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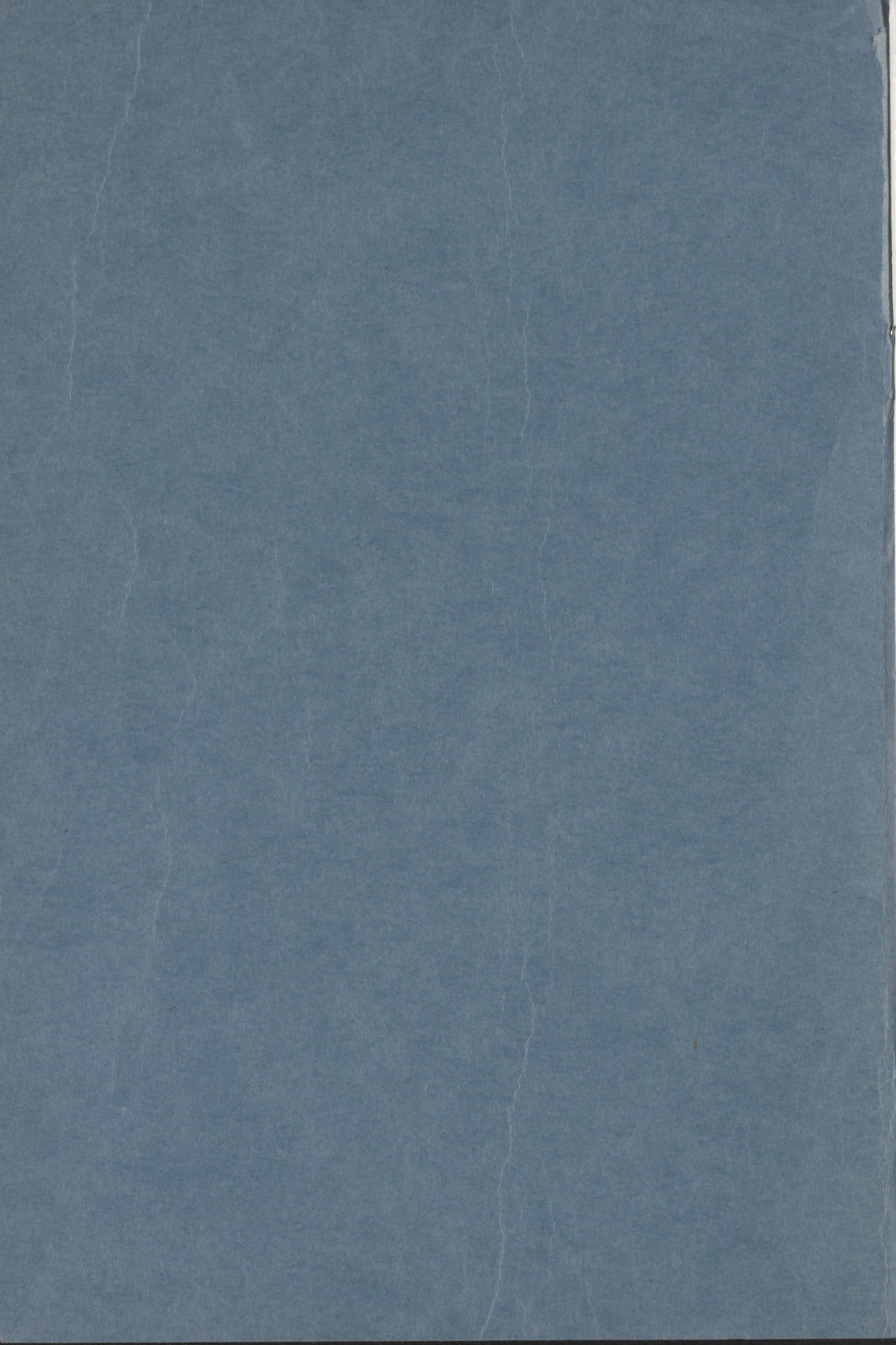
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Major IR Koensgen, MC, CD, a gallant Regimental officer and good comrade was laid to rest in the military plot of St. Michael's cemetery, Ottawa, on 21 June 1957. Lt Col CRH Charlebois, deputy director Chaplain services (RC) reads the prayers at graveside.



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Note: Battle Honours selected for emblazonment on the colours are printed in heavy type.

Editor's Note: Battle Honours reported in the last issue of the Patrician, Vol. X, March, 1957, Number 1, on page 7 are amended as follows: "Rimini Line" to be in block letters (emblazoned on the colours), "Savio Bridgehead" in small print (not emblazoned).



## **PPCLI BARRACKS Griesbach, Alberta**

With the occupation of the Regiment's new home station by Second Battalion and the Regimental Depot, a new era in the history of the Regiment begins.

The completion of the recreation building and outdoor sports fields will provide all facilities for the station.

On Saturday, 21 September 1957, "Army Day," the Regiment will play host to the citizens of Edmonton when a programme of infantry and airborne activities will be carried out.

## **REGIMENTAL HISTORY Volume 3**

The manuscript of the history has been completed. The book consists of fifteen chapters and now extends to the occupation of PPCLI Barracks, in Griesbach, Alberta. There are 32 photographs and 10 maps. 150,000 words include 4,000 words of footnotes and two appendices.

Action is being taken to draw up a printing contract and have the book published. It is planned to have the book ready by the summer of 1958.

We thank all subscribers to this Regimental project for their support and patience during the years taken up with production of the manuscript.

Readers of the journal who wish to obtain a copy of the book are invited to send their name and address to the Editor for inclusion on the mailing list.

## **PPCLI In Action at Second Battle of Ypres**

The original painting in oil by WB Wollen, known to the Regiment as "Frezenberg, 8 May 1915" has been purchased and presented to the Regiment by the founder and honorary colonel, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD.

This famous picture, from which many prints were made, measures 5 feet nine inches by 4 feet and now hangs in the officers' mess, PPCLI Barracks, Griesbach, Alberta.

## **FREZENBERG MEMORIAL**

Commanding Officer, First Battalion, on behalf of the Regimental Executive Committee is completing plans for the erection of a memorial to Patricias who fell at the Battle of Frezenberg, 8 May 1915 before the Battalion returns to Canada from service in Europe.

The most appropriate site for the memorial is in a small orchard on the YPRES-MENIN ROAD; east of HOOGE. This was the actual location of Battalion headquarters during the battle.

The founder of the Regiment and Honorary Colonel has generously accepted the cost of the project.

Further details together with a photograph of the memorial will be published in the next issue of the Patrician.

## **MISS JENNY MacGREGOR MORRIS**

The Toronto and Edmonton Branches of the Association received letters from our "London Mother" on the annual commemoration of the 8th of May, 1915.

Letters from Miss Morris are received regularly by the Regimental Depot for the younger generation of "serving" Patricias. She enjoys her copy of the Patrician.

On 13 May, she writes: "I had Arthur and Noreen Potts here on Good Friday. I'm very fond of Edmonton and heard much about it from many. Folks are so kind, coming in. Some days they never stop and then I'm tired and doctor is cross. My love to you all."

On 15 July; "I was in bed and wasn't able to write before, however, that spell is over and I'm around again today. Bless you all, always!"



On 2 August; "I really am trying to do as doctor says, 20 mph and NOT 60. I want to get to Whitehall again in November and the months do slide past so quickly. All good wishes to you and my love as always."

### THE BAND

This will be the last report from the Regimental band from this side of the "Pond," for at least two years.

The Band leaves in September for a two year tour of duty in Europe. For the Dutch and English bandsmen it will be a nice homecoming; for Canadians a chance to see how the other side of the world lives. As a band, we're looking forward to some interesting tours. The British Empire Games in Wales; world's fair in Belgium and, the world's hockey championships in Oslo, Norway. Right now everything is in a tizzy with people running around getting band equipment packed and in the same breath dropping around to the MIR for needles, but it's all worth it, considering what lies ahead.

This has been a quiet summer for the band but not a dull one. Our last trip away from home base was to the band summer school in Wainwright the first week in July. The school was a great success with about 300 reserve bandsmen taking advantage of the course. It was also a profitable trip for our own band. Two promoted to B/Sgt. Gp. 3, four promoted to B/Cpl. Gp 2 and one getting his Gp. 3. Promoted Sergeant H. Zandboer and A. van Lieshout. Promoted Corporal J. Douma, W. Morey, R. Beck and W. Palfenier. B/Cpl. Loeb passed his Gp. 3 test.

The strength of the band was increased last month with five replacements for the coming tour. Coming from the RCA, Halifax, were B/Sgt's McAig and Smith, D; from RHC, Halifax, B/Sgt Saville; from

RCHA, Winnipeg, B/Sgt Jennings and from the Canadian Guards, Camp Borden B/Sgt Brady.

### REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

The recent move to the Regimental Home Station at Griesbach Barracks did not unfortunately include the museum. As it has been impossible to find suitable accommodation in the new area, the museum will remain for the time being at the Prince of Wales Armoury.

This should not deter intending visitors. All that is necessary is a call to the curator at 792041 local 140r2.

With the assistance of the Regimental Executive Committee the museum has made a further move towards complete self-sufficiency in the matter of furniture. Fifteen handsome new display tables are now in use.

A splendid collection of Canadian Army cap badges has been received from Major and Mrs. J. Wallace. (Patricians between the wars will remember Jack and Nell Wallace at both Winnipeg and Esquimalt stations.) The badges were the property of their son who was killed in action in North West Europe 1944.

Visitors during the past few months have included:

Major General C Vokes CB CBE DSO CD  
General Officer Commanding Western Command  
(Annual Inspection)  
PPCLI Association, Edmonton Branch  
(Frezenberg day re-union)  
Brigadier CB Ware DSO CD — PPCLI  
(DGMT AHQ)  
Colonel NG Wilson-Smith DSO MBE CD  
— PPCLI (D inf AHQ)  
Lieutenant Colonel AH Fraser DSO CD  
— PPCLI (HQ Brit Area)  
Major J. Whitelaw—Royal Australian Artillery.  
Major KE Haffner CD RCE  
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI)  
(Young soldiers)  
RSM F Hall PPCLI  
RSM S Mitchell MBE PPCLI (Ret)

The following presentations are gratefully acknowledged:



**The Regiment (PPCLI Regimental Executive Committee)**  
Display Tables (15).

## Second Battalion

Officer's guest book (Germany)

## Regimental Depot

Original Commanding Officer's pennant.

## Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI)

Germans weapons—World War II

## The Rifle Brigade

- a. Mess Jacket. The Rifle Brigade.
- b. Full dress jacket. The Rifle Brigade.

## Mrs KC Burness

- a. Photographs and souvenirs of the Regiment 1914-19.
- b. "Patricia" dollar bill.  
(The above were the property of the late Lieutenant Colonel KC Burness MC PPCLI who was lost at sea by enemy action in 1940)

## Miss Jenny Morris (London Mother)

Photographs of the Regiment 1914-19

## Major J Wallace (PPCLI ret) and Mrs Wallace

Collection of cap badges.  
(The collection was the property of the late Mr E Wallace. Killed in action 1944)

## Major HG Munro PPCLI

British medal ribbons, 1793-1902.  
(The ribbons were formerly in the collection of the late Lieutenant-Colonel WA Munro DSO)

## Major EJ Williams PPCLI

- a. Campaign maps, North West Europe 1944-45.
- b. Miscellaneous rank badges and buttons.

## Major WHJ Stutt PPCLI

Map case (formerly the property of Col L Scott PPCLI)

## Captain CA Kemsley PPCLI

Pennant flown in Korea by "C" Coy 3 PPCLI. (This exhibit was erroneously credited to 3 PPCLI in the March 1954 Patrician)

## Captain AL Robertson, Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI)

Pistol Browning 9 mm.

## Lieutenant CE Goodman PPCLI

German insignia and medals. World War II.

## CSM JC DEVLIN CD PPCLI

Insignia of HMS Revenge.  
(Revenge escorted the Regiment overseas in 1939)

## D/Major W Taylor PPCLI

Photographs "Drums" 2 PPCLI

## Sgt DA Moore RCAPC (att PPCLI)

United Nations Emergency Force badge.

## Mr ET Baker (Formerly PPCLI)

Cap badge PPCLI 1934-48 pattern.  
(This is a very unusual badge. The metal is of silver colour rather than the general brass or copper)

## Manning AHQ

- a. Photographs (3) in colour. Trooping the Colour, First Battalion 1955.
- b. Photograph in Colour. Bugler PPCLI (Cpl PJ Norman)

## Manning (Western Command)

Display cases for badge display (2).  
(The badge display was loaned to Western Command in connection with a recent recruiting tour)

## Canadian Guards Depot

Cap badge. Regiment of Canadian Guards.

## Major JL McCulloch CD QOR of C (formerly PPCLI)

Campaign maps. Italy 1943-44.

## Major KE Haffner CD RCE

Nazi swastika arm band.

## Captain W Pittendreich RCA

Cap badge, PPCLI 1914-34 pattern.

## Captain TR Palfrey CD RCME (formerly PPCLI)

- a. Tunic KD. Pre 1939.
- b. Chin strap. Cap NP Pre 1939.

# Honours and Awards

## Canadian Forces Decorations

SD 145945	S Sgt	King	AJ	1 Bn
ZL 660	Lt Col	GWL	Nicholson	AHQ
SH 18627	Sgt	McDonald	RC	1 Bn
ZH 563	Major	WG	Milne	AHQ
ZH 473	Major	ER	Sharpe	AHQ
ZK 9951	Capt	MD	Gardiner	BC area
ZB 574	Lt Col	HF	Wood	AHQ
ZM 422	Capt	CAH	Kemsley	Central Comd



ZM 1094	Major	DOR	Kearns	Ft Churchill
ZK 4185	Capt	JT	Braithwaite	BC area
ZL 9546	Lt	DT	Walton	BC area
SL 109991	CSM	ACTON	DH	2 Bn
SB 122575	S Sgt	Danyleyko	A	1 Bn
SL 106294	Sgt	Penner	JR	Depot
SL 111271	Sgt	Vallance	JF	1 Bn
ZK 562	Lt Col		JK MAHONY, VC	AHQ
ZH 358	Major		JR KOENSGEN, MC	(deceased)
SH 60737	Sgt		LINKLATER, FH	1 Bn
SC 57782	Sgt		RUTHERFORD, PM	Instr Staff
ZK 136	Major		JDM GILLAN	BC area
ZL 3984	Captain		AP BULL	RCS of I
ZH 5774	Lieutenant		DC DENISON	2 Bn
SL 111324	S Sgt		STONE JE	Royal Roads
SC 36956	Sgt		JOHNSTON HA	Instr Staff

### The Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct

SP 22318	S Sgt	Adams	SO	I Staff
SP 21453	S Sgt	Browne	AHE	I Staff
SP 21439	RSM	JC	Coutts	2 Bn
SP 13269	BandSM	Eberts	RA	Band
SP 22274	RQMS	England	CL	2 Bn
SP 22290	CSM	Mackie	JB	1 Bn

08 Apr 57

## FIRST BATTALION REPORT

### TRAINING

Unit courses remained numerous in February and March. These courses were designed to reduce even further the number of unqualified personnel in the Battalion. To date there are only twelve, so we have now raised our sights for every group one to become a group two.

Our first concentration this year was in Borkenberge between 27 February and 2 March. Each Rifle Company in turn spent a day and night of training which consisted of: dry and wet section and platoon exercises, with Battalion Supporting Arms, instruction on the man packed flame thrower, and a night

firing demonstration followed by company night firing by sections.

In addition to Borkenberge each company has had two days on the Menden or Hemer Classification Ranges. The weather was, for the most part, bearable and rifle and LMG scores were quite good.

With March 31 has come the end of Individual Training and the beginning of Phase II or Sub-Unit Training with emphasis on teamwork rather than individualism.

Much to the amazement and amusement of the local inhabitants and to the consternation of the rest of the Brigade, (if they wanted any information during the day), the unit went on night training for a





**1 PPCLI MESS DINNER—14 Jun 57**

**Left to right: Major PO STYNER; General Sir Montague STOPFORD; Lady Patricia RAMSAY; Lt Col T de FAYE; Admiral Sir ARM RAMSAY; Major General AE POTTS. Back to camera: Major CV LILLEY; Lt Col HW NIVEN.**

week. This commenced on 14 April and by the time it terminated, all ranks were fairly well used to the routine of reveille at 1800 hours and lights out at 0600 hours. This week of nights was instituted to rectify the state of the unit's efficiency in night operations and with the odd humorous incident, this aim was achieved.

At 0600 hours 25 April the Battalion left Fort MacLeod for Senne-lager by march route and by 1500 hours were concentrated in their bivouac area 3 miles from Brigade Headquarters. After covering a distance of 21.5 uphill miles, only a few men fell out.

There were numerous blistered feet mainly those of Battalion Headquarters personnel who did not get the opportunity for hardening training. The second day was the worst

of the entire march, unaccustomed muscles were stiff and to get going after the 10 minute halts was sheer agony.

On the final day stiffness seemed to be leaving everybody and marching was falling into a routine. Most seemed to be good for another 100 miles.

After a day's rest, training started with a bang on the 29th April. The ranges were familiar from the previous year, making recess unnecessary. Due to the large numbers required for the Skill-at-Arm teams, platoon training was carried out except for the two days that companies were on infantry/tank training.

Infantry/tank training began with familiarization and drills progressing through a day of troop/platoon attacks and culminating in a com-



pany/squadron exercise (advance to contact and attack). Two companies were exercised at the same time, one with A Squadron Royal Canadian Dragoons and the other with C Squadron Second Royal Tank Regiment the latter proved to be well trained tankers.

Sennelager culminated in the Brigade Small Arms and Skill at Arms meets from 15 to 17 June 1957.

In the Brigade Small Arms meet, although we lost the LMG and SMC we won the officers and rank and file Rifle and Pistol. Lt DM SETTEN led the high individual score on Rifle with Pte HANSEN KW second. S sgt BUXTON RG DCM led the high in individual Pistol score.

In the Brigade Skill at Arms meet things were different. We found our main competition came from 1 Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers who only had to field teams one quarter the size of ours. There was no dangerous competition from the major units. We won the LMG, Map Using, Grenade, placed second in Rifle and third in the Pistol and SMC. On the aggregate we won the Skill at Arms Shield for the second time in Germany.

After Sennelager, a period of refresher training in field work was undergone to prepare the Battalion for it's final concentration in Germany.

### **Trooping the Colour**

After the Sennelager concentration full attention was turned toward Trooping rehearsals and by 14 June a very promising dress rehearsal completed the training. This year we were fortunate in having with us Major General AE POTTS, CBE ED, who consented to take the salute on the dress rehearsal.

June 15 dawned clear and warm, what we may have come to call Patricia weather, and held throughout the day. At 1430 hours markers

were called and with a huge attendance the Trooping ceremony commenced.

The Lady Patricia Ramsay arrived, gave her permission to Troop, and the entire ceremony proceeded like clockwork.

It was certainly one of our finest Troopings and very grateful are we to have been able to show this to our Colonel-in-Chief.

On 19 June the majority of the unit proceeded to Putlos for a week on the ranges. The weather was magnificent, allowing the qualification of great numbers on all weapons. Putlos also proved to be a training break in that those not firing on any particular day were transported to one of the excellent beaches in the area. The weather, recreation and success in qualification made Putlos one of the most enjoyable concentrations of our stay in Europe.

### **Dortmund Dominion Day Celebrations**

On 27, 28 and 29 June the Brigade held it's annual Dominion Day celebrations in the Dortmund Sports arena. This consisted of an inter unit sports meet, a midway supplied by all units and a grandstand program on the final day. This unit's contribution was a food booth and Western display for the midway and in conjunction with 4th Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery a Feu de Joie as the final part of the Military Tattoo. This consisted of six guards of 44 all ranks and four guns from 4th Regiment Royal Artillery.

On 8 Aug our advance party left for Soltau to commence a two week Bde training period which included practically all phases of war.

On termination of Soltau, except for one or two unit courses, most of the Bn training ceased to make way for preparation to move back home to CANADA.



In all the period spent in Germany has been extremely worth while from the training point of view. Because of the more abundant areas and ranges, and a semi operational role allowing the opportunity of spending considerable more time in Field training than in Canada the unit has reached a state of proficiency bordering on the ideal. The problem now is to maintain this high standard at home.

### **Inter Company Sports**

Spring brought to a close the winter portion of the Inter Company sports program.

Floor hockey created a great deal of interest with all companies, despite a number of bruised shins. In the finals Support Company defeated D Company 10-3 in a one-sided battle to become the first winners of the shiny new trophy.

The Inter-Coy hockey schedule was erratic towards the final stages due to poor ice conditions caused by the extensive building programme at the rink.

B Coy emerged the victors for the second consecutive year. However no play-offs were held due to the closing of the rink.

Volley ball afforded keen competition within the unit. Sp Coy emerged winners, in League play, closely followed by C, A and B Coy. In a semi-final match C Coy defeated B Coy. The play-offs were completed during the Sennelager Concentration with C Coy emerging the winner.

### **Inter Coy Fastball**

The inter Coy Fastball schedule proved exciting and full of surprises from the start to the finish.

Throughout league play HQ and Sp Coy led the pack, with HQ Coy setting up a perfect record.

The semi finals saw top sided HQ Coy matched against third place Charlie and runners up Sp Coy sited

against fourth place D Coy. Much to everyone's surprise C and D Coy defeated the league leaders.

In the finals (best two out of three) D Coy trounced C in the first game 17-7. The second game the tables were turned and Charlie took advantage of some serious errors and cleaned up 23-5.

The final fixture was again one-sided. D Coy played flawless ball to easily take the series and the championship by a score of 16-3.

### **Inter Unit Sports**

Our Regimental Hockey Team, plagued with tough breaks, finished the season out of the play-offs.

The Bn Volley Ball Team showed well in league play ending up in second place. In the finals against 1 R22eR our team was nosed out in a closely contested battle, losing by three games to two.

The Regimental Soccer team ended up the league schedule in second place. We missed a first place tie with 1 RCR over a protested game with 1 R22eR which was overuled by the Sports Committee.

In the semi-finals we easily defeated 1 Fd Sqn RCE in two straight games.

Due to the lack of time prior to the Sennelager Concentration Bde decided on a sudden death final against our rivals 1 RCR. This game ended in a tie. After 30 minutes of overtime neither team had scored, the game was called.

Two days later these two evenly matched teams clashed again. At the end of regulation time the score was tied. No score in the first fifteen minute overtime. At the eight minute mark of the second overtime period Sgt Valance rushed the RCR goal tender who had just stopped a shot, and knocked the ball out of his hands. Pte Zoboski who was coming in fast kicked the ball into the open RCR net. 1 PPCLI 2 — 1 RCR 1). The RCR tried valiantly to



recover in the closing minutes, but the strong defensive play of the Bn team held off our worthy opponents.

Brig Roger Rowley presented the "Montreal Cup" to team Capt Sgt Vallance. This cup has been symbolic of Canadian Army Soccer supremacy since 1941.

The following are members of the 1 PPCLI Team, 2 CIB Champions:

Sgt JF VALLANCE	Sgt WA BUCHAN
Sgt FH BUXTON	L cpl JS CROOK
L cpl JB DUTTON	Pte R HACK
L Cpl RJ HAGMAN	Pte A KEARSLEY
Pte J LEENTVAR	Pte SB LAFOND
Pte J ISTVANKO	Pte C GIBB
Pte FG HICKEY	Pte W MacKENZIE
Pte S STADLER	Pte K MUSZNISKI
Pte RW ULM	Pte K ZOBOSKI

Track and Field dominated the sports picture during Jun. The Bn Team placed in the Bde Meet held at Dortmund on Dominion Day, to a strong RCR contingent. It was a two unit fight all the way, and only the lack of depth placed us in the runner-up spot.

The softball team, with the usual luck of any ball team from the foothills city were just unable to click this season. The RCHA and RCR were able to take us quite handily at first but later games found us running neck and neck into the late innings only to go down by a last minute twist of fate. However they did manage to rally on occasion, and out of sheer determination, beat the league leading "Van Doo" 3 out of their 4 meetings. The flash was weak but the spirit never failed.

### Officers' Mess

After the New Year the Mess remained quiet (as long as any mess can) but finally broke loose on Feb 16 with a Valentines Ball. As with all of our functions in Europe it proved highly entertaining and pleasantly intoxicating.

Mess life then, again, reverted to a rather quiet period in which normal Saturday night routines were

carried on, until the awe inspiring event of the birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief. The normal Mess Dinner managed to run into the next day and we are certain that the consumption of Moose Milk and lack of sleep on the part of our team were the deciding factors in losing the coveted Broom-i-Loo trophy to the Sergeants. But of course grudges can't be harboured and we had several drinks in our mess afterwards with our adversaries.

The Ball, that night was well prepared and managed and even though some members were tiring rapidly it continued well into the morning. This occasion was greatly enhanced by the presence of Jenny Morris our London Mother who was with us for this period.

In the month of May, the Unit moved (on foot) to Sennelager, where the Mess continued to operate under more frugal conditions than usual. Only two things seemed to be good antidotes for the cold weather—an outdoor fire-place (for which Support Company Officers procured most of the wood) and an "Officers-Sergeants Party," which climaxed in a boat-race. Both teams were disqualified but needless to say this led to challenges between various officers and the RSM, all of which were won by the latter. On returning from Sennelager, we had a home-coming party, designed to appease our wives.

There followed a period of inactivity, during which preparations were being made for the Trooping. On Jun 14 we had the Mess Dinner, attended by all the Battalion Officers, and some very distinguished guests—the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, Admiral Ramsay, General Sir Montagu Stopford (Col Commandant of the Rifle Brigade), Major General AE Potts, Brigadier R Rowley, Lieutenant Colonels HW Niven and RA Lindsay, Major PO Stayner, Cap-



tains GE Anderson and T Berger, and Lieutenant CB Snider.

The following evening we held the Trooping Ball, which was also attended by innumerable distinguished guests, including the Colonel-in-Chief. We rented a Marquee from the NAAFI, and decorated it with streamers in the Regimental colours. Fortunately there was no need for the tent heaters, for we were enjoying the best weather Westphalia has seen for two years.

On the Monday following the Ball the unit went to Putlos for annual weapons classifications. Rather than spend our free time in the Mess, most members took advantage of the fine weather by bird watching on the Baltic beaches.

On Jun 26 we were fortunate enough to receive a very beautiful gift. Major General POTTS has presented the Mess with a large and handsome Radio-Phonograph, which in it's appearance enhances the looks of the recently redecorated Mess, and which is also greatly appreciated for it's excellent tone. We all offer our sincerest thanks to Major General POTTS.

In July we lost one of our officers, Major GE HENDERSON, CD, who went back to Canada to become Infantry Adviser at the School of Artillery in Shilo. We held a farewell party for him and Mrs. HENDERSON on July 6, where we all gave him our best wishes for the future.

On 18 July a dining in and stag night was called for Captain Brian SIMONS, our Signals Officer, who was about to leave the ranks of the "living in" for the somewhat dubious pleasure of married life. For those who know the form on "stags" we can say that this was no exception.

In early August two events, very different in character took place.

The first a going away party for Mrs ROWLEY and the second the Subaltern's Protective Association's Annual Mess Dinner. We are happy that both were successful and that no senior bones were broken in the latter.

### Sergeants' Mess

On 4 March we welcomed four new members who were recently promoted.

L sgt MacISAAC JT

L sgt MURPHY LH

L sgt TOEWS EW

L sgt WIGLE JR

In the old theme of "give a little take a little," one of our old mess members Sergeant "CAMMY" CAMPONI left for Canada on 6 March.

Nearing mid-month a Games Night was held. 4 RCHA Mess and our mess played PHAT, BRIDGE, SNOOKER, CRIB and DARTS. The BOAT RACE was the deciding factor of the night, and we won by a forty point margin.

Our second Colonel-in-Chief's birthday in Germany was a wonderful affair greatly enhanced by the presence of the "London Mother," Jenny MacGregor MORRIS who was brought over from England for the occasion. Of course no 17 March is complete without an Officers versus Sergeants Broom-i-Loo game. It was as spirited as usual and who won? You guessed it, the Sergeants won by a two to nil score, Sergeants DAVIES and BUXTON FG were the marksmen. The trophy can be seen in the Sergeants' Mess if any officers are interested.

The Sergeants' Mess Trooping Ball was held in the Unit Gymnasium on 15 June. We were honoured by the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief, the Lady Patricia RAMSAY and Admiral RAMSAY. The gymnasium was magnificently decorated in Regimental colours





2 Cdn Inf Bde Gp patrol team being inspected by the senior representative of the Swiss army. Left to right, Pte ALYEA, EE 1 PPCLI; Cpl GROSSEK, RCAMC; Pte LACASSE, 1 R22eR; Lt GD HUNT, 1 PPCLI



and food and wine in sufficient supply to make this, our yearly high point, a wonderful event.

For a few days during trooping week the Mess was host to Mr HF O'CONNEL. "Paddy" as he is now known to members of the Mess, is a former Sergeant of the unit and a survivor of the Battle of Frezenberg.

A social evening on 29 June was well attended. A band, and a well prepared lunch, topped by a bit of cheer, all contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

As we now near home going time we can look back on two wonderful years of Mess life. Here, perhaps, the Mess was more active than it has been for many years and we hope to carry this with us to Victoria.

### **Corporals' Mess Activities**

During the month of March the mess regimental property was increased. Two beautiful pictures were purchased and now adorn the mess walls. A large speaker was installed and music from the Wur-litzer is now piped into the ladies' lounge.

The Colonel-in-Chief's birthday was celebrated by means of a successful stag which carried on until the wee small hours of the morning. Corporals CHORNEY and HARRIS provided musical entertainment, with their renditions of Elvis Presley plucked from the strings of their guitars. These two celebrated guitarists are by no means unknown as they have spent many an hour delighting the radio fans of CAE here in Germany.

At the end of March a dart tournament was held in the mess under the able guidance of Corporal HOLLEY from D Company. C Company entry emerged victorious, followed by D Company in second place. Captain of the C Company team was Corporal COPP and cap-

tain of D Company was Corporal MCGILL.

It is at this time fitting to welcome into the mess the following new members, successful candidates from the last brigade junior NCO's school, L cpls. CRANE, LEIGHTON, MARK, VIBERG, THOMPSON and WINNISKI. The latter is an ex RCHA candidate who finally saw the light and became a good old foot slogger rather than a 9 mile sniper.

Social activities for April were nil although the facilities of the mess were well used by all members. Another piece of regimental property was acquired, namely a chart of the Empire's Battles.

On completion of the long trek (three days) to Sennelager a beer fest was held within the confines of our tented area. The highlight of the evening was the scrumptious feast, professional type French fries and weiners, greedily devoured by members and guests.

The beginning of June was celebrated with a hard time dance held in the mess at Fort MacLeod. Liquid refreshments were plentiful and all members and their wives and girl friends enjoyed the evening immensely.

During the trooping ceremony no strictly Corporal's event was held but all members participated by celebrating at a trooping dance held in the Men's Canteen.

On 24 June 57 an unfortunate tragedy occurred. The wife and daughter of Corporal MCGILL were killed in a car accident. All members extend their deepest sympathy in his recent bereavement.

### **Men's Canteen**

On 16 March a ball honouring the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief, was held. The dance was well attended and proved to be a great success. The canteen was



decorated in a "Patricia" motif by a professional interior decorator from Maple Leaf Services. The highlight of the evening was the visit of the "London Mother," Jenny MacGregor MORRIS escorted by Lieutenant Colonel T de FAYE. Jenny, as she is affectionately known by all ranks, graciously consented to address the pleased crowd and extended the hospitality of her home to all Patricias. Following this the "London Mother" mixed with the group and spoke to many couples.

The Sunday night whist drives in the WVS Room continued with the normal "standing room only" crowds. "Peggy" is one of the greatest morale boosters in her role as WVS Supervisor. A record collection, picture service, and magazines plus countless games are available on off duty hours.

During the Sennelager Concentration a Men's Canteen was organized under the direction of Corporal SULLIVAN WF. The good corporal recalls with terror the frantic beer-can opening and the party that followed the Battalion march from Fort MacLeod. A new record of 7,398 cans of Bocks Beer was sold during a 72-hour period (working days too). The tent lines were lulled to sleep nightly by Cor-

poral CHORNEY'S Elastic Band and impromptu music (?) from members of the Corps of Drums. The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals Band paid a visit to the Men's Canteen during the final week and soggy Westphalian skies tried without success to dampen the spirits of a highly appreciative audience.

The Corporals' Mess and Men's Canteen combined to celebrate the Colonel-in-Chief's visit with a Trooping Ball. The Ball was held in the Men's Canteen. Over 400 members and their friends attended to make this the most successful event of our stay in Germany.

The executives and some volunteer members worked hard to make this event the success it was. All rooms of the canteen were beautifully decorated, a buffet supper was served at 2330 hrs and a light lunch again at 0200 hrs. Sergeant VOLD and his assistant cooks deserve honourable mention for the effort put into the buffet. Roast chicken and turkey with assorted meats, pickles, tomatoes and salads covered 20 feet of the counter in a mouth watering display.

The crowning event of the evening was the visit to the Ball by Lady Patricia RAMSAY at which time the committee of both messes were presented to her.

## SECOND BATTALION REPORT

Since the Patrician last went to press the Battalion has been engaged in many varied and interesting activities. Although heavily committed on sub-unit and collective training, time was still found for a full programme of sports and social activities.

### Annual Classification

From the first to the twenty-sixth of April all companies except Headquarters and BHQ spent one

week on the classification ranges at Camp Wainwright. Headquarters company meanwhile, using Sarcee ranges, were responsible for the classification of personnel from their own company, BHQ, and those unable to go to Wainwright.

### Inter-Company Skill At Arms Competition

Platoon tactical, battle PT and TsOET tests were conducted during the period twenty-ninth April-



third May. Three platoon "A" Company, One platoon "A" Company and Ten platoon "D" Company came first, second and third in that order. "A" Company commanded by Capt JH Meisner, won the award for the best over-all company with Support Company commanded by Major CJA Hamilton, as runner-up.

### **Annual Inter-Company Drill Competition**

The period sixth-fourteenth May was one of intense activity as companies prepared for the Annual Inter-Company Drill Competition, held on the fifteenth of May. Officials were from First Battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada, Lord Strathcona Horse (RC) and PPCLI Depot. Companies were judged on Foot, Arms, Saluting and Sentry drill. "C" Company, commanded by Major PM Pyne, won the best company award on the basis of appearance, bearing, voice, words of command and drill. Sergeant Davy EL, also "C" Company, was judged best Drill Sergeant.

### **Wainwright Concentration**

On the twenty-third of June the battalion having set up a base camp in the area of Observation Hill, commenced the Wainwright collective training programme. Conducted in three phases, Phase One consisted of a series of section, platoon and company exercises which included all of the phases of war. The phase was climaxed with the brigade inter-company exercise "Quick Thought," conducted on a competitive basis under the direction of the brigade commander, Brigadier AE Wrinch. The companies were exercised in battle procedure, communications, advance to contact, attack and reorganization. "A" Company of the First Battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada came first with our own

"D" Company, commanded by Capt RF Doran, as runner-up.

Phases Two and Three were a series of brigade level collective training exercises under the direction of Brigadier AE Wrinch and the GOC Western Command, Major General C Vokes, respectively. The highlight of this period of training for the battalion was exercise "Soft Touch."

### **Exercise "Soft Touch"**

The largest parachute exercise ever to be held in Canada was successfully completed by the Battalion at Camp Wainwright on the twenty-fifth of July.

Briefly the tactical aspect of the exercise was a Fantasian airborne force launching an attack on its decadent neighbor to the south i.e. Canada. The Canadian forces consisting of one Canadian Infantry Brigade were located in the area of Wainwright Military Camp and this assault was to catch them unprepared.

On the twenty-second of July the battalion was atomized out of the brigade administrative exercise "Waltzing Matilda." On the following day under close security precautions the unit was moved out of the summer concentration area to their new home station located at Griesbach, Edmonton. During the afternoon of the twenty-third of July and the following day all members of the unit underwent rigorous parachute and emplaning training. Each parachutist was fitted with his parachute, instructed on equipment rigging, landing technique, inflight precautions and exit drills. While this training was taking place each officer and man participating was completely briefed as to his exact role and task in the exercise.

The exercise was designed to take place in two lifts. The unit emplaned at RCAF station Namao,



six miles north of Edmonton in the early hours of the morning of the twenty-fifth of July. On arrival at the airport each man was quickly dressed in his stick order and issued with a twenty-four hour ration pack. The first lift of six aircraft got the green light at exactly 0430 hours over the target area. The second lift of seven aircraft dropped in at 0730 hours to complete the parachute portion of the exercise.

Thanks to 435 Squadron, RCAF emplaning and flight to target was completed without incident. Every parachutist on the manifest reported properly for emplaning and no difficulties were encountered in exits. It is also pleasant to record that no serious injuries were sustained during any period of the exercise.

All in all exercise "Soft Touch" was an excellent training medium and all members of the unit benefited from the experience gained from staging, emplaning and parachuting. In addition this was found to be a most enjoyable task and a fine send-off for Lt Col Waters as this was his last parachute descent with the Battalion before relinquishing command.

### **Move to New Home Station**

The new home station is located on the north side of Edmonton in the Griesbach Area.

The initial move of the Battalion to Griesbach was a small party consisting of S/Sgt Roe, Sgt Johnson, and Cpl Fifer. This party moved up in April and did yeomen work in taking over buildings, setting up indents and preparing for the arrival of the main advance party.

Immediately after the Trooping the advance party, under Capt Stirling, moved up to Griesbach to organize and set up the camp ready for occupation by the Battalion on the twenty-fourth of July. This in-

involved the taking over of some 18 new buildings from the contractor and preparing them with complete stores and equipment to a satisfactory peacetime accommodation level.

The first troops to move into the area were PPCLI Depot, moved from the Prince of Wales Armouries on the second of July.

On the third of August the Battalion occupied their new accommodation on the move in from the summer concentration at Camp Wainwright.

At present the unit is shaking down and getting used to living in modern surroundings. A well designed and well laid out camp should provide a most satisfactory home station for the Regiment.

### **Musketry**

During the months of June and July the unit rifle team entered several competitions: the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Service Conditions matches held on the second of June, the Western Command Championship shoot-off held in Wainwright on the seventeenth of June, and the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association annual rifle matches held in Calgary during Stampede week; ninth to the thirteenth of July.

#### **The members of the Rifle Team:**

Lt RG Wilkes, team captain  
WO2 McKerracker WN  
S/Sgt Burrkitt WF  
Sgt Gordon RH  
Sgt Sisson HJ  
Sgt Tredwell RF  
Sgt Wabasca A  
Cpl Wright WJ  
Cpl Dumas JC  
L/Cpl Klawikowski F  
L/Cpl Zimmer FR  
Pte Desjarlais AJ  
Pte Seaton AF  
Pte Yahyahkeetkoot L

In the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Service Conditions match, the team won the





NEW HOME S  
PPCLI BARRACKS, GRIMSBY  
July 1

**Key to Buildings**

1. Sergeants' Mess
2. Administration Building
3. Guard Room
4. Recreation Building  
(not completed)

5. Sergeants' Quarters
6. Barrack Block (Depot)
7. Men's Mess
8. Barrack Block (Bn)
9. Junior Ranks Club
10. Barrack Block (Bn)





ME STATION  
GRIESBACH, ALBERTA

1957

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11. Lecture Building          | 17. Quartermaster Stores (Depot) |
| 12. Sports Fields             | 18. 25 Yard Ranges               |
| 13. Officers' Quarters        | 19. Outdoor Training Area        |
| 14. Officers' Mess            | 20. Parade Square                |
| 15. Drill Hall                |                                  |
| 16. Quartermaster Stores (Bn) |                                  |



Special Team Trophy awarded to the highest scoring Regular Army team. Other events won were the Run-down match (Sgt Sisson) and the Rapid Fire match (Lt Wilkes). In the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association annual rifle matches the team brought home one more award, the 300 yard Snap Shooting Trophy won by Lt Wilkes. The team placed second behind a very able First Battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada team in the Western Command Championship shoot-off, their goal for next year.

On the eighteenth and nineteenth of June the Battalion Small Arms team won the 1957 Small Arms Competition fired in Camp Wainwright. The teams from all units were selected by Western Command from a nominal roll submitted by units. The unit team as selected by Western Command were:

- Lt JM Reid
- Sgt Adams RJ
- Sgt Wabasca A
- Sgt Tredwell RF
- Cpl Claxton TW
- Cpl Noel WG
- Cpl Burke GF
- L/Cpl Ortlieb FW

Event	First
440 yd dash .....	
3 mile .....	Pte Arnold
880 yds .....	L/Cpl Zimmer
100 yd dash.....	
220 yd dash.....	
1 mile .....	Pte Merrick
440 yd Relay .....	2PPCLI—Pte's Abel,
6 mile .....	Pte Merrick
Broad Jump .....	Cpl Wilson (Depot)
High Jump .....	
Hop Step and Jump.....	Cpl Wilson (Depot)
Pole Vault .....	Pte Hokan
Shotput .....	Lt Honey
Hammer Throw .....	Cpl Brown
Javelin .....	Lt Kernaghan
Discuss .....	Cpl Hansen

Pte Merrick won the high aggregate trophy.  
The Battalion also won the volleyball tournament and came second in the Forced March competition.

- L/Cpl Withey A
- L/Cpl Zimmer FR
- Pte Elk W
- Pte Bettes GA
- Pte Haworth LH
- Pte McKinnon HJ
- Pte Smith KS
- Pte Yahyahkeetkoot L

The units that entered teams with total scores are as follows:

2PPCLI .....	3940
Ld SH (RC) .....	3735
1 QOR of C.....	3615
4 LAA Bty .....	3570
2 QOR of C.....	3362

Sports

Pachino Day, the Western Command annual sports day, held in Camp Wainwright on the seventh of July, was almost completely dominated by the athletes of the battalion. The track and field team coached by Cpl Brown WE swept all opposition aside.

Total scores were:

2PPCLI—186 points.

Closest competing team — 42 points.

The events and winning athletes were:

(Patricia's only shown)

Second	Third
L/Cpl Zimmer	O/C Mansfield
Pte Merrick	
Lt Kirby	
Pte Commeault	Pte Bennett
O/C Mansfield	Pte Bennett
Pte Arnold	
Commeault, Bennett and	O/C Mansfield
	Pte Supernault
	Pte Abel
Capt Manning	Lt Kernaghan
	Pte Abel
L/Cpl Barnhart	
	Cpl Brown
Cpl Hansen	Lt Pankratz
Pte Irvine	
	Lt Pankratz

Volleyball

After a winter schedule dominated by strong officer and sergeant teams, early in the spring a league of inter-company teams was organized. In the playoff



Headquarters Company came out winners with Support Company as runners-up. A battalion team was then organized which played in the Provincial Championship losing in the quarter-finals to a University of Alberta team which went on to win the title. It was this same battalion team that won the Pachino Day tournament at Wainwright.

### Boxing

In the Calgary Garrison finals, Sgt Remin ED and Pte Elk W won their events in the open competition. In the novice competition Pte Borjansic C, Pte McKenzie WJ, Pte Supernault E, and Cpl Connelly RJ.

Winners from the Western Command boxing finals held in the Stampede Corral, Calgary, were:

#### Heavyweight:

Novice—Pte Borjansic C

#### Middleweight:

Open—Pte Elk W

#### Lt Middleweight:

Novice—Cpl Connelly RJ

#### Welterweight:

Novice—Pte McNeil DE

Pte McNeil was awarded the Best Boxer Trophy, Calgary Garrison.

The winners trained hard and were sent to Kingston, Ont., for the Canadian Army finals. Here our lack of experience had a large toll on our boxers. Only Pte Borjansic emerged as a victor. Cpl Noel WG was finally recognized as the fine boxer he is and was awarded the Best Loser Trophy.

Cpl Noel was the only Patricia boxer to be entered in further competitions. He fought in the Canadian Amateur Boxing Tournament in Seattle. In these fights Cpl Noel acquitted himself well, but once again was the victim of two very close decisions.

### Ceremonies and Celebrations

Seventeenth of March, the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief, was celebrated in the traditional manner with a battalion parade, com-

petitions (Broom-i-loo, Tug-of-War, and Sled races), a special birthday dinner, a Sergeants' Mess dinner, and an Officers' Mess mixed mess dinner. Also in the evening an all ranks bingo and dance was held. The winners of the competitions were: Support Company Broom-i-loo and Tug of War, D Company, Sled races, and A Company was awarded the trophy for the most original dress.

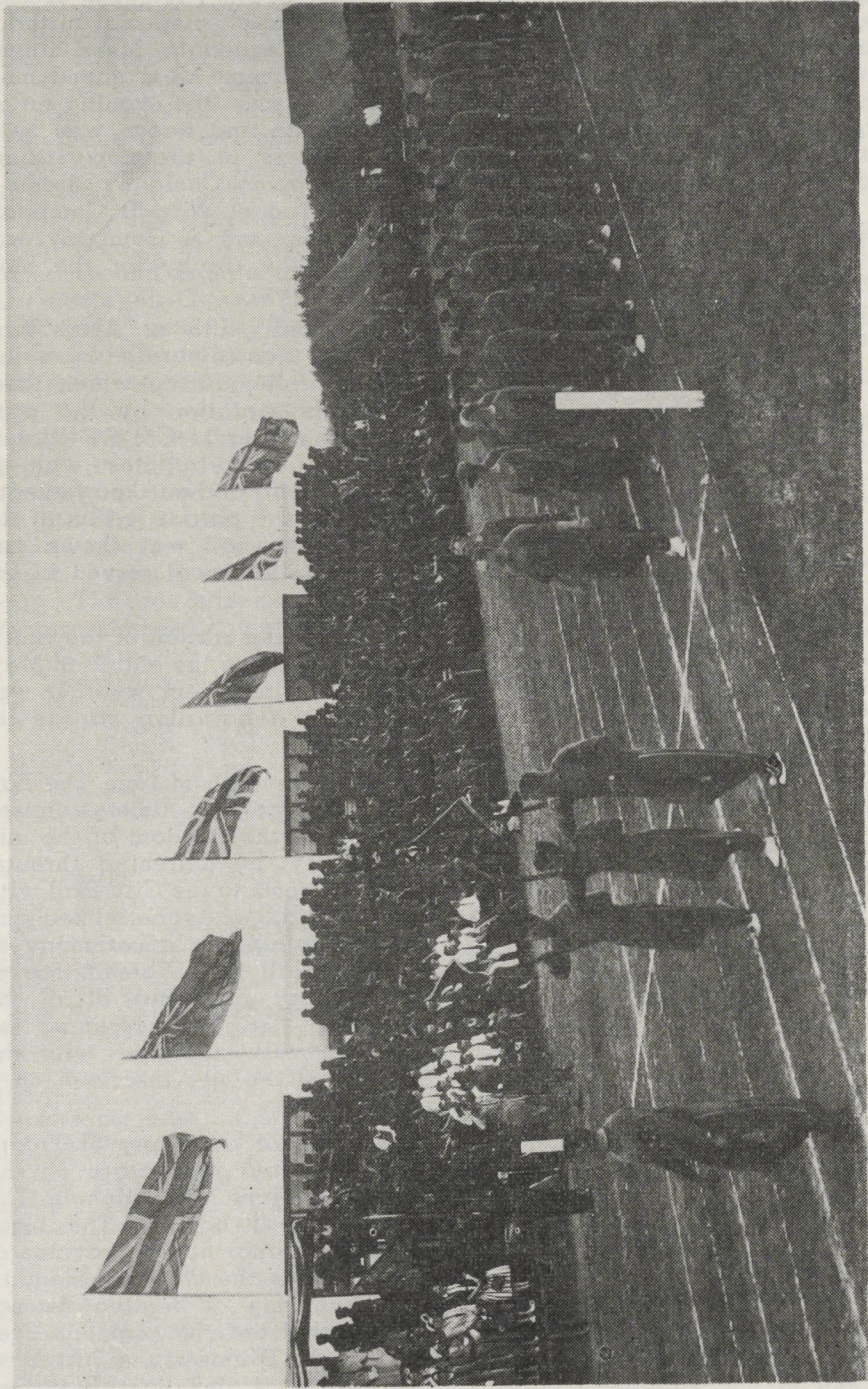
The twenty-fifth of April Kap-yong Day was celebrated by a battalion parade, during which there was a presentation by the commanding officer Lt Col SC Waters of prizes and trophies won in previous sport and musketry events. Following the parade a film of the Korean campaign was shown and a Korean style meal served in the Men's Mess.

The commemoration of the battle of Frezenberg on the eighth of May, because of inclement weather was limited to a battalion parade indoors.

On the seventh of June, the Battalion for the first time exercised its right to the freedom of the city of Calgary, by marching through the city streets to the City Hall with drums beating, bayonets fixed and colours flying. In a ceremony at the City Hall, His Worship Mayor DM MacKay, on behalf of all the citizens of Calgary, presented the battalion with a plaque with the freedom of the city inscribed on a silver scroll.

The annual ceremony of Trooping the Colour took place on the fifteenth of June. His Honour The Honourable JJ Bowlen, The Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta, was the Guest of Honour. The Ceremony of Beating Retreat was carried out the previous evening by the Drums of the Battalion, the Bugles of the First Battalion Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and





Second Battalion PPCLI Track and Field Team in the march past of the parade of athletes on Pachino Day 7 July 1957.



the military bands of Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) and PPCLI. Social activities at this time consisted of: Thirteenth of June, Men's Mess dinner; fourteenth of June, Sergeants' Mess dinner, and Officers' Mess dinner; fifteenth of June, All Rank Garden Party, Men's Mess dance, Sergeants' Mess dance, and Officers' Mess dance. All in all it was an occasion which will long be remembered by all ranks.

### Changing Faces

It was with sincere regret the Battalion bade farewell to the commanding officer, Lt Col SC Waters. He relinquished command at the conclusion of the Wainwright concentration. Lt Col Waters commanded the Battalion for four years, joining the unit from the Directing Staff of the Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston, Ont., shortly before the Battalion proceeded to Europe in 1953.

All ranks wish him every success in his appointment as GSOL Eastern Command, Halifax, NS. Second-in-command, Major HA Snelgrove, has been appointed Temporary Commanding Officer pending the arrival of the new CO.

Major PM Pyne has left for a tour with the Royal Canadian Navy and Capt BM Munro to the truce commission in Indo China. Lt's McGregor and Pankratz have joined recruiting teams at Edmonton and Regina respectively. The Adjutant Capt DG MacLeod has been posted to the staff of Headquarters BC Area and the battalion Mortar Officer, Capt WK Stirling, now holds the appointment of Adjutant.

In conclusion the Battalion has spent an extremely successful and rewarding six months and looks forward to an even more successful future in our new home station.

## DEPOT REPORT

This year, because the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday was on a Sunday, all festivities were held Friday 15 Mar. In the Broom-i-loo competition, "Agira" platoon was named Depot Champions. In the customary Officers vs Sergeants game, the sergeants squeezed a hard fought 2-0 win over the Officers. Colonel NG Wilson-Smith DSO, MBE, CD was the guest of honour at an all ranks dinner held in the men's mess at the Depot.

In commemoration of the "Battle of Frezenberg" the members of the Edmonton Branch of PPCLI Association were invited to visit the Regimental Museum, on the evening of 4 May. After the tour of the museum the association members, the Depot PE and 40 recruits, sat down to a very enjoyable dinner in the men's mess. On Sunday 5 May, a wreath

laying ceremony was held at the Cenotaph when wreaths were laid by the Association and the Depot.

On Tuesday 14 May the Depot was inspected by Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD.

During the first week in July, the Depot moved from the Armouries to Griesbach Barracks.

### Changes in Depot Staff

#### Taken on Strength:

Lt WWJ Shuler—Instructor  
Lt DR Yeomans—Instructor  
Lt WC Robertson—Instructor  
Lt AG Caesar—Instructor  
Sgt Robinet JA—RCASC, cook  
Sgt Heron MJ—RCAPC, pay sergeant  
Sgt Dunn JT—Sgt's Mess Steward  
Cpl Leigh PN—RCAMC

#### Stuck Off Strength:

Lt EO Roberts  
Sgt Wiltse DE  
Sgt Moore DA  
Sgt Strachan J  
Cpl Kimball EC  
Cpl McGean AJ



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The following 2Bn personnel have been attached to the Depot as instructors:

Lt RP Smith .....	28 May 57	12 Aug 57
Lt JS Upton .....	17 May 57	19 Aug 57
2/Lt PAH Dupille .....	16 Apr 57	6 Jun 57
2/Lt PW Collins .....	16 Apr 57	14 Jun 57
Sgt Cowling GT .....	13 Feb 57	
Sgt Parsons MF .....	13 Feb 57	1 Jun 57
Sgt Burke AA .....	13 Feb 57	6 Jun 57
Sgt Bordeleau CI .....	16 Apr 57	1 Sep 57
Sgt Adams RJ .....	17 May 57	
Cpl Witt EK .....	13 Feb 57	
Cpl Bourassa E .....	13 Feb 57	22 May 57
Cpl Nolan EJ .....	13 Feb 57	30 Aug 57
Spl Steadman RD .....	13 Feb 57	26 Aug 57
Cpl Phillips LA .....	16 Apr 57	
Cpl Robson JA .....	7 May 57	
Cpl Rintoul AA .....	30 May 57	

The following Platoons completed Recruit Training during the period Apr-Aug 57 and were posted to 2 PPCLI:

<b>ARRAS</b> - - - -	Platoon Commander .....	Lt DC Denison CD
	Best Recruit .....	Pte Bridges HJR
	Reviewing Officer .....	Brigadier AE Wrinch, CBE, CD
<b>HILL 70</b> - - - -	Platoon Commander .....	CSM Ogilvie WJ, CD
	Reviewing Officer .....	Pte Howarth LK
	Best Recruit .....	Lt Col FK Reesor, MBE, CD
<b>CANAL DU NORD</b>	Platoon Commander .....	2/Lt P Collins
	Reviewing Officer .....	Pte Morrison RG
	Best Recruit .....	Colonel JL Sparling, OBE, CD
<b>HINDENBURG</b> - -	Platoon Commander .....	2/Lt DC Jones
	Best Recruit .....	Pte Bear AE
	Reviewing Officer .....	Maj Gen C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD
<b>SICILY</b> - - - -	Platoon Commander .....	2/Lt PAH Dupille
	Best Recruit .....	Pte Arnold AG
	Reviewing Officer .....	Colonel JL Sparling, OBE, CD
<b>LEONFORTE</b> - -	Platoon Commander .....	2/Lt P. Collins
	Best Recruit .....	Pte Gibeault
		Posted to 2 Bn during summer concentration without formal passing out parade.
<b>AGIRA</b> - - - -	Platoon Commander .....	Lt DC Denison, CD
	Best Recruit .....	Pte Petit C
<b>ITALY</b> - - - -	Platoon Commander .....	Lt JS Upton
	Best Recruit .....	Pte Monette MRJ

Note: Both AGIRA and ITALY Platoons completed training during the annual leave period and proceeded on annual leave from the Depot.



## News of Patricia's Serving Away From the Regiment



### Vientiane, Laos

Major CO Huggard, CD completes his tour of duty in Indo China in August and will take over new duties in Central Command as Instructional Staff co-ordinator on his return to Canada.

Charlie has always been a staunch supporter of the Regimental journal and has received his copies regularly since he left duty with the Regiment.

### Victoria, BC

Sergeant DE (Don) Wiltse, one of the first non-commissioned officers posted to the Regimental Depot on its formation, 1 June 1953, writes from Victoria where he is now employed on recruiting duties, "a wonderful spot to live in."

### Fort Churchill

A newsy letter from RSM George Linsley was received by the Depot in May. Other Patricias serving in our northern outpost include:

ZK 122 Major CEC MacNeill, MBE, ED  
ZM 1094 Major DOR Kearns, CD  
SK 8338 Sgt Dunbar JG

### Halifax, NS

Frezenberg greetings were received by the Depot from Headquarters Eastern Command on the 8th of May.

ZB 2618 Major SL Dymond, CD  
ZG 3335 Captain RW Dudley

### Fort Benning — Georgia

Major Bob Bruce reports that the Tripartite Infantry conference, from 28 Oct-2Nov 56 included four Patricias:

ZP	1496	Brigadier CB Ware, DSO CD
ZH	1136	Colonel NG Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE, CD
ZF	276	Lt Colonel JR Cameron, OBE
ZH	738	Major RF Bruce, MBE, CD

### Vancouver, BC

Visitors to Calgary and "Trooping the Colour" ceremony carried out by Second Battalion on 15 June, 1956 included:

ZP	1236	Lt Colonel AH Fraser, DSO, CD
ZK	136	Major JDM Gillan, CD
ZL	9546	Lieut DT Walton, CD

### Saskatoon

Captain CA PETRIE, instruction staff, reports from Saskatoon that the following members of the family are employed in the area:

Captain AM CAMPBELL, LO 21 Mil Gp  
S/Sgt COLE VD, MM, CD, "I" Staff  
S/Sgt ROBERTS WM, CD, 21 Mil Gp  
Sgt MITCHELL PC, "I" Staff  
Sgt PARSONS M, "I" Staff  
Sgt CLARK A, Recruiting

### Washington

Major RF BRUCE writes from Arlington to report a summer visit to the First Battalion in Europe where he found the unit in splendid shape and was accorded the kindest of welcome.



## Regina

Word has reached the Regimental Depot that Major WS EDMONDSON has been permitted to retire because of ill health. Best wishes, Bill!

## Rivers, Manitoba

"From the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre Patricias send best wishes to all ranks serving with the Regiment."

### Patricias Serving at Rivers

ZH	166	Lt Col WJ Saul, CD
ZH	441	Major AV Robbins, CD
ZM	4393	Capt RM Middleton
ZH	4018	Capt JGW Mills, MC, CD
ZP	4704	Capt WH Nicholls
ZL	10316	Lt DT Cottingham
ZL	9929	Lt WC Robertson, MC
SH	16381	CSM(WO2) Carriere F, CD
SP	28012	CSM(WO2) Clifton AT
SB	153223	Sgt Debney GS
SM	107280	Sgt Gibson C
SH	22474	Sgt Holden GA
SK	50112	Sgt Raven PJ
SK	46284	Sgt White WB
SL	111342	Cpl Chimko M
SK	17314	Cpl Fyfe WC
SU	2584	Cpl Gammon KS

SL	105469	Cpl MacLean NR, CD
SB	30328	Cpl Marsh KB
SH	677	Cpl Olson C
SH	800201	Pte Litzenberg MJ
SH	62240	Pte Lucier G
SK	14174	Sgt Harding CE



Photo by Major Robbins

Patricia's at Rivers celebrate 17 March, with luncheon, left to right: Lt Col WJ Saul, CD, Major AM Mills CD, Capt RM Middleton.

## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association



Patron: THE LADY PATRICIA RAMSAY, CI, CD

Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment

President: BRIGADIER A. HAMLTON GAULT, DSO, ED, CD  
Founder and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment



### Annual General Meeting

On Sunday 16 June, 1957 the annual general meeting took place in Calgary, Alberta.

In the absence of the chairman, Brigadier WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC, the meeting was called to order by Lt Col SC Waters.

There were present:

Lt Col SC Waters  
 Commanding Officer 2 Bn ..... Calgary  
 Lt Col RP Clark, DSO  
 Member Executive Com ..... Vancouver  
 Lt Col AH Fraser, DSO, CD  
 Representing Vancouver Br ..... Vancouver  
 Major C Leighton ..... Calgary  
 Mr AF Huff  
 President Calgary Branch ..... Calgary  
 Captain AJE Gibson, MC  
 Honorary Auditor ..... Calgary  
 Mr P Galbraith  
 President Edmonton Branch ..... Red Deer  
 Mr TT Harris  
 Representing Toronto Branch ..... Toronto  
 Major JDM Gillan, CD ..... Vancouver  
 Major HA Snelgrove 2 Bn ..... Calgary  
 CSM JC Devlin, CD  
 Regimental Depot ..... Edmonton  
 Major HG Munro  
 Honorary Secretary ..... Edmonton  
 Captain O Gardner, CD  
 Honorary Treasurer ..... Edmonton

The secretary read the letters of regret for non-attendance from:

Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD  
 President of the Association  
 Brigadier WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC  
 Chairman of Executive Committee  
 Brigadier CB Ware, DSO, CD  
 Member General Committee  
 Lt Col T de Faye, MBE  
 Member General Committee  
 Mr Geo Harrison  
 President Victoria Branch  
 Mr HE Drope, MBE, MM  
 Secretary Regina Branch

Letters of proxy for the gentlemen named and for the following gentlemen were tabled by the secretary:

Brigadier PC Klaehn  
 President Saskatoon Branch  
 Wm Buchan  
 President Toronto Branch  
 CD LeLieve  
 President Montreal Branch

### Resolutions — In Part

(a) Change in location of the head office from Calgary to Edmonton to conform with change in location of the Regiment's home station,

(b) Adoption of the new Canadian practice to conform with other large institutions by reversing the appointments of President and Chairman. The Honorary Colonel of the Regiment to be "Chairman of the Council of the Association" and, the Chairman of the Executive (or General Committee) to be "President of the Association and of the Executive."

(c) Brigadier WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC returned as President of the General Committee and Lt Col RP Clark, DSO appointed Vice-President of the General Committee.

(d) The present officers returned:  
 Major HG Munro, Secretary  
 Capt O Gardner, CD Treasurer

### EDMONTON BRANCH

On Saturday 04 May 57, members of the Edmonton Branch were guests of the officers and men of the Regimental Depot.

A most enjoyable and convivial evening began in the Regimental museum, the place appointed for assembly.

At 1900 hours the bugler sounded "half-hour dress" when all proceeded to the Men's Mess for cocktails.

The bugler sounded the "mess" call at 1945 hours when everyone was "piped" to the dinner table by Piper Jimmy Campbell.

47854 Phil Galbraith, branch president, acted as chairman and called for a minute's silence in memory of our fallen comrades. The Reverend Joe Bainbridge, MM (487387) said grace. An excellent turkey dinner, prepared and served by the mess staff of the Regimental Depot, was thoroughly enjoyed.



Following the toast to The Queen, 487390 SH Campbell MM proposed the toast to the Regiment.

Three original members of the Regiment were given a standing ovation.

689 A Rennie  
810 Percy Armishaw  
1685 Lou Gower

The following message was received from the founder of the Regiment, "Greetings to the old and new guards of Patricias assembled in Edmonton on anniversary of our second battle of Ypres. I salute the whole guard."

Major HG Munro introduced the guest speaker, Lt Col SC Waters, commanding Second Battalion, PPCLI. Colonel Waters spoke about "family" matters and reviewed the activities of the Regiment and coming events.

447931 Percy Johnson proposed the toast to the Association and re-

viewed the activities of the Edmonton Branch since its formation in 1938.

Guests from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment 3 PPCLI included the commanding officer, Lt Col RA Bradburn, ED; the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, Miles Palmer; and RSM Fred Purkis.

After dinner, Major Bill Stutt led the singing of the Regimental songs, "The Colonel" and "The Rig a Dam-Doo." Corporals Rohac and Hinchshaw provided some excellent entertainment. Sergeant Hardage of the Regimental Band, provided piano accompaniment.

On Sunday 5 May 57, at 1100 hours members of the branch and a platoon of men from the Depot paraded to the cenotaph to commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg, 8 May 1915. Wreaths were laid by Phil Galbraith and for the serving Regiment by Private LG Smith, a recruit from the Regimental Depot.

### Ottawa Branch

Fifty members and their guests attended the 38th annual reunion of the Ottawa branch in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening, 27 April 1957.

George Barclay, vice-president, introduced the guest speaker, Col JR Stone, DSO, MC, Canadian Army Provost Marshal and former commanding officer of Second Battalion PPCLI during the Korean War. Speaking on "Regimental Spirit," Col Stone said: "It was not the great captions who made military history but the legions of nameless men under them who, imbued with the type of morale engendered in the regiment, overcame all obstacles."

The speaker was thanked by the president, Glen Bannerman.

Colonel NG Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE, CD, also spoke briefly and



*Edmonton Journal Cut*

**Pte LJ Smith, recruit from the Regimental Depot, lays wreath from all ranks PPCLI at the cenotaph in Edmonton in memory of our fallen comrades.**

**World War 1, World War 2, Korea**



reported on the present condition of the Regiment.

### **Regina Branch**

HE Drope, MBE, MM of Regina: Brigadier PC Klæhn of Saskatoon:

Colonel WG Elder of Prince Albert:

These are the stalwart mainstays of the Association Branches in Saskatchewan.

### **Toronto Branch**

Mr TT Harris, at the annual general meeting of the association in Calgary, reported a most successful 38th Annual Dinner held on 11 May 1957, in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

Guest speaker was the Regimental Historian, Lt Colonel GR Stevens, OBE.

### **Montreal Branch**

Best wishes to the Regiment for success in all its undertakings were received from the secretary, FCB Henstridge, on 27 June, 1957, together with annual fees to the head office of the Association.

### **Vancouver Branch**

Too late for inclusion in the last issue of the Regimental Journal,

word was received that a successful reunion was held at the Seaforth Armouries on 16 March, 1957.

President: Major AT Smith.

Secretary: TC (Hank) Routledge.

Treasurer: T Ian Gibson.

Annual dues to the head office of the Association together with five subscriptions for the Patrician are gratefully acknowledged.

### **Victoria Branch**

George Harrison reports his change of address—RCAF Station, Holberg, BC. With the arrival of our First Battalion in Gordon Head, Victoria Branch should receive a new lease on life. How about that, George?

A meeting of the branch on 23 August, elected Major PD "Pat" Crofton as President.

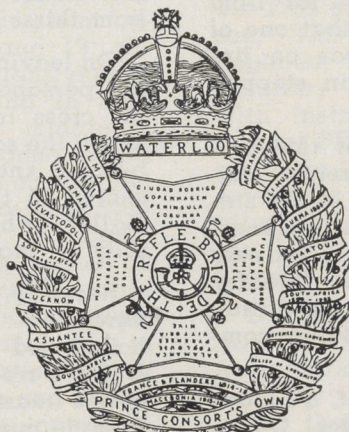
### **Winnipeg Branch**

There has been a long silence from Norman McCowan.

### **Calgary Branch**

Mr Alex Huff is of the opinion that the Edmonton and Calgary Branches should combine and become known as the "Alberta" Branch.

## **The Rifle Brigade**



**VICTORIA CROSS**  
**No 324**



Issued under Special Supplementary Warrant No 012, 854 London Gazette 1 January 1867, to TIMOTHY O'HAE, First Battalion The Rifle Brigade.

Probably the most unusual award of the Victoria Cross ever made was that to Private Rifleman Timothy O'Hae.

This decoration is of very distinctive interest being the only cross ever awarded for an act of valour performed in other than actual warfare. It is also the only Cross awarded to date for heroism in Canada.

The circumstances were as follows:

During the Fenian troubles of 1866 it became necessary to move a large supply of ammunition including ninety-five barrels of gunpowder, from Quebec City to Lake Erie. This was done in great secrecy.

The consignment was placed in charge of O'Hae and three other picked men of The Rifle Brigade and attached to a regular passenger train which was conveying some eight hundred immigrants to the West.

On 19 June 1866, as the train drew into Danville, not far from Quebec, O'Hae noticed that one of the ammunition cars was on fire and as soon as the train stopped gave the alarm.

On being informed of the contents of the burning freight car, everyone in the vicinity of the station withdrew to a safe distance. This exodus included all railway officials, a company of infantry which was drawn up on the station platform and O'Hae's three companions.

Having found a bucket, a ladder and a supply of water O'Hae

mounted the burning car no less than nineteen times and entirely without assistance succeeded in extinguishing the fire. The task took him almost an hour during which time he was repeatedly ordered by both civil and military officials to leave the train to its fate.

The immigrants who were German and who in accordance with the custom of the time were locked in their carriages, could not see or understand what was going on. They remained the whole time in complete ignorance of their dire peril.

A military board which enquired into the incident credited O'Hae with the probable saving of almost a thousand lives and recommended him for the award of the Victoria Cross.

O'Hae was born in Ireland and was only twenty years of age at the time of his exploit. He left the Service on returning to England and joined the New Zealand Constabulary.

In 1874 O'Hae joined an expedition into the far North West of Australia then largely unexplored. Early in November, 1874, he and the leader of the party perished from thirst in Sturt's Desert.

On leaving civilization O'Hae left his personal belongings including his cross in the care of a friend. When the sad details of the tragedy became known the cross was presented to the Australian National Gallery where it remained on display for many years.

Recently, as the result of happy agreement between Australian officials and the Regiment, Rifleman O'Hae's cross returned home. It is now a treasured exhibit in The Rifle Brigade museum at Winchester.



## **The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Militia)**



### **3rd Battalion**

#### **Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry**

At the end of the last Notes we see that we had briefly mentioned that the Regiment hoped to start a Young Soldiers Course in the summer of 1957.

Now that the summer is leaving us, we can report that, not only did the Young Soldiers Course take place, but that it was an outstanding success. Starting with only the germ of an idea from Brigadier Jenner and Lt Col Bradburn, Lt Col WH Buchanan activated the Young Soldier Company and with the assistance of Militia Group and Western Command Officers and NCO's, ran a first-class course that resulted in over 130 young men between the ages of 16 and 19, obtaining their Leading Infantrymans' Certificate. Commencing in June and running until the middle of August, the boys paraded every day except Sunday and culminated their training with a two-week field training concentration at Camp Wainwright. The boys trained in the camp area throughout their stay at Wainwright and an overnight bivouac scheme was included in their syllabus. The latter was a great success, although one Subaltern, who shall remain nameless, succeeded in keeping the rest of the Company awake half the night

by running a Weiner Roast for his Platoon! (If anyone is interested in obtaining some slightly used but cut-price weiners will they please contact 2/Lt Don Wade at 22740). The Course ended on a note of first-class hilarity with the Camp Concert to end all Camp Concerts. We observed CSM Jack Shields, one of the Course Instructors, being quite hysterical over one skit involving the COs driving habits, with Col Buchanan showing similar symptoms—although his driver was reportedly not so amused.

About 80 boys have signified their intention to join the unit for the Fall and Winter Training season. This year plans call for the Regiment to parade all day every Saturday at Griesbach Barracks with instruction to be given by regular PPCLI Instructors. The advantages in this, for the Militia, can readily be seen and it is hoped that after this training the unit will be the best trained Militia Unit in Canada.

Everyone connected with planning is most enthusiastic and the co-operation shown by PPCLI has been very encouraging. It must be noted that for the Young Soldier Training Scheme several PPCLI NCOs who took part postponed



their annual leave until the end of the course to ensure continuity of training—a typical gesture of the goodwill that was received all the way down the line.

The Regular Militia Unit continued to parade during the spring and summer and again sent a contingent to Wainwright Summer Camp. A Colour Party under Lt DW Harrison, turned out for the Annual Church Parade of the 49th Bn Association in June and although the party was formed on very short

notice it evoked much favourable comment from all who witnessed the parade.

Now we look forward to the fall, and with it an even closer association with PPCLI. Without donning rose-coloured glasses it can safely be said that the outlook for the Regiment has not been as bright for many years and, Government Willing, we should be able to look back on the year 1957 as a most memorable one for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

5 Jun 57

by

COLONEL SC WATERS



Photo by Sgt. Holten

Lt Colonel SC Waters presents the Colquhoun Cup to the most efficient cadet, Lt R Saunders, at the annual inspection of PPCLI Cadet Corps.

#### A—Service Chevrons: 1 Year

Bottineau H .....	Cadet
Borowicz SW .....	L/Cpl
Duffy S .....	Sgt
Flynn E .....	L/Cpl
Greenwood Ken .....	Cadet
Greenwood, Keith .....	Cadet
Townsend R .....	Cpl
Turcotte LD .....	Cpl
Wernicke K .....	Cpl

#### Service Chevron: 2 Years

Wells F .....	Lt
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#### B—Recreation Shooting Awards

Saunders R .....	Lt
Borowicz SW .....	L/Cpl
Wernicke K .....	Cpl

#### C—DCRA: Shooting Awards

Highest scorer, Saunders R .....	Lt
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#### D—Signals Certificate

Hodson T .....	Lt
Conrad E .....	Cadet
Ballantyne R .....	Cadet

#### E—Brigadier WG Colquhoun Cup

Saunders R .....	Lt
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## Province of Alberta



### SKIING IN ALBERTA

You either love it or you don't like it at all! There are some sports that you can do half way and enjoy. You can play a half good game of tennis, swim enough to stay up, or known enough about badminton to play a passable game and enjoy every minute of these sports. But when it comes to skiing you either love it and are good at it or you don't care for it at all! You either enjoy every second in the fresh air on the powdery white slopes, 'schussing down the hill, even plodding back up, herringbone style with dogged determination if there's no chair or rope tow handy, or you don't like it at all.

In Alberta during the winter days, there's an ever-growing group of people joining the "we love skiing" group, or so it seems. Banff, which began its days as an exclusive summer resort, resounds winter weekends to the thud of ski boots on snow, the happy laughter of bemuddled skiers all set to climb into car or bus for the trip up Mount Norquay and a wonderful day of skiing. Or the others, ready to step into Sunshine Suzy, that incongruous looking six-wheeled snow-

mobile which gathers skiers for the trip across country to the skiing resort of Sunshine.

Some of Alberta's pioneers looked into the future and envisioned a Banff such as this, enveloped in the white eiderdown of snow blankets which stretch up and up into the surrounding mountains, drawing skiers to the grand skiing country beyond.

One evening back in 1916, Norman K. Luxton, that man famous for his around-the-world-canoe trip and his lawyer friend, B. W. Collison, were sitting before a crackling fire enjoying each other's company. Both their families had gone away, leaving them to their own resources for a few days. So it was that they sat together, smoking and chatting lazily. One of the passing subjects which caught and held their attention was promoting Banff as a winter, as well as summer resort. After lengthy discussion they decided there was nothing for it but a Banff Winter Carnival. So without losing any time they wired Ottawa for support of the venture, since Banff was then and still is a ward of the Federal



Government. A reply was promptly received pledging Ottawa's support of the venture and a few hundred dollars for its promotion. Next they got the citizens of Banff behind the carnival idea and the first one was set for February 12th, 1917.

At its first carnival Banff had a wide variety of sports and competitions to offer. There was the popular ski-joring race on the Bow River. In it a man on skis would hold onto a rope pulled by a horse. At the signal the race would begin, horse and man flying across the ice at a great rate. Another sport which most everyone took a turn at was tobogganing down specially built runs. One Chinaman aptly described this sport in a very few words. His description, "Whiz-z-z—walk a mile!" Another feature event of the early carnivals was the dog derby, run from Calgary to Banff. The race was a two-day grind for men and dogs with the teams ending in Banff, completely exhausted, but somehow still game. The names of Ike Mills and Harry Knight took top honors many times in these races.

A man by the well-known name of Brewster, in this case Jim Brewster, also did his part to open up the Canadian Rockies for winter sports and mainly, skiing. He had begun to learn this country of mountains and streams as a very early lad and at the tender age of 13 began work in earnest with a modest pack outfit. The year was 1895. During his many years in the Rockies, Jim Brewster had Sunshine Ski Lodge built, as a stopping place for skiers in the very heart of the country he knew and loved. Along with this, Jim had the Columbia Icefield Chalet erected, too, with these lodges it was possible for skiers to enter the heart of the Rockies to ski and live in comfort there in the wilderness.

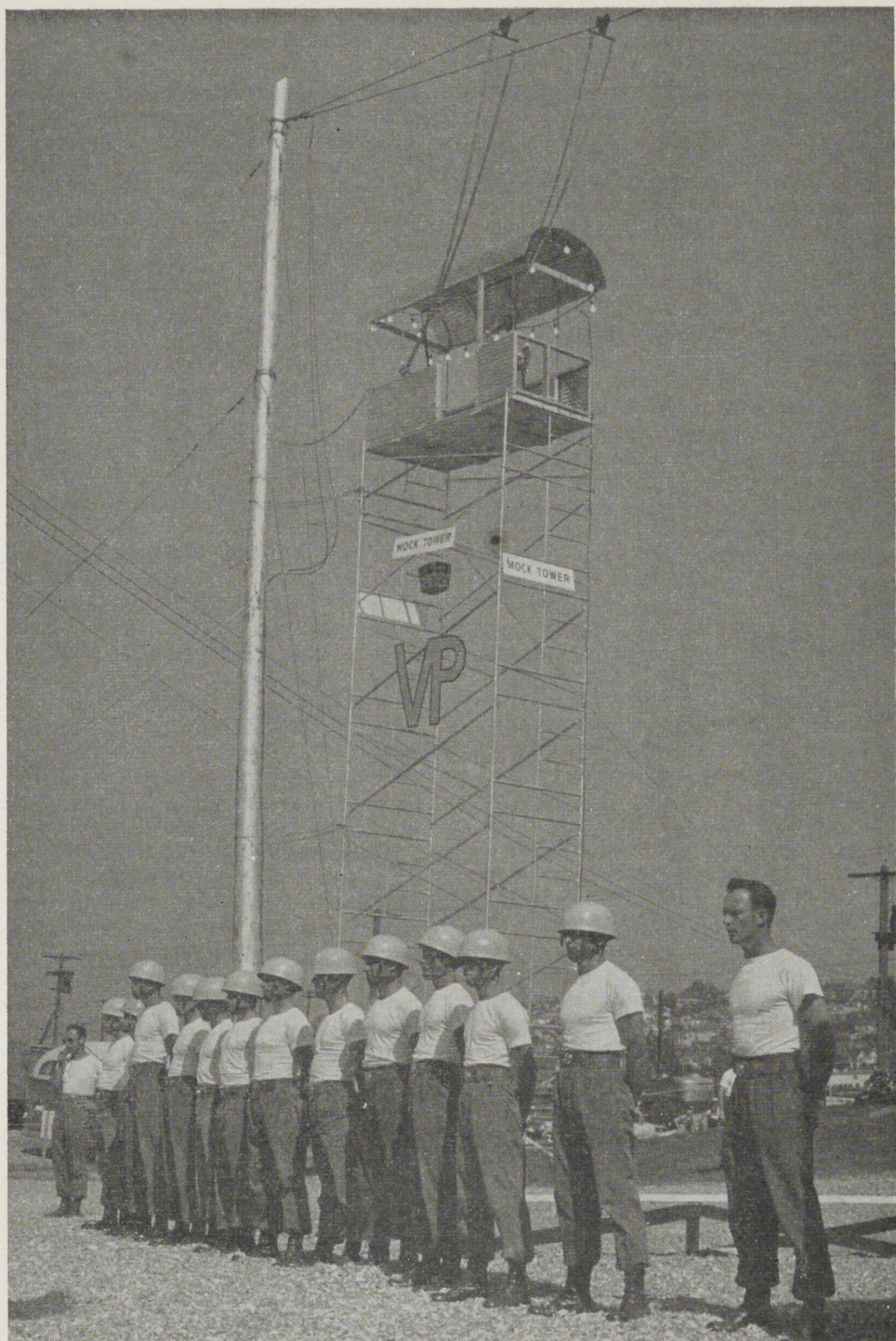
Those same formative years around 1895 saw the start of Banff's first skating rink along the pines on the Bow River. The skaters asked Mr. William Mather, operator of the boathouse, if he'd be so kind as to keep the rink cleared for a nominal fee from each skater. He agreed to do this and eventually became rink manager.

A funny incident took place on this same rink in 1904. It seems that the Banff ladies had challenged the Calgary ladies to a hockey game at the Bow River rink. In the course of the game, the Banff girls scored a goal. Then to make sure they'd retain this hard-won lead the girls stood in front of their own goal and methodically left their great ankle-length skirts down just enough to sweep the ice by an inch or so. The Calgary girls were stumped. They couldn't get a shot on goal past those skirts and the referee, a dignified person in stiff "christie" and the next thing to a frock coat, simply refused to ask the ladies to raise their skirts. As a result the Banff ladies' team won that game.

Nowadays one of the oldtimers who witnessed this game of strategy and got a good chuckle out of it, still enjoys a winter afternoon skate on the open-air rink across the Bow River. His name is Mr. George Paris.

One of the newest innovations in the Banff Winter Carnival, held in 1954 from February 10th to 14th, were the skiing and jumping races on Mount Norquay. This particular mountain, only five miles from Banff by a good road, has been called "the answer to a tournament official's prayer." One of its biggest attractions for expert skiers is the Chairlift which was built by one, George Encil. The lift is 3,500 feet long, rises 1,300 feet and serves





Second Battalion PPCLI Para Training Demonstration team at the Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver BC (15 Aug-2 Sep 57). Left to right: Lt EI Borkofsky, Pte Lemieux L, Pte Kadyschuk AP, L/Cpl Lidgren KD, Pte Nairn NA, Pte Albrechtsen B, Pte Redder LL, Cpl Rose JA, Pte Einarson R, Pte Schmidthiesler BAJ, Pte Miller WJ, Pte Padley GA, Cpl Kunsch JA, Sgt Tuttle LA. Sgt Woodall JL standing in mock tower.



trails on the upper part of Mount Norquay.

There are many wonderful skiing spots in Alberta. For instance one particular location was chosen by the War Office back in 1943, for training a unit in mountain and ski warfare. The location was Jasper National Park and the unit was the Lovat Scouts, a famous Scots regiment with a strong core of hardy highlanders who had been gillies, stalkers, shepherds and the like. The training area, formation of a training team numbering one hundred instructors and a supply of special United States army clothing and equipment were all left up to chief instructor of the training team, F. S. Smythe, and a military commission under the command of Brigadier C. N. Barclay, DSO.

The Lovat Scouts were amazed at the beauty of this wide open Canadian country. Their headquarters was in Jasper Lodge, which at that time was one of the largest log buildings in the world, and the lodge, plus the neighboring town of log cabins surrounded by lakes, pines and mountains had them completely amazed. The training period of from December to April left them even more astonished for these hardy Lovat Scouts learned their snowcraft from the ground up. They slept in tents, snowholes and bush bivouacs on some schemes, sometimes at heights of around 10,000 feet!

Many stories are told about the training these men underwent. One thing certain, they learned to ski even though a few bones were broken in the process. Their most extensive ski grounds were found to lie west and south of Maligne Lake. Cross-country routes of fifty

miles and more were set up, high passes were crossed by these men and peaks in the then little-known Brazeau Range climbed. One cabin which the scouts particularly liked was Snowball Cabin, near Maligne in the mountains to the northwest. It was designed and built by Curly Phillips of Jasper and was a special work of art which lived up to its nickname of Shangri-la. Curly Phillips was lost after he built it, getting caught in a sudden avalanche.

Besides Banff's Mount Norquay, skiing enthusiasts in that part of Alberta can enjoy the sport at Sunshine, sixteen miles from Banff by Sunshine Suzy, the six-wheeled snowmobile. A little deeper in the Rockies looms Mount Assiniboine, sometimes called the "Matterhorn of the Rockies" and a paradise for more experienced skiers. Lake Louise Lodge, a quarter of a mile east of the station at the Banff-Jasper Highway junction, gives accommodation for those skiing around Lake Louise in the Bow Valley. And further from this spot lies Ptarmigan Valley, Mount Temple Chalet and much praised Skoki. Jasper has a good December to June skiing season with a rope tow on Whistler's Mountain and then there's the Columbia Icefield. The list is endless and because of its great variety the skiers in Alberta, native and visitor alike, are gradually growing in number. But wherever people ski in Alberta, these outdoor enthusiasts are still enjoying part and parcel of what Alberta is proud to call, "Our Heritage."

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## **Obituary**

**Major JR KOENSGEN—MC, CD**

**Died 16 June, 1957, in Montreal**

Born in Argentina, South America, Major John Koensgen was educated at Provencher Collegiate and St. Paul's College in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He served with the Regiment in Italy, where he was awarded the Military Cross, and later in North West Europe.

After World War 2, he graduated from the Canadian Army Staff College and served at Army Headquarters.

He was appointed second in command of the First Battalion in February, 1954, and proceeded overseas with the Battalion in 1955.

Burial took place in the Military Plot of St. Michael's Cemetery, Ottawa.

He is survived by his wife and four children.

## **S CLYDE SMITH**

A resident of Alberta for 55 years, Clyde Smith, 59, died suddenly on Thursday, 4 April, 1957.

He left the University of Alberta to enlist in the Regiment and go overseas in World War 1.

Mr. Smith was president of the Edmonton Branch of the Regimental Association.

He is survived by his widow and a brother Douglas.

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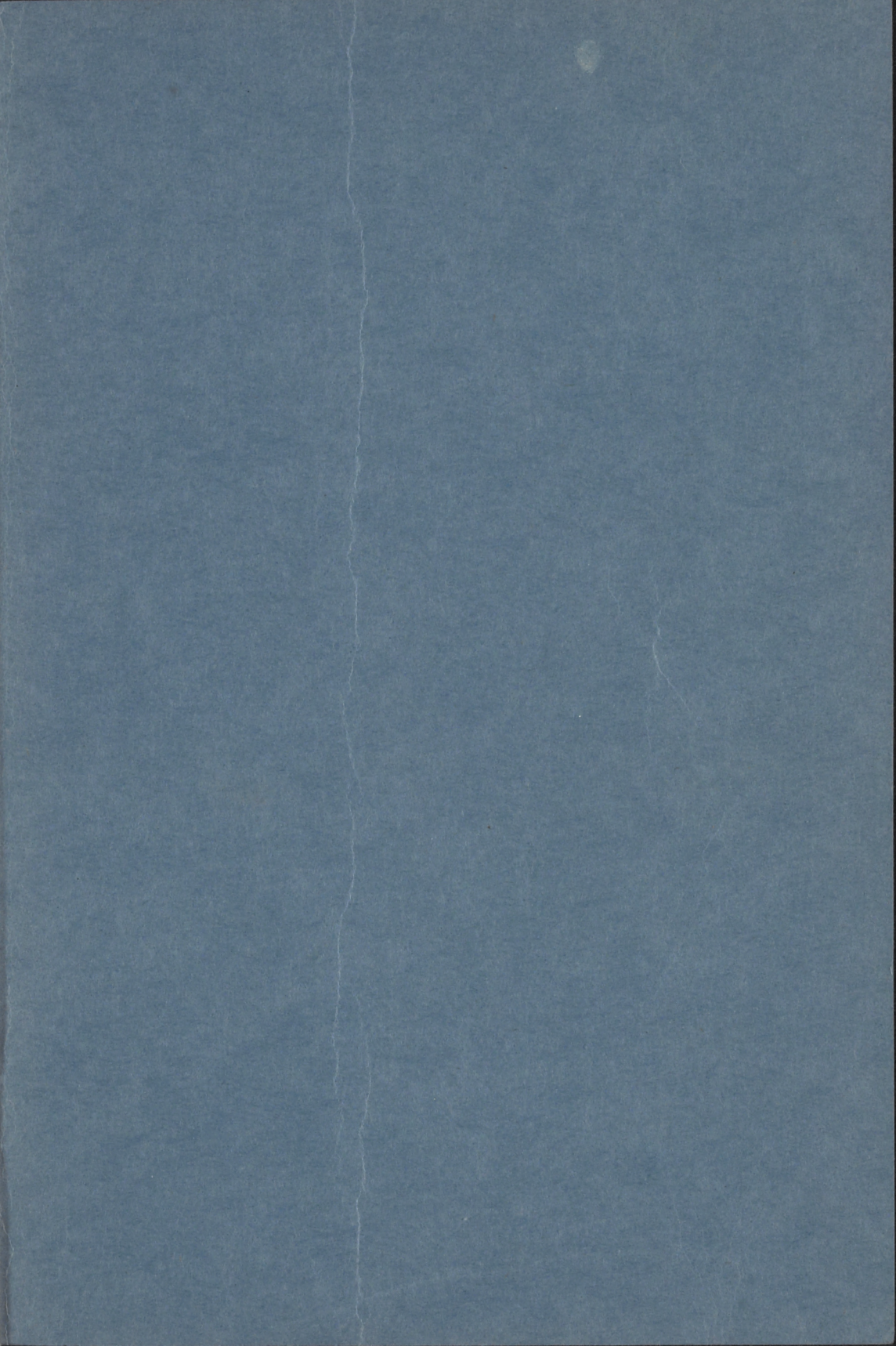
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