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PPCLI Battle School photo collection. – [ca. 1953]-1985. – 50 photographs.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) Depot was established at Calgary in 1953 for the purpose of training soldiers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, and overseeing administrative functions for the Regiment as a whole. In 1956 it moved to Edmonton. In 1968 with the reorganization of the Canadian Armed Forces the Depot was abolished, and recruit training was centralized at CFB Wainwright. In 1974 the recruit training function became the responsibility of the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Training Detachment. In 1981 it was renamed the PPCLI Battle School. In 1997 it was renamed the Western Area Training Centre. This collection consists of photographs of the PPCLI Depot and PPCLI Battle School, as well as Canadian Forces Recruit School (CFRS) at CFB Cornwallis and Combat Training Centre (CTC) at CFB Gagetown.

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Group portraits of PPCLI Depot recruit platoons are located in albums C90-1, C90-2, and C90-3. Portraits of individual members of PPCLI are located in P400.

Additions to the collection are expected.



Lieutenant B.D. Pillar prepares his platoon for an attack at CFB Wainwright during Battle School 1980 (PPCLI Archives P170(37)-1)

Box 1:

- P170(1)-1 Graduating class: Flers Courcelette Platoon at the Regimental Depot / E.W. Cadman, Oliver Studios, Calgary. – [ca. 1953-ca. 1956].
- P170(2)-1 15 photos of recruits and staff being inspected by the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen. Herbert Chelsey Pitts. – 1993.
- P170(3.1)-1 Graduation day, platoons marching past the reviewing stand, Edmonton. – [ca. 1959]. – (W.J. Ogilvie collection).
- P170(3.2)-1 Graduation day, platoons marching past the reviewing stand with the band in the centre of the parade square, Edmonton. – [ca. 1959]. – (W.J. Ogilvie collection).
- P170(3.3)-1 Group shot of what may be graduates of an officer training course. – [ca. 1959]. – (W.J. Ogilvie collection).
- P170(3.4)-1 Group shot of a group of unidentified men in coveralls / Alberta Government Photograph. – [ca. 1959]. – (W.J. Ogilvie collection).
- P170(4)-1 PPCLI Battle School: M113 APC crew orientation. – [ca. 1970s]. – Pte. Glanski (LdSH[RC]) is driving.
- P170(5)-1 NCO training school. – 1975 Oct. 01. – Russ Moore is standing at the far right.
- P170(6)-1 LCol. J.F. Bennett, Commandant Canadian Forces Recruit School, promotes 3 Patricia M/Cpls. to the rank of sergeant; Sgt. G.J. Tombu, Sgt. S.H. Blackstock, and Sgt. F.J. Curson at CFRS Cornwallis. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 73).
- P170(7)-1 Cock of the Walk competition. – 1984. – Firing their pistols (L-R): CWO Sam Simpson (1PPCLI), CWO Sonny Grant (3PPCLI), CWO Chris Atkin (Loyal Edmonton), and CWO Scotty Hamilton (PPCLI Battle School). Behind, range staff (L-R): Capt. Romas Blekaitis, and MWO Jim Ellis. The Louis Scott Cock of the Walk Trophy was won by LCol. R.L. Dallison and CWO Scotty Hamilton. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 45).
- P170(8.1)-1 MGen. A.J.G.D. de Chastelain welcomes a recruit to the Regiment, Kapyong Platoon 8504 Hat Badge Parade. – 1985 Jun. 14. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 61).
- P170(8.2)-1 LGen. C.H. Belzile, Commander Mobile Command, presenting awards to North West Europe Platoon 8503 at Graduation Parade. – 1985 Jun. 21. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 61).
- P170(9)-1 PPCLI Battle School: Winter Warfare Instructor Course 8501, an unidentified soldier setting up camp near Coppermine, NT. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 59).
- P170(10)-1 LCol. P.D. Montgomery carving a turkey for Men's Christmas Dinner at Battle School, assisted by CWO Scotty Hamilton. – 1985 Dec. 12. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 62).
- P170(11)-1 Sgt. Bunzenmeyer supervising a TQ3 trainee doing a high wall rappel, during a graduation display. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 60).

- P170(12)-1 LCol. P.D. Montgomery addressing the Battle School soldiers at the Men's Christmas Dinner. – 1985 Dec. 12. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 62).
- P170(13)-1 CFB Cornwall Patricias Parade under MWO W.P. Spring at the Canadian Forces Recruit School (CFRS). – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 72).
- P170(14.1)-1 Cornwallis Patricias on Parade for Regimental Birthday. – 1985 Aug. 10. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 72).
- P170(14.2)-1 Sgt. Fred Curson raises up the camp flag at CFRS Cornwallis. – 1985 Aug. 10. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 72).
- P170(15)-1 MCpl. F.D. Ernst promoted to Sergeant by CFRS Chief Instructor Maj. J.W. Ryan. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 72).
- P170(16)-1 Brigadier J.A. de Lalanne with a few war stories of his own for the troops in the field, Combat Training Centre, Gagetown, NB. – 1985 Mar. 15. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 69).
- P170(17)-1 Brigadier J.A. de Lalanne briefs his flight crew, Combat Training Centre, Gagetown, NB. – 1985 Mar. 15. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 69).
- P170(18.1)-1 Combat Leaders Course 8501 capturing the insurgents who had kept them working for the previous 4 days, PPCLI Battle School, CFB Wainwright. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 62).
- P170(18.2)-1 Combat Leaders Course 8501 capturing an insurgent, PPCLI Battle School, CFB Wainwright. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 62).
- P170(19)-1 The Tug of War competition at the Battle School's celebration of the Regimental Day. – 1985 Mar. 17. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 60).
- P170(20.1)-1 Pte. Levoy, one of the top cross-country runners on the Base receives the Commander's Cup for the Infantry School from BGen. G.S. Kells. – 1985. – Looking on are Maj. M.G. Perreten (R22R) and Col. B.W. Ashton. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 68). – [GN85-2008].
- P170(20.2)-1 Cpl. Horncastle gives Col. B.W. Ashton his Pennant and "Golden Handshake" as Col. Ashton leaves the Infantry School for CTC HQ as DComd. – 1985. – Looking on is LCol. N.G. Tombu who succeeded Col. Ashton in Command. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 67). – [GN85-2013].
- P170(21)-1 Sgt. J.J. Carmody as Safety NCO for Ex Final Blow for Frezenberg, 8581Y. – 1985 Nov. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 62).
- P170(22)-1 LCol. N.G. Tombu takes command of the Infantry School. – 1985 Jul. – Looking on is BGen. G.S. Kells. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 70). – [GN85-2010].
- P170(23)-1 CSM L.L. Saumer on his retirement. – 1985. – Presenting his retirement plaque is Colonel of the Regiment, Col. W.B.S. "Suds" Sutherland. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 68). – [GN85-2339].

- P170(24)-1 M/Cpl. K.W. Childs promoted to Sergeant at Men's Christmas Dinner by CFB Gagetown Base Commander Col. M.G. O'Brien. Canadian Forces Recruit School CWO N.W. Northrup looks on from behind. – 1985 Dec. 20. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 73).
- P170(25)-1 Canadian Forces Recruit School WO J.R. Lafleur receiving his first Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) clasp from Commander R.J. Gray, CFB Cornwallis. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 73).
- P170(26.1)-1 PPCLI Battle School: Winter Warfare Instructor Course 8501, using explosives to break up an ice covered body of water, CFB Wainwright. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 59).
- P170(26.2)-1 PPCLI Battle School: Winter Warfare Instructor Course 8501, members of the course inspect the effects of an ice demolition, CFB Wainwright. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 59).
- P170(26.3)-1 PPCLI Battle School: Winter Warfare Instructor Course 8501, members of the course loading to head north to Coppermine, NT for their high arctic deployment. – 1985. – WO Shite, the course 2 i/c leading by example. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 59).
- P170(26.4)-1 PPCLI Battle School: Winter Warfare Instructor Course 8501, trying out the Argo 8x8 near Coppermine, NT. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 59).
- P170(27)-1 Combat Training Centre MWO Miles receiving his French Grey Certificate from the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. W.B.S. "Suds" Sutherland on his posting to 2 Commando as CSM. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 68). – [GN85-2336].
- P170(28)-1 Combat Training Centre: the French Grey Battalion on parade with RSM McMillan on Regimental Day. – 1985 Mar. 16. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 69).
- P170(29)-1 Combat Training Centre WO Cruikshank receives congratulations from the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. W.B.S. "Suds" Sutherland on his posting to 3 PPCLI. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 68). – [GN85-2343].
- P170(30)-1 Combat Training Centre WO Harron receives congratulations from the Colonel of the Regiment, Col. W.B.S. "Suds" Sutherland on his posting to 1 PPCLI. – 1985. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 68). – [GN85-2337].
- P170(31)-1 LCol. N.G. Tombu hands command of the Infantry School over to LCol. D.J. Aitchison (left) after only 2 months in command. – 1985 Sep. – Looking on is BGen. G.S. Kells (right). – See 1985 Patrician (p. 70). – [GN85-3734].
- P170(32)-1 Capt. John de Solla on his retirement. – 1985. – Congratulating him is Colonel of the Regiment, Col. W.B.S. "Suds" Sutherland. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 68). – [GN85-2342].
- P170(33)-1 PPCLI Battle School: Lt. W. Semianiw, platoon commander, pausing after giving words of wisdom to his platoon team at the Regimental Day Sports Competition. – 1985 Mar. 17. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 60).
- P170(34)-1 The fog of war : Frezenberg Platoon 8581Y, being smoked off during Exercise Fatal Blow. – 1985 Nov. – See 1985 Patrician (p. 62).

- P170(35)-1 Canadian Forces Recruit School: Sgt. J.P. "Bill" Boehler, Commander Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Cadre, checking recruits gas masks, CFB Cornwallis. – 1984. – [CS84-304-9].
- P170(36)-1 Battle School 80 : Platoon in defence awaits the attack, CFB Wainwright. – 1980. – See 1980 Patrician (p. 15).
- P170(37)-1 Battle School 80 : Lt. B.D. Pillar and platoon prepare for the attack, CFB Wainwright. – 1980. – See 1980 Patrician (p. 15).
- P170(38)-1 Battle School 80 : The unknown soldier, a break in the action, CFB Wainwright. – 1980. – See 1980 Patrician (p. 16).
- P170(39)-1 Battle School : Lady Patricia signing Fosso Munio's Platoon pennant after their rappelling demo, CFB Wainwright. – 1983 Jul. 07. – See 1983 Patrician (p. 61).

Oversize Collection:

- OP170(1)-1 Group picture of the Passchendaele Platoon, PPCLI Depot May-Oct. 64 / Wooders Portraits. – 1964 Oct. – Front row (L-R): Cpl. S.L. Stothard, LCpl. H.R. Stinson, Lt. T.A. Bradley, Sgt. G.A. Kirby, and Cpl. T.D. Reid. Second row (L-R): Pte. R.S. Shuttleworth, Pte. B.D. McDonnell, Pte. T.G. Smith, Pte. D.L. Riley, Pte. G.L. Turner, Pte. D.W. Ward, Pte. W.W. Bigelow, and Pte. J.B.J. D'Hoore. Third row (L-R): Pte. K.N. Windley, Pte. E.P. Layton, Pte. J.A. Collins, Pte. R.R. Callioux, Pte. J.K.D. Fraser, Pte. N.G. Darling, Pte. R.J. Hawke, Pte. B.J. Potkins, and Pte. Burdge. Back row (L-R): Pte. R.R. Stanley, Pte. E.J.R. Jamieson, Pte. C.W. Carlson, Pte. V.J. Franson, Pte. D.W. Gray, Pte. M. Housken, Pte. M.C. Pettit, Pte. W.J.L. Price, and Pte. H.E. Hnatyshyn. – (O.D.C. John Johnson collection). – 1 photograph; 28 x 33 cm. – Located in oversize box, Shelf J.3.5.

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