



The GROUND SHEET

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Dedicated to the Ideals and Comradeships We knew in Two World Wars

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1970 ANNUAL SMOKER 1970

Saturday, December 5th

TIME: 8:00 p.m. PLACE: Armouries, New Westminster, B. C.

PRIZES — SURPRISES — FOOD — DRINK — COMPANIONSHIP

PLEASE COME - - - NO ADMISSION FEE

SMOKER CHAIRMAN: WALTER LYLE

You may purchase your Association Crest at the Smoker from the Secretary.

Your hardworking committees have done their work well. You have all received your tickets. The success of this year's venture is in your hands.

Sell Well! And attend well and 1971 will indeed be a year of promise.

IT'S 25 YEARS SINCE THE UNIT RETURNED HOME. LET'S MAKE THIS A RECORD TURNOUT.

President reports on scholarship committee

Reference is made to the Scholarship report that appears elsewhere in this issue. As your President, it was my pleasure to attend the Selection Meeting during the summer and I think

you all should know that I came away completely satisfied that the activity is in good hands. One thing that the committee does not have is a lot of "yes" people — the selection is clear, concise, business like and lots of time is allowed for discussion. No one person dominated the selection group, in fact contrary opinion was encouraged providing there was support for the opinion in facts.

You may discard any fears that you may have had that the selection might be influenced by rank, geographical location or status. This was truly a scholarship selection.

May I, on behalf of all of you, our members, say thank you to this dedicated committee.

PRESIDENT.

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DRAW OF 1969

For many long years now Bert Stephens and Nelson Scott have been conducting our annual Xmas Draw. These two have worked tirelessly and with your co-operation have produced practically our sole source of revenue.

For the first time it is our privilege to publish an actual report of their efforts for your information. Here is a complete run down of the 1969 Draw. It is hoped that your efforts for 1970 will prove even more bountiful. The entire association salutes these two gentlemen for their unceasing efforts on our behalf . . . (Editor).

At last we are able to publish a Christmas Activity report, other than the prize list; our Groundsheet, in the past was subject to review by postal authorities therefore it was always thought best to leave the figures out. The report which follows this preamble incorporates the Draw and the Christmas Smoker; the net proceeds for 1970 being \$2709.94.

It should also be noted that the net figure has provided for the donation to the Regiment; this donation is the same as their ticket sales, which was a very fine effort. The net return last year, before our donation to the Regiment was \$3095.00 so we are well ahead of the year previous.

As usual we had mail returned this year however it was less than last year which is a tribute to our Secretary. We mailed less tickets this year than last; our selection of members, in accordance with their wishes because of religious objections or infirmity, is respected. If we could only get each member to sell two books we would have a real thing going for us; our big problems are those members who don't care. We have 197 members who received tickets but who just didn't take the trouble to sell the books, advise us or anything. These are the people who discourage the committee.

We lost 45 members last year, 1969, who sold for us in previous years; these members have moved without any new address; it is hoped that they will have rejoined before the fall of 1970, as we need them.

The people who deserve your special thanks are 13 in number; these people sold a total of 250 books; it would be our pleasure to name these members but it might cause some embarrassment. These 13 do not include the Executive

1970 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

All Association Members be at the
 Armouries in New Westminster at 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday, November 11th. Official Parade
 at 1000 Hrs. Let's have a large and worthwhile turnout. Your Medals, of course.
 Berets will be available.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
TO EXECUTIVE SEPT. 21, 1970

The annual "selection" meeting was held at the home of Allan Coe, Tsawwassen, on August 16.

Members in attendance were D'Arcy Baldwin, Allan Coe, Leslie Deane, Peter Grossman, Bert Hoskin, John Hou, Walter Lyle, Nelson Scott, Walter Tyler, and Col. Bill Williams. Absent were John Ford and Ian Douglas on Vacation.

The winner, from nine candidates, was Miss Elizabeth MacLennan of Cornwall, Ontario, whose aim is to teach secondary school with a Master's Degree, and will return for her second year to the University of Western Ontario. The funds have been forwarded, in accordance with our established procedure, to the Bursar of that institution on her behalf.

Miss MacLennan is the daughter of L/Sgt. J. D. MacLennan who served with The Westminster Regiment during World War II.

Other candidates were:

Gordon Allen, Grandson, Lt./Col. G. B. Corbould, 47th Bn. & Westmrs.
 Kenneth Bond, Son, Pte. Dick Bond, Westmrs.
 Terry Forman, Daughter, Maj. Tom Forman, Westmrs.
 Thomas Garfat, Grandson, Pte. N. Ling, 47 Bn.
 Mary Gilbertson, Granddaughter, RSM Pearce, Westmrs.
 Sharon Jacques, Daughter, Sgt. JW Jacques, Westmrs.
 Brian Ostafew, Son, Sgt. Paul Ostafew, Westmrs.
 Muriel Roberts, Daughter, Lt. EG Roberts, Westmrs.

Colonel Deane had been co-opted into the committee because a knowledgeable educator was needed to take Ian Douglas' place to assess marks from the various school districts. His procedure and the large amount of work he put into it were excellent and much appreciated by the rest of the committee.

The committee intends to meet again as soon as practical for discussions on procedures. There always seems to be some new point worth discussing and no doubt there always will.

As is usual, the meeting then developed into a social affair with our wives, and all of us enjoying the beautiful day and the lovely home and tremendous hospitality of the Coes.

WALTER LYLE, Chairman.

MUSEUM READY

The show cases are now in the Museum and we need exhibits to fill them, so Comrades clean out your old war souvenirs for all of us to view, weapons, badges, uniforms, medals, etc. both allied and enemy would be welcome. If you have something for us, contact the Museum committee and we will try to pick them up.

Museum Committee.

CHANGE IN THE
GROUND SHEET FORMAT

Let the Editor know your reactions to the new makeup. The old style did not lend itself to pictorial content economically. — The Printer.

Members of the Association, who also by themselves account for a goodly number of books.

We would recommend we continue this Draw in 1970, Bert Stephens has indicated that he will make the time to participate and we have the loyal support of his good wife, Blanche, who does many hours of preliminary work of recording and sorting. We owe both of these fine people a real vote of thanks.

For the first time for several years we had some complaints, over door to door sales activity. This could be dangerous. Don't let the youngsters peddle your tickets, do it yourself amongst your friends and sell the tickets (they don't require much sales promotion) so that you, at least, are taking some small

part in the continuing effort that keeps this Association going.

This committee is not beyond criticism and we apologize to any member who may be offended by not being recognized or who do not get into the act of assisting to make the draw. We also would welcome any suggestions that would assist us to make the Draw more successful than in the past. Do you have any constructive ideas? Bigger prizes; more prizes of small denominations; one major prize; — how about it?

It is a sincere hope that by this time, in 1971, a report for this activity in 1970 will not only show greater financial returns but also a maximum effort by all of you.

NELSON SCOTT &
BERT STEPHENS
Draw Committee.

PROCEEDS FROM DRAW

Opening Balance	\$ 1.00	
Loan	450.00	
Receipts from tickets sales	4,738.25	
Receipts from ticket sales	1,004.50	
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	6,193.75	6,193.75

EXPENDITURES

Loan Payment	450.00	
Printing	275.00	
Postage	100.32	
Sundries — W. N. Scott	5.90	
Steno Services	18.00	
Prize List	1,353.45	
Donation to Western Reg't	1,004.50	
Bank Charges & Exchange	16.60	
Smoker Expenses 1969	260.04	
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	3,483.81	3,483.81

Net Draw Proceeds		2,709.94
Withdrawal December 24, 1969		2,500.00
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Balance Due		209.94

FROM THE POST:

Not much by way of correspondence to date but special thanks to Reg Le Brun of Anacortes, Wn., U.S.A. for the material. To Bob Dashwood for his interesting note and donation and to Killer Bailey of Chilliwack for his thoughtfulness. Am taking this opportunity to publish two letters from two of our old time members. They are interesting and perfect testimonials to the efforts these old timers put forth for our association.

Courtenay, B.C.
October 20th, 1970.

The Westminster Regt. Assn.
P.O. Box 954
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear sirs;

Enclosed please find P.O. Money order for \$10.00 to cover price of two books sent me to distribute for the Assn. Christmas draw.

I am sorry I missed the draw completely last year, as I was up in northern

SALUTI TO:

I. (Killer) Bailey of Chilliwack for his unique donation of an Irish Sweep Ticket made out on behalf of the association. Heres hoping our luck matches the sincerity of the donor . . .

Keith Stonehouse of Hornby Is, B.C. for his direct and effective action when faced with the problem of invasion of his private property by a group of so called hippies who had taken up squatter's residence by building a motley group of cardboard and driftwood shacks on 3/4 of a mile of his property. Keith tolerated their presence for some time until he noticed that even the most primitive of sanitary measures had been totally ignored. Keith complained to officials. No Action. Keith simply Bull Dozed their habitats. Problem solved. Methods, perhaps, not wholly approved but damned effective.

Fred Duncan former paymaster in the establishment of a new daily newspaper in Port Alberni, Van. Is., B.C. Fred's wide newspaper background and experience will assure the new "Alberni Valley Times" many years of continued growth and progress . . .

Farewell & so long to:

Camp Vernon. Summer of 1970 saw the close of fabled Camp Vernon up in the dry Sunny Okanagan of B.C. . . . This camp has been used in peace and war since 1912 and tens of thousands have received their military training. Many the memories will be evoked by its name. Who knows, what with the current situation in Canada, the decision to close down may prove somewhat premature . . .

B.C. and did not receive the books of tickets until I got back home about the middle of Feb. sorry I missed them.

I will be eighty in a couple of days and don't get around much anymore. My trench feet are acting up, Eyes are going, Lungs are about finished, otherwise I am in pretty good shape. I'm not kicking. I have had a pretty good life, and am not sorry about any part of it. Although I would like to get down some time to see some of the old fellows before they are all gone. Havn't been down to the city for about 10 years.

Wishing all the guys the best for the coming Yuletide, and that they will be
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FROM THE POST

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 around for a few more at least. I am,
 Yours very respectfully,
 A. C. Livingston
 No. 464688 47th Batt. 1916 to 1919.

* * *
 26 Pains Rd.
 Southsea, Portsmouth
 Hants, England.
 22 June, 1970.

Dear Ron,

At last I am writing to you sorry for the delay but have just got settled in a nice 3 room suite in Southsea as you will notice by the address, My Pompey is not the city that I knew in the first World War everything is changed and the house in which I courted my Dear Wife has been bombed and the street is no more. I am very well satisfied with living here for it is near my Loved One and I am too old to want anything else but to be near HER, I have made many friends here among the ex Service men and we have quite a good time, I am going to London with the Naval Gun Team for the Royal Tournament and will spend a few days with them in London and hope to have a good time, I went to Winchester and had a fine time in Sgts Mess of the Royal Hampshire Regt. also in the Sgts. Mess of the Royal Marines, I am a guest of the P.Os Mess at H.M.S. Excellent on Thursday I must say that I have been shown a wonderful time as an Ex Service man of the Canadian Forces for the Canadians are thought a lot of in the South of England. Have met an ex Sgt. of the Royal Warricks and he is taking me to the Depot in two weeks time when he has his holidays and will be telling you of my reception there. As I promised I will write and tell you some of my early days with the 104th, 47th and Westminster Regts. The

weather here is quite nice and have done more walking since I arrived here than I have done for many a year but it has done me good for I have lost over 10 pounds and feel very much better. Give my regards to all the Members of the Assocn. especially to Col. Bill. Ron if there is anything that I can do for the Assc. or any Member while I am over here please let me know. I am going to France in the near future and will be seeing the old stamping grounds that we knew in the first World War and

will try and see some of the places where the Westminsterers were in action. I miss the Groundsheet and will send a donation to the Regt. Assn. so that I can have it delivered to my address. Will close now with all the best to you and yours also to the Assn. and may it prosper. Sincerely,

W. N. Myers
 ex R.S.M.

The Westminster Regt.

P.S. any of the 47th say Hello for me.

WHAT BECAME OF KELLY ?

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 Howard Mansfield, Provost Corp Camp Borden, Ont., Canada.
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 PLEASE . . . SOMEONE MUST KNOW WHERE THESE PEOPLE ARE . . .



LEST WE FORGET

Sammy Lee, W.R., N. Hollywood, Calif., U.S.A.
 H. D. Jarvis, Victoria, B.C.
 Art. Shaw, 47th & W.R., Vancouver, B.C.
 Tom Morris, Victoria, B.C.
 Bert Amey, 47th, Vancouver, B.C.

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