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### EDITORIAL NOTES

Once again, the trials and tribulations of a busy summer have held up the publishing of our paper. The Editorial Staff wish to express their regrets and assure our readers (who said "both"?) that an earlier appearance of their paper was not possible.

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In this issue we are glad to present an account of the experiences of the Canadian Military Band at the Coronation of their Majesties. We hope our readers will enjoy perusing this article as much as we did.

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From the facile pen of Major R.G.L. Parker, 2nd Canadian Scottish Regiment, comes another example of the humour that we have all learned to enjoy so hugely. Having witnessed the Inspection mentioned in "Sam of the Second Battalion" we need hardly say that the latter is a figment of the imagination.

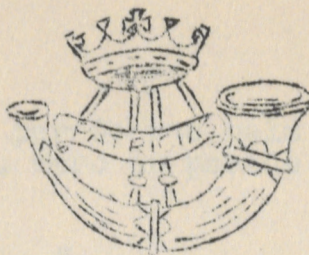
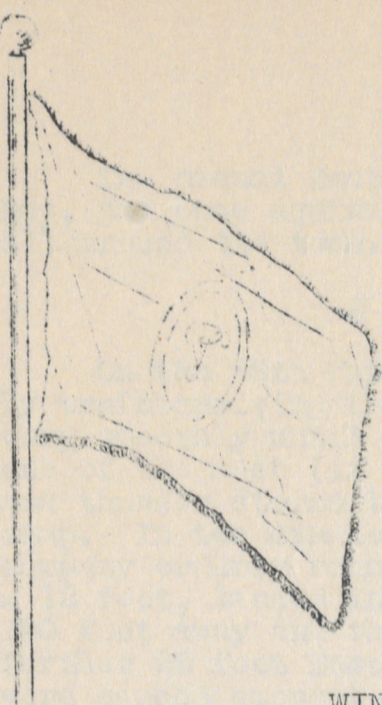
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We have pleasure in presenting "Without Benefit of Stencils", with thanks to the "U.S. Infantry Journal" and also to some unknown but ambitious author. The thought of our coming labours in producing the PATRICIAN brought the truth of this home with a "bang".

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*The Editors*





# Regimental Notes

## WINNIPEG STATION.

P.P.C.L.I. at Winnipeg, in conjunction with all other units of the Defence Forces in M.D. No.10, paraded at the Legislative Buildings on 12th May, to take part in the ceremonies held in connection with the Coronation of His Majesty, King George VI. The parade was under the command of Col. D.S. MacKay, OBE., VD., Officer Commanding 20th Infantry Brigade.

Units assembled at the Market Square and then marched via Main Street, Portage Ave., Memorial Boulevard, Osborne Street. A salute of 21 guns was fired by "C" Bty., R.C.H.A.

# # #

Owing to the fact that nine members of the band were away at the Coronation in England, it was not possible to "Troop the Colour" this year in commemoration of the Battle of Frezenberg.

As an alternative the Commanding Officer called a parade on the football field at which the Colour was carried by Lieut. C.B. Ware, and after the General Salute and inspection by the C.O., he reminded all present of the significance of the day in the history of the Regiment. The parade then marched back to barracks and proceeded to consume the odd barrel of beer.

This was the first time that the "A" company bugle band had played on a parade with the Colours. They made a first class job of their playing and all present hope they continue to "toot" on route marches, etc.

# # #

On May 9th the Regiment attended All Saints Church for the Annual Regimental Church Parade. The parade was joined at the Hudson's Bay Store by members of the Patricia Club and proceeded to the Cenotaph where "Last Post" was sounded and a wreath deposited by the Commanding Officer. After the service at All Saints Church the D.O.C. M.D. No.10 took the salute and the troops returned to Barracks.



The annual Decoration Day parade was held on the 23rd May, and once again P.P.C.L.I. were on parade and marching all around the town.

# # #

On the 28th May the unit proceeded to Shilo Camp, Man. by train arriving there at 1400 hours. The camp went along very smoothly until just after supper on the 23rd June, when one of the most (if not the most) violent wind, sand, rain and thunder storms in the history of Manitoba struck the camp. In ten minutes only one tent was left standing. "A" company orderly room, which was housed in a wooden hut 10 x 12 feet, landed in the sergeants' mess water tank about 100 feet away and the roof landed squarely on the road a further 25 feet East. Fortunately no serious casualties were caused amongst the Patricias. Those who were at St. Charles in 1923 admit that the storm there was nothing on the one we had on the 23rd.

At the time of writing these notes the weather is extremely hot and a strong south-easterly (hot) wind is driving the sand into everything we own, and it looks as if a repetition of the 23rd June may yet return.

# # #

Last night (Sunday the 4th July) the first of our travellers left Shilo for points West. Major Carvosso, Lieut Ware and 17 other ranks leaving for Dundurn Camp where they will operate from 6th to 19th July.

# # #

It is understood that a school for Phat players is to be organized on British War Establishment lines in the Fall. Several members of the sergeants' mess have applied for positions as instructors - but the general consensus of opinion is that ALL should be candidates and that we should import a Westerner as Instructor.

# # #

Members of the sergeants' mess in Winnipeg are losing a good friend in Condr. F. Higgins, R.C.O.C. who is leaving in a few days. Condr. Higgins is well-known to members of the Regiment at Esquimalt and we know he will find many old faces waiting for him from among the Patricias.

# # #

#### SPORT AT WINNIPEG.

The Patricia's annual Boxing Tournament for 1937 was held at Fort Osborne on April 22nd and 23rd, when a large crowd turned out to see what was undoubtedly a good show.

The first night was largely taken up with eliminations,



there being a heavy entry in most classes. Results are as follows, the underlined being the winner.

1st Series. Novice Middleweight.

Pte. Adkin.J.	vs	Pte. Shirkie.J.A.
Pte. Allen.T.H.	vs	Pte. Baldry.E.L.
Pte. Deegan.C.R.	vs	Pte. Livingston.J.
Pte. Hayes.H.V.	vs	Pte. Wakefield.C.R.
Pte. Deegan.J.H.	vs	Pte. Vincent.B.M.
<u>Pte. Thorsteinson.L.</u> vs. Pte. Mallon.J. (Default)		

1st Series. Novice Welterweight.

Pte. Osland.A. vs Lieut. L.F. Trudeau.

Semi-Final. Novice Lightweight.

Pte. McPherson.C.P. vs. Pte. Cathcart.B.H.

Semi-Final. Open Welterweight.

Lieut. W.M. Foster vs L/Cpl. Hughes.W.W.

1st Series. Novice Light-Heavyweight.

<u>Pte. Rehill.C.M.</u>	vs.	Pte. Routledge.F.J.
<u>Pte. Lobb.W.E.</u>	vs.	<u>Pte. Gajerski.S.</u>

2nd Series. Novice Welterweight.

<u>Pte. Juryn.M.</u>	vs.	Pte. Ball.A.T.
<u>Pte. Shea.C.N.</u>	vs.	Lieut.C.B.Ward.
<u>Pte. MacFadden.D.B.</u>	vs	Pte. Campbell.H.
<u>Pte. Kelso.H.</u>	vs.	Pte. Osland.A.

2nd Series. Novice Middleweight.

Pte. Anderson.H.J.	vs	<u>Pte. Shirkie.J.A.</u>
<u>Pte. Zulkosky.J.S.</u>		by default.
<u>Pte. Deegan.C.R.</u>	vs.	Pte. Wakefield.C.R.
<u>Pte. Zulkosky.J.</u>	vs	Pte. Thirsteinson.

Also on that night, came the final of the Open Light-Heavyweight Class, which Pte Kelly.R.A. won by a decision over Pte. Lambert.W.F. in a clean fight.

The best loser of the night was Pte. Thorsteinson who put up two hard battles during the evening, being finally knocked out in the second one.

On the 23rd, the evening's programme started off with some semi-final matches, the results of which were;

Semi-final. Novice Middleweight.

Pte. Shirkie.J.A.	vs	<u>Pte. Vincent.B.M.</u>
Pte. Deegan.C.	vs	<u>Pte. Zulkosky.J.</u>



Semi-final.Novice Heavywiegth.

Pte. Christianson.W. vs Pte. Stutt.H.  
Pte. Dobson.J. vs Pte. Sherk.W.

Semi-final.Novice Light-Heavyweight.

Pte. Gajerski.S. vs Pte. Wakefield.E.  
Pte. Rehill.C. vs Pte. Esaruk.J.

Then came the final of the Novice Featherweight, when Lieut. P. de Martigny gained the decision over Pte. Krause.W.

In the final of the Novice Lightweight, the decision went to Pte. McPherson.C. over Pte. Hughes.L., while in the other Novice classes, Pte. Zulkosky.J. knocked out Pte. Vincent.B.M. for the Middleweight title; Pte. Wakefield gained a decision over Pte. Rehill in the Light Heavywiegth class, and Pte. Stutt knocked out Pte. Dobson for the Heavywiegth crown.

In the Open Classes, The. Hughes.L. won the Middlewiegth from Pte. Hunter,A.; L/Cpl. Hughes.W. got the Welterweight decision from Pte. McPhail.E.; and Pte. Kelly scored a technical knoeckout to win the heavywiegth title from L/Cpl. Scrutton,E.

The Officials for both evenings were as follows;-

Referee;-	Major F.M.W. Harvey,VC,MC.	L.S.H.(RC)
Judges:-	QMSI(WO.II) J.T.Harper.	P.P.C.L.I.(IC)
	QMSI(WO.II) D.J. deRochie	P.P.C.L.I.(IC)
Timekeeper:	CSM.(WO.II) C. Leighton.	P.P.C.L.I.
Master of		
Ceremonies:	RSM(V.O.I) K.E.McCulloch	P.P.C.L.I.

# # #

All this led up to the Garrison Boxing Tournament, which was held on April 29th and 30th, when some unexpectedly good fighting was seen.

On the 29th the eliminations were held. In the Novice Lightwiegth Class, Tpr. McKay, L.S.H.(RC) defeated Pte. Cathcart, PPCLI, only to go down himself before Gnr. Orange, RCHA. Gnr. Orange had previously won from Pte. McPherson, PPCLI, and this second fight qualified him to meet Tpr. Scott. LSH(RC), who ganiad a decision from Gnr. MacDonald, RCHA.

In the Open Featherweight Class, L/Bdr. Keeler, RCHA, won from Tpr. McCaw, LSH(RC), and Tpr. Sinclair, LSH(RC) k.o'ed L/Cpl. McNulty, PPCLI.

In the Novice Welterwiegth, Tpr. Serada LSH(RC) defeated Pte. McFadden, PPCLI., while Pte. Shea, PPCLI, won from Tpr. May, LSH(RC). Tpr. Serada also won the semi-final of the Open Welterwiegth from Pte. Dalrymple, RCOC. Pte. Dalrymple, who was awarded the BEST LOSER trophy for his good work in this fight, is rated one of the gamest fighters ever seen in Winnipeg.

In the Novice Middlewiegths, Pte Zulkosky, PPCLI. k.o'ed Tpr. Kennedy, L.S.H(RC), and Pte. Shirkie, PPCLI. got a decision over Tpr. Reade, LSH(RC). For the Novice Light-Heavyweight class, Pte. Gajerski, PPCLI. won from Gnr. Phillips, RCHA.



A large crowd turned out to see the finals on the 30th April, and were not disappointed. In the Lightweight classes Gnr. Orange, RCHA. won the Novice crown from Tpr. Scott. LSH(RC) while Tpr. Serada, LSH(RC) defeated Pte. Turner, PPCLI. for the Open title.

Tpr. Rothery, LSH(RC) won the Open Bantamweight series from Sig. Keeler, LSH(RC) by decision.

In the Featherweight finals, Tpr. Robertson, RCHA, (a son of QMSI Robertson, PPCLI) won the Novice decision over Tpr. Purdon, LSH(RC); while L/Bdr. Keeler, RCHA won the Open class from Tpr. Sinclair, LSH(RC), and also the cup for BEST BOXER.

The Patricia's has the Middleweights to themselves. Pte. Zulkosky won from Pte. Shirkie in the Novices, and Pte. Hughes defeated Pte. Hunter in the Open.

In the Welterweight classes, the Serada brothers from LSH(RC) took the prizes. Pte. Shea, PPCLI. lost the Novice title to Tpr. Serada, N.J. and L/Cpl. Hughes, PPCLI. lost the Open crown to Tpr. Serada, M.A., who is the City of Winnipeg champion.

Pte. Kelly, PPCLI. got the decision in the Open Light-Heavyweight from Gnr. Smith, RCHA, while Pte. Wakefield, PPCLI, k. o'ed Pte. Gajerski, PPCLI for the Novice Title.

In the Heavyweights, Pte. Dobson, PPCLI won the Novice title from Pte. Christianson, PPCLI, and L/Bdr. Nicholls, RCHA defeated L/Cpl. Scrutton, PPCLI for the Open.

There was some great fighting and all who attended were enthusiastic about the evening's work. The "issue" of points for the Garrison Boxing Shield is as follows;-

P.F.C.L.I. ...	18
L.S.H.(R.C) ..	12
R.C.H.A. ....	9

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### ESQUIMALT STATION.

The Coronation of Their Majesties, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, was celebrated in Victoria with the most colourful parade seen here in many years. The Royal Canadian Navy and the Permanent and Non-Permanent Active Militia held a combined parade outside the Provincial Parliament Buildings, with about six hundred troops in Full Dress, formed up facing the Main Entrance. The Navy's blue and gold, the red, blue and gold of the artillery, the scarlet and french grey of the P.F.C.L.I. and the tartan and feather bonnets of the Canadian Scottish Regiment made up a spectacle of colour not equalled here since pre-war days.

"B" Company paraded "as strong as possible" at Work Point where a photograph was taken (which we have pleasure in publishing with this issue). Then, headed by our pipes and drums, we marched to the Parliament Buildings via Esquimalt Road, Wharf Street and the Causeway. A brief halt was made behind the Post Office, when our band exchanged their pipes and drums for rifles to join in the feu-de-joie.



The parade, under command of Col. H.C.Greer, R.C.A.S.C., were all in place by 10.45, and greeted the Administrator of British Columbia, Chief Justice Auley Morrison, on his arrival just before 11.00 o'clock. A programme of music was rendered by the bands of the Canadian Legion, 5th (B.C) Coast Brigade, R.C.A., and the Canadian Scottish Regiment, assisted by the Victoria Choral Society, following which His Majesty's broadcast message to the Empire was heard by all present through a public-address system. The parade then fired a feu-de-joie and gave three cheers for Thier Majesties.

The ceremony concluded with a march past, the Administrator taking the salute on the steps of the Parliament Buildings. Units then marched back to their own quarters independently.

Fully ten thousand people turned out to see the parade, filling all available space in the surrounding grounds, and packing tightly into every vantage point within sight or sound of the ceremony. They were highly enthusiastic, and vigouously applauded the very fine showing put up by the troops, veterans organizations, etc. taking part in the parade.

# # #

The Officers of the Work Point Garrison were At Home from 4.30 until 6.30 that afternoon, when about five hundred guests, including the officers of all units stationed in vicinity, visited the Mess Gardens. The guests were received by Brigadier D.J.MacDonald, DSO, MC., D.O.C., M.D. No.11, and Major H.L.Sherwood, R.C.E., Mess President, on the front lawn. Tea was served from three marquees in various corners of the grounds, while the brass band of the Canadian Scottish Regiment furnished music from the garden of the D.O.C's quarters.

# # #

In the evening all Victoria gave itself over to merry-making, some eleven dances being arranged throughout the city, including a street-dance which attracted many hundreds. The Garrison Sergeants' Mess were hosts at a very happy dance in the Fives Court, which was gaily decorated for the occasion. About 300 guests attended, and helped to make the affair a splendid success.

The officers of all the Services stationed in Victoria held a combined dance at the Bay Street Armouries, which was attended by the Administrator of British Columbia. Thus a merry ending was made to a very full and busy day.



On Sunday 9th May, "B" Company, P.P.C.L.I. held their annual memorial Church Parade to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. Eighty members of "B" Company paraded in Full Dress (Scarlet) and attracted much favourable comment as they marched through the city to the Cathedral, headed by their pipes and drums. At Johnson Street bridge they were joined by thirteen ex-members of the Regiment, resident in this area, who marched with us to the service. Very Rev. Dean Quainton preached the sermon and referred eloquently to the proud record of the Regiment, and to the solemn thought and object behind the Memorial Service.

Following the service, "B" Company and the ex-Patricias present paraded to the War Memorial outside the Parliament Buildings, where Lieut. Col. M.R. Ten Broeke, MC, deposited a wreath in the name of the Regiment, while pipers of "B" Company played the "Lament".

The Old Comrades accompanied the parade back as far as the Johnson Street bridge, where they fell out, while "B" Company marched back to barracks.

# # #

Mention must be made here of the excellent work of our pipe band. Last Fall, on our route march, they lightened many an otherwise weary mile and now - on both the Coronation Parade and our annual Church Parade, they did yeoman service. We now have four pipes and six drums in the band which, considering the fact that they get little or no opportunity for practice except in their "spare time", play very well together and do us credit whenever they appear.

# # #

On May 8th, many members of "B" Company gathered at the C.P.R. docks to say "good-bye" to Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Niven, who were leaving on an extended trip to the Old Country. A large crowd of their many friends in Victoria also turned out to send with the travellers best wishes for a happy crossing and a pleasant stay "over there".

Word has since been received that Lieut.-Col. Niven and his party have landed in England after a calm and pleasant voyage, and that they are finding their new surroundings to their liking.

# # #

Lieut. Sutherland became an apostle of the Bren Gun for a while during the late Spring, and made a "Cook's Tour" of the Province, putting on demonstrations of the gun for the N.P.A.M. units. As a salesman, he seems to have been quite successful for he certainly made everyone very keen to own and work with one of these new weapons.

# # #



S.M.I. Gibson has again demonstrated what a bear he is for punishment. After about three weeks in the Butts with "B" Company, he held himself away to Blair Ranges, Vancouver, during the latter part of June, to act as Butt Officer for the B.C.R.A. Provincial Matches. A triumph of efficiency, it seems to us; also proof that the B.C.R.A. know a good man when they see one.

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Congratulations to L/Cpl. Ross, F.S. on his promotion. We hoep he will keep on "going up".

# # #

Several members of "B" Company have left us since the last issue of the Patrician. Pte. Kellington, T.M. has joined the Royal Canadian Navy, where his fondness for water will have full scope. Pte. Crouch, C.P. is, at writing, engaged in the "soft drink" business (appropriate, that, too!) and we hear runours that he hopes to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. Pte; Pocock, S.J. has departed for the far northern regions of British Columbia. We are not sure of his occupation but hope it is pleasant and lucrative.

Others who have left us are Pte. Jordan, L.F. by purchase; Pte. Pocock, F.G. who left on transfer to the R.C.A., Pte. Horne A.G., who transferred to the R.C.A.S.C. as M.T. driver, and A/Sgt. Richardson, E.A. who was discharged on medical grounds.

# # #

St. Instr. Falconer conducted a Provisional School of Signals at Port Alberni, B.C. during May and June, with the 2nd. Bn., Can. Scot. Regt. Lieut. Wiswell, "pinch-hitting" for the District Signalling Officer, went up to supervise the Exams.

Q.M.S.I. A.A. Smith conducted a Special Portion "K" Course at New Westminster and Chilliwack, also during May and June, to qualify officers and N.C.Os. of the Westminster Regiment, newly converted to a machine gun battalion.

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We welcome the following recruits to "B" Company;-

Pte. Nicholls. W.H.	Pte. Lamb, R.O.
" Nicholas, L.R.	" Fallowfield, J.W.
" Melsom, C.G.	" Massie, D.A.
" Ronksley, E.A.	" McLaren, T.D.

# # #

A training camp for some of the units from the interior of British Columbia was held at Vernon, B.C. from the 16th to 25th May, including the British Columbia Dragoons, the British Columbia Hussars (Armoured Cars) and the Rocky



Mountain Rangers as well, as a detachment from the 11th (Armoured Car) Signal Troop and the 11th. Div. R.C.A.S.C. All told, there were some 450 troops assembled in the camp.

After the first two days, the weather was nearly perfect, and much interesting training was carried out, particularly in exploring and comparing the work of horsed and mechanized cavalry. The infantry co-operated in an over-night scheme with the mobile troops at the end of the camp. Meanwhile, there were running, concurrently with the unit training, Camp Schools of Cavalry and Armoured Cars and Infantry.

The camp was under the command of Brigadier D.J. MacDonald, DSO, MC., D.O.C. M.D. No. 11. Personnel from Esquimalt Station, P.P.C.L.I. on the camp staff included Lieut. J.R.G. Sutherland (Infantry instructor), Lieut. J.L. Wiswell (Camp School of Infantry), S.M. Is. G.C. White and W.G. Gibson, MC., Cpl. Loveless, F.E. and Ptes. Daniels, J.A., Hatch, D.I. Scott, W.G. and Shone, E.A.

One of the highlights of the camp was the Sports Day. All sports days are, of course, but this one was quite out of the ordinary run. Many of us saw, for the first time, the mechanized cavalry tent-pegging - from Motor-Cycles! Either single or side-car models, it made no difference. No, they did not use swords; they used bayonets, and they got their pegs, too. Incidentally, the Infantry placed well up in the money in the mounted events, we are glad to announce.

The regimental band of the R.M.R. was in camp, and played for Mess later in the evening. At Retreat, they stopped in deference to the time-honoured ceremony, and great was the amazement of the listeners when the call sounded forth. It was undoubtedly Retreat - one would never deny that! - but with a difference. It was played on a cavalry trumpet, by one who shall be nameless but who was quite clearly used to the good old bugle. The result was quite novel, not to say astonishing, and we hear that it cost someone a large number of - er - refreshments later.

All the units in camp were inspected by the District Officer Commanding before they returned to their home stations.

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On May 31st, about eighty members of Esquimalt Station moved to Heals Range, preceded by an advance party under Lieut. A.E.T. Paquet. Several improvements have been made at Heals this year, including a new hut for O.M. Stores, another for ammunition stores andm - last but not least - a healthy addition to the Canteen building. The latter has been very popular, particularly during the two weeks of heavy rains and cold evenings. Housey-housey is occupying its usual place in the sun as premier attraction of the floor-show.

Musketry got under way promptly the next morning (some lazy bed-loving people claim it was too promptly), and the results this year are gratifyingly well above last year's record. The weather-man started off the month of June in the best of spirits and camp life was a pleasure until



about the fifteenth of the month. Then, for some reason beyond our ken, the powers that be ruling the skies turned against us and for the remainder of our stay at Heals, we had almost continuous rain. Now, everybody knows what happens when it rains in camp; we just carry on "as though nothing had happened". Sure, - but we don't like it, and it doesn't make the small task of hitting the elusive "bull" any easier. It is hard enough at the best of times, and undoubtedly the very vile weather experienced just as we came to Classification Day was all that prevented us from making 139 at least.

"Company Shot" for 1937 is Pte. R.B. Mainprize, whose excellent record is; Rifle 131: L.M.G. 135. We all congratulate him on his good work.

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In the Annual Matches of the British Columbia Rifle Association held at "Blair Ranges", North Vancouver, from 22nd to 26th June, the Garrison Rifle Association entered fifteen members. These were;-

S.S.M.	E.J. Read.	C.M.S.C.
S.M.	W.H. Ruffell.	R.C.E.
S.M.I.	W.H. Wood.	P.P.C.L.I.
Arm'r.	S.M.A.E. Evans.	R.C.O.C.
Q.M.S.	W.B. McKay.	R.C.O.C.
Gnr.	Rasmussen. C.	R.C.A.
"	Richardson.	R.C.A.
Spr.	Brown.	R.C.E.
Pte.	Robins. C.	P.P.C.L.I.
Pte.	Robbins. V.L.	P.P.C.L.I.
Pte.	Stephen. H.	P.P.C.L.I.
L/Cpl.	Ross. F.S.	P.P.C.L.I.
Pte.	Glendinning. G.	P.P.C.L.I.
Pte.	Moore. J.F.	P.P.C.L.I.
Pte.	Thorburn. H.	P.P.C.L.I.

The team was successful in bringing back seven team trophies, viz;-

Sir Arthur Currie Cup (coached match at 900 & 1000 yards)

Dewar Cup.

"B.C. Elec. Rly" Cup

Laurie Bugle.

Infantry Association Cup.

Branson Brown Cup (Tyro team aggregate)

Galletly Cup (coached match at 500 yds. for tyro teams)

No individual cups were won, Pte. C. Robins, P.P.C.L.I. tied for two matches (Vancouver and Consols I) and won the Consols medal in a shoot-off with Sgt. A.E. Ashe, Can. Scot. Regt., but lost the Vancouver Cup to Cpl. Greenwood, R.C.A.F.



Pte. Robins was outstanding for the Garrison, finishing second in the Grand Aggregate and winning the Governor-General's Bronze Medal and the B.C.R.A. Silver Badge.

Four members won their places on the B.C.R.A. Ottawa team and have proceeded East;-

S.S.M.	E.J. Read.	C.M.S.C.
S.M.	W.H. Ruffell.	R.C.E.
Pte.	C. Robins.	P.P.C.L.I.
Gnr.	C. Rasmussen.	R.C.A.

The above is as good a four man team as any the Garrison has sent East for some time. They are entered in all matches they are eligible for at the D.C.R.A. and should be heard from.

The "Sir Arthur Currie" Match, fired at 900 and 1000 yards, was coached by S.S.M. E.J. Read, C.M.S.C., who handled the team perfectly, and resulted in a win with the very creditable total of 567 points, an average of 94.5 per man. The team, with individual scores, was as follows;-

Rank & Name.	900 yds	Total	1000 yds.	Total	Grand Total
Pte. C.L. Robins.	5555555545	49	5555455555	49	98
S.M. A.E. Evans.	5555555555	50	5545545555	48	98
S.M.I. W.H. Wood.	5545555545	48	5545555554	48	96
Gnr. C. Rasmussen.	5555555553	48	5445455555	47	95
Pte. H. Thorburn.	4554555555	48	5534455455	45	93
S.M. W.H. Ruffell.	5554554535	46	4435552544	41	87
	Total	289		Total	278
Grand Total 567.					

"B" Company, P.P.C.L.I. revolver team was also successful in winning the Revolver Cup for the Canadian Army and Navy, which was fired at Hools on the 5th and 6th July.

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Other well-organized forms of amusement during camp included preparatory classes for "A" and "B" Wings, C.S.A.S., and Anti-gas Demonstration squad for the N.P.A.M. training camps, and, when the weather allowed, P.T. during the afternoons, in preparation for a display which will featured during the Victoria Jubilee Celebrations later in the summer. This latter effort is beginning to take shape, and promises well. Your jumble scribe only wishes he could be in Victoria during August when it "comes off" - as a spectator, of course. It is bound to be a very hot day. However, by then the "athletes" will have worked off all their excess fat and, honestly, we have high hopes from this show.

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Owing to the bad weather and the hurry to finish our musketry before the N.P.A.M. camps started, little sport was carried out at camp. At present only unfinished schedules can be reported.

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During camp, many old friends came out to pay us a visit, including Lt.Col. M.R.TenBroeke,MC., Mrs. J.H. Carvosso, Mrs. L.M.Black, ex-R.Q.M.S. "Tim" Vant, and ex-C.S.M. "Hughie" Creed. We were all more than pleased to see them, and hope that all our friends will honour us with a visit when in this part of the world.

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On 26th June, most of "B" Company transferred themselves to Sidney,V.I., where they prepared a camp-site for the N.P.A.M. infantry concentration of July 1st to 4th. As the majority of the N.P.A.M. were scheduled to arrive about midnight of June 30th, "B" company erected their canvas for them and had the home prepared and the "Welcome" sign out when they arrived.

The camps was very successful. About 750 troops were assembled for the four days, and got in some very good training, culminating in an overnight brigade scheme. Units attending included; 1st Bn., the British Columbia Regiment; 1st Bn., Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; 1st Bn., Irish Fusiliers (Vancouver Regiment); 1st Bn., Canadian Scottish Regiment; 1st Bn., Westminster Regiment (MG); and 2nd Bn., Canadian Scottish Regiment (MG). The camp was under the command of Brigadier D.J.MacDonald,DSO,MC., and personnel from Esquimalt Station,P.P.C.L.I., on the Camp Staff included Major J.N.Edgar,MC, Captain G.E.Walls, Lieuts. J.R.G.Sutherland and J.L.Wiswell, and about thirty other ranks.

Among the highlights of the Sidney Camp, the outstanding event was undoubtedly the over-night scheme. The "Armies" were bivouaced about ten miles apart, each with its outposts for the night. During the night, raids were carried on each outpost line by parties from "B" company, P.P.C.L.I., under Lieuts. J.R.G.Sutherland and A.E.T. Faquet. Both were quite successful and some interesting "loot" was obtained by the raiders, including; 1 corporal, 1 road-block, 1 machine gun lock, 2 rifles and 1 Glengarry. The outpost troops (who were very limited in numbers and had quite a long front to cover) gave a good account of themselves.

The following morning, (the Patricias raiding parties having returned to Heals by truck), the two "Armies" marched forward and joined battle just north of Breed's Cross-roads. Air reconnaissance for both armies was provided by the R.C.A.F who were equipped with W/T sets for intercommunication.

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The two machine gun battalions moved from Sidney to Heals for another week's M.G. Concentration Camp, at which "B" company provided instructors and camp details. Some very good practical work was done, and both units fired their annual machine gun course. This is the first camp for these units since they were converted into machine gun battalions and all ranks showed great keenness at fitting themselves into their new role.

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## VICTORIA JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Those of us who did not go to Sarcee this summer were very busy preparing and staging our portion of the celebrations in connection with the City of Victoria's seventy-fifth anniversary. For some weeks a varied programme was arranged by the city. Our part came on August 2nd and 3rd when about 2000 troops joined to present a Military Tattoo at MacDonald Park before record-breaking crowds which included Hon. Eric Hamber, Lieut. Governor of British Columbia and Hon. Alistair Buchan, son of the Governor General of Canada.

The ceremonies opened with a salute to the Lieut. Governor by all the troops present, following which the acting Mayor of Victoria gave a short address. The troops then marched past, the salute being taken by the Lieut. Governor.

The 1st. Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment then demonstrated the Changing of the Guard, and made a very fine showing indeed, which was enhanced by their tartans and feather bonnets. The ceremony was carried out with remarkable precision.

The crowds gave a rousing reception to the men of the H.M.S. "Exeter" for their display of the Sailor's Hornpipe, followed by a "fou de joie" by the Royal Marines, whose band accompanied them.

The 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A. gave a pageant of the history of their Regiment, embracing the five major phases of their life from 1862 to the present day. It was well planned and staged and fully earned its good reception.

"B" Coy then gave a display of physical training and gymnastics that drew whole-hearted response from the crowd. Sixty strong, our squad gave nearly an hours exhibition of P.T. and apparatus work that was of the highest order. All who saw it were enthusiastic about the excellency of the display.

From our own point of view, it was a great satisfaction to be accompanied by our Regimental Band, which came from Winnipeg for the occasion. It is all too seldom that we in Esquimalt hear our own Band and we hope that the next time will not be too far distant.

The ambush of a convoy was realistically presented by the "Composite" units of the Victoria Garrison, who used very lights and flares to good advantage in their excellent show.

The concluding item on the programme was a demonstration of a field-gun landing party by the Royal Canadian Navy. A very convincing exhibition of naval land tactics was given by the gun crews, whose work was much appreciated by all present.

During the first evening's performance, the Lieut. Governor made presentations to seven former members of the 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A. who are now residents of Victoria.

All told, it was a good effort, well planned and presented and in which all of the participants may take pride.

On the second evening's performance the salute at the March Past was taken by Brigadier D.J. MacDonald, D.S.O. M.C.. District Officer Commanding M.D. No. 11, in place of the Lieut. Governor.



The death of Lieut. P.B. Coristine occurred at Winnipeg on 17th August. News of this sad event was received by his many friends in the Regiment and elsewhere with profound sorrow. A gallant officer, a fine gentleman and a good friend--his loss is deeply mourned by all who knew him. We all extend our deep sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

We are all glad to see Capt. G.E. Walls back to duty. For quite a long time Capt. Walls was on the sick list and his recovery is welcomed by all of us.

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As we go to press, we are glad to congratulate Cpl. N. Featherstone on attaining the Married Establishment.

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Most of us are now either on furlough or impatiently waiting for the first "batch" to return so that we may go ourselves. Pleasant things furloughs: sometimes hard on one, but still pleasant.

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### SARCEE JOTTINGS

A large number of the Regiment gathered at the Canadian Small Arms (Branch) School at Sarcee Camp, Alta. this summer,-- the largest detachment of the Regiment seen all in one place for some time. Lieut.-Col. W.G. Colquhoun, MC. commanded the school with Capt. R.L. Mitchell as Adjutant, while the staff included Major J.H. Carvosso, MC as Chief Instructor, "A" Wing, Lieut. A.H. Fraser as C.I. of the Rangefakers Course, and Lieut. J.R.G. Sutherland as C.I. "C" Wing, as well as the majority of the assistant instructors.

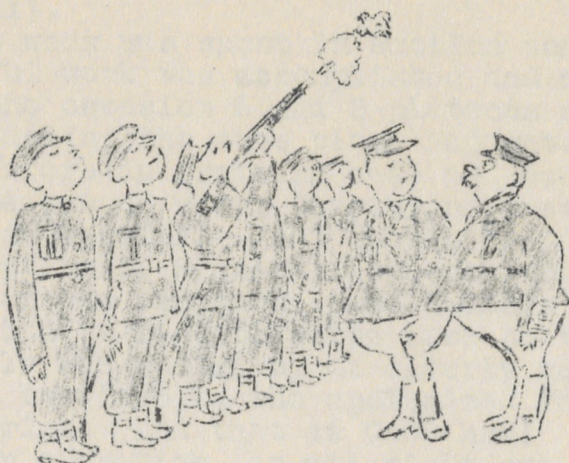
Among the students on various wings were Lieuts. Wiswell, Foster, Ware and Paquet, and a large number of Other Ranks from both stations.

During the six weeks of the school, personnel from Winnipeg and Esquimalt got acquainted with each other, and with the many assistant instructors who came in from far-away places of business like Camrose, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Winnipeg and points East and West. Also, we had a very pleasant visit with our old friends, the "Stratheona's", and renewed some of the "good old days" at several happy functions held in Currie Barracks.

Of the course itself, much could be said. There were many changes apparent this year in the syllabus which tended to make the course more interesting for all concerned, while some of the new developments were much appreciated.



On "A" Wing the new battle practiced range was tried out, for rifles and L.M.G., and voted a complete success; the antiaircraft training was much modified and should do much to improve the situation illustrated below;



"That's the sort of thing  
we try to discourage."

while the demonstration of the "Hollywood" method of L.M.G. handling so ably put on by a couple of officers on the school was an inspiration to all present.

On "B" Wing, as in past years, a good part of the time was spent over, on, and about High Butte, where the tactical handling of the guns provided a highly interesting subject of study as well as several humorous moments.

On "C" Wing, a new innovation at Sarcee, there was never a dull moment. Aside from never being quite sure when you were going to have to reach frantically for your respirator for dear life, the effects of some of the test concentrations were highly amusing. One heard rumours of one student digging in gopher holes (why, not stated); and certain it is that those of us engaged in the more prosaic branches of weapon training extracted a good deal of pleasure from watching our colleagues in the "stinks" class.

Quite a bit of sport was played at Sarcee, with the Details teams taking most of the honours. Those troops from Winnipeg certainly had some ball-players with them! Not even by combing the students from all western Canada could they be "taken into camp". Unfortunately, it was not possible to hold a track and field meet during the school, when more glory might have accrued to the physical prowess of the Regiment.

But, after all, six weeks is quite a long time to be away from home (following, as this did, right on the heels of earlier camps), and most of us were glad to pack our bags on August 28th and depart to our own stations.

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For two weeks during September "B" Coy. moved into Saanich for tactical training. With headquarters and "base" at Heal's Range, they fared forth into forest and meadow to make war on various and sundry enemies including that fierce and warlike people NORTHLAND, (possessors of a large and terrifying bull).

The first week was spent in section and platoon tactics, when much useful work was accomplished and many good lessons learned. On one occasion 5 and 6 platoons accidentally found themselves attacking the same place and gave a fine demonstration of bush warfare in arriving safe and sound at Heal's Lake.

During the second week, Company schemes were carried out and were very successful. Many thanks are due in this regard to the co-operation of Saanich residents whose land became a battlefield. On one occasion, some members of 5 platoon were somewhat startled to find that the area that they were attacking so gallantly was manned by an elderly gentleman in pyjamas, slippers and a tweed coat, who apologized for being unable to offer them a drink. And that at 0600 hrs!

On another operation, an all-night out-post - about half our troops were most obligingly provided with hot shaving water by a local farmer. The fact that most of them had already shaved at a cold spring did not lessen the kindness of the gesture.

Our Commanding Officer, holidaying a few miles away, paid us a visit during this operation, and arrived just in time to enjoy an "attack" of tear gas. At least we all hope he enjoyed it. We did; we had respirators.

Lieut.-Col. Colquhoun visited us again on our final night in camp when he had dinner with the Officers. On this occasion we also had with us Lieut.-Col. TenBroeke, and old and close friend of the Regiment and Lieut. Prince, 6th Gurkhar Rifles, who is attached here at present. Our pipe band played during dinner and proved that they are a really good band. Sergt. Quinn and "pipe-major (Mac) Kelly" are to be heartily congratulated on the progress of their band, which is a real credit to the Regiment.

The next morning, Sept. 18th, we marched back to barracks, led by our pipes, drums and bugles. Lieut.-Col. Colquhoun came down the road to meet us and took a salute near the "Gorge". Further along, on Lampson Street, the District Officer Commanding, M.D. XI came out to see "B" Company march past and take a salute.

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While at Heal's Range, a meeting was held of the "Cheerful Givers" (Heal's Lodge No.1), when Lieut.-Col. Colquhoun, Lieut.-Col. TenBroeke and Lieut. Prince were welcomed into the Brotherhood. A highly successful meeting it was, and Sergt. Quinn - for two years our President - was Commissioned to found Shilo Lodge No. 2 immediately on reaching his new station. Good luck to him!

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## SPORTS NOTES

BY Grantland Bundock. (Ad. Lib).

Before introducing the 1937-38 season your commentator would like to mention his visit to Sarcee Camp. While a guest of the C.S.A.S.S. Branch School at the above-mentioned it was my good luck to see "A" Company SoftBall team play in several games, they have a wonderful team in all departments but only one good battery. Their hitting power is second to none with the second baseman a "Lou Gerhig". They played several games against championship teams using the Alberta rules and lost only one game to the Champions of Alberta, 7 to 3 which, playing under strange rules, was a very creditable performance.

Now to mention "B" Company. We were unable to enter a soft-ball team in the Island League, but two of our Company, Pte. Glendinning and Cpl. Teskey, pitched for the Island League Champions and runners-up. With rumours of combined training at Sarcee for the unit next year your commentator predicts some very keen and closely fought contests. The opinion formed is that the pitching staff of "B" Company, if still intact, will most likely silence the batting power of the slugging details of "A" Company. In the field "A" Company appear to have the edge. So much for my remarks, we will leave the rest until the unit meets next summer.

Now for the 1937-38 season at WORK POINT. Our Rugby team appears favourite to win the Barnard Trophy, with lots of young players and the enlistment of a Vancouver Rep. "hooker" (Wood). The pack is as good as ever and our doubtful positions at present appear to be the weakness at center three-quarters, but before the end of the season it is hoped to fill this position from some of the speedy recruits now enlisted. Our greatest blow is the loss of our coach, Sergt. "Bob" Quinn, who leaves us for Winnipeg; I believe that the unit there has an English Rugby Team; if so, our loss will most certainly be their gain. However, Sergt. "Smiling Bill" Wharton has taken over the onerous job of handling some twenty-five eager rugby enthusiasts, and we have every confidence in his ability to lead to team still further on the road to fortune and championship.

Of our soccer league at present, little is known, except that the Garrison is entering the Saturday League. Little has been seen of the new faces, and until they are tried, on the field of battle, few conclusions can be formed.

The Garrison Field Day was held during the latter part of May, and our unit, while up against good competition, managed to retain the Aggregate Cup. Great credit must be handed to Cpl. Mack, who won three events and placed several others. Until the Tug-of-War event our unit was tied with the Composite Units and the winning of the Tug-of-War turned the scale in our favour. It is hoped in the future to see many new faces in the track events to relieve Cpl. Mack of the burden he had to carry, your commentator will be able to clarify the form charts of the various teams more concisely in the next issue, so until then, cheerio!

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WITHOUT BENEFIT OF STENCILS.

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Oh I wish I had a commission,  
With J. Ceasar's legions of old,  
When the mimeograph, as we know it,  
Was a story that hadn't been told.  
The orders were then mostly verbal,  
And they seldom took time out to write;  
For the bulk of an officer's duties  
Lay in teaching his men how to fight.

When they fought with the sturdy Helvetians  
A man who was absent was missed,  
For they hadn't put half their damned army  
On the Detached Officer's List.  
They carried their banners to Britian,  
And the Britons had no cause to laugh,  
But I'm told that it wasn't accomplished  
By the use of the Mimeograph.

Now I sit in a big city office  
That's furnished with tables and chairs,  
And the orderly falls down exhausted  
When he's dragged half my mail up the stairs.  
He deposits his load in the corner  
And then he is done with his chore,  
While I have ten hours before me  
Just reading the memos from Corps.

Now back in the days when J. Ceasar  
Marched from the Rhine to the Rhone,  
They had to get out special orders  
With a mallet and chisel on stone.  
There were no carbon copies of that stuff  
To bother the staff and the line,  
And yet, so historians tell us,  
His doughboys just got along fine.

The Senate once sent him a letter,  
The kind many readers recall:  
"Explain, by endorsement hereon, Sir,  
Results of campaigning in Gaul."  
So he chiselled a snappy endorsement:  
"I came and I saw and I won."  
Put that in your pipe and smoke it,  
You pink whiskered son-of-a-gun!

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# AT THE CORONATION.

(A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE BAND'S TRIP TO ENGLAND)

by

Cpl. L. C. Morrison.

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After many weeks of hazardous speculation we were finally informed as to who had been chosen to help form the Composite Band proceeding to England with the Canadian Contingent to take part in the Coronation Ceremonies on May 12th. The fortunate ones were;

Bd.-Sgt. C. Simpson.MC.	Euphonium.
Sgt. G.W. Butlar.	Trombone.
Sgt. T.W. Moritz.	Flute & Piccolo.
Sgt. R. Sumner.	Bassoon.
Cpl. L.C. Morrison.	French Horn.
Cpl. H.S. Robertson.	Clarinet.
Bdn. V. Hampton.	Saxophone.
Bdn. R. Hill.	Cornet.
Bdn. H. Armstrong.	Bass.

With Bd.-Sgt. Simpson in charge the party left Winnipeg for Quebec on the evening of April 16th, with quite a large number of friends gathered at the station to bid us "bon voyage".

Following a pleasant but uneventful train journey we arrived at our destination on the afternoon of April 18th where we were met and welcomed by Capt. Chas. O'Neill, D. Mus., who had been selected as Musical Director of the Composite Band. As soon as our baggage was cleared we were driven to the Citadel and shown our temporary quarters.

After a much appreciated meal and wash and clean-up we were free to do as we liked. Under the guidance of Bandsmen C.Longman and T.Smith, Royale 22e Regt. (erstwhile members of the P.P.C.L.I.) we were conducted around the Citadel. This is a very interesting old fortress, and from the ramparts we had a magnificent view of the stately St. Lawrence, distant blue mountains and surrounding vicinity of Quebec. It was near here of course that the historic battle of the Plains of Abraham was fought.

Later on we proceeded to the city of Quebec and we were greatly intrigued with its narrow, cobbled streets and ancient houses of French architecture. Quebec is a city rich in historical interest and we paid a visit to the actual house where General Montcalm was brought back wounded following the defeat of his army by General Wolfe.

We were very tired and it was late by the time we returned to the Citadel but we had spent a very pleasant evening.



The following morning we were joined by the Bandsmen of the Royal Canadian Regiment from London, Ontario, and after they had been shown their quarters we repaired to the band-room (chambre fan-fare) and our first rehearsal began.

Altogether we spent ten days at Quebec and in addition to band practices we spent many hours on the barrack square and were taken on several route marches. We also attended a funeral, played at the Officer's Mess and were present on the occasion of a general inspection of the R. 22e. Regt.

On the evening of April 17th the Composite Band broadcast a programme of music from the Hotel Frontenac over the N.B.C. network. According to reports reception was excellent although much regret was expressed over the inability of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to carry this feature over its own network.

Eventually the long awaited day arrived and on the evening of April 28th we pulled out from Wolfe's Cove in a tender to the S.S. Montcalm which had left Montreal with the main body of the Canadian Contingent on board that morning.

As we drew up alongside, playing popular band numbers, a great welcome awaited us from troops who gathered on deck to watch our arrival. Among those lining the ship's rails we recognized our old friend C.Q.M.S. A.Meehan who had left Winnipeg several days before us.

The days spent on board were very pleasant. Band rehearsals were held every morning and we gave programmes of music in the afternoon. The evenings, however, were entirely our own and many a congenial and carefree hour was spent swapping yarns and singing the old-time war songs.

On the evening of May 7th we steamed slowly up the Solent and by midnight drew up alongside Southampton Docks. We disembarked the following morning, and, after an inspection by the General Staff of the Southern Command and a speech of welcome by the Mayor, we entrained for Pirbright Camp, arriving there about noon. We spent two days here prior to proceeding to London for the Coronation, and were quite busily engaged rehearsing for the ceremonies. Pirbright is the summer training and musketry camp for the Brigade of Guards and during our brief stay there we had for our neighbors the Scots Guards and had the opportunity of seeing them on parade. Very smart they looked, very clean, and we could not help marvelling at the clockwork precision of their drill movements. However, the general concensus of opinion was that we much preferred being in the Canadian Army to the Guards. (The Guardsman's pay commences at 2/-, about 48 cents per diem.)

On the morning of May 10th we proceeded by train to London and were marched to the Olympia building. Here we were quartered until the 12th, and although the accomodation was poor, having to sleep on the floor, the food was excellent, being catered by Lyons. Altogether there must have been well over five thousand troops staying there, Australians, New Zealanders, Rhodesians, Africans, The "Mounties", and, besides ourselves, representatives of the Regular Army.



May 12th - Coronation Day - came at last, and we left Olympia about nine in the morning and marched all the way to the vicinity of Buckingham Palace where we joined the main body of the procession. And what a sight it must have been to the spectator, a seemingly endless procession of marching troops, drums beating and bands playing. Along the route thousands of sightseers were shouting themselves hoarse. One could not help feeling a little proud as he marched along to the accompaniment of such an outburst of loyalty to the British Empire.

At Buckingham Palace we halted until the Abbey Ceremonies were over then proceeded to Constitution Hill, where another halt was made until the Royal Family entered the Royal Coach. Then the actual procession commenced. Around Trafalgar Square, past Canada House, Piccadilly Circus, along Regent Street, along the Thames Embankment where the King had kindly arranged for thousands of London school children to be accommodated - all around London we marched.

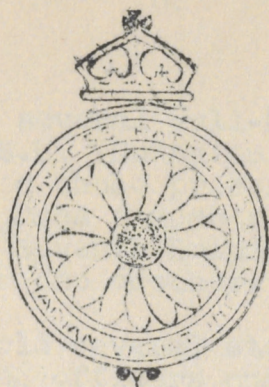
The weather kept fine until the late afternoon when it commenced to rain. And what a downpour! We got soaked. However we stuck it cheerfully enough although a great many brilliant uniforms were completely ruined. The long march ended at Knightsbridge Barracks where a bedraggled but not down-hearted Canadian Contingent climbed into motor busses which conveyed them back to Olympia. It had been a thrilling day, a day to remember, and each one of us felt very proud to have been chosen for the occasion.

The following morning we entrained back to Pirbright Camp arriving there about noon. A little rest and time to get cleaned up again and we were back in London on May 14th to get our Coronation Medals. From Wellington Barracks the Irish Guards Band played us to the Palace whilst a great crowd turned out to watch us go by.

We marched through the Palace gates and around to the magnificent lawn beyond where we formed ourselves into position for the ceremony. At about 11 a.m. the Royal Family appeared on the Palace steps and following the customary formalities the actual presentation began. The entire Empire Contingent, Africans, Australians, Indians, etc. was divided up into four divisions of two ranks, each rank facing the other. H.M. The King presented medals to the first division; the Queen, accompanied by the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, the second; the Duke of Gloucester the third; and the Duke of Kent the fourth. Immediately following the presentation the contingent marched past the Royal Family gathered together on the palace steps, each unit giving a very smart "eyes right" as it stepped proudly by. And so we marched out into the street again, where thousands of people awaited our return, thence back to Wellington Barracks.



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P.P's.

PATRICIA CLUB DINNER - WINNIPEG.

HELD IN ST. REGIS HOTEL ON 8-5-1937.

A very successful Annual Dinner was held on the 8th May, 1937, when 43 ex and serving members of the Regiment were present.

Fred Hinds, President of the Patricia Club was in the Chair and the guest of Honour was the Rev. William Askey, Vicar of All Saints' Church, Winnipeg.

After the usual toasts to The King, Lady Patricia Ramsay and The Regiment, Stewart Patterson gave a humorous speech in which he mentioned that although the numbers of ex-members who attended the dinner was gradually diminishing, the spirit of those who attended was as cheerful as ever.

After the toast to the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Colquhoun replied. During his speech he said that we who are still serving will always remember those who served with the C.E.F. battalion, and will always do what we can to help them in any way possible. He said how pleased he was at seeing Jim Christie's brother present at the Dinner.

The Rev. Askey said that he was very pleased to attend the dinner and that he considered it an honour to be asked to such an event. He knew all present would be glad to know that the Church Service on Sunday would be a very short one, and as the Regiment had picked the hymns themselves there was no excuse for not singing loudly.

Fred Hinds then welcomed all serving members and asked members of the Club to turn out in better numbers at the meetings next fall and winter. He thanked the C.O. for inviting members of the Club to the Annual Church Parade and hoped they would not forget to shine their medals. He also tendered the thanks of the Patricia Club to George for his untiring efforts to make the Dinner a success.

Captain Isbester said that while he was not a member of the P.P's during the war, he was on one or two occasions detailed to co-operate with them - mostly on working parties. He was very glad to have been posted to the Regiment after



the war. He recalled several well-known members of the 7th Brigade, including R.S.M. (Sunshine) Roberts. Mentioning the 7th Brigade he reminded those present that during the war one did not seem to say he was a member of the P.P.'s, The R.C.R., etc., but was "In the Seventh Brigade" thus showing the respect all units had for one another.

George Barclay told several stories in connection with the war-time commanding officers and Jim Fuller mentioned that Norman Keys had left a note in his Will that a bottle of whiskey was to be purchased for the purpose of providing a drink for ex-members of the Regiment who attended his funeral. He also recalled that Major Sharpe, who although he was not with the Regiment long, and has been in bed for over twenty years, is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Toronto Club, and on one occasion was carried from his bed to attend a dinner, and after getting through the ordeal well, was carried back home, proving that the spirit of the Regiment exposes itself in various ways.

During the course of the evening the speeches were interspersed with songs by Q.M.S.I. Harper, C.S.M. Leighton, Sergeant Dunn, Fred Hinds and Geo. Barclay who led the Rick-a-Dam-Doo. Community singing was under the able leadership of Bill Anderson.

At the head table were Lt.-Col. Colquhoun, Major MacBrayne Major Carvosso, Syewart Patterson, Fred Hinds, Rev. William Askey, Geo. Barclay and J. Fuller.

Pictures of The Lady Patricia Ramsay, Lt.-Col. F. Farquhar, and Lt.-Col. A. Hamilton Gault were on the walls around the head table.

Following an appeal by the Commanding Officer for articles for the Regimental Museum, several of those present promised to bring souvenirs of Regimental interest to the Orderly Room. It is hoped that several more will follow their example. As a matter of fact Alex. Graham (No.2 Coy - 500 draft) took off a belt he was wearing and handed it to the C.O. at the Dinner. The belt contains several badges, two of which were picked up at the front, including one of the London Scottish which was found in GROTTIE VIERSTRAAT.

During the dinner Lt.-Col. Colquhoun mentioned that as several of the members of the Patricia Club were getting "long in the tooth" he would see that the pace set on the Chuch Parade was not too quick. On the Parade he set the pace at 118 to the minute, and after the "Dismiss" was asked by several of the ex-members if he thought it was a funeral they were at. There must be a lot of truth in the saying "Old Soldiers never die".



Congratulations are offered to Captain M.F. Macintosh on his recent election to the Provincial Legislature of British Columbia.

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Ex-RQMS "Tim" Vant, who has lately been farming in the Fraser Valley, has moved nearer to Esquimalt Station of the Regiment. He is proprietor of a farm near Nanaimo, V.I., and is at present employed on the staff of the Empress Hotel in Victoria, from where he makes us occasional visits as his duties permit.

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The following yarn comes from "Jim" Christie, who was over from Salt Spring Island for our annual memorial church parade some little while ago:

"In the latter part of July and early August, 1915, the Regiment occupied a very quiet sector of the line in front of Armentieres. While the companies relieved each other in the trenches, the Snipers Section were in the line continually for nearly a month. With the exception of an occasional reconnaissance, night patrol and the usual dawn or dusk shoot, the sport was a bit tame and rather monotonous.

Half a mile or so behind the line, a rather nice farm had, for some reason, been left intact by the enemy; in fact, the owner was suspected of being a German spy. I had noticed when passing the farm, a very nice garden and field of potatoes, green peas and other vegetables. While our rations were always as good as could be expected, it struck me that a batch of fresh vegetables would make a welcome reinforcement to our usual mulligan.

Accordingly, two of us, armed with sandbags, struck out one forenoon to do a little harvesting. On turning an acute bend in the road behind an old distillery, we came face to face with our Brigadier-General and Staff. We saluted the party smartly. The General, who had often spoken to me before, wanted to know where we were going. It was then that the "suspected spy" story came in useful. I, for one, was very thankful when the General's order was to "carry on the good work, Corporal" and also not to be asked what the sandbags were for.

My experience with senior British officers has been that they use very good judgement when asking for information (probably being a bit of a rogue themselves). In any case, the vegetable raid was successful and appreciated by the Sniping Section.



MILITARY DEFINITIONS IN THE SIXTIES.

Taken from "The Antelope" (Journal of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment) for November, 1935.

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The following military definitions were extracted from among the papers of the late Brig.-Gen. G.N.B. Forster, CMG, DSO. and have been contributed by his wife.

- A. Adjutant: An officer whose duties consist in flattering the Colonel, flirting with his wife, nursing his children and swearing at the men.  
 Aide-de-camp: Ditto on a more extended scale.  
 Arrest: A very pleasant state of temporary retirement from the duties and the annoyances of the profession.
- B. Barrack Damage: A poetical title for the rent paid by officers for their dog-holes.  
 Battalion Drill: Agony on a large scale.
- C. Cavalry: A branch of the Service, useful in promoting the smell of stables in drawing-rooms.  
 Colonel: An individual with brass spurs and an exaggerated estimate of his own importance.  
 Company Drill: Agony on a small scale.  
 Court-Martial: A military tribunal in which the judges, like a bull in a china shop, have it all to themselves.
- D. Dress(v.a): To force a given number of soldiers into one continuous straight line by means of loud vociferations and strong personal abuse.  
 Drill(V.A): To arrange human beings in unnatural positions and unornamental figures.
- E. Ensign: An emancipated schoolboy.  
 Esprit-de-Corps: The art of abusing every regiment but your own.
- F. Field Day: A given number of hours of misery.
- G. General: A military biped, much addicted to long stories.  
 Goose-step: A painful mode of standing on one leg.
- H. Household Troops; Gentlemen at large.
- I. Infantry: A branch of the Service, useful for macadamizing roads.  
 Inspection, half-yearly: An opportunity afforded by custom to soldiers of seeing a live general twice a year.
- K. Knapsack: An ingenious contrivance invented for the purpose of exemplifying how little it is possible to get into a square box.
- L. Leave of Absence: Gentlemanly existance, and very pleasant when you get it.
- M. Mess: A regimental victualling establishment instituted for the purpose of placing inebriety within the reach of officers of moderate incomes.



- Mufti: A description of costume worn by officers when they wish to be taken for gentlemen.
- N. Non-commissioned officer: A person whose duty it is to furnish the captain with the words of command on field days.
- O. Officer: An unhappy victim of delusion.
- P. Padre: The protestant appellation of purgatory.
- Promotion: A word now fallen into disuse, but used among the ancients to signify a rise from one grade to another.
- Q. Quarters (officers): Inferior sort of dog-kennels.
- R. Recruit: A speedily to be undeceived dupe.
- Roster: A fabulous list of rotation, on which you are always first for duty and last for leave.
- S. Shop: The discussion of obnoxious topics military.
- Soldier pf fortune: A penniless officer.
- Soldier (private): One who consents to dress himself in a grotesque costume and perform various diverting manoeuvres for a small daily stipend.
- Square: A military figure formed by soldiers productive of considerable inconvenience to the toes of officers during the time of peace - and of still greater to the cavalry of the enemy in time of war.
- Subaltern: An individual placed by fate in a position very inadequate to his merits.
- T. Transport: A vessel having been condemned for pigs and cattle; is appropriated by the Admiralty for the conveyance of troops.
- U. Unanimity: That feeling in a regiment which entitles a brother officer ( however cordially you may detest him) to smack you on the back and call you a "brick" with impunity.
- Uniform: A dress, only varying from a footman's livery inasmuch as you do not receive quite such high wages for wearing it.
- V. Veteran: A man who holds your button and bores you with "Badajos".
- Volunteer: A man of weak intellect.
- W. War: A noisy and unpleasant substitute for democracy.
- X. (Doubled): A liquor drunk by officers in hot countries.
- Y. Yard (Barrack): An enclosed place set apart for the amusement and recreation of defaulters.
- Z. Zeal: A sort of disease, formerly prevalent, but now almost obsolete.



### VANCOUVER LETTER.

"The best camp ever!" "Wish it had been two weeks instead of one!" "To think that within forty-eight hours I'll be perched once again on that dog-gone office stool!"

Such were some of the expressions overheard on the Vancouver-bound boat at the conclusion of the camp at Heals, vented by members of the N.P.A.M.

The lads certainly seemed to have had a good time and faces that a few days before had been pale and tired looking were now thoroughly-well tanned, topping bodies that apparently were full of the old "wim and vigor".

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About five hundred allranks left Vancouver on the evening of the 30th June, bound for Sidney, Vancouver Island.

The climax of the camp was an outpost scheme that commenced on the evening of the 2nd July, terminating in an advanced guard and attack scheme on the morning of the 3rd.

The weather was perfect, food was plentiful and all ranks, apparently, enjoyed the going.

A peppery detachment of the P.P.C.L.I. made a sortie on that part of the outpost line held by the Canadian Scottish Regiment. The harvest yielded the odd bruise, a Vickers lock and an assortment of glengarries. Watch the P.P's, boys!

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Immediately Subsequent to camp at Sidney, the Westminster Regiment(M.G) and the 2nd Bn., Canadian Scottish Regiment (M.G) proceeded to Heals for a one-week machine gun camp. During this time the Westminster Regiment won the B.C.R.A. Vickers M.G. Trophy, a very fine-looking cup, of at least one gallon capacity.

The 2 C.S.R. gained most points in the C.I.A. Efficiency of Personnel Competition, Vickers M.G. portion.

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Q.M.S.I's Frost and Smith left Vancouver early in June for "Gopherville".

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A member of the Vancouver Coronation squad, who had never before been on the other side, was asked what sight in England most impressed him. The Coronation Day parade? No. The mounting of the guard at Buckingham Palace? No. The Brigade of Guards on parade? No. What, then, did most impress you? Came the answer "Petticoat Lane on Sunday morning!"

No wonder some theatrical magnates go broke trying to gauge public taste!



# SAM OF THE SECOND BATTALION

(with apologies) by R.G.L.P.

Now you've 'eard of Second Battalion,  
Them fellers wot wears a brown tam;  
They've got all kinds o' mugs and lead-swingers,  
But the queerest of all is old Sam.

Sam's father had served in the Army,  
And had lived on Maconachie's stew;  
His ancestors all packed a musket  
Or dropped them ... as at Waterloo.

Our Sam had decided to travel,  
So he comes to the great wooly West;  
And he clicks for a job wi' a farmer  
Who'd admired all the hairs on his chest.

Then he joined up in Second Battalion,  
(They'd a company round where he stayed),  
So Sam swung his kilt like a good 'un,  
And walked fourteen miles to parade.

Pretty soon it were time for Inspection,  
So they went to Nanaimo one day;  
Our Sam had his rifle and bayonet,  
And sporran and spats ... all O.K.

He had thought there were need for refreshment,  
As day was exceedingly 'ot;  
In his pack were 'alf bottle of whiskey,  
And by lunch time he'd guzzled the lot.

They'd to march through the streets of Nanaimo,  
To field where they'd put on their "do";  
Old Sam strutted out 'igh and 'andsome,  
And felt like a racehorse ... aged two.

But alas ... when they got to parade ground,  
Sam's spirits were starting to fail;  
His sense of direction had left him,  
And he didn't know "Port Arms" from "Trail".

Then Brigadier came through the gateway,  
And Sammy stood still for dear life;  
He presented his arms in grand fashion  
And then folded up ... like a knife.

His rifle and bayonet went flyings,  
And landed point first in the sod;  
While a sergeant burst through and grabbed Sammy,  
And jerked him up straight, like a rod.



Then Brigadier looked at Battalion,  
Then started to walk down the line;  
And the look that he gave our poor Sammy,  
Would've surely exploded a mine.

"And what is the meaning of this, Sam?"  
The Brigadier asked wi' some heat;  
Said Sam, "Its the sun, I expect, Sir,  
"Ow do, Mr. Brig, ... take a seat."

"Sam, Sam, "said the Brig., not unkindly,  
"This is not quite the way you should act,  
You shouldn't have thrown away rifle,  
The magazine might have got cracked."

"I know, "said our Sam quite contritely,  
"It's a failin' that's come down our line;  
Great-grandad ... 'e mucked 'is Inspection,  
And now ...(hic) ...I've jiggered up mine".

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#### WITHOUT BENEFIT OF STENCILS

(continued from Page 81)

Now if I should write such an answer  
And send it, through channels, to Corps,  
The chances, my son, are a hundred to one  
That I'd not have to write any more;  
For they'd hold a conclave on my record  
And I'd be in Class B in a day;  
And then they'd withdraw my commission  
And stop all the rest of my pay.

Each day, as I sit in my office,  
With my shoulders acquiring a stoop,  
I wish that I had a commission  
With J. Ceasar's headquarters troop.  
And yet I could die well-contented  
Should this be my true epitaph:  
"Here lies the American Soldier  
Who abolished the Mimeograph."

