



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIMENT (DCO)

### INCREASE IN NUMBERS AT ANNUAL INSPECTION

#### TURNOUT BRINGS COMMENT FROM BRIGADIER

BC Area Commander Joseph Bishop, speaking to The Regiment at the annual inspection paid tribute to smart and fine turnout, commenting on the increase in numbers of last year and the number of young men on parade.

"I hope, and I'm sure, you will increase the numbers by next year," said the Regular Force officer whose inspection counts heavily in the scoring for the Wallace Trophy, won last year by The Dukes.

"I'm sure you will gain strength--it is up to you. No one else can do it for you," he added, voicing what Col Lungley has said about personal recruiting on many occasions.

Brig Bishop, too, urged that everyone attend camp "for that is where all your important training comes into play.

#### The Navy Helped. . .

##### TANKS COULD HAVE ENDED FIRST WAR A LOT SOONER

Tanks had been invented before World War One and if they had been used at the right time and in the right manner it could have broken the German line. Such was the opinion of H.G. Wells in his Outline of History. Following is the interesting sidelight on the birth of armour.

Reference is to the year 1916.

By 1916..."the use of the Tank against trenches was an altogether obvious expedient. Leonardo da Vinci invented an early tank. Soon after the South African War, in 1903, there were stories in magazines describing imaginary battles in which tanks figured; and a complete working model of a tank, made by Mr. J.A. Corry, of Leeds, was shown to the British military authorities, who rejected it in 1911. Tanks had been invented and re-invented before the war began."

"It was Mr. Winston Churchill, who was at the British Admiralty in 1915-16, who in-

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#### AN ODE TO A GUARDSMAN

By RJP Lyon

In the hut, one day, the Colonel said,  
With face set firm and hard,  
That some of those among us  
Would parade in the Quarter Guard.

"Bur Sir", said one, with great remorse,  
"I, for one, am taking a course."  
Talk of courses went not well,  
For the Colonel said "courses could go to,  
well."

From D & M came Mickey Prousey,  
Who wrote his "clock" with marks quite  
lousey.  
And 'cuz he didn't know his mech  
His D & M went all to heck.

From wireless wing came Corporal Geddes.  
Gosh, look at all the breaks that guy gets.  
Whenever the Guard goes on parade  
He sneaks off to fix wireless sets.

The experts of the gunnery wing  
Are brothers Terry and Ted.  
Their gunnery now includes arms drill  
They'd feel so much better in bed.

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