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MELFA DINNER

ASTOR HOTEL

MAY 27th, 1961

COCKTAILS

7:00 P.M. TILL 8:15 P.M.

DINNER

CRAB COCKTAIL

TURRET OF CREME PEA SOUP

SIRLOIN OF ROAST BEEF

BAKED NORMAND POTATOES

GRILLED TOMATOES WITH CAULIFLOWER

GARDEN GREEN PEAS

ROLLS AND BUTTER

DESSERT — OPEN FRUIT SLICE WITH CHEESE

RED DRY WINE SERVED WITH DINNER

COCKTAILS

After Dinner Till Midnite

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NEW PRESIDENT SPEAKS

At the last General meeting of your Association, the members attending saw fit to elect me your President. Being what you may term a "Bastard Westy" I was quite flattered at the honour bestowed upon me and will do my utmost to keep this association the biggest and best of its kind in Canada.

Most of you don't know me from a hole in the ground so maybe it is fitting that I give herewith a few brief particulars about my background. I have been employed by the The Royal Bank of Canada for the past 33 years. Joined the armed forces in 1942, assigned to the RCASC, who, on my arrival overseas decided to make an assault bridging expert out of me. What connection they saw between banking and assault bridging has always been a wonder to me.

Most of my active service was with the 86th Canadian Bridge Co. RCASC and after discharge I found I still had the army in my blood and so joined the "Regiment" to complete the cure.

I am quite proud of being associated in such an organisation as ours and hope you all feel the same way. If you do, we except to see you, if humanly possible, on the night of May 27th for our big event of the year. Also, don't forget June 4th and how about filling the church on June 18th.

BOB CARTER.

SICK AND VISITING COMMITTEE REPORT

This report in fact comprises two visitations, one on the last Wednesday in March and the other the last Wednesday in April. We commence these visits at seven thirty P.M. sharp, and go well armed with pocket novels, cigarettes, chocolates and tobacco for the patients: but all in all I think that most of the old timers are pleased to see us just for the visit. Any Vet who hasn't been to Shaughnessy Hospital in the past ten years, will get a pleasant surprise when next he visits there, as with all its added wings and very modern compact wards it is by far the finest hospital in Vancouver, and how proud and pleased the old Vets are of their new quarters—especially those who spent so many years in the dismal old huts adjacent to Shaughnessy Hospital proper.

The new wards have only four beds, and each ward has its own washroom and toilet, also an inter-com system and oxygen piped from an outlet in the wall, there is corridor after corridor of these new wards, yes quite a pleasant change.

Our hospitalized comrades these past few months

are:	F. Durrant (of Barker Ave., Burnaby)
Bill Lawson	F. A. Falka
Sam Powell	Stewart Tough (of 2117 E. 54th Ave., Vancouver)
Bill Grant	
Major G. G. E. Raley (47th Bn.)	

AND IN GEORGE DERBY:

W. Camp	F. H. Wiggins
D. Corcoran	Tom Carson
G. A. Neve	

Tommy Thomson and I manage to visit with nearly all of our comrades and we at least feel better for it as their appreciation is always so apparent. A few have been asking for some of the pictorial magazines rather than the pocket novels, so how about it fellows — any one got some life, look or other pictorials in almost new condition? if so, try and pass them on to your Visitation Committee.

H. A. STEPHENS.

CADET'S SPORTS DAY**Sunday, June 4th, 1961**

All Cadets and Association Members are urged to attend.

ANNUAL REGIMENTAL CHURCH PARADE

Will Be Held June 18th

11:30 Hrs. Holy Trinity Cathedral
Carnarvon St., New Westminster

All Cadets and Association Members are urged to attend.

**ANNUAL CADET SPORTS DAY
QUEENS PARK, NEW WESTMINSTER**

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

THE CADETS WILL BE THERE!**WHERE WILL YOU BE?**

FATHERS: Forego your golf, give up the fishing (probably won't catch anything anyway) Get off the Hammock for a few hours and come and watch YOUR SONS IN ACTION.

MOTHERS: Make a Picnic Lunch, bring the rest of the Kids and for heaven's sake roust the old man off his well known, 'You Know What' and enjoy the performance of a really fine bunch of boys, YOUR SONS.

MEMBERS OF WESTMINSTER REG'T ASSOCIATION. And where have you all been these past few years?

Try it once—Come out and see for yourselves one of the important functions that your association performs annually. Many of you live within walking distance of the park so it will not entail too much effort on your part to be there. BELIEVE ME THE ASSOCIATION WILL APPRECIATE IT: THE EXECUTIVE WILL APPRECIATE IT: THE BOYS WILL MOST DECIDEDLY APPRECIATE IT: AND WHAT'S MORE YOU WILL APPRECIATE IT TOO. Besides all this "IT'S FREE—ABSOLUTELY NO CHARGE TO ANYONE."

To be more serious and specific, this is an excellent chance for you Parents to come and meet some of the people who are playing such a large part in your sons' development, not only for the present but in the future as well. This is also a most suitable opportunity for you members of the Association to witness your executive officers in action. You elect them every year, why not come out and see how they are doing? Well—now that I have all your promises of attendance may I, on behalf of the executive and entire Westminster Regimental Association extend to you all AN OFFICIAL AND MOST CORDIAL WELCOME TO BE OUR GUEST ON JUNE 4th.

SEE YOU ALL THEN AND THANK YOU!

Ron Hurley.

N.B. If you are coming before noon bring a picnic lunch.
If after dinner be there at 1:00 sharp.

**THE WESTMINSTER REGT. JOINT
CADET FIELD ANNUAL SPORTS DAY****Programme:**

No.	Approx time	
1.	10:45 hrs.	Corps debus outside Stadium — Form up—Cadet Band Lead, O. C. Capt. Turnell.

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| 2. | 11:00 hrs. | Cadets march into Stadium—March past reviewing stand—Form up in review order—General Salute. |
| 3. | 11:30 hrs. | Church Services—Hon. Maj. L. T. H. Pearson an R. C. Padre. |
| 4. | 12:00 hrs. | Lunch. |
| 5. | 12:00 hrs. | Selections by Band — Announcer gives selections. |
| 6. | 12:15 hrs. | Cadet Bugle Band Display. |
| 7. | 13:00 hrs. | Tug-o-War. First Heat-10 per team plus coach. |
| 8. | 13:15 hrs. | 100 yds Dash, 16 and under, 2 per Company. |
| 9. | 13:30 hrs. | 100 yds Dash, over 16, 2 per Company. |
| 10. | 13:40 hrs. | Softball Throw. Distance and Bounds, Total-distance to count, 3 per Company. |
| 11. | 13:50 hrs. | Tug-o-War. 2nd Heat. |
| 12. | 14:00 hrs. | Shuttle Relay—4 per team, 4 legs — 100 yds. |
| 13. | 14:10 hrs. | Half Mile Race — 16 and under, 2 per Company. |
| 14. | 14:20 hrs. | Mile open — 2 per Company. |
| 15. | 14:45 hrs. | Tug-o-War, Final or Consolation. |
| 16. | 15:00 hrs. | Cadets form up for the presentation of Trophies. |
| 17. | 15:15 hrs. | Load up gear and move off to embus. |

Corps WO'S will ensure order and discipline of each Corps.

Reviewing Officer: Lt. Col. W. E. McKinney, C.D.

Representative of Westminster Regt. Association.
Capt. R. E. Turnell.

Cadet Sports Officer: Capt. N. Finnigan.

Liaison Officer: Major Walter Tyler.

Cadets will clean the field and stands, and load gear before leaving to embus.

CADET INSPECTION

The New Westminster Company was officially inspected in the Drill Hall on Monday, May 8th. In the absence of Lt. Col. W. E. McKinney, the Hon. Colonel, Lt. Col. W. J. Williams took the salute, and inspected the Cadets. He was accompanied by Captain Gabriel, the new Area Cadet Officer.

The Emblem Club Annual Proficiency Trophy was presented by Mrs. Walter Lyle, President of the Club. Cadet Sgt. T. Langer won this Trophy.

The Westminster Regiment Association Trophy for the best shot was presented by Col. Williams to Corporal Harry Sullivan. He is a son of the well-known Ottawa and Bisley Shot, Lieut. Frank Sullivan. It is predicted that Corporal Sullivan will go to Ottawa this year, and Bisley in 1962.

The Hon. Colonel's prize for the best turned out Cadet was won by Cadet Grant.

This inspection saw a splendid turn out of parents and friends. This is very encouraging to both the Cadets and the Instructors. The Area Cadet Officer spoke very highly of the good work being done by the Instructors under Captain "Hank" Du Varney.

NOTE: Race and Team points will be 3, 2, and 1 per company.

Individual ribbons will be given after each event. Trophies will be presented at the end of the Games. Chief Instructors of each Corps will be responsible for having his entries on time for each event.

THE YOUNG SOLDIERS' TRAINING PLAN

The Young Soldiers' Training Plan was accepted in The Westminster Regiment in the fall of 1959. Since that time over one hundred young soldiers have passed through the ranks, some to remain with the unit, others to join the permanent force.

The object of the plan is to train boys between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years of age (these boys being over the age for cadets and still too young to become soldiers in the unit). These young soldiers, with their parents' consent, become active members of the unit with all the privileges of the unit, except the use of the wet canteen. They do their training on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, and participate in all shoots and exercises carried out by the regiment.

Their training consists of regular infantry training, specialist training, as well as a large dose of National Survival training. At the conclusion of the training year, selected boys attend a thirty day camp at H.Q., B.C. Area, where they live in barracks and undergo intensive training under Permanent Force Officers and N.C.O.'s.

It is regrettable that under present conditions only a limited number of young soldiers can attend this camp. We hope that in the future there will be facilities for ALL young soldiers to attend camp to enable them to benefit from this training and to inspire them to continue as useful members of the regiment.

Walter Hogg.

TEA DANCE HELD BY THE WESTMINSTER REGT. FOR DEBUTANTES

The Westminster Regiment was honored this year in being named host regiment for the Military Ball held in the Hotel Vancouver on May 5th. Prior to this gala occasion, the regiment held a Tea Dance in the Armouries on April 29th in honor of the debutantes who were to be presented at this ball, and their escorts.

To those who know the armouries, it would be difficult to imagine how beautiful and colourful the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes looked on this occasion.

The tea table, set up in the Officers' Mess, shone with the lustre of silver tea services, and was centred with large orange daisies and royal blue iris, the regimental colours. The screened area used as a lounge and entrance to the mess, was skilfully decorated by employees of the New Westminster Parks' Board. The beautiful shooting trophies won by the regiment, dramatized the dark greenery, and masses of dogood and tulips added splashes of colour throughout.

Of course, the most beautiful of all were the twenty-five young debutantes in their gay afternoon dresses, who, after being greeted by the receiving line, danced with their escorts to the music of the combo orchestra composed of members of the Westminster Regiment band.

READERS WRITE

Frank E. Harding Ex Signal Sgt. 47th Bn writes that he is glad to be in touch with the Association again, and regrets that he will be unable to be present at the Annual Meeting. He also sends greetings to all who remember him — Address Sedgewick, Alta.

T. Arthur Hamilton of 1025 8th Ave., New Westminster, is presently on a 5 months holiday in the old country.

Les Trego of Rosedale writes that he met Ike Jackson, an old westie in Kelowna, who was unaware that a Regimental Association existed. His name and address are now recorded, other members take note. If more members would submit names and addresses of strayed or new members our numbers would continue to grow. Ed Hebe Smith, MP writes mentioning Vern Ardagh's trip to Europe.

Received a letter from J. J. Claxton c/o M. V. Columbia, Box 13, Minstrel Island, B.C. which has been referred to the Secretary for indicated action.

Notes together with dues were received from Henry Corby, 1823 McKinnon St. Coq., New Westminster, B.C. and Red Holey of Quilchena, B.C. A note from W. I. Evans forwarding dues for A. W. Clemes who is presently a patient in the Royal Columbian Hospital — our best wishes for a speedy recovery Mr. Clemes.



NEW MEMBERS:

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| E. M. Atchison, 11446 — 81 Ave., North Surrey. | J. W. McCallum, 12618 — 97A Ave., North Surrey. |
| K. H. Collier, 3860 — Hazel St., Burnaby. | A. G. Morris, 12117 — 75th Ave., R.R. No. 6, North Surrey. |
| W. Filgiano, 158 — W. 63rd Ave., Vancouver. | T. Myers, 704 6th St., New Westminster. |
| K. N. Fox, 4236 — Kaslo St., Vancouver. | H. W. Parker, 11655 — 75th Ave., R.R. No. 9, North Surrey. |
| L. German, No. 8, 8644 — Cartier St., Vancouver 14. | A. R. Preston, 2120 — St. John's St., Port Moody, B.C. |
| J. Graham, 724 — 5th St., New Westminster. | R. Smith, 4338 — Dundas St., Burnaby 2. |
| A. Hawitt, 4330 — Volker Rd., R.R. No. 1, Hammond. | Wr. Tomkinson, 1040 — 7th Ave., New Westminster. |
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