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The Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meetings are often pretty dry and dull. Not so in your Regimental Association.

Some men turn out for the Annual Meetings and it may be the only time we see them. They feel that Annual Meetings are the backbone of the Association and they might be right. At our meetings you have the privilege and duty to vote on the Executive for the coming year and you ought to consider that pretty important. Also you must vote on the proposed Budget for 1960, a copy of which is printed in this Groundsheet. The report on the year 1959 will be given by our President, A. B. (Bun) Noble, and I can assure you that will not be dry nor dull. Then you will have the opportunity to reminisce with the fellows, drink a bottle of beer and later have coffee and sandwiches.

When you consider that we usually have at least one car full from Chilliwack there is really no reason why YOU should not turn up YOURSELF, if you live within 50 miles of New Westminster. So we are looking forward to seeing you THURSDAY, MARCH 24th.

Proposed Budget for 1960

Hospital	\$ 200.00
Annual General Meeting	100.00
Melfa Dinner	200.00
Xmas Smoker	250.00
Groundsheet	600.00
Cadets Sports Day	75.00
Purchase of Bonds	1,000.00
Administration	150.00
Executive Meetings	200.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
C.O. Westminster Regt. for Cadets, Rifle Assn. and Band	900.00
Honorarium, Secretary	100.00
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	\$3,975.00

Sick and Visiting Committee Report

Our Christmas visit to Shaughnessy Hospital was made on the evening of the 23rd December and we left many nice parcels for our less fortunate comrades. The expense was mostly taken care of by the usual very generous donation of Comrade T. A. S. Hamilton, for which—and again—“many thanks, Comrade”.

Tommy Thomson, as usual, was there to assist and he sure was needed, as we had two large suitcases to lug around from ward to ward.

Called on C. W. Stewart who has been moved into a semi-private ward. He certainly was pleased to have some company and could hardly thank us enough. We were informed that A. Beck had gone home and next

called on Bill Hindle, an old 47th veteran from "D" Coy. and well remembered by Tommy Thomson; spent some time chatting there and then up to B4 to see R. N. Norris, one of the youngsters of our association. We were told he was playing "bingo" in the auditorium, so left his Christmas gift and then walked over to the extension buildings to visit with Ginger Coote, Bill Lawson, Sam Powell, Tom Carson and Joe Wheatley — poor old Joe Wheatley well on in his '80's and he was quite low. He remembered Tommy and I and was so pleased we called. When we visited later with Sam Powell, who is quite mobile, he said he would call on Joe Wheatley as he remembered him from their Regimental days in France. For the information of our secretary the mailing address for Sam Powell is in care of M Ward, Shaughnessy Military Hospital, Vancouver.

Here is the list of our hospitalized Comrades:

T. R. CARSON
 R. L. COOTE
 R. N. NORRIS
 WM. LAWSON
 C. W. STEWART
 G. WALKER
 SAM POWELL
 J. WHEATLEY
 W. HINDLE

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During our Smoker of the 12th December I was informed by Sgt. (Sonny) Jackson and Archie Davis that they had been in Shaughnessy for some time and yet nobody visited them. I must apologize once again, Comrades, especially to you, Archie, who a few years

ago visited so often with me at Shaughnessy. The excuse I have to offer is this — you were not on the list which I pick up at the entrance desk and I found out that the Commissionaire who used to compile our list had been replaced. I have now explained to the new one just what Regiments our Association embraces and will hope for better results. However, once again, I must request the membership, when hospitalized at Shaughnessy, to please ask to have your name added to the 47th Westminster list, or if you know of any of our Comrades being hospitalized, please phone your Committee Chairman at BR 7-8476. Thanks.

H. A. STEPHENS,
 Committee Chairman.

Readers Write

Enclosed a cheque for renewal of my membership and the Groundsheet, the balance for the Hospital comfort fund.

With best wishes for the New Year.

A. GUETRE,
 St. Georges, Man.

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Enclosed please find my cheque for \$2.00 to cover my 1959-60 fees. I am sorry that I am so late with the 1959 fees, but (the old story) thought I had paid it.

Congratulations on the Association's work during the year. You fellows are doing a great job.

All for now, would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

CHUCK COUSINS,
 Cumberland, B.C.

And now, a last minute reminder . . .

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