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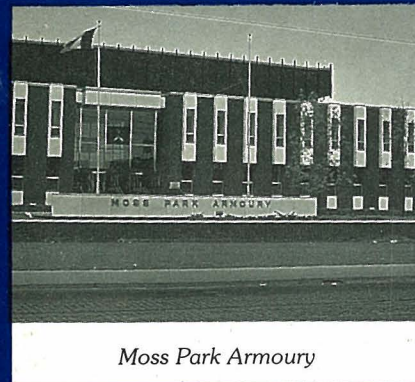
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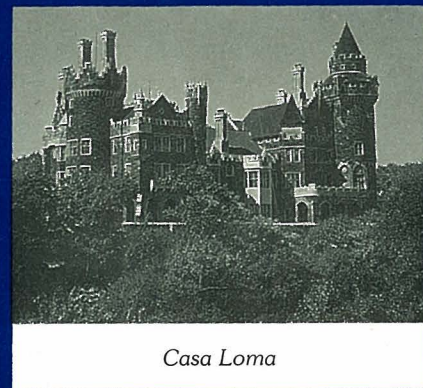
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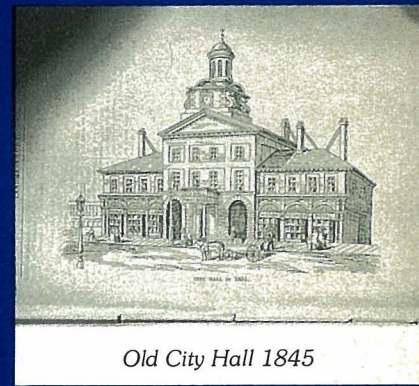
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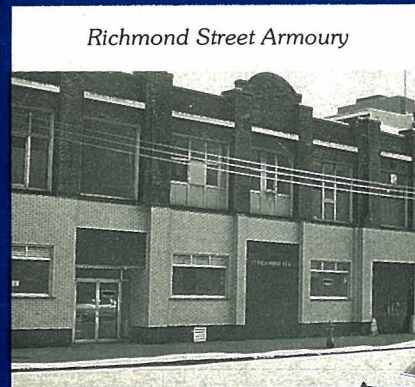
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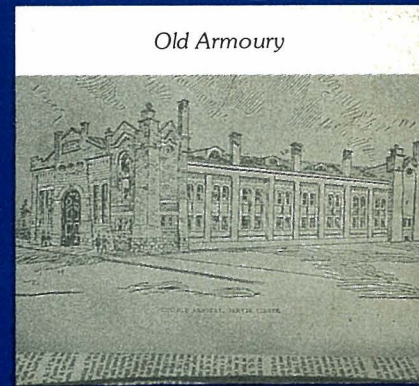
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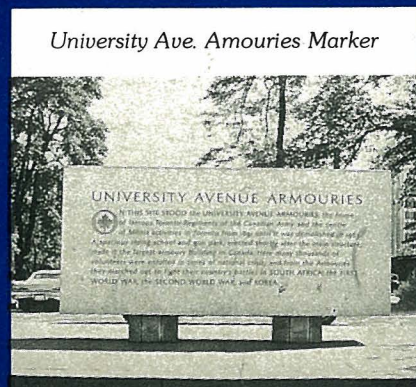
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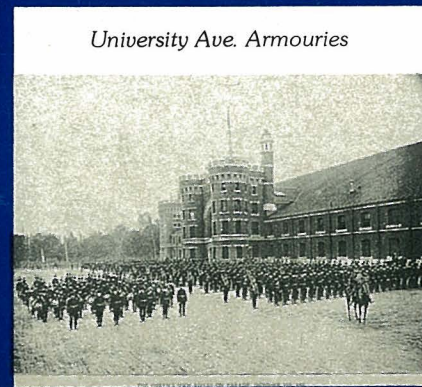
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In general the five colours used in Heraldry are red (gules); blue (azure); black (sable); green (vert); purple (pur-pure); two metals only are used gold (or) silver (argent); the colours used to depict these two are yellow and white.

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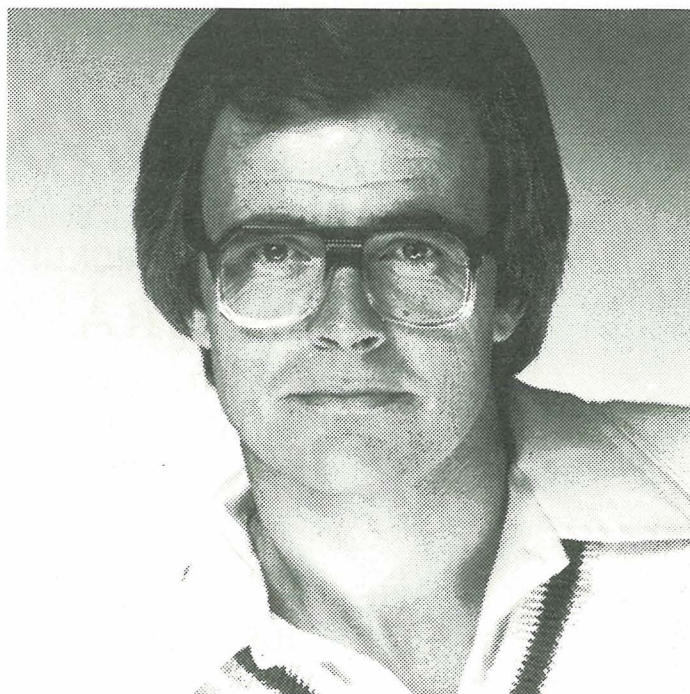
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**EDITORIAL**

One matter brought home to me over the past year is the overwhelming contribution to this magazine of the Managing Editor and of the Editorial Assistant. The high standard set initially has been maintained primarily by their efforts. The contributors, of course, make all things possible. Their copy provides the regimental news which is our *raison d'être*.

It is a mark of a rifle regiment that a feeling of comradeship exists among all ranks. No matter what is done it must contribute to the general well being. This is not entirely parochial. That unity of aim or purpose extends to all our comrades in arms.

Perhaps the following may illustrate the point that comradeship in arms is not new or the result of modern psychological techniques. Xenophon was a Greek general and essayist. Below is a free translation of one of his writings. It reads quite in the modern vein but, in point of fact, Xenophon lived in the sixth century, BC.

"How well to sit and throw a talker's line:  
Mumbling your dry dessert and drinking wine  
Some winter night before a blazing fire;  
As of a guest you artlessly enquire,  
"Your name and regiment, sir? and where  
from today?  
Served in the wars, I think I heard you say?"

**MANAGING EDITOR**

Your Rifleman Journal continues to flourish amid an economy which is less than satisfactory, where individuals have a tremendous amount of drain placed on their resources but due to the generous co-operation and commitment of so many, either through the written word (to include photographs and the like) or financial contributions, the Journal continues to support the continuing effort of communication amongst our Regimental family and does it remarkably well.

Many have tried to emulate us and while some have succeeded to a certain degree, there are many who have failed. It is our commitment to "excellence" that stands us well above and in front of those who would challenge us, and your "Rifleman" is the finest chronicle of its kind associated with the reserve elements of our Armed Forces, let alone those of the Regular Force.

Their conversation soon was under way.

I suppose one could press the point endlessly that without copy from regimental personnel, especially those with a little imagination, the magazine would cease to exist. Regimental news from all ranks is our life blood. It is recorded that, in 1572, for lack of fresher matter, the Leicester Journal repeated by instalments, the entire Book of Genesis. May your efforts ensure that such a desperate measure would never have to be put into practice by the editorial staff.

BILL (WT) BARNARD

In addition, the opening of your Regimental Headquarters, located in the heart of downtown Toronto, is further proof of our commitment as a family to genuine communication which is the foundation and single greatest strength of any organization, professional or volunteer.

I am hopeful that you enjoy the opportunity to catch up on the "happenings" of all the family and we look forward, of course, to your comments care of:

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## THE HONORARY COLONEL

The Regiment has had another very successful year, highlighted by the fact that we were finally given a Tasking which is to produce qualified paratroopers.

As most of you are aware, the major difficulty in retaining other ranks and officers, has always been that we really didn't know what we were supposed to be accomplishing, and as no tasks were given to the Militia it was extremely hard to really justify our existence to all ranks.

The higher command saw fit to give taskings to three Units; one in Western Canada, one in Quebec, and ourselves, all with the same task of producing qualified paratroopers.

To stimulate the interest in parachuting,

your Regiment continued its civilian jumping in Gananoque with the numbers restricted to 25, which makes it more manageable. A further report will appear in this issue of 'The Rifleman' on their successful endeavours.

Additional personnel have taken the Regimental Force Qualifications at Edmonton, including your Commanding Officer, Bill Barnard.

The other news, of course, is the new Regimental Headquarters at 100 Adelaide Street West, which finally gives us some place to try and control mailing lists, offices for 'The Rifleman' and for any other Queen's Own organization that would like to use the facilities. Again, there will be a more extensive report on this in this issue, but I would like to thank Capt. Adam Hermant, for not only supplying the quar-

ters at a very nominal price, but also for all of the furniture and office equipment. Joyce Reddin, Adam's secretary, is in this office from 12.30 to 4.30, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and if you should call at any other time your message will be recorded on the Telephone Answering Service, and we will get back to you.

May I stress the point when you move, would you please advise this office so that we can keep our mailing lists up to date. The address is as above, and the telephone number is 362-3946.

I would also like to congratulate all ranks for maintaining the high standard of the Regiment. This has been done by a tremendous effort, particularly in weekend schemes and summer camp.

H. ELLIOT DALTON  
HON. COL.

## REPORT FROM THE HONORARY LIEUTENANT COLONEL

During a visit to England in September of this year, I had the honour of being received by Princess Alexandra, our Colonel-in-Chief. As usual, Her Highness was most interested in the Unit's activities, and I was able to bring her up to date on Regimental affairs.

I also had an opportunity of visiting Canterbury and due to the kindness of Major Hugh Tennent, Secretary of the Buff's Association, I performed the "Turning of the Page" ceremony of both the Buff's Memorial Book and The Queen's Own Memorial Book in the Warrior's Chapel of Canterbury Cathedral. I also had an opportunity of visiting The Queen's Regiment Headquarters and their Museum, and also the newly reorganized Buff's Museum in Canterbury itself. It was obvious from the exhibits in the Buff's Museum that a great deal of interest is shown in their alliance with our Regiment.

Although I was not able to arrange a visit to the Gurkha Battalion stationed in Church Crookham, I was able to have dinner with our old friend, Major Guy Pearson of the 7th Gurkhas, who had been in Toronto for the past year on a Staff Course and is now stationed at the War Office in London. It is evident that our Allied Regiments are most interested in

maintaining a close watch with us, and certainly encourage a visit to their Units by members of The Queen's Own who happen to be in England.

Our tasking with the Airborne should produce added incentive for recruits, and

our Airborne Platoon's performance at the Airborne Course in August is certain to enhance the Unit's standing as a first rate Reserve Regiment.

J.F. LAKE, Q.C.  
HONORARY LIEUTENANT COLONEL



## LEGION 'D' PLUS FORTY TRIP

Steady progress is being made towards a successful return trip to Normandy in June '84 and at the rate registrations are being received it will be a larger undertaking than the trip to Niejmegen in '80. Many requests have been received for alternate return flights and further travel in Europe and it became obvious that your Committee was not in a position to cope with the influx. As a consequence, we appointed P. LAWSON TRAVEL, with eighty offices across the country to handle these arrangements for us. They are one of Canada's largest and most financially responsible travel agents who have prepared a basic trip and can provide assistance to custom tailor extended travel to suit your personal desires.

All of their branches have now been supplied with the information on this trip and you are quite at liberty to contact them direct. You will find them listed in the telephone directories of most cities and towns. They can provide you with air tickets, hotel accommodations, and will be completely informed on all aspects of the trip as they develop during the next few months.

We would suggest that you continue to send your inquiries regarding billeting with host families to us here as the Mayor of Caen and his Committee are mounting a campaign and allocations will be made on a first come first served.

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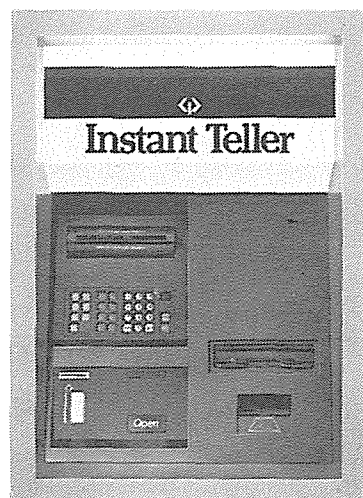
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## REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMANDER CENTRAL MILITIA AREA

It is a pleasure for me, as Deputy Commander, Central Militia Area, to greet all Riflemen through the medium of the Regimental Journal.

Canada is divided into five major militia areas which are Pacific, Prairie, Central, Secteur de l'est (Eastern) and Atlantic, Thunder Bay District. Central Militia Area boasts of the largest militia district in Canada (Toronto) which it was my pleasure to command for two years until my present appointment effective 16 October, 1982.

In all there are six militia districts in CMA exercising command and control over 42 units of which exactly half are, like The Queen's Own, infantry. It is both interesting and important to know the units which share the distinction of being among The Queen of Battles. They are, in order of precedence, the following:

- The Governor General's Foot Guards – (Ottawa Militia District)
- The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada – (Toronto Militia District)
- The Royal Regiment of Canada – (TMD)
- The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry – (Hamilton Militia District)
- The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment – (OMD)
- The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment – (TMD)
- The Lincoln and Welland Regiment – (HMD)
- 4th Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment (London and Oxford Fusiliers) – (London Militia District)
- The Highland Fusiliers of Canada – (LMD)
- The Grey and Simcoe Forresters – (LMD)
- The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment – (HMD)
- The Brockville Rifles – (OMD)
- The Lanark and Renfrew Scottish Regiment – (OMD)
- The Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders – (OMD)

- The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa – (OMD)
- The Essex and Kent Scottish – (Windsor Militia District)
- The 48th Highlanders of Canada – (TMD)
- The Algonquin Regiment – (Northern Ont. Militia District)
- The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's) – (HMD)
- 2nd Battalion The Irish Regiment of Canada – (NOMD)
- The Toronto Scottish Regiment – (TMD)

There are six armoured units in CMA and they are found in three militia districts. Toronto has the Governor General's Horse Guards, The Ontario Regiment (from Oshawa) and The Queen's York Ranges (1st American Regiment). The Elgin Regiment and the 1st Hussars are under London Militia District and the Windsor Regiment is, of course, with WMD.

The gunners are well represented by 7th Toronto Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery in TMD, 11th Field Regiment in Hamilton, 56 Field Regiment in London, 30 Field Regiment in Ottawa and 49th Field Regiment in Northern Ontario Militia District.

The engineers are highly visible in 2 Field Engineer Regiment in Toronto and 3 Field Engineer Squadron in Ottawa.

In all, you will see that a total of 34 units of the combat arms are represented in the organization of Central Militia Area but we must always remember that without the vital support services these units cannot perform efficiently in the field. They rely on the Service Battalions and Medical Companies.

The Service Battalions are as follows:

- 21 (Windsor) Service Battalion
- 22 (London) Service Battalion
- 23 (Hamilton) Service Battalion
- 25 (Toronto) Service Battalion
- 26 (Northern Ontario) Service Battalion
- 28 (Ottawa) Service Battalion

As well, 23 Medical Company from Hamilton and 25 Medical Company from Toronto are there when they are needed.

In a previous issue of The Rifleman, we congratulated Lieutenant-General Charles H. Belzile on his promotion and appoint-

men to Commander FMC stating that he has brought considerable understanding of the Militia's needs and importance to his new tasking. Evidence that the Militia is in the forefront of the Commander's priorities is the tasking recently given to 7th Toronto Regiment RCA to augment the Regular Force with a full strength regimental headquarters and full field battery by 1984.

This challenge in meeting both recruiting and training standards by a target date is the first in a series which will undoubtedly make further long awaited and welcome demands on the resources of the Militia. In fact the recognition of The Queen's Own as the designated infantry unit to provide a trained Airborne Platoon for similar augmentation into the Regular Force structure is further indication of the General's intention to use the best that the Militia can provide. In this most recent ops tasking all members of the Regiment can be justifiably proud.

Central Militia Area Headquarters is a fully integrated staff of Regular Force and Militia Officers. The Commander is Brigadier General L.M. Salmon, CD, a former gunner officer before commanding Hamilton Militia District. He is a Militia officer, as I am, but the Chief-of-Staff and Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Colonel D.A. Fraser and Lieutenant Colonel E.L. Schrader respectively, are regulars. Colonel Fraser (formerly of The Black Watch and for many years an officer of the RCR) is an infanteer, while Lieutenant Colonel Schrader is a gunner.

The task of administration and command at Area HQ is time consuming and demanding but you can see that we are in good company with senior staff officers who appreciate 'the sharp end' of operations and training.

I have been acutely aware of regimental progress and achievement during the past year. It does not escape note that morale and numbers are up. The Queen's Own Rifles maintained its place among the top ten in the CMA Infantry Competition and when this headquarters held its formal inspection last spring, the best Regimental Band was asked for and received – our own!

COLONEL D.A. PRYER  
 DEPUTY COMMANDER  
 CENTRAL MILITIA AREA

## REPORT FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

I suppose the one advantage of writing an article for the annual journal is that there is only a remote possibility of receiving a rejection slip from the Editor. Fortified with this knowledge, one can press on in the hope the readership doesn't find the product too tedious or long-winded.

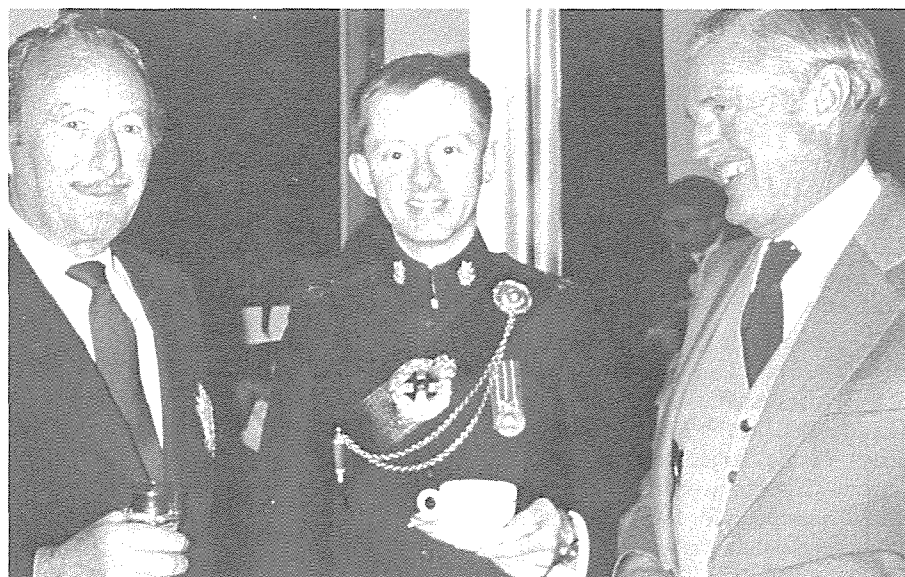
As always the past year was a busy one and often it seemed to be a case of trying to be in several places at the same time and being all things to all men for the Battalion.

The fall training cycle started off when the long rumoured operational tasking was finally announced on an official basis in October by the District Commander. It was interesting to note that the paperwork took until January, 1983 to arrive. In any event, the Battalion was given the job of providing a formed platoon to the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

This meant a major reorganization of personnel to provide the necessary section commanders, 21C's and riflemen for the 'jump platoon'.

This wasn't as difficult as it sounds, as there were already a fair number of qualified jumpers in the unit, and many other interested parties, as has been proven by the attendance at the annual sports parachuting camp. Once Major John Hasek, the OC 60th Coy and his designated Platoon Commander, Lt. Tony Welsh had selected their initial group from the volunteers, the real work began. This involved setting up a training programme, liaison with the CAR, cycling people through the Airborne Centre in Edmonton to get their basic parachutist qualification, and a heavy round of PT to get all concerned up to the required standard of fitness.

Suffice to say that without the efforts of a dedicated Platoon Commander and equally dedicated Snr. NCO's, the whole thing would have fallen flat on its nose. As usual, not only was the standard met, it was exceeded. When the platoon attended the Airborne Indoctrination Course (where parachutists become paratroopers) at CFB Petawawa in August, they were at full strength and had a 96% pass rate as opposed to the 60% rate for the rest of the course which was largely composed of Regulars.



This success was not only important for the Battalion, but the Militia as a whole. We were very much under scrutiny and the failure to meet this first primary training goal would have reflected badly on the system in general.

From here there will be a series of courses and low level (individual or section size) augmentation exercises, culminating in an operational evaluation next year. If we are successful, then there is a possibility of increasing the size of the tasking to two platoons, or perhaps a company.

All the time 60th was directing its efforts to the jump tasking, Buffs was working hard at the other tasking of providing an armoured defence platoon. Captain Howard Flood had the other difficult task of taking over an organization depleted both in vehicles and experienced NCO's.

The 106 jeeps take a real beating, what with the weight of the gun, a high proportion of cross country driving and ours were showing signs of old age. A need for a heavy round of vehicle maintenance and repair was called for, and with parts shortages and so on, it was not without frustrations. Also several experienced NCO's had volunteered for the jump platoon so there were organizational gaps to fill.

One of the first orders of business on the training side was to run a drivers course, so that all crew members could handle the vehicle if need be. That completed, a TQ2 Armoured Defence Gunner's Course was started with the aim being to have enough trained crews avail-

able to man the crews necessary for the ADP in the composite battalion at MILCON 83.

As luck would have it, the summer arrived and the ADP had a good nucleus of trained personnel, but still not enough gunners to man all the crews. The problem was solved when a draft from the Summer Recruit Training Programme was posted in to flesh out the crews. This turned out to be a great success and was popular with the Platoon Commander, the Riflemen and, I suppose, particularly with the CO of the composite battalion that was counting on an effective ADP to work with.

This year's Summer Camp (MILCON 83) was an expansion on the programme undertaken last year. In addition to a battalion with four rifle companies (one mechanized), a combat support company and an administrative company, the CO had a squadron of Cougar armoured cars, a field engineer troop, FOO parties from the Artillery, and a flight of recce helicopters from the Air Reserve to play with.

From all reports it was a grand success and plans are next year to run a brigade level exercise by combining this year's two battalion battle groups into one formation. The only complaint from our personnel participating was heard from the 'jump platoon'. As they completed the AIC after the start of MILCON 83 it wasn't possible to graft them into the battalion so they were allocated to the enemy force. Some members thought the rather sedentary life of an 'enemy soldier' was a bit boring after the trauma and drama of the

## 6th Btn. (Hauraki) THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INFANTRY REGIMENT

February 1982 saw us camping at Whakamaru and for the first time for many years we had a camp without rain. The battalion accepted a new charter, the Freedom of the Borough of Tokoroa during camp, as well as exercising its right to parade through the City of Tauranga. The Tauranga parade was part of the city's celebration of its centenary. On the same day the Hauraki Army Hall in Tauranga was opened. The hall was opened by His Excellency The Governor General Sir

David Beattie, GCMG, GCVO, QC. The new facility is very well fitted out and appointed and we do not lament leaving our old premises.

D Company provided a touch of nostalgia when they paraded for ANZAC Day, the 25th of April, at Cambridge's dawn and civic parades. The Company provided a cenotaph guard dressed in uniforms and carrying the weapons of the Boer War and World War One.

During May, 1982, our Adjutant, Graeme Vercoe was replaced by Capt. Bob Barlin. A company group, mounted by 6 Hauraki and including two platoons from other units, went to Fiji for Exercise Tropic Dawn. Two weeks of sunshine,

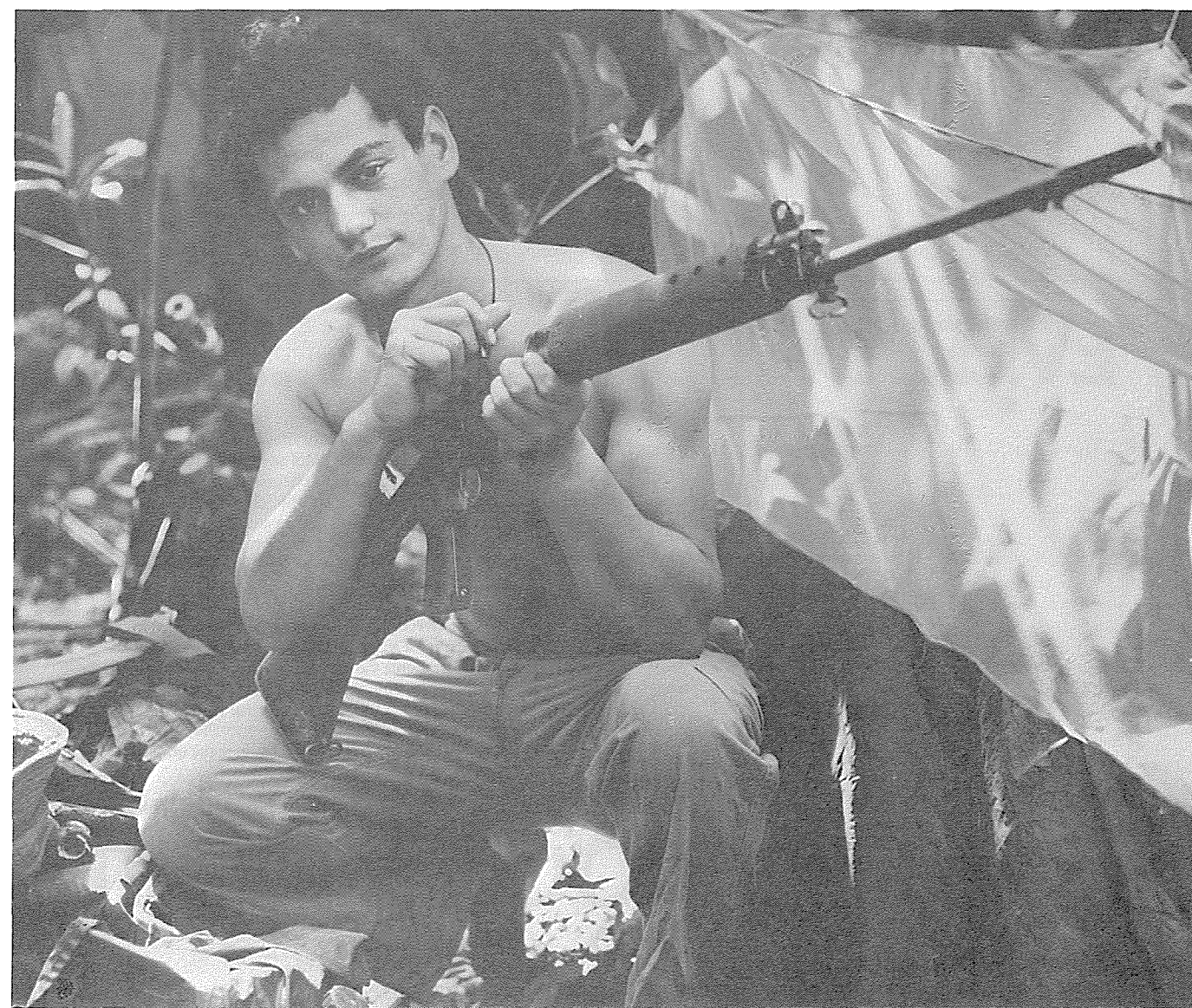
jungle warfare training and duty free shopping did wonders for the morale.

The remainder of the year will see us involved with Exercise Truppenamt 3 for two weeks in November. Again we will be camping in the Waiouru Training Area during February 1983 for our Annual Camp. This time the postponed Brigade exercises, we are assured, will be conducted.

Best wishes to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada from 6th Hauraki.

KIA KAHIA

**Editorial Note:** The places mentioned above, except Fiji, are all on North Island, New Zealand.



Private Stephen King checks rifle

been more clearly expressed. Also the allegiance of Canadians to the Crown and their Scottish ancestry were demonstrated with a heart-warming fervour. The response to the pipe music was enthusiastic. When a Strathspey was played they became ecstatic and finally when the pipes marched off at rifle pace to the Regimental March (Blue Bonnets over the Border), they were delirious. Not really surprising when one remembers that those in the hall had probably served with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, the New Westminster Rifles or Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry – all marchers at a proper pace.

A subsidiary reason for the visit was the fact that in August last year, it was confirmed that the Brigade of Gurkhas was to be affiliated to The Queen's Own Rifles of

## THE QUEEN'S REGIMENT REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Greetings to our friends in The Queen's Own. (An alliance, as many of you will know, was formally established in 1914 with the Buffs, one of our Founding Regiments).

### The Regular Battalions:

We have three. The 1st and 2nd Bns are currently on a two-year tour in Northern Ireland (Omagh and Londonberry respectively) and the 3rd Bn is in its third year with the BAOR, stationed at Fallingb. (In the fall of last year, the latter spent some weeks at Suffield, the excellent training area in Western Canada).

### The Territorial Battalions:

Our geographical spread covers London and the South East of England and our TA Battalions (5th and 6th/7th) have companies distributed throughout this region. Both are well recruited and have an important part to play in both the NATO reinforcement and Home Defence roles.

### Regimental Headquarters:

The Colonel of the Regiment – Major General Rowley Mans CBE, conducts his business through RHQ established at Canterbury, Kent. The City is well known to many members of The Queen's Own, who have a Book of Remembrance in the Warriors Chapel in the Cathedral, a page

Canada and Major Bill Mountain brought a Queen's Own drum to show to the Gurkhas. Major Mountain is a retired officer now but is the conscience of the regiment on the West Coast. His home is known as 'The Regimental Shrine', painted rifle green all over the outside, the inside is wall-to-wall regimental memorabilia including a hooked rug of the Regimental Crest some six feet long. He entertained several of the Gurkhas while they were in the Vancouver area.

An exhausting but worthwhile visit by the Pipes and Drums and from the sale of records, one which will be long remembered by the people of British Columbia.

LT. COL. DAVID DUNN  
LIGHT INFANTRY  
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of which is ceremoniously turned whenever your representative visits Canterbury. Indeed, we hope that if any of your members visit the 'Old Country' he will try and call on us at RHQ.

### The Regimental Journal:

Finally, if any of your readers would like to keep in intimate touch with our regimental affairs by subscribing to our own Journal (we send a complimentary copy of each issue to your Regimental Headquarters), he should write to The Editor, c/o RHQ The Queen's Regiment, Howe Barracks, Canterbury, Kent, England. (\$10 per year should cover postage and packing of the two issues).

MAJOR (RETD) G.U. WEYMOUTH, MBE

### NOTE:

Colonel Maynard Pockson, DSO, OBE, lives near Dick Cullington in Esher, England. Dick lent him his copy of 'The Rifleman', 1982. Maynard, a retired Gurkha officer, wrote to the magazine and noted that the front cover showed men of the 2nd Gurkhas; the back cover depicted the pipe band of the 7th Gurkhas.

The Colonel was kind enough to compliment us on the magazine and trusted that our alliance would flourish mightily. It is a pity that space forbids us to detail this Officer's vast experience, both as a staff officer and as the C.O., in turn, of three separate Gurkha Battalions.

The Black Net welcomes the Colonel most heartily to our ever growing ranks.

THE EDITOR



## CAPTAIN THE REVEREND JAMES H. BROWN

The appointment of our new chaplain dates from 1 January, 1982. He is a graduate of Trinity College, University of Toronto, 1976 and received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1980. During that time he served in the artillery and was commissioned in that branch in 1973.

Ordained to the priesthood on 9 May, 1981, he is now the Rector of Grace Church (Anglican) in Markham. 'Regimentally' married on 26 June, 1982, both he and his wife, Vanessa, look forward to many years of service in the regiment. In his own words he "is available at all times to any who need help or seek counsel". It augurs well for the Padre that two of his predecessors were Bishops.

AIC, but, as one participant said, "when you had to hump, you really had to hump".

Throughout the year, Vics continued the less dramatic, but nonetheless vital job of running the battalion's administration. From pay to transport, QM, recruiting and manning the BOR, its all covered by Vics. There were times this year it seemed like the QM and transport were working three weekends out of four to keep up with company training, course training and competition teams. One way or another, however, the job got done and at times the soothing of bruised egos and frayed nerves seemed to be the order of the day.

The QM staff, under Captain Arnie Wadsworth, worked like trojans and considering the mountains of kit drawn, issued and returned from pooled stores and unit stores, it's amazing they can keep track of it all.

At the same time the transport section under 2Lt. Brian Kerr tried to keep a fleet of aging and other well used vehicles operational; the Chief Clerk WO Carol Cunningham and her BOR staff tried to stay ahead of what is suphemistically referred to as 'paper burden', and the Recruiting NCO, WO Bennett and his staff slogged through the 40 or so forms it requires to process a new recruit's enrollment.

I suppose all in all there were times

when Vics had trouble remembering, as the saying goes, "when the alligators are snapping at your nose, that the original intent was to drain the swamp".

The two bands, as is usual, were active throughout the year and in addition to Battalion and Regiment Parades, were becoming more and more in demand for civic and garrison functions. The Bugles have on several occasions this past year, usually at very short notice, have been asked to provide buglers for the funeral services of ex-members of the Regiment. While it's a rather sad duty, it is nonetheless an important and greatly appreciated one. Also this year the bugles had the honour of leading the Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition. The Military Band was also busy at the 'Ex', playing several concerts at the bandshell. The band also participate in the Santa Claus Parade, Grey Cup Parade, was asked to the Canadian Forces Staff College to play at mess dinners and performed a concert at Sunnybrook Veterans Hospital.

We tend to forget the contribution the bands make to the Regiment as they don't parade with us that often. There is no doubt, however, they are excellent goodwill ambassadors, and infact they are the element of the Regiment most often seen by the public.

This year also marked the rising of a



fourth 'company' known as "No. 4 Gurkha Coy". While not an actual company, it incorporates all the members of the Pioneers and Skirmishers and includes members of all the companies as well as non-serving members of the Pioneers and Skirmishers.

We have also appreciated that extra bit of panache their presence lends to any battalion or regimental parade, and often members no longer serving with the unit turn out so the companies on parade won't have their members depleted. Now a more formal organization under the good offices of Captain Erik Simundson has been put in place, and the benefits are showing already.

In addition to participation in various civic functions, the Fort York Festival and the Legislative Assembly Guard, they have become favourites with the Lieutenant Governor and the Province. Now at many Provincial events, a corporal's guard or sentries are requested to provide additional colour, and as with the bands they again put the Regiment in the public eye.

I would certainly be remiss if mention was not made of a most significant event in the life of the battalion. This past March marked the 100th Anniversary of the Annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner. There are few regiments in Canada that can claim to be 100 years old, much less celebrate an event that has occurred annually for so long.

RSM Harry McCabe and MWO Bob Chan worked hard and long in preparing for the event, and the results on the anniversary weekend showed it. The Friday night featured the traditional formal mess dinner, held in that most suitable of locations, Casa Loma. This was followed on Saturday night, again at Casa Loma, by the all ranks dinner dance. This also proved to be popular with well over 400 in attendance.

Once again camp has concluded, the Battalion is stood to and we look forward again to beginning the fall training cycle and meeting those challenges put before us.

LT. COL. W. BARNARD  
COMMANDING OFFICER

## THE REGIMENTS HISTORICAL RECORD 1982

### GENERAL

1. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in this, our 122nd year, continued to strive towards the highest training standards as is dictated by our proud past.

2. Early this year, 10 Riflemen attended an Airborne course which produced 10 graduates, one of which placed first. The regiment subsequently was to see ourselves tasked to provide an Airborne Platoon.

3. 1982 was to see Sgt. B. Bamlett serving in the Middle East, WO Crawford serving with the Skyhawks and five dedicated members of the regiment received their CD. We are very proud this year to also be able to boast in having two Queen's Medalists serving with this regiment. The only regiment to do so in 1982.

4. High standards in training were also seen this year in advanced training. First place was taken by Sgt. J.N. O'Connor and Sgt. Patterson on two separate Snr. NCO courses and by Cpl. (W) C. Wilson on the Jnr NCO course. Sgt. Wilmot placed first Snr. NCO on the TQ3 course and the regiment promoted two officers to Lieutenant.

5. SRTP training for this year was well attended and of 21 graduates, all are currently serving with the regiment.

### JANUARY 1982

7. Levee, with New Year's Greetings, exchanged most warmly between the Officers' and Sergeants' Mess' illustrated by a fine turn out that 1982 was to be a good year.

8. In preparation for Exercise 'Eisne Faust II', to be held in May of this year, both officer and Snr. NCO training was conducted at the Avenue Road Armoury. The radio exercise conducted provided an excellent opportunity for officers to practice command post duties.

9. The TQ2 Infantry Armoured Defence Course commenced during this month. This training was conducted at Moss Park Armoury with 10 candidates attending.

10. The regiment enthusiastically participated in the annual District Administration Inspection and was scrutinized in all areas of administration. We were pleased to learn that for the second year running

our efforts have rewarded us by our being placed first over 11 other District Units.

### FEBRUARY 1982

11. The TQ2 Armoured Defence Course was now well underway with two weekends of intensive training.

12. On the weekend of 5-7 February, the unit took enthusiastically to the snow-bound confines of Blackdown Park, CFB Borden for the annual winter indoctrination exercise 'Quick Frost'. Training was conducted on three levels: - novice, one year of experience and advance. This approach proved to be most successful and was aided by a well-organized stores issue the previous Wednesday, enabling the unit to enter the field Friday evening. The exercise was supported by 25 Med Coy. The exercise was a complete success.

13. The Sergeants' Mess hosted the 37th Sgt. Aubrey Cousins V.C. Dinner which all regimental corporals attended. Also in attendance were Major Dunkleman, Sergeant-Major Ives and Cpl. Salby who were present during the action which resulted in the Victoria Cross being awarded to Sgt. Cousins. An excellent dinner and evening was enjoyed by all.

### MARCH 1982

14. March school break once again allowed for adventure training in the form of Sport Parachuting at Gananoque, Ontario. As in the past it was well attended and very successful.

15. The Armoured Defence Gunners Course completed their training with two full weekends of training including live firing of all weapons at CFB Meaford, Ontario and of the 10 candidates who attended all graduated.

16. The Sergeants' Mess proudly celebrated their 99th year this month and a dinner was held with representation from all the Sergeants' Messes within TMD. Representatives from the Brockville Rifles and Welland Scots were also in attendance.

### APRIL 1982

17. The Unit began training this month with a defensive exercise the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, "Quantum Leap". An unfortunate incident with cadets in the unauthorized use of our training area detracted from this NBCW exercise, however, regardless of the problems created it was generally felt by all that the training went off well.

18. A range day was held at Niagara-

On-The-Lake and although the winds did blow and the rains fell it was not reflective of the spirits and abilities of the personnel attending. Twenty persons qualified Level III FNC1A1.

19. The 24th was the 122nd birthday of the regiment celebrated with a ceremonial parade consisting of the Battalion, Military Band, Bugle Band, Pioneers and Skirmishers, 1860 Cadets, U.C.C. Cadets, 2881 Cadets, Q.O.R. Legion and the Q.O.R. Association. A Regimental Ball at Casa Loma ended a proud day.

### MAY 1982

20. The unit's Armoured Defence P1, now trained and longing for advanced training, spent a full weekend at Meaford enjoying live firing.

21. In anticipation of the Rifle and Pistol competitions the unit team utilized Lange-mark and Vimy Ranges on the 13th and 14th to a 'tune up'. Not only was this an opportunity for the team to train in a somewhat relaxed state, this was a most beneficial two days as the team won the area championships the following day. Our traditional strength in marksmanship held fast.

22. TMD officer training 'Eisne Faust II' was enjoyed and spoke well of by those who attended.

23. The Officers' Mess held the First Annual Black Net Dinner, an evening to raise regimental funds and with 50 guests in attendance, the dinner was very successful and is looked forward to in 1983.

### JUNE 1982

24. With many members of the unit already off on course, taskings or making ready for courses unit training continued with Vics Coy on their annual exercise at the Company's second HQ, Dalrymple Lake. On the 4th, 5th and 6th, supported by the 25 Med Coy and 2 Field Eng with watermanship as the training objective, the Coy entered the area. Rations were fresh with meals prepared on location. The co-operation from the engineers in obtaining assault boats and motors was excellent. An excellent training weekend left all looking forward to June 1983.

25. While Victoria Coy was north, a map using exercise - basic map reading was held at Sunnybrook Park and of the 20 candidates all easily achieved the PO.

26. The unit stood down the third week of this month.



Pipes and Drums of 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles play to No. 2 New Westminster Branch of Royal Canadian Legion on 9 February 1983. Drum Major in front is Sgt. PAHALMAN LIMBU and Pipe Major MEHARMAN TAMANG is on right of picture.

## PIPES AND DRUMS OF 1ST BTN. THE 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES

The Pipes and Drums of 1st Battalion The 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles made a short visit to Vancouver in British Columbia during the battalion's training expedition to Fort Lewis in Washington.

The visit had been arranged by Major Gordon Henderson, a retired officer who had served with the 3rd Btn. 8th Gurkha Rifles in Assam and the 153 Gurkha Parachute Battalion during the Second World War. He is now a stockbroker in North Vancouver but is also the Western Canada appeal organizer for the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

The Pipes and Drums were accommodated in Canadian Forces' barracks at Jericho Beach in Vancouver. It is a picturesque setting with miles of beautiful sand scattered with huge logs which have been washed up after breaking loose from the log booms which abound in the area.

The logs bear the signs of industrious Vancouver residents attacking them with chain saws to provide firewood. I suppose that, using the alligator allegory, the city would be up to its armpits in logs if it didn't happen! The view across English Bay from Jericho Beach is spectacular, with the wide open area of sea filled with large ocean-going commercial ships waiting to enter the Narrows and load up with timber, grain, sulphur, ore and the other riches of British Columbia. At night the lights of Vancouver itself and West Vancouver on the mountain slopes overlooking English Bay reflect on the water and create, with their colour and movement, a fairy light picture. But to work! The Pipes and Drums gave three concerts and a television presentation during their five-day stay and the middle show on 9 February was at New Westminster, which looked to me like a suburb of Vancouver but which I was warned, during one of our many stops to ask the way not to describe as such to the people who lived there.

The hosts of New Westminster were the No. 2 (Pacific) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and it was a big night for them. The hall was crowded with members of

the legion in legion uniform and wearing proudly their medals or those of their late husbands for service to Canada and the Commonwealth.

The evening consisted of an opening ceremony under the control of the President, Mr. Jim Evans, when the legion colours were brought on parade, an invocation given and the two national anthems 'O Canada' and 'God Save The Queen' were sung.

A film was then shown on the operations of the Gurkha Welfare Trust, narrated by the late Kenneth Moore using the facade of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst as a backdrop before cutting to scenes from Nepal showing how the Trust had used its resources. Then the Pipes and Drums were introduced and to tremendous applause, Drum Major Pahalman Limbu led them into the main hall. The look of delight on the Legionnaires' faces confirmed that whatever the logistic difficulties, whatever the time involved, it was all worthwhile in terms of human relations. The bond of affection that has existed between fighting men of the Commonwealth and the Gurkhas could not have



6 GR did their first tour in Brunei from 1971 to 1973 and we returned here again in November, 1982 to take over from 2/2 GR. Since then we have concentrated on Jungle Training. Contrary to popular belief, there were many soldiers who had not been in the jungle. One naturally associates Gurkhas with jungle operations. Well, since our last tour here and apart from one or two overseas Company exercises, the only foray into the jungle by 6 GR was a 6-months tour of Belize in 1979.

The highlight of this present tour was the first visit by our new Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General Derek Boorman (Commander British Forces in Hong Kong) from 4 - 8 May, 1983. General Derek and his wife Jane's stamina were put to the test with a very full programme. They were welcomed with a Ladies Guest Night followed by a Beating of the Retreat and Cocktail Party and also a Battalion Parade, and Hunt Breakfast. Time was spent visiting all the Companies on training.

Our present Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Pettigrew, and his wife Michele depart these shores on 17 July, 1983 and we welcome our next Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Bob Richardson-Aitken and his wife Beth.

Brunei becomes fully independent at the end of this year and as yet there has been no sealed and signed formal agreement regarding the Resident Gurkha Battalion between Her Majesty's Government and the Sultan. Everybody wants us to stay, we want to stay but come September, 1983 the present agreement terminates and we leave.

MAJOR T.E.K. WHITEHEAD  
SECOND IN COMMAND  
6 GR



#### JULY 1982

27. Even with the regiment stood down, its members continued to train on various courses and levels at bases through the country and abroad.

#### AUGUST 1982

28. Members of the regiment came together for the annual military concentration which was held at CFB Borden and Meaford. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada were gladly tasked this year to form the Inf Bn HQ. This year's theme with a militia infantry battalion was enthusiastically received by all and the experiences well remembered.

29. The Commanding Officer, RSM and RQ positions were staffed by the regiment and carried through in fine rifle fashion.

#### SEPTEMBER 1982

30. The regiment returned from summer training on the 15th with all members exchanging experiences of the summer and looking forward to another training year.

31. The unit on the 17th and 18th held our fall FNC1A1 classification at CFB Borden's Langemark and Amiens Ranges. The one-day shoot was thought to be successful and capitalized well on the use of ranges and did not otherwise tie up resources. Four persons qualified Level II and 19 persons qualified Level III.

32. On the 19th, The Queen's Own Rifles cheered the Toronto Militia District Change of Command with a 48-man guard and band, with Col. D.A. Pryer, CD stepping down to LCol. N.M. Hall, CD. Col. Pryer being an officer of The Q.O.R., the officers of the regiment were on strength to welcome the new District Commanding Officer. A reception was held at the Officers' Mess of The Q.O.R. following the parade.

#### OCTOBER 1982

33. The Sergeants' and Officers' Mess held their Annual Ladies Night, the evening once a year when the wives and lady friends are specially entertained in appreciation for their understanding and tolerance of long hours their husbands and gentlemen spend away from home.

34. Company training continued and was well underway for the new training year.

#### NOVEMBER 1982

35. On the first weekend of the month,

the unit began a CHQ GMT Recruit Course with 11 candidates present on day one. Three full evenings and three full days of training were held in addition to the opening weekend of the course. Training enthusiastically received by all candidates.

36. The 7th of the month was the Regiment's Annual Church Parade held at St. Paul's Church and attendance was, as always, excellent.

37. On the 20th and 24th, section training and patrolling was held in the Don Valley area below the Bloor Street Viaduct and was most successful and enjoyed by all. This area is very popular with the unit and training exercises whether for an evening or a full day, are always well attended. This area will continue to see The Q.O.R.

38. The final weekend of the month saw the regiment on a refresher exercise 'Brass Balls II' at CFB Borden. The training was conducted in the form of eight stands consisting of gas training, assault, 9mm SMG and pistol, grenade, C2, C3, night fighting patrols, the attack and hasty defence. Some kit problems with respirators occurred and even with the loss of Fox Field Range, the unit met our training objectives.

#### DECEMBER 1982

39. On the 8th the regiment held its Annual Christmas Dinner and as is our tradition, the troops were most happily

served by their officers. The Commanding Officer, as in past years, addressed the gathering and spoke of an excellent year and shared the prospects of the new year.

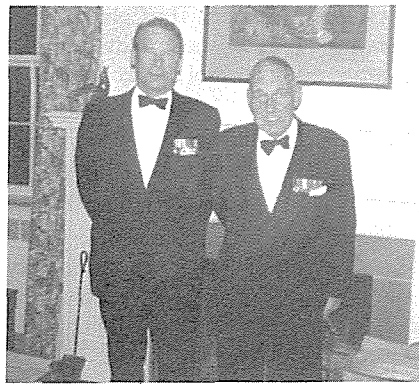
40. With the regiment standing down the 8th of the month, somewhat earlier this year than in past years, training was minimal.

41. The Sergeants' Mess hosted a New Year's Ball and once again rung the New Year in with a style befitting The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL W.J. BARNARD  
COMMANDING OFFICER

QOR marksmen being presented with prizes won at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa. (r-l) Lt. M.R. Williams, W.O.G.N. Senetchko. The former won the Queen's Medal in 1982, the latter in 1975. The medal is the top prize in the Small Arms Competition. To have two winners, both still active in the regiment is probably unique.





Captain David S. Mills (left) died on August 21, 1983. The burial service was held at the chapel of St. James the Less—we lost a very likeable gentleman and an enthusiastic soldier.

Dave enlisted with The Q.O.R. and in due course joined the 1st Bn QOR in England. During 1943 the 1st Canadian Division was tasked for the Italian Campaign. It became necessary to draw, primarily from the 3rd Cdn. Div., a body of first line reinforcements, so a draft of all ranks left the 1st Bn QOR. Dave, thirsting

for action, was posted to the 48th Highlanders, our sister regiment in Toronto.

In thinking of the past record of an individual, one particular event usually comes to mind. In the case of Dave it was his authorship of a 'A Song of The QOR' sung to the Cornell University tune. Perhaps the last verse of the lyric epitomizes all.

"Lift the chorus, beat it onward  
Proudly swell the tone;  
Hail to thee, our Mother Regiment  
Hail, O Hail Queen's Own".



Paul Hughes, then 21C of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, was transferred for business reasons to Calgary during 1978. In March, 1979 he became the C.O. of The Calgary Highlanders. A change of Command took place on 18 September, 1983 and Paul became Colonel Hughes, District Commander, Sthn Alberta Military District. The QOR continues to grade the higher echelons.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Scott F. Ferguson on the birth of their son, Christopher Scott on 14 July, 1983. Brother for Ryan Andrew.



## MARRIAGES

Captain and Mrs. Bryan Goutouski on 22 March, 1982.

Captain The Reverend and Mrs. James Brown on 26 June, 1982.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Greg Burton on 22 October, 1982.

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. James N. Medhurst on 14 February, 1983.

Captain and Mrs. Edward Rayment on 11 June, 1983.

Major Chris Heyes (Ottawa) to Mary-Jo Speagle on 1 October, 1983, in Kingston, Ontario.



Captain and Mrs. Collin Edward Rayment on 11 June, 1983.

must strive to attain a higher standard of communication in the Brigade. This requires improvement on both sides. Although the standard of English spoken by the men of the Brigade has improved dramatically over the last twenty years, it does not yet meet the requirements of the Army for the 1990's. Equally, as warfare becomes more sophisticated and concepts of operations more important, it is beholden upon British Officers to speak a higher standard of Nepali to ensure that the complexity to modern warfare can be better explained to the men. Nagri has now been introduced into the Gurkha Language Course syllabus for BOs, and the Gurkha Education Scheme is being reviewed with the aim of placing a much higher priority and emphasis on English. The working language of Sergeants and above is now English and for the first time ever, the Gurkha Majors conference at Brigade Week was held in English.

The year of the Pig approaches. What it will bring remains to be seen. People born in the Year of the Pig are willing to make sacrifices for their friends. This makes them welcome anywhere they go; however, their lives are thoughtout to be dull and uneventful. Whatever 1983 may bring to the Brigade, it will be neither dull nor uneventful.

We extend our best wishes to our friends in Canada and wish them also a prosperous and happy year.

Captain I.J.B.A. France, WRAC

## BRUNEI AND THE GURKHAS

It has been my experience that when I have told people that there is a Gurkha Battalion in Brunei they look quite blank and say "Where?". At this point I reply "Borneo!" Most people have heard of Borneo.

Why is there a Gurkha Battalion in Brunei anyway? The Malayan Emergency ended in 1958 and for four years the British Army was not engaged anywhere in South East Asia. However, the Major-General, Brigade of Gurkhas, Major-General Walter Walker, was convinced that another crisis would occur with little or no warning. He ensured that his Gurkha Battalions were trained to be on the alert to go anywhere. On the night of 6 December, 1962 a revolt broke out in Brunei and military assistance was requested. On 8 December the first men from 1/2nd Goorkhas arrived in Brunei.

For the three weeks the men of the 2nd Goorkhas operated by day and night against the rebels, seeking them out in the jungle, killing some but bringing most of them back into captivity. The Battalion's captured prisoners exceeded 800 men. Within Brunei, peace soon reigned but the spark of revolt flared across the borders into Sabah and Sarawak. President Sukarno was only too pleased to exploit an opportunity to seize Borneo. Military 'confrontation' between Indonesia and the

newly founded Confederation of Malaysia began in early 1963. In 1963 the 2/6th Gurkhas were deployed to and based in Brunei.

'Confrontation' ended in September 1966 and the Gurkha Battalions moved out of Borneo back to their peacetime locations. The 2/6th Gurkhas stayed on in Brunei and ever since then Gurkha Battalions have taken it in turns to do a two-year stint in Brunei. Many visitors ask why we are in Brunei and the reason is purely historical.

Brunei, a Muslim Sultanate on the North-West coast of Borneo, is a sovereign state with a total area of 5,765 square kilometres and a population of 200,000 people. It is an important source of oil for the expanding market of Asia and the Far East; and now having been an oil exporter since 1932, this State, although small in size, has become one of the world's exporters in a new branch of international trade – liquified natural gas.

Brunei and Britain have enjoyed an association since 1847, and in 1906, Brunei accepted the first British resident, a representative of the British Government.

The Anglo-Brunei Treaty of 1959 was revised and brought up to date in 1971. Following the signing of a new Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation with Britain in 1979, Brunei is set on a course to achieve full independence at the end of 1983.



Major General Derek Boorman (Colonel of the Regiment) listens to an answer from a Gurkha soldier during the parade inspection. Other Officers from the left: Captain Mark Harman (Adjutant), Major Brian O'Bree (Officer Commanding B Company), Lieutenant Colonel Paul Pettigrew (Commanding Officer). Date 7 May 1983.

## THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS HEADQUARTERS HONG KONG

It gives us great pleasure once again to connect the alliance between the Brigade of Gurkhas and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada by contributing to 'The Rifleman'.

1982, the Year of the Dog, was an eventful, interesting and successful year for the Brigade of Gurkhas. Among the virtues of the Dog are a sense of duty and a desire to see justice done. These virtues were certainly tested in the South Atlantic and thankfully they triumphed.

The year began in an atmosphere of quiet optimism and a sense of achievement. The modest expansion of the Brigade was nearing completion. 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron QGE and the Gurkha Demonstration Companies at Sandhurst and Brecon were fully established and functioning well in U.K. The U.K. Gurkha Battalion, 1/7 GR, had taken its place in 5 Infantry Brigade, a formation with a clear operational role. The re-raised 2/7 GR, formed under Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas, was complete by February and went under command of Headquarters Gurkha Field Force prior to becoming operational in April. The Training Depot reverted to its normal establishment; 490 recruits were enlisted and started the normal 9-month recruit training rather than the five-month training we had to adopt during expansion. The continuing success of Operation Champion on the border and the re-raising of 2/7 GR meant Hong Kong based units could look forward to more time in which to conduct much-needed training and retraining.

Just as 2/7 GR became operational and started their first border tour Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands. We can look back with pride at the achievement of our Armed Forces in the South Atlantic, but more particularly the Brigade can feel proud that 1/7 GR were able to represent us alongside the other elites, the Marines, Guards and Paras of the British Forces in a unique and brilliant operation. As a battalion 1/7 GR did everything that was asked of them; indeed they did more. Such was the 'Argies' fear of Gurkhas they turned tail and then surrendered rather than let 1/7 GR close with them.

Few could have predicted the Falklands Crisis and fewer still could have anticipated that Gurkhas would play their part in operations on a continent where they had never previously served. Many lessons were learnt during the campaign, but the important lesson that emerged for the Brigade was that, while Gurkhas were not found wanting during the campaign, we must never allow our relative isolation in Hong Kong to prevent us from taking our rightful place alongside the British Army units in an all-arms environment anywhere in the world.

Events in the South Atlantic focussed world attention on Gurkhas and in particular on the unique position of the Brigade in the British Army. Our opponents and the Argentinians levelled considerable criticism at us and at the Nepalese Government and tried to make out that Gurkhas are mercenaries. Throughout this difficult period, the Nepalese Government steadfastly and robustly supported us and refuted the allegations of others. We are extremely grateful to our staunchest ally for this support. Without it we could not exist.

Gurkhas continue to serve in the Falkland Islands. 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron deployed there in July to assist in the difficult and unpleasant task of clearing the minefields and rendering the islands safe. Although 1/7 GR had 12 officers and men wounded during the campaign, it is sad to reflect that the two Gurkha fatalities in the Falklands, 21161666 LCpl. Bhudaprasad Limbu 1/7 GR and 21159021 Cpl Krishnakumar Rai QGE, occurred during clearing up operations after hostilities had ceased. 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron QGE returned to Chatham in January, but the Gurkha Demonstration Company RMAS, who deployed to the Falklands in November to reinforce 1st Battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, will be there until May 1983.

While 1/7 GR were sailing south on-board QE2, 6 GR swept the board at Bisley winning the Army Rifle Association, the National Rifle Association and the Queen's Medal. 6 GR became the fourth Gurkha unit to win the KRRC Cup for the winning Major Unit at Bisley and 21160081 Cpl Dharmendra Garung 6 GR became the fourth Gurkha to win the Queen's Medal. The Brigade team shot well to retain the inter Divisional Compe-

tion, the Methuen Cup, with the highest score ever. Earlier in February, 6 GR also won the Khud Race, the first western unit to do so for 24 years. In March the Brigade sent a football team to Nepal to participate in the All Nepal Football Association Competition. The team performed creditably and were extremely popular and excellent ambassadors for the Brigade. Three of them, 21159018 Sgt Krishnakumar Ale 1/2 GR, 21158953 Cpl Dambersing Gurung QCE and 21163504 Rfn Dineshkumar Thapa 1/2 GR, were selected for the Nepal Football Squad and went on tour to China, while Krishnakumar and Dambersing went on to play for Nepal in the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi.

In July we said farewell to Brigadier Able Dacre as Brigadier Brigade of Gurkhas, and in September to Major General John Chapple as Major General Brigade of Gurkhas. General John and Brigadier Able gave enormous experience and stability to the Brigade at an important time, their wisdom and sound guidance will be greatly missed by everyone. In their places we welcomed Brigadier Chris Pike and Major General Derek Boorman.

On the welfare side the new pensions have been implemented and well received in Nepal. Some improvements have been achieved in the number of married quarters and the scale of bedrooms for future builds has been improved.

Mrs. Thatcher's visit to China in September focussed local attention on the future of Hong Kong. There has been considerable discussion on the '1997 issue' and not unreasonably it has caused many of the younger members of the Brigade to question its long term viability. The Brigade has, since its incorporation in to the British Army in 1948, lived with a degree of uncertainty. That uncertainty continues today. The future of the Brunei Garrison has not yet been resolved and it is still uncertain how the reductions in the size of the Regular Army announced two years ago, are to be implemented. The Brigade has survived many uncertainties in the past, because it has always been able to show through its professional ability, standards and example that it is militarily cost effective. There is no reason to suppose this will not be the case beyond the demise of Hong Kong. If, however, the Brigade is to play a full part alongside British units on the modern battlefield we

## BUFFS COMPANY

The year 1982/83 was indeed a different year for Buffs Coy of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. On September 8, 1983, Capt. C.E. Rayment became officer commanding Buffs Coy with Capt. H.C. Flood posted as 2/IC. 2 Plt. officers were also appointed, Lt. Gary Rolczewski and 2Lt. Mike Gaynor. Turning to the Senior NCO's, Warrant B. Dunk was appointed

the Coy Sgt. Major supported by Sgt. Figa, Sgt. Bamlett and Sgt. Martin.

Initially Buffs Coy was tasked to provide a Rifle Plt., TQ 1 Infantry Plt. and a basic/recruit Plt. In addition the Company hosted the first battalion exercise held at the end of November entitled 'Exercise Brass Balls', with considerable success. Basically the exercise consisted of a mechanized attack against the 48th High-



landers. The regiment was supported by both AVGP "Grizzly" pattern vehicles as well as AVGP Cougars from the Ontario Regiment.

In January of 1983 the regiment was awarded an airborne tasking. As a result a large number of personnel were selected from Buffs Coy to undergo training in one of the most realistic tasks the regiment has had since the last war. The Company taskings were then changed to include the original tasking plus the development of the 106mm Armoured Defense Plt. and by Fall of '83 a Recce Plt., Capt. Flood was appointed Plt. Comd. of the Armoured Defense Plt. and by May of '83 the Armoured Defense Plt. had swelled its ranks from six to more than twelve members. On May 13, the lucky Friday of the year, Buffs Coy also hosted the second battalion weekend, that being 'Exercise Chrome Cobra'. This exercise was held at the Goutouski farm located near Campbellville, Ontario. Also at the time, Warrant Officer Dunk was transferred to Victoria Coy to be succeeded by Master Warrant Officer B. Budden. The Battle of Butland (or Goutouski) Farm will be remembered by all as a challenging and eventful weekend. To add to realism an enemy force from Upper Canada College was raised.

In addition to normal military training, Buffs Coy also hosted a series of general interest lectures based upon a variety of military related subjects. The first lecture was performed by 2Lt. Fishman, a former serving officer of a level 2 army, Soviet Chemical Defense Coy. This lecture was followed approximately one month later by a presentation of PFC Lutz., a former serving member of the 101st Airborne Recondo Plt. Mr. Lutz saw active service in Vietnam in 1969. 2Lt. Fishman, on the other hand, served with the Soviet Armed Forces in Murmansk area in 1972 before defecting to the free world. Both lectures were well received and more are planned for the summer of '83.

All in all, although it was a difficult year, I am sure that all officers and men of the Coy agree that when presented with a challenge, we can definitely go to it and surpass the goals – definitely in true Rifle tradition!

CAPT. C.E. RAYMENT

## 60TH COMPANY

In the last issue of *The Rifleman* we introduced the new officer commanding 60th Coy, John Hasek, late Black Watch and Second Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment and Canadian Airborne Regiment.

During the fall of 1982, 4 Platoon was involved in RCCE Trg. In the previous spring rumours of a new tasking buzzed in and out of the Regiment. By the time of the Men's Christmas Dinner, the CO was able to announce that Army Command had designated three Militia Units across the country to provide a Platoon to the Canadian Airborne Regiment and that The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was selected from CMA.

Tony Welsh, 'the' Regimental Subaltern, started to work and on 2 February trg commenced. All infantry skills had to be brought up to the Airborne standards, the SSF physical standards had to be met, marksmanship improved, personnel jump qualified and then sent on the AIC.

On the winter INDOC Ex. two weeks after, a 60th Coy effort, did a 12 km march with full kit, carried out five set ups and finished with SECT ATTKS from the advance with full arctic kit. The time from 'sack to snow shoes' or pulling pole; that is, breaking camp, packing up and getting underway was reduced to 22 minutes, 50 seconds. This activity can be very risky to personnel in Platoon Headquarters, especially when they lie on top of their sleeping bags in anticipation of giving the order to pull pole at zero dark thirty and then, fall asleep. The pre-dawn tremors and shaking of the Pl. Comd and WO resembled one of those current thrash on the floor dance crazes, 'The Worm' peut-être?

In the month of March an exercise was conducted at Borden to prepare the section selected for the CMA Competition as well as accomplish the Platoon objectives. Navigation, Communications, Sentry and Bivouac Drills were practised. A certain Sergeant (Foxtrot Mike, as he is known) was reported to have gotten lost on one of the navigation legs. The irony is that this leg was two hundred meters long.

On the weekend of 29 March - 01 April, another sect level field exercise was conducted. Cpls (W) Crampton and Welsh, TQ2 cooks, prepared the meals - the first time in many years that the unit has fed itself in the field. A challenging part of this

Ex. was a Ptl Ni Adv over a course that had trip flares installed along its length. The Ptl Gps got noticeably better in probing for the invisible trip wires after igniting one each. The weather was terrible on the Bordon ATGM that weekend. Cpl. Tindall was in bad humor because of a cold. He was chided with not being his usual pleasant self. He finally announced: "Short people are affected by the cold," but I suppose you had to be there.

The Coy was given the job of providing the Regt Team for the annual CMA Competition. Phase I of the competition consisted of a local kit inspection and drill and weapons handling test. This was a disaster. Six members of the Platoon were doing basic para (more to follow on this) and others were on 'Miss A Weekend and Fail the Course' TQ2 courses. The rules do not allow substitution, so that we suffered on points. This was also the occasion for some amateur gun running by a couple of Sr NCOs. Thanks to the staff for their rigorous enforcement of MATCH regulations and never ending vigilance... 'Ah, sorry Sir, we're trying to train for war and I just got called last night, Sir, and Q stores needs six months warning to issue weapons, and..."

The CMA Inf Competition field phase was conducted in Borden. The selected Regt Team led by A/Sgt. Wilmot performed well, but once again, the inflexible, Argus eyed, staff gave them trouble. There was the question at the House Clearing Stand of the breaching effect of LAW fired at Brick Veneer Wall. Also, our team had a brilliant time on day one on the obstacle course, fastest of the day in fact. Rain during the night caused the pre-emption of this event from the point total scoring. Alas, everybody loves the trophies as well as the screw guns!

During the weekend of 13-15 May, a Sect All-Phases of War Ex was held at the Goutouski Farm near Campbellville. One of the Cadet Corps participated in strength, lying around the farmstead and eating a regiment's worth of rations. They looked quite savage in cammies and assorted head gear including Brit Jump Helmets, and carried all manner of ordnance. On Saturday morning the whole Ex ground to a halt because the AB P1 took one of these Kinder-Soldiers prisoner. Hours were spent sorting out this debacle, and the Ex continued to culminate in a fierce atk and counter atk in the

early hours of Sunday morning. It was on this exercise that John Bailey introduced our young Mister Welsh to the joys of smoking - 'Roll-your-Owns'. Once again he was seen to thrash on the ground and slap his reeling head continuously with his hand.

A few weeks later a Sect from the Coy provided a force to the Queen's York Rangers GMT Basic Crse. A stealthy approach to the trenches of these very green and unsteady soldiers concluded in a predawn atk. Before our lads went in, Sgt. Bamlett, with appropriate solicitude, sang out 'Wake up, wake up - it's time to die!' This is the Coy entry in "Great-Sayings-of-the-Year-Contest".

The last field Ex was held at Meaford Tank Range and practised the Platoon in the ADV to contact. This June weekend was very hot and dry. Seven P1 Attk were conducted along with the construction of shell scrapes after each. The Platoon also did a five mile run in full equipment. WO Jackson, UTA, served as CQ. A Smoker was held in the field on Saturday night with the perpetual favourite menu, wieners and beer.

The Coy also engaged in Saturday trg, the usual Adm Parades, small bore shooting and PT testing. Once a month since March, P1 members were required to do the SSF fitness test consisting of a 4 mile run in 32 minutes, 7 chin-ups, 25 push-ups, and 32 sit-ups. Many are called but few are chosen. Rfn John Bailey conducted excellent Comms Trg throughout this period, drawing on his experience with the Royal Artillery. Two groups were sent en masse to Basic Para in Edmonton as well as the odd individual. Cpl. Eric Schneider was the second unit member to top a regular Reserve Basic Para Course. Even the CSM got his wings! BGen. Reg Lewis kindly came out as the Patron of Ontario Militia Jumpers and presented CMA jump qualification ties to the earlier serial. A photographer from one of the dailies showed up, but we did not make the press. The OC got a tie in token of his work as a regular staff officer in the interests of Militia Parachuting.

As we go to press, members of the Jump Platoon are training hard for the AIC. The Airborne Indoctrination Course or Maroon Beret Course is required to be taken by everyone posted into the AB Regt from Trooper to Regimental Commander. Unarmed combat, TOETS, Post

## THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

### 1st Royal Green Jackets

The battalion is nearing completion of its two-year term in Northern Ireland. After sixteen months in Belfast, three companies moved to Fermanagh. Duties carried out were patrolling, searches, vehicle checks, clearing of real and hoax bombs and intelligence gathering. Close co-operation with The Royal Ulster Constabulary was maintained throughout.

The station at Aldergrove, Fermanagh

LT. COL. C.C.L.O. OWEN

### 2nd Royal Green Jackets

July, 1982, saw the battalion at the British Army Training Unit in Suffield, Alberta. The vast training area and the opportunity to practice live firing were greatly appreciated. All branches of the service took part in the exercises. The abundance of wildlife together with the vagaries of the weather, provided plenty of conversational gambits.

Four days leave was followed by a

Lt. COL. J.P.O. BEDDARD

### 3rd Royal Green Jackets

The battalion has now completed its first year in Germany. Relations with the Germans in the Celle area are most cordial. A cocktail party given by the battalion was returned by the local notables with a party in the town hall. The Beating of Retreat and other ceremonies were much enjoyed; particularly so when it was noted that much of the music had a German origin.

Low level training was followed by some major exercises. Perhaps a Mecha-

LT. COL. C.B.Q. WALLACE

### 4th Royal Green Jackets

Normal training in England was highlighted by an Escape and Evasion Exercise. After block leave the battalion was stationed in Mull. With the Falklands in mind, approach marches were chiefly through peat bogs and Hispantina became the enemy rather than the usual Fantasia.

After the return to the south of England, platoons entered in the London District

LT. COL. C.J.P. MIERS

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

In June, 1982, Lieutenant Colonel Stewart Cuddy, ED complete his term as Commanding Officer. He was succeeded by Lieutenant Colonel Frank Windeyer, a Sydney solicitor. Lieutenant Colonel Windeyer is the third member of his family to have commanded the Regiment. His brother, Colonel Windeyer, AM, ED was Commanding Officer during the early 1970's. His father, Major General Sir Victor Windeyer, KBE, CB, DSO, ED, was Commanding Officer from 1937 - 1939 and later became Honorary Colonel of the Regiment.

The Regiment trained actively during 1982. Home training included a mechanized weekend for the Sydney Rifle Company mounted in APCs and a joint service exercise at Broken Bay, north of Sydney, with the Naval Reserve. Members of both outstation companies from Canberra and Armidale took part in the weekend at Broken Bay which involved three RANR minor warships.

Annual Camp was held over twenty-one days in January 1983 at the Wallaroo State Forest, about 220 km north of Sydney. We welcomed both our Honorary Colonel, Sir Roden Cutler, VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE and the Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Sir Hermann Black.

Next year's annual camp will be based at Gan Gan. A rifle company will be detached to the Land Warfare Centre at Canungra in Queensland for the greater part of this period. The experience gained should be invaluable and doubtless will be memorable for those fortunate enough to be selected to go.

Our contact with 4RGJ in London is as strong as ever. A Green Jacket officer, Lieutenant Sebastian Fitzlyon is serving with us and we are delighted to be able to return some of their hospitality. Should any members of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada have the chance to serve with us or merely to call on us whilst in Australia, we would, of course, be very happy to see them.

We wish you good soldiering during the coming year.

MAJOR A.S. MORRISON

Roberts of the Intelligence Section, who had also landed with advance headquarters, now appeared and we held a consultation as to the best way of moving into town. With Sergeant Roberts and myself acting as scouts, the regimental staff team moved further east along the sand. We came to the first street exit at the mouth of which lay a shattered tank, its tracks blasted away by a hidden mine. Using the tank as a buffer we edged a few yards up the deserted street. Without incident we reached the corner of the first inland cross street, or lateral as we call it, off to the right we could hear the sounds of battles as the men of C Company and the survivors of A Company were rooting out some cornered enemies.

Here we encountered Major S.M. Lett, Second-In-Command, and learned of the progress being made by our troops. The town was practically in our hands although there was fighting going on in the outskirts and isolated German snipers were still offering resistance. Regimental Provost had taken up posts and order and communications were coming into effect.

To check our present location I made a cautious tour down the narrow winding street. At the next corner a three-storey wooden house was on fire but in its light I met Captain R.A. Cottrill who was in command of Support Company. I pointed Battalion Headquarters out to him and then watched the first of our carriers roll up from the beaches. As I turned toward the centre of the town I found, to my surprise, that members of the civilian population were appearing in the streets. One had never thought of finding anyone but soldiers in this town but by the time I reached the main square, men, women and children were emerging from the flimsy shelter afforded by kitchens and cellars. One old gentleman appeared on the scene clutching a bottle of wine which he had saved for this occasion. The day had arrived, and now he offered refreshment to all who could pause to partake. He even carried neat little wine glasses for service. All this time buildings crackled and flamed, shells and bullets whistled overhead and German snipers lurked in hidden places to pick off unwary soldiers of the invading force.

I was on the point of returning to headquarters when a runner came by and informed me that the regimental staff had now moved to the outskirts of town, as

planned during the days of preparation. As I moved uptown, section files of the Regiment de la Chaudiere began to pass through the street. They were the 'follow-up' battalion in our Brigade. Our task was to seize the beach and the town and then they would pass through us to the interior. The French Canadian Infantrymen were exchanging cheery greetings to the citizens of Bernieres – in their own language.

At this point Stan, a member of the Intelligence Section, appeared with his shattered elbow supported by a sling. He had been one of the "I" Section detailed to come ashore with the assault companies. He had received his wound just after the landing. He brought sad tidings of other representatives with the first wave of The Queen's Own Rifles. Rifleman H.J. Coates had been killed at the outset of the attack and other "I" Section men had also met death on the beaches.

A call came over the wireless for the C.O. but when I looked for him he was not in the vicinity of our little caravan. Someone said that he had gone for a visit to the forward companies. Sergeant Roberts and I decided we had better go and look for Lieutenant Colonel Spragge.

Positions previously prepared by the enemy lay about one thousand yards to our front. There were few visible signs of The Queen's Own Rifles, but closer regard brought into our vision the deep, narrow slits and their occupants. We found Sergeant-Major T.J. Chivers at C Company HQ's and learned that the C.O. was on his way back to our orchard. Hugging a garden wall, we chose to retire by way of the backyards rather than by the open road. Plunging through another hole in the wall we found ourselves in the streets of town and shortly after we were back at the caravan.

Time had held no meaning for us since early morning. Now we discovered, with surprise, that it was early afternoon. Soon after this been realized, we were arranging ourselves for the move forward. The two leading companies were on their way and now our little caravan got into motion.

Captain W.J. Weir, Adjutant, and I rode in style; tightly wedged into the rear compartment of the half-track signal vehicle. Captain Weir had the earphones on listening to the flow of battle information as we jolted along the dirt road. We were none too happy as we frequently jarred to a halt

and felt very conspicuous in our peculiar transport to enemy eyes.

Reaching the flat topped crest of the ascent, we turned sharply left and plunged into the shadow of the small wood that marked the outskirts of Beny-sur-Mer. It was a welcome change from the open country we had just passed through. Along the road we began to pass units of the Highland Brigade (the 9th) in our Division who were to exploit our bridgehead and drive on toward Caen and Carpiquet.

A sunken road led into the next village, Basly, and we were very happy to duck into it; losing the 'shooting gallery' target feeling that had been ours while racing across the open ridge. With better coverage we kept moving forward toward our objective. The Carrier Platoon occupied a height of land – our destination for this first day. This slight prominence became known to us as Big Two Hill. Battalion Headquarters paused beside the brick walls until the tanks came back. Then we moved into a small orchard on the edge of the village. The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada had reached its D-Day objective and a defensive perimeter to hold it had been established.

It was dark now and most of the sounds of battle came from behind us as mopping-up operations were under way. Captain Weir was on listening duty on the half truck wireless; we took turns on this duty watch – I lay down beside the vehicle and quickly fell asleep. I was roused almost immediately by a runner reporting that a truckload of 'Jerries' had driven into the village and had been captured. I went with him and briefly interrogated the prisoners then sent them on their way, under secret, to the military police P.O.W. cages.

I turned to return to the orchard about 300 yards up the side road. Suddenly I realized that I was all alone on a dark road, after midnight in recently held enemy territory. It was a long walk back to Regimental Headquarters. The long, long day was ended and I fell asleep again as soon as I lay down.

LIEUTENANT P.R. (BOB) RAE

**NOTE:**

Rfn. Harry J. Coates, "I" Section, was killed in action. His uncle, of Stoney Creek, has been most persevering in trying to obtain information on him. The Editor was able to put him in touch with Bob Rae (Commander of "I" Section from February to May, 1944).

Jump Drills are all covered in an intensive 10-day period. The CSM, Robert Chan, organized an excellent syllabus for June and August in preparation for the AIC. Pt and weapon TOET were conducted at Avenue Road on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays. Ten mile marches in full kit were done on 23 and 30 Jul and two back to back on the weekend of 06 and 07 August Improvement has been made by everyone in this period, and these same high standards are the only standards for 60th Coy. Airborne!

There have been numerous postings in and out of the Company. We are being joined by two outstanding officers, Capt. D.C. McKinnon and 2Lt. P. Viol both of whom helped greatly in Pre-AIC Training. Many Coy Pers were away on courses through the year and during the summer.

The Summer Recruit Course is being instructed by 60th Coy personnel this year. A contingent from the Company participated in civilian jumping at Gananouque Airport for a week in March.

The Airborne Indoctrination Course was referred to above. The Queen's Own sent twenty four basic para qualified soldiers under Lt. Tony Welsh and WO. Strathy Crawford to AIC Serial 8302 conducted from 17 – 26 August, 1983, at CFB Petawawa. It was as tough as everyone expected and no one was heard to say that they wanted to do it again. Twenty-three Queen's Own passed and received their maroon berets.

The days were long with working hours ending at 2100 hrs. or 2300 hrs. with reveille following much too quickly at 0430 hrs. Everyone looked thin on their

return and a certain mature quietness is evident in these soldiers. There were four or five 'Death Marches' with and without rucksack and always at a breakneck pace during the course.

MCpl's Hassan and Schneider, the 'Law Men', attended AIC 8303 from 7 – 16 Sep. and also passed.

Many of us in the Coy are excited by the prospects of taking courses with the Canadian Airborne Regiment. Names have been submitted for an upcoming Rappel Masters Course and Unarmed Cmbt. Instrs. Crse. Some Company members are on a Tals Ex. in Edmonton for September and early October.

This tasking is a lot of work but 60th Coy is the lot to make it work!

CAPT. B. GOUTOUSKI  
21C 60TH COY



Militiamen/Reg Force Airborne Indoctrination Course, CPB Petawawa, Hercules from Trenton I083-2026



M/CPL Butt checks Sgt. Patterson's safety chute

## ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN THE REGIMENTAL CHURCH

The first parish church, built of wood from the neighbouring forest, was consecrated in 1842. A stone church followed in 1860; twice it had to be enlarged. Finally, the present stately edifice was opened 30 November, 1913.

The name of The Venerable H.J. Cody was from 1899 to 1932 indelibly associated with the development and furtherance of this great church. So, as early in that period he became Chaplain of The Queen's Own Rifles, St. Paul's became the Regimental Church.

The early English gothic interior; the beautiful stained windows; the varied designs of the memorial tablets; the sheer magnificence of the alabaster reredos and

## D-DAY 6 JUNE, 1944 A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

All was still and quiet; the little ships, riding quietly on a rolling sea, were moving very slowly. On the bridge, Lt. Col. Spragge, our Commanding Officer and Commander Ryder, V.C. senior naval officer, and the ship's captain were calmly chatting as they had done on many previous schemes.

It was not difficult to discern our specific assault objective. Bernieres-sur-Mer, nestling in a frame of trees with a high church tower dominating the scene, was easily recognized. Off to the right was a flat, sandy basis which was flooded by the tide; to the left was higher ground and the town of St. Aubin objective of the North Shore Regiment. The town possessed the usual church tower as a landmark but there was no fringe of trees as at Bernieres.

Landing Craft Assault now dotted the sea and more were being lowered over the sides of mother ships. They came to heel swiftly behind their flotilla leaders and at a signal from command ships, started on the shoreward journey. They carried the assault infantry, arduous months of training behind them now; expert soldiers prepared to the utmost degree for the battle of the Atlantic Wall. They went in, each company equipped with ladders, bungaloes and other explosives for blasting

screens together with the all pervading music of choir and organ, provide an unsurpassed ambience for a regimental service. On occasion, the soaring notes of the band and of the bugles have added to that glorious setting.

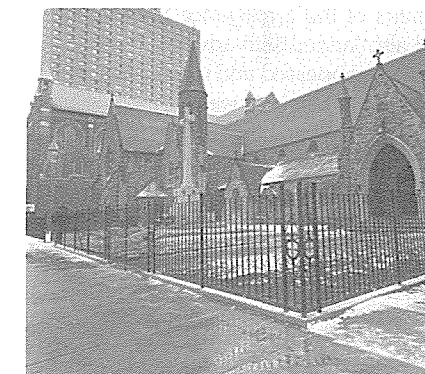
For decade the wisdom and eloquence of clerics such as Cody, Renison, Wilkinson, Swanson, Dann and Griffith have aroused men's spirits. That exaltation of spirit made certain that the admonition found in the epistle of James "faith without works is dead" would be observed. Throughout the years, the clergy, staff and congregation have done all possible towards the alleviation of distress in mind and body.

So, with this background, the Regiment's Remembrance Day Service is exactly what it should be – a blessed remembrance of those who died that freedom and justice might live.

their way through enemy wire and concrete defences. The assault companies of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada moved toward the beaches of Bernieres; B Company, commanded by Major C.O. Dalton on the left and A Company under Major H.E. Dalton, on the right.

Lieutenant Colonel Spragge sent a signal for the two reserve companies to go in and then we completed final preparations for our part of the expedition. An LCA (Landing Craft Assault) was in readiness for us, rising and falling on the rolling water by the side of the HQ ship. Previous practice came in handy now as we gently lowered radio sets and their operators into the LCA. A final look around to make sure nothing had been forgotten then we climbed down the rope ladders to our ferry to the beaches. We descended into the shallow depths of our craft and it severed its bonds and our long relationship with the Headquarters ship was ended.

The trip was quiet and uneventful for us; even the 'bags vomit' found no customers. It was crowded on the open deck with our equipment and with that of a section of the beach party which had sailed with us. The outer world was cut off from our vision, and for all that we could see or hear the battle could have been ended and we might be on our way back to the shores of England. Then came the sound of steel grating on sand and we knew that our destination had been



Pictured above is the handsome iron fence recently installed at St. Paul's to protect the Regimental Cross of Sacrifice and the Church lawn. The cost of the fence was defrayed by friends of the late Mrs. Cody and by The Queen's Own Rifles. It will be remembered that Canon Cody was for many years the Rector of St. Paul's and the Padre of The Queen's Own. Yet to be installed are the crest of St. Paul's and the crest of The Queen's Own. They should be in place by the end of October, 1983.

reached. I stood behind the Commanding Officer as the assault deck was lowered and the twin doors swung open. Over his shoulder I caught my first close-up view of France and for the first time that day the sense of unreality was swept away from my thoughts and the grim picture of war on the beaches unfolded.

All this was taken in during a split-second glance at the scene and then I was running through ankle deep surf, heading for the breakwall. As I raced across the gleaming sand I was conscious of a dry-pounding in my throat. I was almost up to the abandoned tank by the sea wall when I ran into Captain W.J. Weir, our Adjutant, and a member of advance Battalion Headquarters which had come ashore with the reserve companies. He pointed the way to our selected rendezvous but by that time the Commanding Officer had arrived and together we looked for a way forward. At this point one of the crouching soldiers called my attention to an object on which I was standing. Looking down I found that the toes of my boots were resting on an old French '75' shell which had been pressed into use as a German mine. I quickly withdrew my feet.

We investigated gaps in the wire around the shattered, shuttered house but it was clearly foolhardy to press forward across this bleak, open ground. There would be more menacing objects there similar to that on which I had trod. Sergeant S.B.

carried on their relief and help to members of the Regiment. IODE commitments were also met; Christmas presents to patients at Christie St. Hospital, gifts to the Buglers' Mess; and the redecorating of the Sergeants' Mess. Work continued for the Red Cross, City relief, and the Navy League. Fees were raised to \$1.50, and there was a membership of 133 – all paid up! In 1922 a permanent light was installed by the Chapter over the memorial Tablet to General Mercer which hangs under the Gallery in the Armouries, and arrangements were made to have it lighted on all Battalion parade nights. Talent Teas were popular, as well as theatre nights, and the patronage of such notables as General Sir William Otter, Maj. General Sir Henry Pellatt, Brig. General Robert Rennie, was sought and gladly given. The decorating of the graves of deceased members of the Regiment was an annual event. In 1924 the Sergeants' Mess presented the Chapter with a beautiful silver Loving Cup in appreciation of the help given them by chapter members. A large Band Concert was held that year, proceeds of which purchased new uniforms for The Queen's Own Rifles Band, and members of the Chapter staffed the refreshment booths.

During the following years, 1925 to 1932, and at the beginning of a long, financial depression, the members continued their welfare work. In 1926, \$2000 was raised for the endowment of the cot at the Preventorium, always to be known thereafter as "The Queen's Own Rifles Cot". Donations were made to the IODE National War Memorial; welfare work at Christie St. Hospital, Neighborhood Workers, and the Hospital for Sick Children; new curtains were purchased for the windows in the Buglers' Mess. In 1932, \$700 was contributed to The Queen's Own Rifles Regimental Memorial, the Cross of Sacrifice, at St. Paul's Church, Toronto.

1939-1949. Another War, and another all-out effort on the part of the Chapter members, which illustrated the meaning of their adopted motto, "In Pace Paratus" – in peace prepared. During these War years the Chapter contributed vast amounts of clothing, knitting and sewing, cigarettes and candy, to the men on active service, and to the IODE. By now there were three Battalions of the Queen's Own Rifles, and the welfare work was tripled. Visits were made to men in hospital;

bereaved families of Q.O.R. men were visited and received flowers; IODE War Memorial obligations were met. Chapter members attended weekly sewing meetings, held raffles, bingoes, parties for families of service personnel. Supported the Poppy Fund and Rose Tag Day, sent Christmas gifts to children in the adopted northern school, met Troop trains, worked with the Unit Auxiliaries.

Several Chapter meetings were held in the suit of His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Albert Mathews. These were delightful occasions, and enjoyed by all the members. At one such meeting 21 new members were received into the Chapter, and Lt.-Col. Baptist Johnston spoke on the history of the Regiment. Memorial services for deceased members of the Regiment were held in the Armouries, with Bishop Renison as the speaker. In 1941, a quilt, made by Chapter members, had been presented to Her Majesty the Queen, by Lt. -Col. H.C. Mackendrick, on behalf of the Chapter, to be raffled for one of Her Majesty's charities.

In 1947 a new Standard was presented to the Chapter by Brigadier and Mrs. J.G. Spragge, and Canon Wilkinson, now Bishop of Toronto, conducted the service of dedication. A very successful Bazaar was held by the Chapter and \$1,712 raised towards welfare work.

1949-1958. Luncheon meetings were started and proved very enjoyable to all members. Fees were raised to \$3.00 in 194, and again to \$4.00 in 1957. Donations were made to the Regiment in appreciation of their co-operation and support over the years, and these gifts were greatly appreciated. Christmas, 1951 – gifts of candies, crackers, nuts, etc., were sent to the Q.O.R. Company in West Germany. These troops were part of the first NATO forces stationed in Europe. In 1953 a picture of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, was presented to the Odeon Danforth Theatre. Also in 1953, Her Majesty Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Own Rifles Regiment, died, and the Chapter cancelled all activities for the period of Court mourning. The Book of Remembrance in St. Paul's Church had been brought up to date and the Chapter presented a new Book Mark to separate the names of the deceased members of the Regiment of two World Wars. The Book Mark was in Rifle green embroidered

with the Queen's Own Rifles Regimental Crest. The Chapter supported enthusiastically all IODE projects, and the Chapter Standard was present at Annual IODE Church services, Memorial services at Strachan Ave. Burial Grounds, and Citizenship ceremonies at the City Hall. At the two annual memorial services held by the Regiment in St. Paul's Church the Chapter is privileged to place a wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice. The Chapter assisted in a drive for used clothing to help relief work amongst the victims of Hurricane Hazel, and the Winnipeg Flood. The newly formed Queen's Own Rifles Auxiliary in Calgary, received a \$100 donation from the Chapter towards a Christmas party for men of the Battalion, and in 1955 a Christmas present in the form of excellent prints of the Battle of Cut Knife Creek, North-West Rebellion, were made to the Officers' Mess of the two out-of-town Battalions, and similar prints were presented to the Sergeants' Mess and the Men's Canteen. Again at Christmas in 1956 a picture of a Canadian scene was sent to the Regiment stationed at Gordon Head, and excellent hard-covered books to the Regiment at Calgary. The Chapter served as hostesses at a Citizenship Reception at the City Hall, and a special tea for New Canadians held at the International Institute. The Chapter made donations of magazines to the British Sailors' Society, and were delighted to have the Field Secretary of the British Sailors' Society (Canada), and also the padre of the Regiment, Captain the Reverend Richard Newsham, speak of this work at one of their meetings.

The present members of the Queen's Own Rifles Chapter look back with pride and wonder on the achievements of those early members, and to those who followed in their steps through peace and war, to peace again. Theirs was a high standard of effort, co-operation, and loyalty to the Regiment and to the IODE.

MRS. H.C.W. GILL – 1958

## MILITIA AIRBORNE INDOCTRINATION

The Hercules thundered low through the highlands of Hastings County. The peaks of hills lay on either side of the aircraft piloted by Capt. Graham Miller and co-pilot Capt. Bruce Cox. They were on a return trip to CFB Trenton from CFB Petawawa where they had just dropped nine sticks of paratroopers. There were 170 soldiers undergoing the Airborne Indoctrination Course, which for the first time in peacetime, included many Militia members from three regiments across Canada.

This was an extra large course with the militiamen swelling the ranks. Regiment Du Saguenay, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and The Loyal Edmonton Regiment had each been tasked by Mobile Command Headquarters to create an airborne platoon. The three platoons would augment The Canadian Airborne Regiment in the event of a national emergency.

The Airborne Indoc Course places heavy emphasis on physical conditioning, team work, musketry, fieldcraft and battle drills – all elements of the indomitable airborne spirit essential to the successful completion of the mission.

As part of the course to win the maroon beret, the first morning candidates at Petawawa must run four miles in 32 minutes and in two minutes each complete 25 push-ups, 31 sit-ups and seven pull-ups. That sort of sets the pace for the ten-day course. The second day saw the paras passing a swim test and weapons test.

Then the third day the airplane that Sgt. Connick says should strike fear into the hearts of mortal men (when it is loaded with paras) merely upon hearing the sound of the engines, carried the candidates and instructors high over Petawawa for a date with the wild blue yonder.

Added on to the long trek back to the truck from touchdown on terra firma with 120 pound loads (done twice remember), was a six-mile rucksack march (sans parachutes) back to barracks in just under one hour.

Battle PT and unarmed combat for one hour starting at 0530 hrs. launched day four. Then the men wearing the camouflaged para smock were marched over

eight miles to the rifle ranges in one and a half hours. – Marched?

With no let up in pace, day five saw the men with full packs hike to the DZ, set up hoochies, then practice day-night navigation and learn demolition of selected targets.

Still at the DZ, day six saw the men rise early for Battle PT and unarmed combat. By this time, all the choke holds were starting to produce some sore throats. The training of the previous day was repeated. Later in the morning they were bussed back to barracks to prepare for day seven.

Reveille was at 0400 hrs. Wearing full fighting gear, the men who had previously earned the red maple leaf jump wings struck off on a ten-mile jaunt, completing it in 1 hr. 55 mins.

This was topped off with whistling through an obstacle course then performing the fireman's carry on your airborne buddy for 100 metres. Lectures on airborne and helicopter operations, plus battle first aid, provided a brief respite for the remainder of the day.

As they had been up at 0500 hrs., there was still much time left for falling plate shooting before rappelling off the high tower at 0900 hrs.

Soldiers dropped by parachute have a limited initial supply of ammunition, so they must learn to control ammo more so than any other troops.

Pressing home this fact was the falling plate competition, where platoons using the least amount of cartridges in the least amount of time to knock down the nine-inch targets were the winners.

Day nine was to be a long one. It was up at 0500 hrs. for more of that good stuff, Battle PT and unarmed combat. Fight-offs were held to see who could get a choke hold the quickest on their opponent. Then it was battle procedures, O Group and kit rigging followed by a merciful forced rest.

At 2300 hrs. the Hercules lifted off repeatedly, carrying five chucks of paras into the inky sky for the grand finale, a commando attack against a well-developed Warsaw Pack style dug-in defensive position.

Only the sound of the aircraft engines rent the night. The airborne soldiers assaulted the black void in their usual macho style as they leaped clear of the Herc. At least one man, a sergeant, felt the

sting of a static line as its friction burned his shirt sleeve and flesh where it became looped around his arm as he jumped. He promised himself to be more careful in future jumps.

After assembling on the ground, one hour before first light, the daredevils of the skies attacked. The enemy role was played by a platoon from 2 Commando garrisoned at Petawawa, who are highly skilled at this business.

"It was a spectacular attack," Lieut Tony Welsh of The Queen's Own recalled afterwards. "There was no wind and the smoke hung 15 feet off the ground. Two flares went off illuminating all the area below the smoke."

CF charges shattered the night to provide the battle din of artillery fire. A fire base of four GMPGs manned by the enemy platoons, plus the three attacking platoons firing their weapons, rudely greeted the dawn which was trying to disperse night's darkness in a gentler fashion.

Immediately after a tattered first light gained the upper hand, the enemy counter-attacked with only the savagery that highly trained Canadian commandos can muster. The course candidates gained many valuable lessons over a few short hours.

On hand for the impressive graduation ceremonies was LGen. C.H. Belzile, Commander FMC. He was probably prouder than all of the candidates put together for at one time in his career he wore the uniform of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

But this is not the end of para training for the Militiamen. Others will be taking the Airborne Indoctrination course so the three airborne platoons will be operating at full length. They must be ready for operation deployment with The Canadian Airborne Regiment by September, 1984 and must maintain a state of constant readiness.

2LT. CHRISTOPHER ALMEY  
DISTRICT MILITIA INFO OFFICER  
TORONTO MILITIA DISTRICT

## THE REGIMENTAL BAND

The past drill season has been an interesting as well as a busy time for the Regimental Band. The summer months had the usual series of park concerts in the Metro area. The summer ended with the performances at C.N.E. The band also took part in the C.N.E. Opening Day Parade for the first time. The Regimental and Bugle Bands visited the unit at Camp Borden during MILCON to play for the Church Parade. It was about this time that the story of a trip to Atlanta, Georgia came to light.

Fall training commenced and at this time the band added to its numbers with people from the T.M.D. summer band programme. The band, as other regimental bands, played an important part in the T.M.D. Change of Command ceremonial parade.

By this time the trip to Atlanta seemed 'for real'. The band and bugles of Q.O.R. of Canada would make a fifteen minute

## THE BLACK NET IN THE CADET WORLD

There is a Black Net in the world of army cadets – at any rate, there is one within The Queen's Own regimental family. There are three army cadet corps which are affiliated to the Regiment. They are:

17 RC (Army) OC – The Upper Canada College Rifles;

1860 RC (Army) CC – at Moss Park Armoury;

2881 RC (Army) CC – in Scarborough.

The present Supply Officer of 17 corps – Captain Walter Belfontaine – commanded the corps for several years up to May 1982; he commanded 2881 corps from 1974 through 1976. The present Deputy Commanding Officer of 1860 corps – Captain Ivor Gould – commanded 2881 corps for three-and-a-half years until May 1981.

In setting up training exercises these connections have been most useful. As long ago as the autumn of 1979, 17 and 2881 corps mounted a joint field exercise in a provincial park near Toronto. For six weeks in 1980, when 2881 were without a home base, they shared facilities with 1860 at Moss Park Armoury. More re-

presentation in the Tattoo of the International Gathering of the Clans. This operation was not without its problems of the 11th hour variety but everything seemed to fall into place on location.

The months of the fall passed by with our usual engagements such as the York University Convocation. The Regimental Band performed at the City of Toronto Remembrance Day services on 11 November a duty each regimental band does in turn. With Santa Claus parades and Christmas parties, the year came to a close.

With the New Year, the T.M.D. inspection was the first important parade for the unit as well as the band.

The winter passed by with three bandsmen attending band courses on weekends. The Canadian Forces Staff College Dinner saw the band busy in February and a Sunday evening in St. Mark's Church, Markham.

Certainly an important occasion was the Sgts' Mess Centennial Dinner con-

cently the co-operation between 1860 and 2881 corps has been most marked. It has included joint range exercise, intra-corps loans of equipment and officers, as well as the exchange of ideas about training. In the absence of the two commanding officers due to illness/duties elsewhere, Captain Gould commanded both corps on the 1982 Toronto army cadet garrison church parade. On the 1983 parade, when Captain Roach was again unable to be present, Captain Gould again commanded 2881.

The Scarborough corps (2881) had a very active year in 1982/83. Their records indicate that the corps paraded three times with its sponsoring Legion Branch – 258 Highland Creek; paraded with the battalion for Remembrance Day; spent one weekend on the range at Camp Borden (accompanied by Captain Gould!), and joined 1860 there for a second one; tagged on Army Cadet Tag Day; attended the Toronto army cadet church parade; mounted four other field exercises.

The Toronto corps (1860) struggled along for most of the year with only two officers and its activities were necessarily limited by this factor. These included the Regimental Remembrance Day Parade, the army cadet garrison church parade,

ducted in the proper tradition and regimental atmosphere of Casa Loma with the band in attendance.

Mid April saw us on a trip to Petawawa for the regimental anniversary of the Eighth Hussars. It certainly was some fun; forming up in total darkness in a limited space, then being blinded by the spotlights of the arena.

With the 'disarray' of the armoury floor, there wasn't a place to hold our usual Birthday Parade but the band got a few notes in on Wednesday, 20 April. A Staff College dinner finished off April.

The months of May and June had the band on parade on several weekends; CMA inspection, Fort York, Ontario Place and both cadet corps. The month of June finished up with a concert in Allen Gardens.

The band looks forward to a more interesting season in the realm of military music in the months to come.

CAPT. GEORGE GRESHAM  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

the joint range weekend with 2881, poppy selling with 344 Branch of the Legion, and a major recruiting effort in the early part of the training season.

The two corps mounted their annual inspections on successive hot Sunday afternoons in June, 1860 on June 5, 2881 on June 12. The reviewing officer for 1860 was Commander J.P. Connor, who recently celebrated his fortieth year with sea cadets; for 2881 it was Captain Brian Goutouski of the Regiment. The Regimental Military Band, under Captain George Gresham, provided an excellent musical accompaniment to both parades. In keeping with the co-operative spirit already discussed, the floor manager for 1860 was Second-Lieutenant Dory Gould of 2881; the commentator for 2881 was Captain Ivor Gould of 1860.

At the time of composition, 1860 has a full officer complement for the first time in several years; 2881 remain one short but Captain Roach expects to find a suitable candidate shortly.

Both corps anticipate a successful year in 1983/84.

CAPTAIN F.I. GOULD, DCO/ADMO,  
1860 RC (ARMY) CC  
2ND LIEUT. D. GOULD, ADMO,  
1881 RC (ARMY) CC

## THE MUSEUM

Museum tours were given to a British Officer, Capt. Basil Mau, Capt. George Gresham and some twenty members of his Military Band. Col. and Mrs. Hank Elliot, Jack Crean with his grandson and David Young of The Royal Ontario Museum.

Years ago the R.O.M. lent us a splendid standing double-sized showcase. David Young informed me that the case was now ours. We are very appreciative of this generous gesture. One of the glass fronts now serves that purpose for our medal display.

Almost all of our medals and miniatures are now on exhibit in a specially strengthened display case. The case was made and designed by Wilf Durance.

Thirteen photos and a display case were set up at the new Regimental Headquarters on Adelaide Street West.

Jack Crean made a highly prized donation of six full dress jackets, two busbies with cases and plumes, four pairs of overalls and one cape. All these uniforms date from the turn of the century and are in mint condition.

A wooden shield bearing some forty cap badges collected by John Carr during WWI was donated by Frances Aldred.

Various changes in artifact arrangement were made resulting, it is hoped, in a more eye-catching appearance.

## THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA CHAPTER

The Queen's Own Rifles Chapter, IODE celebrates its 75th birthday this year, and through the good offices of Captain Peter Mackinnon, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Hon. John Aird, is holding an afternoon reception in his suite at Queen's Park.

The Regent, Mrs. Charles Jones, is endeavouring to trace all former members of the Chapter in order that they can be included in the guest list.

It seems fitting at this time to reprint excerpts from the history of the Chapter, "The First Fifty Years 1908 – 1958", written by the late Gladys Gill, a former member.

Marie Dalton

## IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

1908 – 1958

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Chapter, IODE, under the guidance of Lady Pellatt, was organized by Mrs. Arthur Van Koughnet, Honorary organizing Secretary, National Chapter of Canada, on February 4th, 1908, with the following Charter members:-

Lady Pellatt Mrs. R.C. Levesconte  
Mrs. P.L. Mason Mrs. George Royce  
Mrs. Robert Rennie Mrs. F.K. Winnett  
Mrs. J.M. Davison Mrs. E.C. Cayley  
Mrs. A.G. Peuchen Mrs. J.A. Cooper

The Chapter adopted as their motto that of the Regiment – "In Pace Paratus".

Some months later, Lady Roberts was appointed as Honorary Regent.

It was decided to call a meeting of the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters over 14 years of age of the officers, ex-officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regiment on March 11th in the Armouries. This meeting was addressed by Mrs. Van Koughnet who spoke of the aims and objects of the Order. The roll was signed by 49, and various committees were formed to carry on the work of the Chapter.

The first large fund-raising entertainment undertaken by the members was in November, 1908, when a Grand Olla Podrida was held in the Armouries. (This can be described as a "mixture of gayeties" – many forms of dancing; games, fortune telling, raffles, a Tea room, etc.) This event was under the guidance of the Regent, Lady Pellatt, with assistance from the Sergeants of the Regiment, and proved a great success both socially and financially. With a substantial sum to their credit the members were able to devote their agency to assisting the men of the Regiment, which must primarily be the object of a military Chapter.

In 1910 The Queen's Own Rifles Chapter in conjunction with the Royal Grenadiers and the 48th Highlanders Chapters, erected tablets in the churches at Battleford and Vanda in memory of those who fell during the North-West Rebellion. A tombstone was also erected over the grave in Bisley churchyard of the late Colour Sergeant Greet, a member of the Bisley

team, who died while in England with the team.

The retirement of Lady Pellatt as Regent of the Chapter in 1911 was an occasion of great regret, and recognition of her work and leadership was made at the Annual meeting. Two years later in 1913 a Life Membership in the Chapter was presented to Lady Pellatt, and a beautiful gold and enamel badge of the Order, suitably inscribed – "To Lady Pellatt, a Life Membership, Queen's Own Rifles Chapter."

The general meetings of the Chapter were lively and interesting, and it is to be noted that the minutes of their meetings were explicit in detail and colourful in wording. On reading these minutes one has the feeling that vision and direct approach made team work amongst Chapter members pleasant and profitable.

In May, 1912, The Queen's Own Rifles Chapter was called upon, along with the Royal Grenadiers and the 48th Highlanders Chapters, to assist at a Band concert of the three Regiments to raise money in aid of the families of the bandsmen who lost their lives on the Titanic. The Queen's Own Rifles Chapter, as well, donated \$50 to the Titanic Relief Fund.

By means of Musicales, Concerts, Lectures, and Talent Teas the members enthusiastically joined in the work of raising money for the Chapter.

Then came the war years, and the work of the Chapter had really begun. Such names as St. Julien, Somme, Vimy and Paschendaele were being added to Salisbury and Valcartier. Expenses mounted harder to replenish the treasury. During the first World War, 4000 visits were made to soldiers' families; 8,538 pairs of socks, and many hundreds of sweaters were knit; 66,978 sewn articles, such as pyjamas, children's clothing, etc., were contributed to the Red Cross. \$17,776 was donated to Prisoners of War fund; \$1500 for Christmas stockings for men overseas; and upkeep of 4 beds at Shorncliffe Hospital in England. Annual donation of \$100 for upkeep of a cot at the Preventorium; \$120 for new Drums for the 35th Battalion and the annual presentation of a Ross rifle. Flowers were placed each week on the General Mercer Memorial Tablet, and \$200 donated to the IODE First War Memorial.

The years following the war, 1920 to 1925, were very active and the members



## THIS, TOO, IS INCREDIBLE

Dennis L. Nagle of Detroit, Michigan, is shown holding a cup he found on June 22, 1980 while scuba diving in 35 feet of water in the South Channel of the St. Clair River. The base had disintegrated. After cleaning, the following engraving was revealed 'Company Prize - Presented By Sgt. Moulton, 16th Regiment to The Queen's Own Rifles. Won by No. 5 Coy 6th Sept. 1865'.



The help of Charles Stewart, a local military historian who has written several most useful reference books on the Canadian Army, was readily forthcoming. First, as he noted, we must pinpoint the 16th Regiment. The Sedentary and Service Militia General Orders of 1865-1866 list no 16th Regiment. A 16th Battalion Volunteer Unit was found but it was not embodied until 1900. Later, this unit was absorbed by The Hastings and Prince



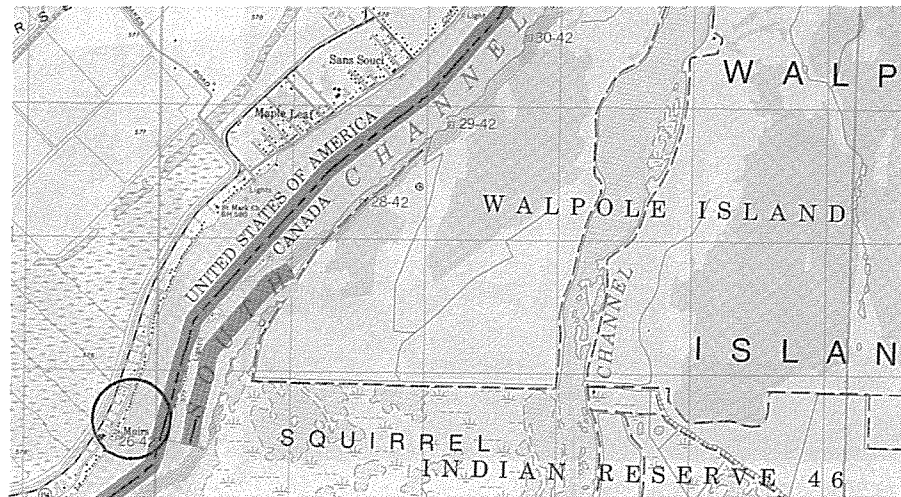
Edward Regiment, so no Canadian connection appears.

The American records were studied next. A 16th Regiment did exist but it had just released its Civil War servicemen and was recruiting for further campaigns against the Plains Indians. As a point of interest, the Fenian General Sweeney had commanded the 16th American Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. The Americans could now be ruled out.

There remained the British regiments

stationed in Canada in 1865. Here, as Charles wrote, we 'hit pay dirt'. The 16th Regiment of Food (Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire) was stationed in Toronto in 1865. The British Records kindly confirmed this. The letter also noticed that one Sgt. Molton (sic) was on strength of the 16th during that period and that he had been active in drilling volunteers. This ties up his connection with The Queen's Own.

During 1865 the Fenian army leaders



in the U.S.A. openly boasted that they intended to conquer Canada. These threats alarmed the Canadian Government. So, certain service and administrative units were authorized. All personnel were to be volunteers. One Q.O.R. service unit was to be based at Samia. Its task was to patrol the St. Clair River. Capt. Jarvis, No. 7 Coy, was in command. His two subalterns were Lt. Morison of No 2 Coy and Ensign Campbell of No 9 Coy. The other ranks were from each of the ten companies. On 20 November, 1865, this *ad hoc* unit arrived in Samia.

What circumstances led to the cup being taken to Samia? No officer from No. 5 Coy was in Samia but some of the men were from that company. One theory is that one of the No. 5 Coy men had purloined the trophy. Suddenly remembering that the punishment for theft was severe, the man decided to get rid of the evidence. Charles Stewart surmises that perhaps the C.O. of No. 5 Coy had given the custody of the cup to a man who, after too many loyal toasts, accidentally dropped his pack in the river.

One puzzle still remains. Today, a sergeant of one unit would hardly present a trophy to be competed for by another unit.

This view, however, may not have prevailed in 1865. Whatever the conjecture may be, on 18 June, 1983, Dennis Nagle, accompanied by Mrs. Nagle, presented the cup, which had suffered 115 years immersion, to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Museum. The regiment is most grateful to Dennis for his generosity and public spirit.

BILL (WT) BARNARD  
CURATOR

## OFFICERS' MESS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



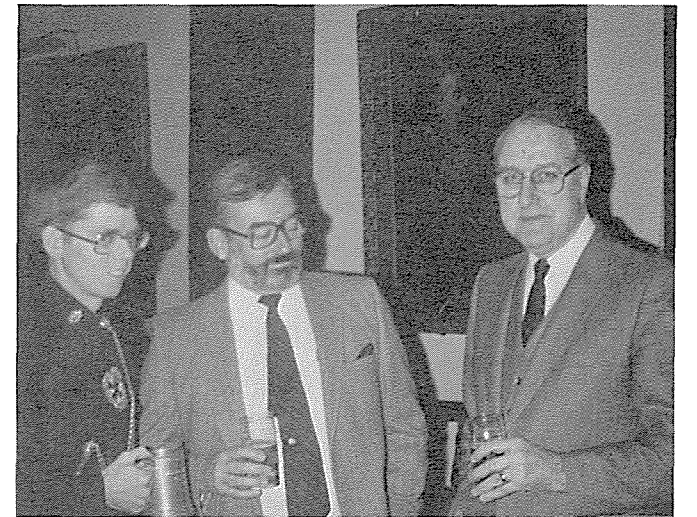
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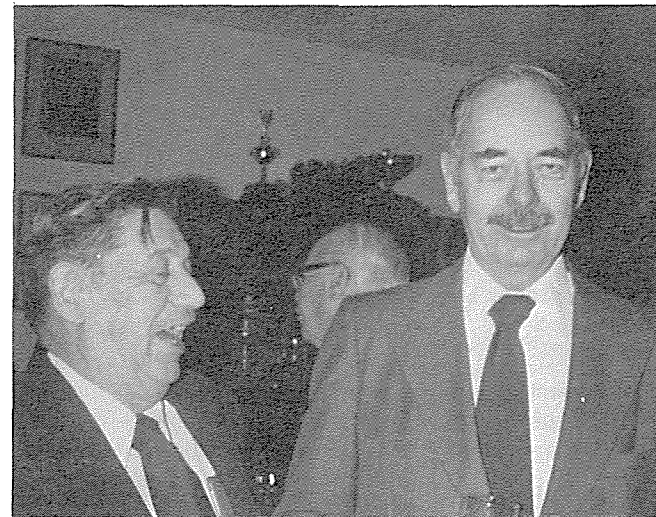
The Inseperables



Hampton and Bill



McEachern, Vine, Whyte



Saudino and Shuter



Dalton, C.O., Power, Sissons

## OFFICERS' MESS

Activities in your Officers' Mess are continuous and as such it would be difficult if it were not for the Terms of Reference of our Annual Journal to report on any specific period.

Your Mess had a particularly active period September 1982 through June, 1983, with many visitors from across Canada and abroad. There were, of course, the usual well attended functions which have become more or less fixtures on the calendar such as September Family Tea, Remembrance Day Church Parade Reception, your Annual Officers' Luncheon in December, Levee, of course, at the first of the year January, 1983, our Annual Gala Birthday Celebrations which were held 22 - 24 April, 1983, the Commanding Officer's Finale Training Mess Dinner in June, and the Annual Lobster Party which this year was held in July at the newly refurbished Branch 344 Queen's Own Rifles Legion on the Lakeshore. In addition, of course, there were many long and memorable evenings following Green's Parades, the usual Dining-in, games of chance and other activities.

The Mess has been pleased also to accommodate many private social functions in the Mess on evenings other than training evenings. Many past serving officers have taken advantage of their home away from home to entertain their family, friends or associates in grand style, ably hosted in every respect by our congenial, friendly and efficient Steward, Stan (RQ) Storms.

The Mess was delighted to see, over this period, many familiar faces from our Black Net Family from coast to coast such as Paul Hughes, Bill Mountain, John Power, John Strathy, Don Pyer, John Holford, Peter McKinnon, Sam Hughes, George McNeillie, Frank Heath, James Millet and Larry Jones recently returned after fifteen years in the United Kingdom, and many many more too numerous to list.

The Mess was particularly pleased to welcome Major G.C.J.L. Pearson of the 7th Brigade of Gurkhas who was attending on the Staff College here in Toronto, and Major Michael Burke of the Gurkha Welfare Appeal.

Major Pearson was pleased to present to the Mess a Brigade of Gurkha Coat of

Arms which is prominently displayed over our bar. Major Burke presented, on behalf of the Brigade of Gurkhas, a marvellous Kukri centre piece in honour of our affiliation with The Brigade of Gurkhas which was officially authorized early in 1983.

In addition the Mess was pleased to welcome and have a visit from time to time from Captain (now Major) Steven Kirkham, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (your PMC's in-law regiment). All were particularly pleased to have a 'family' Mess to associate with and to participate with during their altogether too brief visit to Canada. The Mess equally enjoyed their company on many occasions.

On the administrative net, a number of items were accomplished during this period in keeping with the Mess policy to continually attempt to upgrade, refurbish, repair and keep your family home away from home in tip top shape. The Subalterns table was completely refinished and repaired as were three or four other tables in the Mess. Two silver pieces were sent out for repair over the summer time for complete reburishment and now glisten in contrast. While the carpets were steamed cleaned early in 1982 along with the curtains, and your kitchen, 'the Beirut' activity on our parade square resulting in copious amounts of concrete dust has now necessitated claims against the Crown to accomplish this once again and as soon as possible. We are hopeful that the damage, as a result of this concrete dust, will be minimal.

Now I know that the Editor at this point will start chopping where possible as space in our journal this year is at a premium. Response, while somewhat slow, has been excellent, as I understand it, and now necessitates my closing off this annual report.

We look forward indeed to seeing all concerned at every opportunity and in particular the Mess expresses its deep appreciation to all those who have contributed so generously to our Mess coffers over the past season or period and indeed look forward to seeing all concerned once again at your Annual Officers' Luncheon this coming 10 December, 1983.

On behalf of your Mess Committee, thank you for the opportunity to participate and report and look forward to 1983/84 with enthusiasm.

CAPT. ADAM B.T. HERMANT  
PMC

### Letter from Lt. G.J. Burton 1st Bn., L.I. - Germany, to Capt. Adam Hermant 4 May, 1983.

Dear Adam,

I have been very busy since January training for the battalion's Northern Ireland tour. Sennelager in Germany saw the battalion for three weeks to complete a very vigorous session of training and riot control, terrorist recognition, urban contact and shooting practice, not to mention all the administrative jobs required on an operational tour.

Life in the war zone of West Belfast is busy with up to seven, two and a half hour patrols a day. The Royal Ulster Constabulary are slowly moving back into the controlling role with the Army providing assistance when necessary.

There is only a small amount of violence mainly caused by young kids who can't be bothered to find anything useful to do.

The men are really enjoying this tour because it gets them away from conventional tactics and equipment. I enjoy it because it gives me a chance to truly command my men. One's orders tend to be very slick and precise because lives are really at stake. They have to know what to do in any eventuality.

Well, stroll on September and the return to Germany. Chris, my wife, is well and working in Germany as a nurse.

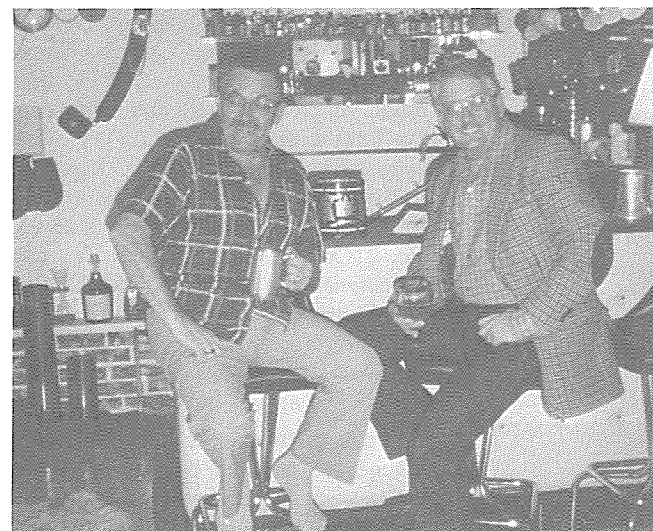
I hope you and Jill are O.K., your family too, of course. Bye for now."

GREG BURTON

## THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT

The Royal Canadian Regiment is the oldest Canadian regular services infantry regiment. It came into being one hundred years ago in 1883 and so in 1983 it celebrates one hundred years of service. The centenary was celebrated primarily at their Regimental Headquarters in London, Ontario on 1 July - Dominion Day.

Lt. Col. W.D. Otter, one time commanding officer of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was the first C.O. of The Royal Canadian Regiment. He commanded that regiment during the Boer War - The Royal Canadian Regiment. Bugler D.F. Williams, a Queen's Own Rifles volunteer sounded the charge of the regiment at Paardeburg, South Africa, 27 February, 1900.



Bill Mountain, Paul Hughes, Delta B.C.



Lt. David Wright, Rfm. Balbahadur Rai, Bill Mountain, Nikalen

Had a nice visit and it was good to see them and Graham again.

The Cornetts and the Mountains attended the PPCLI Trooping, which was done on grass during a constant drizzle. It is a credit to the troops on parade, that it was the best Trooping I have ever seen. Of course we must remember that the RSM is an old Skirmisher by the name of Sonny Grant. Need I say more?

A most welcome added attraction to the Trooping Ceremony was the attendance of the Band and Bugles of 3rd Battalion The Royal Green Jackets, who thrilled the crowd with their playing at traditional Rifle pace prior to the Trooping Ceremony. They also played with the

PPCLI Regimental Band during the ceremony.

One additional visitor to the Shrine this year was LCol. David Dunn, Durham Light Infantry, who was the PRO with 5 Brigade during the Falklands War. David has a classmate of Lloyd Cornett's at the US Army Command & Staff College at Fort Leavenworth in 1967. Small world!

The Mountain clan are all well. The most startling news is that Sandra, Brian and boys are presently enroute from Gagetown to Victoria; and we are expecting another grandchild courtesy of Chris and Terry (finally!). More details in our Christmas letter.

Congratulations again to the editorial staff for continued success in this publication. Keep up the good work!

The Birthday Bash at The Shrine next year will be held on Sat 28 April 84, and the BIG 125th will be on Sat 27 Apr 85, so mark your calendars now - we are expecting large turnouts (especially in 85!).

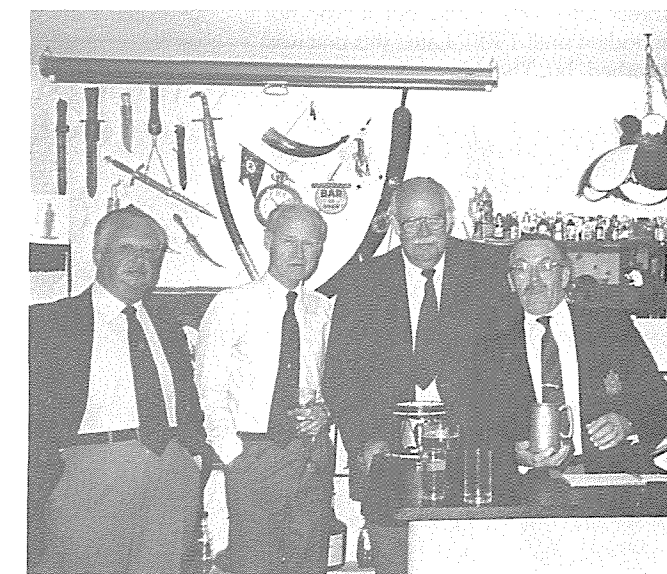
Ev joins me in sending best wishes to all Riflemen wherever you may be, and remember:-

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

MAJOR W. (BILL) MOUNTAIN



Garnett, Creighton, Tesla, Ratz, Belzile



Vanderford, Cornett, Collingwood, Mountain

## BILL MOUNTAIN'S "REGIMENTAL SHRINE"

Well, it appears that it is that time of year again; time to put pen to paper and recount the happenings of the West Coast Black Net.

Regimental Birthday Bashes were again successfully conducted in Chilliwack, Victoria, and here at The Shrine. Also got an invitation to one being held in Yellowknife, NWT. Had a call from Tom Eagle who was looking for a tape of QOR music for their party. I despatched one to him, courtesy of Art Vanderford (ex 1st Bn QM) who can produce a tape of any type of martial music from his vast record collection (Thanks Art).

The Shrine now boasts a sign at the front door, proclaiming this place as "The Shrine" (Birthday present from Ev). We have had numerous visitors this past year, including such notables as Graham Baskerville, Bev and Paul Hughes, Charlie Belzile (finally!), Al Collingwood, John and Joan Sharpe, Gladys and David Oldfield (ex 1st Bn MO) and of course many from the local area.

The news of our alliance with the Brigade of Gurkhas (July 1982) was certainly welcome news, and I wasted no time in communicating with Brigadier Pike, to whom I despatched a set of old "Powder Horns" and a copy of our Regimental History. I have been advised that these publications have been placed in the Brigade Depot Mess in Hong Kong for the perusal of all Gurkha Officers. I thought this would be a good way to give them some insight into the makeup of our Regiment.

You can imagine my delight when I was able to make physical contact with one of their battalions early this year! The 1st Battalion 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles arrived in Fort Lewis, Washington, from the Falklands, to engage in some training exercises with the Americans before returning to England. (The Bn has since moved to Hong Kong where they are now situated.)

The local Royal Canadian Legion arranged for the Bn Pipes and Drums to play three engagements at different Legion Halls in the greater Vancouver area in Early Feb 83. I attended two of these performances, which were excellent, and I was honoured to have the band conduct-



Major Bill Mountain shows Drum Major PAHALMAN LIMBU a regimental drum of Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

ing officer, Lt. David Wright, and two of the pipers out to The Shrine for lunch. The Coy comd, Maj. Patrick Davis, came up a couple of days later and was able to visit The Shrine for a couple of cool ones. Ev and I thoroughly enjoyed these visits, and we do hope that we may have the opportunity of meeting and entertaining more Gurkhas in the years to come.

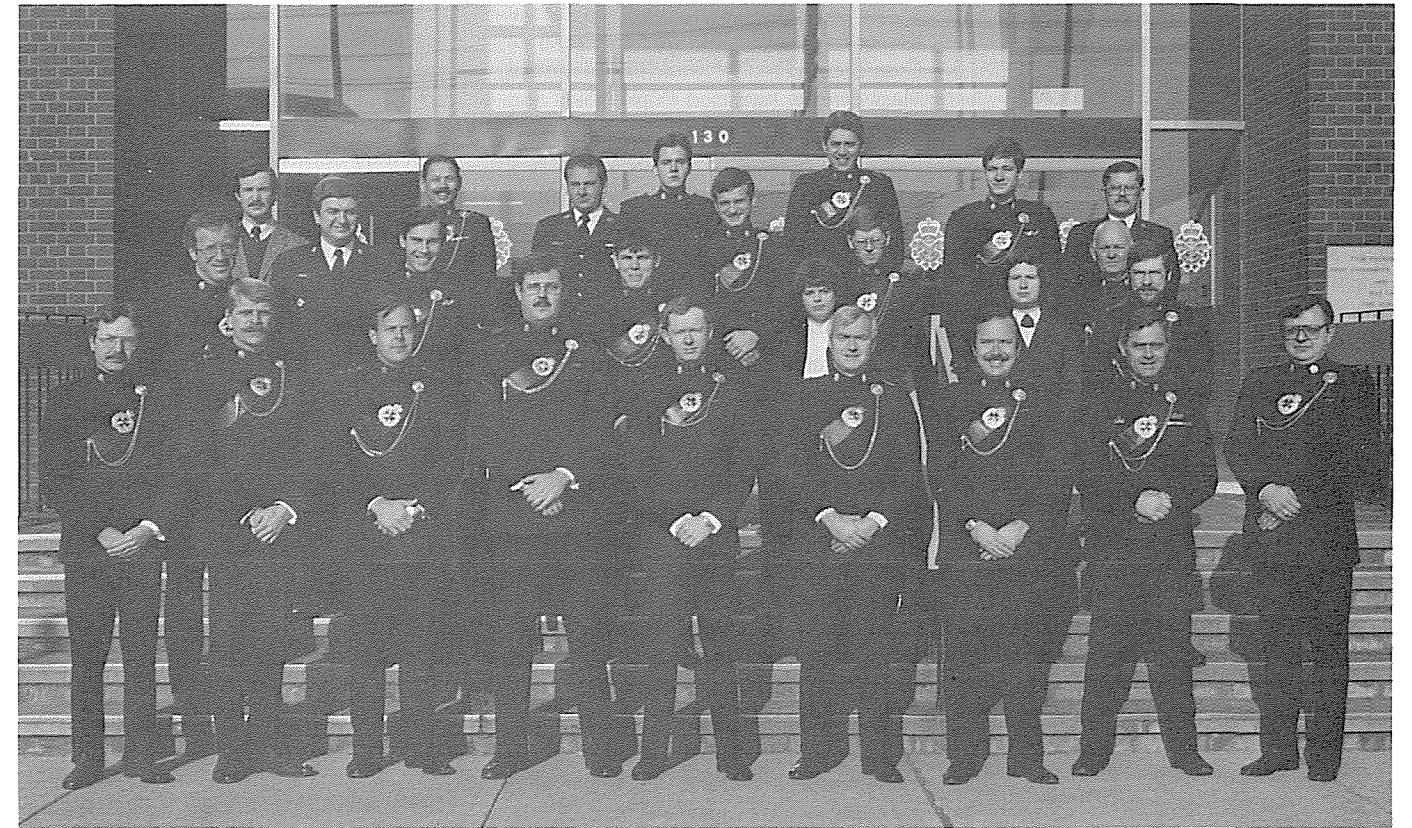
Prior to their return to UK, Pat Davis was kind enough to mail me one of the Bn Heraldic Shields which is prominently displayed with my other 14 plaques.

Charlie Belzile's visit from Montreal was in late Feb 83, and we had a gathering of the clan to greet him. Needless to say, the evening was enjoyed by all. Charlie

arrived for dinner at 1800 hrs and departed at 0300 hrs in spite of a full day's schedule of activities with local Militia the following day. No, he hasn't changed a bit!

Big Al Collingwood made his way out from Brandon, Man. to attend the Birthday Bash. As many of you are aware, Al has faithfully phoned The Shrine on this occasion each year, and has usually spoken to all present. Well Al, we missed your phone call this year; it was good to see you again! Don't wait so long for your next visit and bring Mary next time.

Joan and John Sharpe spent an evening with us on their way back to Calgary from 3 PPCLI Trooping in Victoria, just in time to attend 1 PPCLI Trooping in Calgary.



Officers, Dec., 1982

(rear) Lt. Gagnier, Capt. Wadsworth, Capt. Stasiewicz, 2/Lt. Gaynor, Lt. Hicks, 2/Lt. Kerr, Lt. Southam, Capt. (Cadet) Hayden; (center) Capt. Goutouski, Medical Offr. Strauss, Capt. Flood, Lt. Welsh, Lt. L.E. McEachern, Lt. B.G. McEachern, Lt. Straka, Capt. Gresham, Lt. Champion. (front) (Padre) Brown, Capt. Simundson, Capt. Hermant, Major Shultz, Lt-Col. W.J. Barnard, Lt. White, Capt. Rayment, Major Hasek, and Capt. Descotes.



Subalterns, Dec, 1982

(rear) Lt. Hicks, 2/Lt. Gaynor, 2/Lt. Kerr, (center) Lt. White, Lt. Southam, Lt. B.G. McEachern, Lt. Gagnier, (front) Lt. Welsh, Lt. L.E. McEachern, Lt. Straka, Lt. Champion.

## COMMENTS FROM THE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR

The past year has been fruitful and beneficial for both the Regiment and the Sergeants' Mess. We have been able to qualify many officers and OR's in rank and trade qualifications, and in typical Queen's Own tradition, many have either stood first or in the top five of their course.

As you know, we have been given a tasking of supplying an airborne platoon to the regular force. I am very pleased that a number of my Snr NCO's have been able to qualify for their wings and have completed the "Airborne Indoctrination Course". My congratulations are extended to WO Strath Crawford, Sgts. Bruce Bamlett, Dave Keenan, Scott Paterson and John Wilmott for completing these. In fact, Sgt. Wilmott stood first one of the airborne courses which comprised of both militia and regular force personnel. Also to be congratulated are MWO Robbie Chan and Sgt. Josh Figa for obtaining their wings.

As I mentioned in the last issue, 1983 was a big year for the Sergeants' Mess because we were celebrating our 100th Annual Dinner. (The Mess was actually formed in 1882 but we didn't hold our first Dinner until 1883.)

## REPORT FROM THE SERGEANTS' MESS IN THE YEAR '83 - 123 YEARS OF SERVICE

The year started with, of course, our New Year's Day Levee. What a "bang-up" time was had by all in attendance! It is surely heartening to see all our members together, especially the senior gentlemen of previous service with our regiment. It certainly gladdens the heart at the fellowship shown at our 0700 hrs. breakfast.

'Big' Jim LeSage and Associates certainly kept the bacon and eggs (not to mention the morning eye-openers) coming to feed our hungry troops.

Our magnificent improvised Bugle Band provided rousing calls and music on our visits to the various Unit Messes, telling one and all that The Queen's Own was 'The Regiment' of note.

As is customary, February ushered in

Due to the significance of this event, we decided to hold two functions, both at Casa Loma. The first would be the normal Mess Dinner, restricted to members and guests from other units and special guests from the Province and the City of Metro Toronto. We were indeed fortunate to have MGen C. Voakes as our guest speaker for this first function. He was a great admirer of The QOR and said so in his address. It was brought to our attention that the General regretted never having been a Sergeant. This was rectified by his being made an Honorary Member of the QOR Sergeants' Mess. We were also very fortunate to receive presentations from The QOR of C Branch 344 of the Royal Canadian Legion as well as from both the Province of Ontario and from the Metro Chairman, Paul Godfrey. Everyone who attended this night was presented with a special crystal beer mug that was suitably engraved. (Only 250 of these special mugs were made.)

The second function, held on the evening of March 26, 1983, was a traditional Regimental Dinner and Ball. Once again we were graced with an excellent guest speaker. This time in the person of Colonel "Hank" Elliot. Colonel Elliot was made RFN of the Year at this dinner and was presented with four of the Sergeants' Mess Centennial mugs by the Regimental Association.

our Sergeant Aubrey Cosens. V.C. Dinner in commemoration of this great Rifleman's heroic feat of arms in the Second World War. Attendance, as usual, was excellent as befits such an occasion of honour. Major Ben Dunkelmann DSO, Cosens' Company Commander, was the speaker.

The Sergeants' Mess of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada was in the final stages of preparing to celebrate its One Hundredth Sergeants' Mess Dinner at Casa Loma, the Regimental Castle. You can imagine the logistics involved in planning and actioning an event of this magnitude.

Those who attended both functions on the weekend of March 25 and 26th can surely attest to the grandness of the 'once in a lifetime' event.

First, a Mess Dinner on the Friday night (Major General Sir Henry Pellatt would have been proud and honoured). On the Saturday night, a Buffet/Ball for all members and their ladies - a sparkling and

Both of these events were heavily attended by both regimental personnel and guests from other regiments. Everyone who attended can attest to a weekend that will be long remembered and probably can only be matched by the Regimental 100th Birthday celebrations in 1960.

Many people worked long and hard to make this weekend the success that it was. I can't recognize all of them; however, I would be remiss if I didn't give special thanks to the following Committee of the 100th Dinner/Ball:

WO1 Jim Lesage - Chairman Dinner/Ball  
WO Bob Dunk - Chairman Dinner  
Laura Goutouski - Publicity Chairman  
WO11 Bill Ives - Committee Member  
WO Geny Senetchko - Mess President

To all of you who did give of your time and are not mentioned by name, please accept the deep gratitude of the Sergeants' Mess.

As I said at the beginning, we have had a great deal of success over the the past twelve months. We are looking forward to continuing in this vein in the coming year.

CWO H. McCABE, MMM  
REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR

memorable evening! Some of the souvenirs commemorating the occasion - crystal engraved beer mugs with the Regimental Crest and members name, Dinner menus, and a draw for a useful commodity, needed by all in this economic time.

Those of you who could not attend have my heartfelt sympathy. Attendance on the Friday night was in the region of one hundred and fifty, with representatives from the Ontario Government, Metro Toronto Executives and Major General C. Vokes as our guest speaker. On the Saturday night, approximately four hundred attended, again with representatives and our guest speaker Colonel H.C.F. Elliot. Truly a colourful and magnificent part of our regiment's history.

To return to the mundane, training of our regiment continues apace, with your secretary active in his military role, in charge of recruiting for the Unit.

The training continues in all facets of

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

Our annual meeting was held in September, 1982 with the elections of the Executive Committee for the following year:

President - Gord Hryhoryshen  
1st Vice Pres. - R.L. Clark  
2nd Vice Pres. - Bill Elliot  
Treasurer - Bert Graham  
Secretary - Roy Waterfield  
Entertainment - Peter Kolbe

Our annual Christmas Bingo was held at the 3 PPCLI Sergeants' Mess, combined with the PPCLI Association. The bingo was well attended and growing in size each year.

Our annual birthday celebration was held at the Sergeants' Mess on 23 April. The attendance was the best we have had to date but there is still room for more. Once again, music for the dancing was supplied by Gabby Bruner.

The highlight of the evening was the presentations to Bert Graham (Treasurer) on his 50 years association with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

R.L. Clark (1st Vice Pres) presented Bert with an engraved pipe lighter on

behalf of the Victoria Branch and I, on behalf of the Regiment, presented him with a Regimental Heraldic Plaque and read the accompanying telegram:

Bert Graham

I join with all ranks of the Regiment in extending congratulations on this anniversary of your fiftieth year with the Regiment. Long service is a hallmark in the Regiment, but then so is the belief "Once in The Queen's Own, Always in The Queen's Own".

Good Luck and Good Health in the future.

Signed: Honorary Colonel and All Ranks, Q.O.R. of C.

There is more on Bert's history with the Regiment in this journal.

Some of the guests who came a long way to attend the dance were Fred (Pop) and Betty Purchase from Port Hardy and Andy and Betty Aak from Blind Bay, British Columbia.

I again attended the Nanaimo and Central Island Dinner on 16 April with Bert Graham.

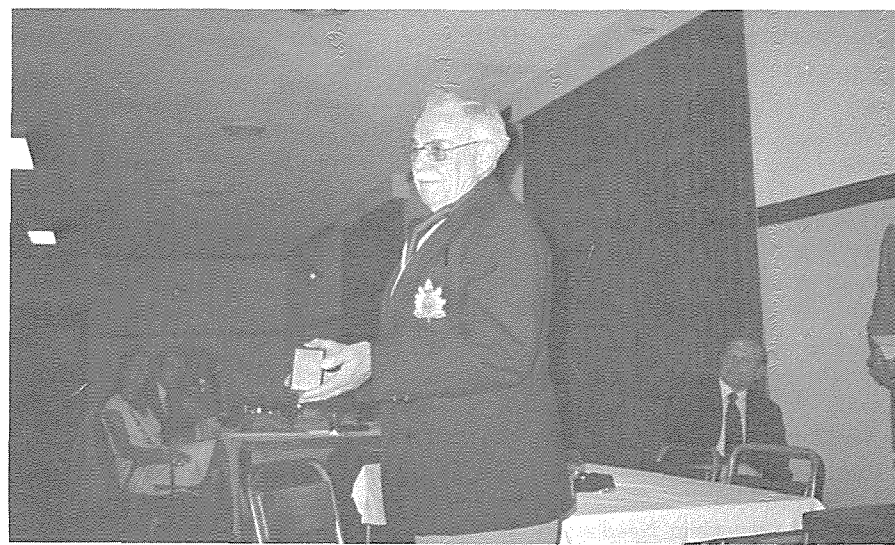
The dinner was organized by Bob Ducharme. Col. Bill Mathews (R'td) was

Bert Graham joined The Queen's Own in April, 1933, after serving for two years with a Cavalry Regiment, The Missis-sauga Horse. Bert claims the reason he joined The Queen's Own was because they placed the emphasis on shooting

which he enjoyed very much.

The regiment at that time paraded two battalions, nearly a thousand strong. He was posted to C Coy 1st Bn (Lt. Col. W.T. Barnard was Coy 21C).

Bert was promoted to Cpl in 1934 and



Bert C. Graham: April 1933 - April 1983

unable to attend the dinner but Major Len Cross (R'td) and Mrs. Cross were in attendance.

The 3rd Bn PPCLI held a Trooping of the Colour on the 1st of July, which drew many ex-Queen's Own as spectators to the excellent parade.

Some of those seen in passing were D.R. MacDonald, Cy Arkinstall, Bill Carlton, Tom Kovacs, Gord Granger, Ron Caplan, R.L. Clark, Jim Carrol, Pablo (Zmean) McCabe, Harry Miller, Jim Hickey, Bill Mountain, Roy Alyesworth, Scotty Boyd, Ed Titus, Bert Graham, Bob Bluett, Bob Whelan, Ernie Grant, John Carson, Frank Chevier, Bob Timms, Harry Lloy, Bill Elliott, Stan Chernich, Bill Westfall, Gord Kitsch, Les Richardson, Fred Mercier, Gerry Venn, Mark Gagnon, Brig. Gen. Sharpe, CWO Gerry Smith, CWO Sam Simpson and many ex-Q.O.R.'s who are still serving with the 3rd Bn. Many names probably were missed by me due to the lack of a pen.

Our annual meeting will be held the last Sunday in September at the Sergeants' Mess, so here's hoping for a large turn out.

GORD HRYHORyshEN  
PRESIDENT

to Sgt. in 1935. During his Militia service he did a lot of instructing in drill, small arms and map reading in Jnr. NCO's.

Bert was with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada on the 5 June, 1940 when they mobilized and was given a first day number. He was the 38th man taken on strength as a Rfn and promoted to sergeant the same day.

He did his training at Camp Borden and went to Newfoundland as a CQMS in 1940. Bert sailed for the United Kingdom in 1941 with the Battalion for more training, staying on in the U.K. as an instructor until the end of the war.

After the war he became affiliated with the Militia Battalion, serving as an instructor for the Jnr NCO's and the U.C.C. Cadet Corps till he left in 1953.

While in Victoria, Bert became our one and only Treasurer for the Victoria Branch, a job he does with a great deal of skill.

GORD HRYHORyshEN  
PRESIDENT

## Q.O.R. OF C CALGARY ASSOCIATION

Well, folks, we have had quite a year. The first thing I will touch on was our annual barbecue that we had at the Officers' old mess in Camp Sarcee.

It was a roaring success with people like Jon Pellow and Ralph Ridley cutting up a storm on the floor. We had approximately one hundred out and there sure wasn't a shortage of food or liquid. We had a good DJ and he kept the people on the floor all night. I think it was close to 0130 hours on the Sunday morning when we finally got everyone headed home. A word of thanks at this time for our treasurer Ken Barrett who looked after the financial end of things. Well done Ken!

Then we took a rest and put our heads together and started working on our Regimental Birthday bash.

First we made arrangements to hold it in the Sergeants' Mess Currie Barracks, our hold home. Everything went well until they told us the Mess would be closed for six weeks or so, as the troops had some training to do in Wainwright. Well we did some more talking and they let us in. Then things started in earnest. To make a long story short, we ended up with approximately 147 people. The food was absolutely fabulous, and the same for the DJ. We had people from Banff and Red Deer attend and anyone who did not enjoy himself will have to come again. We even had a member of the Green Jackets from England with us. He said he had a smashing time.

We had a brief meeting before festivities started and we ended up with the same people on the committees except for our treasurer, Ken Barrett, who decided that two years was enough. We recruited Jim Stoley to take over as treasurer for the following year. As we sit now, I am still president, Paul Hughes as secretary, Jim Stoley as Treasurer, Gilles Chenier as vice-president and Ken Moynahan as public relations officer.

We have around \$300 worth of kit shop items that we get rid of partially each function we have.

Our next endeavour will be our annual barbecue in September.

J.H. HEARN  
PRESIDENT



## Q.O.R. OF C RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Range activity is now, in large measure, a thing of the past. One reason is the change in the type of rifle shooting. The mighty men of old – McLeod, Stock, Harrison, Lucas, Storrar – apart from Williams and Senetchko have no successors. This is the first year that a rifleman has not competed in the D.C.R.A.; only two members will take part in the O.R.A. matches.

Les Smith and Wilf Durance were elected to be Life Governors of the O.R.A. A drive for new members will begin in the fall. The annual dues are six dollars. Two indoor matches and a social evening are planned. Get in touch with Jim LeSage or Les Smith – president, for more information.

### Challenge Shoot

The 103rd Anniversary of the founding of The Royal Canadian Army Cadets (28 Nov 1879), a salute to the QOR of C 1860 Cadets, was observed on Wednesday night, 24 November, 1982 at the Moss Park Armoury ranges by inter QOR of C Rifle Teams:

The groups' teams and their scores were as follows:

Legion Br. 344	Rifles Assocn
LeSage J. 89	Gregory K 97
Richardson A. 87	Durance W 90
Christie N. 69	Smith L 92
White B. 87	
White R. 77	
<u>409</u>	<u>279</u>

WOs Sgts	QOR Assocn
WO Senetchko 96	Arsenault N 89
Sgt Dunk 90	Ayton, D 64
Sgt Sarossy 94	Ives, W 74
RSM McCabe 92	
Sgt Wilmot 94	
<u>466</u>	<u>227</u>

QOR Officers	Riflemen
Capt. Flood 94	Brunato R 75
Lt. Hayden 77	Butt D. 78
Lt. Rolczewski 87	Bailey J 79
Lt. Southam 87	Jaffri G 87
Capt. Stasiewicz 84	Nelligan T 72
<u>429</u>	<u>391</u>

Cadets
Kerr, J 72
Bedford G 48
Custodio G 70
Leitis I 52
Rodriguez R 36
<u>278</u>

CARL M. LEWIS  
CHAIRMAN – RIFLE COMMITTEE

## CHILLIWACK BRANCH

The branch celebrated the one hundred and twenty third birthday of the Regiment by a small party held at Legion Branch No. 4. Among those present were Bogan, Reed, MacPherson, McGraw, LeCrois and Foster. Old stories were rehashed with nothing lost in the telling. We hope to have a special "do" for the 125th birthday.

BOB FOSTER

our infantry role with special emphasis this year on airborne capability. For those of you who were not aware, the regiment has been chosen from all Reserve Units in Canada to be the first unit of the Reserve Forces to have the opportunity to become a regiment of service with an airborne component contained within it, with qualified airborne trained riflemen – what an honour! I am sure we will rise to the occasion as riflemen usually do.

During the past few months, a number of new sergeants were promoted to the unit and Mess:

Sergeant Scott Patterson  
Sergeant Fred Martin  
Sergeant John Wilmot  
Sergeant Dave Keenan

At the same time we also had a new Regular Support Staff Warrant Officer posted to the Unit – WO Gord Jackson, CD. We wish all of them a hearty welcome, long and distinguished careers.

A further note of interest to a great many is the recent presentation to MWO 'Robbie' Chan, of his Canadian Forces Decoration along with his Airborne Wings.

He is the oldest member of the Mess to receive his Jump Qualification – congratulations, Robbie.

As summer 'Stand down' is now in force, there is not a great deal to report other than that summer recruit training continues with summer camp in the offing.

Some Mess Events you will probably have attended and look back on with pleasure by the time you read this issue of our Regimental Journal; for instance, the 'Italian Night' function and our 'Ladies Night Appreciation Dinner', to name two. Remember, we are most sincerely interested in each one of our Associate and Active Members, and desire any and all input from each one of you.

Incidentally, best wishes to associate members WOII A.P. McCarthy, CD and John Lindsay on their recent moves up to the 'Great White North' of Ontario.

I will now conclude this Chronicle of our activities and on behalf of the Regimental Sergeant Major, CWO H. McCabe, MMM, CD and the President of the Mess Committee, WO G.N. Senetchko, wish the

very best of health and happiness to all our members.

Do come and pay your Mess a visit – it's yours to enjoy.

W.O. JOHN BENNETT  
SECRETARY



1963

3rd BATTALION WARRANT OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS

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(back row, left to right) Sgt M Dorian; CQMS S Morris; Sgt F Heath; Sgt G Browning; Sgt M Holland; CQMS J Brown; Sgt I Hill. (second row, left to right) L Sgt D Hayden; Sgt D Peers; Sgt P Simundson; Sgt A Pedwell; Sgt A Greir; Sgt G Taylor; Sgt T MacAdam; Sgt I Muir; Sgt F Abblett; Sgt J Bennett – your secretary then!. (front row, left to right) CSM R Dory; RQMS J Greene; DSM S Byatt; RSM F Burroughs; Bugle Maj R Price; CSM R Telford; CSM L Harrison.



## THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (BR. 344)

We who have been directly involved in the acquisition and renovation of our new facilities at 1395 Lakeshore Blvd., Toronto, are extremely pleased and gratified by the enthusiasm and appreciation of our members and friends who have had an opportunity to visit the premises. It makes the endless meetings, consultations and negotiations all worthwhile to receive the unanimous approval of these people who mean so much to us. The co-operation in the form of active assistance, moral, physical and financial coming from so many quarters that wish to participate in the development of a true 'home' for the family is most gratifying. As an example, twelve members of the regiment spent a Saturday preparing the ground and laying a large patio adjacent to our auditorium and at the rear of the building, with equipment and materials contributed by friends who are obviously enthusiastic supporters of our endeavour. The centre of the patio will proudly feature 'Q.O.R.'

Everyone is welcome at these facilities and we encourage those who do not reside in the Toronto area to make the effort to visit at the earliest possible time. A gala opening is scheduled for early September 1983, probably on a parade night as the Regiment wishes to participate with their bands, and carrying over to the following Saturday for those who could not participate during the week.

Our Annual 'D' Day Parade for '83 was another success where we were honoured with the presence of the much decorated Henri Lespes, President of the French War Veterans, who served with both the Frency Army and the Underground. After the parade and some socializing at our new quarters, we were able to present our guest to the Chairman of Metropolitan Toronto, Mr. Paul Godfrey, where he was received with a degree of awe, signed the Guest Registry and received a pewter remembrance of his visit from the Chairman. After lunch he was presented to Premier William Davis at Queen's Park where the repartee was nothing short of hilarious. The Premier presented our guest with a copy of the original 'In Flanders Fields' who was truly and vividly moved to such an extent that tears came to his eyes. In his words, he has a "truly treasured possession". In the evening we held our Annual 'D' Day Dinner, the very first function in our new premises with Henri Lespes as our Guest Speaker. In spite of the language handicap, we received an eloquent dissertation on the unique relationship between our two countries which was specially heart warming when you considered the audience and the origins of the speaker. He is not a frequent visitor to our shores but he certainly conveyed that there is a special place in the hearts of his countrymen for this nation of ours.

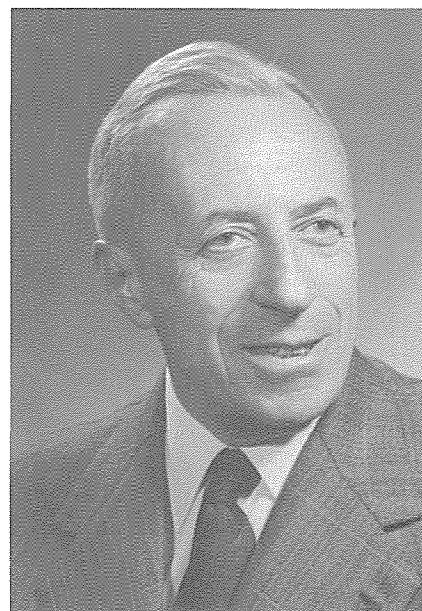
Another highlight of this past year was the receipt of the Baron Byng Trophy for the 'Best Platoon' in the '82 Warrior's Day Parade made up, of course, with members

of this Branch and ably led by the phenomenal Sgt. Maj. Syd Byatt and his Bugle Band. While we doubt that we can make it two in a row, we will certainly be trying, since this year we have been selected to lead the parade. This promises to be the shortest parade in history for us as Syd will be able to stretch out at his one hundred and forty to the minute unrestricted by his normally slow marching comrades in front. It will be interesting to see what kind of space develops between us and those in the rear!

Elsewhere in this issue is a report on our proposed visit to Normandy in June '84 to commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of June 6, 1944. We are gratified with the response we have received from coast to coast from those who are interested in participating and it promises to be a trip to be remembered. We encourage you to get your name on the list if you have not already done so.

Finally, but certainly not lastly, we encourage all to become members of this Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. This is the only way that we can keep you informed through our monthly bulletin, of the many and various activities which will be conducted in these new premises of which we are so proud. Come and be part of it; you would be surprised at just how many times old buddies meet.

GUS GOUTOUSKI  
PRESIDENT



Henri Lespes, President, French War Veterans.

## REPORT FROM THE QOR TORONTO ASSOCIATION

Your association has enjoyed a particularly fine year since we last communicated through this our Journal 'The Rifleman' and it has been particularly great fun for me as I have enjoyed thoroughly my tour as your President.

We had many highlights, particularly our trip to Ottawa to visit with the Ottawa Branch of our association. An excellent time was had by all, and many old friends and Regimental Family members were present. Our sincerest congratulations for an excellent function to all those from our Ottawa Chapter.

Your executive committee, while being particularly busy has also acknowledged serious concerns relative to membership in your association. As you can appreciate, our numbers have dwindled over the years and now your executive recognizes the need to have a push on membership with a viable recruiting drive.

At your last annual meeting, membership agreed by a majority vote, that \$5,000 be donated to The Queen's Own Branch 344 of our Legion for furnishings which can be considered 'a drop in the bucket', compared to the many thousands of dollars the Legion has spent to date on this very worthwhile and unique project. It also brings to mind, of course, the need for continued financial support of your association.

Getting back to the Branch 344 of our Legion on the Lakeshore, I must tell you that it is truly a magnificent building and all the renovations have been carefully thought out, planned and put into being very well indeed, and particularly through the great efforts of Gus Goutouski and his team. It certainly shows tremendous continuing co-operation between your association and the Legion; you are urged to be generous in your support.

'To build a great Regiment takes a lot of time, a lot of energy, and a great deal of money'; Winston Churchill said this many years ago and it is still true today, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada are living proof. Your association has many fine objectives and I feel certain they will come to fruition in time.

So if you are out there wondering what you might wish to do with some of your

spare time and have willing hands to help, the association will be more than delighted to find a 'nitch' for you to work in and help us meet our objectives and assist us thusly in maintaining our great regiment.

On 7 November, 1983, Bill Ives (past president) accompanied by J.P. Moore, and Jack Martin, visited the Alderville Indian Reserve, in Roseneath, Ontario, and presented to Glen Marsden, Chief of the Reserve, a special plaque in honour of Rfn. A. Beaver, No. 4 Pl. of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who was killed in action on 1 October, 1944.

A service was held in the Alderville Reserve Church, where the plaque will be placed, and representatives from the Belleville Legion and the Cobourg Legion also participated.

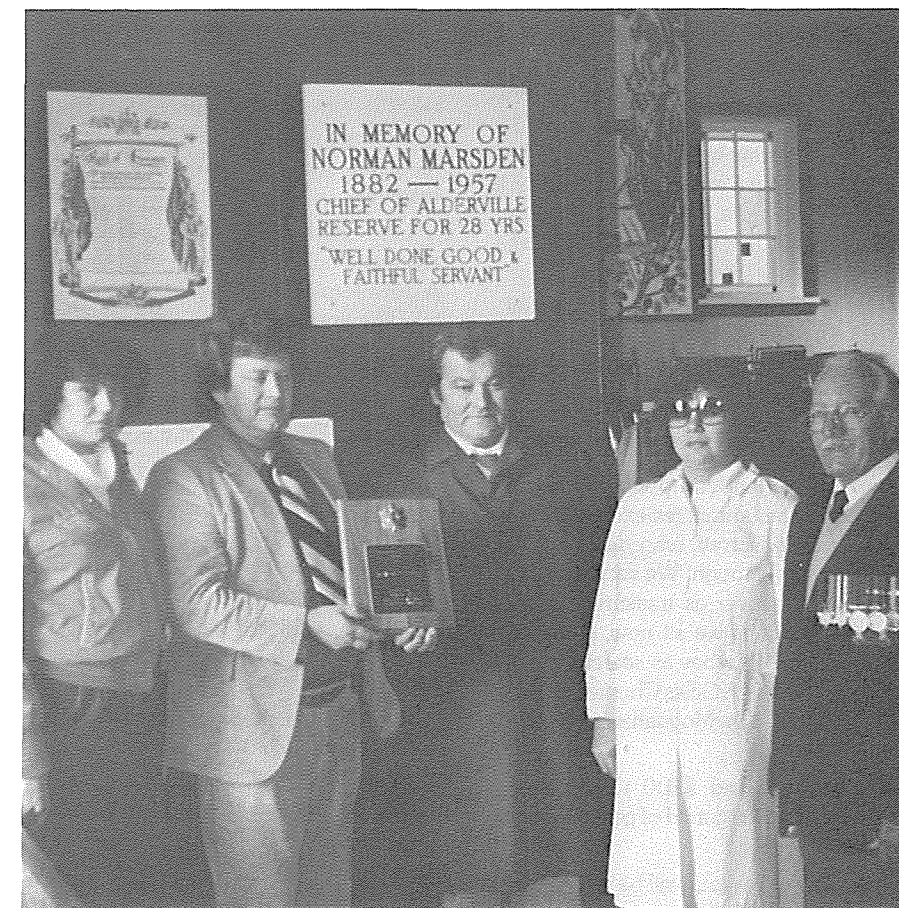
Following the church service and the presentation of the plaque, a small parade then made their way to the Cenotaph which stands nearby.

The day concluded with a pot-luck

supper held in the local community hall for all guests, their wives and the Alderville residents. As the menu included pheasant, "pot-luck" seems an understatement.

In closing I might say it has been my pleasure, once again, to have been of service to you, our membership, and, of course, to the Regiment and as well to experience the tremendous feeling, support and co-operation that exists between all branches of our Regimental Family Tree.

LT. COL. J.J.J. POWER  
PRESIDENT



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