the

## BUFFS COMPANY

The task the Coy was given was to train and maintain the 106 mm Armour Defence Platoon and to run basic recruit and TQ1 infantry Courses. In short, to produce the best riflemen.

On completion of training with Buffs Company, our recruits, now riflemen, are posted to the Airborne Company, 60th Coy to ensure that these men would fit in.

The recruit training started in early October, 1983 and was conducted in two phases - general military training (GMT) recruit and basic. Due to the diligent work of our new recruiting officer, Asst. Padre 2Lt. Brian MacDonald we were able to parade 24 civilians, who under the guidance of 2Lt. Brian Kerr, WO Dawson, MCpls Nelligan, Anglin and Hassan, were soon to be sharp, smart riflemen.

For the first time this course was conducted on an armoury basis, the 48th Highlanders and 7 RCA recruits were sent to train with our chaps in the hope that they too might acquire a few sterling rifle traditions.

Infantry. Much soul searching was done, some personnel felt that their allegiance was so strong to the QOR that they left the unit rather than rebadge. Their decision was and still is respected but a substantial number of very capable and dedicated people were lost and as a result the unit is now rebuilding to make up for that lost expertise.

Victoria Company is always busy. If it had to have a motto it would be that of the Engineers "Ubique" everywhere. Wherever the unit went, Victoria Company supported the operation from beginning to end, from the initial request for training, stores, equipment, to the final after action report and expenditure voucher.

Because of the uniqueness of the diversity of operations there never is a dull moment in Victoria Company. We see the new personnel for the first time when they apply to join, we document them, we administer their medical, we swear them into the regiment, we support their training from stores and transport, we see them on parade, we pay them and sometimes it must be said, we release them for one reason or another. The whole of the unit passes through Victoria Company and it is wonderful to see and be a part.

Comings and Goings — Victoria Com-

Once the GMT course was well in hand, Mr. Kerr handed over the platoon into the capable hands of WO Dawson. Mr. Kerr, assisted by Sgts. Keenan and Paterson, MCpls Baetz, Chambers and Cpl. Lam started up a second recruit platoon.

Credit should be given in this case to both instructors and recruits alike. Our chaps worked in the field throughout a very cold and at times a very wet winter and spring. Aside for a very brief stand-down over Christmas, the Buffs Coy was on parade every weekend from October '83 through to the end of June.

Now a year later, these recruits are walking tall and proud. Anyone who saw WO Dawson's platoon last summer graduating from Buffs and being marched over to 60th Coy could not help but be impressed. It is now up to 60th Coy to turn these riflemen into airborne troopers as we in Buffs prepare ourselves for another year of training new recruits.

Sadly it is also the end of an era. Three years ago we inherited the Armour Defence Platoon from the 48th Highlands. Despite the poor quality of equipment,

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### Posted In

Pte. Bissessar - Tpt. Pl.  
Capt. Brown - Padre  
Cpl. Costello - Tpt. Pl.  
MCple. Cannins - Pay Sec.  
Cpl. Cluett - Stores  
Pte. Fernandez - Medical Section  
Pte. Hick - Medical Section  
Pte. Lulic - Stores  
Cpl. Peplow - Tpt. Pl.  
Pte. Richard - Tpt. Pl.  
WO Senetchko - CSM  
Capt. Strauss - M.O.

### Posted Out

Pte. Bissessar - Release  
MCpl. Cannins - Release  
Pte. Couleridge - Regular Navy  
MCpl. Crampton - Release  
MCpl. Ellison - Release  
Pte. Lulic - Release  
Cpl. McAdam - Release  
Cpl. Morris - Buffs Coy  
Cpl. Shilling - Release  
Cpl. Schlegel - Release  
WO Senetchko - 60th Coy  
Capt. Simundson - Adjt.  
Lt. Southam - Release  
Lt. Williams - Release  
Cpl. Wilson - Release  
Cpl. Wright - Release

minor technical problems like jeeps which could hardly be driven, our Armoured Defence Platoon did a splendid job. Sgt. Sarrossy handed his responsibilities over to Sgt. Figa who, as his successor, had the unenviable task of keeping his platoon on the road. However, by the time summer concentration came we were able to field two sections in borrowed vehicles.

Now that the 'guns' are being passed on to the Toronto Scots, we will be conducting a final course - TQ2 anti armour for the Toronto Scots in the winter/spring of 1985. This way we can ensure that they will receive the best possible training from our experienced gunners prior to taking on their new tasking.

At this stage the remnants of the platoon will be tasked to the airborne platoon or stay in Buffs Company as instructors.

In conclusion I would like to thank all members of the Buffs Company for the good training year and congratulate those who made it through their respective courses.

CAPTAIN H. FLOOD

## 60TH COMPANY

The first weekend in the fall 1984 campaigning season was the 16-18 September at CFB Borden. This was a range weekend. Saturday morning started with march and shoot competition won, of course, by a 60th Coy team. The weekend was only moderately successful as we were forced to share 'over booked' ranges with another unit. A one day range exercise was held on Saturday, 15 October, 1983 and was well attended by company members.

Airborne platoon training was held in Bldg 22, CFSS on Avenue Road on 10 September, 8 and 9 October, 19 November and at MPA on December 10. Wpn TOET's, Sigs and FA were covered as well as preparation for various exercises. The AB P1. was in Meaford on the weekend of 22 and 23 October for a very cold and wet patrolling exercise.

Nothing improves a jumper's morale like jumping. On the 11 November, 1983, 3 Cdo. came to Toronto for a drop scheduled to go in near Canada's Wonderland, to be followed by a parade at the City Hall as well as demonstrations of unarmed combat and so on. Twenty company and unit personnel participated. It was ironic to see the Canadian Airborne Regiment descend on MPA and actually rig up a harness to the ceiling.

Personnel did refresher training and stood by. Weather conditions dictated the cancellation of the jump, but QOR of C jumpers marched with the 3 Cdo to City Hall. It was a wet cold parade which is the way Remembrance Day Parades seem to or should always be. Twenty-one qualified personnel returned this visit in early December on the occasion of the R. C.R.'s birthday jump on 2 December at CFB Petawawa.

The Regimental Church Parade was held on Sunday, 6 November and the Company was involved in the Bn. Sup Wpns weekend of 25-27 November, 1983. The Company ran the grenade range. A very successful Offr's TEWT was held on Sunday.

In December the Company's officers attended the Officers' Luncheon and the Men's Christmas Dinner, held at the new QOR of C Legion Building on Lakeshore Blvd. West. Major Ben Dunkelman who commanded D. Coy in N.W. Europe in WW II was the guest speaker.

The Cdn AB Regiments winter exercises in Jan. and Feb. 1984 were considered to represent the half-way point to the Op Eval Date of Sept. 1984 for the AB Platoon which was given in the original tasking instructions. The Op Eval Date is the Operational Evacuation or Operationally Ready Target. From 9 Jan. to 23 Feb. six company personnel, all qualified troopers, were attached to the AB Regiment. The first exercise, an AB Regiment effort was named Ex Pegasus Strike and consisted essentially of a jump onto frozen Round Lake and movement back to Petawawa. There were some injuries on the DZ, some refusals to jump and some bad publicity. We are pleased to report that our company members all lived and told of T-shirts appearing in the AB Regiment reading "I survived the Round Lake Massacre".

The next phase consisted of the SSF Ex Lightning Strike which had the AB Regiment jumping into an area near Earlton in Northern Ontario. We pulled out the stops on this one and sent 11 other company personnel under Lt. Tony Welsh to participate in work ups, quick rig and the actual jump in February. Some unqualified personnel (non-jumpers) were sent up in the hope that they would learn about the AB Regiment and how it prepares itself for an Ops.

Several personnel came back with White Maple Leaves. This is awarded to a militia trooper on successful completion of two operational jumps with the AB Regiment. There was an opportunity for some riflemen to be employed in command positions and Lt. Welsh was the Ops 0 for 3 Cdo during Ex Lightning Strike. He said with typical bashful modesty that there was "nuttin' to it."

At the end of February the personnel from Exercises Pegasus Strike and Lightning Strike returned to Toronto, some quite weary but certainly well exposed to the AB's methods of operation in the field. On March 18 the Coy Sup the bulk of the Unit Tng in Phase I of the CMA Inf. Competition at James Street Armoury in Hamilton.

On April 7, 4 Pl. began preparation for Ptl. Tng at CFB Borden which was conducted on the weekend of the 13 and 15 April. This exercise included stalking and individual ptl skills.

In May the Pl. trained for Phase II, the Field Phase of the CMA Competition.

Commanded by MCpl. Wilmot, we topped the Field Competition with such a great margin that we ended up in fourth place overall.

Pl. training continued until stand down and there was one day LHQ Tng in preparation for Milcon and the AIC. On AIC 8401 from 11-22 August, we had 9 successful candidates with one candidate completing 8402. Cpls Scott and Tindall attended and completed the 3 Cdo RTM Course. RTM or Rugged Terrain Movement Course involves the teaching and practice of skills necessary for climbing and descending hills. It was once called the Mountain Warfare Course but since it is held in eastern Ontario, 'mountain' has become 'rugged terrain'.

The Milcon 84 participation of the Coy included Lt. Welsh and a mix of qualified troopers and new soldiers providing the En Force for the CMA Bgde Gps. 'Welsh Force' jumped twice including one night equipment jump.

These late summer successes balanced the poor showing on the first all militia jump serial in June-July at CABC in Edmonton. Only four completed the course out of 22. This was a great setback in the meeting of our tasking, other than the general opinion was that standards were in the least, ruthlessly applied. The C.O. has decided that only trained soldiers who pass the SFF Fitness Test with no difficulty will be allowed to attend the basic para course.

At the time of writing, the Coy at two Platoon Strength is just beginning a two year cycle to achieve our new expanded tasking of two qualified platoons and a Coy HQ. Officers are Capts. Bryan Goutouski and Bruce McEachern as OC and 2 IC., Lt. Steve Brand (Att. RMLI) is 4 Pl. Comd and Capt. Peter LoMasney is 4 Pl. Comd. WO Stan Dawson is CSM with WO Jerry Senetchko as CQMS. Sgts Figa and Bamlett are the respect Pl. 2IC. Other personnel changes are Lt. Tony Welsh on LOA, touring in Europe and CSM Chan to BHQ as RSM designate. These two riflemen, or airborne riflemen, have made an outstanding contribution during their careers with the Coy.

CAPT. B. GOUTOUSKI

## NO. 4 (GURKHA) COMPANY

1983-84 has to be the most exciting year for this Coy since it was founded.

On Friday, 2 September, a company dinner was held at Old Fort York to mark the end of the Legislative Assembly Guard for 1983. Guests included the C.O., the R.S.M, Maj. Burke of the Gurkha Appeal, Mrs. Ellen Schoenenburg, Director of Personnel at Queen's Park. A cheque for \$400.00 was presented to the Gurkha Appeal by the Company.

The Colour Sergeant's Trophy was presented for the first time to A/Colour Sergeant John Anglin. This trophy is awarded to the member of the company who has contributed by his efforts to the success during the previous year.

No. 4 Coy was invited to travel to Winnipeg in October to participate in the celebrations surrounding the centenary of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

The detachment left Toronto for Trenton (less one MCpl. stuck in a traffic jam) on Friday. The aircraft a C130 Hercules was delayed at Trenton for 7 hours because the hangar doors would not open due to high winds.

Eventually we took off at approximately 2000 hours and arrived in Winnipeg in a rather bedraggled condition where the majority went to a meet and greet at Minto Armoury. Capt. Simundson and Lt. Welsh got lost and surfaced some hours later in the PPCLI Officers' Mess somewhat the worse for wear.

All ranks rose bright and early Saturday morning to discover that no breakfast arrangements had been made. Not to be dismayed, we used our riflemen's initiative and went without.

The detachment sorted out transport and went to Minto Armoury for rehearsals at 1000 a.m. Capt. Simundson and Lt. Welsh were greeted by Capts. Rayment and Wadsworth holding a tray of scrambled eggs, toast and coffee conjured from somewhere (the eggs were cold).

The Company performed in the pageant that afternoon making the rafters ring. Many compliments were received and perhaps General Kirby summed it up the best, "At least the wheels were straight."

All ranks attended the dinner and ball held that evening which went on until the early hours of the morning.



Sunday's parade consisted of a memorial service in Minto Armoury and concluded with a buffet lunch on the parade square. By the time the parade was over, the Company had one and a half hours to have lunch, pack and consume all the free bar tickets given out (now we know the meaning of two fisted drinking). Eventually we departed, wearing little Black Devil's baseball caps, in high spirits (literally) and with the RSM mumbling about a desire to leave Winnipeg before sundown.

New Year's Day saw the Company forming a picket at the Lieutenant Governor's Levee at Queen's Park.

By January the Company had received an invitation to go to our allied regiment The Royal Green Jackets for Green Jacket Week in the U.K. This whole event will be reported separately.

The Company participated in the Fort York Festival on 21 May, 1984, forming part of the enemy force. This is always an exciting event involving as it does so many units of various periods with much smoke and musketry. The customary bar-b-que was held the previous evening. Capt. Simundson went to Old Fort Niagara, U.S.A. on 26 May to discuss a possible



visit next year with a Civil War Reenactment group.

The Company travelled to Ridgeway, Ontario to participate in the commemoration of the Battle of Ridgeway on 2 June. A wreath was placed on the Monument after the Company had recreated the march from Ridgeway Station to the battlefield. This was followed by a tactical demonstration and a tour of the centre of the field, conducted by Capt. Simundson. As usual, the Berlie Historical Society and the Royal Canadian Legion hosted us providing meals and refreshments.

The Company is now about to depart for England, but that is another story. . .

CAPTAIN E.R.C. SIMUNDSON





## No. 4 COY AND ROYAL GREEN JACKET WEEK 1984

During our visit to Winnipeg in October, 1983 Capt. Simundson was introduced to Lt. Col. P.G. Chamberlain, Commanding Officer of the Light Division Depot (Winchester). Lt. Col. Chamberlain had enjoyed our presentation that afternoon and felt it demonstrated the "Sneaky Pete" tactics which form the basis for our common traditions.

A discussion then ensued, the upshot of which was an invitation to go to the U.K. for Green Jacket Week in July, 1984. As Lt. Col. Chamberlain said later, he never was sure who invited who.

Application was swiftly made for Service Air and thanks to Major Rayment properly staffed.

Unfortunately, shortly before departure, Service Air found they could not carry us. Perhaps those hangar doors were acting up again.

Now to our rescue came Col. Dalton with authorization to travel commercial air at Regimental expense.

A favourable arrangement was swiftly made with McLaren Travel to use World Ways, a charter airline.

Meanwhile, great efforts were being made by Norm Manchester to complete the reclothing of the Coy in time for departure. As usual, Norm came through and the new uniforms were outstanding.

The advance party left Canada on the evening of the 14th June. Originally it was intended that Capt. Simundson and Sgt. O'Conner go but due to changes in departure dates, Capt. Simundson had to go alone.

On arrival in England, Capt. Simundson was met by a former Queen's Own Sergeant, Mike McGarrigle and Rosalind. Mike is now RSM 3LI. Capt. Simundson was taken to Winchester to book in and meet Adjutant, Capt. Bryn Perry. After checking a few details the weekend was spent in the McGarrigle's home in the lovely village of Abbots Ann full of thatch roof cottages and rose bushes. The afternoon was spent on good conversation and a pub lunch with John Lloyd 22 SAS.

On Saturday, RSM McGarrigle took me to the Milan Concentration of UKLF where I was able to witness an evening shoot.

On Saturday evening I was a guest at a

dance in the Sgts. Mess 3LI where, with Mrs. McGarrigle's help, I managed to win £15 on the fruit machine.

Sunday consisted of going to church in Tidworth with 3LI, a cream tea in Stockbridge, and shaking the rest of the cobwebs from jet lag.

The week started off in Winchester procuring firearms permits from the Hampshire Police and a press luncheon in the Officers' Mess, where all seemed very interested in this new facet for Green Jacket Week.

On Wednesday I went to London to acquire weapons import forms and was invited to lunch at the Green Jacket Club in the Davis St. Armoury, where Major Peter Lawless treated me with extreme kindness.

The main body arrived on Friday, 22 June, and were poured on to the bus after a good flight. After unpacking, the Coy, was given the weekend off to acclimatize. MWO Chan was whisked off to London by an old Green Jacket friend to attend a function with 4RGJ.

I met my family at Gatwick Airport on Saturday and sent them off to Scotland for the week.

An intensive period of drill now began to work out the cobwebs. As well, it was

necessary to commence ammunition manufacture to ensure sufficient quantities were available. The Coy was given the prisoners' exercise yard, in the Guard Room, as a secure location for this exacting process.

The first live practice was attended with the usual excitement; i.e. one broken window, one Sr. NCO who refused to come out from under his desk, and sundry startled recruits. One recent recruit was crossing the square juggling his mattress, blankets and goodly portion of his kit issue, when the first round went off. His kit nearly achieved orbital velocity while he assiduously tried to claw his way through the paving at the same time.

On Wednesday the 27th, the Coy was taken to Tidworth for a tour of 1 Bgde. RSM McGarrigle went to considerable lengths to ensure a complete picture of this large and interesting formation. Included were a Recce Regiment, Tank Regiment, Infantry Recce Plt, Signals Equipment, EOD, Ordinance Coy, and a massed bands concert.

Capt. Simundson was a guest for lunch with the officers of 1 RGJ and had tea with the officers of 3LI.

The Coy was virtually all the equipment and vehicles presently in use by the British Army, including Scorpion, Scimitar, Chieftain, Fox, the Clansman Radio series and bomb disposal equipment. This was an interesting and useful break from the drill routine.

On the 30th, Capt. Simundson and Lt. Welsh were taken to visit 22 SAS at Hereford for their open day, where they met the extraordinary Sgt. John Lloyd, who had arranged the visit. More interesting equipment was seen.

On Monday the 2nd July, the serious work was resumed with intensive drill and bulling of kit.

Tuesday the 3rd was taken up with further fine tuning and interviews with BBC Television, BBC Radio, the local papers and "Soldier" magazine.

In the evening a full dress rehearsal was put on in front of local school children. Lt. Col. Chamberlain offered some construc-

tive criticisms and we were ready.

I must confess our evenings were not spent in monastic seclusion contemplating cadence weapon handling, pointes d'Apui and other lofty subjects. Capt. Simundson and Lt. Welsh invariably found themselves in the company of the junior officers of the depot exploring any number of sights in Winchester. (There are 43 pubs in Winchester.) The officers were guests in the Sergeants' Mess on Tuesday, 3 July, and were received very well.

The Sergeants were certainly not ignored either, having attended the Depot Sergeants' Mess Summer Ball on the 30th, and spent most nights quaffing their way to roll call in the early hours. As Sgt. O'Conner put it, "I didn't come 5,000 miles to sleep."

The Corporals and Riflemen started on the right (or wrong) foot by attending a party in the Corporals' Club the first night in Winchester. Most became regulars of the India Arms and Westgate pubs, and in fact the India Arms declared Canada day,



Photos: Courtesy of Les Wiggs, Soldier Magazine

albeit on July the 4th, but what is a day or two difference.

It seems that some of the Riflemen began to cut a swath through the local female population, and the first cries of "take me to Canada" were heard.

Wednesday began the countdown to the first show. After careful run throughs on the drill and manufacture of ammunition, the Coy was put to cleaning kit and rest. The officers attended Family Night in the Officers' Mess where a buffet supper was served and many Pim's consumed.

Finally, the first part of the show was over, the dignitaries seated and the fanfares sounded. The moment had come after six months of preparation, training, re-equipping, packing, worry and discussion. With RSM McGarrigle's caution that "it better be good because I have to live here when you go home!", the Coy HQ stepped on to the square.

It was soon apparent there was little cause for worry. Narrated by Lt. Ted Eveleigh, a Green Jacket officer, the Company rolled through the drill and sword exercises before an enthralled crowd. The drill was exceptional, the new uniforms and equipment looked excellent. The spectators were brought to a peak before the musketry display and shattered by the first shots. The tactical portion built to a crescendo of file firing and a final crashing volley which left a sudden silence, rapidly followed by the familiar strains of the Regimental march and the Maple Leaf Forever played by the band of the 1st Br. Royal Green Jackets.

The company marched off, justly proud of its performance, to a favourable applause from the spectators.

The following shows were a repeat of the first, culminating in an outstanding performance on Friday evening after all the wrinkles were worked out and the nervousness put to rest.

After each show the detachment had the opportunity to watch the parachute display of the Trailblazers, the Light Division parachute team, and the Massed Bands of the Light Division sound retreat, an absolutely unforgettable spectacle.

Major C. Pearson, 7th Gurkha Rifles, came to Friday night's show and presented the Company with a service kukri to be worn by the Colour Sergeant as a symbol of the alliance with the Brigade.

A much abbreviated show was assembled for Saturday afternoon on St. Cross



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Cricket ground, Capt. Simundson and family having been hosted for lunch by Lt. Col. Lane, the Depot Quarter Master.

Capt. and Mrs. Simundson and Lt. Welsh were invited to the Green Jacket Ball which went all night, including a

sumptuous buffet and ending with a champagne breakfast. The entire Officers' Mess having been transformed by Capt. Bryn Perry's amazing artistic talents.

Airborne personnel were to have taken training with the Parachute Regiment but

this fell through due to a lack of canopies.

On Sunday all ranks were released on six days' leave and it is quite amazing how far they got in that time.

Cpls. Turner, Tindall, Scott, Paton and Kortenaar ended up in Bristol for a visit with Cpl. Tanner's relatives. Cpl. Cameron went to Yorkshire. MCpl Nelligan made it to Scotland.

Cpls. Jonni and McAllister travelled widely and slept in a cave on the North Sea, only to discover the meaning of High Tide before morning came.

Capt. Simundson and family stayed with relatives in Epsom, journeying up to London almost daily where they had an opportunity to see the Guard change from the forecourt of Buckingham Palace due to RSM McGarrigle, visit the Tower of London thanks to arrangements made by Capt. Hermant, and had lunch with Major Guy Pearson.

The Warrants and Sergeants visited many sites and were guests of the Chelsea Pensioners at the Royal Hospital.

All returned on Saturday the 14th light-er in pocket.

Capt. Perry very kindly invited Capt. Simundson and Lt. Welsh to dinner, where a statuette was presented to the Regiment. Unfortunately, Capt. Simundson was struck by an allergic reaction to shellfish, and missed Lt. Welsh's "Lone Ranger" act.

On Sunday, Capt. Simundson had a farewell Pub Lunch with RSM and Mrs. McGarrigle and all ranks had a final pint before departure.

As the bus pulled out of Peninsula Barracks and turned past the Westgate pub a crowd of Green Jackets and Light Infantry tumbled out with mugs on high and sent us off with a rousing cheer.

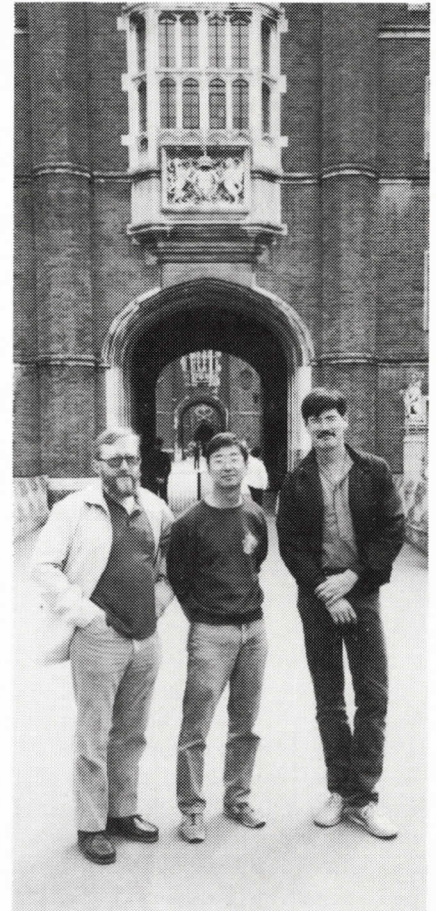
There is no doubt that this was an outstanding trip. The alliance with Green Jackets was cemented, many new friends made and old friendships enlivened, an opportunity to see new sights and methods, and a chance to demonstrate the common traditions which bind our two Regiments together.

Many thanks are extended to the Green Jackets and Light Infantry who assisted us so much during our stay.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our gratitude to Col. H.E. Dalton, Lt. Col. Barnard, Lt. Col. Baskerville, Capt. Adam Hermant, the staff of CDLS (London) and the Quarter Master Staff, QOR of C.

It should be stated that this was not a strange, once-only exercise. There is a desire on the part of our British hosts to repeat this demonstration and it presents an interesting and stimulating opportunity to visit our Allied Regiments again and thereby reward our hardworking Riflemen, who dedicate so much of their time to our primary goals.

*CAPTAIN E.R.C. SIMUNDSON*







L-R: Sgt. Fred Cowan (2 R.G.J.); MWO Rob Chan; Sgt. John O'Connor; Sgt. Andy MacNaughton.



## **SOLDIER** THE BRITISH ARMY MAGAZINE

### **CANADIANS RELIVE RIFLE HISTORY**

*The following is an excerpt written by Graham Smith which appeared in the Soldier Magazine, July 1984.*

An attention holding and colourful 20 minute excerpt from one of the pages of Canada's military history of nearly 125 years ago marched and ran its way on a Hampshire cathedral city's revered barrack square with impressive red brick Wren-inspired buildings as a backdrop for the occasion.

Twenty five reservists of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, came to Winchester's Light Division Dept to delight thousands of onlookers at the invitation of the Royal Green jackets as part of their regimental display week.

Dressed 1860 period dark green uniforms with leather accoutrements, shakos and clutching 9lb percussion muzzle-

loading 1853 Enfield Rifled Muskets, they drilled, yelled and fired their way for the spontaneous approbation of an estimated 3,000 spectators over three nights with a dusk firepower crescendo as a climax,

Some 40 lbs. of black powder was used in the brown paper cartridges and percussion caps had to be purchased locally. The Canadians disembarked from their long flight into Gatwick carrying their 39 inch long barrelled muskets through customs as . . . hand baggage!

Each man fired his rifled musket on 21 occasions, clouds of smoke and the reek of cordite wafting into the evening air, as the company showed off to best effect with enthusiasm manoeuvres like skirmishing drills in pairs sword or bayonet exercises, the forming of squares, preparing to repel cavalry (ostensibly picking off advancing officers) and the piece de resistance - the volley firing from a square and from kneeling positions.

Special care is taken with their kit. The leather belts and binocular pouches have to be sponged down and the file barrels cannot be subjected to pull-throughs but have to be washed inside! This all takes approximately a good four hours' work.

The Pioneers & Skirmishers is a recreation as it would have appeared in the year 1860, the year The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was founded. The drills and musketry displayed are in accordance with drill manuals of the period and the uniforms, equipment and rifles have been re-created after careful research. Emphasis is placed on accurately depicting the tactics and traditions that make rifle regiments unique and the QOR Companies bear the names of allied regiments such as The Buffs, The 60th (Kings Royal Rifle Corps). No. 4 Company was given the honour in 1982 carrying the title Gurkha Company when an alliance with the Gurkha Brigade was authorised. Founded in Toronto in 1860, our regiment has seen service in every major campaign in which Canadian forces have been involved from the Fenian Raids to the Korean War to peacekeeping missions in the Middle East.

## THE REGIMENTAL BAND

The 1983-84 season was both exciting and rewarding for all members of the Regimental Band. In addition to the regular monthly parades with the Regiment, the Band performed at several regimental functions, including the Annual Black Net Dinner, the Annual Church Parade, the official opening of the new club rooms of Branch 344, Royal Canadian Legion (Queen's Own Rifles Branch), the Annual Christmas Dinner, Change of Command parade, and a special dinner honouring the retiring officer commanding, Lieutenant Colonel W. Barnard.

The Band also played at three graduation dinners at the Canadian Forces Staff College, and at a special parade in connection with the D-Day + 40 reunion, when medallions were presented to certain regimental personnel. These events were in addition to the Band's normal activities of concerts and parades in the Toronto district.

In February, 1984, Captain George Gresham C.D., who joined the Band as a rifleman in 1946 following active service in the Royal Canadian Navy, reached normal retirement age, and the Band members welcomed Captain Stephen J. Irwin, B.Mus., B.Ed., as the new Director of Music. Following the impressive ceremony of handing over the baton to the new Director of Music, in the presence of the entire Regiment, the Band members, with the Honorary Colonel and Honorary

Lieutenant Colonel, the C.O. and the R.S.M. in attendance, presented Captain Gresham with a token of their appreciation of his many years of dedicated leadership of the Band. Captain Irwin, in addition to his musical qualifications, is a qualified infantry captain, a rare combination for a Director of Music.

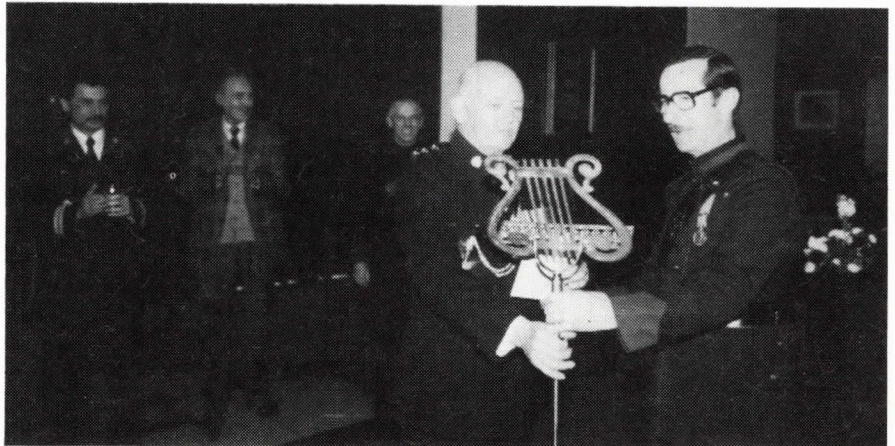
In May, the band and the Bugle Band, together with the other bands of the Toronto Militia District, participated in "A Musical Salute to Toronto and Ontario", in two impressive programs of military music, pomp and ceremony, at Toronto's new Roy Thomson Hall. The program was stirring in the musical presentations and most colourful for all to witness.

The highlight of the year was the trip to Normandy as guests of Branch 344, QOR Legion, to participate in the ceremonies of

the D-Day + 40 Reunion. The Queen's Own Bands had the honour of leading a special parade through the streets of Caen of units representing seven nations, and performed at a moving sunrise service on 6th June at Bernieres-sur-Mer where the Queen's Own landed 40 years earlier. Later, the Bands performed at the Canadian War Cemetery at Beny-sur-Mer in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen. The final function for the reunion was a special presentation to the City of Caen by the Honourable Tom Wells, Ontario's Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. A fitting climax came for all the veterans attending when the Band struck up "The Maple Leaf Forever".

Under its new Director of Music, the Regimental Band looks forward to a continuation of its active participation in the life of the Regiment in the months ahead.

*MWO Frank Watt presenting gift to Capt. George Gresham.*



*L-R: Capt. & Mrs. George Gresham, Capt. & Mrs. Steve Irwin.*



*L-R: LCol. W. Barnard, CWO H. McCabe, Capt. G. Gresham, Col. H.E. Dalton, LCol. J. Lake.*

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NEARLY 1,000 MARCH IN 72ND ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE OF QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES

## REGIMENTAL CHURCH PARADE

1932 — Courtesy of N.G. Brenner.

1984 - Courtesy of Editorial Staff



Commanded by Lt.-Col. J. W. Langmuir, more than 800 members of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada marched to St. Paul's Church yesterday afternoon, laid a number of wreaths on the regimental memorial in the church yard and took part in a memorial service. Upper left is the Bull's Company of the regiment which was formed from the 198th Overseas Battalion Association. Upper right, standing before the regimental memorial, are, left to right: Major-General Robert Bennie, who entered the Queen's Own as a rifleman; Brigadier-General John A. Gunn, Lt.-Col. George Royce, Major Charles Lindsay, Sir Henry Pellett, Col. Reginald Pellett (partly hidden) and Col. Hedger. Lower left, a section of the ex-members of the regiment, who had a strong contingent in yesterday's parade. Lower right, the smart cadets of Upper Canada College, affiliated with the Queen's Own. In the bottom picture, President William Riley of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association, depositing a wreath on the memorial cross.



## 1860 CADET CORPS HAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

1860 Cadet Corps has had a successful year.

The activities have been the usual ones for an army cadet corps. Two training weekends at Borden, involving range practices and field activities; a cold and windy day on the range at Winona; several parades with the Battalion; selling poppies with 344 Branch, Royal Canadian Legion; seven evenings of indoor range practices at Moss Park Armoury; a weekend recruiting display at Gerrard Square Mall.

Between the first parade of 1983-1984 and the Annual Inspection, the corps tripled its effective strength. The official verdict on the Annual Inspection is still awaited, but it was a good parade in the view of all those spectators to whom the officers found an opportunity to speak with.

The Corps is well represented at summer camps this year. One officer is on staff at the Air Cadet Camp at Trenton, four senior cadets are on staff at the Army Cadet Camp at Ipperwash, fourteen cadets are at various Army Cadet Camps

### UPPER CANADA COLLEGE CADET RIFLES

The year began with the Terry Fox Run, during which the cadets assisted as marshals, and provided communications. Our services were subsequently requested for the OFSAA cross-country running championships in London. Despite apprehension, the exercise was unhindered by failure, with only one of the PRC-25's malfunctioning — an unexpected blessing as we had prepared for at least 50% failure!

Shooting for 1983-84 was generally of a high calibre although it has deteriorated slightly over the past few years. We sent two teams to the Forbes-West Combat Rifle Competition and took fourth in a field of over forty. This was a drop of one position from last year, and a significant decline when compared to our top-place finish of three years ago. We also shot well at the QOR Association challenge shoot. Unfortunately our efforts provided little more than entertainment for the seasoned veterans taking part!

Remembrance Day, as ever, kept the UCCR busy. The Sunday before was taken up with a splendid church parade

around Ontario.

The main problem, as it has been since 1982, has been the necessity to function with a below-strength military staff. The Corps is entitled to four military officers and may carry additional staff in the form of civilian instructors at the discretion of the commanding officer. For most of the time since the summer of 1982 the Corps has functioned with two or three officers, and with four for a period of about three months. At least three times in this period Captain David Hayden, who then commanded the Corps, had every reason to suppose that the vacancies would be filled. On each occasion someone pulled out at the last minute.

The Corps changed command on 3 June, 1984. Captain Hayden has moved on to pastures new after eight years with the Corps, four of them in command. Captain Ivor Gould, who commanded our sister Corps in Scarborough for three-and-a-half years, is the new commanding officer.

Captain Gould's first priority is to resolve the staff problem. At the time of writing, the positions of Supply Officer (2Lt Bill Allen) and Administration Officer

with the Queen's Own. Remembrance Day itself began with a colour party at school in morning assembly, followed immediately by a trip to the University of Toronto to assist with their service and to provide wreath bearers. Many cadets saw the Soldiers' Tower for the first time and were understandably awed by the exploits recorded there in honours and decorations. In the afternoon, the corps toured the QOR exhibit at Casa Loma and were very much impressed by the excellent history of our affiliated unit.

February marked a high point for the year as the 17th sent three cadets to their first biathlon ever at CFB Borden. The cadets entered the team competition shakily; however the expedition was not completely in vain: they approached the individual competition with a little more confidence and took 2nd, 3rd and 4th places with WO Bryden, Lt Eklund and L/Cpl Young respectively.

The 17th did not neglect its filial duties throughout the year however, and conducted leadership training at every opportunity with rewarding results. Weekend exercises provided the basis for such training and were typically conducted under as rough and rigorous conditions as possible (due mainly to weather, not command



(2Lt Dorry Gould — posted from Scarborough) are filled, and a probable incumbent for the vital position of Training Officer has been identified. The plan is to add two civilian instructors as Assistant Training Officers and two likely candidates for these positions have been found. It will be appreciated that there are no adult warrant officers and NCOs in the cadet system; the officer-cadet ratio must therefore be relatively high.

1860 Cadet Corps has had a successful year in 1983-1984, due to the efforts of a three officer team for most of the year, and the hard work of the senior cadets. With a full adult team and the same hard work from the senior cadets, 1984-1985 will be an excellent year.

*F.I. GOULD, CAPTAIN  
COMMANDING OFFICER*

decisions!) This is not to say that fun was neglected during these exercises; quite the opposite. Following our range qualification at Borden on a cold, wet November weekend, the Ontario Regiment volunteered some grizzlies for our use and took the cadets for rides.

At the Gold Star exams, the corps had all three of its representatives pass — Lt Eklund, WO Bryden and Cpl Simko — with Cpl Simko placing in the top three in Central Ontario. He was subsequently selected for the United Kingdom cultural tour in April.

Five cadets will be attending leadership courses this summer:

Rfn Tim Wall — Cadet Leader Instructor  
Cpl Tim Young — Wilderness Leadership  
Cpl Tom Simko — Arctic Indoctrination  
Lt Matthew Bryden — Leadership & Challenge

Captain Mikael Eklund, in true QOR tradition, will be taking the cadet Parachutist course in Edmonton.

The corps looks forward to a higher degree of interaction with the QOR itself and also with 1860 and 2881 cadet corps. In the meantime, another year becomes history; plans for next year must be made early — even in stand down the work goes on: The Pace Paratus!

## REPORT FROM THE OFFICERS' MESS

It is difficult to write a report relating to your Officers' Mess that doesn't bear or have some resemblance to previous reports; hence this report will be short so as not to consume valuable print space in this your Annual Regimental Journal.

### Highlights Sept. '83-June '84

The Black Net Dinner, which has become a highlight of every training year and an annual event in the life of our Officers' Mess, was held on 24 September, 1984 and was not only a great success but tremendous fun for all who participated. It is definitely an evening of pomp and circumstance with each subsequent year proving to be a little better than the previous 'form and substance'. The monies generated from this fabulous event, of course, go in support of your Officers' Mess through our Trust Fund and, of course, to other Trust Fund activities. It is indeed a valuable occasion and we look forward to continuing support.

On the social side, the Mess continues to conduct a number of functions that have become fixtures in each training year.

On 18 November, 1983, we held our annual Ladies' Dining In Night which was well attended.

The Annual Officers' Luncheon which

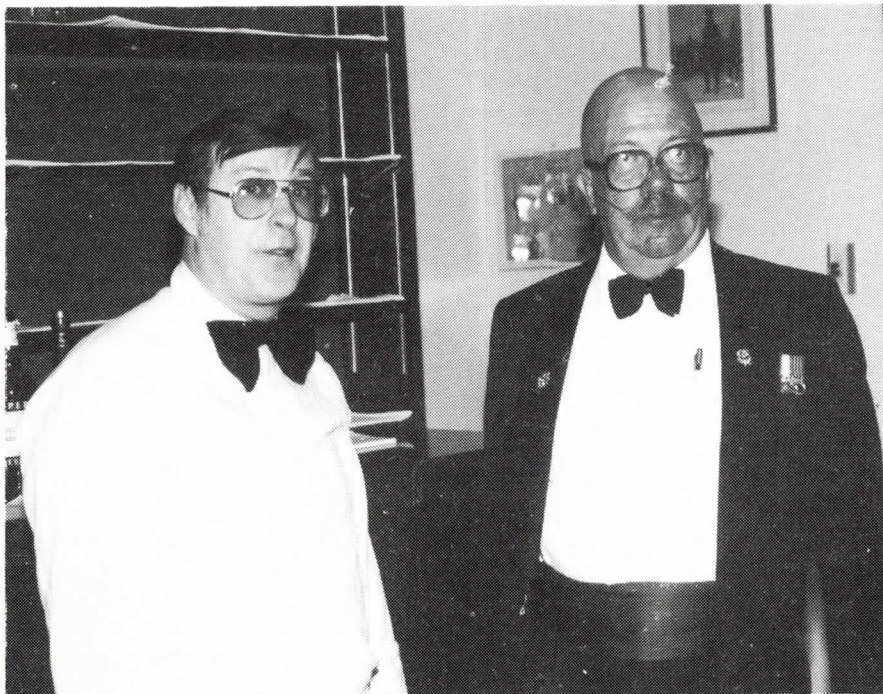


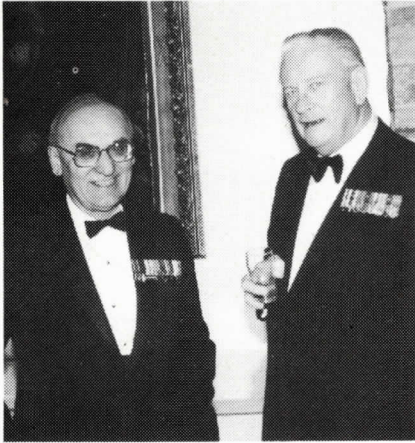
was held on 11 December, 1983, was also a tremendous heart-warming and wonderful experience for all who were able to be in attendance. The Commanding Officer gave his 'SITREP' on the activities of the unit, past and potential (future) and, of course once again provided a marvellous opportunity for the young officers of the regiment to mingle and meet those who are past serving, serving with the regular force today, and the like, which all-

ways proves to be a fabulous training opportunity as well as a social occasion.

The Officers' Mess moved its locale on the occasion of the Annual Toronto Officers' Garrison Ball held 10 March, 1983, (which this year moved from the Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel to the Royal York Hotel, under the auspices of the 7th Toronto Regiment RCA) which was, once again, a tremendous opportunity to show off the splendour and unique rifle traditions. We also had the privilege of hosting the Airborne Command Group from CFB Camp Borden and CFB Petawawa. (As you may be aware, our link with the Airborne is solidified with our Airborne No. 4 Company in direct support which has been authorized by FMC. Captain Bryan Goutouski and Lieutenant Anthony (Tony) Welsh who are doing a tremendously good job with this new tasking and have earned the respect in everyway from their regular force counterparts). Needless to say, your Officers' Mess provided 'before and after' facilities for all concerned in our own private suite 'The Library' in the hotel and a good time was had by all.

Each year the Officers' Mess provides a forum for the Commanding Officer to discuss activities of the Battalion in detail with officers and guests at the Annual Commanding Officers' Training Mess Dinner which this year was held on 27 April, 1984. This was once again a great occasion for all concerned, particularly those





who managed to survive the 'Liars Dice' game at the subs table following. It was also a good opportunity to give the Albatross to Captain Scott Ferguson, more for his sin of 'absence' than for faux pas during the evening (Oh how he can carry on!).

The Regimental Birthday and Change of Command Parade, from Colonel W.J. Barnard, CD to Colonel B.G. Baskerville, CD took place on 29 April, 1984. The Regimental Birthday, while celebrated primarily in the Junior Ranks Club this year, was more appropriately celebrated by the Officers' Mess on the occasion of the Change of Command Parade. It was a ceremonious occasion illustrating the capability of the officers and men of the regiment, including our affiliated Cadet Corps, The QOR Legion, Br. 344 and our Toronto Branch of the Association, et al. The Officers' Mess entertained all concerned following this occasion which was well attended and the highlight of the Mess calendar.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the tremendous support the Mess has had from our Chief of Staff, General Manager of the RHQ, Joyce Reddin. Our friendly, amiable but cranky and efficient Bar Steward, RQ Stan Storms, the accountant for the Mess, Mr. Ken Chong and, of course, your standing Mess Committee. Without these valuable personnel, the Mess could not possibly function in the style to which it has become accustomed — a style and prestige which other Garrison Messes throughout the country continue to try to emulate.



Now as you read this, this is my last report as the President of your Mess. It has been an unqualified pleasure for me to serve in this capacity and I am hopeful that all concerned have also found it of value. I look forward, of course, to continuing to support this, the finest institute in the country, and would wish all every success and best wishes for the future.

*CAPT. A.B.T. HERMANT  
OSTJ, CD, Ade C  
PRESIDENT*

#### **Births, Marriages**

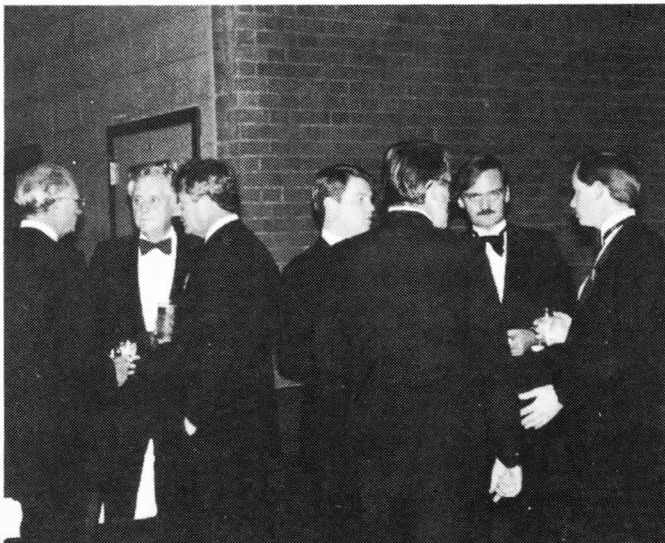
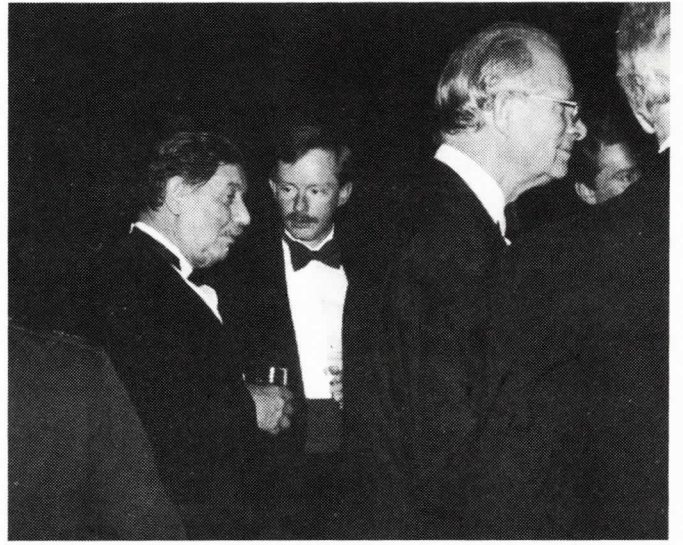
Congratulations to Major and Mrs. E.C. Rayment on the birth of their son, Colin Edward, 28 April, 1984 and to Captain and Mrs. S. Irwin on the birth of their son, James Stuart, 2 August, 1984.

Also to Captain and Mrs. William Angelo on the occasion of their marriage 25 August, 1984.

#### **Postings:**

Captain A. Champion transferred to Toronto Militia District Headquarters.





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## REPORT FROM THE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR

The past year has been one of change for the Regiment, both in terms of our expanded airborne role and our new Commanding Officer.

We bade farewell in April of this year to our past CO, LCol. "Bill" Barnard. Colonel Barnard has had a distinguished career with The Queen's Own since transferring from the "Hasty P's" (where he had been a Snr. NCO). Under his command, the Regiment continued to flourish. Because of his ability, he was the first Toronto CO to command the combined Infantry Regiment when this organization was formed for Milcon 82.

I had the distinct pleasure of serving with LCol. Barnard in a number of unit appointments, including CSM and RSM, for which I salute in appreciation this gallant gentleman.

Replacing LCol. Barnard, of course, is our new CO, LCol. Baskerville, who comes to us with 27 years of regular force experience during which he always was the QOC cap badge.

Standing first or doing well on courses is no stranger to the QOR. It is with great pleasure then that I congratulate Cpls Welsh and Ted Kortenaar for standing first in their respective Jnr. NCO courses. Cpl Welsh also stood 3rd in her TQ2 administration course.

We also participated this past summer in the Toronto Sesquicentennial Honour Guard, which was sponsored by the City of Toronto. Although the guard consisted of two components, each representing other Toronto units, we were asked for support and supplied 12 Rfn and Sgt Scott Patterson. Sgt Patterson was singularly honoured by being appointed as Platoon Sgt for one of the guards. Perhaps next year the City will get it right and the QOR will supply a complete guard wearing regimentals.

As you will remember from the last issue of *The Rifleman*, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Sergeant's Mess in 1983. WO Gerry Senetchko and myself received an additional and unexpected honour as a result of that anniversary, when we were invited to the office of the Metro Chairman, Paul Godfrey, and were presented with personally engraved pew-

steins from Metro Toronto. In addition, we were asked to sign the guest book, an honour normally reserved for visiting dignitaries. All in all, a great finish to an outstanding event.

At the time of this writing, we are preparing to say good-bye to the HCol. H.E. "Ellie" Dalton. Col. Dalton has been a staunch supporter of the Regiment since before WWII. He has also been a good friend of the Sergeants' Mess. Both he and Mrs. Dalton have graced our Mess on numerous occasions. On behalf of all non-commissioned ranks of the Regiment, I thank him for a job well done — which has been in keeping with the finest traditions of the Regiment.

In keeping with our tradition of "Once in The Queen's Own, always in The Queen's Own," I am personally pleased to welcome back to active service my friend and former RSM, CWO Mike Holland. Mike has been commissioned with the rank of Captain and is currently 21C of Buffs Coy.

As you will see from the excellent article by Capt. Simundson, the Pioneers and Skirmishers participated in Green Jacket Week in the UK. Figuring prominently in this exercise were 3 Snr NCO's, MWO Robbie Chan and Sgts Andy McNaughton and John O'Connor.

CSM Brian Budden and myself had an unusual experience for NCO's, in that we became 1984 graduates of RMC. Actually, we attended the Senior Warrant Officers course, which is a leadership course designed for RSM's or MWO's that have the potential for RSM. Joining us on the course were RSM's from all parts of Canada, including The Grenadier Guards and The South Alberta Light Horse, to name a few.

On a sadder note, I have just learned of the death of a staunch Queen's Own and friend, SSgt Jim Kirkwood. Jim was one of those immensely loyal individuals who are privileged to meet in regimental life but all too often fail to thank for their dedication. On behalf of all members of the Sergeants' Mess, I express our condolences to Jim's family and friends.

This is the last article I will be writing as RSM. I have been offered and have accepted the position of District Sgt-Major for the Toronto Militia District. I am very pleased to announce that my successor will be MWO Robbie Chan. Robbie has a

long record of service with The QOR and has also served with our allied regiment The Royal Green Jackets, in the 60th Rifles Battalion. I am sure that in his new position, Robbie will offer sound leadership and example to all QOR's and will also be a great source of advice to the CO.

Looking back on the past 24½ years of service with The Queen's Own brings back many fond memories. So many individuals have helped me over the years, that it is impossible to thank all of them. However, I would be remiss if I didn't at least thank the following:

My former RSM's, especially Rick Dory and Sid Byatt. Associate Mess members, Bill Ives, Pat McCarthy, Joe Resnick, Dick Ayton and Bert Shepherd, who were always ready with their help and "advice," for which I was always grateful. Our Mess Steward, Wilf Durance for his unselfish service to the Mess. Gus Goutouski for his efforts to bring the Legion and the Regiment closer and who was always there when advice was needed.

As RSM, I have also had the added privilege of serving with many good officers and, in particular, with the following CO's who I believe were the finest any regiment would have to offer: LCol Bill Wilson, LCol Bill Barnard, and our present CO, LCol Grahame Baskerville.

In closing, I would like to thank all my Snr NCO's and Warrant Officers for their support during my tour as RSM. I would also thank my wife, Gail, and children, Kim and Kevin, for their support and understanding of the time and commitment one is required to give while serving the Regiment in this capacity.

CWO H. McCABE, MMM  
REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR



## REPORT FROM THE SERGEANTS' MESS

The Sergeants' Mess again found 1984 to be busy, having more taskings than time available. WO Dawson and Sgt. Kennan both conducted recruit courses taking up two-three weekends a month on top of normal regimental training. Sgt. O'Connor was busy preparing the Skirmishers for their trip to England to perform with the Royal Green Jackets, our allied regiment.

Sgt. Bamlett and the Airborne Platoon were, it seems, forever on exercise ("Happiness is a ten mile run"), or on augmentation with the Canadian Airborne Regiment. In addition, Sgt. Bamlett was tasked as Platoon Warrant Officer for the Central Militia Area Infantry Competition Team.

Congratulations are in order for WO R.J. Dunk and Sgt. A. Sarossy upon being awarded their Canadian Forces Decoration. (A free round time!).

It is pleasant to see that former RSM

## QOR OF C ASSOCIATION (TORONTO)

During 1983 the Association did not hold any major functions in order to support the anniversary of the Sgts' Mess. This gave many of the QOR officers and their ladies an opportunity to attend the Regimental Birthday Celebrations in Ottawa (hosted by MGen. Herb Pitts and ram rodded by Maj. John Sanders and his committee), to renew acquaintances with friends whom we see on rare occasions. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Ottawa area members for an excellent function and the kindness shown to all who attended.

At this function a new profession was established for me. I became a 'Wife Sitting Professional'. This was the result of visits paid to the homes of Glen and Eileen Munro at Tichbourne, Herb and Marianne Pitts, in Perth and John and Audrey Saunders in Ottawa, where I 'wife' sat while husbands attended meetings. A card was developed by a group of wits at the function and has been produced by

Holland has rejoined the regiment. For reasons unknown to this mess, Mr. Holland feels this time around he will do better on commission than salary!!

Now for the social side of the Mess. The opening party of the 1983/84 Social Year was the Annual Ladies' Night Dinner. WO R. Dunk organized a most enjoyable evening. After a pleasant 'meet and greet' and the presentation of corsages to the ladies, we proceeded to the Gasthaus Schrader for dinner. As the junior sergeant present, the knowledge that there were no mess duties to perform, was an added treat.

Our Wine and Cheese Party was a tremendous success, thanks to the efforts of WO Bennet and WO Senestchko. No matter what your choice in wine or cheese, it was available. Our thanks to the Association and Officers' Mess for their support of this function.

In February the members and guests gathered in the mess for The Sergeant Aubrey Cosens, VC Dinner. This is the 39th Anniversary of his heroic action in

Lt.Col. John Power.

During my travels across the province I stopped in at Bala to collect the annual dues from Jim Tilley and recruited a new member for our organization, Bill Bailey who was on the staff at Moss Park and is now the OPP Det. Commander at Minden.

The past year also saw your Association acquire a new home at 1395 Lakeshore Blvd. W., Toronto, operated by the QOR of C Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. We urge you to visit us when in Toronto.

Our Annual Meeting was held on 11 May, 1984, and the following were elected as the Executives and Board of Directors.

President — Hugo Saudino  
V. President — Art Gay  
Secretary — Adam Hermant  
Treasurer — Harry Rollo  
Auditor — Moore Jackson

### DIRECTORS

LtCol. Grahame Baskerville  
Lt.Col. W.J. Barnard  
MWO Brian Budden  
WO Robert Chan

Mooshof. The evening was truly worthy to commemorate such a historical occasion where old friendships were renewed and new ones made.

During the summer, known as the mess' quiet season, we found it not to be so 'quiet' for most of us. CWO H. McCabe and MWO B. Budden were on course at R.M.C. in Kingston, MWO R. Chan and Sgts. O'Connor and MacNaughton were in attendance with the Skirmishers in England, Sgt. Figa was Platoon Warrant for the Summer Course. Both Sgts. Bamlett and Sorossy were instructors for Jr. NCO Course in Petawawa, and Sgt. Patterson on loan to the Ceremonial Guard at Toronto's City Hall.

I conclude this lengthy update and extend best wishes to all our members and friends on behalf of the Regimental Sergeant Major, CWO H. McCabe, MM, CD, and the President of the Mess Committee, WO R. Dunk, CD.

Looking forward to seeing you in the future, regimentally,

SGT. S.F. PATTERSON  
SECRETARY

Maj. Bob Firlotte  
CWO Harry McCabe  
Gus Goutouski  
Jim Kenn  
Joe Oggy  
Maj. John Saunders (Ottawa)

It is disturbing to note that only about 10% of our membership roll has paid their annual dues, as a result our mailing costs exceed our income from dues.

We urge you to ensure your 1984 membership dues are paid which are required in order that we maintain you on our mailing list and to ensure of your continuing participation. We also ask that you notify your association of any change of address, we would hate to lose touch with you.

You will be advised in the very near future of the celebrations that will be held in 1985 to mark the regiment's 125th birthday.

Thank you for your support  
'ONCE IN THE QUEEN'S OWN,  
ALWAYS IN THE QUEEN'S OWN.

H.M. SAUDINO  
PRESIDENT

## **QOR OF C CALGARY ASSOCIATION**

Hello ex-Queen's Own wherever you are. As the old saying goes "Once in The Queen's Own, Always in The Queen's Own" and I am a firm believer of this after I had just been volunteered for the PRO's job by my old CSM, now President of the Association, Mr. John Hearn, to write this year's report.

Approximately 100 or more members and guests attended our annual barbecue on 1 October, 1983, held once again in the PPCLI Sgts' Mess, Currie Barracks. We had the pleasure of having Andy and Betty Oak from B.C. visit us, and would enjoy having any ex-QOR drop in and visit and attend any of our functions. Most of the regulars who attended had a great time, a lot of old wars were refought and new strategies planned for future ones. Some of them seen in passing were the Bowes, Batrams, Hughes, Tiefenbachs, Ortels, Majors Gofenkos, Hearn, Smiths, Gagnons, Cousins, Hewletts, Ramsbotoms, Rathgabers, Sheas, Bairds, Morgans, Pippus, Bedfords, Barretts, just to mention a few. My apologies for any names overlooked, I assure this was not done intentionally, for when one enjoys occasions such as this, it's a little difficult to remember everyone in attendance.

Our annual birthday celebration was held on 27 April, 1984, again in the Sgts' Mess, Currie Barracks.

Prior to the dinner we held our Annual General Meeting. Sneaky you say — how else do you think we get volunteers for our executive committee, getting nominated over a few drinks with friends, how can one afford to back down?

Seriously though, our slate of officers for 1984 are:

President - John Hearn

V. President - Gil Chenier

Treasurer - Al Crump

Secretary - Paul Hughes

Public Relations Officer - Tim Timmins

The birthday celebration was a great success with approximately 160 members and guests in attendance. It was nice to see some old familiar faces from out of town such as Tony and Mrs. Rowe, Mr. L. Wilson, all the way from Shilo. Sorry Jerry Bowes was in hospital and was not able to attend. We would like to thank our President, the Executive Committee for a job well done, Dinty Moore and his staff for a

superb meal and our D.J. who kept everyone on their feet dancing.

At this time I would just like to say how much I enjoyed reading the articles in last year's journal. For instance, it was nice to see those familiar names from Victoria Branch and to know they are still around, keeping well although scattered all over the place — a big hello from Calgary. A special hello to D.R. MacDonald — hi Moose, also Gord Granger, best darn first baseman in army baseball, also Bill Elliot, another fine baseball player Scotty Boyd who tried so hard to make baseball players out of all of us, a tough job eh Scotty, but it paid off when in '58, '59 and '60 we won everything. John Carson, Jim Carrol, Ed Titus, Bob Timms, Gord Kitsch, Harry Lloy, Bob Bluett, Fred Mercier, Gerry Venn.

Where are the following personnel: Tony Zeller, Ted Barnes, Dave Mathews, Dave Stones, Jack White, Jim Sharpe (Rifleman), Ken Gunderson, Spirling and the rest. . . Come on out of the woodwork guys, your association would like to hear from you.

Come on Chilliwack, we know there are more ex-QOR around there than showed up at No. 4 Legion. Come and try an evening with old friends, you may even find that you like it and it can be very pleasant indeed.

Had the pleasure of Sy and Marg Simonen in town for 6 and 7 July, enjoyed the Trooping of The Colours with them. Also saw some other friendly faces in town, among them Bill Minnis, Herb Pitts and enjoyed a few words with Barry Ashton, CO in Winnipeg who will take his battalion to Germany in the fall '84. Good luck Barry, have a good tour.

Well folks until next time, all the best from Calgary. We would like to hear from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Maritimes, we know there are many QOR of C in these provinces — write or visit us, a welcome awaits you. **TIM TIMMINS**

## **QOR CHILLIWACK BRANCH**

The Regiments one hundred and twenty fourth birthday in April was celebrated at Branch #4. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Toasts were drunk to the Regiment and to our Colonel-in-Chief followed by a few green ones for old times sake.

## **Q.O.R. OF C VICTORIA BRANCH**

Another year has passed but looking back, 'what a ball we had!

It all started with our Annual Meeting in September where the following executive committee was elected:

President — R.L. (Knobby) Clark

1st Vice — Roy Waterfield

2nd Vice — Bill Elliott

Treasurer — Burt Graham

Secretary — Maurice Savard

Entertainment — Ed Titus

Our branch holds two major events each year, the Annual Christmas Bingo combined with the PPCLI Association and the highlight being our Annual Regimental Birthday Dinner Dance. Both these events were a success and very well attended, especially the Birthday Dance. As out of town guests, we had a quorum from Port Hardy: Betty and Fred Purchase, Evon and Andy Kitson, Gord Cadwell and Moose MacDonald; I assure you a good time was had by all. On behalf of the branch I would like to send a special note of thanks to Tom Sullivan who had donated a Texas Mickey for each of our functions, as a door prize.

Seen in passing were John Fried on holidays from Calgary, Silvia and Howe Gannon driving a 1952 Pontiac back to Calgary and Cy Arkinstall who is the Sgt. at Arms at Branch No. 31. Good luck to Jean and Norm Bastin who are giving up good fishing here to move to Alberta, and an old favourite Marsha and Jim Bulmer who spent a couple of days with Donna and Gord Hryhoryshen.

In closing, many will be saddened to hear that Rusty Rowbotham passed away last spring, (apparent heart attack). Rusty will be missed but he left behind a lot of good memories.

**R.L. CLARK  
PRESIDENT**

We at Chilliwack would like to say 'hello' to all our Riflemen friends throughout the country and to say, if you happen to be passing our way going east or west, do drop in and have a wet one and a few hours chat with Stu MacPherson, Tim Reid, Keith McCathy, Frank Lacrouix, Ed Bogan and myself. My home phone number is 792-2942 — A warm welcome awaits you all. **BOB FOSTER**

## QOR OF C RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The 104th Anniversary of the founding of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets (28 November 1879) a Salute to the QOR of C 1860 Cadets, was observed on Wednesday night 23 November, 1983 at the Moss Park Armoury ranges by Inter QOR of C teams. Recognized by the Ontario Rifle Association, a medallion is awarded to the top scorer.

### QOR Legion 344

B. White	89	K. Gregory	91
S. Feeney	87	W. Durance	90
R. White	82	L. Smith	84
J. Lesage	73		265
P. Horst	61		
	392		

### QOR Rifle Assn.

### QOR WO's, Sgts.

WO Norman	94	Capt. Wadsworth	88
Sgt. Bamlett	92	Lt. Col. Barnard	84
WO Bennett	87	Lt. Rolczewski	84
WO Jackson	83	Capt. Rayment	83
WO Senetcke	83	Capt. H. Flood	80
	439		419

### QOR Officers

### QOR Riflemen

Cpl. Nelligan	88	J. Deevy	83
L. Kowalski	87	P. Custodio	76
C. Pallota	84	S. Tompkins	66
Cpl. Tindall	81	CWO Leitis	63
Cpl. Larush	76	G. Bedford	58
	416		346

### QOR 1860 Cadets

### U.C.C. Cadets

T. Young	85
M. Bryden	85
M. Eklund	75
R. Simko	75
T. Wall	51
	371

The overall attendance for this shoot was the greatest yet despite the absence of the QOR Association Team. This was made up by attendance of the Upper Canada marksmen who displayed consistency. While the top five scorers make the 'team', this year we had two equalled on low five — Capt. Stasiewicz and Rfn. G. Scott of their teams.

The rifle is the reason for being, of all things of our regimental family. Little mention of these weapons, as varied as they have been, has been made in recording the many campaigns and battles involved in its development.

Today only a few interested shooters and marksmen keep up the range firing. The Ontario and Dominion Rifle Associations maintain facilities for bringing forth competent interna-

tionals such as for the Bisley competition in England.

The 'shooting iron' was developed in England by 1415. In 1492, Columbus arrived in America with the Blunderbus, the bell-mouthed, muzzle loading, trigger flint firing ball ammo. One of the best collections of Spanish arms of the 1500's and 1600's may be seen at the Port Museum, Vera Cruz, Mexico. They precede the later flintlock muzzle loading ball firing weapons of the northern colonial period of the 18th century. By 1839 the Prussians had the Dreyse rifle, a breech loader bolt action for chamber cartridges. A dextrous man could fire it 6 or 7 times a minute if he avoided time for aiming. In 1840 British Army NCO's received rifle muskets. In 1853 the British adopted the Mine rifle which used a cone-shaped bullet. By 1854 the British Army adopted the Enfield 1853 Patent rifle which had a dependable range of 300 yards. Following the Boer War and into the twentieth century saw new rifles introduced such as the Snider. The Americans brought the Winchester, a shipload of these brought success for the early Bolshevik uprising in 1917. The Ross Rifle was popular for a time in Canada, noted for its early accuracy and later jamming.

We entered WWII with the Lee Enfield bolt action with a five rounds ammo clip. The earlier Lewis and Vickers support machine guns were superseded by the Bren and Sten rapid firing weapons.

Today we are using the Belgian Fed. Nat'l FN C1 and 2, the latter being Canadian modifications numbers. The C1 is a light rifle using 7.62 Nato ammo. The C2 permits bursts of rapid fire so long as the trigger is held. Both are reliable up to 250 yards. The main force or group is supported by SMG (sub machine guns) reliable to 600 yards and further. Within a few months further changes are expected by adoption here of the American M 16, a 9 mm bullet slightly larger than the old .303 with rapid fire capabilities.

If you want to shoot for the QOR Rifles Assn., please call Les Smith 225-5773. For the QOR Assn. notify Joe Resnick — 663-7863 or Jim Lesage 438-6806 for the QOR Legion.

Following the shoot all, gather in the Sgts' Mess for commiserations and congratulations over refreshments. The winner of the shoot is determined and an award proclaimed for preparation.

CARL M. LEWIS  
CHAIRMAN

## BILL MOUNTAIN'S "REGIMENTAL SHRINE"

I wish to commence this year's report by saying how delighted I was with the excellent TV coverage given to D-Day Plus 40 on 06 June, 1984. I am sure there will be other first hand accounts of the ceremonies in this issue so I won't dwell on the subject any further.

I am sure that you are all aware of the military series of postage stamps issued by Canada Post in November '83 commemorating the centennial of four Canadian Regiments (Royal Canadian Dragoon, Royal Canadian Regiment, British Columbia Dragoons, and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles). Well, I took up where I left off fifteen years ago (as Regimental Adjutant) to achieve a similar issue to commemorate our 125th next year. (Fifteen years ago I was told that it was not within the Post Office policy guide to issue stamps for specific regiments). Nothing definite yet but I am keeping my fingers crossed.

It is business as usual here at The Shrine, and the Regimental Birthday Bash on 28 April was well attended and continued on into the wee hours (even later than the last few years). I guess we are all experiencing some form of rejuvenation in expectation of next year's 125th! Had a good contingent over from Vancouver Island including the Liggets who have just recently settled in Nanaimo.

Visitors during the year have included Vic and Flo Ramsbottom from Calgary; Bob and Yvonne Duncan from Chilliwack (Bob is with School of Engineers); Awful Werry from Winnipeg; Bob and Joan Munson from Calgary; Ted and Faye Ball from Penticton, and John and Audrey Saunders from Ottawa, plus the usual visit of lower mainland types. Also seen in passing, John Lang in Victoria, Dave Luxford on business trip from Calgary; and Buck Pacholzuk down from Penticton visiting grandchildren. Phone calls received during the year have included Ray Bunner of Ft. McMurray, Woody Woodward of Brandon, Man. and Charlie Belzile, Lew MacKenzie and Don Dalziel all of St. Hubert, PQ.

The Mountain clan are all well. Chris and Terry are the proud parents of our first grand-daughter, Lara Nicole who arrived

on 25 June, 1984. Linda is less than a year away from being a fully qualified Chef. Sandra, Brian, Rony and Nicholas are enjoying their new home in Sooke. Guy is working for Delta Bus Line where he alternates between driving buses and limousines.

Ev is still enjoying her accounting career and is now learning the intricacies of the computer which the firm recently acquired. I am kept busy between the office, the house and the parttime courier service which I established in November '83.

Yesterday afternoon, Canada Day, we saw a one hour special on CBC featuring The Royal Winnipeg Rifles which was obviously put together last year during their centennial. It was well done and presumably a similar programme will be put together next year in Toronto. (An excellent project for the new Commanding Officer!)

## THE QUEEN'S OWN CHAPTER IODE

While we all know 'a picture is worth a thousand words', we could not go to press without expressing our sincere thanks to all the ladies of the Chapter who work so diligently raising funds for the Regiment.

Of all the events that were held this year, one in particular will undoubtedly be remembered by all who participated, that being the garage sale held at the home of Mrs. Charles Jones on 5 May, 1983. The weather was perfect and the sale was a success, other than perhaps the fact that while the ladies were busy pricing items for sale, somehow Mrs. Jones' best table linen (recently laundered) got mixed with the items and was consequently priced and sold. — Just goes to show a lady knows a bargain when she sees one!

THE EDITOR

*Left to right: Mrs. Stanley Husselbee, Mrs. Colin Rayment (a new member), Miss Barbara Barrow, R.N., Mrs. William S. Wilson, Miss Joyce Brocklehurst, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. W.L. Hogg, Mrs. J. Neil Gordon, Miss Nancy Hetherington, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. William Atkins and Mrs. J.G. Spragge.*

Ev and I are off to Regina in a couple of days (04 July) where we will be spending two weeks attending a double wedding, a 40th anniversary and a town (Gray) reunion. Plan to look up some old Skirmishers in the area including some Regina Johns (my original unit).

We will be getting back just in time to greet Hank and Bessie Elliot who are staying with us on 04 August prior to proceeding to Vancouver Island. They finally decided to come back to God's Country after an absence of almost 20 years.

The Birthday Bash at The Shrine next year will be held on Saturday, 27 April, 1985, so mark your calendars now and start making your plans. Planning is underway here to provide accommodation for out-of-town visitors on a first come first served basis, so drop me a line when your plans are firm and I'll indent for another shelter half! Ha! Ha!

In closing I again offer congratulations to the editorial staff for continuing the production of a first class journal. Well done indeed!

Ev joins me in sending warm wishes to all Riflemen wherever you may be, and remember —

*ONCE IN THE QUEEN'S OWN  
ALWAYS IN THE QUEEN'S OWN!!  
MAJOR W. (BILL) MOUNTAIN*



## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The National Library of Ottawa wrote to ask if we had a copy of the pamphlet "First Aid to the Wounded, 1883". The author was Surgeon J.W. Lesslie, the Q.O.R. of C, Surgeon Lesslie founded our Ambulance Corps in 1881. We did not have the pamphlet but there is a photograph of Lesslie and his men on display at the Museum.

Tours of the museum were given to B.Gen. George Pangman, Capt. Bruce Robertson, 82nd Airborne, U.S. Army, Major Firlotte and Mrs. Hazel Schmidt. It will be remembered that the late Capt. Joe Schmidt founded this museum.

I am sure everyone will be pleased to hear the museum is presently being painted under the Ottawa Katamavik Scheme. The painters supervised by a master painter are teenage girls and boys. The elevator, installed by Sir Henry at the turn of the century, is also being modernized.

Stolen seven years ago, two Bisley badges belonging to the late CSM Norm MacLeod, were returned anonymously.

Unfortunately three major robberies took place during March, 1984. In all

## QOR 65 AND OVER CLUB THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES SALUTE A NEW RACE AT WOODBINE

On Wednesday, 25 July, the Salute was won by Queen's and Dreams, ridden by Lloyd Duffy, owned by Mr. Bruce Mooney. Later the winner was disqualified due to a starting technicality. Second placed Early Epoch, ridden by lady jockey Corine Dreisdale, was awarded the win. The QOR Royal Legion, Br. 344 65 and Over Club presented the award shown. In the photograph from the left are Gordon Thatcher, Tom Butterworth, Henry Venne, Peter Dymont and Ernie Maltby, (all legion bandsmen) and Tommy Montgomery in legion dress. It is interesting to note that Tommy was born in 1899 in a little cottage which still stands within the confines of Old Fort York. His love of horses is accounted for because his father was the late Hugh Montgomery, Com-

some twenty artifacts were stolen. Considerable damage was done to the display cases as the locks and doors were forced by crowbars. The display cases have now been repaired and relocated in the hall.

The museum's most serious loss occurred on Friday, 8 June when Wilf Durance fell in the kitchen of his home and shattered his right leg in two places which necessitated surgery. That he is sorely missed is an understatement.

### Accessions

Four photos of the 1910 trip donated by George Burns through Lt. Col. M. Jackson.

A cap badge labelled 2nd CMR British Columbia Regiment worn in WWI by the father of Lt. Col. R.P. Davidson, England.

Jack Armstrong, Secretary of the Ontario Model Soldiers' Society, gave the library three brochures published by Veterans' Affairs entitled 'Valour Remembered, WWI, WWII, Korea.'

Pat Reilly, who served in the regiment, gave us a miniature rifle regiment band. There are thirty pieces, each with his proper instrument superbly crafted.



manding Officer of The Royal Canadian Dragoons, Stanley Barracks at the time. The late Field Marshall Montgomery of Alamein was a cousin.

**The management and staff of The Ontario Jockey Club in conjunction with Humpty Dumpty Foods Limited extend a warm welcome to our very distinguished guests from the following associations:**

VETS 65'RS CLUB OF BRANCH 344  
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  
OF THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES

### RESULTS

**THIRD** 6—Early Epoch 15.50 8.80 4.60  
5—Queens and Dreams 4.00 3.40  
4—Just Veronica 5.60

1-1/16 miles, claiming \$6,250-\$6,000, 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, purse \$6,700:

Horse	WT	GP	St	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds
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Early Epoch	109	5	2	2 <sup>kl</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 1/2	Dreisdelle	6.75
Just Veronica	115	3	6	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 1/2	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	3 <sup>4</sup> 1/2	French	26.55
Foldout	119	1	7	5 1/2	4 <sup>1</sup>	4 1/2	Dos Ramos	3.30	

Wilf Durance donated three four foot fluorescent fixtures.

Maj. Bob Firlotte, a regular army QOR officer, donated the following uniforms — a magnificent gift.

2 pr. black overalls, 2 jackets with badges, 2 mess jackets, 2 waistcoats, 2 cumberbunds, 2 forage caps, 1 beret, 2 caps, F.S. with badges, 1 black Sam Browne belt, 2 pair suspenders, 1 pr. half wellingtons, white cord and two pairs of detachable collars and cuffs.

Another splendid donation was from Mrs. Pat Wilson who gave us the uniforms of her late husband, Lt. Col. W.S. Wilson.

1 Mess dress jacket, 3 pr. overalls, a waistcoat, 2 cumberbunds, 1 patrol jacket, pair of trousers, 2 regt's blazers, battle dress blouse, 8 varied headdress, a greatcoat and raincoat, 19 various items of combat clothing, 1 black Sam Browne, a sword belt and slings, white tropical jacket, dress shirt, two heavy sweaters, 5 regt'l ties, 2 regt'l scarves and a box of varied small items such as rank slip ons.

*LIEUTENANT W.T. BARNARD,  
MUSEUM CURATOR*

French Blue 115 2 3 1 1/2 2 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 King Jr. 10.50  
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\*dq—Disqualified, placed second

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Winner b m by Cross Canal—Epochal. Trainer John Cardella, bred by Fourth of July Farms.

Exactor (6-5) paid \$32.50

The Queen's Own Rifles Salute Race followed the 125th running of the Queen's Plate on the previous Sunday, 22 July. The Queen's Plate first ran in 1859 with Queen Victoria's Blessing, antedating by a few months the establishment of The Second (Big Two) Canadian Voluntary Militia later to be known as The Queen's Own Rifles.

The salute made to The Queen's Own Rifles by the Ontario Jockey Club is a link between two of our oldest continuing institutions in Canada.

*CLIFF MCLAUGHLIN PRESIDENT*

## **THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (Br. 344) D PLUS 40 YEARS**

Forty years have gone by since that day, June 6, 1944 when our boys stormed the beaches of Normandy and liberated the French from their oppressors. Many of those who participated in that assault were able to return to Normandy, to a hero's welcome from the people of France who have not forgotten those young Canadian soldiers who gave them freedom.

The ceremonies in France to mark the 40th Anniversary were touching, warm and heartfelt. Our return, now as old soldiers, was made possible by a concerted effort of the Provincial Government who provided the means for us to take with us The Queen's Own Military and Bugle Bands (who made us very proud to be associated with them).

The Government of France, particularly the Mayors of Berniere-sur-Mer, Caen

and forty other towns in Normandy, opened their hearts and homes to us providing host family accommodation. For those who stayed with these families, the experience was enjoyable, but most of all to the D + 40 committee who sacrificed a lot of their time to put together a trip for veterans across Canada, which would allow as many veterans to participate in the 40th anniversary ceremonies as possible.

There are many moments which command attention, but none as fine as when our group arrived at Tailleville where the North Shores Regiment of New Brunswick had lost many of their men. We had decided to pay homage to the war memorial there.

We arrived earlier than expected only to find the Mayor on his farm in the middle of his chores. He was ecstatic that the Canadians had returned and sounded the alarm to the members of his town to get their best wines and cheeses ready, for the Canadians had arrived and that meant a celebration. We were honoured by their

open admiration, untarnished by the time that had passed. Like old friends who had not seen each other in forty years, we joined the villagers at the war memorial at Tailleville and had probably the most moving ceremony of all. Away from the pomp and pageantry we were with people who were overjoyed that we had returned to pay our respects for our fallen comrades and in true tradition of 'Bon Ami' the mayor led his people in a pleasing rendition of the French Anthem and we in response to their presentation of pride and nationalism sang 'O Canada' with heart wrenching feelings.

Each wife of a veteran received a bouquet of flowers from a towns person and each veteran paid his respects to the war memorial. After the ceremony we celebrated with a feast better than any yet. This is just one of the captured moments which will remain with us when we look back.

The morning ceremony at Bernieres-sur-Mer on 6 June was beautiful. Inter-governmental Affairs Minister, Tom Wells



was in attendance at every Canadian ceremony and laid a wreath at every memorial on behalf of the Province of Ontario. Our band played at the Canadian cemeteries but most important of all, our veterans, those 'young Canadian soliders' paid tribute to those who could not enjoy these past 40 years. All of those feelings are beyond words and made the return trip, for most, one of the happiest — saddest days of our lives.

There are many to thank, the people of France who welcomed us and opened their homes to us, our comrades who travelled from across the world to join together for this reunion, the heads of state who honoured us by their presence. History was made on 6 June, 1944, and forty years later it was decorated in full tribute by all.

In closing we wish to thank our representatives, Intergovernmental Affairs Minister, Tom Wells, Mayor Christain Du



Tilly for our French connection, our travel agent, P. Lawson and most of all to our committee Frank Eakin, Guy Perrier, Archie McQuade, Art Gay who made it possible and to Laura Goutouski for a

spectacular job as our Public Relations Director. It was a pleasure to work with all these people.

A. (GUS) GOUTOUSKI  
PRESIDENT



## WE DO REMEMBER COMMITTEE

Canadian Veterans have two ongoing love affairs from the war fought in North-western Europe - one with Normandy and one with Holland.

The big one in France - the 40th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings was celebrated in Normandy in June, 1984. The big one in Holland - the 40th anniversary of V-E Day, when the war with Germany ended in May, 1945, will be observed with equal enthusiasm in May, 1985 by the Dutch people and their Canadian liberators.

This will be strictly a Dutch celebration with the towns of Apeldoorn, Barneveld, Groningen and Deventer hosts for the veterans and their wives, under the auspices of the We Do Remember Committee, based in Toronto.

Princess Margriet, the Queen of Holland's sister who was born in Ottawa during the war and who lives in Apeldoorn, has been requested to take the salute at the parade as she did in Nijmegen in 1980 on the 35th Anniversary.

The trip scheduled from April 27, 1985, is for allied veterans and their wives from coast to coast and Legion Bands and Legion Colour Parties have been invited also.

The Committee is hopeful veterans from all parts of Canada will be going. There were 1500 for the 35th.

"My own experience with the Dutch is that they are very hospitable, a warmth unknown in North America" says Jack Martin, Vice chairman of the Committee who fought in Holland with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada - "Most veterans feel that way about the Dutch".

Officials of the Dutch host towns have sent word that the vets and their wives will be billeted with Dutch families for 8-10 days, at no cost.

The 'We Do Remember' Committee has been preparing for the ceremonies for more than a year. Martin and John Oliver, (Dutch Royal Navy Veteran) as well as head of Marlies Travel Services who again are handling the travel arrangements, were in The Netherlands in May coordinating arrangements.

"I was told on arrival in the spring that the big parade this time would be in Rotterdam" Oliver says, "When I asked why Rotterdam when the Canadians didn't



fight there, they told me 'that's the way it is'. It has now been finalized that the parade will be in Apeldoorn on 5 May, 1985.

One of the memories cherished by the Canadians who were there in 1980, is that of the welcome at Schiphol Airport. In the spring of 1980, Oliver had discussed the problem of getting 1,500 people through immigration quickly and suggested the Dutch Immigration officials pass the group through without checking passports. The law abiding officials said they were sorry but it was law. I said "But they are Canadians. As I recall they didn't show their passports when they came over the border to free you in 1944." The officer grinned and said, "O.K. you win." When the veterans entered the airport clutching their passports, they were waved through and all the officials were lined up and saluted each one as they passed. The men loved it, recalled Oliver.

D-Day and the Battle of Normandy fighting were among the toughest the Canadians faced in the war, but most will tell you the battle for the Scheldt pocket, a strip of Holland south of the Estuary, was worse. It was fought on water and the 8-10 foot high dikes were the 'hedgerows' of Holland where they were under terrible shelling and mortar fire.

In the Scheldt fighting, men from the British 8th Army (The Desert Rats who had fought in Africa) who fought with them knicknamed the 3rd Canadian Division boys 'The Water Rats'.

The 'We Do Remember' Committee have an impressive batting lineup. Hon. Chairman is Maj. Gen. Chris Vokes, CD, CBE, DSO. Honorary members include

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauve, PC, CC, CMM, CD Governor General of Canada and the Lieutenant Governors of the ten provinces as well as the premiers of the ten provinces. The Hon. Pauline McGibbon, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; The Hon. Barney Danson, former Minister of National Defence; Dave Cauperauld, Dominion President; The Royal Canadian Legion; Maj. Gen. Richard Rohmer (Retd), George Lefebvre, President, War Amputations of Canada, Toronto Branch; BGen. Reginald Lewis; BGen. T.G. Gibson and Judge Paul Pickett.

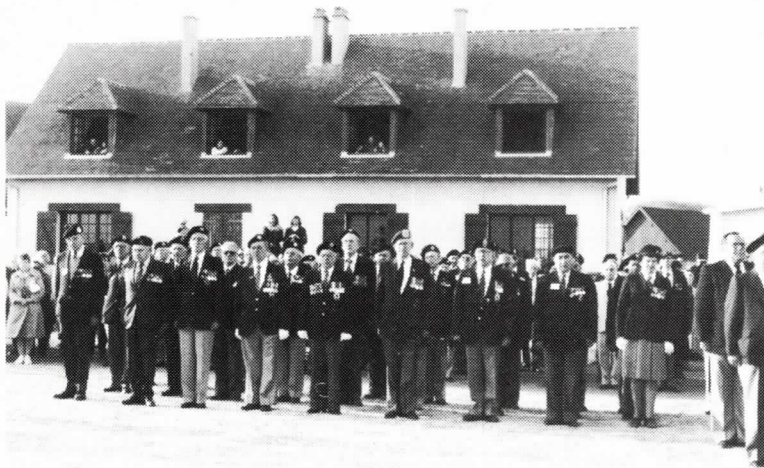
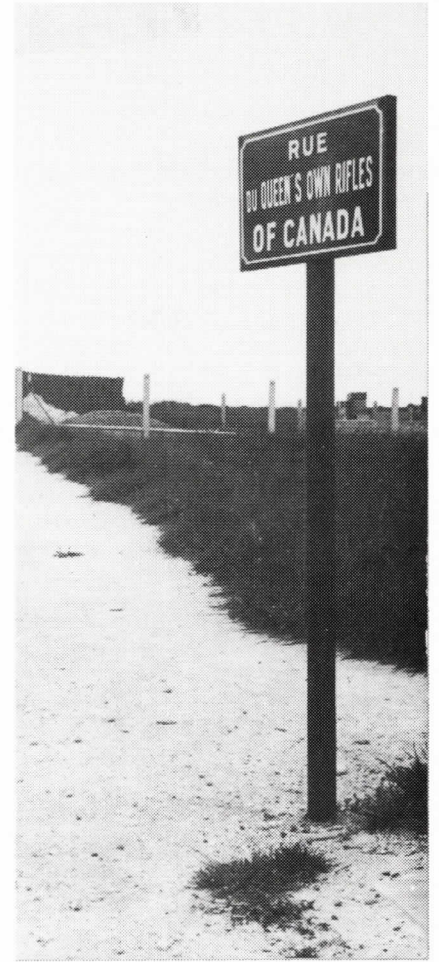
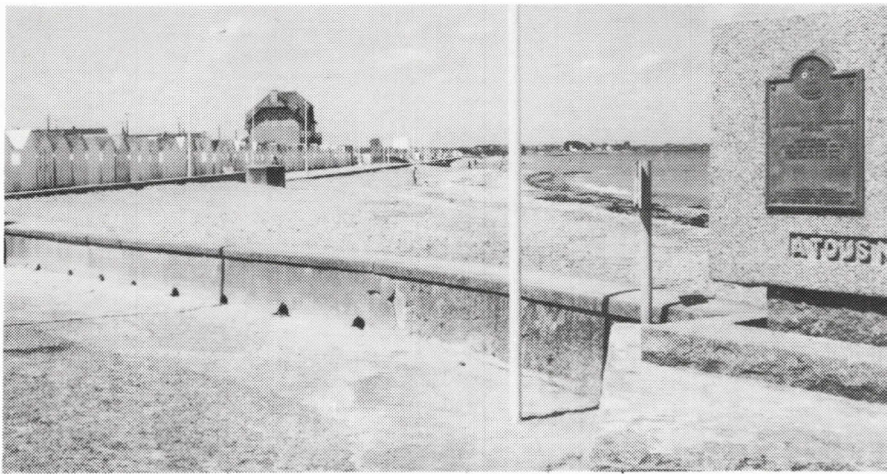
The Committee members are: Chairman Col. H. Elliot Dalton; Vice Chairman Jack Martin; Secretary Col. Mike George; Treasurer Cliff Weir (both of the 48th Highlanders). Members - Col. Don Muir, Lincoln & Welland Regiment; Bernie Pilote, Alouette Squadron RCAF; John Missions (Q.O.R.) and John Oliver, ex-Royal Dutch Navy.

Cost of the trip, including return air fare, transportation to and from the host's town, hospitalization outside Canada, cancellation insurance, airport taxes and baggage handling is \$879 per person departing from Toronto (subject to change). Departures from Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver are also scheduled.

Applications can be obtained by writing the 'We Do Remember National Committee', 45 Richmond St. W., Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1Z2 - Telephone (416) 868-0095.

Applications are recommended as soon as possible.





Blake Millar  
Architect

Lieutenant Colonel Graham Baskerville  
Queens Own Rifles of Canada  
Mass Park Army  
130 Queen Street East  
Toronto Canada.

June 6, 1984.

Dear Col. Baskerville,

On this deeply felt morning, the fortieth anniversary of the Regiment's attack on the Nazi forces in Normandie, may I add my own voice of thanks to the voices and thoughts of millions of Canadians, in honoring the commitment of the men and women taking part in that fateful event.

I vividly recall the tenth anniversary when I had the honor, as a kid soldier/cadet, to lead the joint Church Parade to St. Paul's Bloor Street, as OC of the Band of the Upper Canada College Cadet Battalion.

We marched, full of pride, with three platoons of your recent veterans of the Second and Korean Wars.

Captain Atkins, for whom I had great, but silent affection, and his QOR band, put extra zip into each step, that hot June morning.

The men of the Queen's Own, and their dedication to duty, freedom and Canada, regardless of the cost of personal sacrifice will remain for me, the meaning of what it is to be a Canadian.

May I give you my thanks, for all of them.

Blake Millar

## “ONCE IN THE QUEEN’S OWN - ALWAYS IN THE QUEEN’S OWN.”

When did the traditional phrase, “Once in the Queen’s Own — Always in the Queen’s Own,” take root in our inner beings? When did it cease to be a pithy saying a stream of words, and become implanted in us? When did it become a conviction — almost a conversion — and make for continued loyalty to the Regiment throughout our lifetimes?

For some of us it began in June, 1940, when the Toronto daily papers’ headlines announced that the Queen’s Own Rifles of Canada would be mobilized. We sat in the west-end gallery of the grand old University Avenue Armouries turning beseeching eyes to runners who came to select candidates for interviews. Much to our relief we finally received a beckoning signal and were taken to C Company, ‘The Buffs Company’, orderly room to sign papers and to be interviewed by Major Victor Gianelli. Then, adopting as soldierly a posture as we could we were sworn into the Canadian Army by Major Pangman — George or John (both later became Brigadiers) — over the stacked Regimental drums.

Later came an issue of battle dress — which fitted where it touched — and green field service cap with bright red cherry, cap badge and regimental flashes. Pride in the unit came as we donned the uniform. Elementary drilling under Sergeant Eddie Fox or other NCOs who had been reclaimed from training schools sharpened us up. We flinched under the sharp eyes and stern commands of Company Sergeant Major Harry Fox or other Warrant Officers. Our knowledge of the proud history of the Regiment increased as we read the issued pamphlet, ‘the catechism of the QOR,’ listened to lectures, or chatted with those who had served in the militia. Many of us had had little contact with the military and the great accomplishments since 1860 made us feel that there is something special about being a Rifleman. The end of June brought a great parade down Yonge Street, along Queen Street then back into the Armouries with that great cavern re-echoing thunderously to sound of combined bugle and military band. A thrill went up and down the spine

causing us to draw our shoulders further back and to raise our heads higher. A few days later we departed from Toronto rather ignominiously as we marched to the Union Station with potato sacks — ‘MacKenzie King kitbags’ — slung untidily over our shoulders.

Those of us who were new recruits had a quick introduction to army life as we entered the tent lines of Camp Borden. July days were hot and there was always sand in our mouths, nostrils, underwear and blankets. Training diversified and we were exposed to the testing of gas masks. On a memorable occasion, Lieutenant Edward Dunlop led a route march through the burning sands and then ordered us to don respirators and double the last half mile back to the lines. We began to get to know each other as we lived together — and endured together. The Regimental spirit increased for we were now surrounded by other units. Reveille was a rousing time — in more ways than one. If the Bugle Band did not turn you out then the Toronto Irish pipe band got to you. Wooden hutments began to rise on the site, and, as so often happened, no sooner were we becoming more comfortable than moving orders arrived. In early August our train party marched to the Borden siding behind the pipes of the Toronto Irish Regiment. Riflemen will sympathize when they learn that we carried full kit and marched through blowing sand at 108 to the minute. That was the longest march!

The train took us from ‘roughing it’ at Borden to a luxury cruise to Newfoundland. At Montreal we boarded the **Duchess of Richmond**, fresh from cruising in the Caribbean. Morale soared as we dined off table linen with silver service and slept between sheets. A full crew and staff gave us the ‘first class’ treatment. (In late August, 1946, Captain Ted Adamson, Paymaster, and I returned to Canada on the **Duchess of Richmond**. It had been completely converted to a troopship — hammocks, wooden tables, etc. There was no visible resemblance to the cruise ship of 1940.)

We arrived in Botwood, north coast port of Newfoundland, in the early morning of 10 August 1940. A and B Companies remained in Botwood, C and D proceeded to Gander Airport, the great re-fueling base for trans-Atlantic flights in those days. The Newfoundland “Bullet”

lived up to its name; on up-grades you could walk along beside the train, pick berries and relax. The Black Watch were happy to turn over the airport tent-lines to us; no floor-boards, no recreational facilities, lots of rain and constant wind across the great open space. (Oh to be back on the **Duchess of Richmond!**)

We were now on active service, ready to defend the airport from enemy attacks. Platoons rotated to outpost duties — much to be preferred to fatigues or training exercises. In the outpost cabin on Gander Lake we feasted on trout and berries. Comradeship continued to build, especially at the platoon level. C Company traded places with a Company from Botwood. We guarded the docks and patrolled the town by carrier. The ladies at each end of the route welcomed us with pie and cake. We held a C Company concert at a local church, the ladies fed us well. Bill and Bud Ives had morning tea brought to them by CSM Harry Fox — in a sketch — while we all sang: “We all love you, Sergeant Major.” Finally, in late November, the Royal Rifles of Canada came to relieve us. We embarked in a snow storm which obscured the sentry on the dock as we got under way.

Our trials were not over. Leaving port we ran into a North Atlantic storm of great magnitude which tossed the ferry around like a match stick. The dining room was full — in harbour — for the first meal. After that you could sit wherever you wanted to; there were very few meal-goers. The S.S. **Northland** took five days for a short trip — we had to put in to North Sydney, Cape Breton Island for bread. After this very rough trip from Newfoundland, and a short train ride, we recovered our ‘land legs’ as we marched into barracks in Sussex, New Brunswick.

Leave was granted and most of us spent Christmas and New Year’s holidays at home proudly relating our experiences with Canada’s finest regiment. Back at Sussex training again became the major emphasis and many were sent on courses. We had a rugged winter with plenty of snow which provided an opportunity for training a ski patrol. In the Spring — which was beautiful — there were manoeuvres, route marches and bivouacs. The Regiment de la Chaudiere and the North Shore (N.B.) Regiment joined the Q.O.R. to form the “Shiny Eighth Brigade” and some training at the Brigade level was

possible. "We're Q.O.R. of T-O-R-O-N-T-O" was the theme song of an entertaining musical show which was presented at Sussex, Saint John and Moncton. Marches were enlivened by many war songs; "We're the boys of the Q.O.R. which you hear so much about" added to the high spirits of the unit. The regimental boxing team won the Divisional championship and basketball and hockey teams represented the Q.O.R. with credit.

Captain Bob Sawyer and Sergeant Bob Rae were sent, in June, to the Small Arms School at Long Branch which gave us both a chance to spend some time at home. We were fortunate; early in July we were called off course for embarkation leave as the Regiment was under orders to proceed overseas. There are poignant memories about the Small Arms School; several fellow students were from the Royal Rifles and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. They were envious of us in view of the overseas posting. Before 1941 ended many of them had perished or been taken prisoner by the Japanese in Hong Kong.

Embarkation leaves do come to an end, alas, and by mid-July we were all back in Sussex. On 19 July 1941 the battalion entrained and by 1900 hours the Regiment was settled on board His Majesty's Troopship **Strathmore** in Halifax Harbour. No fancy cruise ship this time; the vessel had been stripped of peace-time niceties but we were comfortable and the meals were good. A cruiser and a flotilla of destroyers took up convoy duties as we set sail on 21 July. Guard duty, boat drills and lectures kept us busy but being together, aboard ship, increased morale. Only one alarm occurred as we watched a destroyer wheel around and drop depth charges but there was no further action. On 29 July, after a quick crossing, we sailed up the Clyde. It was a moving experience to stand beside Andy Sutherland and Jock Hutchison, militia veterans, as they cast their eyes on their native Scotland. The H.M.T. **Strathmore** cast anchor and we went ashore, in tenders, to the railway siding at Gourock. As we neared the pier a British engine emitted a shrill, penny-whistle sound which greatly amused us in contrast to the deep roar of a Canadian railway engine. We entrained and after a lively, interesting journey to Aldershot in the south of England we marched to historic Mandora Barracks. We were on overseas service.

When and how did the Regimental saying: "Once in the Queen's Own, Always in the Queen's Own" cease to be

mere words and enter into the mainstream of your life?

LIEUT. ROBERT C. (BOB) RAE



## LE CONNOISSEUR

Wars have moments of comedy and this story is one of those moments.

The Queen's Own on D-Day brought the means of combat enabling them to gain a foothold on the Normandy beach head. D plus 3, it was discovered, also brought a renowned authority in the world of spirits.

Striving to maintain qualities making them leaders in most fields of endeavour, was a Professor of Alcohol Technology, Professor Alawishus Alkoa, (sometimes known as 'Stumblin Stumpy'). Professor Alkoa, a leader in alcohol technology could tell by taste the amount of moisture on the vines the day the grape was picked, the number of days sunshine needed to ripen the fruit, etc. Like the farmer he was a man outstanding in his field.

You will agree it was not a field of endeavour given the importance it receives today. Millions of books have been printed, untold millions spent in learning

the art of making, handling and serving this product, and D plus 3, if you studied this subject, you were classed as a tippler, imbibor or just a drunk.

On one occasion, D plus 3 found the Professor sleeping with a gallon can in his arms, his pillow a pile of burial crosses and when orders came to move and the professor was awakened, he was asked "what's in the can Stumpy?" — "The finest French wine you'll ever get your hands on" was his reply and immediately placed the can to his lips — not three seconds later a gush of red fluid was shooting from his mouth.

The people of Bretteville still talk of the miracle that almost happened, a gusher, (not oil) but French wine that was thought to be part of a huge deposit stored in the bowels of the earth.

What was in the can you may well ask — the label written in German and translated 'ALCOHOL FOR MOTORS ONLY'.

TOM (BUCK) BUCHANAN

## THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS NEWSLETTER

May we start this newsletter by first sending all members of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada our warmest greetings and best wishes for the year ahead.

Our long association with Hong Kong is marked by a tendency to start this newsletter with reference to the Chinese Zodiac, and far be it from me to change this. 1983, the Year of the Pig, was to be the dull and uneventful year with time for consolidation and reassessment: there must have been times when Battalions, in the whirl of Border Duty, exercises, treks, courses, Unit moves and a seemingly endless stream of visitors, wondered whether the Pig had metamorphosed into a more energetic animal.

Amongst the many visitors, the Brigade was honoured to receive HRH Princess Anne who came to Hong Kong as Colonel-in-Chief Queen's Gurkha Signals; Baroness Yong; Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall; Brigadier John Whitehead; General Sturge; General Sir George Cooper as well as Mr. John Stanley MP who did a whistle stop tour of Nepal at the beginning of 1984, having previously visited 10 Gurkha Rifles in Belize. Sadly, General Sir Paul Travers who had visited both Nepal and Hong Kong with Lady Travers died suddenly shortly after his return to the United Kingdom. This was especially a blow for Gurkha Transport Regiment as General Travers' appointment as their Colonel of the Regiment had only recently been announced.

1983 has seen command change in 1/2 Gurkha Rifles, 6 Gurkha Rifles, 2/7 Gurkha Rifles and in the LOBG's office; Queen's Gurkha Signals have restructured their Regiment throughout and the Brigade has at last been beaten at Bisley by the Welsh Guards in a close match against 2/2 Gurkha Rifles. This last was welcomed by many of us in the Brigade as the Welsh Guards proved themselves worthy adversaries, and have successfully stopped the Brigade from becoming complacent!

The Queen's medal, however, stayed with the Brigade, having been won by 21159595 Cpl Bhagiman Limbu 2/7 Gurkha Rifles much to everyone's delight.

2/7 Gurkha Rifles also won the Khud

Race although the fastest runner was 21155613 Rfm Aitabahadur Limbu 1/7 Gurkha Rifles in time of 15 mins 57 secs. The Race was dogged by disaster this year as the weather was so atrocious in February that it had to be postponed until December. The Nepal Cup Football was also battled out in a sea of mud, 1/2 Gurkha Rifles finally taking the trophy after an exciting game against 6 Gurkha Rifles.

Gurkha Transport Regiment have made their mark this year in the world of individual sports by producing the Hong Kong Tae Kwon Do Lightweight Champion. 21162220 LCpl Tulsikumar Gurung went on to the world championships in Copenhagen and, although he was not placed there, he is to be congratulated on his outstanding achievement.

Members of the Brigade have again been travelling worldwide. 1/7 Gurkha Rifles were lucky enough to go on exercise Trumpet Dance in Fort Lewis, America — an experience not quickly forgotten by the Battalion or the Americans!! Their Pipes & Drums visited Vancouver with great success and are probably finding the Community Relations engagements of Hong Kong life a little dull in comparison. Men from 1/2 Gurkha Rifles and Queen's Gurkha Engineers went on the much sought after exercise 'Coconut Grove' in Fiji; Gurkha Transport Regiment celebrated their 25th birthday by running exercise 'Orchard Road' for four weeks in Singapore and, even as I write, men from 10 Gurkha Rifles are returning to Church Crookham from Belize and 1/7 Gurkha Rifles have a contingent in Malaysia.

The greatest Community Relations project of the year must have been done by Queen's Gurkha Engineers who were called in to shift a Lufthansa cargo plane that had aborted on take off, and lay in a collapsed heap at the end of the Kai Tak runway. Time was of the essence as the plane was successfully blocking all incoming and outgoing aircraft. Hong Kong — briefly — became inaccessible to the rest of the world.

**The future of Hong Kong** has continued to figure largely in all our lives: 1984 has seen a constant stream of negotiators to China and press reports have rung the changes from gloom and despondency to euphoria: this is neither the place nor time to comment on what the

future holds for the Brigade and, while it may seem trite, the present uncertainty over our future is nothing unique. The short term future of the Brunei Garrison has been resolved and 1983 has perhaps been characterized by the groundwork that put our house in order to ensure we are better prepared to take our place alongside British Units on the modern battlefield. A complete reassessment of our educational system is underway and the emphasis on an English-speaking Brigade is more pronounced. Full time English Teachers will join Units in early 1985 and this should see a dramatic improvement in our communication skills.

MAJOR J.A. ANDERSON  
6 GURKHA RIFLES  
BRIGADE MAJOR  
BRIGADE OF GURKHAS

## REGIMENTAL CALENDAR REMINDERS

Regimental Birthday Dinner/Dance  
20 April, 1985.

Black Net Dinner — 27 September, 1985.

Visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Princess Alexandra 6-11 November, 1985.

Officers' Christmas Luncheon — 14 December, 1985.



## 6TH QUEEN ELIZABETH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES

I am sure that every CO believes that his years in command are eventful; nevertheless, the last year has been very busy indeed and with a high degree of variety. It goes without saying that we have trained hard. We have held two major exercises each lasting over ten days, the first in Jungle Warfare and the second in Conventional Limited War. Both were hard work but the results were encouraging. We received and became responsible for two parties of refugees who had escaped from Vietnam. The second of these parties were in the most appalling condition having been adrift in an open boat for six weeks but were nursed back to health by our soldiers — it says much for the compassion of the Gurkha, so famous for his fearless aggression.

We were required to play a discrete but important part in the discussions which took place between the Sultan and the Government in London and which resulted in the agreement being signed to retain a Gurkha Battalion in Brunei. The celebrations for Brunei's Independence went well and quietly.

This year was our year for the dreaded UBR, The Unit Biennial Review. This form of military torture as the title suggests takes place every two years. It consists of a minute inspection of every aspect of our administration and training standards. An unbelievably large number of staff officers

and specialist inspectors descend and clamber about the Battalion seeking out the skeletons in our cupboard. As the coup de grace, the Brigade Commander himself arrived, and with a mischievous smile, he set us on an extremely testing four day exercise in deep jungle far removed from our base. We managed to deploy from a cold start in under ten hours and were in contact with our enemy after a major heli lift from separated landing points. The soldiers responded to the challenge magnificently and our 'difficult to please' Brigadier expressed himself entirely satisfied with our performance. We later heard that the Commander had reported, in glowing terms, our efforts to the Colonel of the Regiment.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Battle of Mogaung. Mogaung was a key town in Northern Burma where the Chindits first defeated the Japanese, until then considered invincible. 6th Gurkhas, represented by the Third Battalion, formed part of 77 Brigade which captured the town in desperate fighting. 3/6 GR won two Victoria Crosses, Captain Michael Allmand, who died at Mogaung and Rifleman Tulbahadur Pun who survived.

To celebrate the event we arranged a regimental weekend attended by 6 GR Officers from everywhere and also by the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj. Gen. Derek Boorman. We managed also to bring to Brunei three Gurkha veterans of the battle, including Tulbahadur Pun who, while now an old man, is still alert and fit.

The highlight of the weekend was a

superb presentation of the battle given by Maj. Ian Bushell who commands C (Mogaung) Company. He used a magnificent model of the battlefield, film from the Imperial War Museum, slides and recorded messages including one from the Brigade Commander 77 Brigade Brigadier Mike Calvert. Tulbahadur himself explained his part in the battle. All of us were chastened and inspired by the story of amazing courage and suffering.

The event which overshadowed everything was the visit of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. His visit was preceded by His Royal Highness Prince Dharendra Bir Bikram Shah, brother of HM The King of Nepal. Prince Charles impressed everyone with his calm confidence and relaxed manner. He also surprised us with his immediate grasp of complex military subjects. After several hours with the soldiers in the lines watching training and demonstrations, the Prince lunched in the Officers' Mess before departing.

The day was an immense success and will remain fresh in our memories for many years.

We are drawing close to the end of our tour of duty in Brunei and will soon pack for our move to Hong Kong.

I wish all members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada good fortune and hope that members of my regiment and yours will have an opportunity to meet sometime in the not too distant future.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
R.F. RICHARDSON-AITKEN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

## 6TH BTN (HAURAKI) ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 1983/84 training year was a busy one for 6th Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR (6 Hau). The training was oriented towards preparing the Battalion for the two week formation exercise held in February, 1984. As a result, night parades and weekend training activities were held throughout the year. Training developed from individual to section, platoon, company and finally Battalion emphasis was placed on the attached phase of war.

The formation exercise was held in Waiouru during February, 1984. Waiouru is tussock-covered hill country in the centre of North Island. Snow, rain and heavy wind was encountered during the two week brigade level exercise. Despite the conditions, the Battalion worked well and achieved a good efficiency report.

The 1984/85 training year commenced

in April 1984. This year followed a similar development pattern to last year with the theme of operations being the defence.

A series of Tactical Studies were held in June to introduce officers and SNCOs to the techniques of defensive operations. This was followed in September by a series of Command Post Exercises designed to revise and prepare the Battalion command element for annual camp. September, October and November saw the rifle companies conducting defensive exercises to culminate their respective defence collective training activities. The specialist support company platoons pursued their respective training and attended weapons concentrations conducted by the School of Infantry.

October saw the Battalion undergo a major restructure as part of the New Zealand and Army restructure. Manning levels were reduced and two rifle companies were amalgamated. The Battalion is now organized as follows:

- a. Battalion Headquarters — Tauranga
- b. Support Company — Tauranga/Paeroa

- c. Logistics Company — Tauranga
- d. A Company — Tokoroa/Rotorua
- e. B Company — Whakatane
- f. D Company — Hamilton

The new organization enables the Battalion to draw on the best recruiting areas and expand for mobilization as rapidly as is possible.

Early October also saw the Battalion Command Structure disappear into the murky wastes of Waiouru to participate in Exercise TRIAD. This was a divisional level Command Post exercise involving personnel from New Zealand, Australia and the United States. True to form, the allied nations were victorious against the dreaded Musorian enemy.

From the Officers and Soldiers of 6 Hau, we wish you all the best and good soldiering.

WHAKATANGATA KIA KAHA  
(Acquit yourselves like men — Be strong)

LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
E.A.D. BROOKER  
COMMANDING OFFICER



## **SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT**

Against a background of unwelcome but no doubt necessary restrictions and impositions, the Regiment has progressed steadily both in its field training and office production during 1983/1984.

In the second half of 1983, several promotion and specialist courses were conducted as part of our weekend training and a two week camp in December qualified soldiers in recruit and initial employment training, signals, mortars, driving and cooking.

The Annual Field Training which took place in January and early February, 1984, was more dislocated than usual, as base was established at the Gan Gan Camp, approximately 200 km north of Sydney on Port Stephens. From there all soldiers fired their annual range practice at Singleton Field Firing Range and witnessed a most impressive demonstration of the fire power of the weapons of an Infantry Battalion. The training culminated for most of the Regiment with a successful six day reconnaissance and surveillance exercise in the Mayall River State Forest, a spectacular sub-tropical rain forest 300 km north of Sydney.

In addition, a composite company, formed from elements of each of the rifle companies, enjoyed the rigours of a two week training and test exercise conducted by the Land Warfare Centre for both regulars and reserves at Canungra. From all reports it was a gruelling but rewarding two weeks, exercising all members of the company in infantry tactics at section, platoon and company level. The Land Warfare Centre, formerly known as the Jungle Training Centre, adds a new dimension to the meaning of the term 'close country.'

In addition to its role as an infantry battalion, the Regiment is charged with producing officers for the Army Reserve. As a result, the Officers' Mess have welcomed 10 new officers who have been commissioned into the Regiment in the last year.

The year has also seen some change of personalities. In December, 1983, Capt. Steve Hollings finished his posting as Adjutant to take up a posting as Mortar Platoon Commander with 5/7 RAR and was replaced by Capt. David Evans. In mid 1984, Maj. Peter Garling left B Company to become Operations Officer and was

succeeded by Capt. Robertson Wright. At the New England University Company, Maj. Lavery was succeeded by Capt. Ian Spence from 12/16 Hunter River Lancers. Maj. Gary Tamsitt and Maj. Harvey Edwards remain in command of the Australian National University Company and C (Training) Company respectively, and command of Headquarter Company passed from Lt. Paul Brereton to Lt. John Hennessey. Later in 1984, the Training Officer, Maj. Terry O'Neil, is to take up his new posting with the United Nations Observer Group in Kashmir.

Overseas comings and goings also continue with Lt. Adrian Culey returning from serving with the 4th (V) Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets while living in the United Kingdom. In addition, Lt. Sebastian Fitzlyon from 4 RGJ and Lt. David Singh from Singaporean Army have both been serving with the Regiment. The benefit derived by the officers themselves and the Regiment as a whole from such changes between allied regiments cannot be overestimated.

On the social side, the Regiment has been particularly active with the highlight being the Regimental Dinner in late June. All serving officers together with many former members and friends of the Regiment enjoyed a fine evening; the Chief of the General Staff and the Deputy Chancellor of the University of Sydney spoke after dinner. Much to the regret of some officers, the Commanding Officer's conference was at 10 o'clock the next morning.

Perhaps the biggest shock that the unit suffered during the year resulted from the imposition of income tax on income earned from Army Reserve service. Nonetheless, administrative hurdles are being overcome and what might be termed "taxpayer resistance" is crumbling.

The Regiment is strong in numbers and looking forward to Annual Field Training in January 1985, near Captain's Flat, 75 km east of Canberra.

*LIEUTENANT COLONEL  
R.F. WINDEYER*

## **THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT**

On January 1st, 1984, Brigadier Charles Millman, OBE took over the Colonelcy from Maj-Gen. Rowley Mans, CBE

after a six-year tour in office. Col. John Holman, OBE assumed the appointment of Deputy Colonel.

1984 has been a unique year for our regular battalions, all three of which were serving in Northern Ireland at the same time. The 1st and 2nd on 'Resident' two-year tours and the 3rd Bn on a four-month OP Banner tour.

At the end of 1983, we were honoured by a visit to Regimental Headquarters by H.M. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, our Allied Colonel-in-Chief. She came to unveil a portrait of Herself which was commissioned by the Carlsberg Foundation and presented to the Regiment.

We were delighted to entertain Col. Charles Dalton and his wife Helen to a 'pub-lunch' when they visited Canterbury at the end of May.

*MAJOR (Retd) G.U. WEYMOUTH*

## **THE BROCKVILLE RIFLES**

The Brockville Rifles held its "Open House" in March. This event was coordinated by Captain Dryden who arranged for the presence of many pieces of equipment not normally found in Brockville such as field ambulances, a Grizzly and an 81 mm Mortar. Displays were also put on by the unit's Armour Defence section and the soldiers of A Company. The show was enjoyed by all who attended and was a tremendous help to our recruiting drive.

In May the unit went to CFB Petawawa to participate in exercise ORPHIC QUEST, the OMD Field Training Exercise.

On June 2, 1984, the Annual Officers Mess Dinner was held. The Guest of Honour was the American Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Paul Robinson.

Throughout the months of July and August the Regiment ran an SYEP Course in Brockville, commanded by Lieutenant S.C. McQuitty. Milcon '83 was open only to the members of 8 Platoon of The Brockville Rifles. The rest of the members of the Regiment were tasked to go on course or to fill other employment functions in the district.

On the weekend 15 - 16 September, 1984 at Connaught Rangers in Ottawa, the Annual Unit Classification will occur.

*MAJOR W.M. ROGERS*



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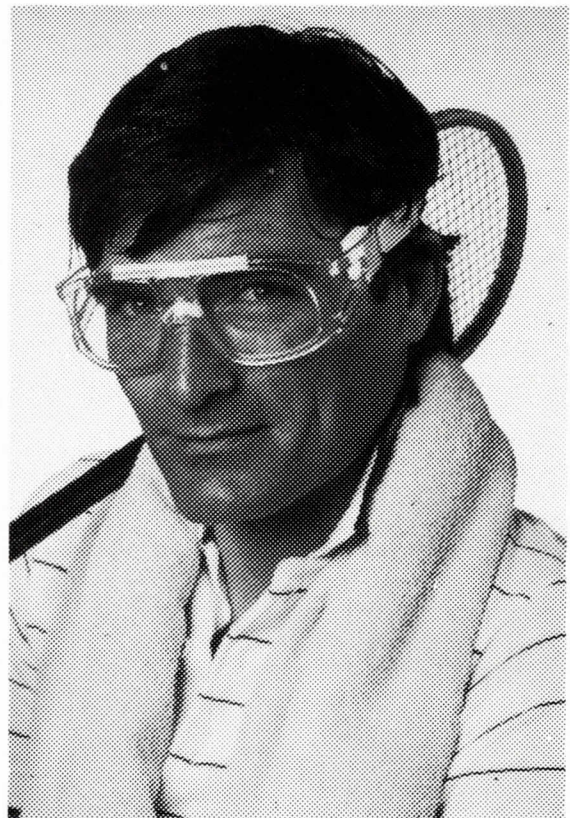
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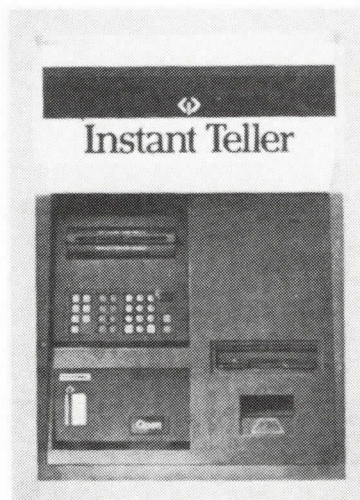
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