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REGIMENTAL NOTES



THE HAMILTON GAULT BARRACKS

On the 10th of December, 1957, the Minister of National Defence, the Honorable George R. Pearkes, VC, announced that the new home station of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry had been named "The Hamilton Gault Barracks" in honour of the founder and Honorary Colonel, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD.

Located in the Griesbach area, on Edmonton's northern outskirts, "The Hamilton Gault Barracks" is at present occupied by the 2nd Battalion and the Regimental Depot.

The naming of the barracks is in recognition in perpetuity of the great public spirit of Andrew Hamilton Gault, who sponsored the formation of the Regiment 43 years ago.

An official naming ceremony is planned in conjunction with "Trooping the Colour" when the Honorary Colonel visits the home station in June.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

DEDICATION OF THE FREZENBERG MEMORIAL

To Commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg—8 May 1915

On the 1st of October, 1957, a new generation of Patricias stood on the muddy field of Frezenberg with a few of the "originals" and dedicated themselves to the ideals of service and sacrifice which have become a Regimental tradition. A monument was dedicated not in memory of dead men but as a reminder to the present of the standard of devotion to duty which every Patricia must meet.

The dedication service was arranged by the 1st Battalion. Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, was invited by Lt. Colonel T. de Faye, MBE, CD, to plant a Canadian Maple Tree which will form the centre piece of the Memorial.

The completed memorial will bear the following inscription:

HERE

The "ORIGINALS" of
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
commanded by their founder
Major A. Hamilton Gault, DSO
held firm and counted not the cost

The following address was given by Brigadier Gault at the dedication service:

"On this sacred soil of Belgium, beloved by its people, the Cockpit of European wars throughout the ages, stood Belgium, French, British and Canadian Divisions throughout the war of 1914-18 in defence of Freedom.

Amongst these divisions was the 27th—the 9th division to leave England—which included the 80th Brigade comprising the Rifle Brigade, the KRRC, the Shropshire Light Infantry and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to be referred to by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir John French (afterwards Lord Ypres) as The Stone Wall Brigade of The British Army after it had held its position and repulsed enemy attack after enemy attack during the 2nd Battle of Ypres.

In this battle, the first major battle of The Patricias, the casualties were enormous and by the night of May the 8th, the Regiment, on being relieved, mustered but some fifty rifles out of the almost full complement which comprised the battalion at the beginning of the battle on May the 4th.

About the History

The third volume of the Regimental History is now in galley proof and the printers, the Southam Publishing Company of Montreal, have undertaken to deliver it in August or September of this year, in good time for Christmas sales. The book will run to 400 pages of reading matter, thirty-six pages of pictures, and ten original maps drawn by Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Staniewicz, formerly of the Cartographical Department of the War Cabinet Offices in London. There will be a Foreword by the Colonel-in-Chief, an Introduction by the Founder; the Frontispiece will be a reproduction in colours of the painting of Brigadier Hamilton Gault by Robin Watt. There are appendices which give the history of The Colours and pocket biographies of all Commanding Officers during the years 1919-1957.

The history covers the period between the two world wars, three years of training and of waiting in Great Britain, the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, the closing weeks of the war in Northwestern Europe, the years of re-organization after the Second World War, the service of First, Second and Third Battalions in Korea and the tours of garrison duty in Germany.

To date the history represents an investment of approximately 13,000 dollars plus many hours of voluntary labour by the author, ex officers and officers of the Regiment, and officers of the Directorate of History, Army Headquarters.

Two thousand copies of Volume III will be printed. The selling price per copy will be approximately six dollars. If a second print is required, the additional copies will be slightly higher. Already there are eight hundred copies reserved. One hundred additional copies are in a special category which will be numbered one to one hundred and autographed by the author and are now being sold in advance for twenty-five dollars each.

In this volume Colonel Stevens has caught the Patricia spirit. His tale will assist many old Patricias in reliving times gone by. The book is interesting and readable, even to a non-military reader, though it may deal with the doldrum days before 1937 or the courageous but costly attack by the Patricias in the Hitler Line. Colonel Stevens has not only managed to detail the activities of the Patricias but he also provides sufficient background information that his work will be a creditable reference on the Italian and Korean campaigns.

Of the method of presentation the Historian, Lieut.-Colonel G. R. Stevens, OBE, writes:

"There are two ways to write a military history—the definitive and the intimate. The definitive approach concentrates on technical performances, the intimate approach on personal performances. There are some very good Canadian unit histories of both types, including those of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, of the 48th High-

landers of Canada, and of Lord Strathcona's Horse. In the case of the Patricias, I have tried to reproduce the blend of the definitive and the intimate which proved popular in my Indian Army histories. The story will be read by generations of Patricias to come; I therefore felt that it should contain, in addition to details of Patricias performances, a certain amount of background material, of military purposes and attitudes. But in addition to these definitive requirements I have introduced wherever possible intimate narratives of how individual Patricias fought and felt, in order to preserve a record of the behaviour that has contributed to the tradition of the Regiment."

The Regiment can be assured that the latest volume will be indeed worthy of a place alongside Volumes I and II.

Honours and Awards

Canadian Forces Decoration

SM 6680	S. Sgt. L. A. White, RCS of I.
ZG 9625	Lt. G. G. Vickers, N.B. Area.
SL 109029	Sgt. L. W. Grasley, B.C. Area.
SL 111952	Sgt. G. S. Maule, 1st Battalion.
ZL 2148	Lt. Colonel T. de Faye, MBE, 1st Battalion.
SH 18862	Cpl. K. Dolinski, 2nd Battalion.
ZF 591	Captain J. H. Meisner, 2nd Battalion.
ZP 1487	Major H. G. Munro, Depot.
SH 23844	Sergeant L. G. Morrison, 1st Battalion.
ZL 9929	Lt. W. C. Robertson, MC, Depot.

1st Clasp to Canadian Forces Decoration

ZP 1418	Major R. B. Mainprize, CD, HQ Western Command.
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Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)

SP 21463	S. Sgt. J. R. D. Falconer, HQ Prairie Command.
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REGIMENTAL MUSEUM



Visitors to the Regimental Museum.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Major E. B. Underwood, MC, DCM—Framed copy of “In Flanders Fields”; 1st World War “Iron Rations”; Cigarette Case and Lighter; German Ring; German Field Cap.

Major W. H. J. Stutt, CD, Depot—North West Mounted Police Manual.

CSM J. R. Rudd, 2nd Battalion—Photo Album: 2nd Battalion in Germany.

Mr. J. A. Brice—Assortment of 1st World War Souvenirs (badges, buttons, belt buckles).

Sgt. E. Hanson, 1st Battalion—Recent photo of graves of Col. Farquhar and Col. Buller.

Lt. Col J. C. Cave, CD—Collection of old training manuals.

Lt. J. S. Upton, Depot—Italian Grenade; British No. 146 MKV Fuze.

Cpl. G. B. Smith, 2nd Battalion—2 US Cavalry Swords.

CSM W. N. McKerracher, 2nd Battalion—Pennant and photo of 2nd Battalion; Bisley Rifle Team 1954.

Mr. Chas. B. Hill-Tout—Photo: PPCLI Reinforcements leaving Victoria 1915.

1st Battalion—Two china figures of Captain and Staff Sergeant in Regimental Full Dress, 1938 period.

FIRST BATTALION REPORT

Training

After the Soltau Concentration, the Unit returned to Fort MacLeod on 28 Aug. and settled down to the task of cleaning and repairing equipment in preparation for the handover to 2QOR of C and rotation to Canada. The Brigade Commander, Brig. Roger Rowley, DSO, CD, had laid on a very high standard for the changeover, which required 100 percent effort by all ranks. Training was curtailed as equipment had to be frozen for accounting and inspection purposes. Two courses on Support Weapons and a Junior Leaders' Course were completed during this period, and our operational standard was raised even higher by the addition of several Group One and Two's.

Army Day

On 20-21 Sep. the Unit celebrated its first Army Day. The Brigade Plan was to demonstrate the calibre of its troops to the German people. For our part, we staged a Track and Field Meet, a Weapons Display, a march through the streets of Hemer, and held church parades in the local German churches. These events were very effective in their purpose, and also allowed the German population in our area to have a last look at the Battalion.

Frezenberg Memorial

On 1 Oct. a ceremony was held near Ypres, Belgium, to dedicate the Frezenberg Memorial. A mixed formal dinner in honour of Brig. A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, was held at the Hotel Metropole, Brussels, on 30 Sept. and was attended by several old originals, ex-members of PPCLI, and serving officers. Among those present were Brig. and Mrs. Gault, Brig. and Mrs. Agnew, Lt. Col. Niven, Lt. Col. Pearson, Lt. Col. Lindsay, and Lcpl. Milne.

On the morning of 1 Oct. many of the officers and men of the Battalion visited the Allied War Cemeteries around Ypres, accompanied by Sgt. Paddy O'Connell, another old original who pointed out many interesting features in the countryside, and explained what happened there. After this, a luncheon, attended by all ranks and their wives, was held at the Rotisserie St. Nicola, Ypres. The Mayor of Ypres presented souvenirs which consisted of Black Cats for the ladies and Medallions for the men.

Prior to the dedication ceremony, Brig. Gault inspected a Guard of Honour consisting of three officers and sixty men, commanded by Major E. D. McPhail, CD. In a very moving and impressive ceremony, he then planted the Canadian Maple Tree which will form the centre of the Frezenberg Memorial.

Rotation

On 4 Oct. the long awaited rotation commenced with the departure of the single personnel of the Advance Party. It was no longer a thought, but a reality. Reminiscence of the past two years became common chatter, and after the usual reappraisals and soul-searching, we all felt very proud of the Battalion's achievements in Germany. The two-year plan for training had succeeded in producing a highly effective unit in which every man was qualified to perform his role in battle. This was perhaps the highest operational standard the Battalion has ever attained.

With rotation under way, drafts left Germany at intervals until on 15 Dec. the last remaining Patricia in the person of our Adjutant, Capt. R. H. Graham, CD, left for home.

Patricias Return To Work Point Barracks

After a period of 18 years' absence, during which the Battalion has seen service in two wars, and a two-year tour of duty in NATO, the Patricias returned to Work Point Barracks.

The Advance Party, headed by Major C. V. Lilley, MC, CD, arrived on 4 Nov. to find the nucleus of an advance party already on the spot. This group was under command of Capt. A. V. Stoppa, who had gathered considerable information about the area, which proved invaluable to the Advance Party.

The two main problems to be solved were, first, to fit the Battalion into Work Point Barracks, which was not designed to accommodate a battalion. The second was to take over Barrack Stores from HQ Esquimalt Garrison, and then to move all the stores and equipment received from the 2 QOR of C from Gordon Head to Work Point.

Foresight on the part of Lt. Col. J. C. Cave, CD, Commandant of Esquimalt Garrison, in having renovation of the old barrack block begun prior to the arrival of the Advance Party, avoided a difficult situation in barrack room space. Lt. Col. Cave recalled to us the days when he was quartered in this same building while serving with B Company before World War II. History has a habit of repeating itself, as B Company is once again quartered in this barrack block.

The other problems of accommodation were soon solved. The trick now is to marry off enough of the new soldiers coming into the Battalion so that we won't run short of bed space in the barracks. Weapons and equipment are now becoming available, thanks to a big job well done by the QM Staff.

Seventy-five of our married personnel have been able to get PMQs. Very little difficulty is being experienced in obtaining suitable private accommodation for the others. The people of the Island have given us a warm welcome home, and are not taking advantage of the sudden demand for housing. Accommodation comparable to PMQs can be had for between Ninety and One Hundred dollars a month.

The two main training areas, Mary Hill and Albert Head, are fifteen and ten miles respectively from camp—just a good march distance. Work Point boasts an excellent 30 yard range. To augment this there are the ranges at Heal's and Nanaimo. Approval has been given for the construction of a parade square large enough to Troop on, and a new sports field which will include a 440 yard cinder track.

The use of the gym and swimming pool at Naden once a week for each Company, and recreational training such as Golf and Fishing the year round, should make this a paradise indeed.

Shortly after the arrival of the Advance Party the officers were invited to a Cocktail Party by Major (Paddy) Crofton at his home, where they were able to visit with Brig. Colquhoun before his departure for Europe.

Sports

The Brigade sports programme was finalized before Sautau concentration and to alleviate the itching of gang plank fever the Battalion interest turned to inter-company football and track and field.

Inter-Company Track and Field

Interest in this event was stimulated when the "Texas Bar," (a resort well known to PPCLI personnel who have served in Germany) presented a magnificent trophy to be awarded to the company with the highest aggregate points in inter-company sports. At the time of presentation A and D Companies were locked in the lead for the year's athletic activities while C Company trailed by two points, B Company by four points, and Sp Company by five points. This meant that the winners of the track and field meet would become the first possessors of the "TB" Trophy.

The meet was held 20-21 Sept. in conjunction with our Army Day Celebrations. C Company led by such stalwarts as Zoboski, Muszynski, Leighton, Marke, Lunde and Crawford walked away from the rest of the field to take the Battalion Track and Field Trophy and the Texas Bar Trophy Award.

Mrs. T. de Faye presented prizes to the individual and team winners, and to the British, German and Bundeswehr relay teams that competed in our invitation medley relay.

Inter-Company Football

This mad game was again the Battalion's most popular inter-company sport and the Medical Officer's headache as six brawny, enthusiastic, sometimes skillful teams took to the field for some thinly disguised mayhem. The rules again said "tag" football but this was a rule more honoured in the book as ferocious blocking became equally ferocious tackling.

The league opened fast with HQ Huskies and A Company looking like the class of the league while C Company and Sp Company bashed along. In the two-game total point series first place A Company went down in two hard-fought games to third place HQ Huskies and Sp

lost out to C Company after coming very close in an exciting second game. This put HQ and C Company into the French Grey Cup Finals 19 Oct. 1957.

Outstanding players in the league this season were Cpl. Mitchell, HQ, Cpl. Villiger, C, Pte. Crosbie, D, Cpl. Peskitt, SP, Pte. Lamirande, SP, Pte. McNeill, A, Pte. Marchuk, A, Pte. Mendryk, D, Lcpl. Howe, C, Pte. Smith, GO, C, Sgt. Davies, C, Lt. Hutchinson, A, Lcpl. Roenspiess R, B, Pte. Mooney, HQ, Pte. Webster, BHQ, and Ssgt. Schamehorn, HQ.

French Grey Cup Final

For the second consecutive year the French Grey Cup was played on foreign soil in the Dielinghofen Bowl, HQ Company Huskies and C Company Cyclones met for the old wooden cup. TV coverage, beauty queens, garish and humorous floats contributed to the parade which was led by PPCLI Band, newly arrived in Deutschland. Cpl. Westrup of the Mortar Platoon was designated "Miss French Grey Cup" by Mrs. T. de Faye on the basis of feminine charms and a cute French poodle.

The game got under way at 1000 hrs sharp and the HQ Huskies opened the scoring with a single but before the first quarter was ended Cpl. Villiger scored a touchdown to put C Company ahead seven to one. Mitchell scored a touchdown in the second quarter and kicked a field goal while Webster also scored to give HQ the lead 16 to 7 at the half.

After a half time show by PPCLI Band, Cpl. Villiger took the second half kickoff and ran 75 yards for a TD to put the Cyclones back in the game. From here on C Company never looked back as Cpl. Anderson scored a major and Kearsley booted a field goal, two rouges and two converts to give the green machine the game and the French Grey Cup by the score of 26 to 16.

Boxing

The Unit Boxing Team began training in the second week of January with very little time to get into shape before the Area Championships. However, under the able guidance of Cpl. Allard, one month later they showed evidence of being lean, hungry and vicious. With L Cpl. Graham and Pete. Gow to develop their skills they reached a state of readiness in time to participate in the Area Finals on 28 Feb. at the RCSME in Chilliwack. The results of the Area Finals were:

Novice Lightweight—Pte. Bourgon CA, 1 PPCLI defeated Spr. Peterson E, RCSME.

Novice Light Welter—Pte. Campbell HC, 1 PPCLI, defeated Spr. Hewitt WD, RCSME.

Novice Welter—Pte. MacDonald DT, 1 PPCLI, KO'd Spr. Haines GA, RCSME.

Novice Middle—Pte. Gelinis JR, 1 PPCLI, was decisioned by Spr. McCracken FF, RCSME.

Novice Light Heavy—L Cpl. Richardson LJ, 1 PPCLI, KO'd Spr. Steinhav RD, RCSME.

Open Middle—Pte. Cardinal LE, 1 PPCLI, KO'd Spr. Pearle DA, RCSME.



Miss Jenny MacGregor Morris visits First Battalion at Fort MacLeod, Germany on 17 March 1957. . L. Cpl. G. Johnson makes presentation while Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. T. de Faye, MBE, CD looks on.

Six of our boxers were not challenged and as a result got byes to the Command Finals in Calgary on 13-14 Mar. The entries from 1 PPCLI will be:

Open—Heavyweight, Pte. Smallface AW; light heavy, Pte. McLeod I; light middle, Pte. Cardinal LE; welter, Pte. Diggs LP; light welter, Pte. Henry GA.

Novice—Heavyweight, Pte. Oleksyn PJ; light heavy, Lcpl. Richardson; light middle, Cpl. Heaver RJ; welter, Pte. MacDonald DT; light welter, Pte. Campbell HC; lightweight, Pte. Bourgon CA; feather, Pte. Hicks M.

OFFICERS' MESS

It seems to be conventional when writing a report on an Institute to list the social activities of the Institute over the period under discussion, describing in poetic language the events as they took place. The reason for this, presumably, is that nothing is of much interest to anybody. For example, in this report we could describe the frenzied activities of the Mess Committee in packing up the non-public property and handing over what remained to the QOR of C. We might mention such things as the crate for the Regimental Plaque being a quarter of an inch too short, but this, unfortunately, is of interest only to those poor souls who were involved. Obviously, the secret to writing an interesting report is to write something which appeals to the reader, and the only way to do this (unless you are writing news) is to mention as many names as possible. Then at least the individuals who see their names in print are interested in what they are reading. It will be interesting to see how much of this padding the Editor cuts out. Probably all. (Editor's Note: You wrote it).

It is impossible to mention the names of all those who participated in the SPA's Mess Dinner held on 6 August. We could, perhaps, start at the top with "RSM Rowley," but he is probably still trying to forget that evening. We might even descend in the lists to "Lcpl de Faye," but looking back we remember that he was despatched to the Unit Guardroom by the RSM. One of the Company Orderly Sergeants is said to have phoned the Orderly Officer saying that the Orderly Officer might be interested in knowing that Maj. McPhail and Capt. Fafard had just placed the CO in close custody in the guardroom. Perhaps the remaining incidents of that dinner are better left unmentioned. As a matter of fact, few of the participants could have told you much about it the next day.

We now come to the sad affair of the "desertion." Gary Hunt was due to be married on the 14 September, and in accordance with custom, he was given a mock trial at the Stag Party on the 10th. He was accused, among other things, of desertion, and it was a foregone conclusion that he was guilty. His punishment (at least it was supposed to be a punishment) was that frightful ordeal, the "Trooping."

Funnily enough, his faithful charger, Doug Bell, seemed to suffer far worse agonies, and did not reappear on the scene for some time. Incidentally, had RSM Austin seen Bob Muir that evening, he would have sworn he was looking in a mirror.

A couple of weeks after this, we welcomed the Advance Party of the 2 QOR of C. In recognition of the fact that, for many of them, Germany was a strange land, we tried to show them a few things about the country. To this end, the Mess was decorated in a Schutzen fest motif, including a barrel of beer. Many of us were closely watching our guests to see what effect the renowned German beer had on them. Unhappily, it seemed to have no more effect on them than it did on us. This may have been a result of the good food served as a buffet in Germany style, i.e., bockwurst, etc.

Despite the confusion caused by lost baggage, motel living, etc., a successful New Year's Ball was held in the Mess. Numerous distinguished guests were in attendance, including the Honourable George R. Pearkes, Minister of National Defence, and Mrs. Pearkes. Many members claim that this year's ball created a record for ending early. There must be something to this salt air after all.

Bright and early on 1 Jan. the first group of callers arrived at the Mess and were greeted with the usual noggin, and what is apparently a tradition at Work Point Barracks, clam chowder. Approximately 200 callers were received between 0930 and 1130 hrs which made it quite a morning.

Thirty-five officers from HMCS NADEN were entertained during the first week of January at a beer and oyster party. Appetites and thirsts were good and the quantity of refreshments consumed was large. Later in the evening various physical contests were conducted which resulted in Peter Maione becoming the undisputed inter-service pogo stick champion of Victoria. Much to everyone's amusement and to our utter amazement, our team of stalwarts soundly trounced the Navy in a "boat-race," winning by a full length. To say that the evening was a success would be an understatement. The same sort of entertainment was held on 7 Feb. in honour of the honorary and associate members. While the sports were much less violent the evening was both entertaining and strenuous.

Now that the Battalion is fairly well settled we can look around and take stock of our surroundings. Various adjectives could be used to describe the Mess, varying from charming through pleasant to quaint. The building is an old one and is on a point overlooking the entrance to Victoria harbour. In the distance it is possible, depending on the degree of clag, to see the mountains of the Olympic National Park or the lights of Port Angeles. The air is warm and balmy and this promises to be an extremely pleasant location in which to do a tour of duty or more.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Sergeants' Mess was closed in Fort MacLeod during the greater part of August while the Battalion was concentrated in Soltau Training Area. A Field Mess was opened in Soltau for the convenience of the members.

On the night of 31 August a Social Evening held in the Mess was enjoyed by the members and their ladies. Dancing was followed by an excellent supper at midnight.

A Dining-In night for members and their ladies was held in the Mess, Friday, 13 Sep. The occasion was used to present a small memento to several of the members who were leaving the Battalion. These members are: Sgt. BAIRD, SC, RCAMC; Sgt. KING, JM, RCASC; Sgt. VOLD GE, RCASC; L. Sgt. SNOOK KR, RCAPC.

One of the Honorary members of the Mess, Herr Otto HEGEL, Emden, presented the Mess with a Bronze Eagle of historic nature. The RSM, in accepting this Eagle, stated that it would always have a place of honour in the Sergeants' Mess. The music that followed the dinner was supplied by the dance band from the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

On 21 Sep. at 1200 hrs. Major W. M. W. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson had a farewell visit with the members of the Mess prior to leaving the unit. Both Major and Mrs. Wilson thanked the members of the Mess sincerely for the many enjoyable events in which they had participated.

A Stag Party to welcome Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs of the 2 QOR of C was held 25 Sep 1957. It was indeed a pleasure to see to many old Comrades in Arms, and we hope they are enjoying Mess life in Fort MacLeod.

After a great deal of bartering, buying and horse trading, the large blue "RCA SGTs & WOs MESS" sign was quietly removed from it's anchorage on 1st Dec 1957 and the Patricias officially took over at Work Point Barracks.

A great deal of hand shaking has been prominent with introductions and goodbyes in the last two months. The Mess was sorry to have to say goodbye to Capt. Gardner although he, among a good number of the members got away in the traditional manner. On Saturday 21 Dec, the Sergeants Mess was At Home to approximately 40 members of the Garrison. This was done in the traditional manner and enjoyed by all.

The Officers' Mess was At Home to us on 28 Dec. and it was found that Sergeants outnumbered the Officers approximately 10 to 1.

A Gala Ball was held New Year's Eve and it was a huge success. The old-timers stated it was the best in many a year.

Although numerous members have left the Mess, our members have not been noticeably decreased due to the large influx of Associate and Honorary members. We are not accustomed to such a large membership, and we are looking forward to many more good times with our "new members."

CORPORALS' MESS

During the month of July the Mess said Auf Weidershien to Cpls. Dunsmore and Redden, who returned to Canada, and Cpl. Shaughnessy, who left for the C Pro C.

We had an emergency Mess Meeting on the 11th of July and bought a fine Radio and Record Player which was brought back to Work Point Barracks.

The highlight of the month was the hard times Dance on the 13th of July which was held in the Gym. Our hats are off to the PMC and all those who worked so hard to make the evening so enjoyable.

On 31 July Cpl. Birwert replaced Cpl. Swanson as PMC. Lcpl. Bordeleau took over the job of Secretary from Cpl. Fullerton and Lcpl. Ellis turned over the money and paper work of Treasurer to Cpl. MacKenzie. There was no change in the V/PMC and it is still held by Cpl. Prokopishin.

Soltau — and the Mess lay dormant from 10 to 24 of August. After two weeks of splendid training we finally got back into the groove again, by holding our first Mess Dinner on 30 Aug. The preparation for this event was extensive and rather difficult as it was the first of its kind that had ever been attempted in our Mess. However, it went off extremely well and the 35 guests (Officers, WOs and Sgts) remarked favourably on it. We for our part enjoyed ourselves immensely and fully intend to have another one soon.

On the arrival of the 2QOR of C Advance Party we had a Stag in the Mess and introduced them to "Becks" and Prosit.

Our last official function in Germany was a Stag for those members leaving on the Advance Party for Canada. As our PMC and Treasurer left at this time Lcpl Bordeleau took over the Administration of the Mess and turned it over to the 2 QOR of C in October.

The Mess reopened at Work Point Barracks in November 1957. It took only a few days to move the furniture back in, hang the drapes and lay in a stock of bar supplies. As soon as our furniture arrived from Germany it began to look more like home. Although we were operating on a shoestring we managed to buy a couple of hundred dollars' worth of equipment from the previous tenants including such vital items and beer taps and glass washers.

The Mess now offers its members a weekly movie on Friday nights. Facilities for cards, cribbage, checkers, darts and, most important, a place to bring one's lady friend of an evening or just quietly scoff a schooner of ale. We also have a TV set, but it isn't much use as we can only net into eight stations out here. Times are tough. Haven't had to shovel any snow away from the entrance either.

In December the first Mess function was a Boxing Day Stag and an At Home to the Officers and Sergeants (a Regimental First we believe). It was very well attended and enjoyed by all. New Year's Eve was celebrated by a Ball. Now that all members of the Mess have arrived it is expected that we can get started in a bigger way with the extra profits.

A vote of thanks is in order here to Cpl. MacKenzie JD who did a fine job as Mess Steward. Also farewell to the original PMC Cpl. Birwert. Congratulations on your third hook, John.

The Mess congratulates Lcpls. Barker CE, Barss, Cox, DeMaere, Dye, Hagman, Hurford, Johnson, Lauzon WG, Pierce, Stringer, Sullivan, and Tupper on their promotions.

We miss all the members who left us after we returned to Canada and sincerely hope they are happy at their new locations.

MEN'S CANTEEN

The Men's Canteen held a Farmers' Ball on 3rd August. The canteen was decorated with hay, waggon wheels, and different farmers' gardening tools. The lighting was supplied by lanterns, coal blast. The band played western music and folk songs, a real western time was had by all.

On 21 Sep. the Men's Canteen in conjunction with the Cpls' Mess celebrated Army Day with a dance. Drawings were placed around the walls showing soldiers in many poses, reminding one of the cartoons in the old Maple Leaf. These drawings along with streamers and balloons contributed to make the decorations the best ever. The music was supplied by a nine-piece band from 4 RCHA and 1 PPCLI produced its own ELVIS. All in all, this was the most successful dance held by the junior ranks during our two-year stay in Germany.

The men contributed towards a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, to present to Miss Peggy Power (WVS) who served us so faithfully for the past two years. This case was presented to Peggy by Pte. Butlin at a general meeting of the Men's Canteen held in September.

On return to Canada the Men's Canteen was organized at Work Point Barracks on 15 Nov. Lt. W. H. Jans was appointed President, Lt. R. D. Bell, Treasurer, and 2 Lt. P. M. Stevens, Secretary.

Since commencing operations the canteen has purchased a 24-inch TV set and a pool table. The canteen itself is broken down into a TV room, pool room and lounge. A wet and dry bar is available to all members. Though the canteen is smaller, the members find it difficult to accustom themselves to the faces of Ptes. Robertson, Saulnier, Waldick, Roberds and Best after two years of chuckling fraulines Hildegard, Bridgett, Mary and Elsa under their respective chins. However, it is expected that the canteen will continue its very satisfactory services.

On 10 Jan. 58, Lt. W. H. Jans was promoted to Capt. and posted to RCSME. Capt. R. M. Middleton took his place as Men's Canteen President.

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A favourite tale of the officers' mess (1915) honours M. Saint's musical ability. The officers gave a dinner in his honour and according to custom the Pipe Major marched in during dinner and played the round of the table. He had been secretly instructed to coax the Marseillaise from his pipes. Nobody discovered the resemblance except M. Saint who rose and stood to attention. There was an uncomfortable pause before on a sign from the CO the rest of the party rather sheepishly got to their feet, convinced that here was one more of those incomprehensible French customs.

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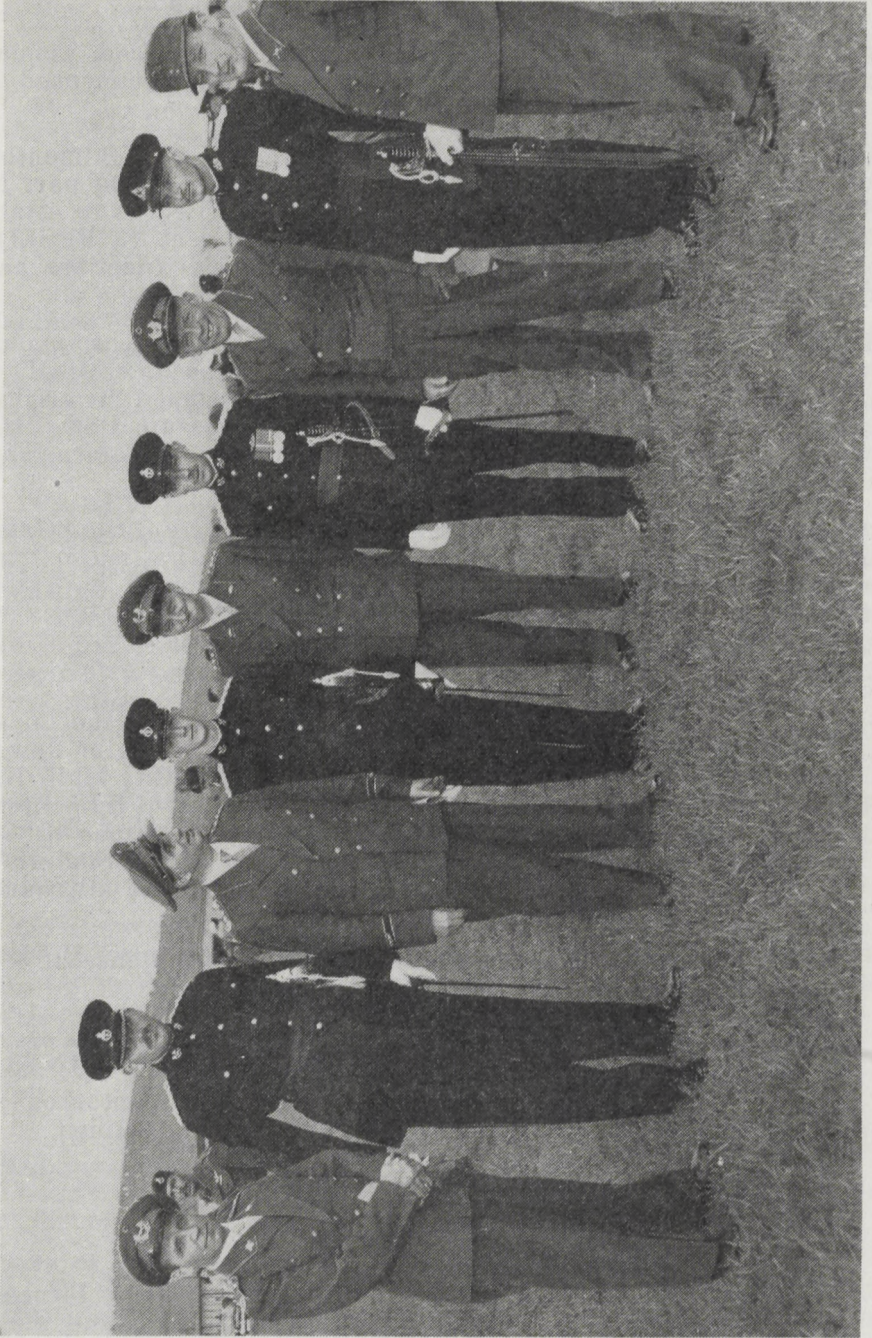
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First Battalion officers with German army officers at Fort MacLeod — June 1956. Left to right: Lt. D. Bell, 2 Lt. P. Walsh, Captain H. Moncrief and Lt. B. Simons.

SECOND BATTALION REPORT

During September of 1957 the Battalion, returning from annual leave, settled into its new quarters at Griesbach and commenced a full and varied fall and winter programme.

The Battalion received a splendid official welcome from Edmonton in September and since then has begun to take a very active part in the life of the city. The move to Edmonton also enabled us to establish closer relations with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI), and close co-operation with them in training and social functions has afforded us much pleasure and interest.

The change of location was accompanied by a change of command. Lt. Col S. C. Waters had left us in August 57 to become GSOI in Eastern Command, and on 2 December 57 the unit welcomed the arrival of our new commanding officer, Lt. Col. V. R. Schelderup, DSO, MC, CD, who had previously commanded the Joint Atomic, Biological and Chemical Defensive Warfare School at Camp Borden.

As the first regular infantry battalion to be stationed at the "Gateway to the North," it was particularly fitting that the first major training event was a Mobile Striking Force exercise conducted in Arctic conditions. Exercise "Bulldog IV" was the very successful climax of a programme of parachute and winter warfare training.

Welcome to Edmonton

On the morning of 21 September 57, the Battalion and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3PPCLI) paraded through the streets of downtown Edmonton to the City Hall. In a ceremony at the City Hall, His Worship Mayor W. Hawrelak, on behalf of all the citizens of Edmonton, presented the battalion with a framed scroll with a "Welcome to the City" inscribed. The T/Commanding Officer Major H. A. Snelgrove accepted the scroll and thanked His Worship on behalf of all ranks. The "Scroll" reads as follows:

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This momentous occasion is particularly significant, as a close and friendly association with Edmonton is already evident through the city's own famous Loyal Edmonton Regiment, also here today, serving as the Third PPCLI. Felicitations on this day are extended to the First Bn PPCLI now serving on distant active service in Germany. It is a privilege to welcome the illustrious PPCLI Regiment to the great Edmonton family and in sincerity of purpose and in genuine affection is affixed hereto the official seal of Edmonton.

(Sgd.) WM. HAWRELAK,
Mayor of Edmonton.

Exercise "Bulldog IV"

A Mobile Striking Force parachute exercise was conducted by the Battalion and its supporting elements at Camp Wainwright on 13 Feb. 58. Thirteen C-119 aircraft, the largest number of transport aircraft ever to be used on a single mass drop in Canada, carried the Assault Force into action.

Briefly, the tactical picture was that an enemy parachute company had landed in the vicinity of Lost Hill, Camp Wainwright, with the intention of establishing an electronic missile guidance station in that area. 2nd Battalion was ordered to destroy the enemy lodgement.

The Assault Force consisted of two company groups plus Battalion Headquarters, a detachment of 1 AB Tp RCE, a troop of 1 AB Sqn RC Sigs, and a section of 1 AB Med Pl RCAMC making a total of 275 parachutists.

The period 7-11 February was one of intense activity as the Assault Force carried out preparations for the operation: loading, lashing and marking of sleds, checking personal equipment, fitting parachutes and aircraft drills. Also during this period and up to the time of take-off, briefings were held at all levels to ensure every man was thoroughly briefed on the role he was to play in the operation.

Following a 24-hour delay because of weather conditions, the Assault Force emplaned, and after an uneventful flight parachuted into Camp Wainwright at 1530 hrs 13 February. During the night of 13-14 extensive patrolling was carried out with great success. The exercise was brought to a climax shortly before first light on the 14th when, in 40 degrees below zero weather, a two-company assault over-ran and destroyed the enemy.

All in all exercise "BULLDOG IV" was an excellent training medium and all members of the unit that took part benefited from the experience gained from staging, emplaning and making a successful airborne assault in Arctic conditions.

Diary of Activities September 57 - March 58

On September 57 the Battalion provided a Guard of Honour of 2 officers and 48 men for the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable G. R. Pearkes, VC, CB, DSO, MC. During his visit to Edmonton the Minister inspected the new Home Station.

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21 September 57 was Army Day, and following a ceremony at the City Hall in which the Battalion received an official welcome to the city, the troops returned to the Hamilton Gault Barracks and for the remainder of the day played host to the citizens of Edmonton. The programme to entertain the general public included a film of the First Battalion Trooping, airborne training films, demonstrations of army boxing, displays of support weapons and vehicles, and an airborne training demonstration, not to mention free rides and soft drinks for the children. The programme of entertainment was concluded with a Retreat and Guard Mounting ceremony on the parade square.

During the latter part of September and the beginning of October the fall training programme went into full swing with the commencement of several unit courses: Anti-Tank, Machine-Gun, Mortar and a New Soldier. Two Pre-parachute serials completed training and one was duly dispatched to Rivers, Man., for the Parachute Course. Also two parachute continuation drops, totalling some 250 descents were held at DZ-A which is situated 15 miles North of Edmonton. Throughout this period and the remainder of the year, all personnel not on course or otherwise employed fired Part III of the Rifle and LMG annual range classification. By 1 January 58 nearly half of the unit had qualified.

In the early part of October the Peace River Bridge, situated on the Alaska Highway near Dawson Creek, B.C., collapsed. The Battalion was committed to provide personnel to assist in traffic control, and 12 NCOs and men were dispatched on 18 October 57. At the time of writing this report March 58 the bridge is still out and unit personnel remain on duty at Dawson Creek.

During the month of November and first part of December a second series of unit courses were conducted. They included Infantry Signaller, Driver, Stretcher Bearer, and ABCW courses. Also during this period, Course No. 2 New Soldier Training and the first two weeks of Course No. 3 was completed.

On 11 November 57, 7 officers and 200 men of the unit took part in the ceremonies at the Cenotaph and the parade through downtown Edmonton.

From 12 to 15 November 57 the platoons of Support Company carried out field exercises at Camp Wainwright.

On 2 December 57 we welcomed the arrival of our new Commanding Officer Lt. Col. V. R. Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD.

During 4-6 December 57 Exercise "Shake-Down," an overnight winter indoctrination exercise, was conducted at Winterburn ranges by all companies to test individual training and tent group equipment.

On 9 December 57, all ranks of the Battalion were delighted to hear that our new Home Station was to be named "The Hamilton Gault Barracks."

On 14 December 57 the Drill Hall was filled with the sounds of merry voices and dancing feet as the children of the Home Station families celebrated the arrival of Old Saint Nick at the annual children's Christmas party.

On 16 December 57 a two-company parachute exercise was conducted 15 miles north of Edmonton. The exercise was especially enjoyable to the Commanding Officer Lt. Col. V. R. Schelderup, for it provided him with his first opportunity to parachute with the unit.

During the morning of 21 December the sergeants were "At Home" to the officers. At noon on the same day the men's Christmas dinner was served in the traditional manner. In the afternoon, the corporals were "At Home" to the officers and sergeants. It was a day filled with the spirit of Christmas.

The New Year was brought in, in the traditional spirit of cheer and goodwill. Our first New Year's Ball in The Hamilton Gault Barracks Officers' Mess was a colourful and lively occasion, as was the Sergeants' ball in their mess. The New Year's Day festivities consisted of the officers' "At Home" to the sergeants in the morning, and the Lt. Governor's Levee and "At Home" to all other messes in the afternoon.

Early in January a parachute continuation training drop of some 90 jumpers took place at DZ-B near Legal, Alta., 25 miles north of Edmonton on Highway No. 2. Then the two company groups that were to take part in exercise "Bulldog IV" 13-14 February were organized. The programme, designed to weld the company groups for "Bulldog" into an efficient fighting team, included a winter warfare exercise, Exercise "Assiniboine" 20-25 January, and a two-company group parachute exercise at DZ-B in the last week in January.

Exercise "Assiniboine" 20-25 January was conducted in the Provincial Forestry Reserve in the area of Goose Lake, which is located 12 miles west of Fort Assiniboine, Alta. The training emphasized on "Assiniboine" was physical conditioning, movement, preparation of field defences, night operations, patrolling, and battlecraft. Exercise "Assiniboine" was not only an excellent training medium, but also provided a pleasant break from garrison life.

During the last week of January, besides conducting the parachute training exercise for the "Bulldog IV" Assault Group, the Battalion commenced the third series of unit courses. They included Infantry Signaller, Driver, Sniper, Mortar, Anti-Tank, Machine-Gun and Pioneer courses and Course No. 4 New Soldier Training. This series was completed during the last week of February, and a fourth series is now in progress. It includes Infantry Signaller, Driver Wheel, ABCW, and PT Junior Leaders courses.



EXERCISE BULLDOG IV — FEBRUARY, 1958

Sports

The Battalion has enjoyed some notable successes in the field of sports, including Cpl. Noel's great showing in the International Amateur Boxing Tournament at Seattle, and the fine representation that our hockey and volleyball teams have given the Battalion in local civilian leagues.

We have just taken over the magnificent new PT Building and it provides us now with a fine gymnasium and other facilities. This has already become a centre of sporting activities.

Hockey

The hockey team played in the Edmonton District Hockey League (Intermediate "B") and represented the Battalion very well. They finished fourth in the league, and in the play-offs gave the champion Edson Athletics a hard fight, only losing 1-2 in games after two thrilling overtime games.

A civilian league does not suit us as the games are played over a scattered area and most of them on outdoor rinks, making it difficult for our fans to properly support the team. However, a Service League is being organized now and this should provide plenty of fast and furious hockey for our fans next season.

Boxing

The past year has proved to be a most successful one for our boxers. The highlight of the year was the recognition of Cpl. Noel as one of Canada's better amateur boxers. He won the Best Loser Trophy for the International Amateur Boxing Tournament which was held in Seattle.

In December, the battalion eliminations were held in which 34 competitors contested for positions on the battalion boxing team.

The winners: Pte. McNeil, DE, Sp Coy; Pte. Boudreault M, C coy; Pte. Crowell FL Sp Coy; Pte. Henderson JL, B Coy; Pte. Fredericks IR, A Coy; Pte. Hobbs HAW, B Coy; Pte. Irvine WD, D Coy; Pte. Marks FL, D Coy; Pte. Petit C, A Coy; Pte. Yahahkeehoot, C Coy.

In the Alberta Area Finals the Patricias dominated the score board from start to finish, and at the end were 10 points ahead of their closest competitor, 1 QOR of C. All who watched the tournament were impressed with the conditioning, ruggedness, and fighting spirit of the Battalion team. Two knock-outs, and one TKO were chalked up to the battling "Patricia's." Much credit is due to Cpl. Noel for his work in training this year's team.

The winners: Pte. Hobbs, bantamweight, novice; Pte. Boudreault, featherweight, novice; Pte. Crowell, light welter, novice; Pte. Irvine, welter, novice; Pte. Fredericks, light middle, novice; Pte. Marks, middleweight, novice; Pte. Petit, heavyweight, novice; Cpl. Noel, welterweight, open; Lcpl. Borjancic, heavyweight, open.

The battalion therefore had a very heavy representation in the Western Command Championships, and it was very pleasant and no surprise to find that the main competition was provided by 1st Battalion. Our fighters helped the Alberta Area to its success, the following winning their weights: Pte. Fredericks LR, light middleweight, novice; Pte. Marks FL, middleweight, novice; Pte. Petit C, heavyweight, novice; Cpl. Noel W, welterweight open; Pte. MacKenzie WV, middleweight, open; Lcpl. Borjancic, heavyweight, open.

TENNIS

Yes it's a winter sport now. The Indoor Tennis Club has been organized, and under the able eye of Capt. Jim Gove (Depot QM), has set up in the drill hall and operates with a small but active following. Its latest triumph is the organization of the Junior Club, and the instruction provided for the kids on Saturdays.

BADMINTON

The badminton enthusiasts, forced by lack of facilities to play elsewhere, joined the RCAF Station Namao Club, and have helped it to a successful season.

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball this winter has been an active sport involving many.

Two leagues were active prior to Christmas, with the Corporals beating the Officers for the new Inter Mess trophy, and A Company winning the inter Company League event.

The same two leagues are at it again now, and will wind up their schedule late in April.

Two Battalion Volleyball teams play in the Edmonton Senior Men's Volleyball League. 2 PPCLI Reds, finished in second place in their division, and will play in a four team Round Robin series for the City Championship.

Saturday 8th of March, the Battalion team played in "B" Division of the Alberta Open Championships in Calgary. They finished in a three way tie for first place with Calgary YMCA Blues, and Regina YMCA Senior leaders.

An Alberta area championship is scheduled for early May. Another Trophy?

SMALL BORE RIFLE COMPETITIONS

Small bore shooting commenced again in November 1957 when the Battalion entered two teams in the "A" Division of the Edmonton Garrison Rifle Association. Six teams comprised "A" Division and at the end of the season the Battalion "B" team topped the Division with our "A" team in second place.

On 13th March the EGRA championship match was held in the RCMP Rifle Range between the Battalion "A" team and the EGRA Team. The coveted trophy was won by 2nd Battalion with 487 points whilst the EGRA Team ran a close second with 484 points. Winning team members and scores were: Sgt. Vallance J F 100 points; Sgt. Brown D N 98 pts; Sgt. Kisko N 97 pts; Cpl. Graham R H 96 pts; Pte. Stuart E G 96 pts.

In the individual class Pte Smith C E of D Coy took 2nd place with a score of 99. All members of both teams are to be commended for an excellent shooting season.

A newcomer to the Battalion Musketry Field is the Pistol Club organized by WO 2 Rudd A J of HQ Company. An excellent turnout has been attained with some first-rate weapons appearing on the range. The RCMP in Edmonton have already indicated their desire for a hand-gun competition and it is hoped this will continue in the near future.

LOOKING FORWARD

During the spring and early summer months, the Battalion training programme will switch from airborne and arctic warfare to field training, culminating in a summer concentration in Camp Wainwright.

REFLECTIONS ON EXERCISE ASSINIBOINE
AND BULLDOG

By PTE. ———, 2 PPCLI

Since this was my first winter with the Battalion, I didn't know what to expect when we were told that we were going to take winter training and then take part in two exercises, "Assiniboine," and Bulldog IV." The "Wheels" said this was a good thing and although the idea of sleeping in a tent in freezing weather didn't appeal to me, I was ready to give it a try.

We started off in December by being issued more kit than I or a mule could carry, then it took us a week to find out how we wore it and packed it. It was still more than a mule could carry, but we carried it. I also became proficient in lighting stoves and lamps, etc. Cpl. H——— chewed me out just once for trying to thaw the ground with a gasoline fire. Guess the lamp must have leaked. I also found myself harnessed and pulling a contraption the Army loosely refers to as a toboggan. We would daily stow all our gear, tent, etc., on the thing, put on our mule load and then pull like horses. Just so we wouldn't find this too easy they also made us wear snowshoes. This would have been a little easier if there had been more than an inch of snow.

On the 20th of January, we finally climbed into trucks and set off for Ft. Assiniboine. After a cramped ride of some one hundred miles we arrived in the Assiniboine Forest Reserve near Goose Lake.

At last we were in the wilds, we even had a foot of snow on which to pull our toboggans, and our snowshoes became of more use than just a means of upsetting us.

We made camp on the edge of the lake. Rations were issued. We all sat around the tent pole (just like a Christmas tree) opening ration boxes and sampling this and that. This short sojourn being rudely interrupted by our tent group leader, Cpl. B——— who insisted on us completing our tent pitching, and snow defences.

For five days, orders and counter orders were issued: snowshoes off - snowshoes on, tents up - tents down, parkas on - parkas off, and so on. After a while we found we could do some of these things in our sleep, and did.

On the final night of the exercise our section commander told us that we were being launched into a night operation against an enemy parachute company hiding in the hills. So into the blackness we marched and marched, butting heads on unexpected halts, yearning for a smoke, sweating in the unseasonable warmth. Our company was providing the firm base while B company was out patrolling, looking for the enemy. Once at the firm base at midnight we managed to make ourselves comfortable. We pitched our tent, cooked a brew, and some of us even got a nap. We hoped B company wouldn't find the enemy and we could rest easy for the night. But luck wasn't with us. Again we marched, this time without packs or toboggans. All this comfort, I was sure the "Brass" had gone nuts. We finally arrived, after gallons more sweat, at B Company's position.

Somehow, B Company patrols had stumbled on the enemy position, and of course this meant more marching and finally at dawn a bayonet charge onto the enemy's position. At this point the exercise was packed-up and we all returned to Goose Lake (the fishing resort of C Company). In the afternoon we all became deep freeze sardines in our 2½-ton limousines, arriving back in the barracks around supper time on the 24th of January.

From then on we continued training, polishing off" my platoon sergeant said, but I wasn't too sure of the polishing. In early February we did a jump called "Bullpup." This was an exercise designed to find out if you could locate yourself in an area in which you should have been ten minutes ago.

Our big exercise, Bulldog IV, was now quite close. We found ourselves packing toboggans and marking them for the drop. We even packed sand and marked it as ammunition. Cpl. S—— said we were to throw it in the enemy's eyes if need be. On the 7th of February the CO had us parade on the square dressed in our teddy-bear white suits and carrying all our equipment. We were now ready for Bulldog IV.

The exercise started on the 10th of February. We saw the CO and his retinue of brass take-off for Headquarters Western Command where, we presume, he received his orders. On the same day we moved parachutes to Namao Air Station and lined them up in a hangar. Later in the day we received our first instructions. Apparently the Queen's Own were providing the opposition and for some reason, possibly unknown even to them, were occupying a bald windswept hill, aptly named "LOST HILL" at Camp Wainwright. We were to jump in some distance to the South West. There we would mount a night operation against Lost Hill.

We spent the 11th of February packing gear and receiving further briefings. On the 12th we moved out to Namao around noon. But the wind was high and the drop was cancelled for twenty-four hours. Everyone cheered, but it only prolonged the needle.



EXERCISE BULLDOG IV — FEBRUARY, 1958

We were given orders again and told we would drop on the 13th at 1530 hours. On arrival at Namao we were pulled, stretched and thumped getting into our parachutes and assorted gear. Just to make sure we couldn't get out we were fed large fat sandwiches with resultant bulges between the harness straps.

Despite being loaded with parachute, weapon, rucksack and sandwiches we managed to walk, stagger or crawl to the thirteen C119 aircraft, the RCAF had so kindly provided. Takeoff in formation seemed rather hairy, but we managed to get off even though there were some doubtful, hesitating, stomach-lurching starts.

The flight was uneventful. Our aircraft drill seemed to go alright, except we were given "Go" while the doors were shut. Cpl. O—— was rather upset, but the remainder of his stick would have bored a hole right through the fuselage or kicked the door out, if permitted. We finally got out. (They did open the doors). The air was full of parachutes. The DZ didn't look too familiar, but seemed to have a few more trees than we had anticipated. Despite trees, bush and hills we managed to land safely (thanks to soft snow) and it was a relief to get the equipment off and have a good scratch.

On the ground they said one of the fellows had hung up on the aircraft and that one of the officers had his parachute fall off his back at the door. My corporal said it was amazing the lengths a guy would go to, to miss a winter exercise.

The temperature was away down around thirty-five below, so we were sure happy to get our toboggans, unless it was one filled with sand.

The heavy drop platform was a spectacular sight when dropped, One fellow was so enthralled he tried to break its fall.

Again we marched across country, established another firm base, we got our tents up, had a brew on, and almost comfortable when we were told that the enemy had been located and we were to attack him at dawn.

Several of the Platoon immediately volunteered as casualties. Rumor had it, that casualties were flown out to Namao and a warm hospital bed. Unfortunately, none of the umpires considered casualties were necessary at this point.

After a good solid march in freezing wind, and several lengthy waits, we charged the enemy in true US Cavalry style that would have done General Custer proud.

The Queen's Own were relieved that we had finally found them. They had moved from Lost Hill to another location called Tower Hill, and they were just as cold as we were, and didn't want the scheme prolonged. The exercise was called off prematurely, someone said, but we were content to move back to our tents where we could at least eat and try to get some sleep.

We were all happy to see our barrack room again on the 15th of February. Our beds, and food in the Mess Hall, never looked so good.

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DEPOT REPORT

Training

The introduction of new recruit training standards and the adoption of the new 7.62 mm FN C1 rifle by the infantry has resulted in the production of a new recruit training programme.

Major W. H. J. Stutt, CD, has done sterling work as chief instructor and with his assistant, Lieutenant A. G. Caesar, CD, and the Training Sergeant Major J. C. Devlin, CD, has kept recruit training running smoothly.

The progress of the training reference library and training aids room at The Hamilton Gault Barracks promises well for the future. Cpl. A. Furniss, CD, is in charge.

During the winter months, Part III of the recruit training programme is carried out at Albert Head, B.C., in conjunction with recruits from the Depot of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Capt. O. Gardner, CD, set up the camp in November, 1957, when he was relieved as detachment commander by Capt. D. R. Honeyman, and later by Capt. R. M. Middleton, both of 1st Battalion.

The Albert Head detachment includes the following members of the Regimental Depot:

CSM W. J. Ogilvie, CD
Sgt. G. Johnston, CD (RCOC)
Cpl. J. R. Eaglesham (RCASC)

1st Battalion has been most helpful to our detachment at Albert Head.

**The following Platoons completed Recruit Training during the period
Aug. 57 — Feb. 58**

Moro—Posted to 2nd Battalion 27 Sep 57.

Platoon Commander: Lt. R. L. Mathews.
Best Recruit: Pte. Werth, H.
Reviewing Officer: Major H. A. Snelgrove.

Gully Liri—Posted to 2nd Battalion 14 Nov 57.

Platoon Commander: 2 Lt. H. R. Scott.
Best Recruit: Pte. Breurkens, HJA.
Reviewing Officer: Col. A. J. B. Bailey, DSO, OBE, ED.

Hitler Line—Posted to 1st Battalion 9 Dec 57.

Platoon Commander: Lt. W. W. J. Shuler.
Best Recruit: Pte. Borne, RG.
Reviewing Officer: Lt. Col. C. P. McPherson, CD.

Gothic Line—Posted to 1st Battalion 28 Jan 58.

Platoon Commander: Lt. W. C. Robertson, MC, CD.
Best Recruit: Pte. Dipalma, RW.
Reviewing Officer: Major H. G. Munro, CD.

Rimini—Posted to 1st Battalion 17 Jan 58.

Platoon Commander: Lt. A. C. Caesar, CD.
Best Recruit: Pte. Lavin, JB.
Reviewing Officer: Major C. V. Lilley, MC, CD.

San Fortunato—Posted to 1st Battalion 14 Feb 58.

Platoon Commander: Lt. L. Durocher.
Best Recruit: Pte. Wade, RW.
Reviewing Officer: Lt. Col. T. de Faye, MBE, CD.

Changes in Regimental Depot Staff

Taken on Strength—

Capt. W. Craig, from 1st Battalion.
2 Lt. M. D. Mandzuk, (RCAPC), from Western Command.
Lt. C. A. Cavett, from 1st Battalion.
Cpl. Eaglesham, JR, (RCASC), from 4 Fd Amb RCAMC.
Cpl. Kerr, LG, (RCASC), from Western Command.
Cpl. Ouelette, EA, (RCOC), from 1st Battalion.

Struck Off Strength—

Capt. O. Gardner, CD, to: Retirement.
Lt. C. A. Elliott (RCAPC), to: 2nd Battalion.
Lt. R. L. Mathews, to: 1st Battalion.
Sgt. Grasley, LW, to: Vancouver.
Sgt. Ptolemy, DA, (RCASC), to: 16 Coy RCEME.
Cpl. Thibodeau, EJ, to: 2nd Battalion.
Cpl. King, AJ, to: 2nd Battalion.
Cpl. Selinger, G, (RCASC), to: 1 CIB.
Cpl. West, TP, (RCOC), to: Western Command.

Promotions—

Congratulations to Sgt. C. A. Wilson on his promotion to a vacancy on permanent establishment as assistant recruit instructor.

Sgt. D. A. Ptolemy (RCASC) also received his promotion on posting to 16 Coy RCEME in Fort Nelson.

Sgt. J. M. Cain received his promotion as Depot records clerk.

**The following personnel have been attached to the Depot
as Instructors:**

Lt. A. J. Neadow, 2nd Battalion, Nov 57.
 Lt. L. Durocher, 2nd Battalion, Nov. 57.
 Lt. J. L. Burch, 2nd Battalion, Oct. 57.
 Lt. P. M. Stevens, 1st Battalion, Jan. 58.
 Sgt. Woodall, JL, 2nd Battalion, Nov. 57 - Jan. 58.
 Sgt. Hanson, KO, 2nd Battalion, Oct. 57 - Feb. 58.
 Sgt. Baswick, ST, 2nd Battalion, Jan. 58.
 Sgt. Thurn, DV, 1st Battalion, Jan. 58.
 Cpl. Arnold, JE, 2nd Battalion, Feb. 57 - Dec. 57.
 Cpl. Dumas, JC, 2nd Battalion, Sep. 57 - Feb. 58.
 Cpl. Pickup, NA, 2nd Battalion, Sep. 57 - Feb. 58.
 Cpl. Sauve, RJ, 2nd Battalion, Jan. 57 - Dec. 57.
 Cpl. Buck, DJ, 2nd Battalion, Sep. 57 - Jan. 58.
 Cpl. Sellyeh, GJ, 2nd Battalion, Oct. 57 - Dec. 57.
 Cpl. Wright, WJ, 2nd Battalion, Sep. 57 - Feb. 58.
 Cpl. Bridges, HJ, 2nd Battalion, Dec. 57 - Feb. 58.
 Cpl. Gowing, LM, 2nd Battalion, Dec. 57.
 Cpl. Shawcross, KS, 2nd Battalion, Jan. 58.
 Cpl. Jagoe, WM, 2nd Battalion, Jan. 58.
 Cpl. Dunsmore, NG, 1st Battalion, Jan. 58.
 Cpl. Hagman, RJ, 1st Battalion, Jan. 58.

Social Activities

The popular all rank parties, held monthly last winter, have only been possible during the current season on two occasions.

These parties were both successful and well attended. They were held at the Prince of Wales Armouries on 13 December, 1957, and 28 February, 1958.

The entertainment committee is to be congratulated for their excellent arrangements: Sgt. J. R. Penner, CD, Sgt. R. W. Smith, Sgt. J. A. Robinet, CD.

MISS JENNY MACGREGOR MORRIS

11 February, 1958—her letter to the Regimental Depot reads in part:

"The great kindness of you all, as I've said before, words fail me to express my feelings, so please just all know my love and thanks.

"We are having terrible gales and doctor will not let me go out. I've only been past my gate three times since November 18th, but believe me, I'm going as slowly as I can because I have no wish to be a stiff just yet and it is only by building up now that I'll be able to kid the doctor into getting to London next November or perhaps for the unveiling of the 8th of May Memorial. I must be a good soldier 'at wangling' and have no fear of The Glass House although whiles, Im CB.

"How pleased you must have been to see the Laddies in Victoria.

"Bless you all!"

NEWS OF PATRICIAS SERVING AWAY FROM THE REGIMENT



From coast to coast and abroad, members of the Regiment are serving their Queen and country.

Army Headquarters—Ottawa

Lt. Col. E. W. Cutbill, DSO, ED.	Major J. L. Hart, ED.
Lt. Col. G. W. L. Nicholson, CD.	Major R. E. M. Cross.
Lt. Col. H. F. Cotton, CD.	Major J. C. Newlands, CD.
Lt. Col. L. H. Young.	Major H. D. P. Tighe, MC, CD.
Lt. Col. H. F. Wood, CD.	Major A. G. W. Harbord-
Lt. Col. J. R. Cameron, OBE.	Harbord, CD.
Lt. Col. J. E. Leach, MBE, CD.	Major E. R. Sharpe, CD.
Lt. Col. F. N. Pope, CD.	Capt. F. R. McGuire.
Major M. J. Egan, CD.	Capt. J. G. C. McKinlay, MC.
Major W. G. Milne, CD.	Capt. R. A. Ostiguy.
Major N. M. N. Watts.	Capt. G. A. Gunton, CD.
Major A. J. Baker, MBE, CD.	Lt. E. O. Roberts.

HQ Western Command—Griesbach, Alberta

Major C.J.A. Hamilton, MBE, CD.	Capt. T. Berger, CD.
Major N. Featherstone.	Lt. E. I. Borkofsky, CD.
Major R. B. Mainprize, CD.	Lt. H. B. McGregor, CD.
Capt. M. C. Edwards.	CSM Kendall, W.
Capt. W. E. Hall, CD.	Sgt. Folster, A.
Capt. M. G. Levy.	Sgt. Suais, BG.
Capt. H. Wray.	

HQ Calgary Garrison—Alberta

Capt. D. M. Langley.	S Sgt Isaac, JF.
Capt. D. E. Jones.	S Sgt Tutte, KG.
CSM England, CL.	

HQ Newfoundland Area, St. John's

Lt. Col. J. K. Mahony, VC.

Attending Staff College, Camberley, England

Capt. R. J. Frost.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Major W. M. W. Wilson, CD.

United Nations Emergency Force—Middle East

Major A. V. Robbins, CD.

Canadian Delegation, Viet Nam—Indo China

Capt. B. M. Munro.

Major W. B. S. Sutherland, CD.

Attending Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston, Ontario

Capt. A. M. Potts, CD.

Capt. R. F. Doran.

Capt. W. K. Stirling.

Capt. W. L. Howard.

Capt. D. R. Harrison.

Prairie Command—Winnipeg, Manitoba

Major C. M. Pyne, CD.

Lt. D. C. Denison, CD.

Major W. H. Mitchell, MC.

RSM A. W. L. Watson.

Major W. G. Harris.

RSM J. W. Macklin.

Canadian Army Staff, Washington, U.S.A.

Lt. Col. J.C. Allan, DSO, MBE, CD

Major R. F. Bruce, MBE, CD.

HQ Fort Churchill, Manitoba

Major C.E.C. MacNeill, MBE, ED.

RSM G. Linsley.

Major D. O. R. Kearns, CD.

UNTSO—Palestine

Lt. Col. G. A. Flint, CD (SRS List)

Major E.M.K. MacGregor, MC, CD

CJATC, Rivers, Manitoba

Lt. Col. W. J. Saul, CD.

Lt. D. T. Cottingham.

Capt. L. A. Swick.

AHQ Australian Army—Melbourne, Australia

Major A. S. Ennis-Smith, CD.

HQ 4 Cdn Inf Bde—Europe

Major E. J. Williams.

HQ Camp Shilo, Manitoba

Major A. M. Mills, CD.

Major G. E. Henderson, CD.



The Regimental Band on service in Germany visits the "Hall of Peace" in Meunster. Left to right: Sgt. R. Zandboer, Cpl. K. Lobb, Sgt. J. de Vroom, Sgt. H. Van Gijn, Sgt. J. Hermans, Sgt. I. A. Drake, and Sgt. Major R. A. Eberts.

HQ B.C. Area—Vancouver

Lt. Col. A. H. Fraser, DSO, CD.

Major J. D. M. Gillan, CD.

Capt. D. G. MacLeod.

Capt. W. H. Jans.

Lt. D. T. Walton, CD.

Lt. V. P. Rithaler, CD.

Sgt. Grasley, LW.

Sgt. Wiltse, DE.

HQ Eastern Command, Halifax, N.S.

Lt. Col. S. C. Waters.

Major S. L. Dymond.

Major P.O. Stayner, CD (NB Area)

Lt. G. G. Vickers (NB Area).

Whitehorse—North West Territories

Captain C. L. Scot Brown, CD.

HQ Saskatchewan Area—Regina

Captain C. A. Petrie.

HQ Central Command, Oakville, Ontario

Lt. Col. A. C. Brett, CD.

Major C. O. Huggard, CD.

Capt. C. A. Kemsley, CD.

Capt. M. D. Gardiner, CD.

Royal Canadian School of Infantry, Camp Borden

Major K. J. Arril, CD.

Lt. C. B. Snider, MC.

Lt. J. J. B. Pariseau.

RSM L. F. Grimes.

NOTE: This list is by no means complete and there are very few NCOs and men named. Please contact the Regimental Depot and give your mailing address.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION



Letter from the Secretary to All Branches

Dear Comrades:

Official notice of the eleventh annual general meeting of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association will soon be mailed to all branches.

The proposed date is Sunday, 08 June, 1958. The place is the Regimental Officers Mess at the Hamilton Gault Barracks, GRIESBACH, Alberta.

This will be a very special meeting to:

- (a) deal with annual business, and
- (b) amend certain bylaws.

We hope to have present the Chairman of Council, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD; the commanding officers of the battalions of the Regiment, Lt. Col. T. de Faye, MBE, CD, and Lt. Col. V. R. Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD; former commanding officers of the Regiment, Brigadier C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, and Lt. Col. R. P. Clark, DSO; and delegates from all branches.

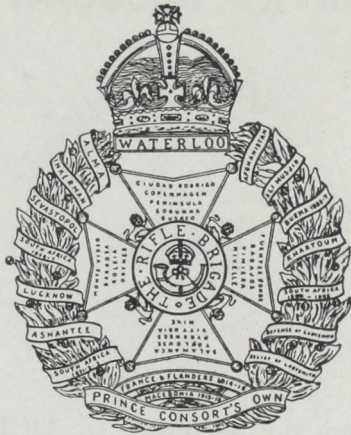
The president of the General Committee, Brigadier W. G. Colquhoun, CBE, MC, plans to return from overseas for this meeting.

All branches are requested to report resume of activities for the fall issue of the Regimental Journal.

Yours faithfully,

H. G. MUNRO, Major,
Honorary Secretary.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE



"FOR VALOUR"

The 1958 Rifle Brigade Chronicle contains a very interesting description of the Victoria Cross Centenary celebrations held in London during June 1957.

The author Lieutenant Colonel V. B. Turner, VC concluded his article by saying, "I think it is a fitting conclusion to record here what I have never seen recorded in any paper or magazine that The Rifle Brigade with its 27 VC's, holds the greatest number of awards of any Regiment of the British Army".

A list of Riflemen VC's was not included in the article but it is considered fitting that such a "Roll of Honour" of our Allied Regiment showing names and their battalions should be written into our records.

The Crimean War 1854-55

General H. H. Clifford		Rifleman F. Wheatley	1st
Lt. Col. C. T. Bouchier	1st	Rifleman J. Bradshaw	2nd
Lt Col Sir WJM Cunningham	1st	Rifleman J. Humpston	2nd
Major J. S. Knox	1st	Rifleman R. MacGregor	2nd

Indian Mutiny 1857-58

Lt. Col. Sir H. Wilmot	2nd	Corporal S. Shaw	2nd
Corporal W. Nash	2nd	Rifleman D. Hawkes	2nd

Canada 1866

Rifleman T. O'Hae	1st
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South Africa 1899-1902

General Sir W. Congreve 2nd Corporal E. Durrant 2nd

East Africa 1902

General Sir J. E. Gough

The Great War 1914-18

Major W. L. T. Congreve	3rd	Lieutenant J. E. Woodall	1st
Major H. Daniels	2nd	Lieutenant G. E. Cates	2nd
Lieutenant S. C. Woodrofe	8th	Corporal C. R. Noble	2nd
Sergeant W. Grigg	13th	Corporal A. G. Drake	8th
Sergeant W. F. Burman	16th	Rifleman W. Beesley	13th

The World War 1939-45

Lt. Col. V. B. Turner 2nd

Of the ten crosses won during the Great War, five were posthumous awards.

At the first VC investiture in June 1856 The Rifle Brigade was represented by all of its eight recipients. This was by far the largest number in the entire army, the next being the Royal Artillery with five.

One of the rare records of father and son VC's is held by The Rifle Brigade in the awards made to General and Major Congreve.

Major Congreve was awarded the MC January 1916, the DSO April 1916, mentioned five times in despatches and posthumously awarded the VC. He was killed in action 20 July 1916.

THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

(Militia)

**3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry**

During the school vacation in the summer of 1957 Lt. Col. R. A. Bradburn, ED implemented an idea which proved to be extremely successful.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment recruited about 100 High School Boys over 16 years of age and with the help of 23 Militia Group and 2nd Battalion trained these boys to a high standard under what came to be known as the Young Soldier Training Scheme.

In the fall of 1957 it was decided that all of these boys who wished to further their military training should be given the opportunity to do so and they were all invited to renew their association with the Regiment. About 75% of the young soldiers returned for training and were formed into a Support Company under the command of Major Ed Pritchard.

The training of Support Company was undertaken on each Saturday and here again we received generous support and assistance from the 2nd Battalion. Right up until Christmas Support Company went out to The Hamilton Gault Barracks where 2nd Battalion instructors gave them instruction in the various infantry support weapons and signals training.

It was in the early fall that Lt. Col. Bradburn decided that more young lads might wish to join the Regiment and "C" Company under command of Capt. F. G. Clare took shape. "C" Coy now has about 75 soldiers in training, two platoons doing Leading Infantrymen courses and one recruit platoon.

These young soldiers owe much of their efficiency and keenness to those instructors loaned by 2nd Battalion.

Early this year it became apparent that our Regimental role in Civil Defence would be real and important. Support Company has been training for Civil Defence since January 1958, and maintaining their military skills on a tight syllabus.

"C" Company will be undergoing Civil Defence training in April, 1958.

"D" Company at Grande Prairie has a Young Soldier Training Programme with some 50 young men training each Saturday.

The Companies at Vegreville and Vermilion, A and B Companies respectively, have increased in numbers this year and the Carrier Platoon at Dawson Creek is efficient and also growing.

HQ Company under Capt. W. Stainton, MC is undergoing signals training with emphasis on Communications in the CD role on Tuesday evenings.

At the time of the City of Edmonton's welcome to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Battalion turned out its Band and one Guard under the command of Major G. Armstrong, second-in-command of the Regiment. The Loyal Eddies were happy to participate in this ceremony and echo the mayor's welcome.

In the late fall we had a Signals and Cross Country Map Reading exercise at Wainwright under the Command of Major K. F. Wakefield.

Major W. Oakie is commanding the Regiment's Cadets who are about 60 strong and are developing a good Drum and Bugle Band.

This training year has been an exceedingly successful and gratifying year so far and the future looks good.

It is of interest that the Medals and Decorations of Major Gen. W. A. Griesbach and his Father repose, in trust in the Western Command Officers' Mess, and that General Griesbach's sword is mounted in a niche in the foyer of the City Hall in Edmonton.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps

2nd Battalion Taken Over From Depot

The responsibility of instruction within PPCLI Cadet Corps changed hands in Sept. 57. At this time 2nd Battalion took over from the Depot.

The appointment of Lt. F. Dorsey as CTO was certainly a fortunate day for the Corps. Lt. Dorsey has worked very hard in bringing the Corps up to high standard of training which is enjoyed by the boys of Griesbach and the surrounding district. Our thanks goes also to Cpl. Ortleib, who is working in the Cadet QM stores, and to the NCOs and instructors who give of their time to assist in this youth movement.

Winter Training

Wednesday Nights: The New Drill Hall and Lecture Training Building in The Hamilton Gault Barracks certainly has added to our Cadet Training. The syllabus for parade nights has been packed full with not only the standard training but highlighted by airborne training, signals and sports. We are still very hopeful of an airplane ride to complete our airborne training.

Ranges: A full program has been in operation on the Ranges at both the Prince of Wales Armouries and Griesbach Barracks. Many shoots have been entered with a goodly number of our boys winning prizes. Awards have also been won in Recreational Shooting. A 22 rifle and a number of cups are being purchased, as prizes for further competition within the Corps.

Cadet Band: Monday night is Band Night. Being able to receive instruction on a band instrument is, we believe, very beneficial to a boy. It is hoped that more boys will take advantage of this opportunity. The climax for this year's work will come this summer with the Cadets going to Vernon, as a band, for a seven-week camp period.

Promotions in the Corps

The following are to be congratulated and extended best wishes in their new responsibility as Cadet Officers or Cadet NCOs.

Promoted to the Acting Rank of:

Cadet Capt.—Saunders R.

Cadet CQMS—Palmer R.

Cadet Sgt.—Wilcox T.

Cadet Cpl.—Womacks G.

Cadet L/Cpl.—Conrad E.; Maskell W.

Highlights to Come

The climax of the Cadet year will take place during the next three months with the following taking place:

- (a) Annual Inspection in May.
- (b) A two-day Spring Exercise.
- (c) Awarding of the cups and prizes won throughout the year.
- (d) Summer Camp—a wonderful seven weeks of work and fun in sunny Vernon with pay.

Province of Alberta



JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Far-away fields look greener! Alberta has some of North America's loveliest holiday grounds in its very own backyard but sometimes people are so busy hurrying to see other far-away attractions on their annual holidays that they haven't time to consider the beauties of their own province. There's Banff National Park, second largest National Park in Canada, which attracts thousands of tourists annually from all over the world, not to mention the movie crews who have been filming the majestic peaks, lacy waterfalls and clear blue lakes as backgrounds for some of their technicolor movies.

Then there's Waterton Lakes Park in the south of the province and of course, Jasper National Park, perhaps not quite so well known in other parts of the world as is Banff, but larger in size. It's 4200 square miles of awesome mountain scenery which extends along the eastern slope of the Canadian Rockies in the western part of the province. Banff National Park is south of Jasper, while on the west over the Continental Divide in B.C. lies Mount Robson Provincial Park.

Jasper is a breathtakingly beautiful park that carries with it a long history of exploration, stretching from the French-Canadian boatmen to the Cariboo gold rush stragglers. Today it stands like some brave page from Alberta's past, unmarred by the commerce of time. It's a serene, undisturbed mountain playground with a silent, peaceful and awe-inspiring beauty.

'Jasper' Park seems to be a milk-toast name for this mountain retreat of rough, parallel ranges, running from southeast to northwest. The folds and upheavals in the rock are visible everywhere, as are evidences of the erosion caused mainly by the recession of the glaciers which once filled the valleys. The broad valley of the Athabasca River cuts through these ranges from south to northeast and the main tributaries of the Athabasca—the Sunwapta, Whirlpool, Miette, Maligne, Snaring, Rock and Snake Indian Rivers—flow through the park area. But the name of the park doesn't seem so strange when you find how it came about. It seems that years ago Jasper Hawes, a big, fair-haired Factor for the Northwestern Fur Trading Company, lived in what is now Jasper Park, in a one-room shack which was the only habitation

on a long day's journey. He and his Indian wife always made everyone welcome, whether they were trapper, adventuresome nobleman, explorer or missionary. For supper the travellers were served freshly caught brook trout, whole barbecued lynx or sizzling buffalo steaks and after a friendly exchange of the latest news, would lie down to sleep on beds of grizzly-bear pelts.

The kindness and hospitality of Jasper became known far and wide and the place was spoken of as "Jasper's House." Even after Jasper vanished mysteriously in 1813, his name and hospitable reputation remained as the valley's chief assets.

Lewis James Swift was the next settler in the Park, coming into the wide valley of the Athabasca with his packtrain from Fort Edmonton in 1892. Jasper House, which for a while had become a Hudson's Bay Trading Post but had been abandoned in 1884, now consisted of three ramshackle buildings. Swift repaired one and for two years ran a trading post on the old site. In the meantime Marcus Smith ran a line of survey for the chief engineer of the railways from Kamloops up the North Thompson River and through Yellowhead Pass into Jasper Park. Swift found the survey stakes, decided they marked an ideal place for a railway terminal and filed on 160 acres nearby as a homestead. He built a house on this homestead, lived happily there in solitude for a while, then married in 1897. Lewis James Swift was an industrious man who kept cattle and horses, did a little irrigating and grew wheat, barley and oats. He even packed in a small flour mill and built a water wheel to drive it.

Jasper was declared a National Park in 1907, at which time the authorities tried to buy Swift's land from him. But he wouldn't sell. Finally, in 1935 he sold out to Mr. Wilby, an English gentleman who planned to make it into a Dude Ranch. Wilby in turn sold the land to a Mr. Breed in 1952 and today, this homestead of Swift's is still private property in the National Park of Jasper.

Other names are written in the story of Jasper's development. Along the Park's famous Athabasca Trail, through its green valleys and across its wild, rugged mountain passes came early explorers, fur traders and pioneers. Around 1814 brigades went back and forth along the Athabasca Trail twice a year. They made picturesque and sometimes rather bedraggled looking cavalcades who startled the mountain silence with jingling horse bells, the gay chanson of the voyageur or sharp words of command to the pack ponies. They came from Fort Edmonton to Jasper on horseback in the summer; with dog teams and snowshoes in the winter. Or they swept down the Athabasca River, their painted birch bark canoes piled high with pelts and packs. As a rule the boats were manned by French-Canadian boatmen as dark as Indians and brightly adorned with ribbons, feathers, colorful blanket surcoats, leather leggings and 'ceintures fleshees.' The steersman sat in the stern of the boat singing French-Canadian boat songs to the

men to hurry them along the way. These 'voyageurs' of the west claimed they could "... live hard, lie hard, sleep hard ... and eat dog!" And they could!

The stream of explorers through Jasper included adventurers and missionaries like Sir George Simpson, Reverend Robert Terrill Rundle, Father Pierre Jean de Smet and Sir James Hector, who explored the Southern Rockies, discovering Vermilion and Kicking Horse Passes in 1858.

Another group of men passed through the mountain beauty of Jasper in 1860, too awed by their new-found riches to notice the country through which they were passing. They were M. Laurin and four others, coming from the Cariboo Region over the Yellowhead Pass and eastward bound with around 1600 dollars' worth of gold. This was one of the beginnings of the Cariboo Gold Rush. In 1862 another party came from the east, toiling along the Athabasca Trail in the long, tire-some overland journey. Unused to the rigors of travel in those early days some drowned in the Fraser and Thompson Rivers while others perished in the unyielding mountains beyond.

Determined to conquer these mountains which split the continent, the railways began exploring for good cross-country routes and easy passes through the mountains. Sir Sanford Fleming, chief engineer of the C.P.R., decided Yellowhead Pass was the most suitable route for the railway, but the project was delayed by a change in government. Finally, the more southerly route across Kicking Horse and Rogers Passes was settled on. The mountains were finally conquered in 1913 with the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Line and again in 1915 with the completion of the Northern Railway. Both followed the broad Athabasca Valley. Then in 1916 the First Great War brought on a need for steel that was so acute, one line was torn up. The Government took over the Canadian Northern and the two companies merged as the C.N.R.

Today tourists flock into Jasper National Park from the west over historic Yellowhead Pass or from the east along the broad Athabasca Valley, at the rate of around 100,000 visitors annually. If they come by train they're welcomed at Jasper's fieldstone station by a traffic agent wearing a ten-gallon hat and a big smile. If they come by car they're bid welcome by the mountains themselves, with their miles of unspoiled scenery which has given Jasper the slogan of "Twenty Switzerlands Rolled Into One."

One of Jasper's biggest attractions is Mount Edith Cavell, which marks the Great Divide. It was once called "Mountain of the Grand Crossing." Then there's Maligne Canyon, one of the world's most remarkable examples of erosion. At some places the canyon is so narrow you can jump across it, if the sight of the boiling river two hundred feet below doesn't upset you. Further up the canyon by Medicine Lake, the elements have cut weird figures called "hoodoos"

from boulder clay and from Medicine Lake the trail leads along the bumbling Maligne River to glacier-fed Maligne Lake. This lake, the largest glacial lake in the Canadian Rockies, is so beautiful that the Indians held it sacred. Almost encircling it are ranges of mountains with at least fifteen peaks of over 10,000 feet altitude and to these was given the name, the Queen Elizabeth Ranges.

Jasper Park Lodge, a man-made wonder newly rebuilt of field-stone, shouldn't be forgotten either. Fred and Jack Brewster started this lodge before the First War by putting up four canvas cabins on the shores of beautiful Lac Beauvert. Business grew and grew, finally getting so brisk that they persuaded the C.N.R. to take over the tent development and let them look after the trail rides.

The Columbia Icefields, the Mother of Rivers, is another awe-inspiring tourist attraction and the largest body of ice south of the Arctic Circle. It's sometimes called the roof of the continent, for its melting waters flow into three oceans—the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic.

Jasper, Banff and Waterton Lakes plus other attractions bring tourists to Alberta in ever-growing numbers each year. Albertans are helping to promote this fast-developing tourist industry by learning about their province, its places to see and the interesting stories or legends behind its attractions. In this way, we help tourists appreciate our province and show them we're truly proud that we can call these parks, which are becoming the playgrounds of Canada, part of our Alberta heritage.

Editor's Note: The foregoing article is published with kind permission of Mr. John Fisher. The material is taken from "Our Heritage" with the authority of Stewart-Bowman-MacPherson Ltd., of Calgary.

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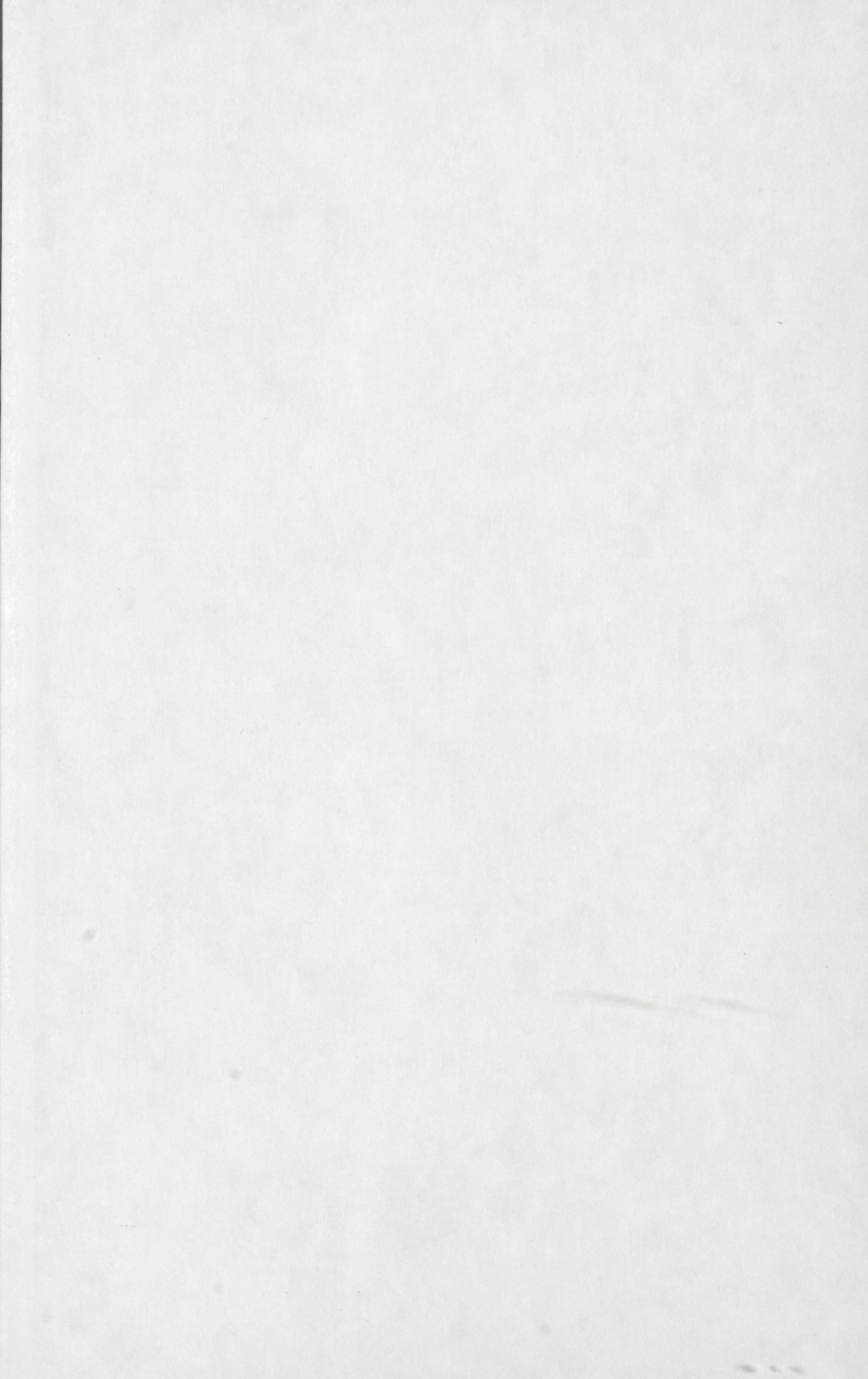
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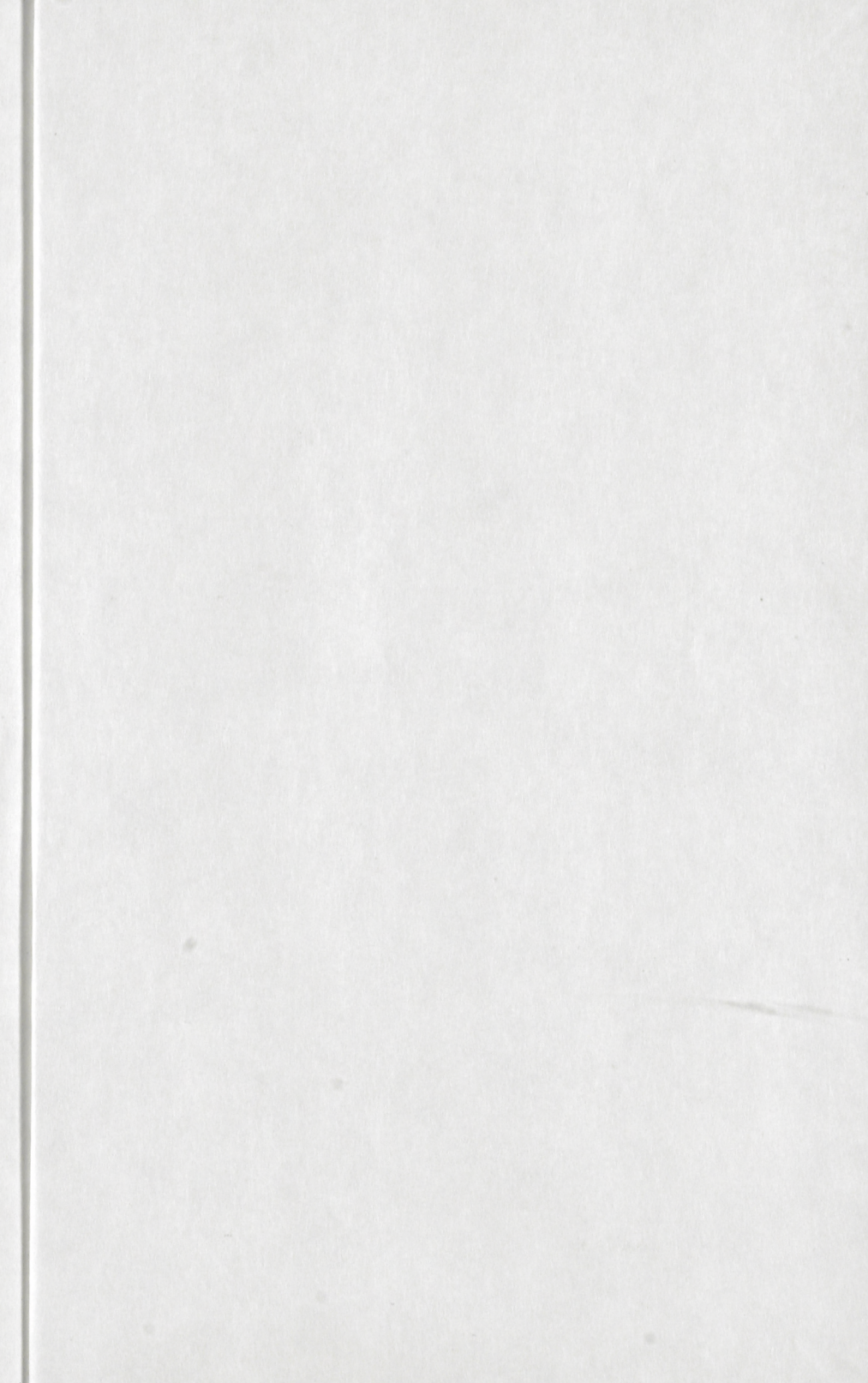
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