

THE TRUMPETER



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The Royal Canadian Hussars Assocn.

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Greetings, to all our members and please, accept this as your invitation to attend this year's Stag and Dance which will be held on the evenings and no doubt, early morning hours, of June the 2nd and 3rd. As usual, the bar will be open for the Stag at 6.30 P.M. on the Friday night and at sometime between the hours of 8.30 P.M. and 10.00 P.M. depending on the determination of one's wife and the ability of the member in question to navigate after the events of the night before, the Dance will begin on the Saturday night.

The price of admission on Friday night will cost you the usual \$1.00 for Registration and another dollar for those of you who have overlooked sending in your yearly dues. The cost of the Dance will be the same as last year, \$3.00 a couple. The costs of refreshing yourself may be a little more as we are raising the price of Liquor with a Mix to .75¢ while keeping Beer the same as last year at .50¢ a bottle. The reason for this is obvious if you have visited your local Q. L. C. recently.

All in all, things will be much the same as they were in previous years.

With one notable difference.

In all the years since our first Reunion in June 1947 it appears that we have done all we could to give our associate members a jolly good time and this we will continue to do. But this year we would like you all to consider some of our members who, through ill-health, sheer bad luck or an unfortunate accident are unable to attend this Reunion. It is the desire of your Executive and we are sure of all our members, to extend some of this cheer to our less fortunate members. To this end you will find on the Bar, a box. The purpose of this Box is to start a Benevolent Fund and the monies collected therein will be given over, intact and complete, to some member of whom it is generally known, can use the help that this will bring him.

For this year, we can think of no one more deserving of this assistance than Doug. Sparks.

In case you are unaware of his circumstances, you should be reminded that over two years ago, Doug had an accident which has left him paralyzed since that time. Since then he has been in and out of Queen Mary with, undoubtedly for him, monotonous regularity. We had thought we might help him in some way, by the purchase of an Electric Wheel-Chair, but Doug, for reasons of his own has recently vetoed this idea. To his everlasting credit, he has suggested no alternative gift, nor has he asked for any assistance of any kind. He has, in all this world, the two simple, wonderful qualities he has always possessed. The love of his wife and family and his own courage. Let us try to give him and them, a little more. And to you chaps who cannot possibly make the Reunion but who would like to contribute. Put something in an envelope, address it to the Armoury, c-o Benevolent Fund and we'll see that Doug. gets it. And don't wonder about that feeling of sudden warmth you may experience on the nights of June 2nd or 3rd. What if you are two thousand miles away? Buddy, you've just rejoined the ranks.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Get to Montreal for June the 2nd and 3rd, 1967.
Expo is pretty good too!

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

It was reported that as of March 10th, 1967 only sixty members out of mailing list of 540 had sent in their dues for the current year. We hope this is an indication that most of you are planning to pay your dues personally this year. If not, Please Remit!

SICK PARADE

We are sorry to report that two old members, Tom Jones of "A" Squadron and Ken Rowe of "C" Squadron are in Queen Mary Hospital. Tom with an enlarged liver which is specific enough for anyone and we hope, will readily respond to treatment. In Ken's case the issue is a little cloudier as they can't seem to find anything in particular that is wrong with him. Let's hope they discover the cause very soon, Ken, and get you out of there. If they cannot, maybe some of your old buddies have a few suggestions.

Happily, we can now report that Paul Marier has been discharged from hospital and so has Bill Coughtry after his recent heart attack. Take it easy fellows, and while we may not see you at this year's Reunion, we shall look forward to seeing you at our next.

It was a great pleasure to see Al Feltus and George Stott at our Annual Meeting. As Past Members of the "Sick Parade" it's nice to be able to report they are up and around, even though they may have to travel in bull gear.

BOUQUETS

Our thanks to Jack James for his short note in which he states that he has recently spoken to Harry Hamilton and Freddy Dufour and that they seem to be in great shape. Jack also notes that he hopes to get up to Montreal some time this summer and take in Expo. Try to make it, Jack. Then try a little harder and make it for June the 2nd and 3rd.

To Stan Meighen who writes from Pine Plains, New York to wish everyone the best and to give us the good news that he will be up for the Reunion and Expo. And we will have to include here the phone call we had from our Chairman of the New York Chapter, Al Levy, with the good news that this group will attend the Reunion and Dance en mass.

Please, fellow Canadians, don't let them out-number us. Remember it's our Centennial.

To Gavin Anderson who writes from Lennoxville, Que., to say that he doesn't see much of the old bunch, except for Harry Moore, on occasion. Thanks for your offer of help toward the Benevolent Fund, "Airedale" and as far as being immobile because you no longer have a motor-bike, we have only one word to say: Hertz!

To Brigadier A. James Tedlie for his continued interest in the Association and for passing along the news that Danny Gagnon who was with the 17th in the late days of peace and the early days of World War II and will be remembered by many of us, is now Wing Commander, D. J. Gagnon and is Senior Staff Officer, Posting and Careers, in HQ. Training Command, Westwin, Manitoba. The best of luck to you both, sir. And may the harmony and happiness that Mr. Hellyer hopes for, reign forever in your newly integrated Headquarters.

To Jeff Wilkes. Thanks for your Annual Dues. Sorry, old chap, but the "Centennial Dollar" is only worth a buck, and our Treasury will not profit from any overages. But, it was a nice thought.

To Robert A. MacMillan, who writes us from Nassau and sends along two dollars because his last card was dated 1965. He feels that as he had forwarded the money to Dunc Munro in the past, he may be better advised to deal directly with the Treasurer. Anyway thanks for the letter and money Bob, and now, put on your scuba gear and dive, dive, dive. (Away from the clutches of Munro, that is).

To John N. Cleary, ex-Trumpeter, for his very kind letter about this Trumpeter. Your remarks about the "fading away" process are certainly true, John, but let us try, collectively (that's a happy choice of word) to ease it for old buddies as much as we can. Happy Centennial in Cooksville, John!

To Alan Davidson, writing us from Kalldeen, B. C. and wishing all of us the very best for a Great Reunion and an Exciting Expo. We are sorry to hear that you won't be able to make it this year, Alan, but have a nice summer and thanks again for your letter.

To Sgt. L. McFarlane for his letter from Vancouver, telling us that he is in the permanent Army out there. Maybe the last name escapes you, but how about "Yank" McFarlane? Strikes a bell, eh? Welcome aboard, Yank, and good luck in your new career. Or would you say, old career?

To Ernie Moore, who writes from Port Washington, New York. Well, Ernie our first page tells you of what you and the boys may do for Doug Sparks and I know that you will all do your share. As for your suggestions with regard to obtaining cots to be put up in the Armoury for out-of-town chaps who may wish to attend Reunion and Expo but are uncertain about obtaining accomodation. Your point is well taken but we would remind you that the last time the Army provided you and others with a cot, it took you five years to get rid of it.

However, you and any others may rest assured that anyone coming up here to Montreal to attend the Reunion and perhaps visit Expo will have accomodation found for them somewhere and in most cases it will be in some old buddy's home. So, don't let this concern cause anyone to stay away on this particular week-end.

To help you trace an old buddy we will have a copy of the Mailing List at the Registration Desk on Friday, June 2nd and also a copy available on Saturday, June 3rd. Please, feel free to use it, but don't scrounge it. Somebody might be trying to trace you.

See you all on June 2nd and 3rd.

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February, 1967.

"To all of you, in this first issue of the year 1967, may we extend a very sincere wish for a Happy and Healthy New Year." This is a quote that I have taken from the first issue of the Trumpeter of last year. If you still happen to have your copy, you will read that I went on to say that your Executive had had a busy and most rewarding time during the previous year. Unfortunately, I cannot repeat these remarks for the year just past. We did not have anything like a rewarding year. As a matter of fact, it was frustrating. Our Reunion attendance was down on both nights despite an outstanding job on the part of your Executive to make both evenings a success. Membership, both in receipt of dues and number of members has also fallen off considerably. In this same opening paragraph last year, we asked for suggestions from our members whereby we might hope to increase not only the number of those attending our Reunions, but also some means by which we might create a renewed interest in the Association as a whole. Well, gentlemen, it looks as though the decision has now been made for us. It is becoming increasingly apparent that as Time moves along our respective ways, more and more of our members are going to need help of some kind in the years to come. The issue that now confronts us, is quite a simple one. Are we, as an Association, going to do something to help these men or are we going to revert to the once prevalent and popular interpretation of Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense? I hope not. For if we do, we not only deprive these men of the help that is rightfully theirs and which they earned when they stood beside us, but we lessen ourselves. Another, much older quotation comes to mind: "As we grow older, we do not change. We only become more, the people we are." Ask yourselves what we were in the years from 1940 to 1945. This time, I know, you won't let George do it. Attend this year's Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at the Armoury, 41 85 Cote des Neiges Road, on Friday, March 10th, 1967, at 8.30 P. M. in the Men's Canteen.

We would like you to make every possible effort to attend this year. We feel it is vitally important to the future of the Association. And it could be fun. If you, as a Membership, decide to adopt the suggestions that we will offer at this meeting, it will involve a Squadron Competition and your old Squadron will need your help. The Grand Prize to be awarded annually is, we believe, rather unique. It will be, or rather it has been suggested, should be, a hand-painted, you-know-what. It could, if this suggestion carries, be suitably inscribed on the face, with the name of the winning Squadron. Where the names of the losing Squadrons would be inscribed, I am not at liberty to say. But I do feel that you would be a lot more comfortable if you can win this 'objet d'art' each year.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Past President, Derwydd Jones, was set up to prepare a slate of Officers for the year 1967.

Said Nominating Committee do herewith submit, for your approval, the following slate:

- Honorary President Lt. Col. K. C. Booth
- President D. Bardell
- 1st Vice-President D. Munro
- 2nd Vice-President E. White
- Secretary A. MacPherson
- Treasurer. H. Borshy
- Past President. D. Jones

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Frank Brown | George Routley |
| Jack Williams | L. Christie |
| George Dunlop | Bert Webb |
| Peter Whiteside | (Overseas Chairman, England) |
| Lee Montgomery | (Special Overseas Assistant) |
| Al. Levey | (Chairman, New York Chapter. U.S.A.) |

The persons listed above have been duly contacted and have agreed to act, if so elected.

The following Act from the by-laws of the Association is brought to your attention:

"Article IX, Section 3.

Any six members in good standing may nominate any member, who signifies his agreement for any office, by filing said nomination with the Secretary at least two weeks before the declared date of the Annual Meeting!"

MEMBERSHIP & DUES.

If you've read this far, you've got the message.

SICK PARADE

Unfortunately, this is the area in which we are most active. To the names of Doug. Sparks and Gordie Flanagan, we have now to add the names of Paul Marier, Ralph Meeks and George Stott as being visitors to Queen Mary and one or two other hospitals. Add to these the name of Frank Fauteux, who, we are happy to say is again back on his feet and full of pep. Our very best wishes to all you chaps and we hope, a fast and full recovery in the very near future.

BOUQUETS

Our thanks to all you fellows who wrote and wished us all here a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Among many were, General C. B. Price, Len Newton from Florida, Wally Newbury and Rollie Martin from England and from Hastings, that grand old vet, Tom Williams. Sincere thanks to all of you and may you all enjoy good fortune and grand health in the year to come and many of those that follow after.

To Bruce McKibbin for keeping in touch and informing us that he has been transferred by his company to California. Good luck in your new position, Bruce.

To Alf. Ablett for his good wishes for the coming year to one and all. To Lt. Col. H.W. Hill for his kind remarks. We're trying, Sir. We're trying.

And for those who have a little difficulty in writing, here's a little help.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Enclosed, please find my membership dues for 1967.

