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AND

ELECTION OF OFFICERS



THURSDAY
MARCH 18
1976
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Mail Bag

Because of the long and painful mail strike we are far behind in acknowledging our mail. Letters are always most welcome, for without them we have no way of knowing how our members are doing or what you feel the Association should be doing. Keep writing and bear with us if we sometimes seem a little slow in getting your information in print.

Most of the mail so far has had to do with the Annual Draw. It was encouraging to the Draw Committee that so many through imagination and initiative overcame the problems of the mail strike. Our thanks to all of you who came through in the crunch and made the draw the most successful ever. G. F. McCourt of Sechelt, M. E. Currie of Chilliwack, John Somers of Downsview, Ont., H. L. Jones, Mayfield, Sask., J. W. Stewart, Kitimat, Mel DeAnna, Castlegar, George D. Johnson, Nanaimo, Len Bailey, Lantzville, Henry Goertson, New Westminster, Mrs. L. Innes, New Westminster, Caughey McCallum Osoyoos and many others wrote nice notes telling of the problems they had to overcome in selling the raffle tickets. Most of them ended up buying the tickets they didn't sell, so thanks again, all of you who worked so hard.

Mrs. J. V. Hollingum of San Francisco kindly sent her annual donation in memory of her husband. This is indeed the spirit which keeps our Association alive. Thank you, Mrs. Hollingum.

Letters were also received from old friend Fred Bass, whose letterhead says "Entertainment is My Business." Fred is still most active and livened up our smoker with his piano playing. John Earle advises that he is retiring from George Derby and also passes along the name of a patient whose name is Munn who was attached to us throughout the Italian campaign, any of you who remember him can get in touch with him in Pavilion 8, George Derby. Good to hear from R. Dashwood of Hatzic, Tony Picone of Trail, Padre de Pencier of Maple Ridge, Herb Newman who tells us he is retiring this year and A. Guetre of Winnipeg hopes his "Life Membership" will keep him alive for years to come. Let's hope so, too!

Sorry to hear of ill health of some members. Mrs. Smalley of Ladysmith advises us that her husband was in the Veterans Hospital in Victoria, Allen Vickberg, Edward Bradford, and Robert Hardy are also under the weather. Hope you are all back to your old selves soon.

Joe Tattersal writes from Yorkshire, England where as he says he is "still plodding on in the commercial art field." Joe, as many of you will remember, had a terrific talent for catching the essence of a situation or a personality in his rather fabulous cartoons. Some of Joe's work is displayed in our Regimental Museum. I hope we can convince him to allow us to print some of his work in the near future.

Clarence Smith writes from Rosetown, Sask., hoping to get to one of our affairs if he gets his seeding done in time.

We'll be looking for you on May 22, Clarence. Fred Evans in Kelowna sends in several names of old buddies he has run into: Mike Stanagher, Roy Richards of C Coy, Roy Little, Fred Day and Fred Kearns, all alive and well in the sunny Okanagan. Fred plans on being in town for the Melfa Dinner this year.

Let's all get behind Annual Dinner Chairman John Rosso to help make this year one to remember. May 22 at the Canadian Legion Hall, New Westminster, our Annual Melfa Dinner.

President's Message

Would you believe that it is almost time for our 1976 Annual Meeting? Time also to assess what we have accomplished in the past year and give some thought to the future.

One of the most gratifying achievements is in the steady progress of the regimental museum. We now have 15 display cases and have collected from donors some 1500 items of military significance ranging from weapons to documents, and these have all been accessed with more awaiting our attention. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, thanks to our good friend Bob Switzer, filmed "The Bob Switzer Hour" Remembrance Day Programme right in the Museum!

Although we often feel that ours is a rather humble and amateurish operation, we have received heartening compliments from those professionals working in the field.

Thanks to our members and friends, thanks to the Draw Committee and ticket sellers, we can feel secure in the knowledge that we have a record of the history of our family of regiments to pass on when we cross the last start line.

We were very pleased with the draw, the postal strike forced postponement of the smoker, but finally we put it all together in January, everyone had a good time. We realized \$4500 after expenses for Association and Regimental activities.

The Scholarship & Achievement Awards Committee have granted one scholarship and several achievement awards this past year, and we are hopeful that the awards applications will prove more productive next year. I would like to ask all members once again to keep us informed of any worthy contribution made by any youngster or group of youngsters in their area.

I have sincerely appreciated the support of the Executive Committee and the members of the Association, and from the Colonel and Major Rigby-Jones of the Regiment. I hope those within driving distance of the Armoury will turn out for the Annual Meeting on March 18th and will help us plan a course for this next year. Remember the Annual Dinner too at the Canadian Legion in New Westminster on May 22nd. To meet old friends and reminisce is just like charging one's batteries for another assault on Corriano Ridge!

—Bert Hoskin

Coming Events

Mark Your Calendar

ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE — NOW!!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING — THURS., MARCH 18

REGIMENTAL CHRISTENING — SUN., MARCH 28

MELFA GOLF TOURNAMENT — WATCH FOR DETAILS

MELFA DINNER — ~~MON.~~ MAY 22

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Return to Holland

Ron Mannering, retired Major with the Royal Westminster Regiment, made a nostalgic visit to the area of northern Holland where the Regiments last days in action took place. To give the reader a clearer picture of the significance of this visit let us preface Major Mannering's story with a quote from the Westminster War Diary, page 194:

"It will be remembered that during these early months of 1945, the German military machine was rapidly collapsing under the tremendous weight of the combined East and West assaults. In the Northern regions of Holland the German forces were in a scramble to get safely back to their own country, and their defending actions were planned with the objective of guarding the principal escape routes. One of these lay through Groningen, a large commercial and agricultural centre in Northern Holland and thence due east a matter of about forty miles to German territory. . . . Two units of the Fifth Division, the Perth Regiment and the Westminsters were given the occupation of this area which measured roughly 35 miles by 15 miles. The Westminsters had the northerly portion, including Groningen. . . . Many thousands of enemy troops were in the area, cut off from a dry land return to Germany by virtue of the Canadian forces having reached the southernmost end of the Dollard. The principle centre of defence was a large anti-aircraft station whose normal duty was the defence of Emden. Its super heavy guns were later found capable of firing at low angles against ground targets, a fortunate thing indeed for the German occupants of the Delfzijl pocket." Pages 196 to 206 give a most graphic description of the subsequent action in which the Regiment distinguished itself during those last few days of the war in Europe. Now there is Ron Mannering's reminiscence of a return to the Dutch battlefields after 30 years.

Accompanied by my wife and a Dutch couple from Abbotsford we flew Wardair to Amsterdam. Met at "Schipol" airport by the families of our friends, the Dekkers and the Elevelds, we were at once taken into the folds of true Dutch hospitality. Everything we had heard about the way Canadians are treated was true and we were overwhelmed.

In Zaandam, a few miles north of Amsterdam we were given a party where both large families participated. The next day we were allowed to relax and tried to catch up to the "jet-lag." Wednesday, we drove north to Vollandam, a quaint old fishing village on the Zuider Zee, where we donned the traditional Dutch costumes, clogs, pipe, and all and before we could turn around, a visiting bus-load of Spanish tourists descended on us, thinking we were typical Hollanders. Brenda and I were surrounded by them and they joined us while at least 100 snaps were taken with some beautiful photographic gear. It was fully half an hour before we could rejoin our friends. We tried to tell them we were Canadians, but they were so excited, they wouldn't listen, so somewhere in Spain these days, people are being shown pictures of a couple of typical Holland fishing folk.

Thursday, we travelled over to Hengelo, near the German border, and that evening our host Jaab Eleveld of Glimmen, a village near Haren, 6 Km from Groningen, drove us to his home. Jaab, a contractor laying phone cables for the Government, was formerly a journalist, and was keenly interested in my return to his country after 30 years. He still had connections with the press and phoned a friend and told him of our



Ron Mannering pauses at Grave of Major Fred Shawcross

visit to the area. He wanted to write it up and also came down to take a picture.

On Saturday, I started to trace some of the Regiment's movements North and East of Groningen. We approached Woldendorp, a small village then, which was taken by Major Bill Neill's A Company, and which we of Major Bert Hoskin's Company took some of the pressure off early the next morning. I found my "Casa," also the City Hall (A Coy H.Q.), and the Post Office where I remember the phone lines were still hot and ringing, although the building was 80% demolished. Here we met Mrs. Z. Bouwman Bulten, who lived next door to the P.O. and remembered well the fighting in and around her village. It has now grown to quite a size, but once inside the inner core, could be remembered. I found all the places without difficulty.

After a few pictures we headed for Termunten, Termuntenzijl, and Fiemel, the German naval fortress which gave us so much trouble. On our way up we passed an art exhibition in the kirk at Termunten and upon enquiring from another motorist how to get out across the fields, we find he is a photographer, and smelling a story; tells us we must return and meet the Burgomeester of Woldendorp, who has taken a keen interest in the War History of the area.

We carry on to the large farm of Mr. Bosscher, which I remembered only too well. Here we met him and his son and enjoyed a few minutes together before going forward across his farm to the large gun sites which they refer to as the "bunkers" and the place as Fiemel. We stood on the dyke, on a very windy day, looked across the Ems River to Emden in Germany, and had a picture taken.

Next we returned to the kirk and the exhibition, sat through the opening ceremonies and great long speeches. Afterward we

went forward and met Burgomeester Boekhoven, who welcomed us in good English, and introduced us to a goodly number of people including the Mayor of Emden.

All the while we were plied with sherry and cakes, and met many of the people who were interested in my return after 30 years. They said only one Scottish soldier had been in the area in that time. One of the ladies we met was Mrs. Bosscher, the farmer's wife, and in the difficulty of speech (mostly wrong interpretation by the press) it came out in the papers, that she immediately recognized me, when in fact she came from Germany just 20 years ago to marry Mr. Bosscher. But at any rate, we had lots of laughs and all in all a memorable afternoon.

The Burgomeester insisted we return to Woldendorp where he presented me with a hard bound book on the history of Termunten. He wrote inside "With the best wishes from house to house." I surprised him with my recollection of his city hall, but recognized it easily and even showed him down the hall to the cellar door and into the basement where "A" Company's H.Q. was at the time. I remember it as if it were yesterday, for the number of wounded, both German and Canadian, literally filled every nook and cranny and I had to step over them to get to Bill Neill. The visit capped the day off and believe me we were tired.

Sunday we visited Norg', Leek and Roden and again, once you get past the expanding growth and get inside, nothing much has changed. In Roden we soon found Dave Leedham and my old billet with the family of Martin De Vries. Every Sunday at dinner time all the family visit old dad for the evening so we sure picked the right day. We had left a pheasant cooking back at Glimmen, and nothing would do but we go and turn it off, and return for a party. The entire family turned up and believe me after a few drinks, everyone was talking at once. The girls Tina and Yankje who were 19 and 21 at the time, are now 49 and 51; remembered the Westminsters well and asked for all the names. Yankje's husband, Jan Dolphin, along with our host Jaab Eleveld, were kept busy interpreting, but it is amazing how the old language comes back and we were all talking, with the teenage children, who spoke a lot of English, laughing at us in the background. Lucas and Hendrick De Vries were there too, with Lucas' wife "Willie." Jan Arkies, our interpreter of 1945 came over as well and could not believe that we would ever return.

The next day Jan Dolphin borrowed Martin's car and drove us all over the area. We met Yankje Boetje, who is still working in the pharmacists, also Tinas and Abe Weites, of the Zuiderveld Cafe, where C Coy had both the Sergeants and Officers Mess. I believe Timpe worked there and hopes to visit Holland shortly.

From the write-ups in the papers covering our visit, others phoned and wanted to meet us and we did what we could to cover them all. One very interesting couple are Klaas and Ge' van der Laan in Appingedam, near Delfzil and their daughter Elli. Klaas and Ge' have tried and are still working on a history of the Canadians in Holland. They have a room full of artifacts and other memorabilia and gave us some of them for our museum. We will correspond with them and there will be other items forthcoming. A very interesting couple indeed!

Our days in the north of Holland were filled with many fond remembrances. We met "Jackie," a girl from Chilliwack in the "London Pub" in Groningen — very refreshing. Subsequently, we learned Tiny Robertson and wife Jolly were in

Groningen, where they have an apartment and stay during the winter season. His nephew had saved the papers telling of our visit and asked Tiny if he knew this guy Mannering. Sorry we missed you, Tiny.

After the big weekend we returned South and our good friends, Jaab Dekker and his wife Bertha, chauffeured us to the two large cemeteries at Holten and Groesbeek. Incidentally, Bertha (Betty) was an Eleveld from Smilde where A Coy was billeted. They had two boys from the Regiment at their farm home. She was 17 at the time and should be remembered by one or two of the following: John Hagel, Richard Fithen, Dewey Beck, or George Orth.

Casey Dekker of Abbotsford accompanied us and helped us in the filming of the gravestones. This was a big job as we had no list of our fallen comrades and had to find the Westminster Regiment name on the marker or look down the whole Registry at each Cemetery. However, we did get several snaps and a fairly good slide of the following: Clayton Lalond, C. E. Lorenz, Joe Petrak, Jim Prout, Don Sawyer, and Fred Shawcross, all in Holten Cemetery. In Groesbeek, near Nimegen, Stewart MacKinlay, Charles Pewtress, Angus St. Cyr, John Wakula, Fred Waters, Jack Cambridge, Ted Huth, Alf Gammmer, W. J. Koller, and one of an unknown soldier. These will go into the museum when suitable arrangements are made to show them. There is one other Cemetery at Bergen-op-Zoom where I know there are four or five other Westies and we must make an effort to have a slide taken to complete our collection. Our friends in Holland were most helpful and may complete this for us. They could not do enough for us and this is an example of the high regard they hold for the Canadian soldier.

We returned to Zaandam, and Amsterdam, took the boat-train from the Hook to Harwich and on to London, Liverpool, and Blackpool for a nice quiet week before returning to Schipol and our air flight home.

—Ron Mannering

The Secretary's Report

Just a few lines on the completion of my first year as your Secretary. It has been trying at times, what with the postal strike and the postponing of the Smoker and Draw. But on the whole it has been a very rewarding experience. Most gratifying has been the opportunity of meeting so many of the membership, this I hope will expand as time goes on. Communication is of course the life blood of our organization and I do appreciate your letters, be assured that any suggestions or comments are passed on to the Executive to help them try to make the Association more meaningful.

A few changes are necessary to keep us up to date and to keep the Association in a sound financial position. As you all recognise as each year passes we are all a little older and sadly enough a little fewer. It was therefore thought necessary by your Executive to make a slight change in the by-laws concerning membership dues, particularly in the area of Life Members. As it now stands anyone over 60 may apply for a reduced dues structure. Unfortunately we are all rapidly approaching that age group and as a consequence our income will drop at a time when we are faced with rising costs. For one example, your copy of the Groundsheet costs almost \$4.00 per year to print and mail to each member. Your Executive therefore proposes this Notice of Motion:

NOTICE OF MOTION. RE NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIPS, "That new Life Memberships be \$5.00 per year."

as the By-Laws now read Life Membership is granted at age 60 with payment of \$5.00 and \$3.00 per year thereafter. This notice of motion is to standardize dues at \$5.00 per year except World War I Veterans who will continue to be free.

Museum Report

Two new members of the Museum Committee were appointed at the January meeting Basil Morgan and John McComber. John now serving with the Regiment will take the responsibility of organizing the history of the post 1945 period.

Dave Adlem, presently serving as historian of the 1st World War period, has also kindly offered to accept the Treasurership on Malcolm Stewart's retirement from that office later in February.

Our CF Museum status has enabled us to apply for financial assistance to assist us in the costly business of cataloging each of our artifacts. We have been granted an additional \$1800 to go toward the wages of an assistant or deputy curator. We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Sgt. Cull on a temporary basis to help with the mass of paper work which is part of getting the museum records in shape.

The pressing need at the moment is for a curator as mentioned above, one who could give efficient service to the Museum for at least 10 hours a week. We have the funds available and plenty of work waiting, so with the help from the Association and the CF Museum Committee, our Museum is ready for a bright new phase in its history.

Walt Tyler, Historian of the 1863-1914 period, is busy at work on a definitive history of our Regimental antecedents, a job that will take time and effort to complete but one which must be done in order to trace our history.

It has been decided to arrange for a display case featuring the Association, however space is a problem and also deciding just what to put in the case is causing us a little concern, any ideas or artifacts would be most welcome by the committee.

Speaking of artifacts, we are now in good shape to accept any items that you might wish to donate to the Museum. Our cataloging is in good order, thanks to Sgt. Cull, and we have received some gifts in the past few months but could use many more. Those of you who have seen the Museum recently will appreciate that in order to maintain good displays the cases have to be re-organized from time to time. We are very pleased that an offer has been made to provide us with a full WWI uniform, this is an item we have been most anxious to obtain, anyone who has any similar WWI artifacts to donate would earn our undying thanks.

Late last year the Museum had a visitor from Quebec in the person of the Curator of the Royal 22nd Museum La Citadelle, Quebec City. L Col Lucien Turcotte was highly complimentary over what we had done in the space. He verified that regardless of size all museums have much the same problems, acquiring of artifacts, the constant struggle to keep ahead of construction. One problem they have, however, is that they have over 100,000 visitors annually.

Our Museum, thanks to Sgt. Cull's attendance, is now open to visitors on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

Status Report of the Serving Battalion

By LCOL MIKE STEEDE

This year's training got off to a running start. On the weekend of 27/28 September A Coy under command of Maj H. V. Larsen was tasked with providing an enemy force for the 12th (Vancouver) Militia Service Bn in an exercise in the Chilliwack area. The exercise which lasted for 48 hours was a great success and the general concensus was that the enemy force won. During that same weekend B Coy under Maj J. N. Gangur was involved in the culmination of Reserve Week and had manned recruiting displays in several of the local malls. In addition, they organized an Open House in the Armoury which was received very well by those who took the opportunity to learn what our training consists of and to view the museum. During the course of the day we had over 250 visitors. The museum had been beautifully set up by the Museum Committee and was the focal point of the Open House.

Last summer the Regiment participated in the Militia Concentration which was held at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Over 1000 militiamen from B.C. took part in the exercise with the contingent from the Regiment being amongst the largest. It was a very successful exercise and the training received was excellent. For example, the unit spent two days on the platoon attack range where live ammunition was used by the assaulting force and fire support base during the attack on an objective. In addition, a day was spent on the defensive firing range which exercised the section leaders in controlling the fire of their personnel against an advancing enemy simulated by electronically controlled mechanical targets. The final phase of the week's training was a two-day exercise consisting of an advance to contact, attack and withdrawal. Much was learned.

Members of the band under Sgt M. Grieve also joined us at Ft. Lewis and took part in an area organized band school. In addition, they together with the representatives of the other B.C. bands organized a very professional Band Tattoo on 1st July, 1975 in celebration of Dominion Day. It was well received by our American friends and was reported in the Seattle and Tacoma papers. As a matter of fact, as a result of their performance they were invited by our hosts to participate in their 4th July celebrations.

At the time of writing an application has been submitted to NDHQ for B.C. units to conduct MILCON 76 in Ft. Lewis but approval has not yet been given.

Several years ago at the time of the last austerity program the establishment of the Battalion was cut from Bn HQ, HQ Coy and three rifle coys to Bn HQ and two rifle coys. We lost at that time the Abbotford Armoury and our last remnant in the Fraser Valley. In order to regain some of this lost potential we have negotiated with Branch No. 4, The Royal Canadian Legion, in Chilliwack to sub-lease the old Chilliwack Armoury. Our objective is to initially organize an unofficial platoon in Chilliwack with the hope that when it proves successful Area HQ will officially recognize it and approve its upgrading to company strength. In view of the fact that "D" Coy of the Regiment was originally recruited from this area the new Chilliwack sub-unit will be referred to as "D" Coy. 20 recruits have signified an interest to this date and it is hoped that by the time June rolls around that we will have a potential group of 50.

—M. H. H. Steede Lieutenant Colonel Commanding Officer



Sports Report

This photograph sent in by R. M. Nesbitt of Maple Ridge is identified as the Camp Championship Team of the Regiment at Camp Borden in 1941. Doug Glen kindly came up with the names, see if you remember.

Back row: Jack Mahoney, Ralph Ballam, Bill Gunn, Major Gislison, Doug Glen, George Randle, Major Eckhart.

Middle row: Ted Robinson, Jim Dumont, Ted Bowyer, Ron Forrest, Andy Krall.

Front row: Andy Billy, Shorty Ashton.

Hope we made it right fellows! Doug and I had a lot of help at the Smoker but some weren't seeing too well.

Any other readers who have photos they would like to have appear from time to time in the *Groundsheet*, please send them along. If you wish to have them donated to the Museum after we've used them please make a note to that effect, otherwise we'll return them if you request.

Regimental Christening Sunday, March 28th

One of the more pleasant traditions of the Regiment and the Association will take place in March. The Regiment will hold a combined Church Parade and Christening ceremony at the Armouries on Sunday, March 28. This annual ceremony is non-denominational and serves as an opportunity for parents who are serving members as well as Association members to participate in the service. Anyone wishing to have children or grandchildren christened at this ceremony should forward the name and date of birth of the child to the Mess Secretary, Royal Westminister Regiment, The Armouries, New Westminster, before Monday, March 15, 1976.

The Association has for many years provided Bibles for the children who are christened at this colourful ceremony. Even if you are not one of those having a child christened it is a lovely service and you are most welcome to attend.

Former Colonel Promoted to Brigadier General



The former commanding officer of the Royal Westminister Regiment, Colonel H. E. Hamm has been promoted to Brigadier General and appointed Commander Militia Area Pacific as of February 15.

General Hamm, who was born in New Westminster, enlisted in the Royal Westminister Regiment in 1953 as a private soldier and joined the COTC program two years later. He was commissioned in August of 1956 and served with his regiment until posted to 24 MIL Group Headquarters in 1958. From 1959 to 1965 he served as Adjutant, Company Commander and Second in Command and from January 1965 to June 1968 commanded the Royal Westminister Regiment. For the next three years he served as Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. In 1971 he took over command of our regiment for the second time and in 1973 joined the Pacific Area staff as Senior Cadet Liaison Officer. In September of 1974 he was appointed Commander Vancouver Militia District and promoted to Colonel.

As Pacific Area Commander he will have 12 militia units under his control made up of infantry, armour, artillery and service regiments. His headquarters will be in the North Jericho military base where he will operate with a staff of about 50 officers, both regular and militia.

General Hamm said one of his first priorities is to increase the size of the units under his command to bring them up to strength.

The General attended the Duke of Connaught High School and the University of British Columbia. He is married and lives in New Westminster with his wife and three daughters.

"D" Coy Makes Donation

Leo Wright, on behalf of "D" Coy, Branch 3, Chilliwack, presented a cheque for \$119.00 in support of our Association. Leo, as you may remember from the last *Groundsheet*, is Re-nu President of the annual D Coy affair usually held at the home of D'Arcy and Elsie Baldwin out Cultus Lake way. The donation was much appreciated and a vote of thanks was extended by the Executive for this generous act.

PRIZE LIST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRAW

Draw was originally scheduled for December 6th, 1975 deferred to January 24th, 1976 due to postal problems.

First Prize Ticket 202X	Robert T. Brown 203 Froelich Rd. Kelowna, B.C.	\$250.00
Seller:	Bob Brown	\$50.00
Second Prize Ticket 1070W	Diane Ryan No. 1 5800 Trunk Rd. Delta, B.C.	Case of Cognac (\$165.80)
Third Prize Ticket 791F	A. Curley 3842 Myrtle St. North Burnaby, B.C.	Case of Scotch (\$136.08)
Fourth Prize Ticket 1293T	Tim Lessard 1950 Routley Ave. Port Coquitlam, B. C.	Case of Rye (\$119.07)
Fifth Prize Ticket 656V	Jack Macleod 210 1010 St. Andrews New Westminster, B.C.	Case of Tequila (\$100.80)
Sixth Prize Ticket 1317K	Jim Reid RR No. 1 Mara, B.C.	Case of Rum (\$93.24)
Seventh Prize Ticket 21P	D. McNabb 10055 Quarry Rd. Chilliwack, B.C.	Case of Vodka (\$81.90)
Eighth Prize Ticket 233Z	Brian Price 3480 E. 23rd Ave. Vancouver, B.C.	Case of Gin (\$74.97)
Ninth Prize Ticket 48E	D. Furlot 1740 Glendale Ave. Coq., New West., B.C.	Case of Spanish Champagne (\$57.33)
Tenth Prize Ticket 146X	Mrs. C. S. Sellar 968 12151 224th St. Maple Ridge, B.C.	10 Doz. Beer (\$40.02)

Ten Consolation Prizes each of \$20.00.

Ticket Number:

575E	Charles Brown
1394B	M. T. Wickett
572U	Ian Richdale
339L	H. H. Linde
1260F	J. Hargreaves
779T	Grace Hird
1001H	Karen Landreville
915D	Wayne H. Drury
412Y	Maureen Urquhart
695N	M. L. Esau

APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR JOB OF ASSISTANT CURATOR

Applications for the position of Assistant Curator of the Museum of the Royal Westminster Regiment and the Royal Westminster Regimental Association will be accepted immediately.

- The appointee would work under the direction of the Museum Committee.
- No previous museum experience is necessary, but some military experience is essential.
- Preference will be given to Association members with an interest in furthering this Association project.
- Duties will include assessing and cataloging artifacts, maintaining displays, guiding visitors, and liaising closely with the Museum Committee.
- Attendance at the Museum: during the day and possibly one evening per week—would amount to 25 hours a month for at least ten months a year.
- A stipend would be paid on the basis of \$3.00 per hour.

Written applications should be mailed to:

The Secretary of The Museum Committee
The Armoury
Queens Avenue at Sixth Street
New Westminster, B.C.

News Item . . .

A recent announcement by the U.S. Department of Defense states that research is being done into the use of bat dung as a source of military missile propellant. I've got news for them. Ask any old sweat and he'll tell you that the Canadian army discovered the chicken variety years ago.. Remember those parades . . . great coats will be worn . . . great coats will not be worn, etc., etc.



Lest We Forget

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What Became of Kelly?

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Smoker Well Attended

The Association Annual Smoker and Draw was unavoidably delayed this year. However, the fact that it was held a month later than is usually the case seemed to do little to dampen the enthusiasm for those who did attend. A door count showed a total of 129 who made the effort to come out to show their support for the Association and the work done by the Draw Committee. A special vote of thanks should go to Walter Lyle and his hard working Smoker Committee for the organization and planning which helped make the Smoker another success. Each member attending was greeted at the door and given a ticket for refreshments made up of a delicious chili and clam chowder, cheese, crackers and pickles. A wet bar was available at bargain prices for those who wanted to wet their whistle. Coffee urns provided the one for the road which proved mighty popular.

The Annual Smoker is one of the major events sponsored by the Association to provide a meeting ground for members who may not have seen each other for some time. It also gives the members an opportunity to view the improvements made to the Museum, and to say the least gives you a chance to show the executive that their work during the year has served some useful purpose. The annual draw, of course, is the focal point of the evening and this year was no exception. President Bert Hoskin officiated and before drawing the first ticket announced that this has been the greatest draw in the history of our association. He announced that after all expenses had been paid the draw would provide the Association with \$4350 to be used in the continuation of their work. A tribute to all of those who worked so hard to make it a success. Ticket sellers naturally get most credit for without their outstanding support there would not be the dollars to continue such worthwhile efforts as our scholarships, the Museum, support of the Cadets, sick and visiting committee, the *Groundsheet* and many other activities.

Bert made special mention of the fine support that had been given by members of the Regiment in the selling of tickets, they have the thanks of the Association. The Draw Committee, Nelson Scott and Bert Stevens are to be congratulated for the great job they did in spite of the difficulties brought about by the lengthy postal strike. A list of the winning tickets appears elsewhere in *The Groundsheet*.

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