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1960

*100th
Anniversary Dinner*

April 30th, 1960

CANADIAN ROOM • ROYAL YORK HOTEL • TORONTO



HEAD QUARTERS.

Quebec, 26th April, 1860.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

ACTIVE FORCE.

No. 1.

With reference to the General Order No. 1, of the 13th November, 1856, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has directed that the Volunteer Foot Artillery Company therein authorized at Toronto, shall be changed into a Rifle Company.

No. 2.

In pursuance of Section 26 of the Consolidated Militia Laws of the Province, His Excellency is pleased to constitute into a Battalion of Riflemen the following six Companies of the Volunteer Force, now serving in the 5th Military District of Upper Canada, to be styled the "Second Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles of Canada," viz :

The Barrie Rifle Company, (First.)
The 1st Rifle Company Toronto, (Second.)
The 3rd do do do (Third.)
The Highland do do (Fourth.)
The Rifle Company, formerly Foot Artillery, (Fifth.)
The Highland Rifle Company, Whitby, (Sixth.)

The numbers in a parenthesis opposite to each Company, designate their position by seniority, but the Highland Companies will always take the Flanks of the Battalion on Parade.

Second Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles of Canada.

To be Lieutenant-Colonel :

Lieutenant-Colonel William Smith Durie, from Barrie Rifle Company,

To be Majors :

Captain George Brooke, from 1st Rifle Company, Toronto.

" Alex. Mortimer Smith, from Highland Company, Toronto.

To be Pay-Master :

Major Robert B. Denison, from unattached list.

To be Adjutant :

Captain Henry Goodwin, from late Foot Artillery Company, Toronto.

To be Quarter-Master :

Major John Nickinson, from 3rd Rifle Company, Toronto.

No. 3.

Lieutenant-Colonel George T. Denison is hereby appointed Commandant of the whole of the Volunteer Force in the 5th Military District of Upper Canada.

MILITARY DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN,
UPPER CANADA.

No. 4.

Volunteer Foot Artillery Company, Dundas.

To be First Lieutenant :

Second Lieutenant John McKenzie, vice Meredith, retired.

To be Second Lieutenant :

James Findlay Smith, Gentleman, vice McKenzie, promoted,

Volunteer Field Battery of Hamilton.

First Lieutenant Wm. C. Stephens is permitted to retire, retaining his rank.

By Command of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General and Commander in Chief.

D. MACDONELL, Lt. Col.
Deputy Adjutant Genl. of Militia,
Upper Canada.

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H.R.H. THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OF KENT
Colonel-in-Chief
THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

Programme

DINNER CHAIRMAN

Colonel J. G. K. Strathy, O.B.E., E.D.

Colonel of The Regiment

"THE GRACE"

Captain R. J. Newsham

Chaplain, 3 Bn. Q.O.R. of C.

"THE QUEEN"

Major E. A. Dunlop, O.B.E., G.M.

Chairman, Q.O.R. of C. 100th Anniversary Committee

"OUR COLONEL-IN-CHIEF"

Major R. D. Kenly, C.D.

President, Q.O.R. of C. Association

"FALLEN COMRADES"

The Right Reverend F. H. Wilkinson, M.M., M.A., D.D.

Honorary Chaplain, Q.O.R. of C. Association

"THE REGIMENT"

Field-Marshal The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O.

Menu

CELERY • OLIVES

FRUIT COCKTAIL

POTAGE AU LEGUMES

ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF

CHATEAU POTATOES

FRENCH STYLE BEANS

FROZEN MUSKOKA ROLL WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE

PORT

COFFEE

*Programme
of
Music*

DINNER ASSEMBLY—

I'M NINETY FIVE TODAY

Old Quarter Column Regimental March, Q.O.R. of C.

FANFARE FOR A CENTENNIAL OCCASION

Specially Composed by Robt. Farnon

THE BUFFS—WARWICKSHIRE LADS—THE BUFFS

Regimental March, Q.O.R. of C.

Regimental March, Warwickshire Regiment

DINNER MUSIC—

MARCH • OLD COMRADES

SELECTION • THROUGH THE YEARS

WALTZ • TORONTO BAY

POTPOURRI • 100 YEARS OF ARMY SONGS

MARCH • OFFICER OF THE DAY

ENTR'ACTE • SALUTE TO LONDON TOWN

MUSIC FOR TOASTS—

"THE QUEEN"

Fanfare/God Save The Queen

"OUR COLONEL IN CHIEF"

Fanfare

"FALLEN COMRADES"

Fanfare/Drum Roll/Last Post

Abide With Me/Drum Roll/The Rouse

"THE REGIMENT"

Fanfare/Regimental March

MARCH—

WE'RE SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN

Fanfares Specially Composed by Dr. Healey Willan

Director of Music—Captain W. T. Atkins, C.D., A.R.C.M.

B A T T L E H O N O U R S



"1885, Northwest Canada" "1899-1900, South Africa"

WORLD WAR I—1914-1918

"Ypres, 1915, '17," "Gravenstafel," "St. Julien," "Festubert, 1915," "Mount Sorrel," "Somme, 1916," "Poizieres," "Flers-Courcelette," "Ancre Heights," "Arras, 1917, '18," "Vimy, 1917," "Arleux," "Scarpe, 1917, '18," "Hill 70," "Passchendaele," "Amiens," "Drocourt-Queant," "Hindenburg Line," "Canal du Nord," "Pursuit to Mons," "France and Flanders, 1915-1918."

WORLD WAR II—1939-1945

"Normandy Landing," "Le Mesnil-Patry," "Caen," "Carpignat," "Bourguebus Ridge," "Faubourg de Vaucelles," "Falaise," "Quesnay Wood," "The Laison," "Boulogne, 1944," "Calais, 1944," "The Scheldt," "Breskens Pocket," "The Rhineland," "Waal Flats," "The Hochwald," "The Rhine," "Emmerich-Hoch Elten," "Deventer," "North-West Europe, 1944-1945."

(Battle Honours approved for emblazonment are *italicized*)

THE QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA

ORGANIZATION

The regiment was organized at Toronto on 26 April, 1860, from six independent rifle companies, as the "Second Battalion Volunteer Militia Rifles of Canada". It was redesignated: "2nd Battalion 'The Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto'", 18 March, 1863; "2nd Battalion 'Queen's Own Rifles of Canada'", 13 January, 1882; "2nd Regiment 'Queen's Own Rifles of Canada'", 8 May, 1900; "The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada", 1 May, 1920. The regiment was reorganized on a two-battalion basis on 1 May, 1906, but reverted to one battalion on 15 December, 1936. On 16 October, 1953 Regular Army components were authorized under the designation "1st and 2nd Battalions, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada", the Militia component being redesignated "3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada". A regimental depot for the Regular battalions was also authorized on 16 October, 1953.

EARLY HISTORY

During the Fenian Raids the regiment took part in the engagement at Ridgeway, 2 June, 1866. During the campaign in North West Canada, 1885, the regiment served with Lt.-Col. Otter's column. In the South African War, 1899-1900, it contributed volunteers to the Canadian Contingents, mainly the 2nd (Special Service) Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment.

THE FIRST WORLD WAR, 1914-1918

The regiment contributed to the 3rd Battalion, C.E.F., which served with the 1st Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Division in France and Flanders. Four V.C.s were won by members of the regiment: Major T. W. MacDowell, v.c., d.s.o., Lieutenant C. S. Rutherford, v.c., m.c., m.m., Lieutenant W. L. Algie, v.c., 2nd Lieutenant E. De Wind, v.c. The regiment also raised the 83rd, 95th, 166th, 198th and 255th Battalions, C.E.F. which provided reinforcements for the Canadian Corps in the field.

THE SECOND WORLD WAR, 1939-1945

The regiment mobilized The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, C.A.S.F. for active service on 24 May, 1940. The regiment served in Newfoundland from August to November 1940. On 19 July, 1941 it embarked for the United Kingdom as part of the 8th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Infantry Division. Sergeant A. Cosens won the V.C. on 25/26 February, 1945. The active unit was disbanded on 30 November, 1945. A 2nd (Reserve) and a 3rd (Active) Battalion served in Canada. A 4th Battalion formed on 1 June, 1945 for service in the Canadian Army Occupation Force was disbanded on 14 May, 1946.

RECENT HISTORY

The 2nd Battalion served in Korea from March, 1954 to April, 1955. The 2nd Battalion proceeded to Germany in October, 1957.

ALLIANCES

The Buffs, 21 February, 1914
The King's Royal Rifle Corps, 11 June, 1956

AFFILIATIONS

Upper Canada College Cadet Battalion, 24 January, 1866
Jarvis Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps, 10 July, 1942
Riverdale Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps, 20 June, 1947
Harbord Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps, 22 June, 1948
Central Technical School Cadet Corps, 1 May, 1956