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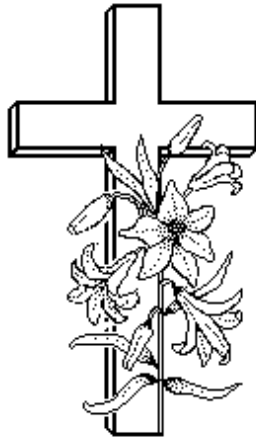
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Master Corporal Colin Bason
13 December 1978 - 4 July 2007



In Memoriam

Frank R. SMITH, March 2007, Kingston ON

Colin BASON, July 2007, Abbotsford BC

Jacob LANG, December 2006, Osoyoos BC*

Patrick K. Shaughnessy, January 2007, Niagara Falls ON*

Basil MORGAN, September 2007, New Westminster BC

Hugh SHANNON, September 2007, Chilliwack BC

**Courtesy of the RC Legion Last Post*

Master Corporal Colin Bason

MCpl Colin **Bason**, age 28 years, was born in Burnaby BC and lived in Abbotsford. Colin was killed on the 4th of July 2007 while serving with the PPCLI as part of the RCR Battle Group in Afghanistan. He was killed along with 5 other CF soldiers. A member of the Regiment for over 7 years, Colin had been serving in war zone with 7 fellow Westies when his vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb. Colin was brought back to Canada and received a military funeral in Aldergrove BC. A private family and Regimental member grave side service was held in Abbotsford. Colin is survived by his partner Katrina Blaine and his young baby daughter Vienna. Vienna was born 4 days before Colin deployed.

As this was not sorrow enough, Colin's 26 year old brother Beric went missing in the Cariboo area of BC only one week after Colin's funeral. This double tragedy for the Bason family has been without a doubt, very difficult. Beric has not been found as yet.

The Association Kit Shop

The Association berets that were obtained are now available to our members for free. FREE! Yes, as a result of donations received from a variety of sources, enough funds came in to purchase several hundred berets. To obtain your beret, you can drop by the Museum on Tuesday or Thursday (10am-2pm) and get one. If you want to make sure someone will be there, call 526-5116. If you are out of town, send a note in the mail with \$5.00 for shipping and your size and we will send you one. How do you get your size? If you know your hat size, great. If not, measure the circumference of you head and send us that measurement.

As well, Association ties are for sale. Cost per tie is \$35 and \$5.00 for shipping. That totals \$40.00. The ties are of good quality and are very sharp looking. If you have access to the internet you can view what the tie looks like on the Association web site under the Kit Shop.

It is hoped that more items will be added to the Kit Shop over the next while.

If you want more information about the Kit Shop items, please contact Len **Wohlgemuth** at 604-936-0554 or email kitshop@royal-westies-assn.ca.

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Why?

A question I ask myself many times a day! It is June 7th and I am already racking up the hours putting the fall newsletter together. I hope you don't mind. Have you looked at the Association web site lately? It is growing by the week. Even though summer hasn't happened as of yet, I hope you had a good one. I know I should have had one. I stayed home this summer rather than going to camp again as I did for the past 3. I felt I deserved a summer off, something I haven't had since.... well lets say before I could drive. Every so often you need "me" time.

The Melfa weekend went fairly well. Really poor turnout for the golf on the Friday. The plan is that perhaps the golf will go back to the Saturday in an attempt to get some of those that can't take Friday off. It was moved from the Saturday to Friday due to the long day of golfing and then the dinner. Lets see what happens. The dinner was held at the Roma Hall and by all accounts, was great. I will take the credit for the idea as I had been there a number of times before and had a great meal. It is so easy for the committee as well because it is tough to find the people to set up and then clean up after when you run the dinner in the armoury. The AGM was Sunday with a fair turnout.

The May issue of the Groundsheet went out and as I have bitched before, (sorry for the strong word) we have received 13 back from Association members and 14 back from active Regimental members. The Regimental members is not a real problem as we don't find many of the active members become Association members later anyway. But those of you who have paid your dues and have kept in touch as Association members, it really hurts when 13 envelopes come back due to address changes or moves. Not to mention the cost. The names are listed in the MIA and I will attempt to locate new addresses. The message here is to make sure you let us know when you move. As I indicated in a previous GS, our numbers are slipping away (both in death and moving) and at this rate our Active list will be down to very few in a couple of years.

It is now July and, as you know, our Family is dealing with the death of one of our soldiers killed in Afghanistan on 4 July 2007. Master Corporal Colin **Bason**, one of eight soldiers who deployed in February to Afghanistan, was killed by a road side bomb along with five of his fellow soldiers. I didn't know Colin as I had never met him but it isn't any easier to accept his death than that of Cpl Randy **Payne's** in 2006, whom I knew well having served with him at Camp Vernon. Colin was the first soldier of this Regiment to die in combat since 1945. More on Colin has been written about in this issue.

As time goes on and we get on in years, those of us post war kids are now growing older and taking over where our earlier generation left over. We have raised our families, are beginning to retire and connecting back with the Regiment is one of those things we hope will happen. It is encouraging because I have reconnected with a few former Westie's. Jennifer **Utas (Harwood)** and Dale **Utas** both served the Regiment back in the 70's. Of course they married and are still in the area. In communicating with Jennifer, she has made comment that she and Dale will make an effort to support the Association. Through Don **Nicks (Moosejaw)**, I was able to connect recently with another pair married from the Regiment. Bill and Teresa **Wagstaff**. They have been living in Ottawa for the past dozen years. They have been connected to the Association web site and are on the mailing list now. Great to see you guys back in touch.

By the time you receive this GS it will be October and soon November. 2007 is coming to an end and soon 2008 will be banging on our door. What will the New Year bring?

A project I started a few months back went into the second phase. I had completed a database list of all the soldiers who joined up with the Regiment from 1939 to around 1941 before deploying overseas. Of course this list did not include the soldiers who joined the Regiment along the way. Since then I completed a listing of all the soldiers in the 2nd Battalion who were part of the Non Permanent Active Militia. This was basically the guys who joined and trained locally. The combination of the two lists amounts to about 2500 names. Both lists are now on the Association web site. I have looked at the Routine Orders from the War Diary and the names of many who joined the Regiment in other parts of Canada and overseas is huge. Perhaps another 2000 names. It will be a daunting task to extract them and place them in a database. I will work on it over the next while (years). The end result will be a searchable database of every soldier who joined the Regiment from September 1939 to the 1945. It is expected to be around 5000 names. Any volunteers to help?

The Association web site has been up and running for a year now and is seeing a lot of traffic. It appears that the idea to set up and publish a web site was good one. It will continue to grow as time goes on. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the site, please let us know. The company that the web site is hosted with is called WeDoHosting.com and they are based in Victoria. During the month of July our web site was visited by an unusually large number of people. This was to do with the war time death of MCpl Colin **Bason**. When people visit the site it uses what is called bandwidth and the Association is charged when more than the normal amount of bandwidth is used. When I received a bill for the increased amount I contacted the gal at the WeDeHosting office and said a check would be in the mail very soon. When I mentioned to her the reason for the increase activity on the web site, she replied "*Consider the amount fully paid.*" The amount was not significant but the fact she did not hesitate in her reply to cover the cost of the bandwidth increase, was purely very considerate. It is that support we as serving and former members of the CF can certainly appreciate. I thought that you would like to know this occurred.

September 14th. This morning I learned of the death of Basil **Morgan**. Basil was another one of those fine gentleman who helped me in my earlier years learn about this great regiment. He passed away last night. Basil was a former CO of this unit having commanded it in from 1951 to 1955. Basil joined the regiment back in the 1930's and signed up for active duty at the time of mobilization in September 1939. After commanding the unit, Basil worked with others on the Association as well as the Museum. He eventually became the curator of the museum serving until just recently when he turned the keys over to

Herb **Hamm**. Basil was an incredible wealth of knowledge. He could recall practically ever soldier to walk through the doors of the armoury. He was a huge resource to anyone wanting information about the regiment and he knew its history better than anyone. Not to mention the countless hours he put in twice a week for years opening the museum and he was always there to open the doors when there was a unit function or cadet annual inspection. Basil will be missed but his mark will always be here and I will certainly remember him for that as I know you will.

Have you got some time on your hands? Are you retired and looking for some volunteer work or not even retired and still looking for volunteer work? Think about the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. They have been taking on Pre-Game Volunteers for months now. I joined this summer as a Shuttle Driver. I drive once or twice a week for a few hours transporting full time staff from the Sky Train stations to the VANOC office just off Boundary Rd. I've also made a few trips to Whistler touring the venues as well as the venues in the Vancouver area. I have been looked after very well and have thoroughly enjoyed the spirit of what this project is doing. I've enjoyed it so much that I have decided to try on a full time job with VANOC. As a Pre-Games volunteer you will have first hand knowledge of what the games are all about not to mention being first in line for those sought after jobs when the games are actually here in 2010. They will need some 25,000 volunteers. For more information go to www.vancouver2010.com and look under the Participation tab.

Lastly, our soldiers are home from war. I want to congratulate them on their mission and representing Canada in a very dangerous place. Your efforts will never be forgotten.

Why? (As my story title asks) You have to ask? For the love of this Regiment!

Ted Usher, Editor

Remembrance Day Service 11 November 2007

Remembrance Day service at the Armoury will begin a 10 am sharp. You are strongly encouraged to be there by 9:30. Seating for veterans will be at the front left hand side of the audience. Following the service, the Regiment, Association and Cadets will parade to the cenotaph. You are strongly encouraged to come out this year and support the Association and wear your new Westie Association beret. See you there!

The Regiment

Greetings current and former Westies,

This past summer we all received a profoundly personal reminder of the cost of freedom. MCpl **Bason's** death was the first for your regiment in over sixty years and despite the sadness and shock, all Westies pulled together to lay our comrade to rest in a fitting manner. Less than two weeks later, MCpl **Bason's** parents then lost their other son, a double blow of unimaginable weight. Our prayers are with them as they struggle through these dark times.

In August, the seven Westies that deployed with MCpl **Bason** returned from Afghanistan. They are presently on leave soaking in the many amenities without which they had to make do while in theatre. In the next week or so, they'll be returning to their respective companies to pass on the knowledge and experience gained on their deployment.

In September we commissioned MCpl **Sandulak** to the rank of Second Lieutenant, hopefully not the last of our Afghan vets to take this step. The training year is under way and the Westies are organizing and running all of the basic soldier skills training (presently referred to as 'IBTS' – Individual Battle Task Standard) for 39 CBG. Once we finish with this task we'll begin running a machine gun course ('IPSWQ' – Infantry Platoon Support Weapons Qualification) this winter, all culminating in a brigade gun camp-style concentration in April-May where we will work up to live fire platoon attacks.

With nearly thirty Westies conducting final preparations for deployment in February, there is a large vacuum at the junior leader level but as expected, our Cpls are stepping up to the challenge. As always, we need all soldiers to attend as much training as they can so they can gain the experience they need to develop into good NCOs. We also need to keep recruiting as much as we can. 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.

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M.P. Haussmann LCol, CO

Our Cadets

2822 Surrey - 40 Years Old! Yes 2822 is celebrating it's 40th Anniversary this year. News from the Surrey cadet corps is they are looking for a music teacher for it's band. Can you help? Call the cadet corps at 604-588-3205. The cadet RSM, CWO Jas Bhinder attended camp this summer in Vernon and was awarded the camp RSM's Pace Stick award for the Most Outstanding Staff Cadet. Well done Mr. Bhinder. A new officer has arrived. Former Westie officer Capt Markus Hillman has joined the staff of the corps. Finally, 2822 and it's senior NCO's were instrumental in getting a campaign on and ended up sending care packages to our Westie soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Well done 2822!

1922 Aldergrove - 1922 has begun its 07-08 training year and welcomed 8 new recruits to the Corps during their first training night. Also new to the Corps is Capt Tim Townley who has been appointed the Corps Training Officer. Capt Townley has been a CIC Officer for 8 years and has worked in various capacities at local cadet Corps and at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre. This year proves to be a very exciting and dynamic training program for the Cadets of 1922. The Corps will conduct its first field exercise in bushcraft during the latter part of October. This exercise will focus primarily on basic bushcraft/camp routine for the newly enrolled green stars and will assess the more senior cadets in their roles as leaders. The Corps was also recently selected to host a 319 Sea Cadet Corps from Kanata, Ontario through the Interprovincial Cadet Exchange (ICE) program, and will be touring this Corps around Vancouver and the lower mainland during the Thanksgiving Day long weekend. In return, 1922 will have an opportunity to visit a Cadet Corps somewhere in the country during the 08-09 training year.

2316 New Westminster Summer camp certificates were presented on CO's Parade 24 Sept. The following cadets for Cadet Leader: Cpl Deaton, Cpl Jones K, Cpl Gillett C. Master Cadet certificates presented to WO A. Hui, WO R. Correia. Promotions: to MWO R. Correia, to CWO A. Bushby. Some upcoming activities: BC Lions Games 29 Sept, Tagging 12-14 Oct and 19 -21 Oct, Field Exercise 26-28 Oct.

1838 Maple Ridge - No report.

1789 Agassiz - No report.

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.

MIA/AWOL

W.D. Fairweather - New Westminster
Cecil Jefferies - Florida
George Gibson - Coquitlam
Jack Laing - Bellingham
Jason Syverson - Maple Ridge
Cedric Jones - Mission

Melfa Weekend 2007 Report

The Melfa Weekend was held on the 18-20 of May. By all accounts, it was a very successful weekend. However, golf was a little weak for numbers but the dinner and AGM was well attended.

The Melfa golf was held at Maple Ridge Golf Course Friday May 18th. The weather was sunny and warm for a change. There were nine golfers out for a day of fun and comradery. The Low Gross was won by Terry **Leith**, and Stan **Conway** took Low Net. Ted **Usher** showed great marksmanship to take the Closest to the Pin trophy, while Al **Morton** powered his drive on the fairway to take the Longest Drive trophy. Unfortunately there were no serving members out so that trophy has to wait till next year for a winner. After the golf we enjoyed a lunch at the golf course and sat and enjoyed each others company. It was great that two WWII vets (Stan **Conway** and Ken **Moyes**) were able to attend and bash that little white ball around the course. A special thanks to Terry **Leith** for stepping in a taking over the golf and organizing it.

On Staurday evening the Melfa Dinner was held at the Roma Hall. The Italian ladies who prepared the dinner never let us down. It was one of the best Melfa Dinner meals in years. The hall, location, staff and food was excellent. No complainnts were heard. About 70 people attended the dinner with a fairly good representation from the active Regiment. Mayor Wayne **Wright** attended on behalf of the City and was presented with a complimentary Association beret and tie. Thanks to all who attended.

On Sunday morning, 17 members and some spouses and family members attended for a light breakfast. The meal was then followed by the AGM. The normal committee reports were offered and the election of your new Executive was held. Not really any changes from last year however, check page 2 for the results.

Some thoughts have been expressed to run the golf game on Saturday that will followed by a steak BBQ at the armoury. This may be a way to encourage more golfers to come out being a weekend rather than a weekday. The reason it was changed to the Friday was many felt the day was too long for golf and the dinner. Due to the change in the dynamics of the present membership, a Saturday golf game followed by a casual BBQ back at the armoury maybe something to try for one year. This will be discussed by your Executive in the future months to come.



The Golfers!

Sitting (l to r) Stan Conway,
Ken Olchoway , Len Wohlgemuth,
Bruce Howells.

Standing (l to r) Dan Bourke,
Ted Usher, Terry Leith, and Alan
Morton.

Missed in the photo was Ken
Moyes who had to depart early.

Presidents Report

Greetings fellow Westies! I hope everyone has had a good summer. After the summer break your executive has returned to the task at hand. Quite a lot has happened since I last reported. We have all witnessed the Regiment at its best as it dealt with the loss of M/Cpl Colin Bason. The funeral brought the Regimental family out in force and it truly was a fitting send off to a fallen comrade. It was good to meet so many former members of the Regiment and I hope the next time we meet will be at a happier occasion. We in the executive are exploring our options as to what we can do as a Regimental Association to support our soldiers and their families as they serve and return from active service. This is a new role for us and we will be meeting with several service organizations to explore how best we can help.

On a happier note, it gives me great pleasure to report that our future fund has broken the \$100,000 barrier thanks to the very generous donations by two of our veterans. Stan **Conway** and Doug **Morgan**. On behalf of everyone I would like to say Thank You. As you all are no doubt aware the income from the future fund goes a long way to assist our ongoing operation.

Remembrance Day is around the corner and once again I am asking that all available association members attend. We have our new beret and tie to show off and it is a great opportunity to show our stuff. If you do not yet have your new beret please contact us to make arrangements to get it. The new tie has been well received and is selling well.

The Melfa weekend went very well from the golf tournament on the Friday through to the AGM on the Sunday. Terry **Leith** organized and ran the golf at Maple Ridge Golf Course. All who attended enjoyed it and no one left empty handed. The dinner at the Roma Hall lived up to all expectations. The meal truly was fantastic and it was great to see so many enjoy it. Mayor Wayne Wright seemed very pleased to receive his beret and tie and I'm sure at some point we will see him wear them. We had the morning brunch and Annual General Meeting on the Sunday and a new executive was elected with mostly old faces with a couple of new members.

On a sad note, I have just heard of the loss of Basil **Morgan**. Basil has been a fixture at the museum for as long as I can remember and I truly will miss seeing him there. My thoughts go out to his family.

I hope too see many of you at Remembrance Day, lets make it a big show.

Pro Rege et Patria
Alan Morton, President

Former Westie Receives Medal of Military Valour

Captain Mike **Reekie** served in The Royal Westminster Regiment for several years until he joined the regular force as an officer. While serving with the Wesites, Mike did a tour in Bosnia in 2002. While serving with the 1st Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in Ma'sum Ghar on August 19, 2006, his unit was involved in an intense fire fight with the Taliban. The battle lasted three hours and Canadian soldiers were out numbered. It was Mike's ability to spot the changing advance of the insurgents and move his company's vehicles to avoid being outflanked that allowed NATO forces to defeat the Taliban. According to the citation, Mike's "selfless courage and exceptional leadership undoubtedly saved the lives of numerous Alpha company soldiers". The Abbotsford native will be receiving his Medal of Military Valour from the Governor General. Well done Mike! The Westie's are proud of you!



Freda Hogg & Family

My grandfather, J.W. Hoskin was on sailing ships, grew up in South Africa, married and had four sons namely; John, Benjamin, Frederick and Percy. During the Boer War, he raised a Troop who participated actively in that conflict. Later he moved his family to Marazion, England where Frederick met Susan Jane Tripp in school. After some years J.W. moved his family to Canada and settled in Battleford.

Over the years, Frederick and Susan exchanged letters. At the outbreak of WWI in 1914, the four boys heeded the call of the Colors and returned to England. Frederick and Susan married. All the brothers participated in the terrible battles of WWI. Vimy, Amiens, the Somme, etc. John was killed in action leaving a wife and four children. Benjamin was gassed and returned home with one lung and Frederick's health was broken by the end of WWI.

Freda's uncle Samuel Tripp was in the British Navy. His ship was sunk at Dardanelles.

J.W. remarried and had two sons Clifford and Herbert. J.W. moved his family to New Westminster where Frederick, Susan and daughter Freda arrived end of WWI. Herbert (Bert) **Hoskins** joined the Westminster Regiment in 1939 as did Freda's husband Walter **Hogg**. Walter's brother Archie also joined the Regiment, as did Freda's cousins Jack and Stan Hoskin. Their sister joined the Airforce.

Jack Hughes, Walt and Freda's Best Man at their wedding, also joined the Regiment but was later killed in action in Italy.

Russell Anderson, Freda's brother-in-law joined the Navy at 18 to fight in WWII and served a daunting life at sea in corvettes and frigates. Russell is still with us and lives in the Vernon area.

Freda's other cousin, Jack Blyth joined the Airforce and went to England in WWII. he was tragically killed in a training accident. Walter's cousin Scott Hogg was in the Army. In the hut where they stayed a soldier threw some shells in the fireplace thinking they were expended but were live and in the ensuing explosion, Scott was killed.

Freda Hogg, Associate Member

10 Tips from Cpl Iverson in Afghanistan

These tips are for the February to August ROTOs

1. Buy a puffy jacket and leave your fleece.
2. For your UAB don't pack more than 2 or 3 weeks worth of toiletries. If you are in KAF you can buy that stuff there and if you are out in the FOB's you probably won't see your UAB anyway as well as you can ADREP toiletries through your CQ.
3. Don't bring gortex pants or any other cold weather stuff. It is cool when you get there but you won't need them. Arid waterproof clothing will be issued.
4. Bring entertainment and protect it. Buy the best hard case for your electronics. Buy your stuff well before you leave and make sure you know how it works. Camera, Video Ipod, PSP, DVD player, Laptop
5. If you can find a second ranger blanket bring it. If you are outside the wire you will be sleeping with it all the time and if you send it in to get washed you will be without for it from 3 days to 2 weeks.
6. Have knee pads. The army will issue you some but if you are like me and didn't like them you should buy some you like; your knees will thank you. The ground is hard.
7. Buy good hiking socks. Try out a few different kinds during work up. Don't buy thin ones because if you are humping for days you will wear through them and you probably won't have any more to change into. Issue desert socks stink horribly after 3 days. Thorlos are excellent
8. Get a good dry brush or two. A stiff shaving brush works well.
9. Always bring pt kit and sandals every where. Have a few pairs of sandals they will get wreck fast and para cord and gun tape can only do so much.
10. If they tell you that you can bring follow up kit pack as much as you can in it. You don't know when you will see your stuff again. We were told we would be out for maybe 3 weeks and I didn't see KAF for over 3 months and that was only for a 1.5 days.

Cpl Matthew R.A. Iverson, C-Coy 3 PPCLI, 2 RCR Battle Group



Mark Nanka & Family

Mark Nanka (left) served with 2316 RCACC in New Westminster for several years when he was a cadet. He rose to the rank of Cadet Master Warrant Officer. Mark then joined the Regiment, rose to the rank of Warrant Officer, earning his jump wings before retiring to raise his family. His daughter Natasha is a cadet member of the 2822 RCACC in Surrey. She is pictured here with her father Mark after she was presented with her new rank of Cadet Master Warrant Officer. Mark presently works for Corrections Canada.

Keeping the family tradition going!

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION FUTURE FUND REPORT

Formation of a committee to raise funds for the Regimental Association was held in the Royal Towers hotel, July 7, 1993. The meeting was chaired by Jerry **Gangur** and present were 10 members of the regimental association. Four other members were unable to attend. From the outset, a paramount concern was the desire to prevent the principal raised from being liquidated by future executives. For this reason, it was proposed and accepted that future executives would benefit only from the income produced by the fund. Within the Regimental Family, the fund was to be known as the FUTURE FUND. Funds raised were to be deposited with Vancouver Foundation.

November 20, 1993 President of the Regimental Association, President Gangur wrote a letter to Vancouver Foundation requesting establishment of an Endowment Fund. December 20, 1993, Richard Mulcaster, President, Vancouver Foundation, accepts the request to establish an endowment fund with the foundation. Within the Vancouver Foundation, the endowment is to be known as THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND.

How the fund got started? During an executive meeting in 1991, president Gangur outlined a proposal for raising funds, not less than \$100,000.00 to cover operating expenses of the regimental association. Doug **Morgan**, a director of the association at the time, felt this was a worthwhile goal. At the next meeting he presented me with a cheque for \$5,000.00. I was taken aback by this gesture and as nothing had been done to advance the details of the Future Fund (not named at this date), much to my regret, I had to return the cheque. For the president, this was a much needed spark to get the fundraising activity on the fast track.

The request to establish a fund with Vancouver Foundation, was to be accompanied by an initial deposit of \$10,000.00. In September 1992, Doug Morgan once again presented a cheque, in the amount of \$5,000.00 to launch the Future Fund. This time, the cheque was accepted and formed part of the initial sum deposited accompanying our application. It should be noted that our association was short of funds at this time and director Nelson **Scott** offered to underwrite the costs of printing our letterhead and postage associated with the fundraising appeal to our membership. Without such behind the scene support, the fundraising efforts would have been a strain on the organization.

In addition to his initial donation, at the outset of our fundraising effort, Doug Morgan, made a commitment that if we raised \$90,000.00 he would make an additional donation of \$10,000.00 to reach our goal of \$100,000.00. By year 2006, donations had totalled \$74,000.00, significantly short of \$90,000.00. In early 2007, Stan **Conway**, made a donation of \$4,000.00 and wrote a letter to WWII veterans encouraging them help us build up the fund. Doug Morgan, in August of this year, again answered the call and decided to forgo his initial pledge of waiting until \$90,000.00 was raised and himself brought the amount raised over the \$100,000.00 objective with a donation of \$37,500.00. With this donation, Doug is responsible for contributing over one-third of the funds raised for our FUTURE FUND. Doug has stated that the regiment has done a lot for him and he remembers the many fine fellows he served with and this is one way he feels he can give back to the regiment. Because of the contributions made to the FUTURE FUND, by Doug, Stan and many others, the association can rely on a regular annual financial infusion from THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ENDOWMENT FUND. Many thanks are extended to our donors.

Finally, an historical note: In response to a fundraising appeal for donations to the Future Fund, WWII veteran, Ian **Douglas**, wrote to the Chairman, *"I think raising funds for the Future Fund is a lousy idea. However, I can think of nothing better. Please find enclosed a cheque for \$500.00."*

Jerry Gangur