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Dedicated to the ideals and Comradeship
We knew in Wars and Peace and in
Our services both Home and Abroad.

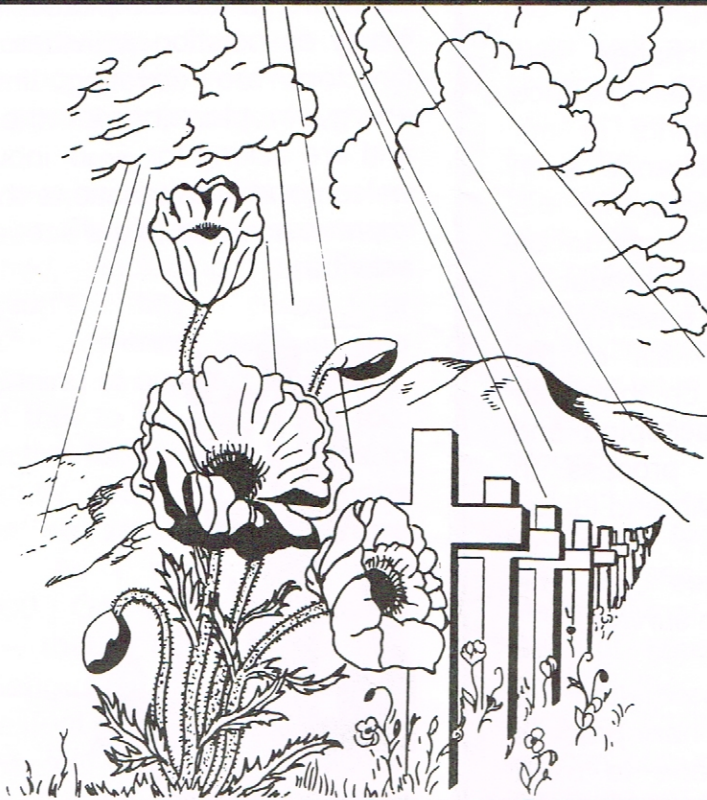


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Editor's Corner

Evolution and change are inevitable and often produce many improvements in our daily lives. Dramatic change, such as the fires that occur in the grasslands of Africa seems to be one of nature's way of producing rapid new growth, so essential for the grass eating animals of the continent. Evolution, on the other hand is a gradual, accepted and sometimes unnoticed process in effecting new life, growth and ideas. Evolution is nature's way of adapting to changes in the environment in order to survive.

Our Regimental Association is undergoing an evolutionary process and your directors hope to exert their influence in this process. With your help and assistance, we will survive into the next century and beyond.

In the following pages you will be acquainted with some of the adjustments contemplated for our future association activities. The directors are devoting time and energy in planning for the future and are asking for *your* input. We welcome any suggestions that may improve and add to the scope of our activities.



This is your opportunity to speak to us about our future. Please do so.

Regards

JNG

President's Report

Here we are again, the summer is about over and it's time to get back to work. I hope the executive had a nice relaxing summer and they are all fired up for a busy time.

I do not know what is in store for the next while, I guess we will have a lot of fresh ideas after having a couple of months of relaxation and summer fun. I will look forward to hearing all the suggestions. That is so much for the executive, I hope all the membership had a good summer too, and if you have any good suggestions let us know about them.

We have had several busy years with all the fiftieth anniversaries we have had, including our own Association's fifty years of successful existence, last year was the beginning of our next fifty years, I expect that to be successful too. My objective for this next year is to successfully reach our ambitious objective we set for the "**Future Fund.**" As I recollect, it was (\$100,000.) One hundred thousand dollars -- that is the objective that **Jerry Gangur** set when he became our President. I think it was a good objective. We have not yet reached out goal, but we are over half way there (60%). I would like to see the objective accomplished this year. I believe when this objective is

reached, we will have a good financial base and will be able to carry on with our Association's real objectives perpetuating all the good things that have been done in the past, and look forward to a grand and glorious future for the rest of our second fifty years. We will not have any more fifty year anniversaries to celebrate for a while so now we can get on with the Future Fund job as originally intended.

I had a chat with **Major Fisher**, A/CO of the Regiment and he tells me the Regiment is progressing quite well and that there will be a change of command soon and he will then be the Commanding Officer for the next several years. Hopefully the powers that be will keep the good old Militia around. We hope there will not be any need to mobilize the forces as in 1939, the Militia was a good stand by and did their bit in good style. I think we should keep the organization around.

I am looking forward to another good year for our Association and hope to see many of you at the Melfa Dinner and /or the Annual General Meeting or some other function that we may think up. I miss the Chilliwack Picnics, maybe we can conjure up something else, lets hope so.

Fraternally,

Fred West

Change contemplated Date of Annual General Meeting

Reasons for change:

1. Our President and Directors are elected at the AGM on the 3rd Thursday in March.
2. Our Melfa Dinner is held within 6 to 8 weeks following the AGM. It is felt that the executive should have a longer opportunity to plan the dinner. The short time frame may not have been a problem in the past, as the membership was pretty stable, as was the executive. We are now into a new era and the executive members are changing more often. The new members are not always acquainted with what takes place and need more time to plan and prepare for the annual event.
3. The AGM is held in the evening and many of our senior members are unable to or are reluctant to drive in the evening.
4. It would be nice if our out of town members could participate in the activities of the AGM.

Options being considered:

1. Move date of AGM to a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in late **September** or early **October**.

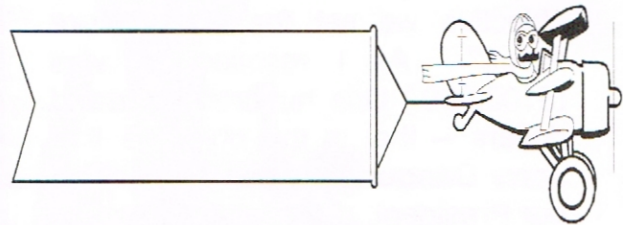
OR

2. Move AGM to Melfa Weekend. Meeting could be held Saturday Morning or Afternoon or Sunday immediately prior to our very successful Sunday Brunch.

An advantage of the second option is that members from out of town will be able to participate in the AGM activities.

Let us know what you would prefer.

- a. Keep current AGM date
- b. Option 1
- c. Option 2.
- d. Other suggestion .



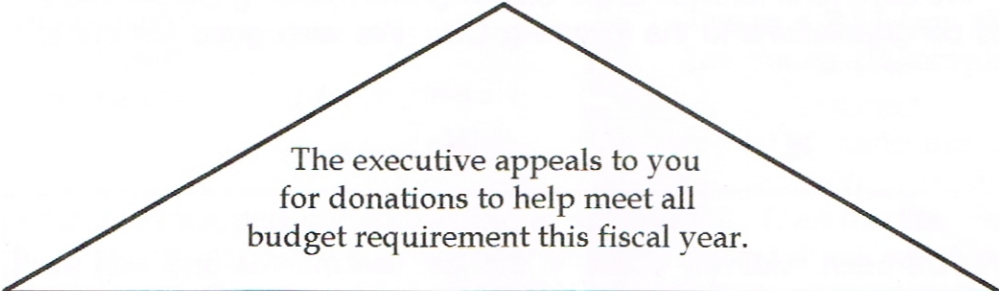
Would like to hear from you. Fred.

Groundsheet & Finances

The board of directors find itself having to make a decision concerning publication of the Groundsheet. We publish three issues of our newsletter and the cost of each issue is approximately \$1,300.00. We do not have the funds to produce the three issues this coming year. Unless we receive donations for the Groundsheet, one issue may be cancelled.

Financial Review: Long term, the donations accumulated in the Future Fund will assure financial stability for the association. As President West said in his report, we hope to reach our stated goal and when we do, the \$100,000.00 will provide us with a significant annual income. By deliberate design, the principal deposited with the Trustee, is not accessible to the executive.

We can attribute our current and very temporary situation to two factors. First we suffered an unexpected loss of \$1,500.00 over the Melfa 97 dinner. Second, many of our members, both from the serving bn and nonserving have been remiss in payment of dues. Members are encouraged to remit their dues.



The executive appeals to you
for donations to help meet all
budget requirement this fiscal year.

Make donations payable to The Royal Westminster Regiment Association

The executive is reviewing plans to raise funds. We believe we will have some firm plans in place within the next few months.

The Regiment

Change of Command

LCol. RA Lee, CD
to

Major FM Fisher, CD

Date: October 17, 1998

By the time you read this notice of the change of command, the event will have taken place. We bid a fond farewell to the outgoing Commanding Officer and a welcome and congratulations to the incoming CO. We wish good fortune to both.



The regiment has been relatively active in the last few months and with the summer break we regret that a report on the regiment was not available for this edition. As stated previously, the regiment has four pages of the Groundsheet at its disposal. We would like very much to hear from any serving member who may have completed UN duty.

What Became of Kelly?

For years our newsletter ran an item headed what became of Kelly? There appears to be some history behind the byline and for any veteran who can recall the story , we would be most pleased to hear from you.

The purpose of running the Kelly column was to try and locate those that moved and forgot to let the secretary know that a move occurred. If we receive returned mail, we have no alternative but to hold back mailing future issues of the newsletter. So a good idea is being re-instituted. If you know the whereabouts of any of the following, please drop us a line. So, **What became of Kelly?**

Spenser Bolton		JT McCammon (Shawnigan LK)
Chuck Cousins	(Courtney)	Pat McCarthy (Toronto)
Thomas Davidson		Rod Thomson (Abbotsford)
Kathy Fynn	(Burnaby)	Bert Turvey
George Gracey	(Burnaby)	Ted Usher
HC Kilpatrick		Thersa & Bill Wagstaff (Ont)
Don Haisell		Zoe Young (Summerland)
Mark Hatton	(Vancouver)	

Your **patience and understanding is solicited**. ... Over the last two years an attempt was made to input on a new computer the list of our members. On two occasions, after this was completed, some **bad guys** decided that the computers in question could be utilized more effectively in another location. This resulted in untold difficulties and the loss of some records. We request you check the spelling of your name, postal code etc. It is possible we made errors. Also if we have your initial, we would request you tell us your first name.....For your information, all data is immediately backed up and as an added precaution, **Gary Brooks**, another executive member has a duplicate list stored on his computer.

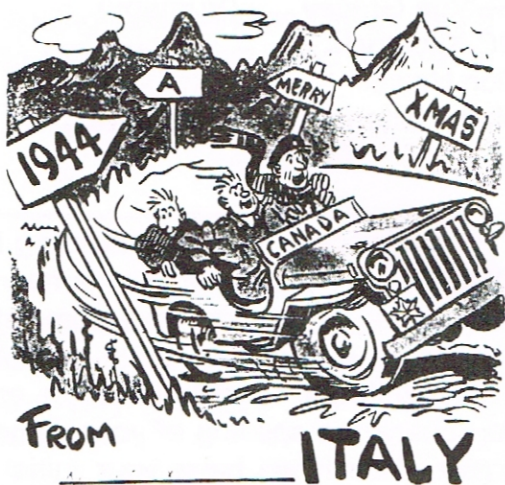
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Memories

Members of the Westminster Regiment (Motor) will be familiar with the cartoons appearing on these pages. **Joe Tattersall**, now residing in England, is the artist. Joe joined the Medical Corps in Canada and while serving overseas, he was selected for officer training. In 1943 Joe met Gordon Corbould in the officers' mess and asked if he could join the regiment. Joe went with the regiment through Italy and into Holland. While in Holland he went to work for the Canadian Forces newspaper, the Maple Leaf. Joe receives the Groundsheet.... So Joe, we say hello to you and we thank you for the enjoyment and memories your cartoon sketches bring to us. (P.S. Basil Morgan sends his love.)

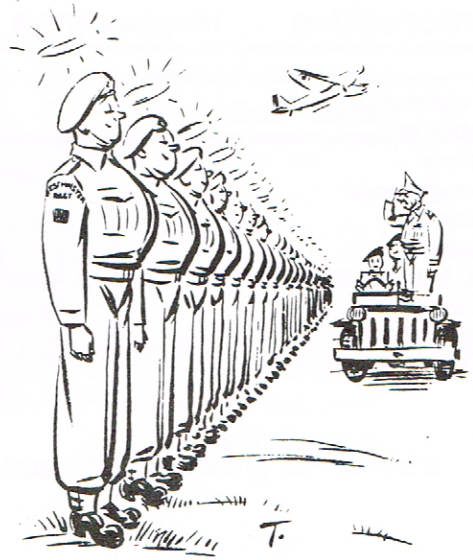


Cheerful Smiling Civilians made
a Favorable Impression





One more river

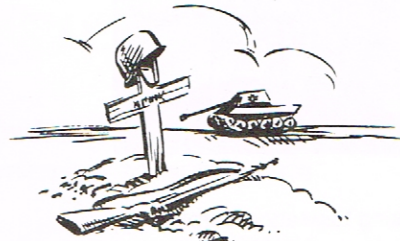
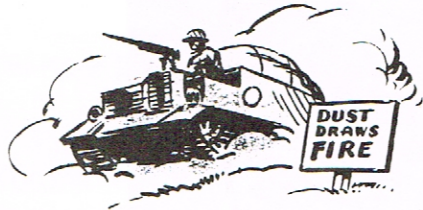


"The pride of the Canadian Army"

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"Maj. Mahony at the Melfa"



52-15-1

52-15-2

Personalities Happenings

It is not our practice to promote non-regimental events, but President Fred, felt this would be an exception and we agree.

Grand Performance - November 11 - 8:00 PM

Amabilis Singers Present **Canteen Cabaret**

Songs of the War Years

Director - Anne Wilson Unger ♦ Accompanist - Noreen Scott

Also performing - The Priest Jazz Trio

Snacks Cash Bar (with Veteran's prices)

The Armoury 6th and Queens, New Westminster, BC

Tickets \$12.00 (\$10.00 Seniors/Students) Call 525-4602



A very young Lawrence Carpick, who served with the Winnipeg Police from 1946 -1978. Retired as Staff Inspector i/c of major crimes. (Thanks for writing)

Sick & Visiting - Doug Glenn
Joining Walter Jackson and Bill Thorarinson in the George Derby Centre is **Ethel Johnstone**. These Westies always like to have visitors.

Birthday Milestones
Nelson Scott -- 85
Ted Hammersley -- 80

Westies WW2 Correspondent**Ron Hurley**

To the Westies.

Welcome back from the long hot summer, I trust it was national in scope.

We, out here on the "Wet Coast" have been blessed with 3 months of hot , dry weather, thanks to "El Nino," Do come again.

It is now October 8th and we won't have to shovel snow, spring will be here before you know it....

You may have noticed the sparse comment from me in the last issue; There's a simple explanation, I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY FEEDBACK; ZIP, NOTHING....

YOU CAN DO BETTER! I have volunteered to reply to the old Westies. You will realize, of course, our live body count is being reduced daily, and you deserved to be noted. After all it was you who helped to make our Association viable today.

WE are now 51 years old and we would like to hear from the remaining 300 or so

Sadly we have lost both of our Charter, i.e. Toronto and Chilliwack, writing to inform us that they can't continue due to a lack of old Westies to write a line or two. Perhaps your wife or children could act on your behalf. If, like me you have Molto grandchildren, put them to work. They probably all have computers anyway.

Now having said all that; Remembrance Day is fast approaching, as is the Annual General Meeting and Melfa '99, so remember to write to me.....

Best wishes to all.....

Ron

In Memoriam

<i>Robert Dashwood (Victoria)</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>
<i>R. Elise</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment(Motor) WW2</i>
<i>Gus Hill (Vancouver)</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>
<i>Urias Martin</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>
<i>G.S. "Mort" McNally (Kelowna)</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>
<i>Burleigh C. Mills</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>
<i>John Shawcross</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>
<i>Ebam Sweet (Vancouver)</i>	<i>Westminster Regiment (Motor) WW2</i>

Special Obituary: To Dave Adlem on the loss of your dear wife Mabel, 5 th October, 1998. Like yourself Dave, She was always a strong supporter of the association....Sincere condolences to you and your family...We shall miss her...

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Ceremonies marking Remembrance Day will follow the procedures of previous years. All messes will be open immediately following the completion of the Cenotaph Ceremonies.

Timings: 0945 Hrs - Indoor Service
 1030 Hrs - Form up in front of the Armoury and march to cenotaph.
 1045 Hrs - Cenotaph Ceremony

Dress: Blazer, Berets & Medals. Arrive early, Seats reserved for Association Members

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM