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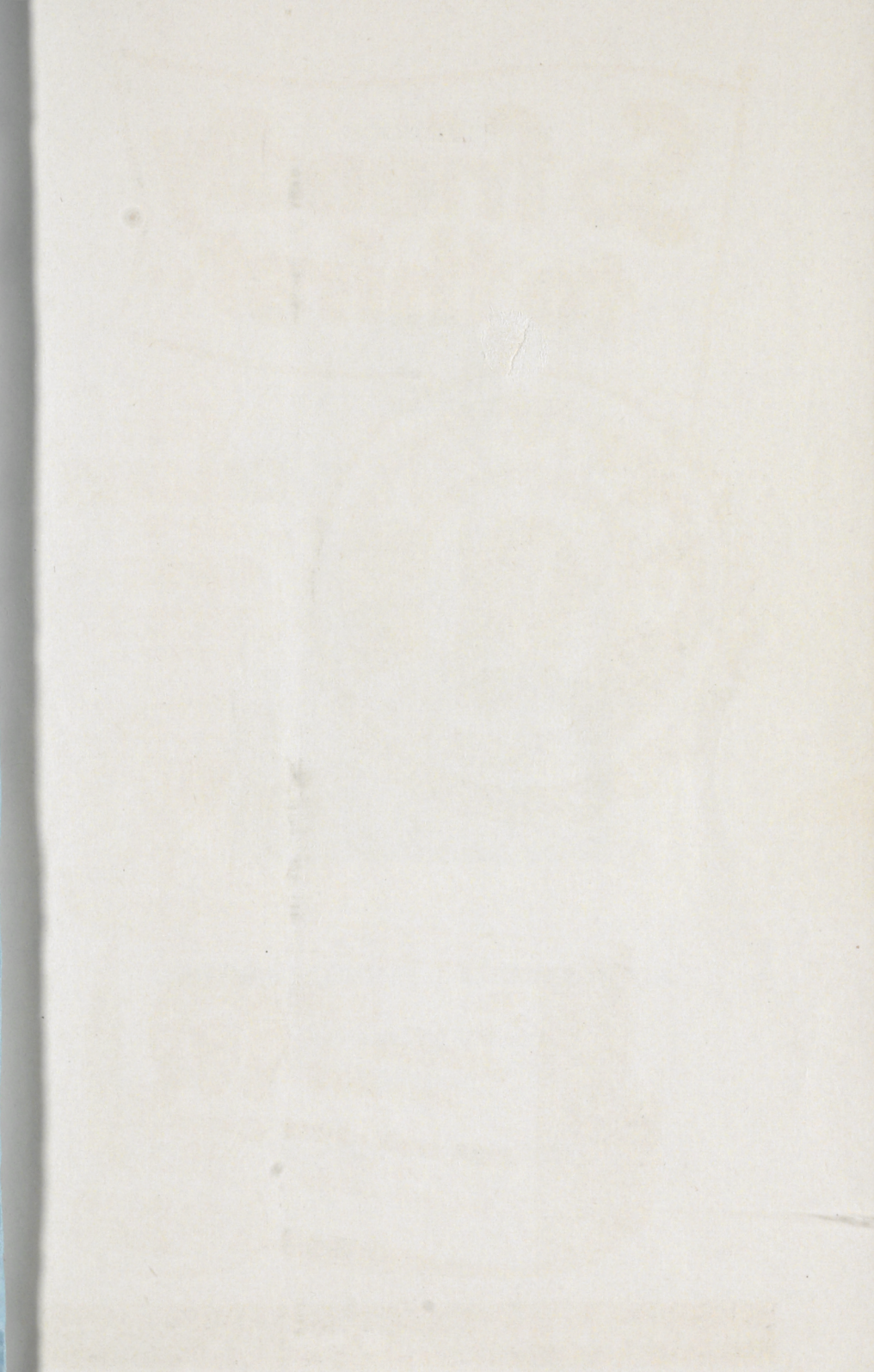
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## REGIMENTAL NOTES

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN RALPH CAMERON, OBE**

Commanding Officer, 1 Battalion  
and

President, Regimental Executive Committee

The year 1955 marks the third year since the revival of the Patrician in June 1953, when issued under the authority of Lt. Col. J. R. Cameron, OBE, who assumed the duties of President, Regimental Executive Committee, in addition to his responsibilities as a battalion commander.

The journal is only one of the many regimental matters to receive his unfatigued support. Others include: the regimental museum, the regimental history (volume 3), regimental dress instructions, regimental institutes, the preservation of regimental history and tradition and the general welfare of and benefit to the regiment as a whole.

Lieutenant Colonel John Ralph Cameron was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 24 August, 1914. He attended Chebucto Grammar School, Bloomfield High School and Dalhousie University. In 1936 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and, in 1938, his Bachelor of Laws.

Following graduation he articulated in law with the Halifax law firm of Stewart Smith, McKen and Rogers. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on 2 December, 1938.

His military career began during his university years when he joined the university contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps. He received his commission on 1 October, 1935; completed "A" Wing at Connaught Ranges; and qualified for the rank of Major.

He served throughout World War II with the West Nova Scotia Regiment. He saw action in Sicily, Italy and North West Europe; was wounded in Italy in October, 1943; and in December 1944 was appointed second in command of his Regiment.

At the end of hostilities in Europe, he volunteered for service with the Canadian Army Pacific Force and was returned to Canada to attend Staff College.

Having successfully completed the staff course he was appointed, staff officer Grade 2, to the Directorate of Military Operations and Training at Ottawa. Later, he returned once again to Dalhousie University for three years as resident staff officer.

On 2 September, 1949, he returned to Ottawa and saw duty with the Directorate of Administration. He served as legal advisor on the camp staff of the Canadian camp at Fort Lewis, Washington and returned to Ottawa in December, 1950, for duty with the Directorate of Staff Duties.

In March, 1952, he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and served as GSO1 with the Directorate of Infantry when he proceeded to the Far East and was appointed to command 1 Battalion PPCLI on 1 May, 1952.

During almost three years as a battalion commander, he fought his battalion in Korea; was awarded the Order of the British Empire; qualified as a parachutist; trained his battalion for MSF duties in the defence of Canada; and latterly prepared for a second tour of overseas duty. The officers and men of his battalion will long remember him.

He is very proud of his command and proud of his Regiment. When he leaves the home station in April to take up new duties in Ottawa, he takes with him the respect and gratitude of his Regiment.



## The Children's Christmas Party - 1954

The annual Christmas party for dependent children of the Regiment at the Home Station was held in Harvey Hall on the afternoon of 22 December 1954. 1 battalion, 2 battalion, the Depot and extra regimentally employed personnel were represented.

The thanks of the Regiment are due to all who gave their time and energy to make the party such an unqualified success.

Particular mention must be made of the officer who organized and bore the lion's share of the responsibility and worry, Lt. J. R. MacLean of the Depot.

Thanks to Sgt. Falconer, J. R. D. (Depot) - Master of Ceremonies; S/Sgt. MacKie, J. (1 Battalion) - Father Christmas; Cpl. King, A. J., and Cpl. Millis, W. W. (Depot) - Santa's helpers; PPCLI Band; PPCLI Ladies' Auxiliary; Catering Staff (1 Battalion); Sgt. Smith, R. W. and recruits of the Depot; and last, but not least, all the children of the Regiment (bless 'em) without whom there would have been no party.

### DRESS

The Regimental Executive Committee has drawn up a set of Regimental Dress Instructions (Provisional) with the object of standardizing the dress of officers and men of the Regiment. These instructions closely adhere to the present "Orders and Instructions for Dress of the Canadian Army".

When approved by the Colonel of the Regiment and authorized by Army Headquarters, these instructions will be published.

Authority to retain the Tudor Crown for badges of rank and the Regimental cap badge has been denied. The Regiment shall therefore adopt the St. Edward's crown.

## REGIMENTAL HISTORY Volume 3

The selling programme announced in the last issue of the Patrician is now

well advanced. Numbered and autographed copies of Volume 3 have been reserved for contributors of twenty-five dollars as follows:

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2. The Honorary Colonel.
3. The Regimental Museum.
4. The Regimental Museum.
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### THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

At present the following exhibits are on display:

- 1.—The formation of the Regiment.
- 2.—World War I.
- 3.—Between the Wars.
- 4.—World War II.
- 5.—Post War 1946-1950.
- 6.—1 Battalion.
- 7.—2 Battalion.
- 8.—3 Battalion.
- 9.—Weapons display of general interest.

- 10.—Regimental uniforms.
  - 11.—Cups and Trophies.
  - 12.—Portraits of Commanding Officers.
- Future displays are planned as follows:

- 1.—The Rifle Brigade.
- 2.—The Loyal Edmonton Regiment.
- 3.—Military Reference Library.
- 4.—Medal collection.

Items of interest suitable for these displays will be gratefully accepted.

The following donations are acknowledged:

#### Brigadier A. Hamilton-Gault, DSO, ED

- (a) Tunic SD complete with medal ribbons - DSO; Queen's South Africa; 1914 star; Russian Order of St. Anne. Insignia of Lieuten-

ant Colonel. Regimental buttons and shoulder badges. 7 Brigade and 3 Division patches.

- (b) Tunic SD with all medal ribbons to 1939. Insignia of Brigadier with gorget patches. Canada shoulder badges.
- (c) Two cloth belts for serge jacket.
- (d) Infantry sword engraved with Gault crest, battle honours, personal casualties, Honours and awards. Leather storage case and cavalry sword knot.
- (e) One pair serge trousers.
- (f) Five framed sketches by Regimental intelligence section (1915-1918).

#### The Reverend R. E. Salmon

(Altadore First Baptist Church - Calgary)

Cap badge of the Middlesex Regiment for inclusion on the plaque to show units of the Commonwealth Brigade serving in Korea 1950-51.

#### Regimental Officers' Mess

- (a) Rifle Brigade History 1800 - 1813 (2 Vols.)
- (b) Rifle Brigade History 1914 - 1918 (3 Vols.)
- (c) Rifle Brigade Chronicles, complete 1923 to 1952 inclusive.

#### Mrs. T. J. Turnbull (Winnipeg)

Property of the late RSM T. J. Turnbull.

- (a) Infantry sword
- (b) Sam Browne Belt
- (c) Photo album showing serving WO's and Senior NCO's on his retirement from the Regiment in 1934.
- (d) Medals - Queen's Medal South Africa; Victory and General Service; Coronation George V (1911); Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (British).

#### Lt.-Col. C. P. McPherson, CD

CO 1 Bn QOR of C

- (a) Trophy - open lightweight boxing champion Fort Osborne Garrison 1939.
- (b) Cup - PPCLI open lightweight boxing champion 1939 - Winnipeg.

#### Mr. G. Raymond (Toronto)

Cross of Remembrance - late Pte. Philpott.

#### Norman McCowan (PPCLI Association)

Regimental memorial plaque 1939-45 used as a temporary one in All Saints Church, Winnipeg, until provision of permanent one now located there.

#### Major H. D. P. Tighe, MC (HQ Calgary Garrison)

- (a) Pistol, Webley .45.
- (b) Pistol, Johnson (USA).



- (c) Mauser, German 7.65 mm.
- (d) Pistol, Colt (USA) .32.
- (e) Two escape maps - invasion of Sicily.

## Lt. N. Villiers (1 Battalion)

- (a) Map showing 3 battalion's battle positions on 355 feature, Korea, during June to August 1953.
- (b) Three embroidered badges of commonwealth forces serving in Korea (Canada - Commonwealth Division - Canadian Forces in Japan).

## Lt.-Col. R. A. Bradburn

CO Loyal Edmonton Regt. (3 PPCLI)

Cap Badge - Edmonton Regt. 49 Battalion.

## The Lord Greenway (Southern Rhodesia)

- (a) Two cap badges "Royal Durban Light Infantry" (Allied with The Rifle Brigade).
- (b) Four Military buttons.
- (c) Collection of cards showing cap badges of the British Army.

## The Regimental Sergeants' Mess

Visitors' Book used at the Annual Trooping Ball on 1 October, 1954.

## Band Sergeant Gemaiker (PPCLI)

Italian Fascist Militia belt buckle.

## Corporal Norman, P. J. (1 PPCLI)

- (a) Chinese soldier's mess tin.
- (b) Holy Bible - Korean language.

## Corporal Scott, J. N. (PPCLI Depot)

- (a) Chinese soldier's spoon.

## 1 Battalion PPCLI

- (a) Chinese leather instrument case (empty).
- (b) War Diary (Korea) 1952.
- (c) 8 air photos and map 1 Bn positions in Korea (Jun.-Sep. 1952).
- (d) Patrol Book - May to Sep. 1952 - Korea.

## CSM H. O. Larson, MC, CD (1 PPCLI)

Two covers for pipes - Royal Stewart and Black Watch Tartans.

## The Late CSM Chisholm, W. (2 PPCLI)

Chinese section leader's horn.

## The Regiment

- (a) 10 stands, metal for headdress.
- (b) Fountain pen for visitor's book to replace ballpoint.
- (c) CO's pennant Ex-SWEETBRIAR - 1950.

## S/Sgt. Edwards, J. J. (RCE) formerly PPCLI

Condensed version of PPCLI History 1914-1919.

## RSM O. Gardner, CD (PPCLI Depot)

- (a) Commonwealth Divisional Badge - embroidered.
- (b) 25 CIB Badge - worsted.
- (c) German Rifleman (1750) coloured print.

## Framed Pictures

- (a) Private soldier PPCLI - 1948 - Calgary.
- (b) Regimental officers at Calgary - May 1949.
- (c) WO's and Sgts. at Calgary - Sept. 1946.
- (d) Rifle Brigade officer - 1800 and Rfn - 1800.
- (e) The Duke of Connaught.

## Mr. H. W. Owens (Calgary)

Cheque - \$25.00.

## 2 Battalion, PPCLI

Two photograph albums showing "Trooping the Colour" ceremony, 9 October, 1954, together with other activities connected with the visit of the Colonel-in-chief.

## Department of National Defence (Army)

- (a) Uniform display case.
- (b) Book case (two).

## BIRTHDAY OF THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF 17 MARCH

Once again the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief was celebrated in the traditional manner.

At Currie Barracks the day's ceremony commenced with the customary regimental parade, formed by First Battalion and the Depot, Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Cameron, OBE, commanding. (Details of Second Battalion festivities in Germany are not with us as we go to press.)

Colonel Cameron took over the parade at 0830 hours. After a brief address the commanding officer read out telegrams received.

The parade was dismissed and all proceeded to the hockey rink to prepare for the Broom-i-loo tournament.

Competition began with the renewal of the annual ferocious struggle between the officers and the sergeants. Teams lined up as follows:-

Officers—Captains A. M. Potts, Don MacQuarrie; Lieutenants Glen Holmes,





Shield of Canadian Maple (14"x18") with badge carved from walnut by Calgary craftsman and sterling plaque.

Photo by Cadman Studios



Per Vik, Jack Kitson, Bob Peacock, Bob Muir, Fred Theiss.

Sergeants—forwards S/Sgt. Buxton, R. G., Sgt. Buchan, W. A., Sgt. Buxton, F. H., Sgt. Camponi, R.; defence S/Sgt. Appleton, R. H., S/Sgt. Mack, F. L., Sgt. Redding, R. G.; goal Sgt. White, W. B.

Combat started at 0930 hours and a terrific twenty minute battle, ably refereed by RSM A. Rowbotham, QOR of C (formerly PPCLI), ensued.

Attacks by special squads armed with smoke cannisters and hose pipes failed to dampen the ardour of the teams, play being maintained at full speed for the whole of the match.

During a particularly thick barrage of smoke the officers, it was said, succeeded in scoring a goal. This proved to be the winning counter and resulted in the fifth win by the officers since the origin of the competition (1924). The Wallace and Carey trophy, suitably draped in black, was handed over to Colonel Cameron in the Sergeants' Mess later in the day.

Despite their loss, the sergeants' costumes were considered to be more "chic" than those donned by the officers. "Decor" was by CSM P. Lynch, MBE and consisted of underwear, issue, winter, long; "Papa san" Korean type headdress; moustaches; red paint and lamp black.

The competition "proper" followed. All companies and the Regimental Depot entered teams. After a series of "Knock-out" games, all marked by fast, rugged play, C Company and the Depot emerged as finalists.

The final, refereed by Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. MacPherson, CD, QOR of C (formerly PPCLI) provided the best game of the day. Real skill and scientific broom handling was displayed by both teams. Depot squad consisted entirely of recently joined-recruits, all receiving their initiation to Regimental Broom-i-loo.

A well deserved victory was finally obtained by C Company, the score be-

ing 2 goals to nil, C Company thus becoming the Regimental champions for the year 1955.

At 1130 hours the Battalion and the Depot paraded in Scott Hall. A further address was made by Colonel Cameron during which the remainder of the telegrams received were read. A toast was then drunk and three rousing cheers given for our beloved Colonel-in-Chief.

Prizes were then distributed to the winners and runners up of the Broom-i-loo tournament.

Appropriate music was provided by the Regimental band under the direction of Captain F. M. McLeod.

The remainder of the day was a holiday. Films were shown for the troops in the afternoon and a men's dance was held in Scott Hall during the evening.

The Sergeants' Mess was "At Home" to the officers and guests at 1230 hours and the mess was honoured by a visit from the General Officer Commanding Western Command, Major General C. Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD, and from the Garrison Commander, Colonel D. Menard, DSO. Among many guests were members of the delegation specially flown up from Rivers for the day, Lieutenant Robertson, MC, CSM F. Carriere, CD, and Sergeant Preston.

Final event of the day was the officers' dinner held in the mess and attended by the GOC, the Garrison Commander and many distinguished guests.

All the traditional functions could not, this year, be held on the same day. Consequently it was decided that the officers' ball and the Sergeants' ball should be held on the evening of the eighteenth.

Both were highly successful and managed in customary Regimental style by hard working committees. Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Cameron, Major H. G. Munro and officers of the



Battalion and the Depot with their ladies, visited the Sergeants' Mess during the course of the evening.

So another birthday remembrance passes into regimental history.

This year, due to the efforts of the officers and staffs in charge of the various events, the festivities have been without a doubt among the most memorable.

Telegrams received by the Regiment included messages from:

The Colonel-in-Chief - Lady Patricia Ramsay.

The Honorary Colonel - Brigadier A. H. Gault, DSO, ED.

Chief of the General Staff - Lt. Gen. G. G. Simonds, CB, CBE, DSO, CD.

Brigadier C. B. Ware, DSO, CD - Tokyo.

Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun, CBE, MC - Victoria.

Brigadier D. C. Cameron, DSO, ED - Comd. 4 CIB.

Patricia officers serving with Canadian Army Staff, Washington.

All ranks, Green Jackets Depot - Winchester, England.

Colonel N. G. Wilson Smith, DSO, MBE, CD - Ottawa.

All Patricias serving at Winnipeg.

Major R. B. Mainprize, CD, CSME - Chilliwack, B.C.

Major A. V. Robbins - Staff College - India.

Patricias at Canadian Army Staff College - Kingston.

Patricias serving at Western Command Headquarters.

All ranks 2 PPCLI in Germany.

Patricias serving with School of Infantry, Camp Borden.

Patricias serving with CJATC at Rivers.

Major E. M. K. MacGregor, MC, CD - Camberley, England.

## FIRST BATTALION REPORT

The period 1 Nov. 54 - 1 Mar. 55 can best be summed up by members of first battalion in the story of the two buzzards who were circling Sarcee when a modern jet flew by at 550 m.p.h. The young buzzard said "Gosh, he's really in a hurry." The older buzzard replied, "Son, you'd be in a heck of a hurry too if your tail was on fire."

During November the Unit commenced arctic training in anticipation of a sojourn to an unmentioned portion of Hudson's Bay. The weather remained beautiful, the RSM took an anticipatory trip to the Arctic and MIKE, the Mascot, made friends with the QSMI's cocker spaniel. The CO and a number of officers and NCO's also went to the Arctic, where they umpired a famous regiment from London, Ontario, through Exercise Bulldog II with a great fanfare of press releases. Arctic

training continued in Sarcee. The Arctic novices seriously began to doubt the buddy system of preventing frost bite because most of them were nearer to heat exhaustion. Christmas approached.

The Christmas Dinner for all ranks was held at noon on 23 Dec. 54 to permit the maximum attendance and still not interfere with leave. The Patricia Depot joined with First Battalion for this occasion and the Cpls. and Ptes. enjoyed the usual custom of individual table service by the Officers, WO's and Senior NCO's. Rumour has it that the civilian messmen did not report the incident to their union because it was believed apparent that none of these enthusiastic waiters knew how to keep their thumbs out of the soup. Appropriate greetings and messages were read by the CO, Lt.-Col. J. R.



Cameron, OBE, and Col. D. Menard, DSO, Garrison Commander.

New Years was welcomed by the traditional ball at both the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. Each group entertained the other at an "At Home".

The advent of a television set in the common room of the Men's quarters has been followed by the addition of coffee and soft drink machines. The arrangement is popular with everyone except the fatigued man (next day) and the Canteen Sergeant, who feels the snack bar is losing business.

In January a unit cadre and advance party departed for the Arctic. After making all necessary preparations, they were amazed to discover that our RCAMC friends had decided not to let the rest of us join them. Amongst the wives, RCAMC prestige was never higher. Troops carried out Arctic training at Sarcee. Weather was the mildest it has been in forty years. Situation normal.

Winter sports were enthusiastically joined after a few well placed suggestions by the CO and 2 IC. "Never before has the Unit hockey team practiced at 0630 hrs.", said Major Koengen. "Never again," mumbled a certain RCOC Captain, who found himself selected as a chief with forty braves. The officers were challenged to a game by their compatriots of 1 Battalion Queen's Own Rifles. The Patricia victory amazed the Queen's Own, astounded the officers' wives, and surprised the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

Basketball was enjoyed by some of the familiar stalwarts and some of the more newly joined Patricias. Enthusiastic support appeared more often the morning after a victory than during the games. Both the hockey and basketball teams deserved more spectator support than was normally evidenced. For later games at the Corral transportation is being provided.

Curling in the garrison league was popular and accounted for a number

of missing persons on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Training appeared likely to interrupt the schedule on several occasions. The Patricia rinks on such days were unacquainted with either the rules or each other. We didn't win too many games but the sportsmanship was high and there was some unusual sweeping technique displayed.

Our sports review would not be complete without mention of C Company's "lunch hour" squash club. No one ever reported on a game but the big wheels of C Company staunchly clamoured that they would take on all comers provided the opposition appeared at midnight. The caretaker quoted civil service regulations and adamantly refused to let battle be joined. C Company retired the undisputed and uncontested champions.

During early February the Arctic training chaps wearied of pulling tobaggans over the dead grass and returned to camp for airborne refresher training. The day after they returned it snowed and dropped below zero for the first time this winter. The Patricias welcomed many other maroon bereted elements including old friends from Ontario and Manitoba and the group prepared the complicated administrative effort required for Exercise Mike.

The Mascot, Mike, refused to participate but the majority of the battalion weren't given that privilege. The weather stayed above zero because everyone involved was arctic trained and equipped. This large exercise was marred by the accidental death of Pte. D. L. Mason of Signals Platoon. The heartfelt sympathy of his comrades went out to Mrs. Mason from the Colonel down to the newest parachutist.

By the last week of February most of the Unit left Calgary to participate in Exercise Bulldog III. To prove that the dictates of higher headquarters are infallible, the weatherman was ordered to get in the act, so he obliged with the coldest weather of the winter. At





## EXERCISE BULLDOG III

### Ready To Emplane

DND Photo

various security-wise unmentionable locations, it crowded forty below zero with winds up to 25 mph. The Arctic instructors were proven right - you did get frost bite if there wasn't careful checking. The parachutists properly earned most appreciated compliments from the GOC. Many other members of the Unit and our associates of the Royal Canadian Air Force contributed very largely to the teamwork that made possible a good show. The Unit returned to Calgary in surprisingly short time and morale was high. Even the sobering sight of Cash Debit Vouchers for losses has been surmounted with only the normal tears. Our airborne associates of other corps departed homeward with the thanks and best wishes of the battalion. The Unit breathed a sigh of relief that Bulldog III was over only to discover that a complete re-organization was required to prepare for spring and summer training. Cross postings and courses are again the order of the day.

In early March notification was received that Lt.-Col. J. R. Cameron, OBE,

would be posted to Army Headquarters during April to an appointment in the Directorate of Military Operations and Planning. Both the CO and Mrs. Cameron will take with them the sincerest respect, thanks and best wishes from all members of the Unit.

With a busy summer and an exciting autumn ahead, the Unit faced the March chinooks in good spirits. Although personnel do change the battalion and the regiment are stable and assured. We who wear the familiar regimental insignia have a proud heritage and a challenging responsibility. "By their deeds shall ye know them".

## ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONIAL PARADE

On 11 Nov. 54, 1 PPCLI joined with the other Calgary Units in a large ceremonial parade through downtown Calgary, concluding with remembrance services at the Cenotaph. Rather a unique formation was adopted as the battalion paraded in columns of nine at



close interval. The massed effect was quite striking. The drums, under Drum Major ROHAC led the Battalion and many complimentary remarks were received.

## WESTERN COMMAND BOXING TOURNAMENT

Following three days of knock-out competitions, the Western Command boxing finals were held in Scott Hall on 19 Nov. 54 to a capacity audience. Following eleven bouts the Patricia's had been successful in winning the following events:

Open Welterweight Winner and Best Open Winner - Pte. BRYANT, K. E.

Open Middleweight Winner - Sgt. SCHAMEHORN, G. C.

Novice Light Heavyweight Winner - Pte. HANDSPIKER, K. E.

The following members of the Unit were successful in reaching the finals of the competitions:

Open Light Heavyweight - Pte. DAVIDSON, C. J.

Novice Heavyweight - Pte. SCHIWECK, S.

Open Heavyweight - Pte. SMITH, E. R.

A special word of mention is due to Capt. HODGE, CQMS MACK and Cpl. FRAMPTON for capable organizing and training of the Patricia team.

## OFFICERS' MESS FUNCTIONS

For the record, a number of the Mess activities are briefly reported upon as follows:

### LIVING IN OFFICERS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The living in officers of the QOR of C and PPCLI held their annual Christmas Dinner at 1900 hrs. 23 Dec. 54. The guests of honour were Lt.-Col. and Mrs. MacPHERSON and Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. R. CAMERON. The dinner was followed by an informal dance.

## NEW YEARS EVE BALL

The annual New Year's Eve Ball for all of the officers of the Garrison was held in the PPCLI Mess on 31 Dec. 54. The reception line was made up of Col. and Mrs. D. MENARD and the Commanding Officers and their wives of the three major units stationed at Currie Barracks.

## NEW YEARS DAY

The Sergeants of the QOR of C and PPCLI visited the Officers' Mess from 1000 hrs. to 1100 hrs.

Open house for all officers in the area was held from 1100 hrs. to 1300 hrs.

Officers from QOR of C and PPCLI visited all other messes in the Calgary area.

## OFFICERS' HOCKEY GAME

A hockey game was played between the QOR of C and PPCLI officers on 21 Jan. 55. The Patricia officers won but the game was by no means one-sided. After the game an informal gathering was held in the Mess.

## VALENTINES DAY

A Valentine's Day dance and buffet was held in the Mess on Friday, 11 Feb. 55. Quite a large number of the garrison officers and their wives and guests were present. The Ball Room had been very beautifully decorated by Capt. MOAD of the QOR of C.

## SKATING PARTY

A Skating Party was held 19 Feb. 55 for the mess members and their guests. Although only a few members actually skated, a fairly large number assembled in the mess for an informal evening following the skating.

## VISIT OF COL. J. R. STONE, DSO, MC

A special luncheon was held during January in honour of Col. J. R. STONE, the Director of the Canadian Provost



Corps and former Commanding Officer of 2 Battalion. Col. STONE was introduced by Major KOENSGEN and made a short speech following the luncheon. He stated his pleasure at returning to PPCLI Mess and Calgary. The use of the term "meathead" was conspicuously absent at this affair.

#### THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS DEPARTED FROM 1st BATTALION

ZK 3834 Lt. M. G. DUNCAN to CJATC, 20 Nov. 54.

ZD 761 Capt. G. A. GUNTON to RCS of I, 31 Aug. 54.

ZK 165 Major C. O. HUGGARD to Wainwright, 18 Jan. 55.

ZG 3693 Lt. D. MITTLE to CALE 25 Sep. 54.

ZB 5575 2/Lt. R. L. MATHEWS to PPCLI Depot, 13 Feb. 55.

ZB 10255 Lt. G. C. PILCHER to 5 PD (release), 26 Nov. 54.

ZM 817 Capt. W. B. S. SUTHERLAND to Canadian Army Staff College, 6 Jan. 55.

#### THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS JOINED 1st BATTALION

ZH 5137 Capt. W. S. SKWAROK RCAMC, 18 Dec. 54.

ZL 1856 Major G. E. HENDERSON, 19 Jan. 55.

ZB 10257 Lt. W. J. KITSON, 3 Nov. 54.

ZK 4855 Lt. A. L. GALE, 20 Dec. 54.

ZK 5545 O/C W. E. J. HUTCHINSON, 19 Dec. 54.

#### SERGEANTS' MESS

The following events were observed in the Sergeants' Mess, home station.

A Hallowe'en Dance, held on 29 October 1954, produced a wonderful and colorful array of costumes. During November and until mid December, activities were confined to the regular Saturday night "open house". A Christmas Dinner was held for the living-in members and guests. On Boxing Day, the members were "at home" to the officers.

The following weekend, a New Year's Ball was held when 250 people were in attendance. The Valentine

Dance, held on 19 February, was attended by 150 members and their guests.

The regular Wednesday night "Bingo" has been very popular.

#### HERE AND THERE

7 October 1954 saw a change in the Battalion Quartermaster Stores, RQMS SMITH, D. G., CD, a Patricia since 17 December, 1945, was transferred to RCOC. Good luck in your new affiliation. By the way "RQ", you won't have to stand at the bar alone anymore, the word has gone around that you're still a nice bloke.

#### HOCKEY SUMMARY

PPCLI (6) vs Forest Lawn (2), exhibition.

PPCLI (10) vs Forest Lawn (3), exhibition.

PPCLI (2) vs Ogden (6), Gleichen.

PPCLI (3) vs I QOR of C (5), Service League.

PPCLI (4 vs Gleichen (3), Strathmore.

PPCLI (6) vs Irricana (2), Strathmore.

PPCLI (1) vs LdSH(RC) (3), Strathmore Finals.

PPCLI (4) vs RCMP (4), Service League.

#### BASKETBALL

The Patricia basketball team started off with a bang and lost six of their first seven games in the Inter-Service League. Since that time they have beaten each of the other teams and are getting better every time out.

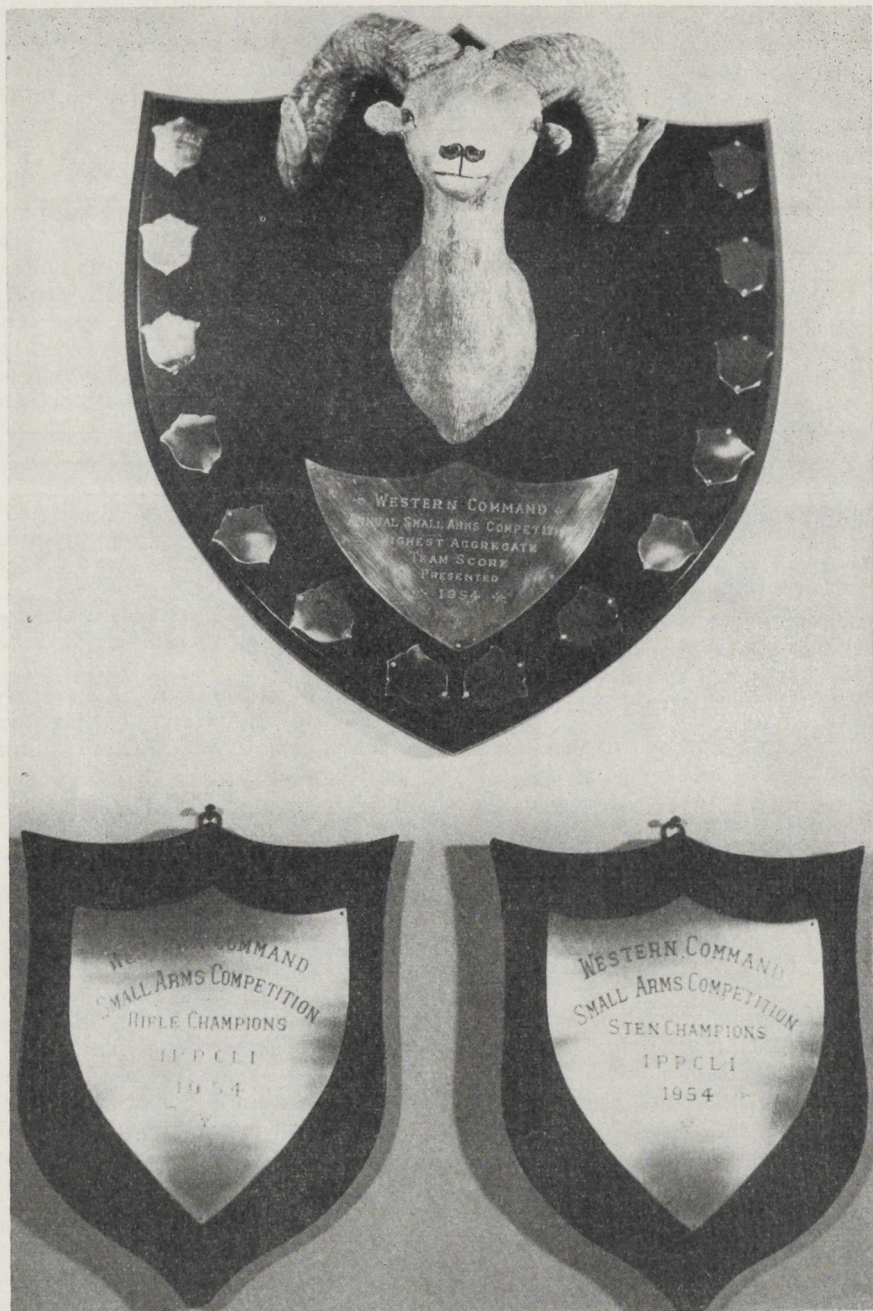
The Inter-Service League has folded with the dropping out of the Air Force team, and it is proposed to organize a Currie Barracks Garrison League with LdSH(RC) and I QOR of C as soon as a playing floor can be found.

#### DEPARTURES FROM THE SERGEANTS' MESS

SC 2956 Sgt. BUIE, H. M., SOS to 11PD (Release), 6 Nov. 54.

SH 16381 WO2 CARRIERE, F., to CJATC, 27 Jan. 55.





Western Command Musketry Trophies  
Won by 1 Battalion - 1954

Photo by Lt. G. E. Anderson



SB 72816 Sgt. CORKAN, R. J., SOS to Central Command Pay Office, 30 Nov. 54.

SH 101346 Sgt. LA POINTE, J. A. P., SOS to Fd Pk Sqn. RCE, 2 Feb. 55.

SH 23844 Sgt. MORRISON, SOS to RCS of 1, 7 Feb. 55.

SK 12487 Sgt. RICHARDSON, J. H., SOS to 11 PD (Release), 18 Nov. 54.

SM 800275 Sgt. WELLINGTON, W. O. G., SOS to 9 SDB, 31 Jan. 55.

## ARRIVALS

SM 800158 WO2 MELENCHUK, M., 29 Jan. 55.

SG 7830 Sgt. BOWLEN, F. W., 16 Jan. 55.

SM 6440 Sgt. CHATRY, H. S., 4 Nov. 55.

SM 9396 Sgt. ROLLINS, C. E., 1 Feb. 55.

# SECOND BATTALION REPORT

Eight editions of the Battalion newspaper were published in Germany during 1954. The office of Editor has been held, in turn, by Lt. J. D. Campbell, Lt. D. T. Walton and Lt. G. G. Vickeys.

It is a problem to record the text of the last three issues received at the home station—thirty odd pages.

"Dog Company Doodlings" in the December 1954 number gives a month by month summary of events since the arrival of the Battalion in Germany. November 1953—

We arrive and settle-in at Fort MacLeod. We get toughened to bathing in cold water. The "ranges" at Sennelager is our first trip off the station. We cover Hemer, Iserlohn and other nearby spots of interest.

December 1953—

Buildings on the station show signs of strain. Cracks appear and props are placed at weak points. Water shortage is acute. Christmas is celebrated in true army fashion. Only a few families are with us.

January 1954—

We entrain for Putlos and our first training exercise. More families arrive from Canada.

February 1954—

Cold as the ante room of the Ice King's palace. Training carried out at Schwerte.

March 1954—

Celebration of the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday. Wet with occasional sun. First draft received from Regimental Depot.

April 1954—

Training carried out at Soltau. Celebration of Kapyong Day. Steady stream of families arrive from Canada. Second draft received from Regimental Depot.

May 1954—

Back from Soltau and a well earned two week rest.

June 1954—

Training at Putlos again. Wonderful weather. Good swimming at nearby beaches. Third draft received from Regimental Depot.

July 1954—

Dortmund Sports Day. A Canadian style "good time" provided for soldiers and dependents. The Battalion participate in Brigade Boxing Tournament.

August 1954—

Training at Sennelager. Wet weather. The battalion had the honour of providing a guard of honour for HRH Princess Margaret on her arrival at Dusseldorf.

September 1954—

Exercise Battle Royal. Preparation for "Trooping the Colour".

October 1954—

8th—arrival of the Colonel-in-Chief and "Retreat" ceremony.

9th—Trooping the Colour.

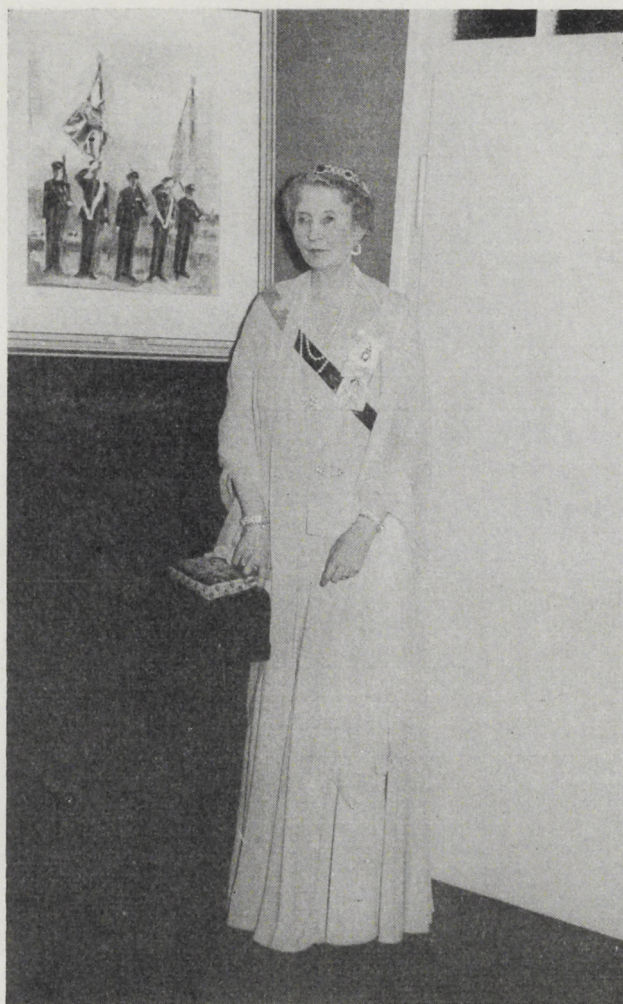
16th—Death of Captain R. K. Swinton, MC.

WO2 J. C. Coutts (battalion drill Sergeant Major tops "Drill and Duties" course at Pirbright.

November 1954—

Station bowling alley opened. Win-





The Colonel-in-Chief  
visits 2 Battalion  
October 1954

German Photo



ter sports away to flying start. PMQs almost ready for occupancy.

December 1954—

A dozen families occupy PMQs. Two churches ready for services. We spend a second Christmas in Deutschland.

## TROOPING THE COLOUR

9 OCTOBER 1954

### Parade State

The Colonel-in-Chief—Lady Patricia Ramsay.

Honorary Colonel—Brigadier A. H. Gault, DSO, ED.

Equerry—the late Captain R. K. Swinton, MC.

Commanding Officer—Lt. Col. S. C. Waters.

Second in Command—Major W. H. Mitchell, MC.

Adjutant—Captain J. G. W. Mills, MC.

Regimental Sergeant Major—WO1 L. F. Grimes.

Escort to the Colour—Major P. O. Stayner, CD; Lt. J. J. Regan; 2/Lt. H. A. Pankratz; CSM (WO2) D. H. Acton.

No. 2 Guard—Major G. G. Brown; Lt. K. M. Robertson; CSM (WO2) E. H. Morris.

No. 3 Guard—Major K. J. Arril, CD; Lt. D. C. Denison; CSM (WO2) A. J. Rudd, CD.

No. 4 Guard—Major P. M. Pyne, CD; Lt. J. J. B. Pariseau; S/Sgt. W. N. McKerracher.

No. 5 Guard—Captain C. M. Pyne, CD; Lt. D. R. Yeomans; CSM (WO2) C. E. Sundman.

No. 6 Guard—Captain H. T. Ross; Lt. D. G. MacLeod; CSM (WO2) J. C. Coutts.

Director of Music, Band of the RCE—Captain A. Brown.

Drum Major—Sgt. Wyman, W. E.

# DEPOT REPORT

## THE WAY I SEE IT

Appearing in several major newspapers in the past month have been complaints (through School Board) that the Army is trying to shanghai graduating high school students for service with the Colours. Such is not the case but, if it were, is a military career that repugnant?

It is unfortunate that a member of the forces in Canada cannot enjoy the prestige and honor which is bestowed on British servicemen by the people of the U.K. Too many in the Dominion feel that the Service is only for the desolate, offers nothing, is comprised of misfits and the poor sods who could not adjust to the normal demands of society. Others fail to see that a call of patriotism is not necessarily being militaristic or a warmonger and that an individual's desire to soldier can be every bit as strong as his call to the medical or clerical profession.

Not only does the Army offer a wage, a job, a decent standard of living, but also a proud profession. Not

only does it offer security but also a satisfying life with definite and obtainable goals; the Corporalcy, the Sergeantcy, warrant rank, etc. are for those who are prepared to apply themselves. Hackneyed as it may be about a baton being in every soldier's knapsack, it is a tangible goal providing a constant incentive to the soldier. The industrial psychologist will amplify that purposeful activity is important to job satisfaction. So many jobs "downtown" cannot offer that - the Army does. Those who shout "militaristic" and "warmonger" forget that the great leaders in war have been as prominent in peace.

At the Depot we see them all; they come from across the Dominion arriving at the same place but guided here from entirely different motives. They are keen. Military ways are accepted and become an integrated part of their personalities and their motivation to become "a good soldier" increases. "The proof is in the pudding" and I, for one, experience a great deal of pride in our young soldiers as we see them downtown, immaculately turned



out with proper fitting clothes in lieu of pantaloons bagging in the seat and binding at the cuffs.

In spite of the depictive Army advertisements, a great many of the general public choose to remain apathetic—God help them.

DEPOT RIFLE TEAM

The results of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association winter competition for indoor shooting, January 1955 finds the unit rifle team standing 18th in the Second Division with a score of 472.

As a first attempt in inter-unit Small Bore Competition, the members of the team are to be congratulated. With further practice scores for February and March should be higher.

The team consist of:

SH 205485 Pte. BEACH, R. K. ....	96
SM 107968 Pte. HANSON, K. W. ....	95
ZP 1417 Major E. D. McPHAIL, CD .....	94
SP 21347 WO2 ROBERTS, E. O. ....	94
ZB 5575 Lt. R. L. MATHEWS .....	93
.....	472
SP 21463 Sgt. FALCONER, J. R. D. ....	93
SM 4369 Sgt. WILTSE, D. E. ....	93
SL 109029 Sgt. GRASLEY, L. W. ....	88
SA 125597 Sgt. MULHOLLAND, C. E. ....	83
SL 110776 Sgt. SMITH, R. W. ....	82

LETTERS

Major T. M. MacDonald, MBE, CD  
Commanding Officer  
Canadian Guards Depot

"You and Mr. Gardner are to be congratulated on a splendid publication. We have with us at the Depot, some former members of your famous Regiment and they are doing inval-

able work in building up the new Regiment.

Lt. "Barney" Barnett  
RQMS Papineau, O. J.  
Sgt. Prentice, R. A., MM  
Cpl. Anderson, A. J.  
dated 7 Jan. 55

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

The Band started the New Year with the introduction of a training program which includes the basic GMT subjects; drill, organization, military law, administration, etc. Instructional assistance is provided by the Regimental Depot.

The Royal Canadian Navy has produced a pamphlet on "band drill". A publication of this type would be of great value to the Army. Instructions on all aspects of band drill are required to include procedures for (1) funerals, (2) guard mounting, (3) Retreat, (4) Mess dinners, and (5) Trooping the Colour.

Recent highlight of the Band's activities was a visit to the West coast and the School of Military Engineering at Vedder Crossing.

Press clippings from Victoria and Vancouver were very flattering. In Victoria, on 22 and 23 January, concerts were held. The programme included: (1) excerpts from Offenbach's "Gaiete Parisienne", (2) the modern ballet "Slaughter on 10th Avenue", (3) Selections from the Richard Rodgers musical "On Your Toes" and, (4) the Frank Skinner score from the motion picture "Tap Roots", descriptive of life in the Confederate Army during and after the civil war.

On 25 January, the Band took part in the opening of the British Columbia Legislature at Vancouver.

The orchestra made a visit north to Vegreville and Vermilion to play for detachments of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI).

Deepest sympathies are extended



to B/Sgt. M. R. Church and B/Sgt. J. P. Gordon, and their families, who both suffered the loss of a daughter.

Congratulations are in order for B/Sgt. D. Russell, who deserted the thinning ranks of single men and was

married on the 14th of February. Best of luck to you both.

Our monthly bingo nights have started again and it is hoped that they will prove as popular as they were last year.

## NEWS OF PATRICIAS SERVING AWAY FROM THE REGIMENT



Congratulations of the Regiment are due to certain officers on their recent promotion.

BRIGADIER D. C. CAMERON, DSO, ED  
commanding officer PPCLI from

7 Oct. 48 to 15 Sep. 50

Commandant Royal Canadian School of Infantry  
Director of Infantry

1950-1954

Commander, 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade  
1955

COLONEL N. G. WILSON-SMITH, DSO, MBE  
commanding officer 1 PPCLI from

16 Sep. 50 to 30 Apr. 52

GSO 1, HQ Western Command  
1952-1953

GSO 1, HQ 1 Canadian Infantry Division  
1954

Director of Infantry  
1955

MAJOR O. R. BROWNE

Canadian Army Staff College Graduate  
1954

Army Headquarters  
1955

LT.-COL. A. J. BAKER, MBE, CD  
3 PPCLI and HQ 25 CIB  
1950-1953

Canadian Delegation  
International Supervisory Commission  
Northern LAOS  
1955

CAPTAIN J. T. BRAITHWAITE  
10 Personnel Depot  
1952-1954

Adm. Staff CASC  
1955

LIEUTENANT K. J. DUNPHY, MM  
Royal Canadian  
School of Infantry  
1953-1955

CAPTAIN G. K. NICHOLSON  
DMT - Army Headquarters  
1954-1955

The Regiment extends best wishes to former regimental officers reallocated as shown:

Major J. R. Roberts - 2 Cdn Gds  
Lt. R. R. Geddes - 2 Cdn Gds  
Capt. I. C. Wilson - QOR of C



LT. WILLIAM C. ROBERTSON, MC  
RECEIVES  
AWARD FOR GALLANTRY

Lt. William C. Robertson, MC, 33, of Saskatoon, Sask., has been awarded the "Queen's Commendation For Brave Conduct" for saving the life of a student in a parachute training mishap last summer.

He won the Military Cross in Korea for outstanding service and bravery as pioneer officer with the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in the summer of 1952, and was awarded the United States Air Medal the previous spring for courage and devotion to duty while flying as an aerial observer in a target-locating aircraft in Korea.

Lt. Robertson has been commended by Her Majesty, the Queen, for "heroism and personal disregard for danger" during a training parachute drop last July at the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Manitoba. He is serving there as a parachutist instructor.

While making a jump with a class of men under training, he was struck in mid-air by a student. The student passed through the officer's rigging lines and began to fall away from him.

Lt. Robertson noticed the student's tangled rigging lines and deflated chute, and quickly appreciated that the student would suffer severe if not fatal injuries if he continued such a descent. He grasped the student's deflated canopy and effected a landing without injury to himself or the student.

His citation reads, in part: "This officer's prompt action and disregard for any injuries that he himself might have suffered with an additional load on his parachute saved the student from death, or at any rate, extreme injury."

Lt. Robertson served with the Regiment in the ranks in Italy and North-west Europe during the Second World War.



Lt. W. C. Robertson, MC

Photo by Calgary Herald

LETTERS

From Tourane Vietnam

Greetings and Salutations. My tour of duty is proving to be a very interesting one. At present, I am on fixed team duty in the French zone.

Other Patricia's here:

Lt. Col. A. J. Baker - Northern Laos.

Captain R. Doran - Vientiane Laos.

Captain Tony Stoppa - Ba Ngoi Vietnam.

Best of luck for the New Year.

Jim Taylor (Captain).

Dated 29 Nov. 54.

From Cambodia

Major W. H. Mulherin, GM,

Canadian Delegation,

International Supervisory Commission,

Phnom Penh, Cambodia,

P.O. Box 184.

Other than a few "lush" spots, the majority of posts here are isolated from the rest of the world. The only means of getting into some is by helicopter.

Reg. Doran is stationed at Laos.

Please give my regards to all my old friends in Calgary and a particular hearty greeting to John Koensgen, "Oop" McPhail and Art Potts.

Letter dated 28 Nov. 54.



## ROYAL CANADIAN SCHOOL OF INFANTRY

The Editor,  
The Patrician.

4 Apr. 55,  
Camp Borden, Ont.

Dear Major MUNRO:-

It is our pleasant task to report to you about the Regimental Birthday activities conducted at Camp Borden.

Enclosed you will find a nominal roll of Patricians who participated in the broomball game.

We were very pleased with the entire day. The broomball was as usual, a groaning success (incidentally won by the Privates' team). After the games we enjoyed a few sociable sips at the men's canteen. In that crowded smoke-filled palace we refought the battles in the Regiment's history from Sicily to Korea. We are pleased to note that the Regiment was even more glorious in action during these campaigns, than we had previously been led to believe. The facts were amply substantiated by loud assertions such as, "Yur damn right sur, I wuz there and I seen it happen." At the canteen hideaway we also settled most of the major political issues of the day, decided who was and was not a good fellow and many other incidentals that cropped up.

There was a buffet dinner at 1830 which was preceeded by cocktails. In more genteel surroundings the punch may have been differently named, but "moose milk by any other name would taste as sweet." The luncheon was served as a buffet style, and was well prepared and attractively laid out. We were pleased to see Brigadier D. C. Cameron and Col. Wilson-Smith at our dinner. The birthday cake bore a large crest and was trimmed in the regimental colours. Col. Wilson-Smith cut the cake prior to the toasts to Her Majesty and Lady Patricia.

Following the luncheon we had an informal sing song. Our male chorus certainly gave it the old college try. The spirit indeed was willing, but the games and other activities rendered the fiesh rather susceptible to fatigue, and the participants gradually eased into the night.

We were very pleased with the conduct, the co-operative attitude and general good feeling displayed by the course personnel. You may well be proud of those under your command and those of the 1st Battalion who were there.

Respectively,

K. J. DUNPHY, for the committee.

### OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

Major W. H. J. STUTT, Major S. L. DIAMOND, Capt. G. A. R. GUNTON, Capt. A. OSLAND, Lt: A. G. CAESAR, Lt. W. J. HOCKIN, Lt: K: J: DUNPHY, Lt. V. P. RITHALER, O/C P. W. COLLINS, O/C R. E. MARTIN, O/C R. G. WILKES, O/C W. E. SHIRLEY, SMI (WO1) WATSON, A. W. L., QMS (WO2) KENDALL, W., CSM (WO2) OGILVIE, W. J.

### SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

S/- Sgt. LOCK, C. H., S/Sgt. BROWNE, A. H: E:, S/Sgt HYDE, G. J., S/Sgt. THOMAS, R. J., S/Sgt: WHITE, L. A., Sgt. BOYD, S. A., Sgt: DEFAYE; G. R., Sgt. GRAY, J. S. M:, Sgt: MANN, P: G:, Sgt. MORRISON, L. G., Sgt. TINNEY, D., Sgt: BRISTER, B. J., Sgt. FLEURY, R. K., Sgt: DUNLOP; Sgt. RANDLE, S. R., Sgt. McDONNELL, J. T:

### CORPORALS AND PRIVATES

Cpl. FRANCHUK, M., Cpl. CARRICK, D. T., Cpl. IVES, H. E. L/Cpl. MANDLEY, F. B:, L/Cpl: ST. LOUIS, R. M., Pte. MAGILL, W. R:, Pte: DIXON, R. S., Pte. FRANK, J. W., Pte: GOSSELIN; L. V., Pte. JOHNSON, S. A., Pte: JONES, K: H:, Pte. LAVERGNE, D. J., Pte. POISSON, J. R:, Pte: SMITH, C. A., Pte. WALLIS, J. C., Pte: WELLS; G: E.

## PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

### TORONTO BRANCH

Eric Harris, 303 Belsize Drive, reports from Toronto that the Annual Meeting for election of officers was held on 20 January, 1955. The following gentlemen were elected:

President, J. H. Bryan 769475; Vice-President, Wm. Buchan, World War II; Secretary, E. W. Harris, 487380; Treasurer, W. H. Walker, 100; Exe-

cutive, Roy Black, 475326; Geo. Harris, 34577; T. T. Harris, McG246; W. C. Harris, 405045; Walter Holland; Chas. Webb, 94; and Andy Zapfe, McG102.

The following members are in hospital: Chas. Webb, 94; Bert Stevens, 1298; Captain A. E. Brittain, 1270; Chas. Craig, 251; Barney Todd, 174.



PPCLI 40th ANNIVERSARY  
REUNION PARTY

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Polygon Wood and Bellewaerde Ridge, the Toronto Branch will honour Hamilton-Gault and the "Originals".

On Friday, 6 May 1955, at 8.30 p.m. a concert will be held in Massey Hall. At least six of the original Dumbells will take part in the programme: Ross Hamilton, Al Plunket, Ben Allen, Alan Murray, Jack Ayre and Jack McLean.

Tickets \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.50.

We feel that this is a wonderful opportunity to honour our own Hammie Gault and at the same time to renew old friendships. Let's make it a memorable night. Write to the Massey Hall Box Office, Toronto, for your tickets, NOW!

Saturday, 7 May 1955—36th Annual Banquet at the War Amputations Association, Toronto.

Sunday, 8 May, 1955—PPCLI Church Parade.

PATRICIA CLUB OF WINNIPEG

Greetings from Winnipeg;

Through the passing years we seem to be gradually shrinking in numbers. Just why no one seems to know but every year we have fewer active members and it is hard to have even the paid-up members turn out to the monthly meeting. Nevertheless it is the firm intention of Rusty Gordon and myself to keep the Club going even if we are the only two that turn out.

We have a few regulars that do their very best and do attend most of the meetings. Some of those are: Mickey Hanna, Harry Baker, Bill Hoop, Ken Northwood, Johnny Moore, Bill Gunning, Jack Downie, Jack Oman, E. Ragot, Frank Holt, Jim Bird, Bill McBride, E. Baulmer, Ernie Dodds, Ralph White, Walter Crawford. The latter by the way is recently retired from his position as Comptroller of the Univer-

sity of Manitoba but so as not to take it too easy he had himself elected to the City Council at the last Civic Election.

Rusty Gordon missed our February meeting because he was busy having a hernia attended to by Dr. Corrigan (Regimental MO, 1939) at Deer Lodge. The operation was very successful and Rusty expects to be back by the first of March at the latest.

Our monthly meetings are still held on the first Friday of every month in the Board-room of the Guard's Association Club on Garry Street, across from the Garrick Theatre. We will certainly welcome any out of town visitors that can attend at anytime.

Norman McCowan.

CALGARY BRANCH

299 Sergeant J. Jackson was a recent visitor to the Depot and spent a pleasant hour in the regimental museum which brought back many fond memories of former days with the regiment.

MONTREAL BRANCH

The president, Mr. H. V. Bignell, announces tentative date of the Annual Dinner, 5 May 55 at the Montreal Club, St. James Street, Montreal. He also promises the branch support for the publication of the Regimental History, Volume 3.

OTTAWA BRANCH

The Annual Dinner and Reunion was held on 26 February, 1955, in the Band Room of the Cartier Square Drill Hall in Ottawa.

The guest speaker was Major General W. H. S. Macklin, CBE, CD, retired, former Adjutant General of the Canadian Army.

Major General G. R. Pearkes, VC, DSO, MC, MP, and Major General F. F. Worthington, CB, MC, MM, attended.



## EDMONTON BRANCH

Fraser Gerrie reports the death of Pipe Major J. Colville on 18 January, 1955, at Westlock, Alberta.

"Pipie", as he was affectionately known, had been for a walk and returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roman Perrin, when he suffered a heart seizure and died three hours later.

He was buried on 21 January, when twenty-five of his old comrades turn-

ed out for the funeral. Reverend J. W. Bainbridge (formerly PPCLI - 487387) officiated. Pall bearers were all fellow pipers and original Patricias of World War I:

1771 - Piper George Harvie; 1772 - Piper George Miller; 689 - Alex Rennie; 1658 - Lou Gower; 1007 - Harry Guthrie and 432862 - Piper Larry Smith.

He is survived by a brother Neil, a daughter, Mrs. Perrin and two sons, Graham and John. Neil and Mac Colville, of hockey fame, are nephews.

IN MEMORIAM



PIPE MAJOR J. COLVILLE

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## HARRIS TURNER (411096)

986 Arundel St., Victoria, B.C.

During a holiday in November 1954, Mr. Harris Turner met some of his old comrades in arms. Extracts from his letter to Brigadier Colquhoun are reproduced here.

" in Montreal I met Judge Gregor Barclay and Judge Stewart MacDougall, both officers of the 1st University Company who entered the regiment in 1915.

My friend W. L. Clark (411080) of The Windsor Daily Star (29 Oct. 14) in his column "As We See It" wrote—

## PATRICIA'S HAVE DAY

Veterans of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry had themselves a day in the news yesterday.

Very Rev. C. Cooper Robinson was selected Anglican Bishop of Moosonee. He is the son of an Anglican missionary and was born in Japan. Going overseas with the Fourth University Company, he joined the Patricia's in France in June of 1916 as a Lieutenant. Wounded on the Somme on September 11, 1916, he rejoined the regiment and was there until the end of the war.

G. Herbert Lash, Director Public Relations for the Canadian National Railways, was appointed Assistant to the President of the C.N.R. Like Bishop Robinson, Mr. Lash went overseas with the Fourth University Company, joined the Patricia's in France in June of 1916, was wounded on September 15, 1916, on the Somme. Later he was a Lieutenant in the 47th Battalion and won the Military Cross.

Harris Turner was in Windsor en route to California. He is retired now and lives in Victoria, British Columbia. He and Mrs. Turner had been in Oshawa picking up a new car. Mr. Turner enlisted in Saskatoon with the First University Company and went overseas in 1915. He joined the Patricia's in France in July of 1915 and was blinded in both eyes at Sanctuary Wood in front of Ypres on June 2, 1916. He was awarded the Russian Order of Saint George, a Czarist decoration. Mr. Turner enjoys the distinction of having been chosen in the field for a commission. Without making any application, he was told he was to be commissioned for his fine work as a soldier. His papers had started on the way, but he was blinded before they were completed. Few men in the Canadian Army enjoy such an honor.

He was also a good newspaperman and the creator of Starbeams.

And, if it is of any interest, another veteran of the Patricia's, who enlisted in Saskatoon with Mr. Turner, went to France with him and was wounded on the same day, was being kicked around by Ford of Canada, the UAW-CIO, and the Chamber of Commerce for the things he writes in this column.

I met another Patricia in Toronto. He was the commissionaire in front of a Chinese restaurant. His name was Sergeant Major Harry Usher and he wanted to be remembered to you, Carvosso, Edgar and Tenbroeke."

## LETTERS

### From London

F. G. YOUNG (No. 196 - Sergeant)  
29 Greswell St.,  
FULHAM, LONDON, SW6,  
England.

"You may wonder why I have not been in touch with the Regiment during all these years. I returned to my native London early in 1918, married and have been settled in England ever since.

I joined the Regiment in August 1914, number 2 platoon of No. 1 Company. I went to France in 1914, joined the bombers when they were formed at St. Eloi early in 1915 and stayed a bomber until I was discharged as a Sergeant in 1917".

## WHO WAS THE FIRST REGIMENTAL SNIPER CASUALTY IN WORLD WAR I?

I met J. S. Rowley (1688) an original sniper (later superintendent of P. A. Penitentiary) the other day and was asked "Who was the first sniper hit." As far as I can remember it was on 25 Jan. 1915, the day that we had that "red good shoot" and "Red" Clark (1087) was created by a bullet that went through his balaclava helmet as he was climbing up the slit trench front of the mound.

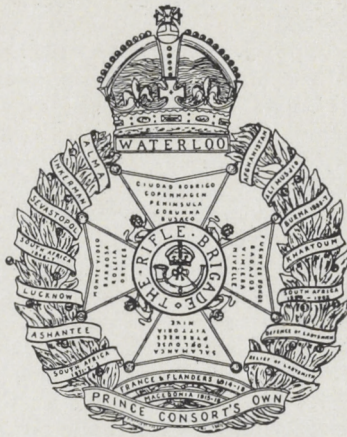
Rowley thinks that it was "Tubby" Nourse (172) who was creased on the mound but I think that Nourse spent the day in the brick piles and was not on the mound on the 25th.

Can any old sniper put us right?

Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun



# THE RIFLE BRIGADE



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry became allied with The Rifle Brigade (Prince Consort's Own) under authority of British Army Order 104 dated 31 March 1925 and Canadian General Order 58 of 1 June 1925.

Other Regiments allied with  
The Rifle Brigade  
are

British Columbia Regiment  
(Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles)  
Royal Winnipeg Rifles  
Melbourne University Rifles  
Royal Durban Light Infantry  
Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps  
6th GURKHA Rifles

"History of the Rifle Brigade" by Colonel Willoughby Verner, Part 1, 1800 - 1809 published in 1912 gives the following account of the formation of the Regiment.

The Regiment now known as the Rifle Brigade was raised in 1800 and first made its name as "The Rifle Corps" under Lord Nelson in the following year at the Battle of Copenhagen. In 1803 it was numbered the 95th and subsequently fought throughout the Peninsular War and at Waterloo as "The 95th" or "The Rifle Regiment." It was not until after Waterloo that it was taken out of the numbered Regiments of the Line and styled "The Rifle Brigade".

Colonel Coote Manningham, founder of the Rifle Corps, made representation to the military authorities pointing out the importance of having a regiment in the British Army furnished with a rifled arm and trained in the special duties of riflemen. In consequence of the suggestions made, a circular letter was issued to the Commanding Officers of fourteen Regiments of the Line requesting each to provide a detachment of 2 sergeants, 2 corporals and 30 private men for instruction in the use of the rifle. One Captain, one Lieutenant and one ensign, who volunteered to serve in the corps of Riflemen, were to be recommended by each Regiment.

The various detachments assembled at Horsham during the month of March,



1800. The first parade of the "Experimental Corps" at Horsham was held on 1 April 1800.

By the end of the year 1800 the "Rifle Corps" numbered 435 NCOs and men and thenceforward it grew steadily.

The first "Gazette" relating to the officers of the Rifle Corps is the London Gazette of 18 October, 1800. Everyone of the officers formally gazetted had served in the original "Experimental Corps" of Riflemen.

Colonel Coote Manningham, the founder of The Rifle Corps was the first Colonel. He died 26 August 1809 with the rank of Major General from effects of the Coruna campaign.

The selection of Lieutenant Colonel, The Honourable William Stewart, from the 67th Foot, as the first commanding officer had much to do with the unqualified success achieved in the raising of the Rifle Corps.

The Standing Orders of the Regiment, though issued of course in Colonel Manningham's name, were probably entirely compiled by Stewart, testify not only to his capability for organization and discipline, but in a most remarkable way to his detachment and advance on the military ideas of his time. The germs, if not indeed, the actual scheme of most of the late improvements for the training and advantage of the soldier are found in these orders. Many plans carried out in the British army only after the middle of the nineteenth century, were included in the original standing orders and were adopted in the Regiment from its formation.

A Lieutenant in the Rifle Corps (25 December 1800) in his letters to his family bears high testimony to Stewart's ability in organizing the Corps -

"Stewart makes it a rule to strike at the heads. With him the field officers must first be steady, and then he goes downwards; hence the privates say: "We had better look sharp if he is so strict with the officers!"

Another interesting excerpt from the early history of the Regiment reads as follows:

The rifle selected for the first British regiment thus armed was known after its maker's name as the "Baker" rifle. It was 2 ft. 6 in. in length, seven grooved, rifled one-quarter turn and threw a ball of 20 to the pound. It was flint-lock and weighed 9½ lbs. To this rifle a triangular bayonet 17 in. long was fixed by a spring. The rifle was sighted for 100 yards with a folding sight for 200 yards but it could be used with effect up to 300 yards. The accuracy of this weapon is proved by Baker having in his experiments struck a diagram of a human figure at 100 yards range 32 times out of 34 shots and at 200 yards 22 out of 24. The rifle was loaded with some difficulty, and at first wooden mallets were issued to drive home the ball. The Riflemen carried a horn of powder slung over the shoulder, the balls being carried loose. In the stock of the rifle was a brass box in which were stored the greased rags or "patches" in which each ball was wrapped before ramming it home. A picker to clear the touch-hole and a brush, both suspended by brass chains to the waist-belt were also carried.

Such was the arm which was to become world famous as the weapon of the Rifles from Copenhagen to Waterloo.

The Baker rifle was issued to various other corps besides the 95th Rifles from 1805 onward and continued to be the only rifle in use in the British Army until 1838 when it was supplanted by the Brunswick rifle.

The home station of the Rifle Brigade is located at Winchester, ancient Royal capital of England. The Green Jackets' Depot occupies the "upper" portion of this historic and archaic barracks.

The Regiment served in Canada and was in garrison at Fort Henry, the citadel of Upper Canada, 1847 to 1849 and 1850 to 1852.

King William IV once said to the Regiment, "Wherever there has been fighting, there you have been and wherever you have been, you have distinguished yourselves."



# THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (MILITIA)



3rd Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

The affiliation of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment with PPCLI and redesignation of the Regiment as, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry), effective 19 October 1954, was authorized in Canadian Army Orders dated 8 November 1954.

With the recent affiliation between the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and PPCLI, the Editor is of the opinion that the story of the 49th badge is of interest.

Colonel J. R. Stone, Lieut-Col. Bradburn, S/Sgt. K. H. McLeod and others connected with the 49th have contributed much helpful information. We hasten to add that these gentlemen were not "taken down" verbatim and are not responsible for any errors which may appear.

Early in 1915, the late Major General (then Lieutenant Colonel) W. A. Griesbach founded the 49th Battalion.

The cap badge designed by him and issued to the unit prior to moving overseas, consisted of a maple leaf in bronze with the figures "49" superimposed and surmounted by an Imperial crown. The words "Edmonton Overseas Battalion - Canada" was included with a small beaver between the words "Overseas" and "Battalion".

The Battalion returned from overseas in 1919 and was demobilized in Edmonton. It was immediately reorganized as a unit of the N. P. A. M. and redesignated "49th Battalion, The Edmonton Regiment". It was constituted to perpetuate, in addition, the 51st and 66th Battalions. These units supplied many re-inforcement drafts to the 49th during the course of the war.

Shortly after the formation of the N. P. A. M. unit, a new cap badge was authorized. This badge was designed as follows:- A four vaned "Flanders" windmill surmounted by a crown; in the centre of the vanes, a coyote head; to the right and left of the bottom vanes a maple leaf; between the bottom vanes, the figures "49"; the words "Canada" appear under the crown and "Edmonton Regiment" on a scroll at the bottom of the badge.

In this badge the two maple leaves commemorate the 51st and 66th Battalions mentioned above. The coyote head perpetuates the memory of the Regiment's first mascot, a coyote pup, which was taken overseas. When the unit crossed to France the coyote was presented to the London zoo. The windmill commemorates the battle fields of Flanders.



An official document of the Edmonton Regiment, which the writer has seen, gives the date of this badge as "After the last war", i.e. during 1919 or later.

A facsimile of this badge was presented to PPCLI by Major General Griesbach in 1917 and can now be seen in the museum.

In the twenties, H.M. King George V approved an alliance between the Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) and the Edmonton Regiment. At about the same time it was decided to again change the design of the cap badge. The new design deleted the figures "49" from between the bottom vanes of the windmill and inserted instead a third maple leaf. The reason given for this change was that the three battalions perpetuated by the N. P. A. M. unit, 49th, 51st and 66th, should all have equal representation on the cap badge: a maple leaf for each. The coyote head in this design is slightly larger. The remaining features of the badge are the same as in the previous design.

At the outbreak of World War II "49th Battalion The Edmonton Regiment" was mobilized as a unit of 1 Canadian Infantry Division and re-designated "The 49th Edmonton Regiment". After the move overseas, a decision was made to incorporate a visible feature of the alliance, with the Loyal Regiment into the cap badge and it was the unanimous wish of all ranks to reinstate the figures "49". A new design was therefore made and submitted for approval.

Beneath the crown a "Loyal" rose. The figures "49" between the bottom vanes. A maple leaf to the right and left of the bottom vanes. The coyote head is further enlarged. The word "Canada" is deleted. The scroll beneath reads "The Loyal Edmonton Regiment". The extremities of the scroll curve inwards instead of outwards as in previous designs. A facsimile of this badge appears in this issue of the "Patrician".

It has been found impossible for the present to accurately date the issue of this badge. Several conflicting opinions have been given. From information we have been able to gather, partial issue had been made prior to the return to Canada in 1945. An official document published in Europe in August 1945 is stamped with the previous badge, three maple leaves without the rose or the figures "49". A former member of the unit has said that the present badge was seen on issue shortly after the title "The Loyal Edmonton Regiment" was officially authorized in 1943.

The museum is fortunate in possessing specimens of all four of the described badges. In our next issue we shall be pleased to publish further information which may come to light and to correct any errors made.

The Headquarters of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Militia) is located in the Prince of Wales Armoury at Edmonton, Alberta, together with Support Company, Headquarters Company, C Company and the Band. The carrier platoon is detached at Dawson Creek, B.C.; A Company at Vermilion, Alberta; B Company at Vegreville, Alberta; and D Company at Grande Prairie, Alberta.

The Regiment forms part of 23 Militia Group with HQ at Edmonton. The regimental area covers the Northern part of the Province of Alberta.

A regimental camp is located about ten miles west of the City of Edmonton known as "Camp Harris" after a former commanding officer. This camp is owned by the Regiment and includes an Officers' Mess, a Sergeants' Mess and a cook house on a property site of four acres. Men's quarters will soon be added.

The Regiment is very active in all locations with the largest parade strengths in the outlying companies. At the present time, the Regiment in Edmonton provides the cadre for the instruction of all recruits in the Militia units of the garrison stationed at the Prince of Wales Armoury.



# PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

In the summer of 1946, the Regiment came to Calgary and became part of the military garrison at Currie Barracks.

The City of Calgary with true western hospitality and friendliness has taken the Regiment to its heart and in 1952 extended the "freedom of the city" in recognition of Second Battalion's gallant service in Korea.

Let us read what Mr. John Fisher of the CBC says about

## CALGARY

Most Albertans have heard about the Mounties' historic trek across the unsettled prairies. In their mind's eye, they can see the long, winding line of redcoats with horses and prairie schooners; a brave caravan threading its way across the prairies and along ancient buffalo trails while redskins watch apprehensively from a distance and report the progress of these strangers into their country.

The founding of Fort Macleod is a part of Alberta history everyone should know. And many can picture the still weary troop "E" of the brave North West Mounted Police travelling still further through this uncharted country to start another fort at the junction of the Bow and Elbow Rivers.

There began another important chapter in Alberta's history book called Calgary. Although there are various stories as to the origination of Calgary's name, it's claimed to have been named "Calgary" by Colonel Macleod, the Scotch name for "clear running water". At least, that's what Assistant Commissioner A. G. Irvine stated in a letter of 1876 to the Deputy Minister of Justice in Ottawa.

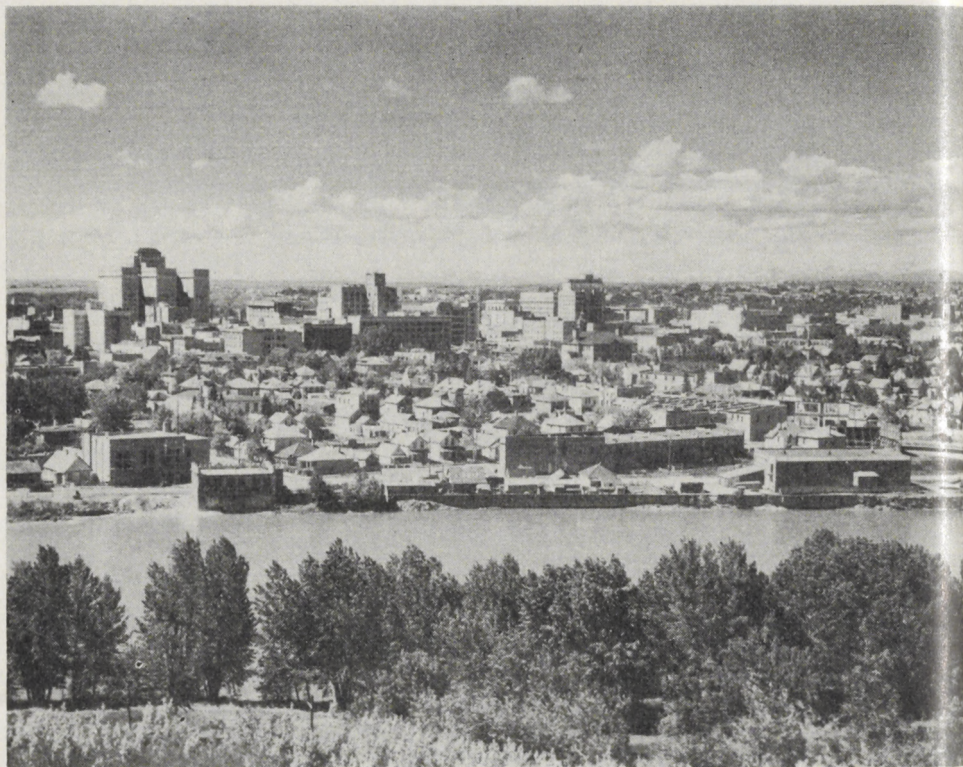
The coming of the North West Mounted meant a Fort, the building of which was taken over by D. W. Davis, the man in charge of the I. G. Baker men. The first building was made of dry pine logs fourteen feet long. Lumber for the doors and flooring was cut with a whip-saw by halfbreeds and when the flurry of building died, there stood Calgary's fort, a number of buildings surrounded by a log stockade about ten feet high. These men also put up a substantial store and some houses and before long, the doors of Calgary's first trading post opened for business, stocked with an assortment of goods brought from Fort Benton. Shortly after this the Hudson's Bay Company arrived, built a small log building and also opened for business.

As the story of the opening up of the west and legends of its wealth and abundance trickled back east, more and more settlers gathered their worldly belongings together, bundled their families up and headed for the wide open spaces. Slowly and gradually they sifted into Calgary, settling close to the fort for protection. It was during this slow development of Calgary from fort to town that two of Calgary's best known oldtimers, Doctors N. J. Lindsay and R. G. Brett, arrived in Calgary by train. It had taken them over a week to come from Winnipeg, through the flat monotony of the prairies until the Bow River was first sighted, with purple haze of jagged mountains shadowed beyond. And their first sight of Calgary, in 1883, showed them nothing more than a small group of tents. Upon arriving at the end of the railroad line, where it stopped at the Elbow River, the two men noted that it really was a town under canvas except for a few log buildings scattered here and there. Even the Royal Hotel was in a striped tent under the management of one, Mr. Moulton. But those were really the good old days, for under that canvas roof they got a delicious meal for fifty cents. After stepping off the train, Doctor Lindsay and Doctor Brett crossed the Elbow River on a log that was held taut in place by ropes from both banks.

In those early days, the Indians still clung to their old lives and customs. Dr. Lindsay had heard a great deal about these customs including the Sun Dance ceremonies and on learning they were in progress on the Sarcce Indian Reserve, set out with Dr. Brett to see for themselves.

At the Sun Dance House on the Reserve, tom toms were thumping out their monotonous throb, braves were dancing themselves into exhaustion and they were in the process of "making a brave". Two skewers attached to both ends of a rope passed around a pole had been pushed and shoved through both sides of a young brave's chest. He was leaning backwards on the rope, pulling with all his weight, trying to





The City of Calgary (1955)  
looking South across the Bow River

Photo by Calgary Herald

tear the skewers through his chest muscles to prove that he was strong enough to become a real brave. The doctors watched this barbaric spectacle for as long as they could stand it then moved towards the door but were detained until they gave Chief Bull's Head all the silver they had.

In those early days it was something indeed to see the Royal Mail pulling out of Calgary! There they would stand in front of the I. G. Baker store, ox teams of ten yoke each, pulling three heavy lumber wagons. The driver of the teams would be mounted on a pony which he guided with his heels, while in both hands he carried a huge whip which he cracked and whirled energetically and loudly for ten to fifteen minutes. He would ride up and down beside the hitched oxen, cracking the whip and yelling for all he was worth while the oxen stood placidly by. Gradually one would move a bit, then the other until slowly the three wagons would move creakily out of Calgary on their way with the Royal Mail!

In those early days there was a lot of unrest amongst the Indians. Once Dr. Lindsay was called to the Blackfoot Reserve by Indian agent Brown, who asked him to come quietly and conduct a secret post



mortem on an Indian believed shot by a white man. So they, the Indian agent, an interpreter and Dr. Lindsay, set out from the Indian Reserve in a direction opposite to the one where the body was lying, then gradually swung in the right direction and found the body wrapped in canvas and buffalo robes and lying in a coffin of logs placed three feet above the ground.

Dr. Lindsay set to work on his post mortem at once and was halfway through when suddenly, glancing behind him, he started at the sight of around two hundred Indians in warpaint and feathers with sawed-off rifles and their brightly painted horses. He hadn't heard them come up at all and turning to Brown asked, "What's going on?"

"Go ahead with your work and see that you find the bullet", was the agent's terse rejoinder. Dr. Lindsay found the bullet and handed it to the interpreter who held it up with a sigh of relief and muttered, "A charmed bullet"!

The doctor continued with his work, while the bullet was passed to the Indian Chief. When he looked up again, the Indians and their horses had disappeared as soundlessly and suddenly as they had come. Then he discovered that luckily for him, the bullet was one used by the Indians. If the brave had been killed by a white man, Dr. Lindsay would probably have met his death then and there, in retaliation.

That was Calgary as the oldtimers like Doctor Lindsay knew it; a town under canvas with sections, not streets; a cowboy's town with true western hospitality and unpredictable Indians on the outskirts. The settlers and new Calgarians were busy building homes and businesses, meeting the newcomers and making them feel at home, putting ranchers too late to catch the hotel up for the night. Yes, they were far too busy building a future and helping their neighbors to grow grey hairs over the thought of someone stealing the new family treasures they'd managed to bring west with them. So their doors were always open, strangers were always welcome and they all lived and worked helping each other.

From these formative days of the west grew such outstanding men as Bob Edwards, editor of the famous or infamous Eye-Opener; R. B. Bennett, the man who won an election in 1930 from W. L. M. King; Henry Wise Wood, the man from Missouri who took root in Calgary and fathered the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Early Calgary had something to do with the development of Paddy Nolan, one of the west's greatest criminal lawyers; Bill Aberhardt the former high school teacher who got the Social Credit movement really underway in 1935 and the fabulous Irishman 'Pat' Burns as well as dozens of other well known Canadians and Albertans.

Right now there are around 165,000 people in Calgary but the City Planning Department estimates that by 1981 there will be over 230,000. Calgary also has an amazing number of cars. There is one car for every 3.9 persons, a figure that only Los Angeles can beat, so far as the North American Continent goes. It's estimated that in thirty years there'll be 2.1 persons per car.

Any way you look at it, Calgary has really grown since those early days of a town under canvas. One of the things which has helped promote it is the famous Calgary Stampede, held the second week of July. Or those chinooks, that breathe across the foothills and suddenly turn the coldest day warm without warning. Then there are Calgary's agriculture, cattle and oil industries in the surrounding acres, which help the city grow and multiply.

Something else which has helped Calgary's growth and popularity throughout North America and other parts of the world is its own people. Wherever they go they talk of their charming foothills city, the nice people, the Stampede, the Rocky Mountains beyond. And at present Calgary's leading citizen, the Mayor, Don Mackay, has himself done a great deal towards this end. A colorful man for a colorful city, Mayor Mackay is public relations conscious and does his best to bring Calgary to the attention of other cities he visits. And wherever he goes, he wears his white stetson.

The Mayor has even started a collection of various hats. Among his hats collected is a homburg from Toronto, a straw hat from the Vancouver Lions, a yachting cap from Kelowna and his most prized hat of all, a real Texas stetson from the late Guy Weadick. This hat has been hung on a peg as too valuable to be worn. Those same famous Calgary white stetsons have been given to such famous people as Earl Alexander, The Duke of Edinburgh, Prime Minister St. Laurent and others.

So Calgary has grown from its birth in 1875 as a North West Mounted Police fort to a town under canvas, then one of wooden buildings and today into a city of gradually rising buildings which lend it a prosperous silhouette against the backdrop of the purple foothills and jagged mountain range. But though it has grown by leaps and bounds, Calgarians are still trying to hold onto the old idea of true western hospitality and friendliness. For no matter where you go, Calgarians still proudly maintain there's nothing quite like Calgary, "the sunshine city of the foothills" and part of our proud Alberta heritage.

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# OBITUARY

## 667 Pipe Major John Colville

The late Pipe Major J. Colville enlisted PPCLI in August 1914 and proceeded overseas with the Regiment. He was mentioned in despatches in 1916. In early August, 1914, when the Regiment was formed, the Edmonton Pipe Band was encountered one morning at Ottawa's railway station by the Commanding Officer. The pipe band announced that they had come to play the Regiment to France and back again. The Pipes were in charge of a gallant old Highlander, Pipe Major J. Colville and wore full Highland Kit with the Hunting Stewart tartan—given to them, with their pipes, by the St. Andrew's Society of Edmonton. Colonel Farquhar was able to take them on establishment and they lightened many a march for the Regiment over the hard French roads and proved stout-hearted stretcher-bearers in action. Although a military band was added to the regimental establishment much later, the Pipe Band remained the senior regimental band throughout the war.

He died on 18 January, 1955, at Westlock, Alberta, aged 77 years.

## SK 13975 Private Donald Leslie Mason

Born in Victoria, British Columbia, Pte. Mason enlisted in the Canadian Army on 20 February, 1952.

He served in Korea with 3 PPCLI from November 1952 to October 1953 and was employed as battalion signaller with 1 PPCLI since his return from the Far East.

He was married on 25 October, 1954, and is survived by his wife, Marion Jean, residing at 978 Ambassador Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

He was accidentally killed on an airborne training exercise at Lloyd Lake, 14 miles South of Calgary on 17 February, 1955.

## SP 20993 Company Sergeant Major Noel Sydney Bernard Woolfson

CSM N. S. B. Woolfson was born in Dorchester, England, in December, 1910.

He came to Canada in 1930 and enlisted in the Regiment at Winnipeg 6 January, 1931.

Serving through the ranks as private soldier and junior NCO, he was promoted sergeant on the mobilization of the Regiment in September 1939. He received his warrant, class 3, prior to the movement of the Regiment overseas.

He was promoted WO2 in 1942 and served as a company sergeant major through the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. He returned to Canada on instructional duty in January, 1945.

On formation of the Canadian Army Active Force in October, 1946, he was appointed to the instructional staff as a WO2 and employed as an instructor with the Rocky Mountain Rangers at Kamloops, B.C.

Volunteering for overseas service in Korea, he served there with both First and Second battalions of the Regiment.

On his return to Canada in 1952 he was posted to the Royal Canadian School of Infantry at Camp Borden, Ont.

He was accidentally killed when taking part in a demonstration of fire power at Camp Borden on 2 February, 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Kay and a daughter, Dorothy.

The funeral took place with full military honours in Barrie, Ont., and was attended by all serving and former Patricias resident in the area.

Known to all Patricias for his loyal devotion to duty and to the Regiment, "Woolfy" is remembered by his comrades.



# OBITUARY

## 20970 Sergeant Joseph Patrick Toner

Sgt. J. P. Toner was born in Belfast, Ireland.

He enlisted in the Royal Ulster Rifles in 1922 and served until 1929.

Leaving Ireland for Canada in 1930 he enlisted in the Regiment at Winnipeg on 6 May of that year.

During the years 1930-1939 he became a famous figure in Regimental sports. A former Irish light weight champion, he succeeded in winning the Regimental and Garrison (Fort Osborne) boxing championships in seven successive years 1931-1937. He also represented the city of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba at many amateur tournaments.

Captain of the football team when "Soccer" was probably the main Regimental sport he was selected by the city and Province for many representative games.

He went overseas with the Regiment in December, 1939, and was promoted sergeant. He returned to Canada for duty in 1943. He completed his service as a sergeant on the garrison staff at Fort Osborne Barracks and was discharged to pension in December, 1946.

Joe was a credit to the Regiment. A fine soldier and sportsman.

He died in December, 1954, and is survived by his wife and family at Winnipeg.

## Captain Albert George Meachem, MM, MSM

Captain Albert Meachem was a resident of Canada for 43 years.

Born in London, England, in September 1887, he enlisted in the British Army in 1904 and served until 1911.

He came to Canada in 1912 and was residing in Edmonton at the outbreak of World War I.

Enlisting in the Regiment, as a private, in August 1914, Regimental Number 596, he served with the Regiment throughout the war. By the end of hostilities he had attained the rank of Company Quartermaster Sergeant. He was decorated with the Military Medal for a conspicuous act of gallantry, in the outskirts of Mons, during the final advance. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service and devotion to duty throughout the whole course of the war.

The Regiment was disbanded as a C E F unit on 20 March, 1919, and raised as a component of the Canadian Permanent Force 21 March, 1919. Albert re-enlisted, being the third man to do so. PF number 20003. He proceeded to Winnipeg with "A" and "D" Coys in 1920 holding the appointment of CQMS (WO2) in "A" Company.

In 1937, he was selected by unanimous choice to represent the Regiment at the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Promoted Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant in November, 1938, he was commissioned in September, 1939, and proceeded overseas with the Regiment as Quartermaster. Early in 1942 he was posted to the "Q" staff of 1 Canadian Infantry Division.

In 1943 he returned to Canada for duty and retired to pension in April, 1945, after serving 31 years as a Patricia.

He died on 19 February, 1955, in Victoria, B.C., aged 67 years.

He is survived by his wife Marjory, 902 McLure St., Victoria; a daughter and son-in-law Dorothy and David Hill, 705 Pandora St., Victoria; and two sisters and a brother in England.



# OBITUARY

The pall bearers at the funeral were: Lt.-Col. J. C. Cave, Major F. Bliss, RSM S. Mitchell, MBE, QMSI J. D. DeRochie, all formerly PPCLI. Mr. J. Harper (son of the late Major and RSM J. T. Harper, MBE, PPCLI) and Major J. Sprostyn, CMSC.

Among many old Patricias to pay their last respects were: Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun, CBE, MC; Colonel J. N. Edgar, MC; Colonel R. L. Mitchell; Lt.-Col. M. R. Tenbroeke, MC; Major F. Faulkner (in charge of arrangements); Major P. D. Crofton; WO1 A. Hird (nephew) now RCASC; Sgt. A. W. Roberts; Band Sgt. G. Hill and Cpl. D. W. Cuthbert.

Albert has passed on - loved, honoured and never to be forgotten by his Regiment and his old comrades. In the words of a former commanding officer "There never was a better soldier; wise, loyal and courageous."

## 20079 SMI (WO1) James LENNOX

The late Sergeant Major Instructor James Lennox was born in Helenburgh, Dunbarton, Scotland. He enlisted in the Seaforth Highlanders on 21 January 1899 at the age of 20. He saw service in South Africa and was discharged from the British Army on 28 December, 1911.

During World War I he saw service in France with the First Battalion CEF and was wounded. His service for this period extended from 11 January 1915 until 20 May 1919.

He enlisted PPCLI on 7 July, 1919 and served with distinction in the Regiment until 1935 when he retired to pension.

Sergeant Major Lennox was a grand person and an outstanding instructor. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. R. (Margaret) Hall, P.O. Box 206, Victoria, B.C.; one granddaughter, Lynn; and two brothers, George and William, of Birmingham, England.

He died on 4 February, 1955, at the age of 77 years.

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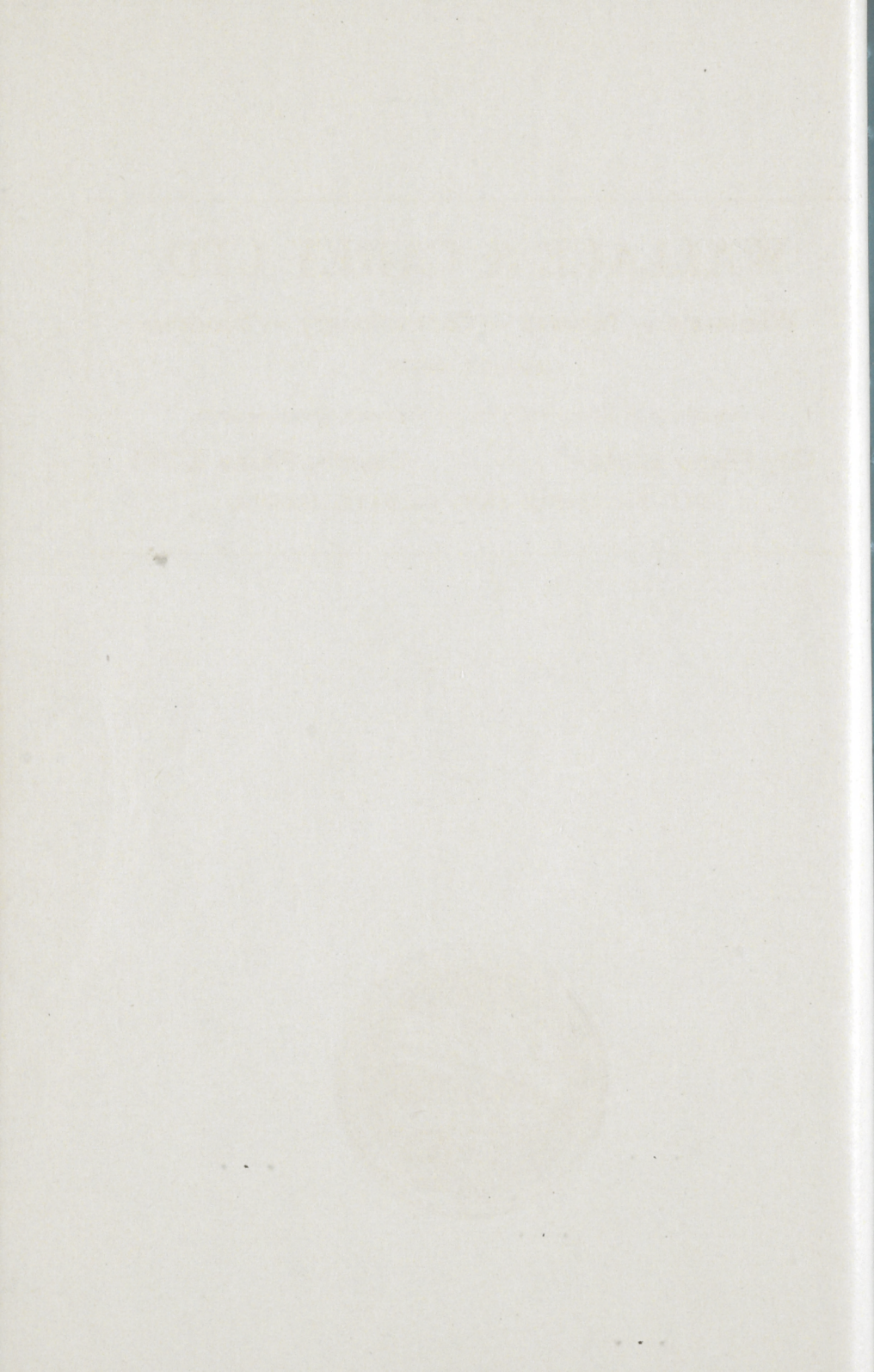
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