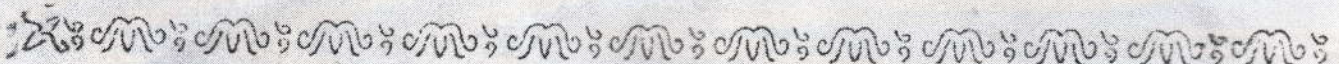


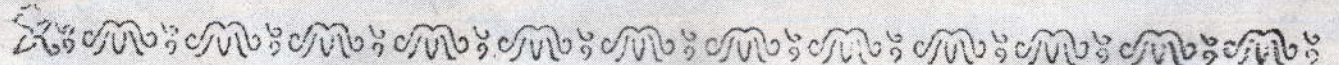
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(Whither Right and Glory Leads)



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PERSONALITIES

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Born in Vancouver in May 1898 Brigadier Bell-Irving was educated at the University School Victoria and later at Loretto School near Edinburgh, Scotland.

During the Great War 1914-18 he enlisted in the British Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served in France with 493 Siege Battery Royal Garrison Artillery. He was mentioned-in-despatches by Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig.

On his return to Canada in 1919 he was commissioned in the following year in NPAM serving with 15 Field Brigade RCA and later with the 15th Vancouver Coast Brigade RCA.

In December 1939 he was promoted to Field rank and the following year was appointed 2IC No. 111 Training Centre Gordon Head.

After serving as a Staff Officer (Artillery) Brigadier Bell-Irving was promoted to the rank of Lieut Colonel and appointed CO of 2 HAA Regt RCA. He commanded the unit overseas throughout the second World War. For his services during the war he was appointed an officer of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire. He also holds the Efficiency Decoration.

In 1948 Brigadier Bell-Irving was promoted to his present rank and appointed Commander of 5 AGRA (Anti/Aircraft) at Vancouver. In 1953 he was elected President of the RCA Association. His appointment as Honorary Colonel of the 15th Field Regt commenced in 1956 and it is worthy to note that he is also an Honorary Bombardier of the Gunners Mess, an Honorary Staff Sergeant of the Sergeants Mess, Associate Member of the Officers Mess and an active member of the VAOA.

Brigadier Bell-Irving has a son and daughter and two grand-children all residing in British Columbia.

In the checkered life of Aeneas Bell-Irving the classic of his stories happened while serving as a Corporal in Tien Tsen British Municipal Volunteer Corps Machine Gun Section from March 1922 to September 1924 while still holding a commissioned rank in the British Army and Canadian Army.

Tien Tsen was at the time being bothered by two opposing Chinese armies and the volunteers were called upon to patrol the perimeter of Tien Tsen. Taking his machine gun section and proceeding to his point of duty and feeling for the comfort of his section, Aeneas commandeered a beautiful oriental rug, suitable furniture and minor items of comfort, from the Municipal Hall.

Later on another evening of patrol he was ordered by his superior to patrol the perimeter of Tien Tsen with a mounted machine gun in a steel enclosed cage mounted on an old flat deck. Having diagnosed the situation and knowing that the Chinese are the only race with a true sense of humour, Cpl Bell-Irving ordered the machine gun re-packed and had his section set up a card table and a set of Marg-on. They then on their patrol while playing their game. The Chinese expecting to see armed force, were so surprised at seeing Europeans playing Marg-On and so enjoyed the spectacle that they forgot any war like tendencies. This is a true Bell-Irving strategy.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A MILITIA ORDERLY
ROOM CLERK

By UNC

Any similarity to persons living or dead, in this story, is purely co-incidental or maybe just a half-truth! Perhaps only the names have been changed to protect the innocent.

This particular day (or should we say evening) was just another routine parade that Bdr BLODGETT had attended, and commenced his duties in the orderly room as usual.

A short history of the above is quite in order here. Bdr BLODGETT has served in the local Field Artillery Regiment for the past five years and during that time has been employed as orderly room clerk for free-one battery.

His efficient manner in conducting himself and carrying out his duties had earned him a promotion as well as compliments from all sides.

As he came in through the main door leading to the drill floor, BLODGETT tripped and, after picking himself up, completely forgot to salute the Colours of the Regiment. He carried on to RHQ to pick up the mail and the daily orders for his battery.

On arriving at his desk, he commenced sorting the orders etc for the BC; BK and the BSM. Part I Orders notified all of a C.O.s Parade the following week and a practice shoot to take place on the miniature range next Wednesday. A list of all those interested in taking part in the shoot was to be submitted to RHQ promptly by 2130 hrs this night. There was also an official message to the BK asking for names of CWAC personnel interested in a cooking course.

After straightening out his mail, BLODGETT set to work on his daily parade state which required 3 changes to the battery strength. One Gunner was to be SOS; one Licut was to be TOS and one Bdr to be placed on three months leave of absence.

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210 Battery - During the past few months, our battery with an effective strength of over 70 gunners, has been very busy indeed.

Light Rescue training was completed in two week-ends; 17/18 Feb and 10/11 Mar 62. Twenty-three all ranks took part and in the final assessment, Gar MCMAHON had the highest rating with a 74%.

The battery attended an exercise in Nanaimo on 17/18 March with the BC Regt. This exercise was primarily a tank scheme but the Dukes requested Artillery and Infantry support. The tactics used by the tank experts in placing the field guns within 300 yards of the "Enemy" was quite an eye-opener particular for the Gunners.

On the social side, the battery held a highly successful mixed party on the 23rd of February with over 100 members of the battery in attendance. The photos outside the Battery Office show that this was a howling success with a new "Twist". Following the party, Mrs RICHTER gave birth to a 7 lb 4 oz baby boy! Anything can happen at a 210 battery party.

On the more serious side, Mrs "Lori" MOHR was elected President of our new Ladies Auxilliary. WO2 "Dinty" MOHR, is not sure whether in this capacity, she outranks him or not.