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L.-CPL. SAMUEL HARRIS
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HEAVY TOLL OF R.H.L.I. AT DIEPPE

Nine Officers, Eight Men Already Listed as Dead

Ancaster Family Informed Sons Casualties at Dieppe

Lieut. Ian H. V. Wright Reported Killed—Lieut. Gerald Wright Missing

A stunning blow to a family which for years has been identified with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, was that received by cablegram at the home of Capt. E. Vaughan Wright, R.C.A.P.C., and Mrs. Wright, Carrickleith, Ancaster. One son, Lieut. Ian Hamilton Vaughan Wright, an original member of the R.H.L.I. overseas force, was reported to have been killed in action at Dieppe. Lieut. Gerald Wright, another son, was reported missing and was presumed to have lost his life.

Father Is Serving
Word of the loss of these brave officers was conveyed to the Spectator this morning by their father. A former member of the R.H.L.I. himself, and a veteran of the last Great War, Capt. E. Vaughan Wright is now attached to a pay centre at Camp Borden.

In addition to his two sons, Capt. Wright's popular son-in-law went overseas with the R.H.L.I. The son-in-law, Lt. H. A. "Huck" Welch, prominent football star, arrived overseas recently with reinforcements for the unit.

Third Son Overseas
A third of Captain Wright's sons is serving overseas also. He is Pte. Gordon Wright, R.C.O.C., the youngest of the sons. It is not known whether he took part in the action at Dieppe.

All of Captain Wright's sons were educated at Highfield school. Lieut. Ian Wright was employed as a salesman at the Wentworth Motors at the time of his enlistment.

The Wright brothers are nephews of H. H. Leather, 341 James street south.

Capt. R. C. W. Bowery Among Those Killed In Action at Dieppe

Former Brantford Man Was in Command of Company in R.H.L.I.—Had Trained as Commando

Capt. Richard Charles Waudby Bowery, reported killed in action at Dieppe, lived at 184 Dundas street, Brantford, and was for two years an officer with the Dufferin and Halton Rifles battalion before the war. Widely known to a large circle as "Bud," he was transferred to the R.H.L.I. with several officers and 100 men shortly after the outbreak of war and went overseas with the rank of lieutenant. He was promoted captain and two months ago was appointed to the command of D company in the R.H.L.I. He (Continued on page 11, column 5)

Brig. Southam Accorded Praise

From The Spectator's London News Bureau by A. G. Cummings. Copyright, 1942, by Southam Co. London, Eng., Aug. 21.—Brigadier William Wallace Southam, of the Canadian forces, is among those specially praised to-day in United Kingdom newspapers for his participation in Dieppe operations. His name is bracketed with Major-Gen. Roberts and Brigadier Sherwood Letts as specially prominent Canadian figures. Brigadier Southam's connection with Canadian newspaper work is emphasized in the Yorkshire Post.

Painfully Wounded, Major Wilkinson Still Went Ashore

Suffering intense pain from a severe wound in the arm, Major F. S. Wilkinson, second in command of the R.H.L.I. at Dieppe, insisted upon going ashore with his men, where he remained for over five hours. This was revealed in a Canadian Press dispatch from a military hospital overseas this afternoon. After sheltering on the beach behind the frail protection of a Bren gun carrier, he was carried back to a boat by four German prisoners whom a junior officer captured. Pte. George McChesney, of this city, suffered a fractured arm in the assault, according to the C.P. story. Pte. Charles Boomer, of Brantford, also serving in the R.H.L.I., was wounded in the leg. He said he knew some of them wouldn't come back when he was leaving the coast of France.

Lieut. L. C. Bell, Toronto, Killed

Toronto, Aug. 21.—(CP)—Lieut. L. Clarke Bell, 31, well-known Toronto athlete, cricketer and rugby star, was reported killed in action. He is believed to have been killed in the Dieppe commando raid. Lieut. Bell was with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry which participated largely in the raid. Born in Alliston, Ont., son of the late William Arthur Bell, barrister of Alliston and Barrie, Ont., Lieut. Bell enlisted with the R.H.L.I. in July, 1940. He was educated at Ridley college, St. Catharines, Ont., and was a well-known cricketer, playing with the Royal Canadian cricket team which toured England in 1936.

Sent to Reformatory

St. Thomas, Ont., Aug. 21.—(CP)—Mrs. Vera Konkole, 27, and Mrs. Francis Knabb, 23, Hamilton sisters, who pleaded guilty a week ago to the theft of \$500 from a Kent county trucker in a hotel room here, were sentenced to-day to two years indeterminate in the Ontario reformatory. Most of the stolen money was restored. George Carr, night clerk at the hotel, charged with being implicated in the theft, was sentenced to three months in the reformatory.



IN CASUALTY LIST—Three officers of the headquarters staff of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry are included in the lengthy casualty list from overseas. Lieut-Col. R. R. Labatt, officer commanding the unit, is missing and believed prisoner of war, and Capt. Herbert Poag, left, adjutant, is officially reported missing, following the commando attack upon Dieppe. Major Fred Wilkinson, right, second in command of the R.H.L.I., was wounded in the engagement.

Commander of Battalion Is Missing After Leading Famous Unit Into Battle

Lieut-Col. R. R. Labatt, Distinguished Soldier—Major F. S. Wilkinson, Second-in-Command, Wounded, and Capt. Herbert V. Poag, Adjutant, Is Missing

A distinguished soldier-son of a distinguished soldier-father, the officer commanding the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, Lieut-Col. R. R. Labatt, along with two other officers of his headquarters staff, has been reported among the casualties of the Canadians who drove into France in the commando raid on Dieppe. Lieut-Col. Labatt is reported missing and believed prisoner of war, and Capt. Herbert V. Poag is reported missing, while Major F. S. Wilkinson is reported wounded, according to advices reaching Hamilton to-day. Captain Poag was the unit's adjutant and Major Wilkinson the second-in-command.

Brilliant Leader
A brilliant and courageous military officer, Lieut-Col. R. R. Labatt, who at the age of 39 had been for two years the officer commanding the local unit which carried Canadians to bloody paths of glory on the French coast, had a phenomenal rise in military life.

Lieutenant-Colonel Labatt came by his military instincts naturally and continued to add distinction and honour to a name many years renowned in military circles for feats of valour and loyalty to the crown. The young commander, after attending Highfield school and Ashbury college in Ottawa, began his career when he entered Royal Military college at Kingston. He won a lieutenant's commission in the R.H.L.I. on leaving the military college.

For four years, from 1932 to 1936, he was captain and adjutant of the R.H.L.I., then passed a military staff course which qualified him for the rank of major in 1936.

Was at Coronation
Another step of interest to Hamiltonians came when Lieutenant-Colonel Labatt represented his regiment at the coronation in London in 1937 and he commanded the first Canadian detachment ever to stand guard at Buckingham palace.

At that time holding the rank of captain, Lieut-Col. Labatt was selected from all Canadian officers on the Continent as an officer of the guard which performed duty at the palace. It was the second time a member of the Labatt family had been represented at the coronation in a military capacity. Lieut-Col. R. H. Labatt, father of the youthful commander of the R.H.L.I., was present at the coronation of King George V in 1911. The father went to France in the first Great War in command of the Fourth Battalion, which was recruited largely from the old 13th Royal Regiment, which later became a part of the R.H.L.I.

Receives Assuring Message
Major F. S. Wilkinson, second in command, has had many years' service in the militia in peace-time and was with the R.H.L.I. for some years before being mobilized with the unit at the outbreak of war. He went overseas with the unit in July, 1940. His wife was informed by an official message that Major Wilkinson was wounded and a personal message was received to-day revealing that he was "all right." In peace-time Major Wilkinson was (Continued on page 11, column 1)

Others of Gallant Fighting Unit Missing After Action or Wounded; Casualty List Is Not Complete

Next-of-Kin Told Of Casualties in R.H.L.I. Battalion

War's cruel toll struck home to Hamiltonians and district residents to-day, as citizens learned the price their gallant sons had paid in the commando raid upon Dieppe, first major engagement in which Canadian troops have figured since the outbreak of war. Early messages from the officer in charge of records overseas told of the loss of many outstanding young men of the R.H.L.I., flower of the country's manhood.

The casualty list of 27 names, as compiled from information received by the Spectator from next of kin, listed 17 officers and men killed in action; two missing, presumed killed; two missing, one severely wounded, and four wounded. The majority of the men whose names were listed were officers of the unit.

Just over two years ago these gallant leaders marched through crowded downtown streets to proceed overseas—many of them never to return. Sacrificing all the future held in store, that the freedom they loved so well might live, they have laid down their lives for their King and country.

The casualty list is as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION
Major Norris A. Waldron, 174 George street.
Capt. George E. Matchett, 250 Fairleigh avenue south.
Capt. Thomas James Brown, 215 Jackson street west.
Capt. R. C. W. Bowery, R.H.L.I., Brantford.
Lieut. Ian H. V. Wright, Carrickleith, Ancaster.
Lieut. Llewellyn C. Counsell, Ancaster.
Lieut. Reginald S. Baisley, Winona.
Lieut. L. Clarke Bell, Toronto.
Lieut. Edward J. Norris, Naughton, Ont.
Sgt. William J. Bennett, 187 Catharine street north.
Cpl. Murray Henderson, Brantford.
Lance-Cpl. Samuel Harris, 49 West avenue north.
Pte. William James Grant, 154 Hatt street, Dundas.
Pte. Melvin Ball, Tolton road, Normanhurst.
Pte. George Cruickshank, Ayr, Ontario.
Pte. William L. Turner, Acton.
Pte. Robert Megson, Oakville.

MISSING, PRESUMED KILLED
Lieut. Gerald Wright, Carrickleith, Ancaster.
Major R. E. McLaren, 31 Wycliffe avenue.

MISSING
Lieut-Col. R. R. Labatt, 55 Undermountain ave.
Capt. Herbert Poag, 5 Beulah avenue.

SEVERELY WOUNDED
Lieut. John Garishore, Ancaster.

WOUNDED
Lieut. George Tinsley, 10 Mountain avenue.
Cpl. John James Montgomery, Beamsville.
Major Fred Wilkinson, 29 Spruceville avenue.
Company Sgt.-Major Lloyd A. Harris, 44 Locke street south.

INJURED IN ACTION
Pte. George McChesney, Hamilton.

MAJOR R. E. McLAREN
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"Old Thirteenth" Tradition Gloriously Upheld in Furious Fighting This Week on the Beaches of France

Hamilton Mourns for Fighting Men Who Formed Spearhead of Attack Which Won Glory for Their Country

Proudly, sorrowfully, the citizens of Hamilton reviewed to-day the gallant action of officers and men of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry on the beaches and in the streets of far-off Dieppe. Hamilton's oldest fighting unit, upholding the traditions of the glorious 13th, attacked at the spearhead of British forces which raided France on Tuesday. Forward in the face of withering enemy fire, up and over the jagged crags and into the town, they poured in gallant procession. The headquarters company was almost annihilated. Among the missing are Lieut-Col. Robert R. Labatt, officer commanding, and Capt. Herbert Poag, the adjutant. It is believed Lieut-Col. Labatt is prisoner of war. Major F. S. Wilkinson, second in command, is reported wounded. Nine officers and eight men already are reported to have lost their lives. Two officers are "missing and presumed dead," another two are reported "missing." One is reported "severely wounded," and two officers and two men are reported "wounded." These are the casualties known for certain at noon to-day and the list is by no means complete.

This was part of the price of an action which thrilled the allied world and took a heavy toll of German troops of the occupation army. Grief struck twice at the home of Capt. E. Vaughan Wright, Carrickleith, Ancaster. One of his sons, Lieut. Ian H. V. Wright, was reported killed. Another son, Lieut. Gerald Wright, is missing, presumed killed.

ADVISED OF SAFE RETURN
Scores of officers and men who returned to England safely advised their parents by wire to-day. Among them was Lieut. Joseph Pigott, 22, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pigott, this city.

Semper Paratus
Channel waters will break to-day on those beaches of far Dieppe and egress cry by the smoking ruins of Nazi cliff defences. Along the shore that raged like an inferno from dawn to noon on Tuesday, the silent forms of Canadian soldiers blotch the wide white sands. The torch was theirs—and they held it high! Sons of the men of Ypres, the Somme and Vimy, gallant soldiers of the glorious 13th—the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry—have left their dead on a blazing battleground of the new world war. Now and then an allied bomber thunders overhead and the silent sands throw up their substance to the shattering explosion of bombs.

Carried Main Attack
"The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry regiment, with the Essex Scottish of Windsor and the Calgary Tank regiment, carried the main attack of the Dieppe raid yesterday right into the town itself and battled the Germans in the streets to capture the main portions of the town." That was the first brief bulletin received in Hamilton which swelled the hearts of a thousand parents with just and excusable pride. Right at the spearhead of British, Canadian and American forces, fought and died some of Hamilton's finest soldiers.

They were not from any one district. The oldest names in Hamilton military history were represented among the casualties. And there were names from other parts of the city—from the north, the east and the west. Throughout the morning Spectator telephones rang incessantly. Parents reported the loss of sons. Neighbours inquired about rumours they had heard.

Fought in Dieppe Streets
Surely in Dieppe on Tuesday the proudest traditions of the glorious 13th were upheld by Hamilton soldiers. Officers of the regiment advanced upon the beach before their men and fought in the streets with the enemy.

The appalling toll of officer dead is some indication of the way they led their units. Forward in the face of withering enemy fire, up and over the jagged crags and into the streets of the little French town, they poured in gallant procession.

At the west end of the promenade at Dieppe a casino taken over by the Nazis. The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry attacked and occupied it.

They pressed in into the town and went through some of the heaviest fighting of the raid. Street fighting, which had been a fundamental part of their training, served them well. (Continued on page 11, column 5)



LIEUT. GERALD WRIGHT
Missing, Presumed Killed



PTE. WILLIAM A. GRANT
Killed in Action