First Battalion, to which he was an

absolute stranger; while Lieutenants

Murray, Mckinley and Reginald Con-

over remained in A company under

No group of officers in the Fourth

Battalion had a better record, and

no group...held the respect of their

men to a greater extent than those

leaders who received their schooling

Behind these officers from the Hall

ton Rifles, there stretched a long line

of other Halton officers, Allan, Kerns

Goodwillie, Moore, Schultz, Panton

torch of duty in the relay race of

life; and with such a background.

was inevitable that the representatives

records, and live up to the traditions

o carefully guarded by their pre-

In the biblical extract given above

Commanding Officer, who at the time

was Lt. Col. Bert Labatt. There were

not many hard cases in the Fourth,

The Division assembled for a Tacti-

dian Division dies, we die with it.

to the greatness of Generals; for we

of the Nation, and moreover, up to

the present, Generalship had not been

any too conspicuous. Our feelings in

and so minimise the effect of enemy

-operative, I mean and not specula-

a way that certainly makes for per-

manence of the joints. The process

is called galleting by the masons in

the walls of the Cathedral, which

dominate the landscape far and near.

This is however, a domination without

any sense of oppression or force as

the personality of Christ must have

dominated the wrangilng multitude

that thronged the streets and clamour-

One feels very small beside the

Great Cathedral, and loses much of

his twentieth century arrogance when

he learns that it was built in the

thirteenth century by an architect

who built to the glory of God and not to the fame of himself, after the man-

ner of many at the present time. There was no record of the Chief Builder,

though no doubt the individual stones

would show the peculiar marks of the

mason should the building be taken

down-which we trust it will never be.

builders, and Salisbury is one of their

bury Cathedral with its pure early

Will never mark the marble-

Who builds a house to God, and

ed for his destruction.

shells and machine gun fire.

it is said that the "hard cases" brought before Moses before

and many others who carried

within the ranks of the old Militia

Regiment, the Halton Rifles.

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Roses Without Thorns Twas a lovely day in Summer. All the world seemed fresh and fair Songs of birds and scent of flowers Floated through the balmy air. Slowly strolling through the meadow Came a mother and her child. Till they spled a lonely rosebush Growing there so sweet and wild. Eagerly the little maiden Reached to pluck a blossom rare, But her mother stayed the action In her gentle, loying care: Let me pick it for you, darling; Tis a blossom which deceives: Though it may be fair to look on. There are thorns beneath the leaves.

Ah, these dear, unselfish mothers, Just the same where-er we go! How they try to shield their children From the slightest touch of woel They would give us only roses, Never thorns that sting and smart They would keep life's fairest flowers Blooming in each youthful heart. For they know that all too quickly Sorrw on each path must frown, Pressed upon an aching forehead, Each must wear a thorny crown, So they give us all the sweetness staying passes that presented a con-siderable problem, and reduced the Ere the cares of life begin, Ere our spirits have been wearled By the endless fight with sin.

### HALTON RIFLES Se Organization-Musketry A Tacti- the shooting of the Battalion was cal Exercise Some Interesting -

By Col. Jas. Ballantine, D.S.O., V.D. two Colts and two Maxims. The Lewis est, truest things ever written gun was little known at that time, mothers. father-in-law, and did all that he casualties than any other form of I said. And Moses chose able men out of all

Israel, and made them heads over cal Exercise on one of those early the people, rulers of thousands, ruldays, under the direction of the Geners of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and eral in Command. It took place over. beyond Winterbourne Stoke, and was And they judged the people at all sea-sons: the hard cases they brought of some of the senior officers in the before Moses, but every small mat- matter of selecting defensive positions.

When the Pirst Canadian Division phasized was that in holding a river arrived on the Plains of Salisbury, it line, it was wise to keep the river in was organized in accordance with the front of you and not behind. Mosaic system outilined above, though General Alderson, was a man of the judicial authority of the rulers of much service and experience, much the brown warmness of tone t fifties and the rulers of tens was of which was gained in South Africa, Canterbury possesses, and boasts no somewhat restricted, in theory, if not and his knowledge of Open Warfare Norman features as does the latter, in practice. Probably all the Army such as war normally is, was consider- and no shrine like that of Thomas a formations in Christendom had a able: but in the war of fixed positions, Becket with pilgrim paths leading similar organization, which above all with little opportunity for strategy or delegated to the junior officers and generalship—where generals were little just Salisbury Cathedral and to see it more than master mechanics—he was is to love and venerate it, and what initiative, and which recognized the perhaps too old to adapt himself to it stands for. It has witnessed the impossibility in a modern war of any conditions so utterly different to those soldiers of England during all the wars

But the French had a different plan the second Battle of Ypres were superb later to return to kneel at its alars of organization, and ignoring the deci- and his name and memory fill a large to pray for forgiveness for deeds of mal system used by Moses, they broke part in the lives of his men who are violence and of sorrow done. the battalion into four parts, each of still able to remember. approximately two hundred and twenty-five all ranks, and subdivided the company into four smaller units which importance of clear and emphatic Brigade Major, who, to my mind, was they called by the name of peleton, commands. He used as a sort of text one of the most efficient officers in and which the English have corrupted into platoon. In that connection, all the words and phrases in military himself for battle. terminology are from the Prench, or He was a fussy little man at times, without unnecessary emphasis on such Norman French, which is strongly in- and we gave him much to fuss him, superficial things as brass polish.

the men were not seriously effected by the change, it meant much to the officers, who saw in the new system, the report came that the line had gade Major, though with what juscombinations that would sever them broken, and the Division was struggtice I know not. from their men, and from their bro-ling to repair the gap, he said, to General Mercer was a quiet man, ex-ther officers in the old Militia units. his staff: Well gentlemen, we move at tremely hard to get acquainted with, In the Halton detachment there was once. Back to Poperingue, Sir? en- but studious of the welfare of the much alarm, and we all waited the quired one of the officers, Poperingue Brigade; and when it was in the publication of the new order of or- being seven miles to the rear. No, trenches, a regular visitor and inganization in an atmosphere of anxiety Sir. Up into the Salient; if the Cana- spector of its position. He was killed

Halton officers were distributed over the battalion, as leaven to the lump, and what we lost in A company, where and what we lost in A company, where the men remained, was gained in the companies to which the Halton officers were alotted.

Captain Brown, an excellent officer. Halton officers were distributed over

Captain Brown, an excellent officer. the Divisional Signallers, by his own we were very callous and indifferent request, as he was a physicist by profession and well adapted for the all realized that the Regimental Ofsignalling work; Captain Cooper, to ficers and the men were the bulwark SEES COUNTY COUNCIL POW Court Marshall work within the Division: Captain Bastedo later to

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## Mother's Sunday

It is a good thing, the revival Mother's Sunday, even if it has no other results than that little attenions, rather often neglected by the oung people, are paid to the mothers. Mothers are such patient people, and such appreciative people!

Suppose a lad brought half a dozen arnations to the girl he adored, she puld quite probably inwardly scoff at the meagre offering. But let any Mother on Sunday with half a dozen white carnations for her, and it will bring untold happiness to that mother

of the Regiment should make good read its meaning, that sentiment pure and holy, is not left out of a practical world: that every Mother's ly tender place in the heart, for the mother to whom they could always fly from trouble when they were children. op whom they can always rely for ready sympathy all their days. Mothering Sunday is a very old cuspast few years. But as far back as efficiency of the Battalion. Much time was dvoted to target practice on was observed. Sons and daughters the Plains; and it was largely Rapid made a point on that day of visiting the 17th century "Mothering Sunday"

made a point on that day of visiting Fire, with fifteen shots a minute all their parents and taking gifts to them of which were aimed; and the greater part in the target as a fair average. As Herrick says: There was no long range firing, all "I'll to thee a simuel bring at the decisive ranges of two hundred So that when she blesses thee the shooting of the Battalion was Perhaps Rudyard Kipling's poem good. There were, as I remember, four machine guns in the battalion, "Mother o' Mine" is one of the strong-

but took its place in later months, and "If I were hanged on the without doubt accounted for more Mother O' Mine, know whose love would follow Mother O' Mine

> If I were drowned in the deepest ac Mother O' Mine. know whose tears would come down to me, Mother O' Mine,

General Aldersons criticism at the If I were damned of body and soul close of the day was acrimonious, and I know whose prayers would make deservedly so; and one point he em-Mother O' Mine.

one man controlling, or even trying to to which he had been trained. The from the War of the Roses on, and control, a battalion scattered over a men liked him, and cheered him as he has seen these soldiers, in many difshell swept zone as large as a hun- galloped along the column of any of ferent uniforms file past its portale the Battalions. His dispositions at with no thought but of conflict; and

He gave the Divisional officers a Brigade, which comprised the Fourth lecture one day on leadership, and the Battalion, was Major Ross Hayter, the dicative that 'the hand that has carried the sword down through the centuries has been Norman rather than a defensive general.

Superficial things as brass polish.

His superior, the Brigadier, General

Mercer, had been an officer in the One story of him I heard after the ous service in the field. He was ever The Fourth Battalion was obliged to stand of his Division at the Second at a disadvantage in having a soldier adopt this new formation, and while Battle of Ypres. His headquarters of Hayter's experience on his staff, for

> If that story is true, and I am in- later months. It would be untrue to Somehow, even at that early date visited in the front line, no matter

this matter were coloured by the visits In "An Act to 'Amend the Highway and lectures of General Officers who Improvement Act, recently passed, the usually lectured us on the vital importance of seeing that the brass and the powers of the County Council gone. buttons of the men was scrupulously The new Act provides that "the Counclean and that the salute was render- cil shall appoint three to five persons ed with the proper degree of smart- residents of the County but who need not be members of the Council, who But General Alderson was a man of will constitute a committee for the common sense, and continually ad- purpose of directing the work to be monished the Division that the great done on the County Road -Breten factor in efficiency was to know how Note the wording, which is taken to exploit the advantages of ground. directly from the Act, which is now in force. The members of the committee need no longer be Reeves at all, yet comment that had there been more County Council appears to have no like him, there would have been less power over the County roads except to appoint the new committee and raise To one who is interested in masonry the taxes to pay for the work. The tive—the district around the Plains shall be elected each year, to hold ofoffers some interesting examples for in the walls of Amesbury, Shrewton and other places the flint has been used in the construction, in cubes interspersed in many cases with dull tee each year. In addition the Warden shall be "ex-officio" a member of coloured brick, the combination being the Committee during his term o ractive and pleasing. Where office. A member whose term has exbury we joints between the stones pired may be re-appointed and a driven full of small pieces of flint in member can be removed by a two thirds vote of the County Council."

## the district, and is about as old as HIGH SCHOOL CADET INSPECTED

The Georgetown High School Cade Corps was inspected by Major Sawers on Tuesday, April 29th, at ten a.m. They were examined in ceremonial company drill, squad drill, rifle drill signalling, first aid, physical training and games. Then prizes were presented to the smartest officer in the company and to the smartest cadet in each

The Inspecting Officer then of gratulated the cadets on their fine showing, asserting that they made up in quality what they lacked in numbers. Their ceremonial performance was, in his opinion, the best he had ever witnessed, and their work in general gratifying to all concerned. A cadet camp will be held this summer at Niagara-on-the-Lake from July 3rd to-July 12th inclusive. period of ten days. Atmong the ac-

tivities at the camp will be rifle shooting contests for prises, boxing bouts. Such was the motto of the Gothle track and field events. The Department of National Defense will defray all expenses, including re-Parden me, but I never tire of Balis- turn fares, board and lodging. man from Halton worshipped there, the outdoor life under canvas and the about it in this negative. Those who go will undoubtedly enit is not out of place to say a word happy comradeship of other youths, about it in this narrative. It lacks under careful supervision.