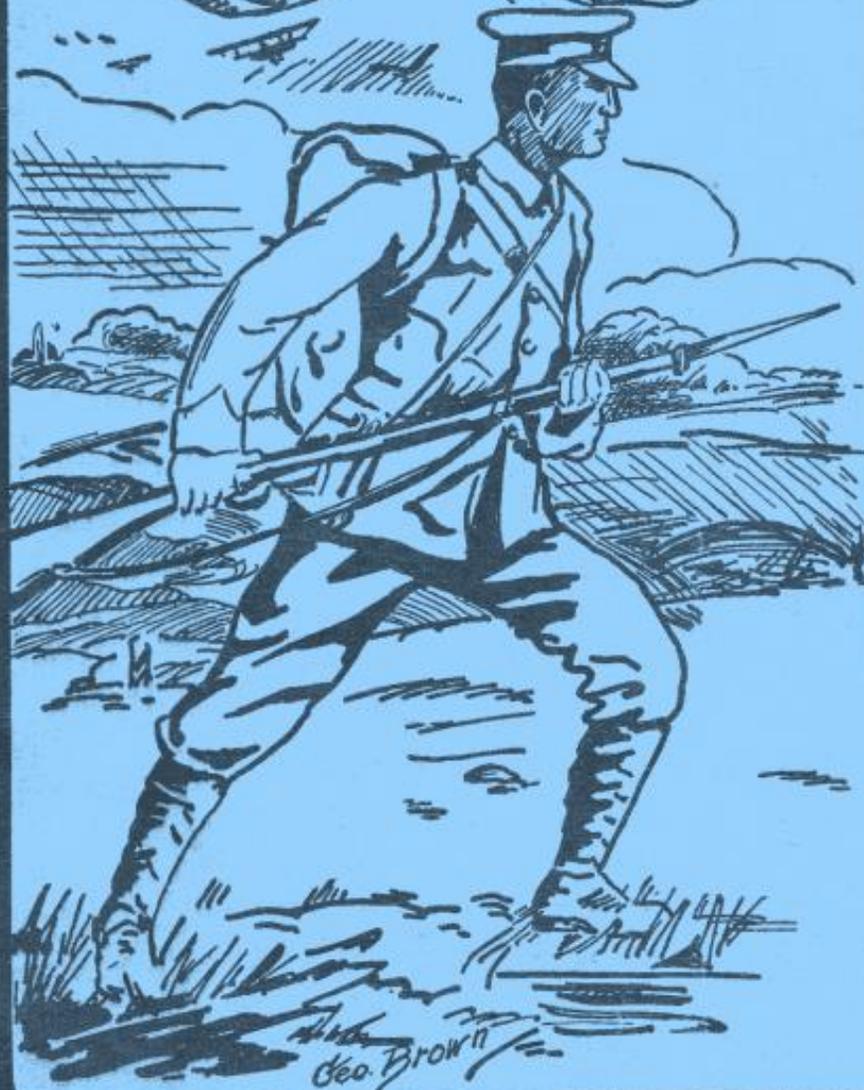


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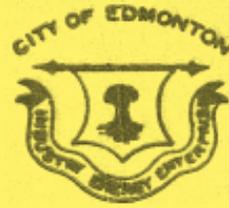
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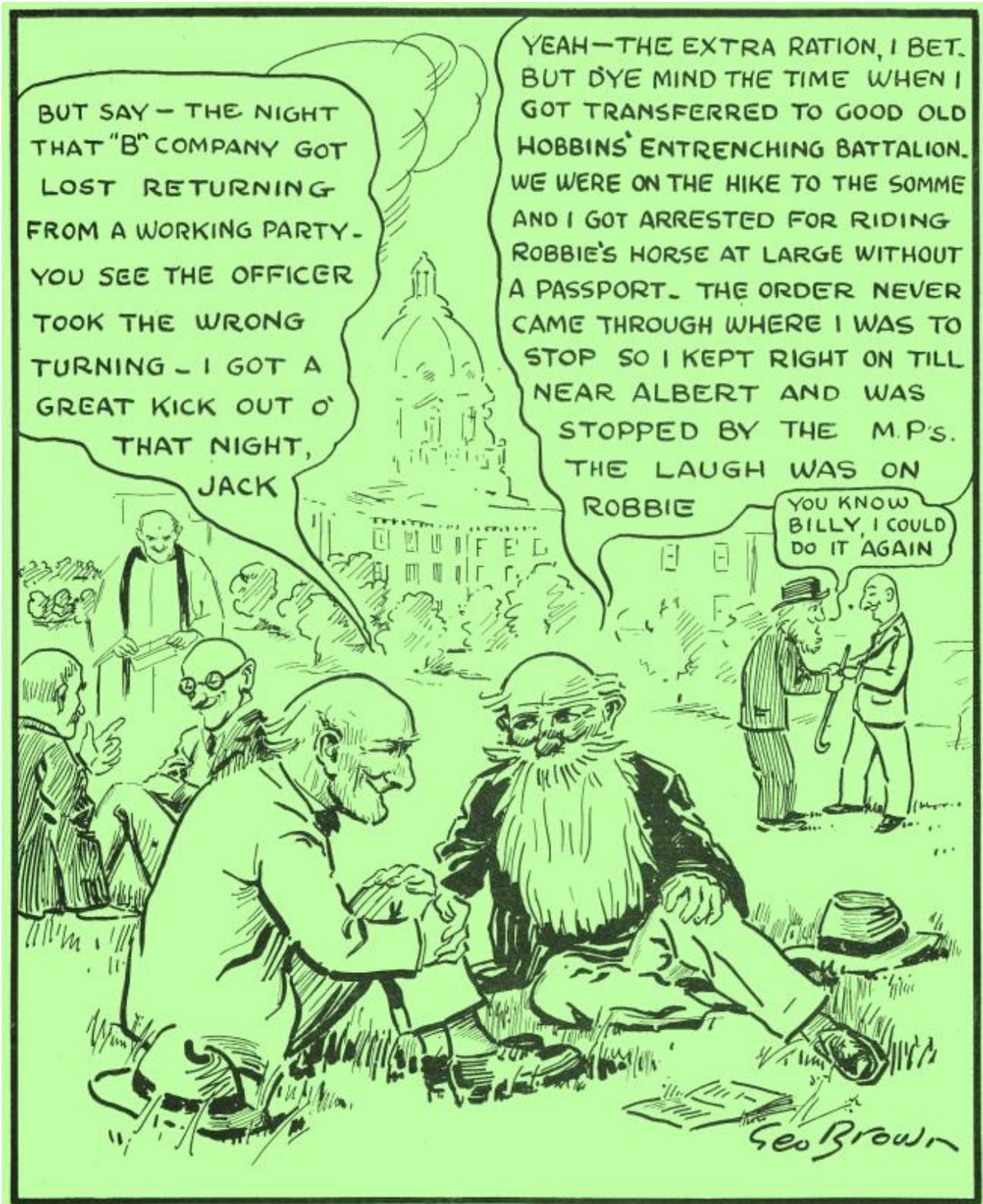
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EDITORIAL

The world is going through a period of great stress. The principal manifestation of this situation is unemployment. Between six and seven millions of people in the United States are unemployed. Some three millions in Great Britain, and many thousands in Canada are suffering from unemployment. In other parts of the civilized world the situation is much the same.

In days gone by, when living was not so complex as it is now, there was practically only one form of economic disturbance, namely, famine not enough food to feed the people.

The present economic disturbance is, curiously enough, due to the very reverse situation, namely, an over-supply of food in food-producing countries, resulting in a fall in the price obtainable for foodstuffs; this in turn reduces, or destroys, the purchasing power of food producers, and reacts at once upon the manufacturing countries, who, being unable to sell their manufactures to the food-producers, find themselves confronted with a surplus of manufacturing goods which they cannot sell. Factories and warehouses are full of goods which cannot be sold to food producers, because the food producers have no money with which to buy, so factory workers are laid off, and all those who get a living from these industries are out of work; business slows down, or ceases, and so we go round and round in a vicious circle.

Now, the outstanding fact is, that what we are suffering from is a surplus of both foodstuffs and manufactured goods. If there is any comfort to be had in this situation, it surely is this, that it is better to suffer from a surplus than it is to suffer from a scarcity that is to say there is more hope of a speedy and equitable re-adjustment, less fear of real physical suffering in an economic depression due to surplus than in a similar situation due to famine. This is not to say that a condition of surplus may not be painful, it is merely to say that it might be a great deal worse.

What interests thoughtful people now is the simple question, what is the remedy? It seems to be quite clear that there can be no sound solution which does not provide for the elimination, by consumption or otherwise, of surplus stocks of foodstuffs and manufactured goods. This conclusion is, we think, inescapable. If this is true, is there no way in which consumption can be speeded up so as to

absorb these surpluses? It is in this area of economic discussion that statesmen and economists are doing their thinking so far, with no very tangible results.

Their view is that we are up against the age old economic law of supply and demand which cannot be defied or evaded; that prosperity will not return to us until there is a world equilibrium in demand and supply. This equilibrium will come about naturally in due course; in how long a time, no one can say. It may be hastened by wars, pestilences, or famines, which have so often intervened most unexpectedly in days gone by. Intelligent cooperation between nations may accomplish something, but not a great deal is to be expected in that quarter.

It looks to us as though it was a matter of "sticking it out" until, in the natural course of events, things right themselves. Some may say that this is a hopeless and helpless attitude, and perhaps it is, but if anyone knows of a "better 'ole," let him go to it.

Meanwhile, it will be becoming and expected of level-headed, patriotic men that we do not lend our ears to fantastic proposals, which, however attractive they may be, are not soundly based on economic reality, and which, in the end, are not likely to give immediate relief, and in all likelihood will postpone, or delay, the operation of those factors which lie at the base of a return to prosperous times.

THE COMMUNIST MENACE

So far as doctrine and theory are concerned, Communism and Socialism are one and the same thing. Both believe in the collective ownership of things used collectively. The difference between the Communist and Socialist in practice is this: The Socialist believes in attaining his ends gradually by democratic, political methods under our existing form of government. The Communist believes in attaining his ends by force, by revolution, by the ruthless killing of those who hold opposite views.

Of late years, and in practice, in Russia the Communist has found it necessary to add two further planks to his platform, namely, the "Dictatorship of the Proletariat" and the "Soviet System" of Government.

Socialism is a political belief, the advocacy of which falls readily into our system of politics and government.

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Socialism is as reasonable, logical and lawful, as is Conservatism, Liberalism, or any other political theory. Socialism, and other political theories, depend for their success upon public discussion, newspaper propaganda and the like, and it progresses or recedes as it commends itself to public opinion, as that opinion expresses itself through the medium of the polls. Socialism is ready to accept the verdict of the people at the polls, and in that respect, it does not differ from other political parties. Canada has moved some distance along the road of Socialism. In the Dominion we have our National Railway System, in the Province we have the Government Control of the Liquor Traffic, Government Telephone System, and other "collective ownership of things used collectively." In Edmonton we have the collective ownership of Telephones, Light, Water, Street Railways and so forth.

Upon reflection it will be agreed that it can be contended that these things are in the nature of natural monopolies, and readily lend themselves to collective ownership. All this is Socialism, but Socialism goes farther, and would put into the hands of the Government all forms of industry and production, "producing for use and not for profit."

This is not the place to discuss the merits or demerits of Socialism. It is merely sufficient to say that it is a political theory peaceably advanced by its adherents within the law and Constitution.

The methods of Communism are quite otherwise. The Communist is out to destroy our form of Government and our social system. He would abolish religion and morals, as we understand them. He would destroy the family. He would establish a reign of terror, and maintain it in a sea of bloodshed. If anyone doubts it, let him look at Russia, where three million people have been "bumped off" in the last fourteen years because they differed from their communistic rulers, who maintain themselves in power by the "terror" enforced by secret police and summary secret executions.

Do we want this sort of thing in Canada? Would it cure any of our troubles? Does it commend itself to a British people who for a thousand years have governed themselves under the rule and Law of Justice, and have led the world in the paths of political, religious and personal liberty?

Yet, what do we see in Canada today? Communist leaders, the hired tools of the Moscow Government, have seized upon our unemployment situation to further their own views and policies. What do they care for the unemployed man? Not a tinker's damn. They get control of the unemployed mob. They induce the men to make demands which they know will not, and cannot, be met. They induce them to refuse the offers that are made. They are troublemakers, purely and simply. They do not pretend to be anything else. Their elimination would not cure unemployment, but if they were rounded up and deported, the solution of our problem of unemployment would be a lot simpler.

Before the present situation gets better, this country may have need of its ex-service men. One of the first and best things we could do in the present situation would be to put some "guts" and "back-bone" into our various Governments, Dominion, Provincial and Municipal, to induce them to get after these Communist blatherskites with a sharp stick.

GHURKAS AND GRENADIERS

Speaking of Ghurkas and Grenadiers, naturally brings to mind in the first instance those swarthy brave little soldiers of India and in the other case those great big men of the regiments of His Majesty's Foot Guards. But the Ghurkas I have reference to are the gallant little soldiers of 14th Platoon of "Steady D," who were more used to swinging around the kookeries for a handout than swinging the kukries around to take a head off. And the Grenadiers are those stalwart big men of 13th platoon, also of "D" company, who may not have been of His Majesty's Guards but who could mop up Fritz's trenches as good as the originals, and better if it was a mopping party in the wet canteen.

The why and wherefore of the pommés de terre, as you were, *nom de plume*, came about in this wise. As you all know the O.C. of "D" Coy. in the early days of the 49th Battalion was the late revered Justus D. Willson who was a stickler for all the military modes and manners and he insisted that his company should be sized, so that on parade in the line they would be better in appearance than the other boys (as, of course, they always were, oh!) This happened at the time we were holding the fort below the parliament buildings, and in sizing, it so happened that 13th platoon got a majority of the big (useless) fellows and 14th got most of the smart, cocky fellows. Of course, you see I was one of the smart, cocky fellows, so it naturally followed that the company wits nicknamed 13th and 14th platoons respectively, Grenadiers and Ghurkas.

Now this seemingly simple military operation was productive of a deep and deadly rivalry between the two platoons, with 15th and 16th platoons being mostly lookers on, or eggheads, would be more correct.

The great big useless men of 13th (vide 14th platoon gazette) would look down both sides of their roaming and Plebian noses, in that supercilious and affected manner of these big tough guys and ask of the little Ghurkas, "If it was warm down there." Of course cocky-little splendid men would thumb their Grecian and Patrician noses and ask, "If it wasn't rather frigid up in the hills where they resided." It certainly took a lot of controlling to keep tempers within bounds at times for some of the phrases and expletives bandied from one "spittoon" to the other were well expressed, if not exactly choice. Of course the Grenadiers thought that all the little fellows would be useful for in France would be for primers (you don't know what primers are?). Well they are to bite the others to make them fight fierce.

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FOREWORD

LIEUT.-COL. L. C. HARRIS, V.D., PRESIDENT,
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The time is passing and with it many of our old war time friends. Few weeks go by without us having to note the passing of one or more; the rest of us plod on, oblivious of the fact that old man Time is just around the corner and seldom gives warning, as seen in the case of our late President, Lieut.-Colonel Weaver, cut off in the prime of life at a time he was needed most.

When I look over the gatherings at the Annual Dinner and Church Parade, I see as others do a unit of able men, who have all done their bit, are proud of it, and are assembled to renew old acquaintances, and talk over old times. I look again with the medical eye, look deeper and see and realize perhaps as no other, what lies beneath their cheerful faces, the ravages of war of which they are in most cases mercifully ignorant. Many of them I would recognize by their wounds rather than by their faces.

We started with high hopes in 1915. The worry of all was that the war would be over before we got across. However we arrived safely, a happy family, I think the happiest family in the armed camp of England, due chiefly to well-cooked and served rations and a discipline that was always efficient but not onerous, and conducive to mutual respect between all ranks, and music. The latter was undoubtedly a very real help, both on the march and in camp. No one knows how minds were soothed, others irritated, not by the music, but because they were marching too far in the rear to hear it. How the band was smuggled to France we all know, and how it was used and appreciated by the whole army at Ballieul.

While in France the idea of a post-war association was mooted by the C.O., who wrote to Capt. G. Z. Pinder, M.C., under date of November 29th, 1916. Its objects were:

1. To welcome home returning members of the Battalion.
2. To advise members about pensions.
3. To render all possible assistance to members.

Officers suggested were Mayor Henry, father of the late Lt. Reg. Henry, Mr. R. M. Frith, W. E. Lines, Mrs. Peter McNaughton.

The first meeting was held in Room 917, McLeod Block, Tuesday, February 6th, 1916, at 4.00 p.m.

There were present:

Mr. R. M. Frith.

Mayor Henry.

Mr. B. F. Blackburn.

Mrs. R. P. Gamon, representing 49th Bn. Chapter of I.O.D.E.

Mrs. A. C. Sloan, representing Col. Griesbach Chapter of the I.O.D.E.

Capt. G. Z. Pinder, M.C.

The Association was organized at this meeting and has been carrying on continuously since and has now settled down to a regular yearly round.

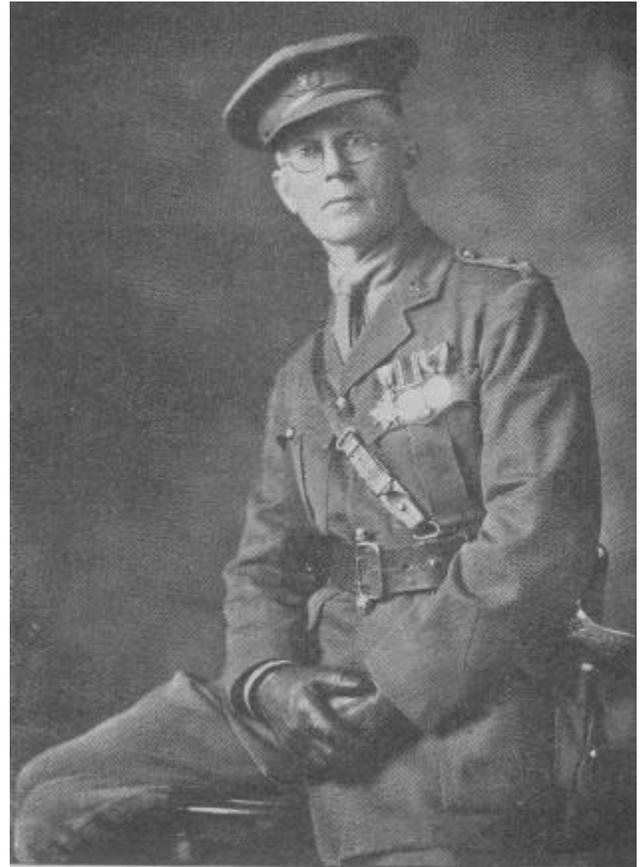
The annual dinner is held on the Saturday nearest to January 4th, the anniversary of the gazetting of the Battalion.

The annual Church Parade on the Sunday following the Edmonton Exhibition.

Meetings of the Executive are held at intervals. The chief meetings are:

1. Annual meeting for election of officers about end of January.
2. About June 1st, to arrange annual church parade.
3. About December 1st to arrange for annual banquet. In the past year the general business depression has affected many of our members, but all are going ahead in the old cheerful way, knowing that better times will come.

OUR 1931 PRESIDENT



LIEUT.-COL. L. C. HARRIS, V.D.

Original Medical Officer of the 49th Battalion, who occupies the honored position of President of the Association for the year 1931. Col. Harris is also in command of the perpetuating Militia Unit, which is a vigorous, thriving organization.

Now we must concentrate on the two remaining objects of the Association. (1) Keeping up the old traditions and passing them on to the militia unit. This can be done by the older members inducing their sons to identify themselves with the new unit.

Close relations officially with the new unit and the Association at the Annual Banquet and Church Parade.

Attendance of the old members at the entertainments given by the Militia Battalion.

These latter points are being religiously overlooked. It would be a great help if the old members would visit the quarters in the Prince of Wales Armouries and mix with the new men, and opportunity is given for this every Monday evening from October 1st to July 1st. When after parade, refreshments are served and games indulged in, in all three messes, officers, sergeants and the men's, to which all old Forty-Niners are cordially invited, and their constructive criticism is invited. It is felt that much will be found here to interest the older members - even beer.



(2) Looking after the members of the Association who require advice and help. The former is cheap and obviously inadequate. Financially we are helpless. The only remaining way is to assist applicants to employment and getting them in touch with Pensions Department where indicated. This is being done to a considerable extent, but more might be accomplished if some united effort were possible. For this we need a committee of two men who have lots of time and inclination at their disposal. One of them should be a stenographer and expect to do a lot of work. Attached to this committee should be a medical and legal adviser. This is volunteer work and volunteers are called for, applications to be sent to the President.

There must be men with full pensions who could carry this in as a hobby, and I can assure them they will find the work intensely interesting and productive of much good.

As we regard the past and look into the future, we must realize the exigencies of life and make the necessary provisions for a peaceful old age. Not only in private life but public, and in furtherance of this, our influence on the rising generation should be such that they will produce the leaders for the next war - our Byngs, MacDonells, Griesbachs, MacLeods, Kerrs and Kinrosses.

Lieut.-Col.

THE LATE SERGEANT-MAJOR A.D. MILLS,
 "D" Company 432019 (By NORMAN ARNOLD)



To adequately do justice to the memory of the late Sergeant-Major Mills is really beyond my feeble powers, but I feel it my duty to write a short resume of his soldiering.

He was an ex-marine, having served with that smart arm of His Majesty's services before coming out to Canada. He was home steading somewhere up north when the war broke out, along with an American who was with the M.G.'s., both having enlisted in "D" Co'y. of the 49th. He was soon chosen for promotion. His smart bearing and keen knowledge of army work were apparent to all. His appointment was a popular one. He very quickly got to the rank of sergeant and soon after was made platoon sergeant of 13th' platoon.

When the 49th Battalion looked like being broken up into drafts in 1915 at the Exhibition grounds, his true patriotism caused him to volunteer for the draft which was chosen in readiness for dispatch as reinforcements. Luckily the wires were burned to good purpose and the breaking up of our battalion was avoided and we were by this granted the further pleasure of his association. The battalion proceeded to England and he was with his platoon during the strenuous training put in there, being always an example as well as an instructor to the men who were lucky enough to be serving along with him. Proceeding to France he was constantly on duty in or out of the line and never absent from his duties. It was at Ypres in the early part of 1916 that he was promoted to the rank of Co'y. Sergeant-Major, on C.S.M. Mackay proceeding to England for his commission. His conduct of the higher position was ably carried out, and it was in the course of his duty while in the front line at the loop (Ypres), on or about May 4th, 1916 on returning to his booby hatch,

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THE COL. C. Y. WEAVER MEMORIAL



On Wednesday, July 1st, Hon. A. C. Rutherford, First Premier of Alberta, unveiled the Memorial erected by public subscription to honor the memory of a gallant sportsman and gentleman, the late Colonel C. Y. Weaver, D.S.O, V.D., K.C., M.L.A., whom we know also as beloved soldier and officer. In the picture, left to right, may be recognized His Honor W. L. Walsh, Lieutenant-Governor; Colonel L. C. Harris, V.D.; Hon. A. C. Rutherford, George Drew, Mayor James Douglas, Bishop Gray, Chief of Police Shute and Wilfred Rose.

THE WEAVER MEMORIAL

Two letters directed to Earl Hay, Honorary Secretary of the Association, relating to the Weaver Memorial, are published herewith. We particularly draw your attention to the letter from Mr. Harvey Duncan, Secretary of the Calgary Branch and invite comments from members of the old battalion on the proposal dealt with in Mr. Duncan's letter. - Editor.

FORTY-NINTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Calgary Branch
218a Eighth Ave. West, Calgary, Alberta, June 18th, 1931.
Mr. Earl Hay,

Sec'y., 49th Batt. Assn.,
11138 65th Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Comrade:

Herewith find enclosed our cheque for \$12.00, being amount received as a subscription towards the Weaver Memorial Fund sponsored by the Edmonton Cricket Club. This amount was collected from members at our recent smoker.

However, I must say that this idea of a suitable Memorial to the late Col. Weaver has been very much taken to heart and earnestly

discussed by a great number of our members here. As a matter of fact, two nights ago, a special meeting was called to discuss this matter. The unanimous feeling of our comrades here is that the Forty-Ninth Battalion Association should be in itself responsible for the raising of a special fund, over a period of time, to be used as seen fit, in the placing of a suitable Memorial, but fostered by our Forty-Ninth Association.

At this meeting the following concrete suggestion was made: That the Forty-Ninth Battalion Association, throughout all its branches, start a campaign for subscription towards a special fund, which will ultimately be used for a Memorial donated by our Association.

Also it was suggested, that this public Memorial might take the form of a stained glass window (with fitting design), to be placed in the new All Saints' Church of Edmonton, of which we understand the late Col. Weaver was a member. In making this suggestion, it is the feeling here that this would be a public Memorial, a permanent one, both dignified and fitting to the memory which we wish to perpetuate. There is no doubt that we might be able to count on many subscriptions outside of our own Association.

I might say that we are not hoping that this fund be raised all at once; there is no doubt that it would take some time before sufficient

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funds could be collected for the completion of such a project. But if this idea found favor, or a better one suggested that could be decided upon, we feel that a start should be made in this direction.

There is no doubt that it will also be sometime before the All-Saints' Church will be ready for a window of this nature. But we should have a fund created and a definite objective.

It is the wish then of the Calgary Branch, that the contents of this letter be submitted to your executive and given due consideration. As far as our members here are concerned, we feel that you can count on them for their support in whatever Memorial project might be decided upon.

If it is sent too late might I also suggest that mention be made in the next issue of the magazine re this — perhaps a short column or editorial.

Hoping to hear from you in this regard, I am

Yours fraternally,

HARVEY D. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Harvey D. Duncan,
218a 8th Ave. W.,
Calgary.

Suite 11, Parkview Apts.,
Edmonton, Alberta,
June 20th, 1931.

Earle Hay, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
49th Battalion Association,
11138 65th Street,
City.
Dear Sir:

We, the Committee of the Weaver Memorial Fund, wish to express to your Association, our hearty thanks for your generous contributions made by its members to this Fund which has now been brought to a very successful conclusion.

We wish to thank you personally for the way you issued a private circular to its members living in different parts of the Province.

Yours sincerely,

A. M. MILLER, Chairman,
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THE 1931 ANNUAL DINNER

The 1931 Annual Dinner which for the first time in some years was held at the Macdonald Hotel, proved an unqualified success. It required a considerable amount of courage on the part of the committee to face the heavier expense involved in determining to hold the dinner at the big hotel; the possibility it might be a "flop" on account of extra shilling it was necessary to charge for the meal caused many heart burnings on the part of committeemen, but the show was an outstanding success from every point of view. It seems to be generally agreed that the Macdonald is the only place to hold a function of the importance and general public interest the annual dinner has become.

—Editor.

The following report of the dinner appeared in the Edmonton Bulletin, January 8th, 1931. It was written by Mr. John Oliver, a member of the staff of the Bulletin. Mr. Oliver is himself a veteran of the War. He is the only surviving son of the Hon. Frank Oliver.

Four hundred men who fought in France and Flanders with the 49th Battalion, the Edmonton Regiment, in the Great War of 1914-1918 mobilized at the main dining room of the Macdonald Hotel at 7 p.m. on Saturday and "fell in" on parade as the "Cook House Door" sounded.

It was the 16th anniversary of the formation of the famous fighting unit and the 16th annual gathering of the Battalion Association.

From near and far they came. From the far-flung outposts of the developed sections of the province — from the Peace River, Grande Prairie, Sexsmith and other districts in the north, to Calgary in the south, these warriors heard the call of the regiment and trekked in by train and motor car to meet once more the boys with whom they served in the most tempestuous period in world history.

GREATEST YET

Not since the cessation of hostilities have the Forty-Niners had such a gathering. Here again were assembled under one roof those lads who in the trying times of the Great War had carried Edmonton's banner high on the shell-torn fields of France and Flanders. Some of them looked a trifle older but all looked hale and hearty and physically fit.

The whole war was fought over again by these veterans. They recalled that final inspection at Shorncliffe before proceeding to France. They remembered the day they were brigaded to form the 7th infantry Brigade of the 3rd Division. They spoke of that first trip into the line at Hooge; of the night of May 1st when on Mount Sorrel the Huns delivered their first attack on the regiment, when the Ross rifles jammed and the Huns were met with rifle butt and bayonet and sent reeling back. The epic battle of June 2nd, with the 49th delivering the mighty counter-attack at daybreak on June 3rd; the Somme; Vimy Ridge; Avion, Mericourt, Loos, Hill 70, Lens, Bellevue Spur, Passchendaele, Amiens, Roye Road, Arras, Monchy, Pelves, Canal du Nord, Cambrai, Denain, Valenciennes and other names and battles were recalled, ending up with that great day, November 11th, 1918, when the Battalion advanced astride the Mons-Conde Canal and took Mons before the Armistice came into effect.

The boys recalled the deeds of daring of "Chip" Kerr, who won the Victoria Cross on the Somme for bayonetting and bombing out a whole trench by himself, and of Cecil John Kinross, who at Passchendaele won the same honor for destroying the entire garrison of a pill-box single handed, enabling the battalion to go forward to one of its greatest victories.

THE KING TOASTED

Following the banquet proper the toast to the King was proposed by Major-General W. A. Griesbach, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., original commanding officer of the regiment.

This was followed by the silent toast in honor of departed comrades.

The toast to absent friends was one of the high lights of the evening. The gathering rose and each member present shouted out the name of an absent friend. Then there was heard the names of old pals near and dear who through one circumstance or another could not attend.

Telegrams were received in profusion from well-wishers of the regiment.

Cheers pierced the whole hotel as General Griesbach read the message from Major-General Sir Archibald MacDonnell, original commander of the 7th Brigade. "First in the line and last to come out; that was the good old 49th," he wired, adding that when he assigned the 49th a task he knew without further worry that it was as good as done.

MANY GREETINGS

From other cities where the name of the 49th is almost as well-known as it is here, came greetings. From Montreal came word from the 42nd Royal Highlanders of Canada, the Canadian Black Watch, who fought side-by-side with the Edmonton Regiment, while the other two battalions of the "Silver Seventh" also sent their best wishes, the Royal Canadian Regiment from London, Ontario, and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from Winnipeg. Others heard from included Jack Burstall and Allan McCauley in the University hospital; A. G. Rowland of Trochu; Lieut.-Col. E. R. Knight, Calgary, and many others.

"Proud memories of other days," as the Princess Pats wired, were recalled when General Griesbach responded to the toast to his health, proposed by Lieut.-Col. L. C. Harris, V.D., commanding the perpetuating battalion. The regiment, he said, was recruited in eight days, with 187 men being enlisted on the first day. He traced important stages in the battalion's history, and paid tribute to the "old stagers" who had helped mould the battalion's morale in the early days.

His Worship Mayor J. M. Douglas brought greetings from the city, while Lieut.-Col. Louis Scott, D.C.M., spoke for the Princess Pats and Lieut. Cole for the 42nd.

Tommy Calhoun brought greetings from Calgary and Fred Deer from the Canadian Legion.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Songs were contributed by F. Richardson Lovette, who served with the Fort Garry Horse, and by Albert Knowler of the 14th Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment. Entertainment was provided by Alex. Huff, formerly a mainstay of the Princess Pats concert party. Lieut.-Col. Scott and a detachment put on a stunt which produced much merriment, while Nobby Clarke and his expert marksmen scored heavily with sharp-shooting exhibition.

Details of the banquet were in the hands of Lieut.-Col. Harris, Neville Jones and Earle Hay, while entertainment was under the direction of Major Walter Hale, M.C., Major Walter Hunter, M.M., and Robert Dean.

One of the distinguished visitors at the event was Lieut.-Col. A. K. Hobbins, D.S.O., first adjutant of the regiment, and now police magistrate at Brule, who during the dinner swapped yarns of old days with Col. Harris, the original medical officer.

War time songs sung community style brought a memorable gathering to an end.



FOUR OFFICERS AND A HORSE AT FAUCQUENHAM



This very excellent picture was taken during the time the battalion was out at rest at Faucquenham before proceeding up to the Somme, for the "8th of August show," in 1918. Left to right the officers are: Capt. Gordon Young, D.S.O., Capt. Walter Hale, M.C., Capt. Charles Martin, M.M., and Lieut. R. C. Ames.

Dr. Gordon Young is now at Moose Jaw, where he is a prominent surgeon. Capt. Hale is in charge of the office of the District Superintendent of Post Offices, at Edmonton. Captain Martin is in the A.P.P. detachment at Grande Prairie, and Mr. Ames is manager of the Bank of Commerce at Listowel, Ontario. The horse probably fell into the hands of the Belgians and may be pining his life away vainly wishing a return of the happy war days.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Association was held in the Prince of Wales Armouries on February 17th, 1931 at 8 o'clock. Vice-President Col. L. C. Harris presided. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and adopted as read on a motion by Comrades A. Nixon and W. Rose.

A Financial Statement for the year 1930 was then read by the Treasurer, N. H. Jones, which showed the finances of the organization to be in a satisfactory state. This report was accepted subject to an audit by Capt. G. D. K. Kinnaird. Motion, General Griesbach and C. Wampler.

Some discussion then arose in regard to the rate charged members of the Association who had purchased advertising space in the "Forty-Niner," from which it developed that through a misunderstanding some members who had advertised in the magazine were only charged \$2.00 instead of the regular price of \$4.00 and it was felt that one member of the Association should not pay more than another for space in the magazine. It was decided on a motion by Messrs. Robb and Rose that in future advertising rates should be left in the hands of the magazine committee and the Treasurer was instructed to issue cheques of refund in the amount of \$2.00 each to the Veteran Shoe Repair Shop, Diamond Vet. Barber Shop and Muckleston Barber Shop.

A resolution by Gen. Griesbach and T. Turner to the effect that the 1931 Annual Church Parade be carried on as usual, was carried without discussion.

It was moved and seconded that the 1931 Annual Dinner be held on the Saturday nearest January 4th, 1931 in the Macdonald Hotel, and that the details be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. The motion by N. Arnold and N. H. Jones. Carried.

J. W. H. Williams moved that N. H. Jones, the Treasurer and Earle Hay, the Secretary, be given an honorarium of \$25.00 each as a token of the members' appreciation of their unflinching devotion to duty. This motion carried unanimously.

A report of 49th funerals was then submitted by R. Dean together with a request to the effect that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the undertaking firms of this city asking that they notify him at his address of the funerals of Forty-Niners. The Secretary was so instructed.

Major R. W. Hale then drew the attention of the members to the fact that the work of the Secretary had materially increased during the past few years and moved that Norman Arnold be appointed to the position of assistant Secretary. General Griesbach seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

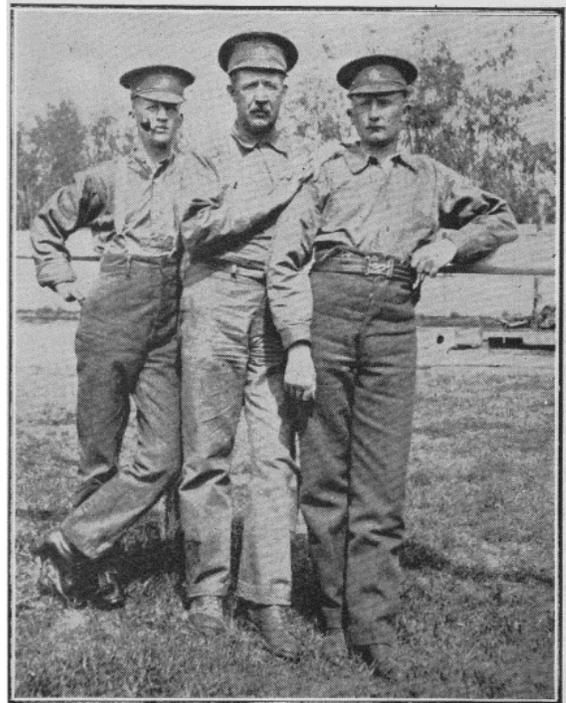
The election of officers for the year 1931 was then proceeded with. Col. L. C. Harris being unanimously elected President for 1931.

CAPT. G. D. HUNT, Vice-President.

EARLE HAY, Hon. Secretary and N. H. JONES Hon. Treasurer.
NORMAN ARNOLD, Asst. Secretary

On a motion by Comrade R. Dean, it was decided to increase the Executive membership to 17 members. The following were unanimously elected:

MAJOR GENERAL GRIESBACH, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., K.C.
MAJOR WALTER HALE, M.C.
MAJOR A. P. CHATTELL, D.S.O.
MAJOR WALTER HUNTER, M.M.
MA/OR A. W. ELLIOTT.
CAPT. C. W. LILLEY.
A. T. NIXON.



THREE PALS IN THE SIGNALLERS

Three "D" Co'y. men, all of whom came back. This picture was taken at the Fair Grounds in Edmonton. At the left is 432831 Earl Thurston, who is now C.N.R. station agent at Sedalia, Alberta. In the centre, 432846 Geo. Harper, C.N.R. station agent at Wainwright; and at the right, 432827 Neville H. Jones, accountant in the C.N.R. offices in Edmonton. George Harper was a candidate for the Alberta Legislature in the overseas election in 1917, and was runner up to Miss Roberta MacAdams, who won. Neville Jones is the very efficient honorary treasurer of our Association.

J. W. H. WILLIAMS.
J. FARRUGIA.
DAN COLLINS.
T. ROBB.
R. DEAN.
T. TURNER.
C. WAMPLER.
J. H. MAIR.
R. WHYTE.
T. HIGGINSON.
J. J. BLEWITT.

Refreshments were then served, after which the meeting adjourned.

Old 'un: "Have you seen the new twenty-five cent piece?"
Young 'un: "No, what does she look like?"



WHERE IS MY WANDERING BOY?

Captain George Hudson, former Transport Officer, is Organizer for the Canadian Legion. He does a good deal of travelling over the Province and is always on the lookout for "Forty-Niners." He gives us the following information:

T. J. Stinson, George Sansregret, W. D. Guthrie, Percy Keen, E. Daniels and Joe Daniels are to be found about St. Paul, Alberta. Letters to them at that address will reach them.

F. Sutter is at Elk Point, Alberta.

W. D. Chalmers, c/o C.P.R. Telegraph Office, Lethbridge, Alberta.

A. B. Kidston, J. J. Corlette, F. Trout and A. Marshant, are at Delia, Alberta.

F. A. Imeson is at Nobleford, Alberta.

A. Bradford is c/o The Marquis Hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta.

On the 28th of March last we had a call from **No. 100653, Albert E. Lasseter**, who came to us from the 66th Battalion in January 1917 and rose to the rank of Sergeant in "D" Company. He is now practicing Physiotherapy, Electrotherapy and Chiropractic Adjustments at No. 709 New Orpheum Building, 846 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California. He looked well and prosperous and would be glad to hear from any "Old-Timers" in "D" Company.

No. 432007, Tom Walker, writes from Buffalo, Alberta, where he was cooking in February last for the Government bridge crew. He visited in Edmonton in April of this year, but the occasion was not marked, so far as we could learn, by any special occurrences. Tom, like the rest of us, is getting old, and super-respectable.

Bert Cruickshank, D.C.M., of Peace River, makes the following report as to the whereabouts of some old hands:

Bert Gower, Keg River, Alberta.

Ted. Randall, Reno, Alberta.

Percy Miller, White Mud, Alberta.

Ring Reid, Bob. Henderson and R. Erskine are at Notikewin, Alberta.

G. E. Jones, Peace River, Alberta.

R. D. Binney, Grimshaw, Alberta.

J. A. Milligan, Peace River, Alberta.

G. E. Gleave, who is Manager of the Heintzman Company at Grande Prairie, gives us the following information:

No. 101347, John C. Hall, from the 66th Battalion, Dawson Creek, Alberta.

No. 101206, Wes. Harper, from the 66th Battalion, Dawson Creek, Alberta.

Albert, of the Transport Section, Dawson Creek, Alberta.

Harry Bennington, from the 66th Battalion, Dawson Creek, Alberta.

Harry Harper, Spirit River, Alberta.

William Leonard, Clairmont, Alberta.

No. 432930, George Carter, Grande Prairie, Alberta. George will be remembered as the stout old boy who was Provost Sergeant for a while.

Andy Lang, Wembley, Alberta.

H. G. Smith, Dimsdale, Alberta.

Donald McPherson, Clairmont, Alberta.

Theodore Bakken, of 2127 65th Avenue, Oakland, California, writes us to say that he is in the Train Service on the Southern Pacific Railway, and has been in Oakland for the last six years. He will be glad to hear from any of the old hands.

W. W. Boulter, "B" Company, writes us from Acadia Valley, Alberta. He would be glad to hear from old friends.

Robert C. Laurie, writes us an interesting letter from Mallaig, Alberta. He served in the 10th Platoon. He describes his adventures as political worker for **George Harper**, when George was a candidate in France for the Provincial Legislature.

Laurie tells us that **Lieut. C. W. A. Drader** is teaching school and farming at Glendon.

Jack Allen of "C" Company is a Fire Ranger at Rife, Alberta.

Camite, of "B" Company, is at Grande Prairie.

W. A. Delahay, formerly of "D" Company is now with the International Paper Company Limited, 705 Victoria Building, Ottawa. Delahay is on the engineering side of this Company.

A. W. Nelson, better known as Sgt. Nelly, Reg. No. 101624, originally of the 66th battalion, who joined the 49th at Ypres salient in June, 1916, in time to be in the Sanctuary Wood show, and who was not discharged from the army until July, 1919, is at present farming a half section four and a half miles northwest of Clyde. He is married and has six children. In explanation of his late discharge it should be stated he was a member of an escort detailed to take a group of German prisoners back to their homeland.

Elmer Rivers, "C" Company, was an original 63rd man. He joined the 49th in October 1916, at the Somme. He was wounded three times, finally leaving on the 5th September 1918, at the time we were at Canal du Nord. Rivers is now an oil well driller with headquarters at Ferdig, Montana. He is married and has two youngsters, a boy and a girl. In a letter to Norman Arnold he says the oil business is not so hot right now.

"**Bob**" **Watt** of "C" Company is farming near Kaleland, Alberta, and incidentally has been taking the census for the past month.

Frank Pilkie of "C" Company is still able to get in and chuck the odd ball game. He was seen at Vermilion on June 3rd steaming them across in something like his old style.

Bobby Watson, "C" Company, of Beaver Lake still looks the same as ever. He went down to California for a year or two but is back at the old stamping grounds.

G. P. O'Doherty of "C" Company and transport fame is still farming near Holden. Does anyone remember Tara Hill, the jar of rum and Paddy—a bad combination.

E. H. H. Wynn-Mackenzie of "D" Company is Secretary-Treasurer of M.D. of Norma at Vegreville Mac. is an invaluable source of information to all ex-service men. He is also sec.-treas. of the Legion.

Capt. Geo. Hudson is doing his bit in putting new life into the various Legion branches throughout the Province. It must be a tough job in these hard times.

Percy Rollinson, headquarters runner, farms near Ranfurly. This farming game is not so good these times, but one is always sure of the odd meal.

Charlie Johnson, "D" Company, has been down around Calgary since last summer. Charlie has not beer, working since last harvest but still keeps the old spirit You won't find many "Reds" amongst the old boys.

Archie Ferguson of "C" Company has a farm near Hastings Lake. Archie figures on taking in the annual dinner and church parade each year. It's strange to see some of the boys go to quite a bit of trouble to attend - others right in the city don't bother.

Norman R. Main, originally of the 138th battalion "B" Company, Reg. No. 812084, who joined the 49th in September 1917, at Bully Grenay, and was gassed.

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THE FOURTY NINER

in the Lens fighting, being discharged in February 1918, is now farming five miles from Clyde. Mr. Main is married and has a fine family of girls.

B. Wakefield, formerly of "B" Company, is on his farm at Flat Lake, Alberta.

H. Guilbault, formerly of "D" Company, is farming at St. Lind, Alberta.

Pat. Meichan, who played the clarinet in the band, is farming outside Ashmont, Alberta.

Harold Haight, "C" Company, in Bob White's platoon, is attached to the Forestry Service and is resident at Slave Lake.

Walter Barr, "B" Company, is farming five miles east of Rochester, Alberta.

Charles Shaw, "B" Company, who came to the Battalion from the 66th, our informant states, and who was wounded at the Somme in 1916, returning to the Battalion in 1917 and remaining to the end of the war, is also farming near Rochester.

Lieutenant Cantin, "C" Company, Sergeant until after the Vimy show, is a member of the police force in Los Angeles.

Co'y. Sergeant-Major Joseph Calvert, "B" Company, who was originally from the 66th, and who came home with the Battalion, is now farming at Vilna.

Lieut. R. P. Ottewell, transport officer, wounded on the way up to Arras, is a member of the firm of Ottewell & Coon, barristers and solicitors, Toronto. Mr. Ottewell, who was born in the Edmonton district, is also a member of the Alberta Bar. He keeps in touch with the Forty-Niners who now live in Toronto and vicinity.

Captain Charlie Walker, formerly battalion Quartermaster Sergeant, is in the general store business at High Prairie. Charlie was recently appointed Indian Agent at Grouard.

The following news items were furnished by Charles Travers, High Prairie. They are exactly the kind of news stories we are anxious to get to print in the Magazine. It is news of this character that makes the Magazine interesting. There are scores of old Forty-Niners who could sit down and write an odd paragraph like the following with very little effort, and the result, would be greatly appreciated by the members of the Association and the old Battalion. For the next issue of the Magazine send in your contributions not later than the first week in December to Earl Hay, Hon. Secretary of the Association, whose address is care Edmonton Post Office.

Ed. Cloutier, who came from the 66th with the draft at Winezele and was badly wounded at Ypres, 1916, is farming at Fahler and doing well.

Tom Killips, of "B" Company, later on transport section, who left us at Ypres, 1916, is homesteading south of Fahler. Address: Fahler Post Office.

Jack Macdonald, who came from the 138th is also farming at Fahler and is doing well. Jack married an English girl while overseas and has one little girl.

George Macdonald, who came from the 138th was bridge foreman on the N.A.R. George fell off a bridge while at work and died from the effects some time during 1930. George was a fine big fellow and was known as one of the big six.

Jack Spittai is in the store business at Big Smoky River on the N.A.R. Post Office Address, Smoky.

Jack Morris, "B" Company, latterly on the transport section, is farming at Grouard. Jack also married while overseas.

Geo. Harvey, "D" Company, is living north of Grouard and occasionally visits High Prairie.

Pete Day, who came to us rather late in the game is farming at High Prairie.

Phil Hogan, who was quite well known in the Battalion died suddenly on his farm at Fahler last fall, 1930. He was buried in the Fahler cemetery.

THE CURLY WOLF AND TOM WALKER



Two of the most "notorious" members of "D" Co'y., 432584 Perry Barron ("The Curly Wolf") is now in Frisco. He was reported to have passed out; but like Mark Twain, he writes to say, "The report of his death is exaggerated."

432007 Tom Walker who was "D" Co'y. cook, is now a C.N.R. chef with headquarters at Calgary.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 49th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

Receipts and Disbursements for the Period from 18th January, 1930, to 31st January, 1931.

GENERAL FUNDS

Receipts	
Imperial Bank of Canada—Savings Account as at 18th January, 1930	\$ 446.64
Membership Fees	\$ 88.55
Life Membership Fees	97.13
Advertising in Magazine	356.35
Sale of Banquet Tickets	63.77
Sale of Photographs	4.60
Interest on Savings Certificates	8.04
Interest on Bank Account	13.99
	\$ 632.41
	\$ 1,079.05

Disbursements	
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates	\$ 165.00
Printing Magazines	438.04
Macdonald Hotel Banquet	101.75
Wreaths	25.55
Magazine Expense—Lithographing, etc.	54.75
Telegrams	11.48
Refund Overpayment—Life Membership	10.00
Distributors Limited—re Banquet	50.00
Pianist—Banquet	5.00
Bugler—Funerals	3.00
Advertising	19.60
Postage and Stationery	2.70
	\$ 886.87
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Savings Account Balance as at 31st January, 1931	192.18
	\$ 1,079.05

MEMORIAL FUND

Receipts	
Imperial Bank Savings Account as at 18th January, 1930	\$ 298.75
Donation from Trust Funds	\$ 100.00
Church Parade Collection	72.47
Bank Interest	7.03
	\$ 179.50
	\$ 478.25

Disbursements	
Advertising	\$ 50.33
Tips, Luncheon, King Edward Hotel	5.00
Church Parade Programme	27.78
Postage	.30
	\$ 83.41
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Savings Account, Balance as at 31st January, 1931	394.84
	\$ 478.25

Summary of Funds on Hand, January 31st, 1931	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Savings Account, General	\$ 192.18
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Savings Account, Memorial	394.84
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates	225.00
	\$ 812.02

Edmonton, June 9th, 1931.
 G. D. K. KINNAIRD, C.A.,
 Auditor.
 NEVILLE H. JONES,
 Hon. Treasurer.

"June 9th, 1931.

To the President and Members,
 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment),
 Edmonton, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

I have examined the records of the Association for the period from 18th January 1930 to 31st January 1931; summaries of Receipts and Disbursements of General and Memorial Funds for the period under report are appended hereto. All receipts as shown in the Cash Book have been deposited in the Bank, and all Disbursements have been made by cheque and supported by vouchers. I have not examined the Savings Certificates but have been informed that these are kept in a safety deposit box in the Bank of Montreal.

The records are in good order.

Respectfully submitted,
 G. D. K. KINNAIRD, C.A.
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THE REGIMENTAL DINNER, 1931

“Hello! say, I know that homely phizog of yours. Sure, you were in “C” Coy. I remember you now, but I’m darned if I can recall the name.

“How come that I didn’t see you at the banquet at the Macdonald on January 3rd? Couldn’t get away, ugh? Well, you certainly missed one grand spread and round-table conference of the 49th clan. It had that Christmas spread at Souchez backed off the map a mile. No need to pack your mess tin or dig down into the old puttee for the knife and spoon. They had the tables all dolled up with cutlery and fancy dishes till a poor old infantryman was completely bewildered an’ didn’t know which to load up first.

“Who was there? You mean, who wasn’t there? Quite some crowd believe me. And everybody happy. Well, let’s see now! Perhaps I can tell you of some of them though I’m not much good when it comes to remembering names.

“The General was there and looked quite happy to be with his old ‘49th’ gang again. He was celebrating his birthday that night too and everybody wished him many happy returns of the day. Then he gave us a speech and told how proud of the ‘49th’ boys he used to be when we wore the brass buttons, and he wore the crowns and wanted us all to sign up with him for the next war. We all intended to of course. But in the excitement of trying to clean up on the various courses and watching that no one swiped our individual bottle of beer, most of us forgot all about it until it was too late.

“Then there was that tall dark officer that salted you down for seven days ‘C.B.’ when you busted up the Chesterfield suite in our cow barn home at the Exhibition grounds. And if I remember rightly; that long Swede, that was helping you lug those big iron pails around that week, was stuffing his gizzard full of roast duck at the next table from me at the banquet.

“What! You don’t believe that we had roast duck? Well, we sure did. One whole half duck with a toothpick and a Doo-Dad stuck on the end of it for luck. Just ask the Sgt.-Major.

“Yes, two of the Regimental ‘M.O.’s were there. No I didn’t think they put anything in the prunes like they used to when we were in barracks. Anyway, they were eating quite heartily, so I guess things were o.k. for the troops. One of them sure was taken up with the Kilt and his bag pipes and seemed to enjoy the music. Say, you’d never think to see their smiling faces that they were the same fellows that used to deal out a pair of No. 9s and double ‘D,’ when you, all in after a hard night’s battle in St. Eloie’s estaminet and prospects of a carrying party that night staring you in the mush, were only looking for sympathy. Real men though, you bet! The best ever.

“Our good friend the Mayor of Edmonton was there as our guest of honour, gave us a very nice speech and told what a lovely bunch of boys we used to be when we were billeted in Edmonton. Course we all knew that. But it’s great to have somebody tell about it, eh!

“Speeches and toasts came thick and fast when the nuts and smokes were passed around; compliments were falling like rain drops in an April shower and everybody out to beat the other fellow.

“Toasts to the Sister Battalions were the order of the day. The lid was off, and the roof trembled when we rose for the good old Forty-Second toast; God bless ’em! The R.C.R.’s and the Pats came in for their share of the cheers. Who could forget them? Not any of the old brigade, you bet.

“The Legion officers gave us some interesting facts on their organization and the work they have accomplished. Judging by the good work they have done and are doing



The seven sturdy men who rounded up delinquents during the stirring days when the battalion was in progress of organization in 1915.

Standing, left to right, 101022 Horner, “D;” Sney “D” 432951 Wallis, “C” Clarke, “B” Seated, 432527 Mason, “A” Sergt. Adams, “D” 432216 McCormack, “D”

or the returned men and their dependents. It’s up to every ex-soldier to join the Legion and boost a good thing along.

“You remember those fellows that used to lead you around the Crater or Birmingham dumps and load you like a mule with barb wire, etc., or take you out to dig a trench and get you lost in the wee small hours of a wet night? — Engineers! You hit it first crack. That’s ’em. There were two or three of them at the banquet too. No, they didn’t say anything, but oh boy how they could eat.

“Remember that fellow who drew the rum ration for the painters (a whole mess tin full). They were painting some of the transport limbers at Kernel. Then after he had departed with the rum, the officer inquired how many painters there were, and found out that there was only one? Yes, a “D” Coy man. No, I didn’t see him there, but I saw the officer.

“Oh boy! you should have been there. Don’t miss the next one. Just think of all the old pals you would have met at the big banquet.

“It seems wonderful after all these years since the big smoke in France that it is possible for the Old 49th to get together on these occasions.

“Every face you see brings back some memory of those mud and glory days in France. Good times, hard times, jokes and tragedies all come flooding back to be retold again. Kind of brings a lump to a fellow’s throat too, when you realize that, there are lots of missing faces — faces that you look for yet know won’t be there. They are the ones that are still holding down the old line. May their memory never fade!

“As the years go rolling down let’s hope that the ‘49th’ Gang will always turn out to their annual get-together banquet. Let’s keep alive that Esprit de corps that made the old regiment famous, something to be remembered in the days to come.

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THE FORTY NINER

SANITATION DE LUXE

You may talk about your modern methods of sanitation, but when it comes to cleanliness under difficulties you have to hand it to Percy, of "D" Coy. (and of course, all the other "Perceys" of all other companies).

The M.H.O. deluxe, cure-everything Percy, certainly was the pattern after which all other sanitary men of Steady "D" and all other companies were modelled. He stood about 5 ft., borrow one or two inches, and was as perky as only a sanitary man can be. But! woe betide, the man who transgressed the written law, or unwritten law for that matter. For sanitation "Hetty Ketty" was his real Sam McCoy.

It, of course, was a simple matter to attend to. all the necessary details of camp cleaning, when in permanent camp or billets. Nevertheless, it had its difficulties, especially when the eagle eye of Justus D. was out for match sticks and scraps of paper in preparation for the inspection of Col. "Billy" and all the other ol' Brass Hats (I've heard them called something else, besides, but just what, my memory fails me now).

If you only dropped a match or wad of baccy on the lines, not talking of chewing gum or bull wrappers, why the heagle heye of wee Percy was sure to see you or was it the nasal touch which found you in your krime (it would hardly be a strong snifter on a job like that, editor, phew!) Say, and couldn't he bawl you out? He sure could, and even those smart, cocky N.C.O.'s (of which "D" company had a few) quailed and quaked before the verbal thrashing he would give them if caught in the dire act of depositing any rubbish around in verboten places.. Once bawled out and they would walk miles (beg pardon, order their batmen to do so) to the official garbage can—you know the one with the notice, "Throw rubbish here, this means you — rather than risk the wrath of "D" company's mighty "hatem." That is why "D" Coy's lines were always the cleanest ("C," "B" and "A" Coys, in chorus, "liar").

Contrary to the general opinion of the uninitiated, the question of sanitation, the disposal of refuse, etc., became more complicated though the closer you got to the fi-fi-firing line (don't get nervous now); for whenever the valiant Percy went to the incinerator to empty refuse therein, some blankety blank blank soljer had been there before and "lost" some of his balancing material, ball cartridges and the fireworks would generally kick off when his "lowness" was around that area. Then, oh boy! life being sweet, stand back, for in this game if you came along right then you were IT.

To see the real efficiency of the machine at work, though you had to swallow your pride and walk the duckboards along with the real men as far as the trenches and there see the smooth working of Ours. Trenches might have been noisome, but never loudly so, at least in our Harea, why! If you didn't hide your vacant Bouillon de Boeuf container, as soon as emptied, Percy had it away and you would be minus a shaving mug and have to steal one from the R.C.R.'s or the Pit a Pats, if they were on the next avenue. And the place for gentlemen, it would be spotless, for every night the wee 'un would make his rounds to empty the "mess" lines, and if you suddenly heard a row like a barrage opening up, don't be alarmed, it would only be Percy railing at the unknown, nameless rat who had been too finicky to sit the rail and had deposited his load on it, instead of in the mess tin.

And was this job dangerous? Well, I'll say it was; the listening post or small raid had nothing on this, for it was over the top every night and the best of "look," and once or twice when Fritz threw his fireworks up, Percee had to flop just where he had emptied his can, and not having "lucked" right, well, you may have a vivid imagination, but oh, the sweet violets, when he got back in the trench everyone was asking who had received the perfume in their parcel from "Hum Sweet Hum," phew. After a hurried bawth and change (the change consisted of two jumps up and down) and a lot of rum, Percee would be right back on the job. You can't hold a good man down, not there where he fell at least. He didn't mind the hard work digging, either, that was the funny part, but

when some of those smart alecks asked him if he was hunting souvenirs, just when he had uncovered the Forty Jocks old stamping ground, look out! duck!

We certainly owe a lot to our Percee and his able assistants for the example he gave them, and the esprit de corps exhibited on even that unwholesome but necessary duty. Our health certainly would not have been bettered if the boys of the sanitary squad had not taken as deep and close (not too deep and close) an interest in their work. It is a pity that a special medal could not have been struck to show a tangible appreciation of the risks undertaken and the good work done by the "Percy" boys. On the reverse side of this medal could have been crossed sandbags and paper sticker, but of course in reverse you would necessarily have crossed mess tins.

Anyway, best luck to a much derided but extremely necessary and useful body of men. Here's to them wherever their civilian occupations may now have called them.

LE PETITE SERGEANT-MAJOR.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM CALIFORNIA

Editor "The Forty-Niner,"
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I received the Magazine with your letter enclosed and I take this opportunity to thank you very much.

As regards my service with the Battalion it is as follows:

I went overseas with the first draft of the 66th in August 1915.

I joined the 49th in June 1916. I was shaken up in the Ypres "do" in June, 1916, went to the base hospital and later was sent to the 9th Field Ambulance as a driver; was there until July, 1917, when I returned to the Battalion. I was wounded at Passchendaele, sent to Blighty and returned to France as a signaler, in July, 1918, but was sent to the 50th battalion on account of shortage of signalers after the big drive and did not get back to the 49th until a few weeks before the Armistice.

I came down with the "Flu" at Mons about a month after the Armistice, so I did not go back to Edmonton with the battalion.

I enjoyed the Magazine very much and would like to subscribe for it, so that I may be sure to get it every time it is published.

I motored back to Edmonton last June, was there about three weeks and in that time saw quite a few of the Forty-Niners that I knew. Am expecting to be there during Yuletide holidays this year, 1931-32, so possibly can attend the banquet.

In my previous letter to Mr. Hay I believe I told him I have been living in California six years now and am in the train service for the Southern Pacific railroad.

Hoping this letter will cover everything and also will you let me know what the subscription fees are for the magazine.

Thanking you again, I am, Yours very truly,

THEODORE BAKKAN. 2127 65th Avenue,

Oakland, California,

February 23rd, 1931.



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Bands

The Brass Band under the able leadership of Bandmaster Aldridge has again had a most successful season. It is very gratifying to see so many of the old-timers, members of the original band, carrying on, while there is no lack of talent or enthusiasm among the younger members.

The weekly practices have been well attended by the members of the band, the total strength of which is forty-four.

Three Sunday evening concerts were given by the band during the winter months under the distinguished patronage of the then Lt.-Gov. Hon. Dr. Egbert, in the Empire Theatre where large and appreciative audiences were attracted. Of the proceeds of the silver collections taken at these concerts the Sunshine Fund was presented with a cheque for \$60 and the Not Forgotten Fund for Veterans in hospital received \$10. From the money received for their engagement at the Spring Horse Show a contribution of \$25 was made to the I.O.D.E.

The Pipe Band conducted by Pipe-Major Henry Lang is now an official part of the regimental establishment. Prior to this official recognition our bagpipes

were heard without authorization from H.Q., Ottawa (you can't keep the bagpipes down). Application was made for authorization last winter and it was refused by H.Q. at Ottawa, but through the personal representation by General Griesbach and by virtue of the splendid services rendered by these men during the Great War and their activities since the War, Ottawa has accepted our Pipe Band.

Their contributions to the Sunday evening concerts were received with hearty applause.

Under Sgt. Ratcliffe the Bugle Band with a membership of twelve enthusiasts is making great strides.

The Edmonton Boys' Pipe Band is now affiliated with regiment conducted by Sgt. Robertson.

Training

Training during the winter has for the most part been carried out under the specialists:

Machine-gun training under Lieut. J. Tatham.

Lewis-gun training under Lieut. W. J. Tatham.

Signals training under Lieut. A. Donald.

Mr. Warren, an ex-naval officer, and fencing master has been engaged to instruct the men in bayonet fighting and sword exercises, and considerable progress has been made.

Sgt. Evans, with the aid of the sand-table, gave a series of lectures on tactics to the junior officers and men.

General Griesbach carried out a tactical scheme on the sand-table for the instruction of the officers.

We are fortunate in having in the regiment Sgt. Major R. J. Pratley, ex-training instructor to the P.P.C.L.I. in France. Under his care the foot and rifle drill have gone right ahead.

Our thanks are due to Sgt. J. O. R. Evans, drill instructor to the C.O.T.C., who has rendered unsparingly his valuable assistance during the past year.

The Provisional School of Infantry was conducted locally by Majors Cameron, Debney, and Sgt. Evans; the following candidates were successful in the examinations:

Lieuts. W. B. Shaw, A. S. Donald, J. T. Freeman and A. L. Magrath have qualified for Captains.

2nd Lieuts. T. A. Chard, C. C. Chapman and J. J. Hunter have qualified for Lieutenants.

Old-Timers of the Regiment

Lt.-Col. L. C. Harris, O.C.

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Major Hale, O.C., "B" Co'y.

Capt. J. C. Thompson.

Capt. Lilly, Paymaster.

J. Waith, Q.M.S.

Mr. F. T. Pinnell of old "D" Co'y.

Sgt. Jock Smith of old "B" Co'y. who is in charge of the cooking for the Battalion.

Sgt. Farrugie, in charge of the Officers Mess.

Corporal P. Oldroyd, caretaker of the Quarters.

The Officers' Mess

On May 13th, a Mess Dinner was held in the Garrison Mess at which some forty officers including guests were in attendance. The Mess continues as the favourite rendezvous.

The Sergeants' Mess

The series of dances and smokers was very well supported, and the Mess was the scene of a number of very convivial evenings.

Hockey

The 49th Battalion pucksters has an interesting and novel experience if it was not victorious. This was their first appearance in the Senior League as a hockey team. Only lack of experience kept them at the bottom of the league; this was clearly shown by the great improvement in teamwork evidenced in the last few games. Under the management of Capt. W. Hunter the hockey was admirably conducted and prospects are exceedingly bright for the next season.



CALGARY BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Calgary Branch of the 49th Battalion Association was held in the Elks' Building, Calgary, on the evening of May 18th, 1931.

After hearing and adopting reports of the retiring officers and committees the officers and executive committee for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Honorary President, LIEUT.-COL. E. R. KNIGHT.

President, J. S. KILAKSKI.

Vice-President, T. F. HIGGLETON.

Secretary-Treasurer, H. DUNCAN.

Executive Committee, H. B. CLOW, F. EASBY, A. W. HILL, R. STEADMAN, R. SWIFT and A. WRIGHT.

A communication from the parent Association in Edmonton requesting subscriptions for a memorial to the late Col. C. Y. Weaver was favorably considered and a total of \$12.00 in subscriptions was received by the Treasurer during the evening.

The meeting was then turned into a smoker during which entertainment was provided by Cecil Kappy at the piano, Bob. Vallian with some stories, J. Nixon with songs, M. Clansen with sleight-of-hand and other stunts, Frank ("Almighty Dollar") Laveyton at the piano and stories. Needless to say a goodly quantity of liquid refreshment was consumed and the evening ended a lot more noisily than it started.

CALGARY BRANCH NOTES

Capt. Bill Martin, who is in the hardware business at Bowden was at the annual meeting of the Calgary Branch.

Lieut.-Col. E. R. Knight has gone to England for a three months' holiday.

Bob. Swift is working for the Calgary School Board.

Ted Wright is an orderly at the Belcher Hospital, Calgary.

Neil Dorsey is manager of a creamery at Okotoks.

Alec Campbell is a plumber in Calgary.

Bob. Carter and **Phil Heather** are working for the Gas Company in Calgary.

Frank Langton spends his days in Eaton's Radio Dept., Calgary.

Curly Wolf in Frisco.

Among those present at the annual meeting of the Calgary Branch was **Charlie Johnson**, Charlie has been in B.C. and tells us that the **Curly Wolf** is in San Francisco. We have heard several times that the **Curly Wolf** had left this vale of tears. We sure are glad to know that such is not the case.

Pete Caldwell came from Honolulu to spend his holidays with his old friend **H. Linning**, in Calgary, and while in Calgary is demonstrating that his football days are not yet over.

H. Linning says he is the only person in Calgary who can claim the honor of having played on the 49th Bn. football team.

E. O. (He Ho) Anderson is working out of Calgary on the Railway Mail Service.

Our old friend **Capt. A. McAuley** is in Calgary at present and can be found at the Royal York Hotel.

D. L. Robinson gives his address as **R.R. No. 1, Oliver, B.C.**

F. Trout is farming at Delia.

W. H. Hardley is a park warden at Glacier, B.C.

C. R. Summerhay is station agent at Canmore.

W. D. Chalmers is with the C.P.R. Telegraph at Lethbridge.

Ernest Craig is at Cochrane.

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Bob. Parry, "A" Company, is residing at Coleman, Alberta.

Bob. Dancocks, H.Q. Signallers is with Plunkett & Savage, Calgary, and covers part of Southern Alberta for that company.

Lieut. William Henderson who is an old timer in the Pincher Creek district is farming near that town.

ANNUAL BANQUET CALGARY BRANCH

TO BE HELD OCTOBER 16th, 1931

The Annual Banquet of the Calgary Branch of the 49th Battalion Association will be held Friday, October 16th, 1931. The details as to time and place have not yet been arranged, but notices will be sent out to all whose names are on the branch mailing list, and the Calgary newspapers also will be asked to publish the usual advance notices of the event.

In Memoriam

No. 432536, PRIVATE GEORGE C. TIGHE, 49th Battalion

George C. Tighe was born in Moncton, N.B. He enlisted in the Battalion January 1915 and was given number as marginally noted.

After discharge he developed pulmonary tuberculosis and died in the University of Alberta Hospital on January 2nd 1931 and was buried in the Edmonton Roman Catholic Cemetery on January 5th, 1931.

The funeral was held from the Sacred Heart Church. The Right Rev. M. J. O'Gorman officiated. The Battalion was represented by General Griesbach, Major Hale, George Crockett and Norman Arnold. Bugler Ratcliffe sounded the "Last Post."

The late George Tighe was 44 years of age. He is survived by his wife, three brothers, John J. and James T. of Edmonton, and Wm. F. of Detroit and three sisters, Mrs. D. Fraser, Winnipeg; Mrs. O. W. Bond, Toronto, and Mrs. F. J. McQueen, Toronto. The pallbearers at the funeral were Messrs. P. F. Fitzpatrick, B. Wilkens, L. F. Dayzand, G. Matthews, C. Sirett, J. McMillen. Floral tributes were received from his wife; John, Alice and family; Jim, Margaret and Nancy; Laurie and Anne; Mr. and Mrs. Holden of England; Mr. and Mrs. Watshan of England; Mr. and Mrs. Bursoot; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wilkins; Mr. and Mrs. Mauders and Gladys; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Burden; Doris and Bob Horne; J. R. Lamont; Mr. and Mrs. J. Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stevens; Prudential Life Insurance Co. Staff, Edmonton Branch; The Great West Life Assurance Staff; Staff of Crane Ltd.; Returned Soldiers and Fellow Patients, University Hospital; The 49th Battalion Association, Branch No. 1, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.; Mr. C. Sorenson; T. J. McGuire; Mrs. F. J. McQueen, Toronto; Mrs. W. O. Bond, Toronto; Georgine Fraser; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Batten; F. J. McQueen, Toronto; Mrs. Irene Hawks and family; Miss Eva Dillon; Miss S. C. Sweeney.

JIMMIE COULDN'T SEE THE FLAG

Thorhild, Alberta, March 18th, 1931. Friend Neville:

This is the story as it actually happened.

Jimmy had just come to town to celebrate New Year's when the call came for men to join the 49th Battalion, and Jim had to answer the call, he having served for a number of years in South Africa. The major of a certain company turned him down flat and Jimmy took the count badly.

HONORARY COLONEL

The 1st Battalion, Edmonton Regiment (49th Bn., C.E.F.), has as its honorary colonel, James Ramsey. Lieut.-Colonel Ramsey was gazetted 9th Feb. 1929.

Colonel Ramsey is a retired merchant. He was formerly head of James Ramsey Limited, the business now operated by The T. Eaton Co., Ltd. He is frequently referred to as "Edmonton's Merchant Prince."

Colonel Ramsey has taken a commendably active interest in the welfare of the militia unit which is named to perpetuate the 49th Battalion (Edmonton Regiment) C.E.F. It will be remembered by former members of the 138th Battalion, C.E.F., that Colonel Ramsey presented that battalion with a full and complete bugle band equipment during the time the 138th was being organized.

Lieut. T. N. Ramsey, M.C., a former 49er, is a son of Colonel Ramsey.



A few days later he met his old friend Geordie who asked him to accompany him home for a little lunch. After lunch Geordie noticed he was nicely composed, and suggested he come right along to the armouries. The first officer met was Major Justus Willson, who thought Jimmy could get through alright; so, paraded him in front of the M.O. Everything was o.k. until it came to his eyes. The nerves were twitching a little, so the M.O. asked the Major to take him down to the street and point out a few of the landmarks by way of testing Jimmy's sight. Ongoing to the street the Major was on Jimmy's left and Geordie was on his right. The Major, with a couple of deep coughs and a hic hic said, "Well now, Baing, by the way, do you see that tower, away down on the right-hand side there?"

It was the tower on top of the K. of C. hall.

Jimmy peered down the street and said, "Oh yes, yes."

The Major said, "You see that perfectly well, Baing?" and coughed again. Then said, "Well now, Baing, what is on top of that tower?"

Jimmy was held up for an answer, so Geordie whispered in his ear on his right side, "A pole, Jimmy, a pole;" and he answered, "Oh yes; there is a pole on top."

The Major again coughed and said, "Quite right, Baing, quite right;" and said, "Now, Baing, what is on top of that pole?"

Jimmy was in a proper fix, so Geordie again whispered in his ear, "A ball, Jimmy, a ball."

Jimmy answered, "There is a ball on top of the pole."

Again, the Major coughed and said, "Now, Baing, tell me what is attached to that pole, and before Geordie got the chance to whisper, Jimmy turned round and said, "By God, Geordie, I never thought my eyesight was so bad, 'am darned if I can see any flag there."

There was no flag.

The Major coughed again, looked at Geordie and smiled.



BATTALION MACHINE GUN SECTION IN FRANCE



This picture was taken in France just after the first sheepskin jackets were issued. Old Timers will be able to identify the members of the machine gun section by reference to the numbers.

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5. H. Denford	18. E. Randall	31. F. Martin
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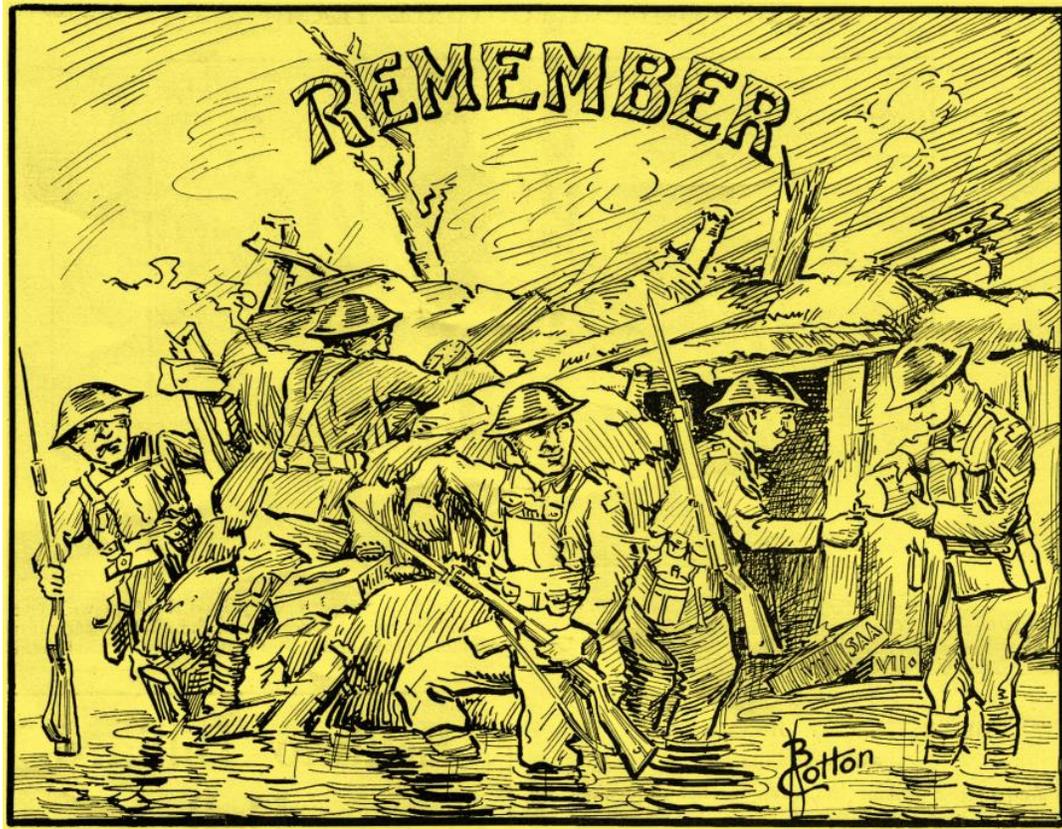
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“STAND TO” AT DAWN AND THE RUM RATION

THE LATE SERGEANT-MAJOR MILLS

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after receiving orders from his Co'y. officer, Capt. McLeod, that he was killed. A rifle grenade landed on the parados and a splinter mortally wounded him in the throat. He died almost immediately. Some of the boys attempted to aid him, but unfortunately, they were unable to be of service. His burial was carried out by some of his comrades early the next morning in one of the cemeteries adjacent to the trenches in that area.

Everyone felt his going keenly. There is no doubt in the minds of all who knew him that the career of a brave soldier and gentleman was cut short by his sudden but soldierly end.

He came from the neighborhood of London where some of his relatives were living at the time of his decease.

GHURKAS AND GRENADIERS

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The Ghurkas had a sneaky feeling oft times expressed that all the big fellows would be used for was lookouts (You don't know what lookouts are?) Well, they are to lookout for a soft job at the base.

Another thing which would rile the big boys was for a Ghurka to ask one of them when on a long march and feeling a trifle seedy, "Can I carry your rifle, please? The usual Grenadier reply being, "Say, kids, I've room for one of you in my pack!"

What the outcome of all this would have been, if they hadn't eventually proceeded to Blighty, was hard to foresee. The strenuous training put in over there helped to tone them down some and on the transfer of the battalion to France, the youthful spirits of both platoons had its outlet in matching wits with dear old Fritz, who was a foeman worthy of any ones steel. The qualms each had regarding the bravery of the other when confronted by the acid test, were soon dispelled on their first visit to the line.

It was suggested that the Grenadiers should do all the sentry duty, as they could look over the parapet easier than the Ghurkas — this arrangement to be compensated by the wee 'uns carrying rations for the big guys. But this fell through when they thought of the risk to their rum issue being left to anyone else.

Ceremonial not being of any account out in France, the matter of sizing of the boys was napoo, and eventually the platoons became of equal stature and the rivalry of these opposites died out. They proved before their final passing though, that they were worthy followers of their original namesakes — Ghurkas and Grenadiers.

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