

GUARD POLICY DIRECTIVE 013
OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT

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GENERAL

1. The intent of Regimental Objective Four (History and Traditions) is to record and perpetuate the Regiment's history, customs and traditions.
2. The existing official history of the Regiment can be summarized as follows:
 - a. Hodder-Williams, Ralph. *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 1914-1919*. Volume I and II. London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1923. Volume I: 492p. Volume II: 416p. These volumes are the authoritative sources on the Regiment's founding and service in World War One. The author served with the Regiment and had access to many of the key figures involved. Volume I is a narrative, and Volume II contains the Roll of Honour and Appendices. A second edition was published in one single volume in 1968, omitting the nominal roll.
 - b. Stevens, George Roy. *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry: 1919-1957*. Volume III. Griesbach: Historical Committee, PPCLI, 1958. 411p. The continuation of the Regimental narrative, covering the between-the-wars period, World War Two, and Korea.
 - c. Mainprize, R.B. *The Roll of Honour and Nominal Roll Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 1939-1945*. Volume IV. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association. 170p.
3. Gaps that presently exist in the official history of our Regiment are as follows:
 - a. The Roll of Honour and unit nominal rolls for Korea.
 - b. The second half of the Patricia's first century, from approximately 1958 until the end of our commitment in Afghanistan in 2014. Many of the Army's senior leaders across this period, including many Patricias, are still alive and cogent, as well as many other Regimental leaders and characters. However, especially for those who service started in the 1950s, their days and memories are getting shorter. The imperative to get the Regimental archival holdings related to these years together and to conduct interviews and other activities so that the unspoken stories that many of these people hold are captured, is potent.
 - c. Volumes I to IV have been out of print for many years. They are available in PDF format online at <https://ppcli.com/publications/historical-documents/>.

PURPOSE

4. This directive establishes Regimental Guard guidance for closing the gaps in the Regiment's official history.

CONCEPT

5. Intent. The Regiment will capture our history in a format for ourselves in order to celebrate our achievements during peace and war.
6. Deliverables. The Regiment will plan and commit resources to produce the following works, in priority:
 - a. *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry: 1958-2000*. In keeping with our naming convention this will be known as Volume VI. While unit lists may be omitted, this volume should include an integral Roll of Honour to avoid the need to publish a stand-alone volume.
 - b. *The Roll of Honour and Unit Nominal Rolls Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry: 1950-1953*. In keeping with our naming convention this will be known as Volume V. As this volume can rely on archival material vice interviews, it follows Volume VI in terms of priority. A limited production run will suffice in order to provide sufficient copies for Regimental Headquarters and the PPCLI Archives.
 - c. *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry: 2001 – 2014*. In keeping with our naming convention this will be known as Volume VII. While unit lists may be omitted, this volume should include an integral Roll of Honour to avoid the need to publish a stand-alone volume. It is understood that, while research can begin, this volume cannot be published until access is granted to unit War Diaries.
 - d. Additionally, the Regiment will explore the limited re-publishing of Volumes I, II and III to coincide with the publishing of Volume VI, should this prove feasible.
7. Constraints and Limitations.
 - a. Pursuit of this initiative shall not jeopardize the short-term financial health of the Regiment, or our ability to meet long-term goals. In this vein, every effort should be pursued to obtain grants and donations as the main source of funding, including support from the PPCLI Foundation. Should resources not be available, priority of effort will be to interviews and other archival endeavours.
 - b. As the intent is to capture our history in a format for ourselves, these volumes should not be regarded as a money-making venture for the Regiment.
 - c. Volumes V, VI and VII shall be similar in style to Volumes I to IV.
8. Approach. The recommended approach should unfold as follows:
 - a. Phase 1 – now until end-2018:
 - (1) Guard Directive 013 published.

- (2) Information gathering of publishing policies, costs and best practices to include liaison with other regiments who have recently published similar projects.
- (3) For Regimental Executive Committee Meeting 159th – the Regimental Executive Committee to approve an in-year and out-year budget in support of this initiative based on a forecast identified produced by the Regimental Major.
- (4) Development by the PPCLI Museum and Archives of an archival catalogue to support the writing and interview work, and to capture electronic files such as blogs and websites that are time and technology sensitive for longer term use.
- (5) Development of an interview plan to capture, using a small team of interviewers, the unfettered but directed recollections of a list of seniors and Patricia veterans: all living ex-Colonels of the Regiment and all living wives of ex-Colonels of the Regiment; selected senior Patricias, officers and NCMs who have held significant posts in significant times and in widely dispersed places – Africa, Central America, Asia, Middle East, internally. Interviews would be recorded and transcribed into digital formats, and documentary elements in these interviewees’ hands (text and pictures) should be copied and filed.
- (6) The introduction of a wide and ongoing call for written or spoken recollections from the period from the broader Patricia community, with a program of directed requests to all Senate members. Part of the supporting infrastructure for this call would be an on-line repository for pictures and stories from individuals, saved and backed up in the Museum and Archives.

b. Phase 2 – from 2019 to 2024:

- (1) In 2018, make a call for interest or a directed search, and endorse a single-author, author team or edited-volume writing approach for Volumes V to VII.
- (2) Should it prove feasible, start to prepare Volumes I through IV for reprint in a new format with a common publisher, so that Volumes V and VII may be purchased alone or in a set.
- (3) Create an editorial board(s) to supervise the writing process and the reprint process.
- (4) No later than 2019, issue a contract or contracts for the works, with themes defined and parameters and proportions determined.
- (5) By late 2023, print and start sales to support the 110th Anniversary.

9. *Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry: 1958-2000 – List of Chapters.* The following could be a possible list of chapters, subject to the author’s research and writing plan:

- a. Introduction from the Colonel-in-Chief.
 - b. Chapter 1 – The Changing Context, Global and National.
 - c. Chapter 2 – The Changing Doctrine, Equipment, Training and Capabilities of the Canadian Army.
 - d. Chapter 3 – Settling in at Home: The Patterns of Training, Airborne, Mobile Striking Force, Defence of Canada Force, Arctic Warfare and the Wainwright Devotions (1954 -1967).
 - e. Chapter 4 – Regimental Experience in the British Army of the Rhine and the New Mechanized Army of Northern Germany (1960-1970).
 - f. Chapter 5 – The Move South and the Experience in Southern Germany (1970-1986).
 - g. Chapter 6 – Mobile Command and Domestic Operations (1967-1997).
 - h. Chapter 7 – The Development of Regimental Organization, Governance and the Association.
 - i. Chapter 8 – The New World Order and the Peacekeeping Explosion (1989-1993).
 - j. Chapter 9 – The New World Disorder Somalia (1992-1995).
 - k. Chapter 10 – Peace Support – Former Republic of Yugoslavia.
 - l. Annexes: The Colonels-in-Chief. A Roll of Honour for the period.
10. *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry: 2001-2014 – List of Chapters.* The following could be a possible list of chapters, subject to the author's research and writing plan:
- a. Chapter 1 – Operation APOLLO (2001 – 2002).
 - b. Chapter 2 – Operation ATHENA (2003 – 2005), operations in and around Kabul.
 - c. Chapter 3 – Operation ARCHER (2005 – 2006), initial operations in Kandahar to include the Provincial Reconstruction Team and Task Force ORION.
 - d. Chapter 4 – Operation ATHENA (2006 – 2007), sub-unit support to RCR Battle Groups.
 - e. Chapter 5 – Operation ATHENA (2008), Task Force 1-08.
 - f. Chapter 6 – Operation ATHENA (2009), Task Force 3-09.
 - g. Chapter 7 – MTTF and Operation ATTENTION (2011 – 2013).

- h. Chapter 8 – Conclusions, the 100th Anniversary, New Trends and the Future of the Regiment.
 - i. Annexes: The Colonels-in-Chief. A Roll of Honour for the period.
11. Tasks
- a. Regimental Guard. Oversight of this initiative.
 - b. Regimental Executive Committee. Allocation of resources.
 - c. Regimental Major. Day-to-day supervision including of the PPCLI Museum and Archives.
 - d. Interview Team(s). Comprised of the Regimental Archivist and suitable volunteers – conduct interviews in accordance with the interview plan.
 - e. Editorial Board(s). At a minimum, comprised of a representative from the Regimental Guard, Regimental Executive Committee and PPCLI Association. Work with the author(s) to ensure quality and consistency of volumes agreeable to the Regiment. As two major volumes are envisioned, it is likely that two Editorial Boards will be required even if the works are not developed sequentially.