



## ***Kin Edgar Dunning, Hal Rogers Fellow Remembered***



*Kin Edgar Dunning, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1910 – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010*

Kin Edgar Dunning, Hal Rogers Fellow and Charter Member of the Kinsmen Club of Ladner/Tsawwassen, passed away on Oct. 23, 2010. He was 100 years old, having celebrated his birthday on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Having been an active member of his club, attending meetings from his clubs founding in 1935 until he passed, he was a lover of food and is remembered famously for his “Bring on the food” quote. Kin Edgar was a journalist (his family starting the Delta Optimist) with his last column being published on the day of his passing, and was well known for his story telling, which he often claimed could not be refuted because everyone involved was long gone.

Ted Murphy, of the Delta Optimist reports that on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Delta opened the Delta Archives and Edgar Dunning Reading Room was dedicated in Kin Edgar’s memory. In his column, Mr. Murphy wrote;

“Edgar wasn't necessarily comfortable being the centre of attention, but he played the part well. He had a way of communicating that was unmatched, teaching us the value of the past by making it come to life with a healthy dose of laughter.

It was a nice gesture on Delta's behalf to recognize Edgar by naming the reading room at the new archives after him. It was a fitting tribute to a man who did a great deal to enrich the lives of his fellow Deltans, particularly as it related to the history of this place.

It's just too bad the man of the hour wasn't there to share it with the rest of us.”

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## Look Closer at Founder Hal Rogers

We have a tendency in Kin to look back at our Founder Hal with a set of glasses that allows us only at his life as it relates to Kin.

But as I reread the “Kin Canada” version of Hal Rogers, it strikes me how little we educate ourselves about the fact that he was a veteran of World War I. We certainly don’t gloss over the fact in our official literature, in-fact we mention it just as prominently as the facts of the rest his life. But perhaps as February is when we celebrate Founder Hal, you could take the time with me to dwell just a little longer on the fact that he was a veteran.

On our national website we proclaim that “Hal Rogers in 1916, at the age of 17, he enlisted with Hamilton’s Argyle and Sutherland Battalion but later served in France with the 54th Kootenay Battalion. Hal Rogers fought at Vimy Ridge, Lens, Hill 70, and Ypres, was gassed at Passchendaele and was wounded at Amien – the place he received a slice of schrapnel in one leg that he carried with him until his death.” That is all we say.

Now pay attention, because I am going to remind you about a little Canadian History. Hal Rogers’ service record is far more impressive than we let on, and we do not do him justice. Let us take a closer look.

Vimy Ridge was one of the most heavily defended points on the entire Western Front and was thought to be an impregnable fortress. For the first time during WW I the four divisions of the Canadian Corps were brought together. On April 2, 1917, the Canadian Corps launched the largest artillery barrage in history up to that point. They shelled the German trenches for the next week, using over *one million shells*. By April 12, the Canadians controlled the entire Ridge, at a cost of 3,598 men killed and 7,104 wounded.

Hill 70 was a terrain feature rising only fifteen feet over surrounding terrain, located north of Lens, France. The Canadian operation was only a diversionary attack to relieve pressure on the city of Lens itself. Like the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the attack began with a creeping barrage under which the infantry advanced close behind. By the end of the morning, the Canadians occupied the high ground overlooking Lens, with the remaining objectives in Canadian hands by the end of the next day. During the battle, the Germans counter-attacked numerous times, but were beaten off each time. By the end of the battle, the Canadian Corps had suffered nearly 9,200 casualties.

The 1917 Battle of Passchendaele, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres or simply Third Ypres, was one of the major

battles of World War I, fought by British, ANZAC, and Canadian soldiers against the German Army. The entire campaign started from July 31 and after three months of fierce fighting, the Canadian Corps took Passchendaele on November 6 1917, ending the battle. In the history of World War I, the term 'Passchendaele' has become a symbol of the extreme brutality of industrial warfare.

In July the Germans used mustard gas for the first time. It attacked sensitive parts of the body, caused blistering, damage to the lungs and inflammation of the eyes, causing blindness (sometimes temporary) and great pain. The Germans lost approximately 270,000 men, while the British Empire forces lost about 300,000, including 36,500 Australians and 16,000 Canadians — the latter of which were lost in the intense final assault between October 26 and November 10; 90,000 British and Australian bodies were never identified, and 42,000 never recovered. Aerial photography showed 1,000,000 shell holes in 1 square mile.

The Battle Amiens took place 8-11 August 1918, west of Amiens, France as a co-ordinated assault, spearheaded by the Australian and Canadian Corps. The Allied forces won a major victory at a cost of some 9000 Canadian casualties. Their success initiated the "hundred days" which saw the Germans repeatedly driven back all along the Western Front, and which culminated in the armistice of 11 November 1918.

Let us review what we don’t often say about Hal Rogers. In March 1916, Hal, at the age of 17, enlisted and then fought in all of the major battles which defined Canada as a nation in the worlds eyes. Not only did he fight, but he successfully led under conditions that you and I simply cannot imagine. His leadership skills in the field led to his promotion to the rank of corporal and a recommendation for a commission. Before it could be acted upon, he was gassed and then later wounded and he returned home to Hamilton in January 1919.

Hal Rogers would not have dwelled upon any of this. He certainly would not have admitted to himself that as a Canadian soldier in World War I he participated in a type of nation building that had never before occurred. His actions and those of his fellow soldiers elevated Canada from a simple colony of the British Empire to the respected independent nation that it is today.

Hal Rogers suffered and survived more horrible things in his few short years of service than he should have had to. Then he went on to start this little thing now called Kin Canada, and our communities are forever grateful for that.

Hal Rogers may deserve more credit for his service to Canada before Kinsmen than we give him, but that is the way he most likely would have wanted it. He was prouder of us than he could say, hopefully now you a couple more reasons to remember him with greater pride.

– Mr. E.

## Recruitment Strategies—Bridging the Gap



It is no secret that Kin Canada and other service organizations across the country are struggling with the recruitment and retention of members. Why don't more people volunteer? What is it that stops them making that first approach, or causes them to back out after making an initial enquiry? Often, it's because people have come up against something that puts them off or actively prevents them getting involved. It is important to know what these barriers are. When people are considering whether to get involved with a volunteer organization these are the common questions that come to mind:

- Am I allowed to volunteer?
- Can I afford it?
- What will they ask me to do?
- How much time do they want me to give?
- Will I be treated well?
- Will I get along with the people?

Be sure to take these questions into consideration when you are coming up with your club's recruitment strategy. Through research, key barriers have been discovered as to why people don't volunteer. The prime reasons include lack of time, don't know any other volunteers and the feeling that they don't have the necessary skills and experience.

Next, we have to work on bridging these barriers. First off, we need to start thinking about "diversity" when recruiting. The benefits of having a diverse club include:

- Presents a more welcoming face to volunteers and the general public
- Is more representative of wider society
- Is more able to respond to the needs of your local community
- Benefits from new ideas and fresh approaches being generated by people from differing backgrounds, cultures, genders, ages and outlooks

You may want to ask yourself "who isn't volunteering with us at the moment?" If people from certain groups aren't coming forward, look for the possible reasons. It's also a good idea to evaluate your current recruiting approach. Is the way you're currently recruiting effective? Putting up posters asking for volunteers might seem a suitable approach, but the promotional material needs to appeal to those you want to reach. If you're looking to attract young people, for example, you may want to emphasize on your poster that volunteering can help them learn new skills, enhance their resume and improve their career prospects. Similarly, your posters need to be put up where your target group will see them. Word of mouth is a very important recruitment tool. Volunteers who feel good about their time with your organisation are likely to tell their friends, and this can be one of the best ways to ensure a steady supply of new volunteers. But be careful not to rely too heavily on this method, as it can lead to recruiting from the same groups of people.

There are several key motivational factors that give potential volunteers that push to get involved. These include: being asked, having someone available to help answer questions and get them started, if family or friends are also involved, if they know it will improve their skills, and if they could do it from home.

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# TAKE 5

## How You Doing?????

Greetings from the North Coast Zone. Our Zone has been very busy so far this Kin year. The BV Kinsmen started their year out with a bang with their BBQ. The BV Kinettes have done a few projects, their biggest one was a Halloween Dance. Whitehorse Kinettes are busy with their School Supplies For Kids project, going on the whole year. Terrace Kinsmen just wrapped up their Car Raffle and will be soon starting up a Boat Raffle.

Kitimat Kinsmen have also been busy this year with a Halloween Dance, Christmas Bar and a Super Market Sweep Draw. Kitimat is also the host of the NCZ Spring Zone on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Kitimat and Terrace are teaming up to host FLC 2011 at Harrison Hot Springs – “RUB A DUB DUB ALL KIN IN THE TUBE”. We hope to have a BIG turn out. ☺

We here in the North Coast Zone would love to hear what your club is up to.

YIK – DG Sharole Bell, NCZ

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## Editor's Note

I would like to thank our Governor's for the opportunity to put together this issue of Take 5. I hope that you have enjoyed it. A few people, mostly the District Executive and your Deputy Governor's know who I am, and last issue I said that I was considering a contest to identify the mystery editor.... So here goes.... Send your guess as to my identity to Lisa or Phil via email. They will forward all the correct guesses to me and I will enter your name in a draw to win 750 ml bottle of Crown Royal Black, to be presented at Kin Stock in Port Alberni. Last date for entries.... May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Contest closed to all members of the District Executive and Deputy Governor's.

Mr. E.



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