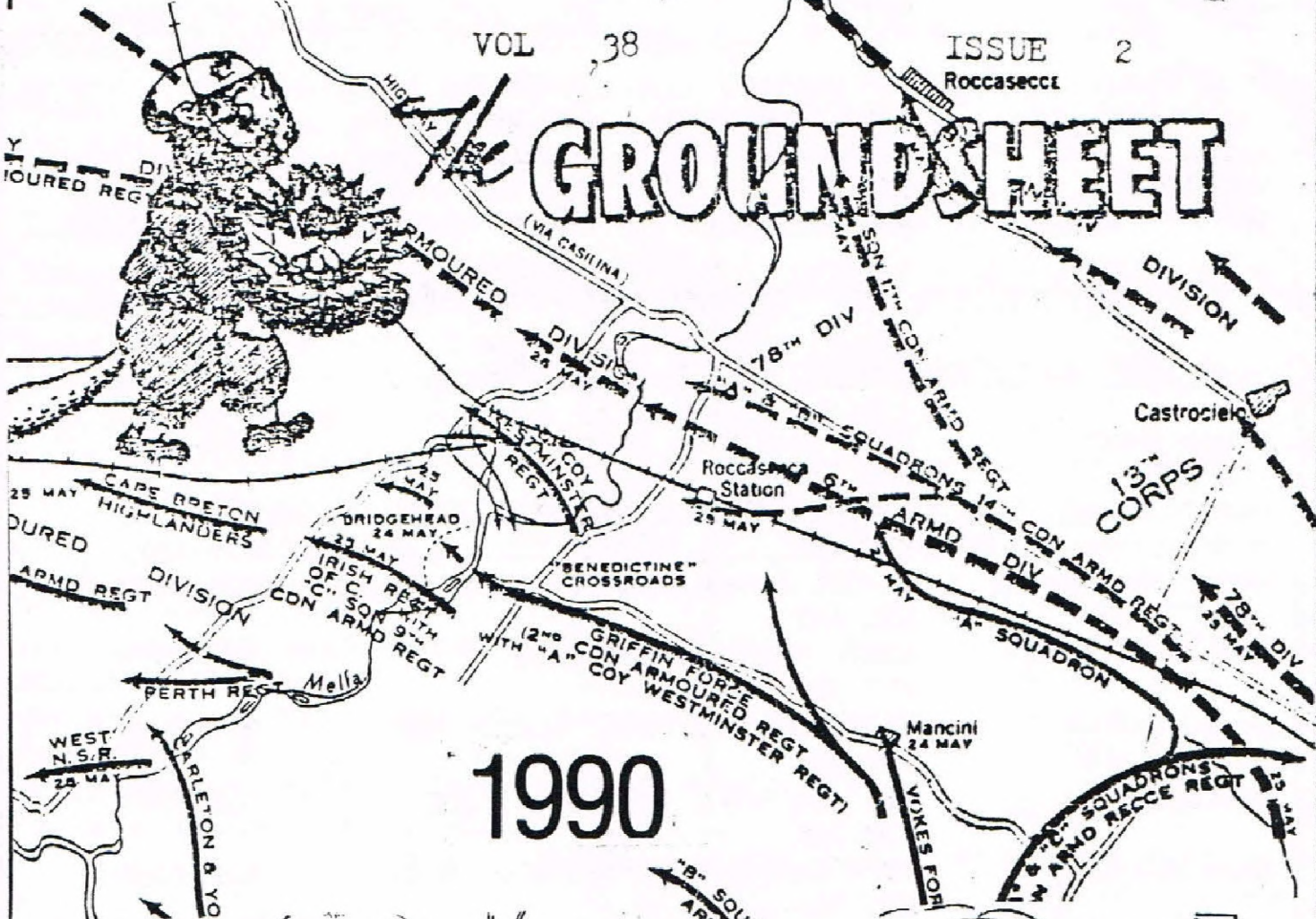


# GROUND SHEET



# 1990

THIS IS A  
MALARIOUS AREA  
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YOUR MEPACRINE  
TODAY. ???



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EVENT: 17th Br. 3 (D. Coy) Chilliwack Br. Annual Picnic  
PLACE: Circle 6 Ranch, Columbia Valley - Located approx. 1/2 mile past the end of Cultus Lake. Take Cultus Lake exit off No. 1 Hwy.

TIME & DATE: Approximately noon on Sunday, August 5, 1990

Bring your personal folding chairs, tables and individual libations etc. This is truly a grand event and 1989 saw some 70 people attending. Bring the family - the old and the new from great grandparents to great grandchildren. You are assured of a good time one and all.

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THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION  
January 1 - December 31, 1990 Budget

PROJECTED INCOME:

Guestimated Dues - 200 @ \$10.00	\$2,000.00
Guestimated Donations	2,000.00
Guestimated Term Deposit Interest	2,550.00
Guestimated Melfa Golf	750.00
Guestimated Melfa Dinner - 100 @ \$20.00 (estimated attendance - 100)	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Projected Income	<u>\$9,300.00</u> =====

PROJECTED COSTS:

Groundsheet - total costs	\$2,000.00
Bookkeeping, Office supplies, postage & stationery	800.00
Office Rent	600.00
Melfa Dinner	2,500.00
Melfa Golf	750.00
Sick & Visiting	100.00
Poppy Fund	100.00
C.O.'s Fund	700.00
Cadets	300.00
Changeover Dinner	500.00
Annual General Meeting	150.00
Cost of New Membership Roster	300.00
Contingency Allowance	<u>500.00</u>
Total Projected Costs	<u>\$9,300.00</u> =====





"THE JOY OF FREEDOM" DUTCH EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION  
45th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF HOLLAND - Nov 7-27

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To commemorate the 45th anniversary of the liberation of Holland by CDN Forces, the Dutch Government in cooperation with CDN officials is embarking on a national expression of appreciation devoted to examining freedom in its many aspects. The event will include an impressive display of artwork at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver, both by Dutch and Canadian wartime artists.

The appreciation "THE JOY OF FREEDOM" will focus on the loss of freedom, the taking of freedom for granted, the price and sacrifices of regaining freedom and the joy of regaining freedom.

While "THE JOY OF FREEDOM" will be a national event, the time and manner in which the subject will be expressed is very much in the hands of the local community. "THE JOY OF FREEDOM" will be held Nov. 7-27. The timings for the event are:

- A. Art Exhibit & Artifacts display - Q.E. Theatre  
Nov 7 - 10 - Exhibit open to schools.  
Guided tours of paintings & exhibits for students.  
Nov 10 - 27 Art exhibit & display open to gen. public.
- B. School Visitations  
Nov 7 - 27 Various High Schools will be visited by teams of veterans who will attempt to help students understand & appreciate the value of freedom.
- C. Band Concerts & other events - At the time of printing dates and times of other activities are unknown.

HOW IS OUR ASSOCIATION INVOLVED? The organizational body responsible for this event is made up of local Dutch business persons, representatives of various regimental associations, museums, the CDN Legion and the military. Our association will be asked to help in the following ways:

- A. Help construct display cases for the artifacts
- B. Provide security for painting & artifacts at QE Theatre
- C. Form "Information" teams that will tour High Schools
- D. Act as tour guides during art exhibit at QE Theatre.





IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

MELFA DAYS 1990: May 18, 19, & 20th

Friday, May 18: DINNER

Time: 6 p.m. - Doors Open Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Br. 2 ROYAL CAN LEGION - 260 12th St., New Westminster  
B.C. Please be seated by 6:45 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. No tickets at door. Please return  
the cut out section on last page of your Groundsheet.

NOTE: PLEASE REMIT YOUR PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO ME AS LISTED ON COUPON

MELFA GOLF: PLEASE REMIT YOUR INTENTIONS AND/OR FEES DIRECTLY TO  
GOLF CHM CHUCK SMITHERS AS INDICATED ELSEWHERE IN THIS  
ISSUE UNDER 'GOLF 90' - AND PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

May 20: SUNDAY SOCIAL - NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: OFFICERS MESS ARMOURIES

As your chairman I urge you to attend the 1990 Melfa Days: One or all three. I urge all who have attended previously and, if possible, bring some first timers with you. Time and opportunities for many W.W. II 'Westies' grows ever shorter and these Melfa Days provide a grand opportunity to renew old acquaintances and relive old memories. Those who have never attended before don't know what they are missing. This will also grant you the privilege of meeting the new Commanding Officer of The Royal Westminster Regiment and some of the fine young men and women who serve in the Unit today ... The atmosphere, food and comradeship at Can. Legion is most amenable for this 1990 Melfa. The Sunday Social is a laid back affair and will give you lots of time to 'Trip Down Memory Lane'. I look forward to seeing you in record numbers this Melfa 1990 year.

Sincerely

Ted Usher  
Chairman





MELFA 1990 GRAND SLAM GOLFERS: Change of Venue

PLACE: 'DELTA GOLF COURSE' - 11550 Trunk Road, Delta, B.C.  
Near Jct of No. 10 Hwy & 120th St.  
A short jog North of Hwy 99 South to U.S. Border & No. 10  
which traverses West from Ferry Terminal East to Cloverdale

Tee Off Times: 11:36 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.

FEES: Have been reduced to \$20.00 per golfer. Information from  
players indicate the course has been improved with new  
drainage, pumps etc.

CARTS: 5 power carts available. I have reserved two. Please advise  
if power cart required.

RESERVATIONS: I NEED YOUR PROMPT REPLY WITH NO. OF PLAYERS, NAMES  
OF FOURSOMES ETC. MAIL YOUR INTENTIONS AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE TO ME AT:

C.J. Smithers Suite 3  
Columbia Street  
New Westminister, B.C.  
V3L 1A6 Telephone: (604) 522-5912

HOPE TO GREET YOU ON MAY 19th. SINCERELY - CHUCK SMITHERS, CHAIRMAN

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SOME SUMMER EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENT: New Westminister Secondary School Graduation ceremonies with  
annual presentation of: The Royal Westminister Regiment  
Association John Ford Memorial Bursary

PLACE: New Westminister Secondary School Auditorium  
835 8th St., New Westminister, B.C.

TIME & DATE: June 22, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

Association members invited to attend - BE WARNED - COME EARLY -  
SPACE LIMITED.





Summerland, B.C. VOH 1Z0. Doug it's time you came down. You're much closer now.

Many thanks to Rhonda Hall of Wawota, Saskatchewan SOG 5AO for your more than generous donation in honor of your late father. Your Life Membership problem has been answered by our President Doug Glenn, I believe as of December 5, 1989. This editor is familiar with the picture you sent and the marked individual you requested some information on. This was an ad hoc photo taken by some Army photog. They are not all Westminsterers and the one you are concerned with seems to be wearing a Black Beret, believed to be a member of The Manitoba Dragoons. We shall continue to try and help you, if at all possible. Pleased to hear that you enjoyed the Annv Video and The Bklt.

A most interesting letter from Frank Johnson of 604 Jessie Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3L OP9. I'm sure some of the 'B' Coy stalwarts will remember as Scout Pltn. Signaller. Your list of involvements on behalf of Fort Garry Horse Assoc. Sr. Citizens, and your many other groups you mention. To me, it is mindful of our indefatigable and hard working First Secy. Nelson Scott who, like yourself, was constantly involved with many organizations besides our Association. He is still at it after some 45 years and working in the Museum & Historical Society. Curly Janelle, Bruce Eaton, and Dick Armstrong will be pleased you have remembered them. Thanks also for your complimentary remarks re. The Groundsheet. May it continue to come to you for many years to come despite our advancing years.

Thanks to Mike Dragan for dues and kind remarks. Mike it appears your 100 metre challenge to Bortolussi and myself will forever remain just a challenge - No steroids Mike and the legs are gone.

A note from Stan Hammond of R.R. 1 C-29 Becker Armstron, B.C. VOE 1B0. I'm sure Bas Morgan would appreciate any of W.W. I cartoonist Bruce Bairnsfeather's famous 'Old Bill' works and thanks for the greetings.

From long paying and loyal Association Life Member Johnny - J.D. Ratchford, #3-1604 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 1G9. John don't worry about your handwriting. Many of us are equally shaky.

Dues and best wishes from Orville Burden.

Nice to hear from A.E. Wright 825 -1225 28th St., East Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 6V3 over...





Glad you enjoyed your European trip and thoughtful of you to visit Westie War graves in the area. Thanks for the Dues also.

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CAN YOU HELP BRUCE TAYLOR OF P.O. BOX 105, PRINCETON, B.C.  
VOX 1W0

Viz. 'B' Coy. Bruce seeking Pension Claim re. neck injuries. Bruce came to Regiment as reinforcement approximately one month before May 5 in Holland. Injured in Carrier accident driven by 'B' Coy Sgt. Aboard were Pltn. Cmdr. and Radio Operator. Bruce left unit after escorting P.O.W.'s in late June or early July. He came home as volunteer for Pacific Force thereafter. Anyone who knows of this send info to his address above.

Thanks for an interesting letter from George Kalenchuk. George attended The Amputees first Biennial seminar in September of 1988 and reports he had a grand time. He expressed as he says "His pride in being a Westie" at this function with fellow amputees from coast to coast. Good luck George and hope you enjoy your next one in Calgary in 1991.

Life membership from Harvey Denamy of Grand Forks. Sorry to hear of your illness and recent heart attack and amputation.

A delightful letter from old 'C' Coy pal George McDonald of Hope, B.C. Thanks for the Life Membership George and your kind remarks re. The Groundsheet. Nice to hear that you are close neighbours of the old Cat Skinner, Ken Morgan. Are you sure its coffee you two are sharing. Glad you enjoyed the 125th Annv Video.

Thanks to Ted Usher for forwarding dues on behalf of Lorne Pleasant of P.O. Box 455, Vedder Crossing, B.C. VOX 1Z0. Sincere appreciation to Joe Tattersall of 11 Castlemore Rd., Baildon, Shipley Yorkshire BD17 6LN, U.K. Thanks for the Life Membership Joe, despite considerable exchange transactions. We think you should still get the Groundsheet - there are still many who ask of you.

Sincere appreciation to A. Kyle, T. Taylor, Doug Morgan, Don Robertson, Mary Parr-Pearson, Art Miller, Ron Hurley, and many yet unknown who sent generous donations to the Museum Historical Society on behalf of our late comrade





SHOULD ANY MEMBER WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY ACTIVITY MENTIONED ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ASSOCIATION REP - Jerry Gangur (929-5785) or your Museum Rep - Basil Morgan (525-8202)

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CO's REPORT FOR THE GROUNDSHEET

I welcome this opportunity to let the members of the Association know about current and future activities of The Royal Westminster Regiment.

We continue to be very active in our training. Generally we conduct one weekend exercise per month along with training on Thursday nights. As an example our most recent exercise consisted of driver training, basic training for the new riflemen in the Rifle Company, and training for those on the Recce Patrolman course. The drivers' and patrolman courses will finish in April.

Members of the Regiment attended the Brigade Gun Camp in Yakima, Washington State. There they fired anti-tank weapons, machine guns and used a new computer controlled range.

The Regiment has been tasked by the Brigade to run the Blair Shoot. This is the annual Brigade shooting competition for rifle and pistol. This will be held on the 21/22 April 90 at Volkes range, Chilliwack.

We have also been tasked to run the Military Ball, for officers of the Brigade, on the 5 May 90, as well as the Coronation Ball for Senior NCO's on the 12 May 90. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Capt. Montrose or Sgt. Duke at 666-6374.

This summer our Militia Concentration called On Guard 90 will be a combined Regular and Reserve Force exercise. In addition the B.C. units will be combining with the Prairie units. The four Infantry units in B.C. will combine to form a Battalion of three rifle companies, administration and support companies. The Regiment will supply one of the rifle companies and individuals to fill positions in Battalion Headquarters and the administration company. The phase of war will be the defence with a "relief in place" being done.

As those who have seen the Armoury of late can attest, the exterior siding and windows have been replaced. As a consequence the building is looking in tremendous condition.

The interior renovations, mainly to occur in the basement, that were scheduled for fiscal year 90/91 have been deferred by one year.

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The Junior Ranks mess committee, thanks to kind donations from some members of the Association, have arranged to renovate the interior of their mess. Work is still under way but should be finished shortly.

The Regiment continues to attract recruits. However, we could take a lot more at the Officer, Senior NCO as well as recruit levels. If anyone knows of a likely candidate it would be appreciated if our Recruiting Officer Capt. Bob Ferguson is contacted at 666-4374.

W.A.S. White  
Lt. Col

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CORRESPONDENCE

A most welcome letter from one of the lost. Harold R. Miller (Russ) of old 'A' Coy. Anti Tank Pltn. now dwelling in 2524 Running Horse Rd., Newhall, California, U.S.A. 91321.

Thank you for the Life Membership Russ and your kind remarks re. Borolussi and myself. Also your comment re. my production of the Groundsheet. I feel I cannot take full credit Russ. There have been many Editors (all amateurs like myself) and all have contributed. But you are right - the Groundsheet is our main line of communication and lets hope it continues regardless of who may be producing it. Your expressions are, however, most flattering Russ and much appreciated. By the way your nice poem re. the Melfa has been repeated in many issues.

Dues plus a Life Membership from Domenick (Tony) Picone of 521 French St., Trail, B.C. V1R 2N9. Haven't heard from you for some time Tony and trust you are much improved since Mrs. Hurley and myself put you on the bus homeward after your bout of surgery in Vancouver some years ago.

From that grand gentleman from 'C' Coy, Art Ward who's new address is 10111 145th St., Surrey, B.C. V3R 3R5. Thanks Art and trust this finds you well and your appreciation for Groundsheet duly noted.

Another grand gentleman from 'C' Coy in the person of Doug Young now in happy abode at 9076 Mayne Pl., #937

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Jack Usher. We're sure his family appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Some kind words from Toronto Chapter President Pat McCarthy now moved from Toronto to Stroud, Ontario. Your kind words re. Bortolussi and Hurley's attendance at 1st Forces Spts. Hall of Fame presentation at Toronto in October 1989 and from this editor again sincere appreciation for 'The Mini Reunion' you staged for Mrs. Hurley and myself.

Dues, news, et al from old time exec. member Ernie Dayton who gives his new address as #28-2433 Ingram Rd., Westbank, B.C. V0H 2A0. On the new highway you are a hop skip away from us now. Hope to see you at Melfa 1990.

Word from Bill Griffin now of 1568 River Crescent, R.R. 3 Site 327 - C68, Parksville, B.C. V0R 2S0 (Where do they get those addresses?). Note your remarks re. missing your childhood pal John Ford. Yes Bill we all miss him greatly. He was a good friend, a prodigious Association worker and like his good friend John Rosso. They left us far too soon.

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THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION  
MELFA 90 RESERVATIONS - CUT OUT AND RETURN

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MELFA 1990 - May 18, 19, and 20th

DINNER: \$20.00 per person - Sunday Social - No Charge

DINNER: 1, 2, 3 or 4 X \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SUNDAY SOCIAL: 1,2, 3, or 4 N/C \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE: May 8th 1990

SEND TO: Melfa Chairman - Ted Usher  
923B 2nd Street  
New Westminster, B.C.  
V3L 2N8

Thank you



# IN MEMORIAM



Sid Burton	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2
Bruce Iverson	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2
Gordon A. Moore No. K47 147	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2
Norman L. Jakel	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2
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John G. Constable	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2
Doug Furlot	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2
J. Moss	Westminster Regiment W.W. 2

## MELFA 90 RESERVATIONS

CUT OUT THIS PORTION AND RETURN PROMPTLY WITH PARTICULARS TO:

Melfa 90 Chairman  
Ted Usher  
923B 2nd Street  
New Westminster, B.C.  
V3L 2N8

Plan to attend and bring as many 'Westies' you can persuade. Notably first timers.

Thank you  
Ted Usher  
Chairman