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# THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT



**Major-General G.G. Brown, OStJ, CD**

Once again it is my great pleasure to send my very best wishes to all members of our Regimental Family wherever they and their families are located; whether they are serving in Canada or serving Canada abroad as so many individuals are and as our Third Battalion did recently keeping the Peace in Cyprus, in our Fourth Battalion with Loyal Edmonton Regiment, or now retired and serving our Regiment in other capacities.

1980 has been another exciting year for us, not only in our training and other Regimental activities but chiefly due to the return of our Colonel-in-Chief to Regimental Duty.

Her visit to our United Kingdom Branch on the occasion of their celebration of the Battle of Frezenberg held in London, England on the 8th of May and her visit to her Third Battalion serving in Cyprus and joining with them in celebrating our National Day was a milestone in the life of the Regiment.

Her tremendous courage and determination to return to Regimental Duty following the tragic events of one year ago have been an inspiration and an example to us all, and I have assured her on behalf of all of you of our affection, our loyalty and of our great joy at having her back among us.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to all Patricias for your outstanding efforts during this past year. The outstanding United Nations tour recently carried out by our Third Battalion in Cyprus and the first rate performance of all of you during our Colonel-in-Chief's visit to Cyprus; the highly successful training programme of the First Battalion in-

cluding 'A' Company participating with the British live-firing exercises in Suffield and the inspiring performance of the Second Battalion as they Trooped the Colour on Victoria Day in the presence of the Lieutenant-Governor, Colonel Jim Stone and the citizens of Winnipeg. Patricias in the Airborne Regiment have also shared a challenging year and of course the many Patricias working splendidly but behind the scenes on staff at our schools and with the Militia in all those difficult tasks that are so important and which so many of our Regiment are called upon to respond to.

I cannot reflect on the year's activities without mentioning the strong and vital support given year in and year out by our wives and families and in particular, those families who have been separated from husbands and fathers whilst they served in Cyprus and other tasks at home and abroad for long periods of absence.

The Association continues to grow and encouraging ideas and support continually flow from this tremendous residue of expertise and I urge those of you who have recently retired to link up with your local branch and join with them in the vital role they carry out in support of our Regiment which contributes so much not only to our growth but to the very character of the Regiment.

I look forward with great pleasure to visiting and speaking with as many of you as possible in the coming year; till then, to all of you, my best wishes for a good year.

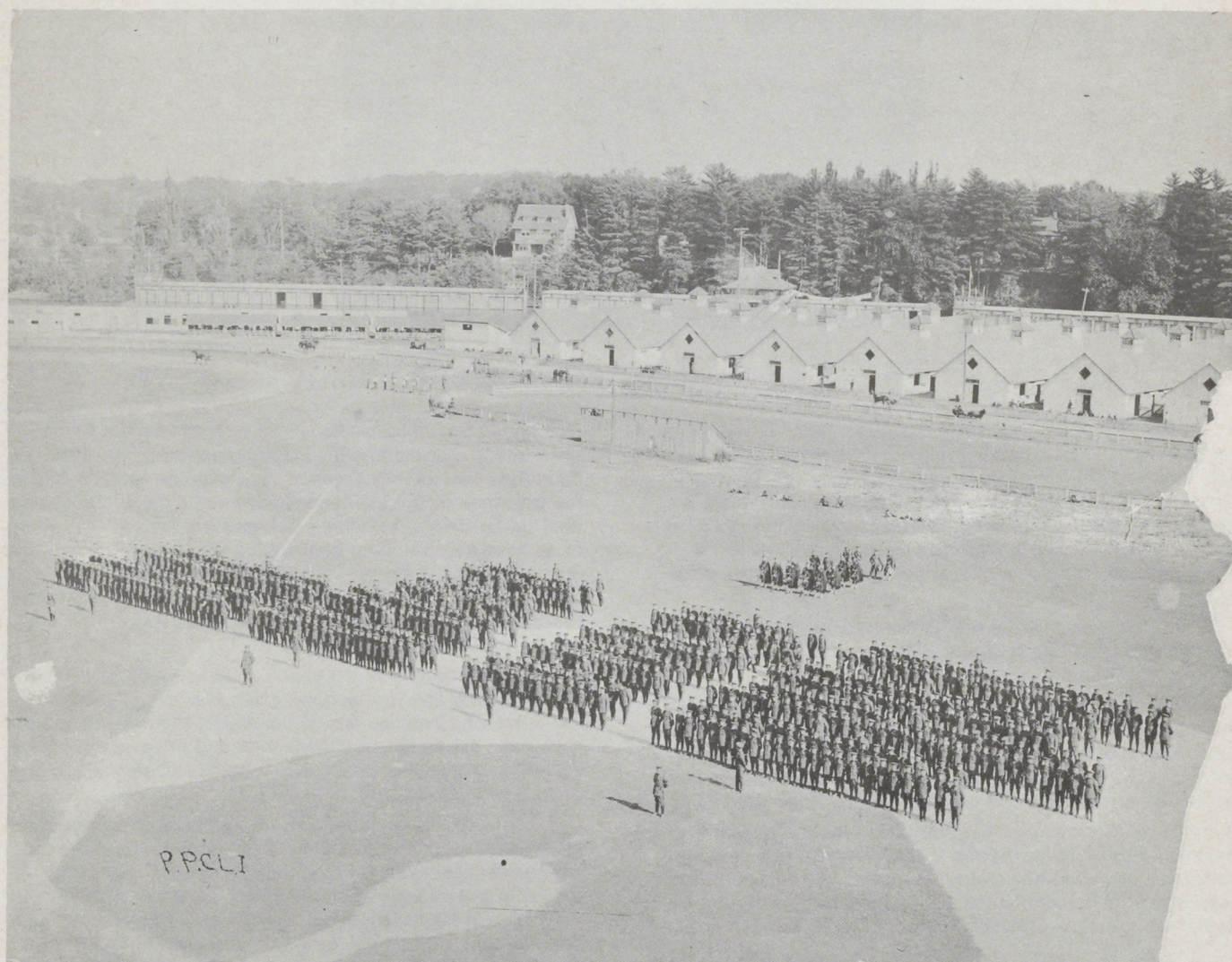


# HISTORICAL NOTE:



## THE ORIGINALS

by Major L.E. Grimshaw, CD



*The Original Battalion paraded at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa 23 Aug 1914, to receive the Colour from HRH Princess Patricia.*





## THE BATTLE OF FREZENBERG, 8th MAY 1915

The story of the formation of the Regiment has been thoroughly recorded in history. It is well known that within ten days of the signing of the Charter on 10 August 1914, mobilization was complete and nearly 1,100 all ranks were on parade at Ottawa. The story of their gallant and glorious stand at Frezenberg on 8 May 1915 is equally well known. But who were those remarkable men who formed and so firmly established the Regiment in such a dramatic way in such short period of time.

When recruiting began on 11 August 1914, the call went out for men with previous service so that an experienced battalion could be assembled quickly, which would require minimal training and so could be sent into action as soon as possible. The response was incredible. As the history records, "prospectors, trappers, guides, cow-punchers, prize-fighters, farmers, professional and business men, above all old soldiers, poured into Ottawa by every train". They included a large number of the Legion of Frontiersmen from the West and the entire Edmonton Pipe band under Pipe-Major J. Colville. By virtue of the nature of the Canadian population at the time, the majority were English, Scottish and Irish immigrants. However, the roll records no less than eighteen countries of birth and their addresses on enlistment spanned all nine provinces, ten of the American states, all of the United Kingdom, India, Australia, The Channel Islands, and their number included a Dane, a Frenchman, an Italian and a Russian. Their status of immigrants indicates something of their collective character. Having come out to a new country and having work-

ed to establish themselves on its expanding frontiers, these men had already demonstrated an unusual degree of initiative, determination and aptitude for adventure. Moreover, as was required, the majority had had previous service. The history also records that of the original 1,098 all ranks, 1,049 had previous service of whom 456 had campaign service and wore a total of 771 decoration and medals! They represented almost every British Army regiment and corps, the Royal Marines, Royal Navy, many Canadian militia units and the RNWMP. Most of the veterans had served in the South African War although the variety of medals represented service in almost every part of the Empire, and those were the days before "EBGO"\* medals! This meant that the Originals were not only experienced and seasoned soldiers, but that they were mature grown men, many with families. For example, if a man had been eighteen and had served in South Africa in 1902, the last year of the war there, he would have been thirty years old in 1914 when he joined PPCLI. Imagine whole companies of men, all ranks of whom had the experience and maturity of the average warrant officers and CSMS of today. Little wonder they were a rather remarkable lot! It is probably fair to say that never before, or since, has such a collection of remarkable men been gathered in a single regiment at the same time. Although each one was outstanding in his own way, it is impossible to recount so many individual stories, but a few examples may serve to illustrate their individual and collective character.

\*"every bastard's got one" - a derisive term coined by Canadian soldiers in World War II to describe the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, and other medals for general service.



Paramount among them was, of course, the Founder. A. Hamilton Gault had served in South Africa as a subaltern with 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, and subsequently in the 5th Royal Highlanders (Black Watch). He was larger than life. He was a well-educated gentleman of means, and of high principle and he knew that freedom carried penalties and responsibilities. He conceived the idea of the regiment, proposed, promoted and financed it, but with typical modesty eschewed the honour of command, deferring to Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Farquhar, DSO, then the Governor-General's Military Secretary, and a more experienced officer who had distinguished himself in South Africa. The Founder quickly stamped his mark on the battalion and his code became the code and standard of behaviour of the unit. "It was a simple catalogue of things that were done and things that were not done. Nowadays many would find it sadly out of date for it was based on unflinching loyalties - to the Crown, to the Regiment, to comrades, to belief in heritages and traditions. Courage, honesty, modesty and good manners were taken for granted." The Founder lived by his principles and continually demonstrated them by his own example through many heroic deeds, several wounds, his refusal to be evacuated or have his wounds dressed until all others had been looked after, his acceptance of the loss of a leg as simply "par for the course" and continued good cheer throughout.

After he had his leg blown off at Sanctuary Wood in 1916, he was soon "back with two wooden legs - Hubert and Herbert; he dilated on their advantages over the one he had lost . . . Even with the best of wooden legs, trench tours were out of the question, so some sort of employment was found near at hand (at Divisional HQ). He used to say he was running a cooking school, and perhaps he was. But his many messages to the battalion rang like the notes of a hunting horn, and every now and then he would come stumping up to the front line to assure all hands that they were indestructible. On a night in August 1917, a sudden shot crashed on the Patricia trenches; a box barrage sealed off their sector, and in the rubble piles and smashed traverses the survivors crouched to meet the rush across no man's land. Amid the clamour, shouts came from far down the communication trench. Gault was on his way up, scrambling and stumbling, cursing his handicap and bidding all to be of good cheer." "On the day of great acquittance when we broke through in Picardy and after four years were in the open for the first time, he came riding up across the fields (on a charger which he was reputed to have stolen) to give us the view halloo, for we were in sight of the kill." Later, he became a Member of Parliament for Taunton, Somerset, bought and learned to fly an airplane, volunteered and served again in the Second World War, and throughout maintained his abiding concern and loyalty to his Regiment and leaving his stamp upon it which remains to this day.

Of course there were others. Among the officers there was Talbot Papineau, a great-grandson of the old rebel, a Rhodes scholar, "a great constitutionalist and nationalist, all Gascon gestures and eloquence, he insisted on wearing a French helmet and a cock's plume in it". He was a major with an MC when he was later killed in action and some thought that had he lived he might have become Prime Minister of Canada. There was Charles Stewart, "old Charlie S", who rose from Lieutenant to command the Regiment, winning two DSOs, a French Croix de Guerre and was twice Mentioned in Despatches before he was killed in action commanding the Regiment during the Battle of Cambrai near the end of the war. Stewart was a Nova Scotian who, in addition to having fought in South Africa, "had roamed from China to Peru as a soldier of fortune; he was a past master of the high bawdry of war, and his ribaldries would have filled columns". There were other soldiers of fortune as well. No 865 Tracy Richardson was an adventurous American who by age 22 had earned a reputation as a machine gun expert fighting with various revolutionary

groups from Nicaragua in 1909, through Venezuela in 1911, the Honduran Banilla revolt and later in Mexico between 1912 and 1914. He was wounded manning his Lewis gun shortly before Frezenberg. His adventures continued, however, as he was later commissioned in the 97th Battalion, CEF, a unit of Americans, flew with the Royal Naval Air Service, transferred to the US Air Service and eventually retired after the Second World War as a lieutenant-colonel in the USAAF.

There were bemedalled veterans of more conventional armies and campaigns. There were many like No 254 Walter Stanborough who at age 35 enrolled as a private, having had twelve years service in the Grenadier Guards and who wore four ribbons, two for the 1897 campaign in Egypt and the Sudan, one for South Africa and the Royal Victorian Medal for services at Queen Victoria's funeral. Before he was killed in action at Passchendaele in November 1917, Stanborough had become a sergeant, been wounded twice, Mentioned in Despatches and awarded a DCM. Also numbered among the "old sweats" were men like No 160 Pte George Crockey and No 691 Pte William Kerr who had both campaigned on the North West Frontier of India in 1908, and No 1739 Pte Sam Linley who had two earlier Indian campaigns at Tirah in 1897-8 and on the Punjab Frontier as well as South Africa behind him. Among other South African veterans were No 126 Harry Nelson who proudly wore the Queen's medal with six clasps and who as a sergeant later won a DCM, and No 1186 John Anderson with both the Queen's and King's South Africa medals and who later won a MC but lost a leg as RSM at Sanctuary Wood. Most others had some other kind of service, although without campaign experience, such as No 1320 Frank Shillam who had been a rambunctious young constable in the RNWMP in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Prior service was only the beginning and many Originals continued to record considerable adventure. No 640 Louis Scott, had previous service with the Royal Engineers, joined as a private but was a sergeant at Frezenberg where he was awarded a DCM "for conspicuous gallantry and resource on the 8th May 1915 at Hooge. All the officers having been killed or wounded, he collected a party of men and succeeded in holding a trench in spite of a very heavy attack by the enemy". Three weeks later he was the RSM. He was subsequently commissioned, twice wounded, served on attachment to the RAF, between the wars commanded the Edmonton Regiment and became a Colonel in the Second World War. No 1576 Jim Christie had been a hunter and trapper in the Canadian North West and came to the Regiment bearing a set of interesting scars from an encounter with a bear in which he had come away the better. He distinguished himself as a sniper, and although wounded in April 1915, he won a DCM at Frezenberg as a corporal, was later Mentioned in Despatches as a sergeant, was commissioned and won a MC at Passchendaele as Regimental Sniping Officer.

A number of Originals continued adventures in other spheres beyond the Regiment. LCol Pelly, having commanded the Regiment on two occasions and rebuilt it after Frezenberg went on to command a British brigade with great distinction (see *The Patrician* 1979). Others, like No 9 Clarence d'A Wigney, who joined as a private, and became a sergeant, was commissioned in the 7th Battalion, The London Regiment of the British Army where he later won a MC as a lieutenant commanding a company.

Some of the more interesting exploits were those of the Originals who had the misfortune to become prisoners of war. Lt W.G. Colquhoun, the Scout and Sniping Officer, who at 6 feet 4 inches in height naturally was known as "Shorty", was one of the first Canadians to be captured in the Great War. He was cut off and captured in a daring trench raid at St Eloi in February 1915, and was awarded a MC for the action. For a time he managed to convince his captors that all Canadians



were his size, and he was subsequently "brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for gallant determination in attempting to escape from captivity". After the war, 'Shorty' Colquhoun became the Adjutant of the Battalion, later commanded and became a Brigadier during the Second World War. Another escaper was No 39 Corporal Edward Edwards, also a veteran of India and South Africa. Edwards was captured at Frezenberg when one of the forward trenches was overrun. He escaped from German camps three times, was recaptured twice but the third time made it out through Holland in a three week "escape and evasion" adventure which covered 150 miles. He was back home in Toronto by the end of 1916.

It is always difficult to measure the collective quality of a particular group of people, and individual honours and awards are often a matter of some debate. However, it is interesting to note that, although the Originals comprised only about one-fifth of all the Patricias who served during World War I, they accounted for 9 of the 11 DSOs including two second awards, 25 of the 39 DCMs, and 50 of the 69 Mentions in Despatches of the Regiment. A total of 81 of them or approximately 1 out of 12, were commissioned from the ranks, 36 in the Regiment and the remainder in other Canadian or British units. By any conventional measure they were an outstanding collection of soldiers.

The Original battalion ceased to exist as such with the Battle of Frezenberg, 8 May 1915, although many individuals continued on in the Regiment or filtered back after recovering from wounds. However, in a few short months they had established a remarkable record with their spirit, courage,

loyalty, individual and collective ability. They left a legacy of high standards and superb soldiering to the new young Patricias of the University Companies who, with a sprinkling of Originals among them, carried on in the same tradition. Other reinforcements which followed were also equal to the tasks as were other Patricias years later who carried the same tradition through the plains of Sicily, the mountains of Italy, and the polders of Holland and later the cold Korean hills. This great legacy and tradition of unequalled combat soldiering is worth remembering at all times, particularly now. The future is uncertain, but whatever it brings, with the example and tradition of the Originals firmly established, Patricias will carry on.

#### FOOTNOTE:

There are few World War I Patricias remaining, and fewer Originals. To the best of our knowledge, those still in our ranks are:

Capt Bruce Faed Bainsmith, St Ives, Cornwall  
677 Cpl W.H. (Bill) Miller, DCM, Victoria, BC  
820 Pte William Riley, Victoria, BC  
883 Sgt Walter M.L. Draycott, Vancouver, BC  
1005 Sgt R.D. (Dick) Whitmore, OBE, MSM, Ottawa, Ont  
1607 Lt Henry Morden, Hamilton, Ont  
1743 Pte J.A. (Charles) McLeod, Etobicoke, Ont  
1798 Sgt H.H. White, Dagenham, Essex

Gentlemen, we salute you and thank you for your great example and legacy.

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
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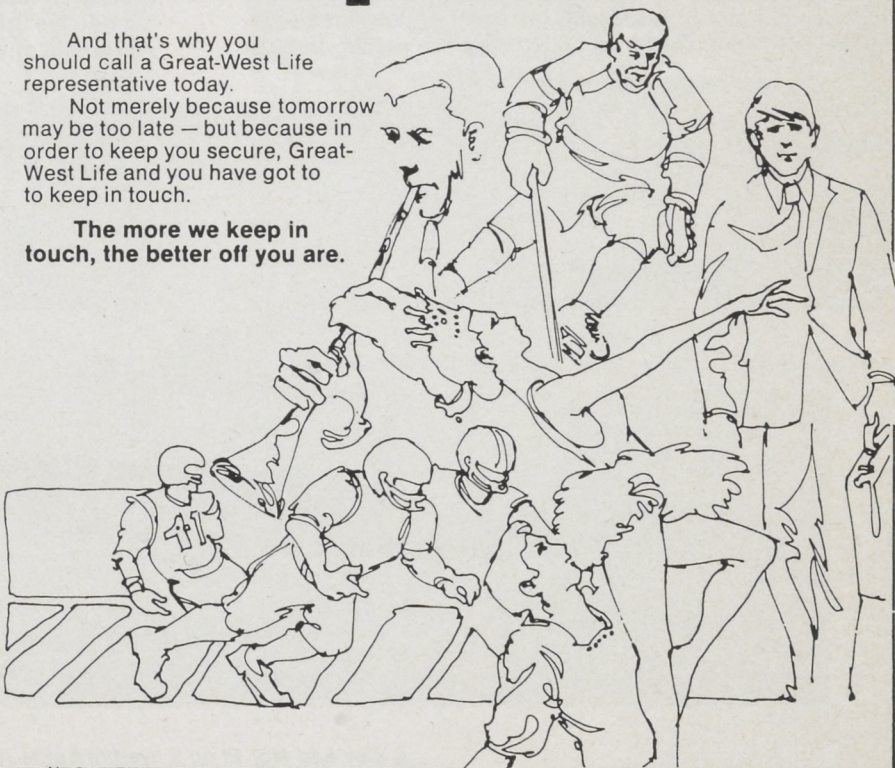
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# THE FIRST BATTALION

Since our last Patrician report, we have operated, exercised, sported and paraded through a myriad of events. Although undermanned and overtasked at times, the officers and men of 1 PPCLI proved to be equal to the task, and their performance resulted in the unit receiving many compliments.

In August 1979, C Company and elements of Combat Support Company participated with the British Forces in Exercise MEDICINE MAN V in Suffield. During September and October, the Battalion deployed to Vancouver Island to act as enemy for Exercise KERNAL POTLATCH II, the largest US/Canadian amphibious exercise since the Second World War. During the Fall period, 1 PPCLI was the overall winner of the CFB Calgary Garrison Sports Day and C Company won the French Grey Cup.

The unit was exercised as the friendly force in January 1980 during Exercise RAPIER THRUST 80 in Wainwright. The winter weather did not hamper the fighting prowess of the Battalion but served to further sharpen our skills. Following this, an extensive course training schedule was conducted, interspersed with Regimental Birthday activities and the Brigade sports competition, Exercise STRONG CONTENDER. In late April, C Company group was deployed to Slave Lake on Operation DUPRES for a week to help look for a lost child.

The Battalion deployed to Wainwright in early May for Battle School followed by WAINCON. WAINCON was cancelled by Operation BROADSWORD, which saw 1 PPCLI fighting forest fires in the Cold Lake area until 6 June. Summer leave and summer tasking rounded out the year.

During the year, the DCO, Major Ashton, was posted to Headquarters 1 British Corps in Germany and was replaced by Major MacMillan. The RSM, CWO Colbourne, was posted to CFLA Borden and was replaced by CWO Connell. And finally, the new Armoured Vehicle General Purpose (AVGP) Grizzly was introduced during 79/80.

## **Exercise MEDICINE MAN V (excerpt from CFB Calgary "Roundup")**

It seems strange to feel like a stranger in your own land, but if a piece of Great Britain were transplanted I feel sure it would spring roots at CFB Suffield. When you stroll down the tumbleweed strewn roads with the scent of deep-fried eggs, deep-fried bread, deep-fried lunch, deep-fr... wafting through

your nostrils you feel like you should be in Piccadilly instead of Camp Crowfoot. But there we were, Calgary's finest, amid the dust and the kippers, in yet another Medicine Man serial. I don't believe that any Medicine Man Exercise could be called ordinary; the spirit of the land defies it. On the other hand, though, you can only look at so much treeless, barren landscape before it all looks the same. And in two and a half weeks of running up and down the length of the Suffield training area, you have the opportunity to see a lot of barren landscape.

After an intensive warmup in Wainwright, prior to deploying for Exercise MEDICINE MAN V, 1979, C Company 1 PPCLI had a few days R & R at home and then it was on the buses again on 15 August; destination, the dustbowl of Canada CFB Suffield - 2,000 sq km patch of Alberta prairie that has probably had more lead sunk into it than ever came out of any mine in Canada. C Company was privileged to be able to participate in what has become the largest live-fire exercise held in this country on an annual basis; a joint British-Canadian venture that sees about three Canadian mechanized companies joining several of the seven serials held each year.

The ultimate goal of the Exercise is to train commanders at the Battle Group level in all phases of war. Since most of the units meet for the first time on arrival in Suffield, a brief warm-up period occupies the first week, while everyone has an opportunity to work the bugs out at progressively higher levels. C Company started off with a few days of zeroing, navigation (a nightmare for the inexperienced), and section skirmishing. We rapidly moved on to platoon and company tactics and by the end of the shake-out period, we were ready; we had met some of the local natives (of the non-legged variety), the CQMS was up to speed on cold beer, the Tpt Sgt was, as usual, hiding behind the eight ball, and the OC was showing the first signs of panic. The 2IC was lurking back with the Echelon, waiting for an opportunity to seize command, but the snakes kept him and Morrison at bay. The CSM ranted and raved (as they are wont to do) and a new position called Ammo NCO was created to keep crabby old Sergeants off the backs of new Platoon Commanders. And speaking of new Platoon Commanders. . . well, need I say more. At any rate, by the time we were linked up with the British, we were a pretty tough crowd as the Water Tower will attest to that.



*C Coy and Mor Pl on a live-fire battle run.*



## Exercise KERNAL POTLATCH II

Exercise Kernal Potlatch II was a large scale Canadian/US amphibious exercise which involved elements of 1 CBG, a US Marine Brigade, many US and Canadian warships and sea and land-based aircraft. This force was to land on the northern tip of Vancouver Island to destroy an enemy lodgement, represented by 1 PPCLI and a US Marine company.

The Battalion (B Company group) deployed to Vancouver Island in late September to prepare defensive positions. The weather was abominable and the terrain made preparations difficult. The landing force was unable to conduct an am-

phibious assault across the beaches because of heavy seas so they inserted the force by helicopters. This change of plan resulted in a quick redeployment of B Company by helicopter and on foot to depth positions.

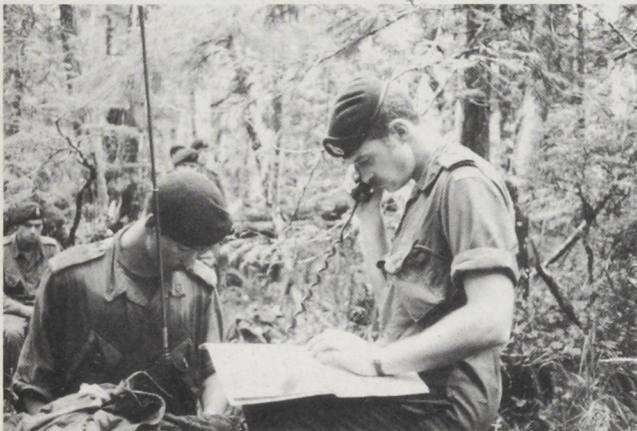
The exercise ended with a final attack by 3 PPCLI and 2/9 US Marine Battalion on the final objective on Knob Hill, the highest hill in the area. B Company considers that they would have successfully repulsed the attack; however, it's all over except for the "war stories".



*Ptes Paul and Wiltshire stem off an attack.*



*Platoon helicopter withdrawal.*



*2Lt MacDonald and Pte Poll confirm map recce and radio orders.*



*WO Pinter and MCpl Hachey wondering who picked this route.*



## French Grey Cup 79

In football, the play that won the game had not been run successfully in practice, so it was no wonder Pte Scheeler wasn't too enthusiastic about using it for the French Grey Cup contest. However, going into the game, C Company was surprised to see the play produce a touchdown within the first five minutes. Unfortunately, Sergeant Aalders from Administration

Company dislocated the thumb on his throwing hand and a new quarterback had to be called in. The new quarterback led Administration Company to the ten yard line, which had been the greatest penetration by Administration Company up to that point. However, C Company held the line and coasted to a 15 - 0 victory.



*Combat Support Company Queen, Cpl Stapleford.*



*C Company in the French Grey Cup parade.*



*Sgt Thibeau being "tackled" by MCpl Wilson.*



*Sweet smile of victory. Pte McNeil, C Coy, accepting the victory trophy from BGen Mitchell.*

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## Mens' Christmas Dinner 79

As usual, the 1 PPCLI Mens' Christmas Dinner on 14 December was a memorable occasion. Keeping with tradition, the men were served their dinner by the Officers and Senior NCOs.

Prior to dinner being served, LCol Reay read seasons greeting and messages from many people in Canada and abroad, the most important one from our Colonel-in-Chief. She thanked all Patricias for the many letters of support and encouragement during her recent bereavement. We were also relieved to hear that both Lady Patricia and her husband Lord Brabourne were making an excellent recovery.

Following the greeting, awards were given to the most proficient Sergeant, Master Corporal and Corporal/Private in the unit. Pte Rick Varadi was awarded "The Soldier" trophy as the most outstanding Cpl/Pte in the battalion. MCpl Dave Sarahs was awarded "The Leader" trophy for the best MCpl of the year, and Sgt George Ede, although not present at the dinner, was given roaring applause for being named the "1 PPCLI Sgt of the Year". Finally, it was announced that MCpl "Hewie" Hubert had been honoured by being appointed a Member of the Order of Military Merit.

The QMS, WO Jackson, and the rest of the kitchen staff prepared a truly exquisite meal, and the Regimental Band did a fine job entertaining us through the affair.



Best Cpl/Pte Award - Pte R.H. Varadi.



Most Proficient MCpl - MCpl Dave Sarahs.



Enjoying the festivities are (left to right) MCpl Andrews, MCpl Dave Follette and Cpl Fougere.



Santa played by Cpl Kirkby with LCol Reay looking on and WO Jackson in the background.

## Ex PRAIRIE SNOW/RAPIER THRUST

On 13 January the Battalion deployed to Wainwright for three weeks of collective training in defensive operations. After a few days' company training and an intense battalion exercise, the unit held a sports day in camp. The training period ended with an eight-day brigade defensive exercise during which all skills were refined under cold weather conditions.



Maj Almstrom and Capt Ethell lunge for the finish in the chain of command race, held during the sports day.





*The sports day also incorporated soldier skills such as setting up a GPMG as demonstrated by MCpl Zubkowski.*

#### **The Grizzly**

Over the past year, 1 PPCLI took possession of 43 AVGP Grizzlies, and awaits the delivery of 3 Husky AVGP recovery vehicles to complete our portion of the AVGP programme. The Maintenance Officer was not sure whether he had to be a mechanic or a veterinarian. The AVGP programme originated with a great deal of testing and trialing to come up with an acceptable vehicle. The outcome was the marriage of the Mortor Wagon Fabrique AG (MOWAG) Pirhana from Switzerland with the Cadillac Gage and Alvis turrets by General Motors Diesel Division of London, Ontario. The Grizzly has some strong features such as excellent manoeuvrability, speed (100 kph), an advanced fire extinguishing system, a swimming capability, improved armour and low interior and exterior engine noise.

Use of the Grizzly during Exercise RAPIER THRUST 80, unit Battle School in May and at Suffield in July has uncovered numerous problems which are being dealt with. The unit is still putting the vehicle through its paces as different tactical scenarios are tried so that it may be utilized to its best effect in battle.



*Grizzlies and more Grizzlies.*



*Attack that hill! ! !*

#### **Courses**



*TQ4 Signals Course 80.*



*TQ4 Mortars Course.*



### Section Commander Course

The annual Section Commander Course was held in Sarcee from 11 February 1980 to 18 April 1980. Two platoons -one for new students and a later one for students already qualified Pay Level 5B - attended the course.



CLC students load a 2½ ton truck in preparation for an exercise.



MGen Brown inspects MCpl Scottie Turner on the graduation parade.



Pte Portelance receives the top candidate award from MGen Brown, Colonel of the Regiment.



Cpl Bokovay, runner-up, receives his graduation scroll from MGen Brown.

### Project Dad

The children were asked if they knew what PPCLI stood for. The kids from Currie and Sarcee elementary schools certainly did. On Tuesday 28 February, and Wednesday 5 March, a team from 1 PPCLI visited the two elementary schools on the base as part of "Project Dad".

Each visit started with a short introductory talk by the team leader, Captain Frank Parker, and then the film "Four Days in May" (1 PPCLI Trooping the Colour and Fire Power Demonstration) was shown by MCpl Ken Parker. Enthusiasm mounted as the children clapped to the sound of the music, and strained as they tried to catch a glimpse of their dads in the movie.



Cpl Trombley assisting on the 7.62mm machine-gun.

After the movie was over, the children were divided into their classes, and toured each of the three displays that had been set up outside the school. The weapons display stand was under the direction of Cpl Fred Denninger, assisted by Cpl Blunden, Cpl Marshall Holmes and Cpl Wayne Trombley. It consisted of a medium and heavy machine-gun, a light and medium anti-tank weapon, a PPS-15 radar, and some sniper equipment.



The second stand was an arctic tent group display, under the direction of MCpl Bob MacLean, assisted by Cpl Bill Butler, Cpl Dave Leonard and Ptes Ken Richard and Jon Laforest. MCpl MacLean now claims to be an expert on the chemical reactions involved in the operation of a pressure cooker.

The third stand, and probably the most popular, was the AVGP rides. This group was commanded by MCpl Scotty Turner, and consisted of two Grizzlies operated by MCpl Gerry Hey, MCpl Doug Hamilton, Cpl Walter Howard and Cpl Dieter Ulrich. They are all now qualified to load 16 kids and 2 teachers into an AVGP without losing anyone.

Judging from the response of the children, the PPCLI visit was definitely the highlight of Project Dad this year.



*MCpl Blundon showing a Carl Gustav anti-tank weapon with one of the kids holding a M72 light anti-tank weapon.*

#### **Regimental Day 80**

The Regimental Day celebration was held on 17 March, as usual. The weather co-operated in fine fashion and C Company was the winner in the broomball, tug-of-war and tire changing competitions which gave them the overall championship for the day's activities. The officers again triumphed over the Senior NCOs in the traditional broom-i-loo game, and the appropriate trophy again found itself in its rightful home, the PPCLI Home Station WOs' and Sgts' Mess.



*Officers/Sr NCOs' Broom-i-loo game.*



*Sgt Gord Descoteaux in latter stages of Officers/Sr NCOs Broom-i-loo game.*



*Cbt Sp dug in during the tug-of-war competition, but C Coy triumphed in the end.*



*European handball?*





*Lt Mike Austdal and Capt Mike Morneau present the Broom-i-loo trophy to RSM Colbourne with CO, LCol Reay, and Maj Jurek looking on.*

#### **Brigade Commander's Inspection - 21 Mar 80**

BGen P.J. Mitchell, CD, carried out his annual inspection of 1 PPCLI on 21 Mar 80; inspecting the unit on parade in the morning and visiting the unit lines in the afternoon. During the parade, BGen Mitchell spent a lot of time questioning the troops, and later had words of praise for the professionalism of the soldiers, and for the knowledge they professed about their unit and future training plans.



*BGen Mitchell checks with Pte Baker of B Coy to find out what this mysterious weapon does for a living.*



*The Adjt, Capt Heath, scrutinizes the debate between the Bde Comd, the CO and MCpl Morton of Adm Coy on the topic of "Should big words be allowed on parade".*

*Editor's Note: From the CO - only by the most erudite and eloquent.*



*BGen Mitchell receives a general salute from the 1st Battalion during his annual inspection.*

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## Hockey

**INTER-COMPANY.** From the outset of the season, C Company had been underestimated as a true contender. Things looked up though, in the first game when they tied the score with A Company in the final seconds of the second period, and continued to dominate the game in the third period, finishing with a 7 - 2 victory. They never looked back for the rest of the season, and they remained strong throughout the regular schedule. They defeated B Company 2 - 0 in the finals to win the inter-company hockey championship.

**BATTALION HOCKEY TEAM.** A tribute must be given to the Battalion Hockey Team, who put on numerous heroic displays throughout the season. Although only four teams competed in the league, there were many hard-fought battles between them. The defeat of the Headquarters and Signal Squadron by 1 PPCLI by a score of 10 - 1 resulted in a final playoff between 1 PPCLI and 1 Service Battalion. The game began quickly with the teams exchanging goals just minutes apart, and by the end of the second period the score was deadlocked 3 apiece. Unfortunately, the final outcome was not in our favour, but the game was well played. Congratulations to the Battalion Team for a well-played season.



*Sgt Thibeau, C Coy, accepting the trophy for inter-coy hockey from the DCO, Maj MacMillan.*



*MCpl Ritchie played goal for the Battalion Team.*

## Exercise HOLY TERROR

This exercise was conducted in Calgary from 30 March to 12 April 1980 and involved the participation of cadets from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Estevan Cadets, Calgary Highlanders and 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps. Activities included range practices where the cadets fired the rifle and LAR, GPMG, and Carl Gustav sub-calibre. B Company provided the range staff. The cadets were given a tour of the Regimental Museum and also visited the Calgary Planetarium and the Crown Surplus Store/Museum. They were also introduced to the AVGP Grizzly.



*MCpls McLean and MacDonald watch as Cadet Captain Weeks fire two well-placed bursts.*



*MCpl Nabess demonstrates the IAs & stoppages for the C2.*



*Cpl Knowlton briefing the cadets on the new AVGP Grizzly.*



### **Military Attaches' Visit**

On 24 April 1980, the First Battalion played host to a number of visiting military attaches from Brazil, Belgium, Britain, France, Peru, China, Korea, Norway, Uganda and the United States. The demonstration included members of Recce Platoon displaying their rappelling skills on the tower. Although a great deal of interest was shown for the Grizzly and Cougar AVGPs, the main attraction was the winter warfare layout presented by Sgt Penny and MCpl Brown. Questions were asked about every aspect of winter warfare, from anti-contact gloves to comparing air mattress with deer skins.



*Sgt Penny and MCpl Brown demonstrated our winter equipment.*



*Capt (now major) Ethell discusses the operation of the AVGP.*

### **Battle School 80**

Prior to WAINCON 80, the unit conducted its Battle School in Wainwright. The School consisted of weapons classification, refresher training, a patrolling competition and the conduct of a live-fire defensive battle against a simulated enemy attack. Annual classification was completed on all weapons and refresher training was given to all junior ranks in the unit in NBCW, first aid and weapon handling. Recce Platoon ran a competition for the rifle platoons which was designed to practice the platoon on battle procedure and patrolling skills. The patrol competition was won by Lt Jackson and his platoon from A Company.

Every rifle and support platoon participated in the defensive fire exercises which was conducted by B Company. They had moved to Wainwright one week earlier than the rest of the unit to prepare a fully dug-in platoon position complete with revetted trenches, communications trenches and section bunkers. The platoon was required to occupy this position and fight off a dawn attack.

Battle School 80 was a great success and the CO's aim was achieved, even though it was cut short so we could go fight forest fires. We look forward to a similar format for next year.



*Cpl Wilkinson prepares for the attack.*



*Lt Pillar and platoon prepare for the attack.*



*Platoon in defence awaits the attack.*





*The unknown soldier - a break in the action.*



*Beetle Bailey, where are you?*



*MCpl Hamilton administering first aid to Pte Ganley.*

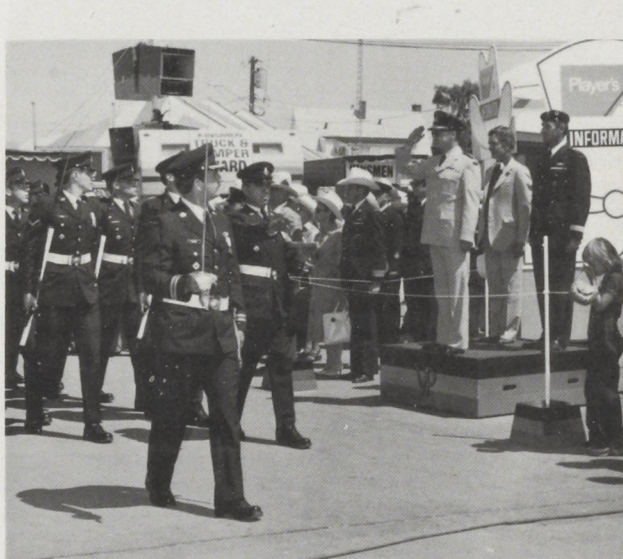


*Nothing like fresh rations in the field.*

#### ARMED FORCES DAY - CALGARY STAMPEDE



*The CDS, General Withers, inspects the quarter guard commanded by Sgt Thibeau.*



*Capt Parsons and the 1 PPCLI guard march past the CDS at the 1980 Calgary Stampede.*



## OPERATION BROADSWORD

On 25 May, 1 PPCLI departed Wainwright by road and air to fight a forest fire in the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range. The Battalion was deployed by helicopter from CFB Cold Lake into three company base camps and a headquarters location. Battalion Headquarters co-ordinated fire fighting activities with the Forest Rangers from Grist Lake, while the companies tromped about the muskeg putting out fires. Each company had a civilian helicopter and Forest Ranger dedicated to its particular operation.



*MCpl Markey and Morley root out an underground fire.*



*LCol Reay flying the Camp Flag during Op BROADSWORD at Grist Lake.*



*A CH147 Chinook resupplies A Coy camp.*

Although the work was wet and dirty, the nights were usually free for fishing in the lakes. Fish were so plentiful, some people were throwing them back. MWO Clarke's smoked fish was as tasty as eating candy. Sgt Firth almost needed a refrigerator truck to take his catch home with him.



*Bn HQ kitchen, the unit social centre at Grist Lake - Note the historical field kitchen equipment dating from the Crimean War!*



*Lt Jackson and Sgt Johansen relaxing after a hard day. "What d'y'a mean, where are the troops?"*





*Cpl Atwin wondering what's it all about.*

All of our deployment and resupply during the operation was carried out by helicopter. The unit probably saw and used more helicopters than it will see in the next two years. Lt Frederickson, our UEO, got a good workout on this operation.

Administration Company supported the Battalion from CFB Cold Lake, and kept us supplied with essentials such as beer and canteen commodities. Just because they were living in nice accommodation didn't mean they had it easy; after all, with co-ed quarters on the base the "ACTION" was hotter there than on the fire line.



*Pte Thielen and Pte Nicholson wondering what is in the sandwich.*



*Capt Carroll, with Pte Doyle as witness, finally catches a fish.*

The weather was not nice during Op BROADSWORD, and we saw the occasional snow flurry. However, the wet weather helped to contain the fire, and we returned home one week earlier than anticipated.

#### **RSM's Handover**

On Friday, 27 June 1980, CWO L.J. Connell, CD, accepted his new appointment as RSM of 1 PPCLI, from LCol G.M. Reay, MBE, CD. RSM (CWO) Bill Colbourne handed over the appointment with great reluctance and prepared to move on to his new appointment as RSM of the Canadian Forces Leadership Academy at CFB Borden. For all you young Sergeants, "The Falcon" will get you yet!



*The new RSM, CWO Connell, greets the CO*



*Outgoing RSM taking the salute.*



*RSM "The Falcon" Colbourne bids farewell to the Bn.*





*LCol Reay and officers of the 1st Bn bid farewell to CWO Colbourne.*

#### **Operation DUPRES - 28 April - 3 May 1980**

Early in the morning of Monday, 28 April 1980, the First Battalion was tasked with sending a search company to the small community of Slave Lake, located just north of Edmonton on the eastern edge of Lesser Slave Lake. Their task was to assist the RCMP in searching for a three year old child who had been missing since the previous Thursday.

To carry out the mission, the CO selected Charlie Company (The Green Machine), with additional support from Pioneer Platoon, Recce Platoon and Armour Defence Platoon. In overall command of the Patricias was the OC C Company, Captain French.

From the outset, all of the sub-units worked very well together. The weather, clear and warm, was just as it had been when we left Calgary, and we were to be blessed with this for the duration of our five day stay in the area. Although huge, the mosquitos were never so numerous as to present a problem to the seasoned Patricias.



*Sgt Frank Bishop takes offense to being called a drip.*

Our greatest challenge came from the muskeg and very thick forest growth. The ground was interlaced with logs, fallen trees and small creeks winding their way through our areas of responsibility. The creeks proved to be a tremendous morale booster for those who enjoy that kind of terrain (and there were a few of us!) and guaranteed soaked feet for all throughout our stay.

After four days and over forty miles of searching through the back-woods country, we had covered all the areas allotted to us by the RCMP, unfortunately, without success. Our redeployment was not to be without problems, for our initial C130 Hercules developed engine trouble on the runway and then had a flat tire. After a five hour delay, another of the "big birds" arrived on the scene, not only to transport us back to our unit but to bring in spare tires and a jack for its lame brother sitting on the tarmac.

After enjoying the thoroughly delightful hospitality of the townspeople over the week, we returned to Calgary late Saturday, 3 May, to begin preparations for Battle School and WAINCON 80.



*CSM Batiuk confirms chalks prior to deployment to Lesser Slave Lake.*



*Left to right: Capt French, Supt Vannorman, SSgt Prossik and Capt Lockyer.*



## “Flak-Jacket”



WO Frank Brignell receives his Regimental Retirement Scroll from LCol G.M. Reay, CO 1 PPCLI, as RSM Colbourne offers his appreciation. WO Brignell's retirement concludes 30 years of military service, including service in Korea, where as a member of 2 PPCLI, he participated in the Battle of Kapyong. Recently, WO Brignell became a Member of the Order of Military Merit.



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*Faces of the Battalion*





# THE SECOND BATTALION

By Captain D.G. Cassidy, CD

The training year 1979-80 was a normally active one for Second Battalion. Once again, all ranks of the unit undertook their tasks with enthusiasm and "panache", determined to maintain the very high standards achieved in the preceding years.

All ranks were shocked and saddened by news of the violent and criminal attack upon our regimental "First Family". Lord Mountbatten's death and the injuries to our Colonel-in-Chief inspired these emotions world-wide, however, they were most especially felt within the Patricia Regimental Family. It was with a great deal of relief that we heard that the Colonel-in-Chief's condition was steadily improving.

## Fall Training Programme

As August 1979 drew to a close, and soldiers returned from the wilds of Nopiming Park, the Battalion engaged in the usual shuffle of rifle companies, support weapon platoons and administrative sections. New officers and NCOs were welcomed into the fold, and each company and platoon began an individual training programme, designed not only to practise the basic skills of the infantryman, but also to acquaint us with each other. Two newly posted rifle company commanders and six brand new platoon commanders introduced themselves to Second Battalion soldiers. The period of September and October was fully taken up with this valuable training. All companies had participated in a most successful spring battalion marksmanship programme, and their skills were reinforced by further practice in the fall. Each company trekked to Shilo at least once for training programmes, practising individual and platoon defensive skills. By the end of October, companies were operating well in the basic infantry role, and were ready to begin the conversion to mechanized operations. During this time the unit was equipped with 91 APCs, redistributed from formations and units across the country.

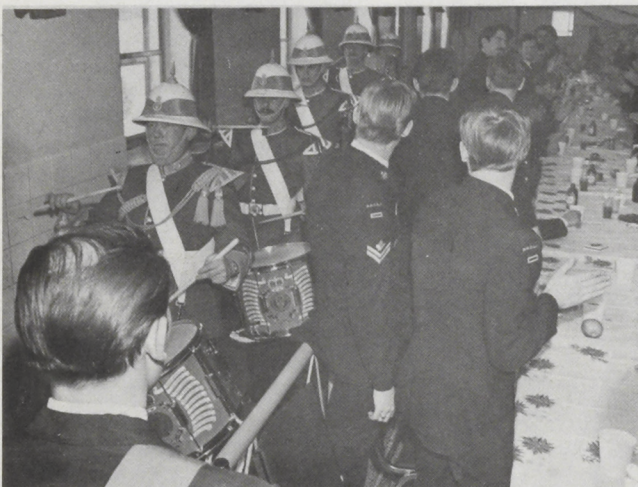
Bravo Company deployed in early September to Bardufoss in northern Norway, to participate in Exercise BAR FROST with the Norwegian Army Brigade North. It was a challenging and physically demanding introduction to some of the roughest country in Europe. Apparently, the one major problem encountered by Bravo was the rations (or lack thereof). Clandestine reports received about huge consumption of "Big Macs" upon their return are thought to be exaggerated, but this is not yet confirmed.

During this period the unit sports programme was in full swing, highlighted by the annual "wars of October" on the football field. There are always difficulties in a busy unit in maintaining stability in company teams, but the competition was good, the games well played, and the weather co-operated. The season ended with a successful French Grey Cup, a game won rather handily by Combat Support Company over A Company.

In November, Mortar Platoon participated in the 3RCHA Gun Camp in Shilo and once again demonstrated a thorough professionalism in their deployment drills and accuracy of fire.

By early December, a quick head count showed that all ranks had survived the past three months and companies began shaking out winter equipment in preparation for a winter indoctrination training week. A Company deployed to Shilo while B, C and Combat Support companies took advantage of the nearby St Charles training area. With so many new soldiers and leaders in the Battalion, this period was most valuable, and was a necessary preparation for Exercise RAPIER THRUST 80 which loomed on the horizon.

On the 14th of December all ranks attended a most enjoyable Annual Men's Christmas Dinner, and the Senior NCOs graciously hosted the officers for a toast to the season. The Corps of Drums entertained at the dinner with their usual sparkling performance, and Private Kehoe of B Company was the deserving recipient of the LCol W.H. Minnis trophy as Private of the Year.



Sgt "Taffy" Gray leads the drum line to the cheers of Charlie Company. Other members: Cpl Desroche, Cpl Crocker, Pte McCourt.



The Serving Line. "They also serve who stand and wait." Right to Left: Sgt Dobson, Capt Hornsby, WO Kirkpatrick, Sgt Barnes, WO Miles, Capt Lewis.



## Exercise RAPIER THRUST

Following a welcome holiday break, 2 PPCLI deployed to Wainwright on Exercise RAPIER THRUST. The Battalion was tasked to provide a realistic enemy force against the Brigade (consisting of the Brigade HQ, 1 PPCLI and some artillery and service support elements). It was basically battalion versus battalion, with both units getting familiar with new equipment: 2nd Battalion with our newly acquired APCs, and 1st Battalion with their "Grizzlies". Working from a combined headquarters, echelon and bivouac area, our mechanized warriors harassed, bumped, probed, infiltrated, shelled and generally made life miserable for the dug-in companies of the First Battalion. We all enjoyed our role as "Fantasians", especially the erstwhile Acting Commanding Officer, "Colonel Montgomerovich", who still proudly displays his war-torn pennant, suitably "christened by fire".

Exercise RAPIER THRUST was a true test of the rifle companies, and it was entirely their show during most of the period. The exercise ended with a bold encirclement of the beleaguered soldiers of 1 PPCLI and, of course, 2 PPCLI gained the key ground to force the conclusion. All levity aside, the First Battalion, undermanned and faced with a monumental defence task, performed in a thoroughly professional manner. They were well exercised and tested by our enemy force, and so commented following the exercise.



*Pte Coles (right) and Pte Reidy, C Coy, check the map.*



*Pte Bradley of Sp Coy.*



*Ptes Gehrke and Friend, of A Coy.*



*Sgt Laas (left) and MCpl Patton, Cbt Sp Coy, collecting ammo.*





*Pte Williams (right and Cpl McKillop on the MAW.*



*Pte McLennan (right) and Pte Shane on the trail.*



*2 PPCI tracks on the roll.*

### Specialized Training

Upon our return to Winnipeg, we immediately began a Primary Combat Function (PCF) Course cycle, training a total of 220 soldiers in specialized skills. By far the largest was the APC driver course conducted by Charlie Company in Wainwright, which produced 100 well-trained drivers. Smaller mortar, TOW gunner, pioneer and communicator courses endured the manning of Support Platoons, and Bravo Company conducted a very successful and demanding Section Commanders Course in Shilo, qualifying 16 corporals and privates for eventual promotion to sergeant. This was a pilot course which should prove to be an example for others to follow in the years ahead.

### Trooping the Colour

Immediately upon the completion of the PCF cycle, Second Battalion displaying its remarkable flexibility, began preparation in earnest for the Trooping of the Colour Ceremony. The Trooping and a Freedom of the City Ceremony carried out the same week were accomplished with a minimum amount of rehearsal time and at surprisingly little cost. It was designed to be a low-key ceremony, effectively but simply conducted, and that aim was achieved. The beautiful setting in Assiniboine Park and the participation of the Regimental and Air Command Bands enhanced a truly fine professional parade by our soldiers. The Reviewing Personage was the Honourable F.L. Jobin, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba; the Battalion's guests included Colonel (Ret'd) J.R. Stone, the Commanding Officer of Second Battalion in the Korean conflict, and Brigadier-General (Ret'd) C.J.A. Hamilton, a former commanding officer and brigade commander. The social calendar associated with the Trooping was also a great success, Highlighted by a most ingenious and realistic "Better 'Ole" constructed in the garrisons' drill hall.



*Freedom of the City of Winnipeg. Colour Party: Queen's Colour - Capt Marr; Regimental Colour - Lt Johnson; Escort - MWO (QMSI) Bakker and Sgt Matthews.*





*Capt P.A. Ronksley leads the No 2 Guard past the Reviewing Stand.*



*His Worship, Mayor William Norrie, re-affirms 2nd Bn Patricia's Freedom of the City.*



*WO Dussault (centre) and other Pioneers pass the Reviewing Stand.*

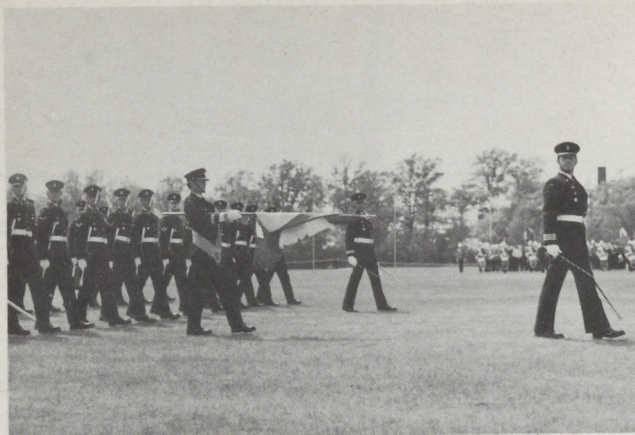


*Capt W.N. Marr receives the Queen's Colour from CWO (RSM) G.R. Smith.*

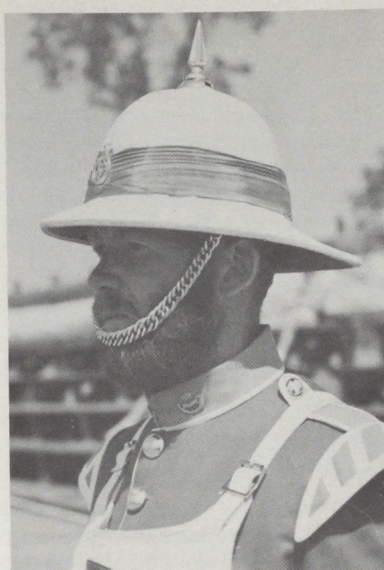


*The Colour Party - Capt W.N. Marr, RSM, G.R. Smith MWO Baker, QMSI and Sgt True.*

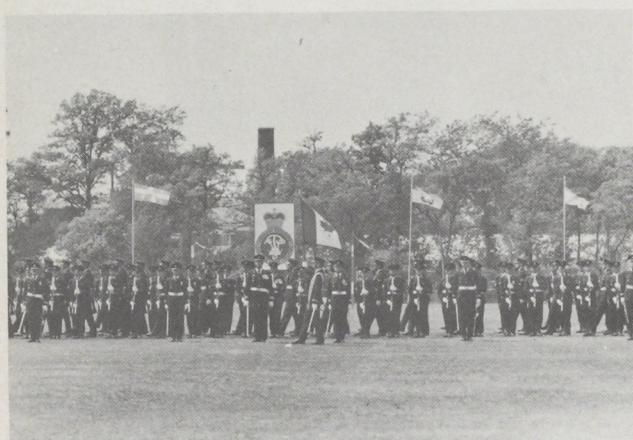




*LCol Minnis leads the Battalion past in slow time.*



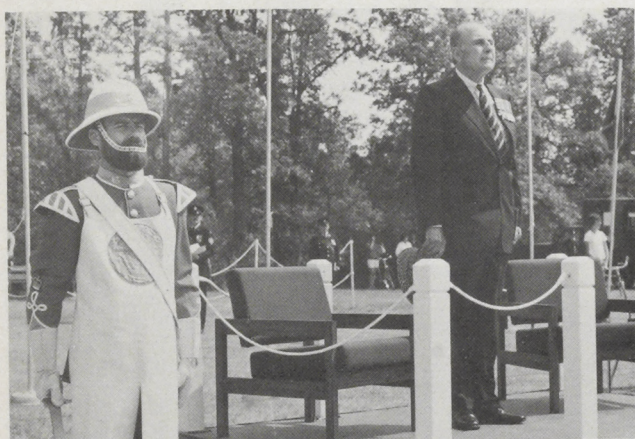
*MCpl Power, Pioneer Platoon.*



*The Queen's Colour is trooped.*



*The Honourable F.L. Jobin, Lt-Gov of Manitoba, the Reviewing Officer, receives a memento from Pte Muise, C Coy.*



*Col (Ret'd) J.R. Stone receives a general salute.*



*LCol Minnis officially opens the "Better 'Ole".*



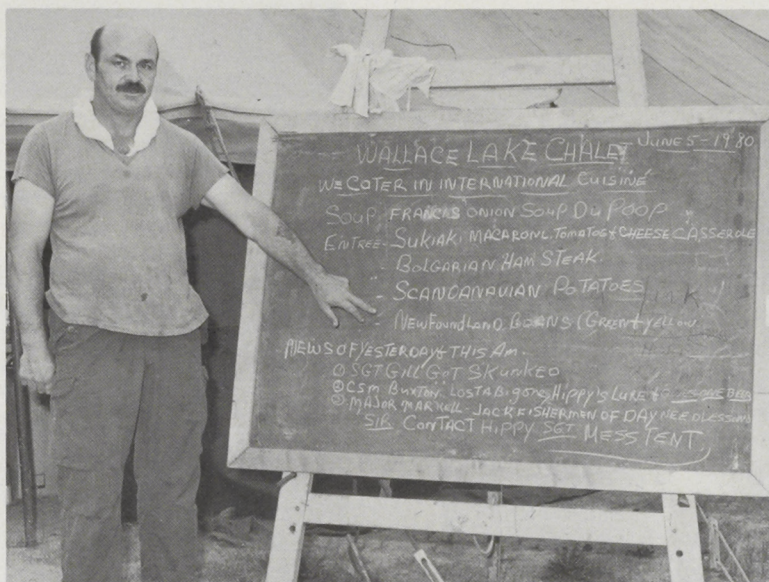
## "OP BALLAST"

For some weeks, while preparing for the Trooping, we had been following the serious forest fire situation across Western Canada. Nobody was really surprised when, during the post-Trooping social occasions, 2 PPCLI was placed on standby for assistance operations.

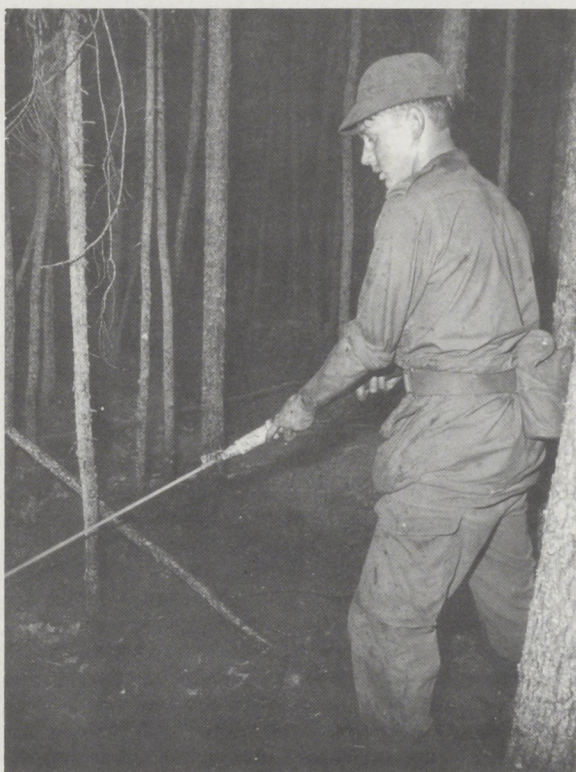
For a few days we remained on standby, by this time reconfigured to three groups. On 28th May, B Company group who had just assumed the Vanguard role received orders to deploy to the Bissett region to help combat a fire which was threatening Nopiming Park and Provincial Road 304. Soldiers

worked long and hard hours in difficult muskeg country putting out "smokes" and patrolling for new outbreaks. On 4th June, C Company relieved Bravo until the completion of the Battalion's task on the 6th of June.

All 1 Brigade units had become involved in fire fighting operations, consequently the planned Wainwright concentration was cancelled. One hopes, after successive flood and drought in '79 and '80, that famine and pestilence will not be in the books for '81, and that normal training programmes will be conducted next spring.



Sgt "Hippy" Hipson displays a unique menu and billboard at the Wallace Lake chalet.



Pte Travill, C Coy, hoses down a "smoke" near Wallace Lake. The work was hot and dirty.



Pte Girard, C Coy, hard at work near Bissett during Op BALLAST.



## Change of Command

On the 25th of June 1980, Lieutenant-Colonel W.H. Minnis relinquished command of Second Battalion upon his posting to the Command and Staff College in Kingston, where, with his inimitable style, he will assist struggling young captains in the mysteries of the study of the land combat system. All ranks of Second Battalion bid a fond farewell to Lieutenant-Colonel Minnis and his family and wish them happiness and success in the future. Lieutenant-Colonel J.S. Bremner assumed command of the Battalion during a parade which was reviewed by Brigadier-General Mitchell, Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group. Guests included the Honourable F.L. Jobin, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and Brigadier (Ret'd) C.J.A. Hamilton.



*LCol Minnis takes the salute as the Lieutenant-Governor observes.*



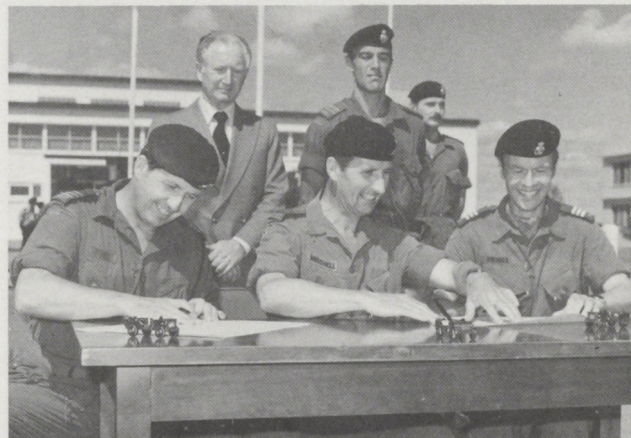
*LCol Minnis, outgoing CO, accepts his pennant from Pte Amaral, Cbt Sp Coy.*



*LCol Bremner leads the Bn in a march-past for the outgoing Commanding Officer.*



*LCol Minnis, accompanied by LCol Bremner, inspects 2nd Bn -here talking with MCpl Johnston, Cbt Sp Coy.*



*LCol J.S. Bremner (right) assumes command from LCol Minnis (left) with the Commander, 1 CBG, BGen P.J. Mitchell (centre) presiding.*



## Summer Activities

The B Company group deployed to CFB Suffield, 150 strong, in mid-June to participate in Exercise MEDICINE MAN III with the Queen's Own Hussars Battle Group. The company, with attachments from Mortar and Anti-Tank Platoons, received excellent training and acquitted themselves well.

During July, preparations and reconnaissance for Exercise WANIPAGOW VOYAGEUR, battalion adventure training, continued. The reconnaissance proved that the route initially selected would prove a bit too time consuming, and the exercise, accordingly scaled down, was carried out in the Wanipagow Lake - Manigotogan River area, just north of Nopiming Park. A judicious mix of fun, demanding water work and good survival instruction proved to be most suitable. Reports of poor fishing were somewhat modified by reports of spectacular trophy-size catches.

2 PPCLI hosted a platoon from 2 R22eR during the first serial. We all hope that this revived association which began with our presentation of a Universal Bren Gun Carrier to the Second "Van Doos" will continue for some years.



*Search Operation. MCpl Power and Sgt Cooke involved with C Coy Gp in the search for a lost child 25 June 1980.*



*The search continues with MCpl McNaughton in the foreground.*

## Small Arms Team

During July and August, the 2 PPCLI Small Arms Team, who had completely dominated the 1 CBG competition in June, prepared for the National Small Arms Meet at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa. They put up a valiant effort despite the inexperience of so many of the team members, and their team captain (Captain Emmerson) reports that their appetite has been whetted for next year's competition. They again proved that this Battalion produces good shooters and game competitors, and we salute their efforts.



*Cpl Goquen confirms lay while Cpl Turner records data. In the background is Pte Walker.*

The unit is now into a new training year, one which will see us complete the conversion to a mechanized battalion. The past year has been demanding and satisfying for the Second Battalion, and our achievements in this year bode well for the future.



*MCpl Sheasgreen and WO Cleveland observe their rounds on a mortar shoot.*





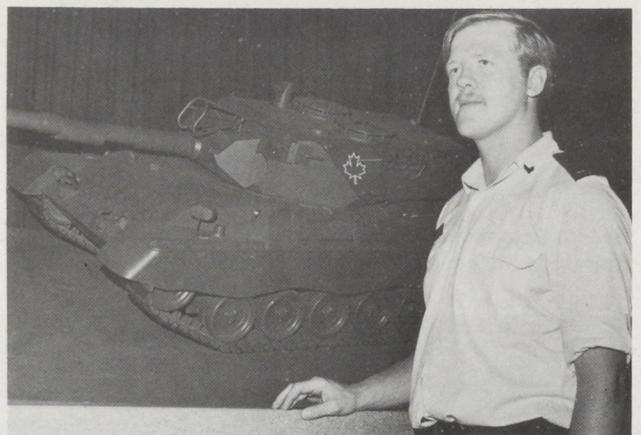
*Regimental Sports Day. Pte Laplante, Adm Coy, wins the 800m race.*



*The victorious small arms team following the 1 CBG competition.*



*Lt Moskowec and Sgt Dobson accept the "Rams Head" trophy, symbolic of small arms supremacy in 1 Brigade from BGen Mitchell, Brigade Commander.*



*Cpl Barker, Cbt Sp Coy, on duty at the P.N.E., Vancouver.*



# THE THIRD BATTALION



*Exercise KERNAL POTLATCH beach landing.*

## Island Duty

The Third Battalion's activities this past year have centered on two separate and distinct islands, Vancouver Island and Cyprus. Separated by thousands of miles and 10 time zones, these two islands have provided the Battalion with a variety of exciting and interesting challenges.

The first insular encounter was at the northern tip of Vancouver Island during Exercise KERNAL POTLATCH II. For this operation the Third Battalion joined forces with Maritime Command (Pacific), the United States Marines and the US Navy to conduct a large scale transit and amphibious landing on the rugged shores of northern Vancouver Island. After a successful land operation and return to garrison the Battalion's attention turned to another island, Cyprus. Months later with unit training, briefings and a preparatory exercise under its belt the advance party of 140 arrived in Cyprus on 31st March 1980. Within ten days the Battalion was in position on the line in the Nicosia area. As this article goes to print the tour of United Nations duty is almost complete and the Battalion is in the process of returning to Work Point Barracks.

Between these two major events the Battalion conducted trade specialty courses and two weeks of winter warfare training in the Chilcotin area.

1979-1980 has certainly provided all ranks of the Third Battalion with a variety of experiences and memories, the most memorable being the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief to the Battalion in Cyprus. Armed with these experiences the Third Battalion is now returning to Victoria ready to accept the challenge of reorganization and training as a Grizzly - Armoured Personnel Carrier - equipped battalion.

## Exercise KERNAL POTLATCH II

For most troops, the joint Canadian-United States naval and amphibious operation, Exercise Potlatch began in earnest on the 17th of September 1979 when they departed the Naval Dockyard in Esquimalt, BC. In reality the exercise began months earlier with the conduct of several joint planning sessions. The months of July and August were busy months for many members of the Battalion as embarkation, landing and logistics plans were drawn up and stores and equipment readied for the exercise.

The first phase of the operation involved moving the Battalion to San Diego, California, to link up with the US Marines and the Navy. The troops were transported on board HMCS



*Peace-keeping in Cyprus.*

Provider, HMCS Restigouche, HMCS Terra Nova and HMCS Gatineau. Although these ships were not designed as troop transports, the Navy did everything in their power to make the four day transit as comfortable as possible. The soldiers soon found themselves familiar with the many strange nautical terms and were shown how a ship works.

On arrival in San Diego, the Battalion was met by the unit's advance party and shuttled across town to the huge US Naval Dockyards where the USS Mobile, USS Cleveland and USS Alamo awaited them. The troop holds of these ships, crowded and, to say the least compact, were to be the Battalion's home for the next two weeks. The time in San Diego was taken up with familiarization training on the US Navy's assault boats. Every soldier became quickly aware of the various ship drills for various contingencies such as man overboard and life boat stations. After intensive training the Battalion was given some time to see the sights of southern California with the beaches being a prime attraction.

On the morning of the 24th the large naval flotilla steamed out of San Diego harbour. It was an impressive sight indeed to see so many ships in line head out to the open sea. The first stop enroute was at Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego, where the Battalion joined by a Marine battalion in an assault rehearsal. This rehearsal worked like clock-work with the assault waves hitting the sandy shores of Red and Blue Beach right on time. The rehearsal over, the long transit to the amphibious area of operations began with the troops doing refresher training and gaining their sea legs by jogging around the swaying decks. Reconnaissance Platoon on board the USS Alamo had steamed on ahead ready to go ashore 48 hours prior to the assault contact the enemy force. Theirs was a difficult job as they moved to shore in high seas in rubber assault boats. The main body meanwhile had their fill of movies and that drink affectionately known as "Bug Juice" (cool-aid). Finally after rounding the tip of Vancouver Island the ships of the Amphibious Task Force were in position with the Battalion Group and the 11th Marine Amphibious Unit ready to launch. The morning of 21st September was clear and bright but the seas were high. Alpha Company and Battalion Tactical Headquarters were launched on signal and headed for the beach. They never made it as high seas prevented landing. Unfortunately, the rest of the day was spent trying to get the assault craft back onto the dock of the mother ship, the USS Cleveland. Undaunted, it was time to try it again the next day.



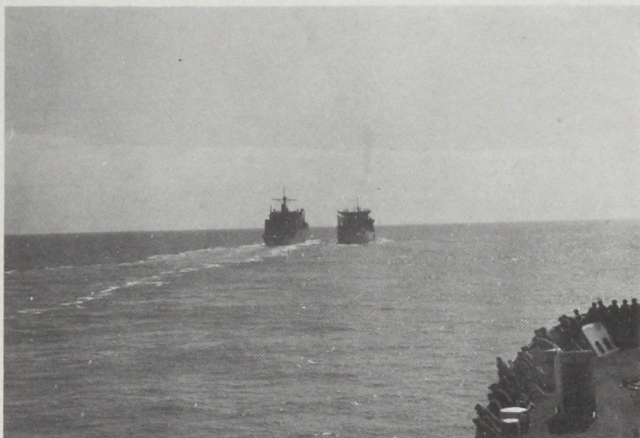
The next morning, Headquarters and A Company did get ashore but the sea became rough again and the amphibious assault was terminated. The remainder of the assault was made by helicopter and for all troops except the Echelon which stayed afloat, the land operation began.

Our Battalion with the Marine battalion on its right, soon made contact with the enemy and by relentless pursuit and deep by-passing operations, forced them to stand and fight.

The terrain was rugged, hilly and wet but the pursuit went on and within 48 hours the operation was successfully concluded.

Immediately, the units were ferried back to their mother ships for the trip back to Victoria. With just enough time to dry out combat boots and get dry, clean clothing, Ogden Point in downtown Victoria came into view. With the Battalion on board, the three ships anchored on the 6th of October.

## *The Journey*







*Calling artillery support on the beach.*



*LCol Vernon: "You've got it all wrong, umpire, I'll tell you who's dead and who's not!"*



*"Who said, 'don't bunch up?'."*



*Beach landing.*



*Teaching a drill period during the CLC course.*

#### **Courses**

No sooner had everyone dried out their combat boots and regained their land-legs when all attention and energy was devoted to the running of a complete range of trade level four courses and Combat Leader's Course.

The courses were primarily run in the Victoria area with Fort Lewis, Washington, being employed for range and exercise purposes.

The professional attitude and knowledge of the course instructors resulted in most of the candidates successfully completing their respective courses.



### Exercise SNOW RUNNER 80

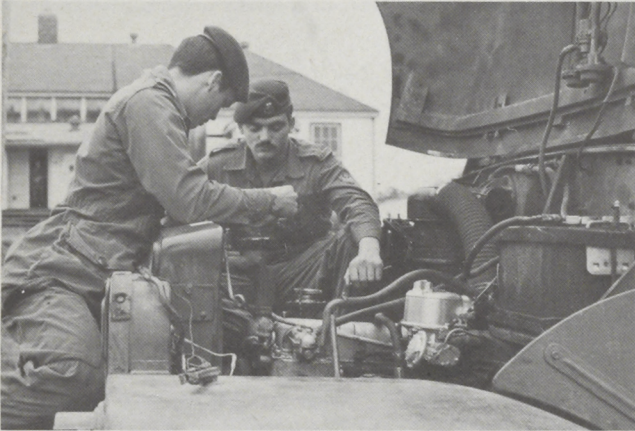
The new year started off in a blazing flash of activity, as Bravo Company flew to Alaska for winter training with the Americans and an American battalion, Company A, 4/23 Infantry, arrived at Work Point Barracks to commence training with our Battalion.

By 14th January, the road party had departed under mild temperatures and rain. The remainder of the Battalion was flown in to the Chilcotin area by C-130s. Once in the area, the companies concentrated on developing a series of defensive positions along the Stack Valley highway in preparation for an attack by the Fantasians who were concentrating their forces to the north. Within the first week, a series of positions, well dug-in and sited, was ready, and many lessons on the winter defence refreshed for the old soldiers and taught to the new. At this stage of the exercise, we were given an interlude - the 1980 Winter Olympiad!

The events included ski, snowshoe, snowmobile races, ice sculpturing, snowshoe baseball, and the infamous Snow Queen toboggan race. The competition was fierce with C Company earning the top prize.

While the Battalion was enjoying its recreational activities, the Fantasians were on the move. The morning following the Olympiad they attacked. It was a hard fought battle with our companies falling back on alternative positions only to find deep penetrations by the enemy. One such penetration, an attack on Administration Company, was unsuccessful as a result of Administration Company's superior defences.

With the enemy weakened and demoralized the Battalion attacked and achieved a complete victory over the elusive Fantasians.



*Instruction during the driver wheel course.*

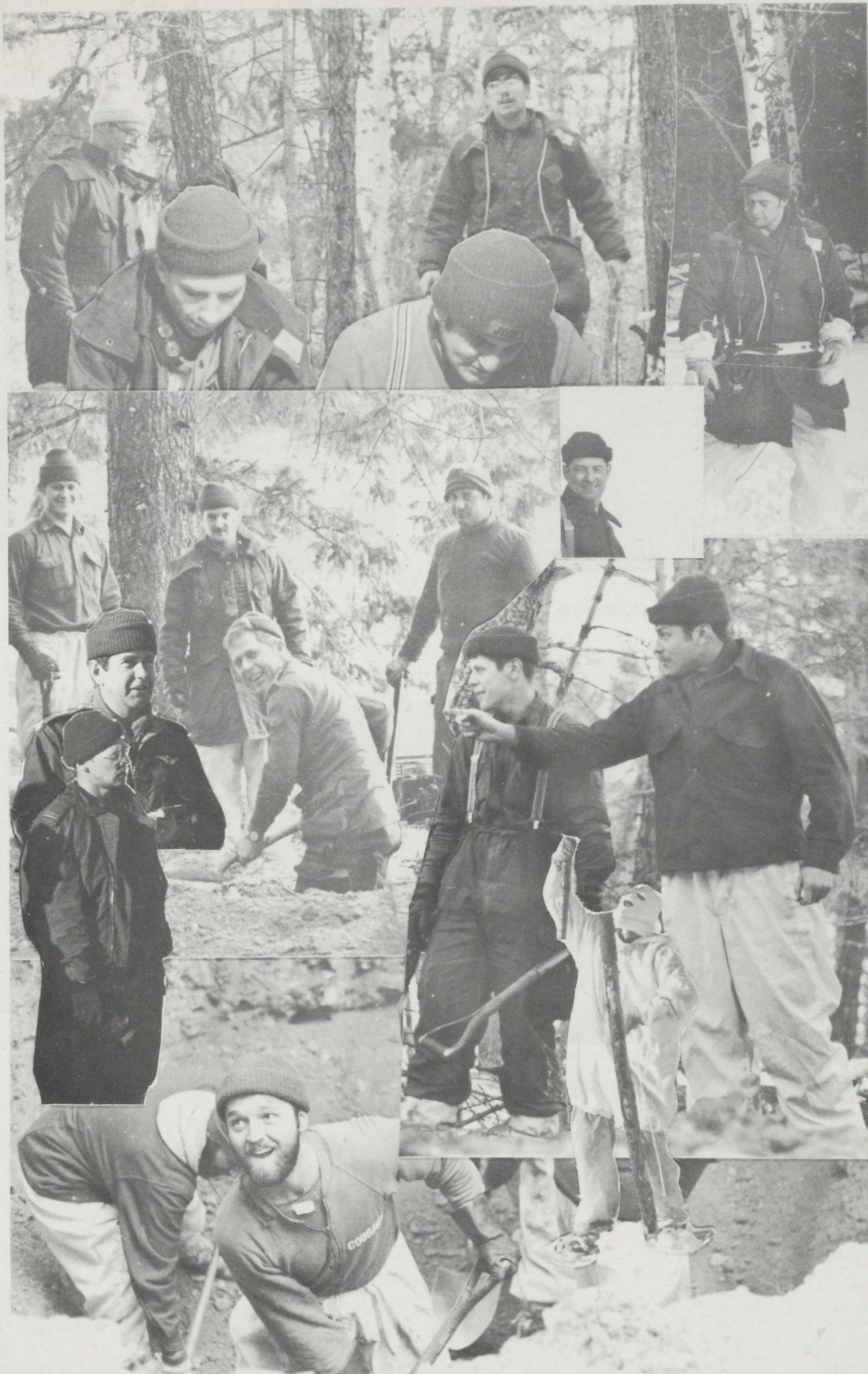


*Cpl Cutting receiving the Top Candidate Award from Maj Smith.*



*LCol Vernon presenting Capt Millward, OC C Coy, with the Company High Aggregate Trophy.*





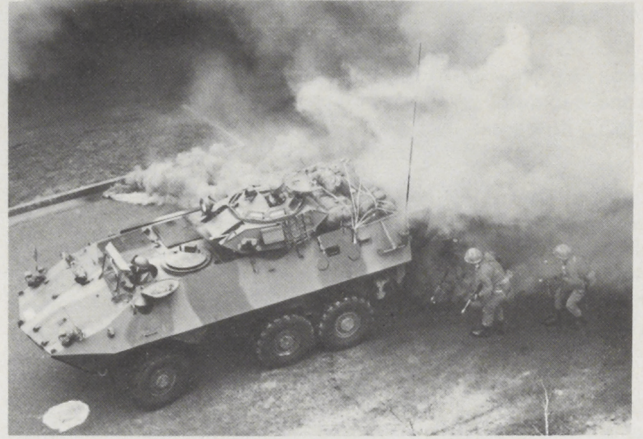


### **Brigade Commander's Pre-Cyprus Inspection**

In March, Brigadier-General P.J. Mitchell conducted his annual inspection of 3 PPCLI. The Battalion with personal equipment and weapons, marched on parade on a clear and sunny morning to the music of the Royal Road's Military College Band. Brigadier-General Mitchell then proceeded to conduct a thorough inspection of the Battalion. At the conclusion of the inspection, there were demonstrations of "Grizzly Power" and rappelling.



*BGen Mitchell inspecting Administration Company.*



*Grizzly Power.*



*"You would think that they could afford fire-escapes for these buildings."*



Regimental Day - 17 March 1980



*The Battalion marches on.*



*The chariot race.*



*The Broom-i-loo game - Officers 1, Sr NCOs 0.*



*"I just know if I wait here long enough a cute UN peace-keeper will come by."*



## Cyprus April-October 1980

On the 31st of March, 1979, the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, landed at Akrotiri Airport to commence their United Nations peace-keeping role in Cyprus. This was the third Cyprus tour for the Battalion, having previously seen duty from October 1970 to March 1971 and October 1975 to April 1976.



*The 3rd Bn arrives on the island of Aphrodite.*

## Competitions

In early May, CANCON did very well in the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNIFCYP) track meet, placing a close second to SWEDCON with several first place finishes during the meet. The Canadian Contingent participated in other UNFICYP competitions with mixed results but took the gold at the all-important Shooting Competition.

## Visits

It is to the Battalion's advantage that summer time in Cyprus is a good time to visit the island. Consequently, we have the opportunity to host a number of visitors. These visits interrupt the soldiers' routine which helps relieve the boredom of OP duty. The first visitor we welcomed was the Commander of Mobile Command, Lieutenant-General Jean Jacques Paradis, and Chief of Staff (Administration), Brigadier-General W. Dabros, who came to Cyprus to view the Battalion in an operational setting. The highlight of the three-day visit was the Sector Four line tour; LGen Paradis and BGen Dabros spent four hours touring the line and talking to the men on the OPs. It was a rare treat for many of the young soldiers to have the opportunity of discussing their personal views with their Commanders of the Army.

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, our Colonel-in-Chief, arrived on the island on the 28th of June to visit the members of her Battalion. The visit was timely as many soldiers received their UN medals from her. The colonel-in-Chief spent a week visiting soldiers during duty on the OPs and in the more relaxed setting of their messes. Lady Patricia last visited the Third Battalion in July 1978 to help celebrate Canada Day in Victoria.

Our third distinguished visitor to the Island of Aphrodite was Brigadier The Honourable Henry P. Bell Irving, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia. His visit was towards the end of the tour and thus he was able to extract a true picture of a Cyprus tour from the soldiers he conversed with. Other distinguished visitors scheduled for the end of the tour include the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Minister of the National Defence.

## Canada Day

Canada Day was celebrated with the presentation of UN medals in the morning followed by the elaborate festivities of Klondike Days. During these celebrations the Battalion was honoured with the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief.

Following the medals parade on 1 July, Lady Patricia opened the "Klondike" to all. During this day, 500 guests from the other contingents were given a glimpse of Canada's historical past. The guests received their passports to the Klondike from the North West Mounted Police, represented by the Australian Civil Police. This passport entitled them to receive a miner's grant, pan for gold, enter the salmon fishing derby, go for a donkey ride, watch the log-rolling, log-bucking and tree-topping competitions and when thirsty, obtain a free drink at the water-front tavern. The day was very successful with many of the visitors leaving with a better insight into Canada's frontier days.

The Battalion also had the opportunity to work with our allied regiment, The Royal Green Jackets, who by coincidence happened to be on peace-keeping duty. The Third Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets was on our left flank in Sector Two.

The remainder of the tour will be spent maintaining vigilance over the cease fire lines and the making of preparations for a return to Victoria at the end of September.



## The Colonel-in-Chief Visits 3 PPCLI in Cyprus

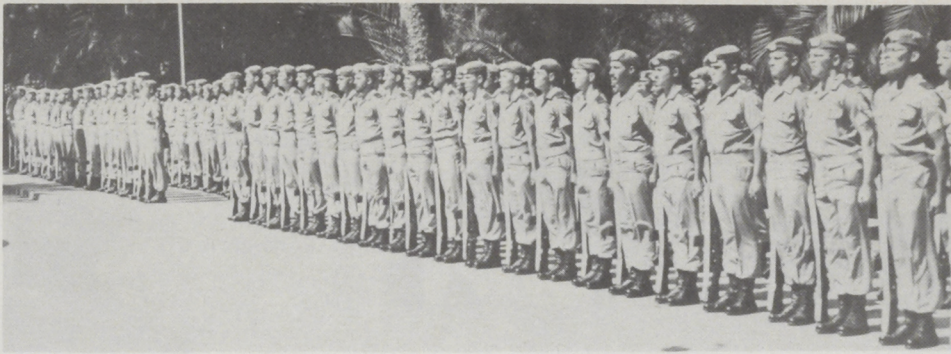


*Cpl Semenko christens the ground at OP OMORPHITA.*



*Our Colonel-in-Chief meeting the soldiers.*





*The Guard of Honour*



*The Guard of Honour*





## Distinguished Visitors/Medals Parade



*BGen J.A. Cotter (currently Comd 1 CBG), Canadian Contingent Commander, presenting UN medals.*



*The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.*



*LGen Paradis, Commander Mobile Command, inspects A Coy Quarter Guard.*



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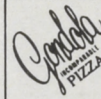


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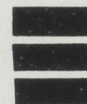
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## 1 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP OPERATIONAL TRAINING DETACHMENT

The OTD, or as it is commonly referred to, the Regimental Depot, has seen 215 new Patricia soldiers graduate this past year; 90 went to the First Battalion; 60 to the Second Battalion; and 65 to the Third Battalion. In addition to Trade Qualification Three Infantryman training, we have conducted Junior Leaders and Combat Leaders Courses, Winter Warfare Instructors Courses and at the time of writing, we are now conducting Militia Leadership and Small Arms Courses.

The staff changes over the past year were quite significant. CWO J.S. deBruyne was promoted in Jun 79 and posted in Feb 80 to Camp Wainwright. MWO D. Ritthaler assumed the position of Depot Sergeant-Major. Capt H. MacIsaac was posted in Jul 79 to 447 Sqn in Edmonton and Capt J. MacLellan assumed his duties as Depot Adjutant. Capt K. Moher was posted to the unit in Jul 79 and now assumes the position of Training Officer.

Several deserving promotions occurred recently such as MCpl Martindale (posted to 1 PPCLI) was promoted to Sgt; Cpl Revoy was promoted to MCpl; MCpl Penzes (posted to 3 PPCLI) promoted to Sgt; Cpl Thistle was promoted to MCpl; Sgt Longpre was promoted to WO; and MCpl Forbes was promoted to Sgt.

The Depot said farewell to a long standing supporter of the Regiment, our Chief Clerk, Sgt Hill. Sgt Hill served the Depot since 1974. Sgt Hill was well remembered by Major (Retired) R. Wilkes at a farewell party and was presented a fishing rod to assist in his two year "holiday" in NRHQ, Yellowknife.

The "cheers" and "boos" were well represented at the time, however, we are happy to report that the officers trounced the Sr NCOs at Broom-i-loo on The Regimental Day, March 17th. Major MacDonald lead the victorious team to victory with the assistance of those busy Patricias working at Camp Wainwright Headquarters.



*The PPCLI officers and Sr NCOs of Camp Wainwright on Regimental Day 1980. Absent: LCol M.R. Gentles.*



*Regimental Day: "Two against one ain't fair."*



*Broom-i-loo: The Padre provides timely counsel.*



The following platoons graduated and awards presented over the past year:

ARLEAUX (7904)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Towers JT -Pte Towers JT -Pte Towers JT -Pte Boone DF
MOUNT SORREL (7905)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Darbyson DP -Pte Wynn JC -Pte McPherson RB -Pte Gilks RO
SOMME (7907)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Hurley DP -Pte Kennedy KK -Pte Hooiveld MR -Pte Osborne BB
BELLEWAERDE (7908)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Scheller DL -Pte Broughton RV -Pte Oxley AP -Pte Gallagher RJ
ANCRE HEIGHTS (7909)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Blackstock SH -Pte Recollet J -Pte Clark JK -Pte Schnerch PJ
PASSCHENDAELE (7910)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Gudmundsson DW -Pte Ensor MG -Pte Caldwell TK -Pte Huntley MW
ARRAS (7911)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Ilantzis CC -Pte Keefe B -Pte Ilantzis CC -Pte Edwards SC
HINDENBERG LINE (8001)	Top Recruit Marksmanship Award Fitness Award Most Improved	-Pte Brown WD -Pte Ingham JF -Pte Ingham JF -Pte Ditchfield RD



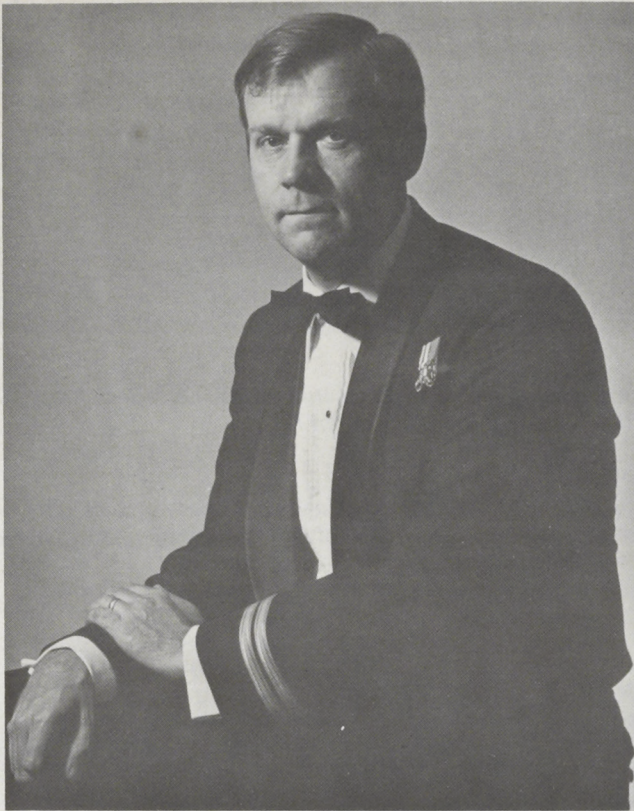
*The OTD ice sculpture at the Camp Wainwright Winter Carnival.*



*The John Allan Cameron Show  
Editor's Note: So that's what goes on in Wainwright in the winter!*



## THE REGIMENTAL BAND



**Captain R. Swaneveld, CD**  
Director of Music

With its history dating back from the First World War, the Band, complete with its traditional full dress uniforms, prides itself on being one of the finest military bands in the country.

In the past year, the PPCLI Band has seen its share of changes in personnel. In May of 1980, Captain Ron Swaneveld arrived to take command from Major J.F. Pierret, who had been Director of Music for two years and who left the Band on retirement. Captain Swaneveld comes to the Band with nineteen years of military band experience. In 1961 he joined the Royal Canadian Artillery Band in Halifax as a clarinet and saxophone player. In 1976 he was posted to the CF School of Music in Esquimalt, BC, and after the completion of the TQ7 course in 1977, remained at the school as an instructor. His talents, however, for arranging, composing and directing were recognized and Capt Swaneveld received his commission in 1979.

Other additions to the Band in the past year included the arrival of four graduates from the School of Music: Ptes Ken Fossen, a bassoonist and native of Edmonton; Claire Fossen, a clarinetist originally from Sorrel Quebec; Rick Spencer, a euphonium player and native of Kingston; and Mike Johnson, an addition to the tuba section originally from Sault Ste Marie Ontario. In addition, Cpl Ian Ferrie joined the French horn section as a direct entry from Kingston, Ontario. In addition to instrumentalists who are relatively new to the military band scene, the Band acquired experienced players from other bands. Sgt Bob Gaudreau came to fill a vacancy in the percussion section the Royal 22nd Regiment Band in Quebec City, Sgt Carl Lombardo arrived from Gagetown as an addition to the saxophone section, and WO Trevor Brennan came from CFB Chatham to fill the oboist's position.

Just as new faces appear, some familiar ones disappear. Both Sgts Fred Atkinson on percussion and Tom Hamosi on clarinet have joined the CFB Chilliwack Band. Oboist Sgt Jim Warner was accepted for UTPM and is now at RMC working on a degree in Mechanical Engineering. The Band wishes all three the best of luck in their new endeavours. After many years of service in the PPCLI Band, Sgt H. Jamieson and Sgt Neil Gow have retired to BC and Calgary respectively.

The Band was very saddened this summer by the deaths of two long time members, Sgt Don Gibson and WO (ret'd) Art Van der Burg. Sgt Don Gibson was originally a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery Band in Montreal. He then joined the Lord Strathcona's Horse Band in Calgary and subsequently the PPCLI Band. Don was a member of the French horn section and shared his musical knowledge with cadets in the area. WO (ret'd) Art Van der Burg, a native of Holland, who as a clarinetist also held positions in both the Strathcona's Band and then the PPCLI Band. Both men are remembered as fine musicians and fine people; they will be missed by us all.

The repertoire of the Band is constantly changing and being updated to reflect the music of the day and to appeal to a wide variety of musical tastes. The concert programming ranges from the traditional classics to music by modern artists such as Chuck Mangioni and Roger Whittaker. Many of these arrangements have been done by members and former members of the Band and Capt Ron Swaneveld has added many of his own arrangements of popular tunes to the band's programme.

The past twelve months have been very busy and exciting for the Band. Besides doing parades and mess dinners here in Calgary, the Band has also been performing across Canada and abroad. In October 1979 the Band had the pleasure of performing on a European tour, travelling through Holland, France and Germany. During the tour the Band even sent a special group of musicians to SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) to provide entertainment for a party hosted by Canada and attended by delegates from more than a dozen foreign countries. Other public performances in Europe included Armistice Day ceremonies on Vimy Ridge and at CFB Lahr and there was also a Change of Command parade for the Royal Canadian Dragoons, complete with feu-de-joie. The tour was most enjoyable although the pace was hectic and the Band looked forward to the regular routine in Calgary.

Duty at home included recruiting tours, which since January have taken us to Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Vernon BC. In March the Band was a part of the spring opening of the legislature in Edmonton and supplied music for fanfares and a public concert. As we moved through the spring the Band performed parades and local school concerts in such places as Tofield and Lethbridge, Alberta. A main event of the spring was participation with the 2nd Battalion in Winnipeg in their Freedom of the City Parade and a Trooping of the Colour. In July the Band once again participated in the annual Calgary Stampede celebrations. The Band led the opening parade, gave daily performances at the Stampede grounds and on the final day, joined forces with the Strathcona's Mounted Troop and other base detachments for an Armed Forces Day parade through the grounds.

After a short period of leave, the Band moved to Ottawa for the month of August to support the public duties unit for the Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill. The Band was well received for both the quality of the music played and their appearance in Regimental full dress. While in Ottawa the Band was honoured to be invited to two receptions, one was at Rideau Hall with His Excellency, Governor-General Edward Schreyer and the other at NDHQ with The Right Honourable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.





*Leading the New Guard to Parliament Hill from the old Cartier Square Drill Hall for the Changing of the Guard ceremony.*

The return to Calgary in September presented a busy fall schedule. The band supplied music for the Spruce Meadows Masters, an international horse show, followed by trips to Malmstrom AFB at Great Falls, Montana, Medicine Hat and Red Deer.



*After the Changing of the Guard ceremony, the Band leads off the Old Guard from Parliament Hill.*

Between the tours the Band keeps busy preparing for its next pending tour. In reflecting on the past year's engagements, the Band can take pride in its performances both musically and as representatives of the Regiment.



*A concert performed at Malmstrom AFB, Montana.*



**THE CANADIAN AIRBORNE REGIMENT**  
Captain R.J. Blekaitis



*"Where is the Prince who can so afford to cover his country with troops for its defence, as that ten thousand men descending from the clouds, might not, in many places, do an infinite deal of mischief before a force could be brought together to repel them?"*

*Benjamin Franklin. . .1784*



*"Where's your 2½ ton truck and APC now, buddy?"*



The Patricias serving with the Canadian Airborne Regiment once again witnessed a demanding and fast moving pace within the past training year. Many exercises and courses were held back-to-back with continual para activity as well. Between September 1979 and June 1980, 2 Commando had completed 1180 jumps maintaining a high standard of parachuting, and field training was vigorous at individual, sub-unit, unit, and formation levels. As well, both 2 Commando and

the Airborne Regiment underwent Changes of Command in July and August respectively. Major J.S.H. (Jim) Kempling turned over his command of 2 Commando to Major (Ed) Peterson. Major Kempling went off to burn paper at FMCHQ while Major Peterson came in from 2 PPCLI to fly some silk and do lots of PT. Colonel K.R. Foster turned over his command of the Regiment to Colonel R.L. Cowling. Colonel Foster went off to burn maps as Chief of Staff at CFE whilst Colonel Cowling, with the joy of wearing maroon again, moved in from Chief of Staff, CFE.



*2 Cdo with their Colours, formed up under Maj Kempling for the Change of Command - DZ Normandy.*



*BGen Holmes (Col of the Regt) and Maj Kempling (exCO 2 Cdo) watch on as the new CO, Maj Peterson, receives the 2 Cdo Colours from Col K.R. Foster.*



*BGen Holmes and Bgen Christie witness the signing of certificates at the Regimental Change of Command between Col. K.R. Foster and Col. R.L. Cowling.*





*Col Foster conducts the changeover between RSM Witt and RSM Bisson.*

RSM Witt left the Regiment in Jul 80 after many healthy years of moulding bodies in Edmonton and Petawawa. We all miss his smile, but it's certain that he is making many new friends as RSM at 1 CBG HQ Calgary. MWO "Sammy" Simpson left 2 Commando in Jul 80 also to go out to Calgary as CSM of Adm Coy 1 PPCLI. One trooper in 2 Cdo driving back from Saskatoon on leave, reported that he had seen MWO Simpson on the Trans-Canada highway, he was running from Petawawa to Calgary!

MWO "Bud" Fisher took over as the new Commando Sergeant-Major and once again wears a maroon beret. 2 Commando will be receiving his (firm) blessings for yet another year.

## Exercises

2 Commando was occupied with eleven major exercises last year. Ex RIGOR STRIKE and Ex RITE SIMPLE VIII were both CPXs which involved lower control cells of Commando HQ. Ex NORDIC NOVICE 11-14 Dec 79 was a commando exercise at section and platoon level aimed at practising winter survival techniques, hasty defence and patrolling. Ex NOISY STAND 8-20 Jan 80 was an Airborne Battle Group exercise in a sovereignty/defence of Canada scenario. The exercise was conducted in the Petawawa area and consisted of platoon live-fire and Regimental airmobile operations. Ex SKILFUL WAR-RIOR 21-29 Jan 80 consisted of continuation para and preparation for the Special Service Force (SSF) skill-at-arms competition, which consisted of several events including ski races, biathlon, tent group drills and first aid competitions. As usual, the Airborne Regiment came away with winning honours. Ex RADIANT SHIELD 30 Jan - 4 Feb 80 was an SSF controlled exercise, conducted "deep" in Quebec territory, designed to practise 1 RCR in winter defensive ops. 2 Commando was employed as enemy force to help put things into proper perspective, and the "Royals" quickly learned who we were. Ex SOUTHERN VOYAGEUR II 24 Feb - 14 Mar 80 was another Airborne Battle Group exercise held in Fort Bragg,

North Carolina. The Commando participated in section/platoon level training, combined arms live-fire exercise and enemy force for a US battalion. As well, the Commando put on demonstrations for both the 82nd Airborne Division and the US Special Forces on Canadian weapons, and live-fire section tactics. Several of our soldiers also participated in Special Operations Training with the Special Forces. The Airborne Battle Group jumped into Ft Bragg at 800 ft expecting sunshine and warm weather, but after a couple days we got dumped with 12 inches of snow (more than we seen back home all winter!). Some Americans grumbled with us because they thought we brought the snow with us. Nevertheless, many lasting friendships and excellent relationships were established with our neighbours to the South. Ex OLYMPIC VOYAGEUR 21 Apr - 9 May 80 involved 2 Commando again with American troops only this time in Ft Lewis, Washington. The training consisted of US weapon familiarization, confidence training, airmobile assault tactics and acting enemy force for a US test exercise. The main emphasis was placed on fighting in built-up areas, and officers and senior NCOs also participated in a computerized war game based on an urban setting. With Ex OBESE PAIN 20-27 Jun 80, 2 Commando one again brought fear to the hearts of 1 RCR. The exercise was initiated with a jump into DZ Dives Crossing, Petawawa, and the Commando, acting as enemy force, set up blocking and ambush positions on the advancing RCR. The Commando very effectively countered the enemy on several occasions which sent 1 RCR "limping" home to London. Ex PANTHER LEAP 19-23 Aug 80 was a platoon level patrolling and escape and evasion exercise held in the Petawawa area. Many new-comers to the Commando did not participate in this exercise as they were busy running through their paces on the Airborne Indoctrination Course. Both the course and exercise barely finished and 2 Commando was off on Ex BAR FROST 1 Sep - 16 Sep 80 in Norway in which they became the fourth company of a Norwegian battalion participating as enemy force in a divisional exercise. No sooner had they got back and it was off the Mountain Warfare School in Quebec 22-29 Sep 80.

The feeling that has developed here in the Commando as a reflection of the training schedule is: "Get back off an exercise - wash your combats - and ya don't have a chance to dry 'em before ya have to wear them again!" (Airborne!)



*Some of the men in 'sunny' Ft Bragg, NC. "Snow, what snow?"*

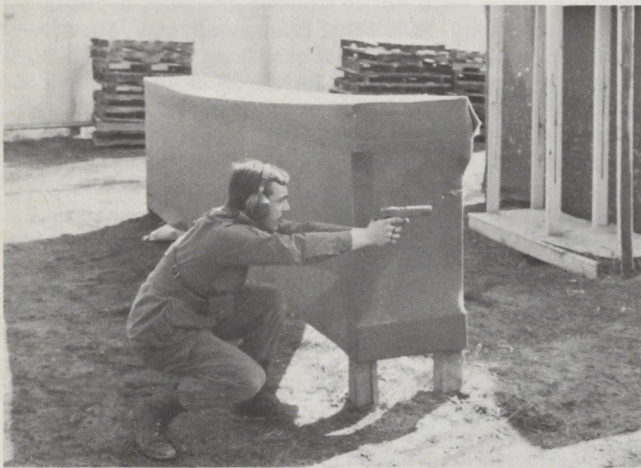




*Special operations training, Ft Bragg, NC.*



*Capt B.E. Lewis and WO Ellis with 2 Cdo troops in Norway.*



*Special operations training in built-up areas, Ft Bragg, NC.*



*The troops receiving survival training and skinning a rabbit.*



*River crossing during a patrol - Ex PANTHER LEAP.*



*2 Cdo practicing "ski-jorring" in the Arctic - Ex SCEPTRE-NORTH.*



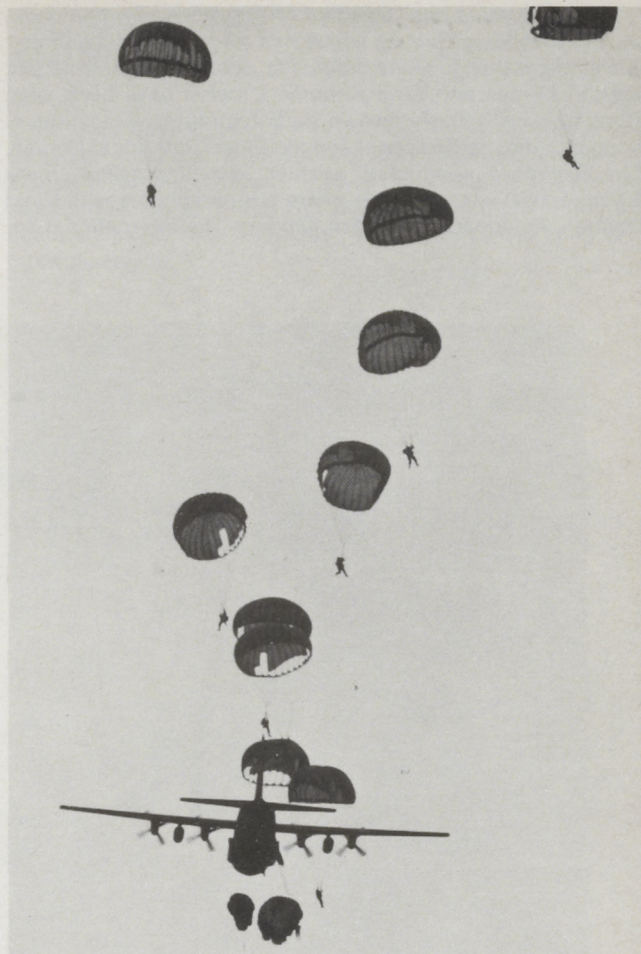
## Unit Training

Last year's unit training consisted of the Airborne Indoc-trination Course Sep 79, the Basic Mountain Warfare Course Sep 79, and the TOW and Recce Patrolman Courses 1 Oct 79 -30 Nov 79. The Recce Patrolman Course conducted some of its training in the Hamilton, Ontario region culminating with an escape and evasion exercise for 130 kilometres from Hamilton to Borden, Ontario. Other TQ4 courses included Driver Wheel, Basic Machine Gunner and Basic Mortar Course in the same period. 2 Cdo was also involved in Ski School 11-15 Feb 80 at Calabogie Peaks, Ontario.

## Other Events



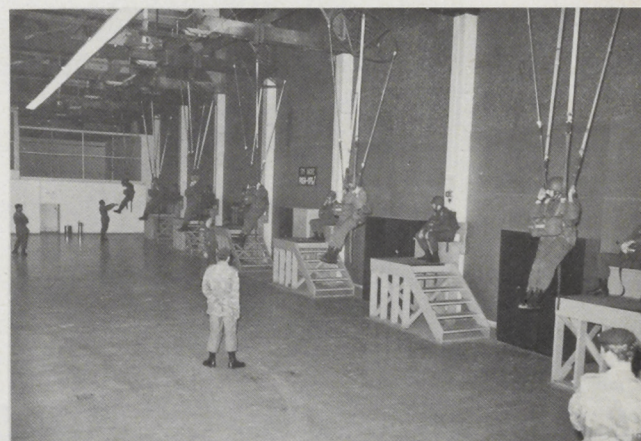
*MCpl Chambers initiates a stop drop during the Patricia Birth-day jump - some ran out of DZ.*



*The men of 2 Cdo jumping out of a C-130 during the Patricia Birthday jump.*



*Some Patricias getting together for a drop.*  
*Front Row: Capt Romses, MWO Simpson, Capt Power, Capt Schutte, Capt Danylenko (left to right).*  
*Back Row: Maj Crabbe, Capt Sussey, MWO Murphy, Capt Blekaitis (left to right).*



*"Keep your feet and knees together!" For ten minutes?*

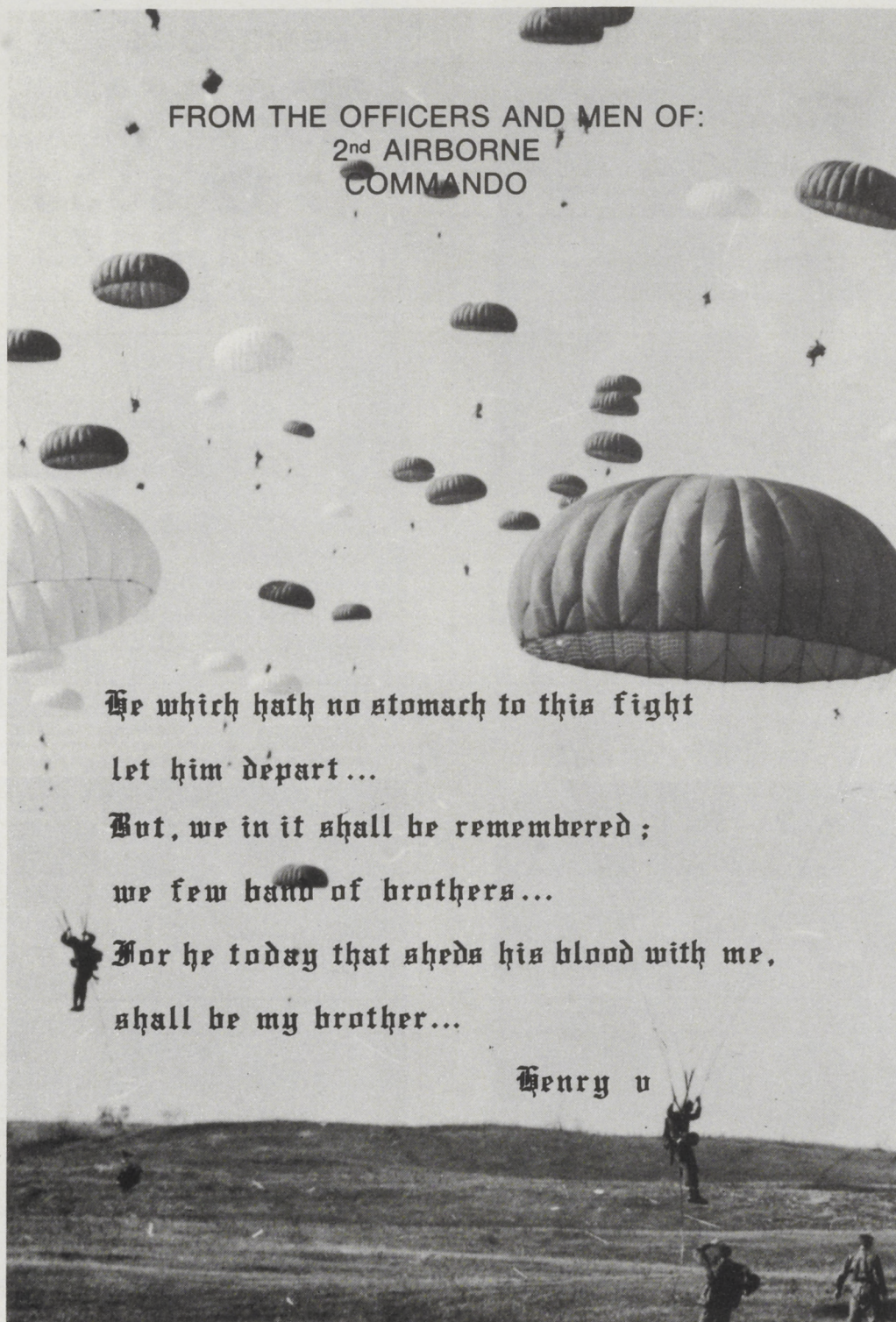


On the whole, the Canadian Airborne Regiment has conducted ambitious training which has also involved small unit exchange training. Many American soldiers both from the Special Forces and 82nd Airborne Division have been seen more frequently in Petawawa participating in winter operations training, battle school and the Patrol Pathfinder Course. The Regiment conducted another very successful Jump Bivouac 1980 which had us share our parachutes with West German, American and British jumpers. The international air-

borne spirit is growing stronger. In total, the Airborne Regiment made 12,550 jumps last year (Sep 79 - Aug 80).

As well, the Airborne Regiment has lost many Patricias who have since been posted out to other battalions or positions. To all of them, the ex-serving Patricias, the best of luck in your new jobs, and who knows, one of these days we may once again share "the 15 second 'STAND-BY' stare".

AIRBORNE!!!





## THE "PATRICIAS" OF THE CANADIAN AIRBORNE CENTRE

The "Patricias" of the Canadian Airborne Centre (CABC) continue to serve in a variety of capacities that include the Sky Hawks, Airborne Trials and Evaluation, Packer/Rigger training, Military Freefall and Basic Para training.

As in any military organization, CABC has been subject to posting action over the last year. As a result, we have seen WO

Chris Cabelguen move to 1 PPCLI, Sgt Ralph Goebel to the Canadian Airborne Regiment, Sgt Billy Bolen retired here in Edmonton amongst a flurry of 10-cent Beer Nights and presentations. We are sure that Sgt Bolen's many friends and acquaintances in the "Patricias" acknowledge his long and faithful service.



*Patricias serving at CABC as of September 1980.*

*From left to right: Top Row - Sgt Hayden, WO Dickson, Sgt Jardine - WO Schuler (Chief Clerk), Sgt C. Harb.*

*Second Row - Sgt N. Harb, Sgt Scully, Sgt Stipchick, MCpl Ogden, WO Jacquard, Sgt Cormier, Sgt Chambers.*

*Third Row - Capt Vallee, Capt Boll, LCol Manuel, Capt Wilkison, MWO Collier, Capt Smith.*

*Missing - WO Holland, Sgt Bolen, Sgt McArdle.*

Life at CABC never ceases to amaze this correspondent. For a 62-man unit, we surely get involved. Over the past year, we have sent instructors to teach rappelling to Valcartier, Calgary and Chilliwack. We have exchanged Para Instructors with the US Airborne Training organization in Fort Benning. As well, we have had visitors from Indonesia, Britain, Australia, Venezuela and Egypt, not to mention a constant flow of troops from the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg coming here to earn their Canadian "Wings".

All the aforementioned comings and goings are coupled with a comprehensive training programme on behalf of FMC, with the bulk of the product directed to the Canadian Airborne Regiment. I know there are many "Patricias" who have savoured the "delights" of the basic para course, or who have had the joy of learning to freefall in January in Alberta. Despite

the rigors of the training schedule, we press on. On top of it all, we periodically remind ourselves that we are soldiers first and, like "mad dogs and Englishmen", insist on doing battle PT. This happy event is usually dovetailed into our annual refresher training just prior to our range concentration at Wainwright. No wonder everyone shoots well. They're still tired from battle PT and relish the prone firing position.

Enough trivia. As you have probably gathered, CABC is a busy unit. We still have casual para vacancies on each J stage and the invitation still stands for those Patricias who are interested in maintaining their parachuting skills. Contact the individual training cell at HQ 1 CBG for timings.

In the meantime, best of luck to the Patricias everywhere from the Patricias serving at CABC!





## CFB GAGETOWN & COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE

Captain J.A. deSolla



The great migration has occurred again. Patricias are found in large numbers not only in the Infantry School but also the various divisions of the Combat Training Centre and the Base. A number of them, having "organized" CTC, have been posted all over Canada to bolster military and in some cases to civilian enterprises.

There are a few Patricias remaining in CTC to supply continuity. Among these old hands is Lieutenant-Colonel Art Neadow.\* He still spends his lunch hour practising his badminton game, although rumour has it that the lunch hour sessions are of no avail. On checking out this rumour with the good Colonel I discovered that somehow the subject changed to a few extra tasks the Colonel would like done. However, when I get the tasks completed, I'll bring up the subject again and try to give you a report on it next year.

With the loss of three PPCLI captains in the Operations Division, it was decided to "shore up" Ops Div with a PPCLI major; and Maj Mike McMurry was posted in from the Infantry School, while Capt Jerry Flaman is ensuring continuity by remaining. Jerry is still buying hand-cranked "gramophones",

but no one has had the heart to inform him that electronic stereos are now available on the market. The author was posted from the Operations Division to the Training and Development Division as S03 Training Aids, and Capt Doug Martin is holding the fort at the Infantry School.

Among the arrivals at CFB Gagetown over the last year is Lieutenant-Colonel John Bishop who is now SSO Development at T and D Div. With an influx of television production equipment, it appears he is destined to become a "big name director" in TV training productions. To escape from the "show biz" atmosphere he spends his free time sailing the Caribbean. Maj Gord Manning also arrived at T and D as SO2 Training Evaluation.

Maj Merv McMurray was posted to the Infantry School. His evenings and week-ends are spent building what can only be described as a small ship. The launch date may come sooner than Maj McMurray expects if the rain we have been getting continues. Capt Franklin was posted in as TSO3 Infantry.

\*Editor's Note: The rest of him is pretty old too!



*"The Exodus"*

*Left to right: Capt Marv Dyck, Capt Ron Johnson, Capt Arnie Lavoie, Maj Al Johnston, Maj Dave Campbell, Capt Ken Lacey, Capt Bill Guscott.*

Maj Dave Campbell is in the process of retiring after 22 years of service. It is hoped that he will continue his long association with the Regiment as a member of the PPCLI Association. The rumour is **not** true that he is shopping for a used PMQ for his retirement. Also Capt Jim Penman have decided to retire and make his mark in civilian life. Maj Al Johnston has been posted to NDHQ Ottawa, Capt Marv Dyck

is going to work with the Rocky Mountain Rangers in Kamloops, BC, and Capt Bill Guscott is posted to HQ 1 CBG while Capt Ron Johnson has joined the 3rd Battalion in Victoria along with Capt Arnie Lavoie. Capt Jack Magee was posted to Regional Operations in Edmonton and Capt Patterson was posted to NDHQ earlier in the year.





*LCol Art Neadow presenting the Regimental Retirement Certificate to Maj Dave Campbell.*



*Capt Jerry Flaman and Capt Ron Johnson receive the Commander's Commendation from MGen D. Baker for their outstanding contribution to the organization of Special Events in both CFB Gagetown and the town of Oromocto.*

### **Social Functions**

A number of social functions was held of which the 17 March festivities were the highlight of the Patricias' activities for the year. "Kool Aid" was served prior to the annual Broom-i-loo game and Lieutenant-Colonel John Bishop, girded with protective padding, became the "Incredible Bulk". His

presence as goalie overawed the opposing teams and contributed greatly to the officers again winning the "Spent Casing Trophy". An all-ranks get-together after the games rounded out a very successful day.



*LCol John Bishop and Capt Jerry Flaman at the "Kool Aid Break" prior to entering the Fray.*





*LCol Art Neadow graciously accepts the "Spent Casing Trophy" on behalf of the officers from CWO Connell - again!!!*



*Unwinding after the game.*



*"There I was. . ."*



*LCol Bishop as the "Incredible Bulk" makes the save.*





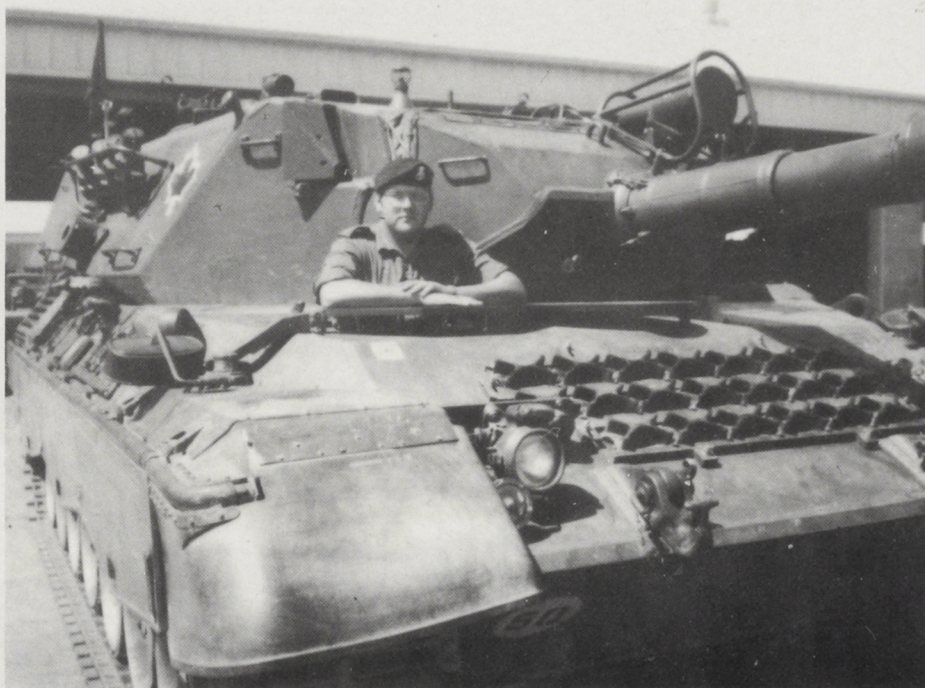
Patricias are active in both the Armoured and Artillery Schools. Posted from the Second Battalion to the Artillery School are: Cpl J.K. Erickson who is taking up a position as storeman, and Ptes R.J. Doiron and S.L. Little are joining the driver and maintenance organization as are the Third Battalion Ptes B.D. Davies and K.A. Fougere who hope that Patricias in Cyprus are enjoying themselves.

Patricias in the Armour School are Cpl G.E. Gallant and newly posted in are Cpls A.J. Prouty, C.H. Wales and D.C. Boran from First Battalion; and Cpl R.G. Emmett, Ptes K.E.



Dubrevil, P.C. MacWhirter and R.L. Nykiforuk from the Second Battalion.

Patricias from the 3rd Battalion include Sgt G.S. Grangel who is looking forward to retiring in the near future. Cpls L.W. Brown and T.D. Parson are employed in Driver and Maintenance duties. Cpl K.R. Ridley is attending a combat intelligence course this fall and with any luck will have been married by the time of publication. Pte B.P. Redmond is to be congratulated on his becoming top student on his driver-tracked course.



*Cpl A.J. Prouty in Leopard. Operating this overgrown VW is a piece of cake.*

#### Range Control

Capt Dave Lewis is now head of Range Control having been posted in from Winnipeg this summer. MWO Basaraba, in charge of patrols, has his hands full only in the ranges but keeping all his Patricias in line! Sgt Fall, in charge of bookings, has just completed the SLO course in Borden and will at-

tend the Infantry Small Arms course this fall. Cpl Blower was posted in from the Infantry School and tentatively is slated for the section commanders course this fall. Last but not least is Pte M.J. Smith who is back in the service having wet his feet in civvy street for a short stint.



# CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL CORNWALLIS

by Captain H. D. Otchenash  
"DOWN HOME"

Now that the dust has settled for the posting season, it has become possible to regroup and count heads. While there are many Patricias here, we are employed in a wide variety of jobs both in the School and the Base and seldom can get together, and postings, remusters and retirements keep the "down home" Patricias on the move.

Several Patricias have departed to greener pastures over the past year. MWO J.A. Stever has gone west to RSS Saskatoon, Sgt G. Rushworth and Sgt B.E. Anderson have both joined 2nd Battalion, while Sgt A.J. Smyth has moved to Germany. Sgt R.B. Hatter has retired and two NCOs have departed on remuster, MCpl G.L. Tyerman as an MSE OP to Moose Jaw and MCpl R. McCluskey to Greenwood as an AERO ENG Tech.

The continuity men who have survived the last posting cycle are MWO G.P. Chisholm, WO R. Bennett, Sgt G.A. Bowen, Sgt G.A. Kuffner, Sgt J.R.R. Arsenault, Sgt T.A. Snea, Sgt. J.J. Thomas, Sgt B.W. Lemesurrier, MCpl M.J. Collins, and MCpl M.D. MacIsaac. Also, WO N. McEachern, WO E.L. Bulger, MCpl B.E. Furlong and MCpl D.M. Silver are still here, lurking among the "base wogs".

The newcomers this year include the writer, WO J.L. Eisan, WO A.E. Montreuil, Sgt R.A.F. Thibeau, MCpl B.D. McKenelly, MCpl D.A. MacIsaac, MCpl M.W. McKinley, MCpl L.E. Hartley, MCpl D.W. Connick, MCpl B.P. Wooldridge, MCpl L.R. Wagler, MCpl E.J. Cawley and MCpl E.T. Merritt.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome MCpl A.N. Cromwell, MCpl P.W. Langford and MCpl M.P. McManus who all have rebadged from the other English-speaking regiment!

The Regimental contingent here has been busy producing new Patricias. The following in tabulated form is the result of their effort to the end of September 1980:

Serial	PI Comd	Graduates	Unit
7942	2Lt G.G. Leek	48	1 PPCLI
8009	Lt D.B. Simpson	31	1 PPCLI
8014	Lt G.B. O'Sullivan	20	1 PPCLI
8016	Lt T.H. Dillenberg	26	2 PPCLI
8020	2Lt P.N. Tyrrell	28	3 PPCLI
8024	Lt A.M. Moffat	30	1 PPCLI
8026	Lt S.V. Gibson	23	1 PPCLI
8028	Lt S.M. Sawyer	27	2 PPCLI






Left to Right: Sgt Thomas, WO Bennett, MCpl Harley, Sgt Kufner, Lt Moffat, MCpl Wagler, Sgt Arsenault, MCpl Cawley, Sgt Snea and Sgt Thibeau.





*Lt Tyrrell and future Patricias.*

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# THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (4 PPCLI)

## Major C.G. Marshall, C.D.



Since it has been several years since the Fourth Battalion has been represented in the Patrician, I think it best to start out by bring everyone up-to-date on who's who and where we are.

Commanding Officer	- LCol D.G. Miller, CD
Deputy Commanding Officer	- Maj C.G. Marshall, CD
Adjutant	- Capt D.A. Haas
Training Officer	- Maj G.R. Rice
OC A Coy	- Maj I.J. Taylor
RSM	- CWO W.H. Preuss
RSSO	- Capt M.J. Diakow
RSS WO	- WO A.T. McManners, CD

One other Patricia who is not directly attached to the unit but who is located in the same area and works closely with us is Capt D.E. McNiven who is SO Ops & Trg at HQ Northern Alberta Militia District.

Some old sweats may recognize the surname of our Adjutant. That's right, he is the son of retired CWO "Hank" Haas, formerly RSM of the Regimental Depot when it was located at Griesbach in 1956-61.

Speaking of Griesbach Barracks, the unit is now quartered in none other. Following the move East of the Airborne Regiment several years ago, it was decided to consolidate all units of Northern Alberta Militia District from Prince of Wales Armoury and Ortona Armoury into one central location. Our administration offices are now located on the second floor of the west wing of the Frezenberg Building with the QM located in Bldg H22 across from the outdoor 25 yard ranges. While we left Ortona Armoury with considerable regret, there was also a great pride in being able to move into parts of the former Regimental home station, Hamilton Gault Barracks.

The following is a short outline of unit activities over the past year:

### New Regular Support Staff Officer

The 1979-80 training year could not have started off better than with the arrival of Capt Mike Diakow, a Patricia serving with 3 RCR in Germany. Young, eager and up-to-date on all the latest NATO equipment and tactics, Capt Diakow had injected a shot of vitality into the unit. Of particular note has been his strong assistance in small arms training which will be described in more detail further on.

### Officer/NCO Professional Advancement Training

All officers and NCOs of NAMD spent several weekends brushing up on their basic advance to contact, defensive and offensive operations in preparation for MILCON 80. The highlight of this training was an excellent slide presentation on Warsaw Pact military equipment given by Capt Diakow.

### City of Edmonton 75th Anniversary Parade

The 7th of October was a proud day for the unit. The city's 75th anniversary was celebrated with the largest military parade since World War II. As history dictates, the Patricias were well represented. A unit guard, a 100-man guard from the First Battalion, and the PPCLI Regimental Band. One of the many highlights of this day was the sight of the two Patricia guards doing a Regimental fix bayonets together.

### Exercise Burma Road

This is a yearly show when the First Battalion hosts the reserve infantry units in its area for a week-end of training, displays and familiarization tours. The exercise was held this year on the week-end of 27/28 October and was attended by officer and senior NCOs from The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), The Calgary Highlanders, The North Saskatchewan Regiment and The Regina Rifles.

LCol Reay and his efficient training staff conducted an excellent two days of training which included communications instruction, a CPX, a tour of the pioneer platoon facilities, a demonstration and practical use of sniper equipment and last but not least, a demonstration of the capabilities of the Grizzly. The last was of particular interest to unit members attending as we hope to be receiving four of these vehicles in the near future. The exercise wound up on Sunday with some detailed lectures on the differences between life in the Canadian Forces and Warsaw Pact Forces.



*Reserve personnel receive Command Post operations instruction from Signals Sgt.*



## Winter and Spring Training

The 1979/80 winter was spent on the type of training that the weather in this part of the country dictates - cold weather operations. Three basic objectives were set and worked on: how to dress to live in extreme cold weather, how to properly use the cold weather equipment such as arctic tents and cooking utensils, and mastering the use of small arms in extreme cold weather. The several exercises to Redwater and Wainwright were very successful and everyone must have learned their lessons as there were no cases of frostbite or exposed skin sticking to metal.

### Small Arms Training

The main objective of the unit over the past year has been to improve our standing in the individual use of small arms. The number one standard for measuring this goal has been the Reserve Infantry Small Arms Competition. This competition is fired by all reserve units in Canada and features individual sections on pistols, SMG and rifle. It is no secret that we have done poorly over the last number of years and it was the CO's intention that we would place high in the 1980 competition.



*Cpl Robitaille takes aim during rifle competition.*

With Capt M.J. Diakow lending all his experience and pushing his hardest, the unit was turned upside down to turn out every possible marksman and first class shot. Three weekends at Wainwright plus extensive use of the outdoor 25-yard range at Griesbach worked wonders. By time the final count was done, the unit teams had surpassed the winning scores in all three sections of the 1980 competition. This was it! Even if we didn't win each section we knew we would place high and have a good chance at the over-all title. Then the roof fell in. Even while Capt Diakow was making the final computations a message arrived from St Hubert. The competition for 1980 had been cancelled. Rules for a new competition to start in 1981 would be issued.

The disappointment of this message hit the unit a hard blow. For many of our young militiamen this competition represented their first chance at a major accomplishment. Our only solace (pending reply of a rather explicit protest sent to St Hubert by the District Commander), is that we have the knowledge that we raised our own standard from near the bottom to a point where very few, if any, reserve units could outshoot us.



*All ranks and trades took part in the competition shoots.*



*Cpl Rarog takes part in SMG kneeling and sitting sections of shoot.*







*Pte Haight during standing section of SMG shoot.*

## **Milcon 80**

The whole concept of MILCON 80 was different from other years. For the first time in a decade the individual corps went back to their own type of training carried out independently from other units. This was further changed when it was decided that each District would be made responsible for the organization and running of training for one specific corps. Our District was tasked to do the Infantry Group training. As the only infantry unit in the District, it quickly fell on LCol Miller to be the Infantry Group Commander along with the necessary planning and preparation.

In the last week of July, elements from The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), Calgary Highlanders, North Saskatchewan Regiment, Regina Rifles, Cameron Highlanders of Canada, Royal Winnipeg Rifles and Lake Superior Scottish, arrived in Dundurn for a week's concentration. While the LER personnel remained as the Group Headquarters, the other units were distributed to make two full companies.

Training concentrated on defensive operations. Small numbers from the Headquarters defence platoon were used as a probing enemy while the companies worked through the week in completing defensive positions. To make sure none got bored, there was a very strong emphasis on night patrolling with a total of one live-fire ambush patrol, one fighting patrol and three recce patrols going out each night. The live-fire ambush patrol became a drawing point for spectators from other corps areas and the main camp staff. Imagine the surprise of the patrol commander as he came over the hill to recce the area only to find up to 100 spectators sitting on the hillside.



*Maj Marshall watches as recce patrol commanders mark maps.*



*They're off on the run-down portion of rifle competition.*

## **Queen's Medal**

For the second year in a row Cpl D.D. Oakie has won the Queen's Medal as overall winner at the DCRA Annual National Championships at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa. The win proved once and for all that the previous win was not just a bit of luck. In addition to his DCRA win, Cpl Oakie also fired as a member of this year's Canadian Bisley Team where he finished well placed among the top 100 shooters in the Commonwealth.

One sad point to this story. As happens to so many of our better reserve members, Cpl Oakie has since left the unit to enroll in the regular forces. He is now serving with the Royal Canadian Regiment.

## **LER and 418 Squadron Bands - A successful combo**

In the summer of 1977 it was apparent that the LER band was too small to continue on. One of the major complications was that they had lost their conductor. Respectively, the 418's band was also small but they did have a conductor. In weighing matters, it became obvious to both COs that the ideal solution was to combine the two.

The band now carries the workload of what used to be done by two. Besides practicing every Monday and Wednesday evening, the band also plays about once every week at some type of function. In the month of May alone, they took part in eight functions ranging from cadet inspections to recruiting displays. One of their major projects (and also their most popular), is playing at various nursing homes in the Edmonton area.

Lt. C. Jacobson is the band conductor. The "C" is for Claire. She is the first woman conductor of an Armed Forces Band and as far as she knows, she is still the only one.



*WO Hladun does his thing during a band concert.*



## Raft Race: A Fun Thing

What could be nicer than a slow trip down the river on a July afternoon? With this in mind twenty or so members of the Northern Alberta Militia District once again constructed and entered a raft in the World Championship Great Canadian Sourdough Raft Race held on the North Saskatchewan River. Once again the local naval reserve failed to provide the promised outboard motors so once again the crew had to paddle the raft the entire length of the race.






Maj Marshall, Sgt Grier and Sgt Scheuerman were the unit members who took part in this two-day adventure. No prizes were won by the District raft but a good time was had by all. We were the envy of all the other 300 or so rafts what with our modular tent, stove, hi-fi system and oh yes, the mysterious hole in the centre of the raft that kept yielding all that beer!



*District raft at start line with "75", in recognition of the Provincial 75th Anniversary.*

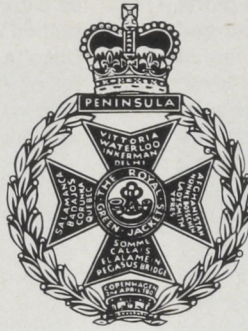
## Final Losses and Gains

As the year began with our gaining a new RSSO, so it ended with the loss of our RSS WO. MWO L. Drover had been attached to us for several years as our Training Warrant Officer. Despite medical problems he maintained the highest standard for both himself and the reserve personnel he worked with. Best of luck to MWO Drover in the First Battalion and we welcome WO A.T. McManners, his replacement.

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# THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS



The past year has seen all three Regular Battalions of the Regiment once again subject to extensive commitments. Terms such as "turbulence" and "overstretch" can in no way adequately describe a very hectic, though in many respects, satisfying time.

The 1st Battalion, in its final year in Hong Kong, found itself totally committed to the vast and tragic refugee crisis originating from China and Vietnam. The extensive coverage given to the problem by the world's press requires no further elaboration. It is, however, interesting to note that many of those refugees from Vietnam who arrived in the Colony by such craft as the SKYLOCK and HUEY FENG now reside in Canada. Any hopes harboured within the Battalion for a respite from the build up of refugee pressure in 1978 were soon dispelled in 1979. A problem that on our arrival in the Colony was of the magnitude of 2 or 3 illegal immigrants from China a day, had grown to be in excess, on occasions, of over a thousand refugees from a large part South East Asia a day, by the end of the year. Respite from the heavy operational commitment to this situation never actually arrived until we handed over to our relieving unit, the Queen's Own Highlanders in March of this year.

Our attention were briefly divided during the annual typhoon season. In what many justifiably regard as the mistaken recognition that the male temperament is as unpredictable and voluble as that of the female, typhoons in 1979 were called both girls' and boys' names. Typhoons ELLIS, HOPE and MAC saw our standby companies heavily committed on yet another venture in aid of civil power. The 160 mph winds of HOPE, the worst typhoon in Hong Kong for 9 years, and their effects, proved like so many aspects of life in the Colony, an unforgettable experience. Against this background the activities within the Battalion had to go on. The commitment to training for limited war and internal security at individual and unit level continued as did our participation in extensive sporting and community relation programmes. We additionally played host to many distinguished political and military visitors to the Colony during this time.

As well as looking to the needs of a variety of visitors, many groups and individuals also managed to get away from the Colony with varying degrees of justification and legitimacy. One company group under our exchange officer from the PPCLI, Captain Dan MacLean, went to Fiji to train for ten weeks. Others managed to get Malaya, Indonesia and New Zealand to name but a few of the places visited. The RSM, Mr Eddie Bright, his urge for travel undiminished by a battalion expedition to Nepal, found sufficient stimulus on his return to commence organizing a further expedition to yet another quiet and remote place for 1980 - this time, Greenland.

The Battalion returned to England in March of this year. Such was our popularity within the Hounslow district of London during the Fireman's strike of 1977, that we can only assume we are back there by request. Whatever, the pace of

life looks unlikely to slacken. Aside from the normal duties around which garrison life supposedly, revolves, are Public Duties, internal security commitments of various natures and preparation for a forthcoming Northern Ireland tour in 1981.

The 2nd Battalion's year started inauspiciously with the threat that it would deploy to run sewage works in Wales. As the Battalion was about to embark on an intensive training programme for Northern Ireland, the threat wasn't much welcomed and thankfully never materialized. The Battalion arrived in North Armagh in April and left in August having completed a most successful tour in the Province. There is little more satisfying than completing a tour having inflicted casualties on the enemy without sustaining lasting damage to oneself.

Garrison life in Tidworth has proved busy and varied and the Battalion was fortunate to go to the USA on exercise in March of this year. The exercise was the first of a series and proved thoroughly interesting and worthwhile. Certainly the scale of helicopter support that can be expected when working with our American allies was a revelation. The year promises to continue to be active with the Battalion eagerly awaiting posting to Minden in Germany this November.

The 3rd Battalion completed an 18 month accompanied tour at Northern Ireland on 1st September and left the Province for Oakington in Cambridgeshire with few regrets. The tour in Londonberry proved quiet as the following skirmishes for the period 16th March 1978 to 1 September 1979 bear witness:

Shootings involving Security Forces - 9.

Bombings - 22 incidents involving 140 devices of which half exploded, half were neutralized.

Weapon Finds - 9 including 6 rifles.

Operational casualties - 1, not seriously wounded.

Terrorists killed/wounded - nil.

Furthermore, if statistics are to be employed as a measure of success, then the Battalion's success can be qualified by the fact that along the 20 mile stretch of border so little happened at a time when everywhere else the Provisional IRA was doing so much better. Whilst satisfying for many other parties, it was a disappointing time for the riflemen who, after repeatedly being geared up to meet a particular threat, had the frustration of never actually seeing it materialize.

Life in Oakington has proved rather pleasant and the Battalion has been able to complete an ambitious programme of individual training, retraining in those skills which of necessity had been foregone in Northern Ireland, and sport. The latter is which the unashamed enthusiasm of the exchange officer from the PPCLI, Captain (now Major) Vince Kennedy, OC 'A' Company, has impressed all. The Battalion is currently engaged in a six month tour in Cyprus which started in May of this year and as such is enjoying, to the full, the way and fruits of Mediterranean life.



# THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT



## VALE

The RAR suffered the loss of LCol P.A. Mench, Commanding Officer 3 RAR, in June 1980 as the result of a fall whilst bush-walking. LCol Mench had assumed command in January 1980.



*3 RAR, Kapyong Day Parade, 1979. The Colonel Commandant of the RAR, Gen Sir Francis Hassett, AC, KBE, CB, DSO, MVO, talking with MGen P.H. Bennett, DSO, Comd 1 Div. Partly obscured is Col. J.B. Healy, Director of Infantry.*



Canadian visitors to the RAR will notice a new look about the Australian Infantrymen. Following approvals granted in August 1979 and May 1980 respectively, regimental stable belts and berets may now be worn. The RAR has adopted a horizontally striped red and rifle green belt and a rifle green beret. The beret is similar to the PPCLI beret and, in fact, many officers are wearing berets obtained from Canadian 'contacts'. The beret does not, however, replace the traditional 'slouch hat' which may be worn at the soldiers' discretion and will be retained for ceremonial occasions.



*EX SHIFTING SANDS II. The Anti-Armour Platoon on the move in the Womera area. Typical of most training areas used by 3 RAR.*

The training conducted by the six battalions of the Regiment during the 1979-80 training period has ranged from jungle to conventional warfare and from section to mechanized battalion group level. Interspersed with training exercises elements of the Regiment have participated in major civilian activities, overseas detachments and support tasks for other Corps. Reports from three battalions - 5/7, 6 and 8/9 RAR - are presented to illustrate the variety of training and other activities undertaken and to reduce the repetitiveness and length of six reports.

As a background to the Battalion reports it should be noted that the battalions of the Regiment form the basis of three Task Forces (TF): 1 and 2/4 RAR in 3TF at Townsville; 3 and 5/7 RAR in 1TF at Sydney; and 6 and 8/9 RAR in 6TF at Brisbane. The TFs are employed in three operational roles: 1TF concentrating upon mechanized operations; 3TF on warfare in the tropical environment; and 6TF on conventional warfare operations. Thus the duties performed within the Regiment are varied and the skills required for each mode of warfare retained.

### 5th/7th Battalion

5/7 RAR has continued to develop its expertise as the mechanized Battalion of the Regiment. At this stage, though, we are still restricted to one fully mechanized rifle company and mechanized elements of Battalion Headquarters and Support Company. Activities during the past year have therefore been a mix of mechanized and dismounted operations.

Exercise 'Shooting Stick' was dismounted and the major exercise for 1979. It was conducted in two stages on both the Holsworthy Range and the Singleton Range. The Holsworthy Range is the local training area adjacent to our Barracks which are 30 km west of Sydney. The Singleton Range surrounds the Infantry Centre, some 200 km north of Sydney. Using both ranges provided an opportunity to practise redeployment and a larger and varying scene for the exercise setting, which was basically an advance to contact, culminating in battalion attacks.



*The mechanized company of 5/7 RAR prepares to move-out on exercise.*

In August 1979 the mechanized company had a chance to display their skills when they acted as 'enemy' against the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Royal Australian Armoured Corps. The 2nd Cavalry Regiment is co-located with us at Holsworthy and provided a great deal of assistance to the Battalion during our mechanized trials. The exercise was conducted at Cobar, which is 650 km west of Sydney in the 'outback' of New South Wales. The area surrounding Cobar is ideally suited to mechanized operations. It is flat open country, verging on desert when there hasn't been regular rainfall for some time. The people of Cobar are becoming rather accustomed to invasions of the military as it has become a popular area for mobile/mechanized exercises.



The latter half of 1979 saw good fortune come to D Company with a three month detachment to Butterworth Air Base in Malaysia. This detachment is shared by all Battalions of the Regiment and provides security forces for the Royal Australian Air Force Mirage Squadron deployed there. The three months in Malaysia provides excellent jungle warfare training as well as an opportunity for all to enjoy another culture and cheap shopping at duty free ports. A visit to Singapore is one of the highlights of the detachment. The Regiment has a long association with the people of Malaysia and Singapore and we are always made welcome, which helps dispel the 'blues' of three months separation from those at home.

1980 began with the normal 'start-of-the-year' rush. A three week course for the junior NCOs to enhance their skills and leadership qualities; a drivers and crew commanders course for the company that became the mechanized company for 1980; and a promotion course for soldiers aspiring to be corporals ensured that the Battalion was fully aware that Christmas was over.

The aim for the first half of 1980 was to build up for a major mechanized exercise in May. It wasn't all training of course. Support to the Army Reserve - equivalent to the Territorials - ammunition depot guards and living firing practices have helped vary the training programme. Parades too, naturally! Formal guards were mounted to welcome the US Chief of Staff, General E.C. Meyer, and to open the Royal Agricultural Society's Easter Show.



*Parade to open the Royal Easter Show being inspected by the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency Sir Roden Cutler, VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE.*

The Royal Easter Show is Australia's biggest fair which runs for ten days over the Easter period. It provides a show place for commercial, industrial and agricultural products as well as entertainment for adults and children alike. The average daily attendance is about one hundred thousand people so our guard for the official opening was an important affair.

Those events didn't detract from Exercise 'Crack Shot' of course which was held in May at Puckapunyal. Puckapunyal is the home of Armoured Corps, and is 100 km north of Melbourne, Victoria. The Battalion was fully mechanized for this exercise, thanks to the APCs and men of the 4th Cavalry Regiment from Brisbane. The 1st Armoured Regiment provided a squadron of Leopard tanks and the 5/7 RAR Battle Group was an impressive force. Many valuable lessons were forthcoming as we Infantrymen came to grips with mechanized warfare.

## 6th Battalion

1979 proved a vigorous and stimulating year for 6 RAR beginning with the Skill at Arms Competition and culminating in Exercise 'Kangaroo Three'.

As usual the year was exercise intensive with Rifle Companies heavily involved in the earlier part of the year working up to the three major exercises 'Kallamatta', 'Gold Fever', and 'Kangaroo Three'. 'Kallamatta' took place in June at Jimna State Forest north of Brisbane and the Battalion took the opportunity to practice all phases of war including a night attack and night withdrawal. 'Gold Fever' occurred a month later at Wide Bay Training Area and was a Task Force controlled exercise. During this exercise the Battalion spent a week on Fraser Island dodging snakes, whilst the flight over from Wide Bay proved an interesting experience in light of the sharks swimming in the bay below.

Exercise 'Kangaroo Three' in October was the big one of the year during which we exercised with 8/9 RAR, 2/1st RNZIR and 1/35 US Infantry Bn under Task Force Command. The final Task Force attack on Pineapple Gap by night was an impressive display of co-ordination between the varying tactics of the different national forces. During this exercise 6 RAR was fortunate in having the interesting tasks of securing the Glen airstrip in the initial air assault and then some five days later working with a battalion of US Marines in a secondary operation on the flank of the main advance.

Apart from the major exercises the Battalion continued its para continuation training in March and successfully completed a month's NBC training in May. The NBC training was notably successful in bringing home to the "diggers" (That is what Australian soldiers are affectionately called - Editor) the effectiveness of their equipment and the need for NBC awareness on the battlefield. We also ran our own Spt Coy Course including live firing, our Skill at Arms Competition and some very interesting and exacting adventure training exercises. One of the latter was 3 Platoon's run from Brisbane to Sydney in aid of the Heart Foundation.

Away from the training side we were pleased to welcome HRH the Duke of Gloucester; celebrated our Battalion birthday on 6th June and commemorated Long Tan Day on 18th August. Long Tan Day was the biggest social event of the year and the battle was commemorated with a service at Brisbane Cathedral in the morning and sports in the afternoon after lunches in all three messes. In the evening the Battalion Ball was held and proved a great success.

All in all a hectic year for the Battalion and except for A Coy posted off to Butterworth the Christmas leave period was well needed by one and all.



## 8th/9th Battalion



*Major Longworth and B Coy HQ on Ex 'Ram Shackle'.*

The training new year commenced with the arrival into the Battalion of the unit's replacement mascot, Recruit John MacArthur II on the 31st of January 1980. The new recruit is a pure bred Merino ram which is a direct descendant of the first merino flock brought to Australia from Spain by John MacArthur in 1795. The new mascot had been enlisted to take the place of Corporal John MacArthur I, a ten year old western plains merino, donated to the 9th Battalion in 1971.



*Cpl MacArthur, the outgoing Regimental Mascot of 8/9 RAR, poses for a parting photograph.*

The 7th of March this year saw the arrival back to Australia of nine unit members who had participated in Operation Damon - the monitoring of the Rhodesian elections by British Commonwealth forces. Unit members of the monitoring force were stationed in a variety of towns and assembly points throughout the east and southeast of Rhodesia, near the Mozambique border. The Joint Operations Centre for the Australian sector was located at Umtali, a provincial town in eastern Rhodesia.

From March to the end of May, the unit participated in a variety of activities ranging from Command Post exercises in February and April, company training activities, a live skills week in early May to a Battalion advance, attack and defence exercise from the 19-30 May. On the 30th April the unit had attached C Company 2nd Battalion 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkhas from Hong Kong. The company is part of the attachment which regularly occurs with the Brigade of Gurkhas and the Royal Australian Regiment. The company participated in Exercise 'Silver Fleece' a Battalion exercise from 19-30 May 1980.

The remainder of the year will also be very busy for the Battalion. The unit will be conducting a subject course for corporal and also dispatching C Company to Butterworth Malaysia for three months as part of the Royal Australian Regiment's commitment to the ground defence of the airbase. In October the unit will take part in Exercise 'Drought Master', a 3 Task Force exercise to be conducted in the west of New South Wales.

The Colonel Commandant and all members of The Royal Australian Regiment trust that the last year has been as successful for the PPCLI as it has been for the RAR and wish you good soldiering for the coming year.



*Recruit John MacArthur II is welcomed to the unit by the host of the local TV station's children's programme.*



# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

## Patron:

The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma,  
CD, DL, JP

## Vice-Patrons:

Major-General C.B. Ware, DSO, CD

Brigadier J.A. deLalanne, CBE, MC, SStJ, CD



In the 1979 issue of the Patrician it was noted that a report on the findings of a Review under discussion for the past two years would be reported upon. This report will be delayed until the next issue as the 1980 Annual General Meeting will be held after the Patrician has gone to print.

## Branch Activities

### The Atlantic Branch

It is with great pleasure that the National President announces the inaugural meeting of our youngest Association Branch, the Atlantic Branch. This meeting held in Oromocto, New Brunswick, was chaired by Lieutenant-Colonel A.J.R.H. Neadow and provided the opportunity for the Branch to elect an Executive and to discuss the aims of the Association.

The Executive of our newly joined Branch is as follows:

President - Major (Ret'd) J.M. Reid, CD

Vice-President - Major (Ret'd) D.J. Campbell, CD

Secretary - Captain J. deSolla, CD

Treasurer - Captain (Ret'd) R.W. McPherson

To aid Atlantic region Patricias to join their Branch, Provincial Co-ordinators volunteered their services. Anyone interested in further information concerning the Atlantic Branch is requested to contact Captain Dave Lewis, 51 Miramichi Road, Oromocto, NB; Mr Reg Hobson, RR 4, Antigonish NS; or Mr Bob Whittaker, RR 6, Hamvell Road, Fredricton, NB.

I am sure that all members would join with me in paying tribute to Major (Ret'd) Dave Campbell, the newly elected Vice-President, for a tremendous amount of effort and enthusiasm put toward this project during the past 18 months. All ranks, both serving and retired, wish Dave and Elizabeth and their family a long and happy retirement in New Brunswick. It is fully realized that a project of this nature is not brought about by just one person, so Dave is thanked on behalf of all of you Maritime Patricias who have worked so well to bring the Atlantic Branch into being.

### United Kingdom Branch

The United Kingdom Branch met in London at the Canadian High Commission to commemorate the Battle of Frezenberg on the 8th of May. Our Colonel-in-Chief was the guest of honour and fifty-three members and friends of the Regiment were present to honour the occasion.

Among the new members welcomed by the President were LCol Terry Pierce-Goulding (L Edmn R), Brigadier Mike Carleton-Smith, an exchange officer with both First and Second Battalions of the Regiment, circa 1958-59; as well, former RGJ exchange officers attending were Majors Richard Rimmer, Peter Littlehales and Lance Ruck-Keene, Sir Peter Hayman, Brigadier and Mrs H.R. Vernon, Mr Richard Vernon, Mr John Townsend (nephew of Mrs Dorothy Gault), and Colonel J.B. Ogilvie (son of Lt H.B.J. Ogilvie, MC).

The Branch was particularly grateful to LCol Mike Barr, RCR, who arranged for the use of the reception rooms of the High Commission and as well, our Colonel-in-Chief had opportunity to congratulate Col and Mrs Barr on their son David's graduation from RMC and upon being gazetted to the Patricia's.

### The Montreal Branch

The Montreal Branch continues to carry on under the direction of Brigadier Rowan Coleman. This year saw the Branch lose another of its distinguished World War I members in the person of McG 276 Lt G.B. Glassco who died in Montreal in May at the age of 96 years. A staunch supporter of the Montreal Branch, Mr Glassco will be missed by all members.

### The Ottawa Branch

The Ottawa Branch met on 17 March, 1980, their annual dinner and dance in honour of our Regimental Day and met again in November with a large turnout. The Executive remained unchanged for 1980 with Major (Ret'd) Lloyd Swick as President. LCol J.E.L. (Larry) Gollner acts as the military liaison for serving Patricias within the Ottawa area and the Regular Force members were well represented at both of these gatherings.

### The Toronto Branch

The Toronto Branch held its annual dinner in honour of the Battle of Frezenberg in May of this year with a large turnout of Toronto area Patricia's and serving members from the Toronto and CFB Borden area. The Toronto Branch lost a WWI Patricia in February of this year in the person of 460020 Sgt Charles J. Beck, a proud member of our Regiment.

### The Winnipeg Branch

During the spring of the year, the Winnipeg Branch held its election of officers and Norm McGowan was elected President. It is interesting to note that Norm McGowan and Rusty Gordon held the Branch together during the post-WWII years. The Branch continues to flourish and remains active in the Winnipeg area.

### The Saskatchewan Branch

One of the highlights of the Saskatchewan Branch this year was a visit by members of the Branch to the Calgary area over the Thanksgiving weekend. Among the membership participating was a University Company Patricia in the person of Dr Morphy. The visit to Calgary was highlighted by a visit to the Regimental Museum and a meeting with a number of the members of the Calgary Branch.



### **The Calgary Branch**

The Calgary Branch climaxed another busy year with a dinner/dance in Camp Sarcee co-hosted with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) Association. An election of officers was to be held at the November meeting and the Executive looks forward to a busy and a challenging year. The Branch was saddened at the loss in October of a valued member in the person of WO (Ret'd) Tom Titsing. Tom brought a great deal of good cheer to any group that he was involved with and will be missed by all members.

### **The Edmonton Branch**

The Edmonton Branch held its second meeting of the year in the Montgomery Legion on 24 October, 1980. Mr Jim O'Neill was elected President, with Vice-President LCol A.M. (Art) Potts and Major (Ret'd) J.G.W. (Wally) Mills will carry on as secretary-treasurer. The Edmonton Branch was visited by the Regimental Major, Major Lou Grimshaw, who gave a brief talk on a project, the erection of a cairn to honour the memory of the Founder and the official opening of the Hamilton Gault Barracks in June of 1958.

The Edmonton Branch lost two valued members in the spring of this year with the passing of 689 Alex Rennie, a veteran of the Battle of Frezenberg and Staff Sergeant J.C.W. "Jim" Ferguson, a veteran of World War II and Korea. A large representation of both Calgary and Edmonton Patricia's gathered to honour each of these members.

### **The Vancouver Branch**

The Vancouver Branch held its annual meeting in the Jericho Beach Officers' Mess on the 17th of March. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General G.G. Brown, attended as the guest speaker. The Branch also turned out with a large representation to the funeral of its Honorary President, LCol R.P. Clark, DSO, who died in Vancouver in August of 1980.

### **The Victoria Branch**

The Victoria Branch have had another successful year with meetings held on monthly basis. Mr Cliff Ludtke handed over the presidency this year to Brigadier-General (Ret'd) E.M.K. "Keith" MacGregor. The Branch continues to meet monthly at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess of 3 PPCLI in Victoria, and the Branch began another busy year with its first autumn meeting.

It will also be of interest to all members to learn that Brigadier J.A. "Jimmy" deLalanne, CBE, MC, SSStJ, CD, was honoured on 12 November by McGill University with an Honorary Degree. It is hoped that for next year's Patricia, we will have an article and a photograph to mark this tribute to an outstanding member of our Regiment and a pillar of strength within our Association. All members of the Association join in extending warm congratulations to Brigadier deLalanne.



*Members of the newly inaugurated Atlantic Branch of the PPCLI Association.*



## THE HISTORY OF PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

by Major W.A. Morrison, CD

Due to the exceptional circumstances surrounding the founding of our Regiment, the story of the PPCLI has been told time and again. Most, if not all, of the military histories of the Great War mention how our Founder, A. Hamilton Gault, rushed to Ottawa scarcely forty-eight hours before war was officially declared, with his offer to form a regiment to serve overseas. The subsequent acceptance of the offer by Colonel Sam Hughes, the Minister of Militia; the naming of the unit after Her Royal Highness the Princess Patricia of Connaught, the daughter of the Governor-General; and the choice of Lieutenant-Colonel Farquhar, the Governor-General's Military Secretary as the first Commanding Officer - all these happenings are well known.

The history of the Regiment has been recorded in such diverse publications as **MOPPING-UP, A Dog Story of the Princess "Pats"**, by Lieutenant Jack Munro (New York, 1918) which is told through the eyes of the dog Bobbie Burns, Regimental Mascot; and **Contingent Ditties** by Sergeant Frank F. Brown PPCLI (London, 1915), which is a volume of verse. **Canada in Flanders** by Sir Max Aitken, MP (London, 1916) gives the future Lord Beaverbrook's "impressions of the fortunes of the 1st Canadian Division and of Princess Patricia's Regiment", while **Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 1917-1919** by John William Lynch (Hicksville, NY, 1976) is the story of an American who served with the Regiment. This latter volume is available from RHQ. In addition, there is George Pearson's (Number 178) **The Escape of a Princess Pat** (New York, 1918), an account of the adventures and escapes of No 39, Cpl E. Edwards. Of course the official histories devote a requisite amount of space to the Regiment. An early history, **Canada in the Great War** (Toronto, 1918) published in six volumes and written by a number of authors, contains two complete chapters devoted to the Regiment and several pictures of Patricia personalities. It was also published in a special "Patricia edition". Colonel A. Forescue Dugid's **Official History of the Canadian Forces in the Great War 1914-19**, Vol I, Aug 1914 - Sep 1915 devotes a sufficient amount of space to the raising of the Regiment and its subsequent combat operations. Colonel G.W.L. Nicholson's (A Patricia officer) **Canadian Expeditionary Force 1914 - 1919** (Ottawa, 1962) also outlines the founding and details of the actions of the PPCLI in 1914-1915 as the first Canadian battalion into action in World War I. It must be observed that **The Armed Forces of Canada 1867-1967** (Ottawa, 1967) by G.J. Goodspeed scarcely mentions the founding and while G.F.G. Stanley's **Canada's Soldiers** (Toronto, 1954, 1960, 1974) does not dwell at length on the raising of the Regiment, the pertinent facts are noted. Recently, Frances K. Smith of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, has written a biography of Andre Bieler (1st University Company, No 410963), a well-known Canadian artist. A section of the book is devoted to Bieler's World War I experience with the Regiment and their effects upon his life.

Books written by Patricias include **Execution** by Colin McDougall (Toronto, 1958), a World War II novel set in Italy, which, although a work of fiction, the "2nd Rifles" in the book is really the PPCLI. It received the Governor-General's award in 1958 and was called by the Montreal Star "a very readable novel with a sense of action and excitement" while the New York Times noted that McDougall's work was "an exceptionally good war novel". Another is LCol 'Doc' Corrigan's **Tales of a Forgotten Theatre** (Winnipeg, 1969) a most amusing collection of stories about an 'anonymous' unit in Italy written by the PPCLI medical officer, alias "Pooh". Another is H.F. Wood's **The Private War of Jacket Coates** (Toronto, 1966) which details the exploits of Pte Coates in Korea. Wood also was the author

of **Strange Battleground - The Official History of the Canadian Army in Korea** (Ottawa, 1966). Also to be mentioned is Colonel Jeffery Williams' **Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry** (London, 1977) one of the **Famous Regiments** series and the only book in the series to have sold its entire printing. This work covers the years 1914 - 1976.

These examples seem to illustrate that the exploits of the PPCLI have been brought to the attention of the country on a broad and varied front. What remains to be mentioned are the volumes of history which illustrate in detail the deeds and exploits of our regiment and of our fellow Patricias. To date, the Regiment has published four volumes of Regimental History and has reprinted two volumes.

**Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 1914 - 1919** by PPCLI Lieutenant Ralph Hodder-Williams was published in two volumes in 1923 and is today a collector's item demanding a high price if any volumes for sale can be located. Volume II contains the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice and the Roll of Honour is prefaced by the Greek quote "For a common cause they gave their lives, for themselves they won the crown that never fades". Other appendices of this second volume deal with correspondence relative to the founding, decorations awarded and a complete "Nominal Roll and Record of Service of the Officers, Warrant Officers, NCOs, and Men who served with P.P.C.L.I. in the field".

The first volume (called the narrative) carries the reader from August 1914 to March 1919. In her forward, our first Colonel-in-Chief, noted that "one of the traditions of the Regiment. . . was the effacement of the individual in securing the advancement of the unit". After paying a tribute to the heroism of her soldiers, Princess Patricia, concluded that "the book will have served a noble purpose if it brings. . . comfort and pride to those whose nearest and dearest fell fighting in the ranks of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry". The Founder contributed an introduction which dealt with "the difficulties of preparing the narratives of a unit engaged throughout the late war. . ." and he explained the sources used and the methods employed to ensure the accuracy of the text. He concluded with the following two paragraphs which are so composed and are of such value that they must be quoted in full:

"These volumes are published with a threefold purpose. It is thought that they may prove of interest to the student of military history as a guide to some problems of infantry tactics in modern warfare; it is believed that they will serve as a memorial of comradeship in the field for survivors of the Service Battalion; but most especially is it hoped that the story of the Regiment in which so many gallant comrades laid down their lives at the call of country may be a source of consolation to the proudly sorrowing hearts of their relatives and friends, and that the memory of the great deeds in which the Regiment played its part will point the way to duty for countless generations of Canadians yet unborn.

For nearly four years in the forefront of the battle, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, from oldest veteran to latest joined recruit, never faltered, never wavered; each officer and man steadfast in his purpose, ever ready to sacrifice himself for his Regiment's need. Such was the undying spirit of our fallen comrades living on in the hearts of those who came to fill the ranks; and such is the Regiment's proud tradition, left as an imperishable heritage to Canada."

The narrative is some 411 pages in length and covers in great detail the actions of the Regiment. Battles are described in an engaging manner and individuals are mentioned both against the back drop of the particular engagement and for the influence their actions had on others. Each chapter concludes with a listing of those who distinguished themselves and were



awarded decorations. Maps are of the fold-out type and there are full page illustrations of Commanding Officers. These first two volumes (called "the excellent two-volume study" by one reviewer) were reprinted in one volume in 1968 but without appendices V and VI of the original second volume (the nominal roll and list of attached officers). The last copies of the reprint have just recently been sold.

Volume III of our history appeared in 1958 and was written by Colonel G.R. Stevens, OBE. Colonel Stevens was a member of the 2nd McGill University Company (his regimental number was McG 85) and joined the Regiment in the field in September 1915. He was wounded on June 2, 1916, promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant at the beginning of June, 1917, gassed at the end of October 1917 and was struck off strength on March 20, 1919. This volume also contains a forward by our first Colonel-in-Chief and an introduction by the Founder. Colonel Stevens had the awesome task of laying out that part of our history which took place between 1919 and 1958 and all in the space of some 400 pages. Writing in the summer 1959 issue of *The Dalhousie Review*, D.J. Goodspeed mentioned that "Although regimental histories are undoubtedly written for specialized audiences - the members, ex-members and friends of unit - this book, perhaps, has a somewhat more general interest. From the August day in 1914 when Mr (later Brigadier) Hamilton Gault offered to raise and equip a battalion at his own expense until the present, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has been something of a Canadian tradition". Commenting upon Col Stevens' treatment of the Regiment in World War II, he finds that "the account of this crucial period appears to be accurate and objective. . ." Certain it is that no one would wish to find fault with Goodspeed's assessment.

The fourth volume in the continuing story of the PPCLI was compiled by Major R.B. Mainprize, a former Commanding Officer of our Regimental Depot and was sponsored by the PPCLI Association. A massive undertaking, it records the regimental number, name, date of joining the Regiment and Regimental record of each officer and man who served with the Regiment between 1939 - 1945, a total of 3,687 personnel. The Roll of Honour is listed as well as tables showing numbers of decorations and awards and casualty figures.

There have been other PPCLI historical ventures in addition to published books. *The Regimental Newsletter* was started in June 1969, again a successor to earlier newsletters, with the purpose of keeping regimental members up to date on one another's progress. It is issued four times per year. \* *The Patrician* is an annual magazine style publication and contains feature articles, reports from each battalion of the Regiment and other units in which Patricians find themselves and news of affiliated army cadet corps and allied units. The PPCLI Association also contributes an up-date on its activities. The first *Patrician* was printed in May 1933 but was the successor of an earlier journal called "PPCLI Quarterly Review" which was first published in 1923. \*\* Another exercise of a historical nature is Exercise Ric-a-Dam-Doo which is held annually. The purpose is to bring together all newly commissioned officers and by a series of presentations by knowledgeable regimental figures to instill in them a sense of regimental pride and history. Each of these ventures accomplishes its aim quite well and contributes to the necessary maintenance and furtherance of the regimental family.

In early 1980, the Regimental Executive commissioned the writer of this article to be the author of Volume V of our regimental history. To be published on the occasion of our 70th anniversary in 1984, Volume V will cover the years 1953 to mid-1980. It will expand on Colonel Stevens' coverage of the post-Korea years and will deal extensively with, among other themes, Canada in NATO, integration and unification, peacekeeping, Aid of the Civil Power and Assistance to Civil

Authorities. The place of the Regiment in Canadian society will be established and our history for this period will be discussed in the context of national and military policy. Of course, appropriate and due attention will be devoted to individuals and their participation in the various operations, exercises and ceremonial occasions in which the Regiment has taken part.

Activities accomplished to date have included the preparation and approval of terms of reference, two drafts of a writing plan and a meeting with individuals and groups of Patricians in Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Victoria. Research has been conducted at the DND Directorate of History and the Public Archives of Canada. The September 1980 issue of the Regimental Newsletter contained an announcement of the project as well as a series of questions designed to bring out the main themes of our post-Korea history and to help assess the weight which should be assigned to each one. A thematic approach to Volume V has been judged to be more appropriate than one which follows a mere chronological template. It will be appreciated that to trace the events and movements of a number of battalions and the Depot over a period of thirty years using a strict year-by-year approach would be unimaginative and would soon become boring.

The adoption of themes as adjustment to peace-time soldiering in Canada following Korea, service in Germany, ceremonial events, the place of RHQ and other internal organizations, the part played by the Founder, our Colonel-in-Chief and our Colonels of the Regiment as well as those other themes listed above will ensure that all of importance will be included. A pictorial section and an index will round out the volume.

An Editorial Committee has been formed to assist the author in his work, to guide him and to review the manuscript at various stages. The assistance of General Brown, General deChastelain, the Regimental Executive and the Editorial Committee has been helpful and encouraging and public acknowledgement is well rendered.

It is to be hoped that all who have ideas, information or suggestions concerning the years 1953 - 1980 and on the content and structure of Volume V will contact the author. By making the writing a co-operative effort, our knowledge about our Regiment and our fellow Patricians will increase and thereby ensure that in 1984 will be published a book in which we can collectively and individually take pride.

*Major W.A. Morrison, PPCLI, is a graduate in history of Mount Allison University and the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College. In May of 1980 he was graduated from The Royal Military College of Canada with the degree Master of Arts in War Studies. His MA Thesis concerned "The Conference of Defence Associations and the Office of the Major-General Reserves". His book reviews and articles have appeared in the Australian Army Journal, Canadian Defence Quarterly, Halifax Chronicle-Herald, Sackville (NB) Tribune Post, Sentinel, Legion, QUAD, Ottawa Revue, Kingston Whig-Standard, Mobile Command Letter, Infantry Journal and the Reservist, among others. Major Morrison is presently the Staff Officer Careers/Army Officer at RMC.*

\*Editor's Note: Pretty optimistic. It's supposed to be a 'quarterly' but is more often a "thirdly" or "halfly".

\*\*Editor's Note: The Regimental library is unfortunately deficient many of the editions of the PPCLI Quarterly Review and the *Patrician* before 1956 and would be most grateful for donations of any of those issues.



# AMSTERDAM DANKT ZIJN CANADEZEN (Amsterdam Thanks Her Canadians) by Mrs Grace Mainprize



*Re-entry into Amsterdam, 5 May 1980.*

It was a proud and exhilarating time to be a Canadian. Thirty-five years after the Liberation, 350 veterans and their spouses had been invited back, to join with the Amsterdammers (and indeed all the Dutch people) to commemorate the end of the Nazi tyranny - the hunger (for they were literally being starved into oblivion), the despair. On 5 May 1945\*, the Canadians entered and liberated Amsterdam. One cannot visualize what this great day meant to those people.

And so, 35 years later, the soldiers came back at the invitation of Amsterdam, and the response was overwhelming. Now we could see for ourselves what it must have been like on that day.

But first, a slight indication of the efficiency and administrative effort of the Amsterdam Committee greeted each veteran on the plane as we left Vancouver, and, in the case of eastern Canadians, Montreal. Each was presented with a large brown envelope containing a detailed schedule of our Netherlands activities; even a tie for each veteran, tastefully and especially made for this occasion, in the centre of which was a small red Maple Leaf and the three crosses of Amsterdam - the emblem with which we were to become familiar in the coming week. It was the logo, the symbol which joined our country and that city, and we saw it everywhere.

The Canadians were billeted with Dutch families, a particularly sensitive plan, for how better can one get to know the people and their way of living? We were fortunate indeed to have as our hosts a Jewish couple, living in the lovely suburb of Amstelveen. From all our various activities we were bussed to a square in that suburb, and from there picked up and delivered by our hosts, a rather onerous task, especially on some nights when our dinner ran late! It was done gladly and happily. In fact, most veterans found that their hosts could not do enough for them.

\*The terms of the surrender were read to the German Commander by Gen Foulkes on evening, 5 May 45, in the small village of Wageningen. The formal surrender of the German forces at large was signed at Rheims, France, on 7 May 45. The 8th was the official VE Day.

After a greatly appreciated day of rest on our arrival, the festivities started on the 3rd of May. After a welcoming luncheon and a canal boat trip, the highlight was an evening of music at the Amsterdam Concert Hall accompanied by our hosts. It was a brilliant plan, for it cemented a togetherness that in most cases was to last. We all enjoyed the music of the Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra and the Amsterdam Opera Choir and each other's company, and by the time the Amsterdam Police Band entertained us with their brand of lively and lovely music, we found ourselves on our feet doing a "Conga line" up and down the aisles. Canadians and Amsterdammers were caught up in a joyous, musical jubilation. Later we learned from our hosts that we had done "The Polonaise", never before done in the elegant Concertgebouw, and unlikely ever to be done again.



*The Regimental wreath. Left to right: J.H. Moore, W. Kusyk and G. Howe.*

After this rousing beginning, the next day's main feature was solemn and serious. Each year the Amsterdammers commemorate on the 4th of May the "Silent Procession" and this year the Canadians joined them. Starting at the "Weteringcircuit" where Dutch patriots were shot by the Germans, and a stark statue now rests, the Dutch people started in a quiet and solemn procession to walk the two miles or more to Dam Square. During the walk, all traffic stopped, all joyousness ceased. We felt deeply the reverence of the occasion. The only sound heard in the two miles was the slight shuffle of feet and the occasional jingling of medals. Crowds of quiet people were already at Dam Square when we arrived, to watch the wreath-laying.

The next day, 5th of May, was an explosion of joy! This was the day of the Liberation! The Canadian veterans mounted vehicles from World War II at the Belage Bridge, and just as in 1945, rumbled through the streets to Dam Square. And just as then, the huge and happy crowds greeted them with handshakes, kisses, flowers, presents, and tears. The older ones pressed forward, some with tears streaming down their cheeks, saying "Thank you, thank you. We will never forget what you did for us." Those words are what we heard again and again for the next few days. The incredible gratitude of the Dutch people, young and old, and after 35 years, is what stays in one's mind; and is something that all Canadians should know. Later as we strolled in the Square, people would come up to us and shake my husband's hand, saying those same words. One woman in her 40s, most vocal and articulate, told us that although she was only 8 years old at the time and remembered very little, never would she forget the hunger pains in her belly. "Never! Never will I forget that, and how



grateful we were to see the Canadians come," she exclaimed. "Thank you! Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

At Dam Square, where the vehicles and veterans finally emerged through the crowds, a children's choir shouted "Hooray! Hooray! Hooray!" at the sight of them; a thousand doves were released, and thousands of red, white and blue balloons. People hung from windows, stood precariously on roof-tops. The Maple Leaf, together with the Netherlands flags, fluttered proudly in the breeze.

British Columbia's Lieutenant-Governor, Brigadier-General Bell-Irving, who had commanded the Seaforths then, and who took over control of the German forces, was the senior member of the Canadians, and cut a handsome figure in his kilt as he was greeted by the Mayor of Amsterdam and other dignitaries. The swirl of kilt and bagpipes of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada from Vancouver was evident at most functions, always greeted with great enthusiasm, and here was no exception.

From this great and glorious occasion the veterans and their spouses entered the Royal Palace, into the grandeur of the Civic Hall for a 45 minute Reception with the former Queen, now Princess Juliana. There was not time, of course, for her to meet everyone.

Outside then we went, and across the Square, for a late luncheon. The crowds were still there. Parting, to make a pathway for us across the Square, they applauded and cheered. It was interesting to note that these men, who had braved German bullets and guns in their younger days, now were not quite sure what to do about all the adulation. Looking down at their feet, then up at the crowds, they smiled shyly as if to say, "Who? Me?" Canadians are a self-effacing lot!

Emerging from the luncheon, we found the crowds still there and applauding again! With a half-hour of free time before embussing, most of us strolled and window-shopped, stopping for conversations as mentioned before. And when finally we got on our buses, there they were - those marvellous Amsterdammers, shouting, clapping, seeming not to want to let us go! Us? Was this really for us? Now, back on our buses, some of us wondered if we would ever be able to come back down to earth again. Had this taste of glory gone to our heads? You bet! We loved it!



*Patricia's at Keukenhof on 6 May 80.*

*Front Row: (left to right) A. C. "Smokey" Green, Walter Kuzyk, Larry Harrington, Don McCulloch.*

*Back Row: (left to right) R. B. "Buzz" Mainprize, John Moore, Bert Bolton, Syd Frost, Treeske Blase (member of the Amsterdam Committee), Brighton Fraser, John Klassen.*

*Missing: Lloyd Rains.*

The next day, all 13 busloads of us went to Keukenhof, the area of bulb growers and the beautiful sculptured gardens, and at the height of tulip season it was a feast for the eyes. With a motorcycle escort of 6 white-jacketed policemen, we were whistled through the city, through red lights and traffic. A real people stopper, we got waves and kisses blown along the way, and again applause at the Gardens. "Canadezen!" We would hear the murmur, and the applause ripple through.

The miles of paths through the stunning beds of tulips and small lakes led us, with the assistance of red and white signs "Keukenhof Salutes Canada" to a complex of joined greenhouses and a rousing Reception. Inside, a large bed of vivid red tulips in the shape of a Maple Leaf was the immediate centre of attention and photography buffs, with four pretty Dutch girls in the local costume. Under the two national flags was a setting that formed the centrepiece for this afternoon, a huge arrangement of beautiful rose-red tulips. This was the tulip grown and named especially for the Canadians, and named the Bell-Irving tulip. A great honour indeed, not to freely or often bestowed.



*The Canadian cemetery at Groesbeek, just outside of Nijmegen.*

May 7th found us early on the buses for a visit to the Canadian War Cemetery at Groesbeek. In one of the few hilly areas of the country, the beautifully kept cemetery was the focal point. As well as our own entourage, crowds of Dutch people were streaming from far and near, in cars, on bicycles, on foot. Another large group of Canadian veterans joined us there. They had been visiting mostly in the Nijmegen area. Their senior member was MGen Chris Vokes, known and admired by many of our soldiers.

Queen Beatrix and Princess Juliana, dressed in black, led the procession to the Cenotaph where a solemn ceremony took place on the hilltop of this quiet and lovely part of Holland. Wreaths were laid, including many various Canadian units and Regiments.

Row on row of white gravestones marked the places where our young men were buried. Small rosebushes and lovely primroses were planted and immaculately kept. Three single red tulips marked each grave, a ceremony that the local Dutch schoolchildren carry out every year in early May.

The next evening, the 8th of May, was our Farewell Dinner, held at the Hilton Hotel. At every function and dinner we had been struck by the outstanding floral arrangements, but the Dutch outdid themselves this time. Everywhere one looked was a lovelier arrangement, with the colour predominantly yellow. In the centre of the massive dining room, extended on long ribbon-ropes, hung four gigantic balls of bright yellow and orange flowers - a breathtaking sight.














In spite of the gaiety, there was an underlying sadness that this marked the conclusion of an emotion-packed week of joy and tears, of new-found and lasting friendships. Not only had we gained some new and close Dutch friends, but amongst the Canadians we had renewed old friendships and found new ones, far removed from our vast country.

As we left the hotel, confetti and streamers showered down on us; and to illustrate the unbelievable attention to detail and thoughtfulness that the Amsterdam Committee continually showed, on the buses were bouquets of tulips for each couple to take home to their hosts!

The 350 veterans, only a small representation of the troops there at the time, felt honoured and indeed overwhelmed at the incredible reception they were given. We feel very strongly that all Canadians should be made aware of some of the main happenings of the week 2 - 9 May 80, and should know in what high esteem Canadians are held in Holland.

Our host took pains to explain to us at the outset a fact to which we had never given much thought.

"You Canadians," he said, "were not protecting or fighting to free your own homeland. You were half-way around the world, helping to liberate us, total strangers! That is partly why we honour you, and rejoice that some of you are here among us."

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"At the going down of the sun, and in  
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McG 140	LCpl G.F. Bannerman	at Ottawa, Ont, 30 Apr 79. 2nd Univ Coy, joined PPCLI in the field 1 Sep 1915, SOS to RAF 2 Sep 1917. Member of Ottawa Branch PPCLI Association.
460020	Sgt C.J. Beck	at Oshawa, Ont, 15 Feb 1980. Joined PPCLI in the field 10 Oct 1916, SOS 24 May 1918. Member of Toronto Branch PPCLI Association.
552257	Pte R. Calderwood	at Victoria, BC, 1980. Joined PPCLI in the field 14 Jun 1917, wounded 5 July 1917, 3 Oct 1917, 17 Nov 1917, SOS 22 Nov 1917. Member Victoria Branch PPCLI Association
ZM9659	Capt T.H. Cory	at Nanaimo, BC, 30 July 1980. Served with 1 and 2 PPCLI 1951 to 1955, transferred to RCAPC. Member at Large PPCLI Association.
	LCol R.P. Clark, DSO, ED	at Vancouver, BC, 24 Aug 1980. Joined PPCLI 3 Nov 1939, commanded 17 Sep 1944 to 1 Jun 1945. A member and Honourary President Vancouver Branch PPCLI Association
431 406 123	Lt G.J. Clyde	at Prince Albert, Sask, 16 May 1980. Joined PPCLI 1964, retired from 1 PPCLI 1977, joined Army Cadets and served as a cadet list instructor, Sask, 1977-80.
McG 263	Lt H. Douglas	at Cambridge, Ont, 5 Feb 1980. 2 Univ Coy, joined PPCLI in the field 1 Sep 1915, wounded 12 May 1916, 19 Aug 1916, SOS 5 Mar 1918. Member of Toronto Branch PPCLI Association
431 103 555	MCpl J.W. Elrick	at Wainwright, Alta, 12 Sep 1980. Joined 2 PPCLI, at the time of death, was serving on the instructional staff of 1 CBGOTD, Wainwright.
SH800471	WO J.C.W. Ferguson, CD	at Edmonton, Alta, 28 Apr 1980. Joined 2 PPCLI Aug 1950 for svc in Korea, served 2 PPCLI and extra regimentally employed until retirement 1972. Member of Edmonton Branch PPCLI Association.
H40650	Pte J.M. Freese	at Winnipeg, Man, 29 May 1980. Joined PPCLI 27 Feb 1942, served for remainder of WWII, SOS 18 July 1945. Member of the Winnipeg PPCLI Association.
McG 276	Lt G.B. Glassco	at Montreal, Que, 15 May 1980. 2 Univ Coy, joined PPCLI in the field 22 May 1916, wounded 2 June 1916, SOS 24 April 1917. Member of Montreal Branch PPCLI Association
	LCol N.M. Gemmell, DSO, CD	at Lakeside, Ont, 7 Oct 1979. Served with Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Regiment with distinction during WWII, joined PPCLI 1946, commanded 1 Oct 1947 - 6 Oct 1948.
455 067 097	Tpr M.G. Gemmel	8 Jun 1980 while serving as a member of 2 Cdo, Canadian Airborne Regiment, Petawawa, Ont.
612 001 180	Sgt D.J. Gibson, CD	at San Francisco, USA, 12 Jul 1980. Joined PPCLI 1968, served with Regimental Band of LDSH(RC) and PPCLI.
432992	Maj H.L. Holloway, MC, MM & Bar	at South Humberside, UK, 23 Oct 1979. Member of UK Branch PPCLI Association.
ZF 591	Maj J.H. Meisner, CD	at Ottawa, Ont, 6 Jan 1979. Served 1 and 2 PPCLI in both Canada and abroad. Member of Ottawa Branch PPCLI Association.
McG 70	Sgt V.O. Peters	at Eaton, Sask, June 1980. 2 Univ Coy, joined PPCLI in the field 1 Sep 1915, wounded 28 Oct 1917, 30 Oct 1917, SOS 10 Nov 1917. Member of Saskatchewan Branch PPCLI Association.
689	Pte A. Rennie	at Edmonton, Alta, 14 May 1980. An "Original", joined PPCLI August 1914, SOS 20 Mar 1919. Member of Edmonton Branch PPCLI Association.
	LCol D.H. Rosser, OBE	at Crawley, Sussex, UK, 20 May 1980. Joined PPCLI 22 Nov 1939, SOS 22 Oct 1941. Returned to PPCLI 6 May 1944, commanded 28 Jun 1944 to 16 Sep 1944, wounded 16 Sep 1944 and SOS. Member and former President UK Branch PPCLI Association.
455 148 882	Cpl G.E. Taylor	19 August 1980 while serving with 2 Cdo, Canadian Airborne Regiment.
	WO T.M. Titsing, CD	at Calgary, Alta, 9 Oct 1980. Served with 2 PPCLI as a Med A 1952-1955. Served in Canada and Europe with RCAMC until retirement. Member of Calgary Branch PPCLI Association.
612 004 572	WO A.R. Van der Burg, CD	at Calgary, Alta, 30 Jul 1980. Joined PPCLI Band 1968, served with LDSH(RC) Regtl Band and PPCLI Regimental Band.
1759	Pte J.J. Toyne	at Calgary, Alta, 18 Oct 1980. Joined PPCLI Aug 1914, wounded 3 Feb 1915 and 2 Jun 1916, SOS 7 Jun 1916.





*Lieutenant-Colonel D.H. Rosser, OBE*  
*Commanded 28 June 1944 - 16 September 1944.*

The Regiment was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Lieutenant-Colonel D.H. Rosser, OBE, in Great Britain in May of this year. Lieutenant-Colonel Rosser joined the Regiment in November of 1939 as a subaltern; in November, 1941, he left the Regiment to serve in a series of staff appointments and rejoined the Regiment as Second-in-Command in May 1944. On 29 June, 1944, LCol C.B. Ware, DSO, handed over the Regiment to his Second-in-Command, LCol D.H. Rosser, and he commanded throughout some of the fiercest fighting in the Italian campaign. He handed over command to Lieutenant-Colonel R.P. Clark on 16 Sep 1944 and served on the General Staff until 1946. Following his retirement, he resided in the United Kingdom and was an active member and past president of the United Kingdom Branch of the PPCLI Association.



*Lieutenant-Colonel R.P. Clark, DSO*  
*Commanded 17 September 1944 - 4 June 1945.*

Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald P. Clark passed away in Vancouver 24 August 1980. Prior to the Second World War, Lieutenant-Colonel Clark had served in the British Columbia Regiment (Militia). He joined the Patricia's as a subaltern in October, 1939. In December 1943, he became Second-in-Command and took command from the late LCol D.H. Rosser on 17 September 1944. LCol Clark led the Regiment throughout the autumn and winter campaign in the northern Adriatic in 1944 and moved the Regiment to North West Europe, taking part in the liberation of Holland on 7 May 1945. He was awarded the DSO for gallantry and leadership during the Italian campaign. He subsequently took command of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. LCol Clark retired in Vancouver in 1946 and was an active member and past president of the Vancouver Branch of the PPCLI Association.





*Lieutenant-Colonel N.M. Gemmel, DSO  
Commanded 1 October 1947 - 6 October 1948.*

Prior to the Second World War, Lieutenant-Colonel Gemmel served in the Active Militia. In the campaign in North West Europe, he commanded the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders. On completion of his tour of command, he was appointed AA&QMG Fort Churchill. On completion, he was appointed to command the 25th Canadian Re-inforcement Group in the Far East. On his return to Canada, he took up his appointment as Commanding Officer at Camp Wainwright until his retirement from the Canadian Army on 18 April, 1961. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the French Croix de Guerre and Mentioned in Despatches for gallantry during World War II. LCol Gemmel passed away on 7 October 1979 at Lakefield, Ontario.





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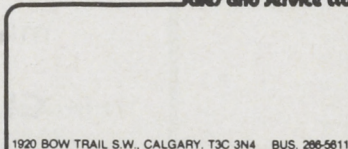


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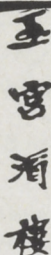
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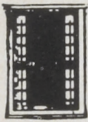


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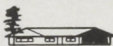
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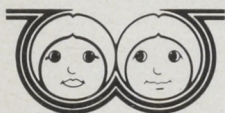
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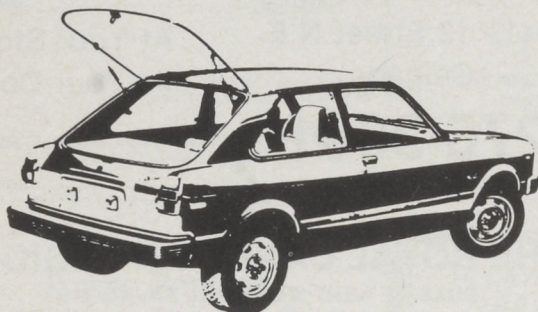




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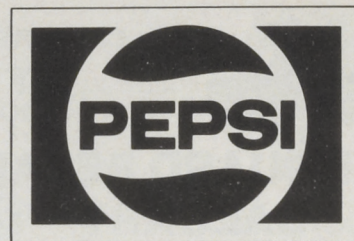
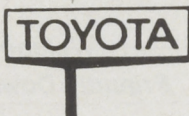
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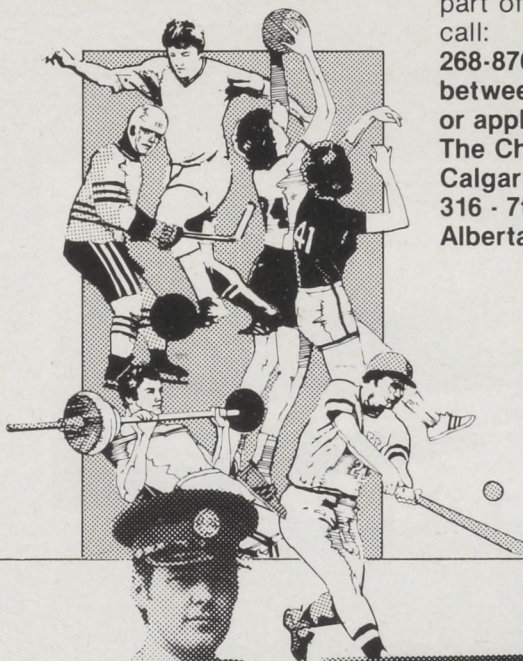
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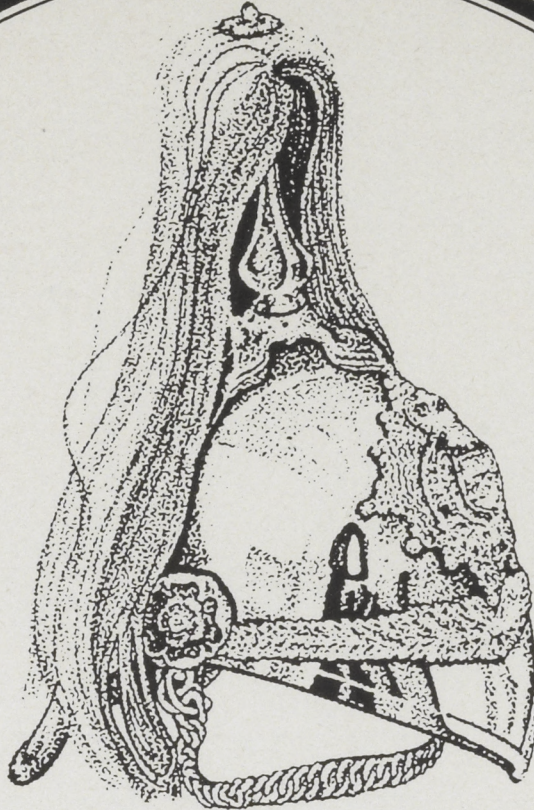
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