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

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luctant to sell, because they considered it illegal.

BERT STEPHEN

SCHOLARSHIP

Our Scholarship Committee met August 22 at the home of Peter Grossman, West Vancouver, and chose the winner of this year's Scholarship Award. Chairman Walter Lyle was assisted by D'Arcy Baldwin, Leslie Deane, Ian Douglas, John Ford, Doug Glenn, Peter Grossman, Bert Hoskin, John Hou, Walter Tyler, and Bill Williams. Those Association members comprise the Scholarship Committee, except for Allan Coe who discovered that his son was amongst the candidates and who therefore absented himself from the meeting.

The Committee first satisfied themselves that all candidates were eligible in respect of "Regimental" qualification and then dealt with the application summaries item by item. Each applicant's documents had been summarised in re all critical data and were presented to the committee under a number with the intention of preserving anonymity as long as possible. The academic records of all the candidates were studied, compared, and ranked without anyone but the Secretary knowing the names of the persons under study. Applicants' letters (which are important for both their content and form as well as the references supplied were read by the Secretary without revealing names. The first ballot was conducted, therefore, without the possibility of prejudice being exercised on account of friendships that might exist between candidates' families and committeemen.

After the "critical" balloting each member of the committee saw all the documents of each candidate, and final ballots were conducted without, as it happened, altering earlier opinions as to the winner.

This year's winner is GORDON JOHN ALLEN of 118 Fifth Avenue, New Westminster. Last year he completed his first year in the Faculty of Science at U.B.C. with First-Class Standing. He is proceeding at U.B.C. to an Honours Degree in Geology, in which field he promises to distinguish himself. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Allen of New Westminster and a grandson of LCol. G. C. Corbould who served with the Canadian force in the

1971 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

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

**FROM THE EDITOR**

The entire association has lost a valued friend and comrade in the passing of our printer and publisher Bill Meek. Those of us who have been privileged to have been close to him these many years witnessed his long and courageous struggle with his war wounded leg . . . That he succeeded until the very end is mute testimony to his marvelous spirit and determination. The energy and devotion he gave to the production of your Groundsheet far exceeded the efforts that could be expected of any businessman. For many long years he had the assistance of his devoted and loyal wife Ruth and it is perhaps fitting that she has decided to carry on with the business and to assure us all that we will continue to receive the same excellent co-operation we have always enjoyed in the past . . . The entire Association wishes her every good wish in her decision and are most grateful that the publication of our Groundsheet is still in such capable hands. . . .

SECRETARY'S CORNER:

Briefly The Dues Target Reminder as per last edition did not meet with much response and this is most disturbing. You will note elsewhere in this edition that our Co Draw Chairman Bert Stephens has explained our reduced area for holding our Draw. This is a serious blow to our economy and unless MORE OF YOU COME FORTH WITH YOUR 1972 DUES NOW we will not have sufficient revenue to continue our operations, resulting in reduced publication or perhaps even suspension of our paper entirely. IT IS UP TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT HERE-

TOFORE SUPPORTED US TO DIG DOWN AND DO SO NOW. IF YOU DON'T OUR ASSOCIATION WILL CEASE TO EXIST.

**COMMITTEE REPORT
CHRISTMAS DRAW**

After many weeks of wrangling with the authorities your committee is finally getting under way with this year's draw. As you are no doubt aware raffles, draws and games of chance are now legal in British Columbia, under the Canadian Code. However one must have a certificate from the Provincial Government to operate a draw, and are therefore under such restrictions as laid down by the Attorney General's Dept. One of these restrictions is that we are limited in selling our tickets within the lower mainland area ie: Vancouver, Vancouver Island and as far up country as Hope. Therefore we call upon all members in this selling area to do your utmost this year, to show us that all future draws will still be feasible.

The tickets will be arriving very soon and when they come, please don't just chuck them in your top dresser drawer and say "lots of time, I'll get at them soon" put them in your pocket and start selling, we may be crippled a little in our operation; but we do have a few things in our favour,

1. We are fully certified to sell all the tickets we can
2. There is no restriction as to who can sell them for us
3. There will be no difficulty at all as regards the mails
4. Now that we are fully certified by the Provincial Govt. I am sure that we will have assistance from many of our members who heretofore felt re-

Boer War and with the 131st Battalion in WW1. Between the wars he commanded the Westminsters and served during WW II in our Second Battalion. His uncle, so well-known to WW II Westies — LCol. Gordon Corbould — brought the Regiment home from Italy and The Netherlands.

While the Committee was impressed with the quality of this year's candidates, the number actually submitting applications was only seven—quite disappointing. There were fifteen requests for application forms, which in good time were sent out along with a two-page outline of the origin of the scholarship, the terms of the award, and advice as to making a good application. It is quite possible that some of those originally interested had already found sufficient help for next-year's studies, or that in some other way they found themselves not qualified. As a consequence of this year's light response and of the implications of next year's division of the scholarship into two equal parts, a committee of three has been named from the members of the Scholarship Committee and instructed to study these matters and report to the whole at a meeting in January 1972. The Secretary of the Association would pass on to the above-mentioned sub-committee any constructive suggestions that our readers would care to make in writing.

As on other occasions of the Annual Selection Meeting the wives of the Committee members visited with their husbands and were entertained by Doris Grossman while the husbands toiled. Supper followed the selection—a handsome reward in itself.

Ian Douglas

Golf Tour

This report re the golf may be late but I am sure some will find same interesting. This year a total of 34 played, 30 members of the Association, and 4 visitors.

For the Melfa trophy there was a tie between Bill Robson and Joe Bush and

by a cut of the cards Bill Robson became our first repeat winner and Joe Bush became runner-up.

There was a total of fifteen prizes of these 13 were made available by Ron Mannerling who canvassed his many friends and acquaintances for donations. The prizes he obtained certainly enhanced our tournament, thanks a million Ron for a job well done, hope we can prevail on you again next year. The other two prizes were donated by Stan Moorehouse, thanks a lot Stan, hope to see you in out next tournament.

The tournament I feel was again a success and I hope next year will have a larger entry. As chairman of the golf committee I say many thanks to all those who turned out to make our tournament a success, also thanks to Ron Mannerling, Ian Douglas, Scotty Lowe and others who supported me in this endeavour.

B. E. Jones

FROM THE POST

Very limited at this time but thanks to D'Arcy Baldwin for the enclosure and kind thoughts and thanks also to Dave Crossfield of 1007 Freeman Pr. George B.C. If you haven't changed your address Dave you should have been getting your paper. Better check your local P.O. Thanks anyway for a most interesting letter. Many thanks to our hidden valley donor for the Sweep Tickets and hope that we will be lucky. To Mr. P. Anderson of 6115 Portland St. S. Burnaby 1, B.C. Sorry have no record of previous letter but welcome to the fold. Mr. Anderson having served in WW I you are automatically a member in the association with cost to you or payment of dues. Your paper will be out soon. A nice note from Len Welch of Maryvale Rd. RR No. 10 Peterborough, Ont. Nice to hear from you Len and hope you have a nice trip to Europe. Write us about that on your return. . . . Hope to have more correspondence for publication by next issue.

City Regiment Wins Two Awards

The Royal Westminster Regiment has received two awards for smartness and military efficiency. It also has a new commanding officer.

At a special parade held recently at regimental headquarters, Brig-Gen. D. L. Coell, area commander of the militia in British Columbia, presented the regiment with the Wallace Efficiency Trophy and the Sir Casimer Gzowski Trophy.

The Wallace Trophy, donated by former lieutenant-governor Clarence Wallace, is presented annually to the most efficient military unit in the B.C. militia.

The Sir Casimer Gzowski Trophy is awarded annually to the best infantry unit in the Canadian militia.

At the same parade, Lt-Col. Leslie Deane handed over command of the regiment to Lt.-Col. H. E. Hamm, retail advertising manager of The Columbian, who assumed command for the second time.

The training year for militia runs from September through to the end of the summer concentration in July. The 1970-71 training year for the Regiment proved to be a highly successful one which saw the Regiment the winner of two major awards.

The first award is the Wallace Efficiency Trophy. This trophy was put up for competition in 1956 by the then Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Col. Hon. Clarence Wallace OBE, CD, to be awarded annually to the militia unit in B.C. considered to be the most efficient in all aspects of training, administration, etc. The Regiment won this trophy jointly with the British Columbia Regiment in 1969-70 and in the 1970-71 training year came on to win the award outright. Runners-up were the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princes Mary's) and the British Columbia Regiment.

The second award is the Sir Casimir Gzowski Infantry Trophy. This award was established in 1890 by Colonel Sir Casimir Gzowski, ADC. Colonel Gzowski was a Polish aristocrat who emigrated to Canada in 1842. He was an engineer and was very active in the building of the Grand Trunk Railway. He was active in militia affairs and at RMC and donated several trophies for

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athletic and military achievements, among these the Infantry Trophy. This trophy is awarded annually to the militia infantry battalion judged to be the best in Canada. When the Regiment won the trophy this year it was the first time that it had ever been won by a unit west of Ontario. The runners-up this year were the North Saskatchewan Regiment and the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. The choice of the winner is made by the Director of Infantry at Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa.

These two awards were presented to the Regiment by Brigadier-General DR Coell, CD, Commander Pacific Area at the Change of Command Parade on Sunday, Sept. 26, 1971. Lt.-Col. L. K. Deane, retiring commanding officer, received the trophies on behalf of the Regiment.

The winning of these two trophies is a credit to the hard work, devotion and professional knowledge of the officers and men of today's serving battalion of the Regiment.

UN Tour of Duty in Cyprus Ends for Maj. Corbould

A soldier with a Royal City family history of military service stretching back to the Boer War is due home this week from a six-month spell of duty with the United Nations.

Maj. Keith Corbould was command-

ing officer of a company attached to the U.N. forces in Cyprus from the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

A graduate of Royal Military College, Major Corbould served with the PPCLI in Germany from 1963 to 1966 before being attached to the staff of the College Militaire Royale at St. Jean, Quebec.

In 1968, he returned to the PPCLI stationed in Calgary and except for a 13-month duty at the Australian Staff College, has been there ever since.

He is married to the former Therese Gagnon, of Montreal, and has two sons.

The Corbould family tradition began with the late Lt.-Col. Gordon Corbould who was a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Boer War.

He also served in the Canadian Army in World War I and during World War II was regimental adjutant of the West-

minster Regiment.

The tradition was carried on by his son, Lt.-Col. Gordon Corbould who is now proprietor of Tweedsmuir Lodge in Bella Coola. As a lieutenant, he saw overseas service with the Westminster Regiment in 1940.

He was in action in Sicily, Italy and north-west Europe and when he returned to Canada at the end of the war, he had become the regiment's commanding officer.

When the Korean War broke out, Col. Corbould formed the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington. He went to command the reinforcement group in Japan before leading the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, to Korea.

He retired as deputy commandant of the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Manitoba, in 1960.

WHAT BECAME OF KELLY?

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