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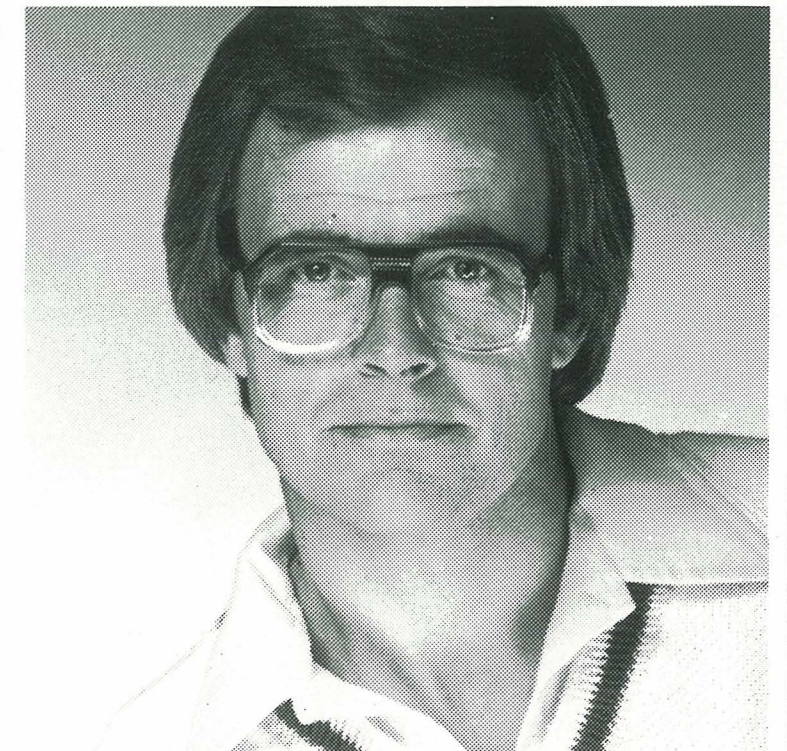
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REPORT ON THE REGIMENT

THE HONORARY COLONEL

The past year has been, I believe, an outstanding one for your Regiment. The Battalion did extremely well during the summer camp held at Fort Drum, in New York State. I believe this is the first time summer concentration has been held in the United States.

I had the opportunity to visit the Unit and also to participate in one of the schemes using helicopters, so that I know first hand that the Americans were impressed with the calibre of men, the discipline, the training level and the enthusiasm shown by all ranks.

The Battalion gained numerical strength during the year, and in my opinion, the calibre of officers and men has seldom been better.

The Brass Band was outfitted in dress uniforms which was long past due as we were the only Unit in the Garrison parading in issue green uniforms.

As most of you are aware, the spring season was highlighted by the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, Princess Alexandra, from April 25th until the 29th (more about the visit elsewhere in The Rifleman).

I would like to thank the many people who worked so hard to make the visit so successful, and a particular thank you to all ranks of the Battalion who put on an outstanding show, from the Guard at the airport on Her Highness's arrival until the Guard as the Colonel-in-Chief left for Victoria.

I believe the Unit will continue to improve in all aspects under the capable leadership of Lt. Col. Bill Wilson, his officers, N.C.O.'s and other ranks.

Colonel Elliot Dalton



EDITORIAL

My predecessor in the editor's chair has used the analogy of raising a family to describe the joys, frustration and love involved in producing a journal such as The Rifleman. With this, the third edition, I continue to see the merits of such a comparison. The decision to start a family is usually a difficult one and the experimental approach to raising one's first child is always educational. With the arrival of a second offspring comes the opportunity to refine some techniques. By the time the third appears, many of the procedures are familiar but the novelty of a new creation is still a wonder to behold. Hopefully, as future editions of The Rifleman come off the presses, the thrill of creation will remain as fresh and exhilarating.

This child of the Regimental Family has certainly come of age, with credit for its development due to all members of our family who made the special effort to submit articles. As Editor, I am in your debt for providing the excellent editorial content of this journal. I am also indebted to the many Riflemen who provided the funds which are

the lifeblood of any publication. Having breathed life into this creation, I trust you will maintain your support and involvement.

As you read through this chronicle of our activities over the past, you will recognize that it contains more articles than ever before and includes reports from virtually every branch of the Regimental Family. Those who have been missed, I hope, will accept this challenge to count themselves in for next year.

Our Family continues to grow and with this expansion, the role of The Rifleman becomes more important as a means of keeping the family together. First and foremost, this is your publication. Your contributions are more than welcome, they are vital.

The many hours spent putting this journal together have been a labour of love. On behalf of the editorial staff, I hope you find the results interesting and informative.

Captain Scott Ferguson
Editor

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Another year has rolled by complete with its joys and frustrations. However, it is most enjoyable to see another edition of 'The Rifleman' appear and to know that its health is good and strengthening all the time. On behalf of the unit, a hearty congratulations to Captains Adam Hermant and Scott Ferguson and to their 'Chief Of Staff', Joyce Reddin, for another success.

The year has had its ups and downs but ended on a very high note with the visit of our Colonel in Chief, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. Anyone who is privy to the inner councils of the Regimental Executive Committee and even those who simply stood on the outskirts of their deliberations, will be aware of the frustrating experience of trying to visit a Royal Visit during 1979. Despite all of the urging and efforts of Colonel Elliott Dalton and Lieutenant Colonel Barnet (Barney) Danson, the powers to be decided, in their wisdom, that the visit 'could/could not/could/could not' take place. Following such frustrating indecision in 1979, it was particularly gratifying that the Royal Visit came to pass during 1980, marking the Regiment's 120th year of service.

Following the annual birthday bash at Moss Park Armoury on 21-22 April, 1979, we launched into the usual preparations of summer training and summer concentration. The new approach for this year was MILCON to be conducted at Fort Drum, New York, as a purely infantry session.

Accordingly, all manner of preparations were necessary to obtain border clearance for weapons, ammunition, vehicles, radios, not to mention various warm bodies who were to be the recipients of the training. An excellent recruiting drive produced a goodly number of recruits as well as a summer militia training platoon which included females.

Arrangements for messing at Drum were to be somewhat different than our custom and much cursed catering contract at Meaford. Each unit were required to provide five (count em!) cooks to look after unit messing; no cooks — no eat! Even with the traditional flexibility of the rifles, these seemed an impossibility. Not even the RSM and MWO Harry McCabe, despite their well known skill with the fry pan, were prepared to take on such a task. However, a brain wave; we were already under criticism for the over abundance of female recruits. Why not send them on a cooks course? As a result, Privates McAdam, Love, Olley and Crampton be-

came unit cooks and did a great job! At least, no one was poisoned and none appeared to have suffered any hardships as a result. Well done all the cooks!

DRUMCOM was an excellent experience. It provided the exotic in terms of a foreign country and a chance to see some real tanks, APC's, guns, etc. in a training area that permitted each unit to do their own thing with plenty of space. We were quartered in barracks for those cold, wet nights, and had access to driers, washers, etc. for comfort. One hardship though was trying to find one of the permanent assigned crappers in the training area when the need was urgent!

Highlight of DRUMCOM was a miniature musical tattoo staged on a Saturday evening in the middle of concentration. We were honoured with a visit from the Honorary Colonel, Elliot Dalton, escorted by Major John Whyte and Sgt. Andy McNaughton handling the driving chores. A Sunday morning church parade was somewhat enlivened by CWO Syd Byatt and his 'merry men' leading the district, as directed by the HQ Toronto Militia District. The ordered 130 paces very quickly assumed its normal 140 and the HQ went rocketing away to arrive ten minutes before The Royals, etc. The return journey proved to be equally brisk!

'The war stories' which resulted from DRUMCOM '79 were many varied, and increasingly colourful as time wore on. Some that arose from the special forces training camp which 60th Coy attended, were specially horrific. Decapitating chickens, etc. were part and parcel of the folklore together with wild tales of the 82nd Airborne and the exploits of other units in camp. Generally speaking though, our welcome was a warm one and the hospitality could not be surpassed. We look forward to a return next year.

A special relationship with the American Special Forces Group was cemented by 60th Coy during their special training course. 60th Coy, lead by Captain Howard Flood (promoted in the field), assisted by Lt. Lewellyn Matthews, Sgt. Crawford, MCpls Harrison and Hunter, Cpls. Chensee, Cummins, Gagnier, Morrison and Shearing to name only a few, showed the special forces instructors that they could stand up to the worst that was dish-

Colonel Elliot Dalton, at one stage, came close to a fate that the D-Day landing

could not achieve. Flown in by US helicopters to observe a special forces 'insertion exercise', his pilot was blithesomely whirling along when range control advised him, in no uncertain terms, to get the hell out! He had strayed into a field artillery range and the guns were busily firing away — live! Needless to say, Colonel Elly almost had to go back to retrieve his hat and stomach as the chopper executed a very rapid, retrograde movement!

The Queen's Own returned again for a weekend in Fort Drum in October to train with the 98th Committee Group. A major drawback was the weather which was wet and extremely cold. Certain members of the unit had a chance to handle and prepare explosives for various purposes. A dinner at the Officers Club, under the auspices of Colonel Dick Wambach, accompanied by a fiery demonstration by MWO Harry McCabe and his U.S. counterpart, followed by a visit to the Jnr. Ranks Club, almost resulted in a loss to the CO's mustache and eyebrows as well as a near beer provided by Cpl. Pat Bristol!

In November I inaugurated a custom which I hope will become a fixture; an annual formal dinner for the Regimental Senate. This august body consists of the former commanding officers of the regular, reserve, and active service battalions, who provide a group of 'elder statesmen' to advise and assist the serving commanding officer. The dinner was extremely well attended and many a horry old story (war and otherwise) was trotted out for the occasion. I sincerely hope that it continues to bring together such people as Percy Hampton, Steve Lett, Hank Elliott, Herb Pitts, Frank Mulrooney, Ed Dunlop, John Strathy, Don Pryer, John Power, Ron Wilkinson, Charlie Jones, Charles Dalton, John Mills, Neil Gordon, Glen McIvor, Bob Pickford, and not least, Bill Barnard, "the elder".

The Annual Remembrance Church Parade was held on 11 November exactly with an excellent turnout of The Legion, The Association and our three affiliated Cadet Corps.

I should not omit the mention of an auspicious event on 16 November, 1979. The Regiment, under the masterful guidance of Captain Jack Lake, held a dinner in honour of Lieutenant Colonel Steve Lett, DSO, who is the last surviving operational CO of the regiment from the Second World War. Steve refuses to recognise the word 'surviving' and vigorously

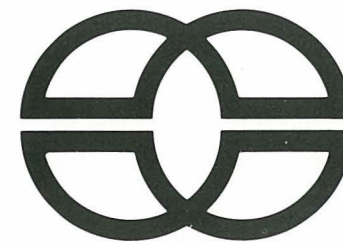
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ARMS ACROSS THE BORDER

The following article is reprinted from "The Pipeline", the unofficial newspaper of the 98th Division (TNG) United States Army Reserve.

The weather at Fort Drum, New York was more suited to amphibious exercises than land exercises October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1979. This was the weekend that Training Command, 98th Division and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, carried out a joint training exercise at the gigantic fort located just a few miles south of the Canadian border.

Both the Canadian unit, and the participating elements of the 98th arrived at Fort Drum late in the evening on Friday, October 12th in (you guessed it!) the rain intermittently mixed with snow. After the units were installed in their assigned billets, the troops were given hot soup, hot coffee and a joint briefing.

Bright (?) and early on Saturday morning, at 0500 hours, the training day began for the Canadian and American units. After a consolidated mess breakfast, all personnel fell out for a day of training in a driving rainstorm (again mixed with snow)

that was to continue off and on for the rest of the training period. The Canadian force composed of 76 persons (all ranks), 21 of which were female, were divided into two groups and integrated for training with Training Command which had also been divided into two segments. One group was assigned to carry out tactical field exercises and the other to train with demolitions. The group designated for the tactical exercises was issued M-16's and blank ammunition (a trio of Canadian female personnel were inadvertently issued M-16's and when the error was discovered, one of the three became very upset when told she could not participate in the field combat exercise). This group was taken deep into the wet woods, divided into "defender" and "aggressor" forces and proceeded to work on some finer points of advanced infantry training.

The group training in demolitions, after a thorough briefing on different types of charges used for demolitions, was transported to a distant (cold, wet) range, where they were divided into teams and set up, tested, and actually fired demolitions.

Saturday evening, a large segment of the 98th Division unit and most of the members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, met socially at a party hosted by Training Command at the NCO club. During the evening, spent exchanging Canadian and American insignia and caps, the party was visited by the Canadian and American unit commanders, Lieutenant Colonel W.S. Wilson of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and Colonel Richard Wambach, commanding the contingent of the 98th Division. The two commanders toasted the combined personnel with a Canadian styled toast. The evening passed pleasantly with a great deal of story swapping and singing.

Saturday training took on definite "Engineer" appearances. The entire combined group was assembled at the engineer equipment park, where they witnessed demonstrations of operations of different types of mobile engineer equipment. Many of the troops got an opportunity to operate the equipment.

At 1300 hours following a final combined formation, many handshakes and exchanges of addresses, the two groups boarded their waiting buses, cleared Post and headed north and south to their respective home stations.

demonstrates he could command as effectively and actively again, if necessary. It was a gala evening attended by many many friends from as far away as Vancouver, B.C. A fine tribute to a fine officer and gentleman.

This rambling dissertation will undoubtedly have seen the Editor's axe long before you read it (**not true — Ed**). But, in an attempt to finish it off, the first meeting of the committee for the Royal Visit was held on 26 November under the guidance of Colonel Elliott Dalton. However, he very adroitly managed to slip away on various mysterious 'trips' from then on and contented himself with various reports and edicts to ensure all was running along smoothly.

January and February were filled with planning and preparations and the ever present 'austerity acts' of our higher headquarters finally descended in February and March. We had to cut back severely on pay with the consequent effect on unit strength, but that is another story!

April brought along the 120th Regimental Birthday and a charming, witty, and beautiful lady who was celebrating her 20th anniversary as our Colonel-in-Chief. It was my honour to obtain the award and to present to Her Royal Highness the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) which is of great significance to all of us.

The visit will be described in great detail throughout the journal. I simply wish to recognize the sterling efforts of all ranks and of families, friends and associates who made the visit the outstanding success that it was.

The birthday weekend held one note of sadness, the tragic death of Drummer Bill Bass of The Bugles en route to the church on Sunday, April 27. However, we can appreciate his dedication and determination and, as said by his mother and his wife, "he went as he would have wished! in greens with his drum". What more can be said except to honour his memory and to try to emulate his loyal dedication.

Thank you one and all for another super year. I was never prouder of being Queen's Own than on the parade on April 26, as Her Royal Highness inspected the Regiment and again as we entered the armoury on return from Church on Sunday, April 27.

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF VISITS REGIMENT TO MARK 120th ANNIVERSARY

After two frustrating years of trying to arrange a visit to the Unit by our Colonel-in-Chief, H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, the necessary arrangements and approvals culminated with Her Highness's arrival at Downsview Airport on the 25th of April.

She was met by a 100-man Guard and both Bands, with an approximate strength of 60. Considering that the Colonel-in-Chief arrived in the early afternoon, I believe it was an outstanding effort to have a full Guard and both Bands on parade on a workday.

The Princess inspected the Guard, stopping on numerous occasions to talk to the men. She was particularly impressed with the shoeshines of all concerned, as she explained that her son had just joined the Eton College Cadets and does not appear to be able to have his boots properly shined.

On Saturday, the 26th, the Colonel-in-Chief joined the active officers for lunch in the Mess, during which time Lt. Col. Wilson presented her with a Q.O.R. sterling silver buckle (see article on Arthur Peuchen). At the conclusion of the lunch, Her Highness inspected the Battalion, and after the Double Past she presented three CD's to members of the Unit, and she in turn was presented with a CD by Lt. Col. Wilson. We believe this is the first CD presented to Royalty by the Canadian Forces.

The Princess then left to tour the Queen's Own Museum at Casa Loma, accompanied by Cols. Wilson and Dalton. Lt. Col. Barnard conducted Her Highness around the Museum and she showed a keen interest in and knowledge of the history of the Regiment. The Princess also made a tremendous impression on the tourists at the castle as she stopped to talk to numerous people, both Canadian and American.

Saturday night 630 Q.O.R.'s met in the concert hall of the Royal York Hotel to celebrate the 120th birthday of the Regiment. The Queen's Own Association was responsible for the dinner under the Association President, Capt. Ken Evans. Her Highness met V.I.P.'s in the hotel Library before joining the dinner in the concert hall. She was greeted not only by a Royal fanfare but also by tremendous applause from all present. It was particularly noticed that she was wearing her CD that

she had been awarded earlier in the day.

From comments after the dinner, it appeared obvious that it was the general opinion that this had been one of the finest affairs put on by the Unit and/or Association.

On Sunday Her Highness laid a wreath on our Cross of Sacrifice before the Church Service in St. Paul's, and again the Unit appeared in larger numbers than had been on parade for years, and the Princess remarked on several occasions on the smartness and steadiness of all ranks. After the Church Parade Princess Alexandra took the salute in front of the Church, and then returned to Moss Park Armouries to have lunch with the active officers and wives.

After lunch, accompanied by Cols. Wilson and Dalton, she greeted N.C.O.'s and other ranks, their wives and children on the floor of the Armouries, and also spent considerable time with the three Cadet Battalions who had paraded brilliantly with the Regiment during Saturday and Sunday.

The Princess then went to the Sergeants' Mess where she was met by the R.S.M., had her picture taken with the Sergeants, and chatted with the members of the Sergeants' Mess and their wives.

The Battalion had arranged to have two other Messes available for Queen's Own members, and the Princess spent considerable time talking to those in attendance.

Her Highness said good-bye to the Regiment at approximately 3:00 o'clock, and returned to her hotel.

The Province of Ontario entertained Her Highness on Monday, and the Regiment said good-bye to her at Downsview Airport on Tuesday afternoon, again with a Guard on hand to see her off to visit the Can Scots in Victoria.

It is the sincere wish, I am sure, of all ranks that we do not allow 13 years to elapse before we have the Colonel-in-Chief back for another visit. She obviously did a tremendous job of morale building with all ranks, and endeared herself to the great many Queen's Own members whom she stopped and talked to during the various functions.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada are indeed fortunate to have a Colonel-in-Chief of the calibre of Princess Alexandra.

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A
Inspection of Guard of Honour.

C
Princess Alexandra presents the Canadian Forces Decoration, CD, to Major Bill Barnard and Warrant Officer Neil Arsenault.



B
A bouquet of roses for the Colonel-in-Chief.



D
The Colonel-in-Chief inspects her Regiment.

3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets Oakington, Cambs, and Cyprus

The first half of 1980 saw the Battalion settled into Oakington and learning about the delights Cambridge and its environs have to offer.

In February, the Combat Survival Cadre organized by the Surveillance Platoon was a great success, though whether the lucky participants would agree is another matter entirely. Suffice it to say one officer was captured weighing 10 pounds more than when he started, so Dartmoore can't be that bleak!

The highlight of our training programme, and the culmination of intensive company individual training periods in late 1979, was the Battalion exercise held on Stanford in March. The three rifle companies each came through for a four day exercise period and advanced to contact, dug in, were strafed by the RAF and our neighbours from Debden, the 13/18 Royal Hussars, showed us a novel way of getting hull down in ten seconds (driving a Fox across a quagmire).

April and early May were really the lead in for our current tour in Cyprus, and the Battalion went through the usual process of airportability exercises, inspections, storage and backloading of equipment. Finally, we gratefully emplaned and have been ever since in Cyprus.

Just to dispel the 'Two Battalion' feeling engendered by half of us wearing blue berets and the other half green, we liaise as much as we can on a social level. Our introductory Sounding of Retreat was a great success and received acclaim from a wide variety of UN, army and civilian guests and friends of all nationalities.

4th (V) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets 56 Davies Street, London, W.1

The promises of 1979 have already begun to be realised as we enter the eighties. Recruiting continues to thrive and, perhaps more important, retention rates are significantly better.

We won the London District Cross-Country (G Coy), the Six-a-Side Football (A Coy) and the Courage Trophy (B Coy), while the Orienteers reached the National Final and the Shooting Team, in their first year under new management and with much new blood, have qualified for Bisley. We also, somehow, won the UK Infantry Ski Cup.

We had our second weekend at the Battle Group Tactical Trainer (BAGTT) at Bovingdon and were allowed to represent a full armoured battle group after our success there last time. As we went to Germany for camp last year, we are not involved in Exercise Crusader this autumn but will be having a more conventional Territorial Army Annual Camp at Sennybridge in September.

It has been a good start to the decade in which we anticipate that the only constant factor in TA volunteer soldiering will be the variety and pace of life.

The presentation of the fine oil painting of "A Typical Australian Landscape" from the Sydney University Regiment has been much appreciated. We were very pleased that it could be handed over by Major Andrew Morrison of the Sydney University Regiment, at present in UK and attached to 4 (V) RGJ

Photo courtesy of Capt Kuebler



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

On behalf of The Regiment, The Rifleman extends congratulations to the Sydney University Regiment on the recent publication of their own Regimental journal, "The Bugle Horn". We shall look forward to including reports from the SUR in future editions of our own journal.

THE ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES by Capt W.D. Kuebler

The highlight in 1979 was the visit by our new Colonel-in-Chief, HRH The Prince of Wales on the 4th of April. Considerable effort was made by unit members and associations and it paid off as the parade and activities surrounding his visit were a huge success. HRH Prince Charles greatly enjoyed becoming a "Little Black Devil" by all reports.

Another highlight in 1979 was the change of command taking place in September. Command passed from LCol Bill Spence to LCol Ron "Awful" Werry, a well-known ex-QOR. "Awful" promptly led the regiment west to join Edmonton units in celebration of that city's 75th Anniversary. The contingent of Little Black Devils was greatly welcomed and put on a first-class show for the City of Edmonton.

Training, a most important activity in our unit, was also very active. The keynote in this area was obtaining qualifications for our armoured defence detachment on the 106 recoilless rifle. Training ran from Sep. 78 to May 79 and culminated in two teams being qualified armoured defence gunners. The unit was very active in Prairie Area's Milcon forming the backbone of the dreaded Battle Group Delta. Troops bearing the black triangle in a green circle spread havoc and despondency among the other participating Prairie Area units.

Recognition of the Little Black Devils' capabilities was given in the form of the Brigadier OMM Kay Trophy for most proficient unit in Manitoba for 1979. In addition, a team under 2Lt John Robins won the T Eaton Cup for best unit in musketry and march discipline. This has almost become a local tradition.

Our 1979 was very good and now with our 100th Anniversary only three years away, major efforts in 1980 and beyond will be made to ensure its success. The Little Black Devils wish its brother rifleman in the QOR and other members of the Black Mafia all the best for 1980.

BLACK BUTTON NEWS

1st Battalion The Royal Green Jackets Hong Kong and Hounslow, Middlesex

The suspected decrease in the illegal immigrant traffic into Hong Kong never really materialized during the last four months in Hong Kong, keeping us busy up until the last moments of our tour. We had to maintain two companies deployed and once held in Stanley Fort on immediate reserve. Our two Company areas involved two different types of patrolling.

SAI KUNG, mainly a country park area, mountainous, sparsely populated and with a rugged shireline dotted with bays and inlets, some with magnificent sandy beaches, with miles of coastline for which

illegal immigrants aimed. To counter this route, ambushes were put on tracks and ridgelines that the illegal immigrants were forced to use to cross the terrain. The ambushes themselves consisted of four-man groups living in camouflaged sangars and resupplied totally by air.

MAN KAM TO, our other area, was on the land border with mainland China and consisted mainly of farmland broken by sharp wooded ridges which provided the illegal immigrants with good cover. To the east was the traditional crossing country of SHA TAU KOK where the mountainous forested terrain made observation by the security forces difficult. On this land frontier the patrolling technique was diffe-

rent. Four-man bricks ambushed almost exclusively at night, living in well-sited border posts by day from where observation was maintained through an impressive and expensive array of kit.

The reserve company lived at Stanley Fort and was on call to fly anywhere within our area to deal with a sea landing. Although we were given set timings for reaction we generally had to provide troops at 15 and 30 minutes notice; the time it would take to fly a helicopter from Stanley to SEK KONG.

Upgrading was completed, but platoons only managed to get one 24 hour exercise each and any idea of a battalion exercise had to be shelved.

2nd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets Tidworth, Hants

Despite rumours of immediate deployment to various corners of the world, the furthest the Battalion got was the MT sheds when we were called out to test our state of readiness. SPEARHEAD tour ended 24 hours before the Advance Party flew to the United States on EX TRUMPET DANCE 2, closely followed by the remainder of the Battalion. 2RGJ was complete in America by 11 March to participate in EX TRUMPET DANCE 2, which was judged a resounding success.

Not only did Fort Campbell, Kentucky, give us the opportunity to take part in some very realistic training in excellent infantry training areas, but everyone had a week's R & R which allowed most people to see something of the States. Members of the Battalion reached the southern most tip of Florida, the Canadian Border and New York. Our hosts, the 101st Airborne Division, were the proud owners of 475 helicopters which we were able to use as often as we wished!

After America, the Battalion started on its programme of Mechanised Conversion. This involves a lot of people away at

any time on various courses and is inevitably an unsettling and hectic business. Nevertheless, at the end of it we will have our correct amount of qualified APC, Ferret and Stalwart drivers ready to tackle the ups and downs of Soltau, BAOR training area. The last six months have been busy but enjoyable. We have had our share of visitors including the Colonel Commandant of 1 RGJ, General Sir Frank Kitson. We were even persuaded to look after 37 Naval Lieutenants in May as part of their introduction to the army on their Greenwich Course.

The Rifle Depot (The Royal Green Jackets) Winchester, Hants

After the Christmas break, the Depot prepared for its Annual Unit Inspection. The inspection itself was carried out by the Divisional Brigadier and he fortunately did not discover too many skeletons in cupboards. Junior Rifleman's Company were nearly all away skiing at Aviemore, Scotland or Steibis, Bavaria, and every single junior managed to get at least a fortnight's skiing. By the end of the season we had trained a skiing team which, al-

though it did not achieve medals as a team, did product Corporal McEvoy who won the Army Novices Championship.

In March Colonel Clinton Henshaw departed for Rhodesia as the new Defence Advisor and Colonel Nick Prideaux assumed command.

In April Field Marshal Lord Harding took the Passing Out Parade for No. 10 Platoon. He started his military career in the Light Division in 1914 and we were very honoured to have him with us at the age of 84.

We entered a team in the Individual Army Boxing Championships. Two rifle-

men got through to the finals and Jnr. Rifleman Beech won the Light Heavyweight Championship and was awarded his Junior Army Colours.

The Rifle Depot Shooting Team formed up and has been training for the last couple of months. Recently they attended South East District Skill at Arms Meeting and managed to win the Minor Units Championship.

In spite of indifferent weather we have recently had a successful cricket week and a retreat in the barracks on three nights of the week attracted about 16,000 spectators.

A
HCol Elliot Dalton and HLCol Barney Danson greet Her Royal Highness.



B
Princess Alexandra shares dinner conversation with Association President, Ken Evans, and the Honourary Colonel.



C
Assisted by LCol Bill Wilson, the Colonel-in-Chief cuts the Regimental birthday cake.

D
In front of St. Paul's Church, Princess Alexandra reviews her troops.





A GIFT FOR A PRINCESS



Courtesy of Robert J. Fleming, Esq.

During the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, a formal luncheon was given in her honour by the active officers of the Regiment. On behalf of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Bill Wilson presented H.R. Highness with a unique commemorative gift, a sterling silver ladies belt buckle, with an intriguing and somewhat chequered history.

The distinctive buckle was given to Lieutenant Colonel Wilson by the Commanding Officer of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Jim Parker, who, in turn had received it from his Hon-

our Colonel, Jim Northey, and his wife. Mrs. Northey, a volunteer worker for Goodwill Enterprises, had noticed the buckle in a bundle of old clothes. Recognizing the badge, she retrieved it and passed it on for the unit.

In addition to being obviously 'Queen's Own', the reverse of the buckle bears the inscription 'AGP XMAS 02'. With this intriguing clue as a starting point, Mrs. M. Dalton and Lieutenant Colonel Bill Barnard managed to piece together the following story.

Major Arthur G. Peuchen joined The Queen's Own, circa 1887; commanded 'C' Coy in 1894 and accompanied the Regiment during the great trip to England in 1910. Major Peuchen had the buckle custom made as a Christmas gift for his wife, who was a Charter member of the Q.O.R. chapter of the I.O.D.E.

In 1912, the Peuchens set sail on the ill fated HMS Titanic, which sank after striking an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland. As a skilled sailor and past commodore of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Major Peuchen was asked to take charge of a life boat filled with women and children. One of the last to leave the doomed vessel, Major Peuchen skillfully guided his precious cargo to safety, after eighteen hours on the chilling sea.

Upon his return to Toronto, Major Peuchen was neither greeted as a hero nor given credit for saving the lives of his passengers. Rather, for his skill and resourcefulness, he was condemned for having survived the Titanic sinking and ostracized by Toronto society, for not having gone down with the ship. Apparently, this censure followed him for his remaining years until he died a broken man. He lived not as one of the survivors of this disaster but as one of its victims.

Thus, the presentation to our Colonel-in-Chief of this memento of Major Peuchen and his gallantry, will help to restore some of the honour due to this dedicated officer of The Queen's Own and serve to remind us all of the extent and colour of our Regimental history.



SERGEANTS' MESS

Mess Committee for 1980

RSM	CWO ERC Simundson, CD
PMC	MWO H McCabe, MMM, CD
Vice PMC	WO RJ Dunk
Secretary	Sgt GF Norman
Treasurer	WO R Chan
Stewards	WOII EW Durance MWO S Storms, CD

PROMOTIONS

Sgt RJ Dunk to Warrant Officer effective 21 Nov 79.

Band Sergeant DE Brown to Band Warrant Officer effective 24 March 1980
Master Corporal BA Hunter to Sergeant effective 01 November 79

ANNUAL COSENS DINNER

The 35th anniversary dinner was held in the Mess on 23 February 1980. This year we combined the event with our annual Corporals Night. In attendance were three members of 'D' Coy: CSM Bill Ives, Sgt Dick Ayton and Cp1 Norm Selby. Norm was a member of Sgt Cosens' platoon on the night he won the Victoria Cross and has made it out to several of these dinners.

97th ANNUAL DINNER

BGen Steve Andrunyk, OMM, CD was the guest speaker at this year's dinner on 29 March 1980. He entertained all with an interesting address on the state of the Militia today. The Annual Dinner is always well attended and we are already making plans for the 100th in 1983.

VISIT OF COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

The visit in April of HRH Princess Alexandra was the highlight of the year for the Mess. All members of the Mess and their families had an opportunity to meet the Princess. On behalf of the Mess, the PMC presented our Colonel-in-Chief with an engraved locket, similar to that given to Queen Mary. The Princess was also presented with a bouquet by the PMC's eight year old daughter Kimberly McCabe.

TRIP TO HOLLAND

During 2-12 May 1980, a contingent from the Mess accompanied the Bugle Band to the Netherlands to commemorate the 35th anniversary of liberation. The party consisted of MWO Hary McCabe, WO and Mrs Gerry Senetchko, Sgt and Mrs John Bennett and Sgt Andy MacNaughton. Among the many memorable events were a visit to Grosbeek

Cemetery, where Sgt Cosen's grave was photographed, and a pilgrimage to Mooshof in Germany, where they located the farm at which Sgt Cosen's won his VC. Following the trip, MWO McCabe and Sgt MacNaughton paid a visit to the Royal Green Jackets Depot in Winchester, England.

OTHER NEWS

Sgt Glen Norman is due to tie the marital knot on 01 November 1980.

Sgt Bruce Bamlett won the Turner Trophy in the Turner Shoot sponsored annually by the 48th Highlanders. Sgt Ross Williams and WO Gerry Senetchko won four trophies, including the Pellatt Trophy, at the recent ORA/CMA Shoot. Our rifle team also earned sixth place in the 40 team match.

WO Rob Chan and WO Brian Budden each placed highly on their MWO courses. Congratulations to one and all!

Sgt Glen Norman



OFFICERS' MESS

They say, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!". In this spirit, the Officers' Mess has attempted to leaven a busy training schedule with a few lighter moments and, as usual, has succeeded with little or no opposition. Not many have to be dragged kicking or screaming to a Mess Dinner or party — at least, not in the Queen's Own!

One popular and well-attended event was the annual Testimonial Dinner. This year's guest of honour was Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Lett, the last operational CO of the unit. The dinner was held at the Royal Canadian Military Institute and, as usual, the bar was kept open well past the normal closing time, due no doubt to the support given by several Queen's Own disguised as Directors of the club.

On the weekend preceding Christmas, the Mess hosted the Annual Officers Luncheon. The only dark spot was that Hugh Downie finally found the catering to his satisfaction. Whatever did we do to justify such fulsome praise? As always, the turn-out was impressive and most members yielded their annual dues with a smile, such is the bonhomie of the festive season.

On the final parade night of 1979, the Battalion stood down for the holiday with the Men's Christmas Dinner, an excellent excuse for the full unit to break bread together and for the men to relish the spectacle of the Officers serving the meal while the Senior NCO's administer the wine. There were the usual complaints of thumbs in the mashed potatoes and wine dribbled on shirt cuffs; but what can you expect when we only practise once a year?

The hectic holiday season was further complicated by another tradition, optimistically labelled "the Sub's Carolling". This involves the Subalterns and their ladies sweetly serenading in front of the Commanding Officer's home, being rewarded for their efforts by partaking of the hospitality of the CO and the senior Officers. Times are hard, what with perennial plastic Christmas trees and artificial snow. Colonel Wilson, insisting on some adherence to tradition, refused the warmth of his hearth until the Subs properly rendered three carols. He was forced to compromise following shaky renditions of "I Saw Three Ships a 'Failing'" and "O Little Town of Burlington", heartily led by the padre, Dick Newsham. The ensuing party was enjoyed by all, safe in the knowledge there was no danger of the Subs forming a glee club and going on tour!

New Year's Levee dawned clear, cold and, as usual, far too early when the Mess assembled for breakfast with the Colonel at 0800. Fortunately, Fred Burroughs saved the day with his inviting coffee and, assisted by John Glaysher and Raymond Blackburn, provided a substantial breakfast for those who could still face eggs over-easy. Following the traditional exchange of visits between the Officers and Sergeants Messes, the Mess opened to receive guests.

The harsh gloom of winter was broken in February by the Annual Garrison Ball at the Harbour Castle Hilton hotel. This year's host was the Ontario Regiment and some 1600 persons helped make it one of the highlight's of Toronto's social scene.

The Mess, once again, offered a hospitality suite in the Vice-Regal suite of the hotel (typical QOR opulence!). The only disappointment was failing to break last year's record of 18 in the bathtub — good, clean fun.

Naturally, many events were planned in connection with the visit of HRH Princess Alexandra, the first being a Ladies Dining-In, held at the end of March. In addition to offering a pleasant dinner, this function served to cover questions regarding protocol during the Royal Visit. The dinner was a success and helped to ensure that the functions detailed elsewhere in this issue ran smoothly.

The last Mess Dinner of the training year was held in June. Guests of Honour were Bill Black, Executive Assistant Manager of the Harbour Castle Hilton hotel where the Princess stayed while in Toronto, and Walter Barossa of the Provincial Government who co-ordinated the visit. This dinner was the Mess's way of thanking both gentlemen for all their assistance during the Royal Visit. Also honoured was Charles Scott-Brown, whose generosity to the Mess has been greatly appreciated on numerous occasions.

It only remains, in this annual chronicle of Mess activities, to refer to the exploits of the Officers Baseball Team, whose performance in the Garrison Indoor League upheld the Toronto tradition of humility in sports: two wins, one loss, defeated in the semi-finals. They deserve that old Argonaut cheer, "Wait till next year!"

Major Bill Barnard

Q.O.R. OF C. ASSOCIATION

President's Report

... Ken Evans

During the spring and summer routine affairs were generally looked after by Secretary, Hugo Saudino. Hugo continues to do a superb job maintaining contact with members for updating our membership list. Maintaining the membership list is an on-going thing. Each mailing brings changes of address as well as "Moved" — "Address Unknown", etc. The loss of members is of great concern to us, however more about that later.

Traditionally members of the Association gather each year on November 11, at the Cross of Sacrifice, St. Paul's Church. The short remembrance service conducted by The Venerable R. Dann and Honourary Major, The Right Reverend F.H. Wilkinson, MM, ED, is a sincere expression of remembrance and is joined by young people from nearby offices and the general public passing by. As happens once in eleven or twelve years, November

11 fell on a Sunday. Association and Legion, with the Colour Party, joined the Regiment at Haydon Street, just south of Bloor, participated at the wreath laying ceremony and then to the morning service. The two block march is not very much and generally the Association and Legion group breaks off rather than march to the Armoury. The hospitality of the messes accompanied by services and families, rounded a day never to be forgotten.

Around this same time we now are aware that Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, the Colonel-in-Chief, would in all probability, be here for the birthday weekend, April 26/27. Under the direction of Honourary Colonel H.E. Dalton, committees were set up and the Association was to be responsible for the dinner on Saturday the 26th. Our working group — Clay Bell, Bill Ives, Jim Kenn, John Power and myself — spent many evenings (and in some cases, days) working on the details of the great event. While the dinner itself was only a part of the birthday weekend, its terrific success was the result of outstanding support from the

Regiment, Association and Legion members, and their families and friends. You can be sure that when members gather from so many places — Cyprus, Vancouver, Lethbridge, Ottawa and many places in between — they demonstrate that "Once in the Queen's Own, always in the Queen's Own".

The annual general meeting, held in the Armoury on Saturday the 26th, was very well attended. Of major importance to all members, annual dues were increased to \$5.00 per year, while sustaining and life memberships to be reviewed by the Executive. A slate of offices for the coming year, presented by Charlie Jones and with no further nomination from the floor, was accepted.

The 1980/81 officers are:

President	Ken Evans
Past President	Bill Ives
Vice President	John Power
Vice President	Joe Resnick
Secretary	Hugo Saudino
Treasurer	Harry Rollo
Auditors	Jim Kirkwood Art Goy

Victoria Branch

Pat Devlin and Roy Aylesworth

After a long period of informal meetings, positive steps were taken in early June 1979 to organize members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada located in and around Victoria, B.C., as a branch of the Association. Committee members to put together a constitution were:

President	G. Venn
1st. Vice	H. Groom
2nd. Vice	L. Schultz
Treasurer	B. Graham
Secretary	P. Devlin
Entertainment	R. Aylesworth

The proposed constitution was discussed, and that in use by the Calgary Branch with geographical amendments was accepted. Sent to print immediately, it was given final approval at the regular meeting held, 9 Dec 79. The Victoria Branch, at present over 100 strong, looks forward to a growing membership in the years ahead.

Our first ever formal function was on 25 Apr 80, to celebrate the Regimental Birthday. Using the facilities of the 3 PPCLI WO & Sgts Mess, and with about 50 members and wives present, we had a smashing success. The evening consisted of dancing to the Disco, a hot and cold buffet, many tales of the good old days, and, the ceremonial cutting of the cake by President Gerry Venn.

On 3 May 80, Gerry Venn, Bert Graham and Roy Aylesworth went to Government House for an audience with Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. Following a short conversation of Regimental strength on the west coast, a gold and silver brooch of the British Columbia Provincial Flower "The Dogwood", was presented to her on behalf of all members of the Victoria Branch.

Bert Graham, our Secretary reports another visit by Clay Bell. It is unfortunate that time did not permit a get together with other members of the Branch.

Larry Schultz, our 1st. Vice is now being posted to Ontario. He should be dropping into the mess no doubt.

Editor's Note

We regret that a SNAFU in postal service prevented the inclusion of our normal report from Bill Mountain and the "Regimental Shrine". However, Bill continues to host a steady flow of old friends and is a constant source of information. Bill mentioned that he and a few other stalwarts were fortunate enough to get over to Victoria and meet with our Colonel-in-Chief, courtesy of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). We shall look forward to Bill's usual witty report in the next issue of the Rifleman.

Reminder:

To remain a member-in-good-standing, of the Association, don't forget your annual dues. Please advise the Assoc. Secretary of any changes in address.

CALGARY BRANCH

Paul Hughes

The Calgary Branch of the QOR Association continues to flourish and has managed to maintain an active calendar of both social functions and official meetings.

In June, 1979, we ran a successful Sports Day and Children's Picnic at Camp Sarcee, Calgary. This was followed by a buffet and dance in the Officers' Mess.

Later in the Fall, the Junior Ranks Mess at CFB Calgary was the site for a dinner dance.

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 17 April, 1980, at which the following slate of officers was elected:

President	Bert Pindlebury
1st Vice-President	Bob Hewlett
2nd Vice-President	K.A. Barrett
Treasurer	M.J. Andrews
Secretary	P.F. Hughes
Public Relations	D.J. Corbett
Sports Convenor	Len Lafort

As we do each year, the Calgary Branch observed the Regimental Birthday. The reunion and birthday celebration was held at CFB Calgary on April 29th and was considered by all an outstanding event with approximately 200 people in attendance.



Best wishes and congratulations are extended to Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Hughes who married Beverly Jean Smith on December 8, 1979 in Calgary.



CHILLIWACK BRANCH

Bob Fost

Although the Chilliwack Branch of the Q.O.R. Association has been in operation for three years, this is my first opportunity to pull together a submission for The Rifleman.

Our chapter celebrated the Regiments 120th Birthday with a dinner and dance. It was very nice to renew friendships with so many of our comrades who are spread throughout the province.

The following members were in attendance: Kapkos, Pacholuzks, (Penticton), Wasyluks (Creston), Purchases (Port Hardy), MacDonalds (Moose-Port Hardy), Remples, Sabads, Everetts, Thompsons WC, McCarthys, McLeods (Doug), Zurchs, Reids, Dormans, Smith John, Kelletts, Lacroixs, McGraws, MacPhersons, Shines, Phillips, Fosters, Bogans, Ralph Ferris, Bob Timms, Del Cresswell, Pearl Pawlik.

Association guests included: Ed Bogan Jr and Carla Braedar, Angie Foster and Peter Elson, Bob Horton and Vicki (nee Dorman) and Jody Reid.

The Drummers Call was made by Mike Foster and Frank Froese.

Some of the visitors who have dropped in over the last six months are: Rusty Rowbothom, Vic Ramsbottom, Al McMullan, Ray Demeules, Jac McBride and Skip Schamehorn.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

In the last issue of the Rifleman, Bill Ives reported on the reunion of Corporal Frank Tascona, MM and Lieutenant-Colonel Charlie Jones. They had last seen each other in Holland in 1944, when stretcher bearer Tascona had given medical aid to a wounded Lieutenant Jones! Corporal Tascona was awarded the Military Medal for bravery under fire while serving with "D" Company.

Accompanying a generous donation to the Rifleman, was this photograph sent in by Frank, of himself and five other members of the QOR following their decoration at Buckingham Palace on November 14, 1945.

Pictured from left to right are: Cpl Frank Tascona; Sgt JS Cameron; RSM EW Hartnell; CSM ST Scrutton; Cpl FW Hemingway and Sgt E. Crain. Congratulations to all on the 35th anniversary of their awards!

SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM

Each summer, the Battalion takes on a platoon of new recruits who, after careful screening, commit six weeks of their holiday to become trained infanteers. Sometimes the task is fun, sometimes it can be miserable; but it is always a challenging learning experience, both for the students and the instructors.

The following report was submitted by this year's top student on the course, Rfn Neill, who collected comments from all of the students. I think it best summarizes what we hope to accomplish through this brief but intense training session.

"We all had different reasons for joining the summer course and we all have different reasons for staying with or leaving the unit afterwards. No matter what the reasons, though, we are all glad we completed the course for the practical knowledge and personal benefits gained.

For most of us, this was our first taste of the military and we have all felt the pride of belonging to an organization which works to protect our nation. This was also our first taste of cold, rainy weather; harsh orders; Borden food and lack of sleep! But, we drove our bodies and overcame these challenges. For this, we are grateful to our instructors who set a high standard and good example. While maintaining discipline and conducting good training, they also gave us their understanding. They knew their men and knew how to make each individual fit into the unit. The Queen's Own is the best and we are proud to be part of the best.

Perhaps the most valuable lesson we learned was how to deal with time. Time to clean up; time to be somewhere; time to do something; time spent waiting for something to happen. Everyone is restricted by time in the military and it is here that each person must learn discipline, how to take or give orders, and especially, to maintain a positive attitude.

Spending two months with twenty other men in close quarters can be challenging enough. It has helped us learn about other people and, in dealing with them, we have learned much about ourselves.

In conclusion, we salute our mascot, "Malingerer", our Officers and instructors; and we salute the finest unit, The Queen's Own Rifles!"

If pride can be deemed the measure of a man, I think Rfn Neill's report illustrates that the Summer Training Program for 1980 gave the Regiment some mighty fine new men.

"THE BEAT GOES ON"

Captain George Gresham, CD

The military band of the Queen's Own Rifles, sometimes accompanied by the Bugle Band, and sometimes solo, continues to proudly represent the regiment through a full schedule of public concerts as well as ceremonial parades. During the past year, the military band took part in a variety of engagements.

On Victoria Day, it has become a tradition that there is a military festival at Old Fort York. The regiment is well represented in this festive civic occasion, with the Regimental Pioneers and Skirmishers taking part in the morning's proceedings and the military band playing a concert in the afternoon.

The band's schedule is quite heavy during the summer months. When the Governor-General of Canada visited the Ontario Legislature on June 19, 1979, an honour-guard composed of armoured units from Toronto was accompanied by the military band. Following this appearance, the band put on a concert at York University, which now occurs on a regular semi-annual basis.

The band was kept busy throughout the summer months, playing in city parks throughout Toronto as part of the Toronto Music Festival. This included a special performance by the band on Simcoe Day at Nathan Phillips Square.

Sergeant Dave Brown, a performer on the euphonium, spent a good part of his

summer at the Canadian Forces Music School in Esquimalt first as a pupil on course, then as Sergeant-Instructor in the band school.

One of the highlights of the summer was a musical tattoo presented during the summer concentration in Fort Drum on August 11. The military band along with the regimental bugle band and the bands of other units in camp put on an impressive show which was well received by the American audience. The following morning, a little weary and rusty, the units in camp went to church parade accompanied by their bands.

Later in August, during the Canadian National Exhibition, the military band put on its regular series of concerts, which take place in the Carlsberg Garden, noted for its liquid refreshment.

The autumn brought a full schedule of training parades, and with the prospect of a royal visit, an all-out effort to equip the band in proper regimental dress.

As 1979 drew to a close, the band participated in the chilly Santa Claus parade and also provided accompaniment during the regimental Christmas dinner.

Early in the new year, Toronto Militia District conducted a bandsmen's general military training course. Our bandsmen Frankling and Haire attended and successfully completed this course.



Toronto Militia District celebrated Canada's 112th birthday on July 1, 1979 with a Garrison Church Parade at Queen's Park followed by a march down University Avenue. The parade route took the twelve units plus bands past the Royal Canadian Military Institute, where the salute was taken by Her Majesty, Queen

Mother Elizabeth.

The Battalion turned out in full force for both the Church Service and the Parade. As an added honour, the QOR of C Legislative Guard, accompanied by both of our excellent bands, took part in the official Canada Day ceremonies in front of the Legislative Assembly Building.

#1860 QOR of C CADET CORPS

A highlight of the past year for the 1860 Cadet Corps was the Change of Command Parade conducted before an audience of 150 persons on May 25th, 1980. In the presence of LCol Bill Wilson, Captain Frank Heath turned over command of the corps to Captain Dave Hayden.

Captain Heath served as both an NCO and Officer of the militia Battalion prior to joining the 1860 Cadets as an officer in 1972. He assumed command of the Corps from Captain Phil Webb in 1976 and, during his first year as Commanding Officer, the Corps was awarded the Central Ontario Branch of the Canadian Infantry Association's Trophy for "Most Improved Infantry Associated Cadet Corps in Central Ontario Area". Since then, the Corps has continued to grow, maintaining its "above average" rating for efficiency

and training. Captain Heath enjoyed the full respect and devotion of all members of the Corps and worked unselfishly to create new opportunities for the Corps, as well as cementing the Corps close relationship with the militia Battalion.

Captain Hayden joined the Corps in 1976 and also had previous service as an NCO with the Battalion. This service along with the experience gained through various appointments within the Corps will help to ensure our continued success.

The 1860 Cadet Corps is sponsored by the QOR Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and the QOR Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and enjoys the patronage of Mrs E.F. Fennell. Serving as Corps Officers are 2Lt T. Murle and OCDT J. Coleman. Civilian Instructors are WOII G. Armstrong, Miss X. Guerra, Lt R. Paddon and Mr J. Tiernan. Cadet appointments are held by Commanding Officer, Capt P. TenKortenaar; CSM MWO D. VanDyke,

Drill S-M, Sgt M. O'Connell; CQMS, Sgt (F) H. Edison; and Platoon Sergeants, Sgt (F) E. Flynn, Sgt (F) B. Heslop and Sgt K. Pender.

Regular corps training included several trips to Kelso Conservation Area for field living exercises. The winter indoctrination exercise was a particular success since it occurred over the only weekend when the Toronto area had snow!

The Corps was honoured by the inspection of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra during the Colonel-in-Chief's visit to Toronto. Four members of the Corps were also honoured by being selected to accompany the Bugle Band for the "We Do Remember" trip to Holland.

With the addition to our normal training activities of such special events, this past year was one which will long be remembered by all of the cadets and which, hopefully, will inspire more boys and girls to become members.

#17 UPPER CANADA COLLEGE RIFLES CADET CORPS

A cadet corps at U.C.C. has been a tradition since the school was founded back in 1829. Both the Corps and individual members have distinguished themselves throughout its long history. In fact, the Corps is one of only two in the country to have earned Battle Honours.

Despite its distinguished record and long affiliation with the Queen's Own Rifles, the Corps almost ceased to exist a few years ago when the idea of compulsory cadet service became unpopular at the school. Through the efforts of a

group of dedicated boys at the school and sponsored by the Regiment, the U.C.C. Rifles again is flourishing, with 30 members participating in a unique training program.

This past October, the College celebrated its 150th Anniversary and The Rifles played a full role in the Jubilee celebrations. A classroom was set aside for a corps display and manned by boys in the Corps' distinctive blue uniforms, CF uniforms and combat clothing. The combats are purchased by the boys who are permitted to wear them on parades with proper cadet insignia.

Among the many parents, friends and

"old boys" who toured the display was the College's Official Visitor, His Royal Highness Prince Phillip. 3000 guests attended a dinner to celebrate the Jubilee where the Colours of the Corps were paraded.

Our proudest moment came on November 11th, 1979 when our new Colours were consecrated at St. Paul's Church during a full Regimental Parade. These new Colours, symbolizing our eventful past, suggest an even more exciting future, with a full training syllabus (including field exercises at the College's property at Norval, Ontario). The U.C.C. Rifles are by no means dead but are alive and well and looking for new ways to serve.

#2881 HIGHLAND CREEK CADET CORPS

We are pleased to welcome our newest affiliated cadet corps, the Highland Creek Corps, which was founded by LCol George Horwood in 1971 and is sponsored by the Highland Creek Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Steps for the Corps to affiliate with the Queen's Own began when LCol Bill Wilson served as Reviewing Officer at the Corps' annual inspection in 1979. The change was approved by NDHQ on September 7th, 1979 and on December 5th, 39 cadets and eight officers and civilian instructors attended a formal rebadging ceremony at Moss Park Armoury when the Corps was officially welcomed into the Regimental

Family.

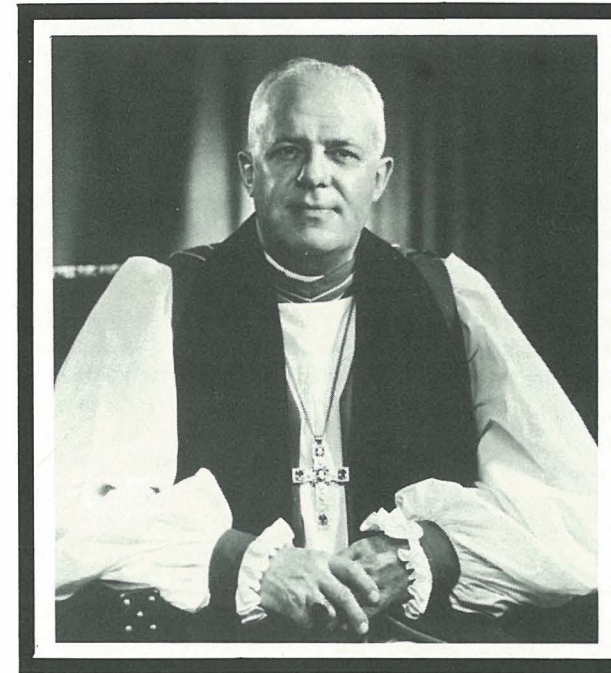
This affiliation is obvious when you realize that the Corps was commanded from 1974 to 1977 by Captain Walter Belfontaine, who now commands the U.C.C. Rifles, and is currently under the command of Captain Ivor Gould, who was both a 60th Rifles cadet and a member of the Buffs for three years of his service with the British regular force.

The past year has been very active for the Corps, which won the trophy as the best marching contingent in its first appearance at the Borough of Scarborough Dominion Day Parade. On Lieutenant-Governor's Day at Ipperwash Army Cadet Camp last August, when 1200 cadets from various corps were on parade, #2881 provided the Parade Adjutant, two Com-

pany Commanders and the Commander of the Feu-de-Joie — an impressive performance for a relatively small corps!

In addition, the Corps has paraded on six occasions with the sponsoring Legion Branch, spent two weekends on the range at Winona and one at Borden, participated in a joint exercise with the U.C.C. Rifles, sent a group of senior cadets on exercise with the Battalion, mounted six weekend exercises in the Rouge River valley, spent two special training evenings at Moss Park Armoury and fired in the DCRA Winter Smallbore Rifle Competition.

This is certainly a Corps we can all be proud of and shall look forward to many happy years of affiliation and, hopefully, a new source of recruits for the Battalion.



FAREWELL TO WARRIOR BISHOP

Major, the Right Reverend, Frederick Hugh Wilkinson passed away, at the age of 83, in Toronto on September 17, 1980. As one Officer put it, he died with his boots on, following a good dinner with friends.

Over 1,200 friends attended a 50 minute funeral service at St. James Cathedral. Youth in uniform was represented by six serving members of the Reserve Battalion. Age came in the form of four members of the Canadian Corps of Commissioners. Bishop Wilkinson was padre of both the Queen's Own and the Corps of Commissioners.

Only 18 at the outbreak of World War 1, Bishop Wilkinson won the Military Medal an incredible three times while serving as a lance-corporal in France as part of the 10th Canadian Infantry Brigade Signals. Following the war, he returned to Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, where he earned his bachelor of arts, master of arts and doctorates in divinity, civil law, laws and sacred theology. He served his church as parish priest before being consecrated as coadjutor bishop of Toronto in 1953. In 1955, he was appointed seventh diocesan bishop of Toronto and remained active in local and Regimental affairs following his retirement in 1966.

At a dinner shortly before his death, Bishop Wilkinson was given a standing ovation when he was introduced by re-

tired Major-General Bruce Legge in the following words: "A great musician, a superb organist, bravest of the brave, the only Canadian to win the Military Medal three times in the First War. Above all, a patriot who was a friend and a true and good bishop."

During the funeral service, the blue, white and red bars of the Military Medal blazed at the head of all his honours, on a purple velvet cushion borne by Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Bill Wilson. The Regiment shall mourn his passing; the country shall feel his loss.

JOHN ALEXANDER NORMAN

The Rifleman notes with sadness the death on 15 April, 1980, of John Alexander Norman, who joined the QOR as a drummer/bugler in 1920, served in its ranks throughout the Second World War, and then for twenty-five years as a medic at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Mr. Norman, who also a member of Toronto Branch 344 of the Royal Canadian Legion, died of cancer at his apartment, under the care of his wife, Dorothy.

FORMER CO COMMANDS TORONTO MILITIA DISTRICT

On 22 June, 1980, the twelve major units of Canada's largest Militia Districts paraded at Moss Park Armoury to witness the Change of Command from Colonel G.E. Taylor, CD to Colonel D.A. Pryer, CD, a former Commanding Officer of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. The Change of Command was officially conducted by the Commander of Central Militia Area, Brigadier General S.F. Andrunyk, OMM, CD.

Colonel Pryer began his military service with the Brockville Army Cadet Corps, prior to joining the Brockville Rifles in 1950. After qualifying as a Jnr and Snr NCO, he received his commission in 1955. Moving to Toronto in 1960, he joined the Queen's Own Rifles and was promoted Major in 1964. Appointed Commanding Officer of the Battalion in February, 1972, he held this appointment until June 1975.

While Commanding Officer, he was presented with the Mobile Command Achievement Award and qualified as a basic parachutist. Under his command, the Battalion won the Brigadier General Coffin Trophy, the General Kitching Trophy and was first runner up for the Sir Casimir Gzowski Trophy.



Since relinquishing command, Colonel Pryer has served on the Directing Staff of Central Militia Area Officers Training Section and most recently as the Snr. Staff Officer, Ops & Trg, CMA. Colonel Don Pryer is the past president of the Central Branch of the Canadian Infantry Association and Vice President of the Ontario Rifle Association. He is a Director of the Royal Canadian Military Institute, a member of the Conference of Defense Association, the Empire Club of Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion and the Brigade Committee of St. John Ambulance.

Q.O.R. Branch 344 Royal Canadian Legion

Recently as President of Branch 344, I attended the annual St John's Memorial Dinner here in Toronto.

The speaker was Colin Greenland, 1st Deputy District Commander D.3. Royal Canadian Legion. This much decorated and highly respected old soldier put forward his sincere opinions on the Legion to-day, and because we share his major concerns we felt it worthy to pass on his personal comments to our readers.

When I was asked to speak at this Memorial Dinner, my thoughts naturally gravitated to the theme of Remembrance, of comrades both in wartime and the Royal Canadian Legion, of hard times and good times and above all, the comradship, the common bond that binds us all.

Our oath, the opening and closing ceremony, the silence, dedicate us to our sovereign, our country, our comrades and their dependents.

We are, in the eighties, at a crossroad, so to speak; for except for sons and daughters, we have no long term future as a veterans organization. We as old soldiers will fade away. In the early days of the 21st Century, those that survive will be as much curiosities, and worthy of mention in whatever media exists at that time, as a Boer War Veteran is regarded today.

We have been told that 100,000 veterans are still outside the fold, but even if we achieve the impossible and gather them all in, old Father Time is also with them.

We need new blood that is certain, I do not mean the blood of war, heaven forbid, but men and women who understand our philosophy, and will continue with the idea of service and dedication, that started with the Great War Veterans Association.

Sons and daughters have not yet proved to me, in Metropolitan Toronto at least, that we can expect a great deal in that direction, though there are, I must concede, some notable exceptions. I cannot however blame them for their reluctance, for in affluent times we have not provided much discipline or example, either in school, or in the home, to encourage responsibility, community service and citizenship.

I am speaking generally of course, for it is the times we live in aided and abetted by the unfortunate demonstration by many politicians, of all political stripes, of lack of intestinal fortitude, great desire to wallow at the public trough and to take advantage of office for personal gain.

Gus Goutouski

How then can we expect much of our children, when we collectively tolerate the permissiveness and moral climate of our society.

I believe however that there could be a ray of sunshine both for the country and the Royal Canadian Legion. That is to actively promote another paragraph of our oath, "to advocate the maintenance in and by Canada of adequate defence on sea, on land and in the air".

Consider the facts: Canada's armed forces have been reduced to 37,000 actual fighting personnel. We do however have 103 serving Generals, more brass than in the Bombay Bazaar. The percentage of commissioned ranks to the rank and file is also abnormally high. An article in the Toronto Star on Sunday, May 11 could partially explain the reasons: It is headed "Army families live in fear of poverty" a expose of the plight of other rank Army families on the Canadian Forces base in Calgary. It tells the story of how low pay rates have forced some families to apply for and receive welfare supplements.

If planned rent hikes go into effect, 400 out of total of 2,600 on the base would be eligible for welfare. Should service personnel have to apply for or accept welfare payments while serving their country? Our reserve forces have only an authorized total of 21,260. Where are our proud regiments of yesteryear.

The navy cannot man our few ships, they are taken out to sea in turns. It is hard to imagine what will happen at the commissioning when they finally get the six new Patrol frigates, promised three years ago but not yet at the Keel stage. Our navy as of now, hasn't even got ship-to-ship Harpoon missiles or Phalanx interceptors to give the personnel a fighting chance.

The airforce are finally getting new F-18A fighter planes, all 137 of them, plus 18 Lockheed CP-140 Aurora long range patrol aircraft; hopefully there will be enough pilots.

The army has 128 Leopard C1 main battle tanks. Plus 441 Cougar, Grizzly or Husky armoured cars which are useful during public disturbances.

Remember how many tanks a Tank Brigade had in WW11, Recollect that at Kursk, Byeloussia in 1943, 5,000 tanks took part in one engagement — 128 new Tanks!

Note also that since the Arrow, our military aircraft are mainly built in the States, our tanks from Britain or Germany. Main stream production in Canada would provide jobs, and develop technology.

Our forces though efficient and well trained are shrunken and equipment sparse. They need help to adequately look after the defence of Canada, let alone fulfill UN and NATO obligations.

Did I say a ray of sunshine for Canada! for the Legion!

If we can hammer at our leaders, that we need adequate regular forces, properly paid, supplemented with a re-establishment of our former militia regiments, both armed with modern equipment, and we succeed in this determination, then we shall achieve three objects. Adequate defence, the new members the Legion needs and a sense of discipline and purpose in the youth of our country through service for a period of time, say two years, in the militia. You may not agree, I have stated a personal opinion, but in times like these it is better to be prepared.

Freedom is a precious thing, hard to obtain, and easily thrown away. We fought for the Canadian way of life. If we cannot defend it we will lose faith with those that died.

Finally allow me to give tribute to all assembled, for you have carried the torch these long years. There is not one Legionaire and Ladies Auxilliary member in this room, together with their husbands and wives who have not sacrificed of their time, talents and finances to further the aims and objects of the Legion in Poppy, Youth Programs, Community Work and above all service to veterans and their families.

Come what may, in the next decade, I am secure in my knowledge that you will all rise to the occasion and maintain as in the past, the spirit of unity and Comradship that has made me proud and honoured, to be a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

God bless you all.

Support your local Legion. If you are not a member, contact:

Branch 344
49 Elm Street
Toronto, Ont.

60th COMPANY

Major Peter Fairclough

The 1979 training year started with winter training at Borden. Sub-zero temperatures made up for the lack of snow.

We all enjoyed the spring range weekends and most of the Company had a "go" at grenade throwing and firing anti-armour weapons as well as the rifle, machine gun and pistol.

Local Headquarter's training is carried out at 1107 Avenue Road using the Canadian Forces Staff School facilities and we report to Moss Park Armoury once a month for the Commanding Officer's parade.

Sgt Crawford took a Section to join the Canadian Airborne Regiment for exercise "Georgian Strike". Our jumpers were able to carry out a full equipment tactical para drop onto the Borden DZ as part of 2 Commando. A good deal of expertise was gained on this exercise.

Most of the Company were attached to the US Army Special Forces for a "Recondo" course during DRUMCON '79. The training was very demanding but our students learned a lot from our American friends. Members of the course were delighted when Colonel Dalton and the Commanding Officer were helicoptered into the course base camp to visit the trainees and "field commission" Captain Flood, who joined us following regular service in Britain.

Lt Matthews and Sgt Crawford ran the unit summer student course and this year it was held at Borden in a field camp environment instead of the "9 to 5" armoury approach. Everyone agreed we had a much better trained product.

During the Fall, the emphasis was on patrol and driver training to prepare for exercise "Cold Ride" in the Golden Lake and Bonnechere areas of north east Ontario.

An "Open House" was held at 1107 Avenue Road where parents and friends had an opportunity to see what we do.

Sgt Delong trained and led the QOR of C team for the Central Militia Area Infantry Competition at Borden in October. They did well, winning the Fairclough Trophy for being the best team in Toronto Militia District.

In January we did winter training at Borden. We hosted some cadet leaders

from the Upper Canada College and West Hill Rifles Corps. After drawing and erecting groups of tents, some long-range winter patrols were despatched and base camp security techniques taught.

Winter and Spring training was concentrated on preparing for the Royal Visit of our Colonel-in-Chief. The Company Sergeant Major and NCO's brought the standard of drill up to a new high, while the company officers were learning that the sword was not an obsolete weapon, under the watchful eye of Major St. Aubin-Dancey. The Royal Visit was a great success and Her Royal Highness spoke to every member of the Company during her inspection of Guards of Honour and the Regimental Parade at Moss Park.

All ranks enjoyed the Birthday Dinner at the Royal York Hotel and were very proud to be Riflemen. We were pleased that Major Nairot and Lt Everett from the US Army — Special Forces Company in Baltimore were able to visit, with their wives, for the Birthday weekend.

During the year the parachute-trained members of 60th Company were able to get some continuation training jumps in at the Airborne Centre at Edmonton and do a helicopter jump onto the Borden DZ as part of a patrol exercise with the 48th Highlanders.

Captain Flood and Sgt Crawford were attached to the US Army Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Helena, Montana and Boise, Idaho for exercise "Cabal Thrasher" which was a long-range patrol/demolitions exercise. While at Fort Henry Harrison they represented Canada at a Memorial Service for the 1st Special Forces Group founded in June 1942, which included a Canada Battalion.

As this article is being prepared, the Company is preparing for summer camp 80 and a weekend exercise was held at Meaford with VICS and BUFFS companies to practice defence and patrolling skills. Lt. Matthews and Sgt Barnlett will be running the summer student course and Sgt Crawford will be going north to the Arctic with a composite platoon from Central Militia Area. 60th will be fielding a platoon for the Toronto Militia District exercise at DRUMCON 80.

60th Company had some interesting visitors during the 1979/80 training year: Mr. Stethem, an acknowledged military affairs expert presented a World Affairs briefing, Capt Gotthard, from the Canadian Airborne Regiment gave us a briefing on airborne training in the Canadian Armed Forces, and Major John Power from the 15th (Scottish) Battalion of the Parachute Regiment explained the organization, roles and equipment of the British Territorial Army.

COMING AND GOINGS

To the Regular Force Rfn Baldry
Cpl Cummins
Cpl Harrison
Cpl Morison

To the CH of O CPI Van der Grient

To the British Army Sgt Hunter (Para. Regt)
Cpl Chensee (Royal Green
Jackets)

To CMA (Special Pool) MWO Finnis, BEM, CD

To Supplementary Reserve Capt Ferguson

To Victoria Company Capt Wadsworth, CD

To Buffs CPI Samalea

We welcome WO Dawson from Buffs Coy and CPI Miner from VICS Coy.

Congratulations to:

2Lt Wells Commissioned Sept. 79

OCdt Gagnier Promoted May 80

2Lt Straka Commissioned June 80

Cpl Keenan 1st in class - Garrison Junior
NCO Course - Spring 80

Cpl Welsh 2nd in Class - Garrison Junior
NCO Course - Spring 80

Cpl Kelly Excellent performance - TMD
Sports Competition 79/80

Rfn Henry Top Score - Regimental Rifle
Shoot - Spring 1980

BUFFS COMPANY

Captain John Glaysher

Bufs is the senior rifle company of the Battalion, parading an average strength of some 75 trained soldiers, all ranks. Taskings have been heavy over the past year, with numerous personnel undergoing various rank and trade courses in addition to specialized training in weaponry, communications and collective tactical exercises. A few of our training commitments deserve particular mention.

The first annual concentration to be held in the U.S., "DRUMCON 79" at Fort Drum, New York, was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all. The company spent two weeks working at section, platoon and company levels, honing up the skills required for the advance-to-contact and defense phases of war. All ranks enjoyed the opportunity to train alongside our American counterparts and to compare notes on all manner of subjects, military and otherwise! DRUMCON 79 culminated in a full-scale, tactical exercise in which our troops conducted themselves in proper Queen's Own style — out front and showing the way!

Bufs Company returned with the Battalion to Fort Drum again in October for our annual joint training exercise with the 98th Committee Group, Army Reserve. The experienced members of the company participated in patrol exercises, with patrols formed from both American and Canadian troops. Command roles were shared by both forces. The balance of the

company received indoctrination in field engineering and demolitions, the new operational role of the 98th Committee Group. Of course, there was ample opportunity in the evening for a bit of socializing, a skill at which our Canadian militiamen are particularly adept!

Following many long hours of practice, Bufs enjoyed an excellent turnout of all ranks for the parades and other events which marked the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, an historic occasion which will long remain in the memories of the men.

The continuing strength of Bufs has always been the dedication of all ranks who make up the company, in particular the Officers and NCO's who form the solid nucleus so vital to the consistency and continual development of Bufs. Since assuming command last May, I have enjoyed the constant support and commitment of some of the best in the country.

MWO Harry McCabe, Company Sergeant-Major, has done a first-class job with the NCO's, lending his experience and enthusiasm (and sometimes a strong voice of authority, when needed). Assisting have been WO Brian Budden and WO Rob Chan. WO Budden was kept hopping in the role of CQMS until personal commitments forced him recently to take a short leave of absence until the Fall. WO Chan, who had been doing a great job with the Recruit Platoon, accepted appointment as CQMS. Sergeants Bruce

Bamlett and Glen Norman have been kept busy as 2IC's of 1 and 2 platoons.

We've had a number of "atts and dets" over the year, notably my predecessor Captain Tony Schultz, who moved with his job to London, Ontario and continues to serve the District HQ as a Queen's Own (although now a Major — they know quality when they see it!). Captain Raymond Blackburn joined us in the Spring. Formerly with le Regiment de Sagueny in Chicoutimi, Quebec, Captain Blackburn has taken on the task of 2IC, lending his own Gallic flair to the job with such unique commands as "Quick March ... but don't go nowhere" (translation — Mark Time!)

I also enjoy the capable services of two new platoon commanders. Lt Allan Champion came to us from the Highland Fusiliers of Canada in Cambridge, Ontario and 2Lt Gary Rolczewski signed on as a RESO (Reserve Entry Scheme Officer) while completing studies at the University of Toronto.

The past year saw several good Officers and NCO's leave the company. Lt Larry Hicks, an excellent platoon commander, was posted to 60th Company as 2IC and 2Lt Greg Burton took a short service commission with the Brits in the Light Infantry. We hope to see him back again sometime in 1983. Sgt Stan Dawson, now Warrant Officer, Sgt Jim Delong and MCpl Barry Hunter, now Sergeant, were all posted to 60th Company. While they will all be missed by Bufs, I am confident they will do us proud in their new postings.

VICTORIA COMPANY

Captain Ray Descotes

Victoria Company or Vics is the Headquarters/Support Company, comprised of all members of the Battalion not included in the two rifle companies or Battalion Headquarters. We may be the junior company but we are also the most attractive, since all females in the Battalion (17, a full complement) are posted to Vics.

The company consists of Administration Platoon, Stores Platoon, Transport Platoon and a Cook Section. However, as testimony to the versatility of our soldiers, we have cooks who can type; typists who can drive; and drivers who also issue stores! Whatever happens elsewhere in the country, there's no unemployment here!

The Admin Platoon is commanded by

Lt (W) Lee McEachern, who, in addition to being the Finance Officer, also assumes responsibility for the conduct and welfare of all female soldiers in the Battalion. Stores Platoon is commanded by our new Quartermaster, Captain Arnie Wadsworth, who brings with him exceptional qualifications as a past RSM of the Royal Regiment. Prior to assuming his new appointment as Adjutant, Captain Ed Raymond did dual service as both 2IC and commander of the Transport Platoon. These Officers are ably assisted by a team of dedicated Senior NCO's: WO Gerry Senetchko, Acting CSM; Sgt Andy MacNaughton, CQMS, WO Bob Dunk, Tpt NCO; WO Neil Arsenault; Vehicle Safety NCO; and Sgt John Bennett, back in harness as NCO in charge of Recruiting.

The operational tasking for the company is to provide administrative and logistic support to the Battalion. This is a hectic job since wherever the rifle companies go, we must be there first to greet them. Nonetheless, we somehow find the time to also conduct the necessary rank and trade training and maintain our own infantry skills.

Certainly, chief among the infantry skills must be considered proficiency with the rifle. The is one field in which several members of Vics are particularly adept. In addition to WO Senetchko, a former Queen's Medalist and Bisely competitor, we also have Sgt Ross Williams, also an expert shot, and Cpl Mullin, an up-and-comer. We are also quite proud of Cpl (W) Schlegel, an aspiring weapons tech and top female shot. Once again, we demonstrate the company's versatility: we not only cook your meal, but can defend you while you enjoy it!

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The Passing Scene

Miss Mona Mitchell, secretary to Princess Alexandra, together with L/Col W.S. Wilson, Miss Helen Webster, Chief of Protocol, Ottawa, and Walter Borosov, Chief of Protocol, Queen's Park, and various security personnel were taken over the museum tour that the Colonel-in-Chief would be given later. Two more visits were made; the last included a Scotland Yard official.

Princess Alexandra, our Colonel-in-Chief, honoured us on April 26 by inspecting the museum. Casa Loma was crowded; a circumstance that seemed only to increase the enjoyment of Her Royal Highness whose interest in people is always evident. The museum has received many encomiums; this visit was the ultimate accolade.

Two copies of the stirring sermon delivered by the Rev. Leonard Griffith at St. Paul's Anglican Church in the presence of Princess Alexandra on the Regiment's 120th anniversary were sent to the museum. Other literature pertaining to the service was also included. This generous gesture to our archives was made by W.B. Rex King, Parish Administrator, through Col. C.O. Dalton.

John Michael Kiely, our librarian, died on March 6. Although throughout the ten years of his occupancy of this position he had been plagued with various chronic ailments his duties were never neglected. He displayed good judgement and great patience. In short, he evidenced the qualities of a true skirmisher. May his memory long be green.

Lorraine S. O'Byrne, Research Assistant, Historical Sites Division, visited us for material in regard to a proposed re-enactment at Black Creek Pioneer Village of a muster parade of the old Sedentary Militia. Ruth Dukas is painting some military figures for Ottawa. Her enquiries concerned The QOR of C full dress. Deborah Mills of Parks Canada and Historic Sites specializes in tailored historical reproductions. Her chief interest was in the ornamentation on our full dress.

Carlie Oreskovich, a free lance writer, is writing a detailed biography of Sir Henry Pellatt. He has been given all library facilities and permission to use several of our photos in his forthcoming book.

One hundred and eighty-four museum brochures were mailed in January. The

... LCol W.T. Barnard

period covered was from March 1, 1978 to December 31, 1979.

At the request of the Administration Committee, Queen's Park, of which Col. Bill Wilson is a member, two regimental displays were set up in the west wing of the main hall of the legislative building. Accessories for one of these displays were donated by Mrs. Edith Bradley, George Ferchat and Bill Barnard.



A VISITOR'S APPRECIATION

About a year ago I had the pleasure of visiting the Queen's Own Museum at Casa Loma. The Curator, Lt. Col. Barnard, whom I have had the pleasure of knowing since my boyhood, was my guide and personally showed me the exhibits, explaining the significance of each as we went along. All were most interesting and I paid particular attention to some of the old photographs and recognized several of my schoolmates from high school days. One photograph especially caught my eye. It was entitled " 'B' Company Queen's Own Rifles of Canada 1894".

At the end of our tour, I thanked Col. Barnard for his courtesy in showing me through the Museum and said I would like to go along on my own for awhile and take a closer look at some of the photographs. I went back to the above picture and on taking a closer look, was pleased to note

Committee: Clayton Bell
Peter Simundson

Ed — Due to space restrictions, a long and impressive listing of recent acquisitions had to be omitted from LCol Barnard's article. However, all of these can be viewed at the Museum.

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THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

... Ken Gregory

There has not been much activity in the shooting field this year. Last June, Ernie Stock went to Kenya for a month with a group from the Dominion Rifle Association under the leadership of L/Col. George Greer, Lincolnshire and Welland Regiment (Retired). They shot the Kenya National Matches and did a lot of sightseeing, including a four day stay at Dave Drummond's Safari Camp, which was very much enjoyed, apart from one night when they were warned not to go to the latrines because a lion was wandering about; (Ernie did not say what alternate course was taken).

Wilf Durance and I shot the Bisley Meeting and enjoyed it. I won a whole one pound Sterling (\$2.65). During our visit we displayed a Q.O.R. flag (kindly provided by Sid Storms) on the car whilst driving on the ranges, and on the final Friday evening, we paid a visit to the

London Irish Rifles Sergeants' Mess in Chelsea, and presented them with a History of the Regiment, which Wilf had acquired; also the flag off the car, which is now displayed in the bar at their Mess.

On 14 April we held the annual meeting of the Association. Unfortunately the turnout was small, albeit, enthusiastic. It was moved to double Ernie Stock's salary as Secretary again, twotimes nothing equals nothing!

The CMA/ORA Shoot at CFB Borden took place in the spring and Vimy Range was again staffed by Q.O.R. continuing members. The matches went very well with two of our NCO's distinguishing themselves. Williams won the Annapolis Match with a score of 50 x 50 and he also won the 200 yd aggregate and the grand aggregate for the weekend matches. Senetchko won Match No. 4, The Cabot with a score of 34 x 35. Congratulations

fellows. Why haven't we got more like these?

The Q.O.R. team easily won their relay in a fire with movement falling plates match but were edged out in the final by the Essex and Kent Regiment. Better luck next time.

The O.R.A. staff, including myself, put a scratch team in for the falling plates match, using borrowed equipment. We never hit a darn thing, which proves my old theory that the only difference between a good shot and a poor one, is lots of practice and two truck loads of ammunition!

We point out again that practice ranges are available at Winona anytime the Q.O.R. are using that range. Contact either Wilf Durance, Les Smith or myself for further information.

The Sniper and Service Rifle Matches at Ottawa this year are 23-26 August and there is a Sniper and Service Rifle Shoot at Winona Range on 4-5 October.

We're looking forward to seeing more of you hotshots come out to compete!

BATTALION TRAINING REPORT

By Major Bill Barnard

If last year's training budget was any indicator, the 79/80 training year was a classic example of too few dollars chasing too many soldiers, doing too many things. Certainly the past year was a success, but with it the success brought the problem of how to deal with budgetary restraints so common these days.

During the last year the Battalion's strength increased by 20%, but until April 80 we were locked into a budget set a year earlier while our strength was down. Add to this a pay increase in October '79, and you can appreciate the CO would have been tearing at his hair, save for the fact that this would have caused another shortage that could not be remedied in the new fiscal year.

There is, however, a semi-happy ending to this story, as it was announced the 80/81 training budget was increased by 25%. With the next pay increase in October 80 this should only leave us behind the seven ball, rather than the eight ball when the fiscal year runs down in February/March 81. Isn't this fascinating? Two years experience managing the budget for a Militia Battalion gives you on the job training equivalent to the Governor of the Bank of Canada or at least the Minister of Finance for Uganda.

In spite of these little rough patches the last year showed improvements on all fronts. Particularly satisfying to the CO and to RSM Eric Simundson, was the gradual increase in the strength of the Sergeant's Mess. As we all know it takes years to train and qualify as a Senior NCO and consequently the Sergeants Mess can be a fragile beast that can sink without a trace in no time at all. Currently, there are 19 qualified Senior NCO's with only one vacancy, and this result can be attributed to the efforts of the RSM, with the CO's backing. Without a strong experienced cadre of Senior NCO's to guide, train and develop the younger riflemen, the Battalion would soon be in trouble.

The Officers' Mess is nearly up to its establishment of 21 and now boasts that 14 officers are qualified for the next higher rank.

The Riflemen and Corporals too are working hard at their courses and career progression and in the last training year, 92 completed qualifying courses of one kind or another. In addition to this, there were Class B or C attachments to courses, Regular Force exercises and general military employment totalling 132 over the last year. It's plain to see the Battalion has not only been hard at work by itself, but has had time to support the District, Area and Forces in general in their efforts.

One of the projects that has been a particular success has been WO Bob Chan's 'Depot Platoon'. Often our best potential riflemen are recruited at unpredictable intervals throughout the fall/winter/spring training period and getting them through their recruit and general military training has been a problem. There never seems to be a sections worth of new recruits coming in at once, and no new recruit worth his salt wants to hang around for a month waiting for a course to start. Under WO Chan's direction, the problem has been solved with what amounts to individual or small group training programmes that allow new personnel to begin training immediately. The most noticeable result is a trained section being turned out every two or three months.

We were also pleased to find out early in 1980 the support weapons tasking for the Battalion had been revised, and we are now slated to receive the 106mm Recoilless Rifle. This is good news as WO Stan Dawson and Sgt. Glenn Norman are already well qualified on the weapon, and training of an Armoured Defence Platoon can begin using our own instructors.

Also, on the equipment front, we received at long last the newer series of radios. Previously the only radio equipment available was twenty or thirty years old, and there had been talk of training the signallers in semaphore or buying carrier pigeons. Now at last the CO can push the switch and speak to someone besides himself, for as we all know, speaking to yourself is a bad sign, particularly when you get an answer.

Transport was another success story this year with Capt. Ed Rayment, WO Bob Dunk and WO Neil Arsenault combining their efforts to produce one of the best run transport sections around. This particularly impressed BGen S.F. Andrunyk when he made a tour of inspection at all TMD Armouries. Rather than hiding dirty or broken down vehicles, ours were all in good repair and clean. In fact the Battalion had more vehicles out for inspection than any unit in TMD, including Armoured Units with three times our establishment of vehicles.

At this point some mention should be made about Quarter Masters Stores, only because there is nothing to mention. The QM, Capt. Arnie Wadsworth, RQMS, Sgt. Andy MacNaughton and the rest of the QM Staff have done a first class job all year and given the companies nothing to complain about in the area of support to training.

There is no question that with the volume of training activity going on, QM and Transport support were vital. Without counting district or Area training activities the Battalion ran 14 unit exercises in the last ten month training period. These included firing of all Battalion weapons, drivers courses, radio courses, tactics and winter indoctrination. A team from the Battalion also won the Fairclough Trophy in the Annual CMA Infantry Competition, while WO Gerry Senetchko and Sgt. Ross Williams distinguished themselves on the CMA Rifle Team that was a co-winner with Secteur de l'Est of first place in the National Canadian Forces Reserve Small Arms Competition. Sgt. Williams was also selected as a standby for the Bisley Team.

With the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief in April this year, the activity rose to a fever pitch with all the preparations and practice for the various guards and parades. Undoubtedly there is no question that the Regiment is fortunate to have HRH Princess Alexandra as Colonel-in-Chief, and her delightful presence made all our efforts seem worthwhile.

As the summer stand down began at the end of June, the Battalion appeared to slip into a months rest, but only on the surface. Many are already away on courses, others are preparing to leave, a contingent is kitting out for Germany and others are on their way to Cyprus and the Golan.

The Battalion is alive and doing very well thank you, and the only question is what will the New Year hold?

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QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES CHAPTER IODE

... Marie Dalton

Fulfillment of our financial obligations and donations are made possible only by the income produced from the 2nd Appearance Shop at 1919 Avenue Road. The shop is kept producing and in the black only by a handful of faithful volunteers from the Chapter.

Our sources for donations of clothing and white elephants is gradually decreasing, as are the man hours people are prepared or able to give to the shop. So our plea remains the same — please don't throw anything away — donate it to the shop, as it not only helps us, but enables us to continue helping the regiment and other worthwhile causes.

We have continued to support and sponsor the "1860" Cadet Corps, and Captain Heath has addressed the Chapter on several occasions, keeping us up-to-date with their accomplishments, training and future plans.

Monthly visits were made by the Hospital Convenor to our veterans in Sunnybrook Hospital. The four men do not require very much but are always pleased to have visitors and be remembered.

A donation toward the Regimental Christmas party was given, and a food parcel was sent to a needy QOR widow

living in England. Donations were also made to Park School for graduation prizes, the Lucy Morrison Fund and the Municipal Scholarship Fund.

Two wreaths were purchased and the Chapter was represented at both the D Day services and Armistice Day.

We have continued looking after and corresponding with our three physically handicapped girls in Austria. Sending both parcels in the summer and presents at Christmas.

The Chapter again provided a Christmas party for needy Indian children and their parents in Ferland. Clothing and a game or toy was sent to each child, and a present to the teacher.

Our contributions are varied and our ties with the Regiment are as strong as ever. Lt. Colonel W.S. Wilson has received our vote of thanks for the loan of the Officer's Mess for two meetings, and his valued support during the past year.

Ed — Due to an unfavourable conflict between the renewal demands made by the landlord and the replenishment of operating capital, The 2nd Appearance Shop has been forced to cease operations from its present location. Look for news of further developments.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY MUSIC SOCIETY

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The Canadian Branch has a very informative monthly Newsletter, and obtains records (and other items of interest) for their members, at cost.

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the saluting base. In addition to those members of the committee already named, we enlisted the aid of "JP" Moore as Assistant Parade Marshall, who fell in behind the committee because the Queen's Own platoon had filled too quickly. Following came four young sergeants from the Battalion, in period uniforms, and then the Bugle Band.

The Queen's Own platoon, led by John Missons, included some outstanding old soldiers; names like Frank Gaines, Art Richardson, Rolph Jackson, Bill Ives, Dick Ayton, Norm Selby, Gord "Polish Joe" Comrie, Alex "Stumpy" Gordon, Rudy "Beef" LeBoeuf, Frank Eakin, Pat McCarthy, Ken McClarty, Gord Richardson, Jim Beatty and many others.

The parade was about a four-mile jaunt and it had been originally planned that when we passed the saluting base, we would be steered towards the busses which were to transport us back to the military barracks for lunch. As it turned out however, the crowds were so heavy it was necessary for us to march the entire distance back to the barracks. Quite a long march for some, but exhilarating!

All along the route, women were weeping openly, rushing up to the veterans with offerings of flowers. By the time we had finished, I doubt that there was a single veteran who didn't cradle a bouquet or two. The emotions generated by this unbridled outpouring of affection caused more than one veteran to have tears streaming down his cheeks as well.

Words simply cannot describe the feelings which were welling up in all of us at that time. The Dutch people's open affection is quite different to that which North Americans are used to. This unforgettable reception greeted us at the Grosbeek commemorations and remained with us during our extended trip down through Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, the Mediterranean and up through Normandy, Dieppe, Paris, Brussels and further. An account of the balance of this historic journey will be detailed in future editions of this bulletin."

VETERANS OF NORMANDY:

American military historian seeks contact with former Commonwealth soldiers who fought against the 12. SS Hitler Jugend Division in Normandy 1944. Plans dissertation/book on Hitler Jugend Division. Please write to: Mr. Craig Luther, Department of History, San Jose State University, San Jose, California 95192, U.S.A. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



A An impressive show by The Bugle Band, led by CWO Syd Byatt.

Gerry Senetchko, Harry McCabe, John Bennet and Andy MacNaughton represent the active service of the Regiment. **B**



C Art Richardson (centre) showed some of the younger men the rifle pace over the four mile route.



The Honourable Pauline McGibbon accepts a souvenir from Lt Limbu, VC, at a reception following an inspection of the Legislative Assembly Guard by the Gurkha hero.

A GRACIOUS LADY AND HER GUARD

This year marks the retirement of a very charming and lovely lady who has graced the Vice-Regal scene in Ontario since 1974 and has provided inestimable support and encouragement to the Q.O.R. Legislative Assembly Guard; The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Pauline G. McGibbon.

Her Honour has found time in her busy schedule each year since 1978 to honour the Guard with her presence and to entertain the members of the Guard at a reception in her apartments at the Legislative Building, Queen's Park. She has taken a lively interest in the Guard and often refers to it as 'my Guard'. The Guard, in turn, responds warmly to her charm and interest and members positively beam when, on inspection, her Honour recalls their presence from the previous year.

Acting-Sergeant John Anglin, has twice received an award from the hands of Her Honour in the form of recognition as best recruit in 1978 and the best picket corporal in 1979. Other veterans include picket corporals McLean, Fortunier and Cameron, as well as corporals Steel, O'Connor and Zeidler, Sergeants Dawson and Bamlett.

The Legislative Assembly Guard is a unique body which is based on the unit organization but which is funded as a youth experience programme of the Government of Ontario for each of the years 1978, 79 and 80. The members of the Guard are university, college and high school students, who are not necessarily members of the unit but are trained under the direction of the RSM, CWO Eric Simundson, and wear the 1860-1870 pattern uniform of QOR and Rifle.

The Guard is mounted daily outside Casa Loma, the main entrance of the Legislative Assembly Building at Queens Park and outside the entrance to the apartments of the Lieutenant Governor at Queen's park. The Guard is changed hourly in the traditional drills of the period.

The idea of the Guards sprang from the activities of the Regimental Pioneers and Skirmishers and the traditional association with Casa Loma. It began on a small scale at Casa Loma in 1977 and was jointly funded by Casa Loma and the Regiment. Application was made for the assistance of the Government of Ontario to equip the Guard and this was shared with the Q.O.R. of C Trust Fund. A more ambi-

tious programme was launched in 1978 and included a request, not only for assistance with clothing and equipping the Guard, but for funding to pay them as well. The Guard was expanded to approximately 33 all ranks, uniformed and kitted as Riflemen of the 1860's. The excellence of their dress and drill is attributed to RSM Simundson, assisted at various times by WO Chan, Sgts. Bamlett, Budden and Dawson and many of the junior NCO's of the unit.

The Guard has provided a Guard of Honour for the Lieutenant Governor on 1 July each year since 1978. Each time they have been ably supported by the Regimental Band under the direction of Captain George Gresham and have drawn many complimentary remarks, not least from Her Honour herself (letters of compliment have been written by Her Honour to the Premier of Ontario).

The Guard will be entertained for the final time by Her Honour on 29 August, 1980. It will be a sad occasion to witness the retirement of a very gracious lady, who has done much to further 'Her Guard' the Legislative Assembly Guard with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

We wish her well and a fond farewell.

Footnote:

The Legislative Assembly Guard is unique, particularly in the exposure that it provides daily in the summer for The Queen's Own Rifles. No other Canadian Militia Regiment provides such a Guard. (Check it out, the colourful Guards at Fort York, Fort Henry, Fort George, etc. depict British Regular Regiments.) The Guard provides an excellent means of keeping the Regiment in the public eye. It deserves maximum support from all branches of the Regimental Family but this has been woefully lacking except from the unit and the Trust Fund. However, during the summer of 1980, an excellent display of QOR medals and memorabilia has been set up in the West Wing of the Legislative Building through the hard work of Lieutenant Colonel W (Bill) Barnard and MWO Wilf Durance of the QOR of C Museum. The tour guides of the Legislative Building have been provided with details of the exhibit and of the regiment to answer many questions from tourists concerning the Guard and the display inside.

Hopefully with regimental support, we can maintain the Guards for years to come until it becomes a permanent and identifiable feature of the Legislative Buildings of Ontario In Toronto.

DATE LINE: EUROPE 1944

The Rifleman received the following article from Lieut. Bob Rae, a former Intelligence Officer attached to the QOR, who later served with #3 Canadian Public Relations Group, writing articles for The Maple Leaf — Canada's famous armed services magazine. Although this piece on the QOR appeared in the Maple Leaf, Bob cannot remember the exact date, as his files disappeared in the flooding accompanying Hurricane Hazel.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada are adding many fine pages to a regimental history which dates back to 1860; the longest continuous record of any Canadian Infantry Regiment. Officers and men of the Queen's Own built a rich tradition of service in the Fenian Raid, 1866; Red River, 1870; the North-West Rebellion, 1885; South Africa, 1900; and in the First World War, 1914-18. The present battalion has nobly caught the torch and carried it across France, Belgium and into Holland on the march of liberation.

The Q.O.R., proud to be chosen as an assault battalion, stormed ashore at Bernieres-sur-Mer on D-Day, 6 June 1944. Leading the two forward companies were Toronto's famous Dalton brothers, Majors Charles and Elliott. By afternoon the Battalion had torn through all opposition and surged forward to its allotted objective near the little town of Anguerny. This was Hill 80, a ground feature of vital importance to the development of the bridgehead.

After holding tenaciously to its prize for three days, the Regiment was carried across country to strengthen the right wing of the Canadian line in the area of Bretteville L'Orgeuleuse. On 11 June an attack was launched on Le Mesnil Patrie which drew heavy a toll in blood from Toronto's fighting Rifles. Although fore-stalled, this battle was later credited with having thwarted and dispersed a mass German counter-attack on the Caen-Bayeux road. It was in this attack that Lieut. (now Capt.) H.G.W. Bean and Sgt. (now C.S.M.) Scrutton earned the D.C.M. for great gallantry and courage.

Then followed the grim holding battle while the build-up of men and supplies in the Normandy beach-head continued. On the 4th of July the Q.O.R. joined in the savage fighting for Carpiquet village and

airfield, and hung on grimly for five days while surrounded and over-looked by the enemy. On 9th July the job at Carpiquet was completed when the Queen's Own seized the Administration buildings and had their first close look at Caen.

The next job took the Regiment across the Orme and into the fierce offensive which swept through Colombelles and Vaucelles onto the approaches to Falaise. At Giberville and 'the factories' the Q.O.R. wrought much havoc on the enemy and captured over 6000 prisoners as well as large quantities of supplies and transport. Bitter fighting at Quesnay Woods and at Le Bout de Haute were amongst the actions fought as the Riflemen contributed to the obliteration of the 7th German Army around Falaise.

In the pursuit to the Seine and beyond, the Q.O.R. raced from Damblainville to Boulogne, and the month of September was spent in assisting in the clearing up of the Channel Ports. La Capelle, Boulogne-sur-Mer and Fort De La Creche were the scenes especially to be remembered by the Regiment as hot spots of action. Calais was the next step and, on 30 September, the Q.O.R. were represented in the troops that eliminated the Nazis from strongholds there.

Their work completed along the Channel, the trek into Belgium commenced and soon the Queen's Own were crossing the Scheldt as part of the famous 'back-door' attack. The Battalion crossed the estuary in amphibious vehicles and drove inland to aid in the link-up that changed a bridgehead into a line. Bitter actions were fought under appalling weather conditions in the water-soaked, poulder terrain of the Scheldt pocket. Warfare raged along the dykes high above the sunken fields, but despite the obstacles of nature and a stubborn enemy the Canadians pressed on relentlessly. Oostburg was among the villages captured by the Queen's Own before the final elimination of the Germans in 'the Pocket' took place.

The proud record of the last war, bitterly earned by 12 service battalions mainly drawn from Queen's Own personnel, has been kept untarnished by the fighting Riflemen. There were four Q.O.R. winners of the Victoria Cross in the 1914-18 struggle but though this high honour has not yet been accorded to the Rifles in this war (Sergeant Aubrey Cosens was killed

winning the Victoria Cross at Mooshof, 26 February 1945 — Ed.), they have claimed their full share of honours.

Some of the veterans of the Regiment, many in action since D-Day, are: Major O.A. Nickson, Montreal; Major R.D. Medland, Captain W.J. Weir, Captain J.L. Pond, Captain J. McLean, Captain I.S. Waldie, R.S.M. E.W. Hartnell, R.Q.M.S. G. Wyce, C.S.M. T.J. Chivers, C.S.M. W. Ives, C.S.M. H.S. Webb, Sergeant S.D. Watson, Sergeant R. Wilson, Corporal G. Kilner and Riflemen J. Ramage, E.L. Ashton, E.E. Taylor, J.A. McCracken, S.B. Blair, D.M. Hanratty, R.R. Simard, K.N. Early, J.L. Wagar, all of Toronto; Captain R.I.O. Stewart, Meaford, Ontario; C.S.M. C.C. Martin, Dixie, Ontario; Sergeant A.J. Cornett, Brandon, Manitoba; Sergeant N. Zamaria, Port Credit, Ontario; Corporal Y. Agasse, Amprior, Ontario; Rifleman G.C. Comrie, Severn Bridge, Ontario; Rifleman R.W. Blencoe, Newmarket, Ontario; and Rifleman D. Bounsall, Dunbarton, Ontario.

Lieutenant Bob Rae
— #3 Public Relations Group.

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EARLY RIFLEMAN'S SONG

If my rifle could only shoot
And my eye could only see
That little black spot on the target
Would only come nearer me
Could I only steady my hand
As I do when I draw my pay
I would be getting that extra tanner
They call it proficiency pay

heard in the 20's by John Simpson
(4th Bn. QOR. 1946)

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THE CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE — 23 APRIL 1891

"The QOR paraded on Wednesday night, 15 April, 523 strong and headed by both Brass and Bugle Bands, marched to Wellington Street for Company drill. Until further orders, no company will be permitted to have more than 60 NCO's and men on its strength — the Regiment is growing so rapidly that it is almost impossible to obtain sufficient rifles and side-arms for drill purposes."



Jack Martin, Gus Goutouski, Joe Resnick and Jim Muir prepare for the wreath-laying ceremony.

WE DO REMEMBER

... Jack Martin

The 35th anniversary of the liberation of Holland by the Allies was marked by spectacular celebrations jointly organized by Canada and the Netherlands. In Holland, the "Thank You Canada" committee was formed in order to host a massive visit by Canadian veterans and their families, while organization of the trip in Canada became the responsibility of the "We Do Remember" committee. Jack Martin was one of the principal members of the Canadian committee and the following are some of his memories of this unforgettable experience as he recounted them in the Big Two Club bulletin.

"Well, here we are back once more from one of the most emotional, fantastic trips we can remember (or should that read, we do remember?). It was said that we could never surpass the 1974 trip (D-Day + 35 years) but we did. 1453 people went and 1452 will attest to its fabulous success. Some day, I'll tell you about the lone dissenter!

The "WE DO REMEMBER" project was initiated by members of the Queen's Own Rifles branch of the Royal Canadian

Legion and the Big Two Club, starting with John Olivier and Jack Martin as far back as 1977. Two more members, Gus Goutouski and Joe Resnick, joined the committee later.

Following months of meetings and planning, there wasn't one seat available on flights from Canada to Amsterdam during the period of April 28th to May 4th. If you happened to be a latecomer, it was necessary to book passage first to London, England and thence to Holland.

We joined with our chairman, Major-General Chris Vokes, at Schipol airport upon his arrival and entered a press conference in the VIP lounge. In the midst of this conference, we were honoured by a visit from Her Royal Highness, Princess Margriet and her husband, who welcomed us to Holland and wished that our stay be enjoyable and memorable (true on both counts). We also had an opportunity to say hello to Governor-General Ed Schreyer who was passing through on his way to The Hague.

All participants were met at the airport by members of the "THANK YOU CANADA" committee and were quickly

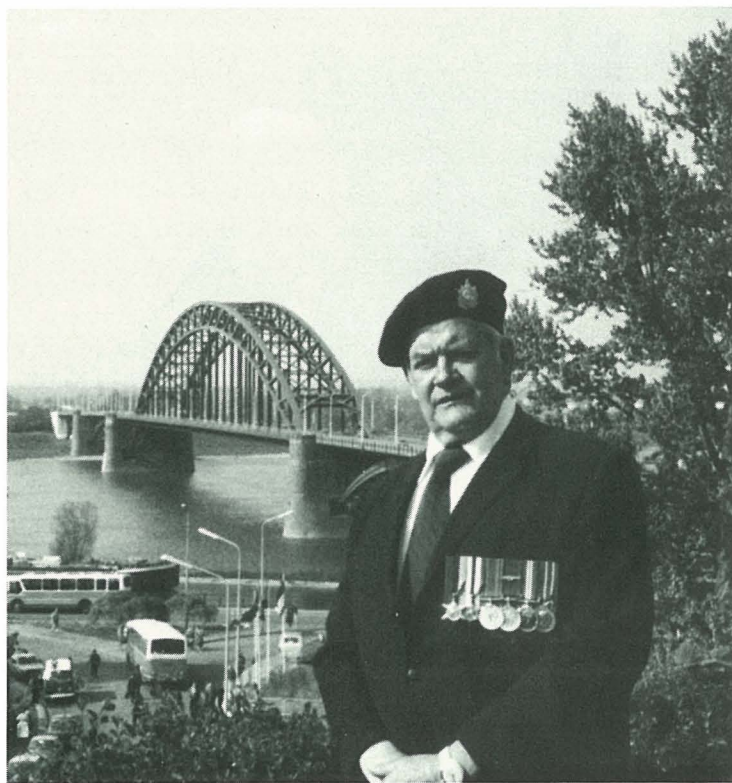
ushered through customs to the baggage area and then to respective buses with such destinations as Nijmegen, Deventer, Zutphen, Nijverdahl, Enschede, Arnhem, Holten and more. 650 participants were billeted in Nijmegen, with the remaining 803 staying in other communities.

At a pre-selected centre in each town, the vets and their wives were debussed amid crowds anxiously awaiting their arrival. As each visitor entered the hall, the Dutch citizenry cheered and applauded noisily, making each guest feel like the most important dignitary. Each veteran was called by name and introduced to this or her host before departing for the hospitality of private homes.

While three major events took place in and around Nijmegen, each community honoured its Canadian guests in its own way. Details of such individual hospitality can only be conveyed properly by those involved for each Canadian visitor brought back his own personal account of the warmth and generosity of the Dutch people.

The big Nijmegen parade took place through the streets of the town on May 5th. Joe Resnick, Gus Goutouski and myself met with the Dutch officials a couple of days in advance to review the parade state and go over the route. At this meeting were representatives of the Permanent Force Honour Guard from Lahr, Germany and the Master Warrant Officer of the Canadian Forces Military Band. I'm afraid we incurred the wrath of the PF boys when we threw protocol out of the window by insisting that the Queen's Own Rifles Bugle Band lead the parade, as had been promised, rather than the permanent force military band. The Guard Commander was concerned as to whether or not his men could march at the rifles pace. We responded that the veterans could surely do so, so the young gaffers should be able to keep up! (They did.) In fact, they grew so comfortable with the quicker pace that it became a bit of a joke when they met the Band MWO to ask him to please speed it up!

We had 28 platoons of 31 men each and, with five bands and the Honour Guard, a total of more than 1200 were on parade. Major General Vokes led the parade in a jeep with his own pennant flying, later joining HRH Princess Margriet at

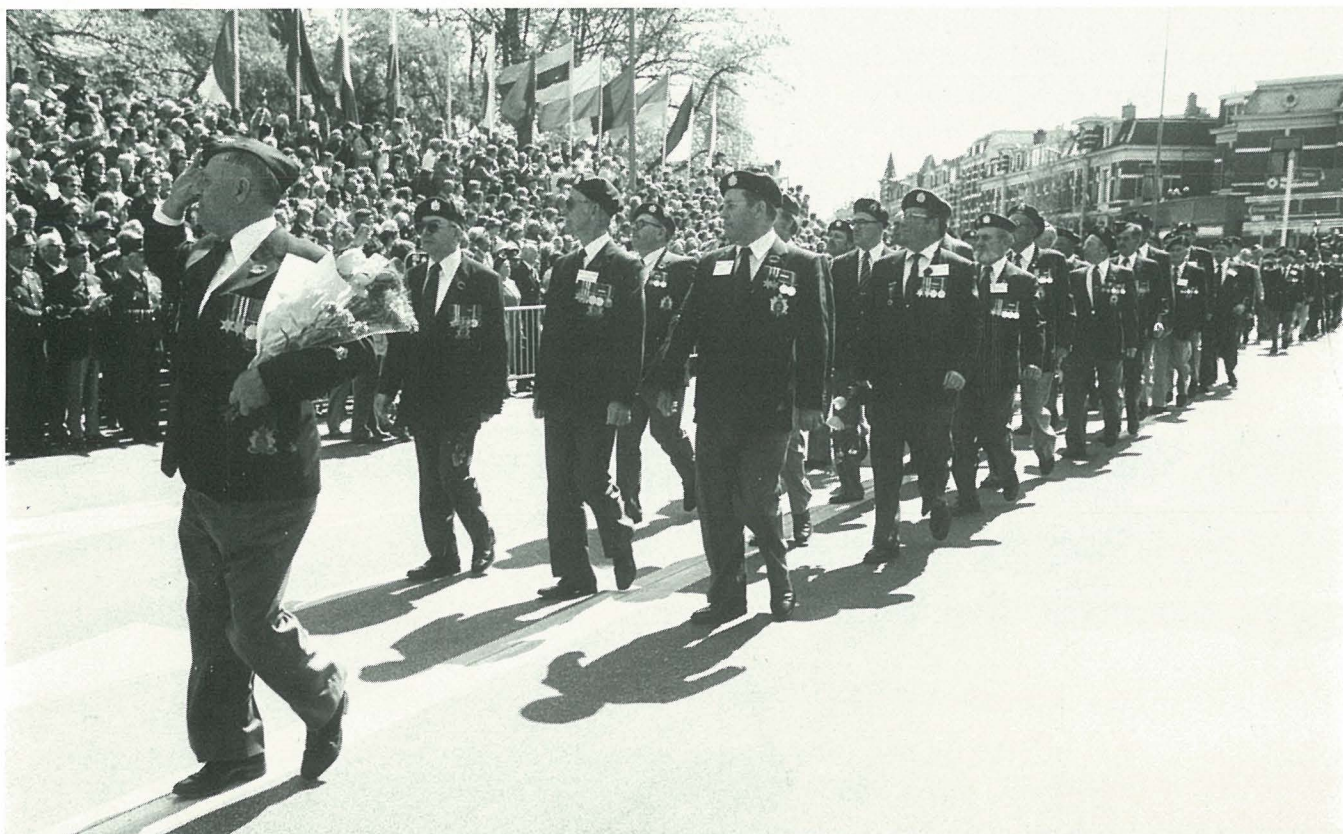


A
JP Moore overlooks the bridge at Nijmegen.



B
Bill Ives bears the Canadian Flag past the saluting base.

C
John Missons leads the proud Queen's Own Platoon.



EYE-WITNESS AT RIDGEWAY

The following are excerpts from an article which appeared in the "Brantford Expositor", on 31 May 1906 in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway, the first action seen by the Queen's Own. The article is an eye-witness account by Mr Andrew McIntosh, a QOR veteran whose father had fought on the Plains of Abraham. This account of the engagement was recorded a year before his death at age 91.

"Sometime in March 1886, information was received by the authorities that an attack would be made by the Fenians on the drill shed and the armoury at Toronto. In consequence of such information, an officers' guard was placed nightly on the building and its surroundings. On the 25th of March, an exceedingly cold day, the QOR and Tenth Royals were under arms the whole day but nothing occurred. For a considerable time afterwards, the QOR had to attend to business and their ordinary occupations in full uniform, ready to turn out should the alarm be given. However, nothing happened and we were permitted to doff our uniforms and appear as ordinary citizens again.

In the beginning of June, news came of the Fenians having crossed the Niagara river and having effected a landing on Canadian soil at Fort Erie, where they had a brush with the Welland Battery. Some few were killed and a number wounded and taken prisoner. The news created intense excitement in Toronto.

On the night of June 1st, I remember I had just retired when Captain Edwards of No. 5 Company entered and told me what had happened. At the same time, he gave me the names of a number of the men whom I was to command, that without fail they were to report at the drill shed at four o'clock in the morning in full uniform and fully equipped for active service.

Around midnight, the bugles sounded the alarm and assembly. We all jumped up in a hurry, seized our rifles, buckled on belts and ammunition, thinking the Fenians were upon us. Every man was in his place and the Regiment formed up in column in about five minutes, but the thing turned out to be a false alarm. We were soon dismissed and sought out our soft planks and blankets once again.

Just before daybreak, the bugles again sounded "Turn Out", to which we readily responded and were soon under arms.

This time there was a train ready for us to board and we were soon crowded in and on our way to Ridgeway. Before starting, we were hungry and some of the men began to forage — how naturally this comes to hungry soldiers! Our junior sergeant had somehow gotten hold of a red herring, whether honestly or not, I cannot say. In fact, I did not enquire as he kindly divided his spoil with me.

With a pilot engine ahead of us to see that the track was clear, we soon arrived on the Ridgeway road, where we disembarked and formed up in close column. Our company at the time was considered the best shots in the Battalion. (I forgot to mention that we had had our English rifles taken from us while crossing the lake and were given the Spencer seven-shooter repeating rifles in exchange. Each man was issued only 28 rounds of ammunition and there was no more to get. We knew about our Enfield rifles but knew nothing of the others, and a very poor thing they turned out to be at any distance over 200 yards.)

No. 5 Company was chosen to form the advance guard. I was in command of the leading section. We were marching down the road just as the sun was rising, when, in the rear of lime ridge just in front of us, we perceived the gleam of the Fenian bayonets. Advancing to a little rise in the ground where a fence stood, we all lay down and opened fire. It was here that Ensign McEachern fell — I believe he was the first. He was using a good rifle and was a good shot. He had gotten up on his knees to pull a rail out of the fence for a better shot and was shot through the body.

The firing soon became general. It is not a very pleasant sound to hear the bullets whistling all around you but you soon get used to it. About the coolest thing I saw all day was one of our men sit up on his knees, light his pipe and go on with the firing. We soon drove the enemy from the brow of the hill and occupied their ground, while the retreated down the hill to the woods.

Here our line of skirmishers was relieved by the supports; our ammunition expended, we retired on the reserves. Here was a nice fix, for the ammunition for the Spencers was gone and no more on the field.

The second line of skirmishers having also expended their ammunition, they

were relieved by three companies of the 13th Battalion of Hamilton. It was not long after they took up their position that the main body of Fenians made a rush to the front and the shout came "Look out for cavalry", though where that cry came from no-one knew".

... Unfortunately, the eye-witness account ends at this point, the conclusion of this cliff-hanger no longer attached to the yellowed newspaper. As Regimental history buffs know, this is an appropriate spot in the story to conclude since the final outcome was confused to say the least. With the troops out of ammunition for rifles they were not familiar with, the warning from an unidentified source of an impending cavalry charge resulted in the bugle call to form a square to repel cavalry. In the confusion, this was misinterpreted as the sound for retreat. The field was left deserted by both sides, with neither able to claim victory. Hence the nickname which has dogged the Regiment since then, "Quickest Out of Ridgeway"!

The Queen's Own can claim honours by association, however, since, following the battle, civic authorities in Toronto called out the UCC Rifles to defend the city against the Fenians. Although the attack never materialized, the UCC Rifles had not been defeated and Queen Victoria granted the Upper Canada College Rifles a battle honour in appreciation of their efforts while on active service!

Historical Portrait

The centrefold is from a water colour study made by Chief Warrant Officer E.R.C. Simundson, Regimental Sergeant-Major. It illustrates the Regimental pattern of dress for an Officer in 1866, at the time of the Battle of Ridgeway.

This is the first of a series of such studies which will be undertaken by CWO Simundson, a keen student of Regimental history. It is hoped that these will become a regular feature of The Rifleman.

James G. Kirk

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