

THE TRUMPETER



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The Royal Canadian Hussars Assocn.

OCT 1977

100th ANNIVERSARY BULLETIN

We mentioned in our last Trumpeter that plans were being made to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Regiment and that we would keep you advised of the extent to which our Association would be asked to participate.

As you will see from the schedule of events that quite a lot of effort has been put into the planning of this celebration to make it a success.

Individual participation in these events we would heartily recommend for after all it is your regiment and you are part of it and its history.

On the Association level we have been asked to form part of the guard for the parade to be held on Dec. 3rd. You will note that on the event sheet that they are proposing a weekend at Farnham to practice for the parade. Your executive has arranged for the Association members to be absent from this weekend of Drill.

However we have agreed to have a practice on the Saturday Dec. 3rd at 10 A.M. and all members are urged to be available. We would further ask that those planning to attend the Parade please advise D.C. Munro at 932-8276 - so we can advise the Regiment how many of us will be on Parade and Duncan can advise you of the time of the rehearsal.

It had been planned by your executive that a dance and supper would be arranged for the fall of this year for our Association. In view of the 100th Anniversary dance that is now planned, we have agreed to cancel our plans and support the Anniversary dance which it is felt will give us a chance to get together and also enjoy the Anniversary celebrations.

Dress for the Dance is formal. However, for those who are not so equipped - Dress for both the Parade and the Dinner Dance will be - Regimental Blazer, Regimental Tie, Grey Trousers or Dark Business Suit.

OF COMING INTEREST

- 25th November - MONTE CARLO NIGHT
Tickets - \$2.00 each
Ladies are welcome.
- 27th November - GREY CUP GAME
All Messes will be open
Coloured T.V.
No admission charge.
- 3rd December - UNIT PARADE AND ROLL PAST
13:30 hours to 14:30 hours
- 3rd December - DINNER DANCE

PLEASE NOTE: Kindly fill in the attached information sheet - Put your name on it and use the enclosed envelope for mailing purposes.

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Even with the use of both messes our attendance is of course restricted and the same control as previous years will again apply. Namely - first come - first serve and attached to this Trumpeter is a ticket application form that we urge you to send in as quickly as possible. We have established a cut off date for ticket application which is the 20th of May.

So to insure your attendance at this reunion please forward your application to:

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REUNION JUNE 4, 1977 8:30 P.M.

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MAY 1977

Since our last Trumpeter we have of course held our Annual Meeting that was held on February 25 in the Armory.

This meeting was well attended with 35 members on hand with their wives.

After the executive had read and passed all of the reports and conducted the Business at hand appreciation of the regiment was expressed: to the membership of the association for the loyalty and support that they have shown over the years, also the fact that this association has survived so long and so well reflects great credit upon its members.

Lt. Col. Roger Tynell the new Commanding Officer of the regiment then addressed the Meeting and gave a brief outline of the regiments present status. The present Regimental strength has increased and improvement in the type and quantity of equipment is being made. Personnel who have seen duty overseas in service with Nato and the U.N. forces are returning and provide more trained personnel for the Regiment.

Col. Tynell also expressed his appreciation to the association for their support and assured them of his continuing interest on their behalf.

It was also pointed out that this year is the Regiments 100th Anniversary and that plans to celebrate this event are now being formulated and our association will be asked to actively participate in the planning and the events that will be proposed.

Present plans are that these events will be forthcoming during the month of November this year the details of which we will forward to you as soon as specific requirements and needs are known.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

Let us ask you a question "You know those pictures you took during the War that are now in the attic or in the bottom bureau drawer. What are you going to do with them? How about the Newspaper clippings you have? In fact what about all of those things that you have concerning the Regiment - posters - signs - etc. anything from before and after the War?

Wouldn't it be nice if the rest of the boys could see them even better still that they could become a permanent part of the Regimental History - and you could get them back and still keep them.

Well gentlemen we have a deal for you.

Col. DeVolpi has been working for years collecting material for our Regimental History and has amassed an excellent collection of pictures and clippings. He has asked our association to assist him in completing this work.

Through the efforts of Col. DeVolpi the regiment has provided an area where these can be displayed and the Orderly room as we knew it is now a Pictorial museum of Regimental History.

Therefore Col. DeVolpi would like to get any material available to continue the pictorial history of the regiment. Including newspaper and magazine clippings, menus, invitations, photographs, posters, signs, in fact anything pertaining to the Regiment - Items that you wish to keep will be photographed and returned. All material will be put on micro-film and on occasion be shown as slide projections. Originals and copies will be mounted on standard size board and kept in chronological order and cross indexed.

If you are submitting material please follow the instructions below.

1. Address all items to the **Royal Canadian Hussars Armory**
4185 Cote des Neiges Rd.
Montreal, Que. H3H 1X2
Attn: Col. C.P. DeVolpi
2. Specify if you wish the Items returned.
3. Specify date item refers to (e.g. date photograph was taken).
4. Identify location - Squadron - Troop.
5. Identify personnel in the photograph.
6. Provide correct return address.

It would be most appreciated if material could be delivered to the armory on Tuesdays as Col. DeVolpi is there at that time.

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FEBRUARY 1977

To you all from the Executive of your Association a very Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year and we hope a very active one on your part as far as the Association and its activities are concerned.

The Cancellation last year of our Reunion due to the Olympic games obviously left this reporter with very little material with which to put a Trumpeter together and we apologize for this scarcity of Information.

However if what we hear of your executives plans for this year it would appear that we will be somewhat pressed to keep up with the events and maybe we should indent for a few more pencils, lead, for the use of.

We hope that from the above you don't get the impression that your association has been doing nothing between these Trumpeters for if you do then you are very much mistaken as you can see from the following items.

On October 23rd The Association held a social evening in the Officers Mess and it was well attended by our members and as you can expect when Hussars and their wives meet together the evening is a guaranteed success and this evening was no different, it was made even more enjoyable by a gentleman named Julius Ceasar. (Yes you read it right) whose talents on the keyboard were fantastic.

The Group from Cornwall were in attendance as was P. Dunlop and his wife from Ottawa - Art Giles and his wife and a very pleasant addition to the evening was the arrival of Dave Devolpi and his charming wife who had just arrived from South Africa via sailing ship.

A wonderful evening that your executive plans to have more of. Don't miss the next one.

As any true Hussar knows our regiment has been associated for years with the 13 / 18 Royal Hussars and this association still exists today. We received the following letter concerning the most recent exchange between the regiments of Lt. Col. Domville and we reproduce it as received since no comment of ours could improve on the sentiments expressed therein.

VISIT TO THE 13 / 18 ROYAL HUSSARS AT SUFFIELD, ALTA.

Col. de Volpi, LCol's Domville, Ball, and Major Turnell spent the last week in July 1976 visiting our allied regiment who had come over from Germany to do armoured and battle group manoeuvres at Suffield. They were equipped with chieftain tanks armed with 120 m. cannon. Live firing was done and the whole exercise was most interesting. Acquaintance was made with the commanding officer, LCol LOFTUS, his officers and other ranks, all of whom looked after us with great kindness and hospitality. It was well worthwhile to strengthen the historic ties between our two units which go back well over 100 years.

On November the 11th as is custom the armory was open for the Armistice Day Ceremonies. The attendance by members of the association was most gratifying with 12 men on parade.

It was a day of mixed emotions for those of us in our association for we heard the man who has conducted the Armistice Day Church Parade in the Armory and issued us with our tote of Rhum for the past 30 years on November 11th say that circumstances concerning his health may make it impossible for him to continue this duty for us.

The man of course is our Padre Canon Addie. This Trumpeter is not big enough nor the writer competent enough to express fully the respect and admiration of a regiment from Trooper to Colonel that he has earned over the years. We pray that his Commander in Chief may let this good work continue.

The other event that took place on November 11th was that a man who over the years has contributed much to the continuance of this Association.

Through his efforts over the years we have had a complete record of our membership. He also served for two years as our president. His ability to correspond with our members and somehow keep order out of the chaos of reunion tickets is going to be sorely missed.

Ernie White and his wife decided to head west and as Ernie pointed out he wanted to see the rain go down the sewer in Vancouver and not have to shovel it as snow here.

In appreciation of his efforts for us and as a permanent remembrance from us the Association gave Ernie a plaque suitably engraved that expressed our thanks.

We cannot finish this account of November 11 without recounting the following incident that we feel expresses why we are still an Association after so many years.

The time is the small wee hours of the morning the location the Sgts Mess. Around a table filled with pleasure sit six Hussars. One who has not been in attendance for a few years sits and listens as story after story is told. Finally during a lull in the conversation, he looks around the table and says "You know the B.S. around this table is like Fertilizer to a flower". We agree.

In a previous Trumpeter we reported that our Guidon had properly been mounted and enclosed in a cabinet that is situated in the main Entrance Hall of the Armory. For those of you who have not seen this Cabinet it is beautifully carved with the 17 Hussars Crest the 6th Hussars Crest and that of the Royal Canadian Hussars and finished in a most professional manner. The artist who created this fine work is our own Lt.Col. Julien Benbow. It seems fitting that a Hussar should create this shrine. Thank you Sir!

Another member of our Regiment and Association who has been honored for his efforts on behalf of the country over the years is Col. Chas. P. De Volpi who was appointed a member of the Order of Canada.

Charles P. de Volpi is a former president and chairman of the board of Perkins Paper Products, Ltd., an international philatelist, a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of London (England) and former president of the North American Philatelic Society, honorary colonel of the Royal Canadian Hussars, Montreal, an expert fisherman, gardener, an amateur collector of Canadiana and author of ten pictorial volumes dealing with the history of Canada:

Eastern Townships; Quebec; Montreal (2 vols.); Ottawa; Toronto; Niagara Peninsula; Nova Scotia; Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

Congratulations from the Members of this Association, Sir. Well deserved.

The Association again last Christmas carried out a visit to the Hospital at St. Annes and Lodge where 9 of our men are. Gifts of cigarettes, candy etc. were presented to the men and most appreciated.

Nine members of the Association attended and your executive is looking to have this as an Annual event for the future and will be asking for your support.

Annual Meeting 1977

The Annual Meeting will take place in the officers mess of the Armory 4185 Cote Des Neiges Road, Montreal on February 25, 1977. Starting at 20.00 hrs

Members and their wives only are cordially invited. A free buffet will be provided and as was the case last year, members will attend the meeting while the ladies will be entertained in the lounge.

Music will be provided by the gentleman we referred to earlier Julius Ceasar. Lt. Col. Turnell will also address the meeting.

Report of the Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of past president Ross Canavan was set up to prepare a slate of officers for the year 1977.

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

Honorary President	Lt. Col. Roger Turnell
President	A. Canavan
1st Vice President	D. Wellington
2nd Vice President	D.C. Munro
Secretary	R. Ryan
Treasurer	J. Hunting
Past President	R. Canavan
Overseas Chairman	P. Whiteside
N.Y. Chapter Chairman	E. Moore
Executive Committee	J. Duncan
	B. Scott
	W. Bowen
	H. Amsden
	V. Hugman
	J.D. McArthur
	D.L. Bardell

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.

Remember you have a date at 20.00 hrs. February 25th.

On January 1st 1977. Lt. Col. Roger Turnell took over Command of the Regiment and we extend to him our congratulations and assure him of the continued assistance and cooperation of our Association.

The Official Regimental change of Command is to take place in the Armory on Saturday February 26th at 14.00 hrs. in the Riding Ring.

Our Association has been asked to Parade with the regiment on this association.

Dress will be Blazers & Greys. Medals will be worn if available also berets.

We would appreciate those planning to attend to notify D. Munro at 932-8276.

Membership Dues

You will find enclosed our billing to you for your membership dues for \$3.00. It is the dues that our members pay that keeps the association alive and help provide the finances to keep this Trumpeter going.

So forward your remittance today.

Last Post

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Capt. Fred Ames in his 85th year who was the oldest 17 Hussar, Jim Findlay, John McKecknie, Bob Kearns and Harold Hendry.

1977 Annual Reunion

The plans for this years Reunion have not been completed as yet however we are advised that it will be held on the 3rd and 4th of June. So keep these dates open.

Your Editor
D.L. Bardell

