

THE TRUMPETER



APR. 1975

ANNUAL MEETING

As we have previously reported our Annual Meeting this year was going to be different in that it would be a Business and social event and the success or failure of the meeting would determine the type of General Meeting we would have in the future.

To say that this new approach to Annual Meetings was a success would be an under-statement for the response by the members and their ladies was beyond the expectations of your Executive Committee and all their worrying was in vain.

The attendance of 43 men and 25 women was the largest turnout we have had ever.

The Business end of the evening was well attended and the present Colonel, Lt. Col. G. Ball addressed the association on the role of the regiment and its status within the present day Military setup. We must admit a certain feeling of pride when the Colonel advised us that our regiment is considered the top regiment in Quebec Command both in Manpower - Training - Discipline and Efficiency. He also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the association on the regiments behalf and for our continued support in the future.

It was very apparent from the remarks of our President and our Officers in attendance and the members that our support in helping to maintain and preserve the high standards the regiment has attained would be forth coming.

Also in attendance was our Overseas Chairman Pete Whiteside and his wife along with Ernie Moore of the New York chapter and his wife.

Both gentlemen expressed their continued support by their members in any capacity possible.

The adjournment of the Meeting then left the balance of the evening free for the meeting on a more personnel basis of officers and men of the present regiment also their wives and the wives of our association members.

Needless to say that the combination of good company, an excellent Buffet and liberal quantities of spirits produced a most enjoyable evening for all. And we would suggest that you make plans to attend next years Meeting since it will obviously be a Business social evening.

Reports from the Meeting

Al MacPherson banging away at the old piano.

The sudden discovery that Dunc Munro can sing - Rhum does marvels for a man.

Ernie Moore singing songs his mother taught him and some she didn't.

Jim Corker being overwhelmed by the kindness of his Brother-in-law with regards the purchase of drinks.

Pete Whiteside extolling the virtues of a Cornwall England Vacation.

Merv Christie trying to talk to three people at once.

Frank Brown meditating in the corner, or is he asleep?

It has been said that behind every great man is a great woman and this we feel is true of our association and regiment for without the tremendous efforts both individually and collectively of our ladies none of this would have been possible over the years.

They again at the Annual Meeting made it the success that it was and we would be remiss if we did not thank them for their support. Well done Ladies. God Bless you all.

REUNION 1975

It is now April and the reunion is on June 6 and 7th this year at our Armory on Cote des Neiges. The date should be easy to remember its "D" Day, the Armory is still where it was when you posted Guard on it - And you can still meet most of the old boys up there on the Friday Night Stag or bring your wife to the Dinner Dance on Saturday.

Now don't just look at this and mutter something about going to go one of these years.

This is the year and the guys who haven't seen you for years will enjoy it as much as you will and when was the last time you and your wife danced to "When the lights go on again" - Try it you'll like it.

CHURCH PARADE

There is to be a regimental church parade on May 4-75 for all Denominations. It will be held at:
Cdn Armed Forces Base
St-Hubert, Que.
starting 0930 Hrs.

There will be a March Past and our Guidon will be paraded. A reception will be held in "B"
Sqdn Hanger no. 1 afterwards.

Our association will not be actively involved in the ceremonies but we have been invited to attend with our families. Medals may be worn.

We would ask all Members and their Families to make every effort to attend this service, our support can make it a success.

THE MAIL CALL

We have received a fine letter from Al Davidson who is presently in Kaleden B.C. and hopes to be in Mtl this year sometime - Al. The best time is June 6 & 7th. Believe me.

Also a letter from White Rock B.C. it appears Bill MacKay has finally succumbed to all that B.C. — and found a new home — nice to hear from you Bill - Give our best regards to Dave Ross for a speedy recovery - Hope to be out in B.C. ourselves in early June, maybe we can crack a bottle or two.

Your executive recently held a meeting with the Sergeants Mess executive and they have asked for our associations assistance in the use of the Sergeants Mess and their reasoning is that the lack of use by the association or other interested parties will mean the end of the armory as such. Your executive is in complete agreement with this approach and urges all members to support this effort of the Mess.

As part of this programme all members have been asked to become associate members of the Mess.

The cost is \$8.00 per year and entitles us to the use and facilities of the Mess and we would ask you to contact-

Ed STRILECKI
At the Armory Tel: 932-8381

We have had requests from our Members for some form of social evening in the fall and one of the offshoots of our meeting with the Sgts Mess was that they have a Mess Dinner Dance in October on the 18th and we have agreed to support them in this effort, for further information re time and cost will be forth coming in later Trumpeters.

Regretably we must again report the passing of the following members and to their families our sincere condolences.

P.G. Booth
D. Epstein

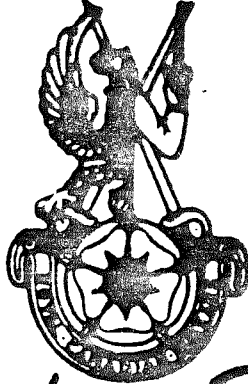
We repeat for all concerned the following

Annual Reunion June 6 and 7
At the Royal Canadian Hussars Armory, 4185 Cote des Neiges
Friday June 6 Stag
Saturday June 7 Dinner Dance \$20.00 Per Couple

Please Contact: For Reservations
Ernie White
2415 De Londres
St-Laurent, Que.
Telephone No. 331-3227

SEE YOU ALL THERE

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FEB 1975

We must first offer our apologies to Lt. Col. Graham Ball for the error that we made in the spelling of his name in our last Trumpeter. This, plus our failure to give the Colonel his proper due re the placing of the Guidon in the main foyer of the Armoury leaves us most humble.

We are pleased to report to all members that the new Commanding Officer; Lt. Col. Graham Ball has a very high degree of interest in the Association and its activities.

Dunc Munro and Merv. Christie (Ross Canavan was unable to attend) met with the Colonel for two hours on 20 January 75, to talk about the Association — They provided the Colonel with a background of the Association ie; How it began, how it is organized, the character and geographical location of its members and the past accomplishments of our Association. Lt. Col. Ball was most receptive and his interest in our activities is appreciated and will, we are certain benefit both the Association and the Regiment.

You know we have been scratching these lines in the Trumpeter for quite some time and believe it or not the first time some member decides the author should sign his name at the bottom we find some errors. Ah, the joys of anonymity!

For it seems that our report re the Annual Meeting was not as explicit as we had thought, so we would like to clarify the situation for you.

Annual Meeting — Place: The Armoury, Cote des Neiges.
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Date: Friday, 7 March 1975.

Apparently there is some doubt as to whether the ladies are invited to the Annual Meeting - Well, the answer is yes, with a capital "Y". As this year is being allocated to the woman, we thought it would be a nice gesture on our part to invite the ladies and have them socialize while we tend to Association business and then join them afterwards.

Once again, in honour of the ladies we will be serving a cold buffet. There is a little method in our madness gentlemen; we felt a better turnout would be possible if we invited the fairer sex.

We must, however, emphasize that this is an annual general meeting and all members should attend either alone or escorted. We propose to start the meeting promptly at 8:15 p.m. and request all members be at the armoury no later than 8:00 p.m., Friday, 7 March 1975.

All matters pertaining to the Association will be discussed along with the installation of officers.

We are also fortunate to have Lt. Col. Ball attend this meeting - He will speak to us about the Active Unit and it also affords us the opportunity to meet the Colonel and express our interest and support of both the Association and the Regiment. So you can see that a large turnout at this meeting can be of immense benefit to our Association and its future.

To ensure the success of this meeting and help complete catering arrangements, it would be appreciated if upon receipt of this Trumpeter members planning to attend would contact: Dunc Munro 932-8276 - 2155 St. Mark St. Apt. 15, Montreal, Que. H3H 2G8.

For the first time since the inception of the Association we had an urgent call for blood donors for one of our members. The shortage was caused by a strike of technicians at the time of Mayor Drapeau's Annual Blood Clinic. Fortunately the members called responded in true Hussar fashion.

However, a lot of phoning and talking was required for this effort - Our thinking on this matter was that if and when it ever happens again, we would like to be prepared. We are contemplating a **nominal roll of Blood Donors** whom we could call on at a moment's notice. Those wishing to submit their names are requested to please give Dunc. Munro a call; 932-8276.

Response to our billing members for the Annual Dues has been gratifying I would like to report this has been a tremendous success. Unfortunately, we can only thank the 100 odd members who responded. To the other 400 of you who receive this Trumpeter we would remind you that you now have a bill outstanding for 3 bucks - in case you forgot - its pink, it has the address on it, also, it states please remit Annual Dues - 1975 \$3.00 - It also has two other words on it, which we would like to say to you guys and they are: THANK YOU".

To anyone who has tried to write for an Association or group realizes his efforts are only as good as the information supplied to him - this month we received mail from members and it is very much appreciated.

From - Gene Richardson, who is now residing at P.O. Box 51, Cordemex, Yucatan, Mexico - a very welcome letter wherein he tells us that his villa is 50 yards from the golf course clubhouse and is equipped with a maid yet! Nice going Gene. Any golfers who would like to spend a week down there and he will take you on - just contact him at Mereda, Yucatan, Mexico 20035. We in turn would like to see you make the reunion this June - dates 6th. and 7th., long underwear will be supplied if needed.

From - Ron Davies, Signal Troop H.Q. - a very nice letter wherein he mentions he hopes to make the June Reunion. Hope you make it as well Ron, Ralph Ryan and Mike Faille I am sure will buy the drinks.

A most interesting letter from a long lost Hussar who ably expresses that elusive feeling of having served with the Hussars - verbatim;

Wright State University
Dayton, Ohio. 45431 513/426-6650

Dept. of Modern Languages

December 22, 1974

Dear Ernie,

In your letter of November 16, you mentioned trying to put a face on me. It's been a long time, but let me try to refresh your memory.

I joined up in Montreal in February 1941, and after a few weeks at the Armoury where the old guys were moaning about having to ride motorcycles instead of horses, the new guys were sent to Huntingdon for basic. We rejoined the regiment shortly before leaving for Debert where I was in the Signal Troop with Sergeant Kirk, Eddie Green, Eric Holloway, Abbie Fletcher (killed in England) and Rick King. We all helped to demolish that carnival outside Truro.

A couple of days before going overseas, I slipped in the mud and dropped a crate of rifles on my foot. There was a lot of discussion about whether I could go overseas with a broken foot, but with some help I made it up the gangplank. After a bout with that South African beer on board the Stratheden, we had a little ceremony and threw my crutches overboard somewhere in the middle of the Atlantic. As a result the foot went bad, and I spent months in Hospital in Crowley and Brixham. I was reclassified category B and never got back to the regiment. Later, I transferred to the U.S. Army and was stationed in London, Cornwall and Orly in Paris. After being demobbed, I started going part-time to school and managed to finish up a high school diploma, a B.A. degree, an M.A. and finally, a Ph.D. I've been teaching in various Universities, including Monash University in Australia for the past twenty years. Off campus, I've been blessed with a lovely wife and four lively kids including a son who would like to attend McGill University.

When I think about the regiment after all these years my memory is a mixture of names and faces. I've seen Fred Dufour several times over the years and Ray. Leduc came to see me when I was teaching at the University of New Hampshire. I remember; John Dionne, Alfie Bartlett, Frank Lawlor. Names whose faces are a bit vague are: Pete Whiteside, Jack James, Tex Adams, Harry Moore, Gordie Flanagan, Harry Oden, Derwydd Jones, Sid Fairhurst, Harry Hamilton, Ernie Moore, Joe Mahar, Ralph Ryan and Ralph Warren.

Over the years I have been proud of having served with the 17th. Hussars although I was in the regiment only two years. After transferring to the U.S. Army, I found that the clothing, food and equipment were better and although I served in several outfits, I never met a bunch like the 17th - they were the best!

Cordially,

John Park"

Thank you John and welcome back to our Association,
hope you can attend our Reunion with your wife
Stag; 6 June, Dinner Dance; Saturday 7 June.

Regretably we must report the passing of the following members, and to their families our sincere condolences:

Pat Cooper
Windy Wilson
Fred Elder
Kiwi Norton
Cliff Scott
Joe Fisher

MEMO: to The Trumpeter from Commanding Officer of Regiment

On 07 January 75 an inspection of the Unit's Administration, Operations, and training, Security, Logistics, Personnel files and Finances was conducted by Secteur de l'Est (Milice) (Eastern Sector Militia).

Competency in all areas agreeably surprised the inspecting team. It was obvious that the Unit is on a firmer basis than in the past. It demonstrated an efficiency and enthusiasm which can make it the best Unit in Secteur de l'Est (Milice).

Shortly after this inspection B. Gen. Dunn, Commander of Secteur de l'Est (Milice) inspected the Regiment on Parade. He underlined how pleased he was with the Unit's performance.

For those of you who have not already taken note

ANNUAL REUNION: JUNE 6 AND 7

FRIDAY 6 JUNE STAG

SATURDAY 7 JUNE DINNER DANCE \$20.00 PER COUPLE

PLEASE CONTACT: ERNIE WHITE

FOR RESERVATIONS

**2415 DE LONDRES,
ST-LAURENT,
QUE. (331-3427)**

