

**HONG KONG VETERANS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Quebec Maritimes Branch**  
**June, 1995**

**BANJO GOSSIP**

**NEWSLETTER 2.4**

**BAMBOO TELEGRAPH**

The time sure flies by. Here it is the last of June and I'm struggling to get this letter out. What with getting ready for summer, a little salmon fishing, repairs to the camp at Lynn's Brook, etc, etc. What am I complaining about? I'm still here, ain't I? Not too bad shape either, considering everything.

**NATIONAL REUNION, 1995**

I am informed that there are over 100 HK veterans already registered. It promises to be our best reunion ever. If you haven't registered, now is the time to do it. I have been trying to persuade as many as possible to attend. I saw Arlie Enright recently, and he says that he and Shirley will attend. Again, here is Derrill Henderson's address: 75 Priam Way, Nepean, ON, K2H 8S7.

Here is a list of members already registered. In the interest of saving space I'll print the names in a line. In most cases, wives or escorts accompany the member, so I ask you to use your imagination. The Names:- Borge Agerback, Harry Atkinson (Listed 5 times) Alfred Babin, Edwin Barlow, Robert Barter, George Belcourt, J. Kenneth Bell, Graham Boudreau, (twice) William Bradley, Charlie Brady (twice) Frank Brown, Lucien Brunet (twice), Ernest Buck, Joe Bujold, Ludovic Bujold, Bruce Cadoret, Charlie Campbell, Les Canivet, Lloyd Carter, Bernard Castonguay, Fred Chapman, John Chatwell, Frank Christensen, Ron Claricaotes, Oswald Clark, Clarkson (twice), Flash Clayton, Lloyd Cole, Commerford (twice) Coull (three times) Bryce Craig, (twice) John N. Crawford, Winston Cunningham, Roger Cyr (twice) D'Amours (twice) J-Paul Dallain, Ted Day, John Dearden, Philip Doddridge, Bill Doull (twice) Lloyd Doull, Harold Englehart, Ken Ewing, Gray Fair (twice), Denzil Firth, Funnell, Geniole, Don Geraghty, Gerry Gerard, Gilles, Gordon, Walter Gray, Glenford Gregoire, (twice) Lloyd Hanna (twice), Frank Harding, Henderson, William Hickey, Lionel Hurd, T.G. Hutchinson, John James, Walter Jenkins, (twice) James Jessop Fred Kelly, Reg Law, Philip Lawlis (twice) Leopold Leblanc, Napoleon Leblanc, Lionel Lecouffe, John Levitt (twice) Art Lousier, Wilbert Lynch, Henry Lyons (listed 7 times) Gerald Mabley, Milton MacDonald, (listed twice) Angus MacMillan, William MacWhirter, Eric Maloney, Bob Manchester, Mann (listed 3 times) Glenford Mann, Allen Martin, Fred Mason (Twice) Matchett, William MacAuley, McCarron (three times) Cliff McDavid, Muir, Murray, Murray, Robert Nelson, Bob Olscamp, Marcel Oullet (twice) William Overton, Payne (twice), Ken Pifher, Pat Poirier, John Pollack, Allison Pollack (twice), Pope, Lawrence Rattie, Doug Rees, Reid, William Rodgers, Arnold Ross, Albert Russel, O.R Sauson (twice) Ray Sellers, Slovinsky, Raymond Smith (twice) Solecki, Soper, Don Southworth, Lionel Speller, Lawrence

Stebbe, John Stroud, Dempsey Syvret, Thompson, William Tuppert, Wood (three times) Leonard Wood, Edison Yeadon.

Total registered to June 15: Veterans, 102, Others, 218, total 320.

NOTE: A word of explanation regarding the list: barring errors, veterans are listed with family and given names; if no given name appears, it means that the person registered is either a widow of a HK Vet or a friend. I hope that this information will help you to make up your mind to attend if you haven't already done so.

#### **LAST POST**

Since the last newsletter the following comrades have departed this earth: Théophile Cyr, Irene Cyr, widow of Comrade Leo Cyr, Mrs. Evelyn Atkinson; Fred MacArthur; Eli Finn. **AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING, WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

#### **BIOKI**

Leo Leblanc suffered a serious accident in which he lost an eye. He has recovered and is feeling better; Seldon Stoddard is in hospital, and, I understand is not very well; Dick Keays suffered a stroke and is in hospital in Campbellton, NB; Ken Court remains in hospital. I haven't heard of any others recently. If you have any information would you please let me know so that we can extend best wishes for a speedy recovery.

#### **LETTERS**

I have decided to expand this feature to include some of the news provided by correspondents, something I should have been doing all along. Since the March letter I have heard from Lloyd Doull with a change of address for a person mentioned in **LOST TRAILS** in March, plus some words of wisdom and personal comments; from John Stroud, again with some changes of address and news of sick comrades Gene Matchett and Ted Barlow; from Faye Coleman with her correct address and comments on her health; from Flash Clayton with news from Florida. Jessie was chosen to go to Holland with her pipe band for the 50th anniversary celebrations of the end of World War II in Europe; from Walter Gray and Jean, just back from Florida; from Harold Englehart and Marg, also home from the south; Lawrence Rattie and Colleen, just back home from Florida, with news of dues; from Grant Wood with his correct address; from Charles Rawlings with a change of address; from Wesley Hamilton (son of Wordie) with a nice donation and query about the address of a friend; from Ken Ewing, National Secretary-Treasurer with information for this letter; from Don and Yvonne Southworth with news of Glen Mann and a donation; from Lionel Speller with his newsletter and some newspaper clippings; from Charlie Brady who sends word of some photos he took in Hong Kong; from Margaret Bannister regarding her address. I appreciate receiving your letters and I shall try to forward to the readers any information or news that you wish to have circulated.

#### **DONATIONS**

##### **FROM THE LADIES**

Mrs. Rita Normand, Mrs Betty Cameron, Mrs. Evelyn Hachey, Mrs Faye Coleman, Mrs. Cella Glendenning, Mrs Sheila McKinnon;

##### **FROM THE MEN**

Willie Ladds, Leslie Stickles, John Roussel, Royce Sweet, William Hickey, Joseph McCarron, Kenneth Court, Desmond Irving, Walter Gray, George MacDonell, Eugene

**Bond, Bill Doull, Charles Edwards, Don Southworth, Wesley Hamilton.**

### **IN MEMORIUM**

**Mrs Anne Ross in memory of Richard Mann  
Mrs. Gladys McCarron in memory of husband Maurice  
Mrs. Mary Robinson in memory of husband Clifford  
Mrs Joyce Clarkson-Harmon in memory of husband Kenneth  
Mrs Menetta Hardy in memory of husband J. Ralston  
Mrs Mary Kerr in memory of husband Stephen**

### **TRIVIA**

There was a good joke in the "Rotarian" a while back that I'd like to pass on to you. This truck driver with a big highway rig was having a coffee and a doughnut when eight bikers pulled in. The leader, a big, tough-looking fellow, walked over to the truck driver, ate his doughnut and stubbed his cigar butt in the fellow's coffee. The truck driver got up, went over to the cashier, paid his bill, and walked out. The biker said to the waitress, "Ha ha, he's not much of a man, is he." The waitress said, "He's not much of a truck driver either. He just ran over eight motorcycles."

### **SPECIAL INFO FOR TAPS CARD HOLDERS (THAT'S US)**

The following is a copy of a letter to Harry Atkinson from W.D. Mogan, DG, Health Care Services, Veterans' Affairs.

Dear Harry: This note follows up a telephone conversation we had a few weeks ago concerning the "portability of the Veterans' Affairs TAPS card. Sometime earlier, your association had asked whether it would be possible for the new TAPS private carrier contract to contain a provision that when a veteran is travelling in Canada, outside the home area, a benefit processed under TAPS could be handled as if he/she were still in the home area (i.e. no receipts required). The new contract, effective April 1, 1995, has such a provision, one that will remove the inconvenience of having to submit receipts for treatment expenditures incurred while travelling in Canada. (Paragraph) This contract is just recently in effect and it may take a very short time to work this provision through. If there are any difficulties, in the future with this provision, please let me know.

(Paragraph) I hope that you are well and I look forward to seeing you later in the Spring or Summer. Yours truly, W.D. Mogan, DG, etc.

### **PERSONALITY**

Reg Law has been a Director of the Quebec-Maritimes Branch for many years, and has laboured for the welfare of his comrades in the Campbellton area with dedication and with energy. Over the years he has taken the complaints of veterans and widows to heart, and has managed in most cases to achieve positive results. Now, regretfully, Reg has decided to resign from the Board of Directors for personal reasons. I know that all of the executive will join me in thanking Reg for his contribution in the past and wishing him well.

### **VARIA**

While attending the Quebec Command Legion Convention in Rimouski in May, I met Charlie Thompson, HKVDC, and his wife Cecile who used to live in Rimouski but now live in Bernieres, Quebec. Ossie Clark was also there and we met the brother of Donat Bernier who was also a delegate at the Convention. Comrade Bernier was thrilled to meet us and gave us news of Donat. He insisted in having his picture taken with us so that he could report to his brother.

That's all the time I can spare for this issue. I have to get this to my printer before June 30, since their office will be closed for the first three weeks in July. To make things even more hectic, I have come down with a miserable summer cold and have been out of commission for several days. I hope you understand. Until next time, then, be good to each other, and may God bless.

Philip

**Your Executive**

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