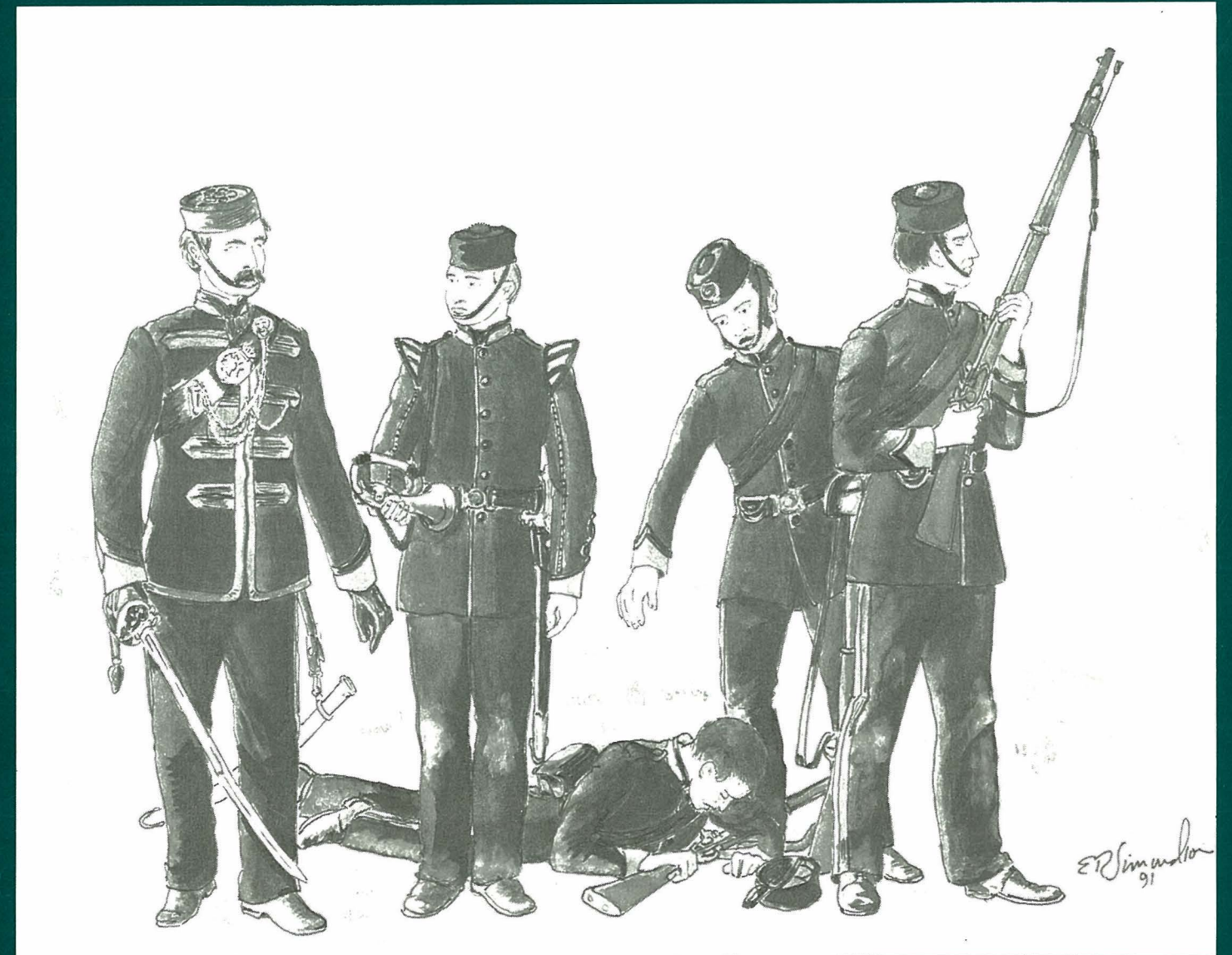




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To Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of
the Battle of Ridgeway 2nd June, 1866,

A Memorial Service
will be held at the Volunteers' Monument
Queen's Park Circle, Toronto
1 June, 1991.

and a
VOLUNTEER REVIEW

and
SHAM BATTLE

15 and 16 June, 1991
at Ridgeway, Ontario.

The Volunteers:

No. 4 Company The Queen's Own Rifles
12th York Battalion Volunteer Militia

The Fenians:

155th New York Volunteers

The events will include a period encampment, drills, music and musketry.



The Pioneers and Skirmishers of the Queen's Own Rifles have established themselves as a unit which is in high demand, not just for regimental, battalion or other military functions, but also to participate in non-military events.

Platoon as sentries outside the city's walls.)

The IRA attack in Gibraltar in 1988 dispelled the idea of living away from the terrorist threat. There is a regular requirement to mount security operations in support of the small local police force and we maintain a constant stand-by company. We work closely with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force and have become far more "purple" than this time last year.

The largest ceremonial event of the year was the Queen's Birthday Parade in June, where three guards, led by the Commanding Officer, had to go through the full spectrum of drill movements, including a double past. The spectators were kind in their praise, although after the amount of practice held they would hardly dare say anything else!

Among the most notable events outside our normal routine were two Peninsular War battlefield tours. After visiting the battlefield at Salamanca, which is still very well preserved, we retraced the steps of Sir John Moore's retreat to Corunna. This was followed by trips to the fortress towns of Badajoz and Ciudad Rodrigo as well as a number of Portugese battle sites, including Bussaco. These trips were fascinating and brought to life the traditions established by our forebears.

LCol Peter Brown has now handed over to LCol Jamie Balfour as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bn and has moved, with our best wishes, into civilian life.

4th and 5th VOLUNTEER BATTALIONS

Our volunteer battalions continue to thrive following successful annual camps, a shared skill-at-arms meeting and testing exercises. Recruiting figures are encouraging for both officers and riflemen (of both sexes) It can be said with confidence that the presence of the Regiment in the City of London and the counties of Oxfordshire and is well known and we would hope will continue to be felt.

1991 has now poked its head around the battlements and in the light of current affairs throughout the world, many developments are looming. We all face "Options for Change" and the immediate crisis in the Gulf with varying degrees of misgiving. Our one firm conviction, however, is that those Green Jackets, some 70 in number, who face the challenges and dangers of confrontation in the Middle East will acquit themselves as true Riflemen, just as they always have in the past.

Today, Thursday, 17 January, 1991, as this report is concluded, war has been declared in the Gulf. There is no doubt that, not just in terms of argument but also of human values, those who have come best out of the drama of the past few months have been those who have displayed calm resolution. And thank heavens there have been a great many of them -- from our leaders to those men and women in the front line -- who say "We don't want war but this is what we have trained to do and we must now get on with it."

The fact that so many people have been able to show this kind of quiet realism and a determination, whatever

horrors may be in store, to do what they see to be the right thing has been profoundly inspiring. And now, as the day of reckoning at last arrives, it is the recollection of that courageous dedication which we must bear in mind - whatever the outcome.

131 YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada will mark 131 years of loyal and continuous service on Saturday, 27 April, 1991.

In honour of this auspicious occasion a weekend celebration is planned in which every serving member of the Queen's Own will participate, along with a number of WWII veterans from the QOR Legion Branch. This event will be of great interest to all past members of the regiment, as well as their families, friends and the general public.

On 27 April, during the period from 1415 hrs to 1600hrs, a number of static displays, including infantry and mobile weapons, arctic survival devices and parachute equipment, will be set up for public inspection on the Moss Park Armoury parade square and various military skills, such as rappelling and unarmed combat, will be demonstrated.

The Pioneers and Skirmishers and the Regimental Band and Bugles will also be on parade.

A similar program is planned for the period 1900hrs to 2130hrs the same day, with the exception that it will include a ceremony marking the change of Honorary Colonel from Col J.F. (Jack) Lake, QC, CD to Col H.C.F (Hank) Elliott, CD.

On Sunday, 28 April, the official re-opening of the Queen's Own Rifles Museum will take place at 1000hrs at Casa Loma, with members of the Regiment and the Regimental Band and Bugles in attendance.



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Baptism of Blood at Ridgeway

(The Queen's Own Rifles will participate in a re-enactment of The Battle of Ridgeway in June, to mark the 125th anniversary of the regiment's "Baptism of Blood," as it was described in "The History of the Queen's Own Rifles", published in 1901. Of 480 members of the Regiment involved, seven were killed and 21 wounded. The following is excerpted from the history, written by Capt. Ernest J. Chambers.)

June 2nd, 1866, will always be a memorable day in the annals of the Queen's Own Rifles and of the Canadian militia. The action at Ridgeway was not, perhaps, a battle of the first class.....numbers were small.....the 'butcher's bill' light. But it was one of the most decisive battles ever fought on Canadian soil for the ultimate result was the speedy withdrawal of the invading army of Fenians from the soil of Canada.

History must certainly award a chaplet of honour to the men who, ill-equipped, hungry and weary from lack of sleep, were called upon to face an enemy of unknown strength, in whose ranks were experienced soldiers and desperate characters, and who, advancing to the attack without hesitation, successfully sustained the obstinate resistance of the enemy for two hours.

So many -- and so divergent -- accounts of the event of this day have been published that much misapprehension exists as to what actually happened. The (then) Adjutant William Otter, who was present from the firing of the first shot, reported that.....

"After our advance of half a mile, their (Fenians) main body, being well posted in a wood, opened fire, which was immediately returned by our men, who continued steadily advancing. At almost the first fire, Ensign McEachren was hit in the stomach and, taken to the rear, died in 20 minutes. We continued driving them for about an hour, when our skirmishers reported being out of ammunition.

"The cry of 'Cavalry' was raised.....the companies formed a square.....an order was given to 'Reform Column'.....then to 'Retire'. The fire of the now pursuing Fenians became hotter than ever and the volunteers being crowded up in a narrow road, presented a fine mark to their rifles, causing our poor fellows to fall on all sides."

"The officers endeavoured to rally the men. Several times squads, and even a company were collected, but never in sufficient force to check the pursuit, though a constant fire was kept up until the Fenians ceased following."

"General O'Neill, in command of the Fenians, told some of our men they captured that we 'behaved splendidly and were mistaken by them for regulars, owing to our steadiness, and that had we fought for five minutes longer they must have succumbed, as their men were fast becoming demoralized'."

(The arrival of reinforcements helped drive the Fenians back and the invading force was soon in full retreat across the Niagara River.

Five of the seven QOR men killed in action were buried in Toronto's St. James Cemetery, one in Woodstock and one in Drummondville. On 5 June, 1866, the entire city of Toronto went into mourning and a funeral procession of 100 carriages, stretching a half mile, wound its way to the cemetery where hundreds of members of the Queen's Own formed a huge square. Six volleys by Queen's Own riflemen ended the service.)

FRONT COVER: Illustration by Capt Erik Simundson, QOR of Canada, depicting members of the Regiment in action at the Battle of Ridgeway.

BACK COVER: Officers of the QOR of Canada pose for a Regimental portrait in front of the Memorial in Toronto erected to honour those who died at Ridgeway.



The Battalion on parade.



Gift from the RSM, Brian Budden, to LCol Flayment, on behalf of the Sergeants.



An excellent turnout of QOR veterans.



Gift from the officers — a Long Branch model of the .303 Lee Enfield rifle.



LCol R.A. Campbell, Commanding Officer

The Royal Green Jackets

Colonel-in-Chief
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Representative Colonel Commandant
LGen Sir David Ramsbotham KCB CBE

Happily, 1990 has been a busy and productive year for the Regiment, which includes our three regular and two territorial battalions. Our training depot at Winchester is, of course, shared with the Light Infantry with whom we form the Light Division. Training recruits is still the depot's main work with added problems of the vagaries of the 'New Management Strategy'. While it has drawbacks, this new system is a move toward greater financial efficiency and accountability and has focussed everyone's minds on the business aspects of soldiering. Also, a new system of monthly recruit intakes should result in a more regular draft of recruits to each battalion and we are confident that, over time and with hard work -- and a degree of Light Division 'cuffmanship' -- the results will be good.

FIRST BATTALION

The 1st Bn, still at Osnabruck, was heavily involved in early 1990 with Project Star, a BAOR reservist exercise which stretched manning and humour to the limits. February bought the annual Brigade and Divisional CPXs, which were more constrained than ever by increasingly restrictive environmental issues.

The all-arms Battle Group training progressed well at Soltau, following which the majority of the Battalion flew to Canada in July to start EXERCISE MEDICINE MAN 4 at Suffield. The exercise lasted about a fortnight and was accompanied throughout by first class weather. Towards the end the Battle Group undertook some fast-moving and demanding exercises, mechanical reliability permitting. We handed over all the vehicles to 4RTR BG with A Company and took about five days leave in Canada.

The Officers' Mess moved to Calgary and spend a very pleasant evening with 1 PPCLI.

Shortly after reassembling in Osnabruck, a flurry of signals heralded events which have affected the entire Battalion. A force of B Coy and Support Coy was warned off to deploy with the Queen's Dragoon Guards to Saudi Arabia with the Americans. As events unfolded 7 Armd Bde was sent and within hours 1 RGJ were asked for instructors, reinforcements and equipment to bring the brigade up to wartime establishment. The Battalion spent several weeks helping with refresher training on NBC, first aid, fitness and live firing, as well as helping paint many of the Brigade's 1,500 vehicles.

Current commitments include a reinforced company at Emden docks, guarding elements of 4 Armd Bde as its vehicles and supplies embark for the Gulf.

SECOND BATTALION

While the 2nd Bn has had another varied and challenging 12 months, the high point of the year was participation in EXERCISE POND JUMP WEST in Wainwright, Alberta in

July-August, 1990. in which the Battalion was reinforced by 76 Fd Bty RA and a composite troop from 53 Squadron RE, among others.

Each company completed a series of packages lasting from 5-7 days; section and platoon level dry and live-firing exercises; a Bn HQ organized dry and live-firing exercise which culminated in a deliberate company live-firing attack; adventure training in the Rocky Mountains and a brief period of leave in Edmonton. The culmination of the five weeks in Canada was a 72-hour Battalion exercise in which fieldcraft, battle procedure, navigation and watermanship skills were tested thoroughly. In all, expectations of the value of the exercise were met in full. Wainwright is an excellent training area, the Rockies are spectacular, the adventure training facilities first class -- and the citizens of Edmonton hospitable to a fault.

Other 2nd Bn activities included a 3-month series of internal cadres, including one for junior NCOs to build on skills learned on the Section Commanders' Battle Course as well as training to commemorate the 50th anniversary, on May 23, of the 1940 Defense of Calais by the King's Royal Rifle Corps, the Rifle Brigade and Queen's Victoria Rifles, former regiments of RGR. The most successful, and moving day, included a service and marchpast by veterans and representatives from all five battalions at the Green Jackets Memorial, a reception hosted by the Mayor of Calais, a band and bugles display and a reception on board the "Sir Belvedere."

In September, Col Anthony Palmer handed over Command to Col Nick Cottam. On Col Anthony's last full day as CO, a re-dedication service, at which Field Marshal Bramall took the salute, was held at the Memorial in Dover to the fallen of the 1/60 Rifles during the Indian Campaign of 1856-59. The service was followed by sounding of "Retreat", accompanied by a spectacular fireworks display on Dover seafront. The forging of our links with 2 GR during the campaign were very much in mind and it was a fitting way to mark

2 RGJ's departure from Dover early in the New Year.

At the time of writing the Battalion is fully engaged in training for Northern Ireland duty in 1991 and look forward to the tour in the province as just another challenge.

THIRD BATTALION

For the past year the 3rd Bn has continued its tour as the last Resident Battalion on Gibraltar. They have been kept surprisingly busy on what many believe to be a "sunshine posting." Training facilities on The Rock are limited, so the Rifle Companies and I Coy have taken part in two periods of overseas training during the year. During a month in England troops took mandatory tests and revived skills at platoon level and, in two weeks in Portugal we carried out advanced training in a counter-revolutionary setting in a remote training area. This was in complete contrast to Gibraltar, where our main duties are either security or ceremonial. (We provided the guard for the "Ceremony of the Keys", the traditional ritual of locking the Fortress at last light and posting an Outpost

Hong Kong border duties, participated in three overseas training exercises in New Zealand, Australia and Malaysia for B, C and D companies and a mortar concentration in New Zealand. Travelling outside the restricted training confines of Hong Kong provides a highlight for the companies and a chance to catch up on local culture, as well the opportunity to train with other Armies.

(At this writing, two of our officers are serving with the 14/20th Kings Hussars in Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf. We wish them well and a safe and victorious return.)

The main event in the Battalion in 1990 was the success in winning both the Regular Army Skill-at-Arms meeting at Bisley and the National Rifle Association meeting. Both these outstanding successes had preceded the Battalion's victory in the Hong Kong Skill-at-Arms meeting and selection of the Battalion Shooting Team to represent the British Army in the multinational competition in Australia.

Our main intake of recruits arrived in June and official acceptance into the Regiment was marked by a parade taken by the Colonel. It marked a milestone for the Battalion as the "new drill", based on Light Infantry drill, was used for the first time.

We were pleased to host a visit by B Coy, 2/1 Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment and B Coy, 3 Royal Australian Regiment during November/December. The visit provided a unique opportunity for the Battalion



Members of a 6/GR mortar platoon on exercises in New Zealand.

to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Gallipoli Campaign.

A presentation was given by an ex-serving officer who has written a book about his uncle -- Allanson of the Sixth -- and the exploits at Gallipoli. This was followed by a morning parade, reviewed by CBF Hong Kong, which include both 2/1 NZ Inf. Regt. and 3 Ryl Aus Regt companies, and a sports afternoon. The Adjutant and the RSM went through withdrawal pains as they agonized over compromise for speeds of marching, arms drill and words of command.

Both the Australians and the New Zealanders appreciated the opportunity to march at 120 paces a minute instead of their normal 100. It was felt the Gurkha pace of 140 a minute might have dam-

aged Commonwealth relations!

The Pipes and Drums were invited to take part in the Singaporean Independence Anniversary celebrations in July. This provided the opportunity to visit old camps and other locations that the Brigade of Gurkhas had formerly used and for our soldiers to meet their fellow-countrymen in the Gurkha contingent of the Singapore Police.

Within the role of our Garrison duties, the Border commitment is a major aspect of our life. The apprehension of illegal immigrants and the support of the Royal Hong Kong Police in anti-smuggling activities provide a focus for our Border training. The army has been deployed on the Hong Kong Border for the past 23 years, however, with 1997

fast approaching, this role is now being handed over to the RHK Police, who will assume full responsibility in 1992.

During the past year the Battalion has concentrated on Limited War training with a series of exercises and tests. In December we ran the annual inter-platoon competition exercise which tested all the Rifle Company platoons on a strenuous and demanding 30-hour circuit. The trophy was won by 2 Platoon, A Coy and awarded by the originator of the competition, former CO Brigadier Christopher Bullock. Interspersed with the Limited War training we have had time to ensure our standards of internal security training are maintained, with a series of short, sharp exercises and tests.

On the sporting field the Battalion has achieved some notable results in winning the British Forces Hong Kong Cross Country Championships, the Swimming Championships, the Tae-Kwon-Do and Basketball Championships and we also won the British Forces Tickle Fitness Competition, which tests overall unit fitness.

We look forward to the challenges of 1991 and the future decision on the size and shape of the British Army, which will be announced later this year and will inevitably have an effect on the structure of the Brigade of Gurkhas. We remain confident and wish all our members in Canada best wishes for 1991.

*Maj. G.L. Davies, 2IC,
6th Queen Elizabeth's Own
Gurkha Rifles,
Cassino Lines, Hong Kong.*

Report from the Commanding Officer

At the outset I must say how pleased I was with the success of the Change of Command Ceremonies held in April, 1990. It served as a fine compliment to the members of the unit and the outgoing Commanding Officer, LCol E. Rayment.

Needless to say, the hectic schedule of training and other activities continued through the spring and summer months. The Honoraries accompanied me on visits to the live fire exercises and recruit training held in Meaford in May and June. This training was well done and served as an excellent lead-in to Exercise On Guard 90 in July at Petawawa, which was supported substantially by the Regular Force. Our own Tony Welsh, who commands 60th Coy, was appointed to command the combined light infantry company and it was appropriate to see him receive, in the field, his promotion to the rank of Major. The Honoraries were on hand again and I cannot thank Hon Col Jack Lake and Hon LCol Hank Elliott enough for their keen interest and support.

There were major organizational changes at Area HQ in the fall, and emphasis on unit training changed to Defence of Canada Operations. Major Paul Taillon, attached from the Cameron Highlanders in Ottawa, has been a great help in preparation for this training. He has also taken on the Op-tasked role and the airborne training. Twenty more members of the unit attended the airborne courses during the summer and both Sgt C. R. Thomson and MCpl O'Halloran were successful in qualifying as Jump Masters.

Recruiting has gone very well and the transition to a unified recruiting system with the Regular Force Recruiting Centre has helped. The key to our success, however, has been the good work of Sgt. Shaun Kelly, the leader of our recruiting call.

Recruiting them is one thing, but training them is another and, thanks

to the excellent training our new riflemen receive in Normandy Company under the guidance of Capt Erik Simundson and Sergeant Major Josh Figa I am proud to say that we have a strong base for the future.

A great effort was made to strengthen our support organization this year and, under the direction of the DCO, Maj Steve Brand and the Vics Coy organization, commanded by Capt Peter Lomasney, we have made significant progress. The Battalion HQ group has worked well together and my thanks to Maj Brand, Maj Taillon, the Adjutant, Capt Bruce McEachern, Training Officer Capt Randy Reid, WO J.N. O'Connor and the Regimental Sergeant Major, CWO Brian Budden for their fine efforts in helping the unit achieve an above-average rating on our annual inspections.

Report from the Regimental Sergeant Major

Having completed a busy, interesting and challenging year in the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada in 1990, I'd like to provide some of the highlights for readers of the Rifleman.

The year got off to a traditional start with the annual New Year's Levee in the messes and the visitation to the Lieutenant Governor's Levee at Queen's Park, at which all ranks were represented.

January saw the issue of new 5.56mm C-7 rifles, 5.56mm C-9 light machine guns and 7.62mm C-6 machine guns as SARP (Small Arms Replacement Project) got underway. The unit conducted SARP training on the C-7 and C-9 in February and March and there was a live-fire shoot (progressive volley) at CFB Kingston on 16-18 March.

The following is a representative selection of activities and training exercises undertaken by the QOR in 1990:

March - First Aid Competition; Exercise Firebase III;

It should also be noted that this unit is blessed with a very strong Regular support staff and the relationship between the Regular and Reserve staff has never been better.

Finally, Regimental HQ, under the direction of the Regimental Executive, has been restructured and the newly appointed Regimental Secretary, BGen Steve Andrunyk, has begun to implement several projects which will greatly assist the unit and the Regiment as a whole.

I look forward with pride to another successful year with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

*LCol R.A. Campbell, CD,
Commanding Officer
Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.*

April - Comd TMD Inspection; FMC Swim Test; Change of Command Parade; Regimental 130th Birthday Celebrations;

May - Springfire I (Live Fire Section Level) CFTA Meaford;

June - Springfire II (Live Fire Exercise) CFTA Meaford

June/July - "On Guard 90" at CFB Petawawa and CFTA Meaford;

August - Lead unit, Warriors' Day Parade, Toronto (75-man guard/40 piece Regimental Band)

September - QOR of C Association Shoot, Niagara-on-the-Lake; LFCA Infantry Competition, Connaught Ranges, Ottawa;

October - Exercise Silent Knife (Patrolling FTX) - CFTA Meaford

November - Exercise Maroon Beret III; Remembrance Day Parade; TMD Comd visit;

December - Progressive Volley, CFB Borden; Annual Men's Christmas Dinner.

Also included in the training plan was General Military Training (Recruit/Basic); Basic Trade Training

and Special Trade Training for the troops. Training and courses continued throughout the year and one of my responsibilities is to monitor the training progressions of all junior and senior NCOs who went on qualifying courses. Compliments on their performances to the following who attended these courses:

Infantry Section Commanders Course: Corporals Douglas Halcro, Milos Tintor and Peter Czulinski; Rfn Anthony Nolan.

Reserve NCO Training Plan: MCpl Tom Grott.

Basic Parachutist Course: Congratulations to each soldier who qualified in 1990, as well as to the following, who were promoted: .

Promoted to Corporal: Riflemen Trung Lai, Lamrock, May, Wolfe. (Note - to be promoted to corporal a rifleman must have spent two years in the ranks and be qualified GMT (R), GMT (B) BTT and STT).

Promoted to MCpl: Cpl Nick Anastas; Rfn Tom Grott (RNTP)

Promoted to Warrant Officer: Sgt John Wilmot.

Senior NCO Net

The unit acquired a new sergeant in 1990 and I would like to welcome Sgt Jeff Bruce from the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa to the Queen's Own. We also offer best wishes to Sgt. Pat Byatt who went back to her old trails with the Hasty-Pees. Sorry to see you go.

QOR of C Snr NCOs (Active): Battalion HQ: RSM, CWO Brian Budden; Trg WO, WO John O'Connor; Int Sgt, Sgt Dave Keenan; RQMS, Scott Patterson; Chief Clerk, Sgt Frank Andrews **60th Coy (Training Coy):** CSM, MWO Bruce Bamlett; CQMS, WO John Wilmot; Sgts Bill Paton, Cic Parris, Alex Quinn, Courtney Chambers; **Victoria Coy (Support Coy)** CSM, WO Jerry Senetchko; Rec NCO, Sgt Shaun Kelly (Class B) Rec NCO Sgt Jeff Bruce, Sgt Al Cooke; **Normandy Coy (Depot Coy):** CSM, WO Josh Figa, CQM Sgt Rob Roper; Sgts Adam Saunders, Phil Tenkortenaar, Chris Thomson, Ken Kominek and George Galea; **Regimental Band:** WO.Paul Trenchard,

WO Dave Brown, Sgt John Missions; **TMD Battle School:** WO Andy Sarossy.

Change of Command

On 29 April another historical event took place in the Regiment, that being a change of command from LCol. Ed Rayment, CD, to LCol Bob Campbell, CD. I enjoyed serving as RSM under LCol Rayment as CO and would like to thank him for his dedication and understanding. We all wish him all the best in his new endeavours at TMD. I would also like to again renew my welcome to LCol Campbell, who has been with the Regiment for the past year. He brings a great deal of knowledge to the unit and I look forward to serving with him as the Commanding Officer

ON GUARD 90

I had the opportunity to accompany the CO to Ottawa for the briefing on this exercise, and to be made aware of all the preparations involved. Regular and reserve forces were. to meet for Exercise ON GUARD 90 at CFB Petawawa and CFTA Meaford for a two-week intensive training period from 19 June to 14 July, 1990. The Regiment was to provide a platoon and Coy HQ at CFB Petawawa training area. The scenario there was oriented towards territorial defence, while in Meaford the training of mechanized battle groups in the defence was to be emphasized. I was pleased to be selected as the RSM of the 3rd Mechanized Battalion which was composed of 450 personnel from the following LFCA units: 48th Highlanders; RHLI; Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; 4th Bn RCR; Highland Fusiliers; Grey and Simcoe Foresters; Essex and Kent Scottish; 1st Bn RCR (Regular Forces).

Overall this was a tremendous experience, not only for the militia but also for the regulars. With more time and training, this will lead to the total force concept.

Regular Support Staff (RSS)

I would like to offer special welcomes to our new RSS members: Unit Support Officer (USO) - Capt.

Terry Scott (RCR) Middle East; Unit Training Assistant (UTA) - WO Mike McKinley (PPCLI - CBT Arms School, Gagetown); Unit Support NCO - MCpl Byrne (RCR -2 Cdo, Petawawa); Our Unit Administrative Assistant (UAA) Sgt Frank Andrews, is still with us and continues to do an excellent job in the Battalion Orderly Room.

Leaving us in 1990 were: USO - Capt Rob Hughes (TMD Battle School); UTA - WO Mark Charlebois (Retired - York Region Police); Unit Support NCO - MCpl Scott Ferguson (Retired - Metropolitan Toronto Police).

Warrior's Day Parade (18 Aug)

This was an excellent parade and the unit provided a 75-man guard a 40-piece regimental band and a very good turnout of veterans to mark the 130th Anniversary of the Queen's Own. There was one note of sadness, the sudden death of Jack Pearce who was marching with the QOR Association members.

Association Shoot (15 Sept)

Prior to going to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the annual shoot, the unit trained the Association members on the new C-7 rifle. All who took the opportunity enjoyed shooting with the new weapon, which is considerably different to the ones they had once carried and used!

Reserve Forces Day, (13 Sept)

The City of Toronto recognized 13 Sept as Reserve Forces Day and, as one of the events, the unit was provided with 60 tickets for a Toronto Blue Jays game, which was an enjoyable evening.

Remembrance Day Parade (Nov 11)

This was our traditional church parade and the Regiment marched from the armouries to St. Paul's Church led by the band and bugles. We were joined there by veterans and family members for the laying of wreaths at the Cross of Sacrifice, playing of the Last Post and Reveille by the buglers and a Remembrance Day Service during which the Commanding Officer, LCol R.A. Campbell read the

of members of the Regiment killed in Northern Ireland, has been placed in the Warriors' Chapel of Canterbury Cathedral. It was dedicated by the Dean in the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Mike Reynolds, CB, and many past and present members of The Queen's Regiment and its forebear regiments.

CEREMONIAL EVENTS

Three ceremonial events took place in 1990. On 4 May, our Albuhera Band and 1st Bn Corps of Drums "Beat Retreat" in Rochester Castle. On 21 May, the 8th (Vol) Bn The Queen's Fusiliers exercised the "Privilege" of the Regiment, (dating from 1672) of marching through the City of London and on 23 June, in a joint parade with HMS Sussex, the 1st Bn exercised the Regiment's "Freedom of Worthing" to mark the centenary of the Borough. On 1 February, 1991, the 2nd Bn carried out a Freedom Parade in the City of Canterbury, followed by a service in the Cathedral and this summer will march through Lewes, Kingston-upon-Thames and Folkestone, all of which are among the 20 places which have granted the Regiment civic honours.

VISIT BY QOR CADETS

The Queen's Regiment was delighted to entertain a party of QOR cadets in May, 1990. Led by Capt. Durham Wilson, the party of officers and cadets stayed with the 1st Bn at Tidworth, visiting the Cathedral and our RHQ in Canterbury as well as our

Regimental Museum in Dover Castle. They attended a Regimental ceremony in Canterbury Cathedral and the senior cadet turned the page of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Book Of Remembrance kept in the Warriors' Chapel.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Although The Queen's Regiment traces its history back to 1572 through The Buffs (with whom our alliance with The Queen's Own Rifles originated) the present Regiment will be 25 years old on 31 December, 1991. This anniversary was celebrated, in advance, by a Regimental Dinner. A new history of this first quarter century is being prepared for publication early next year.

GREETINGS!

All Queensmen send warmest greetings and best wishes to readers of **The Rifleman**.

*L Colonel J.J. White,
The Queen's Regiment,
Howe Barracks, Canterbury,
Kent*

The Brigade Of Gurkhas

"The Gurkhas have served the Crown with distinction since 1815. They have fought alongside British troops in many theatres, including two world wars and the Malayan emergency, and most recently they served in the Falklands campaign. This announcement contains the elements necessary to

demonstrate to the Gurkhas that we are planning for them to have a worthwhile and viable future in the British Army after our withdrawal from Hong Kong and will, I am sure, be welcomed by them and by both this House and the Country at large."

In these words, The Rt. Hon. George Younger, MP closed his announcement in the British Parliament, on 22 May, 1989, that the Brigade of Gurkhas will continue to exist post-1997, although not in our present size.

Although disappointed by the reductions, we were positive about our future. At that time no one could have foreseen the monumental changes which were about to take place in Europe; no one would have questioned the future shape and size of the British Army as a whole, but yet again we await announcements not just of the future of the Brigade but of the entire British Army.

At this writing we do not know if the war in the Persian Gulf will have any effect on that decision. To date, our involvement has been limited to the deployment of some 260 personnel, British and Gurkha, from the Gurkha Transport Regiment who form part of 28 FDAMBME. We also have a number of officers who have been attached to other units and Headquarters in the Gulf.

Gurkhas have participated in exercises throughout the world this year, from Malaysia and Thailand to Korea and

New Zealand. 69 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron visited Nova Scotia and were given the keys to the Town of Kentville.

In our last newsletter we told you of plans to re-house our museum in Winchester and of our fund-raising efforts to finance that move. HRH the Prince of Wales was scheduled to preside at the opening but, due to an accident whilst playing polo, was unable to be present. Field Marshall The Lord Bramall of Bushfield agreed to perform the opening ceremony in his stead.

Major General P.R. Duffell CBE MC became Major General The Brigade of Gurkhas in August, 1989 and in May, 1990 Brigadier C.J.D. Bullock, OBE MC relieved Brigadier M.G. Hunt-Davis CBE as Brigadier, Brigade of Gurkhas.

Finally, we wish all members of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada a very successful 1991!

*Capt. A.K. Bong, WRAC, HQ
The Brigade of Gurkhas,
Hong Kong.*

6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles

Since our last publication in the Rifleman, the Battalion has returned to Hong Kong from the United Kingdom and settled into the up-beat life that only Hong Kong can offer. Last year the Battalion spent 12 weeks on



The Regimental Band of the Queen's Regiment leads a combined services marchpast.

Worthing Herald Photo

The Queen's Regiment

THE BATTALIONS

In 1990 the 1st Bn, based in Tidworth, was extremely busy with many events, including ceremonial parades, exercises and cadres, a visit by a party of cadets from The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and sending Queensmen to sea with our new, affiliated warship, HMS Chatham. The 2nd Bn in Minden was equally involved, training with the Americans in Southern Germany, one company going to Suffield in Canada, expeditions, sport and visits by ACF and CCF detachments. The 3rd Bn also welcomed groups of cadets to its barracks in Cyprus and found that, although a heavy schedule of duties is a regular part of life on the island, it still had time to enjoy the marvellous opportunities for recreation available there. Meanwhile our Territorial Army bat-

talions packed in a very full programme including, for 8th Queen's Fusiliers, their first overseas camp since formation, in BAOR.

ARMS PLOT MOVES

In January, 1991, the 1st Bn moved from Tidworth, "Home of the Queen's Regiment", to Minden, West Germany, to take over from the 2nd Bn which returned home. The 3d Bn is scheduled to move from Cyprus to Colchester in Mid-1992. All three battalions have been warned of forthcoming short, unaccompanied tours at battalion or company strength, either in Northern Ireland or the Falkland Islands.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Regiment continues to dominate infantry cricket. Having won the Army Cup and both Infantry cups in

1989, the 1st Bn retained the Infantry (UK) and the Infantry (UK vs BAOR) cups in 1990. 2nd Bn teams won the 10km Novices Competition at the Infantry Ski meet, an international 7-a-side rugby competition in Hannover and also the BAOR and Army Small Bore Shooting. With three individual winners, the 6th/7th (Vol) Bn came first in both the men's and women's events at the South East District Orienteering Championships and later won the UKLF TA Orienteering Championships. The regimental free-fall team, "The Flying Dragons", continued its success by winning one gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the 1990 National and Army Parachuting Championships.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Queen's Regiment Book of Remembrance, which includes names



Remembrance Day, 1990

first lesson. Following the service the Regiment returned to the Armouries, where the various messes were open for receptions.

The Regiment was honoured by being asked to provide buglers and a drummer to play Last Post and Reveille to mark Remembrance Day during pre-game ceremonies at the CFL's Eastern Conference semi-final at the SkyDome. Although it was "blacked out" on regular TV in the Toronto area, Buglers MWO John Doeg, Gus Amodeo and Howard Willson and Drum Sgt Bob Charman were seen live by 40,000 fans as well coast-to-coast in Canada on national TV, and locally on satellite television.

Annual

Men's Christmas Dinner (Dec 12)

This was once again a very successful event. The PMC, Junior Ranks Mess, Rfn Briggs is to be commended for a job well done. The guest speaker for the evening was Bob Vezina, former Military Affairs columnist for the Toronto Sun and a member of the Canadian Armed Forces who followed the Queen's Own into France on D-Day plus 6. He enlightened the Regiment on his

past with several interesting anecdotes and presented the unit with a D-Day map which was issued to him before embarkation in 1944 and which was, in turn, presented to the Regimental Museum by the CO.

Presentations were made on this occasion to: Cpl. Steven Wolfe as Airborne Rifleman of the Year and to MCpl Donovan O'Halloran who received the Commanding Officer's Award.

Garrison Dress

The Regiment has proposed a number of changes to the army garrison dress -- (1) Metal shoulder titles (2) Regimental belt buckles (3) Landyards/whistlecords (4) Wedge cap headdress.

NCO Training Conducted During 90/91: Regimental Drill; Aid to Civil Power; Vital Point Security; NCO Appointment Duties; NBCD; Cordon and Search OPs.

Congratulations to Sgt Chris Thomson who completed the three-week Jump Master Course in Edmonton. This is a particularly important accomplishment as Sgt Thomson is one of the first militia members to complete this course.

During the year the Regiment had NCOs in the Arctic, Namibia and serving in Cyprus with the UN on Peacekeeping Duties.

There has been significant improvement to the benefit plan for the reserves and more information on this will follow.

In company with other COs and

RSMs from TMD, I attended the Base Chief's Dinner at CFB Toronto's WOs and Sgts Mess in October, Guest Speaker was MGen Stewart and it was an excellent evening, made even more enjoyable for me because of the fine music played by members of the QOR Regimental Band.

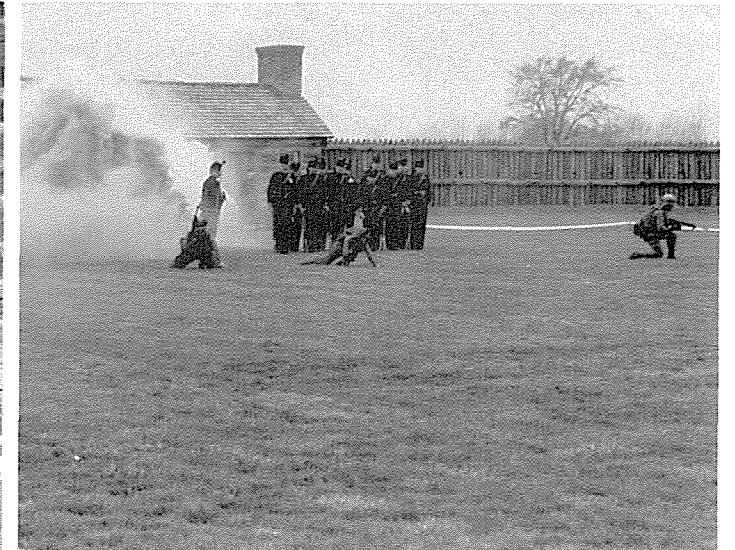
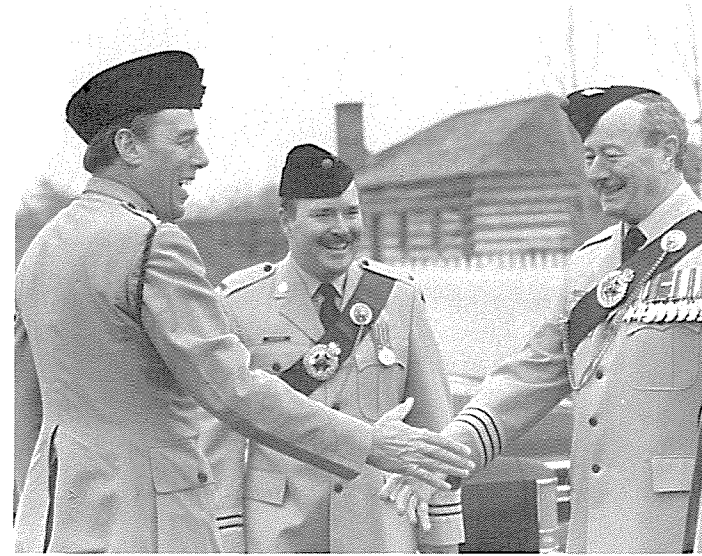
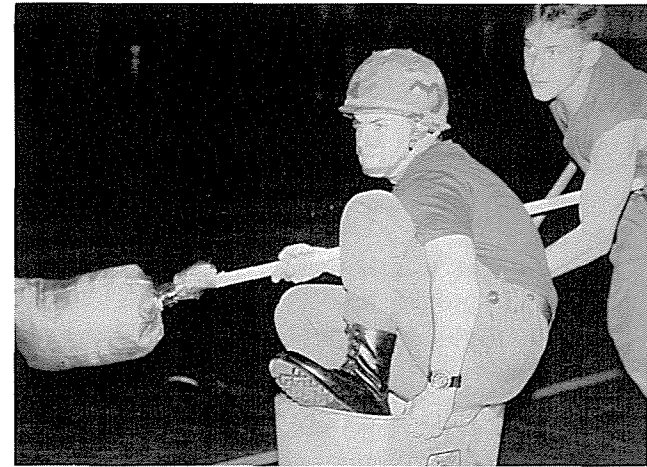
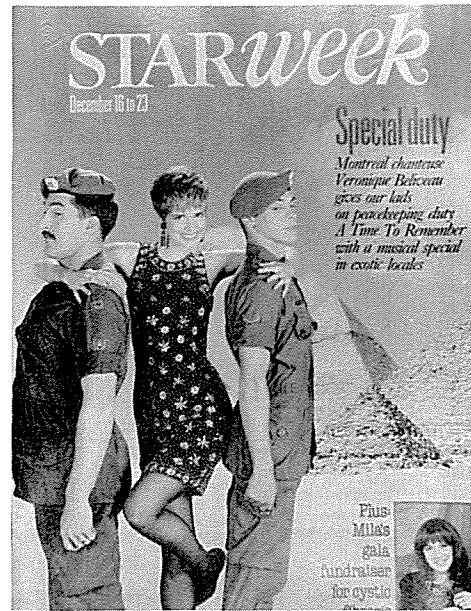
All members of the mess were sorry to hear of the loss of three strong supporters in the persons of CSM Joe Resnick, WO Bushy McCracken and WOII (RQMS) Syd Phillips. They will be greatly missed.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank all serving members of the Regiment now, and in the past, for all the support and dedication that they have given to me and to this fine regiment.

"SOLDIER ON": "Good infantry is, without doubt, the sinew of an Army"
~NAPOLEON

"THE BLACK AND GREEN, THE FINEST COLOURS EVER SEEN"
In Pace Paratus

CWO Brian Budden, CD,
Regimental Sergeant Major



1990 provided a variety of photo-opportunities for the QOR

Clockwise - from top left: MWO Bruce Bamlett, on hardship duty in the Middle East, appeared as the "Cover Boy" on the Toronto Star's TV guide. Members of the QOR Bugle Band appeared at the Skydome on Remembrance Day to play Last Post and Reveille before the CFL semifinals and were seen on TV across Canada, as well as on the JumboTron screen. Queen's Own members lived up to their reputation as tough competitors in all events, including the "Mop Bucket Joust" to defeat the Queen's York Rangers once again to retain the Queen's Cup. Band of the Royal Gurkha Engineers who visited Toronto and the QOR in 1990. Honourary LCol, Col H.C.F. Elliot, CD on an inspection tour during an LFCA conference. Three members of the QOR at the ORA/CMA Service Rifle Cometicions - (left to right) WO Senetchko, Sgt. Keenan, Capt Mike Park (missing - WO Patterson).

LCol C.E. Rayment and Honourary Colonel Col J.F. Lake greet the Inspecting Officer, LGen Sir David Ramsbotham, Commander UK Field Forces, on the occasion of the celebration of the Regimental Birthday at Niagara-on-the-Lake. LGen Ramsbotham inspected the members of 60th Coy who, in full fighting order, put on a demonstration of combat skills. Also featured were the Pioneers and Skirmishers in a colorful and noisy demonstration of their particular skills.



MWO Frank Watt, CD, with his wife Betty on the occasion of his official retirement party.

In Memoriam

As the years go by the numbers of our comrades who pass away get greater. During the past months the following former members of the Queen's Own Rifles were among them:

Oscar J. (Chuck) Belisle; Jack Blanchard; Robert Brown; Jack Campbell; Laurent Chapdelaine; William Christo; Barrie Clarke; Gordon Coon; Kenneth Cunningham; William R. Dwyer; Gordon Ellis; Roy A. Ferguson; Charles Ferry; Edmond Galipeau; W. Gordon Gillespie; Ralph Gratton; Donald L. Gray; A.C. Gregory.

Philip Haagenson; Bob Haid; Russell M. Hayward; Ernest G. Hubbard; Herbert G. Ives; Alfred G. Jackson; Ernest P. Kane; John Wesley Keenan; Frank Laronde; Cecil Leany; Alfred L. Lock; Norman P. (Bushy) McCracken; John McGowan; Kenneth H. McLeod; John I. Mills; Walter G. Moore; Dennis Morland; William A. Nethery; Vernon Nock; Charles O'Brien.

Edward Alexander Page; Jack D. Pearce; Syd Phillips; William H. Powell; Robert C. (Bob) Rae; Sidney John (Sid) Reynolds; William Saunders; Lawrence Schickerowski; John H. Schultz; T. Screen; Arthur F. Smith; Gordon E. Smith; William E. (Bill) South; W.J. (Bud) Spence; D. W. Stahl; Wm. James Thomson; Herbert Tisdall; Frank L. Watt; Kenneth (Ken) Webber; Wm. (Bill) Wilkinson; John C. Wilson.

*The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet
The brave and fallen few.*

Art Gay, Executive Member, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association.

The Canadian Peacekeeping Monument

(The following article was written by Norman Walker, of the QOR Association and draws attention to the fact a Canadian Peacekeeping Monument is projected to be constructed in Ottawa at some future date. This narrative presents a small insight into one QOR member's peacekeeping role.)

Last year Canadian veterans of the United Nations were recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize. From 1949-1989 over 46,000 Canadians have served in the Army, Navy and Airforce to help our country meet its commitment to the United Nations and preserve world peace won by our fathers and uncles in WWII.

The middle east was a powder keg during 1967 and Canadian Armed Forces had been on the war-torn island of Cyprus for three years. The Six-Day War was history and in the Suez Canal shipping was stopped and no peace was in sight.

Cpl N. Walker and Rfn B. Crawley of the 2nd Bn, QOR (see photo) were members of the 2nd Bn QOR whose Oneisha Farm Company was based at the foot of the Kyrenia Mountains. Outpost Martin's Mound was situated on the "green line" with the Greek Cypriot National Guard to the north and Turkish Cypriot Fighters to the south. With the United Nations occupying the ground it denied the position to the warring factions.

It is 0400hrs, Walker and Crawley, both armed for self defence with 60 rounds of ammunition, plus 510 radio and water bottles, were leaving on foot patrol in "no man's land". Cpl A. Sparks would man the outpost radio set while the patrol was out and Rfn P. Cromwell would observe the patrol while it was in sight. Also present but getting some rest after sentry duty were Rfn D. White and Rfn D. Copage.

If the patrol encountered trouble the outpost section would stand to, manning its weapons and alerting Company HQ.

(From the company log: Its patrols would invariably report something out of the ordinary -- new barbed wire, con-

tact with unfriendly sentries, being threatened with shotguns or being given a demand to lay down their weapons. They met these with a remarkable "What The Hell" attitude. The morale was high among the members of this isolated)

On one occasion this same patrol was "ambushed by a Turkish Cypriot Fighter with a hail of machine gun bullets hitting the forward slope of a gully to the left of our line of march, with dust and dirt flying," Walker recalls. After moving to higher ground the patrol members showed their coolness in a confrontation with Turkish Cypriot Fighters and demonstrated that they would not be intimidated and were prepared to uphold the mandate of the United Nations.

Walker also remembers that, in their off duty time, QOR members, while prepared to defend the peace were also ambassadors for the United Nations, Canada (and the QOR) and helped the villagers and refugees by providing them with food and supporting the local economy any way they could, celebrating national holidays and the Regimental Birthdays in special ways, particularly with the local children.

The proposed Canadian Peacekeeping Monument will honour those veterans who, in the words of the Defence Minister "have done more than their share over the last 40 years. They have contributed to the most worthy of causes and have helped prevent further needless death; they have made personal family sacrifices and some, the ultimate sacrifice -- their own lives."

In that time period Canada has lost 75 of her sons, many buried in foreign soil. The inscription on our medals reads "In The Service Of Peace": and our veteran's association motto reads "Our Hope For The Future". For those who would like to learn more about these Canadians they should read "Eye Of The Storm"? by Fred Gaffen of the Canadian War Museum (Book No ISBN 0-888-79-158-5).

May I dedicate this article to all who have served in the past to those serving in the present and those who will serve in the future.

Norm Walker,
(Cpl 2nd Bn QOR of Canada),
Box 663, Carnduff, Sask.

60th Company (Airborne)

The training year has been, and continues to be, extremely busy, focussing upon individual training requirements. Sgt. Chris Thomson completed the demanding "Jump Master's" course and has since been employed in this vitally important duty within the Canadian Airborne Regiment. MCpl "Irish" O'Halloran has been dispatched to CABC to undertake the same course and we look forward to his return.

During May, five members of the AB-Tasked company spent time learning the skills of mountain climbing under the supervision of the "Mountain Gods" of #3 CDO. (Some of their fingerprints are still identifiable on certain rock faces!)

Physical training still continues to be relentlessly emphasized, requiring much personnel effort to ensure the high airborne standards are maintained. All airborne-tasked members continue to undergo the semi-annual airborne PT tests and the annual "two by ten milers". This latter task was completed in November during Maroon Beret III at CFB Petawawa. It is important to relate that WO "Watch Me Move" Sarossy, who marched in the vanguard, was an inspiration to all!

The summer of 1990 saw the graduation from CABC of nine new "Airborne Riflemen" who have since joined the company. More volunteers await in the wings for their opportunity to attend the airborne centre to make the attempt to acquire their coveted parachutist wings.

Two well-known QOR airborne personalities have returned from extended attachments to 3 CDO. Cpl. "I'll Carry Everything" Wolfe and Lt. John Fotheringham not only enjoyed their stay they helped in paving the way for future such attachments for other members of the Regiment.

WO "We'll Get You Trained" O'Connor returned from an extended vacation in to assume the role of Unit Training Warrant Offic-

er, thereby ensuring Regimental personnel will receive the appropriate course training. Also, WO "Broken Glasses" McKinley has joined the Training Cell as UTA while MCpl. "Silent But Deadly" Byrne and Captain "Lawrence of Iraq" Scott have come to ensure that Regimental Op-Tasked training is facilitated.

Early in 1991, Col. W.M. Holmes and RSM Jardine of the Canadian Airborne Regiment visited us to inspect the Op-Tasked Company under the OC, Maj. J.P. dB. Taillon and MWO Bruce Bamlett. A total of 45 airborne personnel were on parade and after inspection the company retired to a classroom where they were addressed by Col. Holmes and RSM Jardine. Both reported that they were most impressed by the turnout and airborne spirit exhibited by all concerned.

All Op-Tasked personnel now look forward to a busy summer and renewed ties with the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

Normandy Coy (The Rifle Depot)

You may remember, from reading last year's Rifleman, that "the mantle of maintaining the training depot" was "joyfully passed" from Buffs Coy to the newly-formed Normandy Company, which has had an active and productive year.

During October and November, 1989, the CSM -- MWO J.C. Figa CD -- accompanied by seven NCOs, attended SARP conversion training to enable us to instruct the remainder of the regiment on the new family of small arms (5.56mm C-7 rifle and 5.56mm C-9 light machine gun.) Along with WO Gerry Senetchko from Victoria Company, MCpl Donovan O'Halloran and MCpl Christopher Nobrega from 60th Company, CQMS Rob Roper, Sgt. Adam Saunders, MCpl Paul Alexander, MCpl James Jalefice, MCpl Peter Ouckma, MCpl E. Chittick and I attended four weekends of instruction, mutuals and a familiarization shoot

at CFB Borden in preparation for the four weekends in February and March, 1990, during which we would instruct for the regiment.

Scheduled to run from November, '89 until June, '90, BTT 9001 (Basic Trades Training-Infantry), having finally cleared the last hurdle imposed by TMD HQ, commenced in mid-January, '90 and, under the tutelage of Lt Chris Donald, his 2 I/C Sgt Saunders, section commanders Sgt George Galea, MCpl Alexander and MCpl Jalefice the course, in competition with SARP, hopped across our calendars like endless reruns of the Exorcist.

As these training commitments churned forward -- finally coinciding at the "off-again/on-again/here-we-go-again/to be held at CFB Borden/cancelled due to rain/go to CFB Kingston/if the buses show up" Exercise Progressive Volley. After sleeping at the Armouries in Kingston we spent a cold, wet, windy St. Patrick's Day on Barriefield Ranges. (Coy 2I/C Lt Tom Croxall, CQMS Roper and I represented the regiment on a shamrock hunt throughout Kingston). The next day, more shooting and PUFO.

Meanwhile, back at Moss Park Armouries, BTT 9001B was about to kick off under 2Lt Vlad Oustimovitch, Sgt Phil TenKortenaar as course WO, Sgt Chris Thomson, MCpl Nick Anastas and Cpl Robert Johnston as section commanders.

As the training year 1989-'90 drew to a close in June, the company had completed one BTT Course, SARP conversion, a BTT (common army portion) course and was gearing up for the 1990-'91 training cycle. Amongst the memorable events which should be alluded to, if not detailed, there was MCpl Jalefice's incredible shrinking cam during Ex Sword Thrust I at CTFA Meaford in May; the final attack of BTT infantry, followed by a 10km jaunt to the embussing point "after" Ex Black Horn at CFB Borden, in June; and the never-ending collection of unique military equipment produced during every exercise by the OC, Capt E.R.C. Simundson.

As the training year 1990-'91 commenced, the training depot was once more leaping hurdles to prepare a GMT (BTT common army portion), a BTT Infantry course and an STT (Secondary Trades Training) Machine Gun course. In the grand scheme of things, we now have riflemen attached to the various nether parts of the district to attend training conducted by Highlanders, Lowlanders, "pseudo-Guards" and light armoured recce.

In fairness, however, it should be noted that we get to conduct one of district's GMT courses, that being Rhine Platoon, under Capt Mike Park and Sgt TenKortenaar. Plus, Vimy Platoon, under Lt Donald and WO Andrew Sarossy, CD, is engaged with the STT MG course on weekends, and trains those newly-enrolled soldiers awaiting courses on Wednesday evenings. Also Falaise Platoon, under 2Lt Jason Straw and Sgt. Kominek, CD (who has drafted, re-written, submitted and been cancelled in the effort to commence a BTT Infantry course) are training their platoon in conjunction with the Royal Regiment of Canada.

Special mention should be made of Sgt Thomson's efforts in the preparation and conduct of STT MG 9101, as WO Sarossy, a refugee from TMD Battle School -- has only recently joined the depot.

IN PACE PARATUS

*MWO J.C. Figa, CD, CSM,
Normandy Company.*

Victoria Company

From the darkest corners of Moss Park Armouries to the blazing sun of the Middle East, VICS Coy. continues to support the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and its Regular Force counterparts, both with equipment and personnel, for all our designated field and administrative taskings.

Although the smallest company in the Battalion, with 29 personnel, Victoria Company performs extra duties and taskings within Mobile Command. The company supplies

driving instructors, clerks, medics and supply technicians to the different battle schools as well as Battalion courses and exercises.

Driving instructors Cpl Pete Peplow and Cpl. Dwight Campbell taught on the FMC DVR Wheeled Course in Dennison Armouries; MCpl. Ken Foebel taught on a Regular Force Driver Wheeled Course in Kingston and Sgt. Shaun Kelly and Cpl. Ron Rodriguez are currently teaching a General Military Training Course.

To ensure our company provides superior service, our soldiers continually upgrade their qualifications -- Finance and Administration personnel are currently upgrading their respective qualifications, for example.

The expertise of Victoria Company personnel is not limited to their respective trades; all riflemen are cross-trained as infanteers and communicators and one -- MCpl. Bob Shering -- is qualified in ordnance explosives and demolitions.

"What most people in the Battalion seem to forget is that most of us in VICS Company are qualified infanteers and have served in the Rifle Companies and many in the Airborne Company," says Cpl. Norm Thompson, CD.

In addition to being highly-trained, the soldiers serving in Victoria Company offer the Battalion a wealth of experience. Sgt. Shaun Kelly and Cpl. Bob French were recent recipients of the Canadian Decoration and, as Sgt. Kelly says: "Victoria Company gives new meaning to the words 'time-in'." With a combined total of 202 cumulative years of service, six CDs and 10 corporals with more than five years of service, VICS Coy has a great deal of experience to offer the Battalion."

In 1990, Victoria Company saw the return of several personnel. Sgt. Shaun Kelly rejoined in August after a 700-mile trek around the southern coast of England. MCpl. Ken Foebel and Cpl. Ron Rodriguez completed a six and a half month United Nations tour in Cyprus as part of Operation

Snowgoose 52 with the 2Nd Bn Princess Patricia's Light Infantry. Capt. Leigh McEachern returned from TMD to lend her expertise in the Battalion Finance Office.

We also welcome Lt. R. Derek Frost and Cpl. Jim Tate, both on a two-year posting from the 48th Highlanders as well as Cpl. Charlie Afoakwa, a former member of the Guyana Army. Several other new recruits have also joined the company's ranks and are currently receiving instruction in Basic Military Training.

Capt. Peter Lomasney (at LFCA) and Cpl Maurice Yang (at TMD) are currently on Class B callouts.

This year we will carry on supporting the Battalion and local HQ with the high standard of professionalism and efficiency which has come to be expected of Victoria Company.

*Lt. R. Derek Frost, 2 I/C,
Victoria Company.*

QOR Recruiting Section

In September the Toronto Militia District closed down its Recruiting Centre and returned the task of recruiting personnel to the various Regiments in the District. A Class "B" (fulltime) recruiting NCO was authorized by TMD and, on 1 Oct., Sgt. Shaun Kelly assumed this responsibility for the Queen's Own.

The Recruiting NCO is responsible for the initial interview with all new candidates and referring suitable ones to the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre (CFRC) Toronto. At CFRC the recruit's initial documentation is processed, tests administered, medical examinations done and final interviews held.

Once CFRC has completed its part, the recruit's file is transferred to the QOR Recruiting Section for final documentation and swearing-in. Once sworn-in, the recruit is then taken on strength of Normandy Company, (the Rifle Depot), for recruit training.



A Soldier's Life For Me.....

Troops from the Queen's Own Rifles showed their mettle at a number of exercises.



Mcpl Jafelice prepares orders for patrol (inset) during Ex Sword Thrust and then, later, during the exercise, points out exactly how he'd like them carried out.

Right: Inside the Gast Hut at CFB Borden during Nuclear/Chemical/Biological Warfare Training.

Opposite page: Before and After. During Ex Sword Thrust, riflemen make the most of a rest period before their patrol sets out, while, others prepare for foot inspection after a 10km march during Ex Black Horn I.

Photos by MWO Josh Figa



After the initial effort of re-establishing a Recruiting Section was over it was quite obvious how successful doing it ourselves again was going to be. In the first four months the Queen's Own Rifles interviewed over 100 applicants and enrolled 26 infantrymen and nine combat service support tradesmen --- a category in which we have been severely lacking.

A new, and much welcomed addition to the Recruiting Section, resulted from the recent transfer of Sgt Jeff Bruce from the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

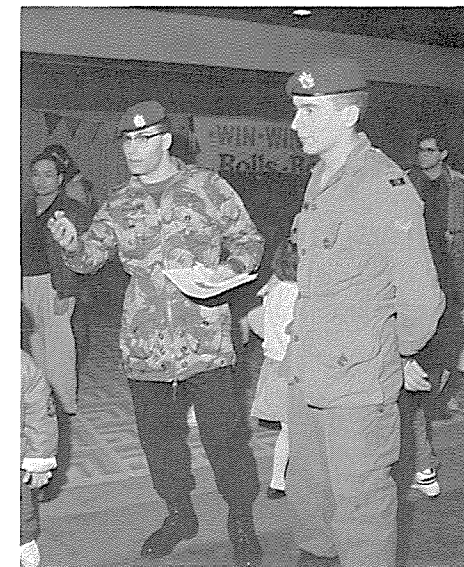
Finally, the best recruiting aid the Regiment has is its reputation. Quite a high percentage of the applicants interviewed chose the Queen's Own Rifles because of what friends or family -- even members of other regiments -- had to say about us.

1991 is a good year for the Regiment. Recruiting is up, integrated recruiting is working well and the Queen's Own Rifles are very busy, meaning that we will be able to retain a good number of the soliders we recruit and train.

Sgt. S.C.M. Kelly, Recruiting NCO, Queen's Own Rifles.



Recruiting is a year-round job and takes place in a variety of locations, including the Toronto Sportsmen's Show and the Molson Indy.



2Lt S. Lee and Sgt T Nelligan.

The current Commanding Officer of the Brockville Rifles is L.Col D. Spencer, who, during his career in the regular forces, had previous experience with the Queen's Own as a signals officer. The bonds which tie the Black Net together are strong between our respective regiments.

The Brockville Rifles are located in the community for which the Regiment was named -- the City of Brockville, Ontario -- and both have shared a proud tradition over the past 125 years. With a total population today of slightly over 20,000, Brockville has supported the unit by providing several generations of Brocks.

But Brockville itself is not the only source of riflemen for the regiment. As a young rifleman I remember that my original section was totally composed of members from my home town of Prescott, 12 miles from Brockville. Other members of the unit travelled distances of 60 miles and more to attend training, and many still do.

Brockville and the Brocks have shared a history which would have made the soldier and gentleman after whom they were named -- Major General Sir Isaac Brock -- extremely proud.

SEMPER PARATUS

Captain Randy Reid, Queen's Own Rifles (Ex Brocks)

Brockville Rifles (125th Anniversary)

The Brockville Rifles, (The Brocks), celebrate their 125th Anniversary this year and the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada extends its congratulations to a Regiment which has shared not only the experience of being a Rifleman but indeed, over the years, the services of each others' soldiers and officers.

Former Brocks who "re-badged" to the Queen's Own include BGen Don Pryor, Capt. Randy Reid and Rfn Plashka. Former QOR who became Brocks include BGen K. Kirby,



"Once In The Queen's Own..."

The old adage "Once in the Queen's Own, Always in the Queen's Own" has been proven once again by the return to the regiment in 1990 as Director of Music of Capt. Steve Irwin, CD, BMus, BEd (Mus). Named Director of Music in 1984, Capt. Irwin left in 1987 because of increased professional responsibilities.

Circumstances made it possible for LtCol. Ed Rayment to ask Capt. Irwin to resume the position and, upon his return, there was a fond reunion with him and the many band members who had kept in touch with him since 1987.

A reorganization followed with Capt. George Gresham being appointed Associate Conductor and increased responsibilities for Senior NCOs. This has proven to be practical and satisfying and the Queen's Own Band has enjoyed a busy and most pleasant year.

On a sad note, however, we report the passing of a former principal clarinetist and longtime Senior NCO, MWO Frank Watt, in December, 1990, after a long illness. In his youth Frank, who was a student musician at Kneller Hall, the world-famous Royal Military School of Music in



The Regimental Band of the Queen's Own Rifles is seen here in concert and on parade, exemplifying the versatility and full schedule of activities for which it is famous. (Bottom) Capt. Steve Irwin, CD, BMus, BEd (Mus), Director of Music.



London, England, was a former member of the band of the Royal Ulster Rifles and visited many parts of the world, including Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore.

After emigrating to Canada with his wife and family he joined the Queen's Own Rifles Band in 1957, which was then under the direction of Capt. W.T. Atkins, CD, RMSM, ARCM. A member of the Masonic Lodge and a Shriner, Frank's extended musical activities included being Assistant Conductor of his Shrine's Band. He is missed by the members of the Regimental band and we extend our sympathies to his wife Betty, his three daughters and

his brother Bill.

Some years ago the Band's Brass Section formed a Brass Choir which, in conjunction with Lt. Tim Beadle of the Salvation Army in Ajax, played Christmas carols in the Pickering Town Centre Shopping Mall on Saturdays before the holidays. Truly representative of the regiment in their smart dress of grey flannels, QOR blazers and regimental ties their efforts were appreciated by the shoppers to the tune of \$5,000, which was donated to various charities.

Band members involved were WO Paul Trenchard, WO Dave Brown, Sgt. Neil Flow, Sgt. Ralph West, Cpl. Gerry Griggs, Cpl. Gary West, BdsM. Lori Moore, BdsM. Mike Yonge and BdsM. Jim Donaldson. Sgt. Ralph

An Outstanding Live-fire Weekend!

On a cloudy, dark March 22 evening, 13 infantry soldiers from the QOR, Royals and TorScots rumbled into CFTA Meaford for what was going to be a cold, wet, but eventually outstanding, live-fire weekend. They toted with them, over the next two days, enough machine guns to fill an infantry company and a MLVW full of ammo (40,000+ rounds of 7.62 4B/IT and .50 cal B/T)

This year's first machine gunner's course proceeded to qualify via live fire, utilizing their 12 days of instruction on everything from the guns themselves to the theory of MG fire (but also, at the same time, having s**tloads of fun). The range practice went very smoothly, considering the amount of weaponry at hand, and the number of people present. All the course candidates were able to fire in excess of eight to ten belts each, while two to three belts of .50 cal each

were fired off.

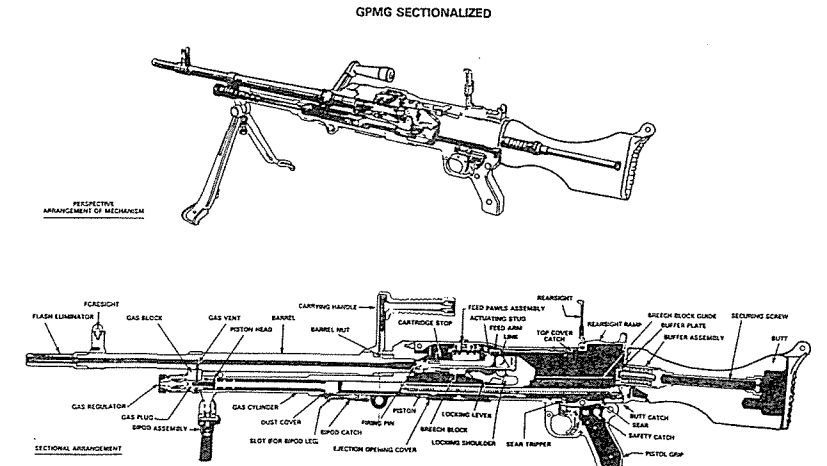
Extensive use of the C-2 sight and firing drills for all types of targets (except moving) were practiced by by all candidates on both GPMG C-6 and .50 cal HMG.

With the aid of a 15-minute smoke pot and healthy-sized group of "old gun-

ners" this RSO was able to man every weapon on the firing point and to fire all the guns under obscuration conditions at the same time. All I can say was that it was a "free for all."

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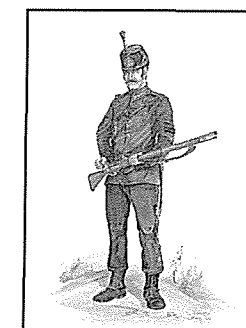
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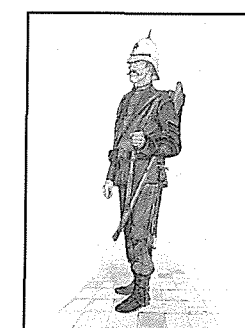
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cold assault boat journey down the Ottawa River, I ended my callout. After cleaning and turning in all my weapons and equipment, I was on my way back to Toronto with a lot of valuable lessons and experience -- and, I must confess, a wee bit of an "Airborne Attitude."

I firmly believe that, given the type of time and training given to me and fellow Rifleman, Cpl Steve Wolfe, a Reservist can fill a Regular Force role. During my callout I defended the Reserves often in an effort to change a misconception held by elements of the Regulars that we, as Reservists, should be expected to be as well-trained as they are.

I emphasised that the Reserves serve as a pool of manpower, to be drawn from should the need arise, but that time and training is needed to bring us up to their level of expertise.

As a Reservist and member of the Queen's Own Rifles, my callout was a chance to do what our operational tasking is all about -- to augment 3 Commando. It was an honour and certainly one of the highlights of military career to date to serve with, and be accepted by, some of Canada's best.

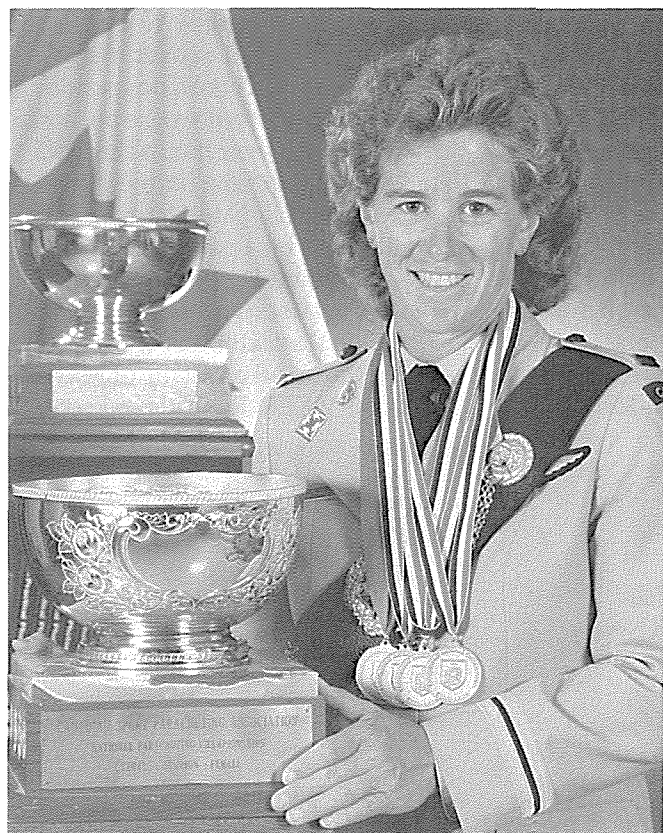
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*Lt. John Fotheringham,
Queen's Own Rifles of Canada*

4,000 Jumps And Counting...

Captain Eileen Vaughan, a member of the Queen's Own Rifles now serving with HQ Land Force Central Area, passed the 4,000 jump milestone and scored a fourth place in the World Parachute Championships as well as first in the Ontario and Canadian competitions, to make 1990 a year for her to remember.

Capt. Vaughan who performed from 1986 to 1989 with the Canadian Forces Parachute Team, the Skyhawks, competes in the individual or



*Capt Eileen Vaughan,
Canadian Champion
Overall and Fourth
Overall in the World
Championships held in
Yugoslavia.*

With over 300 training jumps in 1990, Capt. Vaughan easily placed first in accuracy and second in style, placing first overall and being named Canadian Women's Champion. The Canadian Men's overall champion was Sgt. Michel Denis of R22eR, a former CFPT Sky Hawks teammate of Vaughan's.

The Canadian Women's Champion then went to Bled,

Yugoslavia, site of the 20th Annual World Parachute Championships, where she was the only Canadian to advance to the final rounds of both Style and Accuracy. Her fourth place finish overall in the World Championships was a substantial improvement over her previous 11th overall placing, in the 1988 Championships.

Capt. Vaughan credits her success to hard work and dedication. Probably the most difficult aspect of competing at the world level is funding. In Canada, funding for competition is very limited, however this year she was supported by HQ LFCA, which eased the financial burden somewhat and allowed Capt. Vaughan to concentrate on her World Championship efforts.

Although the competition season is over, Capt. Vaughan hasn't hung up her parachute, since she is an official for junior competitions and spends weekends helping out future parachute champions at the DZ in Gananoque.

Oh, yes. And she's still adding to her 4,000-plus jumps!

Lt. Marc Walsh.

West and Cpl. Gary West, who are father and son, report this is the 12th year they have played these Christmas Concerts for the "needy -- not the greedy."

Mcpl. Fred Haire CD, a trombonist in the Band who shares the duties of Bugle Major with MCpl. Henry Gaucci, has been extremely busy in his role as instructor for a number of courses. He instructed on the Artillery GMT Course 9001, which ran from January to May, 1990; and also the GMT Course 9101 run by TMD for members of the QOR, 7th Toronto RCA, 25 Medical Coy. and the Queen's York Rangers. SARP course instruction also occupies much of his time. These included the C-7 and C-9 SARP Artillery courses and the special upgrade SARP course for the QOR Band.

When this course is completed in spring of 1991 the QOR Regimental Band will have the largest percentage of musicians qualified on SARP in the Toronto Garrison. Cpl. Rita Arendz, a French Horn player in the Band, has also instructed on these courses.

The Band had a number of concert engagements during the year at the Canadian National Exhibition, in City parks, etc. One of the most pleasant was the garden party held at BGen. Gordon's country home near Bolton, where LGen. Sir David Ramsbotham and Lady Ramsbotham were the Regiment's honoured guests.

We have played at York University Convocations for a number of years and in 1990 were also invited to play at Sir Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo for Convocation there.

On November 25, 1990, we joined with other bands of the Toronto Garrison to present a Massed Bands Concert at Roy Thomson Hall in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Military Institute. This was a truly gala occasion with an exciting and varied program presented to a near-capacity audience. The program represented music over the last 100 years and was conducted by Directors of Music from each Toronto Garrison band

represented. A selection from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" conducted by Capt. Irwin was one of the best-received selections and was rewarded with thunderous applause. The QOR Bugles were also present and joined with the massed bands to play the marches "Sambre et Meuse" and "Mechanized Infantry", also conducted by Capt. Irwin.

The annual Band inspection was held on a snowy Wednesday evening before Maj. J-P Montminy CD, recently-retired Director of the School of Music at CFB Borden. In Capt. Irwin's absence due to busi-ness, Capt. George Gresham and the Bugle Major, Mcpl. Fred Haire, took the Band on parade. Many of those in Moss Park Armoury that night must have wondered what was going on as the Band, in full dress uniform, marched and counter-marched up and down the parade square, played marches, salutes, anthems and slow marches to an audience of

one. (An important "one", however - Maj. Montminy.)

After parade the Band assembled in concert formation in the rehearsal room and Capt. Gresham thoroughly rehearsed members in Eric Coates' "London Suite." Capt. Irwin joined us to continue the rehearsal while Maj. Montminy continued his inspection, moving from section to section, noting performance details.

In his summary at the conclusion of a very thorough inspection, Maj. Montminy reported that he was very pleased with the Band's performance and organization and was duly impressed with the way the Band functioned during the temporary absence of the Director of Music. Capt. Irwin's reorganization and administrative policies had paid off. Each Senior NCO had carried on, in the Director's absence, in true Rifle Regiment style.

*Sgt. E.W. (Ted) Holmes CD, Queen's
Own Rifles Regimental Band.*

The Queen's Own Rifles Regimental Museum

MUSEUM (miu-zi-um) Seat of the Muses. Building dedicated to the pursuit of learning. Building for storing and exhibiting objects of antiquity.

1990 was a busy year in the Regimental Museum of the Queen's Own Rifles, located on the third floor at Casa Loma as two rooms were completed and opened. The Formation Room, displaying articles reflecting the period from 1860-1901, was opened in September, after being refurbished from floor to ceiling. It is bright and cheery and has five display cases filled with artifacts reflecting the period, and a selection of photographs and prints of the era.

This room, like the other three period rooms, is arranged so that visitors finds the earliest objects and displays at their left, immediately on entering. By following cases and displays through a logical time sequence, visitors find the last

period display near where they entered.

Two new cases were added to the World War II Room. Full size displays of a uniformed rifleman of 1941 and a rifleman of D Coy, 6 June, 1944, are installed in secure, glass-fronted cases. Both have thoroughly deactivated Sten guns on display, along with original uniforms and web gear of the period. The transition in three years in design of equipment and use is detailed and interesting. Further additions include installation of period wooden traffic signs from the Third Division.

A push is underway to finish all displays for an anticipated opening date of 28 April, 1991.

A marvellous new source was



found for oak display cases. These are extremely attractive, sturdy and well finished. In time we may persuade the manufacturer to make additional units to replace the aluminum and glass units in the WWI and Formation Rooms.

The Curator has acquired a right hand man in the person of former Cpl. Rob Grieve, who worked in the QM Stores at Moss Park Armouries and as a test driver in the Gun Park, plus an able assistant in the person of Dave Engholm, who has a marvellous tool kit and a never-ending itch to get things done.

Both make the Curator's life easier and when the Regimental Museum is completed it will be due in large part to such voluntary commitment, for which I express my thanks and gratitude.

AQUISITIONS

In the past year several interesting items have come our way, some as a result of an article in last year's Rifleman; others as unsolicited donations. Also, the museum purchased a medal group to C.D. Lennox, the architect of Casa Loma, among other historic Toronto buildings. Lennox was a Colour Sergeant in the Queen's Own and, at the outbreak of War in 1914, because of his engineering background, enlisted with the 3rd Railway Construction Battalion. Because of

his age he was required to revert to the rank of corporal but did so willingly to fulfill his patriotic commitment. Lennox survived the war but his only son was killed in action. Their medals and badges have been framed and form a striking display in the third floor hallway.

Donations include: Sword (bayonet) and webbing (WO Scott Patterson, QOR); 24 items of WWII interest, including uniforms, weapons and components (Peter Simundson); WWII battledress jacket and trousers (Jack Martin, President, QOR Association); 22-volume set of "Times History of the World War" (Mrs. F. Cameron); Uniform tunic, busby and photographs of her father, the regiment's first RSM (Mrs. H. Hallas); Replicas of C7 rifle and SMG CI (Brian Asbury); Greatcoat made for and worn by Col. Reg Pellatt (Lorne Scots Regiment); A regimental side drum, formerly used by him (R. Douglas); An 1880's photograph of K Company (Barry Ramm); WWII QOR corporal's tunic, modified to open collar (George Leonard); Medals awarded to QOR rifleman KIA during the attack on Le Mesnil-Patry, France, 11 June, 1944. Includes Mother's Cross, War Office telegrams and details of military grave; WWI QOR-identified

rifle sword; late 1800s and early 1900s officers uniform tunics; QOR captain's khaki battledress blouse, with jump wings, UN Cyprus, Vietnam and CD ribbons (Capt, Charles D. McGregor, QOR).

A number of scabbards for use with Snider and Martini swords. (Ontario Legislative Assembly); WWII overcoat, .38 Enfield revolver, 1910/22 Browning, British dagger, trench periscope, WWII pamphlets (Capt. E.A. Killingbeck); Articles belonging to Colour Sgt. Kennedy, who served in South Africa with the QOR (Karen Thompson); Two #4 Long Branch .303 Lee Enfield rifles (Maj. J. MacKendrick and Capt. N.J. Turnbull); His WWII service battledress and serge uniforms (Capt. S.C. Biggs); Dress uniforms of her husband, who served with the Regiment before 1939 (Mrs. J. Flavelle Barrett).

NOTE: We are always interested in acquiring items which might be donated to the museum and if you have anything -- or know of the whereabouts of Queen's Own items which you feel might be of historical interest and could be available for acquisition -- please let me know.

*Peter Simundson, Curator,
QOR Regimental Museum,
Casa Loma, 1 Austin Terrace,
Toronto, M5R 1X8.*

Report from the Sergeants' Mess

Once again we have arrived at the time to place quill to parchment (tradition dies hard in the Sergeants' Mess). Since our last report there have been many changes and additions in our Mess.

Congratulations are in order to WO Scott Patterson, Sgt. Shaun Kelly and Sgt. Ken Kominek, who have all been awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration, which inspired an evening in the Mess which, for some, had no end.

The Mess welcomes Sgts. Alexander Quinn and Jeff Bruce (formerly of

Recce Patrolman Course. Winter had set in at Petawawa and, while all Regular Force personnel have winter kit on permanent issue I had to make an appointment with Stores, two week hence, to draw my equipment. It was a lot of fun

-- and a wonderful morale, spirit and fibre-builder -- to be in below freezing temperatures wearing summer uniform and combat boots. One of the week's highlights was working with a troop of RSD Cougars and commanding the recce course platoon in fighting-through-the-objective drills with armour support.

Returning from a cold but educational week, I was tasked as the commander of 10 Platoon, since Capt. Craig Bawden was on an NBCW course. The platoon 2IC, WO Bradley, and the platoon members were understandably reluctant to accept a Militia 2Lt. as their leader but, after Exercise Highland Laddie, I think most doubts were dispelled.

With WO Bradley coming from the RCR Battle School (and being used to working with young officers), and with many section commanders having considerably more time-in and experience than me, I chose to seek their advice whenever time permitted. My orders writing and presentation improved dramatically with Warrant Bradley's assistance and I must say that I learned more from him and my section commanders in the few weeks I spent with 10 Platoon than I've learned, before or since.

Exercise "Highland Laddie" introduced me to the Regular Force exercise concept. Unlike the Reserves, where an exercise starts late Friday night and winds up by noon on Sunday, we departed for Trenton on Wednesday to prepare for a Saturday assault on Gananoque Airport. The

long periods of inactivity would take some getting used to over my six-month callout. Three Commando works hard when it works but, with more time on their hands there's a lot more down time for members.

Exercise "Highland Laddie" was highlighted by a parachute assault on Gananoque Airport, involving the four platoons of the Commando, along with a platoon of Queen's Own Rifles and elements of Mortar Platoon, 2 CER, RCD Recce Troop



Lt John Fotheringham models facewear suitable for touring the Arctic.

and 'E' Battery, RCHA. Being my first full-equipment jump (with radio), since cracking my back on a jump in 1986, I was nervous, to say the least. After a particularly long and gruesome flight (being the third plane in a three-plane formation) I was really quite happy to get out the door. A rather bad exit left me with mega-twists and by the time I'd got them out I was forced to land with full equipment. Luckily, the deep snow prevented any injury and I landed softly. My platoon quickly captured its objective and we moved back to CFB Petawawa for the latter phase of the exercise, from which I drew considerable lessons and experience.

After a nice Christmas break, we headed for Rankin Inlet, NWT, for Exercise "Svelte Nordique". As is

becoming the custom on 3 Cdo exercises, members of the QOR accompanied us. We spent a week with members of the Canadian Rangers, getting a real winter indoctrination. The Arctic is really a beautiful area, with friendly people, and I would love to visit it in the summer.

After our time in Rankin Inlet, the Commando returned to Petawawa to participate in defensive exercises. Major O'Brien had graciously enrolled me in the six week Advanced

Winter Warfare Instructor Course, beginning at CFB Wainwright, Alberta and culminating with a three-week expedition in the Rankin Inlet area.

Returning to the Commando in early March after a few weeks in temperatures at low as minus 50 degrees Celsius, with winds of 30 kph, and with all platoon commanders present, I was in for a quiet month, preparing exercise scenarios and the like for Capt. "Chip" Chapman, the Regiment's British Exchange Officer and 3 Cdo DCO.

We departed for Meaford in late March for the Commando Patrolling School, with the first week consisting of recce patrols and observation posts and the second with jungle lanes, ranges and live-fire day and night attacks, culminating with a jump back into Petawawa.

With Capt. Howard Coombs departing for CFB Gagetown to teach new officers, I was chosen to command 12 Platoon for the end of my callout and the final few weeks of the patrolling school. The first week consisted of ambush patrols with a live-fire finale and the second focussed on raids. Having a Ranger-qualified 2IC was a big help and I learned a great deal from this exercise.

Returning to base via a long and

This was our final stand during the second portion of the exercise. The next day saw company personnel lounging around the bivouac site, receiving visitors from each of the units involved and taking their first showers in over a week. Meanwhile, company HQ was busy preparing for the next phase -- the Defence of Canada Exercise. Bruce Company was assigned to secure the vast, labyrinthine, inordinately busy and strategically sensitive Deep River Airport, as well as to patrol several vital points in the area.

In the early afternoon of 8 July the company embarked for its assigned area in the usual grouping of helicopters and landed at the airfield. The first day on the site proved to be interesting. All the company leaders had been concerned about the reaction of our soldiers to the change from intense conflict situations, where everything that moved was a target, into a public situation where the enemy dressed in civilian clothes. Fortunately the shift in intensity went fairly well -- with one notable exception.

On the first day the roadblock at the gate leading to the airfield failed to properly inspect a civilian car driven by an attractive young lady. Upon arrival at company HQ, the trunk lid on the car opened and out came a jeans-clad trooper from 3 Commando, brandishing a C-7 rifle! As the person in charge, I was taken prisoner, much to the amusement of the troops watching the entire episode -- from a safe distance, I might point out. Hours later, after my release by our well-controlled enemy, I enlisted the services of Rfn Thorn to act as my bodyguard for the duration of the exercise. (However, even he has been unable to deflect the rude remarks I have been -- and occasionally still am -- subject to as a result of this.)

For the next two days the company secured the area around Deep River. Early on the second day we received word that a vehicle containing several suspects would be travelling through our area. In a move to apprehend them a helicopter was summoned on short no-

tice and Sgt Payton and a section of riflemen were flown into a hastily-arranged vehicle checkpoint site. They spotted the vehicle, stopped and searched it and seized weapons and documents which would have aided the sinister PARF organization had they arrived at their destination.

On 10 July the company embarked upon a cordon and search operation against the suspected enemy headquarters complex. After being inserted into a secure landing zone, some 3km from its objective, the company quickly moved in to take it out. In this operation, the Hastings and Prince Edward platoon excelled in clearing the sewer complex under the main enemy position. (I must say that watching them move into the site with shovels in hand and pickaxes on shoulder conjured up visions of the seven dwarfs on their way to work.) In any event, the attack went in on schedule and the position was taken successfully -- and on time.

This was to be our last operation of "ON GUARD 90". The final training event was to have seen us re-occupying our old defensive position on the base and defending it against the final attack from our host unit, 3 Commando. This was not to be. Instead the company found it had a full day with nothing to do before endex. This soon changed. With the assistance of 3 Commando's CO and B Coy of the 1st Bn RCR, we were put through some very enjoyable training. All company personnel leapt from the mock tower, went for a much deserved swim and took part in emergency drive training on the Grizzly AVGP.

Finally, on 13 July, Bruce Company cleared camp and members deployed to their respective units for the remainder of the summer training. All felt tired but had that great feeling of accomplishment which always accompanies good training.

For all of us, and myself in particular, the training had taught us much and pushed us to the limit of our endurance and knowledge. I would like to extend my warm thanks to Maj Lorne O'Brien, Capt

Chip Chapman and to the troops of 3 Airborne Commando for their guidance and professionalism as well as to all the troops of the units involved in Bruce Company for their tremendous drive and attitude.

Exercise "ON GUARD 90" will long be remembered as the "BEST OF THE BEST"

*Maj A.R. Welsh,
OC 60th Coy, QOR;
OC Bruce Coy,
"ON GUARD 90".*

Six months with the Airborne Regiment (or, A Dream Come True!)

Last year, I was offered the opportunity to do what most Reservists (and some Regulars) only dream about -- to serve with the Canadian Airborne Regiment. On Jump Bivouac in Petawawa Maj Lorne O'Brien, CO of 3 Commando, said: "Why don't you come up with us? I can use an Ops O. Of course, we can't be the ones to pay you!"

After several months of "negotiating" among the QOR, TMD and CMA (read, "Nice idea, but we're not paying for it") my CO, LCol Ed Rayment, was finally able to convince CMA to fund a Class B position for the best training a Militia Second Lieutenant could ever hope to get.

I arrived at 3 Cdo in CFB Petawawa in mid-November to start a very interesting six-month posting with the Airborne Regiment. The 3 Cdo Adjutant, Capt. Rob McIlroy, helped me find the room which was to be my quarters for the duration of the callout. (Imagine a room roughly twice the size of the washroom in the QOR Home Station Officer's Mess at Moss Park Armoury and you get the idea. I was, after all, just a reservist!)

My first week was spent with Lt. Kevin Caldwell, OC Support Platoon, on the final exercise of the

the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa) and notes the promotion to Warrant Officer of John Wilmot. Congratulations.

Changes in the Regular Support Staff include the departure of WO Mark Charlebois, now with York Regional Police and the arrival of his replacement, WO Mike McKinley of the PPCLI.

The new Mess Committee for 1989/90 is: PMC, WO Scott Patterson; Vice PMC MWO Josh Figa; Treasurer, Sgt. Alexander Quinn; Secretary, WO John Wilmot.

The Mess has acquired two new display cases from Queen's Own Rifles Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. These will be used to house and display Regimental artifacts and memorabilia. Any members wishing to contribute items for this purpose should contact the RSM or PMC. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Several notable occurrences during the year included the time-honoured tradition of New Year's Day Levee, commencing at Oh Dark 30 (for some, notably too early); gifts to the Commanding Officer, a tactful occurrence practiced over the past few years, just to express our deepest regards towards the Officers' Mess and the Wine and Cheese Party, a Yuletide favourite, was once again a great success.

Our two major dinners were also outstanding successes. The Sergeant Aubrey Cosens, VC, Dinner was held as a Wednesday night Dining-In, after unit training and the 107th Annual Sergeants' Mess Dinner was once again a night of great camaraderie. Without the strong support of the Regimental Family both dinners would have only been meals.

Special thanks for their up front and behind the scenes efforts on a variety of events should be paid to Maureen Patterson, Darlene Senetchko and our dedicated and hard-working Mess Steward Joe Marsela.

We were sorry to hear of the loss of three of the staunch supporters of our Mess -- WO1 Bushy Cracken, CSM Joe Resnick and RQMS Syd Phillips. They will be sadly missed by us all.

I conclude this report by thanking all Associate members for supporting the Mess this year and by reminding all members that we can only preserve and maintain the history and traditions of the Regiment by first acquainting ourselves with those of the Regiment who have gone before us.

IN PACE PARATUS.

*WO Scott Patterson, CD,
President, Mess Committee,
QOR of Canada Sergeants' Mess.*

Report from Ottawa Black Net

Without being organized into a formal association, the Ottawa area Black Net continues to operate. It is composed mainly of those who remained in the area when they left the Services and those Riflemen still serving who are assigned to NDHQ or nearby establishments.

This report summarizes activities of members and changes in status over the last year.

Promotion of M.G. (Mike) McKewen to LCol began the year in promising fashion. Mike took over as head of the Infantry section in the Directorate of Land Requirements until June, when he replaced LCol B. Grahame Baskerville as staff Officer for Research and Development. Having ceased his class "C" callout, "BG" took off his uniform for a final time and accepted a civilian position at NDHQ as a senior audit officer in Director General Audit, the DND comprehensive audit group.

Col Phil Roy, having retired the previous year, put on his uniform again for a few months to temporarily fill a position in DG Program Evaluation.....Maj Gary Whiting returned from UN duties in the Middle East to assume new duties dealing with establishments at NDHQ in the Directorate of Land Operations, Training and Resources.....Col D.S. (Don) Ethell has left the position of Director of Peacekeeping Operations (Don was the first incumbent of this

newly-created position) and has assumed command of the Multi-national Force and Observers in the Sinai.

We must mention the NDHQ long-distance commuters: Majors C.P. (Pat) Dillon and M.S.T.A. (Mike) McMurtrie. Pat enjoys life on his rural property near Kemptville, where he and Susie raise horses and he keeps fitting cutting firewood. Pat is at the centre of Army matters in NDHQ as the personal staff officer to the Chief, Land Doctrine and Operations. Mike is on callout with the Directorate of Military Plans and Coordination and commutes daily from Prescott, where he and his wife, Bridgette, own and run a motel.

Having recently retired from the service, Clair Donnelly is settling into his second career as a planning officer with Emergency Preparedness Canada.....W.D. (Bill) McKay, as a senior project manager with Systemhouse Inc., continues to sort out projects which have run into trouble, no doubt using all the experience he gained previously managing Defence Scientists.....G.J.D. (Jim) Pass manages the Pass Group of Management Consultants, which is involved in work for the Federal Government and Royal Commissions.....Mike Newell is Secretary General of the Canadian Agency, Commonwealth Graves Commission.

Glen and Eileen Munroe celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last August. Glen, past president of Branch 425 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Sharbot Lake, keeps quite busy.....John Saunders continues as Secretary/Treasurer of our Black Net. In his job with the National Headquarters of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, John gets to travel and conduct training courses in such exotic locales as CFB Shilo!

LCol Dave Montgomery, after spending a summer holiday at his newly-acquired retirement property in Prince Edward Island, was reassigned from his position as Deputy Director of Infantry to Director, Reserves Coordination. In his new job he states he will do his best to "...foster the Total Force Concept."

Bill and Brenda Minnis completed a year of language training in Ottawa and left for Tel Aviv, where Bill assumed the duties of Canadian Defence Attache -- a position once held by Hank Elliott, our present Honourary Lieutenant Colonel.

It can be reported with pride that Riflemen continue to contribute to published military history. Dr. W.J. (Bill) McAndrew, a senior historian in Dir History, has co-authored and published a book entitled "Battle Exhaustion: Soldiers and Psychiatry in the Canadian Army, 1939-'45." Also, LCol Ken Radley, presently manager, operational requirements in the project management office for the Intelligence and Security Complex.

LCol T.C. (Chris) Heyes continues with the Canadian Coast Guard as Superintendent of Occupational Safety and Special Projects while serving as a policy advisor with the Reserve Personnel Integration Planning Teams in NDHQ's Primary Reserve component.

Promotions to Brigadier General: Ray Crabbe, after spending his last year in Winnipeg on French Language Training, moved east as Commander, Special Service Force at CFB Petawawa.....Don Banks, a former regimental signals officer, left Kingston, where he was Base Commander, and moved to Ottawa on appointment as Commander, Canadian Forces Communications Command.

The writer, on a trip to NATO HQ, had a very pleasant visit with Barry and Carol Ashton in Brussels. Barry is on the NATO International Military Staff and is involved in Arms Control planning as part of the European Conventional Forces reduction initiative.

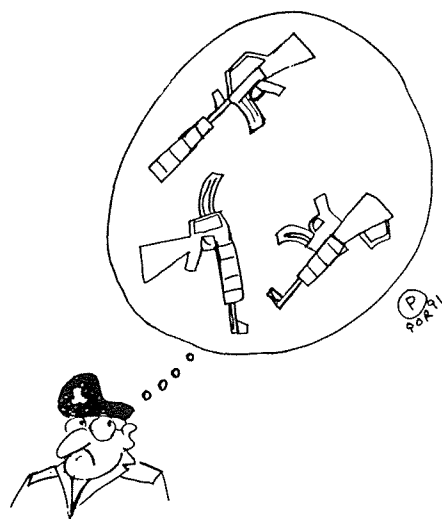
Col Andy Gauthier, who served with the 1st Bn as a platoon commander before commencing his career as a Military Police officer, recently retired. His last position was Commander, NDHQ Administration Unit. He is now devoting his energies to being a fulltime sculptor. Among his notable works in the Airborne Soldier figure at the entrance to CFB Petawawa and the Royal 22ieme Regiment Memorial unveiled

in Quebec City as part of the 75th Anniversary activities organized by the "Van Doos."

LCol W.A. (Bill) Aikman, head of the Information Operations section in the Directorate of Information Services, has had a busy year, with the Oka operation and the Persian Gulf, both being top news stories. A highlight of the year was his visit to Moscow as head of a Canadian Forces delegation. This exchange visit was part of reciprocal military visits between Canada and the USSR. An article Bill wrote on this visit appeared in the 1990/5 issue of the Sentinel, the Canadian Forces magazine.

LATE NEWS: Early in 1991 the Chief of Defence Staff announced the promotions and appointments of seniors officers and the Regiment was well-represented. BGen L.W. (Lew) McKenzie will become Deputy Commander, Land Forces Central Area in Toronto, on return from UN duties in Central America. J.E.P. (Pierre) Lalonde, on promotion to MGen, will be Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence at SHAPE HQ in Belgium. On promotion, BGen B.W. Ashton will be the new Commander, 1 Cdn Brigade, in Calgary.

LCol (Ret'd) B. Grahame Baskerville, Ottawa



MCpl PAUL ALEXANDER, QOR of C

Billy begins to entertain serious doubts that he has assembled his rifle correctly.

Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Association

The annual meeting, which is required to meet our charter and election of officers, took place at the Queen's Own Rifles Branch (Ont #344) of the Royal Canadian Legion, just prior to the 130th Anniversary Dinner on 28 April, 1990. It was very well attended and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members in attendance for electing me to an unprecedented third term as your President.

As evidenced by the long list of departed comrades names read out by Remembrance Secretary John Missons, the list of WWII members grows shorter each year so we are looking to some of our younger members to come forward to serve on the Executive or Board of Directors.

At the Anniversary Dinner -- which was a complete sellout, thanks to the great efforts of Harry McCabe as dinner chairman -- we were privileged to have LCol. Barney Danson as our guest speaker and he did a wonderful job, just reminiscing about the early days of World War II.

Plaques were presented for our annual shoot and to Joe Resnick, posthumously, as "1988 RIFLEMAN OF THE YEAR". It was accepted by his wife, Violet. The 1989 ROTY Award went to a very hard-working individual, none other than Art Gay. Plaques for the Association's Annual Shoot (Best Shot) were awarded to John Strathy (1987); Harry McCabe (1988); and Ted O'Halloran (1989). Flowers were also presented to Mrs. Danson and Mrs. Resnick.

The outstanding success of this event was not the work of just one person and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who contributed so much -- Chairman Harry McCabe and committee members Frank Gaines, Art Richardson, John Missons, John Bennett, Capt. Bliz-



conduct of a company level live-fire ambush patrol. This had been organized by our host unit and we really wanted to do well. Unfortunately this was not to be. Due to a combination of some lack of organization on our part and over-zealous safety precaution on the part of exercise control it took the company approximately three hours to cross a three strand rope bridge that lay at the start of the route. (One of our unit members was able to achieve the outstanding feat of cocking his rifle without using his hands! This was unfortunate because, at the time, he was in the middle of the rope bridge and there was a full magazine of live rounds on the weapon ["WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?"]). Eventually, all was sorted

out and the company participated in a spectacular night fire shoot, including 81mm mortar illumination. As we were heading back to our defensive position, the command staff in the company reviewed the activities of the day and decided that things could have gone better within the company and, to their credit, in future they did.

Our next stand was a company-level air mobile assault and wood clearing. From the standpoint of commanding a company this operation was certainly the most taxing. For the conduct of the stand 1 Commando employed the "Miles System" to simulate actual battle casualties. The system included a harness on each man which picked up light emitted from an attachment on a rifle. If a weapon was aimed at a

soldier's harness and fired an alarm signal was started which could only be stopped by him taking a key from his own weapon to disable it -- meaning he was now a casualty!

In the four hours it took Bruce Company to clear the woods we took 54 "casualties" out of the 128 personnel who started the trace. This was an eye-opening experience for all concerned but, ultimately it turned out to be the lowest casualty rate of any company to undergo the stand, which ended with the welcome sight of nine Hueys and one Chinook helicopter landing to lift us back to our "home in the ground."

Next, the company conducted a live-fire defensive shoot organized by 2 Commando. This stand was by far the most fun and also the most conventional. The company occupied a defensive position in the Juliet Tower area of the base in the late afternoon. There we were met by our Forward Observation Officer (a militia lieutenant from 11th Field) and our Mortar Fire Controller (a regular force sergeant from 1 RCR).

Throughout the afternoon and evening the company engaged wave after wave of a mechanized enemy force which was thwarted in its every effort to take our position. The stand was well supplied with ammunition (in fact more ammunition was expended during those five hours than many of us had ever seen before) and we left this stand with a greater appreciation for our weapons and the support weapons available to us.

Bruce Company was then subjected to a platoon level night ambush. Although this was not a live-fire exercise, it did include a challenging night river crossing in assault boats.

This operation went extremely well for the company. We were to attack and secure an enemy outpost at the top of Highview Hill and, simultaneously, establish two ambush sites at the base of the hill. The composite Queen's Own/Toronto Scottish platoon was given the difficult task of raiding the tower itself. Time was short for the trip to the top and, once the company had landed on enemy turf, Queen's Own Lt. Kevin Sheedy led his platoon at a dead run along the beach. About two hours, five miles and 600 feet later, the raid was initiated as planned and the enemy were trounced yet again -- and well within the timings given. (Up to this point, none of the other companies had managed to make the timings set out by the stand staff!)

Our final stand was a company bridge demolition guard on the Burnt Bay Bridge. This operation went well, except for the final three hours. During a daring daylight raid on the bridge the enemy managed to "kill" me, leaving my unsuspecting 2I/C, Capt Murray Robertson of the HastyPees in charge. Unfortunately, Capt Robertson had managed little sleep over the previous two days and had inadvertently slept through parts of the company Orders Group. He did adjust quickly, however, and commanded the company for the rest of the day.

The Queen's Own at "On Guard 90"

Exercise "ON GUARD 90" started out, for some of us, with training trips to CFB Petawawa in March and May, 1990, which were conducted to introduce all Militia participants to the ground that would be used and the Regular Force troops with whom we were to work during the exercise.

During these trips to our future battleground we were taught such new skills as the intricacies of Defence of Canada operations (which is to play such a large part in the future role of the Reserve) and we were ably reminded of the principles, fundamentals and characteristics of the other more conventional military exercises in which we were to be practised during the exercise.

These weekend trips also gave rise to the somewhat unconventional name the company would eventually take for the exercise. During the May weekend, after all the senior company staff had met for the first time, it quickly became obvious that the usual phonetic, alphabetical naming of the company would just not properly represent this particular group. This knowledge, combined with a common love for Monty Python, led to the company being christened "Bruce" Coy.

On 30 June, after much briefing and anticipation,



En route and in the field. The QOR, led by Maj Tony Welsh (centre, top) were among hundreds of militia and regulars who participated in Exercise On Guard 90.

Exercise "ON GUARD 90" finally began. Our first operation as a company was to conduct relief in place with our host unit, 3 Commando of the Canadian Airborne Regt. Bruce Coy had not really worked together before the exercise and this, combined with a last-minute reorganization which added a new platoon to the company during the moveout, caused this operation to be somewhat complicated.

However, in the light of day on 1 July, 1990 we found ourselves with soldiers from four different units occupying the most elaborate defensive position any of us had ever seen. 3 Commando had been preparing this battle position for over a month and had spared neither material nor effort in its construction. (At this point the company was composed of over 130 personnel from the Queen's



Own Rifles, the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, the Toronto Scottish and the Algonquin Regiment. The numbers were to thin out as the exercise progressed, although the units involved were to remain constant.) The training now began in earnest. For the first two days the company continued to occupy the position in a tactical setting and practice all facets of defensive operations, including patrolling, listening posts, maintenance and delivery point operations. 3 Commando pro-

vided a very effective enemy force for most of these operations, including using their knowledge of the position to ensure that all lessons were learned and that very little sleep was gained. (This was to be a critical point learned on the exercise. Everybody put in some hectic days but we grew together as a company as the hours went by.)

After a few days, Bruce Company moved onto the stand rotation that was to see us undertaking a different operation each day. Our first stand was the

zard, Art Gay, Paul Trenchard, RSM Brian Budden and of course, the Queen's Own buglers and drummers. Catering was done by "A Touch of Class" and they lived up to that name. Carol Cunningham (then President of the Legion) was extremely helpful in making the dinner a success.

Our next get-together was the Warrior's Day Parade and although we had over 100 men on parade it was sadly marred by the death of one of our members, Jack Pearce. It was a terrible shock and our sympathies go out to Jack's family. We were honoured to have our own Regimental Band and Bugles for this parade and we thank the Commanding Officer, LCol Bob Campbell.

Next was the Annual Association Shoot at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Boy, was it cold!!! Besides the lousy weather our government had double-booked the ranges again and this time we had to take second place to - guess who? -- the American Army!

Never mind, as bad as the weather was, we enjoyed the outing. For the record Ed Teatro was the Best Shot of the day -- or hour, or something like that.

The annual Remembrance Day Parade was next and while we had a fairly good turnout, I really feel we can do better. We should have as many as possible on parade for this extra special event.

Finally, in December, we were invited to join with the Regiment's serving members at the annual Men's Christmas Dinner. It was a fine evening and we thank the Regiment for allowing us to be part of it.

We will be celebrating the Regiment's 131st Anniversary 27 and 28 April and we'd like to see all members in attendance at the planned events.

Keep tuned for all the information as soon as it's finalized.

*Jack Martin, President,
Queen's Own Rifles
of Canada Association.*

The Regimental Shrine

Well, 1990 will be long remembered for the tumultuous changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union; the Oka standoff in Quebec (where it was delightful to see the professionalism displayed by the Canadian Army!) and the current (as this is written) Persian Gulf Crisis! Peace in our time?

Visitors to the Shrine during the year have included such notables as Diane and Marcel Gilbert from Kingston, with daughter Christine Harris, now at UBC; Mavis and Doug Williams; Arlene and Rollie Albrecht, Calgary; Eileen and Dick Cowling, Comox, BC; Sandy Ligget, Ladysmith; Jim Britt, Nanaimo; Mary and Tom Stout, Sidney; Bob Whelan, Colwood; Dorothy Macl-ean, Esquimalt; Joan and 'Punch' Westfall, from their new location in Francois Lake, BC -- and locals El-

eanor and Lloyd Cornett; Brenda and Robbie (MkIII) Robinson; Franca and Bob Burns; Jeannette and Art Gaudry and Art Tesla.

Phone callers included Jim Schulz, Sardis, BC; Hank Elliot; Len Cross, Gabriola Isle, BC and Al Collingwood, on the occasion of the Regimental Birthday.

Promotions included BGen Ray Crabbe to Comd SSF Petawawa; LCol Laurie Johnson to CO C Scot R (some of you will remember him as the last Paymaster of 1 QOR); Maj Bob Duncan to Brigade Battle School, Camp Wainwright. Also, Lloyd Cornett was elected Chairman of the Fraser River Harbour Commission. Have just recently heard that MGen Herb Pitts has been appointed to the post of Colonel of the Regiment, PPCLI. Congratulations, gentlemen, for jobs well done.

Moves during the year include Mardie and Don Creighton to Richmond, BC; Sandy and Wayne Dehnke to Chilliwack; Don Ethell to Cairo; Irene and 'Boom' Marsaw to Guelph; Lew Mackenzie to Costa Rica and Jean and 'Poncho' Fotheringham to Kelowna.

I regret having to report the following losses: Charlie Mikula, Ottawa (Dec); Ken McLeod, Calgary (Apr); Curly Graham (Jun); Ken Webber (Aug) and Marnie Webber (Nov), Saanich. On behalf of the Regiment, I extend sincere condolences to all of their families, with the thought that they will all be fondly remembered

The Mountain Clan are all well, and have now been increased by one son-in-law and one grandchild. Linda was married to Ron Wouts in March and have now presented us with our seventh grandchild, Brit-tany Alexander, who is a real doll.

I suppose you have all heard of the Supplementary Ready Reserve. I enrolled last March and am working toward the third clasp to my CD. I am curious to know who many others of you are also in it. During processing I made contact with ex-Cpl L.L. Schultz, who is now RSM of the RSS at HQ Pacific Mil Area.

Bob Whelan and I recently attended the 53rd annual Game Dinner of The Canadian Scottish Regiment in Victoria. For those of you have been fortunate enough to have participated in this, you will be pleased to know that it is still a magnificent production. Also had the good fortune of seeing Harry Groom during this trip (he was holding court at one of the local Legions).

To those of you who remember Sgt Tom Eagle, you will be pleased to hear that he has been honoured by the Federal Government with a Citation for Citizenship as well as an appointment as Citizenship Judge for NWT. Well done your Honour. It's good to see that all your years of hard work have been recognized.

1990 marked the 25th anniversary of the First Battalion's tour in Cyprus (April-October, 1965).

DO YOU REMEMBER: Scuba diving with Andreas? The Ridley tube? Jim O'Brien back in the saddle? The Temblos 'highway'? Ye olde mule tamer, 'Salty' Schell? Yaman, the resident of St. Hilarion Castle? Famagusta and/or Beirut R&R? The case of the missing rounds OR target practice by Pete Busby and Wally Ratz? The prisoner of Tjiklos? Art Vanderford with another truckload of 'contraband'? Jack Hanley's imaginative solution to the illegal Turkish Cypriot trench at 'Marten's Mound'? Afternoon 'tea' with the Cave Ladies? Drill & Duties courses in the heat? Bill McKay's morning inspection of the flower bed in Kyrenia? Barney Hupe finding a snake in the Sergeant's Mess at Tjiklos? The Arabian night at Lizard Flats? Kip Kirby's early morning vertical walks? Hugh McCaw inspecting the goldfish at Tjiklos? Lew MacKenzie inspecting Clito's wine vats? The night of the 'Indian' raid on NIC-ZONE?

1990 also marks the 20th anniversary of the demise of 1 QOR of C on 26APR70 -- the last of the Regular component of the Regiment (Well, almost! The Regimental Headquarters consisting of yours truly, Sgt Irwin Weber and Cpl 'Red' Bond, survived until 15SEP70, finalizing all Regimental business. On that day the Regimental flag was pulled down for the last time at Work Point Barracks) After three days of sports, parades, dinners and impromptu parties, the Battalion paraded on Monday, 27APR70 as 3 PPCLI when it was welcomed into the Patricias family by MGen C.B. Ware, DSO, CD, Colonel of the Regiment.

Space doesn't permit me to list the officers on strength of the First Battalion at that time but I'll list those whose whereabouts are unknown and if anyone can provide their addresses or details of what's happened to them they can contact me at the Shrine address at the end of this article.

Address unknown, 20 years later:
Capt J.W. Brighton (RCAMC); Capt

J.P.R. Gagne (RCACHC); Lt G.T. Bingham (RCEME) Lt J.M. Gendron (RC Sigs); Lt M.M. Johnson (RC Sigs).

If you're interested in knowing where any of the others who were on strength at that time are, drop me a line.

In closing, Ev joins me in sending our very warm regards to all Skirmishers and your families, wherever you may be -- and a reminder that you are always welcome to drop in to the Shrine for a cool one and a chat. **And don't forget: ONCE IN THE QUEEN'S OWN - ALWAYS IN THE QUEEN'S OWN!**

Maj Bill Mountain,
"The Shrine", 5523-6th ave,
Delta, BC V4M 1L9
(Tel 604-943-9866)

Report from Chilliwack

There was an excellent turnout for the annual regimental birthday party held on the 130th anniversary of the QOR of Canada on Friday, 17 April at Vedder Legion (Branch 280). There were 26 present and accounted for.

Toast to the Colonel-in-Chief, HRH The Princess Alexandra, was given by Ralph Ferris and to the Regiment by Fred (Pop) Purchase. Including these two, others attending were: Jim Schultz, Nick Pope, Keith McCarthy, Jerry Lund, Wes White, Larry Beaton, John Smith, Jim Jerome, Ken Moiny, Al (Tubby) Bruce, Dennie Haar, Ed Bogan, Marc Gagne, Gerry Kendall, Bert Oullette, Lyle Ryckman, Bob Foster, Rollie Phillips, Ray Donaldson, Ray Demueles, Bill Pickens, R.C. (Bob) Davis, B. Robinson and Bill Kowalchuk.

From all of us out here, we wish the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada the very best for 1991.

Bob Foster, Chilliwack, BC
Queen's Own Rifles Association.

Scarborough Rifles (Army Cadet Corps)

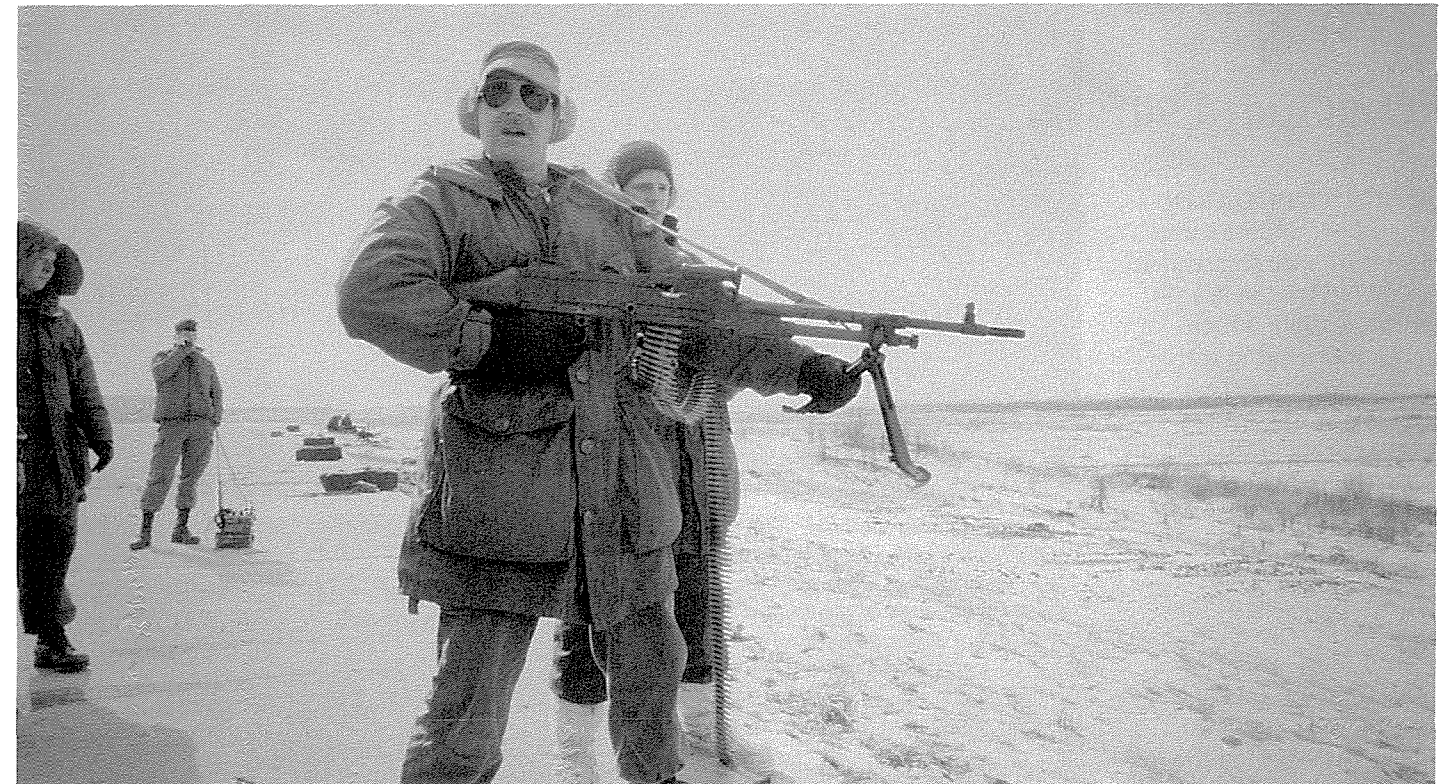


Cadet WO Bridge turns a page in the Book of Life in Canterbury Cathedral Warrior's Chapel.

Following a year of organization and fund-raising, a group of 26 officers and cadets from 2881 Highland Creek Cadet Corps (Scarborough Rifles) made a memorable visit to The Queen's Regiment, one of our affiliated British Army regiments. From the CO of the 1st Bn on down, everyone was most hospitable towards us and arranged some excellent training for the cadets. We were delighted to see that the Canadian and Ontario flags we presented, among other mementos, were flown at battalion HQ and raised and lowered each day, with The Queen's Regiment flag, for the duration of our visit.

When weapons and equipment were issued we got our first look at—and were given training on—the new 5.56 SA80 rifle with its optical enlarging sight and special sling which allows users to literally wear the rifle attached to themselves and have both hands free, if required. We shot at an electronically-controlled rifle range on Salisbury Plain where targets are put up and down at vari-

...on Exercises in the field



Above: 2nd Lt Dennis Miller and WO Charleboir conduct training during Machine Gun Course Live Fire.
Below: Sgt C. Thomson observes Rfn Rivers during Machine Gun Course Live Fire.

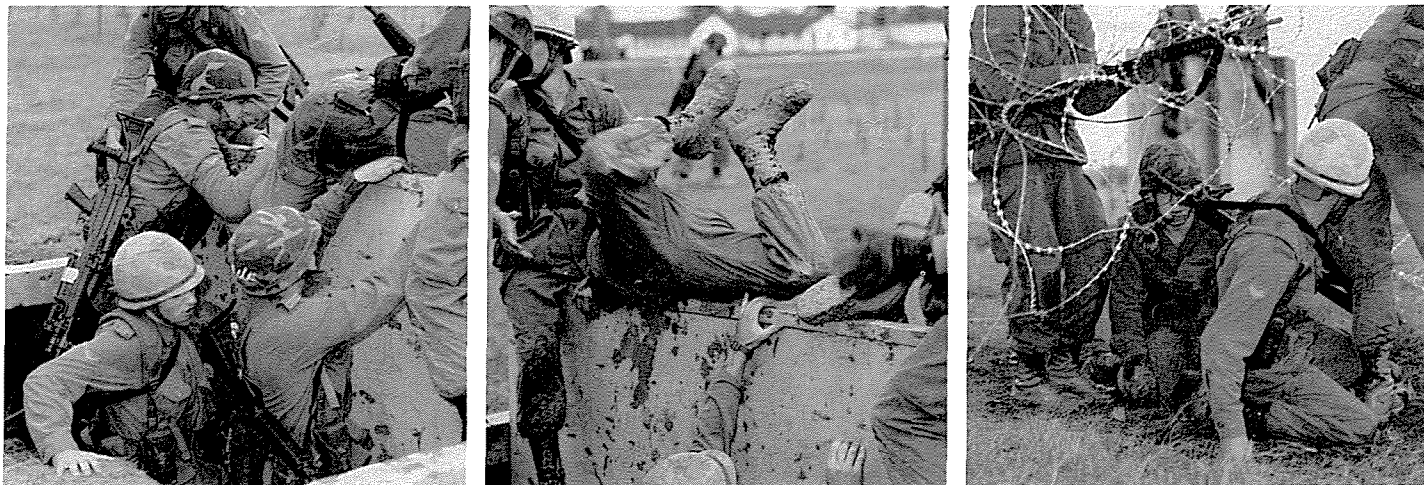
All photos by Lt Sandy Banerjee, QOR of C.



The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada



Above: A helicopter hovers over participants in snowy conditions during Exercise Silent Knife II at Meaford.
Below: Members of the QOR tackle a couple of tricky obstacles during the Infantry Competitions.



ous distances at the touch of a button. No "pasting up" and "butt parties!"

Other highlights included visits to: The Queen's Regiment Museum in Dover Castle, the Small Arms Museum at the School of Infantry in Warminster and the Army Air Corps Museum at Middle Wallop; the 13th/18th Royal Hussars to see and ride in their Scimitar and Scorpion tracked recce vehicles; Netherarvon, where the cadets were shown Gazelle and Scout helicopters and treated to a fly-over by USAF A10 "Tank Buster" aircraft; and 43 Bty, RA, where the cadets watched a shoot and were given instruction on 105 mm artillery.

The Queen's Regiment laid on a small "Navex" which included an escape and evasion section and the cadets also took part in "Quebec Heights", a daylight exercise and a night time "Capture the Lantern" exercise.

Cadet WO Bridge made history by being the first cadet to turn a page of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Book of Life in Canterbury Cathedral's Warriors' Chapel.

We have very kindly been offered a return visit to 1 Queen's, perhaps in West Germany, when the battalion is posted there.

*Capt. A.D. Wilson,
Commanding Officer,
2881 Highland Creek Corps*

TCS Black Bears Roam The Bush

The Trinity College School Rifles form a well rounded Cadet Corps, spending time in the classroom as well as on the parade ground. But their true home is in the bush -- and the Black Bears of Trinity take special pride in their field skills, which make them truly worthy of their status as Riflemen.

During the past year, the Black Bears' activities have included map exercises, competitive shooting and presentations on sophisticated military firearms. However, the high-



lights of the Cadet Corps' training are the frequent field exercises, when the cadets strive to become the most field-smart corps in Canada. Activities include patrolling, land navigation, bivouacking, reconnaissance competitions, search and rescue, orienteering and -- everyone's favourite -- night operations. Nothing builds character like a classic recce at midnight.....through a stream.....in the rain.....right?

TCSR's strong field orientation reflects the experience and practical talents of the corps' directing staff. The CO, Capt John Stephens, is a professional with Scouts Canada. Succeeding him this year as CO will be LCol Kenneth Reeves, CD (Ret), formerly RCR and Canadian Guards and a veteran of the Korean War. Civilian Instructor Jim Lutz (Training Officer) was a Reconnaissance team leader with the US 101st Airborne Division in the Vietnam War and his Assistant Training Officer is a former Upper Canada College Cadet with a special interest in firearms and marksmanship. Together, this team is working together to make the Black Bears "first in the field."

When TCS re-established its historic Cadet Corps in 1987, LCol Ed Rayment was a key supporter and was instrumental in affiliating the Corps with the Queen's Own. Col

Rayment was inspecting officer at the Corps' annual inspection in May, 1990, and at the mess dinner which followed he took his text from General Douglas MacArthur, speaking on the virtues of that simple military creed -- "Duty, Honour, Country."

Although this was Col Rayment's last official act as the first colonel of the Black Bears, the Cadets look forward to continuing their special relationship with him, particularly through his contribution to the Corps, the "Rayment Sword," carried by the Cadet Commanding Officer.

At this writing, the Cadets are preparing for the two spring, 1991 field exercises under the command of Cadet Lt Jesse Jones, Cadet WO Jeff Reeves, Recce Team Leader Cpl J.J. Liu, Infantry Team Leader Cpl Mike Dumas and Engineer Team Leader Cpl Mike Davidson. Soon the Black Bears will leave their classrooms behind and return to the dark woods and muddy fields. There, a ham omelette IMP is a delicacy, camouflage an art form and dryness the highest virtue.

Once again in the bush, the Black Bears will be home.

*Jim Lutz,
Training Officer,
TCS Rifles.*

5.56mm C7 RIFLE

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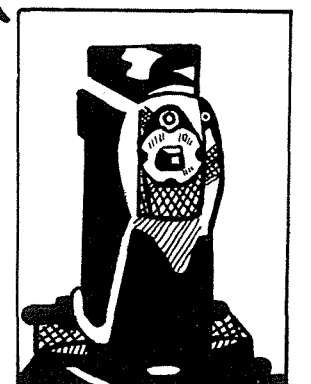
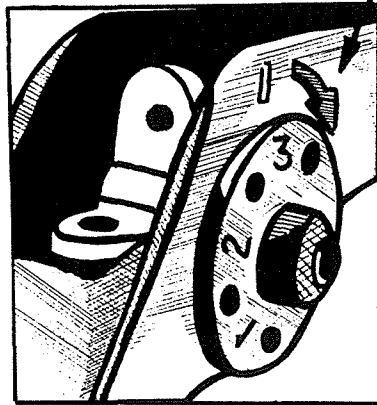
THE C7 RIFLE IS AN ADAPTATION OF THE M16A1E1 RIFLE DEVELOPED BY COLT FIREARMS OF THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE SMALL ARMS TRIALS & TESTS EVER CONDUCTED IN CANADA. SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE TO THE ORIGINAL RESULTING IN THE CURRENT CANADIAN VERSION.

DIRECTION: TO MOVE MPI TO THE RIGHT, MOVE THE REAR SIGHT TO THE RIGHT, TO DO THIS, TURN THE DRUM CLOCKWISE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW. TO MOVE MPI LEFT, ROTATE THE DRUM COUNTER-CLOCKWISE. EACH NOTCH MOVES THE MPI LT OR RT 28mm AT 100M OR ABOUT 6mm AT 25M.

ELEVATION: TO RAISE MPI, DEPRESS DETENT & ROTATE POST CLOCKWISE. TO LOWER MPI, ROTATE POST ANTI-CLOCKWISE, EACH NOTCH MOVES THE MPI UP OR DOWN 28mm AT 100M OR ABOUT 6mm AT 25M

FRONT SIGHT - SQUARE POST WITH TWO PROTECTORS EITHER SIDE OF IT.

REAR FIELD SIGHT ADJUSTABLE FOR WINDAGE, WITH TWO FLIP STYLE APERTURES, ADJUSTABLE FOR LONG RANGE (Over 300m) AND SHORT RANGE (0-300m)



PLATE

COCKING HANDLE

SPENT CASING DEFLECTOR

CARRYING HANDLE

UPPER & LOWER HANDGUARDS

EJECTION PORT & COVER

HANDGUARD CAP

FRONT SIGHT

BARREL

BAYONET STUD

FLASH SUPPRESSOR

FORWARD SLING SWIVEL

FORWARD ASSIST

MAGAZINE RELEASE BUTTON

SLIP RING

PISTOL GRIP

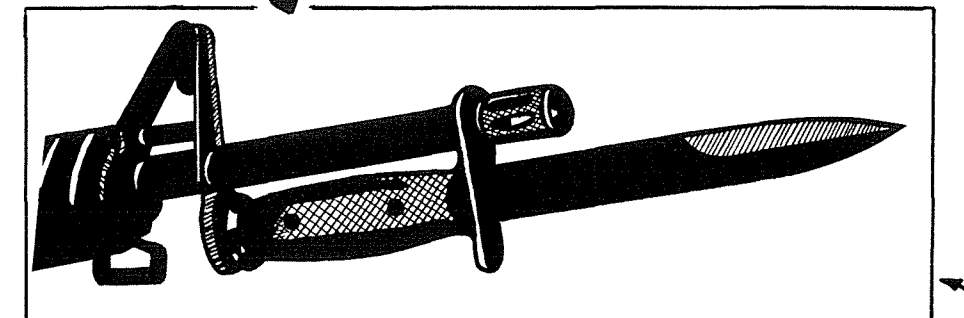
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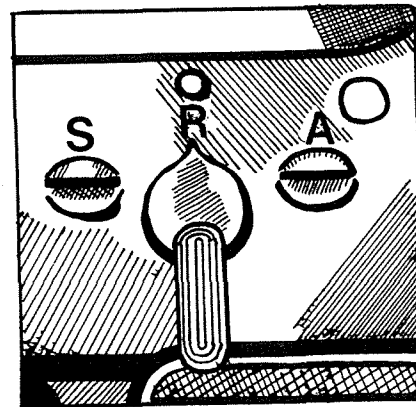
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BOLT CATCH
Left Side
of Weapon

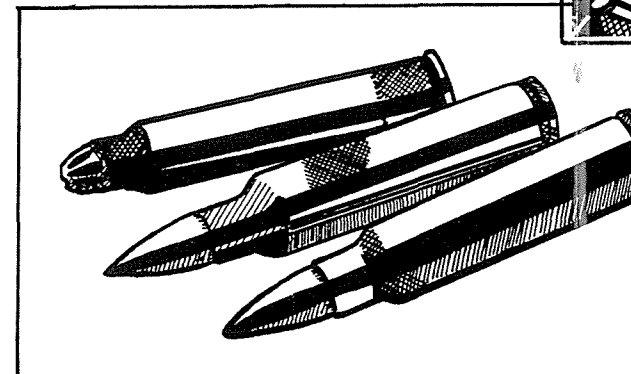
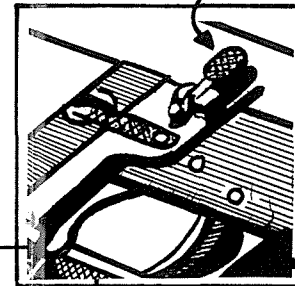


BAYONET: The knife-type bayonet slips over the muzzle compensator and a lug which is an integral part of the front sight.

REAR SLING SWIVEL



LEFT SIDE OF WEAPON
FULLY AUTOMATIC OR
SINGLE SHOT-(R)



BALL C77 IN AN EMERGENCY,
TRACER C78 MANUFACTURED ARMALITE AMMO
BLANK (BALL M193) CAN BE USED



CLEANING KIT