

1991 DIRECTORS AS ELECTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 21, 1991

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Royal Westminister Regiment Association
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FROM PRESIDENT ELECT CHUCK SMITHERS

My thanks to the members attending The Annual General Meeting on March 21 and to the membership, at large for their proxies for the support and entrusting me as your President for 1991 - it is, indeed, a privilege and I will do my utmost, with the support of your elected directors to justify my mandate.

I have been Vice President and Membership Chairman the past two years and, in

that capacity, have enjoyed the support of Past President Doug Glenn and his 25 years of Association experience and one of even longer duration Your Editor Ron Hurley - who has been involved for over 44 years. Their combined help was invaluable and we will strive to improve in the future. I am pleased to advise that newly elected Vice President Ted Usher has agreed to be Membership Chairman for 1991 and your Editor has agreed to do double duty by lending his support to this committee ... Printed elsewhere is our projected Budget for 1991. Like all budgets, of course, this is a "Guestimate" and you will note that there is a shortfall of some \$831.00. We mail out some 434 Groundsheets to our members and currently have received for 1991, 32 Ordinary, 8 Life and 20 Serving Officers. As "Little Joe" would have said "this is not a 100%", not even close we might add. WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW. We have had, and still do, a goal in mind. Before all we old sweats reach our Valhalla we would like to make our Association finances and our annual functions self sustaining, i.e. being able to use only the interest on our investments to fulfill our commitments before our successors, eventually, as they must, "Take The Torch From Us". This may sound ambitious - but it can be done. As your Editor keeps reminding me. You, the less than 40% who have always paid your dues and made the most donations, have already accomplished much: e.g. a perpetuating Annual Bursary, a printed War Diary, etc. We do have some options and/or possible sources:

DUES:

A much higher percentage of existing members receiving The Groundsheet to pay their Annual Dues of \$10.00.

NEW MEMBERS:

We need a greater and more active response from the estimated 10,000 - 15,000 Post W.W. 2 members who have passed through the Regiment since 1945 or are serving today. We are aware that your parade pay per night exceeds our W.W 2 privates pay more than 20 fold. Miss one round of beer per year and your dues are paid.

WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE RAISING THE EXISTING DUES STRUCTURE SO YOU YOUNGER FOLKS CAN HELP US CONSIDERABLY.

DONATIONS:

This is a personal matter, of course, but all are appreciated and all assist us. We share the need for these with our most lasting legacy "The Museum of The Royal Westminster Regiment Historical Society". There has been an increase in the "In Memoriam" type of donations submitted to honor former comrades, recently deceased, but this should in no way be misconstrued as interference with the wishes of the families who designate their wishes by printed obituaries. Any such donations received by The Association and/or The Museum would be purely additional and should, in no way be "In Lieu" of other family requests.

DONATIONS (Cont'd.)

Our Association had had few "ANGELS" - true some years ago we did receive a five digit amount and more recently a still active member of your directors has given several 4 digit amounts. The bottom line, however, is Your Editor is right. You loyal less than 40% have performed miracles for this Assn. and we believe that we owe you the continuation of this Assoc. for as long as we can survive. WE DO NOT HAVE A TERMINATION DATE IN MIND. We believe we are about \$20,000 short of reaching our perpetuating and sustainable objectives. We do not have all the answers. Your constructive suggestions would be most welcome.

In closing I should point out that absolutely no one - President, Directors, The Editor, etc. receives any recompense for the many duties they perform, on your behalf. Our books are professionally and independently audited and all monies received and expended are properly accounted for. Your elected Officers act, on your behalf, as a labor of respect and loyalty to all members of "The Regimental Family".

Thank you again for increased anticipated support - NOW SEND IN YOUR '91 dues and make Melfa '91 a record year.

President, Chuck Smithers

The Association salutes Wally Walters for his hard work and considerable contributions to the Museum - sorry to hear you are leaving re. your health but you must be proud that your son, Anthony Walters, a former "Westie" is now Lt. Col Anthony Walters, CD - Commanding Officer of The Rocky Mountain Rangers.

Thanks to Col. Bill White and The Regiment for the unexpected post A.G.M. spectacular put on by the Drum Corps of 1st Branch, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. There will be more on this in the fall - meanwhile their C.O Lt. Col Kirkham MC advises all 'Westies' visiting London to write, advance notice, to Regiment Adj. or Branch Secretary and you will be met and personally escorted to their H.Q. at the famed "Tower of London". This is a marvellous gesture when one considers the 10's of thousands lined up to gain entrance to this historical landmark.

THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER REGIMENT ASSOCIATION

B U D G E T

January 1 - December 31, 1991

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PROJECTED INCOME

Guestimated Dues - 200 @ \$10.00	2,000.00	
Guestimated Donations	1,200.00	
Guestimated Bond Interest	2,361.00	
Guestimated Melfa Golf \$23.00 @ 30	690.00	
Guestimated Melfa Dinner - 100 @ 20.00	<u>2,000.00</u>	
(estimated attendance - 100)		
Total Projected Income		\$8,251.00

PROJECTED COSTS

Groundsheet - total costs	1,600.00	
Bookkeeping, office supplies, postage & stationery	800.00	
Office Rent	642.00	
Melfa Dinner	2,800.00	
Melfa Golf	790.00	
Sick & Visiting	200.00	
Poppy fund	100.00	
C.O's Fund	700.00	
Cadets	300.00	
Changeover Dinner	500.00	
Annual General Meeting	150.00	
Contingency Allowance	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Projected Costs		\$9,082.00
Estimated Deficit		\$ 831.00

SPECIAL OBITUARIES

MARY B. PARR-PEARSON - Widow of former W.W. 2 Westminster Reg't. R.S.M. Danny Pearson who passed away in 1983. Mary was a loyal follower of our Association and continued to contribute to our Association re. donations and support up to her recent death.

MARY JENNY ROLLO - Wife of loyal longstanding Association Member "Sandy Rollo" and old C. Coy stalwart... for travellers through the Okanagan it was always a warm welcome from Sandy and Jenny to visit and chat over old times.

MELFA DAYS - 1991 May 17, 18 & 19FRIDAY: May 17th - DinnerTIME: Doors open 6:00 p.m., Seated by 6:45, Dinner 7:00 p.m.PLACE: Branch 2 Royal Canadian Legion, 260 12th St., New Westminster, B.C.COST: \$20.00 per person. In advance if possible please.

Return your remittance per instruction on Cut Out Form on last Page of Your Groundsheet.

MELFA GOLFLOCATION: Delta Golf Club situated at junction of 99A & No. 10 Highway in Delta - Turn off is at East end of 99A Overpass.FEES: \$23.00 per Golfer, Tee Off 11:00 a.m.

Return your funds and numbers coming per instructions on cut out section on last page of your Groundsheet - by May 5th, if possible.

SUNDAY BRUNCH:

No charge for this. May 19th Place Officers Mess Armouries New Westminster.

TIME: 1:00 p.m. We would appreciate your advance notices re. This Sunday Brunch. On behalf of your Directors and myself we invite you to attend one, two, or all three events.

We urge as many as possible to attend and renew old camaraderies and perhaps meet some new faces. "The Thin Red Line" is thinning even faster for many of us and we would like to see more of you, both locally, and out of town. It will be great for the Golfers and the Sunday Brunch offers a quiet social gathering with the opportunity to indulge in nostalgia, at your leisure. Let's start the first year of this decade with a record turnout.

Sincerely, Chuck Smithers - President and Chairman

TORONTO CHAPTER MELFA DINNERDATE: May 25, 1991 - SaturdayPLACE: Cafe Nouvelle, 5353 Dundas St., W. Islington, Ontario M9B 6H8TIMES: Cocktails - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m. Sharp

COST: \$25.00 per person - Wine included

For reservations contact: Alfie White, 200 Bogert Ave., Willowdale Ontario, M2N 1K9 Res. Ph. 1-(416)-221-6204

ALL YOU WESTERNERS INVITED

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MAJOR WALTER SCOTT HOGG. CD. 1914-1991 A FINAL SALUTE

At 12:30 A.M., April 3rd, 1991, we lost a great friend, a distinguished ex-soldier, a native son of The Royal City and a quintessential community man and loyal member of The Regimental Family embodied in every facet of the honor and prestige that is implied in belonging to such an organization .. with another friend, Nelson Scott. Major Scott had first donned the uniform of a military cadet in 1928. With prompting and encouragement from another close friend, Geo. Hughes, he enlisted in "The Westies" in 1931 - a commitment of some 60 years of his life - an enviable record, indeed. At the outset of W.W. 2, Walter enlisted with the Westminster Regiment (M.G. Vickers Machine Gun Branch) soon rose to the rank of C.S.M, proceeded overseas with the newly designated Westminster Regt. (M) Motor. He obtained his Officer's commission in the U.K. - but upon graduation the fortunes of war dictated that he should be posted, not to his beloved Regiment, but to the 1st Canadian Division Branch S.L.I - Saskatoon Light Infantry - Paradoxically now a Vickers Machine Gun Regt. Walter was home again with the guns he trained so ardously for in the first place. He transferred his love and loyalty to his new Regiment and served with distinction in Sicily, Italy and N.W. Europe. He always maintained close contact with "The Westies". I first met Walter when he rejoined The Westies Association Q.M. and when I had the honor and privilege of becoming C.O of The Regiment in the 60's, I had the added good fortune of having Walter as my Second-In-Command. He qualified as a Lt. Col and retired with rank of Major. No C.O. could have wished for a more loyal and knowledgeable assistant. His retirement served only to re-direct his energies to The Regimental Association and he served, for a time, as President of this important component of "The Regimental Family". The formation of a Museum by The Association soon became Walter's crusade .. with the able assistance of his loyal wife Freda they brought it through several stages to a Fully Accredited Military Museum which is now, with the blessing of The Association, administered by The Royal Westminster Regiment Historical Society and which has become the model for many other Regimental Museums.

After many long days, and nights, with The Museum, Walter became Regimental Secretary and assisted in the formation of The Regimental Senate composed of former C.O.'s and also The Regimental Council and, with dedication and continuing assistance from his beloved wife Freda, organized and masterminded The Annual Mess Dinner which has now become the largest Regimental Mess Dinner in Western Command - and largely due to the efforts of Walter and Freda Hogg. He was also assigned role of Secretary of The Royal Westminster Regiment Historical Society. Generous with his time and also with his money - with particular assistance to The Jr. Ranks Club - there seemed to be no end to this man's considerable achievements.

MAJOR WALTER SCOTT HOGG (Cont'd.)

Personally, I did not have the opportunity of serving with "The Westies" in W.W. 2 but have proudly worn the uniform now for over 40 years and throughout those long years, Walter was always my guide and mentor and contributed to our efforts to bring the recognition that "The Regimental Family" so richly deserves. I, like you all, shall miss Walter, many happy hours and his unswerving dedication and loyalty. So let us all honor Walter in Remembrance with a Final Salute of Honor and extend our joint condolences to his family and his beloved Freda his loving wife of 51 years with heart felt sympathy from us all.

Sincerely, Col. Bill McKinney

CHANGES, NEW ADDRESSES, NEW MEMBERS, DECEASED, ETC.

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Art Belyea	R.R. 2, Comp. 12, Site 11, Williams Lake, BC	V2G 2P2
R.J. Dashwood	212 - 33564 3rd Ave., Mission, B.C.	V2V 1P8
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Joe La Croix	#110 - 33366 2nd Ave., Mission, B.C.	V2V 1K3
Charles Morwood	#13 - 1361 30th St., Salmon Arm, B.C.	V1E 2N8
M.G. Klinkhammer	#10 - 302 11th Ave., S. Cranbrook, B.C.	V1C 2P8
Walter Jackson - George	Derby Centre, 7550 Cumberland, Burnaby, B.C.	V3N 3X5
Frank Reiser	#46 - 1220 25th Ave., Vernon, B.C.	V1T 9A1
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Mike J. Morrison	Ste. 105, 318 Ward St., New Westminster, BC	V3L 5P3
W.G. Griffin	1568 River Cres., Parksville, V.I., B.C.	V9A 1X8
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ATTENTION: CORRECT YOUR PERSONAL DIRECTORIES

CAMP BORDEN CANADA CHAMPS 1941



Back Left to Right: Lt. Jack Mahony Spts Off, Ralph Ballam, Bill Gunn, Capt. "Doc" Gislason, M.O Doug Glenn (Cap Askew), Geo. Randall, Maj. Harry "Dutch" Eckhardt.

Middle Left to Right: Ted Robinson, J. Dumont, Ted "Three Finger" Boyer, Ron Forrest, Andy "Begin" Krall.

Front Left to Right: Andy Billy, Shorty Ashton. To my knowledge there are but 6 of the 14 above surviving to date ... R.H.

FROM THE POST

John W. Carter of Box 249 Ponoka, Alberta sends 91 dues and his Melfa Dinner stipend ... thanks for your kind comments re. The Paper and hope to meet you in May ... Many thanks to old pal Ed Lasher of Toronto ... Thanks for the dues Ed but must advise that we do not accept dues past the current year (Who knows?) they may change by then ... You are right Ed our collective memories are fast fading. May we respectfully suggest to you and others send in \$50.00 for Life Membership and ergo - no more worries. If there is an added amount in excess of the annual \$10.00 (and less than \$50.00) of course we credit the surplus as a donation for the year received and extend our gratitude thereto ... A nice note from the old stalker Bob "Sniper" Brown of Kelowna - hope you sent an additional \$25.00 per our telephone call; If you did - no more worries re. dues for the rest of your days ... Would be nice to see you come to the '91 dinner with Dominick ... A most interesting letter from Angus M. Wilson with Life Membership enclosed and a nice expression of loyalty to The Westies. Angus was attached to H.Q. Coy from R.C. Sigs under Ian Douglas and also time in C Coy. Angus we wish some of your loyalty would rub off on the many who dwell in our local vicinity ... L.M. and interesting remarks from Doug Morgan and glad you were able to join us at Col. Mahony V.C. Memorial ... To Chas Robertson of R.R. 3, Site 2, Comp. Westbank, B.C. V0H 2A0. Thank you for your Life Membership and your donation and trust your receipt has now been mailed ... Thanks to E. Don Campbell of Coquitlam for your Life Membership and your kind remarks. Hope to see you in May ... Appreciation to Mike Lockert of Surrey. Dues are always a Xmas Gift regardless of date of reception ... Ditto to George Demetruk - better late than not at all - hope you enjoyed your trip. From loyal association member Stan Drummond - Sorry to learn of your many medical problems, Stan and particularly your confinement to hospital over Christmas and New Year. Nice to note you are feeling better and hope 1991 treats you more kindly ... Thanks to Larry Durr for '91 dues ... From Rosetown, Sask. the usual nice letter from Clarence (Silent) Smith of C. Coy. Perhaps we rain soaked masses out here don't properly appreciate the problems you wheat farmers have but we wish you the best and thanks for your dues ... A most interesting letter from George Harkness of Trail, B.C. we share your concerns re. the growing lists in "The Passing Parade" ... Some fine words and much appreciated Life Membership from Capt. L.D. Haisell CD. of CFB London, Ontario N5Y 4T7. Bas Morgan and Ted Usher will be duly apprised of your remarks ... Greetings and best wishes for Melfa '91 from Pat McCarthy of Ontario. Marvellous loyalty and expressions of regret for his so called late 91 dues from Wilf Griffin of Parksville, B.C. Wilf you owe no apologies and deeply regret the death of your 44 year old son and your wife's heart attack. If we may echo your words "God Bless Your Family". Your kind of membership is inspirational to all.

Thank you Ernie Seel of Powell River. Your query re Clyde Kidd's death will have to be answered by the "Ol Cat Skinner" Ken Morgan for it was he who informed us... To G.B. Robinson of Fruitvale - I have answered your query personally and will turn photostat over to Bas Morgan in The Museum... Tommy Guest of Saskatoon - your most interesting letter was read out to the meeting - we share a lot of your feeling Tom... Another very fine letter with accolades to retiring Pres. Doug Glenn and the hardworking directions. Jack your words were most meaningful and were also read out to the A.G.M. Thanks to D.F. Drummond for dues and kind remarks... Also a donation and kind remarks for Groundsheet from Walt McErvail of Golden, B.C.

MELFA 91 AND GOLF RESERVATIONS CUT OUT AND RETURN

DINNER: Friday May 17 @ \$20.00 per person

1,2,3,4 x \$20.00 Total: _____

Saturday May 18
 Golf Tournament @ \$23.00 per golfer

1,2,3,4 x \$23.00 Total: _____

SUNDAY BRUNCH NO CHARGE
 May 19

1,2,3,4 Total: NO CHARGE

 NAME: _____

Please Print - Deadline May 5, 1991, See Reverse Side

IN MEMORIAM

Lt. Col Tom W. Hall	Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
Major Walter Hogg C.D.	Westminster Reg't and S.L.I.	W.W.2
Colin Cameron	Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
John Aurelio	Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
Orben Simle	Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
Hank Henry	W.W.1 & Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
R.S.M. John "Scotty" Clifford	Scots Guards and Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
Ted Cruise	Westminster Reg't	W.W.2
Pte Henri Dupre 700654	101st Branch	W.W.1

CUT OUT AND RETURN BY MAY 5 TO ADDRESS BELOW

MELFA / GOLF 91
Royal Westminster Regiment Association
P.O. Box 854,
New Westminster, B.C. V3L 4Z8

Golf directions noted on Melfa page
Let's make this a banner year -- bring as many Westies and Guests you can find.

THANK YOU

Chuck Smithers
President & Chairman
