



# The 19<sup>th</sup>



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## The C.O. Reports

I should like to be able to report that the 19th Alberta Dragoons paraded 150 all ranks to Camp Wainwright this summer. I could with your support.

Summer camp training is the culmination of our winter activities. It provides an opportunity for qualification for officers and NCO's. It teaches us a great deal more about army life. We learn to live together, work together, play together as a team. Only in this way can we achieve the true spirit which makes a unit "The Unit" to belong to.

Let's go to camp this summer.

## Sergeants' Mess Notes

The WO's and Sergeants' Mess has had a very busy calendar as usual with the monthly dance taking the spotlight. The president of the mess committee, WO2 McLaughlin, has issued a blanket invitation to all officers and their ladies to attend and a good response has been noted.

Jerry Warawa and his orchestra has renewed the contract to provide the music for 1957 and all regular attenders will be in accordance with this provision.

Several new Sergeants have been welcomed into the Mess including: Sgt. Ed Alexander, formerly with the N. Sask. Regt., Sgt. Dick Meanwell, also from the N. Sask. Regt, and S/Sgt. E. J. Powell, formerly with the 4th PLDG's.

With regret we have seen three of our members depart to other formations, including: Sgt. Harriet Stutchbury to Militia Group, S/Sgt. Ron Carter to the Intelligence Corps and Sgt. Chuck Ross to Supplementary Reserve.

### CAMP

Now is the time to start planning for summer camp. It will be at Camp Wainwright again around the first week in July. Make arrangements right away to spend



When the officers of the 19th Alberta Dragoons held their annual At Home at Connaught Armouries on New Year's Day, they took time out to attend the annual levee at the Legislative Buildings. Honorable J. J. Bowlen, Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, is seen receiving the compliments of the Season from Capt. C. C. Howard.

## Winding up the Old Year

Getting off to a good start for the year 1957 requires going back into the old year a few days to review the regiment's seasonal activities.

Among the guests attending the annual officers' ladies' night on December 8 were: Maj-Gen. Chris Vokes, Col. F. C. Jamieson, Lt.-Col. A. E. Ladler and Mrs. Ladler, Major and Mrs. W. D. Ramsay, and Major and Mrs. W. Salter. Lt.-Col. A. I. Lavoie, former commanding

of Westlock, proposed the toast to the Regiment, replied to by Major Ramsay. Major Cawsey of "D" Squadron, toasted the ladies. Mrs. Munroe replied. Lt.-Col. E. S. Bryant, Commanding Officer, welcomed the guests.

More than 200 sons and daughters of members of the regiment attended a Christmas party at Connaught Armouries on Sunday, December 18th. They enjoyed treats, pictures, gifts and Santa. WO1 W.

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## Editorial

It would appear that many would blame someone else rather than admit that they were at fault. We are referring to parade credits.

Starting at the bottom, a new recruit may have some excuse for missing out, but a trooper and any others of several months parades or more, should realize the necessity of making certain that they are marked in the roll book each and every night that they are on parade.

Instructors, sergeants, NCO's and others concerned with conducting training could, with very little extra effort, check with personnel on parade and personnel responsible for roll call.

In short, co-operation and added interest by all will do the trick. Remember, a parade is valuable. Be sure you are credited in the roll book.

### "C" NORTHERN LIGHTS

As a result of the Jr. NCO course several of the members of "C" Squadron received promotions. To L/Cpl.: Troopers Allen, Freeman, Gass, Bourassa. To Cpl.: L/Cpl's. Bosma, DeRoche, Laronde.

Cpl. Laronde added a new "tax exemption" to his list just before Christmas, a daughter. The following "wetter" their third hooks just after the New Year: Cpl's. Brown, Jackson, Holmes and Sippel.

On the social side a very good St. Valentine's Dance, put on by the Women's Auxiliary, was enjoyed by some 100 members and guests. The St. Patrick's Day dance and what have you on the 16th of March, was a huge success.

The recruit class graduated on March 20th, and the boys on D&M (W) and Sig. RCAC courses took their trades test on Blocks 1 and 2 Group 1.

Sgt's. Hogg and Turner and Cpl. Walin are away on courses; Sgt. Hogg at Borden on Clerk (RCASC), Sat. Turner at Calgary on Gun-



These are some of the Dragoon's recruits of the past few months taking basic training from Cpl. J. Bosch. They are: Troopers P. Bawn, R. World, A. C. Kirby, A. Cysouw, R. Blomberg, A. Reynolds and J. Thyngensen.

### WETASKIWIN & DEVON

"D" Sqn. at Wetaskiwin and "D" Sqn. at Devon have had a very active winter training plan, concentrating on wireless training. The "I" Cadre completed by Christmas, Block 1 of the Signaller RCAC Group 1 course and Block 3 will be completed by the end of March. There is also a wireless course being conducted at Devon and it is expected that by the end of the training year there will be 27 "Man Blocks" completed by this Squadron in this training year.

Lieut. Arner has carried on a vigorous recruiting campaign and the present strength of this Squadron is 82 All Ranks. (How do you like that, Whitehorse?)

Basic training will be completed for all recruits in April and All Ranks will carry on with collective training on Stagounds and Ferrets. The Squadron has been carrying on musketry training every Monday and we feel that we could beat any team from any portion of the Unit and we invite competition. During the winter we have had competitive shoots with the R.C.M. Police, the Manning Depot from Edmonton and the Medical Coy from Ponoka. Approximately 20 members of this Squadron are qualifying for Canadian Marksmen Badges and their expert shields.

"D" Sqn. sponsored a military demonstration on February 9th in conjunction with the Wetaskiwin Winter Carnival. The Queen's

Year took place the week-end of March 23-24. It was a "bang-up" do. The Assault Troopers were

Own Rifles of Canada kindly provided their trumpet band and a demonstration platoon, who gave a display of the drill as done by rifle regiments. 8th Independent Signal Coy displayed one of their Wireless Vans and the 78 Medium Battery, RCA displayed a 5.5mm Gun. Over 500 people witnessed the demonstration.

On February 25th "D" Sqn. had an informal party at the Drill Hall when the whole Squadron attended with their wives and ladies. Devon Troop had a party on February 27th which was well attended.

The Band under Sgt. Lomnes and Tpr. Chandler, is making good progress. Blue patrol uniforms have been ordered for them and this should considerably improve their appearance and performance.

A Troop is being recruited in Camrose and if they can recruit 15 militia men, authority will probably be given to form a Troop in Camrose which will be under the command of 2/Lt. H. A. Taylor. "D" Sqn. hopes to have 100 men on parade at the GOC's Inspection.

Trooper W. Fouts, Tpr. Dous, R. and Tpr. Cookson, J. have been married since the last issue of the "19th."

The last of the White family was recently struck off strength. There has been a member of Major White's family since the Squadron has been formed. We were sorry to lose Sgt. White, N.A., when he was transferred to Saskatchewan.

### HOT STUFF

Were there gremlins in the pro-

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## EDMONTON EVENTS

Here are some of the training hi-lites from Edmonton during the past few months. Cpl. J. Bosch is currently instructing new comers in basic at 109th. The COTC method, a phase four wireless training course, is proceeding well under the capable direction of 2/Lt. B. Speelman. Officers taking part in the course are Lt. Ken Taylor, Officer Cadets Freeman and Motershead.

The gunnery course for officers is currently being conducted by I & A Cadre Mondays and Wednesdays at 109th Street Armoury as well as alternating Sundays. The officers taking the course journey to Wetaskiwin every second Sunday.

A series of cloth model exercises is now under way at Connaught Armoury under the direction of Major V. H. Kupchenko and Captain A. B. Browne. The exercises are held monthly. The first two have stressed withdrawal tactics. An outdoor exercise is being planned prior to summer camp.

Captain E. Hill returned to Edmonton early in the new year after completing a three-day Civil Defence course at Arnprior, Ontario. About the same time Major K. A. Clarke, our Medical Officer, returned from a two-week Medical Course at the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, Camp Borden.

Summer camp isn't too far away and as in previous years, every Dragoon will be making a conscientious effort to spend a week at Wainwright Military Camp. Militia personnel interested in summer employment, and this is applicable to all personnel of the 19th Alberta Dragoons, at militia summer camps and schools in Western Command should report to the Orderly Room to fill out application forms. Personnel for all ranks are required for periods during May, June, July, August and September.

## THE REGIMENTAL STORY

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Both regiments took part in the funeral and memorial services to His Majesty, King Edward VII, held in the Thistle Rink on May 20th. After the service the officers gathered to take the new oath of allegiance to His Majesty King George V.

The 19th Alberta Mounted Rifles paraded on the Government House



Meet Lt. K. G. Taylor...

"Ken" is a native of Halkirk, Alberta, where he received his early education. He joined the RCAF at the age of 18 here in Edmonton in December of 1941 and went overseas the following year.

Lt. Taylor served with the "Bomber Group" and the "Pathfinders" while overseas. His war flying career was terminated when he was forced to bail out during a bombing mission. Lt. Taylor spent the remaining years of the war in a German prisoner of war camp, until liberated in May of 1945.

Ken is a member of a very unique and exclusive club known as the "Caterpillar Club" — the holder of a membership card must have saved his life by parachute.

After his discharge from the RCAF in 1945, Ken enrolled at the University of Alberta, graduating in Agriculture in 1950. He is currently employed as a land appraiser with the Canadian Loan Board, but finds time to serve with the 19th Alberta Dragoons twice a week. At the present time, he is taking a wireless course at the 109th Street Armouries. And in the spare time he has left, he's busy putting the finishing touches on his new bungalow, where he lives with his wife Lorraine and two daughters, aged seven and four.

From the society column of the "Youngstown Jewish Times": Cpl. Isadore Bradlyn spent the weekend with his wife, Selma. He was awarded the good conduct medal!

Daughters of the Empire made the presentation.

Both regiments turned out on June 8th to join in an exercise in which they practised attack and defence. This appeared to be a

## THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Sergeant's Mess was formed for the primary purpose of giving the ladies of the regiment an insight and a sympathetic understanding of the problems confronting the officer commanding and his appointed staff. In this regard the idea was successful in that the senior NCO's and warrant officers were usually 100% present on parade.

The ladies of the auxiliary have always worked well together, taking charge of all refreshments at social functions for the sergeant's mess, helping or doing all the work in connection with the Christmas parties for the children. They also visit the sick and hold shows for new mothers.

During the past few years they have taken a tremendous interest in the ex-service men's home for children and give parties and presents yearly. This year some 30 children visited the Armouries in February.

After the succession of Lt.-Col. Bryant it was decided to expand to a regimental auxiliary with all members' wives and mothers of the younger members eligible to participate.

Since the first two years they have been financially self-supporting and have provided flatware and crockery for the regimental kitchen.

They have big ideas for the future. The regiment takes a great deal of pride in their ladies. Hats off to the ladies' auxiliary!

## WINDING UP THE OLD YEAR

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Auxiliary carried out the program.

On the 22nd of December the men's mess held a Christmas party that was well attended. L/Cpl. Foug was responsible for the arrangements.

The sergeants' New Year's Eve Ball drew over 75 couples. Special guests were: Major V. H. Kupchenko and Mrs. Kupchenko, Major Geo. Lynch-Staunton and Mrs. Lynch-Staunton, WO2 W. Jellis and Mrs. Jellis, WO2 B. Crooks and Mrs. Crooks, R.S.M. WO1 M. Jack and Mrs. Jack, assisted by WO2 R. McLaughlin and Mrs. McLaughlin, received.

On New Year's Day, Lt.-Col. E. S. Bryant and officers held their annual At Home to officers of reserve and active units.

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