



# The GROUND SHEET

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THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

104th — 47th — 131st — The Royal Westminster Regt.

*Dedicated to the Ideals and Comradeship We knew in Two World Wars*

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**1976  
ANNUAL  
SMOKER  
AND  
DRAW  
SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 11th**

**7:00 P.M. — IN THE ARMOURIES, NEW WESTMINSTER**

As Chairman of the 1976 Smoker and Draw I cordially invite all members of The Royal Westminster Regiment Association to attend our Annual Smoker on Saturday, December 11th. This is one of the annual affairs held by the Association to show appreciation to our members for their continuing support. There is no admission charge. We offer you good food, good refreshments, good fellowship and a chance to participate in the Annual Draw. Why not plan on attending and meeting all of your old buddies and spinning a tall tale or two. Please remember to send in all of the draw ticket stubs to Nelson Scott and Bert Stevens well before the night of the draw. See you on the 11th of December . . .

Ed Shannon, Chairman, 1976 Smoker



## THE GROUNDSHEET

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## MAIL BAG

I hope you will accept my regrets that this *Groundsheet* is almost a month late in getting to press, however I have been out of the country for the past two months which I'll tell you about later. The mail bag was overflowing when I returned which was very gratifying. Thanks to all of you who took the times to write and especially those who sent along their dues. We also received an unprecedented number of requests for copies of the War Diary . . . a word of warning to those of you who still have not got a copy, the number of copies left is very limited and as I said in the last *Groundsheet* I would doubt that it will ever be reprinted. If you want a copy for Christmas, why not drop a hint to your own personal Santa and have them order one from Ron Mannerling, our secretary, the price is \$5.50.

Now to the mail. A most welcome letter from C. L. Wilkins who is at Box 426, Mayerthorpe, Alberta. Thanks for your dues and the donation, and I hope you have your War Diary by now. Mr. Wilkins goes on to say how much he enjoyed Ron Mannerling's story of the Regiment's last action at the end of the war. He says that it brought back memories of some of the places he saw while a radio operator with B Coy, 5 platoon with Curley Janelle and Sgt. Barnum. He hopes to attend next year's Melfa dinner to renew old acquaintances. He is engaged in farming and a cow-calf operation in Alberta.

The last paragraph of his letter is the sort of comment that makes all the hard work of putting out *The Groundsheet* worthwhile . . . he says "Keep up the good work with *The Groundsheet*, I enjoy reading it as it is the one contact we have with the old friends and the Regiment as we are scattered all over Canada. I sure hope the rest pay up their dues as it is a worthy group of people and a fine Regiment which I am proud to have served in." Thanks for those kind words, for after all, that's the name of the game.

Miss Millie Plecas, whose brother Joe was killed in action with the Regiment on September 24th, 1944, writes a nice letter ordering a War Diary, and a copy of *Ritorno in Italia*. Miss Plecas mentions that there were six members of the family in the services and another brother Paul also lost his life serving with the Seaforths. Thomas W. Farnhis (I hope I have the spelling right, Tom) sends dues and an order for books and passes on a request to say hello to Scotty Lowe.

A report of another reunion in Regina earlier this summer from Roger Hassard. Here is Roger's report: "Our small reunion of ex-Westies was held on July 9th and a great time was had by all who attended. Norm Brault was in Regina for a wedding but stayed over an extra week so we could get together. We have a large back yard with lots of trees so we set up tables and lawn chairs. Everyone brought their own "oh bejoyful." Norm provided the ice, mix, etc., and later in the

evening we had the "Colonel" send up some of his Kentucky fried chicken. As you can well imagine most of the evening was well spent in telling stories and talking of the old days. There was a total of 26 who showed up at one time or another during the evening and it was so successful we would like to make it an annual affair. It is too bad we can not all attend the Melfa, but New Westminster is just too far for most of us. Some of those attending were Ray Hockley, Jim Kyle, George Carlson, W. Kullman, G. W. Stilwell, F. J. Bailey, C. Acaster, Norm Brault, and Roger Hassard. Some of the locals who could not make it were A. Fisher, W. A. Rudell and H. Klus. Some photos were taken which we look forward to seeing when they are finished." Many thanks for your report, Roger, and let's hope we do see all of you at the Melfa one of these days.

Cecil Jeffries writes from 1200 Avocado Isle, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, enclosing his cheque for dues as well as an order for a War Diary. His letter goes on to say, "Hope all is great this summer in B.C. Still hope to get up there one of these years, but what with my family all moved to Ontario, it is doubtful that it will be as soon as I had planned.

"Keep up the great work with *The Groundsheet*. I really enjoy receiving it and reading it. I am also looking forward to receiving the souvenir booklet, Return to Italy, as well as a copy of the War Diary," best regards from Jeff Jeffries.

Sgt. Reiben says, "Lower your score to 493, here are my 1976 dues . . . as a matter of fact I feel so guilty I am even enclosing my 1975 dues. Also please send a copy of the souvenir booklet and enclosed the \$2.00." Thanks, Dan, I hope that guilt feeling has subsided . . . maybe I could use that for a slogan: "Feel Guilty? Sad? Depressed? Suffering from a loss of membership???" Send \$5.00 today and get immediate relief!"

Al Hansen drops a line from Edmonton to send his dues and to order a souvenir booklet he says he is still enjoying good health and looks forward to each issue of *The Groundsheet* and news of old buddies.

W. S. Baughn from Stevensville, Ontario, sends a note enclosing dues, a money order for a War Diary and payment for two copies of Return to Italy. He mentions that he visited B.C. this summer but unfortunately the Museum was closed the day they visited and they couldn't get in touch with anyone. They did, however, visit with Ralph Mund in Medicine Hat, Lloyd Stuart in Hardisty, Alberta, and Wilf Gougion in Penticton. It is a shame that someone from so far away didn't get to see any of us here. However, since the Museum is pretty much of a volunteer effort, we can only afford to pay staff for limited open hours. We suggest that if any of you are going to be in New Westminster on holidays in the future, drop Ron Mannerling or me a line and we will give you a contact number to call to make darn sure you get looked after, at least we will make sure that you get in to see the Museum.

Lawrence McNaught from Monkton, Ontario, advises that Len Welch mentioned in the last *Groundsheet* was in #2 platoon A Coy with Lawrence. He also mentions that he would very much like to attend one of the Melfa Dinners but is a long way from the west coast. He is running a hog farm in Monkton and looks forward to seeing us one of these years.

Ethel Johnstone of New Westminster writes a nice note to enclose dues and order two copies of the souvenir booklet and also a very welcome donation to the Hospital Fund. Thanks, Mrs. Johnstone.

That wraps it up for the mail bag this time with the exception of one letter which requires a special reply and appears under the title of Comment. —Allen Coe, Editor



## COMMENT

In the last issue of *The Groundsheet*, the July-August issue, to be exact, I reprinted a column by Sun feature writer McKenzie Porter. Granted it was a harsh condemnation of our society's attitude toward the armed forces. I felt it was an interesting opinion of an old soldier. At any rate I took the liberty of printing it, to perhaps, get some expression of opinion from you, the readers. Also, I will admit, as Ron Hurley warned me when I took over the editorship of *The Groundsheet*, it is damned hard to find enough material to fill the six issues a year.

I got what I asked for, a letter to the editor, somewhat abusive, but nevertheless, a letter with an opinion.

I reprint the letter with no other comment than that I will continue to edit *The Groundsheet* my way and you have the option of replacing me at any Annual General Meeting.

August 13th, 1976  
1809 Barnet Highway  
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Allan Coe, Editor, *The Groundsheet*

What has happened to the front page of the July-August *Groundsheet*?

After reading that pathetic diatribe I was moved to look at the back of my membership card to see if the aims and objectives of our Association had, perhaps, been secretly changed. They have not. The four objects remain the same. And the heading, in italics, near the top of the front page of *The Groundsheet*, also remains unchanged. See for yourself.

So what are you doing? By what line of reasoning can this hysterical outpouring of half-truths and outright lies be, somehow, dedicated to the ideals and comradeship we knew in two World Wars?"

I find it interesting that your McKenzie Porter brings in Colonel Blimp near the beginning of his article. Because Colonel Blimp is, indeed, alive and well and writing a column in Toronto. And another Blimp is borrowing his garbage and spreading it on the front page of our *Groundsheet*.

So, two-thirds of our members have still not paid their dues! And how many unpaid members will there be next year if you continue this shameful subversion of our fine newsletter?

In fairness, the other three pages were right up to the old standard. And right on with the purpose of the Association. Couldn't we get back up there with the front page, too?

Sincerely,

JOHN PARKER



Left to right: Walter Lyle, Stan Moorehouse, Jerry Milne receiving Achievement Award and a cheque for \$100. Vern Ardagh made the presentation.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

As you may remember several years ago your Association decided to establish a program of Achievement Awards designed to show the communities appreciation to young people who had done something out of the ordinary and shown themselves to be "Good Citizens." At the time of establishing the awards, then President Bert Hoskin said that we always seemed to hear of the way the younger generation was going to the dogs, but rarely did we hear of the fine deeds that so many younger people were involved in. The Achievement Award program is our modest attempt to show that we appreciate our young people.

This year's awards were as follows, you have already read about the award to Cadet W. O. Usher in an earlier *Groundsheet*.

1. Cadet W. O. Usher was awarded \$100 for recognition of the credit he brought to the name of The Royal Westminster Regiment in having been named Best Cadet in the United Kingdom Leadership Course among all cadets from the Commonwealth in 1975.
2. Lyle Edward Meridith, a young man who has been a paraplegic since the age of seven. Since leaving hospital he has applied himself to helping other handicapped people. As the Assistant Executive Director of the Handicapped Resource Centre since 1972 he has, by determination, ability and effort, helped make that organization a very important source of encouragement and help to hundreds of handicapped individuals.
3. Jerry Milne, age 18, a customer in a New Westminster corner grocery when an armed holdup took place. He followed the culprits in his car, running one of them down. As a result of his unselfish and courageous actions the New Westminster police were able to clear up a number of similar crimes.

Both Milne and Meridith were awarded a cheque for \$100 from your Association.

As the Award is a continuing program we are always on the lookout for similar instances which would qualify. Please let us know if you hear or read of any activity by a young person which you feel should be considered by the Awards Committee. Send your information to Walter Lyle, Chairman, Awards Committee, c/o Box 854, New Westminster, B.C.



## MUSEUM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Museum Committee resumed its regular meetings 25 Oct., Bert Hoskin in the chair. Basil Morgan and Walter Tyler gave their reports of the Annual Meeting of The Organization of Military Museums in Canada (OMMC) which they attended as our representatives at Kingston, early in August. These meetings are important for museums like ours for several reasons, amongst them the opportunity to meet informally the executive of The Canadian Forces Museum Committee (who help to fund our operation) and other influential people in the Government and in museum work.

Attendance at the meeting was possible without using our precious dollars because "service" flights provided the transportation and the OMMC housed and fed the delegates at RMC very handsomely. (Incidentally, RMC celebrates its centenary this year.) A quite elaborate schedule of meetings and events was laid on, which brought Bas and Walt back home full of praise for this organization we belong to.

During the summer the Committee did not meet but for most of the time the Museum was open, in spite of the Armoury being unusually quiet during July and August. Sgt. Doreen Cull, formerly Orderly Room Sgt. for The Regiment (and still a serving member) is the Assistant Curator and is employed to attend the Museum Mondays 9 to 12 and 1 to 3. As well as Wednesdays and Fridays 1 to 3. She is developing a very complete knowledge of our collection and is bringing our catalogue and inventory up to date.

Dick Shannon (K47159) has joined the Committee. Specific duties have not yet been assigned to Dick but he has already begun to learn the routine for accessions and, having retired, will be able to give some time to attendance at the Museum and maintain open hours for the public. Dick and Ed Shannon have a brother, Henry, who is a radio broadcaster in Toronto. Henry spent some hours in the Museum recently for the purpose, in part, of gathering material for a program on The Westminster. He regularly airs programs about Canadian units.

Visitors after the November 11th ceremony crowded our little space. (Perhaps we shouldn't complain, since we are lucky enough to have the old gun room and the 750 square feet it provides, but we do need more space for the adequate display of our collection, and its preparation, and also usable space for the staff to work. There is value of several kinds in being in the Armoury but space is always a problem.

Dave Adlem, treasurer and W.W. 1 historian was a Monday A.M. regular but has changed his attendance to allow the addition of his wife to assist, they will be at the museum on Tuesday evenings as a hard working team.

It is planned to have a Founding Members Tea sometime in the spring of the year, Basil Morgan and his committee have been doing some basic planning on the function but have been thinking how desirable it would be to have a Ladies Auxiliary to assist in this type of affair.

Finances of the museum are just about at a zero balance but we hope to receive our annual allowance from the Association and the grant from the Canadian Force Museum Committee which should allow us to operate for another year. If it were not for the outstanding support we get from our volunteers we would be in sad shape indeed. If anyone with a clerical

bent and some spare time wishes to assist a few hours a week we can assure you, your help would be more than welcome.

IAN DOUGLAS

## REGIMENTAL UP-DATE

The 1975/76 training year was concluded with the Militia Concentration of those units within Militia Area Pacific which was held at Fort Lewis, Washington. The U.S. Army proved to be most gracious hosts. The training facilities there are second to none and we made excellent use of them. Immediately upon our return we proceeded to fulfil our commitment for the Olympic Games. Members of the Regiment were attached to the Canadian Airborne Regiment, CFB Montreal and CFB Kingston. While they may not have seen much of the games they certainly contributed to their success.

During the past year several members of the Regiment earned their parachute wings. These were Capt. John Lamb, Lt. G. Rust, WO B. Howells and WO E. Farkas. WO Farkas has subsequently left the unit to pursue higher education in the United States and has joined the U.S. National Guard.

The 1976/77 training year is off to a good start. We are presently conducting 4 TQ2 Courses. These are trade courses at the secondary level which are required before a man can take a Jr. NCO course. These courses are Machine Gunner, Communicator, Sniper and Driver. While we have had some attrition during the summer months we are still in the position of being unable to recruit any appreciable number of new members as the result of our being over establishment.

Two old friends have returned to service with the Regiment. Major Ray Smith has taken over the duties of the Cadet Liaison Officer. He will be visiting each of our four sponsored and affiliated cadet corps once a month. Major Cam Beckett has returned as the unit MO. Both these officers have many years of experience in the service and we are very pleased to have them back in the fold.

During the past year five members of the Regiment served with the Canadian Contingent to the UN Truce Team in the Middle East. All are home now. They were stationed in such exotic places as Ismailia, Damascus and the Golan Heights. They brought back many interesting tales and experiences. In the ensuing year more members of the unit will be given the opportunity of serving in the Middle East or in Cypress. It is also likely that we will be sending personnel on attachment to the 4CMBG in Germany.

— M. H. H. STEEDE, *Lieutenant Colonel*

## Reminder . . .

Your Association Dues for 1977 are payable as of January 1st — why not send in your Annual Dues of \$5.00 as a New Year's Resolution?



## HOSPITAL COMMITTEE REPORT

One of the most important duties of an executive member, and probably one of the most demanding in personal time is that of hospital visiting. Fortunately it is one of the most rewarding of any job in the Association. We have been indeed lucky in the dedicated members who have served in this capacity over the years. Bill Robson is doing the job for us now and has done an admirable job for the past several years. I have asked Bill to give me a brief column whenever he has the time in between visits, so that we all may be kept abreast of who of our old buddies are in the various hospitals. We especially ask that any of you who hear of any old Westie who may be in hospital to give Bill a call so that he can make arrangements to visit them. Quite often Bill's channels of information leave it to chance for him to find out the location of the various patients.

Naturally some of the information we can pass along will be dated so if you have an inquiry or some information for Bill please give him a call at 254-2876 or drop him a line in care of the Association.

Here then is Bill's first report:

Hospital visits so far this year have been a little different than in previous years, fortunately there have been fewer patients. At the time of writing this report we have only one in the Shaughnessy Hospital. Sam Fraser who is an old 47th from the first war. Sam recognizes me when I make my visit and is not adverse to telling me to 'Speak oop mon, I canna hear ye!' I usually try to visit in the afternoon to avoid waking him up, he enjoys the cookies and we both enjoy a chat.

One of my regulars is John Shepherd at the New Vista Society, a nice place near Edmonds St. and Grandview. John appreciates the cookies and books which I try to take each visit, quite often John will call me on the phone for a chat. Bob Norris is still in isolation in the Royal Columbian Hospital and although I cannot get in to visit I do leave a message to let him know we are thinking of him. I see Ed Greame at his home on a regular basis and he welcomes the cigarettes, magazines and books which I try to take along each time. Ed is unable to get around too freely as he lost a leg a few years ago, but he remains cheerful and maintains a strong interest in opera. Jim Wilson was in the Maple Ridge Hospital recovering from a heart attack, and at last reports was progressing well and had lost some weight to help in his recovery.

Please call me if you hear of any of our fellows who are ill so I can add them to my visiting list. — BILL ROBSON

## CHRISTMAS DRAW 1976

Dear Member:

The old saying is that "The Army moves on its stomach." Well, this is one Regiment that has never crawled on its belly, which has certainly been emphasized by our strong Association which has evolved out of the returned veterans of the Westminster Regiment from the 2nd World War and the remnants of our predecessors.

We have crawled or begged for nothing and have built up the finest and strongest Association in Canada, through the dedication of your duly elected Executives and the continued

support of the general membership.

Our economic life blood is of course, the proceeds from our Christmas Draw, and it always amazes and pleases the Executive, to see the continued zest with which these books of tickets are sold. For which, once again, thank you.

Our comrades from the standing unit The Royal Westminster Regiment, this new breed, have become quite an asset in promoting the sales in our draw, and once again many thanks to them.

We don't think at this time it is again necessary to enumerate the many things accomplished by the returns from our Christmas Draw; but would again request you to give 100% in your efforts to make this 1976 Draw a great success.

There have once again been changes in the ticket format; the prizes remain the same as last year and are of course set out on each ticket; but as well as four free tickets in each book, the seller has a chance to win \$20 if he sells a ticket which wins one of the top ten prizes.

Should it be impossible for you to sell the books as herewith, please destroy the tickets but return the audit stub from the back with your reasons stated thereon. This stub is most necessary for total control and audit.

Your Draw Committee is again in the hands of Steve and Scotty; should any problems arise or you require additional books, please feel free to phone either one, if out of town, collect, or write direct:

H. A. Stephens  
674 Gibbons Drive  
Richmond, B.C.  
V7C 2E1  
Phone: 277-8476

W. N. Scott  
335 Churchill Avenue  
New Westminster, B.C.  
V3L 4P5  
Phone: 521-3294

Your cooperation and efforts on behalf of the Association are sincerely appreciated.

—DRAW COMMITTEE — 1976

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members:

Remembrance Day 1976 has come and gone and I am pleased to report that we had 30 members "on parade" to pay our respects to our fallen comrades. Several others were at the service but for various reasons did not march in the parade to the cenotaph.

I would draw your attention to the next event, our Annual Smoker and Draw on December 11th (Saturday). I sincerely hope that all of our members will make the effort to attend this evening of comradeship and good cheer.

On the next day, Sunday, December 12th, our Association has been invited by the Colonel of our Regiment to attend a special commemorative church parade paying honour to the 10th anniversary of the Queen awarding the title Royal to the Regiment. I would like to see every member and his family at this very special event.

In view of the fact that this will be the last *Groundsheet* before the holiday season, may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you "A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." — STAN MOOREHOUSE, *President*



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**CHRISTMAS 1918 DINNER AND CONCERT PROGRAM**  
**47th CANADIAN - INFANTRY BATT., AVIN, BELGIUM**

## MENU



### BATH — PARADE

Soup à la Valenciennes

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### OVER THE TOP

Bouvigny Woods Roast Pork with

Sage Dressing

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### 15 MIN. P. T.

Roast Beef « Robbies Best »

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### F. P. No 1

Bully Beef Comme Vous Voulez

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### LIGHT FATIGUES

Carency Potatoes, Fouquescourt Carrots

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### FULL MARCHING ORDER

Sailly Plum Pudding — Boursillon Sauce

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### MACHINE GUN FIRE

Nuts, Raisins, Fruit, Candy

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### FALL OUT ON THE RIGHT

French Tea

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### LIGHTS OUT

Bruay Beer, Rum S. R. D.

## Concert Programme



1. March. BAND.
  2. *A Story of the 47 th.* CAPT. PRIEST.
  3. Song *Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep.*  
PTE. WILSON.
  4. Récitation. LIEUT. ARMBRISTER.
  5. Song and Dance. DR. MORELL.
  6. Flute and Clarinet Duet. BAND.
  7. Song « *Roses of Picardy* » LCPL SMITH.
  8. Récitation « *Spotty* » SGT. FAULKNER.
  9. Overture « *William Tell* » BAND.
  10. Quartette « *Alho* »  
SMITH, HAMILTON, TENNANT, BROWN.
  11. Song « *Come and Meet the Pullman* »  
SGT. HAMILTON.
  12. Selection « *Merry Wives of Windsor* » BAND.
  13. Sketch « *Clotilde or The Bruised Heart* »  
47 TH CONCERT PARTY.
- GOD SAVE THE KING.



## RITORNO IN ITALIA

By this time you should have all received your copy of Ron and Ian's excellent report on their pilgrimage to the battlefields and cemeteries of Italy as representatives of The Royal Westminster Regiment Association. I am sure you will agree with me that both of them did an outstanding job of putting together a booklet which will be treasured by all of us who were part of the Regiment during the last war. The book is written in an easy-going conversational format and is filled with personal reminiscences of the type which bring back a flood of memories.

A few extra copies are available for those of you who may wish one for a gift, the cost is \$2.00, the same amount you were asked to send in to Ron Mannering for your original copy. Don't forget to send in your money as the books were printed and paid for from an already strained budget.

## TORONTO CHAPTER REPORT

I have just returned from a three week holiday "down East," as they say. We travelled by car through the United States and visited New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and old Quebec City. I had not been down that way since our short stay at Sussex, New Brunswick with the Westminsters. Sussex is still there and from all appearances time seems to have stood still!

Our Toronto Chapter is quite small but I shall include the names of our paid-up members, plus another list of people who we may have had out once or twice, and a few others who we have approached but who haven't to date made a meeting. There are others in Ontario, who I believe are members of the association but have not joined "our group."

I know all of us are subject to human error and forgetful at times, so when I read that 494 members of the association had not paid their dues I wondered if I had paid mine? I believe I did, however I cannot recall receiving a membership card.

Please pass on my regards and thanks to Ron and Ruth Hurley for their kind remarks in praise of "Eastern Hospitality" in the June 1975 *Groundsheet*. It was appreciated by all of us here in Toronto. Also honourable mention via the "Mail Bag" in the last issue to Allan Coe.

Please find enclosed a cheque for ten dollars and when the souvenir booklet *Ritorno in Italia* comes off the press may I have four copies please.

A word of thanks and gratitude are in order to both Ron Hurley and Ian Douglas for their fine effort.

The story of the bottle of VINO was told here in Toronto by Ron at our 1975 Melfa Dinner.

Our Toronto chapter dues are \$3.00 a year and as well the members are asked to pay their annual dues out West, this of course is done on their own. Speaking of membership . . . has the Association ever thought of putting an ad or two in the Royal Canadian Legion Magazine regarding the Association or the Melfa Dinner?

In closing may I say that in visiting the Citadel Museum in Halifax on my holidays it was nice to see our Regimental Cap Badge on display. However if our museum has a spare shoulder flash I am sure the Citadel would appreciate one.

Quote of the Day!

In our generation in the army we thought nothing of getting up at five in the morning . . . and the younger generation doesn't think much of it either.

Sincerely,

PAT MCCARTHY

Present and paid-up members of Toronto Chapter:

A. P. McCarthy, 22 Colonial Ave., Scarborough, Ontario  
 A. G. White, 200 Bogert Ave., Willowdale Ontario  
 W. C. Lockhart, R.R. #1, Caledon, East Ontario  
 W. Majury, 25 Hillsboro Ave., Toronto 5, Ontario  
 W. B. Dennis, 20 Silverhill Drive, Islington, Ontario  
 J. Somers, 2901 Jane Street, Unit No. 6, Downsview, Ontario  
 E. Lasher, 20 Hamlyn Crescent, Islington, Ontario  
 S. C. Reid, 315 Weir St., North Hamilton, Ontario  
 J. McEachern, 26 Burn Hamill Place, Etobicoke, Ontario  
 W. S. Baugh, Stevensville, Ontario  
 C. Newbigging, 366 Culford Rd., Toronto 15, Ontario  
 E. Guthrie, 27 Pendeen Ave., Toronto 9, Ontario  
 J. Shorter, 27 Hart Ave., Scarborough, Ontario  
 W. Kearsley, 3 Eglinton St., Lindsay, Ontario  
 L. Welch, 53 Maryville Rd., Peterborough, Ontario

Others:

A. W. Fordyce, 42 Caron Ridge Crescent, Agincourt, Ontario  
 Rev. P. H. Johnson, (Our Lady of Peace), 3914 Bloor St. West, Islington, Ontario, was our R.C. Padre in Italy and has been out to a couple of our earlier dinners.  
 J. Delaney, 1183 Godin Ave., Verdun, Quebec  
 W. Donaldson, 35 Tangmere Rd., Don Mills, Ontario  
 A. Flood, 103 Linden Ave., Scarborough, Ontario  
 J. W. Dearing, 94 Cree Ave., Scarborough, Ontario  
 A. Dewhurst, 18 Grandor Court, Scarborough, Ontario  
 G. Y. Graham, 72 Seminole Ave., Scarborough, Ontario  
 Murray Hicks, Apt. 102, 200 Garden St., Whitby, Ontario

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### LEST WE FORGET

AL HARDING	L. W. "SHORTY" ASHTON
World War 2	World War 2
Westminster Regiment	Westminster Regiment
Nanaimo, B.C.	New Westminster, B.C.

### COMING EVENTS

- Annual Smoker and Draw — December 11th
- Commemorative Church Service — December 12th
- 1977 Dues Payable — January 1st
- Annual General Meeting — March 17th

### COMMEMORATIVE CHURCH SERVICE – DECEMBER 12th

A special commemorative church service will be held at the Holy Trinity Cathedral, 514 Carnarvon, New Westminster at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th. This is not only the day following our Annual Smoker but is the tenth anniversary of H.R.H. conferring the title of "ROYAL" upon the Regiment. This ceremony will honour the Regiment and the Association and will be an official Church Parade for the Regiment. The Reverend Thomas D. R. Allen has extended an invitation to all members of the Association and their families to attend this very special service.

Holy Trinity Cathedral has an association with the Regiment going back for over 100 years and is the repository of the Regimental Colours first received by the Regiment in 1919.

### AMERICAN LEGION VISITORS

Two visitors from the Charles A. Dunn Post #7 of the American Legion, Vancouver, attended a recent executive meeting in the Armouries. Roger Arndt and Ted Snow, executive members of the American Legion post were very impressed with our Association and had been interested in maintaining a closer relationship with our group. The post is comprised of veterans of U.S. service who are now resident in Canada. Your executive loaned the group 6 of our red berets which the Americans wish to use for their Post Color party. It was agreed to keep in touch with their unit and they very kindly took a quantity of our raffle tickets to further cement international relations.

RETURN REQUESTED

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