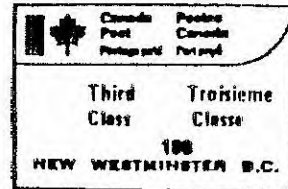


THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 854, New Westminster, B.C. V3L 4Z8



B. V. MORGAN,
1547 - 54TH STREET,
TSANWASSEN, B. C. V4W 3H6

RETURN
REQUESTED



The GROUND SHEET

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF
THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

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

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

VOL. 31, NO. 2

BOX 854, NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. V3L 4Z8 MAR. - APR. 1982

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ED SHANNON - EDITOR - 20250 43A Avenue, Langley, B.C. - Phone 534-0108
NORM McASKILL - SECRETARY - 7828 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. Phone 521-4280

"MELFA 1982"

GOLF AND DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND
(DETAILS INSIDE)

1939 - 45



38TH ANNIVERSARY

SOMME 1916
ARRAS 1917-1918
VIMY 1917
HILL 70 1917
YPRES
PASSCHENDAELE
GROUCOURT QUEANT
CAHAL-DU-NORD
AMIENS
VALENCIENNES

ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGT. ASSOC.

ANNUAL MELFA DINNER 1944 - 1982

MELFA CROSSING
GOTHIC LINE
CORIANO
LAMONE CROSSING
MISANO RIDGE
NAVIGLIO RIDGE
ITALY 1944-1945
IJSSSEL MEER
DELFIJL POCKET
NORTHWEST EUROPE 45

MENU

SMORGASBORD

ENTRANCE FEE: \$11.00

DRINKS: \$1.00

Place: THE ARMOURIES, New Westminster, B.C.

Date: Saturday, May 22/82

Time: 5:30 P.M.



1914 - 18

"MELFA GOLF"

TIME: 08:00 hrs. May 22/82

at

TSAWASSEN GOLF COURSE

For 'tee' times

please phone

Ian Douglas, 522-3415

Turn out! and work up an
appetite for your Dinner.

A REQUEST

A member of our Association, one who should be ver-
capable at it, is writing a
story on the War-time life of
the Regiment as it looked
from the inside. He would ap-
preciate it no end if you
would jot down any happenings
you recall - sad, funny, in-
credible, romantic(?) - and
send them along to him. Part-
icularly any concerning the
Indians (the foregotten sold-
iers) who were a part of the
Regiment.

Also he would like to
acquire or loan a copy of
"This Army; Another Maple Leaf
Album, Vol. I" by Bing Cough-
lin. See what you can do, and
we may get some interesting
yarns under one cover. Forwa-
rd to Bert Hoskins, c/o Box
854, New Westminster, B.C. V3L
4Z8. Thank you.

Editor

XMAS DRAW 1981

- Report by W. N. SCOTT.

Gross Returns \$ 5,805.50

35% of \$5,805.50, required by
Regulation to go to "Charitable"
objects \$ 2,031.92

Our Licence application showed
three such benefits:

1. Museum
11. Veterans Benefits
& Poppy Fund
111. Cadet Corp - The Royal
Westminster Regiment

Cost of the Draw \$ 1,604.34
Printing Costs \$ 993.00)
Postage 228.00) major
Licence 100.00) items
Supplies 138.00)

Prizes (Cost increasing every
year) \$ 1,911.00

The Draw is not a hard way to
make Dollars, really, for anyone-
The net net being \$ 2,031.92 &
\$ 258.34 accruing to our benefit
\$ 2,290.00 -- the main respons-
ibility being the administration
and control -- which has been
my pleasure and privilege for
many years.

In addition to these Returns,
let us not lose sight that so
many of our members do not take
the four legal free tickets, but
instead turn in gross proceeds
of book sales. This extra \$2.00
per book is treated as "Donation"
and this year amounted to
\$ 1,079.00.

The Draw has another attraction

in that it reminds our members of their own responsibility i.e. Dues. So when they make the Draw returns, so many use the same letter to pay dues and also add a little for Sick & Visiting, Museum or "as you see fit". This figure for 1981 was \$418.00 included with the Draw return cheque plus considerably more in separate cheques not taken to account with the Draw but turned over to the Secretary as received

Who contributed to this success-- generally everyone, to greater or lesser degrees. I must express sincere acknowledgement for the effort by Col. Fred Wilks for the Regimental effort -- his was more than just the C.O. talking -- it was a personal thing with him this year. To our major sellers -- 10 - 15 - 25 or more books, sincere gratitude. Stan Moorhouse, take a bow. He organized and controlled the outside sales through Banks, Malls, etc. A good effort, and should be encouraged. Basil Morgan initiated a program on his own -- a pilot for the future, both of these efforts showed what a little extra can do.

I highly recommend this means of fund-raising to the incoming Executive -- start early. Encourage membership sales and run a tight administration. Only success can follow.

Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.



TRUSTEE REPORT for 1981

I am pleased to report, on behalf of the three appointed Trustees, Allan Coe, Pat McCarthy and Bert Stephens that the Trustee Fund is in excellent condition.

This is in part due to the high interest rates obtained for our investment during 1981. These varied from a low of 14.25% to a high of 18%.

It might be worth pointing out to the membership that the interest earned by the trust fund is made available, on request, to the Association for use in the day to day operation of the Association.

Since 1980, when the Fund was reorganized, the Association has withdrawn \$ 1,945.25 in interest from the Fund. Of this, they repaid \$ 500.00, leaving a net income of \$ 1,445.25 over a two year period. Any interest not used by the Association is added to the principal amount and reinvested.

The Trust Fund is now valued at \$ 12,234.04.

(This amount is as of April 3rd. 1982 the maturity date of the current deposit).

It is your Trustees recommendation that the Fund continue to be invested in short term deposits, which have proven so favourable in the past year. This also insures a maximum investment income with no risk to the capital.

This Report is respect-

fully submitted on behalf of the Trustees.

ALLAN COE,
Chairman.

BUDGET 1982

INCOME

Draw	\$ 2,250.00
Trust Income	1,950.00
Dues	800.00
Donations	1,250.00
Bank Interest	550.00
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	\$ 6,800.00

GROUNDSHEET REPORT

The 'Groundsheet' went to press every two months in '81, except for July and August. It has been produced about as economically as is possible, unless being 'writ by hand' and delivered by same was being considered. The continuing inflation of printing costs and postage unfortunately increase the yearly amount expended, but even with that, we have cut production expenses from \$ 1,898.57 in '77 to \$ 1,156.00 in '81.

The actual work of assembling, addressing and mailing the paper has become more of an enjoyable get-together, thanks to the unstinting co-operation of members when asked to assist, and for their cheerful giving of their time and effort I wish to thank them most heartily.

Keeping the mailing list up-to-date, on who is still with us and who has moved, is an on-going task, but our Secretary, with assistance, keeps a close eye on it, and it is in pretty good shape at the present time.

Production should be normal for the coming year.

ED. SHANNON,
Editor.

DISBURSEMENTS

Darby Hospital)	
Sick & Visiting)	121.92
Poppy Fund	100.00
Museum	2,000.00
Ground Sheet	1,800.00
Cadets	500.00
C.O. Contingency Fund	700.00
Melfa	300.00
General Meeting	62.08
Smoker	100.00
Administration	300.00
Contingency Reserve	800.00
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	\$ 6,800.00

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

From a schoolboy's essay: Johann Sebastian Bach was a most prolific composer. He was the father of 20 children. In his spare time he practiced in the attic on a spinster.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
 THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
 31 December, 1981

INCOME

Dues	\$ 765.00
Draw	1,630.11
Donations - General	1,077.65
- Museum	700.00
Savings Interest	527.01
Trust Income	887.65
Melfa Income	25.70
Transfer from Golf Trust Account	9.00
Transfer from Hospital Trust Account	30.00
Miscellaneous Sales	73.45
	\$ 5,785.57

EXPENSES

Ground Sheet	\$ 1,163.71
Smoker	40.70
Donations - Cadets	500.00
- Poppy Fund	100.00
- Museum	1,413.85
Transfer Donations to Museum	700.00
Administration	22.05
Executive	34.00
Hospital & Sick Visiting	35.53
Transferred to Trust Funds	500.00
To Reserve	1,275.73
	\$ 5,785.57

INVENTORY

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION
 31 December 1981

Tables & Chairs at Cost	\$ 1,163.00
Inventory as per Ledger	\$ 1,163.00
	\$ 1,163.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

31 December 1981

ASSETS

Bank		\$ 1,163.58
Bank - Savings		3,957.40
Secretary's Impres		100.00
Inventory		1,168.00
		<u>\$ 6,388.98</u>

LIABILITIES

Golf Trophy Trust Fund		\$ 28.00
Hospital & Sick Visiting Reserve		27.43
		6,333.55
		<u>\$ 6,388.98</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

31 December 1981

Chequing Account

Bank as per Statement		\$ 1,811.91
Less Cheques No. 21	\$ 600.00	
22	7.63	
23	40.70	
	<u>\$ 648.33</u>	648.33
Bank as per Ledger Page 15 Line 4		<u>\$ 1,163.58</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

31 December 1981

Savings Account

Bank as per Statement		\$ 3,857.40
Add Late Deposit 29 Dec. 81	\$ 100.00	
	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	100.00
Bank as per Ledger Page 15 Line 4		<u>\$ 3,957.40</u>

We have examined the books of accounts of The Royal Westminster Regiment Association and find they are in order and that the Financial Statement & Income & Expenditures Statements are correct.

Audited in the City of, British Columbia, Canada.

Auditors Signatures.....

Date 1982

THE MUSEUM
of
THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT
and
THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

Renovations to the Museum

Renovations to the Museum, in an attempt to make more working space and enhance the appearance, are almost completed and hopefully regular Open Hours will be in effect by the end of April. John Rosso and his crew have done a great job of expediting the work with no blows struck - yet!

New Open Hours

Open Hours will be Tuesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. and other times by appointment. We are always pleased to have the Museum open for visits other than regular hours; phone 526-5116 or 522-6793. Please make these hours known to your friends! We believe that having the Museum open on Tuesday nights, which is a parade night for the Regiment will encourage the officers and men to take a greater interest in our operation. Looking to the future, their participation is most vital.

Special Museum Open Hours for Hyack Festival Week:

- Sunday, May 23 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00pm
- Tuesday, May 25 to Friday, May 28 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m
- Saturday, May 29 - 12 noon - 2:00pm and 3:00-5:00pm

In addition to the Museum being open on May 29, there will be the Hyack Festival Parade, followed by the

Hyack Anvil Battery Shoot at 2:00pm and the Ceremony of the Flags by the Tri-Service Cadets; these last two events to be held on the New Westminster City Hall parking lot.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to the President and Executive of the Association for 1982! The Museum is deriving a great deal of benefit from their interest, and we hope not only the executive but all members of the Association will come in and look around, have a chat, and see what's going on in your Museum.

Military Museums Seminar in March:

Everyone agreed this was a real success. Thought you would like to see the list of those Museums represented there:

B.C.Regiment, 620 Beatty St., Vancouver, B.C.
5th B.C.Regiment, RCA Museum and Archives, Bay St. Armouries, Victoria
CFB Esquimalt Museum & Historical Sec., CFB Esquimalt, Victoria
Field Artillery Regiment Museum, 2025 W. 11th Ave. Vancouver
Nanaimo Centennial Museum, 100 Cameron Rd., Nanaimo
B.C.Dragoons Historical Society, 720 Lawrence Ave, Kelowna
Canadian Scottish Regimental Museum, 231 - 715 Bay Ave., Victoria
Royal Signals Institution, Cheltenham Terrace, Chelsea, London
Irving House Historic Centre and New Westminster Museum
Mission Museum, 33201 - 2nd Ave., Mission
Federation of Military and United Services Institutes of Canada, 223-1207 Douglas Rd, Victoria
Canadian Museum of Aviation and Transportation, - in Richmond Br., 11040 Cambie Rd. Richmond
Canadian Museum of Aviation and Transportation, Victoria Br., c/o 50 Hartland Rd, Victoria
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #2, 40 Begbie St., New Westminster
RN (Reg.) Atkinson Museum, 785 Main St., Penticton
Museum of the Royal Westminster Reg't. and the Royal Westminster Reg't. Association
(The attendance of 19 included our resource people, L/Col Wilks, W.M.Scott, W.Tyler

Artifacts Still Needed!

Please check to see if you have any pertinent documents, or artifacts which you would care to donate to the Association.

If you wish further information on any of the open hours or events, please phone Chairman Walt Hogg at 522-6793 or 526-5116.

Best wishes for your health and a good year ahead.

Freda Hogg

Freda Hogg,
Secretary and Public Relations

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This important event was held on April 15 at the Armoury, with a total attendance of 28, including the Regimental CO and 6 officers. It was postponed from March 15th. to allow the Officers to attend, they not being able to make it on that date.

The members of the new Executive, elected and appointed, are listed below.

NEW EXECUTIVE for 1982

W.M.Scott, President	521-3294
Doug Glenn, Vice-President	522-0890
Jerry Gangur, Secretary	929-5785
Gerry Churley, Treasurer	421-3670
John Ford	263-3682
Basil Morgan	943-4177
Clark Morrison	936-1256
Ed Shannon	534-0108
John Rosso	525-2910
Trev Whitehead	325-2801
Norm McAskill (appt'd)	521-4280
Terry Oliver, Junior Ranks Rep.	888-6980
Fred Bass, 47th & 131st Rep.	325-0456
Walter Hogg, Ch'mn, Museum Comm.	522-6793
Bill Robson, Ch'mn, Sick & Visiting	254-2876
L/Col. Fred Wilks, CO Regt.	986-2405

MAY 21ST

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1983

MELFA

DUBBED

RENDEZVOUS

'83

FOR OUR 39th ANNIVERSARY

TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE WE ARE

GOING 'ALL OUT'

WITH A '1ST'

.....tear.....here.....

MAIL

*A MIXED DINNER
BY YOUR REQUEST*

TO ASSIST US WITH PLANNING, CAN YOU GIVE US NOW

A TENTATIVE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ATTENDANCE

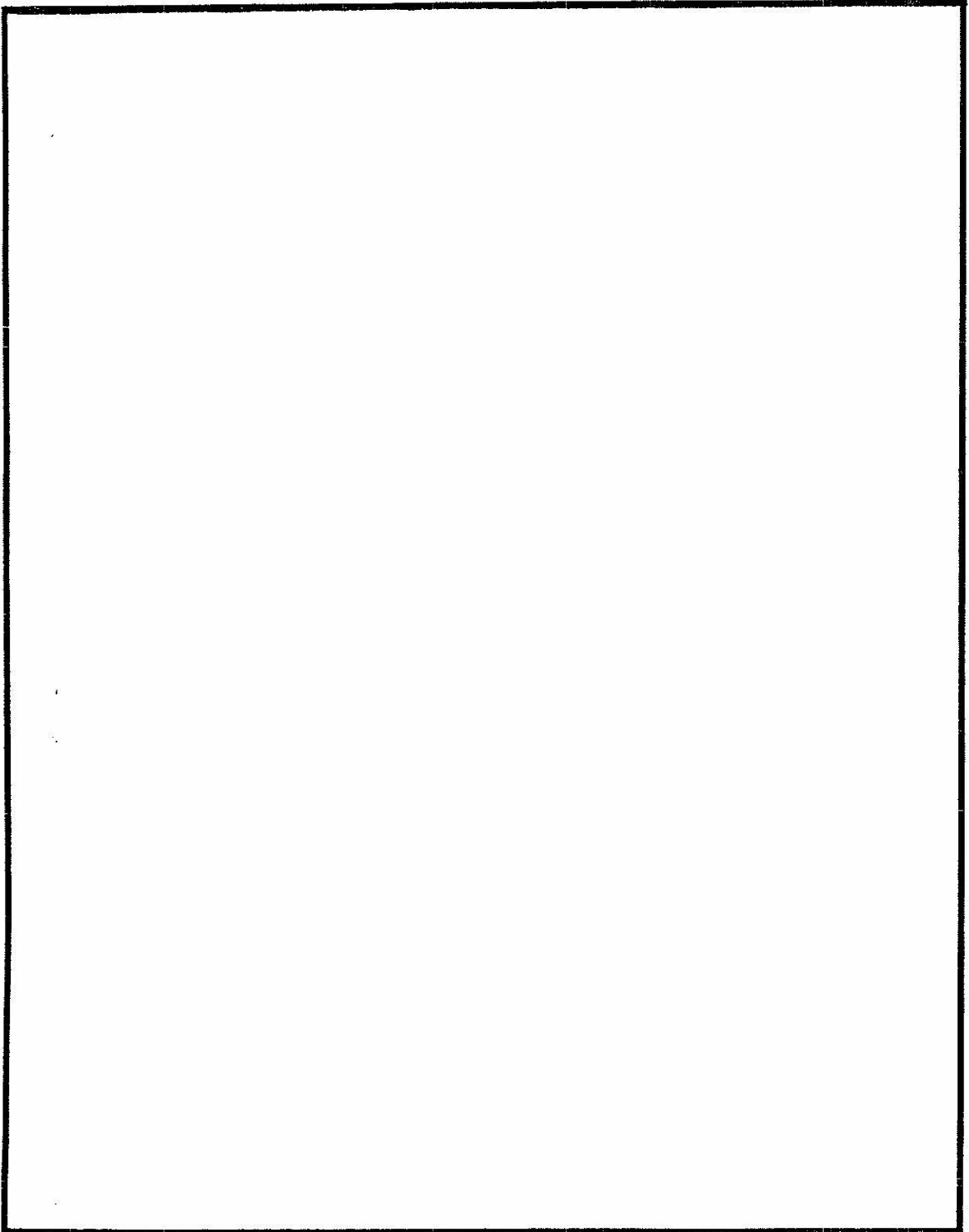
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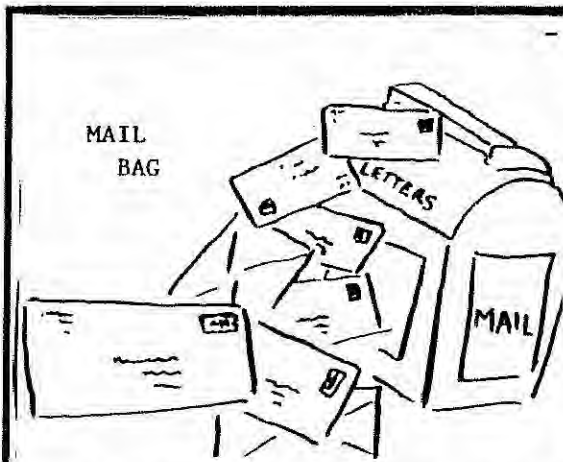
DINNER: YES/NO (1 or 2)

GOLF : YES/NO (1 or 2)

MULTO GRACIA!

Doug Glenn
Chairman





My apologies, to all those of you who wrote in early in the year, for not acknowledging your letters in the last issue but as you perhaps noted, the Constitution (not Trudeau's, ours) took up most of the space. We'll try and get caught up this issue.

Bert Stephens dropped a note to Nelson in January, mentioning how they were enjoying the 70 degree plus winter in Arizona, and feeling sorry for us cool rain-forest types. He sees a lot of Scotty Low, Jack Hartley, Mel Glover and others. He was golfing with Scotty when he (Scotty) scored a hole-in-one. (See below)

A letter from Ron Grinstead, White Rock, B.C., saying he is very pleased 'with the tremendous effort that has gone into the Museum. It is a great credit to all involved'. He sends all best wishes to the Association, the Museum, and the Regiment.

I.W. Tipping writes from Clarenceville, P.Q. with the following information: regard-

ing original cap-badges (without 'Royal' on them) he thinks they can be obtained from:

Wayne Cline
418 Begg Crescent
Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 4P5
Phone: 306-477-2391
Catalogue No. MI56

He thinks Mr. Cline has several on hand. (I wonder would that be some of the ones bartered in the 'Bessborough' environs?) Your dues and donation were most appreciated, I.W., and if you decide to forward the odd 'trinket' to the Museum, I'm sure they would be very pleased to have them.

A.E. Wright sent a few lines from Prince Albert, Sask. 'with a pat on the back for the Groundsheet, and saying he is retired now and in good health and hopes we're all well out here.... From Wetaskiwin, Alta. a note from Herb Tempe (old I2 Platoon type) who mentions he's settled in there after 30 yrs. in Biggar, Sask. Says he hopes to make the 'Melfa' this year, and we sure hope so, too, Herb.

A note from Al McNaught, Monkton, Ont., says he's 73 now and still in good shape, and raises hawks (nowadays a farr-owing unit!) for something to do. Glad to hear from you, Al, and hearty thanks for the contribution.... A short note from Ruth Meek, and it's always nice to hear from you, Ruth. One good turn deserves another, and many thanks for the 'fillers'. Haven't wangled a commission for Trudeau's portrait yet, eh?

There is a reminder else-

where in this issue regarding 'Melfa Dinner '83', so you have a year to make plans. It should turn out a dinger, being a mixed gathering for the first time. See that you keep fit and able to attend! Meanwhile, 'Melfa '82' is only two weeks away (so much for deadlines!) and we hope to see lots of you there, and on the Golf course. Arrivaderci.

Editor

Low scores hole-in-one

Scott Low, a winter visitor from Canada, has recorded the second-ever hole-in-one at Mesa del Sol Golf Course.

Low carded his ace on Dec. 28 when he holed a five iron on the 135-yard 8th hole. Low has been playing golf for 28 years and this was his first hole-in-one.

The course's only other ace was recorded by Ernie Gegolick. His ace also came on the 8th hole.

(STEVIE SAYS IT WAS A 135 YD. HOLE)



SCOTTY
LOW

JACK
HARTLEY

STEVE

Bruce Kipp, WW 2
Chilliwack, B.C.
March 10, 1982

Ernie DeMontigny (serving Regt.)
White Rock, B.C.
March 13, 1982

D'Arcy Baldwin WW 2
Columbia River Valley (Chwk)
May 5, 1982



In Memoriam

WE SHALL REMEMBER

Time, the inexorable, and ill health has once again robbed the Association of one of its very cherished members D'Arcy Baldwin.

His passing will leave a gap in the Association's ranks, especially 'D'Coy.'s, impossible to fill. There are and were few like him. And I'm sure Elsie is aware we deeply share her grief, and offer her our most heartfelt sympathy in this great loss to all of us.

E. Shannon
Editor

Hambleton House
Fyning Lane, Rogate
Petersfield, Hants
GU31 5EE

19th February, 1982

Dear Mr. Shannon:

Indian Division Memorial Fund

Mr. E. V. Ardagh has suggested that you might feel able to give publicity in the 'Groundsheet' to this fund. I enclose one of our 'Blue Sheets' which gives an outline of the project.

The fund has made remarkably good progress and, although we have not yet reached the full target, work on the Memorial is in hand and the Dedication Ceremony will take place in June.

We feel that this Memorial will be a fitting, and long overdue, gesture to the quite remarkable way in which so many different races served together with such comradeship.

Any help you feel able to give will be deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. C. Greenwood
Hon. Treasurer.

Lt. Col. J. A. C. GREENWOOD, O.B.E.
Hon. Treasurer Indian Divisions' Memorial
HAMBLEDON HOUSE, FYNING LANE,
ROGATE, PETERSFIELD, HANTS GU31 5EE.

I enclose cheque/P.O. payable to Indian Divisions' Memorial for £.....

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