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Annual General Meeting

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Thursday, March 18th, 1971

PLACE: Hut Below Drill Hall in New Westminster

Parking in City Hall Parking Lot

IF YOU ARE EVEN REMOTELY INTERESTED IN
YOUR ASSOCIATION YOU WILL **BE** THERE!

These Are Crucial Times For YOUR Association

WE NEED **YOUR** ADVICE AND SUPPORT

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SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Many thanks to all you loyal members for your acceptance of the new dues structures and sincere appreciation for your remarks by mail in support of our actions. We did not receive one solitary dissenting word and most wondered why we had taken so long to make the adjustment. As I stated, earlier, in the Groundsheet the loyal One Third are still the backbone of the Association as they have always been in the past but we can only hope that the remainder will come to life and help support our cause. It might also be noted, that among the ever paying One Third are a large percentage of W.W. 1 members who are to be congratulated for their fine efforts. Here's hoping your example will trigger some new action . . . There is a most important notice re you W.W. 1 chaps elsewhere in this issue . . . Our election of Officers is drawing close as is the Melfa 1971 vintage. We expect a bumper crowd this year. Don't disappoint us.

The Regiment Reports:

This spring has the making of a very busy one for the serving members of the regiment. The unit is on a two company est. (Since Militia Re-organization of last year). A. Coy is designated as our FMC Coy. This stands for Forces Mobile Command which is the fieldforce tasked with the primary defence of the realm. The Westie's responsibility to FMC is to provide one coy. of trained infantrymen. At present the coy. is training hard under their OC Major C.G. Marshall, to be ready for MOB (Mobile Command) concentration at Wainwright the first part of July . . . The 3rd PPPCLI of Victoria, B.C. are responsible for the MOBCOM Training this summer and the Westies are looking forward to working with their counterparts in the regular force.

Our other Coy. B. Coy is under Capt. G. Potter who is responsible for recruit training. The first group of recruits from September's intake graduated the last week of January . . . They

were presented with their lanyards symbolic of recruit trg. completion, by Col. D. S. Anderson the District Commander. Some seventy recruits are presently undergoing training and should graduate on April 3rd. This Easter the Regiment will concentrate at the CFB camp at Chilliwack along with other units from the Van. Militia District for a four day camp. The trained soldiers will be living in the field in a dug in defensive position. The pick and shovel are still well known infantry tools. All will be fed due to the untiring efforts of Food Services Officer Mike Kedsiora whose cooks provide gastronomic delights hardly thought possible on a field cooker. Sincere thanks are extended to Honorary Col. Brig. Gen Eakins whose generosity has made it possible for the Regimental Museum to acquire a very old historic piano once the property of the 104th Westminster Fusiliers. Of course the big news currently is the forthcoming Royal Visit of Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Phillip and Princess Anne on May 7th. The Regiment has been asked to turn out on that day and the band is to play for the civic luncheon at which Her Majesty will be guest of honor. As you can imagine the boots are already receiving extra care and band under Lt. J. J. Grierson is practicing for their musical presentation . . . All in all it appears we have a busy season ahead and we will be reporting more in the future . . .

Lt./Col. L. K. DEANE,
 Commanding Officer Royal
 Westminster Regiment.

SCHOLARSHIP

Because of changes which have taken place in the field of education since the Association Scholarship was first created, the committee has reviewed the terms of the award.

Such changes as the availability of student loans and other conditions are enough to make reviews advisable from time to time.

The result of the discussions is a recommendation by the Scholarship Committee that, instead of one award of \$500, there be two, of \$250. Further

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL WORLD WAR ONE VETERANS

In our last issue of the Groundsheet whereby we announced the increase in our dues we DID NOT regrettably explain clearly the position of you W.W. 1 chaps in this new dues structure. HERE IT IS IN FULL:

We are most honored to welcome all W.W. 1 members of the 131st, 104th, 47th and all other qualifying Association members who served in the 1914-1918 campaign as Life Members without future payment of dues or Groundsheet fees. IN SHORT YOU ARE ALL PAID UP MEMBERS FOR LIFE AS OF NOW . . . If any of you feel that you can afford to make some financial donation from time to time it would be most welcome BUT YOU ARE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO DO SO: In this small measure we seek to honor all of you who have done so much for us all in the past.

NOTE: Your Secretary would appreciate a word from you all showing your Regimental Affiliation which would enable us to mark your Life Membership Cards in a proper manner . . .

that one of these awards be "preferably given for a non-academic application."

This recommended change will be offered as a motion at the Annual General Meeting. If it is approved the change will take place in 1972 and not before because the Association is committed already for 1971 for the one award of \$500. through the publications of the various institutions and universities.

The phrase "non-academic" is one that has already sparked some lively discussion in the executive and no doubt will also at the Annual General Meeting.

Briefly stated, apart from the idea of making two awards (which at \$250. still will be of considerable help in furthering the education of two descendants of members) the Committee feels we should encourage vocational education as well as academic. So such schools as the Vocational Institutes would be added to those institutions where the money may be spent.

The committee has not recommended any changes apart from that already noted above.

WALTER LYLE,
 Chairman Scholarship Com't.

COMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Thursday, March 18, New Westminster, B.C.
TORONTO CHAPTER MELFA DINNER: Saturday, May 15, Toronto, Ont.
NEW WESTMINSTER MELFA DINNER: Saturday, May 29, Legion Hal New Westminster, B.C.

FROM THE POST:

Greetings and Best wishes from Ernie Hull of 44 Broadview Ave. E., Smith Falls, Ont. Sorry to hear of your recent ill health Ernie and hope this finds you much improved... A pleasant message of goodwill from our 1970 Scholarship winner Miss Elizabeth MacLennan of Cornwall, Ont. From O. St. P. Aitkens of 423 Chrisleton Ave., Kelowna, B.C. a most interesting letter and generous donation. Your reference to the article on Capt. Lash and the Prince of Wales was intriguing and you are to be commended for your retentive memory... Kind words and dues from long time member Art Miller of 301 - 845 Tranquile Rd., Kamloops, B.C. Delighted to hear that you are expanding your business and are retiring from your other occupation to devote your full time to it... perhaps we can find you home when we visit in the future. Good luck to you and your charming wife Phyl on your winter vacation. Art sends along the name of Reg Denomy who is the Post Master at Grand Forks, B.C. but sorry to learn of Reg's poor health... From old friend Bernie Lane of Box 631 Parksville, B.C. greetings and dues and we trust your friends enjoy diluted punch... By way of Apt. 208 - 340 Bundock Street, Duncan, B.C. dues and encouraging words from Syd Howard, re our recent increase of same. Thank you for the name of Evert C. Wilson of 6118

Grieve Rd., Duncan, B. C. and will send him a paper right away. You two should get together with Bill Gunn who lives in your fair city... A word and change of address from loyal supporter Reg Le Brun now of 801 D-28th Anacortes, Wash., U.S.A. You appear to be most active Reg and we trust everyone enjoyed the Crab Feed you mentioned... Warm words from another of our members residing in the U.S. in the person of old friend, Ed Lennie of 9375 Clayton Rd., Ladue, Missouri 63124. Thank you for your most kind support re Dues Ed and we should like to see you again soon... From S. Ted Burnby of box 1022, Vernon, B.C. a letter and enclosure re the recent death of John Gutierrez of Hope, B.C. Yes Ted we were all most shocked to learn of his tragic death... A word from hard working Len Ralls (always one of the leading Draw Ticket Sellers of 3371 Wellington Ave., Van. 16, B.C. Len you will always be a most valued member of this association and your membership card will be coming your way forthwith... Greeting from old buddy I. (Killer) Bailey of 45852 Reilway Ave., Chilliwack, B.C. Killer, your secretary and editor is the Stupid "α%&" you refer to and apologises for his unseeming exuberance. Keep up the good work... Dues and best wishes from Howard Passmore and many thanks for your kind remarks Howard... From old comrade John D. Van Horn dues and words of ap-

preciation and support for our recent increase. Yes we agree John it has been long years overdue... Dues and wishes from Cliff Whetmore of 835 E. 24th St., Vancouver 10, B.C. and sincere thanks to you Cliff... From John McMahon dues and order for Crest. We hope you like the crest John and perhaps orders like yours could stimulate the sales of the 100 or so crests we have left... From old Padre T. dePencier dues and yes we agree it sure puts a hole in your 42cent increase... Note and change of address of W. Bill Haines who is now residing at Long Lake Rd., R.R.1, Vernon, B.C. Hope we see you at the Malfa... Duest etc. from Eric Otto of 218 Tye Drive, North Vancouver the same with greeting from Mel "Ding" De Anna of Box 423, 7th Ave. Kinnaird, B.C. From Ex 47th, J. G. Montgomery of 1634 Weston Drive, Pt. Coquitlam, dues and best wishes... From the land of the Northern Lights best wishes and dues from Ken Clarkson of Box 3097 Whitehorse, Yukon and your Crest has been mailed... A most warm note from C. G. Swan of Evergreen Court, Delta, B.C. Mr. Swan offers his apologies for being sick and laid up for the first time and unable to actively support. Mr. Swan at 82 years of age you need offer no regrets yours has always been a most loyal support. We are sorry to hear of your illness and extend your best wishes to Bill Woods of Kelowna, B.C. Dues and note of appreciation from Jim Wilson. Hope you are improving in health Jim and well on your way to recovery... From the Aluminum capital of B.C. in Kitimat a letter with dues and best wishes from W. I. Wick Stewart. Thanks for your kind support re the increase Wick and how about dropping down our way this year...

ASSOCIATION CRESTS PLEASE

Please send me [] Crest(s) at \$5.00 Each.

NAME Address

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Mail Orders to "Association Crests", Box 854, New Westminster, B. C. No return postage required.

From Sunny California at 4530 Edgeware Rd., San Diego 92116 best wishes and dues. Thanks Ed and please make note of the notice re Dues to W.W. 1 members elsewhere in this issue . . . By way of Box 65 Hatxic, B.C. dues and best wishes from H. Hank Henry, and Hank don't squander your 42 cents . . . Greetings and kind words from old buddy Ernie Dayton of Winnipeg. Trust your beer sales are up Ernie. . . From Barrie Haslock of 1510 Oakcrest Dr., Victoria dues and best wishes and most sorry to hear that you are on crutches. A speedy recovery to you . . . From Brandon, Manitoba at 438 - 12 St. East dues and a kind donation from D. J. Menzies. Many thanks for your kind remarks re the Groundsheet and keep writing . . . Again from Manitoba at 88 Guay St., Vital 8, a note and greetings from old friend A. Guetre and what does "Ci-inclus" mean? . . . Joe Strawson of Box 157 Pitt Meadows, B.C. sends along dues and words of support re our decision to raise the dues. Thank Joe and there was never any doubt by the executive that we would get less than "100%" from all you old time members . . . From Ex 47th member William Woods of 2137 Pandosy, Kelowna, B.C. dues and complimentary words. Thanks Bill and please to note that you also were associated with the Capt. Lash mentioned in the recent story by Bob Davis that we published in the Groundsheet . . . Dues from R. J. Green of Salmon Arm, B.C. and more of the same from G. Magill of R.R. 1,

Yarrow, B.C., W. S. Moore, Gen. Del., Quesnel, B.C. S. H. Axford, 13032 - 115 B Ave., Surrey, B.C., W. Bill Redman of 5760 Maple Place, West Van., P. N. Cavanagh, 1918 - 152nd St., Surrey, B.C. From John Sheppard of Oregon City, U.S.A., A. Jenkins of 315 Princess St., New Westminster, B.C., H. Gleig of 20133 - 40 ave., R.R. 2, Langley, B.C., Merv Sands, Doug Furlot, G. H. Thomson, R.R. 3, Draper Rd., Mission, B.C. From L. Archibald of 117 Carroll St., New Westminster, B.C. who expresses his gratitude for the Christmas Visit, which we are only too pleased to be able to do and from way back east at 2901 Jane St., Downsview, Ont. a word of greeting and dues from John Somers . . . From J. H. Clash of 4236

Rupert St., Vancouver 12 a most interesting letter and your remarks re the 47th Bn. members and subsequent greetings was well taken and brought up at the recent executive meeting. You may be assured that the problem will be rectified . . . Your Groundsheet must have been lost in the mails so another is going forward . . . Thanks again for your remarks as these are the kind of things we like to hear about . . . More dues received from Duke Wellington of 7981 - 19th Ave., Burnaby 3, B.C. and Duke how about getting off the well known what have you and coming to see us at the Melfa this year . . . Many thanks for the nice donation. . . And from N. Loughheed of New Westminster a welcome cheque for Dues. . .

WHAT BECAME OF KELLY ?

G. Gorden, 520 - 9th St., Ste 303, New Westminster, B.C.
Tom Rusnak, C/o Disabled Veterans Assoc. Vancouver, B.C.
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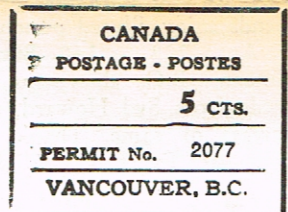


LEST WE FORGET

FRED MUNCEY — Burnaby, B. C.
W. DAGG — Kamloops, B. C.
JOHN GUITEREZ, W.R. — Hope, B. C.
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WILLIAM WALKER — 47th Bn.

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