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## ***Exercise Nahanni II***

by Captain PA Maione, 2 PPCLI

In January of 1963, during the initial planning for Exercise NAHANNI I, it was suggested that an unnamed mountain be selected in the Nahanni area and that it be named after our Founder, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD. This was deemed to be an excellent project for Jubilee year and this proposal was submitted to Ottawa for approval. We were advised that double names could not be approved. This eliminated our original choice of "Mount Hamilton Gault" however, we were informed that the name "Mount Gault" could be considered.

One of the aims of Exercise NAHANNI I was to select a suitable peak in the area. This aim was accomplished and planning immediately began on Exercise NAHANNI II. A party of seven members of 2 PPCLI were given the task of climbing the mountain, erecting a cairn and naming the mountain. This task was to be completed during our Jubilee Year and a target date of 30 Sep 64 was set for the return of the party. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been selected to command the party.

The first step in preparation for Exercise Nahanni II was to formulate an outline plan for submission to Army Headquarters for approval as an adventure training exercise. After considerable map and air photo study, and invaluable recommendations from Capt FL Berry who commanded Exercise NAHANNI I, the following plan was evolved.

The party would consist of seven men with two large river boats and two small punts. All provisions, equipment and fuel with the exception of a cache of fuel for the return trip would be carried with the party. The fuel for the return trip would be shipped by barge from Fort Nelson to Nahanni Butte after the 1964 spring breakup. The party would proceed by road from Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton to Fort Nelson, B.C., a distance of some 750 miles; by boat down the Fort Nelson River to the Liard River and down the Liard to the junction of the Liard and Nahanni rivers, a distance of 300 miles; and a further 140 miles up the Nahanni to bring us to Virginia Falls, the limit of travel with the two large boats. The two small punts and sufficient supplies would be portaged around the falls and the party would continue up the Nahanni another 100 miles to a point directly north of the proposed Hamilton Gault Mountain. The mountain would be assaulted from this position and the party would return by the same route.

This plan would necessitate the building of one large river boat, two smaller flat bottomed punts, and repairing the boat used in Exercise Nahanni I. We would also have to acquire a minimum of two outboard motors which could be used on the punts as well as the two larger boats.

Army Headquarters approved the plan in full including a sum of \$500.00 for materials to build the boats. Two 35 hp Mercury motors were purchased by the Battalion and all that was left to be done was recruit the rest of the team, build the boats and assemble stores.



Response to a call for volunteers was good and by devious means I selected the following personnel — Cpl RR Lewis, Lcpls J Dalton, FJ Huard and RAJ Peskett and Pte WE Brown. Public Relations could not provide a cameraman so a civilian, Mr. Sigfried Bucher, who was enthusiastic enough to relinquish any claim against the Crown for damages to his person, was also recruited.

With the technical aid of the Unit Pioneer Trades Section and a set of plans, we started manufacturing. One can imagine the many moments of near despair that were endured by this crew which had never built a boat. The Army supply system, in its own way, helped matters by producing materials starting from the wrong end of the list. We had paint and fibreglas cloth two weeks before the lumber and screws. This all somehow sorted itself out and in a month and a half the boats were built.

The Exercise Nahanni I boat, a 27 footer, had been named "The Admiral Ramsay" the previous year and we considered it fitting to name our new 32 foot "The Hamilton Gault". This christening was performed in fitting naval manner by breaking a bottle of Champagne on her bow. The two 18 foot punts were relegated mere registration numbers.

The transport of this flotilla by vehicle to Fort Nelson was another problem in that there seemed no way of transporting a 32 foot boat on a 12 foot 2½ ton truck box. The Nahanni I crew solved this problem by building a 10 foot extension onto the back of the truck and we strengthened this frame to accommodate our greater load.

Needless to say the presence of so many boats in an army establishment induced a normal amount of comment from the local critics — the least of these was to call us the PPCLI Navy. I, for one, was relieved when final preparations were completed in late August and the Exercise was about to begin.

We departed Hamilton Gault Barracks at 0710 hrs 01 Aug 64. The road move to Fort Nelson BC was conducted without incident. Although there had recently been a great deal of rain, and washouts were numerous on the unpaved portions of the Alaska Highway, very little delay was encountered.

On arrival at Fort Nelson, at approximately 1800 hrs 02 Aug, we commenced offloading the vehicles at the barge landing on the Fort Nelson River, opposite Old Fort Nelson. By 2000 hrs most of the unloading was completed and our first riverside camp set up.

Next morning the boats were loaded and arrangements were made to leave our vehicles with the Department of Public Works in Muskwa, about 5 miles South of Fort Nelson. Final load adjustments were made and the river journey started at 1500 hrs.

The Fort Nelson River, according to local inhabitants, was up seven or eight feet above its normal level for that time of year. It soon became evident that the "Admiral Ramsay" was greatly overloaded and that navigation would be perillous even downstream. Although it would neces-



sitate a change of plan, I decided that the 18 foot punt, carried on this boat, would have to be cached as all other equipment was vital to the exercise. Rather than making one trip with two 18 foot punts from Virginia Falls to the base of Hamilton Gault Mountain, we would have to run a shuttle service.

After caching the punt on an island, approximately 18 miles down the river from our start point, we continued our journey for the remainder of the day without much difficulty. It should be noted that, although we did not have any serious mishap, both boats were still overloaded and it is not advisable to travel a river in such circumstances. We were not to realize fully how much unnecessary equipment we were carrying and the hazardous effects of overloading until later in the trip.

At 1945 hrs on 04 Aug we arrived at Fort Liard where we contacted the RCMP, the last post on our route, and spent the night. Next day we continued to Nahanni Butte, topped up with fuel from the supply shipped in earlier, and prepared to continue up the Nahanni. Our plan was discussed with Mr. Dick Turner, the local trading post operator, who gave us much sound advice. It appeared that although the Fort Nelson and Liard rivers were in flood, the Nahanni was not and we would have favourable water conditions.

Mr. Turner owns and operates his own float aircraft and we arranged to leave one of our two 510 sets with him for ground to air communication in the event that this was required. With all arrangements completed we commenced our upriver journey on the morning of 06 Aug.

For the first 10 miles or so, the Nahanni is quite slow and easy. One then encounters the "Splits", the name given to the maze of tributaries or "Snyes" on the river as it comes out of the First Canyon. The difficulty in this section of the river is choosing the snye with sufficient depth of water in which to navigate. Although one becomes quite adept at this water reading — even the experts occasionally make miscalculations and have to backtrack and try another channel. We were fortunate and did not have to do this often but the water became increasingly fast as we approached the top of the splits and the overloaded condition of our boats made progress very slow. But progress we did and arrived at the first Hot Springs at about 1800 hrs on 07 Aug.

We stopped for an hour or so at the Hot Springs to eat, change the propellor on the "Admiral Ramsay" and adjust the load on the "Hamilton Gault" so that the bow would come further out of the water. During this interlude we talked with Mr. Gus Kraus who lives with his family at the Hot Springs; the last point of permanent habitation on the Nahanni. We gained a good deal of information concerning the next stretch of river from Mr. Kraus who has been a resident of the area since the late 1920's.

As there were still a few hours of daylight left we continued upriver. The "Hamilton Gault" handled much better with the changed loading and we navigated Lafferty's Riffle, the first bit of acknowledged



bad water, without difficulty. We camped that night at the "Spray", a very cold flow of water which bursts from an underground source, and cascades down the canyon wall into the Nahanni. This is located about 3 miles up the First Canyon.

Although it is only about 15 miles from the Spray to the top of the First Canyon and into Deadman's Valley, late afternoon of the next day found us just coming up to George's Riffle having covered a distance of little more than 12 miles. The river current had increased and progress was so slow that I decided we must lighten our load prior to carrying on from Deadman's Valley. As it turned out this was proven to be an unnecessary action.

George's Riffle is a stretch of fast water which sweeps down the side of a canyon wall, takes almost a right angle turn, is deflected from the opposite canyon wall and continues down river in a straight heavy flow. The only feasible route through the Riffle is along the right hand side close to the canyon wall and just out of the large rollers of the riffle. We had been told that there was a large rock somewhere in the middle of this route but we could not see it because the water was high from recent rainfall.

I took the "Hamilton Gault" through first. We hit the submerged rock a glancing blow, suffered no damage, and continued through without further incident. We took the boat ashore about 300 yards above the main riffle so that we could take pictures and direct the other boat through. The landing spot had very little drop off but was the best at hand and I had no intention of bringing the other boat in there.

I waved the "Admiral Ramsay" to start through and to all outward appearances it made it nicely but as it drew alongside our position they indicated that the boat had taken a lot of water aboard and had hit the submerged rock quite hard. There was nothing to do but allow them to come in alongside the other boat.

We bailed out and waited for awhile to determine from water intake if the boat had been holed. It did not appear to be taking water quickly, if at all, so we decided to push on the remaining 2 or 3 miles to Deadman Valley, where we had planned to stop for 2 days, and to effect any necessary repairs there.

In order to get enough depth of water to use the motor we had to hold the boat out about 10 feet from shore. When the motor was started and running, we pushed the boat out so that it would clear any rocks in the shallows. When throttle was applied it became immediately evident that although the motor was operating, no thrust was produced. We later deduced that the propellor drive shaft had been cracked by an earlier rock strike and had picked this inopportune moment to break off completely. It was impossible for those of us standing by to get near enough to catch the boat as it was by this time in deep water. The current caught it and they proceeded back down through George's Riffle. At one point when they came within about 20 feet of shore, Cpl Lewis jumped out with bow line in an attempt to reach shore and perhaps bring the boat in. The water



was too deep and swift to allow this and he had to drop the line in order to get to shore himself. The boat with its two occupants continued down through the main riffle. It appeared that the boat was going to keep straight and ride the riffle through, but suddenly a current turned it sideways, it quickly filled with water and was overturned by a large wave. The crew were thrown out but managed to get back to the boat and hang on.

Once a course of action could be established I launched the other boat and proceeded to attempt a rescue. We tried to get the swamped crew, boat and all out of the main current. After several unsuccessful attempts we had to get the crew out of the water and abandon the boat until we could get them ashore and cared for. With this done we continued in our attempts to salvage the boat and any other items broken loose from their lashings and floating about.

The river in this area runs swiftly with very few areas of backwater or decreased current for about 15 miles. We found it impossible to manoeuvre the swamped boat and get it to shore. As evening was approaching I discontinued the salvage attempts because we had proceeded several miles downstream and would be a considerable time getting back to those we had left ashore.

We went ashore, quickly unloaded the "Hamilton Gault", left two men to make camp and went back to recover those we had put ashore earlier. By the time we had returned to the camp it was dark. It would have been foolhardy to have continued salvage attempts any longer as it would be extremely hazardous to attempt navigating the river in darkness.

The following morning morale was low. It appeared that by the time we made a thorough search downstream for anything salvageable we would be very short of supplies and would have to abandon the exercise. We loaded everything aboard except the 18 foot punt, which we cached, and returned to the Hot Springs. On arriving there we were informed by Gus Kraus that he had seen the boat and other items floating by. The boat lodged for a time on a shallow bar which gave him time to secure it before it was swept on downstream into the splits. He had also recovered some of the floating items that had broken loose.

This was indeed a stroke of fortune. We immediately made camp, recovered the boat with what was still attached and started to dry out equipment. After two days of drying out food, sleeping bags and other items it was time to make plans for starting up river again.

A count of food supplies revealed that we had a maximum of 3 weeks or one month if supplemented with fresh meat. Fuel was in much shorter supply, a mere 27 jerricans or approximately 45 hours of running time. This meant that we would have to travel light and fast.

In order to lighten the load I decided to split the party. Three would remain behind at the Hot Springs with the bulk of the heavier camp gear and 4 would continue on the trip. I did not feel that 4 men could make the portage quickly, if at all, and decided to leave the 18' boat cached and to change our route. We would proceed up the Nahanni to the Flat River



which runs in some 12 miles below the Falls; then we would go up the Flat to the base of the mountain on the southwest side.

Having made plans we loaded the boat and shoved off on the morning of 12 Aug.

By 1300 hrs we were through the first canyon and at a forestry cabin in Deadman Valley. That evening it started to rain heavily and continued for the next two days. The rain was so severe and debris on the river made navigation so dangerous that we were forced to hold up until the river cleared.

On 15 Aug, with a clearing sky, we proceeded into the Second Canyon. We found the river here very swift and the going slow. After 13 hours travel we arrived at the "Gate" where we camped for the night. The following night we camped near the mouth of the Flat River and on the morning of the 17th we started up the Flat. This river is considerably slower than the Nahanni. We had been warned that it was shallow and we might have to line or portage in some spots. However the rainfall had raised the river level about 2 feet and we were able to make the complete trip up under power.

On the evening of 18 Aug we arrived at Irvine Creek, which runs down the Northwest side of our Mountain, and set up base camp. The 19th was taken up with recce, to determine the most favourable route up the moun-



Capt PA Maione and Pte Brown WE climbing Mount Hamilton Gault with main peak in background.



tain, and preparation of equipment for the ascent. Although it appeared as if we could make the climb and return to camp in one day we decided to take sleeping bags and enough food for 1½ days. As it turned out this proved to be a wise move.

At 0600 on the morning of the 20th we started our climb. The mountain had been burned off in the 1940's and the entire area below tree line was covered with scrub brush, thick lodgepole pine and interlaced with burned logs and fallen trees. This is very difficult growth to move through, and rather than getting easier, as we had anticipated, it got more difficult as we progressed upward. Consequently, we did not reach treeline until 1500 hours, 3 hours later than we had planned. We left all of the gear except cameras and film at a camp on a stream just below treeline and hurried on toward the summit. We made good time once out of the brush and arrived on the South Western peak at 1800 hrs. Daylight hours were running short so we made haste to erect a cairn from slab rock and deposit the canister. On the descent darkness found us still well above our camp but, as we were relatively certain of our direction, we continued cautiously downward. Although we did find our camp about an hour after dark, night movement in this type of terrain is not recommended.

The following morning we continued down the mountain by a different route hoping to find easier going. In this we were disappointed



Pte Brown WE, LCpl Peskett RAJ and Capt PA Maione standing beside the cairn erected atop Mount Hamilton Gault.



and it was a thoroughly footsore and weary foursome that finally arrived at base camp that afternoon. It is interesting to note that during the previous night it had snowed on the top of Hamilton Gault Mountain.

In our absence the Flat River had dropped  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet and our boat was left high and dry. It took about three hours to get it floating again. The water level had dropped so much we realized that the river would be too shallow in most places to use the motor and our only alternative was to float down to the Nahanni. In order to maintain steerage we designed a combination sweep-rudder for the boat and removed the motor.

On the morning of the 23rd, tongue in cheek as none of us had ever attempted floating before, we set off on our silent trip down river. The steering mechanism worked surprisingly well and after having successfully run a few pieces of fast water we relaxed and enjoyed the remainder of the two day journey.

Floating down the Flat saved us several hours of fuel so we decided, on reaching the Nahanni, to take the 15 mile trip to Virginia Falls. We were all very anxious to do this as it would have been a shame to miss the Virginia Falls having been so close.

It is very fortunate for inexperienced river travellers such as us that the Nahanni starts out slow and becomes progressively swifter. This gives one an opportunity to gain experience prior to being faced with the worst water in the 12 mile stretch below Virginia Falls. This bit of river includes the famous Figure 8 and to my mind an even more impressive series of rapids immediately below the Falls.

At 1500 hrs on 24 Aug we rounded a turn in the River and were confronted with Virginia Falls. One would think that you would be able to at least hear a waterfall, higher than Niagara Falls, long before rounding a corner and practically running right into it. This is not so, at least in this particular case. A combination of very fast noisy water below the falls and an anything but silent outboard motor coupled with the sound baffling effect of a meandering canyon, create this surprising phenomenon.

The spray from the falls and the sheer canyon walls preclude camping below the Falls so there was no alternative but to pack camp over the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile portage to the top of the Falls. This is quite a difficult portage and we were grateful that we had decided to change our original plan. It is doubtful that four men would have been able to portage the 18 ft punt.

On arriving at the campsite above the Falls we were surprised to find someone already there. It was Albert Faille, a legendary character in the Nahanni Area, whom we had thought was farther up river. We found that he had returned for more fuel from his cache below the falls and was about to set out upriver again.

After two very pleasant days of story telling and learning much of the Nahanni history we said goodbye and watched him depart in his decrepit boat with its nine inch sides. We then reversed the portage and started a rapid return journey to the Hot Springs. Although the trip from the Falls to the Hot Springs can be made easily in one day, we stopped overnight at the Cabin in Deadman Valley. The weather was



foul, raining and cold, and we could not pass up the chance to stay in a warm dry cabin.

On 27 Aug, after an early morning two hour run, we arrived at the Hot Springs. We found the other three of our party hale and hearty, practically turned native, and prepared to spend the rest of their lives there. This, of course, was not possible as rations were running short and the weather was beginning to turn cold. After two days of sorting, stowing equipment and saying farewell to Gus Kraus and his family, we started down river for Nahanni Butte. We were accompanied by Father Mary, an RC Missionary, who had come up a few days earlier on his regular visit to the Kraus family. Fortunately for us he was able to take some of our load in his boat and being very familiar with recent changes in the Splits guided us through without incident.

At Nahanni Butte we loaded our stock of gasoline, acquired provisions from Dick Turner's Trading Post and set off on the last lap of our return journey to Fort Nelson on 31 Aug.

Because of a heavily overloaded boat, which cut our speed to almost a crawl and two days of very bad weather which precluded travel, it took us an agonizing ten days to traverse the 300 miles to Fort Nelson. This was almost double the time we had planned on originally and consequently we had to borrow 45 gallons of gasoline from the Forestry Department at Fort Liard.

At Fort Nelson we loaded vehicles, cleaned ourselves up as much as possible and had a meal out — a rare treat. I reported in to the RCMP Detachment to advise them of our return. I also reported that the punt we had left on our inward journey was not to be found where we had cached it.

With nothing further to be done we mounted our vehicles on the morning of Sep 10 and were homeward bound. On Friday 11 Sep the trip of a lifetime was over and the drudgery of cleaning and returning equipment, investigations into losses and writing reports began.

In retrospect the exercise was successful. Although the original plan had to be modified, and eventually completely changed, the main object of the exercise was achieved. One does not wish for accidents but the adversity which confronted us increased our respect for the forces of nature and tested our flexibility.

Discussion with many of the local rivermen of the Nahanni area has lead me to the conclusion that each has his own opinion of which types of boat, propulsion and equipment should be used in this sort of venture. There are some things upon which all agree and I must mention at least two of these. Men should be experienced on easier water before attempting a river like the Nahanni and should be thoroughly familiar with the type of equipment they will be using. Delay caused by inexperience or unfamiliarity with equipment at a crucial time can be, and has been, fatal.

To mention detailed requirements would be merely a statement of personal preference and would probably tend to stereotype future adventure training trips of this nature. Much of the training value and enjoyment of such a trip is in formulating a plan, then enjoy watching it succeed, or work like mad adapting it to prevent failure.



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## *The Army of a Dream*

by G. R. STEVENS

Anniversaries are very worth while. They are more than celebrations; they are recapitulations of the past. For their brief space yesterday is at one with today.

Now that is exactly the atmosphere that seemed to me to prevail at Edmonton last September, at the Patricia Jubilee. To some of us the Regiment was a full half-century old, to others, a quarter-century; to still others (those caught up in the Korean trouble), little more than a decade. But in addition there were also those who had served the Regiment both in war and in peace and who were in effect the managers of the property which belonged to all of us. Yet to my eyes all—old, new and management—were of the same family and in Kipling's fine phrase had met as "gentlemen unafraid". For instance, we could insult each other with impunity, because insults had been common coin of conversation in the days when we had been active members of the family. A former lance-corporal of mine who now is no end of a swell and public figure, having drunk of my bottles in my bedroom, continued to remind me of my imperfections until I told him to go stuff it where the monkey put the peanuts. This meant no more than a glad re-echo of our yesterdays.

I once wrote a short story wherein I said that at the siege of Carthage the Roman supply system could not cope with the Mediterranean weather. Often the rations arrived after a sea voyage of several weeks. The grapes issue would be shrivelled, the plums would be hard as stones, the herrings dried and shrunken. Where upon the troops would tell the quartermaster-sergeants just what they thought of the rations. (This still is done.) But they ate what was given them, griping and snarling and calling on their gods to take note of the suppering sons of sea-cooks who fought a cushy war in the back area. When at long last the war was over, they went home to their villages and were greeted with rejoicings and feasting; there were great heaps of luscious grapes dewy from the vines, purple-blooded plums fresh from the orchards, fat herrings just out of the sea. Did the veterans give thanks? They did not. Instead they said bitterly, like men dispossessed, "Do you expect us to eat this stuff? Where are the raisins, the prunes and the kippers to which we have become accustomed?"

It was inevitable that in due course in soldier-families that the commander should emerge as the father image—responsible for triumph or disaster alike. For many centuries he had the power of life or death over his men and there was no other law except his will; these were attributes of godhood. Later on he became a hero or demigod, standing out from the common men because he rode a horse and could be seen from afar, or because his banner marked a rallying spot or because of his personal prowess—when like Richard Cœur de Lion, he could cleave an enemy from neck to crotch with a single stroke. But as war became more intricate the leader needed to be cunning rather than brave, clear-



headed rather than audacious. After Napoleon no commander could afford to lead assaults or to take station on a high hill, or indeed to offer themselves as targets anywhere. Instead, they sat in some safe and snug place and pored over maps and sent men galloping off with their messages, controlling the battle from afar.

This form of military management was not very comforting to the targets—the soldiers who took the shock in the forefront of the battle. So the image of the military leader necessarily changed into that of a personality who never forgot that his soldiers were human beings, creatures of hopes and fears who were prone to meditate on the nature of shattering wounds and messy deaths—men who, although faithful to their oaths of duty and the rigour of their disciplines, were happier and better soldiers if they knew that their commander understood their individual necessities and did not simply regard them as cannon fodder.

It is my opinion that Britain's military greatness stemmed from the fact that her leaders were first to realize this necessity and to arrive at a new concept in military relationships. The wonderful reconstruction of the battle of Agincourt that was recently shown on Canadian television revealed a king-commander more than five centuries ago to be thinking in terms of the comfort of his men in the field; Alastair Horne, in his great book on the battle of Verdun, declares that of allies and enemies alike in the First World War only the British Commonwealth officer was expected to supervise the housing and the feeding of his men before he satisfied his own needs. This responsibility was a symbol not only of humanity but of morale. Which reminds me of Fred Hurst.

Fred had served in the First World War in the Rifle Brigade and he told endless stories that undoubtedly had improved with the years; one and all, they revealed that for him that fine regiment was like a capricious woman, from whom he was prepared to put up with a lot of nonsense in order to keep her in his life. He had been in 80th Brigade with the Patricias in the Frezenburg fighting and he once told me a story which was characteristic of his attitude towards his regiment:

"You Canadians were coming back from Polygon Wood and we were moving up. They began to whizzbang us so Bill Edwards and me drops into a shellhole. Along comes one of our little officer boys, waving his sword and shouting, "Come on, men. Come on". I looks at Bill and Bill looks at me and I says, "Not bloody likely. It's dangerous". But Bill says, "Someone has got to pick up that little sod if he gets schickered (wounded)". So he climbs out of the shellhole. I says, "Cor stone the crows", and follows him.

In 1917, shortly after my return to the Patricias with a commission, I overheard, in the dark on the other side of a traverse in the Mericourt trenches, two old sweats discussing me. Fifteen Platoon said, "I hear you've got that sergeant of ours as your bloke (officer). What's he like?" Said Six Platoon, "Oh, he's probably all right but her is a bit of a blasted wet-nurse." Six Platoon probably was right; I was overplaying the welfare act. But we junior officers were made in Hamilton



Gault's image and the essence of him was complete identification with the family that was the regiment. That this intimacy and sense of fellowship lives on after fifty years is perhaps the best criterion of its value.

I would not have you think for a moment that this family atmosphere, this sense of integration, was solely a First World War manifestation. On the contrary, I am satisfied that it is a healthy and dynamic influence in the Patricias today. As the writer of the third volume of the Regimental History I saw evidence of it everywhere; in the 'tween war years when the Patricias starved on a pittance because starry-eyed idealists were certain that talk would settle everything and if you spoke kindly enough to wolves they would gambol with the lambs; in the three-year hitch on guard in Britain, when, as Farley Mowat has so eloquently portrayed in the history of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, home ties began to grow dim and political indecision and vacillations made the overseas soldier something less than proud of his homeland; the regiment tended more and more to become a home from home, the principal focus of interest of the serving soldier. The British Army story of the soldier who christened his daughter Gunna Regimenta Ubique is perhaps exaggerated; but in the Second World War there were more and more fields in which the regiment and the ship and the squadron became, if not father and mother, at least the foster parents of those who served therein.

It was great good luck that in that war two Canadian divisions should have spent virtually all their field service in Eighth Army. It is doubtful if the world has ever seen, or will see again, anything like that formation. In three years in Africa it had taught British, Indian, Australian, New Zealand, South African, Polish, French, Greek and Jewish soldiers to keep each others backs as well as to respect and admire each other. In Sicily and Italy the Canadians were accepted as honoured members; by their service to others they wrote their names on the entablatures of many nations. Canadian armour supported British divisions and in similar fashion British and New Zealand tanks supported Canadian infantry. Those who were with the Patricias at the Moro Crossing will remember how 44th Royal Tank Regiment closed up in a moment of extremity, with officers standing in open turrets to guide fire and to take on the encroaching panzers at point blank range. Indeed when the time came to reunite the Canadian forces in Northwestern Europe, many of 1st Infantry and 5th Armoured divisions resented the loss of the Crusaders Shield on their shoulders and said, in the language of Farley Mowat's bitter Picton men, that they would rather stay where they were.

Yet time must march on and bring changes in its train, and the unadaptable species dies. No family today could possibly be what it was twenty-five years ago unless it was cut off completely from outside communications. One of the great problems of this age is "alienation"—the process by which machinery and technology restrict human contacts and limit the cooperation and comradeship of man and his brother man. Every hour of the day and for much of the night we are bombarded with a profusion and confusion of ideas, entreaties, arguments, special pleadings.



This monstrous flood of impacts, aided and abetted by propaganda and advertising which only differs in degree from brainwashing, has made great inroads on independence of thought and judgment. As a consequence any form of human association, including military family-groupings, that tends to stick to its code and resists the erosion of manners, morals and cultural heritages, deserves well of the nation.

During the ceremonials and celebrations at Hamilton Gault Barracks last September the thought came to me on more than one occasion that here was a community which (to some extent at least) was insulated against the irritations, the irrelevancies, the tensions and the absurdities which bedevil civilian life nowadays. I would hesitate to suggest that Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry live monastically, or in an ivory tower or anything like that, but I thought I detected something of the advantages of the cloister in a community of men dedicated to a common purpose and employment, communally fed, clothed and housed, with stabilized routines and inter-relationships, with ample time for leisure and few incentives to excess. It would indeed be sardonic if the last haunts of true peace of mind would be found in the tents of men committed to making war. Which brings to mind McG 88, Pte. Sherman, F.J. of the 2nd Universities Company, destined to reinforce the Patricias in the summer of 1915.

This middle-aged recruit literally had stowed away in order to enlist, for he was one of the leading banking authorities of Canada. His escape was detected and on a fine summer day, while we lay at Sir John Moore's Plain, near Shorncliffe, an imposing staff car entered the lines. It bore that rambunctious personality, General Sam Hughes, Minister of Defence and by his own admission one of the chief impediments to German world conquest. On alighting General Hughes demanded that Pte. Sherman be produced. What passed between them is unknown but Pte "Fuzzy" Brozen, a born gossip, who was said to have qualified for the Universities Company by producing a certificate from a barber college, gave us what he claimed to be the "pukkha gen" of the interview. He said that General Hughes bade Pte. Sherman remember his duty to his country, to say nothing of the party in power; he must abandon this unseemly masquerade and accept an appointment commensurate with his talents. Whereupon Sherman replied that the rear rank of an infantry platoon was the place that he had been seeking all his life. There he was bountifully cared for without expense to himself or without expenditure of energy. His duties were ridiculously simple, they involved few decisions and no worries. He had ample leisure and he liked the people that he had about him; they were neither avaricious nor ambitious nor cunning nor importunate. He was paid enough twice in every month to get tiddy of an evening, which was as often as drink was good for him. He had found serenity. He thanked the Minister of Defence but he felt that he had come into his kingdom. "Thus", said Pte. Brozen, who in his nickelodeon days had acquired a sense of theatre, "a private told a major-general to go to hell". I hope that this was so. I am certain that Sherman chose the better part.

I therefore like to think that as the years pass and machines multiply and take on more and more human functions, until finally we are dehuman-



ized into a common mould: when we live almost entirely on pills, and chemical injections reduce our individual greeds, hopes and fears to a common norm, that here and there in that Brave New World there will remain enclaves in which soldiers continue to preserve the ancient freedoms of man. In barracks as remote from the outside world as cathedral closes, everyone will wear uniforms without surrendering to uniformity. The rat race of social competition will be unknown. No one will be processed to a specific destiny. Individual manners and habits of mind will live on. Visitors, as to a museum, will be able to glimpse something of what the world was like when **homo sapiens** was more sap than sapient and enjoyed it. Doubtless in that future some Bright Young Thing will peer at those whom she believes to be captives and who in fact are the only remaining free men. She may say, "their processing is uncoordinated, their reactions are unclassified; they are shockingly heterogeneous and disorganized". Her friend will agree. "They are unspeakably primitive. They must have been retained as horrible examples."

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## ***Regimental Depot***

In 1964 a total of 240 new Patricia soldiers graduated from the Depot and were posted to the Second Battalion at the Home Station helping to bolster their ranks which had been sadly depleted when the First Battalion rotated to Germany.

In sports, the Regimental Depot won the minor units trophy at the Area and Brigade Sports Meet held in Camp Wainwright in June but could not maintain their momentum until December and lost out in the Alberta Area Volleyball Tournament.

The Training Wing had a change of Command in September when Major ED (Oop) McPhail, CD retired after nearly thirty years of service. Major JGW Mills, MC, CD just back from a year's tour of duty with UNTSO and UNYOM replaced Major McPhail as Chief Instructor.

The Regimental Depot assisted 2 PPCLI in the preparations for the successful Jubilee Celebrations which were centered around the Trooping the Colour ceremony on 19 Sep. The Depot maintained contact with 1200 PPCLI Association members and 300 Extra Regimentally Employed Patricias to ensure everyone had the latest information on the Home Station celebrations. In addition to the above, two depot platoons suspended Recruit training to take part in the Trooping ceremony.

The Museum was renovated during the Spring in preparation for the Jubilee celebrations. Under the guidance of RSM (WO1) JG Austin, MC, CD, Sgt B Suais, Cpl E Rohac and Pte RA Woodley did an excellent job and many favourable comments were passed by the numerous visitors in September. The Museum acquired and proudly displays the medals of the late Major GH Mullin, VC, MM, who won his VC while serving with the Regiment at Passchendaele.

Cpl Harvey Reti went to Tokyo as a member of the Canadian Olympic Boxing Team and while he did not return with a medal, he put up a good fight!

A number of staff changes occurred during 1964 and are as follows:

<b>Taken on Strength</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sgt SLATER WC (RCOC)	17 ROD	01 Jan 64
Cpl ADAMS JA (RCASC)	6 PD	30 Jan 64
Sgt ADAM RIC (RCOC)	HQ Wescom	06 Apr 64
Cpl REID TD	2 PPCLI	23 Apr 64
Cpl EMBURY CV (PTS)	2 PPCLI	01 Jul 64
Sgt ANDERSON LM (RCAPC)	HQ Altarea	01 Jul 64
Lt MW BEZAIRE (RCR)	RCSME	06 Jul 64
Cpl KELLNER WJ (RCOC)	HQ Ft Churchill	17 Jul 64
Pte CROZIER WH	10 PD	24 Jul 64
Sgt TAYLOR AR	HQ NWHS	26 Jul 64
Ssgt GRANT RE (PTS)	Camp Gagetown	04 Aug 64
Cpl KING JE (PTS)	RCS OF S	04 Aug 64
Maj JGW MILLS	UNTSO	17 Aug 64
Sgt SCOTT MJ	2 PPCLI	31 Aug 64



# Struck off Strength

Cpl KNIGHT JA (RCAPC)	Wescom Pay	02 Sep 64
Lt AB PAXTON	1 R 22e R	12 Sep 64
Cpl MACDONALD H (RCOC)	HQ Wescom	15 Sep 64
Cpl GALLAGHER A (RCOC)	11 Coy RCASC	12 Oct 64
Sgt MOSELEY CA	2 PPCLI	19 Oct 64
Pte BEAUDRY AP (RCOC)	17 ROD	03 Nov 64
Sgt QUERY EW (RCOC)	2 PPCLI	30 Nov 64
Cpl MACPHAIL HJ	2 PPCLI	01 Dec 64
Cpl GINTHER SP	<b>To</b>	<b>Date</b>
Cpl CAPLAN RE (PTS)	10 PD for release	19 Mar 64
LepI SYMINGTON E (CWAC)	1 QOR OF C	04 Apr 64
Cpl BURROWS BW (RCASC)	10 PD for release	07 Apr 64
Sgt RYALL EA (RCOC)	10 PD for release	04 May 64
CAPT EM CANFIELD	15 ROD	28 Jun 64
Sgt RAMSAY TB (RCAPC)	RCS OF I	29 Jun 64
2Lt KE MCGILL (RCAPC)	Camp Wainwright	01 Jul 64
Sgt DEFAYE GR	Wescom Pay	14 Jul 64
WO2 HARDING CE (PTS)	HQ BC Area	31 Aug 64
Pte CARR CE (RCAPC)	APTC	31 Aug 64
Lt TA BRADLEY	Camp Shilo	01 Sep 64
Capt VP RITHALER	10 PD (RCDC)	01 Sep 64
Cpl OUELLETTE EA (RCOC)	RCS OF S	07 Sep 64
Sgt ANDERSON LM (RCAPC)	Deceased	08 Sep 64
Sgt FLOM AL (RCAPC)	Wescom Pay	08 Sep 64
Maj ED MACPHAIL	Camp Shilo	15 Sep 64
Cpl IRVINE JC	10 PD for release	28 Sep 64
Cpl RETI HN (PTS)	2 PPCLI	18 Oct 64
Pte MCLELLAN FR (RCOC)	C Pro C School	1 Nov 64
Lt JGH HONEY	17 ROD	02 Nov 64
Cpl EMBURY CV (PTS)	10 PD for release	12 Nov 64
Cpl LEWIS RR	11 PD	14 Nov 64
Cpl ABBOTT PJ (RCOC)	10 PD for release	29 Nov 64
Sgt ADAM RK (RCOC)	2 PPCLI	01 Dec 64
	10 PD for release	14 Dec 64
	HQ Wescom	15 Dec 64

The following platoons graduated on successfully completing recruit training and posted to 2 PPCLI.

- Korea Platoon 14 Oct 63—20 Feb 64
  - Best Recruit—SH 207696 Pte Benson RE
  - Platoon Commander—Lt A Ferguson
  - Platoon Sergeant—Sgt Wigle JR
  - Inspecting Officer—Major RH Graham, CD
- Kapyong Platoon 04 Nov 63—19 Mar 64
  - Best Recruit—SM 111120 Pte Bezilny M
  - Platoon Commander—2Lt RAW Warren
  - Platoon Sergeant—Lsgt Atchison NG
  - Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD
- Ypres Platoon 09 Dec 63—17 Apr 64
  - Best Recruit—SK 103336 Pte Hurley MJ
  - Platoon Commander—2Lt RB Morey
  - Platoon Sergeant—Lsgt Brignell RA
  - Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD



Frezenberg Platoon 06 Jan 64—14 May 64  
 Best Recruit—SM 111183 Pte Vanduzee GR  
 Platoon Commander—2Lt K Nette  
 Platoon Sergeant—Sgt Miles JW  
 Inspecting Officer—Brigadier GC Leech, OBE, CD  
 Mount Sorrell Platoon 03 Feb 64—04 Jun 64  
 Best Recruit—SK 103377 Pte Garbutt TS  
 Platoon Commander—2Lt WAJ Plouffe  
 Platoon Sergeant—Sgt Kliever KH  
 Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD  
 Flers Courcellette Platoon 09 Mar 64—15 Jul 64  
 Best Recruit—SK 103391 Pte Wilson RD  
 Platoon Commander—Sgt Scott JM  
 Platoon Sergeant—Cpl McPhail HJ  
 Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD  
 Vimy Platoon 20 Apr 64—19 Aug 64  
 Best Recruit—SK 103433 Pte Biebelhaus JH  
 Platoon Commander—Sgt Smith HE  
 Platoon Sergeant—Cpl Barker JM  
 Inspecting Officer—Major ED McPhail, CD  
 Passchendaele Platoon 25 May 64—28 Oct 64  
 Best Recruit—SM 111277 Pte Franson VJ  
 Platoon Commander—Sgt Kirby GA  
 Platoon Sergeant—Cpl Reid TD  
 Inspecting Officer—Major GE Henderson, CD  
 Amiens Platoon 06 Jul—11 Dec 64  
 Best Recruit—SB 186594 Pte Bird DG  
 Platoon Commander—Lsgt Brignell RA  
 Platoon Sergeant—Cpl Nadeau R  
 Inspecting Officer—Major JGW Mills, MC, CD  
 Scarpe Platoon 17 Aug 64—11 Dec 64  
 Best Recruit—SH 207797 Pte Millwater DA  
 Platoon Commander—2Lt JT Magee  
 Platoon Sergeant—Sgt Miles JW  
 Inspecting Officer—Major JGW Mills, MC, CD.

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## ***First Battalion Report***

Special events were the highlights throughout the Jubilee Year followed by competitions in sports and shooting.

In January the battalion supplied a fifty-man guard commanded by Captain DC Jones in honour of the visit of Lieutenant General Sir Richard Goodwin, KCB, CBE, DSO the Commander, 1 (Br) Corps. The Canadian Ambassador to West Germany, Mr JK Starnes, visited the unit in February. Also in February, Mr SD Pearce, the Canadian Ambassador to Belgium, visited and after observing training, attended a buffet luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

The first all ranks function in the battalion was held in conjunction with Valentine's Day. Music was supplied by our own group known as 'The Thunderbirds.' This combination has become quite proficient in its field and has played engagements in many bars and night clubs in Westphalia.

On the Commander's Inspection, Brigadier MR Dare, DSO, CD presented Private HJ Agecutay with the Chief of the General Staff's Commendation. This presentation commended Private Agecutay for his action on July 30th, 1963, which prevented a serious accident on the road move back from Camp Wainwright. On the same parade, Lieutenant I Vatter was presented the Infantry Sword by the Brigadier.

The battalion's entry in the Brigade Prix Leclerc Eliminations took top honours in the three-day shoot in February. The team came through with the Currie Trophy and thus earned the right to represent Canada in the NATO competition in July. In the Brigade Service Pistol Competition, WO 2 LA White, Sergeant E Zwolak and Corporal AW Redmond teamed up to walk off with first prize.

March saw the celebration of the birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief and a very successful day was held. Many ex-Patricias from around the area were present to join in the celebrations, including a former CO, Lt Col Bob Lindsay.

The Brigade Patrol Competition was held in April and under the leadership of Lieutenant LJ Gollner and Sergeant T Danyleyko, we achieved first place in the Brigade Competition.

Official views on the White Paper on Defence were received when Colonel W deN Watson, DSO, MC, CD, the Director of Infantry, visited in April. After an informal buffet in the Officers' Mess, the Director gave a talk on the future plans for integration.

The first visit by Mrs Hamilton Gault was made in April when she personally presented the Hamilton Gault Trophy to the battalion. The occasion was marked by a parade during which Mrs Hamilton Gault inspired the Battalion with her remarks which carried us all back to the great traditions set by our late Founder.

A small representation from the unit travelled to the Frezenberg Memorial for a memorial service on May 8th. The group consisted of Captain KR Foster, Sergeant G Hammerquist, and Privates Hubert, Schleger,



Matheson and Easterbrook. In the same month a hundred-man guard, the Colours and the Corps of Drums travelled to Bremerhaven for the Armed Forces Day. Troops from seven nations were present on a colourful parade.

On the training side, the battalion moved to Haltern in May for field firing exercises. The emphasis was on company training at that time. At the end of May, the unit shifted to Sennelager to take advantage of the excellent ranges there. During the concentration, the Honourable Paul Hellyer, the Minister of National Defence, spoke to a representation from all units on the White Paper. In the Brigade Skill-At-Arms Competition, the First Patricia's won three out of four competitions, the coy field firing, patrol and first aid, but lost by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points out of 500 to the Black Watch in the final total score.



Lt Col Brown receiving the Hamilton Gault Trophy from Mrs Gault.

The first ATGM (ENTAC) Controllers Course was conducted in May and June and three Patricia's qualified on the intricate equipment.

In late June, Rowan Coleman, DSO, MC, President of the Montreal Branch of the Association, visited the battalion. In mid-July, Colonel VR Schjelderup, DSO, MC, CD, Director of "Q" Operations and Planning and former CO of 2 PPCLI visited both the Sergeants' and the Officers' Messes.

At the end of July, our Prix Leclerc Team armed to the teeth, hit the road to Baden-Baden for the international competition. The team fared very well for its first year of competition, taking a second place to the Netherlands team.



In connection with the Jubilee, the City of Ypres, Belgium, granted the Regiment the Freedom of the City. This was the first time that such an honour was bestowed upon any unit by the City and it is considered one of our finest honours. The Regiment was represented by Maj Gen CB Ware, Colonel of the Regiment, who accepted the Freedom on behalf of the Regiment. The official ceremony was held in the ancient town square adjacent to the historic Cloth Hall established in the Middle Ages, completely destroyed in World War I and now restored. This was followed by a moving ceremony and Last Post at the Menin Gate where 557 names of Patricias, more than any other Canadian unit, who have no known grave, are emblazoned for posterity. Later, the city sponsored a dinner for the Patricia's and guests. The next day respects to our dead at the Battle of Frezenberg were paid by Veterans and the 1 PPCLI Contingent. In a moving ceremony Mrs Gault unveiled a plaque for the Regimental Memorial to "all our fallen comrades on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Regiment." General Ware then laid a wreath on behalf of Lady Patricia as did Mrs Gault, Brig de Lalanne and the Commanding Officer.



The Mayor of Ypres, Belgium, granting the Freedom of the City to the Regiment.



This historic ceremony with the Regiment represented by originals and veterans of the Battle of Frezenberg as well as by the Colonel of the Regiment, Mrs Gault, and to-days Patricias was an awe inspiring finale to the Jubilee celebrations in Europe. With our minds full of those wonderful traditions handed down by former Patricias and our emotions strained by the Jubilee Celebrations, we then turned to the tactics of the modern battlefield.

At the end of August the unit returned to field training for the Soltau Concentration. Training progressed up to battalion group level and in the brigade exercises, the battalion came through in fine style, proving themselves to be excellent infiltrators. The Lunenburg Health saw many battles fought, but fortunately, unlike the past no memorials and no unknown graves were left behind.

Although weapons and equipment have changed considerably, many soldiers must have felt as former Patricia's felt in other wars, cold, wet and miserable in their lonely trench.

The next month, September, brought the Liberation Ceremonies at the Calais Monument Aux Morts. The Canadian contingent was commanded by Captain AL Hill and the unit platoon by Lieutenant RD Gillan. In attendance was the Prime Minister of France, Mr. Georges Pompidou, The British Ambassador to France, Sir John Pierson Dixon, the Canadian Ambassador to France, Mr Jules Leger, and the Mayor of Calais.

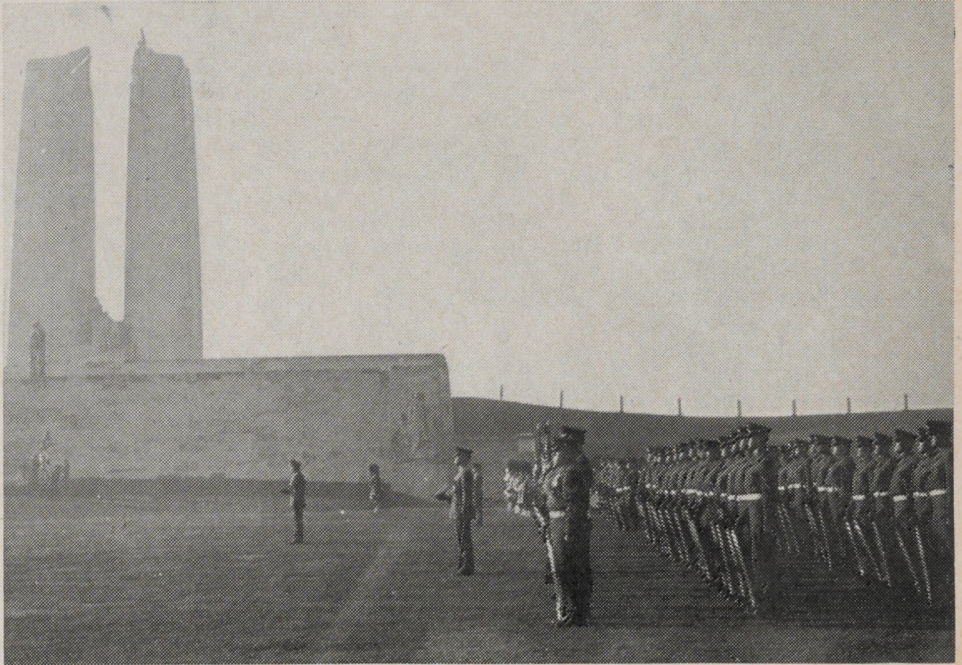
From September 29th to October 9th, the Patricia's operated with the brigade in Exercise Treble Chance, and were opposed by the British 6th Brigade and German Armour. The Canadians managed to baffle the enemy with their tactics. At one stage during the exercise, the enemy had thought that one company of Canadians had infiltrated through their lines, but it was in fact the whole of the First Patricia's. The Commanding Officer was extremely enthused with the superlative performance of, and ferocity shown by, all ranks of the battalion in this difficult manoeuvre. The GOC 2 (Br) Div and the Commander 4 CIBG passed their congratulations to all ranks.

In November, another guard commanded by Major MG Levy attended the Remembrance Day Services at the Vimy Ridge Memorial. A French contingent stood opposite the Canadians during a simple ceremony which consisted of prayers, laying of wreaths, playing of the lament by a piper from the Black Watch Band, the Last Post and Reveille. The inspection was conducted by Canada's representative, Mr David Groos, MP for Victoria. Following the Ceremonies, the Canadians were given an opportunity to see the trenches and tunnels on the ridge, maintained from the 1914-18 War.

Also in November, two soldiers of the battalion, Lance Corporal EC Bianic and Private GR Peterson were honoured by the German government. They were presented the "Knight of the Road" award for their action at the scene of an accident in December 1963. A German car skidded off the road and all three occupants were seriously injured. Lance Corporal Bianic and Peterson applied first aid and called for an ambulance. As the ambulance arrived, it too skidded and both the driver and



co-driver were injured. The two soldiers applied first aid again and then transported all the injured to a hospital in Lance Corporal Bianic's car. Herr Ernst Schlensker, the Regional President of the North Rhein Westphalia District, made the presentation.



The PPCLI Contingent at Vimy Ridge—Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

The unit was "invaded" in November when a group of Assiniboine, Cree and Sarcee Indians visited Fort Macleod. The Commanding Officer was named WE-CHA-ANO-NICHA, meaning the "The Defenders", after the son of one of the chiefs who was killed in the US Navy in the Second World War.

December brought the French Grey Cup ceremonies and on a cloudy, drizzly day, Support and Charlie Companies tangled on the gridiron to a 7-0 victory for Support. Support Company also won first prize for their float, and the "Queen" was the lucky fair damsel from Charlie Company.

Christmas was made perfect by a six inch fall of snow on the early morning of the 25th. Prior to this the members of the Battalion had shared a beautiful Christmas Dinner prepared by the cooks and served by the Officers and Senior NCOs.

The Battalion was grieved in December by the loss of two of its members. Private R West Support Company was killed when struck by an automobile outside Fort Macleod and Sergeant Gerry Hammerquist died of a heart attack at Chilliwack. The latter will be remembered by



those in the Regiment who were privileged to have served with him as an outstanding soldier of high principles who gave exceptional service to the Regiment.

To end this article, the story of Private GR Peterson should be quoted. In February 1964, he was overpaid 6300 Deutsche Marks by the Bank of Montreal in Hemer. Due to a double error, this mistake may not have been discovered for quite some time. However, Peterson returned the excess the next morning and earned the the commendation of the Bank Manager for his integrity and honesty. The moral is obvious but the writer feels that is typical of the "hard but honest" year of the Battalion when all Patricias worked hard and showed their true worth in joining the front ranks of NATO.

All ranks of the First Battalion can now look back with pride on the year 1964 and look forward to the challenge of conversion to an APC-borne battalion, and another busy and satisfying year in 1965.



Lcpl EC Bianic receiving the Knight of the Road award from Herr Schlensker.





Lt-Col GG Brown, "WE-CHA-ANO-NICHA", during visit of Indians from Alberta to Fort MacLeod.

### JUBILEE REPORT

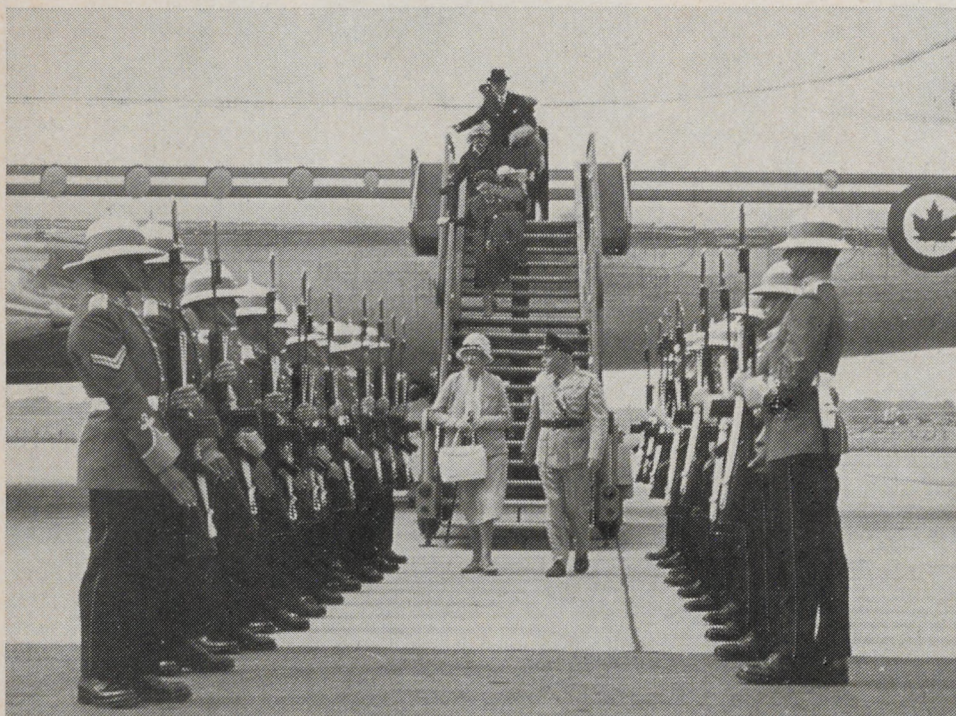
Dusk was falling on the Westphalian hills as the Colonel in Chief's limousine drove on to the parade square and quietly drew up by the reviewing stand. Several thousand hushed people waited expectantly for a glimpse of the honoured personage whose presence was a sign that the First Battalion's Jubilee Celebrations were about to commence. Now the months of planning and weeks of preparations would finally culminate in three days of parades and pageantry that will live for a life time in the memory of those who were present.

As Lady Patricia stepped from her car and turned towards the spectators a tall figure rose from his seat and in a voice which carried across the parade square cried "Three cheers for our Colonel-in-Chief". The cheers were led by a soldier, Brigadier WG Colquhoun, who had been on parade with his Colonel-in-Chief 50 years before and were picked up and roared as a greeting to Lady Patricia as she mounted the dias with the Colonel of the Regiment.



This simple and spontaneous greeting by those who remembered the Colonel-in-Chief from days past and for those whose privilege it was to see her for the first time, broke the stillness of the evening and the solemnity of the occasion to such a degree that all now were prepared for an evening's entertainment. The Retreat Ceremony was performed by the Regimental Band of the RHC and the Corps of Drums of 2 RCHA, FGH, 1 RCR and 1 PPCLI plus the Pipes and Drums of 2 RHC. On the far side of the parade square the Battle Honours of the Regiment were displayed in three columns dressed in the regimental colours. At the base of each column stood a soldier representing three periods of the regiments service, World War 1, World War 2 and the present day.

As the bands played and marched before the spectators large searchlights illuminated the parade square and the back drop emphasizing the colour of the occasion. Each Corps and Band performed an individual selection before the finale which was a medley of World War 1 and World War 2 songs that scarcely left a dry eye amongst the spectators. The Retreat Ceremony followed and itself was concluded by the Last Post played by a bugler atop a building at the far side of the parade square. The final touch was provided by the piper whose lament came forth from the tower of the Roman Catholic Church and completed the musical score of a memorable evening.



Lady Patricia Ramsay arriving at Dusseldorf Airport for the Jubilee Celebrations.





The centre-piece of the parade square.





Lady Patricia Ramsay attaching the Wreath of Laurel on the Regimental Colour.



The following day, Sunday, the Colonel-in-Chief, The Colonel of the Regiment, members of the Battalion and the veterans, gathered in the camp to remember those of the Regiment who had fallen in battle during the Regiment's 50 years of service to Canada.

Services were held in bright sunshine for both denominations as soldiers and veterans alike gathered with bowed heads to honour their comrades.

The celebrations reached their peak of the afternoon of August 10th fifty years exactly to the date of the signing of the Regimental Charter. Four thousand spectators sat and gazed with admiration and wonder at the movements of six splendid guards as they performed the ritual of Trooping the Colour before their Colonel-in-Chief. For the soldiers on parade this day had been rehearsed countless times and now before their Colonel-in-Chief, they were able to show their pride of being, in the manner which they performed the ceremony. Although the day was wet, the pride of the men could not be dampened nor the spectators enthusiasm for the parade diminished.

At the conclusion of the Trooping, the Battalion faced inwards and the Colour Party advanced to a position in front of the dias whereupon the Colonel-in-Chief reenacted a ceremony which had been done initially at Bramshott Park, England following the end of World War I. The Colonel-in-Chief had chosen to decorate the Regimental Colour with a replica of the Wreath of Laurel that she had presented to the Regiment in recognition of their heroic services in that war.

Lady Patricia assisted by the Colonel of the Regiment and Pte Meegher JH affixed the wreath on the pike of the Regimental Colour held firmly by 2Lt MH McMurray.

This was the moment of the Jubilee for those on parade and the thousands of spectators. Here before them was a simple ceremony of remembrance and honour seldom seen, now being re-enacted by our Colonel-in-Chief after a period of 45 years. All the glory of sacrifice was remembered as the Colour came erect and the Wreath of Laurel could be seen by all. Proudly the Colour Party returned to the ranks.

As a finale, and prior to the Battalion marching off, the veterans of the Regiment present for the celebrations fell in and led by Brigadier Colquhoun marched proudly from the parade square before their Colour and their Colonel-in-Chief. A more fitting touch could not have been added to this historic occasion.

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The Jubilee Year started off quietly for the Officers' Mess, but built up to provide a very full social calendar. After the first months had passed it seemed that almost every week a social event occurred, including the visits in February of the Canadian Ambassadors to Belgium and the Netherlands.

On 26 April, Mrs A Hamilton Gault, widow of the Founder, visited the Battalion for the presentation of the Hamilton Gault Trophy and paid the Officers' Mess a brief visit.

On 1 May, the single officers and teachers entertained their counterparts from the Brigade at a Roman night. Grapes, wine, dancing girls and slaves made it a night to remember.

Following the annual Regimental celebrations of 17 March and 8 May and concentrations at Haltern and Sennelager, were the Trooping celebrations of 10 August, held in conjunction with the Jubilee Year, which highlighted our first year in Germany.

Mess preparations started early in May when the first stone was laid for the new fireplace. The mess development programme was completed on 1 Aug and inaugurated with a Bar-B-Q that evening attended by Maj Gen CB Ware, Colonel of the Regiment. For the following week the mess was the scene of many last minute preparations leading up to the cocktail parties, receptions, Mess Dinner and finally the Trooping Ball.

The Mess Dinner, held on 9 August, was attended by the largest group of ex-Commanding Officers to be gathered in Patricia company for a long time. They included: Maj Gen CB Ware, DSO, CD; Lt Col AG Pearson, MC, DCM; Brig WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC; Lt Col DH Rosser, OBE; Lt Col RA Lindsay; Lt Col RF Bruce, MBE, CD.

Our honoured guest at the dinner and for the Jubilee functions was our Colonel-in-Chief, the Lady Patricia Ramsay, accompanied by her husband, Adm Sir Alexander Ramsay.

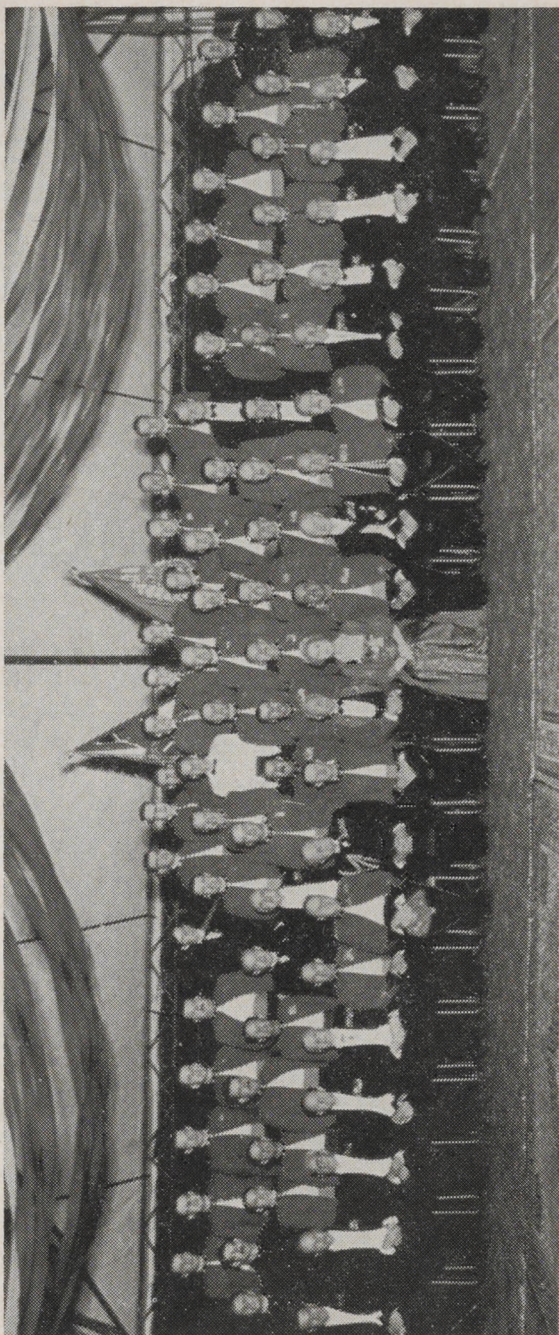
During the dinner, the Colonel Commandant of the Rifle Brigade, Field Marshal Sir Francis Festing, presented the Regiment with a statue of a Rifleman, circa 1800, in commemoration of our 50th Anniversary.

Rifle Brigade Officers were also represented by Major Graham Weymss, Lt RD Graham from the Greenjackets Depot and a number of RB officers from Germany. A distinguished former RB officer, Lt Col V Turner, VC, also attended from England. A large number of Veterans attended from the UK and Canada including Brig JA de Lalanne and Lt Col JC Carvosso in addition to those ex COs previously mentioned.

For the Trooping Ball, the mess was enlarged to encompass the lawn and garden with the aid of a Schutzenfest tent. Coloured lights highlighted the garden, and the wooden floor of the tent became the dance floor. A delicious buffet was prepared by the mess staff, which complimented the entire function. Mrs A Hamilton Gault represented Lady Patricia at the ball and guests from all Brigade, local British and German units, with a sprinkling of German civilian officials attended.

Aside from normal celebrations, three of our single members joined the married ranks. Lts Campbell and Vatter were married in Germany





1 PPCLI Officers' Mess Dinner 9 Aug 64.



after a suitable send-off by the single officers. 2Lt Beggs married in Toronto and returned to Germany with his bride.

The fall season brought about our first posting with the departure of five of our officers. Maj WK Stirling to Canada, Capt CW Hewson to the Staff College, Camberley, Capt KR Foster to the Technical Staff College, Shrivenham, Capt JD Snowball and Lt HS Bloom to HQ 4 CIBG. Our first reinforcement officers, Major W Dechant from 2 PPCLI and Capt AJGD de Chastelain from CFHQ arrived at the Battalion prior to Christmas.

The remainder of the year was filled with formal and informal functions, ending with the traditional Officers at-home to the Sergeants, the New Year's Ball held in conjunction with the other units in the Hemer area at the Fort Garry Horse Officers' Mess, and a very successful New Year's Day At Home.

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## SERGEANTS' MESS

From the countdown at midnight 31 Dec 63 until the first strains of Auld Lang Syne in the dying moments of 1964, the Sergeants' Mess fulfilled its promise to make the Jubilee Year a year to be remembered. A good turnout was experienced at our first New Years Day At Home with the brigade veterans enlightening us on all the do's and don'ts. During this first month of 1964 the mess was pleased to welcome as new members Sergeants George McCord and "Rocky" Steadman.

With news that our Welsh friends of Wainwright days were situated near us, all 1RWF members and their ladies were invited to a "Getting To Know You" party held in the gym. This turned out to be a tremendous success which was climaxed a few days later by our attendance at the RWF St. David's Ball.

The Brigade Sergeants' Mess hosted our mess for a Happy Hour early in March. A chorus of dentureless vocalists did their best to entertain the quieter fellows en route, and on the return journey. This they accomplished as the stories will confirm.

A mixed Dining-In was held on March 16th with a successful social evening afterwards. The 17th of March dawned clear and cool, which is more than we can say for the following morning. Eight members of other units in the brigade who were former senior NCOs of the Patricia's were invited to attend and participate in all the mess functions for the day much to their enjoyment. When the fog cleared, the medics had returned to their dispensaries and the RSM had retrieved his clothes, we found that the Sergeants' Mess had won the Broom-i-loo. This was dutifully celebrated with the officers a few minutes later, the victors being the hosts.

April was spent preparing for the planned summer exercises but we did enjoy the visits of several of the brigade sergeants' messes, many of their members feeling very much at home in our surroundings. Eight stalwarts who participated in the Battle of Kapyong gathered at the bar on April 23rd to reminisce of the past and predict the future.

To commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg a formal Mess Dinner was held on May 8th with Lt Col GG Brown our guest of Honour. Another banquet followed on May 23rd in honor of the bowling boys and their wives. WO 2 Jerry (Wildroot) Spurrier acting in the capacity of Master of Ceremonies presented the well earned trophies.

Sennelager — somehow amid the roar of tanks, the clanking of helmets and snapping of tug-of-war ropes the officers and senior NCOs met in a Games Night. Sergeant Joe (the Innkeeper) Walushka and his associates set up the testing grounds while the cooks from the Officers' Mess prepared the barbecue and the final results were so outstanding that another is planned for our next tour.

Before we knew it the Trooping was upon us with old friends by the score "living in". Lady Patricia arrived on August 7th and for the next week "never a dull moment" would be the understatement of the year. Approximately three hundred and fifty guests, members and friends attended a cocktail hour immediately after the ceremony of Beating Retreat,



held on the evening of the 8th. The Sergeants' Mess hosted a second cocktail party during the late afternoon of the 9th. The 10th dawned cool and damp but soon the Trooping was over and once again the mess was filled to capacity with thankful members and happy guests. The Hotel Buchenwalden was the setting for the Trooping Ball, a function that we will remember as the finest ever. A very subdued "CQ" it was who along with several other untalkative soldiers loaded three truckloads of equipment and started off at 0500 hours the next morning, the advance party of a contingent of three hundred Patricias who were off to Ypres to take part in the ceremonies. Late in September a cocktail party was held in honour of Sergeant and Mrs. Hammerquist, who was retiring from the Army due to ill health. This sobering occasion was followed only three short months later by the death of our good friend. He is sadly missed by his family, friends and all those who appreciated a good soldier.

October and November were quiet months, jarred only by the sight of limping mess members, the direct result of regular participation in hockey games against our younger but less experienced (we hope) superiors. The mess welcomed another new member, Sergeant John Crook. Staff Sergeant (Clue) Crawford gathered his cribbage and dart players around him and launched them on a series of interbattalion Sergeants' Mess games which are now in full swing. Sergeant Tom (10%) Cormier and his band of detectives invaded the PMQs one evening recording the attire of everyone in sight for a "Come As You Are" Dance held in the mess. You might say it was a very relaxed evening, enjoyed thoroughly by all participants.

Anyone who had forgotten it was December and nearly Christmas was soon to find himself relieved of a few Deutsche Marks but quickly armed with books of tickets for the annual Christmas Turkey Draw. With Staff Sergeant Ken Stewart promoting and Sergeant Boots Morrison applying the pressure, the draw held on December 12th was classed by all as one of the outstanding events of the year.

Five new members were welcomed to the mess just before Christmas — Sergeants Barker CE, Barker SR, Ellis RW, Grant WN and Kunsch JA.

To wind up the Jubilee Year of 1964, the officers visited our mess on the 22nd and we in turn blessed them with our presence on the 28th. The year came to a close in the manner it began, toasting good soldiers, comradeship and looking forward to the future.

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## BISLEY 1964

In keeping with the Jubilee Year spirit, First Battalion riflemen beat down all opposition on Connaught Ranges in Ottawa and joined the right to represent the Canadian Army at Bisley, England in July 64. The team, consisting of Major GM Findlay as captain, Lieutenant I Vatter as Adjutant, WO 2 LA White, Sgt AG Kenny, Sgt E Zwolak, Cpl HR Specht, Cpl FG Tenta, L Cpl EC Bianic, L Cpl JW Matthews (now 2 PPCLI), Pte MD Dyck and Pte DI Moffat left Germany on 20 June by RCAF flight, and arrived at Bisley the same evening. During the next week extensive training was carried out under realistic English climatic conditions. On 1 July a challenge was received from the Royal Marines to participate in their Tercentenary Friendship Shoot. True to form, our team aced the shoot by 1306 points to Royal Marine's "B" team 1200 pts, and "A" team 1188 points.

After a little excursion to London and more training, the team found itself in the hot and heavy competitions against Commonwealth's best.



The members of Bisley Team who won the Mappin Trophy—from left, clockwise: WO2 LA White, Cpl JW Matthews, Lcpl EC Bianic, Pte MD Dyck, Pte DI Moffat, Sgt E Zwolak.





Canadian Army Bisley Team.

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At times up to 4000 shots competed for the available prizes. In team competitions the Patricia's walked off with the giant Mappin trophy, placed first in the very difficult "Falling Plates" Match, and managed to come second in Hamilton Leigh and third in the Canada match. Highlights of individual winnings were:

Imperial Tobacco match—LCpl Matthews placed third.

Queen Mary's First stage—Pte Moffat, first.

Service Rifle Championship—Pte Dyck, first.

Rapids Aggregate—Sgt Zwolak second; Queens Prize First.

Stage—Pte Moffat, first.



1 PPCLI Rifle Team, Bisley.

In general everyone on the team enjoyed the stay at Bisley. Many and varied social affairs were participated in — sometimes to the dismay of the team captain concerned about the next day's scores.

### CORPORALS' MESS

The first of three years for the Corporals' Mess in Germany began in 1964. It was also the commencement of the battalion's Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations, more commonly known as the Jubilee Year. Due to the rota-



tion of the battalion to Europe in the late fall of 1963, the mess did not hold a New Year's Ball.

The next major event was the celebration of the birthday of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia. The day's events culminated with the Junior Ranks Ball. The large attendance made it successful and fitting way to end the day's events.

June brought about our first major exercise as the Junior NCOs were introduced to the dusty plains of Sennelager. During the concentration the Sergeants' Mess hosted the Corporals in a Games night. The games played were darts, whist, bridge, phat and the famous boat race. In all events, with the exception of the boat race, the messes were tied. The boat race was conducted under the eagle eye of the RSM, however, even with this handicap the Corporals managed to win. The RSM presented the mess with the "Fur Cup", emblematic of the intermess championship.

In sports, the Corporals' Mess entered the 4 CIBG Corporals Mess League, with teams in hockey and softball. This was the first year the mess formed a hockey team for competition. In the final analysis, the mess finished runners-up in the league. In the field of boxing the mess has a British Army Champion in L Cpl "Claud" Petit.

During August several of the mess members and their wives were presented to Lady Patricia during her stay with the battalion.

At the end of August the Junior NCOs were again in the field for the Soltau Concentration.

The mess lost several of the "old timers" following the appointment to Lance Sergeant of Corporals Crook, Barker SR, Ellis, Barker CE, Grant and Kunsch. The mess also has added several new faces during the past year. A "Record Hop Night" was held in December, and a large turn-out of members and wives made the function a complete success.

In conclusion 1964 provided many new experiences for the members and their families in Germany.

### MEN'S CANTEEN

It was a year of progress as well as Jubilee, for the men of the Patricia Arms at Fort MacLeod. Most of the activity was in changing the atmosphere. A considerable amount of redecoration was planned and carried out to enhance Building 12 so that it looked more like home. Probably the most comfortable room is the WVS Lounge operated by Miss Joan Barter, of the Woman's Voluntary Service.

Life in Germany is more difficult for the unattached soldier. Homesickness is an ailment for which the MO cannot prescribe any medicine. To relieve part of the problem it is now possible to obtain a beer at lunch time and the Happy Hour has been reinstated. The Billiard Room and TV Lounge are open during duty hours to soldiers on leave. It is a credit to the men that these privileges have not been abused.

Now that most of the work is over, the APC-men are looking forward to the challenges of 1965.



### PRIX LECLERC 1964

One of the many priorities of the battalion on its arrival in Germany was to prepare a weapons team to compete with the other two infantry battalions of 4 CIBG 2 RHC and 1 RCR. The teams consisted of — 24 men; 12 Riflemen, 2 pistol members, 5 LMG crews each of 2 men, and 4 spares. The winner of the brigade competition would represent Canada at the yearly NATO Prix Leclerc small arms competition.

The aim of the "Prix Leclerc Competition", is to foster a high standard of Small Arms Training within the armies of the Allied countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In accordance with the wishes of the originator of the competition, Sir Eugene Millington-Drake, the competition takes place under conditions approximating as nearly as possible those of war. The competition therefore is more similar to a field firing exercise than a DCRA type competition.

The object in naming the competition after French Marshal Leclerc (1902-1947) is to preserve the memory and example of an outstanding leader. He was commander of the famous French 2nd Armoured Division which was the first to enter Paris and Strasbourg in 1944. The actual prize for the winner is a bronze bust of Marshal Leclerc.

The Patricia team practiced diligently, under the able coaching of WO 2 WHITE LA, from January to March, surprisingly defeating 2 RHC



1 PPCLI Prix Leclerc Team at Hagenau, France after the NATO Competition, with mascot and second-place plaque in foreground.



and 1 RCR. The team, for this competition was presented the Currie Trophy, by Brig Dare, Commander of 4 CIBG.

The time from March until the NATO competition was spent in intensified training, and friendly competitions with the Dutch, Belgium and British teams. It was interesting to compare and fire the weapons of our competitors. Many close friendships arose as a result of these matches.

The host nation, France, held the 1964 competition at Hagenau ranges in France, near Baden-Baden on 31 July. During the day of the competition, tension was very high among the teams. The hot arid weather, similar to Wainwright, on a sandy range also added to the discomfort of the competitors. However, all teams fired well in spite of these conditions with the Netherland's teams taking first place; Canada (1 PPCLI) second; Belgium third; USA fourth; Great Britain fifth; Germany sixth; and France, the perfect host, seventh and last.

The 1965 Patricia team has begun training and hopes are high that they will win the Brigade eliminations and do better for the unit and for Canada in this year's Prix Leclerc Competition.

### ROD AND GUN CLUB

After our arrival in Germany it was decided to attempt to form a Rod and Gun Club. The club was initiated in March 1964 with a membership of seven for the purpose of pistol shooting.

Now less than a year later, the Club has an active membership of ninety-five. The Club activities include pistol and small bore rifle shooting, skeet and trap, and fishing, which includes lessons on tying flies under the guidance of Sgt JT MacIsaac. Beginners in shooting receive coaching from WO 2 LA White in pistol, Sgt AG Kenny in rifle and Sgt RM Davis in shotgun. The members have also taken advantage of the lower prices for weapons, which can be attained through the club.

Before Christmas last year, a very successful Turkey Shoot was organized. A great many hopefuls nipped over to the Indoor Range to try their luck. A total of thirty-seven turkeys were given away as prizes.

Activities planned for the next year include friendly matches with other clubs, improvement on the skeet range, archery, and the possibility of a few hunting trips.

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## SPORTS REPORT

1964 was a very active year for sports in the First Battalion. The hockey team improved steadily throughout the 1963-64 season after a late start due to rotation. Two members of the team were honoured when they were chosen for the Brigade all-star team to play against Canada's Olympic Hockey Team. The two players were Sergeant Noonan and Corporal Barnhart. The team played several exhibition games throughout the season against local teams and the USAREUR Eagles. This year's team, under coaching by WO 2 Dodd is in superb condition and at this time is a distinct threat for the Brigade championship.

In basketball, the Patricia's advanced to the finals against the Fort Garry Horse. In a best of three games series, we took the first, lost the second in overtime and fell short of the Brigade championship in the last game. This year, under the coaching of Staff Sergeant "Hank" Snow, RCASC, the team has its eyes on both the Brigade and BAOR Championships. At the New Year, the team stood in first place, and with continued improvement, should fare very well in the season.

1964 was a big year for boxing. In the Brigade boxing Finals, the battalion team took second place, although we won most of the individual championships, including eight winners in the open and novice classes. In February, Private C Petit captured the BAOR Heavyweight Championship and advanced to the British Army level. At the Military Boxing Centre in Aldershot, Private Petit was matched against Private Robertson, of the First Battalion, The Royal Scots, a strapping specimen standing six feet four-and-half inches, who was a tri-service champion. Private Petit knocked out his opponent in two minutes of the First Round to gain the British Army Heavyweight Crown. This was no small honour, in that he was the first Canadian to win a British Army Championship since the war. In his advance to the Crown, Petit knocked out every opponent. The unit was also represented by Lance Corporal Leblanc and Private C Osmond at Aldershot.

In cross-country competition, the unit team placed second in the Brigade Meet. Private Leslie Culleton captured a fourth place and was invited to compete in the BAOR Meet.

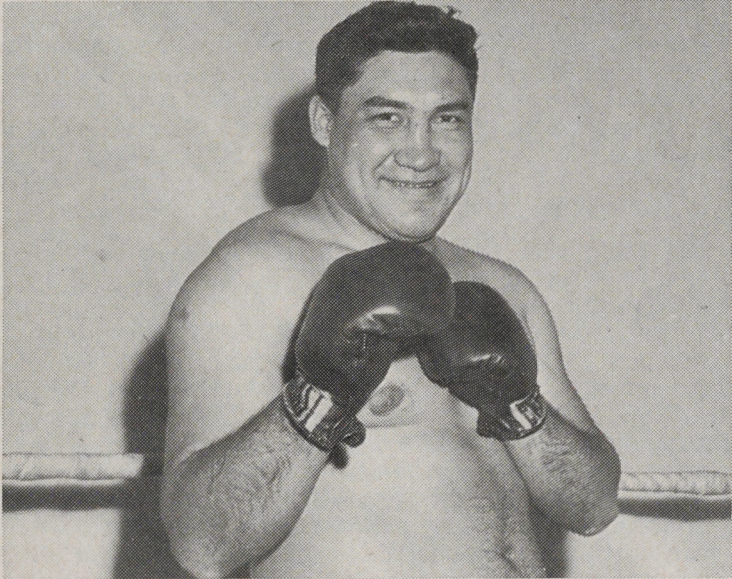
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Our brilliant soccer team showed its superiority throughout the season. In exhibition games, teams from the British and German armies were played. In March, the team lost one of its very few games against the crew from the 203 Panzer Grenadiers. After an undefeated season in regular play, the Brigade Championship was taken by a victory over the Headquarters and Services Team, 2-1. The coach, Sergeant Payne, received the Montreal Cup from the Brigadier. After the regular season, in May, the team travelled to Rotterdam to play DFC Dordrecht in a return invitation match. The Dutch overwhelmed the Canadians with their hospitality. The team felt almost ungrateful for winning the match 5-1.



Lcpl C Petit British Army Heavyweight Champion.

Judo was started in 1964 with the attendance of four members from the unit at the BAOR Judo Course in Sennelager. Through the efforts of Corporal Keddie, the battalion Judo Team was formed. In the BAOR Judo Championships in June, the Patricia team placed third. The Canadian teams from the Brigade took three firsts out of the four competitions. Lance Corporal Perry and Corporal Keddie travelled as part of the 4 CIBG Judo Team to Aldershot to participate in the BAOR Championships. The 4 CIBG Team won, with Lance Corporal Perry taking a Special Kyu Grade Welsh cup for competition in the orange belt and below. The calibre and interest in Judo throughout the battalion is steadily increasing and under the expert tutoring of Perry and Keddie some thirty members are now proficient in basic techniques.

The pace in Track and Field increased steadily and culminated with the Battalion Meet, which was won by Support Company. After a good competition the standing was Support C, A, B, D and HQ Company. On May 28th, the unit Track and Field Team participated in a training meet



at Hubbelrath, Germany against teams from the Irish Guards, the First Battalion Grenadier Guards and HQ 5 Brigade. The Patricia team topped the field events and placed second overall. The Brigade Track and Field Meet was held on Canada Day (July 1st) at the Huckenohl Stadium in Menden. The 1 RCR Team were victors with the Patricias a close second. Private C Petit broke the brigade shot put record with a heave of 41 feet 3 inches. During the meet, three Canadian Army records and two brigade records were broken. Lance Corporal Bob Moon placed first in the 100 metre sprint and second in the 200 metres. After a very successful competition, a massed bands display followed, with bands from 2 RCHA, 4 Field Squadron, 1 PPCLI, 1 RCR and 2 RHC participating.

The Battalion swimmers, who quietly trained in the background, competed in the Brigade Swim Meet on July 4th and 5th at the Hallenbad Pool in Neheim-Husten. This was a very close competition with the Patricia's taking a third place. Unfortunately Germany does not provide adequate swimming facilities and training is difficult.

1964 was quite a successful year in sports, however, with the experience gained in the past years Brigade competitions we can look optimistically forward to greater achievements during 1965 in all our competitive sports. All members of the battalion extend to our unit teams good luck and success in the forthcoming competitions.

#### WIVES' CLUB

The 1 PPCLI Wives' Club is a purely social organization and is open to the wives of all ranks within the battalion. Initially, Mrs Mary Rudd

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carried on as president and monthly meetings began shortly after rotation was complete.

One of the first projects organized was a system for visiting those members who were living on the German economy. Since we did not have the convenience of telephones, the only methods of communication were letters and personal visits. The economy visiting was designed to keep in touch with the wives who lived further out.

Visits were also made regularly to the British Military Hospital, and German hospitals, where dependents of the battalion were convalescing. Magazines and books were taken to the patients on these visits.

At the monthly meetings, there were many varied displays of merchandise which never failed to attract the eyes of the members. These displays were shown after a short business meeting. Displays at various meetings included those of glass-blown articles, copper, brass, inlaid wood, and Bavarian goods. Husbands would often see their wives coming home from a meeting with their arms full of boxes containing the merchandise which sold very well.

The Wives' Club has made many generous donations to the battalion so far. The Club purchased a stereo radio-phonograph combination for the Men's Canteen, an item very much appreciated by the men. In addition, donations were made towards the Jubilee and the Children's Christmas Party.

In March 1964 the reins of the club were turned over to Mrs Jan Stirling, who performed the task very competently until her departure in November. Mrs R Larson was recently elected as President with Mrs Cole the Vice President.

In November of 1964 the Wives' Club operated a booth in the Bazaar to assist the Church Guild. Donations for this cause from the wives included hand-made articles.

Internally, the club has purchased a sewing machine which can be rented by any member at quite a low cost. This can be quite a help to those who wish to make their own clothes.

In emergencies, the club has available a babysitting capability. This was set up for cases in which a family was stranded in an emergency for the care of the children.

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Maj WK STIRLING	SOS to RCS of I	13 Dec 64
Capt AJGD de CHASTELAIN	TOS from CFHQ	16 Nov 64
Capt KR FOSTER	SOS to CALE	14 Oct 64
Capt CW HEWSON	SOS to CALE	7 Oct 64
Capt GW KEAYS	TOS from LdSH	22 Jan 65
Capt RM MACINTOSH	Appt Adjnt	16 Aug 64
Capt JD SNOWBALL	SOS to HQ 4 CIBG	19 Oct 64
Lt HS BLOOM	SOS to HQ 4 CIBG	16 Aug 64
Lt RD GILLAN	TOS from 2 PPCLI	16 Feb 64
2Lt RA ROGERS	Prom Lt	15 Sep 64
O/Cdt RHDR NEWELL	Prom O/Cdt	8 Sep 64
O/Cdt RG JOHNSON	Prom O/Cdt	8 Sep 64
O/Cdt H STEINGART	Prom O/Cdt	8 Sep 64
ETQMS (WO 2) WALKER J (RCEME)	TOS from 202	
	Base Wksp RCEME	20 Nov 64
Sgt FENTON VL	SOS to HQ 4 CIBG	26 Aug 64
Sgt STEVENSON JP (RCEME)	TOS from RCSME	15 Dec 64
Cpl BARKER CE	Appt L Sgt	2 Nov 64
Cpl BARKER SR	Appt L Sgt	4 Nov 64
Cpl CROOK JS	Appt L Sgt	24 Sep 64
Cpl ELLIS RW	Appt L Sgt	3 Nov 64
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# ***Second Battalion Report - 1964***

## **Calendar of Events**

01 Jan	New Year's Day—Officers' & Sergeants' At Home.
15 Jan-14 Feb	Exercise POLAR SIEGE—Alaska (See special report).
05 Feb	Command Boxing Championships (See sports report).
13 Feb	Opening of the Alberta Legislature. Colour party and a 28 man guard attended.
01 Mar	Command Ski Championships (See sports report).
09-13 Mar	Exercise CARIBOU TRAIL—Camp Wainwright (See special report).
17 Mar	Celebration of the Birthday of the Colonel-in-Chief. Officers defeated the Sergeants at Broom-i-loo.
24-25 Mar	Musical Salutes to Edmonton and Alberta—"Ric-A-Dam-Doo". (See special report).
06-10 Apr	Canadian Army Boxing Championships (See sports report).
25 Apr	Kapyong Day—Reviewing Officer was Mr. WH Christianson, US Consul General, Calgary.
01 May	Battalion Bingo and Dance.
09 May	Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Meet (See Musketry report).
10 May	Frezenberg Church Parade. Colour Party and two guards attended a service at All Saints' Cathedral.
11-15 May	Alberta Area Small Arms Competition. Pistol competition was won by the Battalion (See Musketry report).
21-22 May	Battalion Sports Day (See sports report).
09 Jun	General Officer Commanding's Annual Inspection Major General JM Rockingham CB, CBE, DSO, ED, CD inspected the Battalion.
21 Jun-31 Jul	1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group annual training concentration at Camp Wainwright.
27 Jun	1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group Annual Track and Field meet won by the Battalion (See sports report).
01 Aug-11 Sep	Exercise NAHANNI II—Naming of Mount Hamilton Gault (See feature article).
14 Sep	Arrival of the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, CI, CD at Edmonton (See special report on all Jubilee activities).
16 Sep	Dedication and opening of Memorial Gate at Hamilton Gault Barracks by Mrs A Hamilton Gault.
17 Sep	Officers' Mess Dinner in honour of Lady Patricia Ramsay CI, CD.
18 Sep	Retreat Ceremony and Reception for visiting Patricias.
19 Sep	Trooping The Colour by Second Battalion and presentation of a replica of the Wreath of Laurel.
20 Sep	Remembrance and Re-dedication Ceremony.
20 Sep	Departure of the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, CI, CD for England.



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22 Sep	Retreat Ceremony. The PPCLI Band and 2 PPCLI Corps of Drums beat retreat in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
23 Sep	Musical Salute to Manitoba. The "Ric-A-Dam-Doo" was staged in the Winnipeg Auditorium.
25 Sep	Retreat Ceremony. The PPCLI Band and 2 PPCLI Corps of Drums beat retreat in Ottawa, Ontario.
26 Sep	Remembrance Ceremonies were held in Ottawa at the Peace Tower and the National War Monument. A 100 man guard and 100 veterans were on parade. The Prime Minister of Canada inspected.
24-27 Sep	Pearkes Soccer Trophy Competition (See sports report).
08 Nov	Remembrance Day Services at All Saint's Cathedral.
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Services conducted in the Drill Hall and the Chapel.
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph, Edmonton.
11-18 Dec	Exercise HYPERBOREAN. One week of winter training in the Hinton, Alberta Area.
19 Dec	Home Station Children's Christmas Party.
21 Dec	Conversion Parachute Training to C130 Aircraft.
22 Dec	Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner.
31 Dec	New Year's Eve Ball held in Officers', Sergeants', Corporal's and Men's Messes.

## ***Exercise "Polar Siege"***

Exercise "Polar Siege" was conducted in Alaska in January and February 1964. Two US Army Brigades took part in the two sided semi-controlled exercise.

'A' Company Group 2 PPCLI under command of Major CE Goodman was employed as an independent parachute company under command of the friendly forces Brigade Commander.

On 14 Jan 64 the advance party of 51 soldiers under command of Capt (now Major) W Dechant and 21,000 lbs of stores flew via C 130 Hercules to Eielson Airforce Base, Alaska. The Base Camp for pre-manoeuvre training was established about five miles from there.

On 17 Jan 64, the main body of 119 members of the company flew to Alaska in an RCAF Yukon aircraft.

The Company Group was to be self-contained except for transport in the form of a jeep, a M59 APC for a command post and a M116 tracked carrier for movement across country of rations and equipment. In addition US personnel attachments to the company included a FOO, a USAF Forward Air Controller, a medical officer and several wireless operators. Although we speak the same language, sometimes communication was difficult. Instead of a numbered call sign 'A' Company was identified on the net as "Flashy Bandit" with an alternate of "Pesky Oiler". During pre-manoeuvre training, drills were learned for loading personnel and sleds on Otter aircraft and the H21 helicopters (The flying banana).



On 25 Jan the company was lifted by 22 helicopters to an assembly area and given the task of defending a forward airfield. While in position there Pte Otto Van Dyk received word that there had been a strength increase at home, a first child and a boy. An impromptu celebration was held in the tent group.

An air assault on the 30 Jan by 27 lifts of H21 helicopters captured the company's assigned objective, a large hill on the left flank of the Brigade. Pathfinders under 2Lt WH MacMillan set up three separated landing zones; while Capt TK Crichton emplaned the group. He was later described as an air traffic cop on a windswept hill. The objective, 25 miles away from the base was secure by H + 1 hour. Air cover was flown by F 105 fighters.

For three days the company patrolled from the objective area. Re-supply was done from a UH1A helicopter and although the company area was over seven miles long, re-supply was completed within 1½ hours.

High winds prevented another helicopter move, so the company walked 16 miles over mountainous and wooded terrain to a blocking position, where the Aggressor had parachuted a company group. Just after



2 PPCLI personnel on Exercise POLAR SIEGE.



'A' Company arrived in position it was withdrawn by helicopter to a small lake where it transferred to Otters for a 40 mile move to an army camp near Fairbanks. There preparations were made for an airborne assault. That evening the troops enjoyed the hospitality and the attractions of the Golden Nugget, Silver Dollar, Melody Room, Red Flamingo and the Gold Rush as well as many other local cultural establishments.

The jump scheduled for 5 Feb was cancelled because of high winds and the condition of the DZ, so 'A' Company was airlanded in helicopters behind Aggressor lines. Several administrative installations were destroyed, then the company moved to block Aggressor's withdrawal route. When 'A' Company was discovered, the Aggressor Airborne Company launched an attack but was beaten off with 50% casualties. The Aggressor Engineer Battalion was dismounted and put into the assault, this forced 'A' Company to move back to an area where it was withdrawn administratively by Otters to a forward friendly airfield.

The next day 'A' Company was again airlifted by H21s to join friendly forces for the final phase of the exercise. On 10 Feb exercise "Cease Fire" was given. Four days later the company flew back to the Home Station.

During 'A' Company's stay in Alaska much valuable training was completed during six moves made by H21 helicopters, two by Otters and one by C130. In addition, the close association of Canadian and US Forces provided both an opportunity to exchange information concerning winter warfare on a practical level. Indeed, such was the success of Exercise Polar Siege that, in 1965 Canada is sending a battalion to take part in a winter exercise.

## ***Sports Report***

### **BOXING**

The Western Command Boxing Championships were held on 5-7 Feb 64 with the following Command champions from 2 PPCLI and PPCLI Depot:

Novice Welter	Pte	GREYEYES	MR
Novice Light Middle	Pte	WEITZEL	DL
Novice Light Heavy	Pte	STRACHAN	DG
Open Bantam	Pte	HERRINGTON	RA
Open Middle	Lcpl	CARDINAL	LE
Open Welter	Cpl	RETI	HW (Depot)

2 PPCLI won the major units Team Trophy with a total of 24 points.

The Army Boxing Championships were held on 6-10 Apr 64 with the following Army Championships to 2 PPCLI and PPCLI Depot:

Novice Welterweight	Pte	GREYEYES	MR
Open Bantamweight	Pte	HERRINGTON	RA
Open Welterweight	Cpl	RETI	HW (Depot)

Western Command team placed third in the Championships.



## SKIING

The Western Command Ski Meet was held at Banff Alberta during the month of February. Pte Holopainen SI won the cross country and the Nordic Combined. He came second in the Biathalon. Pte Plotz PKH came third in the Biathalon. Other entrants to the meet were Lcpl Embury CV, Sgt Kyrytow JE and Pte Rhodes KH.

## TRACK AND FIELD

A team was entered in the Red Deer Legion Track and Field Club mixed road relays. Lcpl Franke and Lcpl Eagle took second and fourth places respectively in the Men's open 6300 yards.

The Battalion Track and Field meet was won by A Company this year. The individual high aggregate award was a three way tie involving Lcpl Franke CE, Pte Vann K, Lcpl Riley WA.

The Second Battalion again proved its ability at the Brigade Track and Field meet this year. Although we tied with 3 RCHA for the major unit championship, we were awarded first place because we had more firsts. Very good individual efforts included:

Lcpl Riley	WA	1st in the 220 and 440 yd race.
Lcpl Franke	CE	1st in the 880, 1 mile and Hop Step.
Pte Sharpe	PAH	1st in javelin.
Pte Vann	K	1st in shotput.

This is the eight consecutive year that Second Battalion have won first place in Brigade Meet.

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## HOCKEY

The Second Battalion team was one of six teams entered in the Edmonton Hockey League. In a 15 game play the Battalion team topped the league, however, were defeated in the semi-finals.

The team consisted of the following:

Manager	Maj AS Wagstaff
Coach	Capt R Jardine (PPCLI Depot)
Assistant Coach	Sgt White
Goal	Cpl Henneberry (CFMS)
	Cpl Turner
	Lcpl Lamirande
Defense	Lt Honey (PPCLI Depot)
	Lsgt Giles
	Lcpl Amos
	Lcpl McFarlane
	Pte Bird
Forwards	Cpl Lemieux
	Cpl Sheppard
	Cpl Lowry
	Lcpl Einarsson
	Lcpl Gourlie
	Lcpl Grieve
	Lcpl Peskett
	Lcpl Peterson
	Pte Dee
	Pte Dickie
	Pte Sharpe
Equipment Manager	Pte Butler



2nd Battalion Hockey Team.



SOCCER

The Soccer team did not play in the Edmonton City League this year. 2 PPCLI was defeated in the Pearkes Soccer Trophy finals by RCAF Station Penhold.

The following were members of the Soccer team:

Sgt	Wilson	CA	Pte	Heinrich	KG
Cpl	Rasmussen	JJ	Pte	Greyeyes	MH
Cpl	Anderson	R	Pte	Sharpe	PAH
Lcpl	Dalton	J	Pte	Cheralley	A
Lcpl	Peskett	RAH	Pte	Mattheis	DJ
Lcpl	Franke	CE	Lcpl	Hartmann	O
Pte	Bird	I			

**Exercise “Caribou Trail”**

There are many reasons why a young man becomes a soldier. The usual reasons given are adventure, travel, the outdoor life, being a man’s man, patriotism, security, family tradition, excitement, a desire to lead men and a host of other reasons. To a soldier, becoming a parachutist fulfills some of these young desires. To lead a small band of professional volunteers on an independent mission adds zest to the life of both the leader and his men.

Words and phrases such as “guerrilla”, partisan”, “commando”, “special warfare” and “unconventional warfare” have sent the imaginations of many a young soldier throughout history, into the world of “Walter Mitty”. The Twentieth Century has once again revived these words and phrases, and they have regained a place in the headlines of the world’s newspapers. Give a young soldier an opportunity to play Lawrence of Arabia and you will lift him out of the khaki world, in which he may feel insignificant, and place him in the position of supreme Commander of a small force which considers itself invincible. The soldier then is newborn, revitalized, confident in his own ability and ready to show his contemporaries his ability to succeed in battle. Such a situation presented itself during Exercise CARIBOU TRAIL.

CARIBOU TRAIL was born of the new awareness that the Canadian Soldier must prepare himself to adjust to the changing face of modern warface, and be prepared to fight a war in which communism has set the ground rules. The 1 CIBG aim of CARIBOU TRAIL was to exercise the brigade units in field operations under winter conditions, to test their ability to cope with guerilla operations in isolated areas and to develop anti-guerilla warfare drills.

Phase I commenced for PPCLI Task Force with a parachuted invasion of enemy held territory. Three separate drops were made with 1 Platoon parachuting on BUSHY HEAD HILL, BnHQ and the remainder of “A” Company Group parachuting on a DZ near OBSERVATION HILL. A dummy drop took place in the area of Airfield 7. The Recce Platoon split into two groups and worked as special forces East of the RIBSTONE



RIVER. The enemy force, 2 QOR OF C with "B" Coy 2 PPCLI under command, of AOP Tp 3 RCHA and two RCAF Otter aircraft, operated as a counter-guerilla force and attempted to find and destroy these forces. This operation, because of its novelty to all units proved to be most stimulating for both sides.

From 08 Mar to noon 12 Mar 64, small bands of Patricia's gallantly led, harrassed the enemy convoys and played a game of cat and mouse all along GREY route. The QOR OF C, using a shuttle system, moved troops from one firm base to another along the MSR and fought for each twist and turn in the road. Each new encounter saw convoy after convoy battling with the enemy at road blocks, minefields and defended infantry positions. Each encounter usually resulted in QOR OF C being heavily reinforced and, with the aid of aircraft, attempting to encircle and destroy a fleeing enemy which was constantly under the eyes of the air cover. Survival of the guerillas depended on their physical condition, knowledge of the terrain, and the ability to know when to disengage. To stand and fight after they had achieved their initial gains in some cases lead to disaster. Phase I taught both sides a great deal about the problems involved in guerrilla and counter-guerrilla warfare.

At the completion of Phase I all troops concentrated on GREY route. The QOR OF C and 2 PPCLI reformed with their respective armoured elements and 2 PPCLI proceeded to carry out a fighting withdrawal to HART HILL. The early dawn of 12 Mar 64 found the leading elements of the Queen's Own engaged with the entrenched rearguard of the Patricias and the battle started. At 0955 hours an Otter aircraft airlanded a QOR recce patrol at Airfield 9 behind the PPCLI main defensive position. A special force comprising "B" Company 2 PPCLI, 2 QOR OF C and A Sqn LDSH(RC) was launched at 1200 hours to move cross country and cut the PPCLI line of communication between Airfield 4 and GRIZZLEY VILLAGE.

Following fierce fighting, with moves and counter-moves which found 2 PPCLI holding HART HILL; an enemy battalion attack was launched at 1800 hours on the 12 Mar 64 and was successful as PPCLI withdrew just prior to the attack. The QOR OF C held the hill throughout the night and both sides engaged in aggressive patrolling. During the night a bold plan was formulated by OC 'A' Company Group 2 PPCLI, which consisted of a silent first light attack. The Infantry was to move into position just north of the hill with an armoured thrust swinging in from the east flank. The Hill was to be blanketed by artillery smoke and HE to assist in the deception. The ruse proved most successful. "A" Company Group surged in at the base of the hill and caught the enemy by surprise. Due to the greater numbers of the QOR OF C, the PPCLI attack to regain the hill was unsuccessful and a cease fire was declared at 0700 hours. The battle had ended.

Exercise CARIBOU TRAIL brought into clearer focus the problems involved in a war of this kind. All ranks learned the difficulties involved in guerrilla and counter-guerrilla operations and were to fight in what has become known as the "Twilight" War.



## ***The Ric-A-Dam-Doo***

On Tuesday evening, 24 Mar 64, the Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton echoed to the strains of such old favourites as "Till We Meet Again", "Long, Long, Trail", "Keep The Home Fires Burning", "Over There" and other wartime tunes. The occasion was the premiere performance of The Ric-A-Dam-Doo, a Musical Salute to Alberta and the first of many events staged during 1964 to celebrate the Jubilee of our Regiment.

The services of Lt Cdr Jack Unwin, RCNVR, a local showman, were enlisted to produce the show which was to bear the name of our first Colour and to portray the highlights of fifty years of PPCLI history. The cast was predominantly serving Patricias from Second Battalion, the Regimental Depot and the Regimental Band. The Can-Can girls for the Paris scenes and a sprinkling of other specialists were recruited locally.

The Ric-A-Dam-Doo was primarily a musical show and the soloists, chorus and bands, under the able direction of Capt Herb Jeffrey, performed magnificently throughout. The setting of the show varied as the demands for the Canadian Army over the past fifty years summoned the Patricias to two wars in Europe and one in Asia. The presence of four bands in full dress added much colour to the show and the massed bands retreat was indeed an appropriate finale.

The performance was repeated in Edmonton on 25 Mar 64 as a Musical Salute to Edmonton and a modified version was staged in the Winnipeg Auditorium on 23 Sep 64 as part of the Winnipeg Association celebration of our Jubilee. There is no doubt that this show did not receive the widespread acclaim of the original Patricia Concert Party nor did it approximate the number of performances, however, it proved that Patricia's are still capable of a fine calibre of entertainment, the passage of fifty years notwithstanding.

## ***Musketry Report***

### **PISTOL**

The annual competition for the Alberta Provincial Service Pistol championship was held in Calgary on 09 May 64.

The following team of three represented 2 PPCLI:

Sgt	Vallance	FJ
Lcpl	Hlushak	AA
Pte	Einarson	HB

Our team won over six other teams and brought home the Brigadier Rowley Trophy for the fifth time in seven years.

A Battalion team also won the Alberta Area Unit Service Pistol Championship on 11 May 65. Team members were:

QMSI (W02)	McKerracher	WN	Lcpl Matthews,	JW
Sgt	Vallance	FJ	Lcpl Wainwright	VH
Lcpl	Hlushak	AA	Pte Einarson	HB

In the Western Command Competition the team placed second however QMSI McKerracher and Sgt Vallance gained positions on the Western Command Small Arms Team and attended the Army Meet in Ottawa.



**SMG**

The Battalion SMG team was defeated by 2 QOR OF C in the Alberta Area Competition, 11-15 May 64, however, the following team members placed as individuals on the Alberta Area Team as follows:

Cpl Ritthaler	D—1st
Cpl Lowry	RE—4th
Cpl Lyons	CD—7th

Cpl Ritthaler and Cpl Lyons also gained places on the Western Command Team and went on to the Army Meet in Ottawa.

**RIFLE**

The Battalion Rifle Team won a total of 9 out of 15 matches in the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association Meeting on 9-10 May 64. It is interesting to note that one of the matches was the PPCLI Three Hundred Yard Snapshooting Match and Battalion members placed as follows:

Sgt Wabasca	A—First
Cpl Fahl	EG—Second
Cpl Pokol	W—Third

In the Alberta Area Championship our team lost out to LdSH (RC) by four points.

**CANADIAN ARMY MEET**

The highlight of the year for members of the Battalion on the Western Command Team was the trip to Ottawa, in Sep 64. The team was received at Government House by His Excellency General Vanier and Mrs Vanier and presented with Vanier Trophy. This is a new trophy and will be presented annually to the winning Command Team.

***Jubilee Report***

The year 1964 was of particular significance to all Patricia's because it marked our Jubilee — the fiftieth year in the life of our Regiment. September 1964 will stand out in the memory of those serving at the Home Station and our many visitors, both veteran and regular, because of the visit to Hamilton Gault Barracks of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, CI, CD. A week of activity, both ceremonial and informal, was enjoyed by all and constituted a fitting birthday celebration.

Lady Patricia, accompanied by Admiral and Mrs. Gault, arrived in Edmonton on Monday, September 14th after a direct flight from Amsterdam. She was met by Brigadier J de Lalanne, Lt Col and Mrs. EMK MacGregor, Major GE Henderson and Major WBS Sutherland, Equerry to the Colonel-in-Chief. Tuesday was a day of rest and on Wednesday, September 16th, Lady Patricia entertained the Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Percy Page, at a luncheon in the Macdonald Hotel. That evening, Mrs. Gault attended the opening of a Memorial Gate at the entrance to Hamilton Gault Barracks and was honoured at a Reception sponsored by the Jubilee Wives Club. The gate is an attractive addition to the barracks and was presented by the Jubilee Wives Club as their tribute to our Jubilee.





Lady Patricia Ramsay arriving Edmonton International Airport and being met by Lt Col and Mrs EMK MacGregor, Major and Mrs GE Henderson and Brig JA deLalanne.

The Colonel of the Regiment, Major General CB Ware, DSO CD arrived on Thursday, September 17th and that evening Lady Patricia, General Ware and Admiral Ramsay dined with serving officers at the Home Station Officers' Mess. The traditional photograph was taken of the Officers and the presence of the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment make this photo a treasured souvenir.

Veteran and serving members had been arriving all week and most were in time to witness the ceremony of Beating Retreat on Friday, September 18th at 1830 hours. The Regimental Band, Second Battalion Corps of Drums and the City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band presented a stirring programme of music. The presence of the Edmonton Police Pipe Band was most fitting because it perpetuates, although perhaps unofficially, the pipe band of the St Andrews Society of Edmonton, which moved to Ottawa en masse in 1914 and announced to Colonel Farquhar that they had come to play the Regiment to France and back again. It is believed that at least three of these original pipers were Edmonton City Policemen. Following the Retreat Ceremony, all Patricia's were welcomed to the Home Station at an All Ranks Reception held in the Leonforte Building. Many an old acquaintance was renewed during the course of the evening and many of the younger members of the Regiment had an opportunity to meet some of the proud veterans who have helped to build the spirit which prevails in the Regiment to this day. During the Reception, Lady Patricia pre-



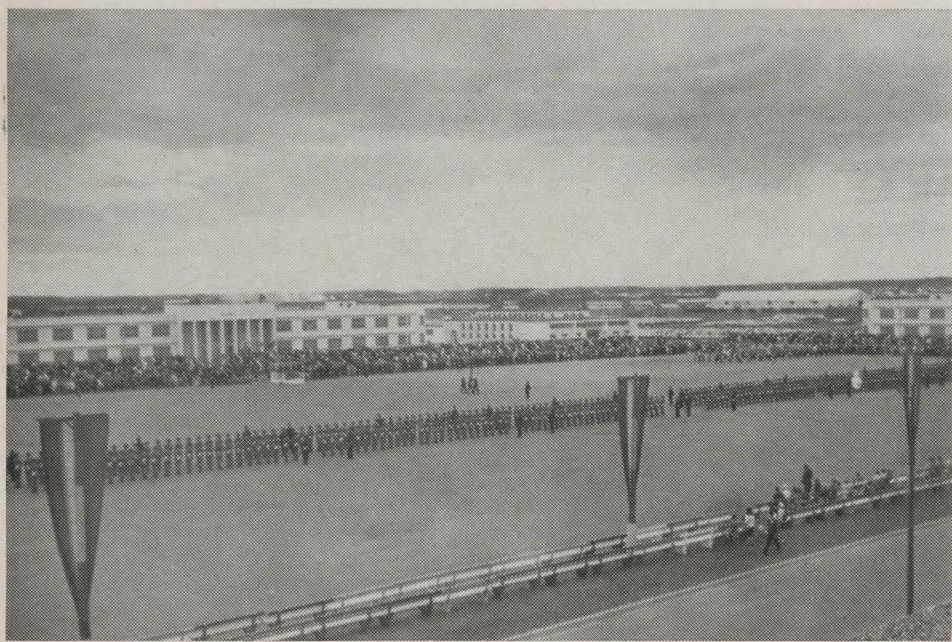


Mrs AH Gault, Admiral Ramsay, Lady Patricia Ramsay, and Maj Gen Ware.

sented the Regiment with a beautiful portrait in oil by Shannon. This lovely gift now graces the entrance to the Frezenberg Building.

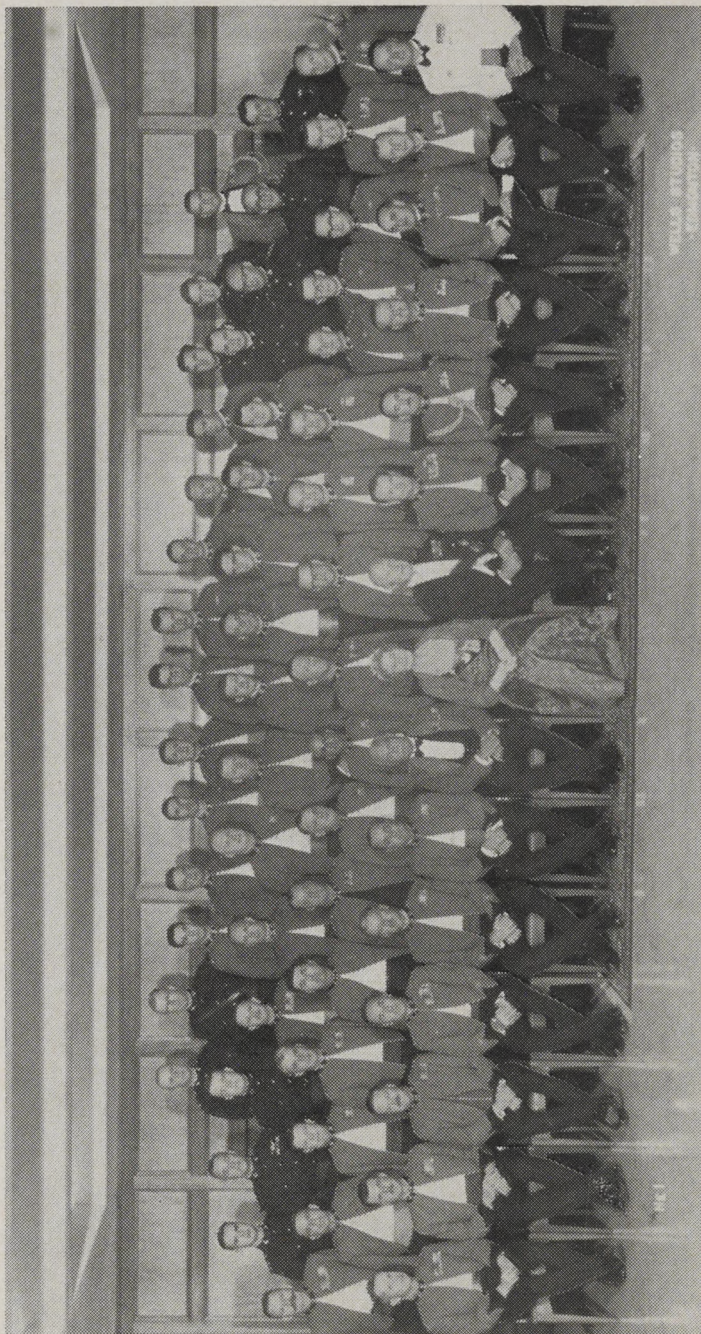
The ceremonial highlight of the celebrations occurred on Saturday afternoon, September 19th, when Second Battalion Trooped the Colour. Lady Patricia took the salute and after the Advance in Review Order, placed a replica of the Wreath of Laurel on the Regimental Colour. She had presented the original Wreath of Laurel and affixed it to the Ric-A-Dam-Doo in England in 1919. The Battalion marched off the square led by a group of over one hundred proud veterans commanded by Brigadier de Lalanne. As this group formed up on the square, the Commanding Officer of the Battalion gave the command — "Patricias, to the Old Guard, Present Arms!" and the band played a chorus of We Are The Boys Of The Old Brigade. There was no doubt in the minds of those present that some of the boys of the Old Brigade were once again on parade and still capable of a very high standard of performance. Guests attended an All Ranks Reception in the Drill Hall following the Ceremony while Lady Patricia received veterans and representatives of serving members. The day was brought to a pleasant and relaxing conclusion with formal dances in respective messes. A portion of the Sergeants' Mess was converted to a "Better 'Ole'" where the veterans who did not choose to dance could swap stories and enjoy the company of their comrades in a World War I setting.





2 PPCLI "Trooping the Colour", Sep 64.





Home Station Officers' Mess Dinner 17 Sep 64.



On Sunday, 20th September, visitors and members of the Home Station gathered on the parade square for a ceremony of remembrance and re-dedication. The service was inter-denominational and was ably conducted by both our Padres. A tribute to members of the Regiment who had fallen during three wars and re-dedication of the ideals of the Regiment by all present was indeed an appropriate climax to a memorable program of Jubilee celebrations. Lady Patricia departed for UK on Sunday evening and General Ware and Mrs Gault proceeded to Winnipeg the following morning to continue the Jubilee celebrations. It is perhaps not proper for us, the hosts, to comment on the success of the Home Station Jubilee events, however, if the comments of our Veteran visitors can serve as a measure—the aim was accomplished.

### WREATH OF LAUREL



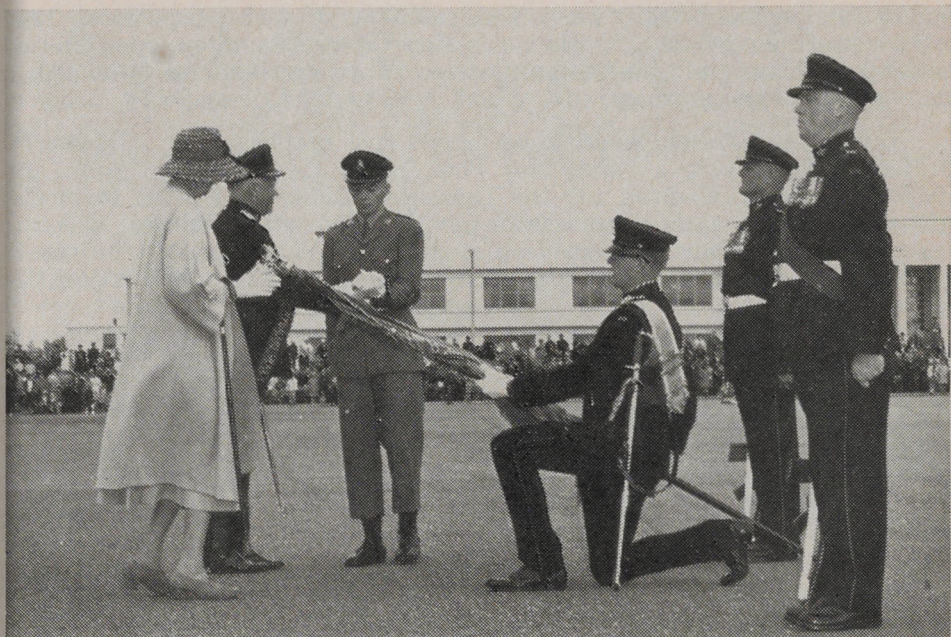
The Wreath of Laurel was placed on the original Colour by the Colonel-in-Chief, then HRH Princess Patricia of Connaught, at her farewell parade at Bramshott Camp, Liphook, England, on February 21, 1919.

At this time the Colonel-in-Chief, paid tribute to the fallen Commanding Officers, Lt Cols Farquhar, Buller and Stewart. She also paid special recognition to the services rendered by the founder, Lt Col A Hamilton Gault, and to the men of the Regiment who fought so valiantly. The Colonel-in-Chief said in part "The services of the Regiment since its arrival in France at the end of 1914, when it was incorporated in the British 27th Division, have been at all times honourable and worthy of the finest traditions of our race . . . and I will now beg him (the Founder) to allow me to place on the Colour a Wreath of Laurel as a token of my deep admiration for and pride in, all who have served in my Regiment since 1914".

This is the only occasion in the history of the armies of the British Commonwealth that a wreath has been awarded to a Regimental Colour.

A replica of the Wreath of Laurel was presented to each Battalion by Lady Patricia Ramsay during our Jubilee year. These replicas perpetuate the original Wreath of Laurel and will be carried on the Regimental Colours of both Battalions to commemorate the valiant service of those who served the Regiment during 1914-1918.





Lady Patricia Ramsay attaching the Wreath of Laurel on the Regimental Colour.

The presentation to First Battalion was made at Fort MacLeod Germany on August 10th, 1964 and to Second Battalion at Hamilton Gault Barracks, Edmonton on September 19th, 1964.

## ***The PPCLI Jubilee Wives Club***

The first general meeting of our PPCLI Jubilee Wives Club was held on Dec 2, 1963. Mrs EMK MacGregor consented to be Honorary President. This meeting consisted of two main topics; how to earn money and how to convert it into a Regimental Memorial.

Our first venture, a Sleigh Ride Party on Dec 28th was cancelled because of the lack of snow. We substituted a Skating Party with coffee and do-nuts. We learned a great deal about preparation a forethought from this venture which helped in the months to come. Dec also saw the beginning of our Wives Club Recipe Book. Favorite recipes were sent in from wives of Patricias serving in Canada, Europe, and Australia.

A family carnival "Jubilee Jamboree", was held in the PPCLI Drill Hall on Feb 28th. There was bingo, games of chance for all ages, raffles, door prizes, a food concession, a sewing and baking table and the first sales of our Recipe Book. It was an enjoyable family evening.

March began with our "Fifty Years of Fashion", a fashion show arranged to be of interest to the men as well as ladies. While an out-



line of Regimental history was given, costumes of each period from 1914 to 1964 were modelled. The Hudson's Bay Co of Edmonton, co-ordinated modern fashions into our presentation. This combination provided a very unique fashion show.

During our March meeting we heard five proposals for a Memorial Project. These were a Swimming Pool, Stone Cairn, Silver Drum and Bugle, Memorial windows for the Griesbach Chapels and the Memorial Archway. When voting was completed the Memorial Archway was the favorite choice. Plans were made to begin construction, under the supervision of three members of the Home Station directed by Major GE Henderson.



Dedication and opening of the Memorial Gate at Hamilton Gault Barracks by Mrs AH Gault.

With two successful events behind us and our Recipe Books selling well, April was a quiet month. The raffle of the Princess Camper Trailer was very popular with spring and vacation plans on everyones mind. The draw for the trailer was in June before the summer concentration.

The Wives Club were asked by the Jubilee Committee to hostess a Ladies Reception for Mrs. A Hamilton Gault to be held Sep 16th. We unanimously agreed to accept this honour. Discussion began on gifts that could be given to Lady Patricia Ramsay, Mrs A Hamilton Gault and Mrs CB Ware as a remembrance of the Jubilee year from the Wives Club. It was decided to investigate the possibility of having some tweed woven, using wool in the Regimental colours of red, gold and royal blue,



rifle green and french grey. Mrs Neilson of the Edmonton Rehabilitation Society, an accomplished weaver, agreed to help us. By experimenting with these five colours in many combinations, a wool tweed fabric evolved. The name, Anniversary Tweed, was approved by the Regimental Executive. Again, with these five colours as a pattern, two stoles were designed and woven for Lady Patricia and Mrs Gault and a dress length presented to Mrs Ware.

For the Wives Club the Jubilee week began on Sep 16th, when the Memorial Archway was presented to the Regiment and officially opened by Mrs A Hamilton Gault. At the close of these ceremonies a Ladies Reception was held where members, guests and visitors were able to meet Mrs Gault. On Sep 18th the Executive Committee were honoured to attend a luncheon given by Lady Patricia.

With Club activities completed, members joined their husbands for the Home Station celebrations of the Regiment's Fiftieth Year.

To accomplish the fund raising projects during the past year the Wives Club required the services of all members. They gave their full support in time and effort to the Executive Committee. Without this co-operation the Clubs accomplishments of the year would not have been possible.

The Wives Club Executive Committee were Mrs F Berry, Mrs G Webb, Mrs G Pointer, Mrs J Honey, Mrs D Hardage, Mrs P Suais, and Mrs P Wilson.

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## SECOND BATTALION

***Postings***

Each year there is a considerable change in the slate of the Battalion and 1964 was no exception. Postings in and out, down to Sergeant are listed below.

## POSTINGS OUT

Maj GE ANDERSON		HQ CCUNCYP	22 Nov 64
Maj W DECHANT		1 PPCLI	12 Dec 64
Capt FL BERRY		HQ West Comd	31 Jul 64
Capt TK CRICHTON		MCCD	01 Jul 64
Capt RL MATHEWS		MCCD	04 Jun 64
Capt JCR PELLERIN	(RCAMC)	3 AB Sec RCAMC	23 May 64
Capt DA SMITHIES		Release	11 Aug 64
Capt EA ZERBIN	(RCAPC)	HQ CBUE	04 Sep 64
Lt HW CAVANAGH		Release	03 Jun 64
Lt RD KILLAN		1 PPCLI	15 Feb 64
Lt JJE GRAVEL	(R22°R)	3 R22°R	02 Dec 64
Lt RS HICKINGBOTTOM	(RCSigs)	Release	19 May 64
Lt GPE LAPOINTE	(R22°R)	2 R22°R	29 Mar 64
O/Cdt RS RICHARDSON	(PPCLI)	RCASC School	08 Sep 64
WO 2 STONE JE		CJATC	04 Jan 64
WO 2 TUTTLE KG		BC Area I Staff	02 Oct 64
Ssgt ESPENHAIN AA	(RCASC)	HQ CBU (UNEF)	10 May 64
Ssgt ROCKBOURNE TE		RCS of I	05 Jan 64
Sgt BLAKE JA	(C Pro C)	Wes Comd Pro Coy	31 Oct 64
Sgt COPELAND JL	(RCAPC)	West Comd Pay Office	31 Jan 64
Sgt EDGINTON HG		Release	20 Apr 64
Sgt ERFURT A		HQ Sask Area	05 Jul 64
Sgt HANSON KO		BC Area I Staff	30 Aug 64
Sgt QUERY EW	(RCOC)	PPCLI Depot	29 Nov 64
Sgt SCOTT MF		PPCLI Depot	30 Aug 64
Sgt SUAIS BG		BC Area I Staff	30 Sep 64
Sgt VOLD GE	(RCASC)	HQ CBU (UNEF)	29 Oct 64
Sgt WHITE WB		HQ BC Area	05 Jan 64

## POSTINGS IN

Maj GA HOLMES		AHQ Br of GS	15 Jan 64
Capt GD HUNT		SAS List AHQ	17 Sep 64
Capt JCA KIDD	(RCAMC)	10 Det RCAMC	24 May 64
Capt PA ROBISON		AHQ Sec SAS List	23 Jul 64
Lt JD ALLAN	(RC Sigs)	1 Sig Sqn	04 May 64
Lt JGAC BORDET	(C Int C)	AHQ, C & D Estb	05 Sep 64



Lt LE GRIMSHAW		RCS of I	08 Aug 64
Lt SE WHITELEY	(RCAPC)	Cen Com Pay Office	01 Apr 64
2Lt WJ BEWICK		RCS of I	08 Aug 64
2Lt JS BREMNER		RCS of I	08 Aug 64
2Lt DB BRODIE		RCS of I	08 Aug 64
2Lt LG GLOVER		RCS of I	08 Aug 64
2Lt JW HIMBURY	(RCPC)	AHQ, C & D Estb	16 Nov 64
2Lt RW MacPHERSON		RCS of I	01 Aug 64
2Lt JT MAGEE		RCS of I	08 Aug 64
2Lt M ONISCHUK		RCS of I	15 Aug 64
WO 2 CARRIERE F		RCS of I	31 Aug 64
WO 2 RICHARDSON JH		CSC Royal Roads	26 Feb 64
Ssgt CHATRY HS		RCS of I	31 Aug 64
Ssgt GILBERT AGL	(RCASC)	CBU (UNEF)	14 May 64
Ssgt SIMM AM		RCS of I	31 Aug 64
Sgt CRAIG RJ		RCS of I	31 Aug 64
Sgt DREGER DC	(RCAPC)	QOR OF C Depot	12 Feb 64
Sgt DUECK E	(RCOC)	CJATC	23 Nov 64
Sgt MONTAGUE GT	(C Pro C)	10 SDB	31 Oct 64
Sgt SAUVE JE	(RCASC)	HQ (CBU) UNEF	29 Oct 64
Sgt SNIDER KE	(RCASC)	4 Tpt Coy	09 Jun 64
Sgt STEPHEN J		HQ Sask Area	29 Jun 64
Sgt SWAN FJ		HQ Alta Area	31 Aug 64
Sgt WHITE GJ		HQ BC Area I Staff	31 Aug 64
Sgt WILKINS GC		HQ BC Area I Staff	31 Aug 64
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## ***The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI)***

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The year 1964 will be recalled as the year of record achievement for The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI).

On the eve of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in January of 1915 by then Lt Col WA Griesbach, the Regiment during 1964:

- published "A City Goes to War", the history of its first 50 years
- moved to a new home (the former HMCS Nonsuch)
- observed a change-of-command
- survived the Suttie Commission Report
- conducted several successful training exercises
- expanded its recruiting program in keeping with a return to emphasis on infantry corps training.

The Regimental History, "A City Goes to War" is a sparkling account of courageous men in action. Written by the distinguished military author, Lt Col GR Stevens, OBE, the well-acclaimed book recounts the Regiment's first fifty years in more than 400 pages of well-illustrated text. Copies are still available at \$5.00 each by writing the Edmonton Regiment Associates, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Armoury, Edmonton, Alberta.

For the first time in its history, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment has its own home. During December the unit completed a move from the Prince of Wales Armoury to the former property of the HMCS Nonsuch in the Saskatchewan River Valley in central Edmonton.

The property is spacious and boasts a drill hall; a central services building containing classrooms, orderly rooms and institutes; as well as ample outdoor drill and training area.

An historic occasion was observed in November when Lt Col EL Boyd CD, relinquished command of the Regiment to Lt Col BD Stanton.

The new CO, Lt Col Stanton began his military career in 1950 when he joined the Regiment as a private. He was commissioned in 1954 and on subsequent promotions in rank served as adjutant, training officer, as staff officer with 23 Militia Group, and as 2IC. He becomes the first CO in the unit's history who has not served during a war and thus truly epitomizes the militiaman, or peace-time soldier.





Lt Col EL Boyd signs scroll relinquishing command of L EDMN R (3 PPCLI) to Lt Col BD Stanton while Col GJ Armstrong, Commander, 23 Militia Group, looks on. In background is Honorary Colonel, Col GDK Kinnaird.



Col GDK Kinnaird, ED, continued during the year as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, as did the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Brig JC Jefferson, CBE, DSO, ED.

Another key appointment during the year was the promotion of WO1 RR Williams to the post of Regimental Sergeant Major. He succeeds the former RSM, WO1 W McVee. A veteran of action in Africa, Italy and West Europe, the new RSM has been a member of the Regiment since 1952. In 1953 he was selected to represent the unit at the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

The Suttie Commission Report affected the Regiment to the degree that outpost platoons at Dawson Creek, B.C. and Vegreville were ordered disbanded. "E" Coy at Fort Smith, NWT, which was attached for administration purposes was also disbanded. The Dawson Creek contingent had operated as a platoon of "D" Coy at Grande Prairie while the Vegreville militiamen were attached for training to "A" Coy at Vermilion.

With the change in training emphasis from national survival to corps, the Regiment has undertaken a recruiting campaign for a Coy of adult militiamen. The syllabus includes "adventure-type" training in winter warfare, skiing, mountain climbing, etc., and should serve to interest many young men in serving with the unit.

The student militia program is continuing, successfully.

In his retirement year Lt Col Boyd witnessed improvement of the Regiment's field training home, Camp Harris on the Western outskirts of Edmonton. A key addition was a permanent residence for the camp commandant.

Edmonton-based Coys made extensive use of the training area at Camp Harris during the year including one major weekend scheme in May, dubbed "Exercise Tawatina I". Training manoeuvres included such battle drills as scouting, road movements, attacks and withdrawals, formations, patrols, night reconnaissance, etc. The training scheme was extremely popular with all ranks and was deemed highly successful.

In the fall both "A" Coy at Vermilion and "D" Coy at Grande Prairie were provided with the opportunity of participating in a 2 PPCLI parachute exercise. In both cases the militia forces formed a ground defensive unit against the invading paratroopers.

An annual report would not be complete without mention of a highly successful summer camp. The Regiment is most grateful to Lt Col MacGregor of 2 PPCLI for providing a demonstration platoon for the camp duration. All members of the Regiment were highly impressed by the tactics of the demo platoon and the co-operation of the officers, NCOs and men contributed greatly toward one of the best summer training concentrations ever experienced.

Public appreciation is also extended at this time to Lt Col MacGregor for the splendid continuing co-operation and for all the help and encouragement given freely throughout the year. The privilege of being able





Lt Col EL Boyd takes salute from The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) for the last time as change-of-command reviewing officer.

to use the facilities at the Hamilton Gault barracks greatly encourages the militia members to master the many arts of soldiering.

The "family tree" of the Regiment is as follows:

CO—Lt Col BD Stanton  
 2IC—Maj WH Ross  
 Adj.—Capt DW Wade  
 RSM—WOI RR Williams  
 OC HQ Coy—Maj GK Bowden  
 OC Support Coy—Capt JB Stanton  
 OC "A" Coy—Maj J Kaiser  
     "B" —Capt N Donaldson  
     "C" —Capt K Sivertson  
     "D" —Capt G Percy  
 QM—Capt H Quarton  
 Cadet Officer—Capt KB Dougan CD  
 Director of Music—Lt G Smith



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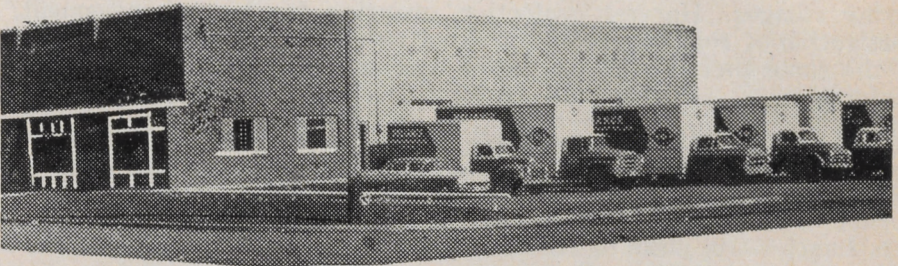
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## ***3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade***

### ***The Rifle Brigade Letter***

Our last letter to you ended with the Battalion being sandwiched between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots in Nicosia. Since then we have returned to England. This letter is written at a time when the Battalion is preparing itself operationally to assume its SPEARHEAD role in 19 Infantry Brigade Group, The Strategic Reserve, in England.

The beginning of 1964 saw the Battalion patrolling the deserted streets of Nicosia. Its main task being supervising the resettlement of Turkish Cypriots into their looted homes, endeavouring to keep the two communities apart and trying to keep the explosive situation under control. In February we moved to the Famagusta area which allowed Companies to be detached to regions which coincided with those of the Police Gendarmerie. Our unannounced arrival was not popular with the locals who resented military intrusion into a peaceful area. However by tactful patrolling and personal contact with the community leaders we became accepted. Our task was mainly negotiating between the two sides especially in the outlying villages. Harvest protection, ensuring freedom of movement, investigation of road blocks and isolated shooting incidents were small but, at the same time, important duties that needed careful and impartial investigation.

The end of March saw us back in our own Barracks in Dhekelia having handed over our area to the United Nations Force. Except for routine guards and duties, life appeared for the moment to be almost back to normal. Full use was made of this "Stand down" with a Riflemen's Christmas Lunch — in place of the one that many missed in December, a Battalion concert, which produced some surprising talent, and a long weekend break. However this period of relaxation did not last long. The pipeline which carried water from the neighbouring villages was blown several times and even a pumphouse was demolished. Increased security precautions were enforced in and around the Base.





Air Chief Marshall Sir Dennis Barnett, Commander British Forces, Cyprus, speaks to the Quarter Guard mounted by the 3rd Green Jackets Rifle Brigade.

The Battalion was quickly deployed to guard the remaining pump-houses and vulnerable stretches of pipeline and also a valuable water Distillation plant. With one Company fully committed on those tasks another permanently guarding a large ammunition Dump, one Company in rotation came into Barracks for a fortnight's rest and retraining. It was a long, tedious and unexciting task and in this way we finished the last six months of our three year tour in Cyprus. Our future was to be five months in England followed by a nine month unaccompanied tour in Aden.

October saw the Battalion on leave and an advance party opening up our new home in Felixstowe, East Anglia. Our move to Aden had been cancelled and when the Riflemen returned from leave in November they learned that they were now part of the Strategic Reserve. Retraining and fitness training have taken priority and New Years Eve looks like being spent around several thousand feet in an Argosy aircraft on an air-portability Exercise.

Our home in Felixstowe is not an inspiring place, being an old sea-plane base left over from the war. Being on the East Coast it has a reputation for healthiness, but as the winds appear to blow straight from Siberia we may yet disprove this claim. However the pace of the work keeps everyone warm, and exercises keep them far afield, so not much notice is taken of our surroundings.



Our future appears interesting, and we take our turn as Spearhead Battalion in January and February. A Company detachment is taking part in a Commando Exercise in North Africa and we are hosts to a visiting Danish Battalion in the New Year. The remainder of the year appears to be a series of Exercises, and Spearhead duty interspersed with some leave.

P.S.—As this goes to press we have been warned for duty in the FAR EAST in one weeks time!!!!

## ***PPCLI Band***

1964 was a year in which ceremonial parades far exceeded those of previous years. It was a memorable year and for the Band an extremely busy one.

Mess dinners claimed a fair proportion of the band's winter engagements both at the Home Station and at HQ Western Command. On March 17th the band played at the mixed dinner at the Home Station Officers Mess. Open air engagements in Regina and Moose Jaw in the spring were stimulating to say the least! Open air concerts were conducted in Griesbach for the dependents which were very well attended much more so than the indoor concerts during the winter months.

Scenes and songs of two World Wars came to the footlights when, after many rehearsals, the "Ric-a-dam-doo", a regimental theatrical production, was presented at the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on two consecutive nights in honour of the Regiments' 50th Anniversary. The band provided the pit orchestra, the stage singers, a "German" and a Dixieland band for the show. The hilarious, though nostalgic presentation was a veteran's delight. The show was repeated in Winnipeg for the benefit of the many veterans who reside in this former "home town" of the Regiment. At Winnipeg too, the Band and Guard of Honour (the soldier-actors of the show) paraded at City Hall where the Mayor read out commendations on the Regiment's years of service. Then on to Ottawa for a repeat performance, plus a remembrance service at the Cenotaph following an inspection on Parliament Hill by the Prime Minister.

The Western Command Summer Band School was held in Calgary the first two weeks of July for Militia Bandsmen. To assist with instruction and administration, the Director of Music and six members of the band were attached to the School, where a Military band and a Pipe band wing were soon activated from the musicians attending.

Squeezed in between these last two events were the hours of rehearsals and finally the recording of the Regimental record which has been well received.

In mid-summer the band formed part of the massed bands concert and marching display at the Alberta Provincial Legislative grounds. After a short, heavy rain shower, which did not deter too many spectators, the rest of the day turned out to be sunny and warm. Capt HA Jeffrey and Lieut GC Naylor shared the conducting honors. Also in mid-summer Capt HA Jeffrey, completing nearly eight years as Director of Music PPCLI



Band, was appointed Command Inspector of Bands HQ Western Command. Lieut GC Naylor who had served with the RCA Band was appointed Director of Music.

Many familiar faces are missing from the Band as 1964 draws to a close. BSGts G Webb, JA Bergman, GA Punter, C Benn and H Smit all reached the age limit and have been released. WO 1 RA Eberts transferred to the Canadian Guards Band at Camp Petawawa.

New faces in the Band are WO 2 George Adams, BCpls Barclay, Mackie, Melancon and Bdsm Reece and Sgt Hails a former RCAF musician.

To culminate our activities PPCLI Band in full dress presented a half hour concert on CFRN-TV on Christmas Eve.

## ***2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps***

The PPCLI Cadets met the new year of 1964 with the training well under way. The training program consisted of rifle drill, a signals course, a map using course, and methods of instruction for the second and third year cadets. The first year cadets took basic drill, a first aid course, a range course, and several lectures on cadet history. On the range most cadets took the opportunity to qualify in recreational shooting, and every cadet in the Corps entered the Youth of Empire rifle competition. Cdt Lt Joe Stanischewski distinguished himself in the Youth of Empire Competition by winning a bronze medal. The shooting year was highlighted in May with the Corps rifle team placing third in the A.P.R.A. competition in Calgary.

In May the cadets held their annual final parade. The inspecting officer was Major GE Henderson, CD. After the inspection the cadets put on displays of precision drill, first aid, shooting, and gymnastics. The gymnastics team won the Lord Strathcona shield for Physical Training for the second year in a row.

During July and August approximately thirty cadets went to summer training camps at Clear Lake, Manitoba and Vernon, British Columbia. Courses available to cadets were Junior Leader, Cadet Leader, Rifle Coaching, Signals, Driver Mechanic, and Cadet Leader Instructor. Cadet Lt Mike Johnson of the Cadet Leader Instructor Course was chosen best in his company.

As a result of the Annual Inspection in May the PPCLI Cadet Corps stood 15 out of 26 Cadet Corps in Alberta Area (North).

For scoring the highest in the province on the Master Cadet test, Cdt W01 Hap Stutt was selected along with 24 other cadets from across Canada to go on an exchange visit to Jamaica.

The Corps got off to a good start in the fall of '64 with 52 Cadets.

The training program was similar to that of last year, consisting of the basic subjects such as drill, weapon training and for the older lads first aid, signalling, map using and methods of instruction course. In most respects a good year with the prospects for 1965 even better.

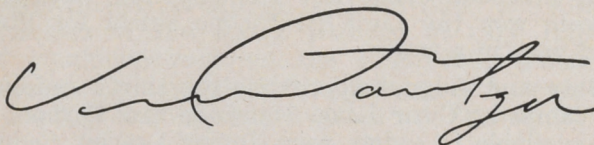


## • *Greetings*

On behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Edmonton, it gives me great pleasure to extend sincere greetings and best wishes to the Officers and Men of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment.

We are indeed proud to be the home hosts of so famous a regiment whose many honours include the commendations of the President of the United States. In these times of uneasy peace, it is re-assuring to note the high calibre of our armed forces.

We offer our hearty congratulations for your 50th Anniversary.



Mayor.

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



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

Vice Patron:

MRS AH GAULT

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 17th Annual General Meeting was held in the Home Station, Hamilton Gault Barracks Edmonton on Friday 18 September, 1964.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Brig JA deLalanne CBE, MC (Ret). Seventy-five members were present.

The meeting discussed the following major items of business in addition to the normal routine matters:

- a. Election of General Committee — the following were elected or re-elected to the Committee.

President  
Brigadier JA deLalanne

Past Commanding  
Officers

Vice President  
Brigadier RC Coleman

Lt Col CJA Hamilton  
Col JC Allan

- b. Vice-Patron — Mrs AH Gault was elected Vice-Patron of the Association.
- c. Benefactors — All members who contribute to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund be appointed life members, donors, or benefactors of the Association providing the amount a member contributes is in accordance with Article 2.18 of the Constitution and By-Laws.
- d. Association Crest — The General Committee was empowered to design a suitable crest for all ranks of the Association to be worn on blazers and also to be used on Association stationery.



- e. Association Dues — The Annual Association dues be \$1.00 per annum to include the cost of the Patrician and subject to approval of all branches.

### ***Branch Activities***

#### **VICTORIA**

The Jubilee year of the Regiment with its celebrations and attendant activities has given new impetus to the Branch. Attendance at monthly meetings had been above average with some increase in membership. Five members attended the celebrations in Germany and nineteen at Edmonton. It was the unanimous opinion of all who were able to attend the celebrations, that both battalions of the Regiment performed in a manner beyond fondest hopes.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the 1 QOR OF C Sgts Mess the Branch has a splendid place to meet, with every possible facility and consideration. Special thanks to Mr Ken McLeod, RSM of the Queens Own for his kindness and generosity. Everything possible is done to make the Branch feel welcome and at home.

Thanks to the generosity of all members and to the enthusiasm and hard work of the Committee the Branch has emerged from the Jubilee year with a small credit balance.

In addition there is \$281.43 in a fund for the maintenance of the Patricia Room in the Victoria DVA Hospital. There is also \$244.53 in the Benevolent Fund.

The Branch, by a unanimous vote, has raised the annual membership dues to \$3.00 which will permit the Branch to meet all its obligations and ensure solvency.

The Hospital Visiting Committee, H. L. Mills and P. N. Pederson have done a first class job, financed by voluntary contributions each meeting night. 23 members were visited.

A very good Dance and Buffet Supper was held on the 17th of March to celebrate the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday and a good time was had by all.

Due to the pressure of other activities only two speakers were heard. Pat Crofton gave a very interesting talk and showed splendid slides on his tour of India and Pakistan. Major Ken Webber gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on Germany as seen through Canadian eyes.

Quite a comprehensive speaker programme is arranged for the New Year and everyone is looking forward to an interesting time.

A fair representation turned out for the Memorial Day Service where the Branch laid a wreath at the Esquimalt Cenotaph. The wreath was laid by our amputee Treasurer, Fred Sargent.

There was a good turnout for the annual Church Parade on the 8th of May. This is very appropriately held in St Pauls Garrison Church, Esquimalt, where so many members of the Regiment attended services between the wars.

The Branch owes a very special vote of thanks to Mrs. F. L. Lawrence who annually lays a spray of flowers on all graves of Patricias buried in the Veterans Cemetery.



All in all it has been a good year, with a revitalizing of the Association across Canada thanks to the Jubilee Celebrations.

### TORONTO

Prior to the Annual Dinner several meetings were held to outline what special contributions the Branch could make for the Jubilee Year and a Special Committee was formed headed by Harold Lee, Norman Keys, Jack McLaren, and G Barclay to go ahead and contact members and decide in what manner the Branch could honour those originals who were members.

The Annual Dinner was held on Sat May 9th at the King Edward Hotel with 82 in attendance. The guest speakers were Major General CB Ware, Colonel of the Regiment, and the Dominion President Jimmy deLalanne, who outlined the progress to date of the Jubilee Celebrations.

Harold Lee and Norman Keys made the presentation of leather wallets with Regimental Badge, name and number to members of Originals present; they being

198 G Austin	—Toronto
834 G Johnson	—Toronto
161 G Sindop	—Toronto
1116 C Peacock	—USA
279 W Ratcliffe	—Whitby, Ont.
1528 J Simpson	—Scotland
100 W Hookey Walker	—Toronto
94 C Webb	—Toronto

To the wives a bouquet of flowers were sent. Telegrams from old stalwart Jack McLaren, was read out and all wished Jack the best and a speedy return to good health.

All good wishes are sent to all members of Branches and to the Dominion Officers who made the Jubilee Year such a year to remember.

Gordon Hughes, President                      Hookey Walker, Treasurer  
Eric Harris, Secretary

Special Committee: Harold Lee, Norman Keys, G Barclay

### CALGARY

The Annual Meeting was held on 8 May with 28 members present and the committee for the year was elected:

President—Louis England  
Vice President—Jim McKie  
Secretary Treasurer—Hector Munro

Special meetings were held on 10 Jul, 11 Sep and 13 Nov in spite of the difficulty in obtaining suitable accommodation.

The Committee used every means available to increase membership and interest—personal contact, the mail, press, radio and television—and succeeded in collecting 70 names of former members of the Regiment residing in the area.

The Regiment's Jubilee Year was well publicized although other activities and in many cases, employment, resulted in poor attendance at meetings.



The Branch has placed all its members on a first name basis.

Highlight of the year for many of us was the visit to Edmonton in September and the memory of it all will long be remembered with deep feeling and great pride in our famous and beloved Regiment.

Plans for 1965 include the formation of a Ladies Auxiliary.

### MONTREAL

This brief story of the activities of the Montreal Branch goes back to November 1963. Like most organizations in big cities we find it difficult to 'bring out the boys' on formal occasions. But, in the Patricia tradition, our spirit is strong and there is still a large group of veterans who foregather with encouraging frequency in the ordinary routine of business life. In addition, we in Montreal were doubly fortunate, because, for many years we enjoyed the inestimable companionship of A. Hamilton Gault and we like to think that he left his mark on us.

Montreal is a great 'port of call' and this helps to keep us alive. Most of our meetings, formal or otherwise, are occasioned by the arrival in town of someone who has served, or is still serving with the Regiment. For instance, on November 7, 1963 we welcomed the Colonel of the Regiment who had with him Lt Col George Brown CD, Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI which was en route to Germany. Colonel Brown was accompanied by Capt CW Hewson, his Adjutant, and Capt RM McIntosh, the son of the late Major McGregor F McIntosh. Among those present were General Arthur Potts and Colonel Stu Graham and also Colonel 'Kenny' Kinnaird an old companion of the Patricias and Honorary Colonel of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI).

Last April Stuart Cobbett and his charming wife generously, and rashly, threw open their house to a party of World War II veterans to entertain Colonel 'Slug' Clark and his good lady, Margaret. Colonel and Mrs. Jim Stone came from Ottawa for the occasion. Lavish hospitality, good fellowship and the availability of a piano with Denis Jotcham to play it created a 'Patricia' situation which almost removed the Cobbetts permanently from the neighbourhood. A few weeks later, on May 7th, Jim Stone came back to us as the guest speaker at our formal celebration of Frezenberg Day. This almost legendary officer of both the Loyal Edmontons and the Patricias made a great impression on a near-record turnout of members, many of whom had not met him before. Jim was reinforced from out of town by Bucko Watson, Arthur Potts, Senior and Junior, Bunchy Newlands, Roger Schjelderup and Bill Dawson. These 'visitations' from Ottawa and elsewhere are vastly appreciated.

Throughout the winter and spring we had been constantly reminded of the forthcoming Jubilee. Everyone in the Branch had witnessed the devoted efforts and responded to the leadership of our National President and fellow-Montrealer, Jimmy deLalanne. Since it was not expected that Montreal would be the scene of the formal celebrations, our executive gladly cooperated with the Ottawa Branch in their planning for a reunion in that city. We would like to salute them for a magnificent piece of planning and execution. We were far away from Germany and Edmonton, nevertheless, several Montreal members, and wives, managed



to be present at the ceremonies in one or other of these regimental centres. Jimmy deLalanne was at both. Bill Perry was in Germany, while Roy Stevens, Clarence LeLievre, Dan Pollock and Rowan Coleman witnessed the impressive programme in Edmonton. All Patricia veterans who had the privilege of being present came away fiercely proud of what the present generation is doing to preserve and enhance our traditions, and, it goes without saying, proud of the opportunity to see our gracious Colonel-in-Chief again.

The splendidly organized reunion in Ottawa attracted a very large representation from Montreal. A few days later Mrs Gault came to our city where her sole official engagement was the unveiling, at St. Hilaire, of a memorial cairn erected by McGill University in tribute to Brigadier Gault who bequeathed his beloved estate to the University. The stone was draped with a McGill flag and a Regimental camp colour.



Mrs AH Gault unveiling a memorial stone marking the donation of Mount St Hilaire to McGill University.



To mark the magnificent Gault Donation to McGill University, Governors, Senators, and guests assembled at Mont St. Hilaire on Tuesday, September 29th, 1964.

In 1958, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault bequeathed Mont St. Hilaire to McGill University. Mont St. Hilaire is an impressive member of a group of eight mountains that rise above the lowland plain of the St Lawrence River in the vicinity of Montreal. These eight hills are called "Mounteregian", and constitute a distinct geological type with a unique origin. These mountains have a place in the history of Quebec and the Montreal region. Mont St. Hilaire, because of its imposing position on the St Lawrence Plain, was the first of them to be viewed by Cartier and his men when they ascended the river in 1535. The Estate extends over 2,200 acres, contains a small lake and has mountain peaks that range from 900 to 1,363 feet.

The memorial cairn marking the donation bears a quotation on the tablet from Brig. Gault's will offering the mountain to "the immediate interests of the university . . ." and "as a great heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of the youth of Canada . . ."

On the following day a group of Patricias and other Montreal friends held an informal reception for the delightful lady who is so close to the Regiment.

Space does not permit a detailed description of the many activities carried on by members of the branch but, as we all know, one of our number continues to make a name for himself in the field of military history, as well as other literary endeavours. Colonel Roy Stevens, who wrote Volume III of the Regimental History, had just published his history of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and will shortly complete a history of the Royal Canadian Regiment. During the past year he has also finished another volume of a monumental history of the CNR.

To our delight we keep 'finding' old Patricias, most of whom arrive in this great city and are uncertain as to how to get in touch with us, or unaware of our existence. We recently welcomed Major David Settin who was with the Regiment in Germany in the '50's and, very recently, we learned that Major David Corrigal, a permanent force officer between the wars and the father of a popular World War II officer, had returned to Montreal. He can be reached at Ste. Anne's Military Hospital, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. We have also, with pleasure, taken on strength from Ottawa a powerful 'transfer' in the person of Glen Bannerman who is with Expo. '67.

The passing of beloved comrades is the only sad fact which we have to record. During the past year Mr. Justice Gregor Barclay, GL Kohl, DM Cunningham and J Davidson passed away. They will be sorely missed.

Our present executive consists of:

Rowan C Coleman	—President
CF 'Mike' Dumaresq	—Vice President
Clarence LeLievre	—Treasurer
Frank Henstridge	—Secretary



All Montreal Patricias join in sending greetings to their comrades and good wishes for the coming year. If you come to Montreal please get in touch with us.

## OTTAWA

Under the energetic leadership of President Harry F. Cotton, the Ottawa Branch directed its 1964 efforts to the organization of an Eastern Canada Jubilee Celebration, which was held in Ottawa on September 25 and 26. The full support of the Toronto and Montreal branches of the Association, plus the Regimental Depot, the Second Battalion and the Patricia Officers serving in Ottawa, assisted in making this a resounding success.

Approximately 200 ex-members of the Regiment from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and other places in Canada, and several from the United States, registered their attendance at the Cartier Square Drill Hall, Ottawa. During the evening of September 25, the PPCLI Regimental Band and the 2 PPCLI Corps of Drums beat retreat in a most impressive ceremony. Afterwards the Jubilee Buffet Supper was served in the Drill Hall where the Band entertained and old-timers swapped stories of past deeds of "derring-do". For the ladies, a Buffet Supper was served at the Army Headquarters Officers' Mess.



Originals and World War I Veterans attending the Jubilee Celebrations in Ottawa in front of the Peace Tower.



On September 26, all Patricias attending marched to Parliament Hill and paraded in front of the Peace Tower where they were inspected by The Prime Minister. A party of four, comprising veterans of the First, Second and Korean Wars, proceeded to the Memorial Chamber, where the pages of the Book of Remembrance were turned. The Parade then moved off to the National War Memorial where an impressive Service of Remembrance was held with Major General Ware, Mrs. Hamilton Gault and several other dignitaries participating. At the conclusion of the ceremony of wreath laying, the parade returned to Parliament Hill for the march past. The Salute was taken by the Colonel of the Regiment in the presence of many other dignitaries and an impressive number of other spectators.

After the parade was dismissed, a reception and tea was held in the Railway Committee Rooms, House of Commons, where visiting Patricias both ex-Service and serving, and their wives, had an opportunity to meet Mrs. Gault.

That afternoon, two hundred tickets to the Ottawa-Montreal Football Game were distributed, and many members took advantage of this opportunity to return to the historic Lansdowne Park where the Regiment assembled in 1914. The PPCLI Band and the Corps of Drums, despite



Prime Minister LB Pearson inspecting the Veterans on parade.



the inclement weather, performed magnificently during the half-time ceremonies and, judging by the thunderous applause of the spectators, were thoroughly enjoyed.

That evening, the celebrations were concluded with a "get-together" at No. 9 Transport Company RCASC Sergeants' Mess on Bank Street, with Patricias and their ladies attending. Songs were sung and stories told, and everyone departed home feeling that the Patricias' Jubilee had been well and truly celebrated.



Her Worship Mayor Whitton, Brig deLalanne, Mrs Gault, Maj-Gen Ware, W Wilson, and RG Perry at the service of Remembrance, Ottawa.

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## WINNIPEG

1964 has been our most successful year since World War 2 and was highlighted in September by the PPCLI Jubilee Celebrations in Winnipeg.

Our hard working executive during this memorial year consisted of:

	Honorary President—Dr C E Corrigan
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During the year, ten General Meetings were held with an average attendance of over 50 at each meeting. Our Membership Drive fell short of our objective of 200 but we did show progress in recruiting 32 new members. The year total showed 174 paid-up members. We are again, this year, aiming at a membership of 200.

Due to the extra workload involved in preparations for the PPCLI Jubilee Celebrations, no major project was undertaken. However, we did have many minor problems which were solved and we were instrumental in obtaining employment for eight Ex-Patricia's.

Our Ladies Auxiliary was reformed in February and has proved to be a great asset in raising money for our Welfare Fund and has been helpful to us in many ways. Besides taking over a large share of the welfare, the ladies searched out and trapped down the dormant Scholarship Fund established by the Woman's Auxiliary in 1947. One scholarship was granted during the year and we are expecting that five or six will be authorized during 1965 providing qualified applicants can be found.

The preparatory work required to put on the Jubilee Celebrations in Winnipeg was enthusiastically and cheerfully carried out by the members. This project not only welded our members together into an efficient working team but also brought out many new members that had not been too active in the past.

The programme in Winnipeg was first class and was carried out without any major complications. It commenced with the arrival of the Official Party at the Winnipeg International Airport at 3:30 pm on 21 September. This was followed by press, radio and TV interviews of the Official Party at the Fort Garry Hotel.

The following morning at 1100 hours, the Mayor of Winnipeg presented an Honorary Citizenship Scroll to Maj-Gen Ware, city crests to



Brig J. A. de LaLanne and Mrs. Gault and a city plaque to the PPCLI Association, Winnipeg Branch. The ceremony, although brief, was very impressive, being held on the steps of the new City Hall.

After the ceremony, a luncheon was held at Fort Osborne Barracks Officers' Mess at which the Mayor and Aldermen were guests of the Regiment and the Winnipeg Branch.

During the afternoon, the PPCLI Band and 2 PPCLI Drums put on a Band Concert for the veterans of Deer Lodge Hospital after which the Official Party visited wheelchair and bed patients in the hospital.

At 1800 hours, the PPCLI Band and 2 PPCLI Drums put on a spectacular Retreat Ceremony at the Legislative Building. Keeping the tempo of events at a high pitch, an Association Stag was held during the evening for Maj-Gen Ware at which over a 150 members attended. Simultaneously, the Ladies Auxiliary held an "At Home" at Mrs. Leech's residence for the ladies.

On the 23rd, the Winnipeg Branch held a luncheon at the Fort Garry Hotel for our visiting dignitaries after which they proceeded to the Legislative Building and were presented to the Premier of Manitoba, the Honorable Duff Roblin.

A second Retreat Ceremony was held at the Legislative Building at 1800 hours and was closely followed by a formal dinner for the Official Party and their guests at the Fort Osborne Barracks Officers' Mess.

Our main attraction, "A Musical Salute to Manitoba," was held at the Winnipeg Auditorium at 8:30 pm. This Musical Salute Production combined music, narrations and humorous interpretations of the many situations that had developed over the 50 years of existence of a proud regiment. The main cast of approximately 150 were provided by PPCLI Band, 2 PPCLI Drums, serving members of the Regiment and supported by RCHA Band, Pipes from the Camerons of Canada Band, McConnel School of Dancers and the Fort Osborne Drama Club. The only sour note was the small public attendance of 1400 paid admissions which was well below our expectations. The good press notices and reviews, we feel, would have ensured a sellout crowd if a second night performance had been held. Although it is regrettable that we had to take a loss on the Jubilee Celebrations, we feel that both our branch and the Regiment gained much more in publicity and popularity than we lost in dollars and cents. After the Musical Salute, various receptions were held for our guests and the cast.

All good things must come to a close and it was with reluctance that we bade good-bye to the Official Party the following afternoon, 24 September, at the Winnipeg International Airport.

The War Amputations Club of Canada were most generous during our Jubilee Celebrations and allowed us the use of their lounge as our Operational Headquarters.

From the above report, you can see that 1964 has been a very memorial and successful year. Our Association is stronger now than it has ever been and we intend to keep it that way. Our welfare and social plans for 1965 are in high gear and we are positive that we can meet our objective of 200 paid-up members this year.





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 Brig NG WILSON-SMITH, DSO, MBE, CD 3 CIBG  
 Col JC ALLAN, DSO, MBE, CD .....RETIRED DEC 64  
 Col T deFAYE, MBE, CD .....UNMOGIP  
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POWELL TE .....	HQ MAN AREA
PREECE DJ, CD .....	UNEF
PURCELL AE, CD .....	PPCLI DEPOT
REDDEN HHA .....	1 PPCLI
REMIN ED .....	CJATC
ROBINSON AW .....	HQ ALTA AREA
ROGERS CV, CD .....	2 PPCLI
ROSE A, CD .....	1 PPCLI
ROSE JA .....	HQ SASK AREA
ROSSITER BC .....	10 PERS DEPOT
RUTHERFORD PM, CD .....	HQ ALTA AREA
SCHOOP GE, CD .....	RCS OF I
SCOTT MJ, CD .....	PPCLI DEPOT
SHAWCROSS KS, CD .....	2 PPCLI
SLADE LH .....	2 PPCLI
SMITH HE, CD .....	2 PPCLI
SMITH RW, CD .....	HQ ALTA AREA
SORSDAHL RG, CD .....	HQ SASK AREA
SPENCE JR .....	HQ MAN AREA
STEPHEN J, CD .....	2 PPCLI
SUAIS BG, CD .....	HQ BC AREA
SUMMERSGILL RH .....	2 PPCLI
SWAN FJN .....	2 PPCLI
TAYLOR AR .....	PPCLI DEPOT
TAYLOR WA .....	1 PPCLI
TERHUNE WJ .....	1 PPCLI
THERIAULT RJ .....	HQ BC AREA
THURN DV .....	HQ BC AREA
THORNE G, CD .....	HQ 1 CIBG
TOEWS WE, CD .....	HQ MAN AREA
TUTTLE LA, CD .....	HQ ALTA AREA
UDELL FJ .....	2 PPCLI
VALLANCE IF, CD .....	2 PPCLI
VILLIGER KR .....	1 PPCLI
WABASCA A .....	2 PPCLI
WALL JE .....	2 PPCLI
WALUSHKA J, CD .....	1 PPCLI
WARDELL AD, CD .....	1 PPCLI
WATTERS L .....	RCS OF I
WHITE GJ, CD .....	PPCLI DEPOT

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WHITE JJ .....	2 PPCLI
WHITE WB .....	HQ BC AREA
WIGLE JR, CD .....	PPCLI DEPOT
WILKINS CG, CD .....	RCS OF I°
WILSON CA, CD .....	2 PPCLI
WILTSE DE, CD .....	1 PPCLI
WITT EK .....	1 PPCLI
WOOLLY BE, CD .....	1 PPCLI
ZURAWELL M .....	HQ ALTA AREA
ZWOLAK E .....	1 PPCLI

### Lance Sergeants

BARKER CE, CD .....	1 PPCLI
BARKE SR .....	1 PPCLI
BONER C .....	1 PPCLI
BURKE RJ .....	1 PPCLI
COPP GE, CD .....	2 PPCLI
EDINBOROUGH JM .....	2 PPCLI
ELLIS RW, CD .....	1 PPCLI
GALLANT JJA .....	2 PPCLI
GRANT WN .....	1 PPCLI
HEAVER RJ .....	PPCLI Depot
HODGE WG .....	2 PPCLI
KUNSCH JA .....	1 PPCLI
LAUZON HP .....	2 PPCLI
LUKION JW .....	2 PPCLI
MACLEAN DH .....	1 PPCLI
MCCORD G .....	1 PPCLI
NADEAU R .....	2 PPCLI
NEIL GBC .....	2 PPCLI
REID TO .....	PPCLI Depot
REYNOLDS KA, CD .....	2 PPCLI
RICHARDSON BD .....	2 PPCLI
SELLYEH GJ .....	2 PPCLI
STEADMAN RD .....	1 PPCLI

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## ***In Memoriam***

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them".*

2483	DILKES GN WW 1	TORONTO, Ontario 9 Sep 60
McG 102	ZAPFE AK WW 1	Oct 61
43	DONALD JG WW 1	TORONTO, Ontario Apr 62
552806	BARNES MM WW 1	MEDICINE HAT, Alta 8 Mar 63
826647	PYEFINCH PJ WW 1	17 Mar 63
475867	GRAHAM AWC WW 1	GAULT, Ontario 24 Aug 63
P 9978	GALE RJ WW 2	WINNIPEG, Manitoba 10 Nov 63
475997	POTTS WE WW 1	TORONTO, Ontario 1 Jan 64
487681	PHILLIPS CE WW 1	9 Jan 64
51485	WELLS MC WW 1	SALT SPRINGS, BC 9 Jan 64
	OGILVIE JD	LADYSMITH, BC 30 Jan 64
B 25550	THOMAS E WW 2	ST CATHERINES, Ontario 29 Feb 64
487307	CUNNINGHAM DM WW 1	MONTREAL, Quebec 1 Apr 64
818020	DUNHAM LA WW 1	SALISBURY, NB 17 May 64
H 16379	LEE WA WW 2	WINNIPEG, Manitoba 18 May 64
411079	FEENIE CC WW 1	TRAIL, BC 20 May 64
	WILLIAMS LF WW 1	FORT FRANCIS, Ontario 24 May 64
769449	SAURIOL HJ WW 1	TORONTO, Ontario 10 Jun 64
475402	GRANT JN WW 1	CALGARY, Alberta 11 Jun 64
769460	FENTON R WW 1	TORONTO, Ontario 23 Jun 64
475434	FENWICK F WW 1	WINNIPEG, Manitoba 24 Jun 64



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489777	LEGALLAIS GH WW 1	NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask 24 Jun 64
410968	KOHL GH WW 1	MONTREAL, Quebec 3 Jul 64
2265797	GAMMOND HG WW 1	FORT WILLIAM, Ontario 8 Jul 64
333934	CALLAHAN JP, MM	RENFREW, Ontario 24 Jul 64
H 610053	PASIECZKA A WW 2	DOMIAN, Manitoba 24 Jul 64
51128	DAVIDSON J	MONTREAL, Quebec Jul 64
H 16310	KNOTT PA	WINNIPEG, Manitoba 1 Aug 64
SG 9608	MCMAHON JAC	CHATHAM, NB 29 Aug 64
	BARCLAY G WW 1	MONTREAL, Quebec 7 Sep 64
H 76065	WILLIS GG	TORONTO, Ontario 15 Sep 64
H 16059	MADIGAN AJ WW 2	PORT ARTHUR, Ontario 28 Sep 64
	ARMSTRONG V	DUNCAN, BC 31 Oct 64
40	BARRETT E WW 1	WINNIPEG, Ontario 2 Nov 64
ZH 4203	STRACHAN BD	CALGARY, Alberta 27 Nov 64
SH 800197	BRYDGES J KOREA	FORT VERMILION, Alberta 1 Nov 64
H 16212	COLLINSON TG WW 2	WINNIPEG, Manitoba Nov 64
H 16246	DEMER WH WW 2	WINNIPEG, Manitoba Nov 64
H 16612	INVERAITY T WW 2	WINNIPEG, Manitoba Nov 64
487556	PAGE RCH WW 2	TORONTO, Ontario 5 Dec 64
784863	GALE E WW 1	ST CATHERINES, Ontario 6 Dec 64
SP 22268	DORMER NH WW 2	CALGARY, Alberta 8 Dec 64
H 17216	HOTAS LG WW 2	WINNIPEG, Manitoba 10 Dec 64
SK 800077	HAMMERQUIST W GK, CD KOREA	CHILLIWACK, BC 22 Dec 64



K 85319

GOLDIE D  
WW 2

VANCOUVER, BC  
23 Dec 64

**DATE OF DEATH UNKNOWN**

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BONIFACE AF  
WW 1  
COSTELLO WT

VICTORIA, BC

STONEWALL, Manitoba







It is now official, his Excellency General The Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, DSO, MC, CD, the Governor-General, will be the Reviewing Officer at the ceremony of Trooping the Colour by 2 PPCLI at 3 pm on Friday, June 4th.

If you are planning to attend the Trooping, please write to me and let me know how many tickets you require. Tickets will be made available.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3 PPCLI) will receive the Freedom of the City of Edmonton at a ceremony Saturday morning, June 5th.

*GE Henderson*  
(GE Henderson)  
Major  
Secretary  
PPCLI Association







STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

PPCLI DEPOT FUNDS

In account with: Mr. W. P. Ladan

Date: 13 May 65

PARTICULARS	DR	CR	BAL
1965 Patrician	.50		.50
<i>Paid</i>			

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PPCLI Depot Funds  
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