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News and Views of The Salvation Army Historical Society of Canada and Bermuda .

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## Salvation Army Philatelic Display At Museum

A new display at the museum features stamps from the Leslie Clinton collection, a collection of stamps from around the world which commemorates the work of The Salvation Army in many countries and territories. The collection was donated by Mr. Leslie G. Clinton from Saskatoon. The collection features a most interesting number of stamps dating back to December 1, 1932. There is a stamp of special interest in the collection which was issued by the tiny country of Monaco, a country where The Salvation Army does not exist. Interestingly it was Government officials who sought permission from The Salvation Army to issue this particular stamp.



## Staff Retirements:

Two staff members of long standing at the Archives are retiring as of July 1st. Major Barbara Bawks, the centre's archivist is retiring after 29 years active service as a Salvation Army officer, the past eleven years having served on the staff of The Salvation Army Archives.

Major David Pitcher also retires having completed 41 years service, the last eight years as the Research Coordinator for the Archives.

We join with their many friends and colleagues in congratulations, and praying that their retirement will bring rich blessings and new challenges for service and ministry as they commence this new journey called 'Retirement'.

## Lindsay Cox To Visit.

Lindsay Cox, Director of The Territorial Archives and Museum, Melbourne, Australia Southern Territory will be visiting the Archives here in Toronto at the end of April to do research relative to the former Australian 'Limelight' Department. In particular he will be looking at 'glass slides' and other documentation we may have documenting the Army's role in the early days of film. This is all part of the massive 'Inter-Territorial History Project' initiated by the Commanders of the four South Pacific Territories to present the history, hopes, achievements and aspirations of Salvationists in a contemporary, interesting and coherent manner.

## FOOT NOTES IN HISTORY 75 YEARS AGO:

### NORTH TORONTO CORPS

Tuesday, March 3rd, 8 p.m.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Moore

Will Conduct a

**"NEWFOUNDLAND  
NIGHT"**

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### REVIVAL FIRES

SARNIA (Adjutant and Mrs. Harrison) Revival fires are burning in Sarnia. Twenty children sought salvation; there were thirty-four re-consecrations; two souls were won. Envoy Hewlett and Brother Goebola are in charge of the campaign.

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**"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."**

*Robert Penn warren*

## COMMENTARY

When is small too small? Now there is a question. In the Army we have always struggled with the question as to when a corps is no longer viable, too small to make a worthwhile contribution. As far as this Territory is concerned, and I have no doubt that the same applies to many other territories, most of our corps have 50 soldiers or less, and it is these corps which in the past led the way in producing leadership both in the officership ranks and locally as local officers. Over the years a large number of these corps have folded, no longer able to function as a result of the lack of finances or dwindling personnel resources. But what a heritage they have left us and when one considers the numbers and quality of leadership that these small corps have provided we can do no less than praise God and say "What a work the Lord has done!"

The photograph below was taken in front of the Feversham Corps in 1908 during the visit of the Owen Sound Band. A close look at the photo will see a young man sitting behind the drum, William Dray, who became a Salvation Army officer from that corps and retired years later as the second in command of the International Salvation Army as the Chief of The Staff.



Feversham was just a small village of 75 souls when the corps began in 1886. It prospered for a while but in the early 20's became an outpost and was maintained by local leadership, mainly provided by Envoy Edwin Pedlar O.F. Although it was never officially officered again, six young people from this little village corps became officers, including:

Commandant James Pool who served faithfully in a variety of appointments until his retirement, Commissioner William Dray and four of the Pedlar family: Colonel Burton, Lieut.-Colonel Willison (both served in international appointments as well as in the Canada and Bermuda Territory), Brigadier Gertrude and Envoy Nelson who had been an officer for many years before entering secular employment and later serving on the staff of the Toronto Harbour Light. The Army was surely enriched by the leadership which came out of this corps.

Feversham a small corps but what a contribution it made to the leadership of The Salvation Army. How can one measure what is a small corps and a large corps in the overall scheme of things? We thank God for Salvationists such as Envoy Harvey Pedlar and his father before him who kept the small corps going for more than fifty years producing leadership for the Army.





**Major Preece With Little Lost boy.**

At the end of World War 11 when the Czech authorities gathered together 100 lost German children from Concentration Camps, Major Preece undertook to meet them in Germany and relocate them with families. This boy, additional to the 100 authorized children, had no papers and no one to claim him. "I'm all alone in the world," he said, "Can I come with you?"

His coat had a label marked "Essen" and largely through the efforts of Major Preece, his parents were eventually found in that city. Another lost boy was found.

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**Did You Know?**

**That the first band book, containing eighty-eight of the tunes most used in Army meetings, appeared in November, 1884**

**The first true selection for Army Bands was called "Old Song Memories" and appeared at the close of 1901**

**A Smart Looking Corp Cadet Brigade-  
Montreal Citadel.**

How many of these young people can you identify?



Clarke, Majorie Mathews, Florence  
**Back Row:** Betty Walker, Ruth Newman, Cath Watt, Laura Barr, Lorraine Nixey.  
 Adjutant & Mrs. Percy Johnson, John Carter, Harding Keith, Tom  
**Middle Row:** John Storey, Tom Knaap, Carlton Carter, Mrs. Colonel Dray,  
**Front Row:** Wilma Miller, Ruth Dray, Cath Carter, Marjorie Dray, Betty Mundy

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS.**

The first meeting of 2006 featured Professor John Parkinson of York University. John is an accountant by profession who plays and researches the concertina as a hobby. John has looked at and evaluated each of our collection of concertinas and presented a very interesting and entertaining program to the Historical Society members in February. We were delighted to learn that several of our concertinas are quite valuable not only from a historical perspective but also from a dollar value.

If you have a concertina just collecting dust in your closet we would be happy to receive it as an addition to the Archive's collection.



### *Historical Society Meetings 2006/2007*

**May 29th, 2006** - Empress of Ireland Service, Major

M. Robinson, Divisional Commander: Guest Speaker.

**October 2, 2006** - Communications-Major Lloyd Eason

**March 5, 2007** - Marion Ford

**May 27, 2007** - Empress of Ireland Memorial Service - Guest speaker General Bramwell Tillsley

## THESE WE HAVE KNOWN....

*Their influence lives on.*



*Lieut-Colonel and Mrs Stanley Preece*

Lieut-Colonel and Mrs. Stanley Preece were British officers who trained at the International College for Officers in London, England and served as corps officers in the East end of London prior to the outbreak of World War 11. In January 1940 they crossed the English Channel to France to serve with The Salvation Army's World War 11 pioneer Red Shield Services Group. They remained in France until capitulation Day, June 1940 crossing the Channel on the second last ship to evacuate troops, the last ship the Lancastrian was sunk by bombers with the loss of 4000 British men.

In April 1945 Lieut-Colonel Preece re-crossed the Channel to serve with the Red Shield Relief teams, two years later Mrs. Preece joined her husband. They served together in this work for the next nine years moving throughout Europe. In special work Lieut-Colonel Preece initiated projects with several governments in Europe for the tracing and return of lost war children. In these labours many thousands of German children were restored to their rightful lands, homes and parents. In connection with this work they established the youth colony at "Seehof" at Plon,

Schleswig-Holstein and in 1946 they founded the Castrop Rauxel Children's Orphanage.

In 1954 Lieut-Colonel and Mrs. Preece were transferred to Canada where they served in corps, and then as Provincial Youth Leaders in Newfoundland followed by an appointment to the then Metro Toronto Division as Divisional Youth Secretary and Director of Guides respectively. As Assistant Territorial Youth Leaders they traveled across Canada meeting with youth leaders and overseeing the development of youth programs.

In 1965 the Preeces assumed oversight of the Canadian Red Shield Services in Europe and served in Hemer, Werl, Soest, Lahr and Canadian Base Baden. Returning to Canada in 1968 they were involved in the setting up of the 'sheltered workshop' in addition to giving oversight to The Salvation Army Services with the Canadian Armed forces and supervision of the Suicide Counseling Services.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Preece retired in 1974 in Canada and have since gone to be with the Lord after a very sacrificial and meaningful career which impacted thousands of children and adults.



*Captain and Mrs. Preece with the British Expeditionary Force in France at the outbreak of the war, January 1940*