

August 23, 1990

NEWSLETTER



**Officer's Mess**  
**15th Field Artillery Regiment**  
**Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery**

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS

Our 'normal' Wednesday luncheons have once again resumed and the response received from our members is excellent. Mrs. Lum, our "Summer Cook", has met our exceptional needs with little difficulty. Incidentally, MBDR Healy who cooked for us up until the end of May is now working for the summer at the Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Cadet Camp.

LUNCHEON WITH THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICES INSTITUTE (RUSI)

Many of our Associate Members are also members of the RUSI. An invitation has been extended to all RUSI members to attend our Wednesday luncheon on September 19, 1990. Be sure to come out and dine with your RUSI friends.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

All Associate Members and their guests are invited to join us in the Mess on Thursday evenings. This is the night the Regiment parades.

MESS BILLS

Some of our Associate Members who had paid their 1989 dues received an invoice for dues for 1989 and 1990. We apologize for the error in this double billing.

Members who have not as yet paid their dues are requested to do so.

CRIBBAGE NIGHT

For those of us who like to keep score on a narrow board - our CRIBBAGE NIGHT continues on Tuesday evenings at 1900 hrs.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

There will be a General Mess Meeting for all members of the mess on Thursday, October 11, 1990:

1900 hrs.: HAPPY HOUR  
2000 hrs.: GENERAL MEETING

Regimental Picnic at HMCS Discovery

A Regimental Picnic is not a parade, or an exercise at Fort Lewis. In fact it is a party! We would encourage all members and their guests to come out and make an afternoon of it. This is for all ranks and genders on Saturday, September 8, 1990.

1300 hrs.: Picnic at HMCS Discovery

Remembrance Day Nov. 11

As usual, our mess will be open following the Remembrance Day activities:

1100 hrs.: 21 Gun Salute at Stanley Park

St. Barbara's Day Dinner

For Members and Military Officer guests, we will be holding our 70th Annual St. Barbara's Day Dinner in our Mess on Saturday, December 8, 1990:

1930 hrs.: Reception  
2000 hrs.: Dinner

Christmas Tea

A wholehearted invitation is extended to our membership to attend our annual Christmas Tea in our Mess on Sunday, December 16, 1990:

1400 hrs.: Annual Christmas Tea

Christmas Lunch

On the 19th of December, 1990 - our usual Wednesday Luncheon will be open for our guests to extend our best wishes. (ie. bring your spouse, or office staff, or even the boss..!) Please advise us of numbers however, so we will have Christmas pudding for everyone.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Col. Stuart T. MacDonald, CD, a past Commanding Officer of the 15th Field Regiment and member of the Mess, is being promoted to BGEN with effect from Sept. 21, 1990. He recently attended the National Defence College from Aug. 89 to June 90. Colonel MacDonald will be assuming the appointment of Commander of Militia Area Pacific on September 22, 1990.

A change of command ceremony where BGEN Silva will be handing over to BGEN MacDonald will take place at the Seaforth Armoury on Saturday, September 22, 1990.

1330 hrs.: Ceremony  
1400 hrs.: Parade

There is enough seating for 1340 guests. The required dress code is DEU-1A or Lounge Suit. A reception will be held in the Seaforth Officers' Mess after the ceremony. All Associate Members of the 15th Field Regiment are invited to attend the ceremony and the reception.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

If anyone knows the current address of the following members we would appreciate being advised:

Capt J. Best  
Michael C.D. Gardiner  
Maj L. Mackenzie, MC, CD

TRIVIA

With recent deployment of U.S. Forces in Arabia, and the potential impact of tank warfare, we can see this is not the first time...

In 1097, the Crusaders, equipped only with the tactical knowledge of the knight, and the 'shock' tactics of heavily armed cavalry, treated the other arms merely as auxiliaries. Byzantine tactics were infinitely more sophisticated, an asset they owed to knowledge gained from the Turks and the Arabs. As Sir Charles Oman stated:

"...they were always to take a steady and sufficient body of infantry into the field; to maintain an elaborate screen of vedettes and pickets round the army, so as to guard against surprises; to avoid fighting in broken ground where the enemy's fight with the rear (and if possible - the wings) covered by natural obstacles, such as rivers and cliffs, to foil the usual Turkish device of circular attacks; always to fortify the camp; never to pursue rashly and allow the infantry to get separated after a first success..."

The Crusades continued for over two hundred years.

<u>MESS COMMITTEE - Who to Call</u>		<u>RES.</u>	<u>BUS.</u>
P.M.C.	Maj Bob Mugford, CD	465-0103	936-2161
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS'			
COORDINATOR	LCol Doug Gayton, CD	261-5038	
MESS SECRETARY	Capt Bill Hall	942-0972	931-4712

POINT GREY BATTERY RESTORATION PROJECT

As most of you know the Regiment's Museum has undertaken to restore the No. 1 Gun Emplacement of the World War II Battery at Point Grey. This Battery was manned by the 15th (Vancouver) Coast Regt. R.C.A. Work commenced on April 24 and the site is nearing completion. All steel work has been painted, undergrowth removed and the concrete has been cleaned by pressure washing. A very interesting interpretive sign is being designed and will soon be made up for installations at the site. For those who have not visited the site for some time, we are sure you will be impressed with the progress. It is located immediately to the east of the Museum of Anthropology building at U.B.C. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the funding of the project. If you have forgotten or have just learned of the project we are still in need of funds for which a tax receipt is available. Donations should be made out to the 15th Field Artillery Regiment Museum.