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Additional War Crys On Line.

Over the summer months two Salvationist students spent many hours scanning War Crys from the thirties' decade, which will be posted on line in December. This will bring the total number of War Crys on line to 5857 issues or just over 112 years. All issues of The Salvationist are also now on line. A large number of these War Crys and all The Salvationists are word searchable making it easy for researchers to find specific references relative to their subject of research. Lots of good reading for the history buff!



Michael Carew



Thomas Dolan

New Addition To Museum

Prior to her passing, Mrs Anna Lorena Gilchrist, formerly of Ottawa donated a settee to The Salvation Army. It had been purchased at an antique auction of furniture from the Booth estate and particularly from the estate of William Booth of London, England. The settee and papers of authentication were sent to The Salvation Army in 2001 and the settee was held in storage until recently when it was forwarded to the museum. In conversation with Mrs. Eddie Keen, the daughter of Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs Keen said that her mother and family always felt that The Salvation Army was a worthy organization and that they never passed a bell ringer or the Christmas kettle without making a donation. Her mother felt strongly that the 'Founder's' chair should go to a Salvation Army museum.



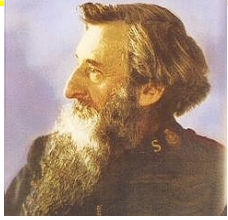
Foot notes in History-75 Years Ago...

- **THE ARMY GIVES WITNESS.** Salvationists of Toronto gathered in force at a service of witness held in the Maple Leaf Gardens on Wednesday, November 18th. Lieut.-Governor Bruce read the lesson and Colonel Dalziel was one who led in the prayers. Mr. Hugh Redwood was the guest speaker and Dovercourt Band supplied the music.

The War Cry. Nov.18 1936

- **CROSSES and POPPIES** West Toronto. Remembrance Day was fittingly observed. The war veterans from the Silverthorn Post, headed by the Citadel Band, marched to the hall, where an interesting and appropriate service was held. The veterans were accompanied by a guard of honour from the Irish Regiment, two of whom stood at the cenotaph with reversed arms during the service. There was a good turnout for the service, and the Hall was decorated with a large cenotaph in front of the rostrum, at the base of which were miniature crosses and poppies. The names of the men who fought overseas, four of whom paid the supreme sacrifice, were read in the afternoon service. At night we had the joy of seeing two souls kneel at the Mercy seat following the stirring address by Mrs. Adjutant Gage

The War Cry, Nov. 18, 1936



We have not much power if we are not consistent. Of course when you go to a new town, and nobody has seen you before, and know nothing about you, people may get a great blessing. You must be good mediums, good vessels. You cannot bless the people if you are inconsistent.

Inconsistent officers will not have the power to tell the truth if their lives contradict it. They will not have the power to reprove sin, for you cannot deliver God's message unless you are God's men. The people next door may sin, but you won't say: "Look here, that's wicked." because they know of some inconsistency on your part.

The sin of inconsistency robs the heart of its courage and closes lips"

The Officer January 1904

Retiring.

Karl Larson who has been a valued member of the Archives staff for the past fourteen years will be retiring at the end of November. Karl joined the staff of the Archives when it was located at 2130 Bayview Avenue and during the past fourteen years has been the voice of the Archives to those calling in seeking information or wanting to do research. Apart from his secretarial and receptionist duties Karl has conducted countless researches, given oversight to researchers and supervised volunteers at the Archives. His knowledge of Salvation Army history has been a valuable asset.



Karl will be moving back to St. Catharines where he will reside with his mother who will be 91 young on her next birthday.

At a recently held 'retirement' luncheon which was held in his honour the Archives staff and volunteers expressed thanks to Karl for his services over the past fourteen years and wished him well in his retirement.



Major James Tackaberry

From the Tackaberry files

The Hamilton Spectator , November 22, 1884

Professor Wiggins has come out in a new role. He has connected himself with The Salvation Army and is going through the country calling on people to repent. He and Major Coombs were here on Friday night and were given a great reception in the barracks. They will be in the city again tonight and will remain over Sunday.

The Hamilton Spectator, October 25, 1886

General Booth. This Salvation Army celebrity is announced to arrive in the city this morning in company with Colonel Dowdle, Commissioner Coombs, and other Army lights. He will be the guest of Rev. Dr. Burns of the Wesleyan Ladies College. This afternoon at three o'clock there will be a holiness convention in the barracks on Hunter Street led by the General. Free admission. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a grand salvation demonstration on the streets in which about eighty visiting officers will participate. This will be followed at 8:00 p.m. by a grand salvation jubilee held in the barracks and led by General Booth. Admission 10 cents, reserved seats 25 cents. This will probably terminate about 10 o'clock and will be succeeded at 11:30 by an all night of prayer which is also expected to be led by the General. The all night meeting is free but Christians only are admitted, tickets obtainable during the day from the Captain, Miss Gilroy at the barracks, Hunter Street. Persons intending to be present at the 8 o'clock meeting had better go early, as a large audience is expected. General Booth stays here only the one day and night.

The Hamilton Spectator, November 1, 1886

When General Booth was here, he promoted Captain Body, who was in charge of the Hamilton Division, to be Major in charge of The Salvation Army in Newfoundland. He will leave Hamilton in a few days for his new field of labour.

COMMENTARY

Remembrance Day provided an opportunity for a grateful nation to stop and 'remember' those who paid the supreme sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

It was also a time to remember those who served in non combat supportive roles. Following the outbreak of war in 1914 and again in 1939, The Salvation Army was quick to respond to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our military personnel. During the First World War (1914-1918) the Canadian Salvation Army's overseas activities were part of the much larger effort organized by British Salvationists. The latter established over 200 recreational huts (often no more than tents) 40 rest homes, and 96 hostels, all staffed by more than 1200 volunteers. The Canadian Salvation Army sent five military chaplains to the front and helped operate these well-equipped huts, canteens, rest facilities, and hostels in Britain, France and Belgium. There, war-weary troops could bathe, refresh their clothing, eat decent food and prepare themselves physically, mentally and spiritually for the always difficult return to the trenches. Closer to the front more Salvation Army officers provided refreshments and amenities, often under dangerous conditions.

A Canadian soldier Will Bird wrote in his classic war memoir, 'Ghosts Have Warm Hands', "Every front-line soldier of World War I knew that his true friend was the man in the Salvation Army canteen." The troops coined the affectionate nickname 'Sally Ann' to describe The Salvation Army and it was during this period that the Red Shield logo, the emblem of its war efforts came into being.

Alf Steele, the first Red Shield Director went overseas in December 1939 and established a Red Shield Headquarters in London. Within a month five additional supervisors had joined him in assisting the growing number of Canadian troops sent to Britain. The Salvation Army opened its first overseas hut at Aldershot, where Canadians underwent training and in May, 1940 established leave accommodations for the men in London at the former West Central Hotel. There, soldiers could obtain a bed, breakfast and bath for less than 50 cents a night. More huts, clubs, hostels and leave centres soon followed.

On the home front by 1945 The Salvation Army had established a coast to coast network of 165 centres, huts, hostels and canteens. In all, Red Shield Services in Canada and overseas cost 21 million dollars and provided Canadians with more than 270 million sheets of writing paper and envelopes, 38 million hot beverages from mobile canteens and 35 million meals served in huts and hostels. More than 68 million people attended SA films and concerts. Over 200 supervisors served overseas, the last one not returning home until December 1946.

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A group of supervisors outside the Grand Hotel in Italy which was operated by The Salvation under the direction of Paul Willison (4th from the left in the back row) In the front row are Supervisors: Major John Batten, Major Alf Simester, Major C.D. Wiseman (later General), and Paul Deadman .

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THESE WE HAVE KNOWN....

Their influence lives on.



Paul Willison, MBE a life long Salvationist represented the many hundreds of Salvationists who willingly left the comforts of home and family to serve the troops overseas during both the first and second world wars. Because of his efforts he was inducted as a Member of the British Empire. The award was signed by Lt. General C. Foulkes (see left.) The influence of Paul Willison and all who served the troops both overseas and at home has never been forgotten by those whom they served.

Following his return from overseas Paul became a very successful businessman and his company Paul Willison Motors still bears his name.

Paul a life long Salvationist was a member of the East Toronto Corps and in his later years a member of the Ontario Reservist Band. His legacy and that of all who served overseas continues to reap rich rewards for The Salvation Army and those whom the Army serves.

Schedule No. Unit SALVATION ARMY
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Brigade
Division
Corps
Army

Army No. and Rank Supervisor

Name Report Paul Willison
(Christian names must be stated)

Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
Salvation Army Supervisor Mr R Paul Willison, was responsible for organizing and operating the Canadian Corps Other Ranks Rest Centre, at Riccione, Italy, known as the Grand Hotel. This Hotel originally consisted of the shell of the former building which had been denuded of furniture during its occupation as a German barracks. Mr Willison, with resourcefulness and initiative, and employing a large number of Italian civilians rather than absorbing military personnel, was able to furnish the public rooms and bedrooms so that each of the five hundred soldier guests slept on a spring bed, was waited on at table, ate from crockery dishes, in a well-decorated dining room, to the strains of music from an excellent orchestra. Library facilities, clothing exchanges, baths, a shopping centre including souvenirs and stamps, photography and artists studios, and similar attractions were created, a triumph of improvisation.	<i>[Signature]</i> (W.F. Gilbride) Brigadier DA & QMG, 1 Cdn Corps	M.B.E. (Periodic)	<i>[Signature]</i>

The satisfaction and appreciation of the troops, and the high esteem in which they held this Centre was reflected in the censorship reports on their mail. No less an indication of their appreciation was the fact that in over five months operation of the Centre it was not necessary to lay a disciplinary charge against any of the troops. The sole credit for the tasteful atmosphere and efficient organization belongs to Mr Willison.

In early January, 1945, after the clearance of Ravenna, and when it was known that the 1st Canadian Corps would spend some time in the area, Mr Willison was charged with opening an Other Ranks Canteen. Large, undecorated premises were turned over to Mr Willison who assumed this task in addition to operating the Grand Hotel in Riccione. He immediately set to with great will and determination and in a very few days had a most attractive establishment, patterned on an old English tea room, serving teas and cakes for the troops, with excellent reading and writing facilities, afternoon dances, air-dressing facilities and other amenities in operation. The originality and improvisation shown by Mr Willison was only one further indication that here was an artist at work.

His pride in which this supervisor took in providing only the best for the troops, and his firm intention that nothing but the finest facilities for the recreation and comfort of the soldiers would be adequate, earned for him an enviable reputation throughout the corps, and, in fact, his establishments were well-known throughout the Eighth Army.

His Supervisor's spirit of service to humanity did not end there. He carefully organized the handling of any waste and surplus food and donated this to the Italian Red Cross Hospitals. The leading local citizens in Riccione were so appreciative that they presented Mr Willison with an illuminated scroll of gratitude. This contribution and the Christmas party he had for five hundred orphaned, refugee, or otherwise deserving children of the community, when each soldier guest looked after an Italian child, did a great deal to place the reputation of the Allied soldiers in this area, at its highest level.

The unselfishness and devotion to duty and untiring efforts of Mr Willison in his unspectacular but all important tasks, and the enthusiastic way he carried them out has marked this man as one deserving of the highest praise and worthy of distinctive recognition.

If a casualty as under, fill in date.

Nature of Casualty	Date
Killed in action	
Died of Wounds	
Died	
Missing	
Prisoner of War	

Copy of Recommendation by Lt. General C. Foulkes for Paul Willison to be given the Member of the British Empire award.