Overcome Enemy in Wiarton Training Exercise for Scots

THERE WAS NO COVER ON THE OPEN ROAD so Georgetown and Brampton soldiers walk single file at the road's edge to eliminate the dangers of a sudden attack.

A CRACKLE OF MACHINE GUN FIRE IN THE distance sent the Lorne Scots quickly into cover. Here, Pte. E. Jamieson, Georgetown, grimly awaits the attack that might come at any moment from the enemy forces nearby.

WHEN NIGHT FELL, A LONE SENTRY Pte. R. A. Currie, stood guard outside the Lorne Scots camp awaiting the dawn.

FOR SOME, THE END OF THE TRAIL wasn't as pleasant as it might have been. Here, Cpl. K. Lee gets attention for his blisters from Lc./Cpl. W. Adcock both of Georgetown's "C" Company.

Residents of Wiarton near Owen Sound, looked a little astounded Saturday, Nov. 26 as fifty armed soldiers marched through the usually quiet town.

The soldiers were members of Brampton and Georgetown companies of the Lorne Scots on their way to stage a mock battle in the Bruce Peninsula.

The group flew to Wiarton Airport and immediately started on a 16-mile trek on foot guided by officers to a rendezvous point along the Bruce Trail by Colpoy Bay.

Designed to give the soldiers experience in mapping and fieldcraft the manouevre was worked out by Capt. Frank Ching and Capt. David Arnold of the Lorne Scots.

Essentially the plan consisted in destroying an enemy which had invaded the area and was bombarding Wiarton Airport with artillery.

The men were to leave the airport as soon as possible — supposedly under fire — and, loaded with gear, infiltrate the enemy area.

A point six miles up the coast was selected as an overnight stopping point before the final assault Sunday morning.

Capt. Ching directed each company to its objective while Capt. Arnold directed a 'controlled' enemy to oppose them they marched through the bush Each company kept in contact by radio as to enemy position and need for assistance in emergency.

Soldiers were forced to take cover and even circle a few miles off course by the appearance of enemy vehicles cruising the area.

One company found itself lost for a while due to ambiguous directions as to where they were to hold up for the night. The orders said an old barn but there were too many old barns in the fields and Capt. Ching had to give the men a brief guide to the objective.

The soldiers were to have trained under near arctic conditions as possible but there was enough rain during the final assault to make up for any lack of cold. Heavy rains in the morning during a two hour attack gave the men a taste of gruelling marching conditions through the bush while enemy fire forced them time and time again into pitched battles.

It was the enemy though who finally surrendered when Brampton and Georgetown companies converged on concealed headquarters deep in the bush and blasted Capt. Arnold and crew back into their trucks to await capture.

Grant Lornes Right To Wear Yellow Hackle

Brigadier Derek Lister, CBE, DSO, MC, Colonel of the 20th Regiment of the Lancashire Fusiliers, came across the Atlantic with friendly greetings from his command to the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment).

And then, at the 100th anniversary mess dinner of the Lorne Scots he dropped a bombshell.

When the cheering died down the Lorne Scots were officially the proud possessors of the right to wear a yellow hackle.

Brigadier Lister announced the honour at the end of a lively speech constantly punctuated by cheers and applause.

"I knew only 47 minutes before the dinner that the honour could be granted," he said.

The yellow hackle was awded to the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1900 by Queen Victoria after its magnificent fight at Spain Kop.

Brigadier Lister requested the honour be given to the Lorne Scots as a token of the Fusaliers regard for the Canadian regiment.

His own regiment approved, the British ministry of defense approved, and finally, just before the dinner word came that Canada's defense department had also approved.

Among the distinguished guests attending the dinner were the present Lorne Scots commanding officer Lt. Col. R. G. Hardie, eight former commanding officers, Col. S. R. Charters, Lt. Col. F. H. Chisholm, Lt. ol. G. M. FitzGerald Col. Reginald Conover, Col. John R. Barber, Lt. Col. E. F. Conover and Lt. Col. Arthur Kemp.

At the head table were Mayor Russel Prouse, Judge E. W. Grant, Education Minister William Davis, Elwood Madill, MP., Bruce Beer MP Peel County, Warden Jack Graham and Halton County Warden Bert Hinton.

HORNBY

Friends of Mrs. Keith Jackson, will be pleased to hear she was able to return home last week from the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

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Birthday greetings to Mrs. Henry Peacock on December 9, Mrs. Stuart McMillan and Jack Loos on December 12, and Dwayne Wood on December 13.

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