P.E.I. (17 RECCE) REGIMENT RETURNS FROM CAMP UTOPIA

Island Unit Takes Top Honors While Training At Militia Camp In N.B.

Last Saturday night the PEI 17th Recce Regiment, under the command of Lieut. Col. A.H. Peake, CD., returned from their annual week long summer training at Camp Utopia, N.B. The regiment left the Island for camp last Friday and Saturday in three parties, the main contingent leaving Saturday morning by bus.

All ranks of the unit trained exceptionally hard and were awarded the pennet for the best Militia unit in camp for the week.

The Regiment was most fortunate in having their former Regimental Sergeant Major Waren Farrar, lend his assistance and guidance in the conducting of the operation of the unit during the training programme.

On arrival at the camp gates Saturday night, the unit debused and in a true Islander fashion marched into camp, lead by the Regimental band under the direction of WO 2 MacGregor. With the Regimental march blaring forth the men of the unit surprised the regular camp staff with their precision marching and neatness after a long bus ride.

Monday morning found the unit up with day break preparing the barracks for daily inspection, and their personal equipment for morning march past. After the ceremonies of the day were completed the men were assigned their various and the Regiment went to the field for the week.

Until Wednesday the agenda was fairly regular, but July 25th was far different than could be imagined. Instead of reporting to their courses the men were split up and assigned duties on the two day exercise, "Bastongue", so that they may show the year's training in a practical form. But not all their regularity was confined to the daytime, because that night at 6:30 the Regiment formed up in practical dress, and after the order, "Slope Bats", the band led the unit to the ball diamond where the annual classic baseball game was contested, between the Sr. NCOs and the officers of the Regiment. The game was rained out during the third inning the score being tied, and the Chief Umpire Lieut. Col. Peake calling the game and stating this contest will be resumed at next year's annual camp. Even at this early date this contest is being eagerly anticipated by all ranks.

The Regiment is composed of: Regimental HQ; Lieut. Col. A.H. Peake, CD., commanding officer; Maj. E. Kennedy, second in command; Lieut. D. MacIntyre, adjutant; WO 1 E. Trainor, RSM; Lieut. E.J. Ready, training officer, and three squadrons of men.

P.E.I. (17 RECCE)— The Regimental Headquarters staff is shown with the pennant presented to the best Militia unit for the week at Camp Utopia. They are, L. to R. Back row: Sgt. L. MacDougall, Wo2 M. Place; S-sgt. H. Bernard; 2nd row: Lieut D. B. MacBeth, Maj. R.J. MacGillivary, Capt. MacMahon, Lieut. E.J. Ready, Lieut. S. Clay; Front row: Sgt. L. Murtagh, Maj. E. Kennedy, Lieut. Col. A.H. Peake, Lieut. Col. R.D. MacNeil, Lieut. D. MacIntyre, and Sgt. D. Rhodenizer. (Canadian Army Photo)

HMM GOOD! Noonday break shows six hungry soldiers eating in the field after a hard days work. LEFT Troopers Stuart Drummond, Charlottetown; Harry Stewart, and Robert Shaw, both of Montague; Mike Reardon, Charlottetown; Lester Hennigar. Montague; and Wendall Saulnier of North Rustico.

FERRET SCOUT CAR instructors are LEFT Capt. L.W. Ford, OC of the troop; SSM C.E. Ryan, Lieut. W.E. Thompson, with pupils, Tprs. J.B. MacLean and R. MacLeod, Charlottetown. Canadian Army Photo

FINAL CHECK of No. 26 sets, before moving out on two day exercise, "Bastonque", is carried out by, L to R, Capt Rutherford, Halifax, Maj. Reg. Mahar, Lieut. J.E. Ready, Capt. Walter Lepage and Wo2 H.J. Coffin. Canadian Army Photo

LIEUT. COL. A.H. PEAKE, Commanding officer of the P.E.I. Regt., voices the farewell of the Regiment to Padre MacMahon who has been appointed rector of the Anglican Parish at Annapolis Royal, N.S. Seated L to R. Col. Buell, Director of Militia; Lieut. Col. R.D. MacNeil, unit medical officer; Standing; Lieut Col. A. H. Peake, Commanding officer; and Capt. MacMahon, Protestant Padre. Canadian Army Photo

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