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Fort Henry Guard, Kingston



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Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada

President's Message

This issue of the *Guardsman* contains a great deal of good news about the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada. We sincerely hope you find it interesting and enjoyable.

To start with, we are delighted that membership has climbed to over 500 for only the second time in club history. Registrar Ron Kirkwood has written a fine article about our recent membership drive. If you have not yet renewed your membership, now is the perfect time.

August 29, 1992 was a great day for the FHG Club of Canada. In the afternoon, the Club held a press conference at Fort

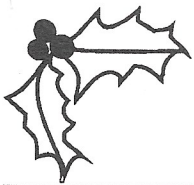
Henry to announce the Armstrong Project. The Fort made both guns and a crew available to the press who responded with some great coverage in the local media. A complete update on the Armstrong Project and your enthusiastic response can be found inside.

Later that afternoon, the Club held its Annual General Meeting. A record number of members attended and contributed ideas and suggestions for Club operations. Welcome to new director Mike Braby (FHG #1292) and congratulations to all returning directors and officers.

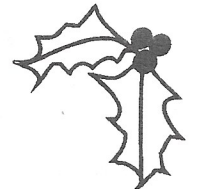
That evening, the Club (for the third

year) sponsored the Annual Awards Night for the Fort Henry Guard. Congratulations to all award winners and presenters and to director Mike McAllister for organizing the evening. It has become our premier event during the year. Congratulations also to Drum Serjt. Chris Overgaard, the 1992 winner of the FHG C of C Award for most outstanding guardsman. We are honored to have his name on our trophy.

Finally, I am pleased to report that planning for Reunion '93 is well underway. Chairman Peter Radley and his committee
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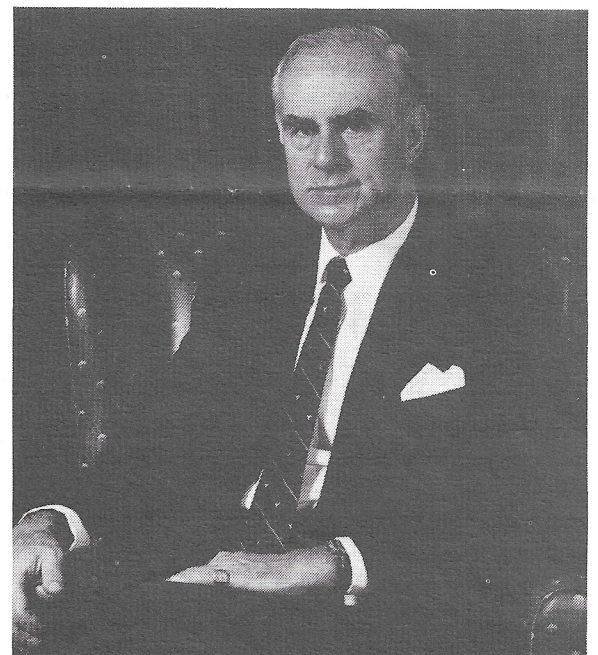


New Honorary Guard Commander - Lieutenant Governor Henry N.R. Jackman



We take considerable pleasure in learning that the Honourable Henry Newton Rowell Jackman C.M., K.St.J., B.A., LL.B., LL.D. (FHG 2) has agreed to become the Fort Henry Guard's Honorary Commander. He replaces General Lemual Shepherd (FHG 1) who was the Guard's Honorary Commander until his recent death.

His Honour, Mr. Jackman, took on his responsibilities as Lieutenant Governor after a long and very successful career in business. In the process of accepting the position of Lieutenant Governor, he became the Honorary Patron of more than 100 organizations concerned with arts and sciences, sports and charitable committees throughout the province of Ontario. He is the Honorary Colonel of both the Governor General's Horse Guards, and Honorary Colonel of 429 Transport Squadron at CFB Trenton (the latter being a very recent appointment). Prior to becoming Lieutenant Governor, he was Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chairman and President of a considerable number of major Canadian companies. At the same time, he was extensively involved with charitable work in a wide range of organizations. He was, for example, President of the Canadian Opera Company from 1986-1989; Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Canadian Red Cross Pension Fund and Vice-President of the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research to name but a few.



*The new Honorary Guard Commander,
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Mr. H.N.R. Jackman*

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YEAR	1	2	3	4	5
FEES	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$46	\$55

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(President's Message continued)

are meeting regularly to plan the event. A tentative schedule of activities is included in this newsletter. I am very pleased to announce that the Honourable Henry N. R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, will be the reviewing officer for the Reunion parade on Sunday, August 1, 1993 at 2 pm. This will be his first official act as Honorary Commander of the Fort Henry Guard. Later, he will be the guest of the Club at the Reunion dinner.

This will be a great honour for the Club - one which all members should share. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the Guardsman.

Please accept our sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

FHG 672, Jack Hamilton

(New Honorary Guard Commander continued)

Among other interests, His Honour, Mr. Jackman, has had a long-standing interest in military modelling and in war-gaming. His collection of military miniatures was very extensive in number and of the highest quality in terms of the rendering of the individual pieces. This is so much so, in fact, that his collection which he not long ago donated to the Royal Ontario Museum was recently put on display at the ROM with much public acclaim.

His Honour has indicated that he enjoys pageantry and parades. We think that he will find the best of both of these worlds at Fort Henry. As we, the members of the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada are aware, the Guard on parade in the Fort provides a display of drill and music that is as good as the best military presentations anywhere in the world. We hope that His Honour will visit Fort Henry to view the Guard as often as his very busy schedule will allow.

FHG 604, J.S. Finan

Memorable Moments

After the recent referendum and some of the negative remarks coming from it, I was made to think about the always excellent relations that existed between the Fort Henry Guard, Les Compagnies Franche de la Marine and the Fraser's Highlanders both at Fort Henry and at the Old Fort, St. Helen's Island in Montreal. I feel safe in saying that there was never a moment when there were bad feelings among the groups. I first met members of Les Compagnies Franche de la Marine at a Canadian Trade Fair in Philadelphia in 1963. From that meeting developed a meaningful and

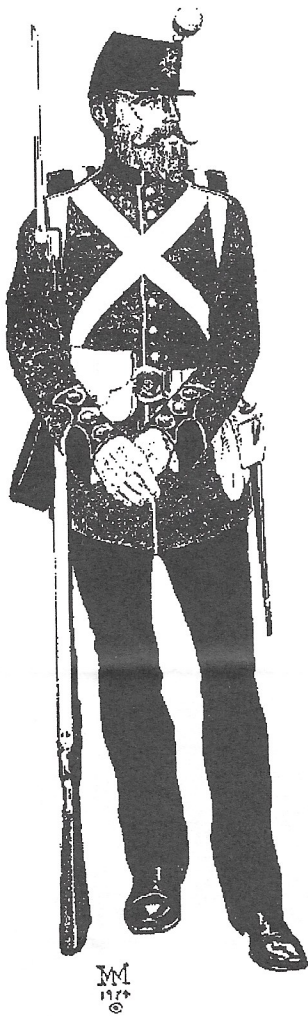
enjoyable rapport. The "Compagnie Franche" like the members of the US Marine Corps always brought out the best in our Guard in the many programmes we shared-together. We all strove for the same goals--excellence in drill, appearance and deportment, and hence esprit de corps. When I think of the qualities we shared in common, character and pride pre-dominated.

FHG 428, F. A. McConnell

W. MEREDITH MACDONNELL

Perhaps the most pleasant task associated with editing the Club newsletter involves my frequent calls to Mr. Meredith Macdonnell. Those of you who were in the Guard in the late 1960's, particularly in 1969 when Mr. Macdonnell was a Staff Serjeant, will remember him well. Possibly, some of you still have dreams in which he plays a major role! It would be fair to say that on the square he was notable for his military bearing and the zeal with which he pursued malefactors. More generally, he was and is known for his complete commitment to the Fort Henry Guard.

Early on in my relationship with



M. Macdonnell has produced a large number of cartoons which are regularly featured on the front page of the Club newsletter. This one dates back to 1974.

Meredith I became aware of his remarkable capacity to draw. He could produce detailed military sketches of uniforms, equipment and guns with what was to me astonishing ease. Of equal or more interest was his capacity to do the most striking caricatures on all sorts of issues, topics and, I hesitate to say it, people. These were hilarious drawings that entertained an entire generation of Guardsmen.

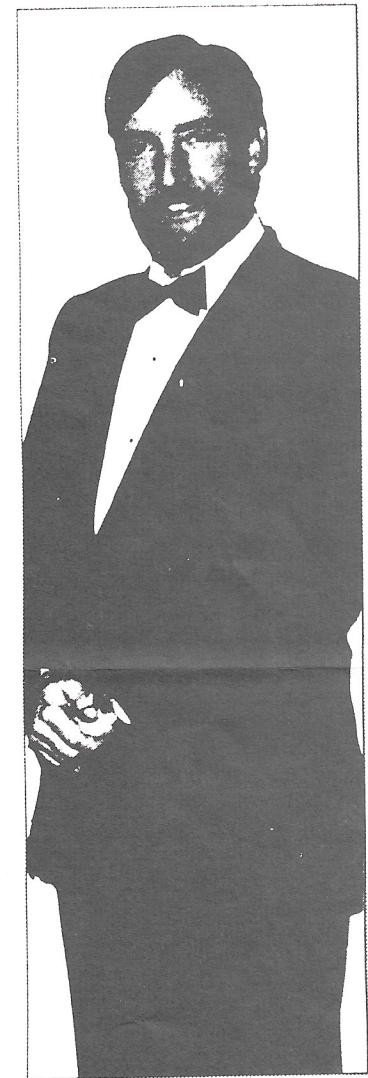
This latter aspect of Mr. Macdonnell's talents brings us to the point of this brief narrative since he is, at present, the newsletter's resident cartoonist. Thus, every few months, I get to call Meredith and we discuss the newsletter's theme and the aspect of it that might be dealt with in the cartoon. Then, I sit back and wait for the result which is invariably comical and exactly what is wanted. The cartoon for the Armstrong Gun fundraising campaign is a case in point. When I first mentioned the topic to Meredith, I suggested he would have difficulty putting something appropriate together. "Not at all" was the reply. "I've got it already." The gunner firing a bag of powder sitting on an Armstrong carriage was the result. Perfect!! Rather than include a cartoon with this copy of the newsletter, we have decided to put in one Meredith's sketches of a guardsman. This will introduce this aspect of his artistic skills to those of you who have not been previously exposed to it. That said, the newsletter copy does not do justice to an original Macdonnell in full colour!! A small number of us are lucky enough to have some of these.

Along with his skills as a visual artist, Meredith has had a long and continuing fascination with choral music. He is a singer (countertenor) of considerable proficiency and his knowledge of church music in particular is deep and extensive. His singing career began as a member of the choir of *St. George's Cathedral* in Kingston. Since that time he has been involved with a number of other groups in Ottawa where he now lives including *Christ Church Cathedral* choir where he was Head Chorister, the *Cathedral Singers of Ottawa* and the *Cantata Singers of Ottawa* among others. At present, he sings with the group *Pro Musica*.

When he is not involved with his hobbies, Mr. Macdonnell works with the Emergency Preparedness and Security branch of Employment and Immigration Canada where he is a Planning and Project Management Officer.

We hope that this brief biography has introduced you to Meredith Macdonnell and given you some better sense of the individual behind the cartoons. I am sure that he will continue to give us works that make us laugh and also make the points we feel it is important to make in ways that are very often much better than words.

FHG 604, Jim Finan



Meredith Macdonnell

THE ARMSTRONG PROJECT: GATHERING STEAM!

Since the announcement last August that the club was initiating a fund to replace the barrels of the two 6-lb Ammstrong field guns at Fort Henry, we have had a steady stream of contributions and comments supporting our efforts.

"I'm sure the Armstrong guns have a special place in the memories of all guardsmen who had the opportunity to be involved with them."

(Dr. R.J. Wiginton, FHG #1052)

"Sad news about the guns...hope the enclosed will help."

(Meredith McDonnell, FHG #728)

After two months, the fund is at \$4000. Forty-five club members have donated over \$3000 - an average of more than \$65.00 per member. Donations from private individuals and clubs total over \$1000 - thanks to excellent media support in the Kingston area.

"The Kingston Gunners at their annual meeting were unanimous in wanting to support the project to replace the Armstrong guns at Fort Henry. The enclosed cheque (\$300) should help."

We still have along way to go and we still need your support. All of the

directors of the club have contributed and are actively working on the project. The FHG recreation committee presented us with \$200 towards the fund and at the same time, the 1992 Cadet Detachment raised \$270. The Guard has promised to hold a fund raiser in Kingston this winter. We shall pass on the details in the next newsletter. Some of you may want to respond to the following challenges:

"I agree with Charlie (Armstrong) that the 1968 team was among the best, although I was very proud of the 1969 and 1971 teams as well. As penance for my lack of modesty, I shall send a cheque immediately."

(D.A. Hain, FHG #706)

"I would like to challenge other members of the Drums of '84, '85, and '86 to out-contribute the Squad and Cadets of those years. The Drums have always produced the best gunners!

(Dr. Pat Hamilton, FHG #1252)

We suspect that making new barrels may be a lengthy process, so we have recently invited proposals from several companies in Ontario. Our plan is to get started on the barrels very early in the New Year. We hope to have sufficient funds in hand to convince various governments and

private companies to help complete the project. We have kept them informed of our plans and they have indicated some initial support.

"I have seen and heard these guns in action at previous years' Sunset Ceremonies, and agree that they play a major part in recreating the battle scene." (Gary Wilson, MPP, Kingston and the Islands)

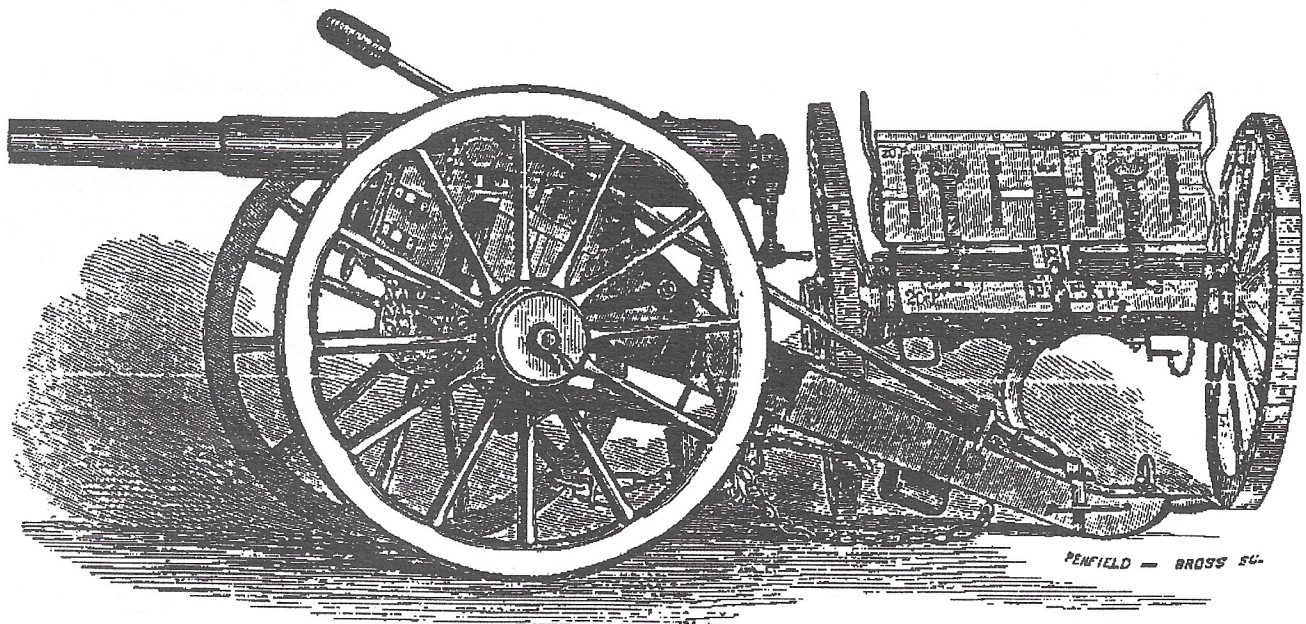
"Please accept the attached donation to the Armstrong Fund. Best wishes with that appeal."

(Peter Milliken, MP, Kingston and the Islands)

Now that the Lieutenant Governor has confirmed his attendance at the club Reunion next August first, we are redoubling our efforts to ensure the Armstrong Guns are back on the square for that date. We need your help. Please consider contributing as soon as you can. No amount is too little or too large!

We extend our sincere thanks to all of you who have already contributed. It is difficult to adequately convey the pride and enthusiasm we feel as this project gains momentum.

FHG 670, Jack Hamilton



Personals

GET WELL AND BEST WISHES

Workman, Dr. Don-FHG 322 is at present in Hotel Dieu Hospital. Wife Kaye was a Fort Henry staff member in 1956. Don is a colleague of Dr Dick James-FHG 298 of Amherstview Medical Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS/NOTES

Hackett, Herbert R.-FHG 111 who is one of the original Guardsmen writes that he has two interesting photographs of a Guard banquet and a parade. Herb was a night watchman when the Fort closed during World War II and its contents were moved to a building at the bottom of Princess Street. Herb joined the Canadian Army in March 1941.

Greaves, Rev. Kit-FHG 1092 and Dianne have moved from Peterborough to Haliburton. Kit was recently promoted to Rector from Associate Priest.

Griffioen, John H.-FHG 1304 a 1985 Guardsman who is interning in Chilliwack, B.C. recently met Dr. Kenneth S. Clarke-FHG 101 who is a Guardsman from 1938.

Murray, Douglas-FHG 767 has been appointed President of Nabisco Brands Grocery Division. He joined the firm in 1990 as Vice-President, Sales and Marketing.

Nesbit, Peter-FHG 1314 has left Canada Trust after six years. He and wife Sue are off to Bangladesh to work with Care Canada, a nongovernmental organization responsible for relief and development work in the Third World.

Knotek, Henry-FHG 347 is happily safe and well with only minor injuries after a car accident in Gananoque.

Pashak, Mike-FHG 1264 is teaching in Swaziland. He expects to be home 19 December 1992.

Smith, Britton-FHG 126 became Honorary Colonel of the Princess of Wales Own

Regiment, 22 October 1992.

Skene, Dr. Dave-FHG 305 and *Dr. Jay McMahon-FHG 295* are two ex-Guardsmen who have been inducted into the Queen's Football Hall of Fame that I met at the Queen's/McGill game.

Thompson, Doug-FHG 154 Director of Ontario's Enrichment Studies has been appointed Ontario Regional Director for Elderhostel Canada.

Thompson, Doug-FHG 154 assisted by Bud Fields-FHG 315 and Bill Patterson-FHG 211 is preparing a Tattoo to be held 26 June 1993 at Fort Henry.

MARRIAGES

Holden, Ted-FHG 1136 married Liane Penny in Kingston, Ontario, 24 October 1992. Ted and Liane are both teachers at QECVI, a local secondary school.

Inrig, George-FHG 276 married Elaine Healey in Lindsay, Ontario, 24 July 1992. George has been a Criminal Judge (Provincial Division) in Lindsay for over 19 years.

Kennelly, Richard-FHG 1343 married Corian Charlwood in Oshawa, Ontario, 4 July 1992.

BIRTHS

Anglin, Bill-FHG 337 and Carol Ann proud grandparents of son Scott and daughter-in-law Linda's son Alexander Scott who arrived, 27 September 1992.

Calder, Bernie-FHG 390 and Alizabeth, a daughter Avery Patricia 1992, sister for two brothers and two sisters.

Holden, Alex-FHG 1135 and Sharon proudly announce the birth of their first child, Pauline Tate, born 9 October 1992.

Millan, Mark-FHG 1034 and Debbie, a son

Eric James, 4 October 1992, a brother for Kate.

Morton, Bob-FHG 849 and Sandy welcomed their first-born, a son, Andrew Robert John, 2 March 1992. Bob remarks: "after 16 years of marriage--a miracle."

Noble, H. Stephen-FHG 913 and Lynne, a son, David, 23 July 1992, a brother for Rebecca 1981, Jacquelyn 1985, and John 1989.

Rand, Harry-FHG 512 and Mona are proud grandparents of their son Ian and daughter-in-law Tina's daughter, Brittany Taylor, born 27 September 1992.

Steele, David-FHG 1098 and Ann, a daughter, Bridget Tierney, 19 August 1992.

Vanvolkingburgh, Randy-FHG 1211 and Elaine, a second son Aaron Earle, 13 September 1992.

Whitelaw, Duncan-FHG 1152 and Sandra now have a family of two: Cameron, 24 April 1989 and Kailey, 24 August 1991.

DEATHS

Symons, Joseph Franklin, Father of E.F. (Ted) Symons-FHG 688, 12 August 1992.

Caswell, Ruth Mary, Mother of Rev. Michael Caswell, 29 September 1992.

Davies/Henderson, Madeline Ernestine, Mother of V. Stanley Davies-FHG 140, 21 August 1992.

Dodds, Anna Monroe, Grandmother of David R. Dodds-FHG 918 and Douglas B. Dodds-FHG 1177, 18 September 1992.

Hamon, Captain Herbet F., Father of Peter Hamon-Cadet (1974-1976), 16 September 1992.

FHG 428, F. A. McConnell

Awards Night 1992

The final Sunset Ceremony of the year was held, Saturday, August 29, 1992. One of the Highlights of the evening was the awards presentation made to the outstanding members of the 1992 Guard. The Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada Award was again presented as were the other awards for excellence both on and off the parade square.

The Reviewing Officer for the evening was Colonel W.S. Richard who is currently posted to the National Defence College in Kingston. Along with a number of very distinguished award presenters was Mrs R.L. (Taffy) Way, wife of the founder of the Fort Henry Guard, Dr. Ronald L. Way.

The Guard's performance featured a march-past in slow and quick time, and the combination of both Corps of Drums into a massed band. Following the combined Drums' parade was the Squad sequence and Battle Tactics, Headquarters Parade, and East Battery Retreat. The detachments marched off to the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

The Guard's performance was flawless and many of the invited guests who had not previously seen the Guard perform were much impressed with the presentation.

FHG 978, Mike McAllister

Award	1992 Presenter	Winner
1. Ronald Way Trophy -winner of annual harrier race	Mrs. Taffy Way	Gdsm M. Emmonds
2. Most Proficient Guide	Mr. Gary B. Clarke Chairman, SLPC	Gdsm I.M. Carter
3. Most Proficient Cadet Recruit	Mr. Fred Wilson MPP, Frontenac-Addington	Cadet T.J. DeVito
4. Most Proficient Drums Recruit	Mr. Peter Milliken MP, Kingston & Islands	Gdsm S.C. Wilks
5. W.M. Nickle Trophy -most proficient drill squad recruit	Mr. Mike Braby Ex-Guard Capitan	Gdsm J.A. Markham
6. Serjeant Instructor of Musketry Trophy -Snider-Enfield Competition	Mr. Doug Thompson ex-Guard Commander	Lce-Corpl. J.M. Mackay Gdsm M.S. Potyok Gdsm K.A. Cuddihy Gdsm J.A. Markham Gdsm R.D. Sowery
7. Daniel C. Cox Memorial Award - most proficient Jr. NCO	Mr. Frank Shaw Manager, SLPC	Corpl. D.S. Berman
8. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Bowl -senior student officer on parade	Lieut. Col. Robert N. Neal USMC	Capt. R.A. Anderson
9. Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada Award -best all round guardsman	Fred and Doris McConnell ex-Guard Commander	Serjt. C.R. Overgaard

R and R With the Registrar

A brief wrap-up this year to make space available for Reunion News - a topic I hope you're all awaiting eagerly.

Our Club membership total reached 507 this week - the second best total since our organization in 1988. There was quite a renewal of interest and memberships after mid-year when the Executive signed several hundred letters of encouragement to Guard-friends who had not joined the Club or renewed a lapsed membership. Former Guards who were being asked for fees for the first time were encouraged with a fee reduction. This program, introduced in mid-year, will probably be more

successful next year.

There will NOT be an increase in fee next year. This, in large part, is brought about by several Executive members who are willing to work longer and harder on the Newsletter so that it goes NOW to the printer ready for use by the machinery [camera ready Ed.]. Printing costs generally have been cut in the last year from about \$1.17 to \$0.55 per copy. The saving on each of three printings in the year is about \$600. Our congratulatin and thanks, particularly to Ted Holden and Jim Finan, for this real service to our Club and the leeway it permits in the rest of our

Club budgeting and programme.

I need help in locating Brian Beam #763, Marc Behm 1467, Craig Browne #1228, John Climenhage #1473, John M. Elford #248, John Healy #1305, Matt Morrison #1079, Gordon Plue #1388, Kevin Reinhart #1406, Charles Skipper #1158, Robert M. Smith #414, and Craig Wilson #1373. Call, write, fax ... maybe even twist an arm. We'd like to hear about any or all of these.

FHG 185, R. Kirkwood

FORT HENRY REUNION WEEKEND 1993

FRIDAY JULY 30 -- MONDAY AUGUST 2		<p>NOTES</p> <p>1. Overnight Rooms are your responsibility. Rooms will be in high demand in Kingston at this time. We have spoken to three hotels (in three price ranges) who will save rooms for the reunion for a while. BOOK SOON.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. The Ambassador (\$90) 1550 Princess Street K7I 4X6 1-613-548-3605 Box 787</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. La Salle Motor Inn (\$65) 2360 Princess St, Kingston K7M 3G4 1-613-546-4233</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c. Days Inn (was 401 Inn) (\$40) 33 Benson St. (Division at 401) K7K 5W2 1-613-546-3661 or 1-800-325-2525</p> <p>2. REGISTRATION DESK -only at the Ambassador Hotel; -Friday 17:00 to 21:00; -Saturday 09:30 to 18:00; -Sunday 08:00 to 10:00 and 13:00 to 14:30 and 17:00 to 19:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Souvenir sales will offer a broad array of goods in the area of the Registration Desk and the video displays at the Ambassador.</p>
FRIDAY	<p>WELCOMING RECEPTION -Ambassador Hotel 6:00 p.m. - 11:30</p>	
SATURDAY	<p>FHG CLUB OF CANADA -Annual General Meeting - Fort Henry 11:00</p> <p>SUNSET CEREMONY -1993 Guard - Fort Henry - Seated by 18:30</p> <p>POST-CEREMONY RECEPTION - 10:00 - 01:00 -Fort Henry Advanced Battery -Cash Bar; Barbecue; Entertainment</p>	
SUNDAY	<p>REMEMBRANCE DRUMHEAD SERVICE -Fort Henry Parade Square - 08:30 sharp</p> <p>REUNION SHOW/INSPECTION -FHG 2 - Honorary Guard Commander Jackman -Fort Henry Parade Square - seated by 13:30</p> <p>REUNION DINNER -FHG 2 - Honorary Guard Commander Jackman -Ambassador Hotel - Cocktails 18:00 -Dinner - 19:00 -Dance - 21:00</p>	
MONDAY	<p>CHECKOUT/REPRISE/GOODBYES</p>	

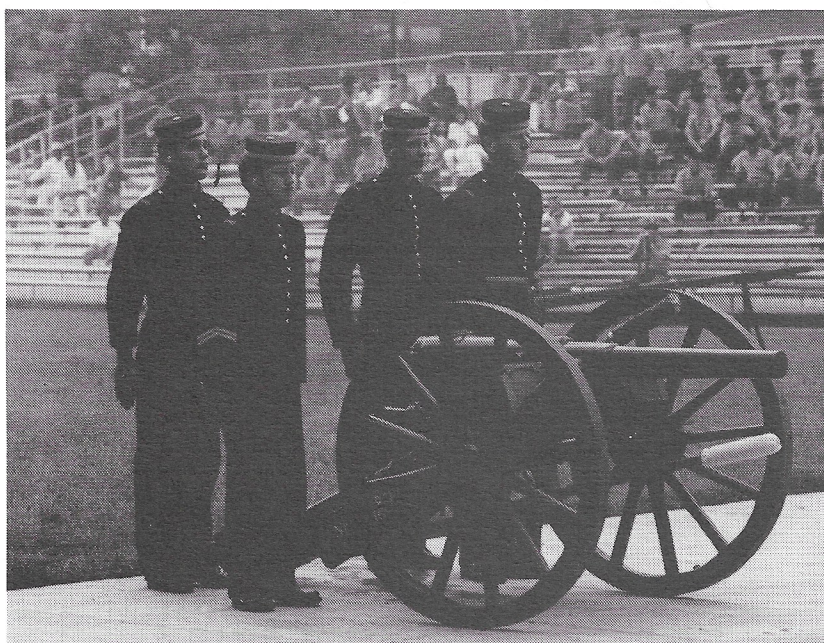
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Armstrong race crew in Washington, D.C. 1986. Photo courtesy of SSgt. Matt Perez, United States Marine Corps



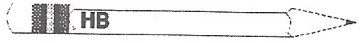
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