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## SECOND PRIZE

\$100.00 Cash. Ticket Number 2150F. Sold by M. Ffitch.  
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## The Season's Greetings

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**PHILCO PORTABLE RADIO**

Smoker Door Prize

Won by Max Mathews, 261 Talisman Ave., Vancouver.

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATION SMOKER,  
 DEC. 13th, 1957.**

Moaning Minnies were crashing uncomfortably close, 88's were screaming by, Tedeschi Schmeisers were barking their incessant chatter. The mules wouldn't move, the mud was wet and cold and the last dreg of vino had dripped from the vat; in fact things in general were

No Buona. All the way from Afrigola to the Commachio Spit. All this sounds pretty rugged doesn't it? But when you consider that all this took place 13 years ago and several paunches later it made an interesting conversation piece. One couldn't help notice that, although nostalgia was rife throughout, gaiety was the rule among the members rather than the exception. It was indeed a grand turnout, one befitting the men of the Westminster Regt., to quote an old cliché damn near one hundred per cent. It was a rewarding sight indeed to see approximately 300 Old? Sweats renewing old cameraderies and once more (with the aid of copious gallons of ale) slugging their way up the Italian Boot. (This time the trip seemed so easy.) It was certainly gratifying to hear so many favorable comments on the films and quite humorous for some to catch a flash back of themselves some fifteen and more years ago. For those who didn't avail themselves of the opportunity, there will be more showings of these in the future. (A bouquet to you Nelson Scott for your fine work, and someday I would like to see them myself.)

Nice to see new faces in the crowd as well as the always welcome reliables who haven't missed this night for years. Reliables like Barney Jones who like a comfortable old shoe is always around, good to see Fred Evans from Kelowna again seems only yesterday when Fred and this writer shared guard duties as a couple of 16 year old recruits, it seems someone was trying to steal the Fraser River at Prince George, oh well, it was still there when we left so we must have done a good job. Well, what can you do with 300 names—time does not permit the mention of many but I would like to wish you, Mr. C. Oddy, a very happy 90th Birthday and many more of the same. A grand gentleman and a truly fine member of this association. It's hard to say who was sporting the best beard (Centennial year, you know), but there were two really remarkable outcrops thought. Very apropos of the times Duke Liversidge looked very much like a youthful Father Christmas, while Doug Furlot looked very distinguished, almost an exact duplicate of Commander Whitehead of Schweppes Tonic Water fame. By the next smoker they should really be something.

Don't know too much about the official results of the evening but advance information would seem that it would prove a financial success. Gordon Rennie handled the Christmas Draw in his usual capable manner. Every year Gordon completes a fantastic amount of work in the management of this draw and richly deserves the

plaudits of all. Of course it's you the membership at large who are the key to the success of this venture. It would appear this year that you are all to be congratulated on a really fine effort. I know the winners will appreciate their prizes, particularly this time of year, and to those not so fortunate, well you have, in a sense, been rewarded too. You have, each and everyone of you, materially contributed to the well being and furtherance of your association. Sorry to hear of the one dissenting function of the evening, the "Games of Skill". Seems there were some objections as to the method of operation. As I did not myself see any of the games in operation I cannot offer any opinion. I will say, however, that your Executive put a great deal of thought into this project and it was not the intent to show profit but merely to provide entertainment. There were some favorable comments received as well so it would appear that this could be further discussed. Come to the annual General Meeting and express your views. Your opinions will be heard and respected. Your Executive would certainly appreciate your help in this matter. Personally the evening was extremely enjoyable. Nice to see so many Dues being offered (highest of any function to date), and also the many applicants for new membership. All in all this Smoker was the best ever and bearing in mind that 1958 is your Centennial Year let's do even better. Attend the forthcoming General Meeting. Don't forget the Melfa in May, and if you can't possibly make these DO's, well let's all get together in December, 1958 for the biggest Smoker ever.

Season's greetings to you all and again, Thank you.

R. R. HURLEY.

## CADETS

A smart turnout of the Westminster Corps on Monday honoured CHARLES BRADFORD, who has retired from the post of Chief Instructor.

The parade was in the dual nature of a "turnover" to the new Chief Instructor, Walter Lyle, and a presentation by the Cadets and Instructors to Capt. Bradford.

Cadet RSM Don Reibin, who is now a member of the Regiment, made the actual presentation.

Capt. Bradford gave the lads an excellent talk, complimenting their large attendance and at the same time passing on some sage advice to them.

The fact that so many cadets were on parade and that in addition many former cadets attended, speaks for his popularity among the lads. One other important fact which may be mentioned about Cpt. Bradford's

term as Chief Instructor is that so many former cadets have gone into the Regiment where there are none keener or smarter. It seems that this proportion of cadets continuing with the Regiment has been very high and though he always stressed making citizens more than making soldiers, it is obvious these boys who continued with the Regiment must have found some liking for the soldiers life. This is of course one of the important aims of Cadet training—to "make them like it", and certainly the retiring Chief Instructor had that quality.

Mrs. Bradford was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the very smallest cadet in the Corps, Gary Smith. This was in recognition of the help she has been to her husband and of the interest she took in the Corps and in the boys throughout his term.

Lt. Col Eakins, Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lt. Col. Williams, Honorary Cadet Colonel, and Major R. Macey, Cadet Liaison Officer, also took part in the ceremony.

On Saturday 56 cadets from Maple Ridge, Burnaby and New Westminster Corps attended a joint shoot at Blair Range. Thirty two from Burnaby and New Westminster attended on Sunday. This was the second successful venture of a joint nature and it was intended to take every opportunity for more in the future. This joint shoot was sponsored by the Burnaby Company.

## SICK AND VISITING COMMITTEE REPORT

On the evening of the 27th November, 1957, I, as Chairman of the Visiting Committee called at Shaughnessy Hospital, prepared the visitation list of our hospitalized comrades and then sat in the foyer of the Hospital to see if anyone would turn up to assist with the visiting. No response again, so away I went on my round. Called down in South 4 to begin with and left cigarettes and novels for two of our Comrades. Called on Patrick Smith, an old member of the 47th Bn. He said he was a "C" Company man and was sure pleased to have a visit from the Association. I left him a membership card and will have his name put on our mailing list. Visited for quite some time with R. J. Pollard from "D" Coy, 47th Bn. He said Jack DeGraves was his Sergeant. His son was visiting with him and said that he hoped to have his Dad home again that Friday (29th November) and maybe he would be able to show our Smoker on the 13th December.

I found Al Grieves, "B" Coy. West Minster

was in again. He came in on the 13th November and will probably be there for another week or so. I'm sure he would appreciate a visit from some of his old "B" Coy. Comrades. Called over at the extension where we have five members and made my last call with Tom Carson; cheerful as ever was Tom, although he had a bad head cold.

Here is the list of our hospitalized Comrades:

W. C. Hamilton, H. L. Harris, P. Smith, R. J. Pollard, W. T. Barter, D. Geddes, G. Walker, T. R. Carson and A. Grieves.

The Christmas visitation is set for Wednesday, the 18th December. A few days ago I received a cheque for \$25.00 from Comrade T. A. S. Hamilton, his usual Christmas contribution to your visiting committee for added comforts for our hospitalized Comrades. Again on behalf of this Committee and the Association, thanks Comrade Hamilton.—H. A. Stephens.

### TEA INTERVAL

I must begin again  
to walk with caution,  
Step short and quietly,  
search every shadow.  
The path without the tapes,  
the verge unswept,  
The gentle copse, the easy,  
smiling meadow.  
The quiet village — all now  
are dangerous.  
Don't move so fast, left flank.  
watch me, and watch  
My windows; I've got yours.  
The years between  
Have taught us nothing.  
It's just the same:  
Down, crawl, observe, sights, fire —  
the same old movement.  
Let's hold it here a bit  
and listen.  
I hadn't thought to play  
this game again —  
Not thrice a lifetime; but  
my insides tighten  
Each time I hear the war lords thunder.  
Such quiet thunder!  
Nikita smiles and smiles,  
and so does Dulles.

And we who once spoke clear  
and confident  
Must wait and listen.  
There may be  
No one there, of course,  
behind those shadows;  
But I remember well  
the foolish rumor,  
"The Gothic Line is empty;  
Jerry's running";  
And before that, "Peace  
in our time",  
"The war to end all wars",  
and Trojan horses.  
Well, it was a lively interval  
and pleasant.  
My error simply lay  
in my forgetting  
That after tea play would  
resume as usual.  
Pass it on; we're moving now;  
and watch each window;  
And beyond the casa keep  
the high ground.  
You move; I'll cover.

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### REPORT ON SECRETARIAL DUTIES — WESTMINSTER REGIMENT EXECUTIVE

Early this year, members of the Westminster Regiment Association were all shocked to find that Nelson Scott, our old stand-by and iron-man, had to give up his position as Secretary-Treasurer of our association. This was subsequently taken on by Walter Lyle. However, now Walter has found that due to press of business and the fact that he has recently been promoted to command the cadets in our area, that he himself has no longer the time to spend as the secretary-treasurer of our association.

We hereby submit a report on how your executive has accommodatd itself to the problems of the secretarial duties of our association. We think that this is a good move, one that will be less onerous on one individual, and yet give us more complete control of the various functions that are necessary to help the association go forward as it has done in the past.

This necessary action has been taken on this report, and at present, we now have got in conformation with the report as general secretary, Walter Lyle, as General Secretary, Nelson Scott, Treasurer, Ron Hurley, Ground Sheet, Johnny Hou, and General committee chairman, John Ginter. At your annual general meeting, we will, by then, have had an opportunity to see this new system in operation, and then give you a further report.

ART MILLER.

This report contains a basis for operation of all the secretarial functions of the Executive by a committee specifically responsible to the president of the association for action.

We feel it is in the best interests of the association to create more duties in the Executive for people to perform than as at present whereby two people do most of the work and others merely meet and confirm what has actually occurred, and in fact, merely add to the burden of the actual clearing of the work. Bear in mind that much of this work is done by telephoning and that there has to be communication by auto only in two of the actual functions, we then are able to employ our present executive even though Transportation is not available at will to everyone. We can operate with each member of the Executive fulfilling some of the functions without regard to mobility.

(1.) **GENERAL SECRETARY. Walter Lyle.**

- a. First duties would be to visit the mailbox daily, pick up mail, sort, answer routine stuff.
- b. Deliver the correspondence, sort, etc. and with paragraphs pointed up to the Executive for action at Executive meetings.
- c. Send monies received, etc., after recording same in Daily Receipt Book to the treasurer.
- d. Keep the card system and addressing machine in perpetual good order.
- e. Keep the filing system up to date.
- f. It would necessitate attending all Executive meetings and special meetings called from time to time.

(2.) **RECORDING SECRETARY. Nelson Scott.**

This secretary would keep the more formal type of records as listed below:

- a. Recording and making up the minutes of Executive meetings and general meetings.
- b. Filing these and keeping the minute book properly up to date at all times.
- c. Getting copies of the minutes to the president in advance of meetings—Executive and general—with the items that are business arising out of the minutes

itemized to his attention.

d. Preparing the agenda for each and all meetings, sending out the notices, advising executive members, etc., of meetings and other functions it is their duty to attend.

e. Advising committee chairmen of the reports needed in advance of the date of receipt of the same reports so that action can be taken during proper committee meetings.

(3.) **TREASURER. Ron Hurley.**

- a. Responsible for all financial transactions including Christmas Draw funds.
- b. Make certain that receipts are issued for all monies received.
- c. Keep the current monthly position always available at each Executive meeting.
- d. Prepare and draw up the annual budget and annual financial reports, have the books in order to audit on the prescribed time.
- e. Prepare vouchers, write cheques, and generally keep the books in good order.

(4.) **THE GROUND SHEET. John Hou.**

The Ground Sheet is of prime importance to the association and we require somebody to be responsible for arranging the material format, making sure that it is picked up, edited, prepared in every way up until it arrives at the printer's for printing. This responsibility would then end and he could get on to the next edition.

(5.) **GENERAL COMMITTEE. John Ginter.**

This committee would be headed by a chairman who has to be mobile and would involve the mailing duties of the association, even to the keeping possibly of the mailing machine but not bringing the rolls up to date except on the prepared information given by the General Secretary. It would be responsible for rounding up the bodies necessary to put out the Ground Sheet, the Draw, Buster Beaver Cards, etc.

**A VISIT TO CHILLIWACK**

As president of your association, it is my happy duty to report one of the best times I have enjoyed since the cessation of hostilities. This was the occasion of the D Company branch of the Westminster Regiment's Association annual banquet. In company with Bill Williams, Johnny Hou and Bert Stephens, we motored to Chilliwack November 30th and were feted in a grand manner by the members present.

The nominal role of the evening records such famous people as Phil Abbott, Scotty Clifford; Bob

Thompson from Trail, Ken Kiernan from Victoria (Ken is Minister of Mines in the Provincial Legislature and a former D Company man), Phil Abbott's ex-company clerk, Les Dance, came over from Nanaimo. The record actually goes to Scotty and Bob for the trip they made from Trail to attend. There were comrades from a goodly distance away. No D Company dinner was ever held without the stalwart Beltzes, both Jim and Ted.

George Roberts, the secretary and Mainstay of so many years, was there, quietly proud of the increasing number of members. Les Triego, along with Pete Bailey, took up a firm position by the bar to ward off all comers. Gordon Higginson, Stephie and I, relived old times at International Post, and there were such odd words as plugs and caves, and Corianow, etc., dropping around us all night.

It was good to see Ev. Downing looking more like his old self again. He tells me he's taking it very much easier and we're happy to see that his health seems to be somewhat better. Our old friend Heber, and of course, Killer Bailey were there, and, in all, twenty-seven comrades stood to the strains of the Last Post to honour fallen comrades and start the evening festivities.

At the conclusion of the very excellent turkey dinner, Phil Abbott brought out the ceremonial flask. This flask

is engraved with these two names: C. L. Stewart, 1948, and H. D. Selbee, 1949. On this occasion, the flask is charged and passed around the table. Each man has a sip and a silent toast to these comrades who did come home, but who have also gone West to join their fallen comrades.

At the conclusion of the evening, the flask, now empty, is put away until next year, when it will be brought up to date, and again circulated. It is certainly a marvelous idea, and one day, one of the old comrades will fall heir to the commemoration of the 1939 gang of D Company originals who returned home in 1945.

Bill Williams and Peter Pirie have a little side-bet as to which one of these are going to receive it—from the other, of course.

We adjourned to the drill hall where we had a greater opportunity to see and talk with everyone. The Shannon brothers, Danny Potts who dropped in from Lytton, and so many others. I can't get all the names down, nor indeed, can I recall them all.

The evening closed, and we went our various ways again, yet we will all look back on the 1957 banquet at Chilliwack with fond memories and thanks.

ART MILLER.

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