



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

May 23, 1990

**NEWSLETTER**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCHESES**

Rather than close the Mess for one month during the summer, the Mess Committee has decided that this year, for the month of June, a cold plate will be served. The cold plate luncheon (\$5.00 per plate) will comprise:

- Dessert
- Coffee and Tea

Our regular luncheon menu will resume on June 4, 1990, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Healy and our cook will be Mrs. Sum Lum.

**15th FIELD REGT., 70th BIRTHDAY**

Our Regiment, will be hosting a celebration of its 70th birthday, on Saturday, June 9, 1990. We are sure our members will wish to attend the Birthday Dinner and Dance which is for all ranks and their guests.

To held at: Bessborough Armoury - 2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Time: 1900 hours for 1930 hours Cost: \$40.00 per couple

Dress: Semi-Formal (jacket and tie) RSVP Adjutant by June 1  
666-4370

**ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY ASSN.**

The Royal Canadian Artillery Assn., has sent a letter to be read by our members. They outline the projects in which they are involved and request support by donations. Their letter has been attached to our Newsletter, for your consideration.

**MEMBERSHIP**

With a great deal of endurance and even-temperedness LCol. D.E. Gayton and others have nearly pulled together our Membership Roll. Please examine the label on the envelope in which this newsletter was received. It will be very much appreciated if you will inform us if there are any errors in rank, initial, spelling of surname, decoration and address, including the postal code. Please report any errors or omissions to :

LCol. Gayton, CD - 261-5038 or Capt. W.H. Hall - 931-4712

It will likewise be appreciated if you will let us know, if you know of any member who is not receiving newsletters.

We have been advised that a Gunner Crest is available for the Announcement or other classified columns of our two city newspapers, if so required.

Your Mess is available for Member's private functions at a reasonable cost. For further information concerning use of the Mess, and bookings please check with the Secretary (931-4712) or PMC (465-0103) well in advance.

**MESS BBQ**

We would like to remind all members of our planned BBQ on Saturday, the 23rd of June 1900 Hrs. The cost will be \$12.00 per person.

**TRIVIA (To fill the Newsletter)**

The other day in the Mess, an officer remarked that our Regiment could only find the manpower for one battery. The Newsletter researched the minimum requirements.

According to Koch et al in the 'History of Warfare'.."Who invented the first fire weapon transforming explosives into powder to penetrate is not known. Whoever hit upon the idea of using a tubular instrument, of providing it with a hole for ignition, of cleaning the saltpeter, and of loading such an instrument, remains equally unknown. Reports of such early artillery pieces being employed came first from Italy, then from France and England, Spain and Germany, all during the first half of the 14th century. The first report of such fire weapons being actually deployed in fighting comes from two German knights in 1331. What evidence there is seems to indicate that during their early use, they were loaded only once, because the crew consisted of one man to two artillery pieces..."

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# ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Fellow Gunners:

As we enter a new decade, we may look back with pride at some of the projects in which the Royal Canadian Artillery Association has been involved:

- preserving historical military equipment, i.e. the Gregg collection;
- supporting the RCA Museum;
- promoting and supporting historical sites, i.e. Fort No. 1 at Lévis, Québec;
- contributing to the publications of the Canadian Gunner and the Quadrant;
- supporting projects of Gunner organizations across Canada;
- refurbishing the furniture, i.e. the Wolfe Table, and assisting in the maintenance of the Association Room at the home station;
- maintaining the Artillery Memorial in Thelus, France;
- republishing "The Gunners of Canada";
- presently working on the biography of General Guy Simonds.

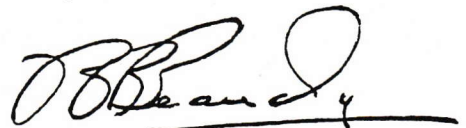
The above is by no means complete but merely outlines the extent and diversification of the efforts of this great Gunner organization. The attached list of disbursements indicates where your contributions went last year. Financing these and similar projects has served to promote the welfare and strengthen the collective voice of the Gunner family. Your continued financial support will enable the RCAA to maintain and expand its objective of assistance to all Gunners.

Last year we sent 3,500 letters to Gunners and Gunner Associations across Canada. We received 291 replies and \$11,134 in donations. A special thank you to all who donated in the past. In anticipation of maximum participation, we are again this year suggesting a minimum donation of \$10.00. Receipts will again be issued.

So take part and re-supply the limbers for another mission. Send your cheque to the RCAA at the above address — do it today!

Thank you and good shooting.

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President