



THE CREST

THE SALVATION ARMY ARCHIVES, CANADA AND BERMUDA TERRITORY

Professor Wiggins, The Army's Minstrel

The August 1900 first week edition of the War Cry carried a full page account of the promotion to glory of George A.C. Wiggins with the heading "Synopsis of the Career and promotion to Glory of our Glorified Comrade the Late Professor Wiggins."

"He is going to take me," were the last words which our dear departed brother, Professor Wiggins intelligently uttered before his now-glorified spirit had

flitted from its 'house of clay' to

"forever with the Lord" Thus was the last testimony given by G.A.C Wiggins one of the outstanding contributors to the world of Salvation Army music in the early days of the Salvation Army, Canada and Bermuda Territory.

When it came to matters musical Wiggins was a master. Prior to his Salvation Army involvement not only was he a leading church organist but he was also a highly regarded music teacher. His music career began early in life, having played before Queen Victoria shortly after his sixth birthday. His early aptitude for music opened up an opportunity as an instructor of music in the British army. He traveled with the army and eventually ended up in Fredericton N.B. where he was discharged on medical grounds. He then went back to England and enrolled in the Royal Academy of Music in London, where he received his degree and remained as a teacher for one year. Coming back to Canada he took a position in the Collegiate Institute of Whitby where he was recognized as one of the professors of that institution. However, the professor had a serious weakness in his character. He was a slave to alcohol. For 25 years whiskey had been gradually gaining mastery over this talented musician. In time it had such control over him that he would turn up in a drunken state for service in the local church where he was choirmaster and organist.

THE SALVATION ARMY COMES TO WHITBY.

When Professor Wiggins heard the Salvationists on the street corner in Whitby he began to think that the Judgment Day was drawing nigh, and that it was high time he had quit the one unfortunate habit of his life and that which was destroying him- the drink. He listened to the Army on the street two or three times and then followed them to the barracks and there sought and found salvation. A transformation took place immediately. He became a soldier, and a year or so later applied for officership. He was accepted and was appointed to Cobourg corps. The soldiers of Cobourg Corps were proud to have as their corps officer, not Captain Wiggins, but, as he was better known, Captain Professor Wiggins. ...continued back page



Professor Wiggins at the Piano

Footnotes in history 75 years ago.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Commandant John Sharp (R), out from Dreaden, 27,7,1902; from London, Ont., On April 6th, 1930.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

PROMOTION—
To be Captain:
Lieutenant Peter Lindores.

APPOINTMENTS—
MRS. LT.-COLONEL MORRIS, to be Statistician, Territorial Headquarters, Toronto.
Captain Hillier, of Quebec Men's Social, to the Montreal Metropole.
Captain George Wright, to special work, London Division (pro tem).
Captain Wm. Oliver, to Picton (Asst.).
Captain Peter Lindores, to Seaforth.
Captain Florence Walker, to Bridgewater.
Pro.-Captain and Mrs. Walter Selvage, to Kentville.
Lieutenant Ruth Jardine, to Bridgewater.
Pro.-Lieutenant George Crewe, of the Montreal Metropole, transferred to the Field, and appointed to Brockville.

Retirement from Active Service—
MAJOR ABBIE MacGILLIVRAY, out from Parkhill, Ontario, in 1895; last appointment Statistician, Territorial Headquarters, Toronto, on March 28th, 1930.

JAMES HAY,
Territorial Commander.

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11th will be observed as 'Mother's Day' throughout the Territory. Every corps will be expected to conduct services in accordance with directions issued through the Divisional Commanders.

Official Song Sheets with order of service have been prepared for these gatherings. Orders for these should be forwarded to the Printing Secretary, 20 Albert Street, Toronto.

JAMES HAY

Territorial Commander



From a lecture During 1897 campaign in Dundee Scotland

“Souls! Souls! Souls! My heart hungers for souls! There is no need for me to teach you anything. How can I, when a Scotsman knows everything? - everything that ever happened, or is going to happen. No, you are cradled in theology, and fed on religion. But I'll tell you what I can do, I can urge you to make practical use of what is in your heads and your hearts. Real, practical religion! To get you in the way of the Saviour, who went about doing good- that is why I am here”

William Booth



“The Salvation Army What a strange name? What does it mean? Just what it says- a number of people joined together after the fashion of an army; and, therefore it is an army, and an army for the purpose of carrying salvation through the land, neither more nor less than that.”

Catherine Booth

THE WAR CRY- May 13th, 1893

Outdoor Knee -Drill

Captain Sam Blackburn, of Lisgar Street, does not appear to be tied down to forms and ceremonies. Last Sunday morning, the weather being fine, he thought he would have his knee-drill outside. About twenty-three assembled, and had a glorious time. Here's a good plan for the coming hot weather.

Original Music Needed

Songs! Songs! songs! We find ourselves much in need of original , hard-

hitting, blood and fire songs, set to swinging tunes. Now, ye poets, up and at it!

Contributions in the shape of original airs are urgently needed by our Musical Department. If you can put words to the same so much the better. Now all you musical Salvationists, arise and shine.

Easter War Cry Sold Out

This is rather late, but good news all the same. Lieut. Wrightman writes from Truro to say that the

people were “excited” over the Easter War Cry. None were left for the meeting, and many offered them a quarter for a copy.

Captain Read Writes From St. John's

I have just returned from a tour north, around Trinity and Bonavista Bays. In all, I walked fifty-four miles in order to fulfill our appointments, sailed a very small schooner on a rough sea over 100 miles, conducted 27 meetings and was gone from St. John's sixteen days.

Eighteen miles of the fifty-four was through soft snow up to my knees, and that on the first of May.

Not unlike the travels of St. Paul this!

The Great Councils In Newfoundland!

Thursday night was a wonderful time. Cadets were promoted and became Lieutenants, Lieutenants became full fledged Captains by a word or two from the Brigadier, and three warriors(Old warriors, I believe) are now Brigade Captains, each in charge of a district comprising of several corps. The Salvation Army here is, as Brigadier Jacobs says, in the wholesale business not retail.



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COMMENTARY



Captain John Roberts was known as the Childrens' Captain in the early days of the Army. It is thought that he was the first officer to conduct meetings for children. His work gave birth to the world wide ministry of The Salvation Army to children and youth, which has touched the lives of tens of thousands of young people. Today as then working with youth is of paramount importance and demands a solid investment of personnel and finances.

The 'Youth and Children's' display in the Army Museum shows how innovative and creative early day youth leaders were as they sought to bring children to a personal knowledge of Jesus, and today's youth leaders continue to provide that same kind of creative leadership.

From the Tackaberry files

November 8th, 1882

Rev Mr. Bray of Montreal, is opposed to The Salvation Army and it's methods. The Reverend gentleman particularly objects to the hymnology of the Army, portions of which contain, in his opinion, very little of religious fervour. Certainly it is hardly possible to escape the conclusion that there is

VE Day Celebrations Windsor Ontario

My wife and I at the invitation Of the Public Relations Director, set up a display in the Windsor ON. Armoury in connection with the VE Day celebrations which were held in the city. Our display depicted the role of The Salvation Army and the Red Shield Supervisors during both World War 1 and World War 11. Over a period of two days 1255 students and their teachers visited the military displays as well as our display. We had the privilege of answering their questions and talking about the Salvation Army. It was an education for the students as well as for ourselves.

Two Blankets!

One of the pleasures of the two days was listening to the veterans as they visited our display and spoke with fondness of their association with The 'SALLY ANN'

overseas during the war. One gentleman(not a veteran) said that every Christmas since the war his father, Harold Fielder would put a donation, equivalent to the cost of two new blankets into the Christmas kettle, and since his passing, he the son has done likewise.

His father had been wet and cold and upon coming into contact with a Salvation Army Red Shield worker was given two blankets which he took with him into Germany as the war came to an end.

Shortly after entering one of the bombed out German cities he came upon a German mother and her four children. She had very little, her husband had been an officer in the German army and was now dead and she and her children were desperate. Harold took pity on her and gave her his two Salvation Army blankets. She in turn out of gratitude gave him an engraved German ceremonial pipe which Harold's son still has in his possession today. And the two blankets given to a soldier over sixty years ago are still adding to The Salvation Army's annual Christmas appeal .

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Historical Society Meeting Schedule 2005

(Meetings will be held in Calvert Room T.H.Q.)

Monday October 3rd. 7:30 P.M.

Monday December 5th 7:30 p.m.

January 31,1883

(Kingston) This morning a trunk arrived from the Cape upon which were written the words" captain Abbie Thompson" "Hallelujah" "Fire". The Customs officer eyed it suspiciously, and thought of dynamite, infernal machines, and fenians. He refused to search it, and ordered its removal to the warehouse to await its owner

The Toronto Mail

New Museum Displays

'Children and Youth.' relates to the international theme '2005 A Year For Children and Youth.'

The 'General Clarence D. Wiseman' display pays tribute to The Army's 10th general and first Canadian general.

2005 Year of The Veteran display saluting Canada's veterans.

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His next appointment to Brockville was the scene of his arrest and imprisonment in the Brockville jail for having refused to obey the Magistrate's orders not to hold anymore open airs or march along the town's streets. As he was being led off to jail he could be heard singing at the top of his voice: "I'm satisfied with Jesus here, He's everything to me."

It was immediately after his release from the Brockville jail that he wrote the words and music of that song which has gone around the world:

"Forward soldiers, marching on to war
Step out boldly, keep the foe in view;
We shall conquer, for we know we are
True Blood and Fire soldiers of the King of Kings."

Following a brief career as a corps officer the professor captain was appointed to territorial headquarters staff where he was involved in the music of the territory. He traveled throughout the territory making and singing Salvation Army music and songs and telling what Christ had done for him through the Army's instrumentality.

He was a prolific writer of songs. In 1885 a booklet of his songs titled "New and Original Songs" composed by Professor Geo. A.C. Wiggins, B.A was published by Commissioner T.B. Coombs.

Another booklet of songs was published in 1887. Songs such as "Come Away To Calvary", "There's A War To Wage", and "I'm Saved and Fully Trusting" were just a few of his compositions.

The War Cry June 1885 carried the following report: COBOURG.
VICTORY FOR God! DEATH TO THE DEVIL!

Eleven o'clock Holiness meeting grand, good feeling; received

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a rich blessing and more power for our afternoon meeting. Two-thirty p.m. grand march and open air at the market square, Captain Wiggins and Lieutenant Glidden with cornets, drawing hundreds of people to hear what the Lord had done for us when deep in sin.

Evening at 8 o'clock, a real Holy Ghost, Salvation, how to be happy meeting. Happy Bill and his wife, God bless them, gave powerful testimonies to the saving power of Jesus. Staff Captain Cooper sang "What the Lord has Done For Jim and Me." Accompanied on the piano by Captain Wiggins who also sang several solos

He represented the Canada and Bermuda Territory at the Crystal Palace in London, England during the Triennial Congress in 1890. Writing to his wife from the Congress Hall, Clapton, London, England he said: "I cannot describe to you the grandeur of the processions and meetings at the Crystal Palace. I trembled and cried with delight. About one hundred and thirty thousand people present, 5200 officers among them, every country represented; 1,000 bandsmen - I played on the piano at the palace, 500 out to the penitent form."

A talented musician and soldier of Jesus Christ, upon being suddenly promoted to glory was given an impressive service in the Lippincott barracks, where he loved to come and "sing and pray and play for Jesus" as he used to say. He was given a soldier's funeral, his body being laid in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on Tuesday June 19th 1900.

THESE WE HAVE KNOWN....

Their influence lives on.



Lieut Colonel and Mrs Ernest Parr

Ernie Parr, a young lad in Govan, Glasgow, Scotland, discovered The Salvation Army and quickly became involved in its activities. Joining the Govan Junior Band he quickly came under the influence of a godly bandmaster.

As a senior bandsman and songster he was actively involved in corps life, and was employed as a clerk in the Glasgow Branch of The Salvation Army Emigration and Travel Department. He soon became renowned for his prowess as a soprano cornetist and joined the International Staff band.

Ernie was only a lad of 19 when he set sail for Canada on board the S.S. Antonia. He found his way to Winnipeg where a job awaited him and a place in the Winnipeg Citadel band under the leadership of Bandmaster Henry Merrit. During his six years in Winnipeg Ernie became involved in the senior band and also the young people's bandleader. He also worked in the Finance Department at territorial headquarters, Winnipeg where

he met Eva Snowden who became the love of his life and subsequently his wife.

They entered the Training College from Dovercourt Citadel corps and were commissioned by General Eva Booth. Corps appointments were followed by appointments in administration and as the Principal of the College for Officers Training in Toronto. In all of their appointments Eva was an inspiring influence of Christian love. Her last appointment was as the Territorial Retired Officers Secretary while Ernie was the Staff Secretary, Territorial Headquarters. A gifted musician and poet, the Colonel will always be remembered for his special words and notes of encouragement. We thank God that they passed our way.