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Regimental Notes**Colonel of the Regiment**

Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, CD, has been appointed as the Colonel of the Regiment. In this capacity he will act as advisor to the Battalion and Depot Commanders in matters of regimental dress and customs, and will aid in fostering esprit-de-corps. He may visit units of the Regiment and consult with the Chief of General Staff on matters pertaining to them.

Each regular armoured and infantry regiment may have a Colonel of the Regiment appointed. This new appointment replaces the old one of Honourary Colonel.

The regiment is proud to have the first Patricia and founder appointed as first Colonel of the Regiment.

The Colonel-in-Chief

The following message was received in a wire to the Colonel of the Regiment just prior to the trooping:

Quote—Greatly regret not being with you and take this opportunity to greet you all in First and Second Battalions my Regiment. My thoughts are with you as ever. I trust you are all settling down comfortably in your new stations. Wish you every happiness.—Unquote.

Miss Jenny MacGregor Morris

The following is an extract from a letter received from our Jenny Morris:

"Please give my love to all my laddies—from the Colonel down—that's an old Mother's privilege—it was July 29th 1915 that my badge was pinned onto me and I was christened "London Mother and I've worn it every day since then, never another broach."

Volume III Regimental History

After years of labour our Regimental History 1919-1957 is ready for sale. Extra-Regimentally employed personnel and ex-Patricias should place their order with PPCLI Depot. The cost of this volume is five dollars postage paid.

Dress Regulations 1958

At a recent Regimental Executive Committee meeting held at The Hamilton Gault Barracks, Regimental Dress Regulations were reviewed and revised. These regulations must now be approved by the Colonel of the Regiment.

When these regulations are published all Patricia Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers will receive a copy. The new system of approval of regimental dress should obviate the frequent changes in dress that have occurred over the years.

RETIREMENTS



LT COL AH FRASER

Lt Col AH Fraser joined the Canadian Scottish as a boy soldier in 1922. He was commissioned in that Victoria unit and later transferred to the Permanent Forces as a Lieutenant with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at Winnipeg in 1931.

At the outbreak of war he was a Capt employed at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He went overseas in 1940 and attended Staff College at Camberly in 1941. Following completion of Staff College he served as Brigade Major with 6 Bde and was awarded the DSO for gallant service at Dieppe. Shortly after this he became commanding officer of the Royal Regiment of Canada. He returned to Canada in 1943 to serve at the Directorate of Military Training, leaving there to become a staff officer with Headquarters Pacific Command. He was appointed GSO2 at the Directorate of Infantry as a Major in 1946. In 1949 he was appointed GSO2 New Brunswick Area. In 1954 he was posted as Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster Canadian Communication Zone Detachment in Korea. In 1955 he returned to Canada to take up a post DAAG British Columbia Area. In March 1956 he was promoted Lt Col and appointed AAG BC Area. He retired from the Canadian Army (Regular) at the end of August 1958.



MAJOR HG MUNRO

Major Hector Munro enlisted in the Permanent Force with the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1927. In 1934 he was released from the RCD and joined the PPCLI in Winnipeg. In 1939 he went overseas as CSM with C Company and was commissioned in 1941. After a tour of duty as an instructor at OCTU in England and Canada he returned to the Regiment in the fall of 1942.

He served in Sicily as a platoon commander and was promoted to Captain during this campaign. Later he served as a liaison officer with 2 Brigade and 1st Canadian Division. In 1944 he returned to instructional duties in England and Canada. In 1945 he rejoined the Regiment in Shilo. After the surrender in the Far East he served as an instructor at the RCS of I and on A & T duties.

In Apr 51 he was promoted Major and joined 3 PPCLI then forming in Wainwright. After a short tour with 3 PPCLI Major Munro was posted to Halifax as I & A coordinator Eastern Command. In September 1952 Major Munro was appointed secretary treasurer of the Regimental Executive Committee and moved to Calgary. This was followed by his appointment as Commanding Officer Regimental Depot on 1 Jun. 53.

On 30 Jun 58 he ceased to command the Depot on retirement after completing 31 years regular army service.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Commendable Conduct

SG 11775 Cpl RW Best, 2 PPCLI

Canadian Forces Decoration

ZF 276	Lt Col JR Cameron, OBE, AHQ
ZH 577	Lt Col LH Young, HQ Prairie Command
ZK 232	Maj LW Basham, 2 PPCLI
ZM 198	Maj REM Cross, AHQ
ZH 4139	Capt AH Constant, 2 PPCLI
ZK 4350	Capt JJ Regan, 2 PPCLI
ZL 10030	Lt J Stutt, HQ Prairie Command
SM 11398	RSM(WO1) H Haas, PPCLI Depot
SK 3460	CSM(WO2) RG Buxton, DCM, 1 PPCLI
SM 4369	Sgt DE Wiltse, HQ BC Area

Canadian Medal For Long Service And Good Conduct

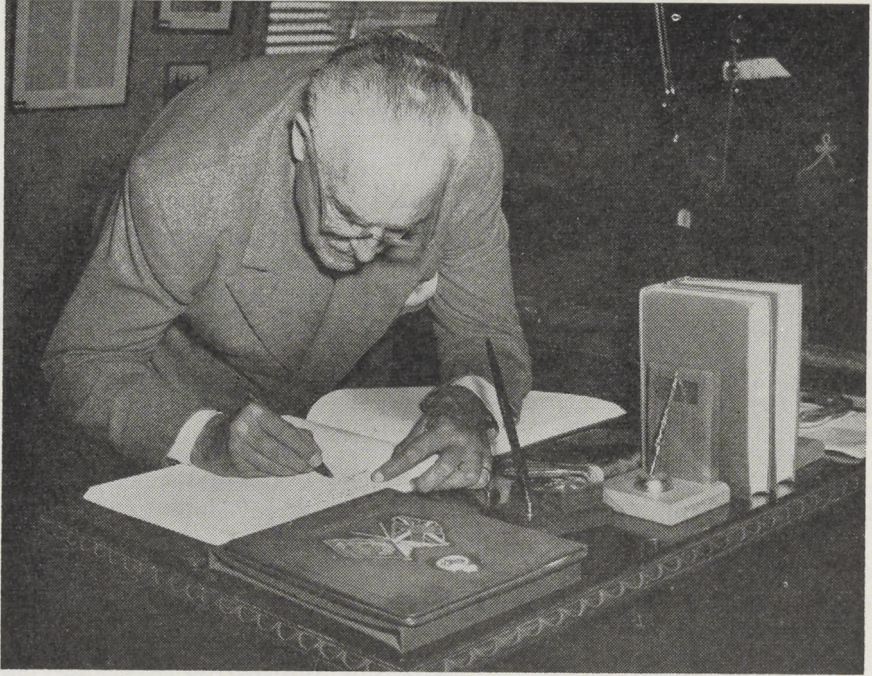
SU 2603	B/Sgt AP Bryant PPCLI Band
SU 2571	B/Sgt W Coates, PPCLI Band
SP 22261	S/Sgt JF Isaac, Calgary Garrison
SU 2945	B/Sgt D Jennings, PPCLI Band

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The founder and Colonel of the Regiment Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, signs the visitors' book at the Regimental Museum, Edmonton 6 Jun 58

REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

On 6 Jun the Regimental Museum was visited by the Founder and Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier and Mrs A Hamilton Gault. Other guests included:

Col NG Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE

Lt Col and Mrs GR Stevens

Lt Col AH Fraser, DSO

Lt Col GJ Armstrong CD

Major and Mrs HG Munro

Major and Mrs WHJ Stutt

Major CR Leighton

Capt and Mrs W Craig

Capt O Gardner

Mr Fraser Gerry

Mr George Mackintosh

Mr ER McDonough

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:

Mr. H Laing—Bagpipe, original set used by him in PPCLI Band in 1914

1 Battalion—Editions of August 1914 "Montreal Star" containing news accounts of the formation of the PPCLI

WO2 J Devlin—Old pocket pistol

Mr. J Fraser—Copy of 'Dead Horse Corner Gazette'

Maj WG Milne—Book—Une fille de Nouvell France dedicated to Princess Patricia

FIRST BATTALION REPORT

TRAINING

The emphasis during the period before Wainwright Concentration was placed on completing individual training and progressive collective training on the section, platoon and company levels, with a view to bringing the Battalion back to peak condition for the summer concentration.

The Battalion continued to take advantage of the multitude of courses offered at the various schools throughout Canada, and now contains experts in many fields. A total of 47 all ranks qualified on army courses, and six on the Civil Defence courses at Arnprior and Vancouver. Within the Battalion the following numbers were qualified: 41 on Infantry Signaller group 1; 18 on Infantry Anti-tank Gunner Group 1; 23 on Infantry Mortarman Group 1; 17 on Infantry Machine Gunner Group 1; 63 on Infantry Driver Group 1. Two officers passed Lieutenant to Captain Part 1.

During March each company spent a week at Chilliwack undergoing Watermanship Training in co-operation with 1 Field Engineer Regiment.

WAINWRIGHT

After having dispensed with the niceties such as a Church Parade and a few sporting events we got down to the business at hand.

Call sign "niner" kicked off with an interesting exercise named "Stillette," the aim of which was to exercise platoons in the advance to contact. Each platoon was put through this exercise mainly for shake-down purposes. The first to go through was 1 Platoon shepherded by The Voice (Lt Hutchinson). Call sign "niner" walked the course nine times

The next item of real interest was "Ex Nightmare," which consisted of a company group advancing by night across country from Bushy Head to seize the junction of Brown and Red Routes at first light. This exercise went well except that the question as to whether or not call sign two was on Purple Route or the Fireguard at 0200 hrs has never been answered.

Ex Soltau followed Nightmare, being a battalion shake-down exercise. The new Battle Adjutant who was appointed the day before the exercise started was the most directly affected individual. No one was more shaken down than he.

The final exercise for Phase 1 was Ex Cutlass which practiced company groups in the advance to contact. The casualties on the third day when call sign three was being exercised were quite heavy. The quick attack which ended the exercise featured one of the assault platoons taking on the fire platoon while the enemy engaged them from the flank.

Phases 2 and 3 were no doubt of good training value, but most participants will agree that this was exceeded by their value as a source of amusing anecdotes.

It was agreed by all that wireless security and good communications were to be practised throughout the concentration. The CP was therefore

surprised at being entertained by the declarers of this principle when they found themselves wrestling with a slidex in the previous day's key, and map references in compromised code. To further confuse the issue they sent a sitrep in correct slidex, to which they received the reply "Splendid!" This may have referred either to their ability to use slidex or to the dash of our call sign niner. Who knows?

17 MARCH CELEBRATIONS

As is customary the Regimental Birthday was celebrated by Broom-a-loo competitions and a Parade. Broom-a-loo this year was played on the sports field and in the final inter-company game, C Coy emerged triumphant. The trophy for the Officers-Sergeants Match was this year brought home by the officers which leaves the score in wins even.

On 17 March the Battalion paraded through the streets of Victoria, watched by large numbers of the citizens. The comments in Victoria newspapers were highly complimentary regarding the parade, and we feel that we are most welcome here. Following the parade all ranks attended Divine Service at churches in Victoria.

GOC'S ANNUAL INSPECTION

On 3 May Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD, General Officer Commanding Western Command, inspected the Battalion. Because the new parade square was not yet ready, the parade was held in MacDonald Park. Four companies each of five officers and eighty men were formed, commanded by Majors McPhail, MacQuarrie, Moncrief and Kerfoot. About six hundred of the public watched the parade, which followed a form with which the Battalion was hitherto unfamiliar. All ranks performed exceptionally well, and the GOC appeared pleased.

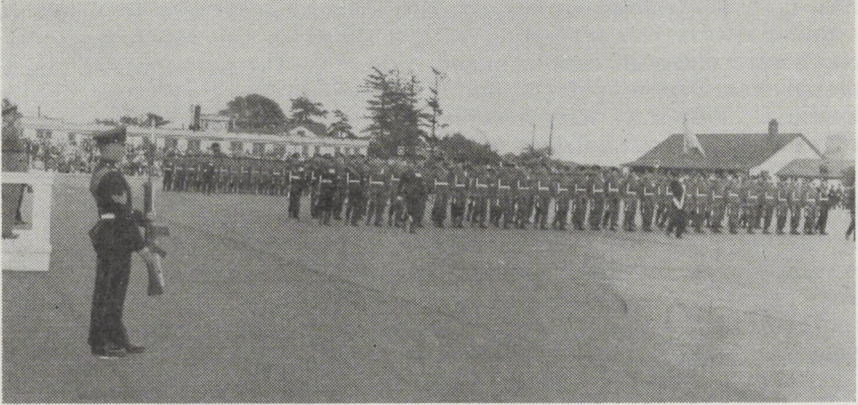
FORCED MARCH COMPETITION

Held on 16 May, this was as usual a gruelling and close competition, conducted over the five miles between Albert Head and Weir's Beach (just short of Mary Hill). The first team to leave, A Coy, started out at 0930 hrs followed at 20 minute intervals by B, C, D and Sp Coy teams. They were inspected prior to leaving in accordance with the instructions contained in Pachino Day Sports Meet Regulations. They were again inspected on completion of the march.

The course was hilly, and on asphalt throughout its length. The fastest time was 59 minutes, and the slowest 64 minutes. Overall, the condition of the troops was excellent, although naturally there were many sore feet and tired muscles. A total of 5 men fell out of the competition. The winning team this year came from C Company, led by Lt DL Stone.

TROOPING

The ceremony of Trooping the Colour carried out by the First Battalion at Work Point Barracks on 31 May is believed to have been the first such ceremony ever carried out by a Regular Force Unit in this part of Canada. Together with its accompanying social functions, the ceremony



1 PPCLI Trooping—31 May 58

was a great success, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Two of the social functions deserve special mention. One was the All Ranks Luncheon held in the Men's Kitchen on 29 May. As its name denotes, this luncheon enabled all ranks of the Battalion to assemble together, and we were all privileged to be addressed by the Colonel and Founder of the Regiment. The second function of note was the Victoria Branch Regimental Association Lunch held at the Pacific Club on 30 May. This, too, was attended by Brigadier Gault, and over 60 members of the Association. The Battalion was represented by the Commanding Officer, the Second-in-Command, the Adjutant and the Regimental Sergeant Major.

The privilege of having Brigadier Gault and Mrs Gault with us at the Trooping was especially gratifying because of the great number of old Patricias present, many of whom served with or were themselves old Originals.

The weather on the morning of 31 May threatened rain, but fortunately the sky cleared a little as the day wore on. Some 3500 invited guests and about 1500 additional members of the general public turned out to watch the Battalion troop its Colour.

If the publicity and the enthusiasm of those who witnessed the ceremony are any indication of the future, our biggest worry for years to come will be to provide sitting room for the spectators.

BOXING

After the Area Championships on 28 Feb 58 our boxers concentrated in Chilliwack to prepare for their next step toward the Army Finals.

On 10 March they left for Calgary and the Western Command Finals held on 14 March. The results were:

Novice Featherweight—Pte Hicks M (1 PPCLI) defeated Pte Boudreault M (2 PPCLI)

Novice Lightweight—Pte Bourgon CA (1 PPCLI) lost to Cfn Hogg TD (Ld SH)

Novice Light-Welter—Pte Campbell HC (1 PPCLI) defeated Pte Crowell FL (2 PPCLI)

Novice Welterweight—Pte MacDonald DT (1 PPCLI) KO'd Pte Irvine WD (2 PPCLI)

Novice Light Middle—Cpl Heaver RJ (1 PPCLI) lost to Pte Fredericks LR (2 PPCLI)

Novice Light Heavy—Lcpl Richardson LJ (1 PPCLI) lost to Tpr Yonkovski PF (Ld SH)

Novice Heavyweight—Pte Oleksyn PJ (1 PPCLI) lost to Pte Petit C (2 PPCLI)

Open Welterweight—Pte Diggs LP (1 PPCLI) lost to Cpl Noel WG (2 PPCLI)

Open Light Middle—Pte Cardinal LE KO'd Rfn Wasyluk ML (1 QOR OF C)

Open Heavy—Pte Smallface AW lost to Lcpl Borjancie G (2 PPCLI)

Ptes Henry GA (Open Light Welter) and McLeod I (Open Light Heavy) both won by walkovers.

The team then returned to Chilliwack as part of the Western Command team to prepare for the Army Finals. On 8, 9 and 11 Apr 58 the Army Finals were held in The Exhibition Gardens, Vancouver BC. After some extremely good fighting the Battalion ended up with three Army Champions:

Pte Campbell HC—Novice Light Welterweight

Pte Henry GA—Open Light Welterweight

Pte Cardinal LE—Open Light Middleweight.

Pte Cardinal went forward as part of the Army Contingent for the International Diamond Belt Boxing Tournament in Mexico City.

ENGLISH RUGBY

Some old Patricias may remember the Rugger Team of 1934-39 which became BC Champions. When we heard of this we decided to give it a try ourselves. Undaunted by the fact that only three persons in the Battalion had played before, we began practicing twice a week.

After a few instructional periods, games were played with the following results:

Lost to Victoria College twice, 15-6 and 16-10

Lost to Oak Bay (BC Second Division Champions) 15-3

Defeated HMCS Venture 6-3

Tied Royal Roads 3-3.

With this the season ended. English Rugby has now become a permanent sport in the Battalion, and we hope to field a strong team next season.

SPORTS TOURNAMENT 12-14 MAY

The necessity of supplying a wide variety of teams for Pachino Day and as usual the scarcity of time for preparation led the Battalion to hold a tournament of sports this year rather than wait for battalion league winners to be declared. Also at stake was the Texas Bar Trophy, presented annually to the company which amasses the greatest aggregate points in sports.

C Company, winners of last year's French Grey Cup which also counted on this year's aggregate, started off strongly by winning the tabloid sports, thus piling up a large lead. The tabloid sports were held in place of a track and field meet.

Knockout tourneys were also held in volleyball, fastball, tug of war and horse shoes. In volleyball the strong Support Company team was easily victorious, sweeping aside C Company but having a rather more difficult time with a determined B Company in the finals. The HQ Company team were apparently the best at the grunting and groaning game as they defeated A Company to take the championship in two straight pulls. C Company added to their grip on first place by winning the horseshoes, again from A Company. SP Company won the Novelty Sports.

And so we came to the fastball final between C and Sp Companies, with the former leading by a few scant points and the championship depending on the outcome of the ball game. It was a close game but the issue was never in doubt after third inning as Sp Company came through with a 4-0 win. The coveted trophy has been taken out to Sp Company's little empire at McCauley Point from whence the other companies may find it hard to win it back.

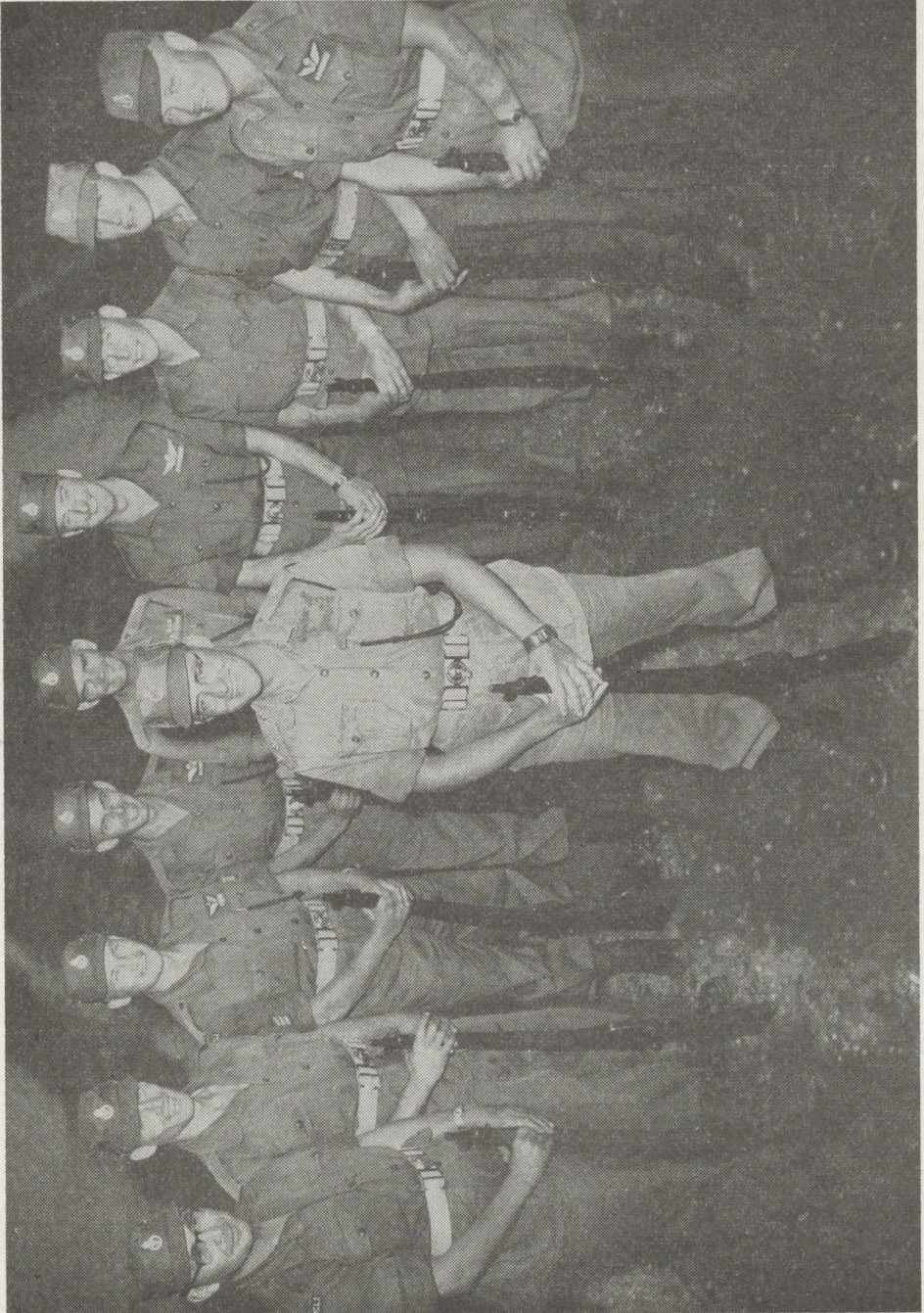
PACHINO DAY—1 JUL 58

While we failed to steal the Second Battalion thunder on the Brigade Sports Day the Battalion teams turned in a creditable performance, inspired, no doubt, by the sort of Westphalian weather we have enjoyed for the past two years.

Forced March Team—Provided in the main by C Company the unit team turned in its best performance of the year to place second in a good contest with 2 PPCLI and 1 QOR OF C. We did achieve the unique distinction, however, of being led across the finish line by the Provost Corps (Lt Stone).

Softball—The Softball team advanced to the semi-finals before bowing out to our 2nd Battalion. Considering that they had not played a game this year before the tournament our team put up a fine show. Outstanding performances were turned in by Ptes Smith, Heeks and Larson.

Volleyball—Our team was not up to its former standard and was knocked out in the first round by the Strathconas.



1 BATTALION RIFLE TEAM TOP SCORE FOR BDE

Left to right: 1. Pte Fiddler, 2. Cpl Dye, 3. Sgt Swolak, 4. Sgt Kisko, 5. WO2 Green, 6. Sgt McDow, 7. Pte Dubois, 8. Pte Rioux, 9. Cpl Ellis; in front Lt Mathews.

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Horseshoes—The long training program instituted on 30 Jun 58 for the horseshoe team paid big dividends as the doubles, Cpls Lee and McLean, took the Brigade Championship. This, our first win of the day, apparently went unnoticed in the din of the novelty sports.

Tabloid Sports—Held in place of a track and field meet, this event proved a gruelling and exciting four hours of straight competition for the team, if not for the spectators. While it was impossible to accurately assess who was leading until the end it was a close struggle between the two battalions of the Patricias and the Strathconas. We finished second after an all out effort by every member of the team.

Relay Race—The Battalion 440 relay team treated the crowd to a fine display of sprinting as they won with ease to set a new battalion record of 45.4 seconds. Lt Hunt, L cpls Leighton and Mark, and Pte Muszynski formed the team.

Novelty Sports—In the novelty events the 1st Battalion held its own. In three events particularly, the boys in the powder blue jerseys shone—the coy-shuttle race, the verbal message relay and the horse and jockey race. The success of the novelty events was perhaps indicated by the state of the oval where these events were conducted. The track had become a quagmire of water, stale bread, beer, the odd ammo boot and a baseball bat. All this much to the dismay and disgust of the 440 relay team.

Tug of War—The 1st Battalion tug of war team met its Waterloo rather early in the form of the Strathconas. The coach still insists that the LdSH anchor man was actually a centurion.

SHOOTING

The first event was the BC Area shoot in the Canadian Army Rifle Shooting Competition held on Blair Range, Vancouver on 6 Jun 58, in which we competed against the Vancouver Wireless Station. This was the first experience with this type of competition for most of the team members. However, we won by a good margin. The weather was excellent and the Vancouver boys were a fine group of competitors.

Immediately after this shoot the small arms teams for the Brigade competitions at Wainwright were formed. Practice time was limited by Trooping rehearsals and Militia Summer Camps.

The Brigade competition was held in Wainwright on Saturday, 28 Aug 58. The Battalion was successful in all events, winning their matches in the SMG, FN Rifle and LMG competitions.

Members of the winning teams are as follows:

LMG—Cpl Lauzon—Team Captain, Cpl Mitchell, LCpl Glasspoole, Pte Boyetchko, Pte Peterson.

SMG—Cpl Bulger—Team Captain, Cpl Molyneaux, Cpl Sullivan, LCpl Crane, LCpl Wilkinson.

FN—Lt RL Mathews—Team Captain, WO2 Green, Sgt Kisko, Sgt McDow, Sgt Zwolak, Cpl Ellis, Pte Dubois, Pte Pokie, Pte Moffat.

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On Sunday the Command Finals of the Canadian Army Rifle Shooting competition were held between 1 PPCLI and LdSH (RC). The Straths had won the Alberta finals by a narrow margin over 2 PPCLI. In our shoot off with them the issue was in doubt until the final round was fired. We emerged the eventual winners by a score 2702 to 2686. Again the team members had saved their best efforts for the competition and deserved the win. Members of the team are:

Lt RL Mathews—Tea Captain, WO2 Green, Sgt Kisko, Sgt McDow, Sgt Zwolak, Cpl Ellis, Cpl Dye, Pte Dubois, Pte Fidler, Pte Rioux.

Very shortly the team leaves for Ottawa to take part in the Army Finals. May our good fortune continue.

OFFICERS' MESS

Since our last report we have had a fairly heavy social calendar commencing with a Formal Dinner Dance on 17 March to celebrate our Colonel-in-Chief's birthday. While nothing unusual occurred the dinner was good and, as usual, everyone enjoyed the products of Messrs Seagram, Calvert et al.

On 23 March we experimented with a Family Sunday Luncheon. Our offspring enjoyed some novel instruction in eating habits from one another while their parents relaxed. The little monsters were then cunningly enticed into the 'black pit' with promise of movies with which they were royally entertained while their parents dined in peace. Unfortunately there was a break out and a concerted uprising was only prevented by the prompt action of two stalwart single officers, Lts Snowball and Maione, who deserve honorable mention for quelling the rebellion with no bloodshed.

A Millionaire's Night was held on 29 March with counterfeit cash, courtesy of Doug Bell (who, incidentally, missed his calling), selling at the inflated rate of \$1,000.00 for \$1.00. In spite of the misguided efforts of the blackjack dealer (Dave Snowball) who was apparently under the impression that it was a give-away night, the mess managed to coin a little badly needed cash. It was just as well Bob Peacock did not use any of the "money" he counterfeited previously.

An excellent luncheon was provided on 10 April on the occasion of a visit by the GOC, Officers Commanding major units and staff officers from Command and Area Headquarters. That evening, after an hour of free drinks, everyone partook of a buffet supper and relaxed to the music of the dance which was obviously enjoyed by the GOC.

On 16 April a beer and oyster function was held for the purpose of meeting the officers of all Militia units in Victoria. Although his wife put the arm on our chief songster (Bob Muir) early in the evening, a good time was had by all, the high point of the evening being a rather involved story about an enormous elephant named Mahmoud as told by Tom Hill, an ex-officer of the LdSH (RC), whom many Patricias will remember.

Sports minded members have been engaging in a number of activities, foremost of which is golf, a year round sport in this fair country. We have

four open memberships with the Gorge Vale Golf Club and one can locate our MO, Don Fraser, on the course almost any afternoon. Accordingly he was awarded the job of arranging a golf tournament. This proved interesting since most of our members don't know a golf club from a billiard cue. A number of prizes were available. (We understand that the MO was ensuring one for himself by allotting one for the most dishonest player.)

Swimming in the mess pool became popular in June. The pool was cleaned out with the help of some "volunteers" from the RCN who were enjoying army hospitality in our "crowbar hotel" and was soon ready for use after the long period of neglect.

31 May was a big day in the mess. After the Trooping a garden party was held on the lawn attended by swarms of guests. In the evening the Trooping dance was held. There were fewer people at this than in previous years, but everyone enjoyed it very much.

On 7 June Lt Setten took on the ball and chain of marriage. A stag party was held the night before the wedding, and after being tried, trooped, thrown in the pool and generally filled in, he slept peacefully until morning when he awoke to find his left arm and right leg in casts. However he recuperated by two o'clock in the afternoon, just in time for the wedding.

At Wainwright the mess was patronized for the most part by officers of Battalion Headquarters. However, there were occasion when it became very crowded, such as the evening when a very delicious buffet supper was provided, attended by many officers of the Brigade including the Commander.

The tragedy of the month was the loss of the fur-lined trophy to the Sergeants Mess at the Games night. One thing at least can be said—the Sergeants won the boat race fairly.

We are in the process of losing a great number of officers. Already on his way to a posting with the Rifle Brigade in England is Lt Dave Snowball. Captains Brian Simons and Bob Peacock have left for RMC, Kingston. Major Lilley is soon to leave for BC Area Headquarters, and Major MacQuarrie will soon be on his way to the Middle East. Capt Doug Honeyman is going to become a "headshrinker" at 11 Personnel Depot. Major McPhail and Lt Curly Donald are going to Edmonton, Major McPhail as DAQMG, and Lt Donald on I Staff (Cadets). Lts Roy Sing and Dave Stone, having served their time with the Battalion, will shortly be going back to their own Corps.

SERGEANTS' MESS

On 17 March with the traditional parades successfully over in the morning, all members of the Mess gathered on the sports field to watch or participate in the annual struggle between the Officers and Sergeants at Broom-a-loo. Owing to the lack of ice and frozen brooms the bruises and casualties were nil. The final score—Officers 1, Sergeants 0. The

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The Officers' Team enjoyed refreshments after the game with the Sergeants' Team playing host.

On the same evening a dance was held, which was well attended. Everyone had an enjoyable time and as always the food was plentiful and well prepared. There were a number of old familiar faces present, making for pleasant reunions and letting us relive some fond old memories.

On 29 May a Cocktail Party was held in honour of Brigadier A Hamilton Gault and Mrs Gault. Also in attendance were Lt Col de Faye and Mrs de Faye, and the Company Commanders and their wives. Mrs EA McDow acted as hostess, and tea was poured by Mrs J Thomson, Mrs JB Mackie and Mrs AG Kenny.

Immediately after the trooping on 31 May we held open house, the purpose being to renew old friendships and make new friends. This was followed in the evening by an informal dance, honoured by the visit of Col Wilson-Smith.

The month of June was quiet as we were preparing for the move to Wainwright. There the Officers and ourselves held the games night which has become a yearly event. Once again we won the fur-lined pot, the score being 115 to 45 (I think). On 16 July, still at Wainwright, the Mess held a stag party for the Second Battalion, which was a roaring success.

Several changes in members have occurred since the last issue of The Patrician. Early in the summer the Mess welcomed back Sgt (Slim) Woolley, Sgt Bell and Sgt Kisko. We must now say "goodbye" to Sgt Erfurt, Sgt Davies, Sgt Dionne and Sgt Rollins. To all of them we wish good luck in their new postings.

We congratulate Sgt and Mrs. Candoiseau on the arrival of their baby daughter on 24 Apr 58.

At the time of writing the Battalion is just going on annual leave. We plan to hold a picnic at Albert Head on 9 August; games for the kiddies as well as the members and their wives should provide good fun for the day.

That's all the news until the next report.

CORPORALS' MESS

During the month of March the Corporals' Mess welcomed many new members, among them Cpls Fenton, McInnes, Lcpls Peters, Scott, Fisher, Williams Kopp, Fisher, Sutherland and Zoboski.

On 17 March in celebration of the Regimental Birthday the Mess joined in with the Men's Canteen and held a dance in the Men's Kitchen. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

April was a rather quiet month, although of course Sunday nights were always busy. Many of the honorary members continued to drop in to say hello and talk over old times. It is nice to have them in to bring back old memories.

On 1 May the Mess held a dance at the Golden Slipper on Broad St. With an entertainment committee consisting of such able members as Cpl Mitchell JR, Cpl Holley HR and Cpl Nestor GT, it was predestined to be a roaring success.

The only other social event was, of course, the Trooping Dance held in conjunction with the Men's Canteen.

The Mess regrets the loss of several members during the past few months, among them: Lcpls Coswan and Andrews who left in the Spring to take up civilian positions and our good violin player Lcpl (Red) Howe; later on in the year Cpl John Prokopishin who departed for Army Headquarters, Ottawa, and Lcpl James (Hockey Stick) Roenspiess who was posted to the Royal Canadian School of Signals at Kingston.

We are pleased to welcome back Lcpl Crossman of the C Pro C who has been selected to work with the Battalion. Heartly congratulations are in order for Cpls Allard, Barker, Lauzon and Allard, and Lcpl Livingstone, who have all been married since the last issue of the Patrician was published. We hope that they and their wives enjoy many happy hours with us in the Mess.

At present the Mess is just starting back to life again after having been closed down at Wainwright. Here's hoping for a lively time after we get back from a very welcome month's leave!

MEN'S CANTEEN

During the first few months of the year the Canteen settled into its new quarters at Workpoint Barracks. Any move is followed by a period of re-adjustment and our's was no exception. However the services of the Canteen were soon functioning smoothly and providing the best possible service once again.

March, April and May saw three very successful events sponsored by the Men's Canteen. On 17 March the Canteen participated in the reception held after the annual Broom-a-loo finals and in the evening a dance was held.

The theme of the dance held in May was "Springtime" (an eternal theme at our new station in Victoria). The date chosen was 3 May, the date of the GOC's annual inspection. The Canteen was appropriately decorated and an air of springtime gaiety prevailed as one and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

The event of the year took place on 31 May. The Trooping Dance was held in the Men's Kitchen. The affair was supported by the largest number of personnel to attend any of the Canteen's events. The kitchen was of course decorated in the Regimental theme, the focal point of which was a list of the Regimental Battle Honors. The dance was a successful climax to the first ceremony of Trooping the Colour that the 1st Battalion has put on in our new home in Victoria.

June was a quiet month, a period of recuperation from the festivities of Trooping, and of preparation for Wainwright.

In Wainwright the Canteen was established in a Marquee, although for the first two weeks of the Concentration a great deal of beer was consumed around the nightly bonfires, where a spirit of convivial companionship prevailed. During Phases 2 and 3 the canteen was mounted in an Office Lorry, and this mobile pub was a welcome sight in the company localities during the heat of the weather and the exercises.

On 28 July, centered by a huge bonfire and cases of beer, the First and Second Battalions met for a giant farewell to the Wainwright Party. This was a smashing success.

SECOND BATTALION REPORT

Introduction

Since the last report this Unit has been involved in a busy and diversified programme, highlighted by the Trooping the Colour, for the first time in our new Home Station during the historic visit of Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, and by the memorable battles of Exercise Powerglide and Exercise Hotfoot II during the Wainwright Summer concentration. All of us felt that our annual leave in August was well earned following an eventful and successful training year. With leave over, we have already embarked on a busy start to the 1958-59 training year.

Training—Home Station

At the end of March 1958, the end of last year's individual training cycle was marked by the reformation of the sections and platoons within the companies, and training up to platoon level commenced. The aim of this period was to bring each platoon up to a "fighting-fit" standard which would enable it to be tested under field conditions during the Collective Training Period at Camp Wainwright, and to "not be found wanting." To accomplish this, most of the available time was devoted to physical conditioning, tests of elementary training, annual classification and platoon tactics.

The really hard-and-fit condition of the Battalion during Summer training was not the result simply of Wainwright's fresh air, but rather the route-marches around Edmonton while there was still snow on the ground, and the grunts and groans of men trying to climb a rope, and the puffs and pants of men trying to run two miles in eighteen minutes, and the sweat and swearing of men being chased around the gymnasium—all this and more, which began long before the first brave crocus dared peak through the snow. Ssgt Mulholland and the rest of his PT cadre, were the ones largely responsible—they were the ones who, damned at the beginning when muscles were sore, were praised at the end when the trophies came pouring into the unit.

For being able to march five miles in an hour, in battle order and carrying a rifle, run two miles in eighteen minutes, run eighty yards and fire five rounds, scoring each hit all in ninety seconds, climb a rope twelve feet up, twenty feet across and twelve feet down, carry a fully equipped man one hundred yards, jump a nine-foot ditch while

armed and in battle order, scale a six-foot wall without assistance—for doing all this better than any other platoon in the Battalion, the Pioneer Platoon won the Platoon Physical Efficiency Trophy. (Who says the Pioneer Platoon Commander, Lt JGH Honey is too heavy—he did it all too!) And for doing all this better than any other Company in the Battalion A Company won the Company Physical Efficiency Trophy. Although they lost out on overall points, B Company deserves special mention for their five-mile march; B was the only Company to finish without the loss of a man, and without a straggler and all in fifty-three minutes.

Concurrently with the hardening training, the individual skills of all ranks were being tested with the Tests of Elementary Training (TOETs). Perhaps it was because the sight of the 3.5 inch rocket launcher has really got too many lines on it, and perhaps it was because people didn't know they had all thumbs on their hands until they tried to fill a Sten magazine within a time limit, and perhaps it was because the respirator doesn't have windshield wipers built into the eye-pieces, but whatever the reasons, there is no denying that the rocket launcher, sten magazine and respirator gave more trouble during the TOETs than anything else. Despite this, however, averages in the Battalion were high, and after the scores were all added up 2 Platoon had won the Platoon TOETs trophy and A Company had won the Company TOETs Trophy.

Although range classification sounds so routine, it certainly was not this year. This year was the first time we took the new rifle, the 7.62mm C-1 rifle to the ranges for formal classification. Using it on the range simply proved once again that experience is the best teacher. Many were the soldiers who muttered to themselves about the rifle until they got it balanced (adjusting the gas to prevent "kick," but to permit ejection and return). By the time all companies had had the treatment it was generally agreed that the experts were right and the new rifle is in fact quite superior to the old Number 4.

After the Intelligence Officer, Lt WH Jones, had succeeded in making arrangements with various farmers and municipal authorities for the use of land for training, section and platoon tactics became the order of the day, and despite the disadvantage of having the training areas between fifteen and twenty-odd miles from camp and being quite limited in size and variety of ground, the tactical training was quite successful, and platoons started to feel like a knit team again. At the end of April each of the rifle platoons, in turn, competed in a "Platoon in the Attack" test. The CO, Lt Col VR Schjelderup, with a small control staff put the platoons through their paces, and when it was all over he said he was sure there wasn't a gopher hole that hadn't been found. The exercise called for each platoon to deploy in a forward assembly area, complete deployment procedure, plan and launch a quick attack and reorganize on the objective. The Pioneer Platoon provided a live enemy, and, in the eyes of the "enemy," no two attacks were the same. Judged on a comprehensive point system covering all aspects of the exercise, 2 Platoon of A Company, commanded by Lt (now Capt) L Durocher, and 6 Platoon

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of B Company, commanded by Sgt Scott MJ tied for the winning spot in first place.

The above concluded the series of events and tests, which were the Battalion Efficiency Tests, and from which A Company, with Capt AH Constant as Company Commander and CSM (WO2) Goodwin LG, emerged the undisputed victor in nearly all fields.

Training—Summer Concentration

As June turned into July, and after the clearing of a little bush, the digging of a few holes, and the killing of a lot of mosquitoes, 2 PPCLI became comfortably established in tented bivouac on the northern shore of Border Lake, under Patricia Hill. The beaches and cool water were appreciated by all—when breaks in the training allowed for their use. This year was the sixth time the Battalion has done its summer training at Camp Wainwright, and as in previous years the period was organized into three phases: Phase 1—unit training, Phase 2—controlled by the Commander, 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade, and Phase 3—controlled by the General Officer Commanding Western Command. However, before the beginning of any Phase, came Pachino Day, which is reported upon separately under Sports, later in this report.

Phase 1 was quite a diversified period and contained a number of highlights. Not the least of these was the extensive training of the new Recce Platoon, formed in the spring under the command of Capt W Dechant. As a new component in the Battalion organization the platoon was able to conduct several trials while preparing for its important role of battlefield surveillance over the large gaps of empty ground between units in later and larger scale exercises. Another different aspect of Phase 1 was the introduction of a troop of armoured personnel carriers (APCs). In the absence of a proper APC which is still under development, thirteen $\frac{3}{4}$ ton standard military pattern trucks had their boxes lined with mattresses to cushion the shock of cross-country mobile rock and roll, and were turned over to Sgt Wabaska A. Used during company exercises to practice the tactical employment of APCs, word soon got around that every section commander was acting like a Rommel, and that the Strathcona's would soon have to look out. Rather than quelling this attitude, the addition of a .30-cal MG to each vehicle helped to enhance it. APC training was indeed popular and helped raise already high spirits.

Phase 1 also contained three battalion level exercises. The first of these, Exercise Shakedown, was a study of the Battalion's ability to pack, load and move, using only the new light scale of vehicles. Loaded entirely in seventy-six jeeps the only simulation necessary was the trailer load scale of first-line ammunition reserves. The next Battalion exercise was Exercise Moonlight during which the emphasis was on night movement and navigation. Under full-moon and good weather conditions, it was almost possible to map-use by moonlight; this may account for the difficulty the "enemy" (in this case the recce platoon) had in surprising the company's in ambush. There is no denying that the enemy had a "hey-day," and "prisoners" were taken by both sides. This exercise



Exercise Quick Thought III

was followed by Exercise Mosquito-hawk which was a practice in movement, deployment and the passage of information.

During Phase 1 the Brigade company-group exercise was conducted for all rifle companies of 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI and 1 QOR OF C. This was Exercise Quick Thought III. Each company-group consisted of a rifle company, mortar section, MMG section, anti tank detachment, tank troop, artillery FOO party and an engineer recce party. The exercise opened with a five-mile approach march, and went immediately into pursuit operations which culminated in a company attack. A Company, commanded by Capt AH Constant added to the many laurels it had already won by winning this competitive exercise too.

It would be wrong to leave Phase 1 without making special mention of the pioneer course which was conducted for all the Western Command pioneer platoons by 3 Fd Sqn RCE. This course warrants special mention because of the competition conducted at the end of it—which was won by our Pioneer Platoon—another first place award for 2 PPCLI.

At the end of Phase 1, heavy inroads were made upon the Battalion strength as we were called upon to provide several officers, NCOs and men for the control and umpire and general duty staffs for the exercises to follow. However, companies were maintained at a reasonable strength, but at times the machinery creaked from the weaknesses created by these demands.

The static tented camp was struck on completion of Phase 1 and the Battalion became completely operational for the remainder of the collective training period.

Phase 2 was a five-day two-sided exercise, Exercise Powerglide. It opened with the companies moving in to occupy a brigade defensive position by night, concurrently with a fifty-odd mile night vehicle convoy move.

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As can be imagined readily, such an amount of movement over roads and tracks that had already been ground to flour-fine dust during previous days, resulted in everyone becoming well and truly coated with layers of dust and dirt they could have well done without; a condition which was to last all through Powerglide. With First and Second Patricias as friendly forces, and First Queen's Own as the ignoble Fantasion enemy, the exercise developed through two successive night withdrawals during which both tracked and wheeled vehicles became bogged repeatedly in bottomless sand, occupation of intermediate and main defensive positions during which the theme was "hide—once found you're dead," and patrolling and more patrolling. Soon, however, the God-of-War was good to us and we went on the offensive. After a rapid river crossing over the Battle River, the operation developed as a mobile advance deep into enemy territory. B Company, which took the Battalion Phases 1, 2 and 3 objectives, had just seen the other companies pass through when an atomic bomb knocked B Company out of action. (A nice four-hour rest). The rest of the Battalion pushed on, taking a number of enemy personnel and vehicles prisoner en route until a major obstacle (an umpire created demolition and radioactive area) brought it to a halt. Recovering rapidly, the CO had the Battalion retrace its route a few miles, and press on with the advance down a new axis. This succeeded with such speed that the Commander of the enemy force (CO 1 QOR OF C complete with Fantasian dress) and his senior artillery Commander were captured at their HQ. A fitting note on which the exercises ended.

Phase 3, the closing phase exercise, was the General Officer Commanding's Exercise Hotfoot II. Testing the Brigade Groups ability to occupy a defensive position, withdraw, advance, patrol, and assault across a water obstacle, we saw little of the enemy until the closing hours of the exercise. With the frequent, long, rapid, on foot movement demanded by the exercise it proved quite a test of the endurance of the Brigade. The Battalion not only survived, but the high spirited, fit men of the companies seemed to excel under the arduous conditions of the exercise. On the final morning of the exercise both Patricia Battalions attacked across the Ribstone Creek hoping at last to close with the enemy. They were not disappointed. In a desperate attempt to drive us back across the river, the Queen's Own still in the Fantasian role, counter-attacked, but without success. We were credited with knocking out ten enemy tanks and fifteen APCs. With the bridge-head still secure, and the enemy still in close contact the cease fire was given, and the Collective Training Period 1958 was ended.

Although Phase 3 was over, the summer camp was not, and after settling in a concentration area for a quick clean-up and to begin preparation to leave Wainwright, all ranks of First and Second Patricias assembled under the stars for much hand-shaking, back-slapping, battle post-mortems and general end of summer revelry in a full scale regimental smoker. And a large gay evening it was.

On 29 Jul 58 the Battalion returned to The Hamilton Gault Barracks, said hello to wives and children and friends, sorted out equipment, collected passes, pay and tickets and went on 30-days leave, plus travel time.

Special Events

Early May was devoted to intensive training for the General Officer Commanding's (GOC) inspection, 14 May 58. Because we had not had the new C-1 rifle very long, the biggest work load fell upon the RSM (WO1) J Coutts directing the arms drill. Under bright sunny skies, the inspection was carried off in the usual steady manner before Major General C Vokes, CBE, DSO, CD.

Following the GOC's inspection, all efforts were directed toward preparations for the Trooping the Colour and the visit of Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, which is reported upon separately in this volume.

Two Guards of Honour were provided by the Battalion during May. One, with Major LW Basham as Guard Commander and CSM (WO2) McMahon AJ as Guard CSM, was provided for the annual ceremony of the Edmonton Branch of the PPCLI Association at the City Cenotaph. The other was provided in honour of Major General C Vokes, CBE, DSO, CD, at the opening of the Edmonton Horse Show on 14 May. This Guard was commanded by Major JH Meisner and the Guard CSM was CSM (WO2) Goodwin LG.

Immediately following the Trooping the Colour, the Battalion received some 175 Militia officers and men to conduct their Summer Camp for them. Instead of conducting separate Infantry Militia Summer Camps as such, this year for the first time members of the Militia were attached to Regular Army units for training and administration for one week. The week's activities were organized and supervised by Major OR Browne, and the instructional staff for the various courses which were run was found from within the Battalion. Militia personnel arrived from The Winnipeg Grenadiers, 1 North Saskatchewan Regiment, 2 North Saskatchewan Regiment, South Saskatchewan Regiment and The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI). Non-qualification courses to assist Militia in-



B Company parade in downtown Edmonton

structors, qualification courses for infantry specialty up-grading and NCO and officer qualification courses for up-grading in rank were conducted within the Hamilton Gault Barracks, at Winterburn and at the Unit training area, some fifteen miles from camp. It was not all work and no play though, and an illustration is the fast-ball game between 2 PPCLI and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. Fortunately the game was called on account of rain, and none too soon; the game was marked with such things as a batter running to third base because "first base had a man on already, and I didn't want to risk knocking him out on a forced run!" All units of the Militia who came have commented most favourably on their week and are glad they came; we enjoyed having them too.

Training in Wainwright was interrupted for B Company when, under command of Major OR Browne, with CSM (WO2) Melnechuk M, the Company came to Edmonton to participate with the Corps of Drums in the Edmonton Exhibition Parade. With the Drums in full dress and the Company in operational dress and arms, this component of the Battalion made a very impressive entry in the parade and drew a considerable amount of public comment.

Corps of Drums

During the many and varied activities participated in by the Drums in the last six months, the commendable comments indicate the effort put into each parade by all members of the band.

Some of the main features for the year were the celebration of Princess Patricia's birthday on 17 March, followed by Kapyong Day on 25 Apr when all members of the Battalion took part in a parade to commemorate the Battle of Kapyong.

During the month of May we had several parades: the commemoration of Frezenberg; the Annual Horse Show; Army Day; and the Canadian Legion Convention held at the Prince of Wales Armouries. The buglers of the Corps of Drums played a retreat ceremony at the Jubilee Auditorium which turned out very well.

In addition, there were Passing Out Parades for Junior NCO School at Camp Wainwright, and for our own Regimental Depot; parades to accompany the play off games for our very fine Regimental Hockey Team and the Edmonton Exhibition Parade on 14 July.

Highlights of the year's program was, of course, the Trooping of the Colour and the British Columbia Centennial Searchlight Tattoo at Vancouver's Empire Stadium. The Tattoo was the largest of its kind in the world, with over nine hundred participants. It featured bands from the UK, Canada and the USA. The show was produced and directed by Brigadier (Jock) MacLean CBE (Retired), of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Drum Major Taylor WA has left for a course in the east, and in his absence, the Corps of Drums has been left in the capable hands of Corporal Harris WJE, who is on loan to us from "B" Company.

Musketry

The first main event of the full bore season was the Victoria Day match in Edmonton on 18-19 May. The Battalion Rifle Team won the Yellowknife Transport Trophy for the second consecutive year, and came second in both the Douglas Equipment match and the Three Musketeers match. Pte Smith CE, of D Company came first in the Corona Hotel match, with an impressive 72 out of 75 at 600 yards. High scoring members of the team for the Victoria Day matches were Lt RG Wilkes, Sgt Vallance JF, Lcpl Zimmer FR, Ssgt Urquhart DB, Sgt Sisson HJ, and Pte Smith CE.

At the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Military Day matches in Calgary on 24 May 58, 2 PPCLI "A" Team won the Unit Active Service Trophy. This trophy is awarded to the highest scoring regular army unit attending the match. "A" Team members were: Lt RG Wilkes, Sgt Vallance JF, Lcpl Zimmer FR, and Lcpl Klawikowski F. The three teams entered by 2 PPCLI came first second and fourth in the competition. In addition to the results, Lt Wilkes of Support Company came second in the Senior Grand Aggregate; Lcpl Zimmer of HQ Company placed first in the Tyro Class; and Pte Pelley JE of Sp Coy took first place in the Green-shot Class. An excellent weekend was enjoyed by everyone who made the trip to Calgary.

The next competition was the Western Command Service Rifle Competitions held at the end of June. Some extremely good shooting was witnessed here, and the 2nd Battalion lost by a mere eleven points to the 1st Battalion. Lcpl Zimmer of HQ Company came third in the individual class.

With only enough time between competitions to travel from one place to another the Battalion Rifle Team next participated in the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Competitions at Calgary, from 2-7 July. The team came away second best in most army matches, losing usually to Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian). An excellent show was put forth by Sgt Vallance JF and Pte Smith CC who shot their way to a place on the Alberta Team representing the Province of Ottawa.

The Battalion Pistol Team under CSM (WO2) Rudd J attended the Calgary Shoot on 29 Jun 58. The Battalion team was divided into two teams for the Brigadier Rowley Trophy. This trophy is for annual competition among all Regular Army Units in Alberta. The two battalion teams came a significant first and second in the match. Team No. 1 came first and was composed of CSM (WO2) Rudd J, Sgt Johnson WL, Sgt Vallance JF. Team No. 2 was made up of Cpl Lindville JR, Lcpl Gammert WER, and Pte Einerson HB, who was the second highest shot in the competition with a score of 228 out of 300.

The musketry results, as a whole, have been most gratifying and show the enthusiasm and vigour with which each man on every team has undertaken his work. We always appeal for more practice time and in the event this will ever be found, we are sure that the team results will show even greater dividends.

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Boxing

Since the last issue, Patricia boxers have certainly shown their class. The Western Command Boxing Finals resulted in a ninety per cent split between the two Battalions. The Army finals took on a real Patricia look, with eight champions and six runners up wearing the VP and Coronet.

Our champions were:

Heavy Open—Lcpl Borjancic G

Heavy Novice—Pte Petit C

Light Middleweight Novice—Pte Fredericks IR

Bantam Novice—Pte Hobbs HAW.

Cpl Neil GBC, our perennial Welter runner-up, carried on in fine style and lost a close decision. His performance however was such that he was chosen to attend the British Empire Games in Wales.

Volleyball

As forecast in the last issue the Alberta Services Championships were held in the Physical Training Building at The Hamilton Gault Barracks, and our own team walked off with the honours.

They were also the runners-up for the Western Canada "B" Division Championships in Calgary.

Fastball

Our unit Fastball Team played in the Intermediate "B" Edmonton City League, which is composed of thirty-four teams. After a retarding lay-off during the summer concentration, the team had numerous difficulties until the play-offs, when they began to play well again. The team placed third in the league semi-finals after a defeat by Simpson-Sears.

Soccer

Our unit Soccer Team played in the Edmonton City Soccer League, and until the summer concentration they did very well indeed. In the finals the team was beaten 4-3 in the open competition for the Dragoon Cup. With the schedule nearly over, it appears that the team will have a second place finish, if all goes as well as it has in the past.

Hockey

The new Service Hockey League has not yet been organized, but is in the process and our hopes are high that it will be operating this winter. In any event our team is getting ready to take to the ice again and will be in various leagues in and near Edmonton.

Pachino Day—1 Jul 58

Pachino Day is the dramatic opening events at the beginning of Summer Collective Training at Camp Wainwright each year. Planned to commemorate the landing of 1 Cdn Inf Div in Sicily in 1943, it is a full day sports meet with teams entered by all units and formations and headquarters which do their summer training at Wainwright; this in-

cludes all components of Western Command and many of the components of Prairie Command.

The major units competing this year were: 2 RCHA, LdSH(RC), 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI, 1 QOR OF C.

The minor units competing were: HQ 1 CIBG, HQ Camp Wainwright, 3 Fd Sqn RCE, 1 Sig Sqn RC Sigs, 4 Tpt Coy RCASC.

Pachino Day is a big day. Probably the simplest way to describe the day, with its stimulating results, is just to list the events:

Fastball—Winner: 2 PPCLI. PPCLI defeated 1 QOR OF C, 19-3; 2 PPCLI defeated 1 PPCLI, 7-3; 2 PPCLI defeated Camp Wainwright, 19-6.

Tabloid Sports—Winner: 2 PPCLI. 2 PPCLI team had the highest total and the highest place points to win the championship, winning all track and field events, except the 440-yard relay which was won by 1 PPCLI.

Tug-of-War—Winner: 2 PPCLI. 2 PPCLI defeated 1 QOR OF C, 2 pulls; 2 PPCLI defeated 2 RCHA, 2 pulls; 2 PPCLI defeated 4 Tpt Coy, 2 pulls.

Volleyball—Winner: 2 PPCLI. 2 PPCLI defeated 1 QOR OF C, 2 straight games; 2 PPCLI defeated 2 RCHA, 2 straight games; 2 PPCLI defeated LdSH(RC), 2 straight games.

Horshoes—Winners: 2 PPCLI (Singles), 1 PPCLI (Doubles). Singles: Sgt Willerton JG, four games to win; doubles: Sgt Willerton JG & Cpl Reynolds KA defeated 2 RCHA and HQ Camp Wainwright, losing in finals to 1 PPCLI.



Winning Platoon — Forced March

Forced March—Winner: 2 PPCLI. This was one of the main events not functioning properly. Out of a possible 1,000 points, our platoon in battle order and with all platoon weapons, etc., to cover a rugged cross-country five mile route in 60 minutes. The platoons competing were carefully inspected before and after the event with points lost if any item listed to be carried was missing or was not in its designated place or was not functioning properly. Out of a possible 1,000 points, our platoon (commanded by Lt TK Crichton with Sgt Wilson CE as platoon Sgt) finished first with a score of 1,000 points and in the amazing time of 43 minutes. After the finish line inspection, the platoon doubled off the field, singing—a thrilling finish to an exciting event.

MESS ACTIVITIES

Officers' Mess

In March the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief was the occasion for a Mixed Dinner attended by Patricia officers and their ladies. Also included in that month was a Millionaires' Games Night, with the ladies presenting the floor show. The considerable profits gained during the evening were used for the "PFTFF" (Pay For The Furniture Fund) Benefit."

In April the Mess was adorned with various articles of Western decor, including baled hay, to provide the atmosphere for a Square Dance Party (it took two months to get rid of the mice). Kapyong Day was commemorated with an Oriental style Mess Dinner. The occasion warranted Chinese food, chopsticks, saki, seats on the floor and the moody wailings of that number one song of the Korean Hit Parade, "The Song of Arirang." Boots were removed on entering the Dining Room—to the discomfiture of those wearing loud socks. By all reports the Dinner was one of the most enjoyable and unusual ever attended by many members.

On 10 May 58 the Edmonton Branch of the PPCLI Association were the guests of the officers at a Mess Dinner to commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg. The spirit of the Regiment, past and present, was certainly dominant on that evening. Five of the original Patricias were present.

Later in the month, the Subalterns' Protective Association brewed its particularly potent punch and invited the wives to cocktails. The husbands joined the party later, locked themselves in the bar, and a jolly time was had by all.

The Trooping activities occupied most of our time from 4-8 Jun 58. It was a special occasion as it was the first time that the Colonel and Founder had visited the Home Station Mess, and he was officially drummed in with appropriate ceremony. On Wednesday, Brigadier Gault met all the officers in the Mess, and the ladies had a tea for Mrs Gault. On Friday the Trooping Mess Dinner was held after the Retreat Ceremony. After the Trooping on Saturday, there were approximately one thousand guests at the Mess for the Garden Party Reception. Trooping week was an extremely enjoyable and rewarding period.

The latter part of June was the occasion for two farewell parties. Major HG Munro, Commanding Officer of the Depot was honoured at a cocktail party on 21 June to mark his retirement after long and faithful service. A week later a farewell party was held to mark the posting of Captain WL Manning (who was posted back to the Medical Corps School in Borden, after a highly successful tour as our MO), Captain L Durocher (who was posted back to his parent Intelligence Corps after having been integrated with the Battalion for a year during which he brought distinction to himself and the unit), and Lt JL Burch (who left on retirement from the Army to take up medical studies at the University of British Columbia).

During the Wainwright Concentration the Mess was closed, although we had a substitute at the Border Lake Resort in Wainwright. The end of the training period provided an opportunity for a rousing get-together with the officers of 1 PPCLI.

Immediately on the return from Wainwright, the Second in Command, Major HA Snelgrove and Mrs Snelgrove were honoured at a farewell party preceding his departure for duty at Ottawa.

All of these memorable occasions were liberally interspersed with impromptu parties which sprang from numerous VeePers and Saturday dining-in nights.

The Honourary and Associate member list is growing, and with the arrival of several new officers to the Battalion, and with an interesting entertainment program planned for the next few months, we are looking forward to a very active and enjoyable period.

Sergeants' Mess

On 17 Mar 58 the annual Broom-a-loo game was held with the Sergeants' Mess taking on the Officers' Mess. Of course, the Sergeants' Mess was the winner on a toss after a tie score of Sgts 1, Offs 1 (scored by the CO) and a token was received from our former Commanding Officer Lt Col SC Waters (a wet token).

On 25 April, Kapyong Day, the Sergeants' Mess held a Smoker and a fine time was had by all members.

On 6 June, a Mess Dinner was held on the eve of the Trooping, with our Colonel and Founder, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, as the guest speaker. Our Commanding Officer, Lt Col VR Schjelderup, and all Company Commanders were also present.

The next day a reception was held in the Sergeants' Mess after the Trooping for wives and friends. Everyone enjoyed themselves and a fine spread was laid on by our cooks, as usual.

And of course, on 21 Jun 58 the Mess moved out to the wilds of Wainwright and set up the Sergeants' Mess on a hill (called the Citadel). It was a very nice spot (except for the wind). The Mess held a "Dining-In" night, and both the 1 PPCLI and 2 PPCLI Sergeants had a chance to renew old friendships. All Senior NCOs, both of 1 PPCLI and 2 PPCLI Sergeants' Messes enjoyed themselves very much.

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THE PATRICIAN

Since moving into our new home we have had to say goodbye to quite a few of our Mess Members. Sgt Major HL—posted to Recruiting at Lethbridge; Sgt Kliever—posted to Recruiting Western Command; Ssgt Dodd FS—posted to Royal Roads; WO2 Carriere F—posted to RCS of I; Sgt Camponi CL—posted to I Staff, Calgary; Sgt Mann PG—posted to Western Command; Sgt Hanson—posted to Western Command; Sgt Oakley—to 10 Personnel Depot for release; Sgt Miles—to recruiting at Fort William, Ont; Sgt Wilson CE—to I Staff, BC Area; Sgt Bordeleau—to BC Area. Good luck to all of you from the Mess.

We have had a few posted in as well: Ssgt Stone JE—from Royal Roads (good to see you back again Duke); Sgt Holden L—from Wainwright; Sgt Defaye—from RCS of I; Ssgt Preston—from Saskatchewan Area; WO2 Melnechuk—from 1 PPCLI; Sgt Franklin HE—from 1 PPCLI; Ssgt Clarabut—RCASC; Ssgt Sim WT—from Recruiting Western Command; Sgt Edwards—posted from Prairie Command. All members welcome you and hope you will have a pleasant tour with us; and also Ssgt Brister from the PT Wing at Camp Borden. Staff Brister is an old 2 PPCLI man from away back. Welcome back to the fold.

Corporals' Mess

A Social Dance was held on 24 May at the Gymnasium for members, wives and lady friends. Highlights of the evening included Lcpl Bastien and wife winning the Jitterbug Contest, for which he received a cigarette lighter and his wife a set of glasses. Numerous prizes were given out for the spotlight dances which, incidentally, had been previously checked and found not to be "fixed" by the FBI. A rather mean visaged, robust character with a flushed look was in attendance at the door in the capacity of cloakroom attendant. After several of the fairer sex complained that something from outer space was loose in the hall MC Cpl "Rocky" Steadman checked and found it was only "Butcho" trying to smile. All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to a repetition in the near future.

On Friday, 12 September, a meeting of the Women's Auxiliary took place in the mixed lounge at the mess. President, Mrs. Garry Lynch, and members were present, including Mrs E Bastien and Mrs L Prouty, Mrs FL Pulsifer and Mrs J Hayward. Much muttering and mumbling was heard from this group and a sense of achievement seemed to be evident when the meeting finished. However, no results of resolutions have reached us of yet, but is sure to benefit the mess as a whole when it does. Keep it up girls, and any support given by members to the Women's Auxiliary will be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations are in order for the recent additions to family of the following:

Cpl Brown WE—a boy
Cpl Hayward JG—a girl
Cpl Hardwick TR—a girl

Cpl Nadeau R—a boy
Lcpl Barrett HJ—a son.

We wish to welcome the new members to the mess and extend our congratulations on their recent appointments:

Lcpl Johnston BH
Lcpl Werth H
Lcpl Admiral J

Lcpl Howarth LH
Lcpl Arnott WJ
Lcpl Morrison RG

At a recent mess meeting a new mess committee was elected as follows:

Outgoing
PMC Cpl Rose JA
Secretary Cpl Neil GBC
Treasurer Cpl Gillingham

Incoming
PMC Cpl Cruise AJ
Vice Pres., to be appointed by
Depot RSM
Secretary-Treasurer ... Cpl Gray RB

We wish to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work and for the wonderful job which they performed, and to welcome the new committee and to wish them luck in their new jobs.

Departures. We are sorry to see the departure of Cpl Neil to HQ, I CIBG. We'll miss that bonny brogue brightening our mess, and his charming little habit of depositing various objects in his beer. Good luck, Scotty.

Mess in City League. It seems our glorious dart team has entered in the big time sports as they have joined the Edmonton City Dart League. Good luck lads. We know you can beat them.

Junior Ranks' Club

The activities of the Junior Ranks' Club were highlighted this year by the Trooping Ceremonies and the Summer Concentration in Wainwright.

A Junior Ranks' Reception was held on the afternoon of the Trooping for the dependents and friends of the Corporals and men of 2 PPCLI. That evening an "All Ranks" Trooping Ball was held in the Physical Training Building. It was an excellent affair, which was attended by Brigadier and Mrs Gault. Music for the dance was provided by the Dance Band of the LdSH(RC).

During the Wainwright Concentration, 2 PPCLI enjoyed two fine "All Ranks" functions. The first was a Variety Show, with all companies producing some very entertaining skits, and Lcpl (The Chief) Shergold acting as Master of Ceremonies. The second was a Regimental Party held jointly with our brethren from 1 PPCLI. This affair was highlighted by a Victoria Day Fireworks display produced by our mortar platoon.

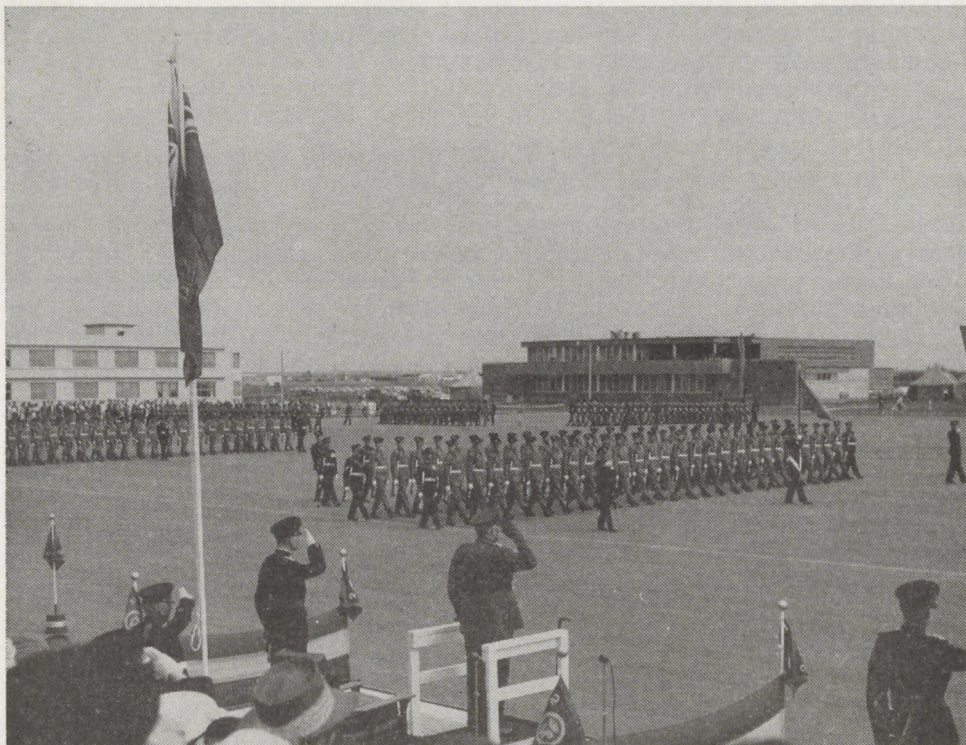
The big news in the Junior Ranks Club this summer is that Maple Leaf Services have now taken over the operation of the Junior Ranks' Club. 2 PPCLI is looking forward to many happy years of association with Maple Leaf Services.

**VISIT OF THE
FOUNDER AND COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT
BRIGADIER A HAMILTON GAULT DSO, ED, CD**

The Trooping of the Colour ceremony in 1958 held special meaning for all members of PPCLI. In particular, the 2nd Battalion were to carry out the first 'Trooping' ever held in Edmonton and the event was to be marked by presence of Brigadier A Hamilton Gault.

Brigadier Gault attended the 1st Battalion 'Trooping' in late May and, following a brief rest period in Jasper, officially arrived in Edmonton on Tuesday 3 Jun 58.

A guard of honour was on hand at the CNR station to greet Brigadier and Mrs Gault when they arrived accompanied by the Aide de Camp Lt PAH Dupille. The guard was under the command of Major LW Basham, with Lt DC Jones acting as colour bearer. The Brigadier inspected the guard and then proceeded to the Macdonald Hotel escorted by a motorcycle detachment of the Canadian Provost Corps. Later that evening, Brigadier and Mrs. Gault were entertained at an informal dinner at the home of Lt Col and Mrs VR Schjelderup.



2 PPCLI TROOPING—7 JUN 58

Wednesday 4 June marked the official arrival of the Colonel of the Regiment, at the Hamilton Gault Barracks. Arriving shortly before noon, he was greeted by 2 PPCLI and PPCLI Depot personnel who lined the route from the guard room to the officers' mess. After being drummed into the mess, the Brigadier had the opportunity to personally meet the officers before proceeding to the drill hall for an all ranks luncheon. Addressing the Patricias after lunch, the Brigadier recalled many interesting facts concerning the founding of the regiment and their alliance with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. That evening the Brigadier attended the Mess Dinner in the sergeants' mess.

On Thursday 5 June the Brigadier, accompanied by Mrs Gault, visited the PPCLI Regimental Museum at the Prince of Wales Armouries, and in the evening were entertained at a cocktail party by the officers of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. During the course of this cocktail party the Brigadier had the opportunity to renew the acquaintance of many of the original Patricias.

On Friday 6 June the Brigadier attended the PPCLI officers' mess dinner, which was preceded by beating of retreat ceremony on the parade square.

At 1400 hrs 7 June the Colonel of the Regiment arrived at the Hamilton Gault Barracks, with motorcycle escort of Canadian Provost Corps and RCM Police, and took up his place on the saluting base. The Trooping of the Colour ceremony was carried out with precision before an audience of 8,000, and was addressed by the Brigadier in these words:

"I am not going to talk to you today of your proud duties as soldiers of Her Majesty the Queen but I want you to remember always that as Patricias you have great responsibilities, responsibilities of human leadership, responsibilities of good citizenship, responsibilities of behaviour, and that The Regiment will ever be regarded in the public esteem by your individual behaviour both on and off parade. Good soldiering is not only to be found in barracks and on the square but also throughout every element of life according to the soldiers' behaviour and deportment in his every contact with the civilian world of which he is the legal and responsible custodian.

"I am proud to have been on parade with the 2nd Battalion of my old Regiment this afternoon—the Battalion which won the citation and pennant of the President of the United States of America for gallantry in the Korean war, an award which has brought great and additional honour to The Regiment—and I leave with you all my best wishes for further laurels to be added to your Colours."

Following the Trooping, tea parties were held at the Junior Ranks' Club, the sergeants' mess and the officers' mess. The fine weather which prevailed during the afternoon permitted these functions to be held out of doors. That evening the Brigadier and Mrs Gault attended the all ranks ball at the gymnasium.

On Sunday 8 June the Brigadier and Mrs. Gault entertained at an impromptu cocktail party at the Macdonald Hotel, to which all officers

of PPCLI, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and some officers of Headquarters Western Command were invited. During this party the Brigadier was presented with two albums of photographs taken during the Trooping ceremonies, by the Command Public Relations Officer, Major Hamilton.

On Monday 9 June Brigadier and Mrs. Gault left Edmonton for their home in Montreal by RCAF aircraft.

DEPOT REPORT

Change of Command

Since the last edition of this journal, the Regimental Depot has had a change of Commanding Officers. On 30 Jun 58 the Commanding Officer, Major HG Munro, CD, retired from the Canadian Army with 32 years service. Major Munro had been Commanding Officer of the Regimental Depot since its formation 1 Jun 53.

On 16 Sep 58 the Depot welcomed the arrival of the new Commanding Officer, Major RB Mainprize, CD.

Major Mainprize enlisted with the Patricias in July 35. He served with the unit until posted to the "King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry" as a Can Loan Officer. He served through the North West Europe campaign with this unit and returned to Canada in 1946. After a short stay with PPCLI Major Mainprize spent the next four years with Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers. He again returned to 1 PPCLI and departed for Korea in October 51 with that unit. Since returning from Korea, Major Mainprize has been Infantry Instructor at RCSME at Chilliwack, spent one year in Egypt and prior to taking over the command of the Regimental Depot was DAQMG (E & A) at Headquarters Western Command.

Training

Due to the slowing down of recruiting in the early part of this year, the recruit strength in the Regimental Depot dropped to almost nil strength by May. This afforded an ideal opportunity for the Depot staff to carry out refresher training. This was consequently carried out by conducting two courses of three weeks duration at Wainwright Military Camp during May and June. Each course was concluded with firing of the Annual Range Classification.

At the present time, the Regimental Depot has five recruit platoons undergoing training. Parts I and II of recruit training are being carried out at the Home Station at Griesbach and Part III is being carried out at Wainwright Military Camp.

The following platoons completed Recruit Training during the period Feb 58-Sep 58:

Savio Platoon—Posted to 1 Battalion 07 Mar 58.

Platoon Commander: Lt JL Burch

Best Recruit: Pte Mathews

Reviewing Officer: Lt Col T de Faye, MBE, CD.

Naviglio Platoon—Posted to 1 Battalion 31 Mar 58.

Platoon Commander: 2Lt A Neadow

Best Recruit: Pte Running

Reviewing Officer: Lt Col T de Faye, MBE, CD.

Fosso Munio Platoon—Posted to 1 Battalion 18 Apr 58.

Platoon Commander: Lt WWJ Shuler

Best Recruit: Pte Pearson

Reviewing Officer Lt Col T de Faye, MBE, CD.

Apeldoorn Platoon—Posted to 1 Battalion 23 May 58.

Platoon Commander: Lt RT Sing

Best Recruit: Pte Basaraba

Reviewing Officer: Lt Col T de Faye, MBE, CD.

North West Europe Platoon—Posted to 1 Battalion 18 Jun 58.

Platoon Commander: 2Lt PM Stevens

Best Recruit: Pte Charpentier

Reviewing Officer: Major WHJ Stutt, CD.

Ypres Platoon—Posted to 2 Battalion 3 Sep 58.

Platoon Commander: Sgt Adams RJ

Best Recruit: Pte Smyth

Reviewing Officer: Major WHJ Stutt, CD.

Changes in Regimental Depot Staff

Taken on Strength—

Major RB Mainprize, CD, from HQ Western Command

Sgt Suais BG, from HQ Western Command

Sgt Turchyniak M (RCAPC), from HQ Western Command

Sgt Claxton NL, from 2 Battalion

Cpl Allard JER, from PT Cadre

Cpl McLaren GR (RCASC), from 14 Coy RCASC

Cpl Robson JA, from 2 Battalion

Pte Gedron A (RCAPC), from RCS of S.

Struck off Strength—

Major HG Munro, CD, to Retirement

Capt AG Caesar, CD, to SRS list AHQ

Lt RW Cavett, to 11 Pers Depot

Ssgt Mulholland CE, to CBUME

Sgt Dixon EC, to 1 Battalion

Sgt Heron M, CD (RCAPC), to HQ 1 Inf Bde

Sgt Johnston G, CD (RCOC), to CBUME

Sgt Edginton HG, to 1 Battalion

Cpl Botfield JR (RCASC), to 14 Coy RCASC

Pte Morton EGR (RCAPC), to HQ Western Command

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

Lt PA Robison, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
2Lt AGS Ferguson, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Sgt Shine RC, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Sgt Fleury RK, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Cpl Hurford LRS, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Cpl Burke RJ, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Cpl Tupper AL, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Cpl Villager KR, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Lcpl Allison ML, 1 Battalion, Sep 58
Lcpl Meyers AC, 1 Battalion, Sep 58.

News of Patricia's Serving Away From the Regiment



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

The following list is by no means complete. It should bring the March edition list nearly up to date. Any Patricians that note errors or omissions please write to the Editor.

Army Headquarters—Ottawa

Major RF Doran

Lt R McDanie¹,

Headquarters Western Command

Major ED McPhail, CD

Lt A Donald

Lt RJ Gillis

Canadian Delegation—Laos—Indo China

Capt MB Wood, MBE

Canadian Army Staff College—Kingston

Lt Col WJ Saul, CD

Lt Col JE Leach, MBE, CD

Major DR Harrison

HQ Prairie Command—Winnipeg, Manitoba

Lt J Stutt, CD

Lt Col LH Young, CD

UNTSO—Palestine

Major JC Newlands, CD

CJATC—Rivers, Manitoba

Capt JW Mills, MC, CD

Capt WH Nicholls

HQ BC Area—Vancouver, BC

Major N Featherstone (Esquimalt Garrison) Major CV Lilley, MC, CD
Lt GA Holmes (I Staff)
Major EW Thomas, MBE

HQ Eastern Command—Halifax

Major AS Ennis-Smith, CD

HQ Saskatchewan Area—Regina

Lt DC Denison, CD Lt HA Pankratz
Sgt Erfurt A (I Staff)

HQ Central Command—Oakville, Ontario

Capt DM Langley

RCS of I—Camp Borden, Ontario

Capt JE Hodge Capt GE Anderson
Capt MC Edwards

Cale

Capt RJ Frost

HQ Camp Wainwright

Lt Col MN Gemmel, DSO, CD

1 CIBG—Calgary

Capt WL Howard, CD Major GG Brown, CD

RCSME—Vedder Crossing, BC

Capt WH Jans Capt W Davis, CD
Lt WM Canfield WO2 EP Shaw

HQ Eastern Ontario Area—Kingston

Lt JR McLean

7 Personnel Depot—London

Capt B Bean, CD

9 Personnel Depot—Regina

2 Lt RI Stewart

11 Personnel Depot—Vancouver

Capt T Braithwaite, CD Lt RW Cavett

HQ 2 CIBG

Capt AS Wagstaff

UNOGIL—Lebanon

Major GA Gunton, CD Capt AL Gale
Capt AG Caesar, CD Capt AL Hill

RMC—Kingston, Ontario

Capt RS Peacock

Greenjacket Depot—Winchester, England

Lt JD Snowball

Fort Churchill

Ssgt Dionne HA

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



Patron: THE LADY PATRICIA RAMSAY, CI, CD, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment

Chairman: BRIGADIER A HAMILTON GAULT, DSO, ED, CD, Founder and Colonel of the Regiment

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday 8 June 1958 the annual general meeting took place at the Officers' Mess, The Hamilton Gault Barracks, Griesbach, Alberta. In the absence of the President, Brigadier WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC, the meeting was called to order by Lt Col RP Clark, DSO, CD Vice President.

There were present:

Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, Chairman of the Council of the Association, St Hilaire, PQ

Col NG Wilson-Smith, DSO, MBE, Former Commanding Officer, Ottawa

Lt Col VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD, Commanding Officer 2 PPCLI, Griesbach

Lt Col AH Fraser, DSO, CD, Vancouver

Lt Col (Ret) RP Clark, DSO, CD, Former Commanding Officer, Vice President, Vancouver

Major HA Snelgrove, Second in Command 2 PPCLI, Griesbach

Major RB Mainprize, CD, Griesbach

Major (Ret) WJ Gibson, MC, Calgary

Major HG Munro, CD, Honourary Secretary, Griesbach

Capt W Craig, Honourary Treasurer, Griesbach

Capt (Ret) O Gardner, CD, Representing Calgary Branch, Calgary

Major (Ret) PD Crofton, President Victoria Branch, Victoria

Major (Ret) C Leighton, Calgary

RSM JC Coutts, 2 PPCLI, Griesbach

CSM G Goodwin, 2 PPCLI, Griesbach

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

Mr FP Galbraith, President Edmonton Branch



ORIGINAL PATRICIAS

Left to right

1332 Rose, JS, Pte, wounded 6 Jul 15, Sep 1914-Nov 1916

810 Armishaw, PM, Pte, Aug 1914-Mar 1919

Brigadier A Hamilton Gault

1658 Gower, L Pte, Aug 1914-Nov 1915

1689 Rennie, A, Pte-Cpl, Aug 1914-Apr 1918

Mr HE Drope, MM, Secretary Saskatchewan Branch

Lt Col de Faye, MBE, CD, Member General Committee

Capt AJE Gibson, MC, Honourary Auditor

Mr EW Harris, Secretary Toronto Branch

Mr TIG Gibson, President Vancouver Branch

Mr NL McCowan, President Winnipeg Branch

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

Brigadier CB Ware, DSO, CD, Member of the General Committee

Mr. CD Le Livre, President Montreal Branch

Brigadier WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC, President PPCLI Association.

Annual Election of Association Officers

The present slate of officers was returned.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the General Committee was held after the Annual Meeting for the purpose of amending certain by-laws of the Association.

a. Change in location of the head office from Calgary to The Hamilton Gault Barracks in the Military Garrison of Griesbach to conform with the change in location of the Regiment's Home Station.

b. Adoption of the present Canadian practice of large institutions to appoint a "Chairman of the Council" rather than a "President" as

an Honourary Officer of the organization and the management of the organization to be supervised by a "President" and "Vice President" rather than a "Chairman" and "Vice Chairman."

These amendments were carried unanimously and have since been approved by the Secretary of State and published in the Canada Gazette.

VICTORIA BRANCH

Paddy Crofton and Frank Benthams as President and Secretary respectively maintain an active organization. Last meeting reported was held on 25 April 58 when 25 members were present.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

The annual meeting of the branch was held on 17 Mar 58. Ian Gibson was elected President.

CALGARY BRANCH

Alex Huff, who for many years kept things going for the branch in Calgary, resigned because of ill health. Captain O Gardner has taken over as President.

EDMONTON BRANCH

The annual reunion banquet of the Edmonton Branch was held 10 May in the Officers' Mess at the Hamilton Gault Barracks. Forty members attended as guests of the officers of the 2nd Battalion and the Regimental Depot. Bill Gillespie was elected President and Fraser Gerry Secretary.

SASKATOON BRANCH

A dinner was held in Regina on 5 Oct 57 in honour of Harry Mullin, VC, MM, on the 40th anniversary of his VC award. The 1958 annual meeting was held in Regina on 4 October. Mr. Brockelbank who is the Minister of Mineral Resources for the Province of Saskatchewan was elected President.

WINNIPEG BRANCH

Norman McCowan reports that a smoker was held on 21 March but that it has only been possible to maintain the skeleton organization of the branch

TORONTO BRANCH

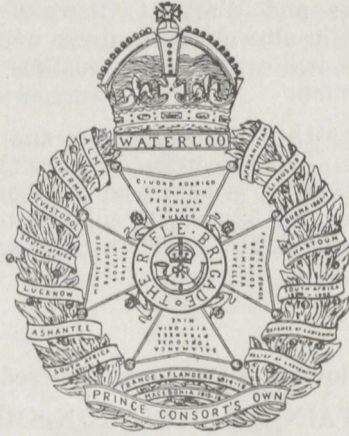
Eric Harris, secretary, reports that a most successful annual dinner (39th Annual Banquet) was held at the King Edward Hotel on 10 May when Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED CD, and Major General AE Potts, CBE, ED, were guest speakers.

OTTAWA BRANCH

No report for 1958.

MONTREAL BRANCH

No report for 1958.

THE RIFLE BRIGADE**THE GREEN JACKETS BRIGADE**

As a consequence of the recent defence White Paper considerable changes are taking place within the British Army. It may be of interest to you readers to hear how this will affect the Allied Regiment.

In general terms it is planned to cease the call up of National Servicemen in 1960 and to consequently trim the Army down from a strength of over 400,000 to around 165,000. Within the Infantry this will necessitate reducing the number of Infantry Battalions by amalgamations, and discharging a considerable number of senior Officers.

The intention, moreover, is to develop a new sense of loyalty and administrative convenience by the formation of territorial Brigades. These Brigades are not expected to serve operationally but are designed to co-ordinate the resources of the Battalions whose recruiting areas are adjacent and will make more economical use of the senior Officers and NCOs and share a joint Brigade Depot. In order to cement the relationship Battalions will be numbered within the new Brigade rather than within the original Regiments and a unified Brigade Cap Badge will be worn.

The Rifle Brigade has, in fact, been brigaded with the King's Royal Rifle Corps as the Green Jackets Brigade with a Depot at Winchester for many years. However, it was decided that this two Battalion Brigade was too small by comparison with the new formations and a further Battalion has therefore been added. Thus the Green Jackets have welcomed the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (43 and 52nd) into the Brigade and the official designation of the Battalions will now be as under.

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| 1st Green Jackets | 43rd and 52nd |
| 2nd Green Jackets | King's Royal Rifle Corps |
| 3rd Green Jackets | The Rifle Brigade. |

There will be a parade at the Green Jackets Depot on 6 Nov 58 taken by HRH The Duke of Gloucester to mark the formation of the new Brigade. The changes involved in the new system will include cross-posting of Field Officers and Warrant Officers between Battalions as vacancies occur, and certain alterations in dress and nomenclature, notably that the 43rd and 52nd will wear black buttons and will restyle their Private soldiers as Riflemen.

For many Regiments the amalgamations and Brigading have meant sad breaks with tradition. The Green Jackets are therefore most fortunate in having so few alterations to accept and are both proud and delighted to be joined by the 43rd and 52nd with whom so many Battle Honours were shared in the Famous Light Division in the Peninsula War.

**The following letter was received from
CAPTAIN ME CARLETON-SMITH**

The Rifle Brigade, Allied Regiment Exchange Officer

The historic associations and close comradeship that led to the affiliation between the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and the Rifle Brigade have now once again borne fruit. It is twenty-one years since the last exchange of Officers took place when Lt Col Harry Cotton spent two years with the Rifle Brigade in England, whilst John Gordon-Duff served in Canada. Thus, as only the second officer from my Regiment to serve on exchange with the Patricias, I feel both deeply privileged and happy to be granted this most exceptional opportunity.

Sailing from Southampton in the comfort of a Cunard Liner at the end of July set the pattern for a journey that was ultimately to consume six weeks of travel steeped in entertainment and interest. After a week's leave in New York I reported for duty at Ottawa. At this stage Colonel Wilson-Smith, rather than hasten my departure westwards arranged a series of most instructive visits to Camp Borden, Kingston, and Petawawa before returning to Montreal to pay my respects to Brigadier and Mrs Hamilton Gault in their beautiful new home.

In due course I motored to Edmonton to receive the most wonderful welcome from the 2nd Battalion and Depot; when inundated with invitations of a sporting nature and overwhelmed with hospitality the original three day visit became extended to ten. Three days duck shooting with the GOC's party at Wainwright, followed by two days fishing at Jasper completed the stay before leaving for Victoria.

For the seven thousand odd miles of this outward journey from England new found acquaintances had extolled the merits of Victoria B.C. Consequently it would have been easy to have become disappointed; however such was not the case and Victoria has already far exceeded the most ambitious expectations. The ease with which the "long haired" Englishman has been absorbed into the extremely happy comradeship

of the 1st Battalion speaks for itself. Such was the hospitality and kindness displayed by all concerned that I was almost immediately able to feel completely at home. Only the salmon for some time refused to extend the same co-operation, however they too have now accepted a rifle green bucktail as acceptable bait. Meanwhile, however, an amusingly bewildered CSM of D Company bears the full brunt of converting or being converted by the black buttoned newcomer.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to express my gratitude both for the opportunity and the wonderful time that has been my lot, and also to convey the regards and greetings of all ranks of the Rifle Brigade to all Patricia's. And finally add that any serving or past Patrician is expected to visit the Regimental Depot at Winchester, Hampshire and the Battalion, wherever it may be serving, whenever they are in the vicinity.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps



PRESENTATION OF BEST CADET AWARD
FOR 1957

The Brigadier WG Colquhoun Cup was presented to Cdt-Sgt Duffy by Lt Col Schjelderup for his showing as the best cadet of the year.

HOME STATION

Annual Inspection

Lt Col VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD, Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI inspected the corps on the annual inspection 16 May 58. This inspection and demonstration of training which followed was of true Patricia standard. Many of the Boys' parents were on hand to view the inspection and demonstration and to attend the lunch which followed.

The annual awards for the year which included the Brigadier WG Colquhoun Cup, a gold watch, a .22 rifle, pen and pencil set, crests and certificates were presented by Lt Col VR Schjelderup.

The Brigadier WG Colquhoun Cup for the best cadet was won by Cadet Sgt SD Duffy.

The gold watch for the top shooting award was won by Cadet Captain R Saunders.

Congratulations are certainly in order to Lt FB Dorsey, Liaison Officer from 2 PPCLI, his instructors and the cadets for their standing of first in all city cadet corps in Alberta for the year 1957-58. The average of 90.3% obtained marks the third year that PPCLI cadets have led all city corps in Alberta.

Summer Camp

Thirty-two cadets attended camp this year at Vernon BC. One went from there to National Cadet Camp at Banff for part of the summer and a number were on the rifle team which went to Vancouver and Ottawa. From all reports the seven weeks at camp was an enjoyable experience.

Depot Takes Over From 2 Battalion

For the past year 2 Battalion has been keeping a watchful eye on the corps. This eye changed many times due to postings and movements of the battalion. It was decided that the Depot, being static, would take back the sponsoring of the Cadet Corps.

Lt DR Yeomans, CD has been appointed as Liaison Officer to work with the Cadet Chief Instructor, Capt WV McNeill, to ensure the record of achievement which the corps has enjoyed over the past four years.

Visit By The Depot Commanding Officer

Wednesday, 10 Oct 58, saw Major RB Mainprize, CD make his first official visit to the corps. His talk on the history of the Regiment was of particular interest to the cadets.

Highlight of his visit was the presentation of awards and certificates obtained by cadets attending summer camps.

The highest award went to R Saunders who was promoted to Cadet Capt. Saunders attended the National Camp in Banff this summer and proved himself a credit to his corps. We hope that Cadet Capt Saunders will make the army his career when he finishes high school and perhaps continue to wear PPCLI flashes.

Victoria

On 10 Jan 58 the former 4 LAA Bty Cadet Corps of Victoria was taken into the PPCLI family. 2Lt PM Stevens acted as liaison between the Battalion and the Cadet Corps, later relinquishing the job to Lt JD Snowball. Lt Col de Faye officially welcomed the Corps into the PPCLI family and presented each cadet with a new PPCLI cap badge.

Training during the winter and spring was conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays at the McCauley drill hall. In addition to this the corps participated in 15 small-bore rifle competitions throughout the winter season. There were 5 first class shots in DCRA, Sgt Walder having a total of 295 points, and Cpl Barclay 294. Silver spoons were presented each week to the best shot and each winner earned 3 points for the following week's shoot. This encouraged the poorer shots to increase their scores in order to win. The Band under Cdt Sgt Cuzner and Cdt Lcpl Bennallack progressed very well.

The following promotions were awarded:

Cdt Cpl Turner R

Cdt Cpl Barnen W

Cdt Lcpl de Faye T

Cdt Lcpl Clayton J

The Annual Inspection was held on 30 Apr with 51 cadets on parade. This was attended by numerous parents and other spectators. Lt Col de Faye was the inspecting officer, and British Columbia Area was represented by Capt RH Graham and Lt D Walton.

15 cadets enjoyed summer training at Vernon.

Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3P.P.C.I.) ***C.A. Militia***



From March 1958 the Regiment carried on with its training program in the two major phases, namely, the Young Soldier Training Scheme and the more usual role of Militia Training for Reserve Army Soldiers, and in these activities substantial assistance was given by Second Battalion.

Leading Infantryman and Junior NCO courses were conducted and most of the candidates were successful.

A Company at Vermilion carried out their range qualifications at Wainwright during May and the strength of the sub unit was 55.

This unit has now been reorganized and A Company consists of 3 Platoon at Vegreville, 2 Platoon at Vermilion and 1 Platoon at St. Paul. The Company Commander is Lieutenant WA Scales. The platoon at St. Paul was taken over from the Artillery, and A Company HQ will be at Vermilion.

B Company at Vegreville is now 3 Platoon A Company and the Platoon Commander is Lieutenant MW Kawlych. Capt A Stanton has retired and on his retirement was presented with the ED.

C Company stationed at Edmonton and under command of Capt FG Clare continued training in the Young Soldier Training Scheme with an average strength of ninety all ranks. The Recruit training was successfully completed and in the fall most of these trained soldiers will join Support Company to train as Leading Infantrymen. From commencement of fall training Major E Mason will command C Company.

D Company at Grande Prairie had a successful year under Lt J Boddington training Young Soldiers on Saturday afternoons and Militia Troops on Thursday evenings.

Support Company under Major E Pritchard until midyear and now commanded by Capt BD Stanton has had good results also. Some of the troops in this Company are in their second and third year with the 3 Battalion and we had 10 Corporals pass their Junior NCO, Part I examinations.

Pte Laird RCG
Pte Harvey DG
Pte Wagner
Pte Brooks A
Pte Catterall DH

Pte Copeman DC
Lcpl Gillespie RD
Lcpl Blank GD
Lcpl Burns RRF
Lcpl Johnson DV

All the members of this Company are trained soldiers and many have completed the Leading Infantrymen classifications.

The Carrier Platoon at Dawson Creek has had one of its best years to date with an average strength of 25 and an active training program under the command Lieutenant TC Chapman.

Range Practices and weekend exercises were held and these activities were successful.

During April Col RA Bradburn was appointed to command 23 Militia Group and was succeeded by Lt Col GJ Armstrong. A Change of Command ceremonial parade was held to mark this occasion and was well attended by the Officers of 2nd Battalion and the public. In attendance for the occasion were Col GDK Kinnaird, ED, Honourary Colonel 3 Battalion, Lt Col R Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD, CO 2 Battalion, Lt Col Palmer, Honourary Lt Col 3 Battalion, Brig Wilson, Lt Col J Rowlatt.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment was very happy to have the privilege and opportunity to participate in the ceremonies and social functions for the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, during his visit in June and to be guests of 2 Battalion at their Retreat Ceremony, Trooping of the Colour and All Ranks Ball.

These events did a great deal to cement the wonderful relationship between 2nd and 3rd Battalions and to impress upon our troops some of the traditions, pomp and circumstance which is so much a part of Regimental life.

At this stage we wish to say thank you to the 2nd Battalion for the wonderful aid and assistance, so freely given, in training, material and social spheres, which contributed in large measure to our success this past year.

The Annual Summer Camp held at Hamilton Gault Barracks was enjoyed tremendously by those who attended. The attendance was poor simply because the Camp was held in June and our troops could not leave their studies to attend.

A number of our Junior NCOs attended Cadet Camps at Vernon and Banff as members of the Training and Instructional Staffs and acquitted themselves very well. Letters of commendation from the COs were received at this HQ for:

Acpl Blank GD
Acpl Catterall DH
Acpl Cumming FB
Cpl Fleck
Acpl Johnson DV

Acpl Burns RRF
Acpl Copeman DC
Acpl Fergesen WJ
Acpl Harvey DG
Acpl Palmer GH

Capt F Clare, Lts K Dougan, J Nasedkin and M Nicholson also were on the Staffs at Banff and Vernon.

During the year the following battle Honours were awarded to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) for service in the 1939-1945 War.

The Second World War

"Landing in Sicily," "Piazza Armerina," "Leonforte," "Agira," "Adrano," "Troina Valley," "Sicily, 1943," "Colle d'Anchise," "The Gully," "Ortona," "Liri Valley," "Hilter Line," "Gothic Line," "Monteciccardo," "Monte Luro," "Rimini Line," "Pisciatello," "San Forunato," "Savio Bridgehead," "Naviglio Canal," "Fosso Munio," "Italy, 1943-1945," "Apeldoorn," "North-West Europe, 1945."

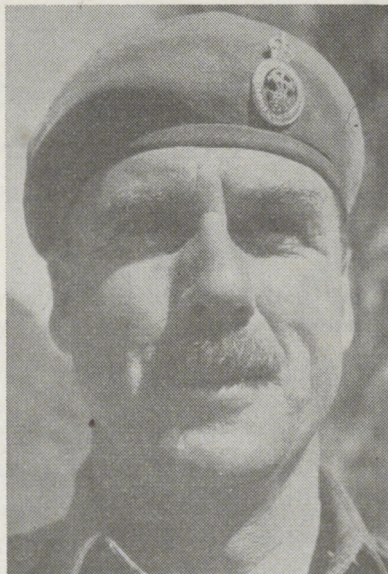
The Cadet Corps of the 3rd Battalion continues in good strength and are wonderful sources for recruits for the Battalion. Some of our NCOs were originally Cadets. Cadets are parading in Edmonton under Major W Oakey and in Vegreville, Grande Prairie, Two Hills. In Edmonton our cadets have formed a Drum and Bugle Band and are becoming practiced Bandsmen.

The Regimental Brass Band has done very well, it has performed for the public at Sunday afternoon band concerts, at all our Ceremonial Parades, at the Ceremonial Parades of other Militia Units, for the 2nd Battalion at various Mess functions and at the GOC's annual Militia Inspection.

The Pipe and Drum Band at Vermilion continues to play its colourful part in the life of A Company.

This fall we are again vigorously recruiting high school students for Saturday Parades and other young men for Parades on Tuesday evenings, and the results are gratifying.

To assist us to impress upon these lads that the Infantry Corps in general and the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) in particular is a good place to serve the 2nd Battalion put on several demonstrations at Hamilton Gault Barracks on 27 Sep 58. These demonstrations were excellent and certainly impressed all the prospective recruits.



LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE ALFRED FLINT, CD

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Lt Col Flint was born in Outremont, Que., on February 27, 1911, and educated at Strathcona Academy there.

He was commissioned in the Canadian Grenadier Guards in 1941 and qualified as a parachutist in 1943. He subsequently served with various parachute training units and, in January, 1946, was named to command A-35 Canadian Parachute Training Centre. Later he commanded the Army Wing of the Canadian Joint Air School.

During the Korean War he served for a time as second-in-command of the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Following a one-year staff appointment with the Directorate of Military Intelligence at Army Headquarters, Ottawa, he was appointed Brigade Major of the 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group at Valcartier in January 1954.

Two years later Lt Col Flint was selected for service as a military observer with the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization in Palestine.

In July 1956 he was severely wounded by an exploding land mine while investigating an incident near the armistice demarcation line between Arab Jerusalem and the demilitarized zone. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on August 1, 1957.

Lt Col Flint was killed on May 26, 1958, while investigating a border incident in Palestine. He is buried in the British Military Cemetery at Moascar Ismailia, Egypt.

CSM COOPER E MM. One of the original Patricias. Served with the Regiment from 1914 to 1916. He was wounded in 1915. Died in Victoria on 24 Sep 1958.

CUTHBERT DW. Was one of the original Patricias. Served with the Regiment from 1914 to 1918 and 1922 to 1947. Held the distinction of being the oldest soldier serving with PPCLI when he retired in 1947. Died in Victoria 3 Sep 1958. Survived by his wife Mrs D Cuthbert, 16B Hibberson Crescent, Victoria, and two sons, James and William.

CPL BENNS PH. Served with the Regiment from July 1915 until wounded in April 1916. A member of the Machine Gun Platoon. Died at Claremont, Ontario 13 July, 1958. He is survived by his wife Jean and son Campbell, Claremont, Ontario.

This letter was received from

MAJOR-GENERAL CARL CSON VAN HORN

Chief of Staff, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Jerusalem

Dear Colonel Schjelderup:

I should like to express to all ranks of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry my sincere expression of sympathy in your loss of Lieutenant-Colonel George A. Flint C.D.

This Officer was carrying out his duty as my personal representative for Mount Scopus. He had in fact been connected with Mount Scopus since 1956 and had, as you know, sustained a serious wound in a mine incident on Mount Scopus in July 1956.

His work, dealing as it did with the peaceful solution to the many problems that arose in connection with Mount Scopus, was a sometime thankless but nonetheless most important task. Colonel Flint carried out these duties in a straight-forward, conscientious and impartial manner.

His services were so valued that the Secretary-General recently made a special request that his services be retained for an additional year. This in itself speaks for the high regard in which the services of this Officer were held.

Colonel Flint was fatally wounded whilst in the act of attempting to arrange for the evacuation of some wounded men on the slopes of Mount Scopus. His courage is an inspiration to all of us serving with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine. The Regiment should be very proud of this Canadian Officer.

I attended the burial service in the Imperial War Grave Cemetery at Moascar near Ismailia. A service was held with full military honours and the body was laid to rest with eight of his fellow country men. I believe that everything was in accordance with the way the Regiment would have wished it.

I have already expressed my condolences to Mrs. Flint and her two daughters. They have left on 1 June for Montreal.

I speak for all members of UNTSO when I express the hope that we may one day achieve the peace so long sought after by this gallant Patrician.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) **CARL CSON VON HORN**

Major General
Chief of Staff.

Province of Alberta



THE ALCAN HIGHWAY

*"There are strange things done in the midnight sun
By the men who toil for gold;
The arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold;
The Northern Lights have seen queer sights
But the queerest they ever did see
Was that night on the marge of Lake Lebarge
I cremated Sam McGee."*

Poet Robert Service carries on in the same boisterous vein to tell the story of "The Cremation of Sam McGee." You've probably read it or some other poem written by Robert Service about the North . . . the Alaska and Yukon he knew and loved. It was a place where "men sweated athirst in its summer, froze and starved in its cold . . . followed dreams by its thousand streams . . . toiled and moiled for its gold."

Today the North has tamed down a bit and has become a place that Canadian and Americans can look forward to visiting, thanks to the Alaska (or Alcan) Highway. Nowadays Albertans can pack their families into cars and head north past Edmonton and Dawson Creek into territory once known only by the Indians and prospectors. The North hasn't yet been conquered by man. They've hardly made a dent in it even with the Alaska Highway and towns scattered along the road! Tall, straight trees still march straight down to the highway! Lofty, cloud-crowned mountain peaks stretch above and beyond the road . . . clear mountain streams rush under its bridges.

Alberta feels slightly responsible for this Alaska Highway through the majestic North. It was up Alberta's own roads and over her rail-road lines that supplies were rushed to help build this ribbon of highway. Some of Alberta's young men joined the construction crews that helped push it through.

Many people are under the impression that the actual Alcan Highway begins at Edmonton, but it really extends from the "end of steel" at Dawson Creek, B.C., to Fairbanks, Alaska, and was born out of war. During the last Great War the Japanese were threatening the Aleutians. The enemy was moving closer to North America and this continent was worried about its miles and miles of unprotected northland, easy targets for an invading army. Canada and the United States put their heads

together on their problem of a need for common defence and as a result the Alaska Highway was born. Supplies and men had to be sent to Alaska and the Yukon. A railroad was out of the question. The country was far too wild and untamed . . . a scenic paradise but a raidroad builder's nightmare. Grades would have to be too steep and with the fall of the outlying Aleutian Islands, danger was too imminent. The supply line had to be built as quickly as possible. So the plan for an Alaska Highway were born—a thin ribbon of road thirty-six feet wide stretching 1,523 miles—a ribbon of defence for Alaska and North America.

In the early months of 1942 forces and supplies were mustered to begin the giant task of constructing the Alaska Highway. A construction force of 18,659 men (11,159 of whom were troops from seven United States engineer regiments) began work on a preliminary or "tote" road. It was exactly for that purpose—to "tote" equipment and supplies up the preliminary road to finish the final job. Work was begun on the rough "tote" road in sections. Equipment and men were hurried up to Dawson Creek on the Northern Alberta railroad, owned jointly by the C.N.R. and C.P.R. From there the equipment was put to work thrusting and pushing a snooping mechanized nose into the wilderness of the north . . . pushing the road hurriedly through.

More machinery and men were taken into Alaska by boat which followed the B.C. coastline north to Seward and the quaint Alaska railroad . . . then put on the railroad which travels as far as Fairbanks, Alaska.

Once in Fairbanks, machines and men set to work on the Alaska Highway while at the same time other crews and machinery taken into the north from the coast by various rivers and lakes also began work on the road. Against almost insurmountable odds the "tote" road was completed in nine months in November of 1942.

After the "tote" road was completed in 1942 with the joining of construction from the north and construction from the south at Contact Creek the United States army turned the job over to civilian construction crews. An American crew, headed by construction man Oaks, and a Canadian outfit headed by R. Melville Smith, went fifty-fifty on construction of the Alcan Highway. Needless to say, the contractors had quite a time keeping working crews. One man in charge of hiring employees for R. Melville Smith once moaned, "I've got three crews working on this highway! One is working now . . . one is on its way home from the job . . . and the other is on its way up!" That was about it in construction camps along the highway. The crews lived in camps thrown up beside the "tote" road . . . good barracks with good food. But there was no amusement there and so some men, their pay weighing heavily in their pockets, headed back to the bright lights of the cities.

A transportation system was needed to get these men working on the Alaska Highway, back and forth to the northern reaches. So the American army made an agreement with Western Canadian Greyhound Lines to attach some of their buses and personnel to the American army during building of this Alaska Highway, from 1943 to 1944. They were

called the "Northwest Command Bus Lines" and consisted of around 150 men and from 12 to 15 buses.

Headquarters for this new bus line were set up in Dawson Creek and because of the boom town conditions, head office was situated in a converted chicken coop. Across the lane was a trucking company whose office were located in a converted livery stable.

One cold night in February, a truck with sixty cases of dynamite for the telephone line along the Alaska Highway was driven into the trucking garage for repairs. The workmen left for supper and then one of the little dramas of the Alaska Highway took place. The blacksmith shop next to the livery stable caught on fire, spread quickly to the livery stable, drew nearer and nearer to the truck loaded with dynamite, then started in to burn through the explosives which began popping off like immense firecrackers. Unfortunately, the fire suddenly caught up with a few crates of percussion caps, also housed in the garage. These went off and set the burning dynamite off in a blast that shattered windows for miles and was heard in the neighboring town of Puskapay. Burning timbers flew through the air like flaming spears! People were crushed by falling buildings and cut by flying glass as the business section of Dawson Creek blazed brightly away.

Shortly after the big Dawson Creek fire, the first Greyhound bus took off along the rough "tote" road, northward bound down a road scarcely ever travelled before, with a load of army and construction personnel, plus a guide and two drivers. So remote was the country and so new the Alaska Highway that when the bus pulled into Teslin Bay one day in 1943, troops being entertained down at the other end of main street by a U.S.O. troop on an army carry-all left the entertainment to meet the bus and the people it carried.

The people working on the Alaska Highway were in a way pioneers. They helped build this road through the north, roughing it at times and putting up with the inconveniences of a new country. Water, for instance, was a valuable commodity, selling for \$1.00 a barrel!

Travellers of the Alaska Highway marvel at the scenic grandeur of the country and return home to tell friends and neighbors about it! Those coming from the Pacific Coast can take the new Hart Highway through British Columbia to Dawson Creek, but others from Alberta, east and south find the shortest route is through Edmonton, over to Dawson Creek and north. Some visitors make this country their home and some day these Northern Territories will be populated with settlers. Small towns will grow into large cities . . . centres of new industries. Then the oldtimers, those who helped build the Alaska Highway, will reminisce over the "good old days and point with pride to the north as Robert Service knew it. And we'll realize, those of us who are spared to see it, that some of us helped develop this brave new north.

The Canadian army now maintains that part of the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek to the Alaska border and works day and night, winter and summer, to keep what is now called the "Northwest Highway System"

in good condition. Headquarters for these men of the highway is in Whitehorse, under Brigadier H. C. Love, O.B.E. Canadians such as these are holding the ribbon of northern highway against the ravages of time, doing their best to keep the north open. They probably feel, as do Albertans, that some day the old saying "Go West, young man, go West" will become "Go North, young man, go North!"

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sincerely,

Jimmie."

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