

# Vol. 21, No. 1. Box 854, New Westminster, B.C. Peb-March, 1972. Annual General Meeting ELECTION OF OFFICERS Thursday, March 16, 1972 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 AND WE NEED YOUR DUES

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### THE GROUNDSHEET

# THE PRESIDENTS' ANNUAL REPORT TURN YOUR BACK ON '71 — IT'S DONE! LOOK AHEAD: WE'VE THINGS TO DO — IN '72.

Sorry, Sergeant-Major, but I HAVE to look over my shoulder for a minute. How can I make an Annual Report without looking back?

It seems to me—or did, at first that '71 was a year of change. It was in my personal life, because of my job in the Association, but more importantly in Association affairs themselves. We had to face the hard fact of rising costs, and, consequently, a change in the membership fee. No change — no Groundsheet! No, also, to some other things that keep the Association alive.

Then the Government shook us with a change in the Draw regulations. We agonized over that one too, but we played it by the rules. How we made out—thanks to our super Draw Committee and the loyal members — you should read in the Draw report.

The Scholarship Committee did a change-up and proposed to the Executive that we offer two scholarships, each of \$250, instead of the \$500 award that we have made annually since 1964. The Executive agreed to put the proposal with their endorsement—to the Annual Meeting, for it should accomplish the purpose of helping a greater number of deserving students and would also make available one award to students whose vocational plans do not require the usual University-academic program.

Some change in The Museum too. John Rosso became boss of Bennett's biggest B.C. bottle bazaar and also assumed important union responsibilities. So, he handed the chairmanship of the Museum Committee to Bert Hoskin, who, with the old Gun Room in the Armoury already transformed, enlarged the committee, drew up a Constitution and By-Laws, and launched a Founding Members' drive the results of which encourage us to think we can build the best military museum in B.C. One of the projects, if and when complete, will be unique in Canadian military museums. I wish you could read the wonderful letters that came in response to the appeal. I'm doubtful if we can ever reply to them, but they certainly gave us a lift.

'71 was a big change for me personally. From the President's chair I got a new and appreciative look at the work of the Executive and its committees. Believe me, you have dedicated and able people doing the Association's work. The only time I have seen them less than cheerful was when they feared there was some old Westies out there who no longer gave a damn about their Association and their old comrades. Then signs of the old vitality would appear-old faces reappearing at the Smoker-letters would be read by Ron Hurley at Executive meetings- and a dozen more suddenly pay their dues. That cheered them presto! and increasingly, newer members appear from the serving Regiment, for whose interest we thank them. You'll see them in strength at the Melfa Dinner.

Speaking personally again, '71 found me struggling into more boiled shirts, and out of them, than Houdini could have coped with. All on your behalf! I dined with the Officers and with the Sergeants at their annual dinners, attended the Annual Inspection of Cadets and the Conferring on the Regiment of the Freedom of the City of Matsqui, witnessed the Change of Command Parade, AND (by Heaven, and LCol. Deane's thoughtful arrangement) lunched with Her Majesty The Queen!

But '71 is done. Maybe every year is a year of change, so I won't look over my shoulder any longer than to list--with the Editor's permission, and with deep gratitude to a great bunch of colleagues—the Executive and Committeemen who served you.

One special request first: do these three things-

### MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

March		Annual	Meeting
May 20		Melfa	Dinner
December	9		Smoker

We'll be O.K. if you can keep those dates for The Association. If you can't be in town, how about sending us a word? We would all enjoy it.

Here's the list:

PAST PRESIDENT Nelson Scott
PRESIDENT Doug Glenn
SECRETARY Ron Hurley
GROUNDSHEET EDITOR Ron Hurley
TREASURER Vernon Ardagh
VICE-PRESIDENT Trev Whitehead
DRAW COMMITTEE Nelson Scott
- Bert Stephens

### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN		Walter Lyle	2
Secretary		Ian Douglas	5
Peter Grossman		D'Arcy Baldwin	1
Bert Hoskin -	Les Dea	ne — Allan Coe	2
Walt Tyler	_	Bill Williams	s
John Hou		John Ford	l

### MUSEUM COMMITTEE

### SICK AND VISITING Stan Johnson

MELFA DINNER Bill Robson

SMOKER Stan Moorhouse Terry Leith

### CADETS Robyn Hues

47 REPRESENTATIVE Clarence Huff

# FROM THE POST:

A letter of appreciation extended to us from Col Herb Hamm acknowledging the association's donation of \$800.00 to the Royal Westminster Reg. We are only too pleased to do this Col Hamm, and sincerely hope that we can continue to do so long into the future . . . From old friend Alfie White of 200 Bogert Ave., Willowdale Ontario, a welcome message and news of the forthcoming Toronto Chapter Melfa Dinner to be held Sat., May 13th in the Sgt's Mess of the Queens' Own Rifles Armouries or known as Moss Park Armory. Any of you who might be in the Toronto area at that time might contact Alf and attend this fine function . . . A note from John Somer in Downsview, Ontario at 2901 Jane St. Sorry about your paper John but it was returned to us as undeliverable. We have sent you back issues and hope that you have received same by now . . . . From G. A. Waugh at 615 Medical Arts Bldg. Winnipeg Man R C 016, greetings and dues . . . By way of the Sunny(?) Okanagan word from Vic Wilson at R.R. 1 Naramata, B.C. Thanks Vic and its time you came down for the Melfa again . . . From the East again a note from Art Hebb of 336 Greenbrook Drive, Kitchener, Ontario. A word of thanks for his good fortune in the Draw from Percy Groves (47th Bn) at 182 W 63rd Ave., Vancouver 15. Glad to see such a worthy winner Percy and many thanks for your kind donation . . . An interesting note from R. Scottie Brown of Geo Derby Hospital. Nice to hear from you Scottie and by all means put Herman Witt on vour canteen list. He is most welcome. also nice to hear that Thure Storm has been admitted to the Lacrosse Hall of Fame. . . We are all most proud of him . . . . Words and donation from H. A. Hurford at Box 83, Squamish, B.C. A word of greeting and a kind donation from old standby I. A. (Killer) Bailey. Many thanks to you and sorry to hear of your illness. We all wish you a speedy recovery. From Bill Haines at R.R. 1, Vernon, B.C.

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dues and some complimentary words re the paper and the work of the executive. Many thanks Bill, your remarks are most appreciated. Kind expressions and donations from Ernie Adair of 12868 229th St., Maple Ridge, B.C. Sorry to hear of your health problems and do hope that you recover and enjoy the peace and green of the countryside vou mention in your letter . . . Greetings from Wilf Gougeom of 850 Eckhardt Ave., Penticton, B.C. Welcome as a life member Wilf. Dues and greetings from Bob Bethell of R.R. 3, Port Alberni, B.C. . . Many thanks to old buddy and former exec. member Bob Carter of No. 315-700 Fourth Ave., New Westminster. Extend our thanks to your wife Bob and welcome to the ranks of the Life Members. Life Membership Cards are on order. A note and dues from Hank E. Henry of Box 65, Hatzic, B.C. Nice to hear of you again Hank. Dues and application for Life Membership from J. J. Claxton of 4837 Rowan Ave., North Burnaby, B.C. Your submission gratefully received and trust you have many enjoyable years as a life member . . . . A welcome from Ernie Holland of 205 Seaview Drive, Port Moody, B.C. Thank you for your dues and comments Ernie, they are most welcome. Perhaps we have become financially involved as you say, but Ernie believe me, we are just another group, like individuals, caught up in this inflationary storm . . . From Peers, Alberta, a nice word from C. L. Wilkins (ex B Coy 5 Platoon) radio op with Sgt. Barnum & Curly Janelle. Appreciate your remarks re our efforts in the Groundsheet etc. . . . Pleased to hear from John Reeves at new address of 1660 Duncan Dr., Beach Grove, Delta, B.C. Glad to have you back John. A greeting from A. Dixon of Box 285, Osoyoos, B.C. Welcome back from Ontario and look up Roy Trimble in your Fair City. A nice note from Pat McCarthy of 22 Colonial Ave., Scarborough, Ont. Trust this is the correct address, Pat as we kept getting your paper returned to us. Perhaps you did not see the issue explaining the curtailment of our Annual Draw and if so we are most sorry but is was published

well in advance of that event. We'll try harder in the future. Your remarks re Melfa have been noted and the President and committees are studying the matter and we will contact you soon, by phone is necessary. A warm message from Albert Wright of 1524 16th (?) West, Prince Albert, Sask. Glad you enjoyed yourself Al and come back again this year. Greetings and donations from J. M. Hurst of 1412 White Rd., R.R. 1 Saanichton, B.C. . . . A most interesting greeting from Jessie Oldale of Apt, 1108, 955 Marine Dr., West Van., on behalf of hubby Tom. Many thanks for your kind words ond donations and trust that your health has improved Tommy. . . . Word of thanks from John Shawcross of 10138-127 A St., Surrey, B.C. for the Shawcross good fortune in the Draw. Congratulations John and appreciation re your generosity. Would like to see you at one of our functions soon . . . Nice to hear again from old Westy, Fred Duthie of 110 Miner St., New Westminster, B.C. Hope to see you at the Melfa, Fred, or earlier. A note from "Dinty" Moore of 2041 E. 41st, Van., B.C. Many thanks "Dinty" and hope you are much better. A most pleasant letter (as all his are) from Reg Lebrun of 801-28th St., Anacortes, Wash., U.S.A., 98221. Yes your excused Reg and hope you are warmer now. Andy Hunter and I looked all over for you and I trust you two old 47th Buddies have contacted each other by now. . . . Some kind words from Ray (Louie) Lewis of Athabasca, Alberta. Thanks for the wee bit of poetry (Gladly Published) and wish we had more like you . . . Nice to hear from Harold Scribner of Jacquet River, New Brunswick and Harold your regrets re membership are resolved. You will always be a member of this association . . . Another word from Art Hebb, this time lounging in the sun at the Grand Bahamas. Note your mention of nominal role and am working on same . . . . The following three letters (All from well known ex Westies) are most interesting and many thanks for their reception.

THE GROUNDSHEET

Feb.-March, 1972.

Osoyoos, B.C. January 23, 1972

Mr. Ron Hurley, Editor, The Groundsheet, 2229 Bonneville Road, Vancouver 16, B.C.

Dear Ron:

I managed to find time to read your "wrap up '71" in December Groundsheet this A.M.—about a month late and quite in keeping with my military record of being last man on parade. Your comments re dues are most informative—I believe mine are up to date (except this year) but in the event they may not be I enclose my cheque in the sum of \$10.00 and promise to send the same amount every year so that you can know that at least one person appreciates the Groundsheet and the Association in general and your efforts in particular.

A lawyer practicing in a rural area finds his position most akin to that of his friend, neighbor and fellow professional, the country doctor—being on call 24 hours every day. This often leaves this country lawyer with little time to devote to those matters and those persons he holds in highest regard, in this instance the Association and my comrades. However, let me assure you that while you all see or hear from me seldom you all are close to me in my thoughts.

My best wishes to you and our Association for the New Year and ever after. Please—you keep up your great work with the Groundsheet.

### Yours truly, A. A. (Roy) Trimble

P.S. I enjoyed the quotation from Sen. John Nichol. Add me to the ranks of the bigot bigots.

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February 13th, 1972

### THE GROUNDSHEET

New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Comrade,

Now that the financial quasi-irrepressible pressure of the Christmas and New Year sprees are easing out, I answer your call for help to the Association. 'Twas one of my New Year resolutions and there it is. \$10.00. In good health, besides the old arthritis, I'll be 71 next March on the 20th, and still able to walk as in the old war days' clip; as for running I limit myself to occasional 200 - 300 feet sprints. Specially when I want to catch up with an oncoming Transit bus; with the result that the drivers seeing me coming and presenting my senior citizen low fare transit card, are sometimes looking me over somewhat suspiciously!

Expecting "remote control way" my 37th grand child for May.

Very truly, A Guetre 88 Guay Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2M OB9

7827 Canada Way Burnbay 3, B.C. January 24, 1972

Mr. Ron Hurley, 2229 Bonnyvale Road, Vancouver 16, B.C.

Dear Ron:

I know it must be very discouraging in editing the *Groundsheet* when you get so little help in the way of contributions from the membership. I am afraid I suffer from the same complaint with our Legion magazine. Many times I would appreciate a letter even if it is a "brickbat".

Your contributions to the "life and breath" of the Association have been tremendous and I for one would not like to see you become so discouraged as to give up the editorship of the magazine. Keep up the good work.

Reading the last issue I was reminded that I would be interested in acquiring a Life Membership in the Association but I would want to continue my membership dues at the present rate of \$5.00. I am enclosing a Xerox copy of my birth certificate to verify my age.

Before we know it May will be upon us and another anniversary of the Melfa. See you then if not before.

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### Fraternally

Norm Norman J. McAskill

### HOW ABOUT IT

Come on now Fella's pay your dues So All of us can get the news

Of friends and buddies from before When we did our bit to win the war

Just a bottle of Vino or Cogniac

Will keep our Association in the black

So think of it, Fella's while we're still alive And dig in your sock and pull out a five

Then send it to Ron and listen to him prattle How we all pulled together and won another battle.

> Ray (Louie) Lewis Ex I PTN A Coy

"What Have They Done To Our Sons?"

### Down at Mory's

### TABLES TURNED

### UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

HARTFORD, Conn. — The tables down at Mory's, the storied men-only haunt for generations of Yale students, may never be the same again.

The liquor licence for the tavern, popularized in the Yale Glee Club's famed Wiffenpoof Song of 1909, was revoked by the state liquor control commission for discriminating against women. The vote was 2 - 1.

The Wiffenpoofs, however, will not be "doomed from here to eternity," and will still be able to assemble with glasses raised on high.

Morey's Association Inc., which has upheld the men-only tradition for 110 years, has 10 days in which to either file an appeal or surrender its licence.

If an appeal is filed and the case runs its appellate course, as expected, the revocation will be stayed.

The revocation was based on a state law that bars any state agency, in this case, the commission, from becoming a party to any agreement sanctioning "discriminatory practices."

The action against Mory's is the result of a complaint filed by Yale faculty members, students, alumni, and five women.

Morey's first opened its doors in 1861 and the name is short for Moriarity, the first manager. The Louie mentioned in the Wiffenpoof Song was Louis Linder, another manager, who in keeping with policy, barred women from the hallowed portals for years.

# THE SCHOLARSHIP

NOTICE OF MOTION

Concern over the continuing limited small numbers of applications for the Association Scholarship has led the Scholarship Committee to forward the following motions:

- 1. "That Elegibility for the Association Scholarship be expanded to include serving members of The Royal Westminster Regiment, subject of course to satisfactory terms of reference established jointly by the Association and The Commanding Officer of The Regiment . . .
- 2. Concerned that, today many outstanding achievements and/or worthy contributions displayed by many young people, and of a type so adhered to by this Association, are going unrecognized, it is moved that ---

"Consideration be given to further dividing the funds available to the Scholarship Committee to allow for the presentation of 'Achievements Awards', 'Outstanding Community Contribution Awards' and to include other unspecified Endeavor Awards that may be deemed worthy by the Committee and that these awards be given to young people under the age of 19, who so qualify. These Awards to be operative, initially in the Province of British Columbia and to be considered for further expansion subject to proper reporting and authentication . . . .

Both of the above motions were moved by Bert Hoskin and seconded by Les Deane and this submission in the Groundsheet will serve as the required "Notice of Motion" as laid down in the by-laws. It will be appreciated, of course, that should any or all of these proposals be adopted they could not be initiated until the calendar year 1973 as the disbursements for 1972 have already been allocated.

### SINCERE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THE RECEIPT OF YOUR 1972 DUES. OTHERS PLEASE MAIL NOW.

Ardagh, Vern Barker, Ross Barrett, W. J. Breitenbach, J. Baldwin, D'Arcy Burden, O. O. Bond, Dick Claxton, J. J. Churchill, Ted Carpick, L. Daley, David Deane, Les Day, Fred Dashwood, Bob Donksersley, L. Dayton, Ernie Davidson, R. H. Donald, Doug Douglas, Ross Durr, L. Dewar, Donald Evans, S. J. D. Furlot, Doug Filigiano, W. Fox, Maurice Griffin, W. Ginter, John Gates, J. Glenn Guetre, A. Gebbie, Jack Hardy, R. E. Holtby, R. G. Hulme, J. M. Hurley, R. Harding, A. W. Hayes, Phillip E. Hill, W. G. Hurfurd, A. Harrington, J. Head, C. Len Hoskin, H. Bert Hawksby, Jack Isaac, J. P. Johnstone, R. S. Jones, H. L. Jardine, M. Keam, H. W. Kalenchuk, Geo. Lee, H. Y.

Leedham, Dave

Lennie, Ed Motzer, Don Moorhouse, Stan Menzies, Don J. Miller, H. Art Moore, G. A. Miles, Bill F. McGivern, Hugh McDonald, J. V. McMahon, J. C. McNaught, L. McQuillan, C. E. McKinney, Bill MacLennan, J. D McCourt, G. F. McNaughton, L. Potts, D. H. Pook, C. O. Palmer, J. S. Rolandi, J. Ryan, W. J. Rollo, A. J. Redman, W. H. Richardson, G. Robson, Bill Scott, W. Nelson Smith, G. E. Strawson, J. J. Smith, Robt. T. Smith, G. Jack Seel, Ernie Sholtz, W. Stevens, Doug S. Smith, Clarence Smith, Tommy Taylor, Lt. D. G. Trimble, A. R. Thompson, R. F. Trueman, Harry Van Horn, J. Verchere, W. F. Wills, N. C. K. Wilson, A. P. West, Fred Wishnewski, J. Wilson, W. E. Wilder, Dr. Allen, Doug Adlem, D.

Audet. G. Anderson, E. E. Armstrong, Dick Hey, H. L. Atkinson, L. Adair, F. McL. Axford, S. Borg, A. Hoskin, Jack Bruce, J. A. Brown, J. F. Hull, Ernie Barrett, W. H. Burnby, Ted Hall, Wally Barnes, Frank Hill, G. Browning, A. Hiscock, L. Bartel, H. Boucher, G. Hartley, Jack Hurst, J. M. Bailey, Ivan Burton, Sid Henry, H. E. Bush, Joe Hebb, A. Brown, R. D. Hurford, H. Bethell, R. F. Cousins, C. A. Innes, A. J. Corbould, G. Cook, W. T. Campbell, R. B. Johnson, W. Cox, J. C. Cooper, V. H. Corman, Gord Coe, Allan Carter, R. H. Crossfield, D. Low, M. S. Clark, Paddy Le Clair, Joe Davis, George Dyson, G. A. Lewis, Ray De Anna, Mel Morris, F. Dumont, Jim Delaney, Jim Moyes, Ken Donald, Doug Magill, G. Dragan, Mike Moore, T. R. Murray, F. Douglas, Ian Drummond, S. N March, H. Duthie, F. Morgan, D. C. Des Brisay, H. A Morgan, Basil Ford, John Griffin, W. Gerow, A. E. Glenn, Doug Gleig, T. H. McNabb, Doug Gibson, Geo Gibson, Alec Norvell, P. Arendarski, L. M Glover, Mel Newitt, Copper

Groves, Percy Otto, R. Gouegon, W. F. Owen, D. R. G. Oldale, Tommy Passmore, H. Hughes, George Higginson, H. Pitchlow, W. R. Plunkett, B. Hemran, Harry Palmer, Norm Harrison, Cecil Pattenden, Ray Pradine, Al Prentiss, Sam Hopkins, Frank Ratchford, J. Rusnak, T. Reynolds, Bob Hamilton, G. D. Ralls. Len Sweet, Ed Smith, Heber Shawcross, J. Sands, H. M. Swanson, J. V. Haines, W. R. Storie, A. Searle, H. Johnstone, Ethel Shannon, R. C. Sullivan, Frank Sargent, W. J. Johnson, Stan Johnsen, Wilf Stuart, Alec Jones, Barney Shannon, Ed Shorter, Jack Jackson, W. R. Jeffery, W. E. Stephens, Bert Klinkhammer, M Somers, John Sutherland, W. Scott, Forrest G. Lougheed, Norm Treen, G. Thompson, R. H. Timpe, Herb Montgomery, J. . Thomson, G. H. Tattersall, Joe Vaughan, B. F. Wright, W. Wilson, J. Whetmore, C. Watt, Art Whitehead, T. Moore, J. Dinty Waugh, G. A. McAskill, Norm Wilson, Vic McCarthy, A. P. Wright, A. E. MacKenzie, L. G. Wilkins, C. L. Newman, R. H.

NOTE: Sincere thanks to the approximately 250 of you who have been so prompt with your '72 Dues. . . . This list is up to January 31st, 1972 and others have been received since. We mail out approximately 850 Groundsheets so that leaves 600 more to hear from. How about you other 5 or 6 hundred.

R. R. HURLEY, Secretary

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NAME	
Mail Orders to "Association Crests", Box 854, New Westminster, B No return postage	

# COMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

SGT'S MESS ST. PATRICK'S DANCE — At the Armouries, New Westminster Date: March 18 — Time: — 8:30 — All Welcome.	
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS -	
Thursday, March 16. We need your support.	
MELFA GOLF TOURNAMENT - To be held at Tsaawassen Golf Course, morning	
of Melfa Day, May 20th.	
ANNUAL MELFA DINNER - May 20th at Can. Legion, New Westminster, B.C.	P.N
Let's make this a record turnout.	**
TORONTO CHAPTER MELFA DINNER — May 13th.	VI
If you plan to be in that area, let us know and we can advise the Toronto committee.	SEC
A VERY SPECIAL CONTINUING EVENT -	
Your 1972 dues are needed now. We have heard from some 300 of you perennial supporters How about you other 5 or 6 hundred?	Tr
General Annual Dues	Me
Life Members & Other Ranks	F
World War I Veterans	En

# WHAT BECAME OF KELLY?

R. E. Duggan, 195 Fairview Rd., Rosmere, Que. or 1210 Treamore Dr., Oakville, Ont. Both Returned.

- G. Coupar, 914 Fourth St., New Westminster, B.C.
- J. A. Waddington, 5646 Frances St., North Burnaby, B.C.
- F. Lindley, R.R. 4, Vernon, B.C.
- W. J. Cook, 4625 Neville St., Burnaby 1, B.C.

5 Names all from Haney. Come on fellows what's your New Mailing Address? A. Hawitt — D. Teal — J. Gibson — F. Olmstead — J. E. Wilson



LEST WE FORGET Ed Amos — Penticton, B.C. Arthur Ash — 47th Bn. Arthur Riley — 47th Bn. A. E. Renstrom — WR, WW 2, Van. B.C. SPECIAL OBIT Mrs. "Rae" Williams beloved wife of Col Bill Williams

RETURN REQUESTED THE WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION P. O. Box 854, New Westminster, B.C.

## SGTS' MESS CORNER

NEW MESS COMMITTEE

Р.М.С WO Bond, м.
VICE P.M.C WO Beckmann, P.M.
Secretary Sgt Cull, d.v.
TREASURER
Messing Member Sgt Cameron, M.A.
ENTERTAINMENT

### To All Association Members

The Sgts' Mess is open from 9 P.M. to 2 A.M. Why not drop around and meet some of the serving senior NCO's of the Sgts' Mess.

You are welcome to bring your wives and friends, and drop in and have a few drinks with us.



E.G. SHANNON 940 DIXON ST RICHMOND BC