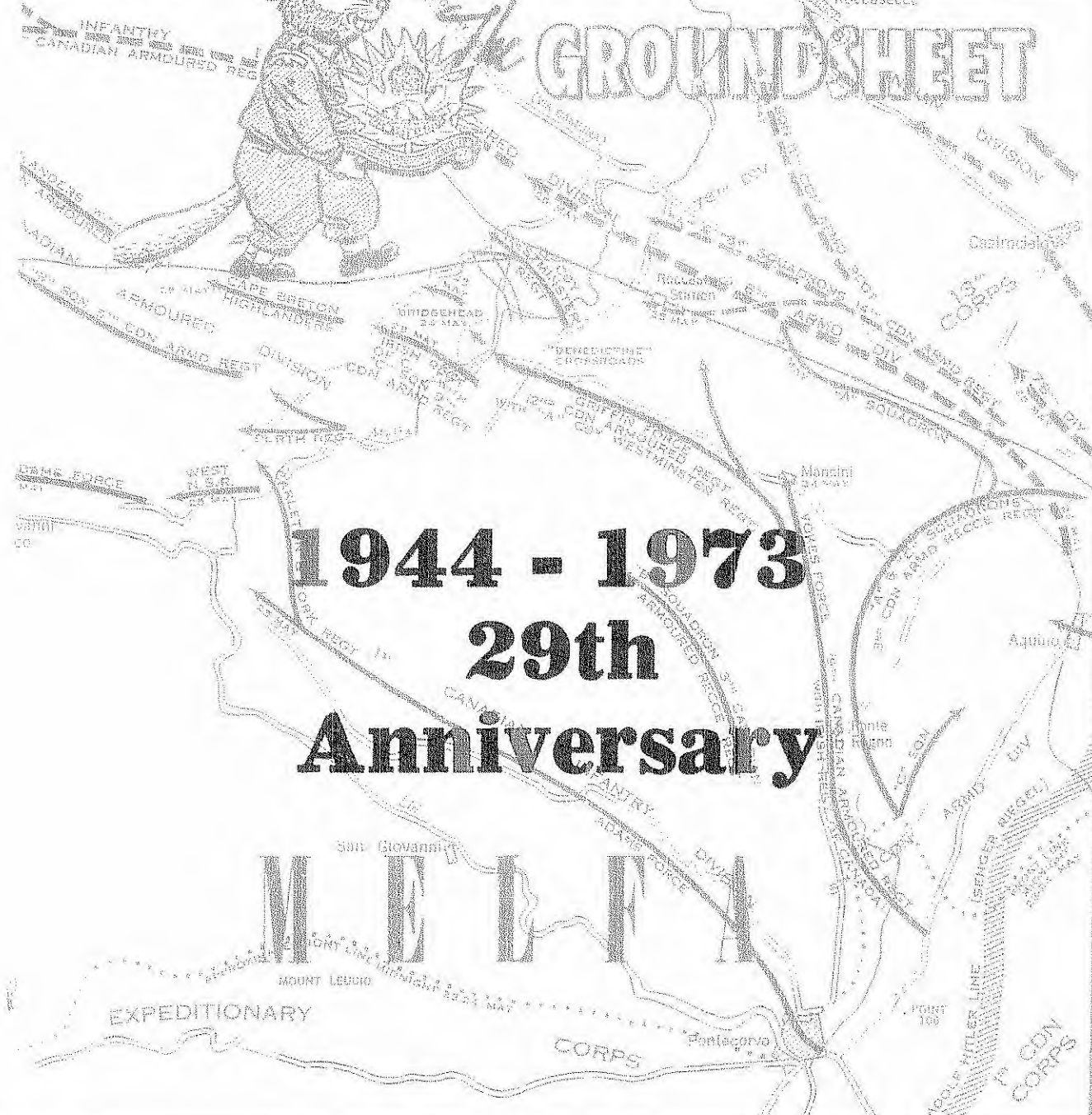


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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD MARCH 15, 1973

It would appear that the members of the Westminster Regiment Association are either completely satisfied with the administration of their Association or they are unanimously disinterested. How else could one explain the meagre attendance of 35 members to an annual meeting (16 of those being serving executive members). It has been intimated (though rarely) that there is a solid clique running everything and they cannot be unseated. Nothing could be further from the truth for it is a simple fact that the elected Executive Officers give unstintingly of their time, sometimes at great personal sacrifice to self and family. To those few who hold the view otherwise, then take the opportunity to come and vote, or better — run for office yourselves.

Those attending were presented comprehensive reports on all the Association's activities and business in the preceding year and these reports evidenced the tremendous amount of time and effort put forth by the various committees on your behalf. You may be proud of your Scholarship Program, your Museum, the Cadets, the continuing fine performance of the Royal Westminster Regiment and most importantly, a sound and healthy financial position. Your finances are managed by the always capable Vern Ardagh and he is deserving of the undying gratitude of you all. This was expressed to Vern, on your behalf.

Similarly, the years and years of devoted service performed by Nelson Scott and Bert Stephens. Through their untiring efforts and the support of many of you loyal members, the Annual Draw has provided the funds

to keep your Association the viable unit that it is. You have read some of the committee reports in your Groundsheet and from time to time more will be published. President Doug Glenn expressed appreciation to all members for assistance in his role as your President. He personally thanked all Executive Members and reiterating his plea for your support stepped down from the chair as President and called for election of officers.
— Ron Hurley.

Executive Officers of Westminster Regiment Association for 1973

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Nelson Scott, 335 Churchill St., New West. 521-3294
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Co-Chairmen Golf Committee:

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Melfa 73

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Stan Moorhouse, 704 - 700 Hamilton, New Westminster 522-3507

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M. Bond, Sgt. Mess, Armouries.

APOLOGIES—

To Mrs. Jack Van Horn and Family for an error in referring to Jack's service as W.W. 1. This should have been Westminster Regiment, W.W. 2 and as Editor I sincerely regret this error.

FROM THE POST:—

A pleasant note from Albert Nestie of 1195 Downing St., Winnipeg R3E 2R5 Manitoba. Nice to hear from you Albert, and congratulations on your retirement and how about letting us hear more of your recent trip to Italy.

A word and new address of Herb Newman of R.R. 1, Cawston, B.C. Thanks for the letter Herb and best of luck in your new orchard venture. As noted, your place is located at Daley and Barcello Road and I'm sure all Ex-Westies can map read to your place if they are in your area.

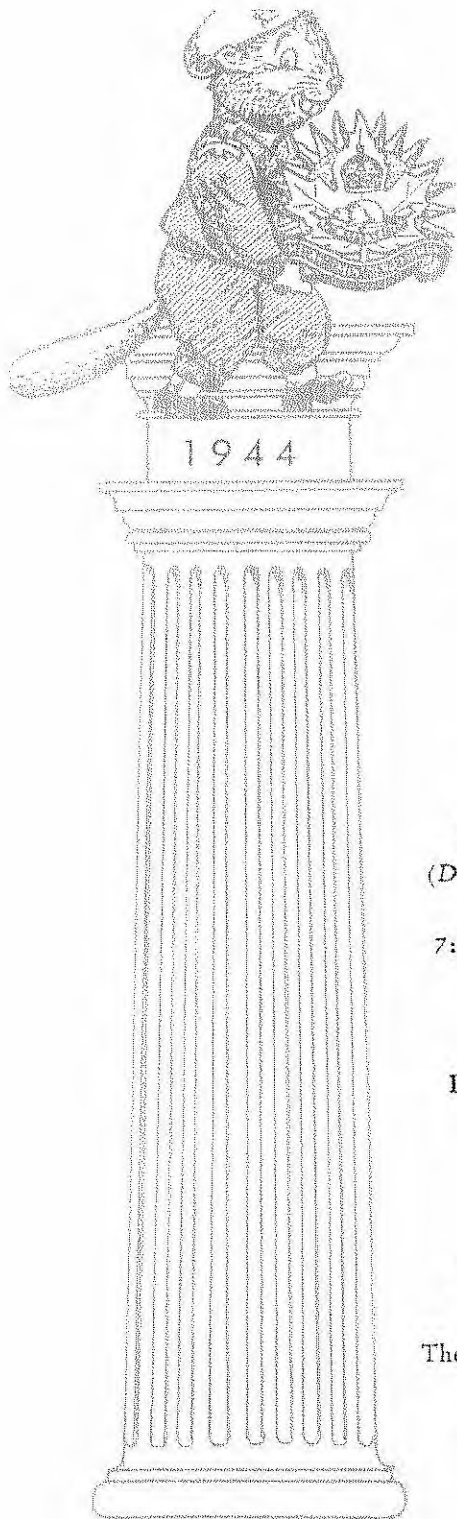
From W. G. Hill, of 51 Dunkirk Road, Welland, Ont. Dues, donation and greetings to all his old buddies.

An order for a Crest from W. J. Reeve of 1859 Park Ave., London, Ontario, and trust you have received same by now. Have noted your reference to your service in 131st and 47th Bn and many of your comrades will be interested to hear of your whereabouts.

A word of appreciation from Austin Byrick, of 643 Gore St., W. Stratford, Ont., and certainly nice to receive such interesting correspondence, Mr. Byrick.

A most welcome word from Wally Lockhart, of R.R. 1, Caledon East, Ontario L0N 1E0. Glad to hear from you Wally, and pleased to hear of your forthcoming visit to our fair domain. You mention that you will be here on the 29th of April for one day and again on May 2nd and 3rd. I trust you will be able to see some of those you mention.

Norm Topham and Art Miller are in the Kamloops area (265 miles from Vancouver in the Interior). But
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MELFA DAYS 1973
 Saturday and Sunday
 May 19th and 20th
 Twenty-Ninth Anniversary
 of the Melfa

CHAIRMAN: JOHN FORD

PROGRAMME

FOR SATURDAY, MAY 20th
 7:30 a.m.

MELFA GOLF TOURNAMENT
 Tsawwassen Golf Club

MUSEUM OPEN
 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MELFA BANQUET
 ELKS HALL

56 - 6th St., New Westminster, B.C.

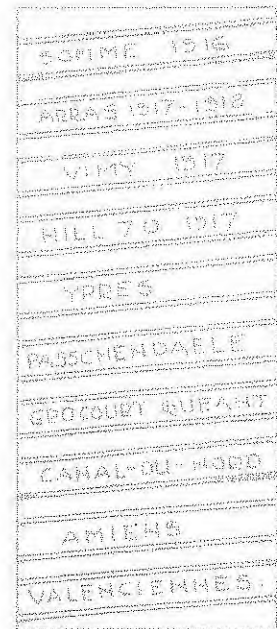
(Dinner Tickets \$3.00 each - Bar 5 for \$2.00)

6:30 p.m. Cocktails
 7:30 p.m. One minute silence in memory
 of Fallen Comrades
 Grace
 The Queen
 Dinner
 President's Report and Introduction of
 Guest Speaker
 Toast to Melfa by Guest Speaker

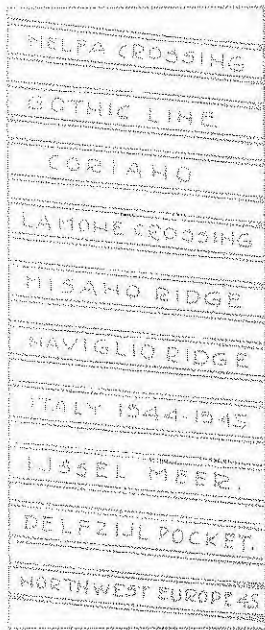
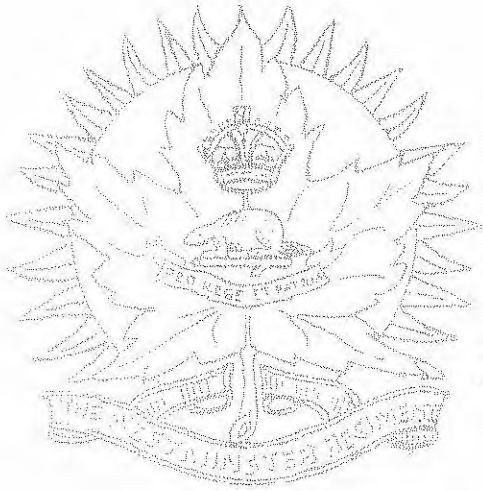
INTERMISSION

Introduction of Head Table
 Toast to Regiment and Predecessors
 The Reply and Toast to the City of
 New Westminster
 The Reply from City of New Westminster
 Toast to Comrades in Arms
 Presentation of Golf Trophy
 Bar reopens for good and welfare

1914-18



1939-45



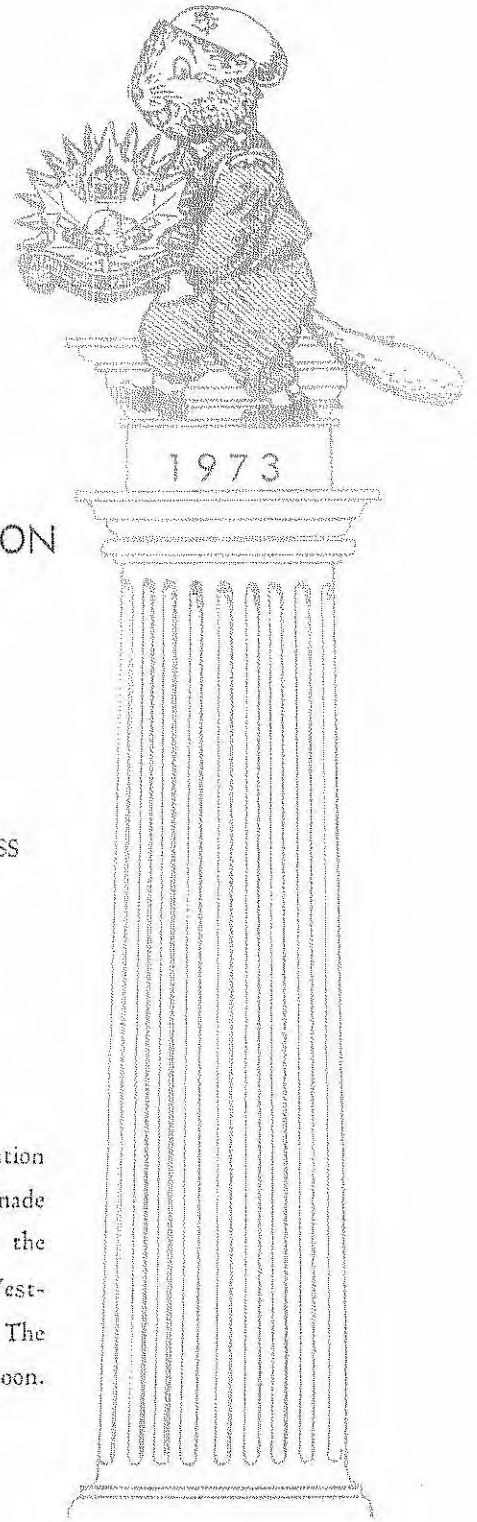
SUNDAY
May 20, 1973
2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON RECEPTION

For All
ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
and
THEIR LADIES
to be held in the
COMBINED
OFFICERS' and SERGEANTS' MESS
at the
ARMOURY

New Westminster, B.C.
6th Avenue and 6th Street
across from
Royal Towers Hotel

This is one way of expressing our appreciation to the ladies, so please join us. This is made possible by the kind permission of the Commanding Officer of The Royal Westminster Regiment, Lt. Col. H. Hamm. The Museum will be open during the afternoon.



FROM THE POST:—

(Continued from page Three)

Bert Hoskin and Bert Stephens and many others are close by. Check your Directory List before you come.

A letter from Bob (Sniper) Brown, of 203 Froelich Rd., Rutland, B.C. Nice to hear from you Bob and hope you got the back issues you requested. Hope you get down for Melfa again.

An interesting letter and generous donation from Col. Ormonde St. Patrick Aitken, of 423 Christleton Ave., Kelowna, B.C. Sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness Mr. Aitken and your donation most welcome.

Limited correspondence at this time so here is a letter of nostalgia from old friend, John Harrington of San Diego.

WAY BACK WHEN

4530 Edgeware Road,
San Diego, California, 92116.

Dear Ron:

I wonder if any of the old 47th remember Pat Mulligan of B. Company? Oh yes he was an Irishman and a wit at that; and if I remember rightly he got wounded about Passchendaele time 1917. However I knew Pat Mulligan before the war, away back in 1912 when I was living in Vancouver and when on a Saturday afternoon we young fellows would do the town together. Well on this particular Saturday afternoon, we both having been paid and being nearly twenty dollars rich each; and believe me twenty dollars was a lot of money in those days; we decided to see if we could expand our riches by going to the races, which if I remember were somewhere on Lulu Island. Alas to our grief neither Pat or I knew much of race horses, with the result every horse we bet on came in last, so that just before the last race our wealth had dwindled to five dollars. So thinking the best thing to do would be to go back to Vancouver and drink to our sorrows there, we were about to leave when Pat grabbed my arm, saying: "Whist man! look what I see. If it isn't Father O'Keef walking with one of the owners into the paddock."

Looking to where he was pointing, I saw the priest and owner go over to one of the horses and start talking to its jockey. While they were talking I saw the priest put his hand up to the horse's head. "Glory be!" says

Pat, he is blessing the horse". Now we have a sure winner!" Rushing over to the betting place he put our last five dollars on the horse to win but to our disgust we saw the horse come in last. With indignation Pat went to see the priest, "Father, how come that horse lost after I saw you blessing him?"

"Blessing him?" said the priest. "Oh no, Patrick, I was giving him the Last Rites."

John E. Harrington

EIGHTH ANNUAL MELFA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 19th, 1973.

Place: Tsawwassen Golf Club (on way to B.C. Ferry Terminal).

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Green Fees: \$3.50.

Rental clubs and carts available.

Phone entries (sooner the better) to:

Barney Jones: 531-4479—Ron Mannering: 521-8325.

A new format for this year. You will be playing for the Melfa Golf Trophy and a new Trophy presented by Chuck Marshall, a former member of The Royal Westminster Regiment. The new Trophy will be for the Low Gross winner and in addition to this your Association is providing the funds to purchase the prizes. Ron Mannering will be looking after the selection of prizes and the money will be well spent. We have started the ball rolling so how about you ex-champions from previous tournaments and you many divoters from the Association, and the Regiment keeping the ball rolling by phoning your entries in early as we are obligated to advise the club one week before the tee off. You may arrange your own foursomes or we will do that for you. Hope to see a record turn out.

ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Descendants of members of 104th, 131st, 47th Battalions and The Westminster Regiment together with serving members of The Royal Westminster Regiment are eligible to receive two scholarships of \$250.00

Candidates may be enrolled in any type of post-secondary school (e.g. University, College, Vocational School, Nurses' Training, Drama School, etc.)

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON REQUEST FROM:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE,
The Westminster Regiment Association,
P.O. Box 854,
New Westminster, B.C.

Completed applications must be returned by
JULY 31, 1973.

If you know of a likely candidate, please let
that person know how to apply!

Give us the candidates so that the Association
can award the scholarships.

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**NEW ADDRESSES AND CHANGES—
PLEASE AMEND YOUR DIRECTORY COPY**

- C. A. Glover, 619 Vernon St., Nelson, B.C.
- Percy Marsh, Ste. 202 - 221 7th St., New West., B.C.
- Major Chuck Marshall, C.P.R. Div., Freight Service,
Red Deer, Alberta.
- Stan Moorhouse, 704 - 700 Hamilton St., New West., B.C.
- E. M. Atchison, 11446 - 81 A Ave., Delta, B.C.
- S. Lamb, 10973 McAdam Rd., Delta, B.C.
- S. J. Tulloch, 25 Lake View Dr., R.R. 2, Stoney Creek,
Ontario.
- Fred Wiggins, 201 - 10567 150th St., Surrey, B.C.
- Capt. Robyn Hues, 409 - 855 McBride Blvd., New
Westminster, B.C.
- Maj. G. B. Eaton, 11 Grosvenor Blvd., Stalbert, Alberta.
- A. G. Swan, Geo Derby Hospital, 47th Bn.



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THE COMMANDING OFFICER and OFFICERS
of 2316 The Royal Westminster Regiment
CADET CORPS

Request the honour of your presence
at the

A N N U A L I N S P E C T I O N

The Royal Westminster Regiment
ARMOURY

New Westminster, B.C.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1973, at 8:00 p.m.

No. 1 Dress

R.S.V.P.

WHAT BECAME OF KELLY?

- B. Goodnough, 2721 Fraser, Vancouver, B.C.
- W. A. Cameron, 3429 - 45th Ave., Red Deer, Alberta.
- Ken Clarkson, Box 3097, Whitehorse, Y.T.
- C. J. S. McCrea, Ste. 111 - 5978 Wilson Ave., Burnaby.
- John McPhee, 14608 West Beach, White Rock, B.C.
- J. D. Magill, 1557 - 129th St., Ocean Park, B.C.
- G. W. Auld, 203 Maple Ave., Chilliwack, B.C.
- Sid Roberge, 988 Dunford St., Victoria, B.C.
- Cpl. Simpson, 601 - 52 4th St., New Westminster, B.C.
- Frank Hopkins, 8-403 St. George St., New Westminster.



RETURN
REQUESTED

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

