



The GROUND SHEET

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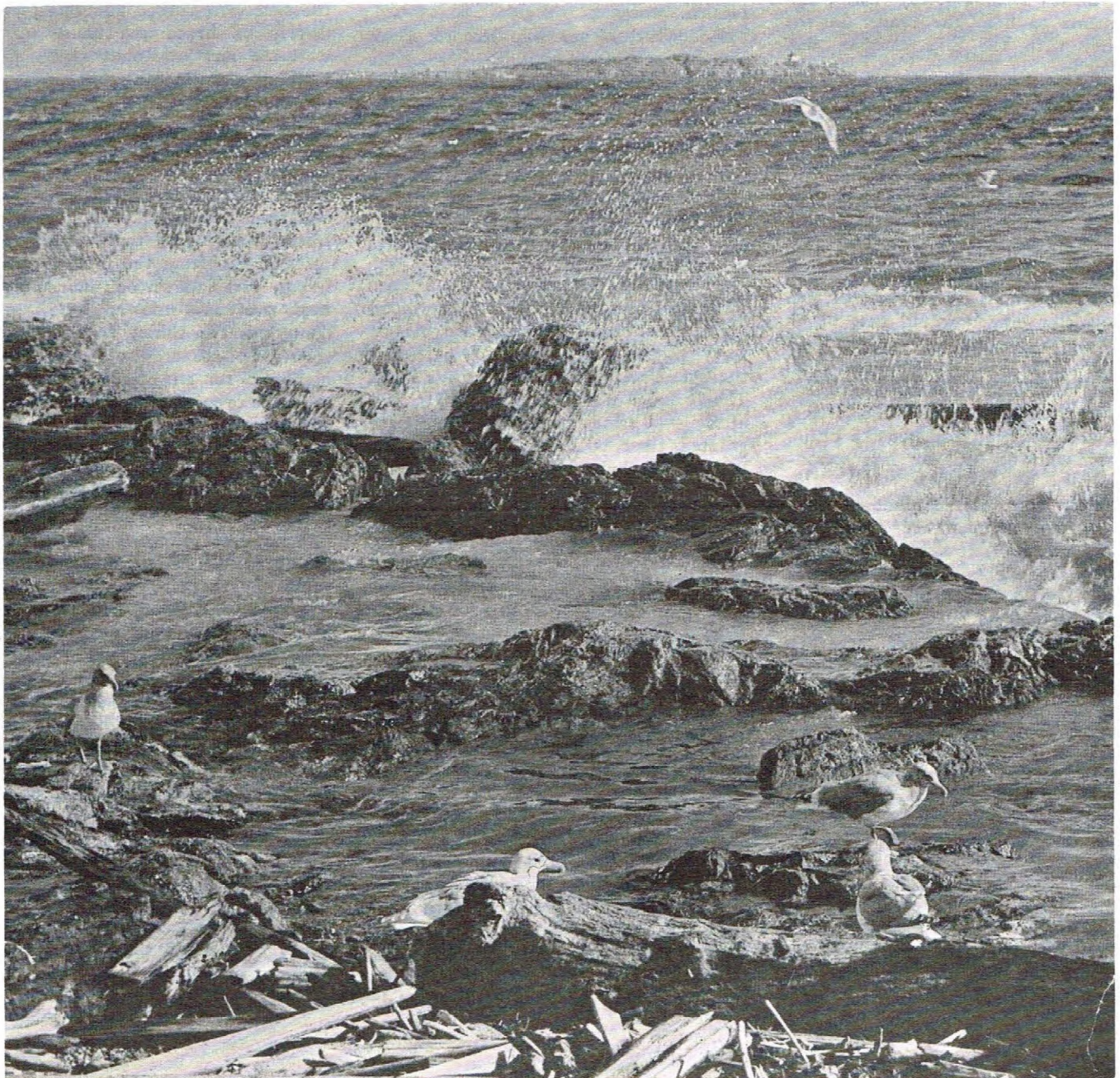
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THE GROUND SHEET

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THE MELFA REPORT

The Annual Melfa Dinner was a huge success, despite a very frustrating start.

Notice was received on the day before — thanks to Allan Pradine — that the Elks had somehow decided to have "our dinner" on the 18th, and had booked in for the 19th, another party.

To make a long story short, arrangements to hold the dinner in the Armoury with the Elks catering was negotiated.

The general atmosphere was one of: "Boy, finally we've come home." This attitude prompted Colonel Bill to move that all future dinners be held in the Armoury.

The last minute arrangements to some extent helped use an overexpenditure, as indicated in the enclosed financial statement for this dinner.

Recommendations for future chairmen of the Melfa dinner would be:

1. Written confirmation of the dinner date must be obtained, and also a written contract of the dinner arrangements with the caterer.
2. All bills should come to the chairman and be paid by him personally.
3. A cut back of the grandiose Sunday affair should be considered, e.g. perhaps self serve, make your own sandwiches, etc., as this was the biggest factor in overspending of the budget.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Association as Chairman of the Melfa dinner, to future Chairman, good luck!
— Jack Ford.

FROM THE EDITOR: —

As this is the last issue prior to the Summer (?) close, I have devoted most of the paper to the Annual Meeting Minutes of March and several Committee Reports. This format has been presented with the fond wish that it will provide the membership with an insight into the vast amount of effort put forth, on your behalf, by the Executive and Com-

mittee members (who by the way work a full twelve months on many matters) and to possibly elicit some written responses, criticisms, suggestions and ideas to better and further the needs of all members. We welcome all and every submission pro and con and urge you all to participate. ONLY THROUGH YOU CAN WE ACT TO YOUR BENEFIT. Until Fall then . . . Have a good summer and Good Luck and Health.

P.S. Our Membership Record Book indicates there are still a considerable number of UNPAID DUES FOR 1974. IF YOU FALL IN THIS CATEGORY, WOULD YOU KINDLY REMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Toronto Melfa Dinner 1974

The 9th Annual Melfa Dinner (Toronto Chapter) was a very good night for all those who attended. About forty people joined in the festivities at the Queen's Own Rifles Sergeant's Mess. The banquet was held in the Officers' Mess — same regiment. (We are granted these courtesies as a result of Pat McCarthy's long-standing association with that fine regiment.

Following the formal part of the evening and the banquet, the group adjourned to the Sergeants' Mess for an evening of dancing, fun and pleasant chit chat.

Mr. Penny (47th Battalion) made the long drive down from Orillia with his lovely wife to be with us and Gene Parkinson (Sgt., "C" Coy Mortar Section) joined us for the first time. A young fellow, Dave Peardon, of the Militia Regiment, but stationed at Camp Borden, also was a welcome guest. Ron, they are a great gang of guys to spend an evening with. Ed Lasher, Ed Guthrie, Bill Dennis, John Summers, Jim McEachern, Bill Majury, Alf White, Pat McCarthy, Cliff Newbigging, Stu Reid and Jack Shorter, all provided a wealth of memories and good comradeship. I wouldn't miss one of those evenings as long as I could possibly get there. Add

to that good company, the privilege of talking to Mr. Penney and Gene Parkinson and the nice people who come as guests and are really part of the family. It all adds up to a great night. "Pro Rege et Patria" — it was worth it!!!

— Wally Lockhart

ANNIVERSARY THIRTY "MELFA"

The anticipation for this event begins long before it happens. A chairman is chosen many months before, he can call on any member of the executive for any and all aid to make the dinner the success it turned out this year. The display of shrubs and plants this year were the idea of Robin Hues, a hard-working and welcome member of the executive.

Melfa time is Saturday morning, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and into the evening; a high time for any Westminister who considers this particular time his. A little kicking over the traces and we find that we have a way that differs from the usual manner of living, to let down our hair and enjoy those we have known. We have been doing this for thirty years, the friendships we have are no longer that. A highlight for all of us this year was a chance to see Norm Brault after thirty years. He hadn't changed much, maybe a little more weight, but to us he was the same guy we used to know. He is from Calgary where he lives with his wife and two sons. He was meeting Bill Armour from Victoria at ten Saturday morning and had to forgo the golf game. By the time evening came they had been joined by Syd Burton and their part of the evening was well on the way.

The dinner was very successful, the tables were tastefully set, there were flowers down the middle, beer for the thirsty, wine for the various toasts. An abundance of shrubs and flowers on the floor between the head table and the guests lent an atmosphere of class to our surroundings, it made the old armoury take on a different appearance. The mikes and loudspeakers worked very well. Stan Moorehouse, the Chairman of the Dinner, very ably introduced the speakers and kept the timing of events in line with the happy mood of the guests. The speeches were well pre-

sented, Rod Keary spoke in answer to the toast to the City of New Westminster. Ian Douglas spoke on a subject that bares the possibility that somewhere in the future soldiers like we had been may be needed again. His speech was well received and being well liked, the applause for him was really something. Lt. Col. M. Steede kept us up to date on the affairs of the Regiment and their achievements and thanked us for the aid we have been able to give.

Stan Moorehouse came in for a measure of applause when he brought up the subject of Good and Welfare, to us this meant the bar reopens.

During the meal, which was a Smorgasbord, the only sounds to be heard were the usual ones at a meal, the tinkling of glasses, the scrape of knives and forks on the plates and here and there the discreet loosening of belts. We filed up and chose that which we wanted from a heavily laden festive board just chock full of well prepared food. The beverages tea and coffee were served from the left as the meal progressed. A mighty fine repast.

Someone is certainly looking after us, even at six o'clock on Melfa morning you could tell it was to be a good day. Tsawwassen is around twenty five miles away so you must rise and shine early. This year tee off time was seven thirty, Barney Jones and Ron Mannering had everything up to schedule and the foursomes were quickly on their way. The course is beautiful, well treed and well cared for fairways, the greens gave you a better than average chance of putting out. For most of us our nemesis is the water hole near the fourteenth hole, actually two bodies of water shaped in the manner of a figure eight. Too hard, right into the far lake, too softly, dead centre, number one.

About now you remember you should have used some of the old balls in the bottom of the bag. Oh well. The sojourn in the clubhouse after the game is very pleasant. Ron and Barney are busy toting up the scores, coffee and beer are being served at the many tables and funny incidents that occurred during the war bring many a laugh. The conversations are animated and its obvious that we are glad to be here. It's little treasures like these meetings that you commit to memory for a distant Melfa somewhere in the future.

— Bill Robson

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Awards Committee has been sadly depleted this year by the passing, within the space of a few weeks, of two of its members: Peter Grossman and Bill Williams. Each of them added much strength and purpose to the Committee's work and our loss is very great therefore.

In regard to the 1973 scholarship part of the awards, we had eleven requests for applicant forms but of these only three were returned completed for consideration. It is idle to speculate on reasons for this low response. In any case, the Committee awarded one only of a \$250. scholarship this year. It was won by a serving member of the Regiment, L/Cpl. SIMLE, who has enrolled at U.B.C. towards a B. of Commerce degree.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS OF \$100. each were instituted this year for young people under 19 years of age. Three of these were awarded this year. The first two to CATHY SHORTT of Oak Bay and CHRIS NUSSLER of Port Moody, who each made continuing and outstanding contributions to their communities. The third was awarded to MICHAEL BROOKES of Vancouver, who's achievement was in preventing a hold-up, as already reported in the Groundsheet.

The Committee looks forward hopefully that next year we have more applications for the two \$250. scholarships.

We also would like to hear from the membership, of any young people who may deserve one of the achievement awards.

I am very pleased to serve as chairman of this committee which is composed of: DARCY BALDWIN, WALTER TYLER, JOHN FORD, JOHN HOU, LES DEANE, DOUG GLENN, and myself.

I would like to thank two former members of this committee, for their contributions during all the years since the awards committee started, namely IAN DOUGLAS and ALLAN COE.

Walter Lyle, Chairman

ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Descendents 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:

AWARDS COMMITTEE,
The Royal Westminster Regiment
Association,
c/o LCol L. K. Deane,
5720 Monarch St.,
Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2A3

Completed applications must be returned by JULY 31, 1974.

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.

LES DEANE

KNOW ANY GOOD TEENAGERS?

No, I'm not down on young people. Quite the contrary, I believe there are many tens of thousands of wonderful young people today whom we never hear about. Unfortunately, the news media tend to broadcast the bad things that a small minority of young people do.

Your Association wants to give recognition to two or three outstanding young Canadians by presenting them with a \$100.00 Achievement Award.

Please read the qualifications below and then, if you know of a young person who might qualify in your community, please write to me about him or her.

The personal qualifications of a candidate are:

(a) Male or female.

(b) Not having reached his 19th birthday on the date which the service or event for which he is being consid-

ered took place.

(c) Person of good character.

The type of service or event to be considered may fall into one of these categories:

(a) Service to the community, country or mankind, such as help to the aged, disabled, under-privileged, children, etc.

(b) Personal courage, such as life-saving or rescue attempts, etc.

(c) Event requiring initiative or resourcefulness, such as a wilderness expedition, local community project, etc., requiring such characteristics.

(d) Application of study, ingenuity, and inventiveness, such as the production or design of an invention benefitting the community, etc.

It is especially hoped that the TORONTO CHAPTER will note this and perhaps nominate some candidates. It would be very nice indeed to see one of the awards go to Toronto.

Anyone wishing further information or application forms, please write to:

Achievement Awards
c/o LCol L. K. Deane
5720 Monarch St.

Burnaby, B.C. V5G 2A3

The closing date for nomination is July 31, 1974.

Let's recognize young people who are a credit to this country — nominate candidates for your Achievement Awards.

— Les. Deane

FROM THE POST:

Very little correspondence at this time, but present these three letters as submitted and thanks to the writers. The letter from the Gurkha Appeal is a credit to all your efforts.

The moving letter of thanks to the Association from Kitty Anderson and family on the loss of her husband and a fine Association member and comrade is a most fitting tribute to his memory.

Last but not least is the fine letter from J. W. Straiton of Toronto. This is just the kind of letter we are looking for and some of the remarks contained therein are most pertinent and have already provided the impetus for much discussion at executive meetings. We would like to receive many more of the same.

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May 21, 1974

Royal Westminster Reg. Assoc.

Sirs:

It is extremely kind of you to contribute so generously to The Gurkha Welfare Appeal (Canada). Thank you very much indeed for your splendid donation.

We are most grateful and so too will the many Gurkha ex-soldiers and their families who will benefit from your generosity. I know they would want me to pass their warmest thanks.

Yours sincerely,
Major Michael L. J. Burke
Appeal Secretary
The Gurkha Welfare
Appeal (Canada)

NOTE: Your executive on your behalf, was proud to donate the sum of \$200.00 to this most worthy endeavour.

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98 Durie Street,
Toronto, Ont.
April 5, 1974

Mr. Ron Hurley

Dear Sir:

The February - March Groundsheet just came to hand yesterday, and while I presume I am in the "No pay" category in regard to dues for 1974, I am nevertheless enclosing cheque to be used as you deem fit.

I have read and digested very thoroughly the section entitled "Now Hear This," and here is my section entitled "Now — hear this."

Your Association is NOT the only one in Canada which has falling memberships,, for the reasons stipulated in the section "Now Hear This."

The point you must remember is that your Association is really a very small one compared to some. Take the Royal Canadian Legion for example. They are faced with the same problem of depletion by Veterans passing on to their reward, and by financial difficulties too.

Also, we do not have a War, Thank God, every twenty years either. Also speaking of finances alone, your Association does not obtain its carrying money in the manner the Royal Canadian Legion does. This is a well known fact that must be considered when it comes to carrying on the good work. I am personally all for the second paragraph in regard to non-voting membership, etc., but is this the financial answer to

your problems. First of all in my mind, is the fact that we are relatively a small dwindling Association, albeit a very large one in comparison with many other Regimental Associations in Canada, and you will have to simply cut down the high aims and expenses in some way.

However, this is just my ten cents worth which you asked for, and in the meantime, Good Luck and keep her going.

Sincerely
J. W. Straiton.

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2223 - 9th Avenue
New Westminster, B.C.
May 19th, 1974

Dear Mr. Hurley:

I would like to thank all members for the Sympathy Card, the Association sent to me and my family when Chick passed away.

He was sick for three and a half years and it was a happy release for God to call him home.

He was always so proud to have belonged to the Westminster Regiment and it broke his heart in 1940 when he couldn't go overseas, but fate took another turn, and he chose to help the kids in lacrosse, and he got so many rewards for this, his memory will live on for a long time.

Thanking you sincerely
Kitty Anderson and family

Hospital Report 1973-74

Visits are monthly visits to the George Derby, Shaughnessy, Royal Columbian and Vancouver General. Cigarettes, books, papers, candy too, and sometimes something that fits the Christmas spirit.

The visits take two nights a month usually in the same week, Saturdays are good days. Those visited number around ten, hence the two visiting days. Also getting to know those you visit results in a longer visit. It is a pleasant time and finding something to talk about is no problem at all. Once in a while someone who is hospitalized doesn't get visits during his time in the hospital and this shouldn't be. In the coming year we will try to do better.

These patients currently being visited are: Wilf Thom, Sam Fraser, A. G. Swan, Scotty Brown, Dan Corcoran, Thure Storm, Ernie Raley, Jimmie

Danes and Ed Graeme.

The first three in Shaughnessy, the next five in George Derby and Ed Graeme in the Royal Columbian in New Westminster.

A phone call to the desk will tell you where they are and if they can be visited. Shaughnessy 876-6767; Royal Columbian 522-2771; General (Vancouver) 876-3211; George Derby 521-

2676.

Think about it.

Thanks

Yours truly

W. G. Robson

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., AT THE ARMOURY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1974

The meeting was opened at 8:20 p.m. with the observance of the traditional two minutes silence in honour of departed comrades. President Doug Glenn presiding, 35 members in attendance. The President welcomed the members attending and thanked them for their loyalty but alluded to the continuing meagre attendance. The president also noted the alarming losses to our membership rolls and in particular to the executive. The secretary's roll call produced the fact that there were 10 executive members present. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were adopted as circulated on a motion by Hogg - Moorehouse.

Committee Reports:

Chairman Bill Robson reported on his activities in the past year and also remarked on the number of members we had lost in the past year. Bill noted that ALL the members who had unfortunately been confined to hospitals had expressed their appreciation for the visits. The President extended sincere appreciation to Bill for his fine efforts and he was accorded a warm round of applause.

Smoker Report:

Dick Armstrong reported that some 200 had attended the 1973 smoker and that despite a few ups and downs that everything had seemed to go alright and that perhaps some of the complaints and/or protest would lead to later discussion in the evening and perhaps produce some results. The President thanked Dick for his time and effort in producing the '73 Smoker. Dick was accorded a vote of appreciation.

Awards:

Walter Lyle opened his report by expressing his concern over the loss of some hard working and loyal committee workers in the loss of Peter Grossman and Col. Bill Williams. Walter noted

his dismay over the few applicants for the Scholarship Awards but was pleased to announce that the Achievement Awards had been an immediate success and on this note expressed the wish that he would like to hear from Association members about any other deserving youths that may qualify in the future. Doug Glenn thanked Walter and his committee for their untiring efforts on this most important and productive phase of our Association and Walter and his committee were extended a standing vote of appreciation.

Commanding Officer Remarks — Lt. Col. M. Steede:

Col. Steede expressed appreciation at being invited to speak to an Annual Meeting of the Association. The Col. reported, in his words that "The Battalion was in good health" and that the numerical strength was growing. He expressed the hopes for good things for the future and stated that with hard effort and work that they would receive a third company back. Col. Steede remarked that 4 members had been sent to permanent force for training and at the time of this meeting one member was still on duty in Germany. There was hope that summer employment would be provided for all members this year. Summer camp would be updated this year to August 10 to the 18th. In summation the Col. REITERATED that the Battalion was progressing well and he expressed his appreciation to the Association for their continued support. The President thanked Col. Steede and he was granted a hearty round of applause for his fine remarks.

Museum:

Chairman Bert Hoskin requested that Ian Douglas read the Museum Report and then move its acceptance. Ian presented his detailed and comprehensive report by first paying tribute to Peter

Grossman, Col. Bill Williams and Andy Hunter. These three prominent members were still very active in the Museum Activities when they were taken from us. Ian noted that Andy Hunter would be sorely missed re. his vast knowledge of World War I history. Ian noted that Geo. Hughes had already stepped in the breach and Malcolm Stewart and Walter Tyler will be further additions. Ian remarked that 1973 had been the most productive year to date and represented the fruits of earlier labors and efforts. Ian was particularly impressed by the Official Opening and doubly pleased by the \$1,000 Imperial Oil windfall that allowed for the cataloging during the summer. Ian explained, in detail, of the ownership and property of the Museum as it related to the legal retainership thereof. This had already been noted in the Groundsheet and further reference was made to the fine efforts of Glen Gates who had done all the legal preparation in preparing the legal documents to secure the "Safeguards" of the Association Museum. Ian closed his most informative report with many proposals for the Museum in the coming years. A financial balance was presented and the Museum Committee Books had been audited. Ian moved acceptance of this report and this was seconded by Malcolm Stewart. Carried unanimously and the Museum Committee and all others who had assisted them were extended a most sincere vote of appreciation on behalf of the entire Association.

Treasurer's Report:

Vern opened his report by explaining the previous year's reference to the alleged delay in a deposit by the Secretary, and that he was pleased to announce that it had been in the bank all the time and in that vein he lightheartedly took the Secretary off the hook. Vern detailed the financial standing of the Association in his usual

capable manner and inasmuch as the facts and figures of financial statements are somewhat confusing to all but bankers and politicians, they will be reflected in these minutes by an attachment of the Treasurer's Financial Report to these minutes. Vern itemized every expenditure and receipt and indicated the vast amount of time and work that the treasurer is obligated to produce on our behalf. Vern also read the Financial Report of the Draw Committee in the absence of those two hard working co-chairmen, Nelson Scott and Bert Stephens. Vern noted that there was a net increase in their returns of some \$400.00 and was evidence of the truly prodigious efforts of our Annual Draw Committee as represented by Scotty and Bert. Bert and Nelson, in absentia, were accorded a standing vote of applause and appreciation by the entire membership. Vern moved the adoption of his report, seconded by T. Whitehead. Vern also received a standing vote of appreciation from the membership.

Cadets: — Robyn Hues:

Robyn noted that the Cadets had been able to acquire another Cadet Co. from the Engineers. He reported fully on a most active year in the Cadets' activities and expressed the wish that all the cadets might proceed to summer camp. A particularly interesting activity involved training exchange with some U.S.A. Marine Corp Cadets. Robyn remarked about transportation difficulties and the lack of help from D.N.D. but expressed his appreciation to the Association for their continued support. President Doug expressed his appreciation to Robyn and noted that all those who were working with youth today were deserving of the greatest support.

Editor and Secretary:

In his dual capacity as Editor and Secretary, Ron Hurley reported the progress of the Groundsheet and the status of the current membership rolls. Ron thanked all those who had contributed to the paper and was pleased to note that these submissions appeared to be on the increase. As Editor he alluded to the paper as a media for publishing interesting correspondence and expressed the wish that later in the meeting the membership would discuss some of the more controversial entries in the current edition. As Secretary, Ron reported that we currently had some 367 paid

members and while this was over 50% of the 730 or so Groundsheets mailed out, it was not to be taken as a realistic improvement as he noted our nominal rolls are shrinking rapidly. He encouraged any incoming executive and/or committee to seek ways and means to maintain and increase our numerical strength. Over the years countless methods had been tried and it was to be hoped that we could encourage more of the people close at hand to join with us. Ron expressed his appreciation to the meeting for the confidence they had placed in him and expressed the wish that should he not be able to continue in the future, that some degree of support be shown to any one taking on these two portfolios. Ron regretted that Nelson Scott's fine Draw Report had inadvertently been misplaced at his place of business but assured all that it would be published in the Groundsheet in the future.

Melfa:

No Report.

Golf:

No Report.

President's Closing Remarks:

Doug Glenn noted his written report had been published in the Groundsheet but then he would be remiss not to thank every member of the executive that had served with him in the past three years. He further thanked the Commanding Officer, Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of The Royal Westminster Regiment for their interest and co-operation during his term of office. At this juncture, the President called for a "Break" and officially called for "Election of Officers for 1974."

It was moved by Ian Douglas and seconded by Vern Ardagh that a sincere and unanimous vote of thanks be given to Doug Glenn for his capable and loyal three years of administration as President. Carried with a resounding round of applause.

W. Hogg, Red Williams and Stan Moorehouse were named as scrutineers for the election.

Nominations for President provided but one Nominee and at the close of the required three calls, Bert Hoskin was declared elected as President by acclamation.

Nominations for Vice President resulted in the election of Les Deane as Vice President as two other candidates, Tom Hall and Walter Lyle declined.

The following were nominated for the Executive:

J. Rosso, T. Whitehead, S. Moorehouse, N. Scott, C. Huff, J. Ford, R. Hues, W. Robson, W. Lyle, R. Mannering, N. McAskill, E. Staton and B. Knitston.

The following were declared as elected as executive for 1974

J. Rosso, T. Whitehead, N. Scott, J. Ford, R. Hues, W. Robson, W. Lyle and S. Moorehouse.

President Elect Bert Hoskin requested Vern Ardagh to continue as Treasurer for 1974. Vernon accepted.

President Bert Hoskin requested Ron Hurley to continue as Secretary and Editor for 1974. Ron agreed to carry on as long as possible or as desired by the Executive.

The Ballots were destroyed on a motion Hogg/Shannon.

President Bert Hoskin thanked the membership for his election to the office of President for 1974 and expressed the wish that he could carry on in the same capable manner as his predecessor Doug Glenn. He remarked that he would defer the appointment of additional executive and/or committee chairmen until he had time and the needs thereof.

Unfinished Business:

The ways and means as to increasing membership participation would be deferred to incoming executive.

New Business:

A suggestion that the current By Laws be reviewed and possibly up dated was made on a motion by Whitehead/E. Shannon. It was to be investigated and reported at a suitable appropriate meeting. Carried.

The President called three times for further New Business and there was no response moved on to Good and Welfare.

Good and Welfare:

Stan Moorehouse discussed his plans for Melfa 74 and everything appeared in order. President Bert Hoskins asked any one that "had something to get off their chests" that now was the time to do it. After three such requests, there being no response, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. on a motion by Hues/Ardagh.

— R. R. Hurley, Secretary.

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association
BUDGET RECONCILIATION — 1973

	Income		Expenditure		Gain	Loss
	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual		
Draw	\$3,843	\$3,843				
From Surplus a/c	201	201				
Dues	2,000	2,793			793	
Coupons	675	686			11	
Miscellaneous	50	261			211	
Hospital - s/v						
Cadets			1,119	1,119		
Poppy Fund			100	100		
Awards			850	850		
Museum			800	800		
Mefa			600 *	1,015		415
Executive			350	365		15
Annual General Meeting			50	50		
Smoker			400	262	138	
Groundsheet			1,500	1,082	418	
Adminisration			1,000	1,040		40
	<u>\$6,769</u>	<u>\$7,784</u>	<u>\$6,769</u>	<u>\$6,683</u>	<u>\$1,571</u>	<u>\$ 470</u>
		6,769	6,683		470	
		1,015	86			
		86				
		<u>\$1,101</u>			<u>1,101</u>	

* — Included \$100 for Golf expenses.

We have examined the ledger, petty cash account receipts, invoices, cancelled cheques and bank account of the Royal Westminster Regiment Association Museum Account, and in our opinion these documents accurately represent the financial status of this account as at December Thirty-First 1973, with a bank asset of \$875.30, and no outstanding debts.

G. D. JOHNSON G. H. CHURLEY
 Auditors

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Annual Report March 22, 1974

The year 1973 was the most eventful of the five years that The Museum has been operating. The decisions made in 1969 and the work done in starting The Museum were vital; this year we have experienced important results of the work done in the early years.

The Museum is now operated by The Regimental Museum Committee which is composed of a Chairman, a Curator, a Secretary-Treasurer, two CO's Representatives, two Association Representatives, an Honorary Solicitor, a Custodian, a Registrar, a Security Officer, and a Historian for each of the five main historical periods in the life of the Regiment.

We would like to take this occasion to pay tribute to three Committee members whom we have lost very recently. LCol Bill Williams was a member-at-large and somewhat beyond the years when he could take an active part in Museum work. Peter Grossman, however, was a relatively young, free to give time to The Museum, and had access to sources of information very useful in his job as Historian 1863-1914. Andrew Hunter, the third to pass within the last three months, was our Curator and Historian for the First World War. Many people have worked hard to found and develop The Museum but no one has contributed as much as Andy. His unique personal experience and his reading in First War history were very valuable to us. We miss these men sadly.

Having to make replacements in all our committees is inevitable, but if The Museum is always as lucky in that regard as we are this spring, we'll not

The Royal Westminster Regiment Association
THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM ACCOUNT

Revenue and Disbursements March 1, 1972 to December 31, 1973

REVENUE		
32 Founding Members		\$1,405.00
Gifts —		
Billy Meek Memorial	\$ 50.00	
Westminster Regiment Assoc.	800.00	
Other	65.00	915.00
		<u>2,320.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Official Opening Expenses	\$ 591.56	
Printing and Typing	159.26	
Stationery, Stamps	69.35	
Equipment	1,025.48	
Building Supplies	788.00	
Petty Cash	175.00	
Incidentals	50.04	
		<u>2,858.69</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$2,858.69	2,858.69
OPERATING DEFICIT		\$ 538.69

BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Account March 1, 1972	\$1,413.99
LESS: Operating Deficit	538.69
	<u>\$ 875.30</u>
Bank Balance December 31, 1973	<u>\$ 875.30</u>

complain. George Hughes has already begun work at The Museum, for the moment as Assistant Registrar. Malcolm Stewart has joined the Committee and is preparing to assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer. Walter Tyler will take on the tasks of Historian for the 1863-1914 Period.

The most noteworthy events of 1973 must include the completion of the addition to Room 109, The Museum proper. All the work was done by Committee members, and all the worrying by the CO. He had to worry because our landlord had given no permission for the addition and was displeased with some of our methods. However, 25% floor space was added at reasonable cost

for the materials, and no blood was actually shed. Room 209, directly above Room 109, has been fitted out with shelves for storage and a good work table. The Engineers on behalf of the landlord, have installed a fan in Room 109, which will make it tolerable in summer.

The Founding Members' Drive was largely completed in 1972; the benefits,

however, have been appearing in '73, not only because of the muscle we developed from the donations but also because there is value in having people in the community aware of what The Museum is trying to do. The Founding Members' Roll contains 225 names; their donations totalled \$3,764.


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