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**Word from Phil
Doddrige, veterans
spokesman**

The time seems to roll around quickly, leaving me scrambling to get this bit of trivia to Lucette in time to publish the June issue.

LAST POST

I'll leave it to Marcel to announce the details, but again we mourn the passing of comrades since the last newsletter.

We will remember them.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The annual joint meeting of the HKVA QM Branch and the HKVCA Quebec Region executive met in New Richmond on June 23.

The meeting took place this year at the Military Museum, because Branch 172 of the Royal Canadian Legion has put the building up for sale and is temporarily occupied by another organization.



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In addition to the delegation from Bury, Lennoxville and Granby, namely, Lucette, Marcel, Allan Marshall, and Debby Everette. four of us Vets were there: Arnold Ross, Bob Barter, Paul Dallain, and myself.

It saddens one to remember the times when the meeting in New Richmond was attended by upwards of twenty Vets, and followed by a social get-together at which the wives and other friends also attended.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

If you plan to go to Calgary in August, please help out by registering soon. Remember that the cut-off date for reservations at the hotel is July 16. After that it may be difficult to get a room in the Hyatt. If you plan to go by Westjet, 10% discount is offered for travelers to the convention.

A few details of who will attend are provided by Gail Richoz.

Veterans 21
 Spouses 15
 Widows 15
 Family 112
 Friends 5
 From BC,23, AB/Sask 53
 MB 15
 ON 53
 QC 20
 Maritimes 0
 USA 4

I hope to see you there!

In order to get this to Lucette today, that will be all for now.
 Be good to each other, and may God Bless.

Philip

Word from Quebec
Regional Director
Lucette M.Muir

Greetings all.

Yes, it is that time again and I am sure it is rolling by in "full speed".

Summer is the season where many grand-parents somewhat loose the control of their computer, television etc. etc. with grand-children around the house but we all love them dearly, no matter what.

Hope you are enjoying the summer and looking forward to the upcoming National Convention.

Again we are sad to say that we did lose more Comrades and Widows since our last newsletter, as will be reported later.

When possible for the distance or time we did attend the funerals or at least a visitation. Eric Batley, Debbie Everett, Marcel and I attended John Levitt's funeral as Marcel and I made a visit at the funeral parlour for Jim Badger.

In late April your HKVCA Executive meet in Lennoxville for a meeting and on June 23rd a Joint Executive meeting was held in New Richmond, QC. Veterans present were Phil Doddridge, Bob Barter, Arnold Ross and Jean Paul Dallain as well as Allan Marshall, Debbie Everett, Marcel Mondou and yours truly. Unfortunately due to a previous engagement Renay Perrier was unable to attend. A very good meeting was held with suggestions, discussions and of course financial and committee reports were read.

Following the meeting, Laura Ross and Irene Dallain joined us all for a full course meal and friendly chatting. With special thanks to their great "chauffeurs" Bob, Arnold and Laura were present. As Phil mentioned previously, yes it is sad to see the numbers diminish at these meetings

and social gatherings due to health and/or travelling difficulties. The special camaraderie is and will always be there.

On the way to New Richmond we had a nice visit with Nellie Keays and unfortunately missed the surprise visit with Bob Olscamp as he was in Moncton Hospital. Unfortunately time was of essence for other visits along the way.

I do attend, as regular as possible, the monthly On-Line meetings of the National HKVCA BOD.

That is pretty well it at this time as other subjects will be reported on further in the newsletter.

Take care, enjoy. Have a very nice and safe summer.

Lucette

Last Post

At this time we are sad to report the passing of more of our comrades. Some of these names may have been mentioned elsewhere, but in the interest of keeping the record straight, they are mentioned here. In no particular order: Douglas Reid RRC from Montreal area, John Levitt RRC, James "Jim" Badger RRC, Dr. SM Banfill Brigade at the age of 100, Charlie Cardinal WG.

Widows: Fernande Giguere widow of Joseph A. Giguere RRC, Catherine "Kate" Irving widow of Morton Irving RRC killed in HK.

Regular (HKVCA): - -

By the time you receive this newsletter, many of you will have read or heard about the recent passing at the age of 106 of Percy Dwight Wilson of Toronto and the last Canadian World War 1 veteran still living in Canada. He was very determined to serve his country even after being discovered about his true age and not discouraged he enlisted again for World War II but did not go overseas. He joined Bell Canada for which he worked for 47 years. His love of music was his life and even at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center he entertained his friends with his singing ability.

They shall grow not old; Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all families in this time of great sorrow.

Sick Parade

Our thoughts go out to: Edwina Doddridge who has been in hospital and with new

medication is back home and doing better, Laura Ross has been in hospital, Patrick "Pat" Poirier has spend 2 months in hospital and is now in his new room in a special care home due to the loss of a certain mobility. His new address is: # 412, 30 St-Joseph Blvd, Montreal, QC H2T 1G9. I am sure he would appreciate hearing from you. Pat's wife Pierrette has been in a home for several years with alzheimer and is not doing well these days. Robert "Bob" Olscamp is in hospital in Moncton, NB taking special treatments and is doing quite well we hear. He is spending his weekends with his son in Moncton and will return to Atholdville in a few weeks.

Other veterans and widows have been under the weather with different ailments and possibly more that we did not hear about.

A friendly note or call to these people is very "good for the morale".

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our sick.

Take care,

Humour

Marriage made in Heaven

On their way to get married, a young couple was involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves

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sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting they began to wonder; could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter arrived they asked him if they could get married in Heaven. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out" and he left.

The couple sat and waited for an answer... for a few weeks.

While they waited, they discussed the pros and cons. If they were allowed to get married in Heaven, should they get married, what with the eternal aspect of it all? "What if it doesn't work? Are we stuck in Heaven together forever?"

Another week passed. St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled.

"Yes," he informed the couple. "You can get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple. "But we were just wondering: what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard on the ground.

"What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

‘OH, COME ON!!!’ St. Peter shouted. “It took me 3 weeks to find a minister up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it’ll take to find a lawyer???”

Happy Birthday

July: Irene Dallain, Joan Gillis, Nellie Keays, Orlay Benwell.

August: Jean Gray, Patricia Gray, Beryl Kaine, Robert “Bob” Olscamp.

September: Alice Alden, Marion Bisson, Lillian Brunet, Edward Campbellton, Arnold Ross, Dorothy Sauson, Dempsey Syvret.

Wedding Anniversary

July: Phil and Edwina Doddridge will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 7th in the company of family and friends.

August: Walter and Jean Gray 66 years married.

September: Bruce and Rena Cadoret, Flash and Jessie Clayton. Both couples 61 years married.

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary and Best Wishes to all

(If we have your birthday month, all the HK Family would know of your special

day and even send you their personal wishes).

Correspondence

In no particular order, received correspondence or calls from: Desmond Irving, Carole Olscamp, Barbara Levitt, Pierre Madore, Jean Paul Dallain

Donations

In no particular order: Lillian Brunet, Cliff McDavid, Peter Allain, Hazel Ladd, Claire Doull, Arnold Ross and Eva Hunt.

Many Thanks to all of you for your participation for the welfare of your Association.

Membership

Greetings to all.

I am sad these days when I see the postal carrier going by and I receive no news from a number of our Regular Members. We are very close to the mid-point of the current year. If you are not holding your 2007 membership card or simply forgot to renew your membership, please renew as soon as possible.

I again am here to encourage you to keep up your membership by sending us your \$ 15.00 each current calendar year, effective January.

You might miss out on something great. This condition will affect continuing to receive The

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Torch as well as the National Newsletter.

(HK veterans and widows are Lifetime Members).

If you are moving in the near future **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO LET ME KNOW your new address** as you might experience delays or simply may not receive the delivery of your next newsletters, correspondence etc.

If you have any questions on membership, feel free to call or write to our Granby address or by e-mail at mondoumarcel@videotron.ca Thank you all for your support and great interest in our association. Have a nice summer.

Marcel



Take the time to remember!

“THANK A VETERAN!”

Humour

A blonde, wanting to earn some extra money, decided to hire herself out as a “handywoman” and started canvassing a nearby well-to-

do neighbourhood. She went to the front door of the first house, and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do.

“Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint my porch,” he said, “How much will you charge me?”

The blonde quickly responded, “How about \$ 50?”

The man agreed and told her that the paint and everything she would need was in the garage. The man’s wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, “Does she realize that our porch goes all the way around the house?”

He responded, “That’s a bit cynical, isn’t it?”

The wife replied, “You’re right. I guess I’m starting to believe all those ‘dumb blonde’ jokes we’ve been hearing lately.”

A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

“You’re finished already?” the husband asked.

“Yes,” the blonde replied, “and I had paint left over, so I gave it two coats.”

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her.

“And by the way,” the blonde added, “it’s not a Porche, it’s a Lexus.”

Convention 2007

The Alberta/Saskatchewan Region of the HKVCA will host the next National HKVCA Convention on August 15-19 2007 in Calgary. It will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 700 Center St. S., Calgary, AB.

According to reports from the organizing committee, the turnout looks very good. If you have not yet reserved a room at the hotel and are planning on attending the convention – NOTE the cut off date is July 16 for the special convention rates and after that date rooms will be regular price and on availability. Again if you want to save 10%, look at West Jet.

AGAIN PLEASE NOTE – if you have a room at the hotel DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER WITH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE as well or vice/versa as this is not done automatically.

Be vigilant to avoid disappointment and/or delays.

Looking forward to meeting you in Calgary.

Quebec Reunion

For the 2008 reunion, will have more to report later this year.

Humour

Call-Centre Directory Enquiries

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Caller: “I’d like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff, please.”

Operator: “I’m sorry, sir, there’s no listing for that name. Are you sure the spelling is correct?”

Caller: “Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar, but the ‘B’ fell off.”

--Caller: “I’m looking for the number of a knitwear company in Woven, Scotland.”

Oper.: “Woven? Are you sure that’s the right town name, Sir?”

Caller: “Yes. It says right on the label of my sweater: Woven in Scotland.”

-- Caller (panting furiously): “Hello, I need the phone number for John Smith.”

Oper. (rather worried): “Umm, Sir – why are you making those heavy breathing noises?”

Caller: “Oh, I’m sorry! I’m in a phone box, I haven’t got a pen, so I’m steaming up the window to write the number on.”

Book Corner

The Royal Rifles of Canada in Hong Kong by Grant Garneau is still available from your Quebec Region. It is for sale at the cost of \$ 50.00 per copy, including shipping and handling. Just contact Lucette with your order and cheque.

Other books are also available through your National Address.

Nominal Roll

Plastic-coated copies 12" x 19" of the Nominal Roll of the Royal Rifles in Hong Kong are available for sale at the cost of \$ 10.00 including postage. Make your cheque payable to HKVCA, QC for the number of copies required and mail to HKVCA, 18 Barre, Granby, QC, J2H 2E6.

Maple Leaf Brooch

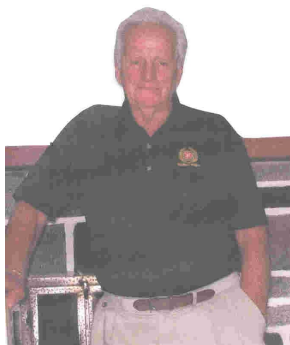


The Maple Leaf Brooch is available through your regional address for \$ 25.00 including handling and shipping costs.

It is the same size (1"x1 1/2") as the originals but it is silver in colour only with the regular coloured HK logo.

Please make your cheque to HKVCA QC and send to your Quebec address.

Quebec Region Polo



Quebec Region has designed a new polo shirt. It was worn with beige slacks by all executive members for the first time during our recent Reunion.

It is Hong Kong green in color, a light knit, short sleeves with the HKVCA logo and Quebec Region embroidered in it's original colours (no pocket).

It was quite a hit during the Reunion and we decided to offer it to all members. It is available in sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL at the cost of \$ 25.00 including shipping. Mail your cheque to the Granby address and payable to HKVCA QC.

NOTE: S and XXL in limited quantity have been added.

To Computer Tech Support

Tech Support: "I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop."

Caller: "OK."

Tech Support: "Did you get a pop-up menu?"

Caller: "No."

Tech Support: "Sir, can you tell me exactly what you've done up to this point?"

Caller: "Sure. You told me to write 'click', so I wrote 'click'."

A little humour

I hope any officers do not take offence.

At a command picnic, a bunch of officers were standing around talking. A Lieutenant said, "I think that making love is 80% fun & 20% work." A Major responded. "No, I think that making love is more work

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than that. I would say that it is 60% fun & 40% work." Then a Colonel said, "No, making love is definitely way more work than that. I would say that it's more like 20% fun & 80% work." They continued to discuss the matter until a Sergeant-Major walked by. The officers called him over to ask his opinion. The Colonel said, "Sgt-Maj we're having a discussion, and we'd like your input. The Lieutenant says that making love is 80% fun & 20% work. The Major thinks it is 60% fun & 40% work. I say that it is 20% fun & 80% work. What's your opinion?"

The Sgt-Maj scratched his chin and said, "Sir, I think you're all wrong. Making love must be 100% fun, because if there was any work involved, you'd have one of the troops doing it for you!"

That is it for this time.

Have a nice summer!

Take care,

Till next time –

September 2007.

Lucette