

THE TRUMPETER



Dec 1973

There has been an editorial pause... to allow the Re-union to take place... and to bring into focus some of the things that have occurred since last Spring. First of all, the big event that has been threatened and promised for some years... Col Danny Miller made it to the re-union! ! ! and Johnnie Gautier, Mount Orford, near Eastman, Quebec, came back after a too-long absence.

From an old friend in Victoria, B.C. "We are not able to be with you in person, but shall certainly be there in spirit, and shall remember you in a toast; and wishing the Association continuing success for many more Re-unions to come... 'in beats of three'... George and Hilda Murray! ! !

We have had a long chatty letter from Dave de Volpi which we may insert into future editions, as a sort of serialized cliff-hanger, all about the de Volpi family summer in South Africa. Perhaps those of you who would like to read of this interesting adventure would signify your interest by writing a short note to that effect... and at the same time, tell us a little of yourselves so that we can add it to the news. What mail we do get almost invariably says that the readers are interested in the "Trumpeter" and would like to hear more... and more... about absent friends.

Len Newton of 518 South 7th Street, Apartment 612, Tacoma, Washington 98402, wrote to apologize for not being able to be with us this summer, as did Jack Anderson, who is now a member of the Florida Legion Branch where our Al Levy is Commander. However, as I have already said, "Crash" Miller came to the party! ! !

There have been so many favourable comments about the dinner-dance type of Saturday evening re-union festivity that the "Management" are anxious to know whether this should be a more or less permanent fixture. They have therefore asked me, as your correspondent, to enquire of you all... the membership at large... whether this sort of party really interests you. For those of you who have not attended one of these delightful parties, let me give you a brief run-down. The evening starts in one or more of the mess rooms at the Armoury with cocktails (or what ever you may choose) and the meeting of old friends; it then moves to the old mess hall where tables for eight to ten persons are all set up and pleasantly decorated. The mess hall is festooned with streamers and plastered with appropriate posters, and there are table cloths and silver laid out for the banquet. A first class meal, usually featuring prime roast ribs of beef in natural gravy, a good wine, a delicious dessert, and plenty of coffee and good conversation is topped off with drinks of your choice from a very efficient bar service. After the meal there is dancing to a good orchestra, with selections of music that are not always nostalgic, but are certainly aimed at our age-group... that is to say, the young in heart! ! One interesting development started, perhaps at the same time, by Harry Hamilton (whom we missed this year) and Art Giles, and now being carried on by others, is the introduction of the second generation... the sons and daughters, and their friends... to both the regular Saturday family party and to the dinner dances. Please write to us and show your interest now so that planning can take place! ! !

A final note to signify the passage of time... did you know that young DR, Ross Canavan, who looked as if he was too young to be allowed into the NAAFI, celebrated, with his wife Betty, his 25th wedding anniversary? The same goes for Peter Whiteside and his Faith who also celebrated their 25th anniversary. What next! ! !

BITS & PIECES

An apology first to our good friends from Cornwall for the unfortunate foul up with the seating arrangements that the committee should have foreseen but regretably didn't — and we cannot thank them enough for the cooperation they gave in assisting us out of this dilemma we greatly appreciate it and promise that this years goof will be next years perfection.

To Major R.C. Kelley many thanks for his efforts successful we might add in the turnout of "C" sqdn this year. It was greatly appreciated by your committee.

For their assistance in providing us with some sorely needed bar equipment, many thanks to No. 175 Legion Branch.

To Ross Canavan for the decoration that added to the beauty and atmosphere of the Dance.

It is with pride that we congratulate S/sgt. Les Smith upon his retirement. We had the pleasure of attending the ceremonies honoring him and we might add that it would require an entire trumpeter to list the accolades paid him by the members of the regiments.

The presentation of a Silver tray and two steins expressed the feeling of all concerned.

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Question. When was the last time you saw old what's his name - you know the guy, he was with us in Brighton, you know him - the tall skinny guy. He used to get drunk and fall into slit trenches.

Well if you can't remember him then you can either meet him again or find out about him if you show up at the annual meeting that is to be held in the armory on the 1st of March at 8 p.m.

We must report that the turnout of recent years has not been what one could call a smashing success. Whether this is due to an overwhelming confidence in your executive or just a lack of interest on your part we do not know. We would like to know though and the only way we can get an answer is for you to attend the annual meeting and tell us.

I am also advised by the committee that to sustain you through the debate sandwiches and coffee are to be provided free that is. Also the usual foaming beverages will be available.

So let's see you and old what's his name on March 1st at the armory.

Our spies report that Bruce Henders from A Sqn was in town from Vancouver B.C. Now all you have to do Bruce is time one of these trips to coincide with the reunion and you have it made.

PENSION COMMITTEE

This committee is probably the most unsung group that operates within the association.

To date this committee has successfully completed 11 claims with increases ranging from 10 to 70% and presently have 14 other applications awaiting final disposition from Ottawa.

Also they have obtained a successful decision concerning Veterans Allowance.

The above success of this committee is fantastic and although the above figures seem rather cold one must appreciate that for each successful claim there is a tremendous amount of paper work and your committee congratulate them on their success and feel each member owe them a debt of gratitude.

Should any of you feel the need for assistance from this committee please contact Mr. Ed Green or Mr. D. Munro.

SICK REPORT

In hospital: Bill Lowne, D.C. Munro, Sgt. McLaughlin, Tom Jones.

We regretably must report the passing of Bobby Loyds, Sgt. Andy Arcand. Ingersall, Ont.

Here's one for the books fellows, you may not believe it, but... Bruce Blandford took the plunge and got married. Our congratulations to you.

REMINISCENCES FROM A MEMBER

We received the following from one of our members that we feel is worth publishing and appreciate the receipt of it and would ask all members to forward similar memories that we can print. After all what you are reading is history, remember you made it.

It's really amazing how the years can roll back when we encounter friends whom we haven't seen for some time. This is probably more applicable to army friends than civilian friends because of the more varied experiences and memories we all share. To be more specific, we had the privilege to speak to the "Old Major" R.C. Kelly last spring and asked if he would assist the Association in mustering some additional support from those delinquents in our ranks who have been skipping the annual reunions.

He immediately agreed and promptly wrote to a great number of associates. For those of you who were not fortunate in receiving one of these masterpieces, I can truly say that you missed a great piece of literature. The results can only speak for themselves as we had an excellent turn-out of "C" Squadron personnel.

Because we had loaned our copy of the mailing list for this purpose, we had to make a return call to pick it up. It was at this point that we started to reminisce about the people who made up the 17th D.Y. R.C. Hussars and the esprit de corps which was prevalent throughout the war years and later when this Association was formed. The writer was in a preferred position (for some time) employed as a driver (?) to the Major and completed a good part of his education under his tutorage (I refer now to English history, etc.) If ever a person knew his history and geography it was the Major. The geography included a tour of the country pubs and great places to eat. It was also through Major Kelly and his generosity that we came to know many of the other officers through his loaning them his car and driver. I don't know when I had so many short nights Boy, they sure had lots of stamina (?) in those days. But truly, they were a great group of people - real humans. I remember the only time I had a driving accident (which was reported) a real dilly. It happened when the Paymaster, the late Capt. Chas. Wadman was on his way to pay the troops in the holding unit at Woking. Can't you just picture this set-up. It was winter, cold, snow and ice on the highway and we were late. We were on our way up a hill with a double turn in it and passing a bus. As we came parallel to the bus driver, Capt. Wadman said he thought we should slow down and stay behind the bus, I disputed the point but yielded to his rather senior rank (I was a trooper at the time). Just as we were getting behind the bus, a staff-car came over the top of the hill in the opposite direction moving as though it were on skis and we met. It was the first time I had ever met a Staff Colonel, you know, with all the red tabs, braid, etc. Boy! was he mad. Our Paymaster was somewhat embarrassed and when we had all exchanged names etc., we proceeded to complete our original mission. When we returned to camp in Petworth late for supper, Capt. Wadman entered the Mess and explained that we had an accident and that we had bumped into Colonel Snow of the R.C.R.'s Lt. Col. Hugman's remark was something to the effect "fine, how is he"? Capt. Wadman's remark was "mad as Hell" your car hit his. I was immediately advised to be ready for a parade the following morning. Following the sentencing and for approximately two weeks thereafter I was offered financial assistance by every officer who got into that car - "just to help defray the expenses". (Being very young I didn't accept anything and have kicked myself ever since.) I could have

made a fortune. To those who didn't know these officers I can only say that they were unique. The humorous part came on pay-day when in the confusion I received my regular pay and my brother had his pay reduced by the cost of my fine. There must be a moral there.

Getting back to the Major though, we were talking about one day when the Major was an umpire during a short scheme in jolly England and we were stationed at an observation post watching the progress of "C" squadron. Suddenly, a troop of carriers appeared at the top of another hill and as we watched we saw a signal which resembled that for a calvary charge and then all hell let loose as this troop took off and descended the hill. I have never seen so many hedges and fields get torn up as fast as that day. Leading this happy group of people was a young blond Lieutenant with a grin from ear to ear charging away. As the colour had long since left my face, I turned to the Major who said something to the effect that he thought we should take-off, and get away before he saw anything else. (you will recall that at the time there was an automatic fine of something like \$100.00 for each tree which was mutilated or destroyed. I don't recall how much it was for a field or hedge. Ever since that day I have never thought of Doug Johnson as the quiet, shy type.

After a most pleasant meeting I took my leave from the Kelly's and within a span of two weeks met Major Thomson from "A" Squadron and had wonderful talk with him. Strange part is that I have always associated Major Thomson with Major Kelly since the days on Cote des neiges and to think I would meet them both within the same month. Major Thomson brought me up to date on golf encounters with old pals and made mention of a "Tin Hat Competition" at Kanawaki. Its hard to believe that both these gentlemen are grandfathers. They don't act their ages or look like grandfathers. I can however vouch for the fact that they are gentlemen. They have to be — they're 17th.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

Your committee has been advised that there is a possibility we may be able to secure cuff-links, tie clips, regimental crests, scarves, ties and ascots in the 17th Hussars colours and/or designs. Before pursuing this further we would like to have your reaction. Please write and let us know. If you DO IT NOW we could have the information for you at the annual meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee was formed with W. Bardell as chairman and proposed the following slate of officers for 1974:

Honorary President	Lt. Col. G. Mitchell	
President	R. Canavan	
Vice-President	W. Pallitt	
Vice-President	D.C. Munro	
Treasurer	J. Hunting	
Secretary-Treasurer	R. Ryan	
Past President	K. Chapman	
Executive Committee	B. Scott	Cecil Hamilton
	E. White	Alan Canavan
	D. Bardell	Henry Amsden
	E. Wellington	
	F. Greene	
Overseas chairman	P. Whiteside	
Chairman N.Y. Chapter	E. Moore	

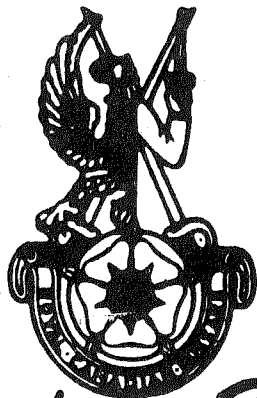
The persons above have been duly contacted and have agreed to act if elected.

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 or any office by filing said nomination with the secretary at least 4 weeks before the declared date of the annual meeting.

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The Royal Canadian Hussars Assocn.

February 1973.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the association will be held at the Royal Canadian Hussars Armory on Friday March 2nd, 1973.

A Nominating Committee under the Chairmanship of Past-President K.C.G. Dunlop do herewith submit for your approval the following slate.

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President	R. Canavan
Vice-Presidents	R. Pollitt
	D. Munro
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ANNUAL REUNION DINNER DANCE

Your executive has reviewed the plans for the Dinner Dance and have authorized that it be held.

The programme as outlined in our last trumpeter will be in effect, the cost per couple will be \$16.00 dollars, this cost includes the Supper and the Happy hour, and all the Dancing you can do.

Your request for tickets if you have not already sent them in should be mailed to:

Mr. E. White,
2415 DeLondre,
Ville St-Laurent, Montreal 381, Que.

WE MUST AGAIN CAUTION YOU THAT ONLY REQUESTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MAY 15th, 1973 WILL BE CONSIDERED

Late News Items:

Our present President K. Chapman advises us that regretfully he will be unable to complete his term of office as he is moving to Toronto, this is an unfortunate circumstance for us as an association, as the loss of people like Kenny who willingly give of their time and effort to insure that the association will survive are very hard to find.

On behalf of all the members of the Association we wish you every success in your new endeavours Ken and thank you for your loyalty.
It is our unhappy duty to report the loss of two members of our association through heart attacks.
M. O'toole
D.G. Jones, Past President of the Association
To the families of both these men, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences.

REQUEST FOR TICKETS FOR R.C. HUSSARS DINNER DANCE 1973

NAME

ADDRESS

PLEASE MAIL ME _____ Tickets

ENCLOSED A CHEQUE FOR _____ MADE OUT TO THE ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ASSN.

Our Treasurer tells me that there are some members who have not paid their Annual dues, and so to save those of you who fall into this category any further embarrassment, we are attaching a form that you can use to correct this situation.
DON'T WAIT DO IT NOW YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.

ROYAL CANADIAN HUSSARS ANNUAL DUES

ENCLOSED FIND _____ (\$2.00 per year)

COVERING ANNUAL DUES FOR THE YEAR(S)

SIGNED: _____