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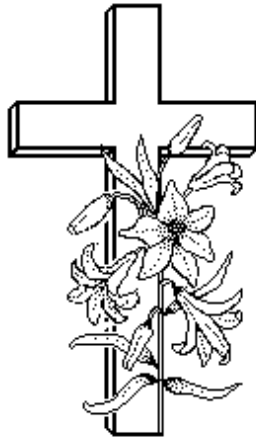
Melfa Weekend is not in May!

**The Melfa Weekend Dinner and AGM will be
June 18. See inside for details.**

**How did our comrades do in Italy? A presentation of their
trip will be held at the Melfa BBQ.**

**Where are our members? How long does the Association
have to survive? What can you do to help?**

**Local Army Cadet from our Agassiz corps travels to Italy
with our Regiment!**



In Memoriam

Lloyd MCKENZIE, October 2005, West Vancouver BC.

William GUNN, November 2005, Qualicum BC.

John O. COUGHLIN, January 2006, Chilliwack BC.

William D. MCINTYRE, January 2006, Mission BC.

Colin MACQUARRIE, April 2006, New Westminster BC.

Health & Welfare

Ron **Hurley**, Editor Emeritus of the Groundsheet is at home (early April) after spending a considerable time in Vancouver General. According to reports, Ron is doing well. Great to hear Ron! Another long serving member, Len **Bailey** of Nanaimo has recovered well from his heart ailment he had while on vacation in the south. He is at home as well and apparently doing just fine. May 2nd update on Ron - he is home and doing pretty good.

The Groundsheet Wants To Hear From You!

The Groundsheet is your newsletter. In the past the Association would receive many letters from our members that would get published in the GS. With the way things are now in the electronic age, you would think we would get more. We don't. How about a short paragraph or two about your experiences in the unit? What did you do? As you know the GS has profiled a number of our members who have served. We know there are more out there that have equal or even more interesting tales to tell of their life in the Regiment. What about you who are current members? The GS is sent out to over 200 serving members of the Regiment. We have a great story in this issue from Paul **Plante** and his service in Sierra Leone. What about you? Don't be bashful. Sit down and write out a short story of your life in the Regiment. If you send it, we will publish it.

Membership

Membership of the Association is an ever-ending practise. Trying to find former members and obtain new ones is something the Executive is always trying to figure out. As a result of a recent note in the Legion magazine, former member of the Regiment, Richard **Ruggles** contacted us. He had joined the Regular Force and has since retired and is living in Germany working for NATO. He asked about Dave **Dunnington**, Gord **Boivon**, Parv **Prasad** and a few others. Rick is now on the mail list. Anyone who wants to contact him, his email is richardruggles@onlinehome.de Now there were a few names from the past! Thanks Rick!

An Editor's Life

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Today is Feb 7th. Yesterday I put the Feb issue of the Groundsheet in the mail. I don't waste any time getting the next issue started because it is a lot of work and so I spread it out over the months. I know Jerry **Gangur** and Ron **Hurley** understand. I want to thank Capt Rick **Blyth**, CO of 2822 Surrey army cadets for allowing me to 'hire' some of his cadets to do the mail out. These half dozen young citizens spend about an hour and half labelling, stuffing and sealing YOUR newsletter. Of course I reward them with the traditional pizza and pop. I thank them for their help. It is appreciated.

The Federal election has passed and yesterday they were all sworn in at Rideau Hall. As I mentioned in the last issue, I was going to work at a polling station for the election. I did and enjoyed the opportunity to serve my community in such an important event. Even though you are paid for the time, seeing how democracy is handled was very exciting. What really inspired me were the people who came in to vote for the first time. You could easily tell who they were; the young and the new Canadians. It was truly an amazing feeling to appreciate our country and the fact a number of these new Canadian's who voted for the first time probably couldn't do it in some of the countries they had come from. The glee on their faces said it all. Again, being Canadian is great!

February - Today I had a call from Ruth **Hurley** and she gave me an update on Ron and how he is doing in VGH. She was hoping to get him home soon. Thanks Ruth for the call and best wishes to Ron on recovery. I also received a call from Dave **Gowler**. Dave mentioned that he was recently in the hospital for some surgery and met an old A Coy soldier. Arthur **Prank** apparently was a re-enforcement to the Westies at the Hitler Line. I called Arthur to get some info but we didn't connect. He is now on our mailing list. Thanks Dave for calling me with Arthur's address. It is always a pleasure to speak to the WWII vets.

We must apologize to Bus **Morison** of Scotland. We spelt his last name with two 'r's in the last GS. Sorry about that. We do try hard!

March 30th - I am watching the news and up pops a story about the "Westminster Regiment". There appears Herb **Hamm** to tell how thieves removed the two brass plaques that were mounted on stone monuments outside the armoury. One was dedicated to our VC winners and the other one was for the armoury. They were stolen purely for their metal value. Talk about scum of the earth with absolutely no moral standards for anything sacred. I've even heard that cemeteries are now victims of metal thieve's taking brass flower pots and even the brass grave markers. Do we have a 'Russian Front' for these people? We should create one - fast! No doubt we, the Association and Historical Society must now raise funds to replace them. Your support is again needed.

Today (1 Apr) the body of **Pte. Robert Costall** has returned home to

Canada. Pte. **Costall** is the first Canadian soldier killed in combat in many years. As member of the PPCLI from Edmonton, Pte. **Costall** was killed defending an outpost northwest of Kandahar. According to news reports, it was a heck of a battle as the multinational force was attacked by a very large number of Taliban troops. *May he rest in peace.*

There is a report in this issue about the number of Association members. Our numbers are declining. How long will we survive as an Association? There are also a number of you who receive this newsletter and haven't sent dues in for years. Why not? Some will say "*Stop sending the Groundsheet!*" Yes that is one answer but not the best one. It would be more of a pain keeping track of who pays and who doesn't than its worth. We continue to send the GS because we feel it is important to anyone who served. Again, if you feel different and want to help, come to the AGM or the first Monday of the month when the Executive meets to offer some help.

Yesterday I awoke to the news that 4 more soldiers were killed in Afghanistan. This has now hit close to home for me. I found out that one of the soldiers was **Cpl Randy Payne** of Wainwright. Randy was a Military Police member who was posted to the Vernon Military Camp this past summer. As the Adjutant of the summer camp, the MP's reported directly to me. Randy and I worked very closely over the summer as did his boss, **Sgt Terry Cherette**. Randy was true professional soldier and police officer having only been in the CF a few short years. His interaction with both the cadets and staff at the camp was very well received. I know that losing one soldier is bad enough, but when you have history with a particular person, it makes it tougher. I know and feel what we (the CF) are doing there is right and I accept the loss grudgingly.

A yellow ribbon campaign is underway by members of the Regiment so make sure you do your best to support it for our troops overseas and in training for future deployment. **Ted Usher, Editor**

Are Your Dues Up To Date?

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association depends on your dues and donations. Yearly dues are \$15 and a Life Membership is \$100. How about a tax deductible donation? You can identify where you want the donation to go. The Future Fund, Cadets, Health & Welfare, or whatever you feel is worthwhile. Whatever you support, it is appreciated. Send in your dues today. Thanks.

Notice of Annual General Meeting.
June 18th at 1100 hours at the Armoury.

MIA!

The following listed people are missing as a result of the last Groundsheet mail out. If you know them, please have them contact one of the Executive so we get their new address.

Stacey Maris - Victoria

Mary Negal - Victoria

Jasman Bill - Cultas Lake

David Montrose - Vancouver

Rick Goltz - Vancouver

Dale Jacobs - Kent, England

There are still a large number of Association members missing. If we don't keep up to date with your address, we will loose you or you will loose us. One or the other. PLEASE make sure you let us know when you move so we can keep the cycle going.

Presidents Report

Hello all. Your executive has been very busy these past few months. The first and foremost being the Melfa weekend and the trip to Italy. The Melfa celebration will take place at the Armoury in New Westminster on 17 June, 2006. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be at 1100 hours followed by an outdoor meal and gathering on the new patio garden area. (In the event of foul weather it will move to the parade square)

I hope everyone will attend this new, exciting change in our most honoured occasion. The lucky members who were in Italy will have a slide show and/or a PowerPoint to present to us. Unfortunately when we changed the date from May to June we lost our booking for the golf tournament. Bruce **Howells** tried valiantly to get us another one but to no avail. In the past the attendance at the tournament has been low. To hold a tournament at another course would cost the individual too much money so we elected to cancel it. However, a few of us are going to golf on the Friday 16 June. If you are interested you can contact me. I'll be reserving tee times soon.

Jerry **Gangur** has the Italy trip all wrapped up and through his exhausting efforts, various friends of the Regiment have donated most of the extraneous expenses. As I am writing this report, Jerry and WWII Veteran Raymond **Rolandi** is in our Museum having their picture taken for an article in the Royal City Record. A picture can be seen in this edition. The trip is now a reality and I am very delighted the Veterans will have a most memorial event to remember their heroic past. Hopefully all of them can make the Melfa celebration at the Armoury to regale us in their exploits!

This will be my last report as my time as your President is up. It has been a most rewarding experience. My wife and I would like to thank you all for your support and never ending work in insuring the Association goes on and on and on! We will be moving to Scotch Creek BC next May but will always be looking to the Groundsheet for news and inspiration about the finest Regimental family in Canada.

Brian Knipstrom, President PRO REGI ET PATRIA

Photo at right is of Jerry **Gangur** (left), Chairman of the Melfa Italy trip and Raymond **Rolandi**, one of the many Association members making the trip overseas this month. The photo was taken recently in our Regimental Museum.



The Regiment

Greetings current and former Westies,

As I write this, we are winding down our training year and looking forward to the summer. Our lone soldier on deployment at the moment, MCpl **Sandulak**, is home on leave getting married. I'd like to join all Westies in wishing him and his bride Tonya a lifetime of happiness. As well, we've had an addition to the Regimental family with the birth of Charles Smith, son of 2Lt **Smith**, in March.

This past week we learned that the anticipated deployment of our large contingent of soldiers has been cancelled and replaced with a much smaller requirement for soldiers to go to Afghanistan. As it stands now, six Westies will be deploying as part of a company from 3 PPCLI, with the possibility of more Westies also heading overseas. This deployment will still take place in the February – August '07 time frame. The initial group left today for Edmonton for a workup exercise. Despite the cancellation of the anticipated deployment, it still looks like there will be plenty of opportunities for soldiers to deploy in the coming years.

As for next year's plan, our focus will turn to patrolling and urban ops, with the intent of conducting a number of joint exercises with the Seaforth Highlanders. We will again teach the Junior Leadership course for the Brigade, and as usual, our training plan will emphasize my priorities of fitness, marksmanship, and Regimental identity.

As I mentioned in my last submission, we're still in the middle of a big push for recruits. If any of you know of suitable young men and women, encourage them to call recruiting at 604-666-4282 to learn more about how to become a Westie. In closing, I'd like to thank all Westie soldiers for their hard work this past year. I'd also like to thank all spouses, former Westies, and other members of the 'extended Westie family' for the support you've shown to our soldiers. Enjoy your summer, and if we don't see you at Melfa, we'll see you at stand-to on September 7th, 2006.

M.P. Haussmann, LCol, CO

Word from the recent Federal budget is that the Regular Army may be coming back to BC. Now there's a great idea!

The Army Cadet League, BC Branch is recruiting local people in communities where Army Cadet corps are located to be Corps Representatives. The Province is divided up into zones with a Zone Chair in each zone but the League needs to break it down so each cadet corps has a BC League rep for the corps. It might mean a once a month visit to the local corps to see how they are doing and then report back to the Zone Chair. Here is a way to put something back into your community - work with an army cadet corps. The League is looking for anyone to fill the role but certainly those with a military background would be best. How about it? Interested? Call Roger **Prouse**, Executive Director of the Army Cadet League of Canada, BC Branch at 604-733-1980 or email bcbranch@telus.net

Sierra Leone

MWO Paul Plante

Even after several years in the service I still had the motivation to go oversee to get new challenge and experience. After having put my name as brigade Advisor for Sierra Leone 3 years prior, I got finally the go in Jan 05 for roto 9 from June to December 2005.

The Deployment readiness screening process began, Administration, Medical and physical fitness in order to DAG green. The next thing I know I go on the Military Observer course in April for a month in Kingston. This was the very first Military Observer course for the Senior NCOs. I got back home for couple weeks and left the first June 05 for Ottawa.

The 6 June I landed in Freetown Sierra Leone with a temperature of over 30 degrees and 95% humidity. That's something that really strikes you. The next day we zeroed our weapons on the range and had roto 9, the 11 Canadian members team declared operational for Operation Sculpture, part of the International Military Advisor Training Team (IMATT) in Sierra Leone.

The following week the Canadian team deployed to their AOR, which was for myself in the Eastern side of the country in Kenema and Kono district at about 300 km from Freetown. My work was Brigade advisor for 3 Brigade and I was deployed with 1,2, and 9 Battalion of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF). I was part of the mobile team which included Major Dave Walker (Jamaican Defence Forces) and Major Andy McIntyre (British Army). Our schedule was a 3 weeks rotation and back to Freetown for 4 days. Between the weeks the team was rotating to a different Battalion.

In the battalion I was to advise the RSM and the CSMs in their daily training such as shooting on the range with the SLR machine gun (C6) and mortar (81mm) training etc. Also I participated in their operations such as patrolling the border of Liberia and Guinea in vehicle and on foot through the jungle. Several times I did professional development with their SSgt's and above. I was very impressed by their interest and their responsiveness. Remember these soldiers just got out of a 11 years civil war, live in a mud hut build by themselves, they have very little to work with, their training is not at a proper standard because of a lack of resource and equipment. As a Canadian you really have to get down on earth to understand their way of work and living.

The way of living for most of the people in Sierra Leone is to be in a little village in the jungle, living in a mud hut with no running water, toilet and electricity. The only communication with the outside world is the little AM/FM power battery radio. Some of the village has a well for drinking water. You could see every day people washing their clothes in the creek or just pool of water. As a Westerner, you drink only bottled water otherwise if you just brush your teeth with the running water you might be sick for 3 days. The food whatever meat you eat has to be well done or something might crawl out of your plate but if you really like banana, rice, chicken or monkey, you're ok! Anything else is a challenge.

The wild life such as mosquito is a huge problem. They are in a big number mainly during the rainy season (June to Dec) in which I was. It takes only one mosquito to get malaria. Even if you take your weekly mefloquine (malaria pills) is not guaranty. Also don't forget your mosquito cream at night. Even with all those precautions with long hours of work, you might get it. That's what happened mid tour. One of the nights after a long day on patrol I slept on my cot with my mosquito net over in a Pebu house (PMQs

for RSLAF soldier) I woke up the next morning with my legs and arm bitten by mosquito and my teammate was the same. We reported to the medic and he told us to wait and see. Twelve days later I had Malaria. I survive the Malaria because of the treatment from the Pakistanis hospital nearby that was part of the UN troops in Sierra Leone. If Malaria is not treated, you might die within a week.

Driving in Sierra Leone is a challenge because of the road condition. The average speed for a Land Rover is 25 kilometres hour for most of the road upcountry as you can spend 5 to 6 hours to drive 100kms in a very muddy road mainly in the rainy season.

On a foot patrol for 3 days with the RSLAF soldiers at the temperature above 30 degrees patrolling the border of Liberia or Guinea in the jungle dressed with the normal kit, tactical vest, rucksack etc is something you really have to be prepared. You have to be healthy, mentally and physically fit to do your work and avoid being a casualty by encounter of any of those creature such as snakes and scorpions.

I went to Sierra Leone for challenge and new experience. Well I had my share but I am satisfied that I did accomplish something for an other country by sharing my knowledge and experience with the RSLAF soldiers. Helping them to be better soldier and by doing so helping them to keep their country safer and in peace.

Thank you,

Paul PLANTE MWO - Ex 3 Brigade Advisor, IMATT Sierra Leone

MWO Plante has been with the The Westies since 1997. **MWO Plante** had served previously with the Royal 22nd Regt.(Vandoo's). His last posting was at CFOCS (Officer Candidate School) at CFB Chilliwack. **MWO Plante** has other tours including: 2xCyprus 71-74 UN,Iraq 93 UNSCOM,Bosnia 2000 NATO and 7 years in Germany.3 years with the Airborne 73-76 in Edmonton. He was a Westie when he went on his Bosnia tour-Rotation 6. **MWO Plante** has served with the CF for 36 years. He is currently the Sgt Major with our Company located at CFS Aldergrove.

Our Membership

Do you know how strong our Association membership is? Presently there are 254 members listed in the Active category of our database. There are 418 total names in the database. This includes deceased members and those members who have moved and we can't find and so their status is unknown. Add to that about 200 active members of the Regiment and that's who gets the Groundsheet. 450 Groundsheets are mailed out three times a year. Each edition about 8 are returned for Association (not Regiment) members who have moved and have not given us their change of address. At that rate, the Association will loose contact with 120 more members in the next 5 years. We are not recruiting new members at a rate that will sustain us in the future. This is something you should be concerned about if you want this Association to survive. Your Executive is trying to recruit new members but that is difficult as we only pick up two or three former members a year. Active members of the Regiment who leave the unit do not join the Association. Everything has been tried to recruit them. What is the answer? Perhaps you have an idea. Why not come out to the next AGM and offer some help in trying to rejuvenate the Association.

To Ted **Usher**, Editor
Groundsheet, The Royal Westminster Regiment
Association

After a disappointing 2004-2005 I am pleased the trip to Italy has come to fruition. It has been a real struggle and I'm sure Jerry (**Gangur**), the Executive, and the members together with long time supporter Doug **Morgan** are more than pleased they are finally warming up the aircraft to go to Italy.

As long as my health does not deteriorate I will be there, hoping to meet some old time "Westies" on the trip. The financial donation made by an "Ex Westie", a transplanted Canadian namely Buster (1R) **Morison** is a tremendous gesture. It is surely appreciated by many Association members who I presume will be going to see the placing of the plaque at the Melfa River Crossing and to return to Italy sight-seeing this time instead of fighting a war.

For the readers of the Groundsheet, I would like to provide some insight about Buster **Morison** also known as Lord of Mountlairy Cottage, By Alvah Banffshire Scotland. From here on the above noted person will be noted as Buster (not M'Lord) and hopefully no offence will be taken by him. I know him by the name Buster or One R (1R) which was his preference and was derived from his surname which is spelled Morison with one not two Rs. Some of the Association members may remember Buster as a soldier whose army stint was with the Westies in

#9 Platoon, a scout platoon in C Company. As one of the crew of a Bren Gun Carrier he was the wireless operator and at one time was my operator. Buster, like many of us, had certain habits. As I remember he did not smoke, he liked chewing snuff (Copenhagen). I tried it once but it was terrible. If Buster missed a parcel from home on time and he got short of snuff he would show some disappointment but on getting a parcel with his Snuff supply he then returned to normal. One time while stationed in England between 1941 and 1943 Buster, his best friend Ernie Livingstone and I went to New Castle on Tyne on leave. As you may guess already we were broke after such a good time. In fact we had to scrape all our pockets to get enough for bus fare from Tunnbridge Wells to our barracks at Little Warren Army Camp.

In 1997 when I went to England to visit relatives in Wolverhampton I phoned and talked to Buster for half an hour hoping to make arrangements to see him in Scotland. Unfortunately he was busy and going on a business trip. Needless to say I was very disappointed at not being able to see him.

Hope I have not stepped on anyone's toes or let any skeletons out of the closet and as you read this you will realize journalism is certainly not my forte.

Yours truly, **B.E. (Barney) Jones K47562.**

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

The following essay is what was submitted by Cadet WO Abby Funnell of our affiliated army cadet corps in Agassiz. All five corps were asked to submit one applicant for consideration to be able to compete for the trip to Italy with the Association. Only two applications were submitted. Cadet MWO Iverson from 1922 Aldergrove was the runner-up. Both cadets submitted excellent essays. Unfortunately, both could not go. C/WO Funnell's essay and CO's recommendations was the one chosen by the Association Executive. Here is her research.

The Battle of the Melfa River Crossing

Cadet Warant Officer Abby Funnell - 1789 The Royal Westminster Regiment RCACC

The Battle of the Melfa River was a significant battle in the history of the Royal Westminster Regiment. During that battle on the banks of the Melfa River in Italy, Major John Keefer Mahony won the Victoria Cross, the highest award given for bravery in the face of extreme danger and peril in the British Commonwealth, thus earning great honour and recognition for the regiment.

Major Mahony was the perfect example of what it means to be a great leader. Despite his wounds he did not falter, and continued to provide encouragement and display determination to his men, never letting the thought of failure enter his mind. When the morale of his men began to suffer, he was there to pick them up again and push them on, making his company a force to be reckoned with. The battle of the Melfa River Crossing set the standard for the Canadian military. Major Mahony was a great man. He showed courage, and determination for the success of the battle, loyalty to his country, encouragement for his men, and care for their safety. He was modest too.

What follows is a brief description of the battle,(this information obtained from the web pages listed in the references).

It was May 24th 1944. The Westminster Regiment's 'A' Company, commanded by Major John Keefer Mahony, was ordered to secure a position behind enemy lines across the river Melfa in Italy, thus making it possible for the other companies behind them to get through. Failure would have meant delay for the action of the Canadian Corps. A second attack against a better-prepared enemy would have had to be made, resulting in the loss of more troops. Success was vital, and Major Mahony knew this and was determined to hold the bridgehead at all costs. The crossing was made in the face of the enemy and in range of their artillery and small arms fire. Once across they had control of a small bridgehead where it was only possible to set up small defensive positions. Under heavy enemy fire "A" company held their ground from 1530 hours to 2030 hours. During that time, Major Mahony was wounded twice in the leg, and once in the head. He refused medical aid despite the great amount of pain his wounds caused him. Still he had not let failure enter his mind, nor the minds of his men. He personally crept from section to section with words of encouragement, and directed their fire at the enemy. At one point a section was under heavy and accurate machine gun fire, but with complete disregard for his own safety Major Mahony crept out to that section and using smoke grenades screened their escape, allowing them to be led one by one back to the main group. Major Mahony continued to encourage these men to keep up the fight. He ignored the fact that the enemy had by now recognized that this officer was the heart of their defense and were trying hard to take him down. Only when the remaining companies were able to cross and reinforce "A" Company did he allow his wounds to be treated. Despite the enemy's efforts they were no match for this head strong

Canadian Company and the Germans were eventually driven back and defeated.

Major Mahony served in the Canadian Military until 1962. He then spent his retirement in London, Ontario where he helped the youth of our great nation. He was everything I can only aspire to become. Major John Keefer Mahony passed away December 16th 1990. Upon his own request, he was laid to rest without a military funeral.

I would consider it a privilege and a great honour to stand on the ground where the battle was fought, where possibly, Major John Keefer Mahony himself stood in times of war. This honour would be very much like the feeling I had when I stood on the grounds of the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre after I learned of its military history. It makes me proud to think that I marched with my platoon to the armoury on the same road that was marched on by so many before me. I sat under the now fully-grown trees planted there so many years ago possibly by the hands of soldiers. I remember how it felt to march on the Dieppe Parade Square in Vernon where so many Sunset Parades and practices were held for decades before my own. The experience of standing on the battle grounds in Italy would be greater than anything I have ever done.

Joining Army Cadets at the age of fifteen in November of 2002, I had no idea how much it would affect and change my life. I would not be the same person today if I had chosen not to join. Army Cadets has been the best thing that has ever happened to me, and I'm very proud to be a part of it. The Corps I am in now was originally three platoon of 1725 Engineers RCACC. On October 23rd 2003, we became 1789 RCACC, the fifth affiliated Army Cadet unit of The Royal Westminster Regiment. It is a proud part of our young Corps history. Over the past three summers, I have attended VACSTC (Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Center). I took the Cadet Leader course in 2003, Cadet Leader Instructor course(Adventure) in 2004, and last summer I was lucky enough to be selected as staff for the first time as a Warrant Officer of the CLI Adventure Platoon in 2005. They were the best three summers I have ever had. The experiences I've had there I will never forget and I will treasure those memories forever. I do plan to stay involved with my Corps after I age out. It is the least I can do to give back to the Corps that has given me so many wonderful experiences. I have learned so much throughout my cadet career. I plan to join the Army Reserve when I age out, and I will join no other but The Royal Westminster Regiment. The history of this regiment has come to mean a great deal to me as it is a part of who I am and who I will become. If I were to be given this opportunity to attend this historic event, it would give me a greater appreciation of the Regiment's history. I would pass on the knowledge of my experiences to the other cadets and members of the Regiment in the future.

Pro Rege et Patria. C/WO A. Funnell, 1789 RCACC Agassiz BC

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Melfa Weekend 2006

June 17 & 18

This year we will NOT be having an organized golf tournament as we have in the past. Due to the time of year, securing a course and other matters, golf is cancelled. However, some of the Association members have decided to get together on the Friday (17th) to play a round of golf. If you want to play golf, please call Brian **Knipstrom** at 986-3021 sometime in June to secure a spot and he will advise what course we will be playing. Again, this is just a normal, fun day of golf. No tournament.

Saturday, June 18th

Melfa Afternoon BBQ, AGM and Italy Trip Presentation.

We start the day off with the AGM at **1100 hrs.** This will only last 1 1/2 hours or so followed by a catered steak/chicken BBQ on the deck of the Messes. After the BBQ, a video presentation on the May trip to Italy by our members will be held for all to see. The dress for the event is casual attire. Please **no jeans or t-shirts.** Appropriate summer mess dress is appreciated.

Cost for BBQ is \$40.00 per person

Melfa BBQ 18 June 2006

Print Your Name: _____

BBQ - Number attending _____ **X \$40 =** _____

Total \$ _____

Send this tear-off into the Association PO Box listed on the front of the Groundsheet. RSVP by June 10th.