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REGIMENTAL NOTES



Lt Col CJA Hamilton, MBE, CD, handing over Second Battalion to Lt Col EMK MacGregor, MC, CD. Lt Col MacGregor assumed command of the battalion with effect 19 January, 1962.

CHANGE OF COMMAND SECOND BATTALION

On 19 Jan 62 Lt Col EMK MacGregor MC CD, was appointed commanding officer of the Second Battalion vice Lt Col CJA Hamilton, MBE CD, who has become the GSO I at Western Command Headquarters, Edmonton. Lt Col MacGregor was recently promoted to take over the Battalion. Prior to his new appointment he was employed with the

Canadian Army Operations Research Establishment at Army Headquarters in Ottawa.

The hand-over took place at the Home Station in Edmonton under the watchful eye of Major General JM Rockingham, General Officer Commanding Western Command. Both outgoing and incoming Commanding Officers and the Battalion are no strangers to General Rockingham as they served under his command in Korea. In his address to the Battalion, General Rockingham pointed out that they were getting a thoroughly experienced commanding officer whose service with the Second Battalion was of long duration.

After the General spoke, both officers addressed the unit and then Lt Col Hamilton handed the Regimental Colour to Lt Col MacGregor and with this act formally handed over the Battalion to the new commanding officer.

EX-PATRICIA CHAMPION "RED DEVIL"



Brigadier Michael Forrester, DSO, OBE, MC, Commander 16th Independent Parachute Brigade Group, presenting a shield to L/Cpl Sherdy Vatnsdal for being champion recruit of his platoon.

On 31 Mar 62 an ex-Patricia, L/Cpl Sherdy Vatnsdal, was awarded the shield, for being the outstanding recruit in his platoon, at the Parachute Regiment and Airborne Forces Depot, Aldershot, Hampshire, England.

L/Cpl Vatnsdal received the shield from Brigadier Michael Forrester DSO, OBE, MC, at a passing out parade to mark the end of eighteen weeks recruit training, three of which were spent on an exercise in Libya.

He and 89 other recruits of his course will now be posted to the First Battalion, the Parachute Regiment.

Previously L/Cpl Vatnsdal served with the Second Battalion PPCLI for one year in Korea (1952-1953) and one year in Germany (1954-1955). Prior to his service with the Patricias he attended the King Edward High School in Vancouver, B.C.

His interests outside of the service lie in sport parachute jumping and he now has successfully completed 212 parachute descents, 178 of which are free-falls. In 1960 he placed 4th in the Scottish National Parachute Championships and in the past has represented Canada twice as a members of the Canadian world championship team. This year he is competing in the British National Parachute Championship.

To become Champion Recruit at "The Red Devil Depot" L/Cpl Vatnsdal had to be the best of 50 men at shooting, fieldcraft, drill and above all battle discipline. He is now looking forward very much to service with the 1st Battalion, the Parachute Regiment which has a very flourishing free-fall club.

Broom-i-Loo Results 17 Mar 62

First Battalion	Officers 0	Sergeants 2
Home Station	Officers 1	Sergeants 0

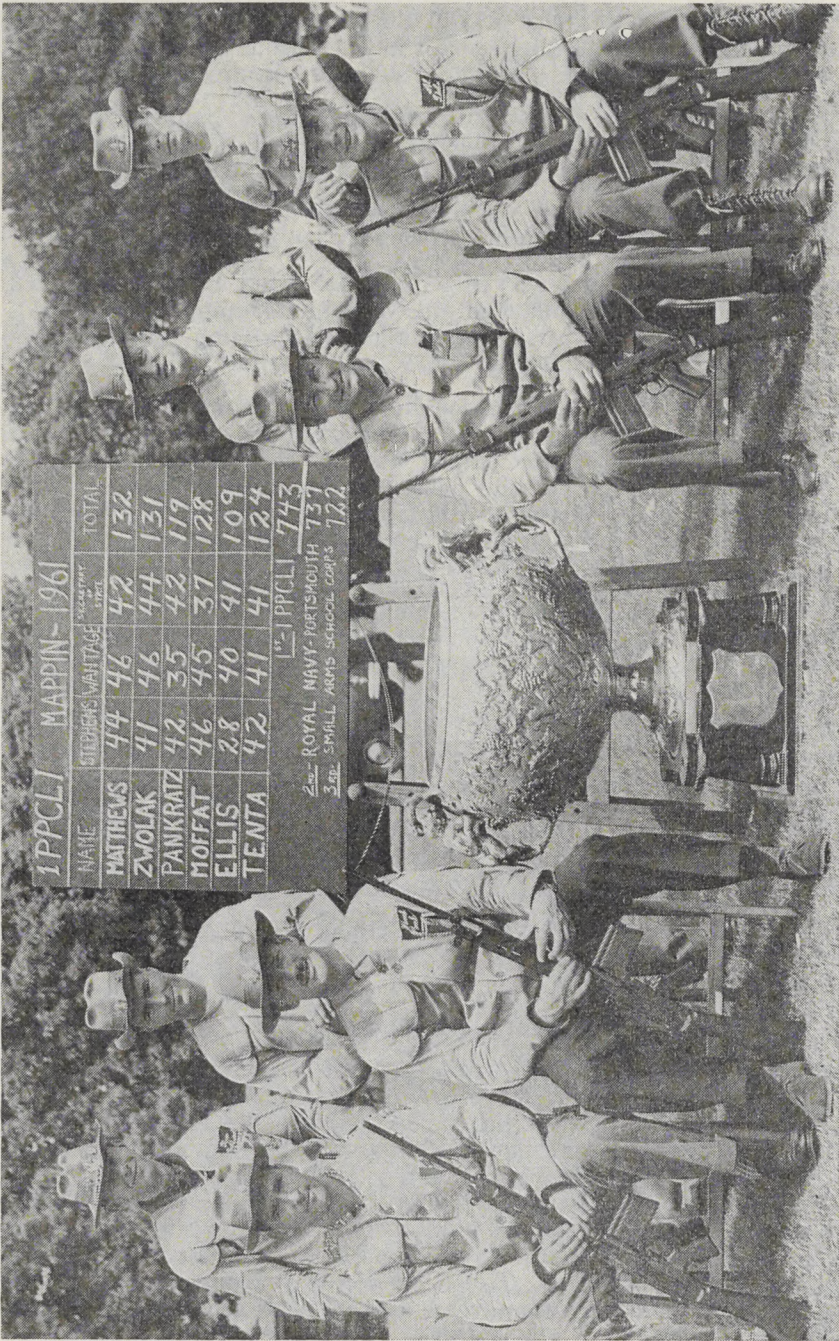
Trooping Ceremonies

First Battalion—Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt 12 May 62.

Second Battalion—Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton, 09 Jun 62.

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First Canadian team to win the famed Mappin International Trophy is the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Rifle Team. Seated, left to right, L/Cpl Frank Tenta, Capt Hank Pankratz (team captain), Sgt Ed Zwolak and Pte Al Dubois. Standing: Pte Ron Gebhardt, Pte John Matthews, Cpl Ray Ellis and Pte Dave Moffatt. Beating out the Royal Navy team and the favoured British Small Arms School, the 1st Battalion team scored a popular win with other competing Commonwealth countries at Bisley, England, in July, 1961. (Photo by Gale and Polden, Aldershot)

FIRST BATTALION RIFLE TEAM ACTIVITIES, 1961

By

Capt HA Pankratz

(With this article Capt Pankratz, the team captain, concludes his report on the 1961 activities of the Bisley Team)

As the 1961 rifle shooting year began two main tasks confronted the Marksmen of the First Battalion. The first was to train last year's Canadian Army champions, the Bisley Team, to the highest standard possible before the Bisley Matches in July 61. The second was to develop new shooting talent in the Battalion by forming a second team to participate in the 1961 Canadian Army Championship. Although to extend the training of the Bisley Team was a relatively simple task in that it merely involved honest hard work and application, the second included the painstaking selection of a whole new team.

Early in November, 1960, the Bisley Team embarked on a course of physical conditioning, indoor and outdoor shooting plus instruction on the finer points of competitive shooting. By the end of January 1961 the Second Team had completed eliminations and joined the Bisley Team in the range phase of their training program. Frequent matches, between the two teams under competition conditions served to add a good deal of spice to the range work and gave the Second Team a good measure of much needed experience. By mid-May both teams had steadily progressed and the Bisley Team noted with concern, and some satisfaction, that the Second Team was rapidly closing the gap between the two.

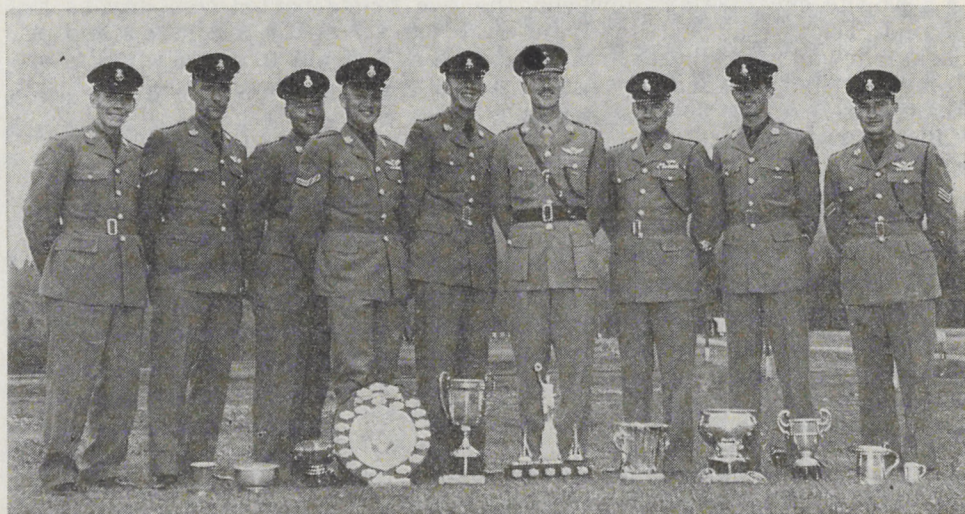
At the end of May, however, the two teams parted company as the Second Team travelled to Wainwright to compete against Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta area finalists for the right to represent Western Command in the Canadian Army finals. At the same time the Bisley Team entered the British Columbia Rifle Association prize meeting at Vancouver to gain additional experience before moving on to Bisley, England.

In Wainwright, the Western Command Championships were fired on the 31st of May and 1st of June with teams from 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI, HQ Sask Area and HQ Man Area representing their respective areas. The First Battalion Team included the following members: Lt TA Bradley (Team Captain), WO2 Green AC, Sgt Kenny AG, Lcpl Ritchie AM, Lcpl Specht HR, Lcpl Kenney DR, Pte Bianic EC, Pte Joyce DM, Pte Kopp AJ, Pte Ladyka S, and Pte Lemon RA. At the end of the first days competition the First Battalion team led the field by a scant margin followed very closely by the Second Battalion team with Manitoba and Saskatchewan trailing in that order. On the second day tension in the competitors built up steadily but neither of the leading teams gave any quarter. The final count of scores showed that the First Battalion won but only by a narrow margin of 42 points. The final scores were as follows: 1 PPCLI, 3956, 2 PPCLI, 3914, HQ Man Area, 3465 and HQ Sask Area, 2819. Lcpl Kenney, turned in the highest individual aggregate score of 521 points

and was awarded the Western Command High Aggregate Trophy. Second Battalion team members, Pte Mathies, Lt Lidgren and Pte Dyck placed second, third and fourth respectively and were thus selected to accompany the winning team to Ottawa to take part in the Canadian Army Finals in August.

As the Second Team was celebrating its well deserved win in the Western Command Championships, the Bisley Team was travelling to Vancouver to take part in the British Columbia Rifle Association meeting at Blair Range from 3 to 11 June. The eight members of the Bisley Team at this point included: Captain HA Pankratz (shooting team Captain), Sgt Zwolak EA, Cpl Ellis AW, Lcpl Tenta RG, Pte Dubois AD, Pte Gebhardt RG, Pte Matthews JW, and Pte Moffat DI. For this meet the team was reinforced by WO2 AC Green from the Second Team.

The first two days of the BCRA meet were devoted to service conditions shooting with service rifles as issued. Since the Bisley Team had trained almost exclusively for this type of shooting it soon became evident why they were champions. In all of the service matches, Bisley Team members dominated the scoreboard. It was gratifying to see all of the Bisley Team members place in the top twelve of every match, and also that each match was won by a Bisley Team member. Sgt Zwolak EA gave a truly outstanding performance by winning the MacNeil Aggregate, the Service Conditions Aggregate, the RCMP (Rapid Fire) Match and the Logana Match. Other winners were: WO2 Green AC, the Parkhurst Match and Pte Moffat DI, the Dunbar Match. The Bisley Team also won both of the Service Conditions Team Matches, the Wilkerson Shield Team Match and the Inter-Service Team Match. That this team was



"SPOILS OF VICTORY"—BCRA 11 Jun 61—Team members left to right: Pte AD Dubois, L/Cpl FG Tenta, Pte JW Matthews (Queen's Medal Winner Aug 61), Cpl RWK Ellis, Pte RA Gebhardt, Capt HA Pankratz, WO2 AC Green, Pte DI Moffat, Sgt E Zwolak.

indeed shooting "as a team" was evident from the wide margin with which they won both team matches.

Attention then turned, for the remainder of the meet, to SR(b) matches with .303 rifles and micrometer adjustable sights. Although the Bisley Team lacked experience in this type of shooting certain members did distinguish themselves in it. All of the members placed well up in the prize list. Captain HA Pankratz won top honours in the Woodward Match after a shoot-off for first place and then went on to win the Letson Challenge Trophy for the highest Tyro Aggregate Score. Sgt Zwolak EA added to his honours by winning the Service Rifle Aggregate which combined the scores of both SR(a) and SR(b) shooting. Captain Pankratz, Sgt Zwolak and WO2 Green placed 11th, 23rd and 26th respectively in the All Comers Aggregate to win places on the BC Provincial Team in the DCRA Matches to be held in Ottawa in August. The Bisley Team also went on to win the Tyro Team Match once more illustrating good team shooting.

Returning to Victoria gave the Bisley Team little respite as they were immediately involved in preparations for the trip to Bisley. All administrative arrangements having been completed, the eight members departed from Victoria by rail for Ottawa on 19 June 61. On 23 June, in Ottawa, the PPCLI members were joined by the team adjutant and members who had earned their place on the Canadian Army team by placing high as individuals in the Canadian Army finals in 1960. Individual members were: Captain D Renwick AHQ (Team Adjutant), Captain WV Hall 5 Sigs Sqn, Captain AR Weeks 2 RCHA, WO2 Rowell CF RCS of I and Sgt Mitchell RH AHQ.

At 1400 hrs, 23 June, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Douglas Harkness, inspected a parade of the Canadian Army Rifle Team. He addressed the team with some timely and complimentary remarks. His warm good wishes for the team's success at Bisley were added to those of many friends of the Patricia's and supporters of competitive rifle shooting.

On 25 June 61, the Canadian Army Rifle Team emplaned at Uplands RCAF Station for the service flight to England. Twenty-six hours later after stops at Gander, the Azores and Marville, France, the team arrived at Gatwick, England. After a short bus ride the team members arrived safely in Bisley Camp where they would make their home for approximately one month. The next few days were spent getting settled and in making administrative arrangements for further training prior to the actual NRA Matches which were to begin 10 July 61.

The ten-day period prior to the start of the Bisley Prize Meeting was spent in training. Part of the training was devoted to familiarization with Bisley range conditions, a greater variety of weather conditions, rifles which had been modified to meet NRA specifications and British ammunition. Most of this training was devoted to service conditions shooting, however, all team members got an opportunity to zero .303 rifles before the first competition.

The Royal Marines Invitational Match provided the team with the first competition. It was held on Century Range on 5 July 61 with teams from the Royal Marines and the DCRA also participating. The match is based on the total scores of the top eight members using the 300, 500, and 600 yard ranges. The DCRA Team won the Match followed in order by the Royal Marines and the Canadian Army. Sgt Zwolak was awarded a medal for being the highest scorer on his team.

The NRA matches began on the 10th of July with SR(a) Service Conditions Matches for individuals. These matches carried on through two days. All of the team members were in high spirits and applied themselves to the tasks at hand. Spirits soared when the first results posted showed team members well up in the prize lists. Although no individual matches were won outright by a Canadian Team member, several did break existing Bisley records. Captain Pankratz, Sgt Zwolak and Lcpl Tenta all scored 39 out of 40 in the Sitting Match to break a 37 out of 40 record of four years standing. Captain WV Hall scored 48 out of 50 in the 500 yds Rapid Match to break a record of six years standing.

The next two days were devoted to Service Team Matches. The first match, in which the Patricia's entered two teams of four men each, was the Cheylesmore or Falling Plates match. This match is run off in heats of two teams with the first team to run 100 yards and shoot down its 10 targets being declared the winner. Both teams were eliminated in the first heat. The second match, The Roberts, was open

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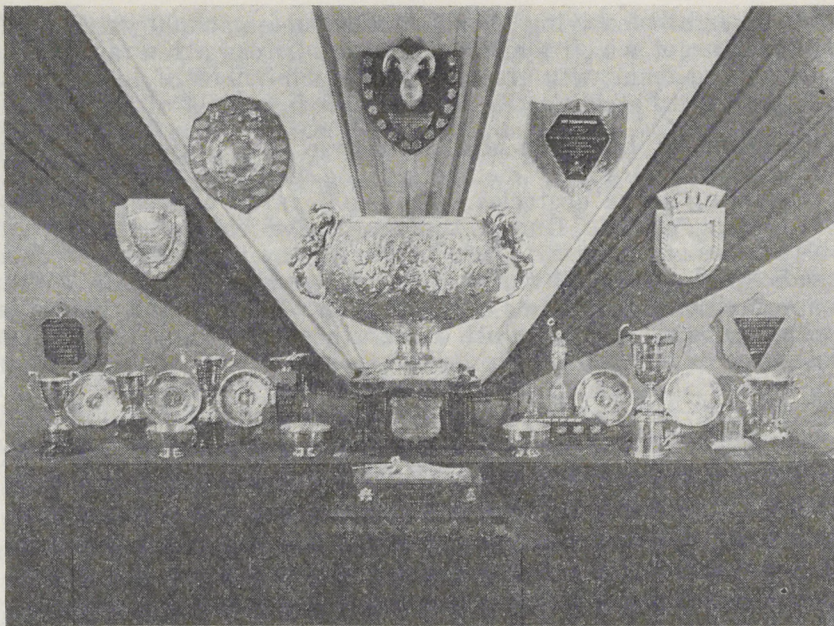
to teams of eight men lying shoulder to shoulder at 200 yards all firing at one snap target which appears anywhere across a ten-target front in the butts. The team with the highest total number of hits is declared the winner. The Patricia's team placed 9th in a field of 12 teams.

The Hamilton Leigh or obstacle course competition then followed. It is open to teams of four members. The competition consists of each team traversing three obstacles within 100 yards between the 400 and 300 yard firing points. During the time in which the team is running the obstacles, snap targets appear in the butts at the rate of one every 5 seconds until either all targets have been shot down or 15 targets have appeared at which time "full-time" is declared and firing ceases. The winning team is that which clears the butts of all targets in the shortest time or at "full-time" has the fewest targets facing it or in the case of ties, has expended the least ammunition. The PPCLI Grey team had by far the fastest time in reaching the firing point, however, Sgt Zwolak's back sight had received a bad knock in the process and his shots were landing approximately four feet wide. Thus when "full-time" was reached there were still two targets facing the Grey team. The "Blue team" just managed to clear the butts of all targets at "full-time" for 2nd place standing. The "Grey Team" placed 9th in a field of 26 teams.

The next team match included the four high individuals and four Patricia's. This was the United Services Match which combines the scores of the eight team members in the Queen Mary competition better known in Canada as the Queen's Medal course. The conditions for this match were made very difficult by high winds and driving rain. The Canadian Army team placed 5th in a field of six teams.

At this point there remained only one match in which the Patricia's could enter a team. This was the Mappin Challenge Cup competition which consisted of the aggregate scores of a six man team in three rapid fire matches. The matches were 500 yards rapid, 200 yds rapid and 200 yds snap. Having been consistently plagued by bad luck in one form or another a very determined and resolute six man team of Patricia's entered this competition with a will to win. Dogged determination combined with a good deal of skill finally proved successful. The Mappin Challenge Cup was won by the Patricia's with a score of 743 points closely followed by the team from Royal Navy, Portsmouth, with 737 and the Small Arms School Corps team with 728. It is worth noting that the Royal Navy Portsmouth team was considered the best rifle team in Bisley in 1961, and also considered "odds on" favourite to win the Mappin Trophy. That evening there was good cause for a victory celebration in the Patricia's quarters as many of their worthy opponents called to congratulate the team.

In the seven days which followed the last team match, the team members once more applied themselves as individuals to the exacting SR(b) style matches. Although the relative lack of experience in this type of shooting made this task very difficult, Canadian Army members consistently won prize money in all events. Prize money of the team was all pooled and subsequently divided equally among all members. It



Marksmanship trophies won by 1PPCLI in 1961 including the Mappin Challenge Cup (centre) and the Hamilton Gault Trophy (bottom centre).

was with great personal interest that each member watched the totals grow daily until at the final tally it was found that the team had won a little over double the amount won by the Canadian Army Team in 1960.

The two most important SR(b) matches are the Queen's Prize Match and the St George's Match. Each of these is shot in three stages. The first stage of each showed some 1800 entries. The second stage is restricted to the 300 top scorers of the first stage and the third stage is restricted to the top 100 scorers of the first and second stages combined.

In 1960 only one member of the Canadian Army Team shot a score high enough to qualify for the second stage of each of these matches. This year three members qualified for the second stage of the St George's Match as follows: Captain Pankratz, 72; Sgt Mitchell, 72, and WO2 Rowell, 70. (All scores were out of a possible 75 points). WO2 Rowell subsequently qualified for the final stage.

In the Queen's Prize Match four members qualified for the second stage with scores as follows: Captain Hall, 99; Captain Pankratz, 98; Sgt Mitchell, 97, and Pte Gebhardt, 97, (all scores out of possible 105 points). Sgt Zwolak tied scores at 96 pts with 97 other competitors who then had to shoot off for the final 13 places on the Queen's 300. Sgt Zwolak was unsuccessful in the shoot off. All in all it was a very commendable showing for a Canadian Army Team.

The final stage of the Queen's Prize competition was completed on Saturday 26 July 61 and was won by WO2 Beckett of the DCRA National Team. The Canadian Army Team joined in the celebration at the Canadian Pavilion that evening and was host to all of the visiting Rifle Clubs who called to congratulate the Canadians on their big win.

Following the rifle competitions, the Patricia members of the Canadian Army Team visited the Green Jackets Depot for three days. During this visit the Patricia's were treated to the warm hospitality of members of our Allied Regiment, The Rifle Brigade. Following an inspection tour of the Regimental Depot at Winchester City, the team members visited such places of historical interest as Lord Nelson's Flagship, HMS Victory; Lord Montague's Car Museum, Winchester Cathedral, King Arthur's Round Table and Winchester College. A picnic trip to the Bournemouth seaside resort proved very interesting and relaxing. All members enjoyed the visit tremendously and each made several fine new friends.

In the following five days during which the Bisley Team waited for RCAF service flight connections back to Canada, all members were given free time to see some of the more interesting sights of London. Captain Pankratz took an opportunity to pay visits to the Lady Patricia and Admiral Ramsay and to Mrs A. Hamilton Gault. Both our Colonel-in-Chief and Mrs Hamilton Gault graciously expressed wishes that their best regards be conveyed to all ranks of the Patricia's in Canada.

On 2 August 61 the Bisley Team once more assembled its members at Nottingham for the flight to Canada. After a short delay in Marville, France, the flight continued on schedule until the team arrived in Trenton, Ontario. A short train ride delivered six members to Ottawa, while Lcpl Tenta and Pte Gebhardt elected to proceed on leave. In Ottawa on 5 August 61 the Bisley Team and the First Battalion Second Team joined ranks again to compete in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association central prize meeting.

Since the two teams had parted company in June, the Second Team had not been idle. After taking part in the Western Command Skill-at-Arms Competition in Wainwright, they moved back to Heals range in Victoria to further train for the Canadian Army Finals in Ottawa. Training completed, they arrived in Ottawa to do battle for the Canadian Army Championship on the 3rd and 4th of August. Lacking somewhat in experience but nothing in enthusiasm and spirit the Second Team was nevertheless defeated in the main competition. The final standings of the participating teams were as follows:


1. RCS of I	3673
2. 3 R22eR	3592
3. Army Headquarters	3521
4. 2 RHC	3420
5. 1 PPCLI	3379

Keen competition also developed in the minor team matches, the Falling Plates, The Roberts and the Obstacle Course. The eight-man Patricia Team proved their prowess as team marksmen in the Roberts Snapshooting Team Match by defeating all other Army finalists. The winners of the team events were as follows: Falling Plates—RCS of I, The Roberts—1 PPCLI, The Obstacle Course—RCS of I and 600 yds Deliberate—RCS of I.

On the 6th of August the members of both Patricia teams entered the Service Conditions Matches. Each individual displayed a very determined will to win which soon resulted in a healthy number of Patricia's appearing on the scoreboard as winners. Many other Patricia's names appeared very close to the top of the prize lists. At the close of the ten SR(a) matches it was exhilarating to see the names of Patricia's at the top of the list in six matches. The principle winners were as follows:

Sir Arthur Currie Match (Queen's Medal).....	Pte JW Matthews	179/200
The Uplands 500 yds deliberate	WO2 AC Green.....	35/35
The Borden 500 yds rapid	Lcpl DR Kenny	46/50
The Rapid 200 yds rapid	Capt HA Pankratz	49/50
The Snapshooting 200 yds snap	Pte JW Matthews	49/50
The Sherwood 200 yds sitting	Pte AD Dubois	40/40

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Captain Pankratz also narrowly missed winning the Helmer Service Conditions Aggregate two years in succession by placing third followed closely by Pte Matthews in seventh spot.

All of the Patricia's in Ottawa expressed their heartiest congratulations to Pte JW Matthews on his most important achievement in winning the Queen's Medal. Canada's highest individual service shooting honour certainly fell to a hard working soldier and a dedicated marksman. All the members of the Regiment join in adding their congratulations to the many Pte Matthews has received for a good job very well done.

Returning to Victoria the team members were quite content to relax and take some well deserved annual leave. Rest was to be brief, however, because one final rifle competition yet remained to be fired. To round out a very successful shooting year, seven team members entered the RCN's Pacific Command Rifle Association annual prize meeting on Heals Range 7th to 10th September. In this series of competitions it became evident that some of the members had gained a great deal in experience. For the first time since the team had begun competitive shooting its members began winning SR(b) competitions as well as dominating the SR(a) shooting. At the conclusion of the SR(a) portion, it was found that Patricia's were winners in all matches. Principle prize winners included the following:

Captain Pankratz	Service Conditions Aggregate
	Service Match Aggregate
Sgt Zwolak	600 yds deliberate Match
	Run Down Match
	Service Rifle Aggregate
Pte Matthews	300 yds Snap Shooting Match
Lcpl Tenta	300 yds Rapid Fire Match
WO2 Green	All Comers Aggregate

All of the Service Team Matches were once again won by the Patricia Team. These matches included: Manufacturer's Life Match, Inter-Services Six Match, and FN C1 (automatic) Match.

It should be mentioned that the Royal Canadian Navy (Pacific Command) annually stages this most interesting rifle competition with great success. It provides any new shooters in the area with a good opportunity to gain valuable experience and in 1961 it provided a fitting finale to a great shooting year for the marksmen of the First Battalion.

All members of the First Battalion rifle teams can look back with pride on their accomplishments in 1961. In the past year and a half, the teams and their members have won a total of ninety-two trophies and awards. It is the devout hope of all team members that their efforts in the past year have helped to emphasize the importance of good marksmanship in the Regiment and in the Canadian Army.

Marine Magic

By

COL SC WATERS

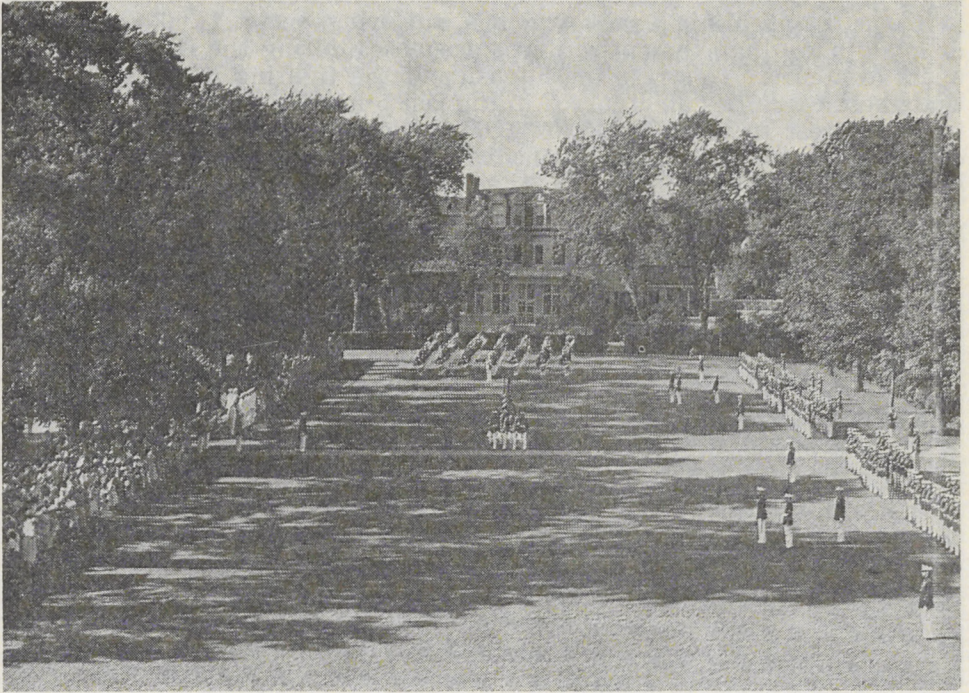
(Col Waters was until recently the Canadian Army Liaison Officer to the U.S. Marine Corps School at Quantico, Virginia. He is presently seconded to the Department of External Affairs for duty).

The Vice-President of a well-known Madison Avenue advertising agency was once heard to say, "In the U. S. only two things are sacred and free from criticism; Motherhood and the U. S. Marines—and I'm not certain I have them in their proper order." My impressions after some two and one-half years with the U. S. Marine Corps as the first Canadian Army Liaison Officer would tend to confirm the above comment. But I'm not sure I can explain why, nor can I get any two Marines to agree on an explanation. Hence the rather dramatic title which hints of sorcery and witchcraft but which I am going to attempt to explain by briefly examining their history, some of their current training programs and a few other relevant details about the Marines. This all too brief survey may also assist you to reach your own conclusions as to what makes a Marine the symbol of the idealized fighting man in the United States.

The U. S. Marines were born 10 November, 1775 in Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, not as the progeny of any legitimate union but as the offspring of a then relatively minor uprising which became better known as the American Revolution. You will note that their birth preceded the Declaration of Independence in 1776 so that it would not be unfair to state that the U. S. Marines began under the British flag or at any rate while the British thought they still had an American colony. These first U. S. Marines were initially called American Marines, sometimes Colonial Marines, then Continental Marines but they disappear from history shortly after the Revolutionary War when in 1787 the War Department (now Department of the Army) was established and made responsible for all military and naval forces. Although the Marine Corps is 186 years old, according to its own reckoning, the service is not continuous. It was not until the effects of French piracy forced the peace-loving President Thomas Jefferson and Congress to establish the Navy Department on 1 May 1798, which was shortly followed, on 11 July 1798, by an Act to authorise a Corps of Marines, that the U. S. Marines were reactivated with an authorized strength of some 33 officers, 48 sergeants and 752 rank and file. The first official Marine Commandant was William Ward Burrows of South Carolina, an ex-officer of the Revolutionary Army and in the words of Washington Irving "a gentleman of accomplished mind and polished manner". This latter date could be interpreted as the legitimate birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps and the beginning of their continuous history.

Despite the line "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Corps hymn, the Marine combat activities until

about 1900 were extremely limited in size and scope being in all instances less than a current infantry battalion in strength and more frequently with only a small detachment engaged. Their most notable action was the unopposed and successful amphibious landing in 1898 of a battalion of Marines at Guantanamo Bay (Cuba) during the Spanish-American War. The success of this Marine Force, particularly during its fighting ashore, gained the Marines national recognition and a fine reputation which aided materially in the rather rapid expansion of the Corps and an enlargement of its field of activity.



A view of the troops of Marine Barracks here during a Sunset Parade held on July 23, 1954.

No report on the U. S. Marine Corps is complete unless mention is made of the remarkable Archibald Henderson who was Commandant of the Corps for 39 years; through the terms of ten Presidents, from 1820 until 1859. Colonel Henderson probably more than any other man created the image of the incorruptible, indefatigable, patriotic and fearless fighting Marine. It was during his tenure, according to distinguished Marine Bandmaster, John Philip Sousa, that the words to the Marine Corps Hymn were written, but the author remains unknown. Sousa also states that the music for the hymn is from Offenbach's comic opera "Genevieve de Brabant". Thus the obscure beginning of what is now one of the best known and perhaps the best publicized pieces of martial music in the world.

In 1900 the first real Marine Brigade was formed, composed of four infantry battalions, and located in the Phillipines. The fortunes and strength of the Corps now rose and fell in consonance with the military activity arising from the more aggressive U. S. foreign policy of the early 20th century. This resulted in a series of minor campaigns, such as the Boxer Rebellion and the so-called "Banana Wars" in Central America, but the first big test was yet to come in World War I.

During the last months of the war in 1918, the 4th Marine Brigade (the only Marine Brigade to see action in World War I) as part of the U. S. 2nd Infantry Division fought gallant actions at Belleau Wood, Soissons, Saint Mihiel, and Argonne, suffering some 11,000 casualties or many more than the entire Corps casualties during the first 143 years of its existence. To stress the intensity of the fighting it is well to note that these casualties all occurred in the last 5 months of the war. It may be of interest to recall that the 4,100 casualties received by the PPCLI out of some 136,000 for the Canadian Army during World War I were spread roughly over four years.



Marines charge beach from LCVP's and LCU's.

The period between the great wars, although a relatively quiet period of action, saw the birth of the Marine amphibious concept and the development of the techniques to support it. The strength of the Corps had shrunk to about 65,000 by 1941, but the hard core of pioneers in amphibious thought led by General Lejeune and others had produced the first U. S. Manual on amphibious doctrine which was to serve so well during the World War II assault landings. This fundamental amphibious work proved to be a decisive contribution to allied victory.

In World War II the Marine strength reached a peak of 470,000, organized into six infantry divisions and four air wings, all of which saw action.

MAJOR MARINE OPERATIONS OF WORLD WAR II

It is well to record that the landings on KWAJALEIN, ENIWETOK, GUAM and OKINAWA were done in conjunction with U. S. Army forces and further it is interesting to note that two other joint Army-Marine assaults (Russell Islands and New Georgia) also took place. What is frequently forgotten is that the U. S. Army deployed some three Field Armies with 17 Army Divisions in the Pacific War and conducted some 36 amphibious assaults of RCT size or larger, in which no major Marine forces participated. In fact, the two largest amphibious operations of the Pacific, the landings at Leyte and at Lingayen Gulf, both in the Phillipines, were purely Army/Navy operations.

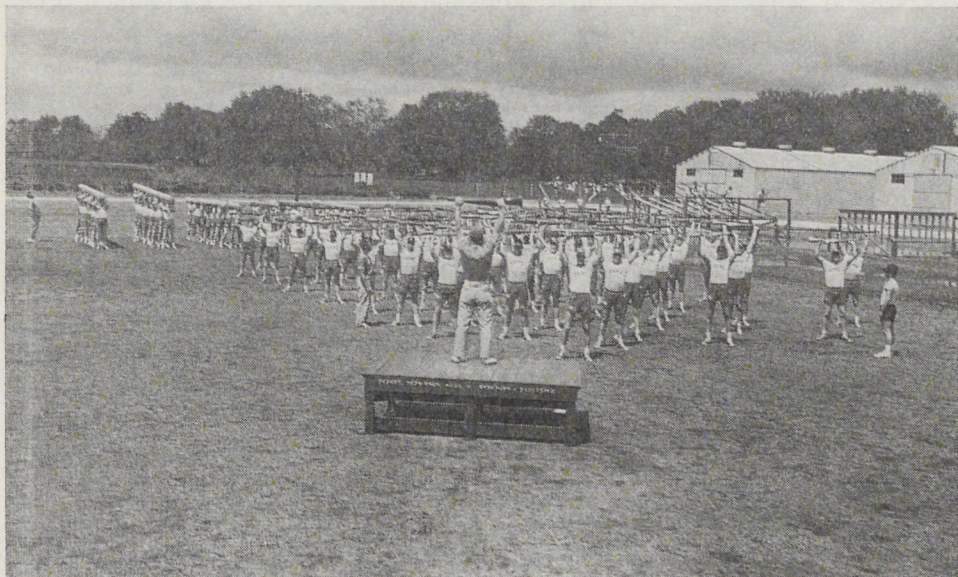
To the general public, I believe, the amphibious war in the Pacific was considered a Marine war despite the great disparity in the size of the forces deployed by U. S. Marines and U. S. Army. The old magic was still at work and the Corps finished the war with an unblemished record and a greatly enhanced reputation with gallant battles like Tarawa and Iwo Jima engraved on every loyal American heart while the U. S. Army actions at places like Biak Island and Leyte were largely forgotten. The Marine victories in World War II had cost a total of some 86,000 casualties (Canadian Army in World War II suffered some 75,000 casualties) of which over 30% were received during the six week bitter struggle for Iwo Jima in early 1945.

The start of the gruelling, three-year war in Korea caught the Marine Corps reduced once more to about 75,000 deployed into two divisions and two wings. The hard fought battles of a Marine Division and a Marine Wing; particularly during the brilliant amphibious landing of X U. S. Army Corps at Inchon, where a Marine Division was in the assault, and the skillful withdrawal of the Marines from the Chosen reservoir; added new lustre to the Corps reputation but at a heavy cost. Some 140,000 casualties were inflicted on the U. S. forces in Korea of which the Marines share was 30,000, making this the third largest foreign war in U. S. history.

After this all too short and simplified (omitting for example the development of Marine aviation from 1917 to the present where 2/5 of the Marine officers and 1/5 of the enlisted men are in aviation) look at Marine Corps history, let us turn our attention to the selection and training of U. S. Marines today.

The enlisted male Marine volunteer starts his training if he lives West of the Mississippi at the Recruit Depot in San Diego, California, and if he lives East of the Mississippi at the Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina. These two magnificently equipped and impres-

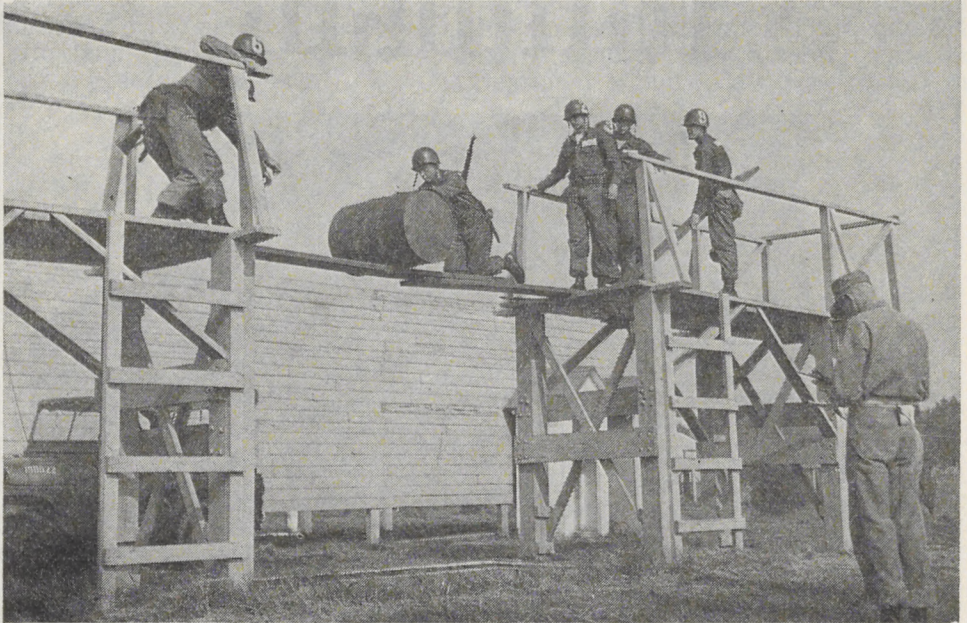
sively situated training camps man a 24 hour reception center to meet the new recruit (minimum education equivalency Grade 5) so that no matter the time of day or method of travel, he is met, transported to the camp, showered, shaved, hair-cut, new kit issued and assigned to a platoon in a bewildering blitz of machine-like efficiency. He is left in no doubt, and quickly too, that he is now a Marine recruit—not a civilian. And he knows nothing! The key men at the recruit centers are the specially selected and trained Drill Instructors (or DI's) who bear a heavy responsibility for the training, administration and discipline of their assigned platoon for the full twelve weeks individual training period. Upon graduation from Recruit Depot the recruit is assigned to Training Regiments in either Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, or Camp Pendleton, California for a further four weeks of training stressing his role in the section or squad. From here he normally goes to a field unit to take his place in the section or squad. Most senior Marine officers claim that the "Magic esprit" is infused somehow during those first hectic, highly-charged weeks at the Recruit Depot with the program, the setting and the Drill Instructors having equally important roles to play.



BOOT CAMP—Rifle exercises, log lifting, and obstacle course are just part of the exercises the new Marines participate in to keep their bodies in good shape.

The young officer (except a Military Academy graduate) coming into the Marine Corps starts at the Training and Test Regiment in Quantico for a leadership, physical fitness and aptitude screening course which varies in length from six to twelve weeks depending on the kind of program (NROTC, College, PLC) he has been following. It is here

the full impact of his decision to become a Marine Officer is driven home and it is here the emotional failures, the sunshine patriots, and the unfit are weeded out. The wastage rate varies greatly over a range of roughly 15% to 35%, but the survivors who are then sent to Basic School are well-motivated and well indoctrinated. Their wastage rate at Basic School is quite small, generally in the 3% area.



"ROLL OUT THE BARREL"—Students undergoing Platoon Leaders Class at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. face the task of getting this barrel across two loose planks suspended between two towers. Their next problem will be to get themselves over to the other side—with the planks.

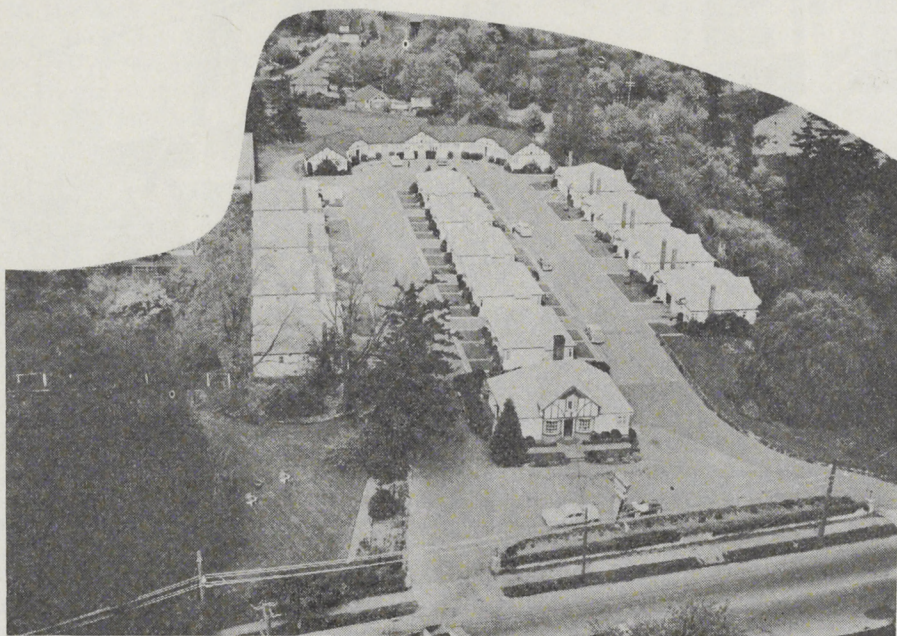
Basic School, Camp Barrett at Quantico is the young officers course and it is probably here that they receive their injection of Marine magic. Exactly when or how the injection takes place is not certain but it is certain that the high quality of the leadership at Basic School is the major force that stimulates the transformation of callow youth to confident leader. At the end of the six month course the young graduates are normally assigned to field units to lead platoons. As a rule they will serve a total of three years, the compulsory minimum for both officers and enlisted men, then a high proportion will return to civilian life.

It is therefore, at the two Recruit Depots, the T & T Regiment and the Basic School that the raw civilian, a volunteer of high physical standards incidentally, is transformed into the model Marine. It is here the outstanding standards of military dress, the high standards of military courtesy, the Corps traditions of valour and duty and the fundamentals

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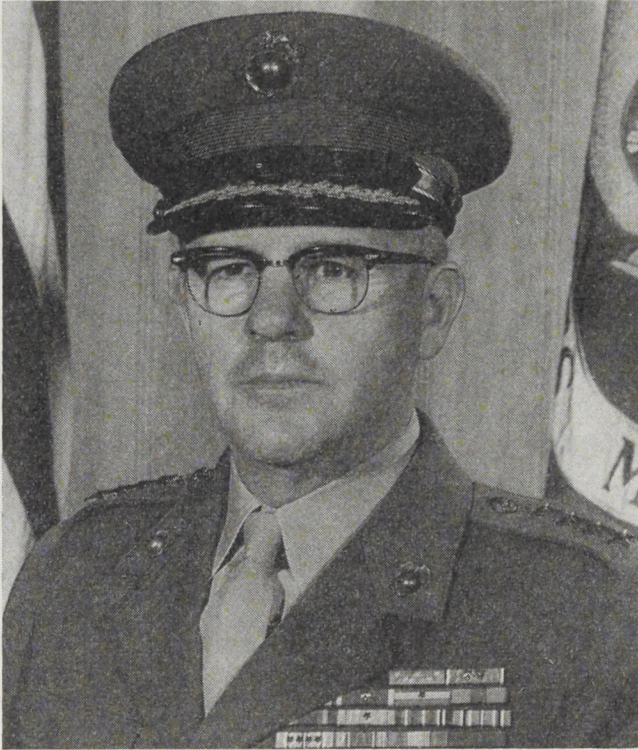


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of training are established. The Marine is made a Marine before he has amphibious training, or before a U. S. Navy tour, with the exception of Marine aviators who instead of Basic School go to Pensacola, Florida for 8 months of Navy flight training to graduate as Naval aviators.

The U. S. Marine Corps today is by law a separate Service although it operates with the Navy and under the Secretary of the Navy. The Marine Corps therefore, is one of the four (Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps) services of the U. S. Defence establishment. It is organized into land combat forces, service forces, security detachments, aviation and a reserve component. By Congressional action a law was passed in



OFFICIAL PORTRAIT—Gen David M Shoup, 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps.

1952 as an amendment to the National Security Act which specifies that the Marine Corps will be maintained at a strength of not less than three combat divisions and three aircraft wings. To fill this organization the Corps has an authorized strength of 190,000 with a ready reserve of 160,000 backed by a further 38,000 in the organized reserve. This formidable air/ground team is currently headed by 58 year old General David M. Shoup, a regimental commander and Congressional Medal of Honour winner from Tarawa, who is serving a four year term as the 22nd Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The bare bones of history in this summary may give some idea of the gallant heritage and rich traditions of the Corps and the brief notes on current initial training may give some insight into the way the raw material is shaped. But what gives the Marine his rare spirit and pride? What makes the magic difference?

Many Marines claim it is the consistently high quality of their leadership at all levels, particularly the exacting standards of training, discipline, deportment and dress. As one Commandant has said, "I am



PLC TRAINING PROGRAM—"Press Day" for civilian news media was held at Training and Test Regiment to show the type of training the Platoon Leader Candidate receives at Quantico. Vertical Envelopment was the highlight of their demonstration as shown by this huge HB2S helicopter unloading its quota of Candidates.

easily satisfied—the best will always do". Others state that knowing you are part of a great team makes you live up to a tradition of greatness. Some feel that because the Marines are small, sort of the service under-dogs, they develop a family closeness and a family spirit. This same relative smallness, buttressed by their successful fighting record, gains them the sympathy of the nation and the support of Congress and this is allegedly why a responsive Congress always rises to their defence whenever their future is threatened as it has been so many times in the past by the Navy, Army and even Presidential pressure; most recently during the Truman administration.

In Eugene Kinkaid's sombre book "In Every War But One" he compares, inter alia, the records of the U. S. Army and U. S. Marine (ground) prisoners of war during the Korean conflict, particularly the numbers who died during imprisonment which relates to discipline, and the numbers court-martialed and found guilty of disloyal acts through an enemy technique variously called indoctrination, brainwashing, thought reform and so on. To begin with only 1 in 570 Marines were captured as compared to 1 in 150 for the U. S. Army. As prisoners only 13% of the Marines died against 40% for the Army. The Army finally convicted and punished 8 enlisted men and 3 officers on various disloyal or dishonorable acts while the Marines discharged 1 enlisted man on proven charges of fraternizing with the enemy. Although this is admittedly an over-simplified summary of a complex and controversial problem the Marines are naturally proud of their performance and attribute it in large part to their outstanding leadership, discipline and training.

It is also said, somewhat enviously, that the Marines have the best public relations image in the United States. "Give me a squad of Marines and a photographer and I'll make military history" one wag is reported to have said. Another tongue-in-cheek tale is that the reason Lt Col Glenn, USMC, was not selected for the first space shot was because there wasn't room for all three in the capsule—Colonel Glenn, the Marine photographer and the Marine reporter.

The late Knute Rockne was once asked the secret of the great Notre Dame football teams that dominated the college circuits for so many years and he answered he didn't know, but he went on to say, "Ask the N. Y. Yankees or the Marines—they have it too". This same kind of "magic" sets the R.C.M.P. apart from most other police organizations and contributes strongly to its great esprit and efficiency. Whatever the reasons, or the magic, the fact remains that the U. S. Marines hold a unique place in the esteem of their countrymen and continue to set in the eyes of the U. S. public, the standard for a fighting man.

Perhaps the simplest and best explanation of all is in leadership. It is only with great leadership that great organizations emerge and it is only with great leadership that great things are done. To paraphrase Napoleon "The art of leadership is a simple art; everything is in the performance". It is in performance that the U. S. Marines have made their mark. Maybe this is the Magic.

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Interim Report from Ghana

By
Capt CE Goodman

(Capt Goodman is presently employed as an instructor at the Ghana Military Academy)

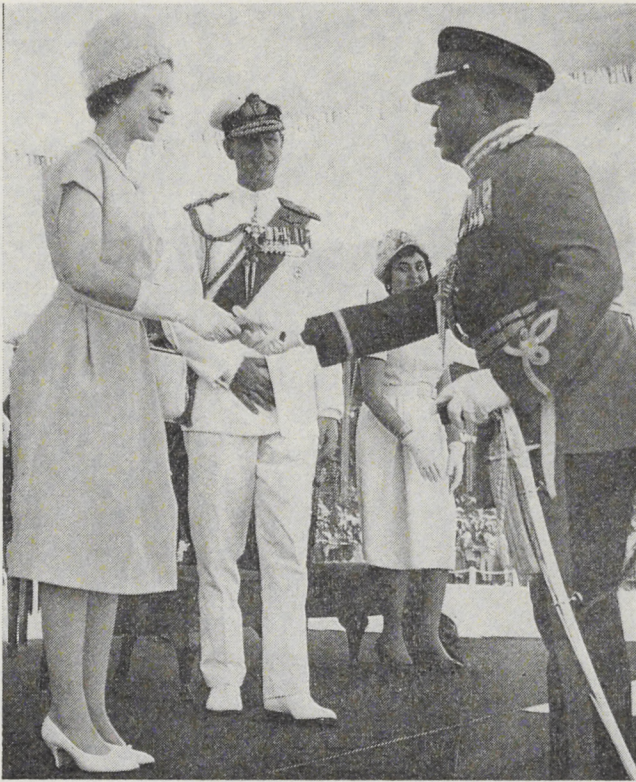
The Canadian Training Team in Ghana (CAFTTG) was formed in the summer of 1961 in response to a request from Ghana for military assistance. At present (Jan 62) the team is composed of nineteen officers from all three services. Colonel VR Schjelderup is the senior member of the team. He acts in the capacity of Commanding Officer and Tri-service Adviser to the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada. Major RJ Frost CD and Capt CE Goodman CD are the other Patricia members of the Canadian team.

Major Frost is the Company Commander of "Abyssinia" company at the Ghana Military Academy while Capt Goodman and one other British officer instruct the Officer Cadets of the company in general military training subjects. In addition to this training the cadets also receive a full academic education. Entrance to the academy is based on education and requires a standard which is comparable to a Canadian Junior Matriculation.

The equipments used by the Ghanaian army are mainly British and the Canadian team had to adapt their instruction to them. The Canadians have been favourably impressed with the 7.62mm Bren gun and the 81mm Tampella Mortar. (This Mortar has a slight advantage in range over the Canadian version of the US 81mm Mortar). The Canadians also teach such subjects as jungle warfare and as most can imagine are slightly "at sea" on this phase of training. Some map using exercises are held in the Shai Hills; a forest preserve some twenty miles from the academy. The Shai Hills area abounds in exotic tropical birds, baboons, leopards, small deer and many kinds of snakes, some of the poisonous variety whose bite is often fatal to humans.

It seems that Officer Cadets are the same the world over no matter what army they belong to. The Ghanaian cadets have the same trouble in keeping direction that cadets of other armies do, including those of the Canadian army.

The Canadian team has found that there are many differences in the Ghanaian civil and military way of life compared with those of Canada and the Canadian army. For example, the formal dress of the Canadians is white patrols or white mess kit. The Ghanaians on the other hand wear red mess tunics, the only Ghanaians in the mess who wear white jackets are the mess waiters. Other than this the dress is "Bush" dress in the field and Ghanaian No. 2 dress in barracks. (This dress consists of tunic, shorts, hose tops, boots and puttees. See picture).

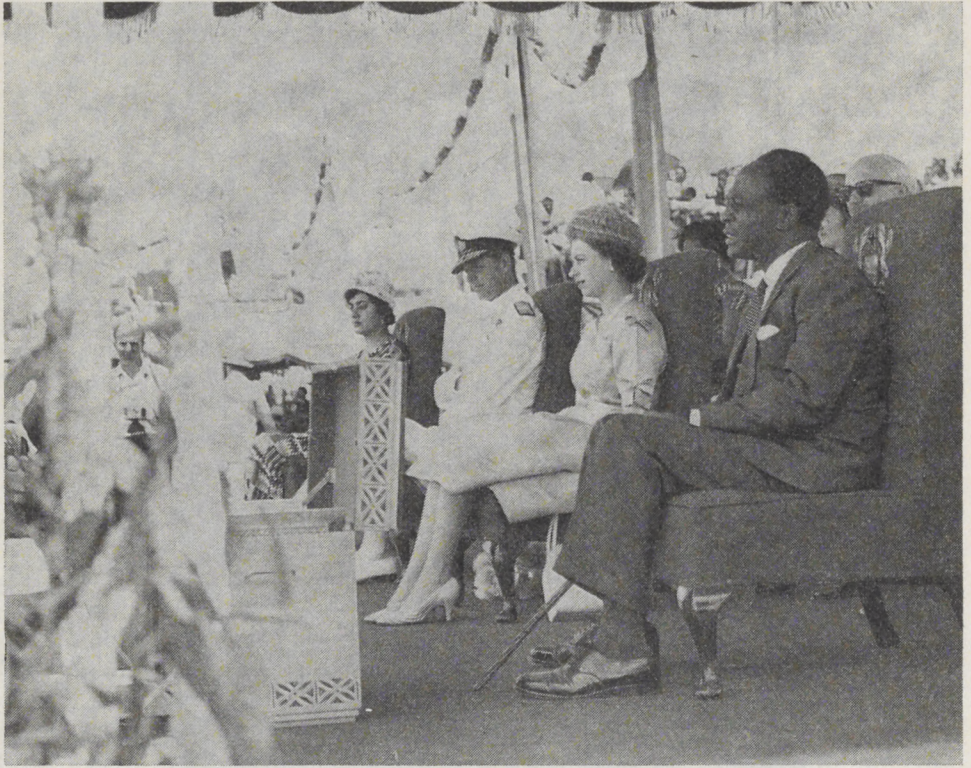


Maj.-Gen. S. J. A. Otu, Ghanaian Chief of Defence Staff is presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II at the Armed Forces Day Parade. In the background is HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and Madam Fathia Nkrumah.

Wives and families are now settled into the very adequate married quarters provided. These are close to the Military Academy and are very convenient for the Canadian instructors. Schooling is on the English system and the only difficulty the Canadian children have experienced in this regard is with pounds, shillings and pence problems, so vital to the British education system. Otherwise all appear to be progressing well.

The climate takes a little getting used to; especially the very high humidity, however, there is no snow to shovel and this is always a blessing. In the Accra area there is the surf to enjoy when one can get away to the beach, while in Kumasi there is a fine pool available to the team members at the Training Center.

The most impressive thing about the Ghanaian cadets, for that matter all Ghanaians, is their great thirst for knowledge and tremendous desire to learn. The cadets themselves are very keen to learn all they can about Canada.



Seated on the dias watching the Armed Forces Day Parade is the President of the Republic of Ghana, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, HM the Queen, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and Madam Fathia Nkrumah.

The President of Ghana has stated that "the winds of change are sweeping through Africa," the team is close to and part of those changes and because of them will take back to Canada a new awareness of Africa and its problems. If nothing else our being in Ghana will strengthen

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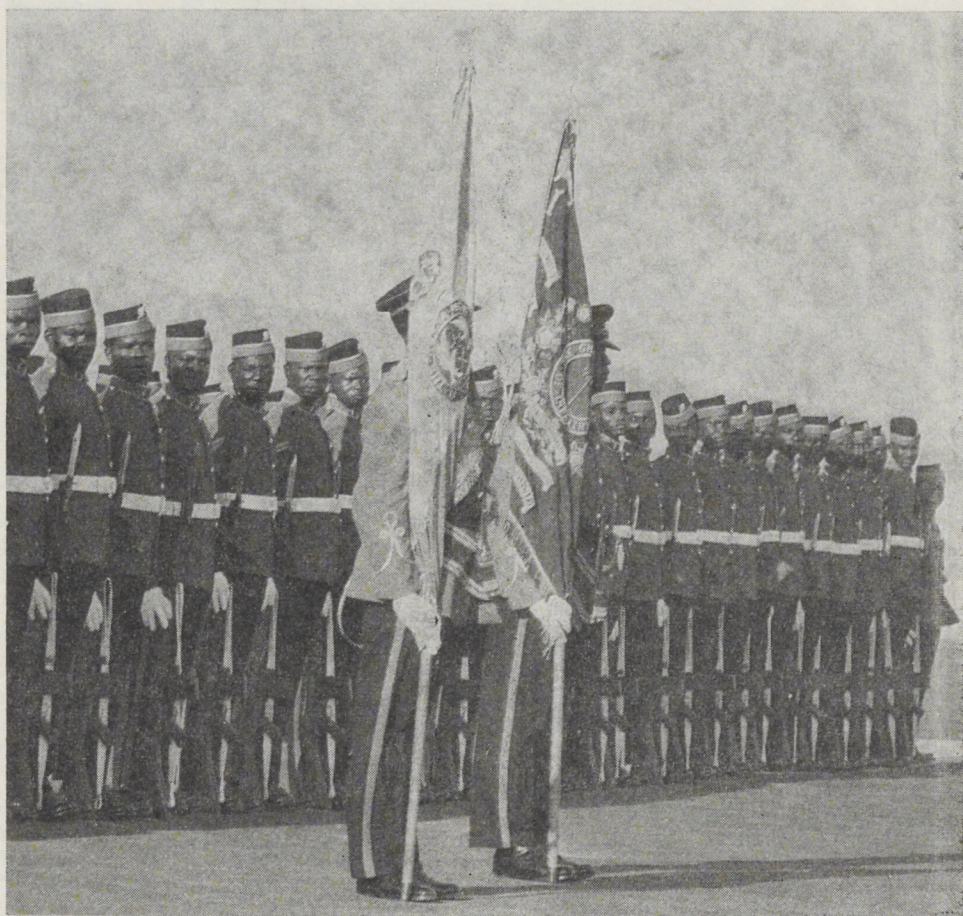
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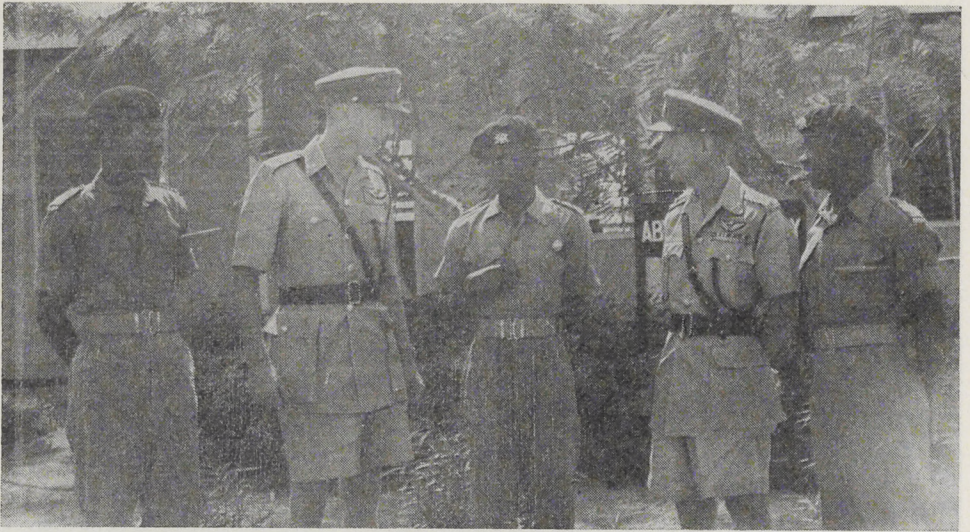
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Maj. R. J. Frost and Capt. C. E. Goodman with the three senior Officer Cadets of their Company.

the ties between that nation and Canada and this in itself is of great value to both countries.

The Canadian Training Team—Ghana

The team is presently comprised of the following officers.

Col VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD (PPCLI), Commanding Officer.

Maj GH Sellar (RHC) Trg Offr, 2 Ghana Regt.

Major EBM Pinnington (RCR) Trg Offr, 4 Ghana Regt.

Maj WTE Finan (RCD) Coy Comd, Military Academy.

Maj RJ Frost (PPCLI) Coy Comd, Military Academy.

Capt CE Goodman (PPCLI) Coy Instr, Military Academy.

Capt JRM Sauve (R22eR) Academic Instr, Military Academy.

Capt RJ MacDonald (RCA (M) Academic Instr, Military Academy.

Capt HA Jackson (RCEME) (M) Academic Instr, Military Academy.

Lieut J Dexter (RCN) Academic Instr, Military Academy.

Lieut W. Zaslowsky (RCNR) Academic Instr, Military Academy.

Lieut H Paddock (RCNR) Academic Instr, Military Academy.

The above officers are all living in or near Accra. At the Ghana

Armed Forces Training Centre, Kumasi, are:

Capt DG Hanson (Cdn Gds) Coy Comd, GAFTC.

Capt LE Cornett (QOR of C) Coy Comd, GAFTC.

Capt WJ McAndrew (QOR of C) Wpn Trg Offr, GAFTC.

Capt BF Cheney (RHC) Coy Comd, GAFTC.

Capt DA Slaughter (Cdn Gds) Coy Comd, GAFTC.

At Takoradi the RCAF is represented by:

Flt Lt KJ Pantham, Flying Instr, Ghana Air Force Flying Trg School.

Flt RA Caskie, Flying Instr, Ghana Air Force Flying Trg School.

First Battalion Report

TRAINING

Exercise "Co-operation I," the first National Survival exercise of the year, was held in early January. This exercise was designed to give practice to the Control Post personnel and to test the communications within the survival force.

Specialist courses also began early in January and were conducted on the Cadre system throughout the first quarter of the year. On the completion of this training company personnel were returned to their companies. In early April the reorganized companies moved "up-island" to train as company teams.

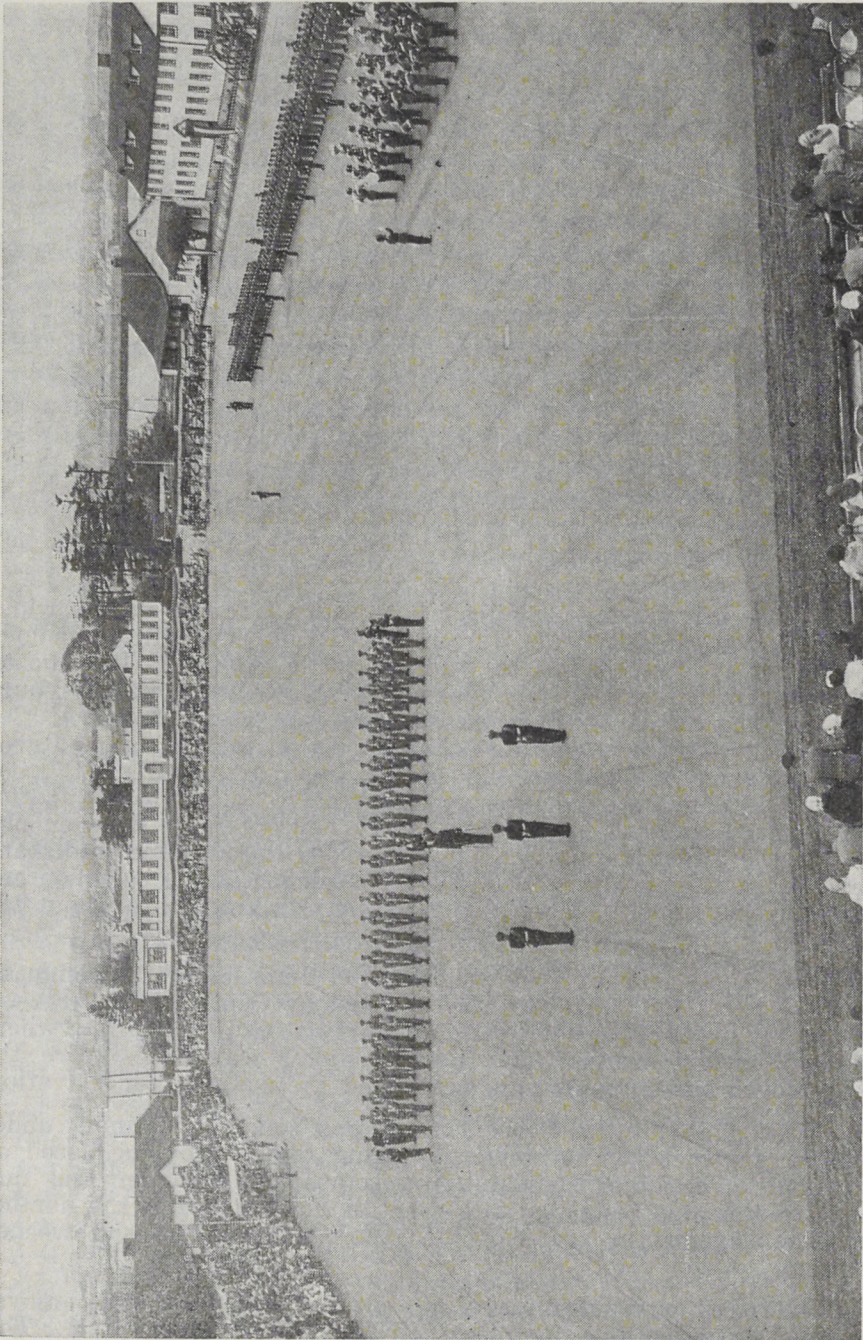
Following hard on the heels of this training came the rehearsals for the GOC's Annual Inspection which was held on 10 April. Major General G Walsh, CBE DSO CD taking the salute. (Major General Walsh has since been promoted to Lieutenant General and appointed Chief of the General Staff). Practices for the Trooping the Colour Ceremony began on 24 April and lasted until 11 May. The actual "Trooping" was held on 13 May.

Two weeks of company training followed the Trooping during which time Support Company elements were integrated into the rifle companies. This permitted rifle companies to train as battle groups in the nuclear concept of operations. Due to the small training areas it was found necessary for the companies to train at widely separated points. "A" Coy trained first at Nanaimo Camp and then moved on to Black Jack Ridge. "B" Coy preferred training in the Albert Head area, while "D" Coy trained first in the Nanaimo area and then moved along to the Tofino area where good use was made of the Navy helicopters to lift company patrols into the difficult country. It was decided at this time to disband "C" Coy for the summer because of the low strength of the battalion and to spread the personnel of the "Mighty Green Machine" throughout the unit.

The road party left for Wainwright on 11 June under the command of Major RJ Frost CD, who was ably assisted by Capt CL Scott-Brown. The road party made contact with the rail party at Crowfoot, Alta., where a National Survival exercise (Ex Garden Rake) was held before the Battalion moved on to Wainwright camp and the summer concentration.

The first phase of the Concentration was company training under Battalion arrangement. The emphasis during this phase was placed on night training. The major complaint from company commanders was that company training was restricted to a great extent because of the number of personnel engaged in practicing for the sports events and weapon competitions.

The exercises were all interesting but the one that was enjoyed most of the Battalion was Exercise PUNCH BOWL (13-15 Jul). This



"THE ESCORT TO THE COLOUR"—Present arms to the colour.

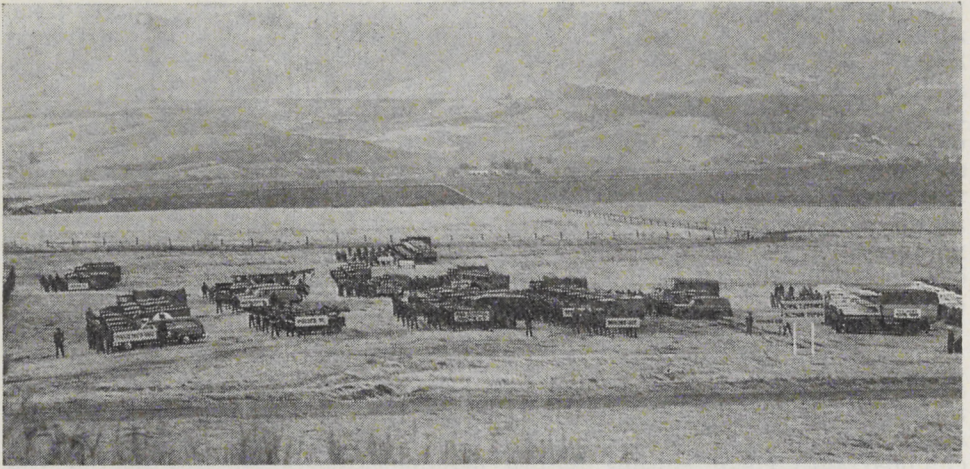
was a two-sided exercise with 1 PPCLI representing the Fantasians, attacking across the Battle Rivers while 1 QOR of C acted as defenders. Second Patricias provided the umpire and control staff required. In addition, C Coy 2 PPCLI, under Capt (now Major) Len Howard, was attached to bring the Battalion up to the strength of four rifle coys. The crossings of the Battle River were carried out by night with skill and determination. The emphasis placed on night training during phase one; the moving cross-country by night phase particularly, proved profitable as all companies arrived at their objectives by first light. The Commanding Officer Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD, had an interesting time commanding the Battalion while playing hide and seek with a whole company group of the "Queen's Own."

Immediately after the GOC's exercise and despite lack of sleep, the Battalion picked up and returned its defence stores, filled in slit trenches and then moved to a concentration area on the edge of camp where both stores and vehicles were cleaned. The men showered themselves and changed into clean clothes before leaving Alberta to slip behind the "Tweed Curtain." On its return journey the road party was commanded by Major AGW Harbord-Harbord CD, as Major Frost was posted to Ghana during the concentration period. The train journey back was pleasant, but it was fortunate that the Battalion was well practiced in loading and unloading drills because for some reason of his own, the CNR engineer pulled the train into the outer Vancouver yards detached the engine and left. This proved to be a great annoyance to everyone as there was only just sufficient time to catch the ferry to Victoria. After some heated words with the railway officials, the train was moved into the station, quickly unloaded, and all ranks, spurred on by the gentle urgings of the RSM, were in time to catch the ferry home.

August was leave month for all save a few who were required to keep the wheels turning. Among these were Capt MacLean's Transport Section, both drivers and RCEME mechanics, who were preparing for an exercise in September and the annual RCEME inspection in October. Their efforts were well worth while as the vehicles worked well on the long convoys and the unit received an excellent grading on its vehicle inspection.

Returning from leave, the Battalion started a new training year by giving a demonstration of a Mobile Survival Column to over 400 mayors and reeves in Vernon. It is interesting to note that almost ten years had elapsed since a formed body of Patricias had visited in Vernon.

After this the Battalion proceeded on to Exercise CHILCOTIN. This exercise took place in a DND training area located 34 miles WEST of WILLIAMS LAKE. The area, which lies near some of the largest ranches in North America, is approximately 12 miles by 12 miles square and is on a high plateau dotted with stands of poplar, mixed fir and pine. It is a beautiful part of the country which contains numerous lakes and some large hills; the dominating feature being a neck like mountain called the Dome. The Battalion bivouacked in an area used by the RCSME in the



Mobile Survival Column of the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on parade during the big September demonstration at Vernon in which military and civil defence personnel participated.

summer, close by one of the largest lakes in the area and did several small exercises. Everyone found the country to be very interesting as well as beautiful. In fact, most soldiers preferred this location to WAIN-WRIGHT. The only sour note being struck by one realist who was heard saying "beautiful or not the digging looks pretty hard."

Following the return from Exercise CHILCOTIN, the Battalion settled down to specialist courses and range work which fully occupied everyone until Christmas.

SPORTS AND COMPETITIONS

First Aid

On Friday, 10 February, for the second successive year, the First Battalion team placed second in the Provincial First Aid Competition which is a prelude to the Dominion Mary Otter Competition. The judge for this event was Lt Col RJA Robitaille CD, Area Medical Officer, while members of the team were Cpl Richardson LJ, Team Captain, Cpl Shaw RC, Lcpl Butler WE, Pte Dewinter GE, Pte Wright WD, plus two spares, Ptes Baril RJ and Malley BP.

Boxing

Boxing was not confined to the Battalion Team as company and inter-company eliminations were held for all comers.

In the "Island Golden Gloves" the Battalion Team won seven classes out of ten. Winners were: Pte Flynn J—Bantam; Pte Francis J—Light Welterweight; Pte McNeil R—Middleweight; Lcpl Delaronde C—Heavyweight; Pte Diggs L—Welterweight; Pte Mussey R—Light Heavyweight;

Pte Cole D—Light Middleweight. In the same card nine of the Battalion Team were runners up.

The Battalion Team had very little opposition in the Area Finals but ran into much stiffer competition in the Command event. However, in the novice class, Pte Francis F won in the Light Welterweight and Lcpl Delaronde, the Heavyweight, while the remainder of our novices ended as runners up in their events. In the open Pte Cardinal L won in the Light Heavyweight event and four others were runners up.

Brigade Track and Field Meet

At the Brigade Track and Field Meet, despite very hard training and the effort put into it, the Battalion Team was outclassed. On the same day, the forced march team, which was selected from D Coy and led by Lt CW Hewson were runners up, 2 PPCLI coming first.

Western Command Skill-At-Arms

The Skill-at-Arms Competition provided better news for First Battalion as the unit team won the aggregate with a score of 3015 points with the principle opposition coming from the Second Battalion. The First Battalion won the pistol and LMG but came second in the rifle and sub machine gun to the Second Battalion and the Brigade Provost Platoon respectively.

Tri-Service Track and Field Championships

On 8 September the unit was host to the West Coast Tri-Services Track and Field Championships. First Battalion competition in this was complicated by the fact that the Battalion, other than the competitors, was on a National Survival Exercise at Vernon which was followed by an exercise in the Chilcotins. The competition proved to be keen and the Battalion came second to the RCN.

The National Tri-Service Soccer Championship— General Pearkes Trophy

As 1 PPCLI Soccer Team had won the Tri-Service Championship Trophy in this area for the 60-61 year, they were privileged to participate in the Pearkes Trophy Championship series held in Ottawa. Due to administration difficulties over transportation it was rather doubtful if the Battalion Team would leave. At the last moment, however, after several false starts they were despatched from Chilliwack as the Battalion was on the way to Vernon. Although the team was very different from the one that had won the local championship last year, they put up a good fight but were beaten in the semi-finals. The Battalion Soccer Team is now participating in the Victoria Combination Saturday Division League consisting of eight teams. At present the Battalion Team stands first in this league.

First Battalion Football

Competition for the French Grey Cup was as keen as ever this year, although fortunately, there were not as many injuries as in previous years. The Cup was won by Support Company when they defeated C Company on a cold, wet, miserable day, 30 November 61.

Hockey

One of the best things that happened in the local area this year was the building of a Sports Centre by the Municipality of Esquimalt approximately five blocks from Work Point Barracks. At the present time, the Battalion Team stands first in the local commercial hockey league which consists of teams from the Navy, Victoria College and Esquimalt.

The Battalion also has a busy inter-company league operating and, although some of the playing lacks finesse it does not lack spirit. At the time of going to the press, B Company was leading the league closely followed by D Company.

The Hamilton Gault Skill-at-Arms Trophy

The Hamilton Gault Skill-at-Arms Trophy, which was presented to the Regiment by our Founder, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault DSO ED CD for competition between the Rifle Companies of the Regiment, was won this year by C Company, 1 PPCLI. Major WK Stirling CD, and his company were well rewarded for the determination and drive they showed in their approach to the Competition.

The Hamilton Gault Trophy for Marksmanship

The First Battalion despite its best efforts, came second this year making one win and three seconds in four years of competition. The loss of this most coveted trophy has made all ranks determined to regain it in 1962.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The year was only two weeks old when the Battalion was called on to supply 100 men to aid the local population in flood control in the Duncan-Cowichan District. Round-the-clock effort building dikes was required to control the wild Cowichan River. Melting snow on the higher slopes and heavy rains combined to cause this January flood. At any rate, the work of Major MG Levy CD, and his men was much appreciated by the local citizens.

Guards of Honor

On the 26th of January, the Battalion was given the honour of providing a Royal Guard for the opening of the B.C. Legislature. The Guard was commanded by Major AGW Harbord-Harbord CD, and the HMCS Naden Band was in attendance.

On January 30th, 1 PPCLI provided a 50 man Guard of Honor for the Honourable Pierre Sevigny, Associate Minister of National Defence. The Guard was commanded by Major AGW Harbord-Harbord CD, and the ceremony took place at the Patricia Bay Airport.

Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday

The Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday was celebrated in traditional Patricia style. The Battalion was reviewed and addressed by Lt Col JN Edgar MC,



Before Opening of B.C. Legislature on Oct. 26, the Lieutenant-Governor, Maj-Gen George S Pearkes, VC, PC, CB, DSO, MC, inspected the Royal Guard provided by the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, accompanied by Guard Com, Major AGW Harbord-Harbord. Gen Pearkes wore a full dress civil uniform consisting of a plumed cocked hat and dark blue coat with gold oak leaf embroidery. (Photo Victoria Daily Times)

who commanded the Battalion from September 15th, 1940, to June 5th, 1941.

Support Company were the winners of the Company Broom-i-loo while the Sergeants defeated the Officers for the second successive year.

Annual Inspection and Change of Command

On the 10th of April, the General Officer Commanding Western Command, Major-General G Walsh CBE DSO CD, visited Victoria and reviewed the Battalion on the occasion of the Annual Inspection. For Lt Col JC Allan DSO MBE CD, this was his final parade as Commanding Officer of 1 PPCLI, prior to his leaving for Indo-China and handing over command of the Battalion to the former Second-in-Command, Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD.

On 11 April, 1961, Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD, formally took over command of the Battalion and Major RJ Kerfoot CD, assumed the appointment of Second-in-Command.

Training Film

For the second time the Battalion provided the administrative support and some of the "actors" for a film being produced by the National Film Board at the request of Directorate of Infantry. This film deals with camouflage and was filmed in the area of Albert Head and the Sooke River estuary. It is hoped it will be as successful as the previous film on fieldcraft, "If You Want to Get Back", which was made here over a year ago and is now available in Military Film Libraries across Canada.

Regimental Executive Meeting

In the middle of April, First Battalion were hosts to the Regimental Executive Committee at their 50th Regular Meeting. Guests of the First Battalion included Lt Col CJA Hamilton MBE CD, Major RB Mainprize CD, Lt AJRH Neadow and RSM JC Coutts. The meeting was very successful and was characterized by a spirit of co-operation and good will on all sides. It is probable that Lt Col Hamilton still questions the motives of Lt JRS Ryley and others who persuaded him to go for a sail on Victoria's Inner Harbour, just as the squalls and waves increased. Perhaps the "Promotion of Dangerous Sports for Senior Officers Club" is a live organization after all.

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Trooping 1961

Saturday, 13 May, 1961, dawned grey and overcast. Rain was falling and the weather looked anything but promising for the occasion; the Ceremony of Trooping the Colour. By 1330 hours, the invited guests had assembled, the rain had stopped and a hint of blue sky was evident in the west. The parade square dried off quickly and the prospects for Trooping took on a new hue.

Precisely at 1400 hours, Major-General The Honourable George R Pearkes VC PC CB DSO MC, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, arrived on the dais, escorted by his ADC for the day, Major MG Levy CD. The band of the Royal Canadian Engineers under the direction of Capt A Brown CD, played "The Queen" and as the Red Ensign unfurled from the flag staff brilliant sunshine broke through the clouds and glinted from the rows of gleaming bayonets and polished swords.

The Commanding Officer, Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD, went forward and reported to Gen Pearkes, requesting permission to Troop. Permission being granted, the Ceremony proceeded. On this occasion and in accordance with regulations, the Queen's Colour was trooped in respect of the Lieutenant Governor, Her Majesty's official representative in the province.

As the strength of the Battalion would not permit six full strength guards, four guards took part in the Ceremony. The Escort was under the command of Major RJ Frost, Number 2 Guard was commanded by Major WMW Wilson CD, Number 3 Guard was commanded by Capt WK Stirling and Number 4 Guard was commanded by Major AGW Harbord-Harbord CD.

The Adjutant, Capt RM Middleton, was taking part in his first trooping in this capacity and the Regimental Sergeant Major, WO1 JG Austin MC CD, was taking part in his last of many troopings with the Battalion prior to his posting to the Regimental Depot.

Following Trooping the Lieutenant Governor posed for group photographs with the Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs. There followed an all ranks reception at the Sports Field where Battalion members had an opportunity to renew old friendships with the many visitors who attended from distant points. Delegations from the RCS of I, Army Headquarters and Patricia's from across the country were present.

Trooping 1961 concluded with official functions in the Officers', Sergeants', Corporals' and Men's Messes.

Victoria Day Parade

Approximately two weeks after the Trooping, the Battalion provided a contingent commanded by Major HC Levy CD, consisting of two companies, the Battalion Corps of Drums and the Colour Party with Regimental and Queen's Colours, for the Victoria Day Parade. This parade is an annual affair in Victoria and for obvious reasons, is given greater emphasis than in most other Canadian cities.

Dominion Day

A particularly successful first of July celebration was held in the Battalion area in Wainwright. Company groups held their own smokers and were responsible for providing their own entertainment while a suitable "liquid" prize was offered for the best organized company smoker and the best entertainers. Everyone was surprised to learn how much "acting talent" was available in the Battalion. The judging committee was composed of the Commanding Officer with the RC and Protestant Padres. Due to the quantity and spirit of the shows they had a most difficult choice to make but finally awarded the prize to HQ Company.

On a Sunday afternoon, several days later, in order to take full advantage of the talent available, RSM JG Austin MC CD, organized a concert using the best acts from each company. This proved to be an immense success and ran to two performances, one for the Battalion and again by special request for the supporting arms when they arrived in the area.

Time Gun

In October and November the Battalion was involved in one of the typical Victorian "tempests in a tea cup" which had as its center, the time gun. This gun, from a practice originating many years prior to the war, is fired at 1200 and 2100 hours. The time gun is fired by a member of the Anti-Tank Platoon of the Battalion on a signal received from the Gonzales Observatory. Previously the only complaints received were when, due to some interruption in 'phone service or for some other reason, the gun was not fired. Then the Commanding Officer, the Adjutant and the Orderly Officer would be flooded with calls from various retired military gentlemen who wished to know what was wrong with the modern army. In the fall of the year, however, a new batch of ammunition was received for the time gun. This ammunition which was designed to better simulate artillery fire under field conditions contained a larger charge than the type used previously. In a few weeks there were many complaints in the local press and radio regarding the discomfort to local residents caused by the loud report of the new round. All ended well, however, as higher authority acted with commendable speed and took

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action to reduce the charge in the rounds provided for the time gun and those used for saluting purposes in Victoria.

General Rockingham's First Visit as GOC

On Monday, October 30th, the First Battalion was honoured by the visit of Major General JW Rockingham CB CBE DSO ED, the new General Officer Commanding Western Command. Gen Rockingham inspected a 50 man Guard of Honour commanded by Major WK Stirling CD, and then toured the Garrison and discussed matters of interest with Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD, the Commanding Officer.

Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November, the Battalion held a Remembrance Day Service which was conducted by Lt Col R "Rusty" Wilkes, a former Protestant Chaplain of the Battalion. Following this the Battalion was represented at services at Victoria, Esquimalt, and Langford Cenotaphs.

Brigade Commander's Visit

On the 18th and 19th of December, the Commander 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group paid a visit to the Battalion. Brig GA Turcot CD, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, inspected training in Nanaimo and Albert Head as well as in the local area.

Christmas

This year, due to the numbers involved, it was necessary to hold two Men's Christmas Dinners, one for the Regimental Depot Recruits from Albert Head on 21 December and one for First Battalion soldiers on the 22 December. Both dinners went very well and were up to the high standard of messing provided by QMS McCabe and his cooks throughout the year.

This year the children's Christmas Party was organized by Capt JR MacLean. It was held in the Gymnasium with the feature attraction being a puppet show performed by Mr W Ryley, a former Patricia, and his wife, who practice puppetry as a hobby. Mr Ryley enlisted in Regina on 7 Aug 1914 and served with the Patricia's until 7 May 1916 when he transferred to the Artillery.

POSTINGS, PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Officers

Major RF Bruce to Lt Col and CO 1 PPCLI; Major RJ Kerfoot CD, to be Second-in-Command; Major WBS Sutherland CD, to be GSO 2 (Operations) on the Staff of Western Command Headquarters; Capt DS Robertson CD, to be Adjutant of the Regimental Depot; Capt Brian M Munro to be Cadet Training Officer at Headquarters Manitoba Area; Capt RJ Reynolds CD (QM) to 4 CIBG in Germany; Capt WA Sheremata (MO) to join the staff of the Toronto Military Hospital; Capt MG Duncan CD, to be Personnel Selection Officer at Headquarters Western Ontario Area in London in August. Capt David R Yeomans CD, to Indo-China in July; Lt (now Capt) EM Canfield posted to the Regimental Depot in Edmonton;

Major N Featherstone CD, to retirement at the end of 33 years service; Major RJ Frost CD, in September to Ghana; 2 Lt LJ Gollner, promoted to Lt; Lt Val Rithaler CD, to the Regimental Depot as Assistant Chief Instructor and Capt WK Stirling CD, promoted to Major in September. The Protestant Padre, Capt WW Buxton, to the Congo for a six-month tour; Capt JGC McKinley MC CD, promoted to Major in November 1961.

Incoming Sr NCOs (1961)

RSM AJ Rudd CD	Sgt Cormier RB
RQMS Orbean GW	Sgt Hennon PJ
QMSI Shaw EP	Sgt Vandevelde FC
QMS McCabe LA	

Outgoing Sr NCOs (1961)

RSM JG Austin MC CD	Depot
RSM RH Appleton	2 PPCLI
WO1 BS Quaintance (RCASC)	HQ Western Command
Lt DC Smith (promoted from RQMS)	Camp Shilo
WO2 JA DeCou (C Pro C)	Retirement
Ssgt Edginton HG	2 PPCLI
Ssgt Folster GA	2 PPCLI
Sgt Burke AA	Retirement
Sgt Buxton DW	Churchill
Sgt Carignan AHJ	Recruiting Manarea
Sgt Enokson ENK	NWHS
Sgt Fluery RK	1 Staff Victoria
Sgt Hammerquist WGK	TAHQ Vancouver
Sgt Laroche W	1 CIBG Calgary
Sgt Linklater FH	TAHQ Victoria
Sgt Palmer DW	Middle East
Sgt Rose A	Release
Sgt Stephen J	Recruiting Manarea
Sgt Smith HE	PPCLI Depot
Sgt Thurn DV	Edmonton
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Sgt Zasitko P	RCSME Chilliwack

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Promotions and Appointments (1961)

RSM RH Appleton
 WO1 BS Quaintance
 WO Danyleyko A
 WO2 Klokeid JF
 Ssgt Lekivetz RM
 Ssgt Shine RC
 L Sgt Bolen WF
 L Sgt Bulger EL
 Sgt Calder HC
 L Sgt Couronne PCJ

L Sgt Davies LH
 L Sgt Davis RM
 L Sgt Dolinski K
 L Sgt Dunsmore NG
 Sgt Hanley AB
 Sgt Jenkins JD
 L Sgt Lewis AE
 Sgt Thorne G
 Sgt Wardell AD

MESS ACTIVITIES

Officers' Mess

The past year has been an active one in the 1 PPCLI Officers' Mess. It is not proposed to list here all the events, but rather to mention the highlights of the more important ones.

The Regimental Birthday was celebrated in traditional fashion, with a Broom-i-Loo Game against the Sergeants' Mess. After a hard fought contest the sergeants emerged victorious and received their reward in the Officers' Mess. That evening a formal ball was held, which was a success, even though some of the officers had a tendency to limp.

The weekend of 8-10 April saw various festivities take place to mark the turnover of command from Lt Col JC Allan DSO MBE CD, to Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD. These activities varied from the extremely informal subalterns' brandy breakfast for Lt Col Allan to the formal dinner dance in honour of the Allans held on the Saturday night. Distinguished guests included the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, the Honourable Maj Gen GR Pearkes VC, PC CD DSO MC, and Mrs Pearkes, His Worship the Mayor of Victoria and Mrs Scurrah, Reeve Wurtele of Esquimalt and Mrs Wurtele, Commodore J Deane CD and Mrs Deane, Commissioner Forest, RCMP, and Mrs Forest, Group Capt Avant DSO DFC CD, and Mrs Avant.

At the conclusion of the dinner Lt Col Bruce presented Lt Col Allan with a cigarette box, a farewell gift from the officers. Lt Col Allan then presented the mess with a barometer and wished the Battalion success in the future. After this, the ladies retired to the ante-room while the officers remained to conclude the dinner with the singing of many old Regimental songs. Later the gentlemen joined the ladies to dance to music supplied by the band of the 5th Medium Battery RCA.

On Monday evening after the GOC's Inspection a mess dinner was held. Guests included Maj Gen G Walsh CBE DSO CD, Brig JW Bishop OBE CD, Major TD Lafferty CD, Major CV Lilley MC CD, and Professor Cook, the Director of Studies at Royal Roads. At the conclusion

of the dinner, Lt Col Allan announced that the command of the Battalion was now vested in Lt Col Bruce.

It was a full weekend, one which saw the Battalion salute the Allan's departure with regret, and welcome the Bruce's coming with pleasure.

The Trooping Reception took place on 13 May, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and was followed by a formal ball for the officers and close friends of the Regiment. The occasion was much enlivened by visitors from the East who made their way out courtesy of the RCAF. Included in this group were Lt Col AJ Baker MBE CD, Major CEC McNeil MBE ED CD, Capt MC Edwards CD, Capt AP Bull CD, Capt DE Jones, Lt PA Robison, Capt GE Anderson and three British Exchange Officers.

A number of informal supper dances were held with great success during the year. The food and music provided at these generally took some foreign theme which although surprising to some, was generally agreed to provide stimulating entertainment.

Moving into the field in no way caused a lessening of the social activities of the Mess. On 24 June, about a week after the unit's arrival in Wainwright, the mess entertained the Brigade Commander and his staff, the various commanding officers, and those officers who were to be attached to the unit during the summer. A large attendance made this event an enjoyable evening for all.

The following week, on 30 June, the Annual Regimental Party was held at 1 PPCLI which attracted members from the Second Battalion, the Regimental Depot and other Patricia's in the vicinity. The theme for the evening was Italian, and the mess was decorated with tac signs and other appropriate signs reminiscent of Regimental activities in Italy during the Second World War.

The games night, at which the officers compete against the senior NCO's, was held at the Sergeants' Mess this year. The officers managed to win by a narrow margin and so retained the coveted trophy for another year.

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Thanks to the Winter Works Programme and some good planning, it was possible to remove an old stairway, enlarge the ante-room, and panel it and the main entrance in mahogany. This was completed in March, but it was not until September that the new rugs and drapes arrived. The rugs are a deep red and the drapes are a gold, giving a very pleasing effect when contrasted with the mahogany panelling. In addition, water colours of scenes in France and Belgium of 1914-1918 vintage, painted by Cpl McLaren, were suitably framed and hung.

December saw much activity in the mess, starting with carol singing on the 15th and the Subalterns' Christmas Dinner on the 16th. However, what really launched the mess into the Christmas spirit was a cocktail party given by the Company Commanders and the Second-in-Command for the rest of the officers and their wives. Both the Sergeants' At Home to the Officers on the 22nd and the Officers' At Home to the Sergeants on the 29th were their usual successes, the former was so successful that a number of officers did not wish to leave.

Despite restrictions imposed by the Liquor Laws, as New Year's Eve fell on Sunday, the PMC, Major MC Edwards, his committee and staff are to be congratulated on the ball which ushered in the New Year.

Sergeants' Mess

The social season in the Sergeants' Mess started off with the "At Home" to other Messes on 2 January 61. This event was well attended as usual, with guests from several Naval and Reserve Army Messes in the area.

The "Old Timers Night" was held on 27 January. This night gives members an opportunity to renew acquaintances, with the Honourary and Associate Members and to meet new members. The success of the evening points to it becoming an annual affair.

On the occasion of the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday, the traditional Broom-i-loo game with the gentlemen (?) of the Officers' Mess was played. By a devious scheme, the Officers succeeded in locking up the Sergeants team in an empty building. This foul deed was unsuccessful, however, as the Sergeants escaped through a coal-chute in time to appear at the field. Final score: Officers 0, Sergeants 2. The day concluded with the Regimental Birthday Dance.

A Mess Dinner was held 7 April in honour of RSM (WO1) JG Austin MC CD. After dinner, members engaged in a games tournament consisting of bridge, phat, cribbage and darts.

The Trooping Ball in May was the usual success. Over 300 guests were present, many coming from as far away as Camp Borden.

June saw the Mess preparing for Wainwright. As a send off a giant smoker was held. A presentation was made to RSM Austin. The Mess in Victoria then combined with the Officers' Mess for the summer period.

On returning from Wainwright, the annual Sergeants' Mess Picnic was held at Albert Head B.C. A babysitting clinic was available for those who attend and stayed for the dance in the evening.

The annual Fishermen's Derby was bigger and better than ever this year. The fish were co-operating for a change. Ssgt and Mrs Lekivetz took top honours for the biggest salmon. RSM Rudd caught his first fish, a 10 lb. Coho, but it wasn't in the winning class.

"At Homes" were held in December with the Sergeants At Home to the Officers on the 22nd, and the Officers at home to the Sergeants on the 29th and as usual, everyone went home happy.

A new event was tried this year. A Cocktail Party was held on Boxing Day for the members and their ladies. Due to its great success, this will undoubtedly become an annual affair.

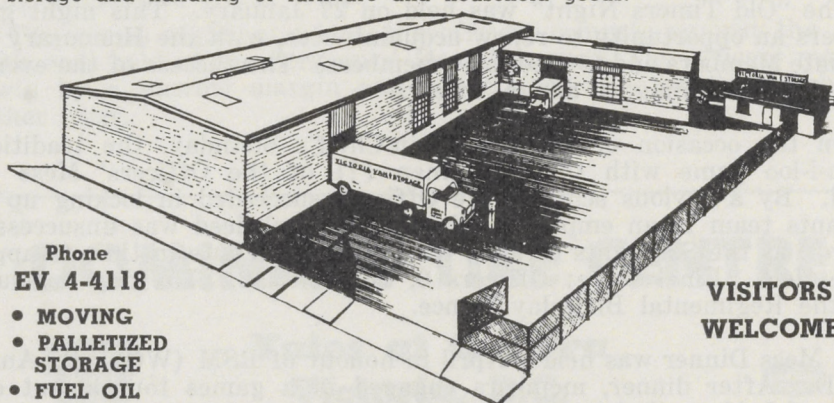
The year wound up with a gala New Year's Ball. There was a capacity attendance of just over 300 guests and a good time was had by all.

Corporals' Mess

The New Year opened with a round of Mess Functions well attended by all members, despite our lack of adequate facilities. These consisted

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of Dances and a variety of Social Evenings. The Mess Dart Team captained by none other than "Grouch" Grouette and backed up by such stalwarts as Lcpl Dillon and Fahl, Cpls Taylor and Tadgell defeated all challengers including the Canadian Legion, Army and Navy Veterans plus a multitude of Commercial Teams. Congratulations on being the undefeated, unbeatable champions of Vancouver Island.

March was highlighted in true First Battalion style by a Ball held in observance of the birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief. The evening was pronounced a success by all and sundry. Dancing to the mellow strains of "The Troubadors" continued until cock-crow, and dawn broke over the blue Pacific.

April seemed a comparatively quiet month with little happening other than a small spread of assorted cold cuts, salad, cheese and salami. The sportsmen in our midst took advantage of the sunshine in this, the fairest province of them all, to participate in a round of golf, or an afternoon of fishing. Our golf enthusiasts, Cpls Anderson, Atkinson, Crook and Couronne, are out-fibbed only by our fishing friends such as Cpls McAlpine, Bonar, Boyce and Richardson.

The arrival of the Merry Month of May saw near perfect weather and members began developing healthy looking tans. May also brought a flurry of activity in preparation for Trooping the Colour. The Ceremony, carried out in perfect precision, maintained the high standards of the First Battalion. The All Ranks Garden Party following the Ceremony was well attended. Thirsts were quenched, appetites sated, and old acquaintances renewed. Gradually the crowds dispersed as one and all prepared for the Annual Trooping the Colour Ball. It was a festive evening in all respects and the mood was one of gaiety and celebration; never had the Mess Hall been decorated so profusely. Members and guests waltzed and tangoed until reveille. Much of the success of the evening was due to the efforts of our hard working Mess Steward, Cpl "Les" Richardson and his most capable staff.

With the advent of June, the packing of stores, kit and equipment for Wainwright Concentration commenced and Mess functions ceased for the balance of the training year.

In August, the Garrison was organized to operate with a skeleton staff and the remainder of the Battalion proceeded on annual leave. This was the signal for our Corporals' Mess to become a Composite Canteen.

All too soon annual leave ended and golf shoes had to be abandoned in favor of boots and puttees. In September, our members were despatched on company and platoon training to almost all points of the Island and in some cases to the lower mainland.

October ended in grand style with a Hard Times Dance. All those, who can remember, said they had a whale of a time, while those who can't remember concluded that they must have had or they would have remembered. This affair was a staggering success, thanks to our Mess Committee.

December brought the annual Christmas festivities. The Children's Christmas Party in which some of our members participated, was a great success. The Christmas Dinner in the Men's Mess was just like the meal mother used to try to make, but never quite succeeded. The year 1961 concluded with our Annual Corporals' Mess New Year's Ball which was held in the unit Mess Hall. An anticipated 300 guests gave way to an attendance of over 400 persons.

Men's Canteen

The Men's Canteen had a busy and successful year, starting with the New Year's Eve Ball which was enjoyed by all present. The next two months were spent in a relatively quiet manner as most of our members were on courses here in Victoria or at other locations. All this, however, did not interfere with our celebration of the Regimental Birthday on March 17. After witnessing the bloody battle between the officers and sergeants on the Broom-i-Loo field, all ranks proceeded to the drill hall for the usual free beer and fun. That night, to the music of a Navy dance band, we danced into the small hours. An important factor in the success of this dance and others has been the readiness of the Naval Apprentice Music Section at HMCS Naden to supply us with a good orchestra.

The "Trooping" in May was the next important event on our calendar. Following the parade, an All Ranks Reception was held on the sports field. The dance that night was one of the most successful and best attended of all the Canteen's functions and much of the credit for this success must go to the RCE Band from Chilliwack who supplied us with an excellent dance band. The extra-curricular activities of the Canteen came to a stop after this because of the summer concentration and the annual leave period.

The fall started off in good style with a Hallowe'en Dance and the introduction of "Happy Hours" on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. This last feature has been a popular and well appreciated innovation which promises to be fully and enthusiastically supported by all members of the Canteen. In December, once again completing a full cycle, Christmas Dinner was served in the Men's Mess by the officers and senior NCOs, this provided a good send-off for Christmas and New Year's Leave.

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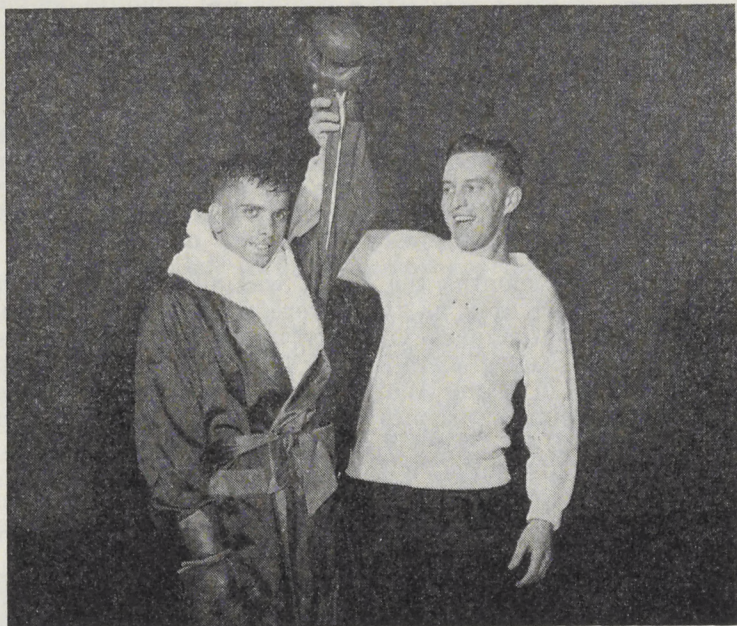
Home Station Report Regimental Depot

Recruit training during the year proceeded at a very rapid rate with the Regimental Depot training an average of twelve platoons concurrently throughout. Twenty-two platoons were graduated and seventeen more are still in training; all begin training with a complement of one officer, five assistant instructors and forty men.

During the winter months the Depot was allowed to use the Albert Head, Victoria, training area as the severe winter weather makes field training in the Edmonton area virtually impossible. This was greatly appreciated by all ranks as all were looking forward to another unprofitable winter training year in Camp Wainwright, Alberta. The Albert Head Camp commenced training recruits on the 21 November and remained open until the 14 April 62. The Wainwright Detachment began training in early March and, of course, with this extra administrative load the Depot was at odds to make ends meet. However, all ranks bent to the task with a will and so far have been completing all tasks successfully.



Sig. John McKibbin, Ft. Garry, Man.; Pte. John Swiston, Winnipeg; Sig. Tommy Russnak, Selkirk, Man.; Sig. Lindell Jones, St. James, Man.



**L/Cpl Reti HN, 2 PPCLI, 1961 Canadian Welterweight Champion,
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**2nd Lt Sale receiving Alta Area Minor Units Trophy from Maj-Gen Walsh for PPCLI
Depot, 24 June, 1961.**

Sports

The Regimental Depot was again successful on the sports field and won the Alberta Area Minor Units Trophy for the second straight year (this year the Depot has been reclassified as a major unit and must compete against the Regular Battalions; this has just served to wet our appetite and to make us more determined to win the Major Units Trophy). A great deal of credit must go to Sgt Wilson CA (now 2 PPCLI) for this win as he trained the Track and Field Team on his own time. He spent many hours moulding these semi-trained recruits into a championship team and for this the Depot extends him a large vote of thanks for his unselfishness.



Top: Pl Comd Lt RD Stock, Don Mills, Ont. Bot.: SF103458 Pte MacDonald DE, Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Many changes in personnel have taken place since the last edition of the Patrician. Major DOR Kearns assumed command vice Major RB Mainprize, CD, who left us to become Garrison Adjutant of Esquimalt Garrison, Victoria, BC. Major ED McPhail was posted into the Chief Instructors vacancy vice Major Kearns. In addition to these Capt DS Robertson became adjutant vice Capt W Craig, Lt VP Rithaler was appointed Assistant Chief Instructor with Capt EM Canfield becoming the Depot Detachment Commander. Other changes in Depot staff were:

Changes in Regimental Depot Staff:

Taken on Strength:

Maj ED McPhail	—TOS from HQ West Comd
Capt EM Canfield	—TOS from 1 PPCLI
Capt DS Robertson	—TOS from 1 PPCLI
WO1 JG Austin	—TOS from 1 PPCLI
WO2 Goodwin LG	—TOS from 2 PPCLI
WO2 Shaw EP	—TOS from RCSME
Sgt deFaye GR	—TOS from 2 PPCLI
Sgt Pierce M	—TOS from 26 COD
Sgt Rose GA	—TOS from 2 PPCLI
Sgt Smith HE	—TOS from 1 PPCLI
Cpl Bailey TB	—TOS from 2 PPCLI
Cpl Bugler J	—TOS from 1 PPCLI
Cpl Burrows BW	—TOS from 2 PPCLI
Cpl Neil GBC	—TOS from 2 PPCLI
Cpl Pratt RD	—TOS from HQ West Comd
Cpl Simmons JW	—TOS from 10 Pers Depot

Struck Off Strength:

Maj RB Mainprize	—SOS to HQ BC Area
Capt W Craig	—SOS to CBUME
Capt WC Robertson	—SOS to CBUME
Lt NFJ Villiers	—SOS to HQ BC Area
RSM (WO1) H Haas	—SOS to HQ Calgary
WO2 EP Shaw	—SOS to 1 PPCLI
Sgt Bedner T	—(RCASC) SOS to HL 10 Pers Depot
Sgt Moran FB	—SOS to 2 PPCLI
Sgt White GJ	—SOS to HQ BC Area
Sgt Wilson CA	—SOS to 2 PPCLI
Cpl Campbell R	—SOS to HL RCS of S
Cpl Cox FM	—SOS to 2 PPCLI
Cpl Danchuk P	—SOS to 10 Pers Depot
Cpl Martin USG	—SOS to RCS of S
Cpl Sieben J	—Released
Pte Farrell JR	—SOS to 1 APLU
Pte James GE	—Released
Pte Rivest JEA	—SOS to 10 Pers Depot

Platoons Graduated

The following platoons were "Passed Out" of recruit training during the period of the report:

Hitler Line Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 11 Apr 1961
 Best Recruit—Sig Dierk BF
 Platoon Commander—2Lt M Macknie
 Inspecting Officer—Major RB Mainprize, CD

Gothic Line Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 28 Apr 1961
 Best Recruit—Sig Beevor-Potts J
 Platoon Commander—2Lt RD Gillan
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col CJA Hamilton, MBE, CD

Rimini Line Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 19 May 1961
 Best Recruit—Pte Paisley RG
 Platoon Commander—2Lt DM Carpenter
 Inspecting Officer—Major RB Mainprize, CD

San Fortunato Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 02 Jun 1961
 Best Recruit—Sig Schwengler J
 Platoon Commander—2Lt Stewart
 Inspecting Officer—Major RB Mainprize, CD

Fosso Munio Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 20 Jun 1961
 Best Recruit—Pte Shelley HR
 Platoon Commander—2Lt AB Paxton
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col RF Bruce, MBE, CD

North West Europe Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 27 Jun 1961
 Best Recruit—Pte Bernard C
 Platoon Commander—2Lt HS Bloom
 Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD

Korea Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 07 Jul 1961
 Best Recruit—Pte Mitchell JM
 Platoon Commander—Capt JD Snowball
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col RF Bruce, MBE, CD

Kapyong Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 02 Aug 1961
 Best Recruit—Sig Cunningham GC
 Platoon Commander—Lt PC Bourdeau
 Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD

Ypres Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 02 Aug 1961
Best Recruit—Pte Hinds DA
Platoon Commander—2Lt WD Sole
Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD

Frezenberg Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 30 Aug 1961
Best Recruit—Pte Wardell DV
Platoon Commander—Sgt Edinborough JM
Inspecting Officer—Major DOR Kearns, CD

Mount Sorrel Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 09 Sep 1961
Best Recruit—Pte Hickey RV
Platoon Commander—Lt TL Clarke
Inspecting Officer—Major DOR Kearns, CD

Flers Courcellette Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 06 Oct 1961
Best Recruit—Sig Manns LN
Platoon Commander—Lt JRS Ryley
Inspecting Officer—Major DOR Kearns, CD

Vimy Platoon

Posted to RCS of S: 21 Nov 1961
Best Recruit—Sig Haesch LA
Platoon Commander—Sgt Witt EK
Inspecting Officer—Major EE Doige, CD

Passchendale Platoon

Posted to RCS of S: 04 Jan 1962
Best Recruit—Sig McCullouch JS
Platoon Commander—Sgt Suais BG
Inspecting Officer—Major VG Jamieson, CD



Amiens Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 12 Feb 1962
 Best Recruit—Sig Howard RK
 Platoon Commander—Lt RM MacIntosh
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col RF Bruce, MBE, CD

Scarpe Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 22 Feb 1962
 Best Recruit—Pte Kinwell WA
 Platoon Commander—2Lt WF Boll
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col EMK MacGregor, MC, CD

Mons Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 26 Feb 1962
 Best Recruit—Sig Watling WR
 Platoon Commander—Lt TA Bradley
 Inspecting Officer—Major RB Mainprize, CD

France Flanders Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 08 Mar 1962
 Best Recruit—Pte Penney PD
 Platoon Commander—Lt KR Foster
 Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD

Sicily Platoon

Posted to 1 Battalion: 07 Mar 1962
 Best Recruit—Pte Caley WJ
 Platoon Commander—Lt LJ Gollner
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col RF Bruce, MBE, CD

Leonforte Platoon

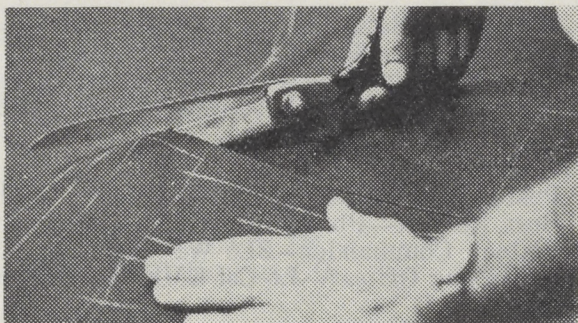
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 Platoon Commander—Lt RB Stock
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col EMK MacGregor, MC, CD

Moro Platoon

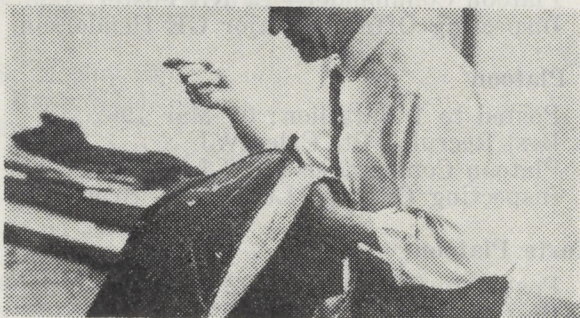
Posted to 1 Battalion: 26 Mar 1962
 Best Recruit—Pte Regan H
 Platoon Commander—Lt RL Dallison
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col RF Bruce, MBE, CD

Gully Platoon

Posted to 2 Battalion: 05 Apr 1962
 Best Recruit—Pte Golhovits B
 Platoon Commander—Lt EA Mansfield
 Inspecting Officer—Lt Col EMK MacGregor, MC, CD



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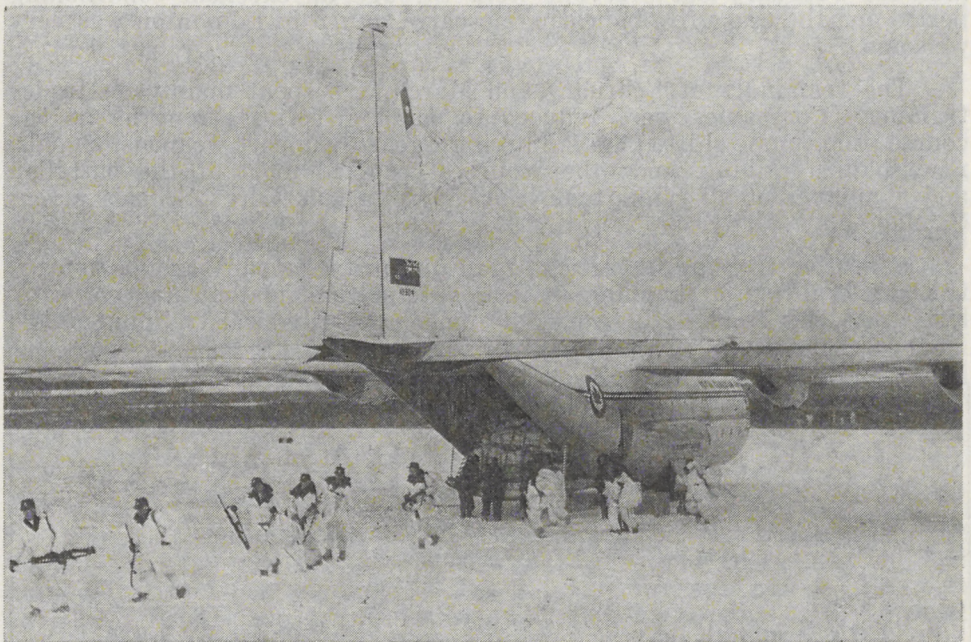
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Second Battalion Report

In 1961 the Second Battalion continued to set a strong pace in a great number of activities. National Survival skills again occupied an important position in the training schedule, but as individual survival skills were integrated into recruit training at the Regimental Depot the Battalion was able to place less emphasis on them and to progress to more important survival operations. Winter warfare, airborne and air-transported training was combined and the skills involved in this type of training were practiced in detail during the winter months. Nuclear Warfare at all levels occupied the spring and summer months along with the usual number of unit and army courses. Besides taking part in a number of ceremonial parades the Battalion engaged in sport, drill, musketry and other inter-company competitions thereby putting to the "test" many team and individual skills associated with soldiering today.

Training

January and February brought to a climax the winter training period on winter warfare and airborne and air-transportability skills. Company groups trained in winter warfare near Devon in December and early January. Exercise SHAKEDOWN II, designed to prepare for Exercise SNOW CHINTHE II, an airborne-air transported exercise, was planned



Troops deplaning from a C 130B Hercules aircraft at Camp Wainwright during Exercise SNOW CHINTHE II, February 1961.

for mid-January but it was delayed a week due to a shortage of snow in Wainwright. A little snow did come and on the 25th of January "A" Company parachuted into Wainwright to establish an airhead. The remainder of the battalion went through the drills of an air-transported move through the RCAF base at Namao. Some chinks actually did load into aircraft and fly to Wainwright but the majority went by road. Three days of tracking down and destroying the cunning enemy force under Capt AS Wagstaff brought the Battalion to a peak of readiness for Exercise SNOW CHINTHE II.

Exercise SNOW CHINTHE II again exercised the Battalion in its role as part of the Defence of Canada Force. The exercise was conducted at Wainwright, but to practice the Battalion in a long range move an advance base was set up at Fort Nelson, BC, and Wainwright simulated an area near Whitehorse. As in Exercise SHAKEDOWN I an airborne assault was required to establish an airhead. A reinforced airborne company group with battalion headquarters staged through Fort Nelson where the CO made his final plans for the assault. On the seizure of the airhead the remainder of the Battalion followed up and deployed. As an economy measure the remaining elements moved direct from Namao to Wainwright. The airhead centred on the main airfield just west of Wainwright Camp, and the battlefield over the next few days stretched to the Ribstone Creek area in the south-east corner of the training area. There was really too little snow and the weather was mild for February but everyone went through an excellent conditioning period and the cease fire indicating an early return to Edmonton was very welcome.

The remainder of February and March was spent mainly on trades training. Companies were reduced to small effective strengths as the course programme shifted again into high gear. Support weapons, signals, new soldier training, and other courses occupied most of the battalion and a number of all ranks took courses at various Corps Schools across Canada.

Collective training in tactics began in April. Company groups rotated through Wainwright training in tactics at section, platoon and company levels and also emphasizing musketry and battle physical training. Battle

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Physical Efficiency Tests were conducted the first week in May and were followed by the annual inter-company drill competition. "A" Company was named the winning company, 11 Platoon the best platoon and Sgt CG Wilkins of D Company the top platoon sergeant.

The remainder of May and early June was spent practicing drill on the parade square for the annual inspection by the GOC Western Command, Major General G Walsh, CBE, DSO, CD, on the 29th of May and the Trooping-the-Colour Ceremony on the 10th of June.

After the concentration and annual leave, the Battalion caught up with those who had missed some of their refresher training or annual tests carried out in the spring. An intensive programme was begun to give everyone his "six stars"¹ indicating tests or training completed.

Unit courses began in October and continued through November. On the 23rd of October, however, all turned again to the problem of National Survival. Two days of training preceded a practice of our fan-out system that began Exercise GROUND ZERO IV.

The exercise was designed to test all phases from warning through re-entry. Everyone was rudely awakened in the wee small hours of October 25th and hurried into barracks. As one soldier was heard to remark, "You can't feel safe in your own bed any more!" After a quick marshalling the Battalion moved to Morinville to await the orders for re-entry and the next day carried out the re-entry operation within the barracks area. Several PMQs were cleared of simulated casualties provided by the Regimental Depot and this added some realism to the exercise. The co-operation of the families occupying the homes was greatly appreciated.

The months of November and December saw the emergence of the "4th Battalion" into a full strength unit. "A" Company's build-up of manpower and separate training programme for the US Exercise GREAT BEAR was nicknamed "4th Battalion". A 48 hour airborne company group exercise in Wainwright beginning 8 of November, was followed in early December by Battalion Winter Warfare training at Rocky Mountain House. After a few days of Company training at widely separated points in the dense bush west of Rocky Mountain House. "A" Company was pitted against the other three rifle companies in an exercise designed as training for Exercise GREAT BEAR. The poorly mapped trails and rough going made a good exercise for all elements of the Battalion. Few complained when the temperature rose to twenty above, for it was forty below for the first few days of training.

Wainwright Concentration

The 1961 concentration began for the operation just 5 days after the annual Trooping the Colour and forced some rapid reorganization and administrative work to prepare for it. As the year before, Exercise GARDEN RAKE, an exercise in re-entry for the Brigade as a Survival

¹ A six-star soldier is one who has completed all phases of his annual training and is thereby eligible for adventure training.—Editor.

Task Force was planned to coincide with the arrival in Wainwright. To begin the exercise the Battalion moved to an assembly area just north of Vermilion and the next day the entire Brigade converged on Wainwright. Training began at once and the Brigade Sports Day was held on 24th of June. As in the past the training was divided into three main periods, sub-unit training from 19th to 30th of June, Battalion Group exercises from 2nd to 12th of July and formation exercises from 13th to 28th of July.

Phase one, a period of training under direction of company commanders, was followed by company group exercises under Battalion control. Exercising the company groups required the aid of other Battalion elements so it was an easy step into Battalion Group exercises on July 2nd. Some of the Battalion controlled exercises held during phase one were named after famous battles in Patricia history. Exercise POLYGON WOOD was a patrol exercise involving both daylight reconnaissance and night fighting patrols; Exercise CHATEAU WOOD stressed advance to contact and attack; Exercise BELLEWAERDE RIDGE covered surveillance on an obstacle; Exercise LAKEWOOD involved a night water crossing; and Exercise GLENCOURSE WOOD covered infantry tank co-operation at squadron/company level both by day and night.



C Company, 2 PPCLI carrying out watermanship training, Camp Wainwright, July, 1961

In the second phase armour, engineers and artillery joined the Battalion Group. Exercise SANCTUARY WOOD stressed mobile operations and resulting tactical and administrative problems, while Exercise FREZENBERG RIDGE practiced defensive deployment on the obstacle

Having built up our knowledge and ability to co-operate with other arms, it was with considerable confidence that the Battalion joined the rest of the brigade group for formation exercises on July 13th. E Battery 2RCHA, C Squadron LdSH(RC) and 3 Troop 3 Field Squadron, our usual comrades in arms, were with us throughout the exercises that followed.

Two brigade exercises PUNCH BOWL and POWER THRUST were held before the Western Command exercise. PUNCH BOWL showed the flexibility with which the two Patricia battalions can operate, as C Company Second Battalion became C Company of First Battalion for the duration of the exercise. Second Battalion stayed out of the two-sided battle which involved both defence and penetration of the obstacle but provided the umpire staff required for such an exercise. The remainder of the Battalion was not given a holiday but conducted range classifications for the two-day period. Exercise POWER THRUST, a one-sided exercise with a small controlled enemy again stressed the difficulties in nuclear operations and forced much activity into those few hours of darkness the northern summer allows.

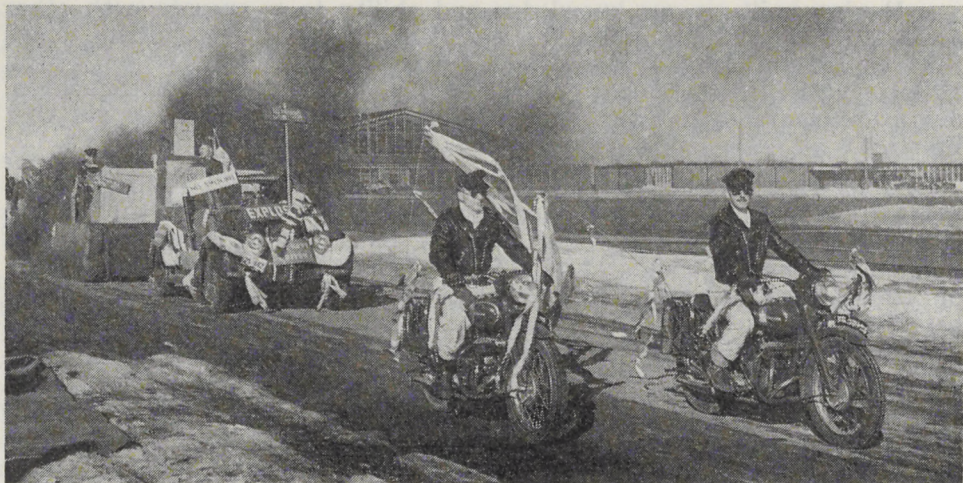
The exercise directed by the GOC Western Command was named MOSQUITO HAWK. The Brigade operated under heavy interference from enemy in rear areas that hampered movement and communications. The Battalion will long remember a frustrating battle along White Route in which company after company tried to dislodge an enemy and the umpires determined to block its movement as part of the Brigade re-deployment that night. Aside from such events, the ability of the Battalion to cope with its tasks on the nuclear battlefield was maintained at the same high level.

It was a concentration well spent. There is no doubt that a great many lessons were learned and every soldiers who had joined the Battalion in the preceding twelve months had been integrated completely into the team.

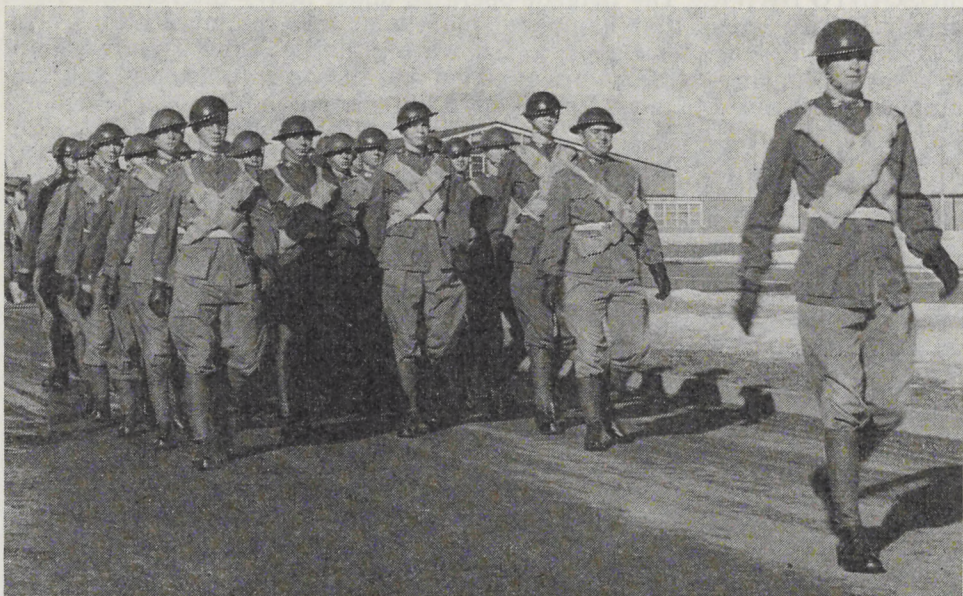
Special Events

With a typical mixture of tradition and enthusiasm the Battalion celebrated the birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief on the 17th of March. The traditional parade under Lt Col Hamilton was held in the morning with the many messages of good wishes being read to all. Then followed a parade of companies in costumes. First prize went to Headquarters Company with a float representing the transport staff at work towed by a so-called CO's staff car. The runner up was "B" Company with a platoon dressed as World War I soldiers. After the parade, inter-company and inter-mess competitions were held in broom-i-loo, snowshoeing, tug-of-war, and sled towing. The games came to a murderous climax in the annual broom-i-loo game between the officers and sergeants.

Second Battalion's special anniversary, Kapyong Day, April 25th, brought the United States Consul in Edmonton, Mr RJ Cavanaugh, to the Home Station as guest of honour. Mr Cavanaugh took the salute at the parade and march-past and afterwards met a number of Kapyong



HQ Company, 2 PPCLI, winners of Costume Parade, 17 March, 1961.



B Company, 2 PPCLI who won second prize in the Costume Parade, 17 March, 1961.

veterans serving at the Home Station. A special luncheon was later served in the Men's Mess. During the afternoon a series of inter-company competitions took place. A forced march event was the highlight of the afternoon. It was won by "D" Company platoon commanded by 2Lt WF Boll.



Platoon from D Company, winners of the Forced March Competition, Kapyong Day, 25 April, 1961.

The Frezenberg battle was commemorated at the Home Station on the 8th of May with a Home Station Parade. Lt Col Hamilton read messages from Patricias in many parts of the world marking the anniversary of this historic battle.

The annual inspection by the General Officer Commanding Western Command was held on the 29th of May. After the inspection Maj-Gen Walsh lunched in the Officers' Mess.

On June 10th, the Second Battalion carried out the traditional and colourful ceremony of Trooping the Colour. The guest of honour on this occasion was the Honourable Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs. Perfect weather enhanced the ceremony and excellent reports on the performance were heard from all quarters. Following the parade, receptions were held at all Messes and in the evening friends and relatives of members of the Battalion were entertained at a formal ball in each of the Messes.

The month of August saw a change of Regimental Sergeant Majors. The Battalion said farewell to RSM (WO1) JC COUTTS on a special parade on the return from the Wainwright Concentration. RSM Coutts was commissioned in the rank of Capt and posted to the School of Infantry at Camp Borden. We all miss this impressive figure whose pride in the Battalion was second to none and wish him every success in his new career.

On October 3rd, in a short ceremony at St. John's Chapel Griesbach a Battalion Flag was presented, blessed and dedicated to the hallowed memory of the men of Battalion who have given their lives for their country. Col JP Browne MC CD, Deputy Chaplain General (Army) and Director of Chaplain Services (P) officiated with the assistance of the Command Chaplain, Lt Col J Cardy MC CD, and Capt CD Nickerson MC CD, Garrison Chaplain.



2 PPCLI Trooping, 10 June, 1961. RSM J. C. Coutts hands the Regimental Colour to Ensign, 2 Lt WF Boll

In early November the newly appointed General Officer Commanding Western Command, Maj-Gen JM Rockingham, visited the Home Station. A one hundred man Guard of Honour paraded for his inspection in the Drill Hall. After an inspection of Battalion training Maj Gen Rockingham was guest of honour at a luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

On December 16th the annual Children's Christmas Party was held in the Drill Hall. Santa Claus did his best to please the children with gifts to tide them over until Christmas Day. The festive season for the grown-ups began with the annual Men's Christmas Dinner on December 21st. As usual the officers and senior non-commissioned officers did the serving. Christmas Carols and music by the Regimental Band added to the festive mood.



"... in the name of our God we will set up our banners." — Psalm 20:5

Presentation and dedication of a 2 PPCLI Battalion Flag on October 3, 1961, St. John's Chapel, Griesbach.

Corps of Drums

1961 started out with a change of Drum Majors. D/M Taylor left in February for the Military Band and D/M Harris took over in his place.

During the first few months the Drums were busy with the parades for March 17th, Kapyong Day and the Frezenberg Day. It was a credit to the men and all their hard work that these parades turned out so well.

Next on the agenda was the Griesbach Community Fair, followed by the Retreat Ceremony and the Trooping the Colour. Unfortunately, the Retreat (the Drums most colourful ceremony of the year) was spoiled by a sudden thunderstorm when it was barely under way.

The Drums had a number of engagements during the summer concentration including the Calgary Stampede.

After the August leave, the Drums started another season at the Armed Forces Day football game. A record crowd enjoyed the half-time performance of the massed bands of the Corps of Drums of 2 PPCLI, the Queen's Own Rifles, the Military Bands of the PPCLI and the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians).



1 & 2 Bn Corps of Drums, Stampede Parade, Calgary, 10 July, 1961.

The Drums have seen many changes in personnel with the losses of Cpl Hayward, Ptes Rodel, Thomas, Hoover and Vaughan.

Musketry

B Company emerged triumphant in the Annual Inter-Company Small Bore Competition by defeating HQ Coy in the final match by the narrowest of margins. The scores: B Coy—670(33x) ; HQ Coy—670(31x). Lt KD Lidgren was the high company scorer while Sgt Bordeleau of D Company was the high Battalion scorer with 99(7x).

In the Edmonton Garrison Rifle Association Small Bore League, 2 PPCLI placed second in "A" Division after losing three close matches to the RCMP. In "B" Division our team placed third. The Battalion also placed two teams in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Small Bore competitions with both teams doing very well in their divisions.

On the 13-14 May the Second Battalion Rifle Team participated in the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Service Condition Matches at Camp Sarcee in Calgary. All but four of the individual and team matches were won by the team.

Pte Chimy - - - - - Rapid Fire Match
 Lcpl Buck - - - - - Nordtorp-Savage Two Position Match
 Cpl JA MacDonald - - The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Fire with
 Movement
 Lt KD Lidgren - - - - Snapshooting Match, AUSI Match, PPCLI
 Snapshooting Match, Service Conditions
 Aggregate

The following team matches were won:

Armstrong Plate Team Match

The Unit Rifle Championship of Alberta

After the APRA Service Condition Matches and one day's rest the team went on to fire in the Canadian Army (Regular) Rifle Competition and once more won the Area Championship by defeating LdSH(RC) by a fairly large margin.

Approximately two weeks after winning the Area Rifle Championship the team went on to participate in the Command finals in Camp Wainwright. Lt KD Lidgren, Pte M Dyck and Pte D Mattheis were the three high individuals in the Command and in August went to Ottawa to participate in the Canadian Army finals. Lt Lidgren won the Queen's Medal Course in the Army shoot and placed sixth on the Army team. Pte M Dyck shot well and placed ninth on the Army team.

A Canadian Army Marksmanship Team was formed for the first time to compete annually against a similar team from the United States Infantry Centre, Fort Benning, Georgia. Lt KD Lidgren and Pte M Dyck were members of this team and participated in this match from 2 - 7 October 61 at Camp Borden, Ont.

At the Western Command Small Arms Competition held in Camp Wainwright during the summer the Rifle Team won the rifle match.

A number of entries were made in the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Prize Meeting held at Calgary from 12 - 16 July. Three members of the Patricia team, CSM WN McKerracher, Sgt GW Elliott, and Cpl RW Shephard placed high enough on the individual aggregate to be selected as members of the Alberta team at the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Prize Meeting in Ottawa.

Again last Fall, as in the past, the Battalion entered a team in the Edmonton Garrison Small Bore League and prospects for the team are good.

Sports

1961 was a highly successful year for 2 PPCLI athletic teams. The unit competed in almost all major sports, both within and outside of Armed Forces Competition.

The boxing team started the year off under Sgt Gammon and Lcpl McNeil by winning the Alberta Area Competition. Unit boxers encountered little difficulty in making a clean sweep of most events in this competition.

The following unit boxers finished the season as Western Command Champions in their weight class:

Pte HOBBS HAW	Open Bantamweight
Pte KING WJ	Open Lightweight
Lcpl RETI H	Open Welterweight
Pte CAMERON D	Open Light Middleweight
Pte PETIT C	Open Heavyweight
Pte METZ DG	Novice Bantamweight
Pte WHITEHEAD E	Novice Lightweight
Pte HOKAN WR	Novice Welterweight
Pte THOMPSON J	Novice Middleweight
Lcpl MARKS FL	Novice Light Heavyweight

In early March representatives from the 2 PPCLI Boxing Team were sent to the Dominion Amateur Championships in Drayton Valley, Alta. Boxers selected were managed by Lt RT Lund and coached by Lcpl McNeil. Lcpl Reti H outboxed all challengers to win the Dominion Championship in the Light Middleweight Class. Lcpl Reti was, without doubt, one of the top boxers present. Ptes Metz D, Clearsky H, and Cameron D lost in preliminary bouts but put on a fine display of ability and sportsmanship.

This year skiing formed a part of the Battalion sport programme. Combined with ration trials, a 2½ week ski course was held for selected



persons at Camp Wainwright. From those on this course a team was chosen to compete in local meets. This team entered the Northern Alberta Ski Championship held in Edmonton in early February. Pte RH Anderson won the Senior B Jumping event with distances of 120 and 125 feet. Lt RT Lund took third place in the same event with distances of 115 and 124 feet. In the cross-country event Lt Lund placed 4th and Pte Anderson was 6th. In the combined events Lt Lund placed first with Pte Anderson second. Other team members who entered the cross-country race were Lcpl AG Arnold, Lcpl CU Embury, Lcpl RS Poirier, Ptes RA Harrison and E Lovell.

The next meet the team entered was the Provincial Championship in Camrose. At this meet Pte Anderson won the Alberta Championship in the Senior B Class jumping event. Lt Lund was runner up in this division. Pte Anderson also placed first in the Nordic Combined event.

Pte Anderson was sent to the Canadian Championships, but suffered an ankle injury in the cross-country race and was forced to withdraw from the competition.

One of the more important aspects of the training year began to receive its share of attention in early spring when hampered by the loss of many key athletes, 2 PPCLI was confronted with the problem of building up a track and field team. In the early spring a tabloid type sports meet was held and interest was stimulated and new athletes discovered. A very successful Unit Sports Day was held on the 30th of May. "A" Company was the winning company. The Outstanding Athlete Award was won by Pte G McGowan.

The team chosen to represent the unit in the 1 CIBG Track and Field Meet at Camp Wainwright went into serious training two weeks prior to the event. Rival units, determined to dethrone 2 PPCLI, had taken every possible measure to win, some training full time for a period of months. 2 PPCLI, under Lt Lund and Sgt Payne, entered the meet as underdogs to 2RCHA and 2 QOR OF C. Throughout the afternoon the unit showed that what they had lost in experience they had gained in spirit and drive. This spirit and drive paid off for at the close of the day 2 PPCLI had won the meet for the second year in a row. With this win went the Alberta Area Trophy in track and field and the 1 CIBG Trophy. The outstanding Patricia athlete of the day was Pte JW Eagle, who, in the morning won the 3-mile event. In the sweltering heat of the afternoon he duplicated his morning performance by winning the 6-mile.

Gold medal winners on the PPCLI team were:

Lt RT LUND	Shot Put
Cpl J HARDER	100 yds
Lcpl H RETI	440 yds
Pte J EAGLE	3 mile and 6 mile

Sharing the day's spotlight was the winning forced march platoon from A Coy led by Lt JB Stanton. There was no competition for these

hardened airborne troops as they totalled a score over 100 points greater than their nearest rival.

A track and field team from 2 PPCLI entered the Alberta Championships July 1st. This meet was combined with the Edmonton Highland Games and was attended by excellent athletes from Winnipeg to Vancouver. 2 PPCLI Medal winners in this meet were:

Lt RT LUND	Discus, Shot Put
Cpl J HARDER	220 yds
Lepl H RETI	880 yds
Pte N HOBSON	Pole Vault

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Curling was once again a very popular sport at the Unit. An inter-company curling league was formed and B Company defeated D Company in the final game to win the trophy. Unit teams entered several bonspiels and were generally successful in winning prizes.

Volleyball was actively played on an inter-company level, providing much enjoyment to those competing.

Basketball was also played on an inter-company level. In addition a Battalion team was formed. This Battalion team played several games with RCAF Namao and City of Edmonton teams.

Soccer and Fastball competitions were held in the form of tournaments. D Coy dominated the Soccer competition, while B Coy was tops in fastball.

The annual New Soldier-New Subaltern Boxing Tournament was held 15, 16 November. The following were winners in their respective weight classes:

Pte JG GILBERTSON	Lightweight
Pte HM BERRY	Light Welterweight
Pte I ROSTA	Welterweight
Pte PS WILSON	Light Middleweight
Lt KR FOSTER	Middleweight
Pte E CHIMY	Light Heavyweight
Pte HG SCHULER	Heavyweight

Many of the better boxers from the New Soldier-New Subaltern Tournament went on to compete in Inter-Coy Novice Tournament held December 6th to 8th. The winners in this tournament were:

Pte RC LAWRASON	Featherweight
Pte HM BERRY	Lightweight
Pte RB MAYNE	Light Welterweight
Pte WG GAHU	Welterweight
Pte DW LLOYD	Light Middleweight
Pte RA HIPFNER	Middleweight
Pte E CHIMY	Light Heavyweight
Pte RA ROBBINS	Heavyweight
Pte RC LAWRASON	Best Boxer
Sgt GS DEBNEY	Best Loser

In December the unit sent four of its better skiers to an Instructor's School run in Kimberley, BC, by the Edmonton Ski Club.

The unit played well and played hard in 1961. Unit teams entered the sphere of national and provincial events in Boxing, Skiing, and Track and Field. In each sport 2 PPCLI produced medal and trophy winners. Through the conduct, sportsmanship and performance of its athletes, 2 PPCLI has become more a part of the community and province in which it is situated. 1961 was a fine year for sports and is an indication of what can be done in the future.

Home Station Mess Activities

Officers Mess

After the festive season January was a quiet month around the Home Station. February 1st saw the re-birth of social activity with a Members' Night. A buffet was planned and a number of games promoting good fellowship. The evening proved quite successful in spite of an interruption caused by Battalion officers attending orders for Exercise SNOW CHIN THE II which began that day under the direction of Western Command. On the 17th of February members brought their wives to the Mess for a Valentine's Dance, and on the 22nd a Mess Dinner with all honorary members as guests rounded off a socially active month.

Two Regimental Anniversaries were celebrated in traditional fashion in March and April. On the Regimental Birthday, 17th of March, the officers and their wives formally dined at the Mess and afterwards danced to music by the Regimental Band. The officers were in fine form, though battered and bruised, for that day they had beaten the sergeants in the annual broom-i-loo game for the third successive year. On the 25th of April, Kapyong Day, all Home Station Officers attended a Mess Dinner with guest of honour, the US Consul in Edmonton, Mr. RJ Cavanaugh.

May and June were eventful months as the subalterns got things rolling in May with a Roman Night (costumed). The Mess was well

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decorated and liberally supplied with fruit and wines in the Roman fashion. Costumes were very realistic and the evening was a huge success. A Mess Dinner on the 29th of May honoured the General Officer Commanding Western Command, Maj Gen G Walsh, after his Annual Inspection. The Trooping the Colour on the 10th of June was the climax of the spring activities. A reception in the afternoon was followed by a formal ball in the evening.

During the concentration Battalion officers entertained First Battalion and other brigade officers and in turn were entertained at other field messes. August saw the Mess close for the annual leave period.

Fall functions began with an informal games night 23rd September. A Mess Dinner on the 7th of November welcomed the new GOC Western Command, Maj Gen JM Rockingham and a Sadie Hawkins Dance on the 10th of November saw the subalterns in the limelight again with a raffle for a pig and four roosters.

The visit of the Director of Infantry, Col PR Bingham, was the occasion for a cocktail party on the 29th of November. Col Bingham was also treated to a luncheon by the Home Station Officers after which he gave an interesting talk on current infantry developments.

December again brought the festive season which was opened with a combined Turkey Shoot and decorating party on the 16th of December. The annual Tea Dance on Boxing Day brought out a great many of our friends in Edmonton and as an innovation members of the Regimental Band entertained the guests with a rendition of Christmas Carols. The New Year's Eve Ball was dispensed with this year in favour of an informal after-midnight party attended by members and their ladies.

Sergeants' Mess

After the traditional New Year's Day get-together with the officers, the corporals, and other Edmonton Sergeants' Messes, the first few months of 1961 were fairly quiet. March was the most active month of the winter as things got under way with the birthday of Lady Patricia on the 17th. The day's high jinks included the annual broom-i-loo game and by a slim margin of 1 to 0 the officers won again. In the evening the ladies were invited to dinner and dancing at the Mess.

The Sergeants' Mess Curling League ended the season with a bonspiel on the 25th of March. In a close contest in both A and B Leagues, Sgt Wally Turlock beat Sgt Joe Dunn and CQMS Harry Chatry beat CSM Red McMahon. The trophies were presented at the annual Curling Banquet on March 30th. Lt Col Hamilton presented the "Wilf Johnson Trophy" to RSM JC Coutts for the most wins during regular league competitions; the Roy Moody Memorial Trophy to Sgt Turlock's rink and the Fred Tadman Trophy to CQMS Chatry's rink, both for their wins in the bonspiel.

After the day's activities on Kapyong Day, 25th of April, the Mess held a smoker. Deep fried oysters and warm saki were thoroughly enjoyed.

A formal mixed dinner was held on the 8th of May to commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg. RSM (WO1) JC Coutts gave a commentary on events leading up to and including the Battle of Frezenberg.

On the 28th of May the annual Children's Picnic was held at Winterburn Range. The children as well as the grown-ups seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

The annual rifle shoot was held on the 3rd of June. Sgt Parsons MF had the honour of having his name engraved on the shovel which is presented to the worst shot of the day with the reminder, "If you can't shoot—dig!"

The Mess was very active in June in spite of the Wainwright Concentration. A Mess Dinner was held on the 8th of June. The guest of honour was the GOC, Maj-Gen Walsh. This was followed on the 9th by a social evening after the Retreat Ceremony held on the Square. Following the Trooping the Colour on the 10th of June a reception was held on the Sgts' Mess lawn to a capacity crowd. The Trooping Ball was held the same evening and was attended by many former Patricias from many parts of Canada. On the 26th of June Second Battalion members thoroughly enjoyed a steak fry given by First Battalion in their field mess.

During the period from mid June through August both Senior NCOs and Officers used the facilities of the Home Station Sgts' Mess and on the 14th of July they held a social evening for all the officers, Senior NCOs and their guests.

On the 29th of July a social evening was held in the Mess to say farewell to RSM (WO1) H Haas and RSM (WO1) JC Coutts. A very fine evening was enjoyed by all.

The first Bingo of the season was held on the 30th of September. This was followed by lunch and dancing.

On the 10th of November a "Meet the Members" Night was held. It was one of the few occasions where all the Regular, Honourary and Associate Members were together for an evening; all spent a very enjoyable evening.

The annual Officers' and Sgts' Curling Meet was held on the 25th of November, and once again the Sgts were victorious, but by only one point.

A Christmas Draw and Bingo was held on the 2nd of December. This marked the final bingo before the festive season began with the annual Turkey Shoot on the 18th December.

On the 21st of December the Officers and Sgts of Second Battalion served the men's Christmas Dinner and later in the afternoon the Mess was "At Home" to the Officers.

The New Year's Eve Ball was held on the 31st of December. An orchestra was supplied by the Regimental Band and in spite of the late opening of the bar, a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Corporals' Mess

1961 proved to be an interesting year for the Corporals' Mess. Looking back, one cannot help but be overwhelmed by the changes brought about during the year. Anyone visiting the Mess, who had been there in January last, would find few familiar faces, and would see many changes.

January, February and March were quiet months in the Mess, with only the odd euchre tournament taking place.

For the third consecutive year the Mess has won a trophy in the Edmonton City Dart League by placing first in the "C" section. Congratulations Cpls Hodge, Johnston, Lewis and Wilson.

May brought with it the warm weather and once again all eyes were focused on preparations for the forthcoming Trooping. On June 10th, after the Trooping the Colour ceremony, a tea was held outside the Junior Rank Club for friends and families of members. The Ball that evening was a combined effort with the privates and proved very successful. The hall was decorated magnificently and was a wonderful sight to behold. The decorations this year were generally considered the best they had ever been.

The remainder of June and all July were spent at the Summer Concentration held at Camp Wainwright.

July 31, the mess held a stag party with the main attraction being a cribbage tournament. Plenty of free refreshments led to a fine party to celebrate the homecoming.

September came all too soon, gradually the Corporals' Mess came to life and things returned to normal with a Bingo Dance being held on the 29th.

On October 27th the annual "Hard Times" Dance was held. It was the biggest social event of the year. It proved to be a "staggering" success.

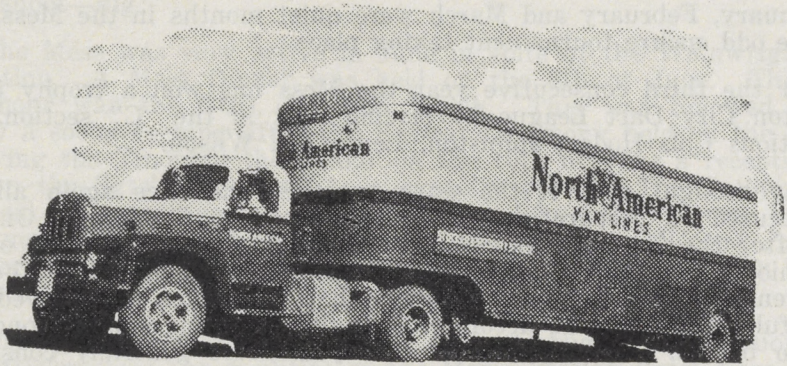
November and early December were quiet with all attention directed to the many courses and National Survival Training Programme.

The normal festive activities took place in mid-December, starting with the Children's Christmas Party, in which many of our members participated. The Christmas Dinner held in the Men's Mess was by far the best of the year. The Christmas Dance was held in the PT Lounge on December 22nd with everyone having a wonderful time.

The mess lost many of its members during 1961 and gained many new ones. Best wishes from the mess go to all departing members.

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PPCLI Cadet Corps

2483 ESQUIMALT (PRINCESS PATRICIA'S) CADET CORPS

2483 Esquimalt Cadet Corps has been sponsored by the First Battalion since the Battalion's return from Europe in 1957. During this time the Corps has increased from 50 to 110 members and has added a drum and bugle band.



As well as the usual cadet training, the cadets have participated in First Aid Courses and undergone instruction on the 81mm mortar, .30 calibre machine gun and 106mm recoilless rifle.

Members of the Corps have done well in marksmanship, placing a cadet on each B.C. Cadet team for the Dominion Rifle Championships. They have won the Adam Trophy for tri Service Cadets indoor rifle shooting on Vancouver Island, the Phoenix Brewery Cup for Indoor Rifle Shooting in Senior Competition and the Tri-Service Indoor Shooting Meet.

The cadets did well at sports also having won the Junior Rugby Playoffs, after losing only one game all season. The Patricia Corps placed

third in the United Cadet Swim Meet and won the championship in the Annual Track and Field Meet.

Under the leadership of Capt FN Fotheringham and Lt JC Caldwell, the Corps won three out of the four trophies presented at the Duncan Tri-Service Drill and Rifle Competition in May 1961.

Lt Col RF Bruce MBE CD, Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI, was the inspecting officer for the annual inspection and congratulated the cadets on their fine turnout and drill.

No. 2551 PPCLI CADET CORPS

Resume of Operations for 1961

Strengths:

The total strength of 2551 Corps on the 1 January, 1961, was 46; total strength on the 31 December, 1961, was 53, an overall increase for the year of 7. It is gratifying to see this increase, however, the present instructional staff feel that this is not sufficient and an intensive recruiting drive is now under consideration to bring the Corps up to its authorized strength of 75. It is felt that this figure could be reached and maintained without difficulty.

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The makeup of this Corps was as follows, as at December 31, 1961:

Cadet Lt	1
Cadet Sgts	2
Cadet Cpls	5
Cadet L/Cpls	6
Cadet Ors	39

Of these, 31 cadets were undergoing first year training; 18 cadets second year training, three cadets third year training and one cadet in fourth year.

Training:

Training is carried out according to the syllabus up to the third year level.

During the year the Corps received six Marksmanship Awards and one Signals Efficiency Award.

Summer Camps:

Six Cadets attended Summer Camp at Clear Lake, Man, 5 attended Vernon, B.C. Camp and one attended Banff Cadet Camp. The following subjects were encompassed at these camps: drill, rifle, range work, map reading, national survival, methods of instruction, physical education, games and recreation, swimming, survival in the field and general military knowledge. A high standard of efficiency in these subjects was attained by the cadets.

1961 Annual Inspection

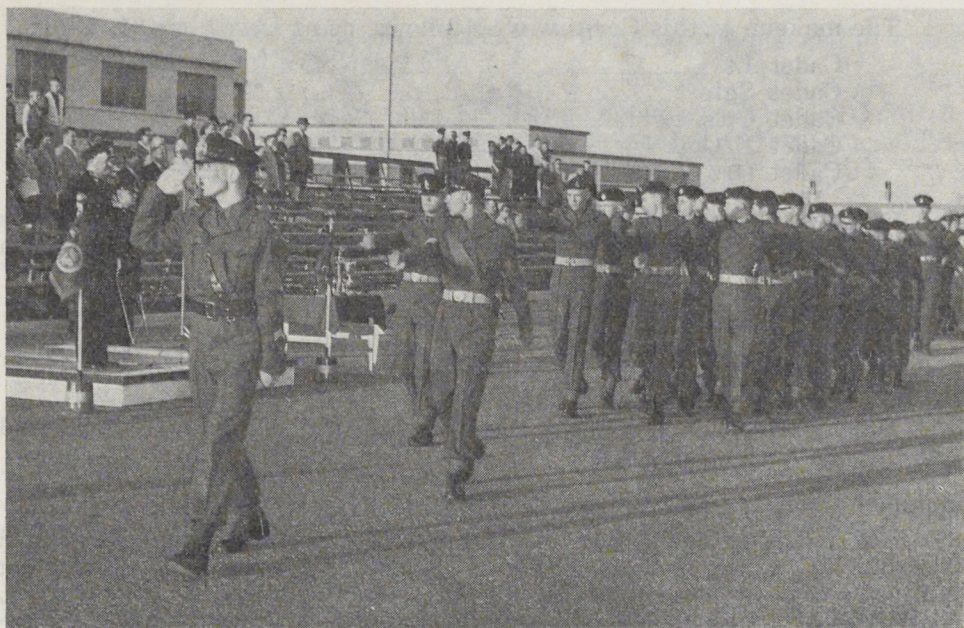
The present instructors were not associated with the Corps at this time. However, the Corps seemed to make a creditable showing and placed 15th out of 41 units inspected. On reviewing the results of the inspection it was found that the Corps drill and turnout was of an exception level.

Average Parade Evening:

The Corps parades every Wednesday evening and an average parade is as follows: 1845 hours, Opening Parade and Inspection, followed by 20 minutes drill from 1910 to 1930 hours; after which comes training as per syllabus for two 40 minute periods, and final parade at 2050 hours and dismissal at 2130 hours.

A third year syllabus has also been inaugurated which will avail our senior cadets of the opportunity to become Master Cadets.

In addition to this, there is further instruction each Saturday morning from 0900 hours to 1200 hours, on the indoor rifle range under the supervision of WO2 McKerracher. This is enthusiastically received by the Cadets and a general high level of marksmanship has been reached. A Cadet Band has also been started under Drum Major Harris, with an initial strength of 12 Cadets. This also parades each Saturday morning from 0900 to 1200 hours. The Corps also plans to undertake at least



ANNUAL INSPECTION

Cdt/Lt Lewis leads the March Past as Lt-Col CJA Hamilton takes the salute

one two-day scheme in the late spring. The average attendance at each parade is approximately 30 cadets.

General Remarks:

The Corps morale, interest and turnout is of a high level. This is due, in no small part, to the unstinting co-operation we receive from the PPCLI Depot, our sponsoring unit, to the first class instructors that they provide, and the excellent facilities placed at our disposal. With these tremendous advantages the Corp cannot fail to make exceptional progress in all phases during 1962.

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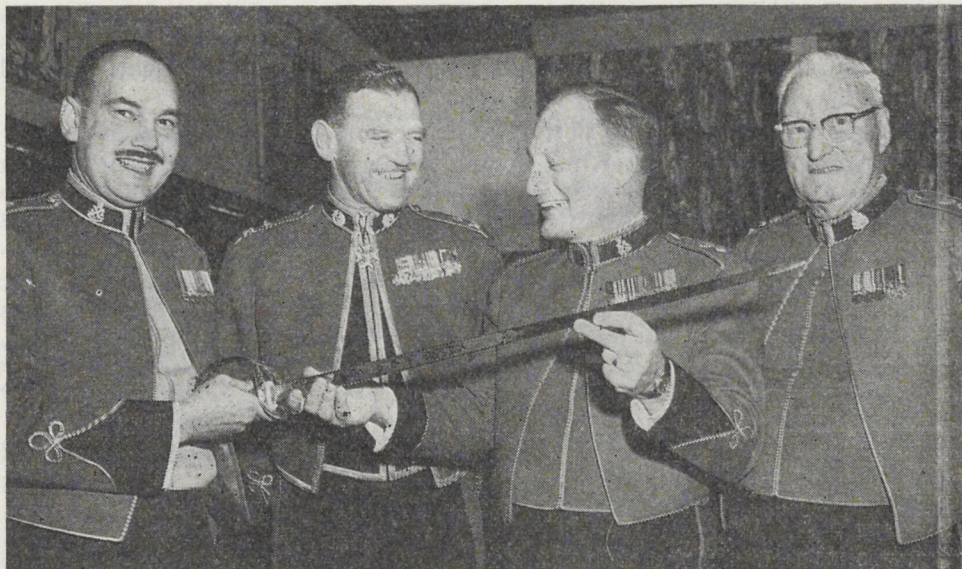
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment



(3 PPCLI)

One of the most successful years in the history of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment was experienced in 1961. It was highlighted by the command of the Regiment changing from the capable hands of Lt Col GJ Armstrong CD, to those of Lt Col EL Boyd CD, in late November. Upon relinquishing the command to his former "2IC", Lt Col Armstrong was posted to the staff of 23 Militia Group HQ in Edmonton where he is now serving as GSO1. Major Keith Wakefield CD, was appointed "2IC".

Col GDK Kinnaird ED, remained as Honorary Col and Lt Col Miles F Palmer as Honorary Lt Col of the Battalion.



Lt-Col GJ Armstrong (centre) hands the sword of command to Lt-Col EL Boyd (left) as Maj-Gen JM Rockingham and Col GDK Kinnaird (right) look on.

Throughout the year the Regiment in Edmonton continued to train on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The training on Saturdays was largely concentrated on Young Soldiers. These young men of high school

age received regular recruit instruction and then underwent National Survival training. On completion of this training they earned the classification of "Trained Militiamen" and gained the usual increase in pay. Military subjects included drill, the FN rifle, rangework, fieldcraft and map reading, while National Survival subjects included rescue and first aid.

"C" Company was responsible for training adult recruits to Trained Militiamen standards while Support Company was responsible for specialist training for those personnel qualified as Trained Militiamen. The expanded program of the latter now encompasses Signals, Leading Infantryman, Regimental Police and Provost training.

During the school summer vacation period the Regiment again accepted responsibility for training a group of 356 Young Soldiers for a six-week period. Training was divided between the Hamilton Gault Barracks at Edmonton, Camp Sarcee near Calgary and at Camp Wainwright. This program is considered exceptionally worthwhile and in 1961 was under the direction of Lt Col (then Major) EL Boyd and for the entire six weeks these Young Soldiers were under army discipline.

Early in the year the Regiment suffered a monumental loss in the passing on February 26 of Warrant Officer Class 1 FW Purkis who was the Battalion RSM.

Mr. Purkis' death at the age of 57 created a gap in the Regiment's organization which will be difficult to fill. Respected by all, RSM Purkis was a source of inspiration to the entire Regiment and his death left all ranks with a feeling of great loss.

A resume of Battalion activity during the year follows:

Throughout the winter and spring months Lt Col Armstrong held a series of syndicated discussion groups on the role and employment of the Mobile Support Column. These were well attended by Regimental Officers and selected officers from other arms and services of 23 Militia Group.

In March "C" Company conducted Exercise "Resources" aimed at obtaining the vital statistics of the towns and villages within 20 miles of Edmonton. Information obtained detailed supplies of food, clothing, water, hospitals, doctors, gasoline reserves, heavy equipment. The exercise was designed to compile information that would be extremely valuable in case of disaster.

A gratifying number of junior and senior NCOs attended special courses in Edmonton and Vancouver during the Easter period with a large number qualifying.

In April an overnight scheme was conducted at Camp Harris. Camouflage, concealment, night patrols, night vision and fieldcraft were among exercises held.

For the first time in several years the Regiment was given the opportunity to undertake collective summer training. More than 410 all ranks from Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Dawson Creek, Vegreville and Vermilion attended the summer camp period at Camp Sarcee near Calgary July 9 - 15.

The Camp was considered extremely successful with personnel able to demonstrate the skills acquired during the year. The week-long camp, culminated by an overnight scheme, was highlighted by a mock battle. A 23 Militia Group survival exercise in which the Battalion formed a Mobile Support Column was held to wind up camp activity.

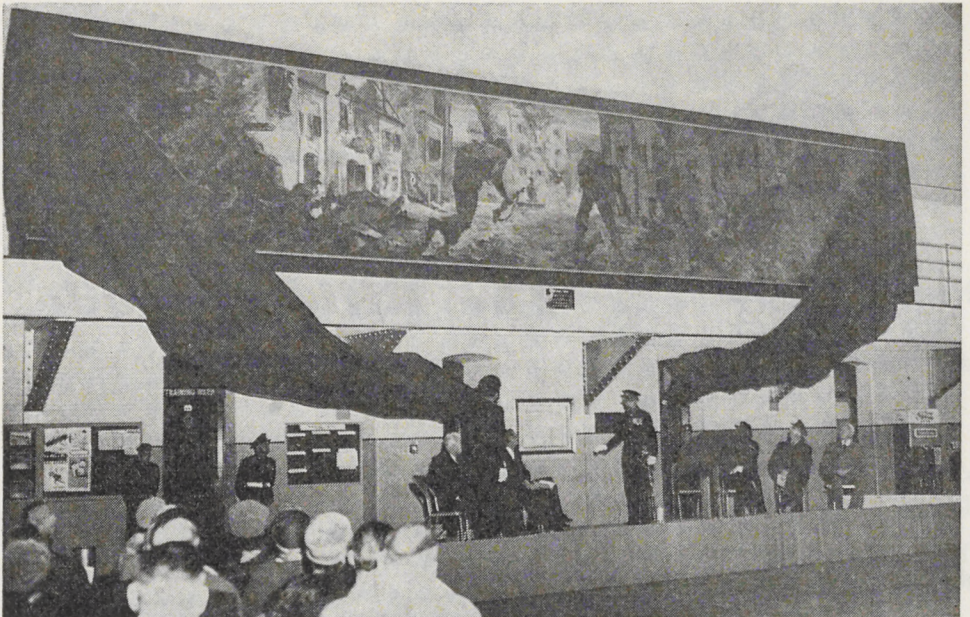
Following the summer recess, training activity was resumed in late September.

One of the first major programs was a three-day exercise in the Vermilion area in which personnel from Edmonton, Vegreville and Vermilion took part.

Exercise "Grizzly Bear" was designed to provide training in attack and defence tactics.

An event of great interest in late October was the unveiling at the Prince of Wales Armouries of the Ortona Mural. The 48'x7' painting was presented to the unit by 28th Central Ordnance Depot of Cobourg, Ontario. Col TG Slater CD, Depot Commandant, formally presented the mural to Brig JC Jefferson who commanded the unit during the battle for the Italian village in December, 1943. Brig Jefferson accepted the painting on behalf of all past and present Regimental Officers and Men.

Special refresher courses in National Survival organization, staff duties, tactics, principles of war, etc., are being conducted for Junior Officer by the "2IC" Major K Wakefield.



Major KE Wakefield unveiling the "Ortona Mural"

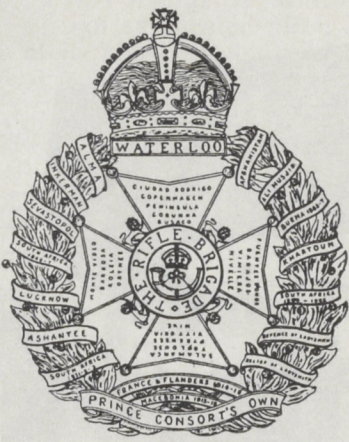
During the fall months three special “extra curricular” activities were organized for unit members. A fencing club, judo club and a precision drill team are training each Friday evening.

The Battalion is grateful to the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Home Station for all the help and encouragement extended again this year.

The Instructional Cadre at Edmonton has also earned deep gratitude for the assistance they have given, particularly to outlying companies.

The “Family Tree” of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) is given hereunder.

Commanding Officer	- - - -	Lt Col EL Boyd CD
Second-in-Command	- - - -	Major K Wakefield CD
Adjutant	- - - -	Capt G Sainty
Cadet Officer	- - - -	Capt K Dougan CD
OC HQ Company	- - - -	Lt A Breckenridge QM
OC Support Company	- - - -	Major BD Stanton
OC A Company (Vermilion)	- - - -	Capt J Kaiser
OC B Company	- - - -	Capt WH Ross
OC C Company	- - - -	Major AL Robertson CD
OC D Company (Grande Prairie)	- - - -	Lt G Pearcy
OC Carrier Platoon (Dawson Creek)	- - - -	Lt W Ketcham
Recruiting Officer	- - - -	Lt N Donaldson



**3rd Green Jackets,
The Rifle Brigade**

The Green Jackets report did not arrive in time for inclusion in the 1962 journal, however, we know them to be very busy in Hong Kong and many other distant places.

We wish them well in all their endeavours and extend best wishes to all ranks from all ranks the Patricias.—Editor.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday, 11 Jun 1961, the 14th Annual General Meeting was held at The Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton, Alberta.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Lt Col RP Clark DSO (Ret).

There were present:

Lt Col RP Clark, DSO (Ret), President PPCLI Association, Vancouver.
Brigadier JA deLalanne, CBE, MC (Ret), Vice President PPCLI Association, Montreal.

Lt Col CJA Hamilton, MBE, CD, Commanding 2 PPCLI, Edmonton.

Major RB Mainprize, CD, Honorary Secretary, Edmonton.

Lt AJ Neadow, Honorary Treasurer, Edmonton.

Lieutenant DA Gower (Ret), Honorary Auditor, Edmonton.

Mr G Bannerman, Ottawa, Ontario.

Capt O Gardner, CD (Ret), Calgary, Alta.

Mr EJ Polinsky, Victoria, BC.

Capt DS Robertson, Griesbach, Alta.

Major GE Henderson, CD, Griesbach, Alta.

Major DOR Kearns, CD, Griesbach, Alta.

Capt B Lane, Griesbach, Alta.

Lt JGH Honey, Griesbach, Alta.

RSM JC Coutts, Griesbach, Alta.

RSM H Haas, CD, Griesbach, Alta.

CSM (WO2) Shaw EP, Griesbach, Alta.

CSM (WO2) Goodwin LG, Griesbach, Alta.

Mr FL Mack, Victoria, BC.

Mr LH Holten, Edmonton, Alta.

Mr G McIlvenny, Victoria, BC.

Mr F Sargent, Victoria, BC.

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

Brigadier CB Ware, DSO, CD, Chairman PPCLI Association, 4 CIBG.

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

Mr TI Gibson, Vancouver BC.

Major HG Munro, CD (Ret), Calgary, Alberta.

Mr NL McCowan, President Winnipeg Branch, Winnipeg, Man.

Brig R Coleman, DSO, MC (Ret), Montreal, PQ.

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The following message was received by the Honorary Secretary:

"Best wishes for a successful meeting today from the members of the Saskatchewan Branch.

Sid Waterman, Honorary President."

Letters of proxy for the gentlemen not attending and the following gentlemen were tabled by the secretary:

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

Lt Col VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD,
Former Commanding Officer, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Col DH Rosser (Ret), Crawley, Sussex,
President UK Branch, England.

Lt Col R Bruce, MBE, CD, Commanding 1 PPCLI, Esquimalt, BC.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have very little to report to the Association this year as little happened that involved me as President of the Association. Many projects were discussed during the year but these were dealt with secretarially by Major Mainprize, the Honorary Secretary, who as usual dealt with them in splendid fashion and, as usual, left little for your President.

I note that the Association is growing year by year and that it now includes a branch in the United Kingdom. It is my hope that this growth will continue and that every member of the Association will do his utmost to promote interest in it.

Brigadier Colquhoun reports from Spain that he did not get too far along on his tour of the country before he had an accident. Next time any of you see him ask him about his court experiences and his five lawyers for the defence.

The Chairman of the General Committee, Brigadier Ware, wrote me a letter a short time ago and in it he expressed the opinion that there should be a memorial to the founder of the regiment in Canada. I agree most wholeheartedly and feel that we should discuss this matter later on during "New Business".

I take pleasure in further reporting to the General Committee that the finances of the Association are in good shape and are likely to remain so for the next year.

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt Col Jackson, who was preparing the "Officers' Record of Service", died in Ottawa the week ending 22 Jan 61. Mrs Jackson kindly donated the records to the Regiment that Lt Col Jackson had been so carefully compiling. With the records now in our hands, it was considered unnecessary to continue with the compilation and printing of the Officers' Record of Service.

Prior to his death, Lt Col Jackson had initiated a project to search through the Regiments' Part II Orders 1939-46 for numbers, names, highest rank attained, list of decorations, wounds and deaths.

The following records pertaining to World War II are now in our hands:

- a. Officers Records of Service (World War 1 to date).
- b. Cards showing number, name, rank and series of dates which may be TOS and SOS dates.
- c. A list of decorations.
- d. Deaths—enemy action (not POW).
- e. Repatriated Prisoners of War.
- f. Non-fatal casualties (Wounded).

PPCLI Association News Bulletin

Branches were requested to forward a short report of branch activities and nominal roll for the Annual News Bulletin by the 15th of May.

It would be appreciated if these report could be hastened in order that the News Bulletin may be published at an early date.

Annual Summary

The Annual Summary for 1960-61 has been submitted to the Director of the Companies Division, Department of the Secretary of State.

Memorial Plaque—St. Georges Memorial Church, Ypres

On the 26th of Apr 61, George Hancox forwarded a proposed itinerary of the Battlefield Tour to be held in conjunction with the dedication of the Memorial Plaque. (See Ypres Tour article. Ed), in St. George's Memorial Church in Ypres. He recently advised that these dates have had to be revised largely due to the fact that a number of members who would be going from Canada would be unable to obtain cheaper travel rates before the 1st of October.

He also stated that they have received slightly more than £150 in contributions which is approximately half the minimum total required. (This plaque is now paid for, Ed).

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Word has been received from Brig Ware that it appears the dedication will take place on the 22nd of Oct. Lady Patricia has been asked to unveil it.

Frezenberg Memorial

The Director-General of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission has reported that the site of the memorial is clean and tidy and the tree healthy. The structure of the memorial is in very good condition.

Nominal Roll—University Companies

At the request of Brig Coleman, President of the Montreal Branch and with the aid of a quantity of material previously prepared by Colonel Orrin Rexford, PPCLI Depot produced a nominal roll by companies of the six University Companies that joined the Regiment in World War I. In addition to the twenty copies forwarded to the Montreal Branch, three copies were forwarded to each of the other branches and one has been placed in the Regimental Museum.

CBC History Project

A letter was received on the 26th of Apr 61 from the Regional Supervisor (Prairies Outside Broadcasts and Special Events, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation advising that the CBC has a History Project underway. They are attempting to record as many first-person historical recollections by original members of the Patricias as possible. They requested a list of names and addresses of as many original members of the Patricias as possible. This list was compiled from the branch nominal rolls and forwarded to Mr Hunka on the 5th of May. He further requested access to the Regimental Museum in order to round out their history of the Regiment.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Victoria

The Victoria Branch reports that they held six general meetings during the year, which had an average attendance over the period of 32 members, and that a dance was held in the Bay Street Armouries, Victoria, in February.

The branch members, their wives, Lt Col Bruce, several officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants of 1 PPCLI attended what is becoming an "annual" service in St. Paul's Garrison Church on the 7th of May. Lt Col Elder read the lesson and the Padre made special mention of the Battle of Frezenberg.

Members of the branch were invited to watch the Annual Inspection of the PPCLI Cadet Corps. The branch presented a trophy to the cadet who made most progress during the training year. Fred Sargent, and Fred Watson, the Hospital Committee, were active again. They visited the local Veterans' Hospital and gave cigarettes to ailing members. A special gathering was held to say good-bye to Lt Col JC Allen on his leaving 1 PPCLI. The branch President, Major PD Crofton, thanked Col Allen for all his assistance and encouragement. Lt Col Edgar presented

Col Allen with a plaque from the branch. Brig Coleman of Montreal was present and received a presentation on behalf of the Montreal branch.

The branch is indebted to Lt Cols Allen and Bruce for a great deal of assistance in branch activities, and extends a special vote of thanks to RSM (WO1) Austin, 1 PPCLI (now RSM Regimental Depot) for his help and for volunteering the use of the Sergeant's Mess for branch meetings.

Vancouver

The Vancouver Branch reports that they held their Annual Reunion at the Seaforth Armouries on the 17th March, 1961, but that they have had very little other activity.

Following the Annual Reunion, the following slate of officers was returned as the Executive for the forthcoming year:

President	T Ian Gibson
Vice-President.....	Lt Col RP Clarke
Secretary	Mr TC Routledge
Treasurer	Mr FL Bentham

Calgary

The Calgary Branch held their Annual Meeting on Friday 15 May 61. Elections were held and the following were elected:

President	Capt O Gardner, CD (Ret)
Vice-President	Maj FH Baker (Ret)
Secretary-Treasurer	Maj HG Munro, CD (Ret)

CSMs Clifton and Devlin (Ret) were enrolled as members and welcomed to the branch.

Following the meeting, members and ladies celebrated Frezenberg Day in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess.

The branch was invited to attend the celebration, with serving Patricias in the area, of the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday on 17 March. It was celebrated in the traditional manner at Currie Barracks, Calgary. CSM England was thanked for this invitation.

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The passing of SMI EG Scrutton and RSM FW Purkis is keenly felt by all members. Condolences to the next of kin were sent in this regard. The branch reports that its last two World War I Vets, Maj WJ Gibson, MC and Mr Alex Huff are fit and in the forefront of branch activities and that the next meeting is planned for September.

Edmonton

Mr Fraser M Garrie of the Edmonton Branch reported early in 1961 that the Edmonton Branch will no longer function as a Branch of the Association. Mr Donald Gower, the Honorary Auditor, is striving towards reorganizing the Branch so that it may take an active part in all future Association projects. As of this date, Mr Gower has not been heard from as to whether or not the Branch will be operational again shortly, however, we do know that Mr Gower will do his utmost to make this come about. Editor.

Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Branch held their Annual Meeting on 8 Oct 61 with the Hon Mr JH Brockelbank in the chair.

Mr Brockelbank gave a report of branch activities for the past year and asked, at the conclusion of the report, to be relieved of his duties owing to the increase in work load required by his Cabinet position.

A donation of \$58.00 was made to the UK Branch to assist with the defrayment of cost of the Ypres plaque.

Brigadier Klaen held a get-together in his home on the 10th of January. Twenty-five members present were served a sumptuous meal by Mrs Klaen and some of the ladies. All who were present had a very enjoyable time.

In closing the branch reports that all present members are working hard towards making the branch stronger and more active.

The branch extends best wishes to all Patricias everywhere.

Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Branch of the Association held a "Stag" on 24 Mar 61 which was well attended. This was the second stag in less than a year and gave hope to the President, Mr Norman McCowan, that the activities of the branch would increase.

The branch also reports a donation of \$140.00 to the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation in memory of Russell M Gordon who passed away during the year. Mr. Gordon as most know, was an "old Patricia" and a long time member of the Winnipeg branch. His death was a great loss to the branch.

Toronto

The Toronto Branch reported on the 3rd February that Mr Jack McLaren held a luncheon for the branch in the Military Institute on the

15th December. Approximately twelve people attended this luncheon, and a good time was had by all.

Changes in the Executive are:

President	Mr George Barclay
Treasurer	Mr W Walker
Secretary	Mr W Harris

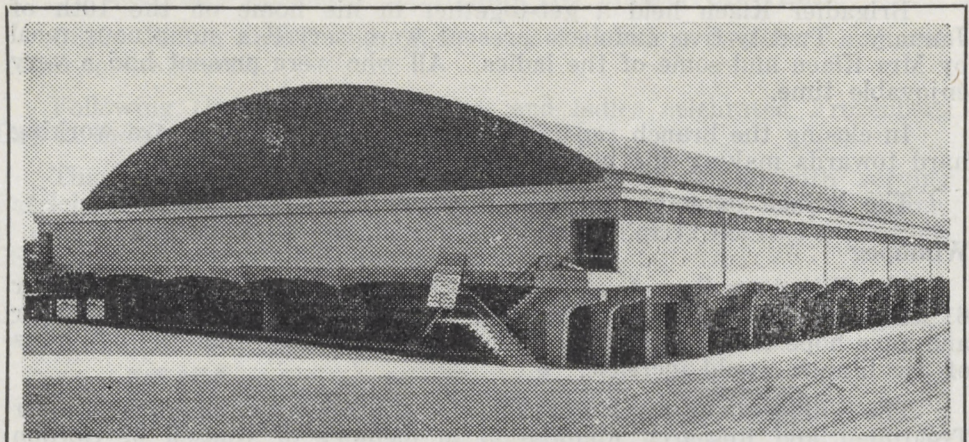
Ottawa

The President, Mr Glen Bannerman, was toastmaster of the annual meeting and dinner on the 8 May 61. He had the great pleasure of introducing as guest speakers, The Hon Mr WH Nickle, Ontario Minister of Planning and Development, and Mr Jack D Herbert, the Chief of the National Historic Division, to the sixty-six members attending.

It is interesting to note that Mr Nickle was a private with the regiment during World War I and Mr. Herbert is the son of the oldest living member, Mr George Herbert. Another distinguished guest at the dinner was Maj Gen ELM Burns; he was the invited guest of Col SH Hill.

The annual meeting was held following the dinner and the members listed below were elected as the 1961 Executive:

President	Mr Bill Dawson
Immediate Past President	Mr Glen Bannerman
Vice-President	Mr Harry Cotton
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The Fall smoker and get-together was held on 5 Dec 60 and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

On the 25 Aug 61, Mr Bill Dawson reported plans were afoot for another smoker to be held on Thursday, 7 Dec 61 and for a Tri-City dinner. This latter would involve Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. Nothing further has been received on either the dinner or the smoker but I am sure both were a great success). Editor.

The Ottawa branch is very active in trying to get Patricias together and have extended an open invitation, to all members, past or present, to attend the branch's functions whenever they are in the Ottawa area.

Montreal

Despite the fact that our official activities have been limited to the Annual Meeting, we have had a very satisfactory year, with several visitors adding to our pleasure, and much meeting between individual members and groups of members.

However, before chronicling the above mentioned activities, we wish to record with regret the passing of George T Harris, No. 487540, and Walter A Hoskin, No. 1215, both of whom will be remembered in all parts of the country.

Among our visitors were Mr and Mrs Arthur Milne, now living in Brighton, England. During their lengthy visit to Canada several other branches were also able to welcome them. Another old friend, who arrived in time for our Annual Meeting, was a well-known "Original" No. 1116 AC "Red" Peacock, MC, DCM. After almost forty years absence in Hawaii he delighted everyone by reappearing and entertaining us with tales of the Golden Isles. "Red's" New Jersey address is included in our nominal roll.

All members of the branch were pleased and proud at the election of Jimmy De Lalanne to the position of Vice-President of the General Committee of the Association. No one has done more to keep the flag flying than he has, in innumerable ways including liason work at Ottawa, generously entertaining visitors to Montreal and representing this branch at the Annual Meetings in Edmonton.

Speaking of visitors, Rowan Coleman landed in Victoria on March 30th, just in time to attend a meeting of the local branch which was presided over by Paddy Crofton and attended by another visitor, Major General Arthur Potts of Kingston. After being royally treated, Rowan was presented with a plaque autographed by all those present to take back to the Montreal Branch. This thoughtful gift was proudly displayed at our last meeting and is deeply appreciated.

The Annual Meeting was held on May 5th, in what has now become the traditional setting, the Officers' Mess at McGill University. Our guest speaker was Jack McLaren of "Dumbells" fame who journeyed from Toronto where he has been a guiding light for years in the affairs of that branch. Jack's reminiscences, delivered in his marvellously droll manner, alternately brought shouts of delight and sighs of nostalgia from his audience. We had a good turnout of members, and some very welcome

visitors, including Glen Bannerman and Harry Cotton, President and Vice-President respectively of the Ottawa Branch. They were accompanied by Howard Ferguson and Capt Al Bull. Terry McConvey was down for his third successive year and Dr George Fairfield MP lent his smiling and ever popular presence. This was George's fourth meeting with us.

One meeting a year is not enough and it was announced at the Annual Meeting that arrangements have been made for a second gathering during the coming year. The date has been set for November 17th and the scene of the action is Molson's Brewery—surely an appropriate place. We invite all Patricias to join us on this auspicious occasion.

It was also announced that the possibility of holding a joint meeting of the Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal branches, probably next May, is being explored. Great satisfaction over this was expressed by those present.

Finally, at the Annual Meeting the incumbent Executive was returned to office. It consists of:

- PresidentRowan Coleman
- Vice-PresidentCF "Mike" Dumaresq
- TreasurerClarence D LeLievre
- SecretaryFrank Henstridge

All members of the Montreal Branch send fraternal greetings to old comrades everywhere and pledge loyalty and support to the Regiment and the General Committee.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom branch reports that they have received help from the regiment in paying for the Ypres plaque and that it will be presented to St. George's Chapel, Ypres, Belgium, during the PPCLI battlefield tour in October.

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Exercise Tombstone Territory

By

Major AV Robbins (PPCLI)

(Major Robbins is presently employed as the Canadian Exchange Officer with the Royal Australian Army and was an official observer on the Exercise Tombstone Territory).

Exercise Tombstone Territory was a joint British-Australian tri-service exercise conducted in Western Australia. The feature role in the exercise was played by the Royal Navy's new Commando Assault Carrier, HMS Bulwark, which was on a visit to Australia from its base in Singapore.

My family and I arrived in Perth, the capital of the State of Western Australia, on the 9 Jan after a 2300 mile road journey from our home in Canberra. This trip would be roughly equivalent to driving from Toronto to Vancouver, but across and under vastly different conditions than would be found in Canada. For more than 1300 miles, the route skirts the semi-arid region which lies immediately north of the Great Australian Bight. This area is truly part of the "Outback" as the Australians say and the outposts of civilization here may be anything from two to three hundred miles apart. As space will not permit the telling of our experiences on this trip, it is sufficient to say that the driving conditions on the Eyre Highway, which stretches from Port Augusta in South Australia to Kangoorlie in Western Australia, compares unfavourably with the old Dawson Creek Highway circa 1946 (those Patricias who took part in Exercise Muncho of late 1946 will remember that route vividly).

Shortly after we arrived in Perth, I was informed that I would be leaving at 0530 hrs 10 Jan with a party of press people for Geraldton, Australia, where we would find and board HMS Bulwark. Geraldton, a small port some two hundred miles north of Perth would be Bulwark's first "port of call" in Australia. The Royal Marine Commandos of the Bulwark would be put ashore here to establish the umpire communications nets for the exercise in the Tombstone Rocks area, some one hundred miles further down the coast.

I arrived at the Western Command Mess at 0330 hrs and by 0530 hrs 10 Jan we had boarded an RAAF Dakota aircraft and were airborne for Geraldton. We touched down at the airstrip there before 0800 hrs, but even by this early hour the hot shimmering rays of the sun could be seen and felt as they reflected from the tarmac (daily temperatures of over 100 degrees are common in this part of Australia: these high temperatures last for weeks at a time).

There was no sign of the Bulwark when we arrived, however, shortly after 1000 hrs her great bulk loomed over the horizon. Soon a Whirlwind helicopter was launched from the deck of the carrier and was thrashing its way shoreward with the message that the swell was too heavy to

launch the Landing Craft (Assault) and that we would be picked up and flown out to the Bulwark on her arrival off Geraldton. By this time, excitement was mounting in this small town and most of the townsfolk had gathered on the foreshore to watch the proceedings. They were soon rewarded by the exhilarating sight of a ten helicopter flight of Whirlwind craft from the carrier; some carrying small Citroen CVs slung beneath them. The helicopters flew over the town and landed on the airstrip where they unloaded the CVs and the marine party responsible for setting up the umpire communications. The move of the helicopters from the airstrips to the town Cricket Oval caused a mass migration from the waterfront to the oval. At one stage, it appeared as though the children milling around the oval would bring the landings to a halt and it was only through the efforts of soldiers and local newspapermen that the field was cleared thus enabling the Whirlwinds to land in safety.

Finally, with a minimum of fuss and bother, we were issued life jackets, shown how to inflate them and put aboard the "copters". I suppose that the life jackets were an integral part of the "Modus Operandi", but quite frankly, I was convinced that they would be of little value if ditching became necessary as the waters along this part of the coast are known to contain most varieties of man-eating sharks; only recently sharks were caught in Geraldton harbour proper. This was a fine outlook for an amphibious exercise in this particular area; however, these thoughts were quickly dispelled as we became airborne and were soon wind-milling, at wave top level, out to the Bulwark some twelve miles off the coast.

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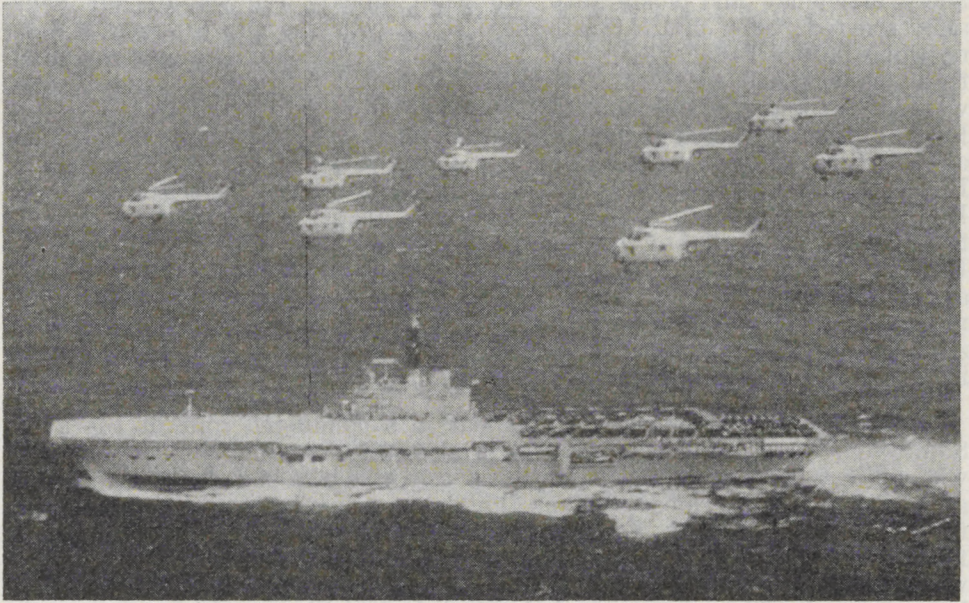
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This, I think, would be the best place to briefly explain the commando carrier concept and how it was evolved. The United States Marine Corps first developed the concept known as the "Vertical Assault" which is a major departure from the normal pattern of amphibious operations. The commando carrier makes this type of operation possible and is an attractive contribution to modern strategy. It can be employed as a single unit in the anti-terrorist (small brush fire) operation or as an integral part of a larger naval task force in a conventional amphibious assault. It provides the means whereby a force can be held at sea, out of sight of land yet at instant readiness to intervene ashore without disclosing its presence.



HMS Bulwark and a flight of "copters" from 848 Naval Air Squadron

The helicopter borne commando of the carrier, can join land operations on ground of its own choosing, leaving the defender in ignorance of the point of entry until the very last moment. Troops can be withdrawn or re-deployed almost as quickly as they were landed, for speed is the keynote of the helicopter assault. The vulnerable sea passage and the critical stage of crossing the beach, inherent in the amphibious assault, are eliminated in the helicopter assault. Further, and within certain limitations, the commando with its floating base, is for a time, entirely independent of logistic support from shore installations.

In January 1960, the Royal Navy commissioned its first commando carrier HMS Bulwark, and embarked 42 Commando, Royal Marines and 848 Naval Air Squadron, flying Westland Whirlwind Mark VII helicopters.

It was this Carrier, that appeared at the critical moment in the Persian Gulf approximately one year ago and put a damper on Iraqi aspirations to take over the Sheikdom of Kuwait. It should be emphasized, and this is a personal opinion, that the commando carrier operating alone in anything but the anti-terrorist or "bush fire" operation, would be a very risky business indeed. The commando carrier possesses virtually no protective armaments of its own, and is little more than a floating helicopter pad, marine barracks, and vehicle and equipment transporter.

This then was the ship we touched down upon on the 10th of January, to be immediately welcomed on board by the Captain and the Commanding Officer of 42 Royal Marine Commando. With typical Royal Navy efficiency and hospitality, we were quickly relieved of our bags and escorted below to the ward room for a welcome cup of tea. It was not long before I discovered that I was not a complete stranger amongst these sailors and marines. Captain Pat Scarf introduced himself and wanted to know about his old friend Major Arthur Potts; Captain Ronnie Holgate talked about Patricia Officers who had been classmates on a recent course at the Canadian Army Staff College; Major Dick Bavain had recently spent some time in Calgary with The Queen's Own Rifles, and was in fact more up to date on Canada than I was. At lunch, the Captain came up to me and enquired for Rick and Kate. Captain Dalglish turned out to be the brother-in-law of Major Constant's wife and knows the Regiment well. These completely unexpected associations made the next twenty hours on board very enjoyable, and proved once again to me, that the world is indeed a very small place and the Regiment is known throughout its length and breadth.

The rest of the morning was spent in a conducted tour of the ship. Some years ago, I spent a few days on HMS Triumph, which I believe was a fleet carrier of the same class as Bulwark, and therefore I was able to compare the modifications that had gone into converting Bulwark to an Assault Carrier. Outwardly there was little difference from its fixed wing counterpart, except on the flight deck, where the arrestor wires and barriers had been removed and nine helicopter roundels had been painted. The after end of the deck looked like a vehicle compound; the vehicles parked in this area naturally restricted the full flying capacity

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of the ship, but these could be struck down into a hangar, when all the helicopters were ranged on the flight deck during full operations. The major internal alterations were the provision of accommodation, stores and offices for the Commando of 600 all ranks, conversion of her flying facilities to operate helicopters, and re-arrangement of the operations room to cater for the joint naval and military command of the force. Provision of the four LCAs at davits was also a major modification in the conversion of Bulwark to the Assault Carrier role.

But for a final briefing on the Exercise which was due to start the following morning, the afternoon was devoted to sport. Playing volley ball on a flight deck which was neither vertically nor horizontally stable was a new experience, a movement which the naval and marine personnel seem to have mastered with great efficiency to the detriment of their visitors. Just before last light, the Special Boat Section took off in three helicopters bound for the enemy coast. Their task, to locate and mark the pre-selected helicopter landing sites, which would be used by the Commando at first light. The SBS was to be put down some ten miles from the area in which the assault was planned; by march route during the hours of darkness, they would carry out their allotted task. We had flown low over this particular area on the way up from Perth that morning and from the air, it looked very rugged indeed. As none of the lads in the SBS had ever set foot on Australian soil before, they would undoubtedly find the "bush" into which they were being lifted vastly different to the country in which they normally trained. Another factor against them was the blackness of the nights at this time of the year in this area. I was doubtful about their chances of success and said so to the young marine officer commanding the party prior to their take-off. He agreed that it would not be easy and that it would be a good test of their night navigation training, but was completely confident of the outcome. In the end a small wager was made, and I regret to say I handed him a bottle of Scotch later in Freemantle in payment of the bet.

Breakfast the following morning at 0400 hrs; even at this early hour, the meal was perfectly prepared and served by the Chinese cooks and ward room stewards, who I gather are recruited in Hong Kong. After breakfast, I attended a final briefing of Y Troop in their mess deck, this was the Troop to which I had been assigned for the Exercise. I was impressed with the thoroughness of the briefing, the detailed planning at the troop level and the obvious enthusiasm of all members of the Troop. I might explain that a commando has five such rifle troops; a support troop consisting of a mortar, medium machine gun, anti-tank and assault engineer platoons; a headquarters troop and of course a small command element. After the briefing, I adjourned to the flight deck to watch the "fly-in", which by this time was in full swing. The Whirlwinds are capable of carrying only four marines with their full operational equipment, and consequently it takes five sorties by each of the eighteen operational helicopters to lift the rifle troops of the commando ashore. This is far from a satisfactory state of affairs, and although the Whirlwind is highly regarded from the reliability point of view, much

improvement on this lift factor is expected from its planned replacement, the Westland Wessex.

The procedure of organizing individual marines into aircraft sticks, assembling sub units by sticks in their respective mess decks, calling sticks forward to the waiting hangars and flight deck and finally loading the sticks into the correct helicopters is to say the least an involved operation. The success of the procedure seemed to depend on accurate load manifesting and for this purpose small four man manifest cards are prepared. The weight of an individual marine and the exact weight of the equipment he is carrying become critical factors when operating helicopters that have such marginal payload and fuel capacities. Therefore, the manifest card carried by the senior member of each stick accurately records names, individual weights plus equipment carried, lift-off time, chalk number and helicopter identifying letter.

Emplaning procedures are controlled by a marine operations officer permanently attached to the carrier. This officer is located in the command post high in the island of the carrier and uses the ship's public address system to direct the operation. To start the operation, nine helicopters are spotted, over-loaded with fuel and lift off to hover well above the ship. Another nine aircraft are immediately spotted, loaded with fuel and the marine sticks who have been waiting in the wells of the flight deck are escorted forward and loaded into their respective machines. This wave lifts off and departs for the beach, while the aircraft hovering above the ship land and take on their loads; by this time they

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have used the excess fuel with which they were originally loaded. Once the first two waves have departed, subsequent lifts are completed as individual aircraft sorties at a minimum turn around tempo, which goes on unabated until the operation is completed.

Control of the operation on the flight deck is maintained through assistant flight deck officers at each aircraft pad. They in turn are assisted by a multitude of people including aircraft handlers, fuel men, escorts for sticks and even relief pilots. Speed is the essence of the operation and the teams compete with each other for aircraft turn around honours. As the senior member of each sticks boards an aircraft, he hands the manifest card which he has in his possession to a member of the flight deck crew. After the aircraft has departed, the card is immediately passed to the operations room and thus it serves to augment the record of those individuals as well as those sub units which have been lifted ashore. From the tally board which is maintained in the operations room, it is possible to ascertain at any given time, the progress of the "fly in".

The emplaning drills of the commandos and the aircraft handling drills of the flight deck crews are a picture of co-ordination and precision. The aircraft are handled in much the same manner as on conventional aircraft carriers. The movements, signals and gesticulations performed by the members of the flight deck crews, remind one of a ballet troop that has been trained to the peak of perfection. These people have indeed developed their individual drills and skills to the point, where they display a grace of precision that would, I am sure, match anything to be seen at Covent Garden. Truly, it is fascinating to watch by a mere landsman.

Being completely absorbed with the actions on the flight deck, I had not noticed the passing of time. I was brought back to reality, when a marine corporal handed me a life preserver and said I would accompany his stick ashore. In a matter of minutes after joining the stick in the wells at the edge of the flight deck, we were escorted at the double to a waiting helicopter. Within seconds of settling in the aircraft we were airborne and flying towards the shore and a landing site some four miles inland. Exercise Tombstone Territory was under way and it was with some feeling of regret, that I watched the massive hull of the Bulwark disappear in the early morning haze that hung on the face of the Indian Ocean.

The Exercise itself is again another story which space will not permit telling here. It was extremely interesting for me to be observing these very fine units, 42 Royal Marine Commando and the Australian Army's Special Air Service Company exercising against each other under very difficult conditions. Both units displayed great efficiency and dash for seventy-two hours under conditions of terrain, heat, lack of water, flies and insects that I personally had never experienced before. My last exercise had been Snow Chinthe II, and I am now convinced that cold weather warfare training has certain merits, which I heretofore never realized existed.

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Capt William Henry Marsden MC DCM MSM (Ret) is still Canada's "No. 1 Soldier" and the original Regimental Sergeant Major of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

This fine "old soldier" and gentleman celebrated his 90th birthday on the 9 Mar 62; but his keen memory, lively conversation and appearance are such that he could easily pass for a man 25 years younger.

Capt Marsden joined the King's Royal Shropshire Regiment in 1893 and served with that unit in the Boer War. He won the Distinguished Conduct Medal on the 25 Feb 1900 in the battle of Paardeberg. It was here also that he made such good friends with members of the Royal Canadian Regiment that he decided to emigrate to Canada after the war was over.

Shortly after arriving in Canada he joined the Corps of Military Staff Clerks and served at Army Headquarters, Ottawa, until the summer of 1914 when he joined, the then forming, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. In June, 1914 (two months before the outbreak of World War I) he was given the regimental number 1 (a number which he is quick to point out, "stays with you until you die,") and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major.

Regimental No. 1 took the Patricia's overseas but his other talents were soon recognized and he was granted a "field commission." During this phase of his service he fought in the Battle of Vimy Ridge where he received severe wounds and a Military Cross for his efforts. Capt Marsden was invalided home as a result of his wounds but by early 1919 had recovered sufficiently to qualify for a promotion to Brevet Colonel (now Lt Col) and an attachment to the Allied Force serving in Vladivostok, Russia. On returning to Canada he retired from active service.

Capt Marsden was invited to attend the Trooping the Colour ceremony of the Second Battalion PPCLI but was forced to decline with regrets because of a heart condition. However, he sends fond greetings to all ranks of the "finest regiment of them all, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry."

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Crossing the Savio River-Italy

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A flashback on A Coy PPCLI crossing the Savio River.

(This article was compiled from material donated to the Patrician by Sgt Bunting EC PPCLI (Ret) who typed most of it personally while he was serving with Maj Gen VC Vokes at 2 Bde HQ in Italy. Editor).

Since the end of the Second World War many ex-servicemen have nostalgically journeyed along the paths of memory to fight a hard battle over again or to react their part in some long since forgotten play. These nostalgic interludes are often triggered by some insignificant happening such as seeing "Bill Smith" for the first time in many years and wondering where you saw him last. It might be that you saw Bill last playing his particular part in one of the battles of the Second World War—it may even have been in the battle of the Savio River crossing.

For those Patricians who were in the fight for the bridgehead over the Savio River we have a special treat—an account of the battle written shortly after the actual operation by the then Commanding Officer, Lt Col RB Clarke, ably assisted by Major (now Lt Col (Ret)) EW Cutbill who was the OC A Coy for the crossing.

The scene: October 44, Italy—area CATTOLICA

The Princess Patricia's have just come out of rest and by the 12th of the month begin a series of moves with the object of manouvering the Battalion into position for the next operation.

On 16 Oct the Bde Comd, Lt Col MP Bogert DSO (now Maj-Gen MP Bogert) held an "Orders Group" at which he outlined the Bde attack plan. The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada were to lead the attack and had the task of forcing the enemy from the PISCIATELLO River. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment were to follow with the task of taking over the attack once the Seaforths "bogged down". The Seaforth attacked on the night 16/17 but their attack was stopped just short of the river by stiff enemy resistance. The "Eddies" moved through and managed to gain a two company bridgehead over the river.

Col Clarke now takes the story from here:

"PPCLI moved through the bridgehead against the intermediate objective SOUTH EGIDIO with the intention of subsequently forcing a crossing over the SAVIO RIVER and establishing a bridgehead."

The Battalion advanced and, after a series of company leapfrog actions, D Coy encountered the enemy in strength 600 yds EAST of SOUTH EGIDIO. By 1415 hrs one platoon of D Coy was pinned down and the Coy had lost two of it's supporting tanks to enemy SP guns firing at close range. Arty fire could not be used to support D Coy

due to their close proximity to the enemy, however, A Coy was sent against EGIDIO at 1500 hrs to relieve the pressure on D Coy. The exposed Pl of D Coy was extricated and the company as a whole withdrawn 1200 yds.

A Coy reached SOUTH EGIDIO by 1800 hrs and a pincer movement was started on UPPERCHURCH (an area 300 yds NE of SOUTH EGIDIO) A Coy attacking from the SW and D Coy from the East. By midnight, and after some stiff house to house fighting, the area of SOUTH EGIDIO was firmed up and D Coy sent a fighting patrol to La CHIAVICHE. Little further resistance was met by the Bn until patrols of B and C Coys made contact with the enemy on the WEST side of the SAVIO RIVER.

Lt Col Clarke held orders at 1400 hrs and outlined his plan for the establishment of the bridgehead over that river. The bridgehead was to be established on a frontage of two coys; A Coy crossing LEFT in the area where the bridge was to be thrown across, once the bridgehead was established. D Coy was to be RIGHT in the crossing and about 300 to 400 yds NORTH of A Coy.

The attack went in at 1700 hrs and immediately both Coys ran into heavy MMG, MOR and ARTY fire from the WEST bank. A Coy wireless set (No 18 set) was put out of action and their progress was uncertain until daybreak. However, from the noise of battle it was assumed that they were in close contact with the enemy. D Coy was pinned down almost immediately but managed to regroup and consolidate on the near bank.

Lt Col Clarke has this to say about this phase of the SAVIO RIVER crossing, "A Coy was a mystery machine for some time and it was not known whether or not they had gained the far bank until one of the A Coy sergeants had re-crossed the river and explained the situation to me."

Major Cutbill explains the A Coy battle from here.

(The following is an exact transcription of the report made by Major Cutbill after the action).

PPCLI REPORT

APPENDIX

(Story of the Part Played by A Coy in the Crossing of the SAVIO RIVER as written by Maj E CUTBILL, OC A Coy, PPCLI.)

During the morning 20 Oct the Coy moved up to an area 600 yds south of "RIMANI"* and there made itself comfortable. At about 1500 hrs I attended COs O Gp dealing with orders for an attack to be launched across the R. SAVIO this afternoon. Two coys are to form the bridgehead. My Coy attacks on the left, using the road immediately in front of C Coy at SNAKE as a SL. The Coy bridgehead is very limited and includes C. MEDRI and C. SALADNA both of which are about 350 yds

*This spelling of "Rimini" is from the original report.—Editor.

west of the river. Fd and A Tk arty, MMGs, mortars, together with fire from B and C are to paste the area and known enemy positions in rear from H-10 to H hr. After that harassing fire and fire on demand will be brought down. H hr is set for 1630 hrs which will mean a mad rush with little time for recce and orders. This is later changed to 1700 hrs which still means not a moment to spare. The CO offers a "touch of the whip" then I meet my Pl Comds and quickly give them the story. CSM Wood marches the coy to the FUP some 2300 yds distant while my O Gp goes ahead by carrier. At that time there is only 40 mins until H hr.

We make a brief recce of the route, river crossing, and objective from C Coy area, then await the Coy in the FUP.

The barrage comes, H hr arrives but no Coy. Owing to the distance they had to march and the amount of bogged traffic to by-pass they reach the FUP twelve mins late. I get the old man on the set and he says "push off when ready, but don't count on sp fire".

In a few minutes we are set. The lead Pl under Lt Scott moves off followed by the second Pl (L/Sgt Whitford), then coy HQ and the reserve Pl (Sgt Buckberry).

The Jerry doesn't waste any time. No sooner has the lead Pl crossed the SL than all hell comes down on them and the balance of the Coy. My three stretcher bearers are committed then and there and do not marry up with the coy until many hrs later. We push on under observation from the enemy 600 yds away until the forward Pl just can't go forward any further owing to MG, mortar and arty fire.

I try the set but heavy interference prevents asking for arty fire. There is only one thing to do so we do it, that is to deploy well and move around on the right where there is the odd bit of cover. It is a slow job and a number of the lads get shot up or step on mines which are all over the place.

As we draw near the river an MG 42 opens up from about 50 yds range and really lets us have it. I wonder what percentage of tracer he uses. It looks like a silver arrow flying at one.

The river crossing is a mad scramble but as the current is swift we make a slow crossing and that "42" doesn't seem a bit embarrassed by our presence nor do his arty and mortars.

Arriving under the friendly protection of the west bank I count our strength. We are 17 all ranks. That is not good. CSM Wood, L/Sgt Whitford, Sgt Sparrow and myself are the only ones above Cpl rank in the party. The fire is still heavy on the other side of the river and it is now nearly dark. We wait a short time then one man is sent to recce back to find out the reason for the delay. He returns but is alone. We assume the remainder of the coy to be either pinned down or wounded.

A quick recce and I decided to shove on to our objective. There is a draw leading towards C. MEDRI. A small recce patrol goes ahead,

but has not gone far before it draws a burst from an MG 42 which is covering that line of approach. Pte Davis, out ahead, volunteers to sneak up on the position. He is a brave fellow but his courage unfortunately is halted by a burst received in the stomach and before many minutes he is dead.

There is nothing to be gained by waiting so we decide to follow the river bank south until we can find another line of approach to C. MEDRI.

About 200 yds further on a thick hedge running back from the river looks like just the thing. The searchlights are on now and I am afraid we will be silhouetted unless we follow a covered approach. It seems that we make a lot of noise but either Jerry is resting or just allowing us to enter his parlor. Anyway, we get about 60 yds distant from the casa and there hold up to see the lay of the land. Our 18 set by the way was knocked out in the crossing so we don't know if the coy on our right was successful.

The casa looks very big and imposing and might well put up a couple of Pls. I ask Sgt Whitford to send out a two-man patrol from his Pl to find out the score. The two stout hearted men melt into the "artificial moonlight" and all is still. They return shortly and report that four sentries guard the building and there is considerable movement nearby.

What to do next. Attack the house with the benefit of surprise (perhaps) and hold on until relieved? It sounds OK but suppose he is strong or suppose he counter attacks at dawn, and besides, we have no communications to Tac and it is doubtful if any tactical success could be achieved by holding a casa in the middle of Jerryland and not be able to poke our nose outside the door without drawing fire. Still, we can't sit doing nothing so let's continue the recce, then find a good position and send back a runner with the "gen".

That decided, off we push in a northerly direction. We almost trip over what looks like a dug-in position before covering more than 400 yds. Quite right, that's what it is. We form a rough ring around it pronto and the CSM hauls some grenades out of his belt and chucks them in the entrance. Result—three Jerry prisoners and two others permanently out of action.

The racket must have been terrific so we grab the Hitlerites and run hell bent for leather towards the river. Our next step is now solved.

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What could be simpler that to send the PW back under escort, the escort then to return here with a new 18 set after reporting to the CO and getting further orders. Sgt Sparrow volunteered to re-cross that bleak, fire-swept 600 yds over mine fds to C Coy area and deliver the goods.

Off he goes and the rest of us, finding a good spot where the bank is quite high commenced that old fashioned pastime of digging in. We of course take all the usual precautions of posting guards, etc., and within an hour we feel secure. We wait and wait. Finally at 0400 hrs Sgt Sparrow returns and brings with him a few of our lads who had been pinned down earlier. Our strength is now 35 all ranks. Sparrow has an 18 set and orders from the CO for us to hold the fort here until relieved. Thats OK by us.

21 Oct came the dawn and spasmodic enemy mortar fire of the "moaning minnie" variety. Jerry, I think, is wondering what the score is and does not yet know we are still here right in his lap. On the other hand we are not sure he hasn't pulled out. I get Sgt Buckberry (now with us again) to send out a recce patrol. It returns with the news that von Hun has some beautiful dug-in positions all around us at about 75 yds distance and is there with flags flying so to speak.

From then on things begin to happen. Over comes the big stuff. He says to hell with 20 RPG per day and just lets it slide right over with no economy at all. The worst of all is "moaning minnie" which is also the most accurate. We spit dirt. He then gets nasty and takes up a position on a wooded promontory 50 yds away enfiltrating our position and lets fly with an MG 42. That's no bwana. One of my better shots keeps that position peppered up while we resume our watch.

Sure enough, on the other flank he is trying to counter attack. We threw a wall of steel at him and he withdraws. Meanwhile C Coy can bring down MMG fire on the flat open ground immediately beyond the bank where we are dug in. This duelling continues on and off all day. Several times the situation gets quite critical.

Fortunately we silence the position on the promontory, but it is necessary to send out a fighting patrol under Cpl Baker in order to quieten two other positions which are troublesome. This patrol killed four and captured six Jerries. Good show!

Higher formation wants information of enemy defences, etc., so Sgt Sparrow again volunteers to make the perilous trip. He delivers the information but on his return trip is wounded.

We are all very hungry and thirsty having had no food since noon yesterday. Worse still our ammuntion is getting low. It makes you think!

Arty DF fire proved its worth to us more than once. The enemy seems to take a dim view of it and shuts up like a clam for a while after each pounding.

Another trouble we have is the rain. It has already caused two of our caves to collapse and it was a race to dig out the occupants before they smothered.

About 1530 hrs the CSM goes over to C Coy and thence to Tac HQ to keep the "A" wheels rolling—ammunition and ration arrangements, cas, etc. He returns later with news that the SH of C and LER will attack through us tonight. That makes us very happy. The weather also approves because it stops raining for a half hour (but not longer).

2000 hrs rolls around preluded by a barrage of terrific proportions. Our arty shells and MMG bullets whiz overhead and miss us by what seems a hairs breadth. Lets hope there are no "shorts" and I hope to God our own infantry don't attack us.

We see the advancing troops some distance away silhouetted clearly against the searchlights. D Coy SH of C arrive in "cave avenue". I give their Coy Comd full particulars of the enemy and the ground.

His coy moves out but is stopped by heavy MG fire. He then calls for 3" mortar sp and covered by fire from every weapon in our coy he is then able to move forward from the bridgehead.

Shortly after, a carrying party from C Coy arrives with much needed ammunition and supplies. Multi bwana.

We remained put until 0800 hrs 24 Oct by which time the bridgehead had been sufficiently enlarged for us to move into casas and there dry out and stretch the legs and start anticipating what the next job will be. I hope it's not a river crossing.

Signed: (EW CUTBILL) MAJ
OC A Coy, PPCLI

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The History of the PPCLI Band

By
Capt HA Jeffrey

The original musical formation at the time of the Regiment's inception in 1914 was a Pipe Band. Though still in existence at the close of World War I, this band appears to have been dissolved shortly after, probably on the final disbandment of the wartime forces.

With the establishment of the Canadian Permanent Force in 1919, the PPCLI Military band was formed. Under the direction of a former Scots Guards Director of Music, Captain TW James, musicians from British and Colonial regiments were accepted into the band. The early twenties witnessed a tremendous upsurge in the popularity of military band music, and the PPCLI Band from its modest beginning, early found its way into the musical spirit of the times.

Achieving prominence at the British Empire Exhibition in England (1924), the band was further engaged to give a series of concerts at the principal London theatres. It broadcasted from the Savoy Hill Radio Station, which at that time was the largest Broadcasting Station in Europe. On returning to Canada after the tour, the band, stationed in Winnipeg, was honoured by a visit of the distinguished composer, Rachmaninoff, then touring the North American continent. He conducted the band in his famous Prelude in C# Minor, and pronounced his great pleasure at the competent performance of his composition.

The retirement of Captain James in 1939 brought the band under the direction of Lieutenant A L Streeter. The Autumn of that year, with its attendant world conflict, saw the inevitable disruption in the band's continuing progress. The younger members accompanied the Regiment overseas on active service in Europe, where they were able to maintain a small band, using equipment loaned to them by some British music firms. Lieutenant Streeter was given the assignment of organizing Canadian bands from among the troops stationed in Europe as an interim wartime measure. However, it was to be several years before the PPCLI again had its own band.

The re-establishment of the Canadian Permanent Force in 1949 permitted the activation of military bands, and the PPCLI, now stationed in Calgary, set about the task of restoring its musical lustre of former years. Within two years, a small but competent group of musicians had been formed. Captain A Brown was appointed Director of Music and the band appeared to be firmly established once more. By the Spring of 1953, the band boasted a strength of twenty men; it was sent to Korea to take part in the coronation ceremonies of the Commonwealth Brigade. A busy schedule of concerts, one in conjunction with the Tokyo Police Band, occupied the remainder of its tour in the Far East until its return to Canada in late July.

In the meantime, an energetic recruiting campaign was now showing successful results; the band was joined by an increasing number of musicians arriving from Britain and Holland. By September of that year the unit was finally at its fully authorized strength of fifty-five musicians. In ceremonial uniform of scarlet tunic, navy blue trousers

and white helmet, the PPCLI Band was now able to provide the music and colour so long absent from the Western military scene.

On Captain Brown's departure to take command of the Royal Canadian Engineers Band, Captain FM MacLeod became Director of Music. Many and varied were the engagements undertaken by the band. Of particular note was its performance at the British Empire Games held at Vancouver in the Summer of 1954, where it combined with other bands of the Canadian Forces to present a colourful and impressive spectacle that will long be remembered by those present.

New Year's day 1957 saw a change-over in Directors; Captain HA Jeffrey, who like his predecessors was a graduate of the Royal Military School of Music, assumed command of the band. Preparation now began for the band's forthcoming NATO commitment, which necessitated a tour of duty with the Canadian Brigade stationed in Europe. The arrival of the PPCLI Band in Germany during the Autumn of that year, was the beginning of an extremely active two-year schedule.

The first event of note was the band's appearance in The Netherlands on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's State Visit to that country in 1958. Her Royal Highness personally complimented the band on its fine performance. At NATO's tenth anniversary celebrations, the PPCLI Band shared with other bands the honour of taking part in a massed parade of troops of NATO Forces at Mainz, Germany. Of numerous tattoos and military ceremonies in which the band took part, its performance at the Royal Tournament, Britain's foremost military show made history by the fact that it was the first time ever for a Canadian band's inclusion in this display. In 1959, a journey to the Gaza Strip found the band much in demand amongst the units of the United Nations Forces. Daily concerts were given to the many troops stationed in the desert. It was after this tour that the band became known as "the most travelled unit in the Canadian Army".

Returning to Canada at the onset of Winter 1959, the band took up residence in Edmonton, which city had since become the Regiment's Home Station. Its regular duties of military parades, concerts and civil functions, are aligned with a long-term programme of music presentation for schools, with the object of stimulating musical thought and assisting in musical education throughout Northern Alberta.

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West Coast Trek

By

Lt RM Macintosh

During the first week of June, 1961, the Reconnaissance Platoon of the First Battalion undertook to trek from the West Coast of Vancouver Island to Great Central Lake in the Island's Interior. The trip was to cover 50 miles and take four days. The route led from sea level to 4000 feet, over the highest single waterfall in the Commonwealth and down again to 300 feet. The fact that the expedition failed may cause the reader to wonder as to the worth of the story. In its failure the expedition provided a number of lessons for anyone who contemplates moving through like terrain; it also provided some vivid memories for those who went along on the trip.

During the Spring, the Reconnaissance Platoon underwent considerable training in preparation for the annual concentration. Subjects such as map using, patrolling, communications, night driving and physical conditioning, and water obstacle crossing were covered. A final exercise was intended to encompass all these aspects of training but it appeared for a number of reasons, principally the difference in the terrain to be encountered, that it would not be feasible. In its place it was decided to undertake a cross-country trek that would involve many if not all the facets of training and would also confront the platoon with a challenge.

The decision to attempt the crossing of the Island Range north of Tofino was taken after considerable map reconnaissance including a trip to Tofino and to Great Central Lake by the Platoon Commander. These two localities were to be the beginning and end of the trip. Permission for the trek was granted by the Commanding Officer and arrangements were made with the RCMP to provide water transportation to the head of Bedwell Sound and also for a water taxi to pick up the platoon at the west end of Great Central Lake. It was decided that each man would carry 45-50 lbs and that the four-day ration would be the issue IFR minus the bulky non-essential items, supplemented by bacon, boiled eggs, dried fruit, oatmeal and cheese. Extra equipment consisted of 100 ft of polyethelene rope, a felling axe, several handaxes, flashlights, first aid kit, dark goggles and a .22 calibre rifle in the event that any grouse were encountered. This gear, plus personal kit, was to be carried on aluminum frame packboards.

Just prior to the beginning of the journey, the platoon moved to Tofino and participated in exercises against D Coy. At this time, conversation with local people disclosed that although trips had been made through the area, they had been done later in the year, following the snow melt. Aerial photos could not be obtained for the current year but those taken in 1959 revealed that the area around Della Lake at 4000 ft was frozen and covered with snow. Though the platoon lacked

snow equipment, it was considered that it would be able to move through this area safely and reach a lower elevation quickly. From the lake, which provides the source for Della Falls, the route was to lead down the course of the falls to Drinkwater Creek and then out to Great Central Lake.

On Saturday the third of June, in the early morning, the party consisting of eleven all ranks, embarked on an RCMP launch at Tofino and left on a two-hour trip to the head of Bedwell Sound. The boat moved up the fiord-like inlet to a spot near the mouth of the Bedwell River and there the platoon was ferried ashore in a skiff. Here at the mouth of the river were several shacks, the remnants of earlier logging operations and in one of them was found a rather surprised carpenter. He believed himself to be the only person within many miles and was busily engaged in constructing a cookhouse for an "outfit" that was to build a road up the Bedwell River to a gold mine.

The journey from sea level began in bright sunlight along a gravel road that had been built during the war years when Sitka Spruce was needed for the production of Mosquito bombers. In the first hour, while the trekkers were still in the river delta, two black bears were surprised foraging along the road.

About ten o'clock the grade became steeper as the road moved into the timber and sweat began to run freely from the brows of the marchers. Lunch found the platoon still in the sun on the bank of the river in a small gorge. Here several of the group took the opportunity to bathe their hot feet in the near freezing water of the river. Shortly after lunch the platoon came upon an abandoned gold mine. The watershed of the Bedwell has for over sixty years provided gold-seekers with sometimes encouraging results and a very interesting half hour was spent moving amongst the deserted equipment and diggings.

The march was resumed and this time the route led along the north bank of the river. The platoon was surprised to find themselves walking along a planked road which had been labouriously constructed at least 25 years previously. The road was built of rough hewn planking which was reinforced in steep parts by iron stripping. (It was learned later that

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Big Interior Mountain — Della Lake is in the saddle to the right.



The Island Mountain Range from the east in August, Della Falls on the left not visible. The march was to have been completed down this valley to Great Central Lake.

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a lone prospector had spent all his earnings in an attempt to construct a road to his diggings and then had died before he could realize the benefits of his work.) Later that afternoon the party crossed the river on a series of logs and continued to make their way upstream through the dense salmon berry and salal cover. Camp for the night was made at 1900 hrs beneath several large cedars. The area appeared to have been used as a stopping place by others and it provided a good campsite for the weary group that had covered 15 miles with their forty-five pound packs since 1000 hrs. A large fire was soon started and the evening meal was cooked. Everyone then dried out their sweat soaked jackets and shirts. Little time was spent in conversation and by 2130 hrs the platoon were asleep beneath the cedars close by the roaring river.

In the morning a heavy mist lay on the river and it was feared that rain might follow. However, after a filling breakfast of mush, bacon and boiled eggs, the marchers moved off looking toward a day that would tell whether or not the trip was to be successful. The altitude was already 700 feet but in the next four miles the platoon was to climb to 3000 feet and find out whether a crossing of the Island Range would be possible. The trail became less visible and sometime was lost while picking the route through the underbrush. By 0900 hrs the trekkers reached the junction of You Creek and the Bedwell River. Here they followed the former waterway as it headed abruptly up towards the mountains. The steep walking began and "tump" lines were utilized to shift the balance of the pack-loads forward. The mist by now had been burned off by the sun and another gorgeous day lay ahead. About noon, high on the bank of You Creek the platoon came upon the re-opened diggings of the You Creek Gold Mine. This claim has been worked off and on since 1912 and now is being brought back into production by a syndicate which uses helicopters for re-supply and movement of personnel. The group looked through the diggings and followed an open vein, which ran up the cliff face, before pausing for lunch.

Following lunch the platoon crossed You Creek and started up towards the snowfields. The climb became quite treacherous in places, as the melting snow produced a run-off that created mud and loose gravel in the most accessible climbing spots. At times the route was almost vertical but it was felt that this route was necessary to reach a high elevation as soon as possible in order to determine the depth and condition of the snow.

By 1600 hours the snowfield had been reached and the platoon halted and "brewed-up" while the Platoon Commander made the decision whether to proceed or not. A re-section located the group slightly to the right of their intended course but high enough to be able to determine the route ahead to Della Lake and the falls.

The five miles to Della Lake lay across a snowfield. The melting crust of the snowfield was leaving treacherous soft-spots that would have to be avoided or a man would fall through to his waist. Also if the slopes were to be traversed steps would have to be cut and the expedition did not have ice axes. Furthermore, there was also the possi-

bility of injury on the snowfield. Evacuation in such a case would be difficult particularly if the weather closed in. These factors, plus rations and time available, were weighed before it was decided to turn back.

The trip was not impossible, but without proper snow equipment for camping or climbing, it was highly questionable. The men were bitterly disappointed to say the least, as last and longing looks were taken at the unachieved objective before the return trip started. Little can be said of the remainder of the days' travel, except that it was apparent that the expedition would have to make remarkable time if they were to reach the mouth of the Bedwell in time to board the RCMP boat, which was to return on Monday (5 June) to pick up the marchers in case they could not get over the mountain. That night the party had a poor campsite selected in haste as a result of marching till darkness, however, fires were made and a flask of brandy provided some cheer to the dispirited group. Before dawn rain began to fall bringing the good weather to an end. The tempo of the march to the sea quickened by the hour and by 1200 hrs the platoon had reached a point well down the Bedwell River. Instead of looking for a log-jam to provide a crossing, it was decided to fall a large spruce to serve as a bridge. The axemen worked in relays while lunch was eaten till finally the tree fell as planned, the crown landing on the far bank. To the great annoyance of the onlookers, the spruce then proceeded to break in mid-stream and gaily floated down river. Rather than meet disappointment with another sap-laden spruce, it was decided to move further downstream and ford the river. The afternoon brought a typical West Coast rain storm which completely drenched everyone in a matter of minutes; it continued for the rest of the day. By 1800 hrs the sea was reached only to find that the RCMP launch had left an hour before. (They waited three hours longer than originally planned).

The only means of transportation back to Tofino was by means of a small tug used by the road contractor to bring in his supplies. He agreed to move the platoon the next morning and for the night he provided them with a drying room and a shack in which to bunk down. By 1000 hrs the next morning the expedition was back in Tofino and later that night they arrived home.

In retrospect, the trip provided an opportunity to test the group's ability to move through the coastal terrain. The men stood up extremely well; there were no injuries, only hurt feelings—at not being able to complete the trek as planned. A similar group properly equipped and trained could accomplish the trip. Failing that, a trip later in the year would probably miss the snow altogether except at Della Creek where the snow remains year-round.

The journey left a feeling of accomplishment with the platoon as well as a determined desire to return at some future date and successfully complete it.

Memorial Plaque - Dedication Ceremonies

By

Major RB Mainprize

In mid 1960 the United Kingdom Branch of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association submitted a proposal for the erection of a plaque in St George's Memorial Church in Ypres, Belgium, to the Founder of the Regiment and all ranks who died during the 1914-18 War. The Executive Committee of the Association approved the proposal submitted and considered this to be a project for that branch. A committee proceeded with the detailed planning and in this connection a great deal of credit is due to Mr. George Hancox who worked unceasingly for its successful fulfillment.

In August 1961 Army Headquarters approved the request for the attendance of a Regimental Party at the ceremonies, this party to consist of the Commanding Officer and RSM of 1 and 2 PPCLI, the Regimental Depot, two buglers and the former Commanding Officer of the Depot.

On the 8th of October the Regimental Party from Work Point Barracks consisting of Lieutenant Colonel RF Bruce, Major RB Mainprize, RSM (WO1) AJ Rudd and Drum Major (Sgt) Harris F, departed for Edmonton. The party stayed the night with the RCAF at Sea Island proceeding to Home Station via RCAF Scheduled Flight the following morning. The group was warmly welcomed on arrival and spent a most enjoyable three days renewing old acquaintances and of course conducting official business. Bright and early on the 12th of October the complete Regimental Party departed from RCAF Station Namao via C119 aircraft. In addition to those previously mentioned the group now consisted of Lieutenant Colonel CJA Hamilton, Major DOR Kearns, RSM (WO1) JG Austin, RSM (WO1) RH Appleton and Private Gow WN. The trip to Trenton was uneventful and on schedule arriving there approximately 2120 hours. The following morning we were transported by DND bus to Ottawa arriving shortly after noon. As we were not scheduled to leave until 2000 hours from Uplands Airport it was decided to take a room in the Lord Elgin Hotel to be used for changing, ablutions, etc. We found to our dismay that the room was quite small but by moving sideways and stepping over luggage we all managed in some manner or another. Colonel T deFaye had a luncheon arranged at the Headquarters Officers' Mess for the officers of the party which was attended by most Patricia officers serving at Army Headquarters. At the conclusion of the luncheon Colonel deFaye presented a retirement gift to Lieutenant Colonel AJ Baker on behalf of all serving Patricia officers. Immediately following the luncheon the officers of the Regimental Party broke up and visited

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various officers at Army Headquarters. All officers paid their respects to the Director of Infantry, Colonel PR Bingham. About 1800 hours a message was received that the flight to Marville would be delayed slightly as the aircraft scheduled for the flight was delayed on a flight from England. On arrival at the airport we found to our delight that Colonel deFaye was accompanying the Regimental Party swelling its ranks to ten. We learned from the Movement Control Officer at this time that we would not be travelling by Comet aircraft as previously advised but by North Star and that our arrival time would alter appreciably as would the route. The journey to Marville, France, via Gander and Lajes in the Azores was noisy and long but otherwise comfortable. We arrived about 0300 hours on the 15th of October and by the time we cleared customs and immigration arrived at our respective messes about 0400 hours. The officers and sergeants messes were still quite lively as a party was just winding up in them both. After several nightcaps we (the officers) decided it was time for some sleep and attempted to find our quarters. Some of the directions given were slightly faulty and after stumbling around in the dark carrying our baggage for a considerable time and with tempers getting short we eventually found the quarters allotted to us. It is suspected that the RSMs didn't bother with any sleep. Later in the morning two drivers complete with staff car and Kleinebus from 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group reported for duty. These vehicles with a minor exception remained with the party until its departure for Canada.

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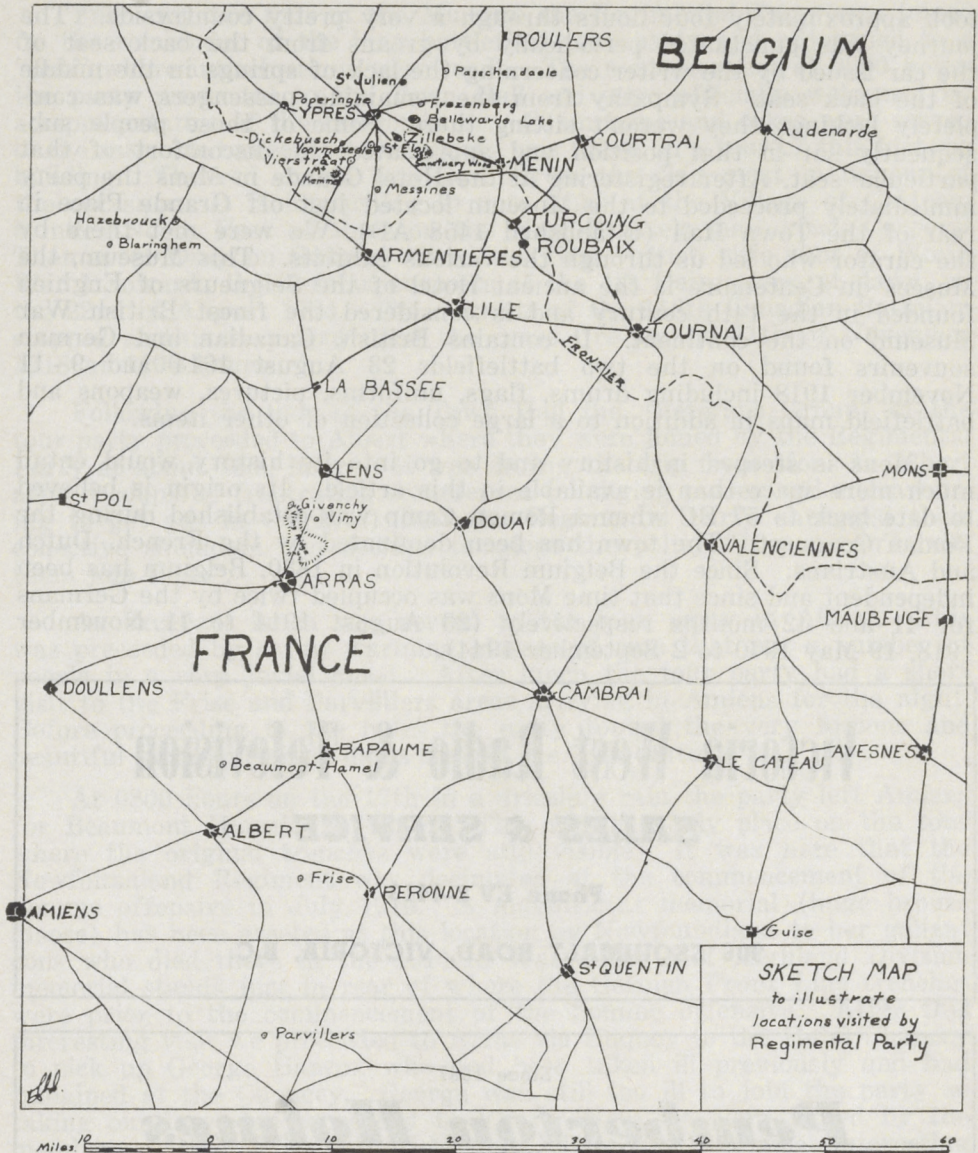
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About 1200 hours the party departed from Marville for Mons. The loading of the two vehicles initially took a little organizing and was resolved with the five officers travelling in the staff car while the RSMs and buglers travelled in the Kleinebus with the baggage split between the two vehicles. Marville is located just over the border from Luxemburg and about an hours drive from Verdun. The trip to Mons

took approximately four hours through a very pretty countryside. The journey was punctuated periodically by groans from the back seat of the car issued by the writer concerning the lack of springs in the middle of the back seat. Sympathy from the remaining passengers was completely lacking; they weren't sitting there. Some of those people subsequently sat in that position and appreciated the discomfort of that particular seat. After registering at the Hotel Grande in Mons the party immediately proceeded to the Museum located just off Grande Place in rear of the Town Hall (established 1458 AD). We were met there by the curator who led us through the various exhibits. This Museum, the Musees du Centenaire is the ancient Hotel of the Seigneurs of Enghieu founded in the 14th century and is considered the finest British War Museum on the continent. It contains British, Canadian and German souvenirs found on the two battlefields 23 August 1914 and 9-11 November 1918 including drums, flags, uniforms, pictures, weapons and battlefield maps in addition to a large collection of other items.

Mons is steeped in history and to go into its history would entail much more space than is available in this article. Its origin is believed to date back to 57 BC when a Roman Camp was established during the Roman Conquest. The town has been dominated by the French, Dutch and Austrians. Since the Belgium Revolution in 1830, Belgium has been independent and since that time Mons was occupied twice by the Germans for 41 and 42 months respectively (23 August 1914 to 11 November 1918, 19 May 1940 to 2 September 1944).

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Following the tour of the Museum the Regimental Party was joined by the remainder of the long battlefield tour party and adjourned to a "pub" where introductions were made. The next morning at 0900 hours the party proceeded to the Town Hall and were officially welcomed by a representative of the Burgomaster. Champagne and cakes were served to the assembled guests and the party was taken on a tour of this historic building. The red ensign was flown from the flag mast in honour of the occasion. It is interesting to note, that at the Village of Casteau, 5 miles North East of Mons on the Mons-Brussels main road, Corporal Thomas (4 Dragoon Guards) fired the first British rifle shot of World War I, towards the German outposts of the 4th Cuirassiers, at dawn, on the 22nd of August 1914. The outposts of the 116th Canadian Battalion stopped at this very spot upon the cease fire on the 11th of November 1918 at 1100 hours.

Following the tour of the Town Hall the "Veterans Group" of the tour party proceeded to Albert where they were joined by the Regimental Party at about 1300 hours. It was during the trip from Mons to Albert after a couple of frustrating occurrences (changing money and endeavouring to get gas in Cambrai) that the Regimental Party shrugged their collective shoulders and decided to adopt the policy "If you can't beat them join them".

An excellent lunch was served to the tour party in Albert. This was preceded by a few warming glasses of rum that put a number of people in a very jovial mood. After lunch the tour party had a short visit to the Frise and Parvilliers areas arriving in Amiens for the night. Before proceeding to the hotel the party toured the very famous and beautiful cathedral which dates back to the 13th century.

At 0800 hours on the 17th in a drizzling rain the party left Amiens for Beaumont Hamel via Albert. This was the only place on the tour where the original trenches were still visible. It was here that the Newfoundland Regiment was decimated at the commencement of the Somme offensive in July 1916. A magnificent memorial (huge bronze moose) has been erected at this location by Newfoundland to her gallant sons who died there in the 1914-18 War. The 51st Highland Division memorial stands just in rear of where the German Front Line trenches were prior to the commencement of the Somme offensive. After this interesting visit we proceeded to Arras via Buquoy to the Hotel Chancey to pick up George Hancox who had been taken ill previously and had remained at the Chancey. George was still too ill to join the party so taking our leave we proceeded to Vimy. Here we were joined by the members of the "short battlefield tour". This visit was most interesting and enlightening. Both parties toured part of the enormous tunnelling project where British and Canadian troops lived and fought for so long during World War I. The ground in this area is practically solid chalk. Little if any shoring or revetting was necessary in the construction of the tunnels or associated dugouts. This was followed by a visit to the nearby Canadian and German trenches which are in places no more than 25 yards apart. Here we also saw some of the many craters which

had been caused by a series of mines being exploded by both sides. By the time we went to look at the Vimy Memorial the rain was pelting down. This memorial contains the names of all Canadian soldiers who were killed in World War I and overlooks the quite flat countryside to the east of Vimy Ridge. Time was pressing and after a too brief stay the party proceeded to Bully via Givenchy and Lens. Lunch was served at the Hotel Modern in "Johnny's" Restaurant. "Johnny" is an Englishman who served with the British Army in France in 1940, married a French girl and after World War II took up residence in Bully. He has established a very fine modern hotel that caters to the thousands of British and Canadian visitors who yearly visit this part of France. Following lunch "Mrs. Johnny" announced that she operated a very fine perfume counter where the best French perfumes were available at a cheaper rate than anywhere else in France. Most members of both groups proceeded to this counter to have a "smell" of the wares and before the action was finished most people had been liberally sprayed on the hands and arms with three or four different scents. The atmosphere in the staff car was overpowering and regardless of the rain most of the windows were open for the rest of the day.

That afternoon the groups proceeded to Ypres (Flemish spelling "Eepers") along the route taken by the "originals" in January 1915—Blaringham — Hazebrouck — Dickebusch.

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Outside the Town Hall in the centre of Ypres awaiting the arrival of Lady Patricia Ramsay are Col T deFaye, Lt Col CJA Hamilton, Lt Col RF Bruce, Major DOR Kearns and Major RB Mainprize.

The Regimental Party less the buglers checked into the Hotel du Sultan just across the street from the famous Cloth Hall while the remainder stayed at the Hotel Britannique about a block away. It was here that the Regimental Party committed a grave error by sending out all its battledress for pressing at one time. It took a fair amount of sorting to match the trousers with the jackets. For the writer this was comparatively easy as his trousers were given to Major Kearns who swore up and down either his pants had been shrunk or he had grown overnight.

A great reunion was held that night in the Sultan with such notables as Paddy O'Connell, "Hookey" Walker, Reg Williams, General Potts (who just arrived from Canada) and a host of others.

On the 18th the groups visited the PPCLI Cemetery at Voormezele and then proceeded to Vierstraat, Kemmel, St Eloi, Zillebeke and Hill 60 (Messine). The rain which had plagued the party since the beginning of the tour continued unabated and was not to let up until noon of the 20th. In the afternoon following lunch at the respective hotels the group visited Hooge, Sanctuary Wood, Frezenberg, The Frezenberg Memorial, Passchendaele and St Julien. It was easier to visualize the terrible conditions the troops fought in, in this area, after seeing the ground and experiencing the downpour of rain which appears to be prevalent in this part of Belgium.

That evening Brigadier and Mrs CB Ware arrived in Ypres accompanied by Mrs A Hamilton Gault and a film "Lest We Forget" was shown to the entire group. Lieutenant Colonel Rosser OBE, former Commanding Officer and President of the UK Branch arrived with Brigadier Ware's party. After the show most of the tour party adjourned to their respective hotels and the Regimental Party was joined by extra-regimentally employed officers from England and Germany. We were very pleased to see Major OR Browne and Major LW Basham who had just arrived from England and Major and Mrs CM Pyne who had arrived from Germany to attend the dedication ceremonies. Major PO Stayner who was expected from Germany could not get away and Major GG Brown who had advised he would be in attendance was in hospital in Germany. A great get together and sing-song was had by all.

The following morning the Regimental Party rested and about 1000 hours the officers took a trip to Poperhinge and visited the famous Toc H house. Toc H is weekday Christianity with the emphasis on hospitality. Dr. Clayton, who was a Chaplain with the British regiment founded Toc H at Poperhinge, Belgium, in 1915. It came into being after his friend, Lieutenant Gilbert Talbot, was killed in the vicinity of Ypres. He organized a church army house and called it Talbot House after his friend. It soon became known as Toc H (Toc was the phonetic sounding of the letter T at that time). The club was open to all ranks and over the door is the sign "Abandon Rank All Ye Who Enter Here". After the war the movement spread and now has branches all over the Commonwealth.

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At noon hour advice was received from the Public Relations Officer, 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, that Brigadier CB Ware had been involved in a car accident and was in a local hospital suffering from concussion and a bad gash on the forehead. He was returning to Mount Kemmel from Koksijde Airport when his staff car was struck by a truck that had been driven through a stop sign. After viewing the staff car the following day, all agreed that Brigadier Ware was indeed fortunate to be alive. This was a sad blow to Brigadier Ware who had worked so hard for the fulfillment of this project and had been looking forward so much to this regimental get together.

A reception was held in the Hotel de Ville, Ypres, at 1430 hours that afternoon with the complete attendance of all who had managed to make the trip. Lady Patricia was met at the entrance to the Town Hall by the Regimental Officers and escorted upstairs where the reception took place. The Burgomaster welcomed our Colonel-in-Chief and said, "We will always remember the debt of gratitude we owe to your soldiers and the sacrifices they made to help preserve the freedom of Belgium". The Burgomaster and councillors presented a commemorative scroll and a bronze medallion to Lady Patricia who thanked the Burgomaster,



Brig CB Ware greeting Lady Patricia Ramsay as she steps off an RCAF, VIP flight from England at Koksijde (Royal Belgium Air Force Base). From left: Maj E Sharpe, Lady Patricia, Brig CB Ware (in uniform as Col of the Regiment), Mrs. Ware and Lt PAH Dupille.



LADY PATRICIA GREETES SERVING OFFICERS—Before entering the Ypres town hall for a civic reception, Lady Patricia greets some of the serving officers attending the ceremonies. From left are Maj RB Mainprize, Maj DOR Kearns, Lt Col RF Bruce, Lt Col CJA Hamilton, Col T deFaye, Lady Patricia and Maj ER Sharpe.

councillors and citizens of Ypres for the hospitality extended to herself and the members of her regiment.

After the reception the party proceeded to St George's Memorial Church for the unveiling and dedication ceremonies. Following the service Lady Patricia unveiled the plaque in the Baptistry of the Church, in close

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proximity to other plaques in memory of distinguished soldiers and regiments. The plaque is bronze measuring 32 inches by 15½ inches. It has the Regimental badge at the top and the following wording underneath:

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and
The Founder Of The Regiment
Brigadier A Hamilton Gault DSO ED CD
Who Served The Regiment Until His Death
28th November 1958

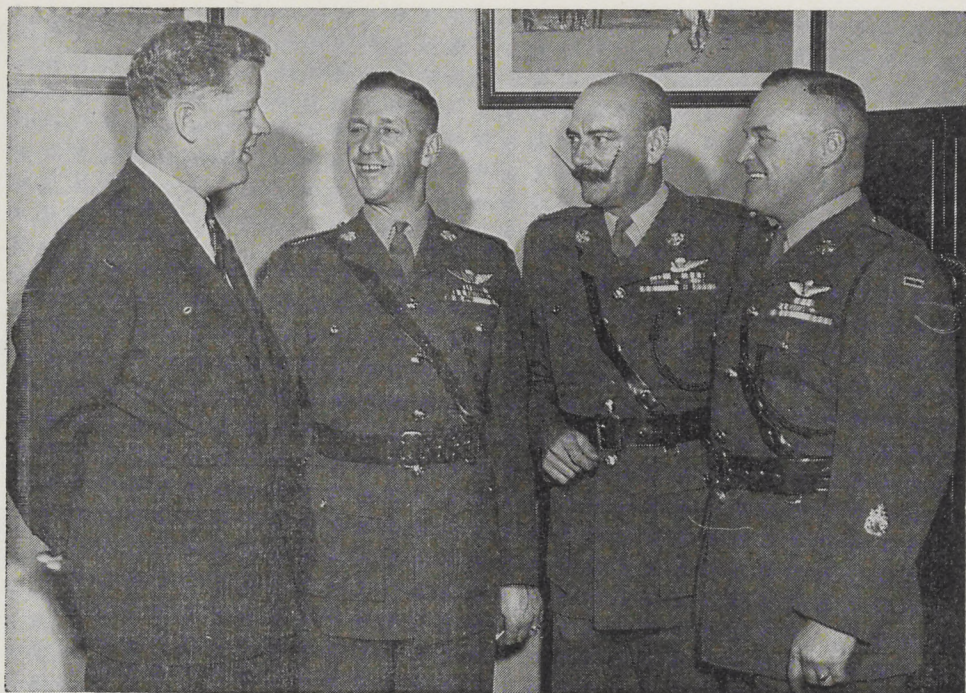
The group then moved over to the Church Hall where tea, sandwiches and cake were served.

The group assembled at the famous Menin Gate that evening at 1955 hours and at 2000 hours Drum Major (Sergeant) Harris F, 1 PPCLI and Private Gow N, 2 PPCLI sounded the Last Post and Reveille, preceded by the Regimental Call (The Last Post and Reveille have been sounded nightly at 2000 hours by two members of the Ypres Fire Brigade since shortly after the end of World War I. This was a special concession accorded the Regiment in honour of the occasion). Wreaths were placed underneath the names of the Patricians that are engraved on the inside wall of this huge gate (over 550 names of Patricians who were killed and for whom there are no known graves), by Mrs A Hamilton Gault on behalf of the Patricia Association and Colonel NG Wilson-Smith (representing the Colonel of the Regiment) on behalf of serving Patricians.

At 2100 hours all male members of the group met in the Hotel Britannique for cocktails followed by dinner at which over eighty were in attendance and included such notables as His Excellency Mr G Pearce the Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, Lieutenant Colonel HW Niven (Retired), Colonel AG Pearson (Retired), Lieutenant Colonel DH Rosser (Retired) and Lieutenant Colonel W Mulherin.

Lieutenant Colonel, The Honourable George Drew, QC, The Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain proposed a Toast to the Regiment. He recalled his close association with the Regiment during World War I when he was a young artillery officer. He said, "Your Regiment has an outstanding history and a wonderful spirit" and added "All of you must do the utmost to perpetuate this spirit, particularly among the younger generation of soldiers". Lieutenant Colonel CJA Hamilton replied to the toast followed by Major Egan Chambers, (Retired) Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence. Mr. George Hancox then proposed a Toast to Fallen Comrades which was replied to by Major General AE Potts (Retired).

While the men were enjoying the dinner at the Hotel Britannique, the ladies spent the evening with Lady Patricia at her hotel at Mount Kemmel. Included in this group was Mrs. Carol Pyne who had accompanied



Major Egan Chambers, MC (Ret) Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence and a former Regimental Officer meets RSM (WO1) RH Appleton, RSM (WO1) JG Austin and RSM (WO1) AJ Rudd.

her husband from Germany and Mrs. Freda Kerfoot who was visiting her parents in Belgium and had journeyed from Antwerp for the ceremonies.

The following morning after a leisurely breakfast the Regimental Party travelled to Mount Kemmel to bid "au revoir" to our Colonel-in-Chief and her party which included her husband Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay RN (Retired), Mrs A Hamilton Gault, Mrs CB Ware, Colonel and Mrs AG Pearson, Lieutenant Colonel HW Niven, Lieutenant Colonel DA Rosser and Major ER Sharpe. The sun which had not been in evidence for about five days condescended to come out about the time the Regimental Party, which now included Major General AE Potts and Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs W Mulherin, decided to leave for Brussels. Taking advantage of this situation the group proceeded to the Memorial at Frezenberg via Ypres to get some pictures which due to climatic conditions were not possible to take on a previous visit.

An uneventful trip to Brussels followed with the Regimental Party arriving there about 1700 hours. Colonel deFaye, our interpreter, did a magnificent job and in spite of his conversations with a myriad of



UNVEILING CEREMONY—Lady Patricia unveiling the memorial plaque in the remembrance chamber of St. George's Memorial Church in Ypres. From left: Lady Patricia, RSM (WOI) RH Appleton and RSM (WOI) AJ Rudd.

Belgium citizens we eventually located the hotel in which we had reservations. It is to be noted that it was a particularly difficult place to locate.

The following morning the party proceeded in individual groups to two locations in Germany. The RSMs party left in the Kleinebus bound for the 1st Canadian Guards. They had the misfortune to be involved in an accident in Holland and except for being shaken up and bruised finally arrived at their destination in another vehicle about 2300 hours. It appears that a Dutch driver backed a truck across the highway and the Canadian driver swinging off the road to avoid him went down a steep incline. The RSMs claim that but for the quick thinking of their driver, who sustained a broken foot, things would have been much different. The remaining groups travelled to Headquarters NORTHAG located not too far from Munchen Gladbach. That evening the group complete with the Canadian officers serving at this Headquarters went to Unterbruch and had a marvellous dinner at the Altes Branhaus. Our hosts were Colonel NG Wilson-Smith, Major and Mrs CM Pyne and Major and Mrs WH Scott (Black Watch).

On the 22nd the Regimental officers together with Major General Potts and Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Mulherin proceeded to the Brigade



MENIN GATE CEREMONY—Pte Gow WN and Drum Major (Sgt) Harris F meet the Belgian buglers at the Last Post ceremony.

Area and settled in with the 1st Canadian Guards. That evening the officers of the party were the guests of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Mulherin at the Brigade Officers Club. The RSMs party in the meantime had been taken in hand by RSM (WO1) Bennett of the 1st Canadian Guards who had detailed CSM (WO2) Imbeau and CSM (WO2) Prest (both former Patricias) to look after their every need. On the 22nd they visited the 8th Hussars, 1 Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and 1 Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) where they were royally entertained.

The following day the Regimental officers visited Brigadier CB Ware in the British Hospital at Iserlohn and discussed various regimental problems. We were delighted to hear that he was being released from hospital in a few days. After spending far more than the time allotted by the doctor with Brigadier Ware we proceeded to Fort McLeod

to lunch with Lieutenant Colonel H Elliott and his officers of 1 Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

That evening we attended a cocktail party at Hilltop House, the residence of Brigadier and Mrs Ware and were very pleased to re-acquaint ourselves with so many friends of long standing. Later in the evening the regimental officers together with Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Mulherin, Major and Mrs GG Brown and Lieutenant and Mrs PH Dupille enjoyed a lovely dinner with our hostess Mrs CB Ware.

The RSMs party spent the day visiting and shopping and in the evening attended a mess dinner held in their honour by the 1st Canadian Guards Sergeants' Mess.

On the morning of the 24th after visiting Brigade Headquarters and laying on hotel accommodation in Cologne for that evening the group proceeded to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Mulherins' residence to say goodbye and thank them for their wonderful hospitality. The group then made their way to Fort St Anne the home of the 1st Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) where we had been invited for lunch. Major D Doidge and his officers were most kind and it was rather difficult to leave. The RSMs party was similarly taken care of by the Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs. A short stop was made at the "Holiday Shop" in Soest for some last minute shopping before proceeding to Cologne. We arrived there about 1700 hours in the midst of the rush hour traffic and it was an eye opener to see such heavy traffic. We eventually found our hotel, the Furstenhof Am Dam, located nearly opposite the very famous Cologne Cathedral. This magnificent structure dates back to the 14th Century and it is a credit to the marksmanship of the Allied Forces during World War II that it was left comparatively undamaged.

The morning of the 25th heralded another overcast, drizzly day. We were awakened very early by the noise of vehicles and trams. About 1100 hours the RSMs party departed for Marville followed about an hour later by the Regimental officers party. This was the last we were to see of this group until the morning of the 28th. A long, very scenic drive along the Rhine and Moselle Rivers ensued, punctuated by brief stops for food and refreshments. Both parties arrived in Marville about 2200 hours. The following morning we were advised by our driver that the RSMs party were no sooner in bed than they were aroused and told to get dressed and packed. They left by North Star freighter about 0200 hours on the 26th via Shannon, Ireland, Lajes in the Azores and Gander arriving in Trenton about 2300 hours the 27th.

The Regimental officers spent the morning of 26th at the RCAF PX shopping and then endeavouring to pack everything in already overcrowded bags. They left Marville about 1400 hours aboard a CF 106 (Yukon) and enjoyed a comfortable, fast trip back to Canada arriving in Ottawa about 2300 hours transferring to a Cosmopolitan for the onward flight to Trenton. The next afternoon a further Regimental Executive Committee meeting was held tying up all the points that

had been previously discussed. The next morning the Regimental Party was split up with the group proceeding to Victoria leaving by Cosmopolitan aircraft while the group proceeding to Edmonton went by C119 aircraft. It is assumed that both groups arrived at their homes about the same time.

So ended a memorable and never to be forgotten trip. All ranks who attended the battlefield tour, dedication ceremonies and subsequent trip to Germany are grateful for the rare privilege accorded and for the chance of meeting some of the persons who helped make our proud history.

Those Attending PPCLI Ypres Dinner

Original Patricias

Lt Col HW Niven
George T Hancock
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W Walker
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Ed G Yelf

Patricia Veterans of World War I

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Lt Col AK Pearson
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Arthur R Milne
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EG Gawley
HTI Lee
SL Norrish
Norman A Keys QC
RH Williams
TW James

Others

His Excellency, The Honourable George A Drew,
Canadian High Commissioner in London.

His Excellency, The Honourable Sidney Pierce,
Canadian Ambassador in Brussels.

Mr. Egan Chambers, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.

Group Capt JR Biggs, Military Adviser to the Ambassador in Brussels.

Mon. A Verstraete, Burgomeister, Ypres.

Reverend Oswald Brenton
Brig CB Ware
Col NG Wilson-Smith
Col T De Faye
Lt-Col CJA Hamilton
Lt-Col RF Bruce
Lt-Col HW Mulherin (now Cdn Gds)
Lt-Col Victor Jones
Lt-Col David H Rosser
Maj DOR Kearns
Maj RB Mainprize
Maj ER Sharpe
Maj OR Browne
Maj LW Basham
Maj CM Pyne

Lt PAH Dupille
Lt RS Donnelly
WO1 JG Austin
WO1 AJ Rudd
WO1 RH Appleton
Drum Major Harris
Bugler WN Gow
P Boxall
A MacLaren
LW Dawson
SW Fisher
MacIntyre Hood
Alex Sutherland
NJ Kelly

US Army Ranger Course

By
Lt TK Crichton

(A summary of the Ranger Course conducted by the US Ranger Department at Fort Benning, Georgia).

Myself and two other Canadians, both Sgts, were nominated to attend the Ranger Course (Class No. 7) commencing 5th February 59 and ending 08 April 59 at Fort Benning, Ga.

The purpose of the course and the US Ranger Department is to develop to the maximum the command and leadership potential of selected Officers and NCOs of the US Army.

The Ranger Department intends by this to improve the leadership and training capabilities of all units. The ultimate aim of the Department is to have one Ranger qualified officer in each company and one Ranger qualified NCO in each platoon. These Officers and NCOs can then advise and assist their commanding officer in the training of their units. They can also train their own sub units in the techniques and skills learned on the ranger course.

The Department does not produce "cloak and dagger" experts or the old "blood and guts" type commando. The course trains the leaders of small units of the fighting arms in the ranger techniques. These leaders once qualified as rangers also assist the unit commander in training his subordinate commanders in leadership, command and other subject.

Scope

The length of the course is eight weeks or a total of approximately 650 hours for both the Officers and NCOs.

Because the course is both exacting and demanding, physically and mentally, these students are US Army Volunteers. However, newly commissioned Regular Army second lieutenants of any of the fighting arms are required to complete either airborne or ranger training.

The Ranger course develops leadership and builds self confidence and lets the Officer or NCO know where his weaknesses and strengths lie. The emphasis is on practical realistic and somewhat hazardous field work with a minimum of formal-type classroom instruction. There is only one written examination and this is on map reading during the first week of the course. Canadian students had little difficulty with this as it is very basic. The real tests begin when the student finds himself in command of a patrol.

Each patrol has a ranger qualified instructor with war experience observing the activities of the patrol. He is introduced into each patrol as a battalion observer who will report to the Commandant on your conduct.

During the conduct of the patrol the observer never interferes with the handling except where there is a danger of someone being seriously hurt. The patrol leader is allowed to make all his mistakes, to realize them and to sometimes correct them. The success of the patrol is in his hands. The ranger instructor watches the actions of the various members of the patrol and when he deems necessary "kills off" or wounds the patrol leader thereby causing a new chain of command to take over. The observer always has a list of students who are to be assessed during the patrol. To ensure that all members are kept alert, anyone could at any time be called up as patrol leader and many others receive satisfactory or unsatisfactory "spot" reports on their part as either team leaders or wireless operators, etc. No member of the patrol except the patrol leader knows when he is being assessed. At the completion of the patrol the observer rates the student's demonstration of his leadership qualities in handling many problems. To build up proper atmosphere during their first two weeks the students are weakened mentally and physically to set the stage for war on both the Southern Front (Florida) and the Northern Front (Blue mountains). Each student is allowed from 2½ to 3 hours sleep in each 24 hrs. The ranger instructor, upon completion of the patrol, also conducts a critique of the action. The students therefore not only learn by doing, but also by discussing the patrol actions in a critique.

The patrols themselves, which constitute the major part of the students activity, may vary in size from a reconnaissance patrol of 5 to 8 men to a company raid of about 120 men. The complete chain of

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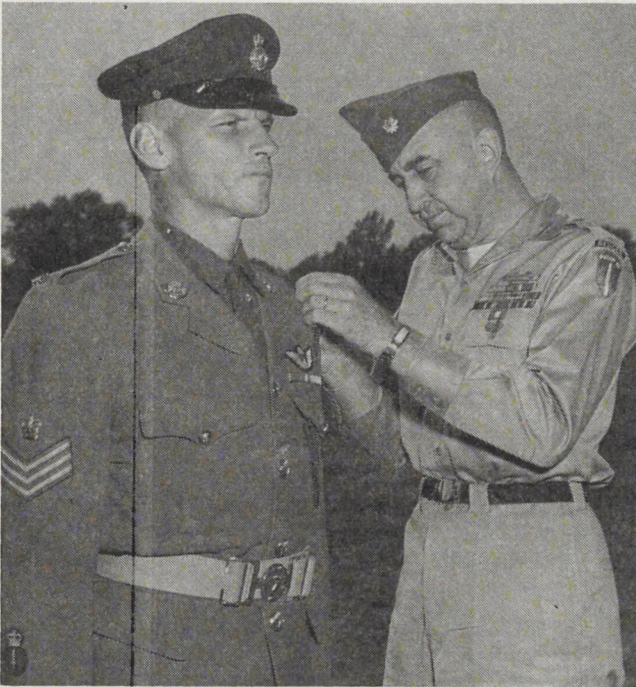
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command is taken from the students; patrol distances vary from 2 miles to 50 miles over terrain which seems at the time to be impassable. Prior to operating in both swamps and mountains, training is given in helicopters, light aircraft, (Otter and L19 type) minesweepers, rubber assault craft, building rope bridges, and rope techniques to include rappelling and cliff climbing. The situations which occur, are realistic ones and the enemy parts are played by a permanent aggressor force who add colour and realism to the training. This lifts the student from a course situation to that of actual warfare less live ammunition. Patrols are never postponed because of inclement weather, Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. Command within the patrol is rotated among the members so that all have the opportunity to lead and command. Buddy systems are introduced early as this tends to promote teamwork on its most basic level.

The patrols are physically and mentally tiring, requiring maximum effort on a minimum of rest. Admitting to fatigue or hunger is no excuse for poor work. During these times of fatigue and strain the training manifests itself by the Ranger Esprit de Corps—the fervent desire to accomplish the mission. It is during these times that students with high leadership qualities stand out as men who can still get on with the job and successfully lead their men despite all hardships.



All ranks of the Regiment were pleased when Ssgt Shine RC, CD, was named honour graduate of the US Army Ranger Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, which concluded in Nov of this year.
(US Army Photograph)

Fort Benning Phase

On arrival at Fort Benning, the Ranger Department issues the student one half of the Ranger "arc tab"¹ and tells him that that is all he will be given on the course, the rest he must work for. Within the first two days the student is subjected to a physical fitness and swimming test, which he must pass in order to commence ranger training, to give the department some idea of where the weaknesses lie in the students.

In the days that follow he progresses from a one mile run to five miles and then to a two mile run with battle order and weapon. The pace in all cases is fast and quickly eliminates many students from the course.

In these first two weeks the student is taught those subjects which are needed for the field training which follows. Through past experience it has been determined that most students needed a review in map reading, patrol orders, warning orders, battle procedure and wireless procedure. It was also found that the average student needed an extensive course in physical conditioning prior to his arduous work in the camps.

The student receives this conditioning in physical training classes, by running obstacle courses, confidence tests and hand to hand combat

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and bayonet training. Each student benefits since his physical condition is improved and as he concurrently learns additional skills.

Also included in his training at Fort Benning are courses in demolitions using live charges. (This skill is used in all raid type patrols) map and air photo reading, battle procedure, intelligence procedures, helicopter loading drills and the use of aircraft for aerial resupply. There is also instruction in bayonet disarming, patrolling techniques, patrol orders and reports, handling of prisoners of war, cliff assault techniques, artillery support of patrol operations and communications.

Even during this garrison phase the emphasis is on student participation. The map test includes a compass course by buddy teams of approximately 9 to 10 miles in length. The student is required to complete the course in ten hours. Not only does he apply his knowledge of map reading in field tests but he also benefits from the experience of moving over difficult terrain during the hours of darkness. His self-confidence is thereby increased as his knowledge of this basic subject is improved; his mental attitude is improved and he is mentally made much keener.

In the first two weeks the keynote is mental and physical preparation for war and the candidate is shown that the only way he can succeed is through hard work. There is no room on the course for a man who needs another man as a crutch. Through constant harassment and pushups the student is brought to a state of mental and physical fatigue. He is now ready for the Southern Front and his first engagement with the enemy.

The Amphibious and Jungle Training Phase

The second phase of training takes place at the Florida encampment. This is located approximately 240 miles south of Fort Benning on the Elgin Air Force base reservation. There the ground is ideal for the type of training intended. The terrain, approximately 192,000 acres, is generously flat and covered in the high places with slash pine and scrub oak. The few open areas are surrounded by swamps, streams, and rivers. In some areas the vegetation is not unlike that found in the Malayan and Phillipine jungles. The area abounds in wildlife, including reptiles, which are of both the poisonous and non-poisonous species. During the initial stages in Florida, the students are formed as a company of the 2nd Ranger Battalion which is given the task of providing the patrolling and raiding parties for the rest of the division. Before you are committed to battle you are taught certain techniques which must be mastered before you can successfully operate in the swamp. Some of these techniques are the one and two rope bridges for river crossings, helicopter lifting, demolitions, survival training and swamp navigation. Upon completion of this training you are committed to battle as patrols against aggressors with very little time between patrols and very little time for preparation. All this is designed to get the students mind thinking that he is in action instead of attending a course.

This phase of the course is devoted to both day and night patrolling problems in a realistic setting. The majority of the exercises, however, are conducted at night. There are combat or fighting patrols, ambushes, waterborne raids, beach landings from LCMs and minesweepers, Otter aircraft landings behind enemy lines and helicopter supported operations entailing resupply and the evacuation of wounded. Cross country navigation by day and night using both map and compass requires the utmost in precision and accuracy if the small enemy positions are to be located in the dense terrain where visibility is less than 20 yards. In one of the problems, small boats have to be acquired from a partisan by night after a long march. Movement downstream with the small craft over a long distance on a deep fast moving river, requires navigation by dead reckoning. One error at any point throughout the exercise can result in the patrol being delayed and the ultimate failure of the mission.

In addition to the test in navigation, there is always the aggressor soldier to harass the patrol. Strategically emplaced, he tests the ranger's ability to cope with the many and varied situations which are usually found only in actual combat. Capture by the aggressor only happens once for the treatment given to the ranger is such that he will pass along terrible stories which tend to keep the others always on their guard.

The large aggressor force is well trained and is equipped with uniforms and identification cards similar to those that would be found on an aggressor; all add a great deal of realism to the scene.

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Weapons and equipment are carried but rations are limited. This necessitates a pioneer knowledge of how to live off the land and water. Survival and field expedients become part of the ranger's training. He learns to eat palmettos and how to build traps and snares. He learns that a rattle snake or alligator when properly cooked can become a tasty meal.

One of the most unique methods of building the students self-confidence can be found in the Florida camp. One would not hesitate to walk a narrow board on the ground, but place the same plank thirty feet above swamp water and somehow there is a difference. This difference of course is the individual's mind. After walking a log for about 25 feet the student then climbs a swaying rope to another rope which stretches back across the water. From a height of forty feet he then drops into the water and swims to shore—all to the accompaniment of exploding charges of TNT. The ranger learns that he can do more than he ever thought humanly possible.

Two of the many company type raids used in the Florida phase are as follows. The students are formed as a company which will be landed by Otter aircraft behind enemy lines at night using pathfinders for aircraft guidance. A move across country of 1000 yards to a prisoner of war compound where a rescue is effected to secure a friendly officer held prisoner. Using live demolitions to gain entrance to the compound and a hasty withdrawal under pressure to the aircraft pick-up site and a return to base. If the raiding party is unable to return in time, the aircraft will leave, thereby causing the company to return on foot using stealth to infiltrate the enemy lines.

The second raid is an airforce supported company strength raid to destroy a missile site on an island in the Gulf of Mexico. Live demolitions are used and a withdrawal by rubber assault craft made to a minesweeper about 900 yards off shore.

After returning to Fort Benning for a one day administrative stop over, the student then moves on to the mountains of north Georgia for the last phase of his training.

The Mountain Training Phase

The Ranger Mountain Training Camp is located 14 miles from Dahlonega, Georgia, and 215 miles north of Fort Benning. Here in the great Chattahoochee National Forest he finds ground of a very different type from that found in Florida. It is heavily wooded with slash pine, hemlock and scrub oak and is thick with vegetation. Here for approximately 17 days, the student is involved in mountain training and its many ramifications. Before committing the ranger to battle the local headquarters (Ranger Dept) teaches him the techniques that he will require to successfully operate in the mountains. The student first learns the fundamentals of rope work, which includes knots and lashings. He then progresses to one, two and three rope bridges, free and balanced

climbing, tension climbing and cliff scaling using team play and other methods used by Swiss mountain climbers. Also included are rappelling, methods of cliff evacuation and resupply. He is also taught to cross swift streams using many expedients found useful on the cold mountain slopes.

Once fully oriented and trained, the Ranger Company is then committed to battle against the aggressor. Again the patrol is the vehicle of instruction. Day and night patrols surge forward with aggressors tactically located to interrupt the advance. Constant patrolling with short notice and under simulated wartime conditions teaches the patrol leader to make hasty decisions under conditions he would normally consider impossible. This, coupled with a lack of sleep and food, put the student through conditions considered rough even for war. Patrols in the mountains range from recce patrols seeking information to company raids aimed at destroying the generators of a power plant a distance of 50 miles away over very rough country. On this last a move is made from a landing zone to a clandestine bivouac area where a partisan is contacted, who will provide a minimum of food and information. From here the second leg of the journey is to the deep Blue Ridge Lake which entails firstly, a river crossing under fire, then a meeting with a second partisan who provides the patrol with live chickens which must be killed and prepared under the constant threat of enemy contact. The last leg of the journey is a lake crossing using assault boats to destroy two out of three generators of the Blue Ridge Power Dam. This is followed by a helicopter pick up one mile from the dam at first light next morning. It usually requires a minimum of two days and three nights to make the cross country move.

Ranger instructors accompany all the patrols just as is done in the Florida camp. They offer no suggestions or make no comments until the critique at the conclusion of the patrol.

The mountain camp has its method of building confidence as does the Florida Camp. Here the student is required to climb a swaying rope ladder for about 100 feet, hook a block to a steel cable which stretches across a lake, ride down the cable at break-neck speed and drop into the water on the signal from an instructor at the other end of the cable. The "Death Slide" as it is called is a challenge and at first appears frightening, but once mastered, it becomes a vivid reminder to the student that he can do the seemingly impossible.

The successful completion of this difficult course is a remarkable accomplishment for any officer or non-commissioned officer. When, upon graduation, he receives the coveted Ranger "arc tab," he is indeed a proud man and a better soldier. He is a living fulfillment of the Ranger Department's mission. He is equipped with the knowledge needed to conduct this type of training in his own unit. He is a soldier indoctrinated with Ranger drive, toughness and spirit, and is confident in his ability to operate effectively under conditions of extreme physical and mental stress and therefore an asset to the Canadian or any other army.

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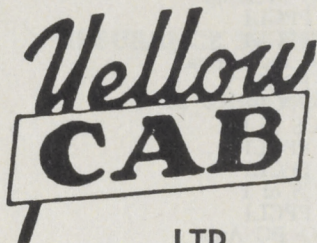
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