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BRANCH #3 (D'COY) ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1985

at

CIRCLE '6' RANCH

Easy to find. Follow around south side of Cultus Lake, past the Golf course, then watch for the Flag on your right side. Ladies bring baskets, men the 'essentials'. Good idea to bring folding chairs and tables if you have them. A most enjoyable get-together in one of the prettiest spots in the Fraser Valley. See ya'll there!



A REPORT

ON THE FINANCES OF

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSEUM

You will recall a rather lengthy article published in this year's first issue of the Groundsheet. That article explained in detail the essence of a motion passed by the Executive toward the end of '84. The motion embodied certain changes in our financial set-up and was subject to ratification by the Annual General Meeting to be held in March, '85.

The Executive wished to have, prior to the A.G.M., an indication of the feelings of the membership as a whole and accordingly that issue of the GS also contained a card on which a member could indicate if he was for or against the proposals as outlined in the article. 142 of these cards were returned. 3 expressed disagreement. 139 were in favour of the proposals.

The AGM in March, /85 ratified the motion made by the Executive and the steps necessary to implement the financial changes have since been taken. These changes affected the duties of our Trustees, who are three in number, and are appointed for a staggered, rotating term of office. They are now trustees of 3 areas of our finances, as follows:

Museum Trust: \$10,000 Term Deposit to assist in establishing a joint operation with the City, which will require an agreement that will be satisfactory to us, or, if our negotiations with the City fail, then these funds be used to meet costs relative to location and upgrading of premises, subject to certain terms and conditions.

Commanding Officer's Trust: \$10,000 Term Deposit, the principle to remain untouched; the interest, annually, to be donated to the Commanding Officer for the benefit of The Regiment.

Groundsheet Trust Fund: \$7,500. To provide a pool of money to meet the costs of publishing the GS. It is our estimate this amount will allow publication to continue for a further period of 5 years or more.

The fourth area of financing does not affect our Trustees. The amount of \$5000 has been set aside and we are entering negotiations with the New Westminster School Board to set up a scholarship Fund. Should these arrangements meet with our approval, the funds will be turned over

to the School Board to be administered by them, the interest therefrom ensuring one or more annual scholarships.

In addition to the amounts mentioned above, the Association bank balance is currently between \$3000 and \$4000. That of the Museum is approximately \$10,000.

If anyone has any questions relating to these matters then we recommend he consult the GS issued earlier this year. If there are still questions after that, then write in and we will do our best to answer them.

E.V.Ardagh
Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Normally we do not issue a Groundsheet in mid-summer. However, this has been a very ¹⁹⁸⁵ Spring with extra meetings and decisions made regarding the security of the Association and Museum. Your support of our proposals at the Annual Meeting was most gratifying and we felt we should let you know the results as they now stand.

If you have a copy of the February issue of the Groundsheet you will have a complete picture of our intent and purpose which is, "To provide for the continuing operation and Security of the Association and Museum."

Our next executive meeting will be Sept. 9/85. If you have any questions or suggestions please write to Jerry Gangur and they will be brought forward to that date.

Enjoy The Summer!

DON'T FORGET

THE "CHILLIWACK ANNUAL PICNIC"

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Mr. Editor ;

It was with a great deal of pride that I read Walter Lyle's " Report on the Regiment " in the April issue of the Groundsheet. Walter's research was excellent and the facts presented clearly and accurately.

Walter indicated that likely few readers would know about the main trophies for various areas of proficiency in today's Militia. I would like to advise that not only did Walter enlighten his contemporaries he also enlightened many of todays serving members who had forgotten, or not previously been aware of the importance of these awards. None of the awards are " won " in one day or a single event ; rather, the competition is a result of the entire year's performance. Those of us who have been serving for enough years to have read the histories; heard the stories and discussed the battles with the Veterans know that there was none better - in either world conflict. We also know, Mr Editor , that there is none better today !

Walter expressed the present state of our Regiment - yours and mine - in a far better way than I have read before.

Yours truly

Glen W. Holling



THAT WONDERFUL DUTCH HOSPITALITY

I have heard of so many wonderful tales of Dutch hospitality during the recent 40th. Anniversary in Holland that I wanted to share with our readers one small tid-bit.

A friend of mine went up to a small town named Apeldorn where the locals feted them. A golf tournament was arranged, but it was not expected that the Canadian participants would be adequately armed (with golf clubs) so the members of the Club loaned out their gear. My friend picked up a set with the attached note, as follows:

"Dear Canadian Friend:

Please use this equipment and contents of the bag and have a nice game. I do not advise to use my spectacles but you may try. Sorry, no glove nor umbrella.

Warning:

- (a) The Club Secretary is an unfriendly person; you are not allowed to get rid of your green fees.
- (b) Our fairways are poorly conceived; sometimes they don't match one's ballistic skills. - Roughs are alright, meaning they are ROUGH.
- (c) Holes frequently are constructed in the wrong spots (for most of us anyway).
- (d) This equipment is allergic to fowl; birdies and eagles.

Have fun.

Veluwe Club
Apeldorn
May 8/85

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ONE WHO SHOWED

June 11/85

Dear Ed:

I am writing to tell you I had a very enjoyable visit with many of my ex-buddies of the Westies at the Melfa gathering. Doug Purlot promised me he would be there (Doug, you were visiting in Vernon and we made a date!) but alas, Doug and too many of our members living in the lower mainland did not answer the call.

Ike Jackson (whose brother Mel was killed at Melfa) lives here in Vernon at the Kalamalka Hotel. He would like to see or hear from some of his old pals, - in particular Hammersley and Curly Janelle.

Regards,

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P.S.: (2nd letter, June 14)

Please put Ike on the mailing list for the Groundsheet. Thank you.

Ted

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LETTER FROM ENGLAND

BLACKPOOL, 20th June
14:16 hrs.

Bas:

Ruth and I enjoying a rare sunny day at the beach. Arrived Leeds last night. Back to London Domani. Phoned Joe Tattersall and he was thrilled to hear from me and receive your message. He was leaving for his daughters down south so unable to meet with him. He was most concern re your health but I think I reassure him that you looked fine and seemed to be recovering well

Ruth and I both well and on our own now after month long conducted tour of Europe. Its real interesting- we spent two marvellous days with Baron and Baroness Morison (Laird and Lady of Boenie and Mount blairy Estates in Banff Scotland. That's Bus Morrisom, my former wireless OP in "C" Coy Scout Platoon. He rules 19,000 acres.

Regards to all. Ciao !

Ron Hurley

NOTICE TO WORLD WAR 2 WESTIES!

In all this list of former buddies surely there is one you'd like to please.

The best way you could please him would be to volunteer to give a few hours of your time once or twice a month to work in the Museum.

The work may involve cleaning display cases, dusting, changing displays, etc., and is certainly not difficult. It also is a good social get-together for old buddies. We've been known to have a "Happy Hour". Here's the list :

Dave Adlum, Ian Douglas, Bruce Eaton,

David Gowler, Ron Grinstead, Bert Hoskin,

John Hou, Walter Lyle, John Rosso,

Dick Shannon, Walter Tyler, Al Wilson.

If you are within a reasonable distance of the Museum,

COME ON DOWN!