

From 1866 to Today

The Lorne Scots Regiment — On Guard For a Century

On September 14, 1866, the Canadian government authorized the organization of the 38th Peel Battalion, marking the start of the Lorne Scots 100 years ago.

New Militia Act

In 1868 a new militia act was passed authorizing the establishment of 5,000 class A volunteers who were to be formed into rifle and infantry companies. The Canadian government had been keeping close watch on the Fenians who were mobilizing along the border, and in 1866 the rifle and infantry companies were called into active duty. But the lack of organization, training and equipment of the volunteers induced the government to re-organize the militia.

The two regiments formed were to become the Lorne Scots 70 years later.

The Peel Battalion was mobilized in Brampton in 1869, approximately one year after the mobilization of the Halton Battalion, and three years after its authorization. A keen interest in rifle shooting prompted the change of designation of the Halton Battalion to the 20th Halton Battalion of Rifles in 1872.

Lt. Col. William Allan of Acon who was born in Scotland assumed command of the Halton Battalion in 1881. Advocating a closer connection with the homeland the regiment was changed to the 20th Halton Battalion Lorne Rifles and the dress was changed to tartan trews and a diced glengarry.

Training continued and there was little change until 1900 when the 38th Peel Battalion became the 38th Peel Regiment.

On the outbreak of the First World War, Canada's Expeditionary Force included many from the Halton and Peel regiments. Militia units were broken up on arrival in England to reinforce battalions already in France.

After the First World War, the 38th Peel Regiment was reorganized into the Peel Regiment. In 1923 it became the Peel and Dufferin Regiment, with headquarters in Brampton, and a regimental badge was adopted.

The final design for the Regimental colour was approved in 1930 and the regiment was granted its battle honors.

In the late nineteenth twenties it was decided to renew the Scottish connection established in 1881 in order to stimulate recruiting and interest in the Halton Rifles. In 1931 the Halton Rifles were redesignated as the Lorne Rifles (Scottish) and a tartan crest were chosen.

The big year was 1933, with the general reorganization of all militia units. The Peel & Dufferin Regiment and the Lorne Rifles were disbanded and the Lorne Scots came into being.

As Headquarters

Brampton was selected as regimental headquarters with companies located at Fort Credit, Oakville, Georgetown and Orangeville. The crest and badge of the two regiments were incorporated together and the dress was decided on as for Scottish trewd regiments, with the ordinary Campbell tartan.

Prior to the declaration of war by Canada in 1939 one Canadian Division was sent to support Great Britain. Lt. Col. Keene, commanding officer of the Lorne Scots was given the authority to mobilize personnel to form a part of this division.

Later the Lorne Scots were selected as the regiment to form Defence and Employment platoons for the entire Canadian Army.

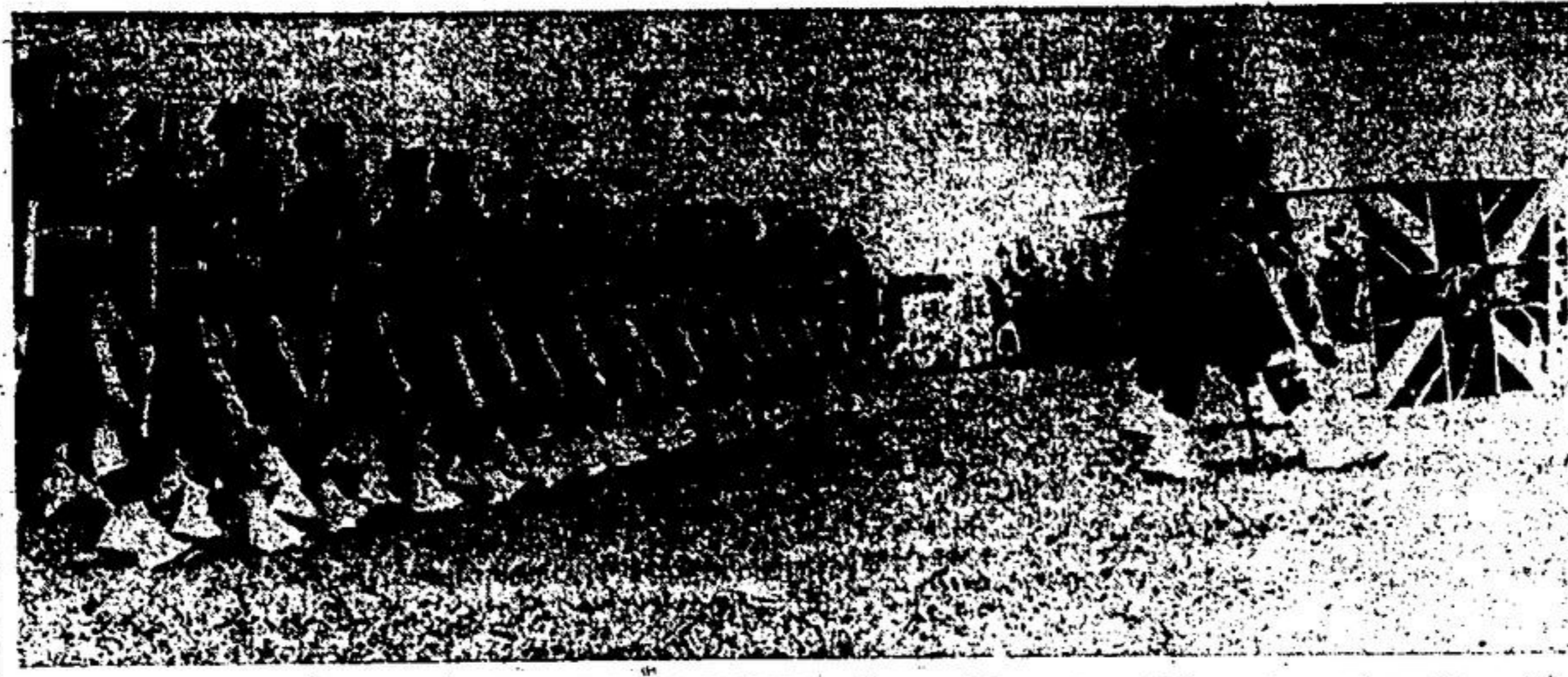
Lorne Scots personnel fought with distinction in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and northwest Europe from Dieppe, to the occupation of Germany. A large number of officers served in various appointments and training establishments in Canada, England continental Europe.

After the war, the Lorne Scots Canadian Army Reserve was reactivated taking new of had served with the active army. They were restricted to a training program of 224 all ranks, including the pipes and drums and the brass band. In 1947 an officer's association was formed, and the pipes and drums were located in Brampton.

Shortly afterwards, the permanent force personnel were withdrawn and replaced by officers from the supplementary reserve.

Assault Boats

Training in the use of assault boats was started in the



MAJOR EARL LINCE LEADS THE NUMBER ONE GUARD ESCORT, made up of Georgetown C. Coy. personnel, past the saluting base during the Trooping of the Colours by the Lorne Scots Regiment in Brampton recently. Unfurled at right are the Queen's Colours. The Lorne Scots marked 100 years of military service with the ceremony.

summer of 1950 with the regiment moving to Muskoka for a week-end scheme. On the outbreak of the Korean War, Canada mobilized a brigade group and several members of the Lorne Scots were accepted for active service.

A week-end in Camp Borden, parades in Toronto, training camp at Niagara on the Lake, guards of honour at the Royal Winter Fair and inspections in the Brampton Armouries were the highlights in the history of the Lorne Scots until 1953. In that year, additional armories were secured in Orangeville at a cost of \$36,000.

In 1955 the regiment became part of the 17th Militia Group, with headquarters in Dundas, and again the regiment sup-

plied the guard of honour for the Lieutenant Governor at the Royal Winter Fair.

With the change in policy of national defence, emphasis in training became centred round first aid, traffic control, communications and re-entry into a disaster area.

In the fall of 1957 the regiment assisted in the disaster areas left by Hurricane Hazel, and during that summer authorization was received for the establishment of a military brass and reed band. The regiment at this time had 200 men.

The unit performed its first Royal Guard June, 1959 at Malton Airport for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The Pipes and Drums and the military Brass and Reed Band were in attendance.

The Pipes and Drums traveled to Edinburgh for the Military Tattoo in 1964.

After 1961 further emphasis was placed on civil defence. A knowledge of radiation, mobility, rapid passage of information and a method of entering contaminated areas became main themes in several exercises with and without troops.

In October of 1961, the regiment paraded 305 strong for the transfer of command from Lt. Col. Arthur Wemp to Lt. Col. E. F. Conover at Rosalee Park, Brampton. Four six week courses were held that year for national survival training and 900 recruits were trained.

In the summer of 1962 the regiment was nominated for

the Gowksi Trophy for militia infantry in Canada and obtained second place.

Brampton held the world plowing match in October of 1963 and the Lorne Scots were presented with their new colors. Hon. Earl Rowe, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario made the presentation.

In both 1964 and 1965 the Lorne Scots won the Sir Casimir Gowksi Trophy as the top infantry unit in Canada.

Teen Age Overload Helps Summer Work For Students

Georgetown high school students still seeking a summer job may find what they're looking for through a new agency serving this area — Teen Age Overload.

The employment service for high school students, organized and operated by teen agers has about 100 job vacancies right now but an insufficient number of students to fill them.

Special Spraying Vehicle Eradicates Railway Weeds

Weeds lining the Canadian National Railway right of way through Georgetown were victims of a special weed spraying vehicle designed to kill the obnoxious greenery last week.

The truck, which can travel on the highway and, by lowering a 'dolly' can be converted into a rail-going vehicle, was contracted by the CNR from Vegetation Control Service of Burlington.

It is capable of holding 1,000 gallons of solution — enough to spray 20 miles of weeds non-stop.

Average wage for the job which range from life guarding to office work and farm help is \$1.50 an hour.

But Teen Age Overload has not stopped looking for more openings. At present it is engaged in a fulltime telephone blitz of some 400 industries in the Georgetown, Brampton, Bramalea,

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Bell Steps Up Program Fights Obscene Calls

A stepped-up program aimed at eliminating calls made by those who use the telephone to annoy or threaten was announced today by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

In making the announcement Marcel Vincent, Bell Canada president, said the intensified company-wide program involved all departments in efforts to ward off such calls. By mid-July special training will be given to more than 2,000 service representatives who handle customer reports of annoying or threatening calls in areas served by the company.

When a telephone customer is harassed by repeated obscene or annoying calls, the service representatives will work with the customer to try to solve the problem.

When the company is notified that the telephone has been

used to threaten a customer with bodily harm, kidnapping or damage to property, the matter is assigned to a specialist who has authority to take whatever action may be appropriate and necessary.

"Bell Canada will, through active cooperation with law enforcement agencies and the provision of evidence, contribute to the prosecution of a person making offensive calls," Mr. Vincent said.

He pointed out that even though the complexity of the modern telephone network makes it difficult in some cases to identify the source of such calls, Bell Canada has various means to do so and is using them.

Don't worry about finding your station in life; there's always someone who'll tell you where to get off.

Leaving Town, Give Gift to Mrs. Hazlitt

The St. Nicholas Guild of St. Paul's and St. George's held their last meeting of the season in June in the form of an outing. Mrs. Lena Hazlitt was presented with a gift and an honorary membership by Mrs. Alice Giddings, president, on behalf of the Guild members. Mrs. Hazlitt, who will be moving from Georgetown this month, has been an active member for the past seven years.

Two Calls Only Make Light Week for GVAS

One emergency call and a routine transportation run was the extent of activity for the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service for the week of July 3.

The emergency run from Georgetown to Toronto General Hospital, was taken by Ron Ovenden and Stan McHugh, Tuesday, July 5. On Friday, July 8, Logan MacDonald and Trevor Williams manned the ambulance on a routine run from Georgetown to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

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