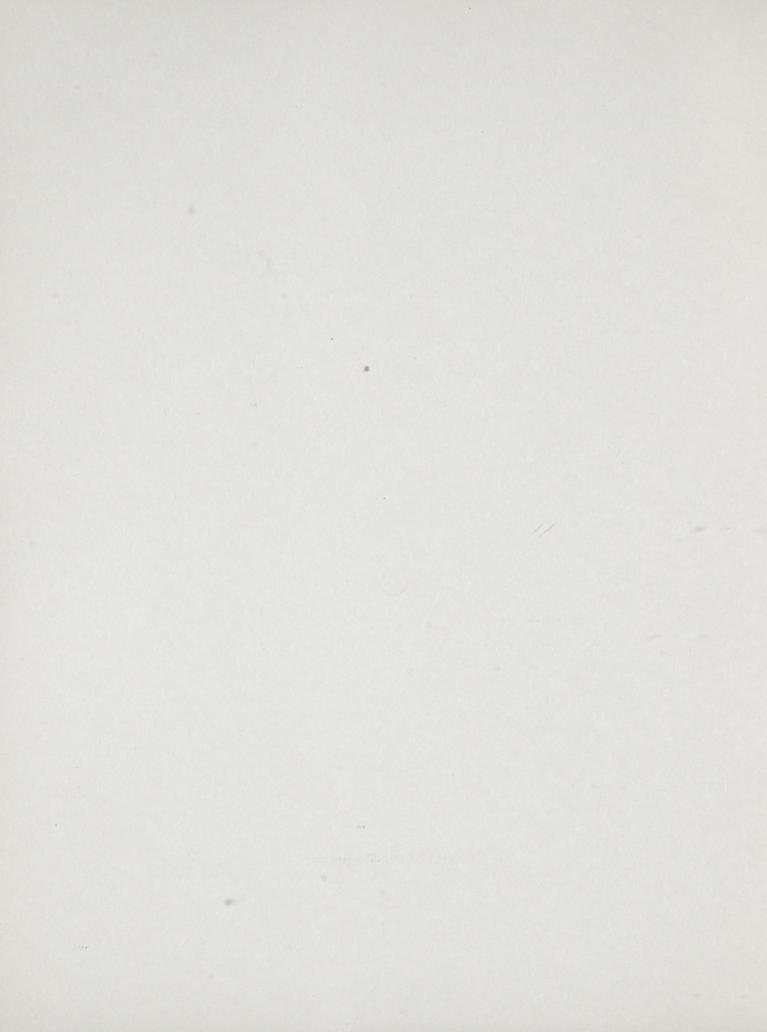
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COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



THE COUNTESS MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, CD, JP, DL

I had the great good fortune to join the Patricia's in 1974, the year of our Diamond Jubilee, when I succeeded our Regiment's original and much-loved Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay.

In the decade that has passed since then, I have been able to visit all our battalions several times both at home and in Cyprus (and will be visiting Germany too), and have visited many of our other units all over Canada, from Resolute Bay in the High Arctic to Kingston in the south. I have also crossed the country by train from British Columbia to New Brunswick and found it a fascinating experience.

Wherever my travels visiting my Patricia's have taken me, I have greatly enjoyed getting to know this wonderful country and her warm and friendly people. But best of all, has been the opportunity to get to know my Regiment very well and meet so many members (from Privates to Generals, including their families). Everywhere and from everyone, I have had such a warm welcome that I feel truly a part of our great Regiment, though separated by an ocean for most of the year.

I send you all my thanks and appreciation, as well as very best wishes for the future.

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COLONEL-OF-THE-REGIMENT

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



COLONEL W. B. S. SUTHERLAND, CD

Military historians have often remarked that our Regiment is a proud Regiment.

They have said, as well, that the Regiment's pride is solidly based on an illustrious past and a rich tradition. They might also have said that ours is a young Regiment. Until very recently we counted amoung our numbers men who had joined the Regiment when first it was formed. Of all these things that historians might have said of our Regiment — I would commend to you the last. We *are* a young Regiment — in terms of both our years and of the elan which has been a hallmark of the Regiment's character. We possess now and have always possessed, and I dare hope will always possess, three attributes of youth which mark successful endeavour — vision, vitality and valour.

Our Founder possessed and displayed these qualities throughout his life. He turned them to the service of his Country and his fellow men. He considered that there could be no higher calling than the calling of service in the cause of one's fellow man and he evidenced this conviction through his life and his actions. Importantly he endowed the Regiment with his example. His spirit continues to this day and has become one of our proudest traditions.

Hamilton Gault also believed that if one is to serve one's fellow man through the profession of arms in the cause of peace one must be at the leading edge of his profession. It has been our greatest pride that we have always been there in both peace and war. You and I are the heirs of the Founder's spirit and vision.

These have been the well springs of our success. Surely they are also the keys to success in the future. We are the inheritors of a great military tradition and while we may look to the past for our inspiration it is to the present that we must look if we are to honour the past and secure the future by our accomplishment.

Having spent a good part of these past eighteen months amongst you — I can say without hesitation and with considerable pride that you are doing everything the Founder would have wished and expected of you.

Both the Colonel in Chief and I have on many occasions while with you felt Hammy's spirit manifest in you. I am certain that were he here today, he would look upon his Regiment with great satisfaction and take much pride in what it has become and what it promises to be.

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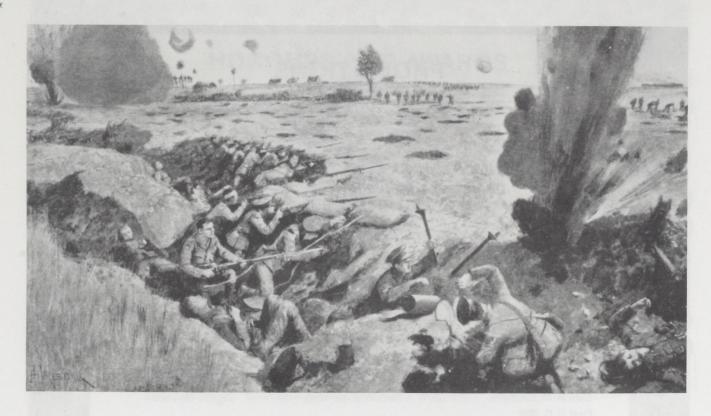
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HISTORICAL ARTICLE



"Princess Patricia's Light Infantry Beating off a German Attack, May 8, 1915"

THE BATTLE OF YPRES 1915 FREZENBERG AND BELLEWAERDE RIDGE

"So long as faith and freedom lasts and the world goes round the sun this will stand, the Canadian line held fast and so the fight was won."

Anonymous

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, as part of the 80th Brigade, 27th British Division played the crucial role in the Second Battle of Ypres. In the spring of 1915, the Germans launched a series of ferocious attacks to capture the city of Ypres.

The Second Battle of Ypres, 22 April to 17 June 1915, includes two separate but closely related German offensives to capture Ypres. The first German attack, which relied heavily on the use of gas came from the northeast of Ypres, starting on 22 April, losing its momentum by 27 April. The brunt of this attack was born by the 1st Canadian Division. The second German drive came eleven days later from the east, concentrating on a sector in the area of Bellewaerde Ridge. There the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry held the vital contact point between the 27th and 28th British Divisions. The Regiment bore the full weight of this German attack. This Battle occurred on 8 May 1915, and is officially known as the "Battle of Frezenberg and Bellewaerde Ridge".

On 8 May 1985, the Regiment celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg. This recount of the Battle of Frezenberg is a tribute to the Original Patricias who fought, lived, and died in this battle. This is their story and our legacy.

By Lieutenant D. N. Franko By Regimental Archivist

But first, a description of the ground. The terrain was flat with a few high features, a large number of farm cart tracks, with fields and copses dotting the landscape. There was a small ridge called Bellewaerde Ridge, which ran northeast-southwest, about three and a half miles east of Ypres. Just to the west of the ridge was a small lake called Bellewaerde Lake. It was on this ridge which the Originals made their famous stand.

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The Patricias moved to the Ypres sector on 5 April and entered the trenches on 9 April at Polygon Wood, a salient in the British line. Initially, activity was quiet. However, on 22 April the Germans began their first attack to the north near Passchendaele. The Germans failed to break through the British line, but they managed to push the line back. The British Command decided to straighten out the line by a withdrawal from the Polygon Wood salient to a line along the Bellewaerde Ridge. During this time period the German artillery rained shrapnel on the Patricias, causing many casualties.

The Regiment withdrew to their new line on the night of 3 May. "The plan called for gradual retirement until there were only 20 men and one officer left, and the orders were to retire at zero hour, twenty minutes to midnight." (A. C. Peacock)

"I was one of the last men to leave the front line at Polygon Wood, those of us who remained behind to cover the withdrawal would fire a shot at an enemy trench, walk down the trench 10 yards and fire another shot, making Fritz believe the line was still fully occupied." (J. W. Vaughan)

"There was no continuous line of trenches in those days and to maintain liaison with the battalions on our flanks it was necessary to send two men with instructions to return to their unit just before zero hours, upon instructions from the officer in charge, in our case the Yorkshire Light Infantry. Private O'Brien and myself were detailed and left the trench shortly before zero hour. A gap of around 100 yards separated the two battalions and we dashed across but unfortunately got into an old trench that ran out in front. We discovered this when bullets were coming from our front and rear. We started to crawl back and after a while I discovered that O'Brien was not following and so went back. His pack was caught in some old barbed wire and when I pulled out my jack knife to cut the straps, he protested vigorously, but I had to do it. Next morning after we had retired some three or four miles, I asked him why he didn't want to have his pack cut and he replied; "It had a picture of my best girl and I didn't want to leave it hanging on the wire for Fritz to get." (A. C. Peacock)

The new line at Bellewaerde Ridge left much to be desired, the trenches were shallow, in some cases full of water, and the position was exposed to enemy fire from the front and flanks.

At first light on 4 May the Germans discovered the withdrawal of the British divisions. They moved quickly to fill the gap and soon brought heavy accurate artillery and machine gun fire onto the trenches. The Patricias who suffered 122 casualties that day were relieved by the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry at night. They moved into reserve at a spot called "Hellfire Corner" where Colonel Buller, the Commanding Officer, was wounded. Major Hamilton Gault, who returned a few days earlier after recovering from a wound, assumed command. During the evening of 6 May, the Patricias moved back into the trenches at Bellewaerde Ridge with a strength of 14 officers and less than 600 other ranks. On 7 May, the Germans continued to pour concentrated fire onto the ridge.

The disposition of the British units on 8 May was as follows: the Patricias were the left hand unit of the 27th British Division, with the remainder of the 80th Brigade to their right and rear; the 4th Kings Royal Rifle Corps were on the Regiment's right; the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry, the 4th Rifle Brigade, and the 3rd Kings Royal Rifle Corps, were all in Brigade reserve in the area of Bellewaerde Lake. If the Germans broke through this line, there was nothing to stop them except an emergency headquarters trench line to the east of Ypres. The defence of this whole sector was contingent on holding the Bellewaerde Ridge.

The Patricias had a main trench frontage of 600 yards, with a support trench in the rear. The support trench was no more than a few ditches behind some hedges. There were no communication trenches to speak of, only some shallow ditches connecting the two lines. All the positions were exposed to enemy fire. The

battalion layout was: No 1 Company, right front; No 2 Company, left front; No 3 Company, right support; and No 4 Company, left support.

The Battle of Frezenberg was not fought by fresh soldiers. The Regiment had spent 15 of the 17 previous days in the line, and the soldiers were mentally and physically exhausted by the stress of the battle. These soldiers had spent almost the entire period under constant shellfire. One-quarter of their manpower had been lost. They had conducted a difficult withdrawal, and tried as best they could under fire, in water and mud up to their knees and waists, to strengthen the line of defence on the ridge.

The early hours of 8 May were unnaturally quiet, however....

"On the morning of the 8th at Bellewaerde Lake, we were rudely awakened by a shell bursting in our lean-to artillery dugout. No 4 Company was in support. One man had his head blown off while he cleaned his rifle. In fact, most of us were hit with fragments of shrapnel. We all rushed out and got into the trench. A piece had cut through my belt and was rubbing my side. Wright dug it out to prevent infection. I did the same to others. From that time on it was hell. The shells came thick and fast, making us all hug the ground. One shell landed between Bill Dalby and me. I grasped Dalby's hand expecting to go up. Happily it was a dud. It made a big hole about nine inches across. Bill Vail was there with us. He disappeared into thin air." (W. J. Popey)

The Germans decided to use a massive artillery bombardment, as opposed to gas, to break through the frontline. "Bellewaerde Ridge" became an inferno and to those in the trenches, the world seemed alive and rocking with the flashing and crashing of bursting shells . . . Bursts of shrapnel mowed down men, high explosives more or less obliterated the front line . . ., blew away all the wire and cut off the Regiment from all communications with its support." (PPCLI — Volume I)

"The German bombardment had been so heavy since May 4th that a wood which the Regiment had used in part for cover was completely demolished. The range of our machine guns were taken with extreme precision. All, without exception, were buried. Those who served them behaved with the most admirable coolness and gallantry. Corporal Dover stuck to his gun throughout and, although wounded, continued to discharge his duties with as much coolness as if on parade. In the explosion that ended his ill fated gun, he lost a leg and an arm, and was completely buried in the debris. Conscious or unconscious, he lay there in that condition until dusk, when he crawled out of the obliterated trench and moaned for help. Two of his comrades sprang from the support trench and started to carry his mangled and bleeding body away. But as all that remained of this brave soldier was being lowered into the trench, a bullet put an end to his suffering. No bullet could put an end to his glory." (G. Pearson)

The first German assault came about 7 a.m. and though the Patricia line was thin, it held, as deadly rifle fire was brought to bear upon the enemy. "Our rifles got so hot we had to change our rifles to keep up the fire." (W. J. Popey) However, some German machine gun crews managed to get a foothold near the Patricia trenches, and were able to spray the ridge line with heavy and accurate machine gun fire. Added to this, artillery fire turned the front line into a mash of shell holes.

The main assault was delivered at about 9 a.m. "There seemed to be an astounding silence with just an occasional rifle shot, and then we realized that the German infantry were upon us." (PPCLI — Volume I) Once again, heavy rifle fire from the Patricia line brought the enemy to a halt. But on the right, No 2 Company's position was over run in a few places by the Germans; "..., there seemed to be dozens of them ..., climbed over and through the broken wire, into the trenches, bayonetting the wounded as they came." (PPCLI — Volume I)

"George Easton was firing with me at the gray mass of the oncoming horde. "My rifle's jammed!" he cried.

"Take mine." And I stooped to get one from a casualty underfoot. But a moment later, as I fired from the parapet, my bayonet was broken off by a German bullet. I shouted wildly to Cosh to toss me one from nearby.

Just then the main body of the Germans swarmed into the end of the trench. Bugler Lee shouted to me: "I'm shot through the leg." A couple of us seized him, planning to go down to where the communication trench had once been. But he stopped us, saying: It's no good boys. It's a dead end! They're killing us."

Cosh swore. "Don't give up kid! We'll beat the yet!" A German a few yards away raised his rifle and blew his head off. Young Brown broke down at this, they had just done in his wounded pal: "Oh look! Look what they've done to Davie!", and fell to weeping. And with that another put the muzzle of his rifle against the boy's head and pulled the trigger.

Young Cox from Winnipeg put his hands above his head at the order. His captor placed the muzzle of his rifle squarely against the palm and blew it off. There remained only a bloody and broken mass dangling from the wrist.

I saw a man who had come up in the draft with me on the 4th, rolling around in the death agony, tossing his head loosely about in the wild pain of it, his pallid face a white mark in the muck underfoot. A burly German reached the spot and without hesitation plunged the saw-edged bayonet through the throat.

Close by another wounded man was struggling feebly under a pile of earth his legs projecting so that only the convulsive heaving of the loose earth indicated that a man was dying underneath. Another German observed that too, and shoved his bayonet through the mud and held it savagely there until all was quiet.

Sergeant Phillpots had been shot through the jaw so that he went to his knees as a bullock does at the slaughtering. He supported himself waveringly by his hand. The blood poured from him so that he was all but fainting with the loss of it. A big German stood over him.

Phillpots looked up: "Play the game! Play the game!" he muttered weakly. The German cooly put a round through his head.

I was still without a bayonet, and seeing these things, said to Easton: "We'd better beat it." He swore again. "Yes, they're murdering us. No use stopping here. Come on!" And just then he, too, dropped. I thought him dead. There was no use in my stopping to share his fate or worse. It was every man for himself. At a later date we met in England.

The other half of the regiment lay in support two hundred yards away in Bellewaerde Wood and in front of the chateau and lake of that name, where my draft had lain in on the fourth. I made a dash for it. What with the mud and the many shell holes, the going was bad. I was indistinctly aware of a great deal of promiscuous shooting at me, but most distinctly of one German who shot at me about ten times in as many yards and from quite close range. I saw I could not make it. I flung myself into a Johnson hole, and as soon as I had caught my breath, scrambled out again and raced for the trench I had just left. I was by this time unarmed, having flung my rifle away to further my flight, notwithstanding which, another German shot at me as I went towards him.

As I landed in the trench an angry voice shouted something I could not understand. And I scrambled to my feet in time to see a German sullenly lower his rifle from the level of my body at the command of a big black bearded officer." (G. Pearson)

It was during the main German assault that the line held by the 27th British Division on the Patricia's left began to crumble. Through the confusion, the smoke, and the noise, No 1 Company misinterpreted the British retreat as a local withdrawal. Upon realizing their mistake, the company rallied and retook their trenches. A little while later, No 1 and 2 Companies had to withdraw from their trenches because of the overwhelming number of Germans in or near their front line. Many officers and men sacrificed their lives in rear guard actions to cover the withdrawal of fellow Patricias back to the support trench.

As the day went on many of the officers and non-commissioned officers were either wounded or killed. But the Regiment was never leaderless, because the privates and corporals took command of sections and platoons, and the sergeants and warrant officers of companies. Devotion to duty, despite the odds, held the fabric of the Regiment together. This was exemplified by the exceptional feats of valour performed by the soldiers throughout the day. Single handed, NCO's and men moved to cover the gaps left by the artillery explosions. They adjusted to the changing situations as best they could in the confusion of war.



Soldier carrying bombs for his comrades.



Corporal J. M. Christie, a bear hunter from the Yukon and a member of the Regimental sniping section, was deadly with a rifle and accounted for many a German that day. "Regimental Sergeant Major A. Fraser was killed as he stood of the parados of the trench serving out ammunition and directing fire in contempt of death." (PPCLI — Volume I) Corporal E. Bowler, a medical orderly, distinguished himself by rescuing soldiers while under fire, and aiding the wounded as best he could. Several times he braved the bullets and barrages to go back for new supplies of morphine and surgical dressings.

Even though the air was heavy with the smell of cordite and death, there was still time for compassion. "I was wounded around 10 o'clock on the morning of the 8th of May. I shall never forget Captain Papineau, to me he was the coolest, bravest, and yet the gentlest soldier I have ever known. He came along the trench and knelt down beside me, asked how I felt, and said, "We'll get you out of here as soon as we can." (J. W. Vaughan)

"... Hammie Gault was badly hit and only semi-conscious for the rest of the day. I attended to him frequently and got him propped up so that he was lengthwise in the trench. I kept wetting his lips from my water bottle, but his eyes were turned right back into his head, and only the white of his eyes were visible." (H. Niven) Captain Agar Adamson took over command, but soon, he too was wounded. Despite his wounds, he continued to rally the soldiers, distribute ammunition, and personally direct reinforcements into the line.

During a lull in the artillery fire two companies of the Rifle Brigade came forward to reinforce the Patricia line. The beleaguered garrison of soldiers on the ridge cheered when they saw their reinforcements arrive. But above all, the most appreciated gifts were machine guns and bandoliers of ammunition, as by now ammunition was low and there were gaps in the defence. Soldiers were forced to crawl amongst the wounded and the dead to look for bullets and bombs, and to find rifles that were operable.

"On the 8th of May we saw angels and they wore the letters 'R.B.' on their shoulder; and the biggest angels were those who bore the machine guns on their shoulders." (PPCLI Sergeant) (PPCLI — Volume I)

The Patricia's left flank was totally exposed by the withdrawal of the 27th British Division behind the Bellewaerde Ridge line. As the Regiment was cut off from communications with its head-quarters, their knowledge of the situation was limited. The Patricias never knew the graveness of their position; and how easily they could have been surrounded and annihilated.

The most critical time for the Regiment occurred between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. . . .,

"The Germans opened up again more furiously than ever and smashed anything that was left of the trenches. The few remaining machine guns had no proper emplacements and were ranged upon with astounding accuracy, but by the greatest exertions most of them were kept in action. Two were buried and remounted, buried again and remounted again. One was dug out three times and only ceased firing with the death of every man in its crew; another was fought single handed by a Corporal until it exploded; and a third, was kept in action by another Corporal working by himself. Captain Agar Adamson, although painfully wounded, continued to direct the defence with the utmost coolness, heartening the men by cheery words as he moved about distributing ammunition with his unwounded arm. The Germans could make no headway. Several times they tried, after a short burst of particularly intense gun fire, to debouch from the captured trenches, always to be beaten back by rifle fire before their movement could become dangerous. It was the great hour of the "Originals", and of their successors, none ever grudged the honour of making the Regiment's name to the men who held the Bellewaerde Ridge. Trenches, machine guns, all but five officers, 80 percent of the men were gone; there was a great gap on the flank; the crumbling ditch that did duty for a trench was open to fire from three sides. But the iron grip on the ridge was never loosed, and the officer commanding the Shropshires reported in the heat of battle that not one man from the Patricias was coming back except an occasional stretcher bearer on duty." (PPCLI - Volume I)

By mid afternoon the tension of the battle had slackened. The Germans made one final attempt at about 3 p.m., but had no success. The 28th British Division began to counter attack, and by late afternoon contact with the Patricia left flank was reestablished.

As darkness fell, the exhausted soldiers were able to relax a little and begin to move their stretcher cases back to the rear. Many of the dead were buried where they lay. Lieutenant Niven, who throughout the day distinguished himself with many feats of valour took command of the Regiment.

The Colour was found buried in a dugout, battered but still intact.

Lieutenant Niven and the remainder of the Patricias gathered in the rear of the Bellewaerde Ridge late that night beside a mass grave littered with their slain comrades' bodies. By the light of the German flares, the whistle of bullets and the crump of artillery, the soldiers gave their final respects to those who had died. With Colour in hand, Lieutenant Niven cited from memory as best he could, the Church of England service for the dead.



Death of Princess Pats

Then, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry formed up, and with the Colour flying high, they withdrew from the Bellewaerde Ridge.

A roll call that night showed a strength of four officers and 150 other ranks. The casualty record for 8 May was 392 all ranks; officers - 4 killed or missing, 6 wounded; other ranks - 108 killed, 197 wounded and 77 missing. Of the missing, only a few reached the German prison camps, thus the total killed was well over 175. The Regiment had the largest casualty list in the 27th British Division from the Second Battle of Ypres. Between 22 April and 17 May, 700 all ranks were killed, wounded or missing in action.

Bellewaerde Ridge is known as the grave site for the "Originals". At the close of the Second Battle of Ypres, the "Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, as a band of old regulars and reservists ceased to be." (PPCLI - Volume I)

The Commander-in-Chief of the British forces paid the soldiers of the Brigade a compliment, speaking in a simple fashion, as between soldier and soldier:

"You held on to your trenches in the most magnificent manner under a most severe bombardment than ever has been known, and in doing so you have been the greatest assistance to the operations which the British Army was carrying out at that time. Men who have merely to lie down under a fire like that are apt to think they are undergoing war rather than making war... by holding on to your trenches you prevented the Germans from obtaining an objective which it was very necessary for them to obtain. They wanted to take Ypres, and to be able to tell the whole of Europe and America that they had taken Ypres, and if they had done so this would have done a lot of harm . . . To remain in the trenches under a heavy artillery bombardment, to keep your heads and your discipline and to be able to use your rifles at the end of it, requires far higher qualities of personal bravery than to actively attack the enemy when everybody is on the move and conscious of doing something." (PPCLI - Volume I)

These words of praise paid tribute to those who fought on Bellewaerde Ridge on 8 May 1915. However, the greatest tribute a soldier can receive is from another soldier. "As the remnant of the Regiment moved out after the action, their comrades of the 80th Brigade turned out on one accord, lined the road, swept off their caps to the "Colour", and cheered and cheered again." (PPCLI -Volume I)



PATRICIAS

Decorations awarded to the Regiment in connection with the Second Battle of Ypres:

The Distinguished Service Order: Lt.-Col. H.C. Buller; Capt Agar Adamson.

The Military Cross: Lieuts. H.W. Niven (Adjutant), D.A. Clarke and G.C. Carvell (Transport Officer).

The Distinguished Conduct Medal: C.S.M. G.L. McDonnell (Div H.Q. Transport); Sgts W. Jordan, S. Larkin (Bn Transport), M.M. Macdonald and L. Scott; Cpls E. Bowler, J.M. Christie, H. McKenzie and B. Stevens; L/Cpl A.G. Pearson; Ptes G. Bronquest, J. Bushby and G. Inkster.

The Russian Order of St. Anne: Major A.H. Gault, D.S.O.

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SENIOR SERVING PATRICIA

MAJOR-GENERAL A.J.G.D. de CHASTELAIN, CMM, CD

Major-General de Chastelain was born on 30 July, 1937 in Bucharest, Roumania. He began his military career as a cadet in 1950 in the Combined Cadet Force of the British Army, in Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1955 he moved to Canada and joined the Canadian Army as a private soldier (Piper) in the Calgary Highlanders. In 1956 he attended the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario under the ROTP. In 1960 upon graduation with a Bachelor of Arts degree, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant and posted to the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in Edmonton, where he served as a Platoon Commander and Intelligence Officer.

Promoted Captain in 1962, he was appointed aide-de-camp to the Chief of General Staff at Army Headquarters, Ottawa till 1964. He was then posted to 1st Battalion PPCLI at Hemer, West Germany where he served as a Company Commander. In October 1965, he was selected to attend the Camberley Staff College in England and on completion of the course he was promoted to the rank of Major in January 1967.

Back in Canada he served as Officer Commanding a Rifle Company and subsequently the Support Company of 1 PPCLI in Edmonton. He also served a six months tour with his unit in Cyprus with the United Nations Force. In October 1968 he was appointed Brigade Major, 1 Combat Group in Calgary.

He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel in January 1970, and appointed Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI stationed in Winnipeg in July of that year. In 1972, he attended the Federal Bilingual and Bicultural Development Program at Université Laval in Quebec City. In June 1973 he was appointed Senior Staff Officer at Quartier Général District No 3 du Québec (Milice) in Quebec City.

He was promoted Colonel in June 1974 to command La Base des Forces Canadiennes Montréal, and upon the completion of the Olympic Games, in 1976, he assumed the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff at Headquarters, United Nations Forces in Cyprus, and as Commander of the Canadian Contingent.

Promoted Brigadier-General on 1 July 1977, he was appointed Commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston, Ontario.

He then moved back to West Germany to assume command of the 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group on 1 July 1980. In July 1982, he was posted to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa as Director General Land Doctrine and Operations.

Promoted Major-General on 1 June 1983, he moved to St. Hubert, Quebec where he became the Deputy Commander of Mobile Command



PRESIDENT OF THE REGIMENTAL GUARD BRIGADIER-GENERAL R. I. STEWART, CD

Brigadier-General Stewart began his military service as a rifleman in the Regina Rifle Regiment in 1954. In 1956 he joined the Canadian Army Regular and served as a private soldier and NCO with the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. In 1957 he was selected as a Regular Officer Training Plan candidate and attended the University of Saskatchewan graduating in 1960. He returned to the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as a commissioned officer and served in various Regimental appointments until 1965. He attended the Canadian Army Staff College during 1965-66 and on graduation was assigned as GSO 3 Trg to Headquarters 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Germany. In 1968 Brigadier-General Stewart rejoined the Second Battalion of his Regiment in

Germany as a company commander. On return to Canada in 1969 he served with the Canadian Airborne Regiment first as Regimental Major and then from 1971 to 1972 as the Commanding Officer of 2 Airborne Commando. From 1972 to 1973 Brigadier-General Stewart held staff appointments in National Defence Headquarters and in Training Command Headquarters. In 1974 he assumed command of the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg and in 1976 took the Battalion to Cyprus. He commanded the Infantry School in Gagetown from 1976-77 and the following year assumed the appointment of Deputy Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group in Calgary. He attended the US Army War College during 1979-80 and on completion assumed the duties as Chief of Staff Central Militia Area until July 1981. He was promoted to his present rank 1 July 1982 and immediately took command of the Special Service Force at CFB Petawawa. He held this position until 8 August 1984 at which time he took command of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in Kingston.



CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIMENTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES S. H. KEMPLING, CD

On graduation from the Royal Military College in 1965, Lieutenant-Colonel J.S.H. Kempling joined the Second Battalion in Edmonton. Later the same year, he was posted to the First Battalion in Germany. On return from Germany in 1968, he served for two years on the staff of RMC before joining 2 CDO in Edmonton. After attending staff college, he joined 3 PPCLI in Victoria where he served both as operations captain and on promotion as a company commander.

In 1978 he completed a two-year post graduate programme in Public Administration at the University of Victoria and then returned for a second tour in the Canadian Airborne Regiment. After serving as CO 2 CDO, he was posted to Montreal in 1980. He was promoted to LCoI in 1981, and has served two years as SSO Plans at Mobile Command HQ. LCoI Kempling assumed command of 1 PPCLI on 7 July 1983.



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OPERATIONAL

Our Second Battalion, after conducting a superb "Farewell to Winnipeg" ceremonial, executed a flawless deployment to Baden Soelingen, West Germany, during June and July 1984. The Battalion is again part of 4 Canadian Mechanized Battle Group after a fourteen year absence.

Our First Battalion performed United Nations duties in Cyprus from March to October 1984.

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Our Colonel-in-Chief had an excellent visit with 1 PPCLI in Cyprus during May 1984. For 1985 Lady Patricia will be attending our Second Battalion ceremonial activities to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg, 8 May 1985, Ypres, Belgium.

COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Our Colonel of the Regiment visited all our units and many of the major concentrations of Patricias during 1984. Colonel and Mrs. Sutherland visited: 1 PPCLI in Calgary and Cyprus; 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg and Baden Soelingen; 3 PPCLI in Victoria twice; the Infantry School in Gagetown; and the Association Branches in Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. This is an incredible feat considering Colonel Sutherland's current arduous Ottawa job. Colonel Sutherland has stated, "The Regiment has never been or looked better!"

COMPETITIONS

Our First Battalion won the Hamilton Gault Trophy for 1984. "A" Company 1 PPCLI won the Hamilton Gault Skill-at-Arms Trophy.

REGIMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

All Patricias should have received a copy of the PPCLI Annual Report 1984. All Patricia Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers should have received Regimental Manual Amendment 1/84.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Regimental Headquarters is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs: it is the general office of the Regiment. Regimental Headquarters is responsible for; being the secretariat of the Regiment; the maintenance, accounting and operation of the Regimental and Association funds and accounts; operating the Regimental Kit Shop; operating the Regimental Museum and Archives; editing and publishing all Regimental publications, including the Association Newsletter, the Patrician, the Regimental Manual and the New Soldiers Manual; maintaining all files and records of the Association; liaising between Regimental soldiers, units, branches of the Association; protocol; funerals; visits; and a variety of other tasks assigned by, or on behalf of the Regimental Council. (ie Fund Raising)

REGIMENTAL HISTORIES

Lieutenant-Colonel Jeffery Williams' updated version of the Famous Regiment Series book on the Regiment will be available through the Regimental Kit Shop in June 1985. This new Regimental history will cover the first seventy years of the Regiment, 1914 - 1984.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alex Morrison has recently completed the first draft of volume 5 of our official Regimental history. This volume covers in detail the Regiment's history from the Korean War until 1984. The Regiment anticipates this book will be available during the autumn of 1986.

PATRICIAN 1984

This journal now reports on activities during the calendar year. To finance the 1984 journal the Regiment sold \$16K worth of advertisement space in the publication. Since the magazine cost \$11.5 K to print, the Regimental Fund will realize a profit of \$5.5 K.

REGIMENTAL KIT SHOP

On \$102 K worth of sales in 1984, the Regiment realized a \$20 K profit; \$13 K for the Regimental Fund and \$7 K for unit Funds. The unit kit shops receive a ten percent rebate on all purchases from the Regimental Kit Shop provided they pay their accounts within thirty days. The profits to unit funds vary according to the volume of sales in each kit shop operation.

The RHQ Staff are currently designing a proper Regimental Kit Shop catalogue which will be distributed before September 1985.

REGIMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In 1984 the Regiment adopted a new scale for Regimental contributions and introduced a system for paying contributions by monthly pay assignment. The Regiment's system for gratuities and contributions was described in the PPCLI Annual Report 1984.

The 1984 results for our new system were extremely positive. Out of 2429 serving Patricias, 1327 paid their contributions by pay assignment, 844 paid by cash and 258 have yet to pay. Of the 258 non-contributors there are approximately 100 who refuse to contribute and the remainder are either new arrivals or departures. Regimental Contributions for 1984 brought \$54 K revenue into the Regimental Fund.

The early 1985 data on Regimental contributions indicate that 1908 Patricias are paying their 1985 donation by monthly pay assignment.

REGIMENTAL FINANCES

The Regiment's finances are now administered by a full time trained accounting Sergeant who is supervised by the Regimental Adjutant. All accounts are internally audited quarterly and officially audited by Coopers and Lybrand annually. The Annual audited financial statements will be published in the PPCLI Annual Report.

The Regiment and the Association were granted authority by Revenue Canada in early 1984 to accumulate charitable donations from year to year until 1989 to finance anticipated Seventy-Fifth Anniversary expenses. Basically what this means is that the Regiment and the Association do not have to expend eighty percent of all contributions annually. What it does mean however is that the Regiment must spend eighty percent of all receipted donations between now and 1989 on Revenue Canada approved Seventy-Fifth Anniversary expenditures (gifts, Museum construction, uniforms, ceremonial activities, etc). The more revenue the Regiment and the Association can raise between now and 1989 the better our celebration and the more revenue the Regiment can retain for the future of the Regiment. Twenty percent of the total receipted donations raised between now and 1989 may be retained to guarantee the long term financial health of the Regiment.

The Regiment, the Association and the HGMF currently have a total of \$180 K invested in short and long term certificates.

REGIMENTAL FUND RAISING

In 1984 2 and 3 PPCLI raised \$15 K each for the Regiment. 1 PPCLI and RHQ raised \$43 K. In addition RHQ received \$36 K worth of services from the Federal Government to hire three personnel under the New Employment Expansion and Development (NEED) programme and \$13 K under the Summer Student Works Programme to hire four students. Both programmes were of great benefit to RHQ in areas such as data processing and Museum/Archives cataloguing.

For 1985 2 and 3 PPCLI will again be attempting to raise \$15 K each for the Regiment. 1 PPCLI and RHQ will attempt to raise \$35 K. 1 PPCLI and RHQ's success will be contingent on the funds generated by the Regimental casino to be held in Calgary. RHQ will again be attempting to hire staff on Government works programmes.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

An RHQ staff of four personnel have been working full time for the past year cataloguing Museum artifacts and archival documents. The initial phase of this project, cataloguing, will hopefully be completed by the end of August '85. During the next phase of the project all items will be photographed, appraised, and the records computerized. Once all Museum artifacts are appraised the Regiment will then finally have insurance on our Museum contents. It is a long tedious process which requires our full attention.

Another aspect of the Museum cataloguing, which is being conducted simultaneous, is the cataloguing and ownership transfer of all our unit non-public property to our Regimental Museum. This is an equally long and tedious process which must also be completed as soon as possible.

The Regiment has recently published an extremely attractive Museum brochure and produced a superb professional audiovisual presentation on the Museum. The presentation package is used to solicit financial support for the Museum.

The Regimental Museum attendance in 1984 was 5,756 up from 3,600 in 1983. Museum box donations totalled \$451.60.

The Regiment received \$4,500 from the Alberta Government and \$4,350 from DND to support our Museum in 1984.

In 1984/85 RHQ raised \$35 K in corporate donations for the renovations to the Museum building or for the construction of a new Regimental Museum. Expenditures for Museum renovation or new construction must be completed before 1990.

REGIMENTAL RECORDS

In 1984 the Regiment purchased its own computer, an IBM PC-XT and associated software. We were fortunate that one of the summer students was a programmer who helped us in the design of our data management system.

The Regiment now has computerized records on all serving Patricias and members of the Association, the Regimental and Association accounts and the Regimental Kit Shop account and inventory. We hope this will simplify our records keeping and provide more timely and efficient service to our soldiers.

The next major undertaking will be to create records for the contents of our Regimental Museum and Archives.

EXERCISE RIC-A-DAM-DOO

Exercise RIC-A-DAM-DOO, our indoctrination course for newly commissioned Regimental officers, was held in Victoria in 1984. The Regiment is extremely grateful for the excellent presentations by BGen Keith MacGregor, BGen Stu Graham, LCol Jeff Williams, LCol Brian Munro, and Maj Rod Middleton.

The 1985 Exercise, along with the annual Officers' Retirement Dinner, will be held in Calgary from 20 to 23 November 85. The retirement dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday 23 November 85 immediately after the PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PLANS

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Instruction is currently in its third draft form for review. Hopefully the instruction will be promulgated in the autumn of 1985.

THE PPCLI ASSOCIATION

As you all know Rod Middleton was elected President of the Association in May 84. Rod has initiated a number of projects to increase Association membership, 75th Anniversary Plan membership and revenue for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

The Association membership has increased from 385 paid-up members to 916 during the past two years primarily because of the work being done by Rod, Vince Lilley (the Past President), the local Branch Executives and Captain Rudy Raidt, our Regimental Adjutant.

The Association currently has 125 members in the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Plan; the Regiment has only 17 members. We are hoping to triple the membership during the next year. Details on the plan were included in the PPCLI Annual Report 1984.

The next Association Annual General Meeting will be held in Calgary on Saturday 23 November 1985.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. H. Kempling will pass command of 1 PPCLI to Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Almstrom on 28 June 1985.

Lieutenant-Colonel M. H. McMurray will pass command of 3 PPCLI to Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Anderson on 4 July 1985.

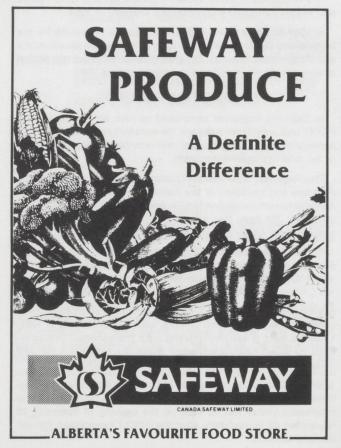
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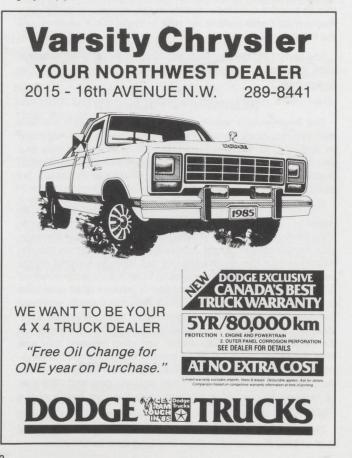
The following gratuities are provided to Patricias, as indicated, provided the individual annually contributes in accordance with the current scale of Regimental Contributions, commencing 1 January 1984;

- a. On promotion to the rank of Sergeant the Patricia will be presented his Sergeant's Sash by the Regiment.
- Regimental Achievement Awards will be presented to selected Patricias to acknowledge individual outstanding achievements (Regimental Manual Chapter 7 with AL/1-84).
- The Patrician will annually be presented to all Patricias at no cost.
- d. A Regimental Retirement Gift:
 - for all Patricias on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service. (Units action);
 - (2) for all Patricias on honourable retirement, remuster or release from and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service the presentation of a "Modern Day PPCLI Soldier" or "PPCLI Drummer Boy", suitably engraved, and a Regimental Certificate of Service. (RHQ action): and
 - (3) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service, the presentation of the "World War I PPCLI Soldier" statue, suitably engraved, and a Certificate of Service. (RHQ action)

Units of the Regiment process and action sub-paragraph d. (1). RHQ actions sub-paragraph d. (2) and (3). Units and Regimental Representatives must advise RHQ on Patricias retiring or remustering and provide the individual's particulars; name, rank, initials, decorations, enrollment date, retirement/release/remuster date, and address on retirement/release/remuster.

The Regiment is currently in the process of obtaining a miniature World War I PPCLI Soldier statuette for presentation category d. (2).





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WHY SUPPORT THE REGIMENT

by

Major D. B. Stevenson, CD

We belong to our Regiment for many different reasons; family tradition, personal preference, geographical location or because we were posted to it, are but a few.

Many of us nod sagely when we read the regimental history and try to imagine what it was like in battle when it was the Regiment that held men together. When fighting and dying far from home, the Regimental family provided the sense of belonging, support and comradeship that enabled men to keep fighting with the will to win.

Except for a very small minority remaining today in the Canadian Forces, however, most of us have never endured this ordeal of war which required us to reach out for the Regiment's support or for it to be provided. We take our Regiment for granted and complain about our dues or whatever, but we are wrong if this is our attitude.

Without trying to make this sound like a testimonial, I would like to reach all of my brother Patricias and to thank my Regimental

family for the support that was provided me during a personal family tragedy that left me shattered and alone. Details are irrelevent. The point is, that when I was in the depths of despair the Regiment provided that moral support that we read about in the history books. The great number of individuals of all ranks who took the time to write or call is proof that the regimental spirit is alive and well in the Patricias. A simple card from "Officers and Soldiers of The...... Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry" contributed in no small way to easing my personal pain.

I and others have taken our Regiment for granted. The past year is clear evidence that the Regiment did not take me for granted. This I will never forget and am extremely proud to be a Patricia.

To finally get to my point, all of us must support our Regiment with all our efforts in peace as well as in war because it certainly supports each and every one of us. The Regiment is a living thing, embodied in all of us who serve. Let us serve it well.

3 RETIRED PATRICIAS



Brigadier-General J. L. Sharpe, CD, President of the Regimental Guard, presenting Regimental retirement gifts to Captain J. W. Miles, MMM, CD, Chief Warrant Officer G. R. Smith, CD and Warrant Officer W. E. Toews, MMM, CD. The retiring gentlemen represent 101 years of service to the Regiment.

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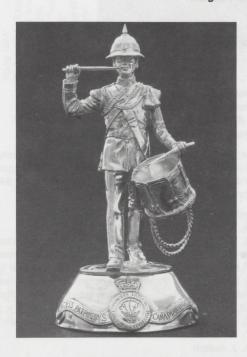
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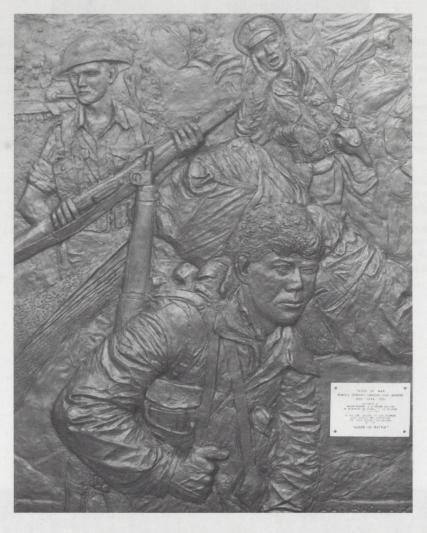
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Major-General GG Brown, OStJ, CD and his lovely wife Pauline, presented this beautiful basque relief to the Regiment on the occasion of Major-General Brown's retirement as our Colonel of the Regiment. The sculpture is currently on display in our Regimental Museum. The Regiment sincerely thanks the Browns and wishes them continued good health, happiness, and success.

The Regiment wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank the following organizations for their generous financial donations to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (Museum Building Fund):

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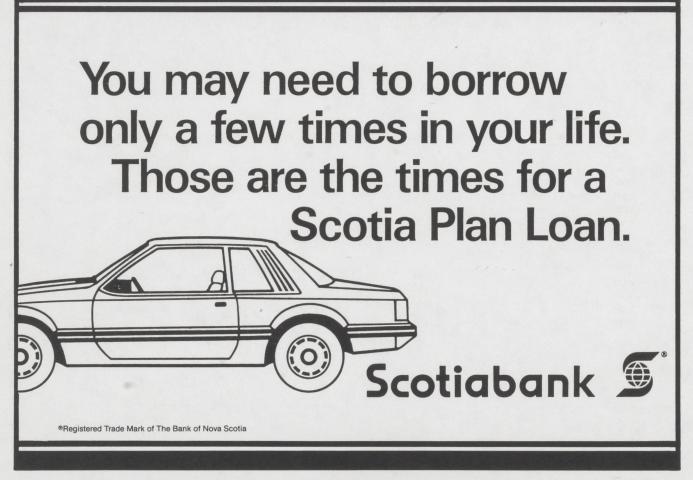
Keith Hough, President of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch Number 276, South Calgary, talking with Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. S. Kempling and Major G. D. Manning.

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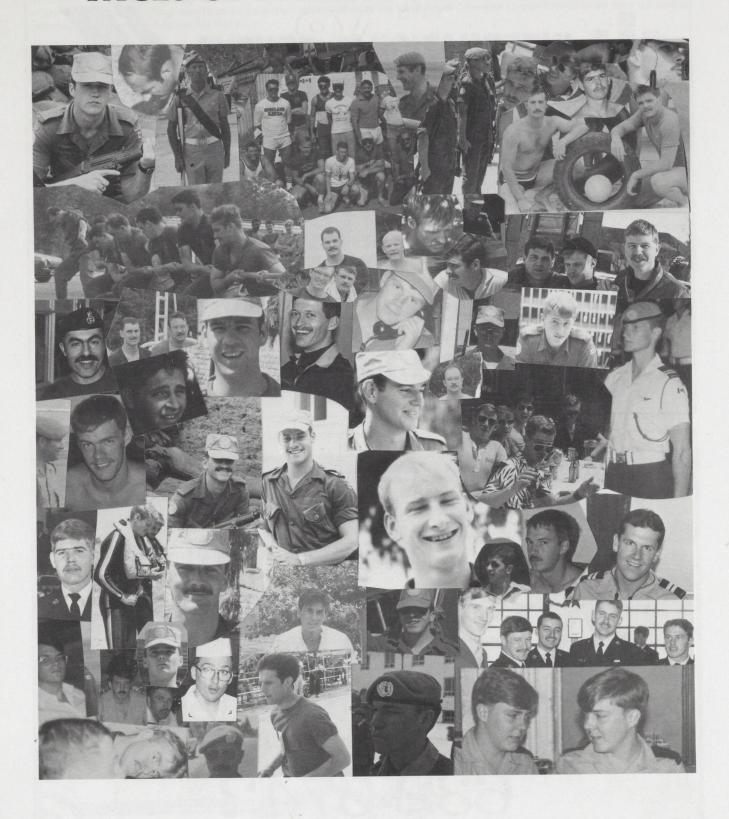
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FIRST BATTALION

By: Lt E. Gallagher and Lt F. O'Brien

The period January to December 1984 was another hectic year for 1 PPCLI. From the bone-chilling cold of a rifle trench in Wainwright in January, to the dizzying heat of a two man patrol along the Pedhious River in Nicosia, Cyprus in July, the officers and men of the First Battalion were constantly challenged.

The year consisted of two distinct phases. In phase one, from September 1983 to February 1984, the Battalion carried out training and courses, Commanders Inspection, winter indoctrination, Exercise RAPIER THRUST, and all the various aspects of preparation and planning normally associated with a conventional unit. In the second phase, from February until November, the Battalion switched roles to prepare, then execute, a six month peacekeeping tour in Cyprus, holding Sector Four of the Green Line. Simultaneously, C Company plus elements of Combat Support Company moved into high gear in their very active role as Rear Party.



Basic Machine Gun Course Course Officer Lt Semianaw

Because the Battalion was physically split between Canada and Cyprus for six months, each company — whether in Nicosia or Calgary — developed a distinct mission and thus, a strong identity. It is from this point of view that the year's events will be reviewed.



2Lt SA Brennan and 6 PI B Coy await Brigade Commander during annual inspection.

A COMPANY

The fall started with the Company participating in EX SHARP-SHOOTER, the annual range classification shoot. Many long hours were spent on the Wainwright ranges refining everyone's shooting skills on both primary and alternate weapons. Thankfully, the well-known Wainwright weather conditions remained favourable throughout the week and a great deal of success was had by all.

No sooner had the Company returned from Wainwright than preparations began for the fall PCF course cycle. A Company was tasked to run a Driver Wheeled Course. Headed by Lt C. T. McKnight, all instructors were drawn from the ranks of the Company. The high standard achieved by course candidates attested to the effectiveness of the instructional staff.

Throughout the fall, A Company placed heavy emphasis on its participation in the Inter-company Sports programme. As is traditional, the French Grey Cup was the highlight of the season, and much to the chagrin of all others involved — especially Combat Support Company — A Company was victorious for the second straight year. The game was a hard fought defensive struggle, but after some last minute heroics by Lt John Turner and Pte "Fig" Kennedy, A Company came out on top.

After an all too short Christmas leave period, the Company returned to set out once again for the wilds of Wainwright for EX RAPIER THRUST 84. After some intensive platoon and company training, everyone was put to the test in a three day company level live fire defence scenario, followed by platoon level live fire ambush patrols. Who will ever forget the Company Headquarters bunker? The final Brigade exercise provided many challenges — not the least of them a flu bug that ravaged the company — but the company stood fast, playing its part in stopping the enemy hordes.

Upon completion of EX RAPIER THRUST, the Company quickly switched to its new task, that of preparing for a summer tour in Cyprus. After two months of preparation, the Company took over the western half of Sector Four, which stretched from the western suburbs of Nicosia to the middle of the old walled city. The Company's deployment was varied; a platoon working from a centralized platoon house in the old city; another platoon split between three section houses in the suburbs; and a platoon



Driving the body during March 17th Broom-A-Loo

conducting Reserve/Garrison duties from the Ledra Palace Hotel at Wolseley Barracks. The entire Company attacked the task professionally, and settled in for a long and hot six months.

A healthy rivalry between all companies quickly surfaced and was very apparent in the units' active sports programme. During both halves of the tour, A Company came away as the overall winners. Members of A Company eagerly looked forward to a safe return to Canada in early October, when it will be time to turn back to the basics of soldiering in preparation for the year to come.

B COMPANY

B Company will remember 1983-84 as a busy and challenging one. Not all the challenges were greeted with whole-hearted enthusiasm, but none-the-less, they were tackled in a truly professional manner, and the company discharged its duties with typical flair.

The fall of 1983 brought with it the normal spectrum of PCF and leadership courses. As always though, some people were not slated for any courses, so it was necessary to keep up the training for those left behind. In October, about 20 soldiers were treated to a short mountaineering course at the foot of Mt. Athabasca (11,452'). The three day event was sponsored by the brigade and organized by Maj Kenward and Lt MacLaine, two of the many avid climbers in the company. After a couple of days of poor (but not uncommon) weather and basic training in the use of ice-axes, crampons and crevasse rescue techniques, the 20 man party set out in the dark of night to climb Athabasca itself. Regrettably, the expedition was forced to turn back at the 10,000' level due to extreme avalanche danger. Considerably wiser in the art of alpine mobility, despite their disappointment, all the participants agreed that the trip had been a success and would be well worth trying again.



CO L Col J.H.S. Kempling and RSM EC Simpson carve the turkey at the Annual Mens Christmas dinner

November also had its share of fun, with a company airmobile attack into Suffield to wipe out the last vestiges of that sinister organization, CRAP (Canadian Revolutionary Army of the People). For this four day counter-guerilla exercise, the B Company nucleus had to be beefed up with elements of Administration and Combat Support Company, not to mention a platoon of enemy that A Company thoughtfully provided. The exercise gave the new platoon commanders the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their men and discover the joys of navigation in Suffield. The final attack on CRAP Headquarters was accomplished in a daring pre-dawn raid which burnt much of the Prairie and triggered a number of large explosions (you never know what you might find lying around in Suffield), all of which seemed to make the long march through the night worthwhile.

After the regular festivities of Christmas, B Company reassembled to participate in RAPIER THRUST. The Exercise proved valuable for several reasons. It was proven once and for all that

one can, in fact, dig trenches in winter (at least in Wainwright). It was a gruelling exercise and many people learned their limits of physical exhaustion, and the old saying "if you don't like the weather in Wainwright, just wait 10 minutes" was confirmed as the temperature went from -40°C to +5°C and back down again. And, of course, we learned to expect nothing good from the Air Force, for without exception, the company was never dropped on the correct LZ. At ENDEX, everyone breathed a sigh of relief when it was announced that we would be returning to bivouac by truck and not helicopter.

In February, a four day ski trip to Lake Louise was arranged for personnel not otherwise committed. Done at a special group rate, all participants found it well worth the money. Hopefully, it will become an annual occurrence. Despite some rather unusual styles of skiing, no one got injured. Good luck rather than good form is credited with that amazing fact.

As the battalion deployed to Cyprus in early April, B Company initially occupied the much loved CAMP MAPLE LEAF, but had to close out and move down to the Ledra Hotel with great regret when Headquarters decided that it was no longer practical to work out of CML. Concurrent with the move out of CML was the occupation of FREZENBERG HOUSE, a new platoon house which was officially opened by Lady Patricia on 7 May 1984.

Of course this redeployment on the line brought with it a requirement to build new bunkers and improve the old ones. This formidable task was accomplished by the end of August and there now exists three monuments to B Company on Line East; the Heineken Bunker at Ortona House (5 Platoon marvel); the TAC HQ bunker at C-58 (donated by 6 Platoon) and the Frezenberg Bunker, complete with cathedral ceiling, courtesy of 4 Platoon. In all, the company filled over 15,000 sandbags and created an olympic swimming pool to boot.

Company PT continued at its usual (albeit fast) pace, and the Nicosia to Calgary Run Competition was finished while the other companies were still in mid-Atlantic. Participation in all other sporting events was excellent, with strong representation on the battalion teams in all UNFICYP events.



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While in the reserve role, the platoons were able to get out and do some interesting training on their own, and soldiers who had time off (I want to know who they are) were able to visit the beaches and perhaps taste a bit of Swedish culture.



Recreation at the pool at Ledra Palace, Cyprus

As the tour drew to a close, a number of manning changes were in store which would permanently alter the face of the Company. No one will forget their time in Cyprus (no matter how hard they try) and everyone looked forward to a good year back in civilization.

C COMPANY

For C Company, the past year has been one of many different activities and excitement, and although we did not get to go to Cyprus with the rest of the battalion, our activities on rear party by far made up for it.

As with other companies, C Company participated in the usual year's beginning activities by a short stay in Wainwright for the annual weapons classification, followed by the normal onslaught of PCF courses. Christmas leave came and went, and soon we were out once more in Wainwright freezing ourselves along with the rest of the battalion on EX RAPIER THRUST 84.

While the remainder of the battalion prepared for Cyprus, our company launched itself into the first of a series of activities that would keep us busy for the next seven months, while the battalion was gone. Again, there were PCF courses to run as a majority of the company was fresh out of training from Battle School. Soldiers were qualified in two main areas here — AVGP and machine gun — as this would be essential later on in the months to come.

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Bldg. 15 - 5115 Crowchild Trail S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2T 2C4 Soon the month of May was upon us and once more (sigh! Will it ever end?) it was off to good old Wainwright for Waincon 84. This time, however, the training was exceptionally exciting and valuable as we worked extensively with the LdSH(RC) as part of the brigade enemy force and saw the combat team and battle group from a tanker's point of view.

But, the fun doesn't stop there, for mid-June was quick to come and it was off on adventure training. Time was spent on Vancouver Island up the West Coast Trail and caving, followed by a trip to the Yukon Territory for some hiking and canoeing. Who says that "there's no life like it"?

Block leave was a nice change of pace, though, and a well earned break from all of the "hardships" of rear party. I am sure that one or two of us even thought of our poor "brothers in arms" sweating it out in Cyprus on OP duty. I hear where it is 120° C plus at the end of July over there!

We were no sooner back to work when we were hard at it again, but this time it was off to Mountain School. Held during the month of September, the school had 62 students, including six Calgary Highlanders and three members of the PPCLI Cadet Corps. It was a week long course with rock climbing, repelling, rope bridging, snow and ice climbing (at the Haig and Forbes Glaciers in the Kananaskis) and casualty evacuation and rescue systems. Thankfully, there were no major injuries and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Special thanks, however, is due to WO Baxter, the KO, and his crew for a job well done in the field kitchen by keeping us well fed and alive.

And, finally, C Company summed up their year of excitement with a touch of coup-de-gras. We participated in BATUS (British Army Training Unit Suffield) on one of seven annual, three week Medicine Man exercises as a result of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards Battle Group (4/7 DG BG) only being able to bring one rifle company from Germany. All ammunition used on this exercise is live and this, of course, adds to the realism. Overhead GPMG fire and demolitions were in common use by the BATUS staff and everything from 60mm mortar, live Carl Gustav, bangalore torpedos and Chieftain tanks were experienced. Training ranged from section level to as high as a tank-heavy battle group attack with D Squadron of 4/7 DG with artillery and mortars in support. We even got to exchange rations with C Company of the First Battalion, Royal Regiment of Wales, and the common feeling was that even the IMP ham omelette has a far better taste than the British "Compo" rations. Unfortunately due to bad weather conditions, training had to cease, but not without first learning many valuable lessons. With obvious improvement in the soldier's combat skills in just two weeks of training, it was obvious that more training of this calibre is necessary.

Looking back over the whole year, C Company was quite fortunate. Due to the battalion being in Cyprus, we had more opportunities than normal to get in some good training and that's exactly what we did. Of course, we would have loved to have gone to the "Island of Love" and bask in the sun working on our suntans, but we also understood that someone had to hold down the fort and carry on soldiering!



BGen J.L. Sharpe, Comd 1 CBG inspects A Coy, 1 PPCLI prior to departure for Cyprus.

COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

For those members of the inner circle of people who remained present from September 1983 until deployment to Cyprus in March 1984, Combat Support Company was affectionately known as Combat Support Platoon. Well over half of the "largest" company in the battalion found themselves scattered in small groups everywhere from CTC Gagetown to the brigade to the battle school training YTEPs. There were career courses, PCF courses, brigade courses and CP exercises run throughout this period and as a result, some friendly faces were missing for periods of up to six months. It is for this reason that Combat Support Company can only be talked about by events rather than by individuals or platoons.

The annual weapons classification period took place as usual in September 1983 and although many groans were heard from those troops fresh off block leave, another short stay in good old Wainwright was not only inevitable but necessary. Of course, as if reading a book, weapons classification is always followed by PCF courses. This year, however, courses were focused on our upcoming tour in Cyprus and as a result, only two platoons were involved. Armoured Defence Platoon (ADP), as our resident APC experts, ran two basic driver track courses; and Signals Platoon ran two basic communications courses.

Christmas leave came and went and, shortly afterwards, Exercise RAPIER THRUST 84 was well underway. Here, Combat Support Company was fairly active, albeit in modest numbers. Pioneer Platoon, consisting of 12 men and Recce Platoon with its two detachments, busied themselves with the preparation and staffing of the rifle company live-fire exercise. ADP tried a new twist by mounting a TOW on a toboggan and conducting trials on its effectiveness. Finally, Signals Platoon and our Intelligence Section were employed by trying out different styles and set-ups for the Battalion command post. All in all, it proved to be a fairly worthwhile exercise.

The really hectic period began after redeployment to Calgary. There was a lot of work to be done and very little time to do it, as the Cyprus tour was rapidly approaching. A complete reorganization of the company was necessary to meet its commitments



Change of Comd in Cyprus, Gen Greindal, Comd UNFICYP signs over Sector 4 from 2 RCR to 1 PPCLI

and, consequently, Pioneer Platoon and ADP were required to disband for the upcoming six month period. Recce Platoon grew in size as they picked up the extra soldiers who would double as the battalion's new Band and strange organizations such as a Humanitarian cell and an Operations cell (complete with clerks and duty officers) developed for the operation. Briefings for Cyprus were held on all levels, including briefings for dependants, and Departure Assistance Groups (DAGs) were common. Soldiers were required to make pay allotments and all personal paperwork had to be updated. Everyone was rushed and confused for the most part, but most certainly very, very busy. Of course, the innocent passer-by could not help but notice the occasional death-like screams of the dedicated clerks as they pulled their hair out in agony. Even so, the job was done!

The advance party finally departed on 28 March 1984 and, upon arrival in Cyprus, it was quite obvious that the other English-speaking Regiment (2 RCR) was overjoyed to see us. Two weeks later, Sector Four, responsible for the general area of Nicosia, was ours and there was quite a lot to keep one busy. The RSM, for instance, got an early grip and began a massive painting project to undo the RCR's artistic abilities that were scattered throughout the sector. Combat Support Company now became known as Headquarters Company and consisted, in brief, of the Joint Operations Centre (where the duty officers hung their hats), the Information Section (Intelligence in disguise), the Humanitarian Section (working with civilians in the buffer zone), Recce Platoon (complete with the Band), Signals Platoon, the MP Section and the Command Group.

Probably the most interesting portion of this massive organization would be the Band. Formed in January 1984 and consisting of a drum line and instrumental section, it is totally made up of professional soldiers from the battalion with little or no musical experience. Continuous practice paid off though, as they put on a good show during Frezenburg Day (their first real public appearance) and finally at the Medals Parade on 21 August 1984. Credit and praise is due to them for their proud efforts and especially to Drum Major Robert Zubkowski (he's always looking for new additions to the band) for working so hard to make them worthwhile.

Of course, all of Combat Support Company could not go to Cyprus and therefore, those "unfortunate" individuals in Mortar Platoon who remained in Canada must be remembered as they were kept quite busy also, running two basic mortarman courses and attending EX WAINCON 84. The latter was probably the most interesting of their experiences, as it was spent under command of 3 RCHA and they worked not only with their own mortars, but also completed familiarization training on the M-109s. This was followed by Adventure Training in which they completed a one week 10 speed-bike trip from Jasper to Banff. Some people really have it hard, eh?

In retrospect, the last year has been one of many different happenings and events, massive changes and sometimes confusion. The company now looks forward to its much deserved disembarkation leave followed shortly from Cyprus to good old Alaska for Exercise BRIM FROST in January 1985.

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

Administration Company was as busy as ever this year, supporting the battalion during exercises SHARPSHOOTER and RAPIER THRUST, numerous PCF courses and of course, last but not least, Cyprus.

The year began with September's normal trip to Wainwright for the Annual Weapons Classification, but unlike other companies, we not only shoot but we have our normal job of supporting the battalion in everything from rations to vehicles and maintenance to bullets.

The PCF cycle followed quickly and although our only direct contact with staffing is usually for driving courses, let us not forget that everyone still needs those vehicles and weapons fixed and rations and stores for their courses!

Christmas break was a welcomed relief and also our last real break before the big panic started. Shortly after return to work, it was off to good old Wainwright again for Ex RAPIER THRUST 84 and, of course, despite the cold weather, the requirement for administrative support was just as strong as ever. Neither rain nor sleet nor snow if only the postal system was as good eh?

Immediately after RAPIER THRUST all the Administration Company platoons began preparing the Battalion for Cyprus. The Medical Section screened over 600 personnel for UN duty. There is, of course, no truth to the story that the MO was doing the last few medicals as the 707 taxied to the terminal (needles yes — medicals no).



MCpl Morley holds back the tears during pre-Cyprus innoculations, while Cpl Patterson enjoys himself

Transport Platoon grew to a new strength required to handle their numerous taskings in Cyprus and the platoon spent time in Suffield experiencing right hand driving. The only driving situation unsimulated was avoiding careening Cypriot cabs and scooters — which was a life and death experience in itself!

Maintenance Platoon prepared the battalion vehicles for storage. The platoon tested out the new Airflex bags, a system that appears to be very successful and may be instituted by the CF, nation-wide. Battalion QM was busy issuing blue berets, hat badges and UN accourrements as well as preparing the many stores that the battalion would require during the tour.

One of the busiest sections of the company was the BOR. There were innumerable forms to issue and action as well as the Departure Assistance Group (DAG) to set up and run.

Finally, it was off to Cyprus and what could only be termed as an interesting and challenging experience. Our ranks swelled with the addition of FMC augmentees and 1 CBG reinforcements from Calgary, Shilo and Chilliwack.

We were suddenly faced with more than just the problems of resupplying beans and bullets. (How do I get to Sweden?). Administration Company, now known as Logistics Company, handled all the maintenance, resupply, transport, welfare pay, Canex and engineering support of the battalion. Duties ranged from hauling water from the Troodos mountains, to providing guided tours of the island sights, to building observation posts and fixing air conditioners. All in all, it was a very busy tour.

So now it's back to Calgary again as Administration Company and some sense of normalization. But, then again, it's also back to lots of snow, a severe temperature change, and Alaska in January 1985. And you just can't seem to find a good beach in Calgary these days!

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As hectic as the year has been, it has been a very satisfying one. The Battalion won many lucrative competitions, which is indicative of the hard work and professionalism, each and every soldier has shown. The highlights of the year started with the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief. We enjoyed a very event-filled week with Lady Patricia that included the opening of Frezenberg House on the Green Line, a Frezenberg Drum Head Service and a myriad of social activities. All in all, it was a great treat for everyone.



Lt Mike Beaudette takes 1st place at track and field in Dhekelia, Cyprus

The high standard of professionalism and expertise did not stop on the Green Line, on exercise or the parade square. The same dedication and competative rivalry came through in the many sports and shooting competitions throughout the year. We started by being squeezed out of the aggregate for Ex STRONG CONTENDER by one point, then beating the British Commonwealth Tug-O-War champions in Cyprus to capture the Tug-O-War crown and claiming the military basketball championship in Cyprus.

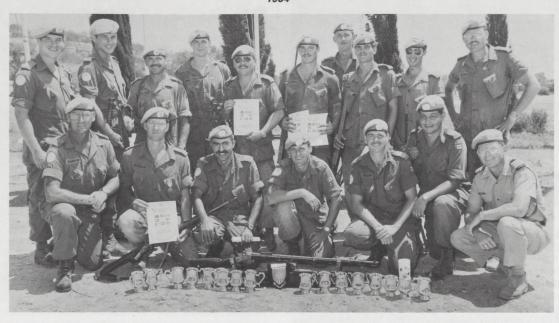
Our prowess in shooting started by a victory in the UNFICYP Shooting Competition, winning every event and weapon class, the first time one unit has accomplished this feat in UNFICYP history. To prove the calibre of our shooting skills the battalion went on to win the Hamilton Gault Trophy and the Hamilton Gault Skill-at-Arms Trophy (won by A Company with B Compay a close second).

As you can see a very successful year. The hard work and dedication of every member in the battalion has paid off with world-wide recognition. It only goes to show that the First is indeed the **FINEST!** I am sure next year will be equally gratifying.



Lady Patricia dedicates the opening of Frezenberg House a B Coy Platoon House on the line in Nicosia, Cyprus.

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FRONT ROW (L-R) CWO Simpson, Pte Bovehuck, Pte Papagiannis, Sgt Soucie, Lt Fisher, Sgt Nabess, LCol Kempling BACK ROW (L-R) Pte Wright, Pte Baker, WO Cableguen, Pte Henderson, Sgt MacIsaac, Pte Porkolski, MCpl Boustead, MCpl Adair, Lt Thorsen, Maj Davies



CO, LCol J.S.H. Kempling, and RSM EC Simpson face off at the annual Officers vs Senior NCO's Hockey Game



LCol J.S.H. Kempling lays a wreath at CFB Calgary on Remembrance Day



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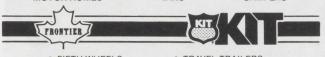
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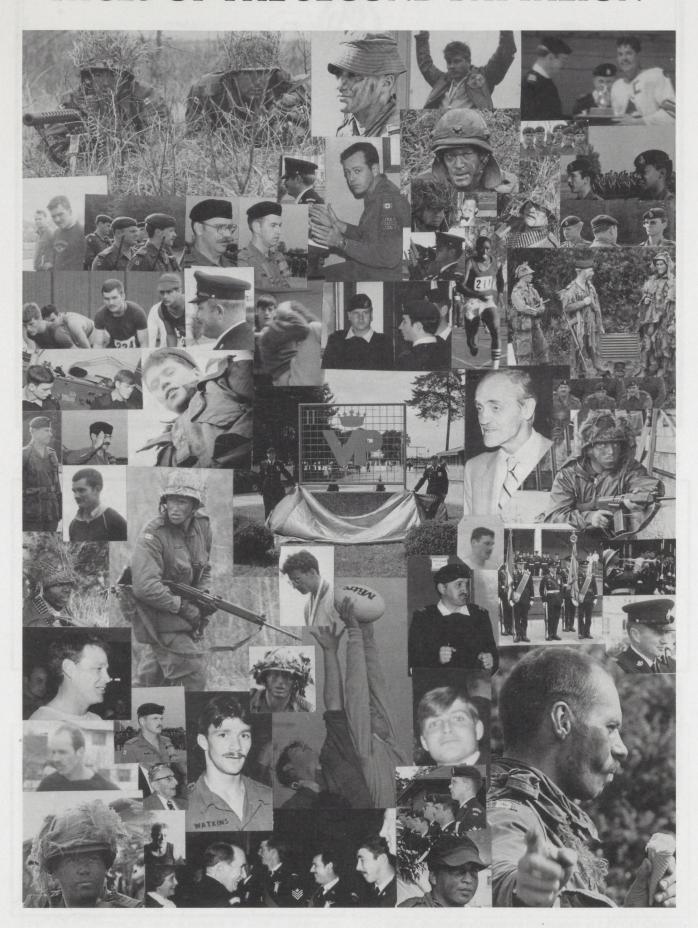


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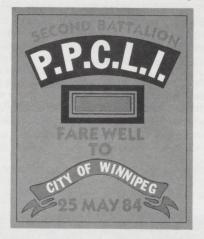
FACES OF THE SECOND BATTALION





SECOND BATTALION

By: Warrant Officer Decoste J., CD





As we look back over the past year, we wonder where all the time went. For all members of the Second Battalion, it was a year filled with hard work, action filled moments and much change . . . it is now just a memory . . .



"Goodbye Winnipeg" Front gate at Kapyong Barracks, Winnipeg



"Hello Germany" Front gate of the North Marg, Germany



"Look out Germany, here we come!"

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"I Quit"
A break in the action during Rapier Thrust 84



Broom-A-Loo 84 — C Coy victorious over Adm Coy



"@#*@*#" Pte Robichaud attempts a mounted attack during the Broom-A-Loo

RAPIER THRUST — 84

After knocking the cobwebs of Christmas out of their heads, the members of the Second Battalion started preparing for EXERCISE RAPIER THRUST 84. This exercise was to be different as we were to be the enemy force for the Brigade. After a relatively uneventful move, it was off to the field for sub-unit training before the Brigade exercise.

After becoming accustomed to the unusually balmy weather the training began in earnest. A Company participated with the fly boys on airmobile operations, B and C Companies practiced mounted winter tactics and Recce Platoon disappeared on their skidoos to practice sneak-and-peek tactics. The Company and Battalion exercises went well except for the Quarter Master who had his tent and some supplies go up in flames.

The Brigade exercise began well with B and C Companies creating havoc with the Brigade while A Company was popping in and out of the rear areas by helicopter. In an attempt to cross the Battle River, most of C Company's carriers ran into difficulties. Officer Commanding C Company later sent in a map correction requesting his crossing site be renamed "Calvin's Bluff".

Finally the Brigade exercise came to a close and everyone was ready to return home to warm meals and central heating. All in all the exercise proved to be a good experience for those involved.



Officer/Senior NCO hockey game



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2 PPCLI Exercise SHARPE RESPONSE 84

April showers bring May flowers . . . but in this case it brought the Second Battalion to Shilo for the spring Battle School. The training, geared towards the section and platoon level, proved to be very challenging. The men, knowing that this was to be their last exercise in Canada for at least four years approached the scheduled activities with enthusiasm and energy.

Battlefield casualty evacuation and fighting patrols were the order of the day (and night). The soldiers also received instruction on tank killing and later were given a chance to practice their newly acquired skills. The highlight of the week's activities was the platoon live fire exercise. Here the platoons had a chance to practice their battle skills in a more realistic environment. The battle run ended with a platoon attack while live mortar bombs fell on the objective. After the reorganization, the platoons were airlifted out by helicopter back to the start point.

By the end of the exercise the battalion was anxious to return home. Bigger and better things were waiting for us . . . on to Germany . . .



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Ptes O'Loan, Gobels, MacLean and Avery on Ex Sharpe Response



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"Be very quiet, we're hunting wabbits"
Action on Ex Sharp Response.



"There must have been some magic in that old beret they found..."



— Adm Coy — Inter-Company Basketball Champions



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Meet and greet at the Sgts mess during Extravaganza 84



Freedom of the City parade.



"Does he have hair under the hat?"



"On with the show, this is it . . ." Extravaganza 84



"Hurry up and take the picture. This trophy's heavy."

FAREWELL TO WINNIPEG

Although thoughts had turned to the Germany Rotation, much of the activity of the Battalion was directed towards the Farewell Celebrations for the departure from Winnipeg. During the period 24 May to 2 June, Winnipeg became the site of the 2 PPCLI Farewell to Winnipeg Celebrations. The Farewell Celebrations included such activities as a Freedom of the City parade, the Change of Command ceremonies, a Military Tattoo and of course the 'Better Ole'. The Military Tattoo took place on 25 May 1984 in the Winnipeg Arena where 11,000 dignitaries and Winnipegers saw the farewell salute to Winnipeg. The "Cast of Hundreds" put on a marvelous display of military pomp and ceremony with staged mock battles from the history books of the Regiment, unarmed combat, tumbling displays, and massed bands. Much thanks go out to those involved for a job well done.



"What do you mean this is the wrong address" — Col Gray and the Right Honourable Mayor Norry — Freedom of the City parade.



"The new small arms buy?"
Pte Buckle in action during the tattoo.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Second Battalion witnessed, as part of the Farewell Celebrations, the Change of Command Ceremony at Kapyong Barracks on the 27 May 1984. Lieutenant-Colonel B. W. Ashton handed over his command to Lieutenant-Colonel I. H. Gray. The Battalion turned out on parade to say farewell to their old CO, who went on to Command the Infantry School at the Combat Training Centre



Change over ceremonies of RSM Clarke and RSM Basaraba.



"Ready, Steady, Go!" Chain of command race during the Bn track meet.



"Incoming"
Clearing into CFB Baden-Soellingen



"Who said, Hurry up sign the bloody thing." Change of Command parade.



"Nervous?"
Pte Hanna during the Bde Comd inspection.

OPERATION PRINCESS ROYAL I GERMANY ROTATION

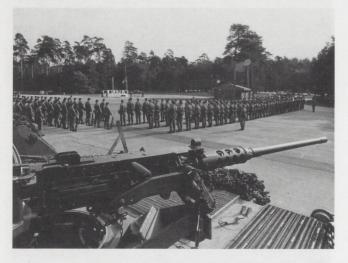
1984 saw many changes to the Second Battalion, the biggest of which was the Germany Rotation. It was a time for many to say farewell to old friends in Winnipeg, the place which they had called home for so many years. It was also a happy time with the Second Battalion finally returning to Germany to once again take up our role as part of 4 CMBG.

After Christmas the preparations for the departure of the Battalion began in earnest. Parades were the order of the day as the soldiers lined up for needles and document checks in preparation for their departure. When all was done, the Advance Party, under the command of Major Bill Sutherland departed on 1 May 1984 to prepare Germany for the arrival of the Patricia's. Over the period of June to August the main body of the Battalion arrived in Germany with their dependants, furniture and effects. Many of the Battalion members arrived with new brides making the Housing Officer's job a most difficult task indeed, as Captain Dave Wilson can attest.

When all was said and done, the transition proved to go more smoothly than most thought it would. Many thanks go out to all those involved, especially to 3 RCR and CFB Baden-Soellingen whose hard work made it all possible.



"Escaping over the wall"
The winning team from the NATO Recce competition.



Second Battalion on parade

EX RADICAL PATRICIA

The early morning fog was just beginning to lift, as the low, distant rumble of diesel engines of APCs departing the front gate of CFB Baden-Soellingen was heard. This was the beginning of EX RADICAL PATRICIA, the first training undertaken by the Battalion in the German countryside.

After deployment by road and rail on 29 July 1984, the Battalion was ready to commence two weeks of intensive training in the Munsingen area. EX RADICAL PATRICIA started off with the subunits conducting section and platoon level training for the first few days. This gave the platoons time to hone their skills before company operations began.

* The next phase of the training featured the companies training as integral units. A and B Companies joined forces to practice offensive and defensive operations while C Company went off and conducted manoeuvres on their own. Throughout this time Administration Company was kept very busy keeping up with the demands of the other companies while conducting training on its own.

During the last two days the sub-units were brought together under Battalion control to conduct two days of Battalion tactical moves by day and night. During the moves Recce Platoon and the Military Police were able to sharpen their traffic control skills. The companies were also given the chance to practice Tank/Infantry co-operation with the RCD in Munsingen.

EX RADICAL PATRICIA proved to be a good opportunity for the unit to have fighting skills before FALLEX 84.

NIJMEGEN MARCHES

Whoever said that 'The army marches on its stomach' has never been on the Nijmegen International Marches. The members of the Second Battalion team can truly attest to the fact that it is the feet not the stomach that bears the brunt of the marching.

Training for the marches began soon after the Rotation Advance Party arrived in Germany with team captain Lt Brian Flynn choosing his team from those available at the time. The Med A, MCpl J. Durand was kept busy tending to the sore feet and blisters of the team as they practiced marching through the local countryside around the base.

Finally the day of the marches drew near and the 12 member team headed off to Nijmegen. The routes took the marchers over surfaces varying from gravel to pavement and everything in between, each surface having its own distinctive method of torturing already sore feet. This, however, was more than compensated for by the evening festive activities and the cheers and friendliness of the Dutch people lining the route.

Like all good things, the marches came to an end. Those tired and foot sore members of the team were glad to return home to soak their feet, vowing never to march again ('till next year).



Col of Regt visit to Germany



"Go ahead, make my day" Sgt Lawler on Fallex 84



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FALLEX 84

FALLEX is the culmination of the training year in which the units put into practice the various skills learned throughout that period. Except for a few veterans and the members of A Company this was the first time that members of the Battalion had been on an exercise of this magnitude.

During the first week of training in Hohenfels, the subunits were left on their own in the Military Training Area (MTA) while Battalion Headquarters and Administration Company stayed in camp to provide administrative support. The Battalion kept a high profile during the Hohenfels concentration. A Company went through the chemical decontamination demonstration run for the benefit of the Brigade officers, while B Company staged an excellent combat team attack for the visiting Land Forces Command and Staff College.

At the end of the first week, the Battalion was pulled back into camp for some much needed rest and maintenance. Even the invisible support weapons platoons showed up; Mortar Platoon returned from their gun camp with 1 RCHA in Grafenwohr and Recce Platoon pulled in its patrol detachments from wherever they had been hiding.

EX RAMPANT PATRICIA

At midnight, Sunday 2 September the Battalion rolled out of camp to commence EX RAMPANT PATRICIA. this was going to be the dry run for the Battle Group in preparation for the Brigade and Corps exercises — dry that is except for the rain and the assault river crossings by A and C Companies. Armoured Defence Platoon even got out of their carriers and carried their TOW launchers across in the assault boats. The exercise was tiring but proved to be a valuable learning experience for the Battalion. With the end of the week came the end of the exercise as manoeuvre is restricted on weekends. For the last time the Battalion returned to Hohenfels for a hot meal, hot shower and a last night under a solid roof before the Brigade and Corps exercises.

EX SOLO PASSAGE

Throughout the weekend a steady rain threatened to force a delay in, or cancellation of, the Brigade exercise. However at midnight, 9 September the exercise was a go and the Brigade rolled out of Hohenfels for the last time.

It proved to be a fast moving exercise with much excitement from start to finish. The Battalion took the lead from the start and advanced towards the Brigade objectives. The German troops acting as the enemy tried their best to halt the advance. Their efforts were to no avail, as they quickly found themselves outflanked by our dismounted troops. The assault river crossing operation in which the Battalion was involved proved to be a success even though one of the companies decided to take a round-about route to their objective.

By the end of the exercise everyone was exhausted and the vehicles and equipment were in need of maintenance. After a six hour train move the Battalion moved into an assemby area to prepare for the Corps exercise.



"Prepare to move"

B Coy on Fallex



"Take this job and shove it . . ." Members of A Coy during a break in Fallex 84

EX FLINKER IGEL

Exercise FLINKER IGEL (Speedy Hedgehog) was the major field exercise for II German Corps and the Second Battalion was part of the Orange Force which included the First (GE) Mountain Division and 4 CMBG. They were tasked with invading Blue land by doing an assault river crossing and advancing to seize a prominent piece of high ground.

Although the exercise was the most demanding of the FALLEX series, it also proved to be the most interesting. The battalion attacked against a determined and ever present enemy; a fact that kept the Battalion continually on their toes. The exercise kept the Battalion on the move 25 hours a day whether it was crossing rivers or chasing after the Marders and Panzers of the Blue force.

By the end of the exercise, exhaustion had set in and the troops were in need of rest. The Battalion was moved to an assembly area for a brief clean-up before deploying back to Baden. FALLEX was a success and the Second Battalion had once again proved that it was second to none.



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"Which way did they go?" Pte Friesen — Recce Pl.

FRENCH COMMANDO COURSE

On 8 October 1984, 40 members of the Second Battalion departed CFB Baden-Soellingen and headed to Breisach, West Germany to gain a new insight into infantry tactics, the French Commando way. Lt 'Super Dave' Hirter and his cast of 39 had begun training immediately after FALLEX in preparation for the course. By the end of the pre-course the candidates had become very familiar with the obstacle course and were glad to head off to the school.

Once at the school the platoon began their training in earnest. The training included: hand to hand combat, demolition, climbing and rappelling, FIBUA, extensive obstacle course training, boobytraps, anti-tank skills, forced marching and patrolling.

The platoon performed well on the course with special mention going to WO J. P. 'Ranger' Decoste, Lt S. R. Dunn, 2Lt M. Parker, Sgt H. D. Swanson and Sgt L. L. Leighton for a job particularly well done. A word to the next Patricia serial — you do eventually get used to the French cuisine.



-- B Coy --Fr Grey Cup Champions, 1984

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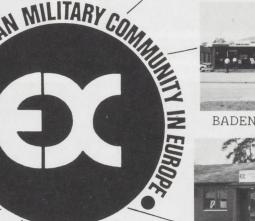


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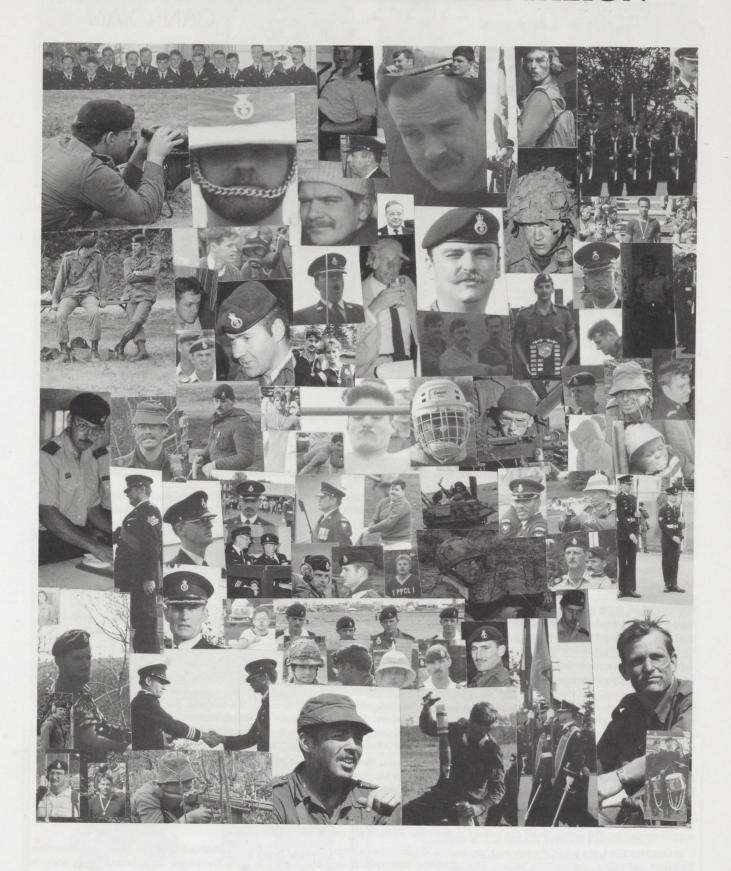
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By: Second Lieutenant J. M. Meikle





3rd Battalion shows the Navy that Army can handle assault boats during an Army and Navy competition.

Holding true to form, 3 PPCLI enjoyed a very active and prosperous 1984 participating in a various number of exercises and exchanges.

The year started with a deep chill. The Battalion traded the flowers of Victoria for the frozen waste lands of Wainwright to take part in Ex RAPIER THRUST 84, which was a 1 CBG defensive exercise. Along with the normal winter warfare training, live fire defensive exercises were also conducted. The most memorable event of the exercise was the Battalion's 21 hour redeployment by highway. This was due to fog on Vancouver Island and Vancouver which did not permit aircraft to land for several days. The battalion did, however, arrive for the annual flower count.

February and March distinguished themselves with PCF courses being conducted, Brigade Officer Study Week, and the Biathlon team capturing the 1 CBG team trophy and the Collin Trophy. The team was well prepared to compete in the FMC championship and placed second overall. The month of April, once again, saw the battalion moving out of Victoria. The majority of the battalion deployed to WAINCON 84, B Company taking the lead in order to train D Company, Canadian Scottish Regiment. A Company left last, deploying to Camp Pendleton to train with 1 Bn/3 Marine Division for six weeks, and participating in an amphibious exercise. In addition, a composite platoon under comd of Lieutenant EAC Wrighte, was sent to Australia on exchange with 8/9 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. They took part in jungle warfare training in Canungra, Tully and also paraded for ANZAC day.

During WAINCON 84, the Battalion was supplemented with L Coy 1/3 Marines and 6 P1 B Coy, 8/9 RAR and several Marine observers from 29 Palms, who were studying the employment of the AVGP. The battalion began the concentration emphasizing the Shoot-to-Live program. To check the small arms training a falling plate competition was held, which somehow, was won by the Aussies. Then C Company, on behalf of the battalion, put on a superb weapons effect demonstration for the Brigade. Next, all the Rifle Companies participated in an attack and defence field firing exercise, from section to combat team level. The Marines and Australians did extremely well, although it was their first exposure to the Grizzly. WAINCON 84 also permitted the Marines and Aussies to sample a bit of Canadian culture with trips to Calgary, Banff, Jasper and Edmonton and five days leave when we eventually returned to Victoria.

The pace did not slacken on return to Victoria, because the Battalion was tasked to provide honour guards for General George Pearkes' state funeral. Soon after, the Battalion hit the parade square in preparation for the Freedom of the Municipality of Esquimalt on 30 June 1984. After the parade the Battalion proceeded on well deserved block leave.

After block leave, the rifle companies each spent a week on the ranges in Nanaimo and a week at a Basic Mountain School run by Recce Platoon. During the same time frame, the Battalion prepared for the Papal visit in Vancouver. Five hundred men from the battalion, supplemented by 270 militia, lined the streets in and near Vanier Park on 18 September 1984.

In Oct/Nov 1984, the fall PCF cycle was conducted. A platoon was attached to 1 PPCLI for Ex MM7 in Suffield and preparation for the Battalion patrolling competition began. The patrolling competition was conducted in early December in Nanaimo Lakes area. It consisted of a Recce Patrol culminating in a fighting patrol. B Company swept both trophies with MCpl McCracken winning the Recce Patrol and 2nd Lieutenant Bob Saunders capturing the fighting patrol.

Finally, the year's training came to an end with the traditional men's Christmas dinner and everyone departing for Christmas leave. Although 1984 was a rewarding and profitable year, many officers and men wondered what it would be like if the complete Battalion was allowed to deploy together. Perhaps in 1985 we shall find the complete Battalion in Wainwright during RV85.

THE CORPS OF DRUMS



Pte Kelly grows six inches while on parade.



The Corps of Drums entertains the Battalion and their families after the Freedom of the City parade.



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Drumline struts their stuff with a little Stick Drill.

"What's that sound!" exclaimed several of the prominent citizens of Esquimalt. It seems to be the faint strains of Drums and Bugles, a sound some six years previous familiar to all residents in the area. Yes, indeed it was, for early in August 1983, WO Smyth was summoned by his Commanding Officer and given the task of forming a Corps of Drums.

Word spread throughout the Battalion that Lieutenant-Colonel McMurray had authorized a Corps of Drums to be formed, and that those with musical background wishing to apply for a position should do so. Within days the numbers grew to 30. However, it should be noted that the musical background of those applicants was limited. A plan was devised to overcome this obstacle, and an intense period of training was undertaken. In just three months the Corps of Drums entertained the Colonel of the Regiment on his visit to Work Point and shortly after their civilian debut took place in Winnipeg, as part of the farewell salute to the City of Winnipeg by Second Battalion PPCLI.

Since then the Corps of Drums of Third Battalion PPCLI have performed on several occasions in Victoria and were selected for an engagement at the Provincial Tattoo in New Brunswick. The most recent of their performances took place in the Royal Theatre in Victoria, where they performed for a packed house and received the admiration of such dignitaries as the Mayor of Victoria, Commander CFB Esquimalt and many others.

The Corps of Drums look forward to the opportunity of performing for all members of the Regiment in the New Year.





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COURSES OF 1984

On return from Summer Block Leave, the annual PCF training cycle began in September. Amongst the courses included in this training period were Infantry Communicator, Assault Pioneer, Driver Wheeled and AVGP Driver, Machine Gunner and TOW Gunner. Each course deployed for the practical portion either on Vancouver Island, CFB Chilliwack or to Yakima in Washington State

The Battalion also sent members to out-of-unit courses, such as the Jump Course, Advanced Pioneer Course and Advanced Mortars Course in Gagetown, New Brunswick and technical training programs for our support elements with the Battalion.

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Auscan Platoon relaxing in Sydney N.S.W. after ten weeks in Australia.



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WO MacNally shows the CDS, Gen. Theriault and LCol McMurray the 81mm mortar, during his visit to Workpoint.



The CO's Piper, Cpl Head, leads out the Quarter Guard.



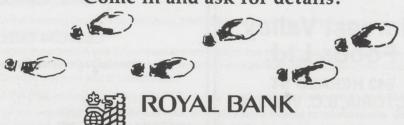
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Lt. Banks and Rifle Team, another hard day's work in Ottawa.

The 3 PPCLI Small Arms Team has almost finished off its shooting year. The team, since last report, has won overall in the BCRA Shoot (Chilliwack), overall in the NDHQ RA Competition (Ottawa), and came second for the Letson Trophy in the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (Ottawa).

The VanDoos won first place this year in Ottawa for the Letson Trophy, so they will form the majority of the Canadian Forces Bisley Team. Along with a few top individuals from other unit teams, they will go to England next summer. Sgt Garry Trelnuk, from the 3 PPCLI Team, is one of those top individuals. Also a well done to Pte Allen Arsenault for winning Top Tyro SMG in Ottawa. The B Team (Rifle) also did quite well and won match #14, A Team Match. Plus a number of individual medals were won by other members of the team.

With a couple of changes of personnel, and training methods, the team knows they can have a winning Letson Team next year.

Now that the main competitions are over, the team isn't just sitting around cleaning their weapons, they are still active in local competitions. The team went to the USA on the Labour Day weekend, for a competition with the North West International Rifle Association in Puyallup. The team found out about it at the last moment, grabbed their rifles, jumped in the trucks and shot the competition and came back with 20 medals and one trophy. This competition in the USA has opened up a new field of competitions for the team. They hope to have more competitions in the USA with the US Military and civilians. Plus the team also hopes to be able to start firing in the Target Rifle Category soon.

The majority of the team will be starting PCF courses shortly. The remainder will be helping to run Shoot-to-Live programs and keeping their own shooting skills sharp. Then it's back to practice for the new shooting year, new competitions, and meeting new and old friends.



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CHILDREN FROM THE PEARKES CLINIC

On the twelfth of October, a group of small children from the George Pearkes Clinic visited the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. The visit was organized for two reasons. First, and foremost, it was designed to give the children an interesting and exciting day by allowing them to see and do things not normally available to them. Secondly, the visit provided an opportunity for the soldiers of the battalion to see some of the people who are aided by the United Way. The visit by the Pearkes Clinic had a special significance to the battalion, as the majority of the battalion's United Way contributions have traditionally gone to the Pearkes Clinic.

The children arrived at 1000 hrs and were taken directly to a display put on by the machinegun course. They were able to examine both the GPMG and the .50 cal HMG and had an opportunity to fire the GPMG with blank ammunition. They were then shown a command post vehicle and a 2½ ton truck. Most of the children were then taken for a ride in the 2½ ton truck while instructors from the driver-wheeled course were available to answer any questions. Next they were shown a display put on by recce platoon which included a selection of small arms and a sniper, fully camouflaged. They then went on to what they considered the high point of the tour. The display of a Grizzly and an M113 APC combined with the opportunity to go for a short ride in these vehicles made this portion of the tour the most popular. With the vehicle rides the tour officially ended. The children were then taken to the Officers' Mess where they had a light snack prepared by the mess staff. Although the weather was less than desirable the children definitely enjoyed themselves and hope to return on another tour.

Special thanks are extended to the courses and platoons which set up the displays and made the children's visit an enjoyable and exciting experience.



MCpl Ford explains the workings of a GPMG to one of the children.



Cpl Mullin watches as the children get ready to go for a ride in an APC.

BATTALION DRILL COMPETITION



WO Williams from B-Coy accepts trophy from Col of the Regiment, Colonel Sutherland.



Col Sutherland takes a look at the Combat Support Team.

On Monday the 19th of November, while most people were watching the six o'clock news, soldiers of the Third Battalion PPCLI were at Bay Street Armouries to spectate and take part in the Third Annual Drill Competition. Four teams from the Battalion were involved, one from each company. Each consisted of one Warrant Officer, three Sergeants, and twenty-seven Master Corporals, Corporals and Privates.

The drill teams had a week and a half to master the complex series of drill movements done in both quick and slow time with an added difficulty of confined space in the drill hall.

After being inspected in the forming up place by the QMSI, MWO Schultz, all teams marched on to the inspection line to be inspected by Colonel Sutherland, Colonel of the Regiment.

Then the competition began in earnest. A and B Companies were the first two teams to compete. Half-time entertainment was provided by the Battalion Corps of Drums. The drum line put on a spectacular demonstration of stick drill under black light. This was followed by the last two teams from Combat Support and B Companies.

Each team did well, but the unanimous winner was the B Company's drill team commanded by WO Williams.

After the presentation of the trophy, spectators and participants alike were treated to refreshments. Overall the Third Annual Drill Competition was a huge success. Once again proving drill is the basis for developing pride, mental alertness, precision and esprit-de-corps.

EX RAPIER THRUST



Battalion cooks prepare another hot and hardy meal.



Adm. Company practices traffic jam drills.



Platoon quick attack on a hot spot of camp.

EX RAPIER THRUST 84

It was held, where else but Camp Wainwright, during January and February of 1984. For a period of three weeks, the Battalion was in the field conducting various tasks. As usual, the temperature was sub-zero. Training was conducted at all levels, from Section to Battalion. Overall everything was a great success, but everyone was glad to come back to sunny Victoria.



A section from B Company poses after a deliberate attack.



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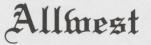
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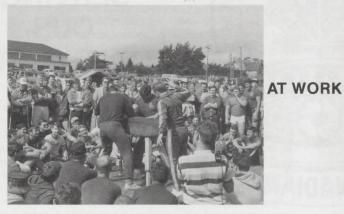
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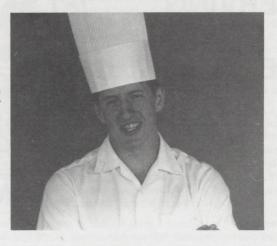
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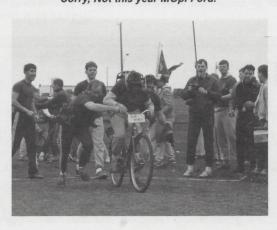
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2 AIRBORNE COMMANDO

By Captain S. M. Bryan

The year just completed was certainly a busy one for 2 Commando. It started with the now famous (infamous?) Round Lake massacre, roared through the summer with the Airborne Tournament and the Change of Command and finished off with EX PEGASUS STRIKE (a low level winter training exercise). February saw the unit participating in EX LIGHTNING STRIKE, a Special Service Force (SSF) controlled winter exercise in Earlton, Ontario. The Commando jumped in, seized the local airfield, which was established as the Brigade airhead and then moved to secure the town of Earlton itself. The towns people were really helpful and many a night was spent out of the cold in the basements of warm-hearted locals.

Following the Regimental and Brigade level training in February, the month of March was available for training at the Commando level. Warrant Officer Doug Westacott ran a week long demolition camp which proved to be excellent training. The only administrative drawback was the continual shortage of cigarettes — at least on the part of Spinner. The demolition week was followed by two weeks of survival and escape and evasion training. The major problem was a series of stomach ailments, probably as a result of eating too much pizza, and heat prostration caused by overly warm apartments. Perhaps, it should have been called Fighting in Built-up Area training.



2 Commando provides a soldier with a different view of the world.



Colonel Sutherland receiving a demonstration of bondage techniques

The months of May and June were occupied by PETCON and preparations for the Airborne Tournament.

Congratulations are in order to Captain Tom Stinson and 7 Platoon for winning the SSF Patrol Competition. The Tournament and its preparatory period took much time and effort, except for Captain "Mickey Mouse" McDonough and Master Corporal Brian "Two Pin" Toupin. No sooner had the Tournament finished, and the unit changed its Commanding Officer. In a brief ceremony on the DZ following a jump, Major Ron Bragdon took command from Major Pat Dillon. All ranks of the Commando extended best wishes to the outgoing Commanding Officer as he moved down the road to Ottawa.

Following a much needed block leave period, the Commando was able to warmly welcome its new members via the Airborne Indoctrination Course. Once again, the Commando was tasked to conduct this course on behalf of the Regiment. Surely, what can provide a more friendly encounter during one's first days in the Regiment, than to be peering down at Sgt Jerry Topham's smiling face while you are hanging in the flight simulator.

The highlights of FALLCON were the victory of 2 Commando's March and Shoot team during the SSF Competition and the fine placing of Trooper Chris Edwards and Corporal Chris Ratcliffe on the Brigade Ironman Competition (3rd and 6th respectively).



CO 2CDO, Major R.P. Bragdon, exits a C-130. Note the twists — the result of a poor exit.



The winning 2 Cdo entry into the SSF March & Shoot competition.

October afforded the Commando an opportunity to send a 40 man platoon group to Wainwright to participate in a joint exercise with the airborne platoon from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. EX BURMA RIG demonstrated the dedication of airborne soldiers, indeed Corporals Mark Mayne and Devon Ritchie gave up the chance to attend the social function in camp in order to further appreciate the scenic beauty of the training area.

The fall period also saw the completion of the course training cycle. Special commendation should be made of those 2 Commando soldiers who placed first on their courses: Corporal John Plantz, ISCC, Trooper Steve Mitchell, Patrol Pathfinder, and Trooper Ernie Augot, TOW. It has been said that much of Plantz's success was a result of his personal interest in the standard of the Commanding Officer's performance during the Airborne Indoctrination Course.



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The year closed with the usual array of social functions and with EX PEGASUS STRIKE, a Commando level winter exercise which consists of para insertion and Commando raid. The enemy force was provided by Recce Platoon. Major Bragdon, fearful of enemy sniper detachments, decided that the enemy would never locate him. It is said that he was unable to locate his own position for a number of hours.

All in all, 1984 was a very busy and fulfilling year and with EX NIMROD CAPER in Texas in March and RV'85, the future should prove to be even busier.



MCpl Bill MacDonald being congratulated on his promotion by Colonel Ian Douglas, the Regimental Commander



Capt Dave Pentney, DCO, presents a plaque to the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, during a visit to the unit.



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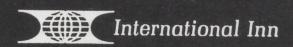
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By Captain K. E. Orr, CD, Adjutant

The Battle School entered 1984 with a full load, as the YTEP courses of 1983 finished their training, and the winter leadership courses started up. We expected fewer TQ3 platoons for the fall and winter of 84/85, and so agreed to additional leadership courses to maintain a steady rate of training. When we returned from block leave in July we found that nine TQ3 courses had been activated for the fall and winter period. These, added to the previously planned leadership courses, made the fall training period much busier than originally planned. Many fellow Patricias were welcomed back for a four month tour as incremental staff, often doubling the number of staff at the school. The courses, and their results are summarized at Table 1.

TABLE 1 COURSES AND COURSE LOADS

Course	Number	Candidates	Graduates	Success (%)
TQ3	9	306	246	80
JLC	3	106	99	. 93
CLC	2	57	36	63
SCC	4	144	94	65
SA Coach	1	15	15	100
Winter Warfare				
Instructor	1	21	21	100
Rappel Master	1	26	20	77
TOTALS	21	675	531	79

During the year, the Battle School saw a large number of postings, as one third of the School staff changed. This included a change of Regimental Sergeant Majors, with CWO L. J. Connell going to 1 Brigade as the Brigade RSM, and CWO M. A. Hamilton coming in as the School RSM. As well, MWO Maitland retired from the Forces and took up farming on Vancouver Island. We were sorry to see him leave, but wish him good fortune in his new endeavors.



RSM M.A. Hamilton presenting LCol R.L. Dallison his CO's pennant following the Change of Command Ceremony.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

The Battle School Change of Command was held on 4 July 1984, at the Camp Wainwright Officers' Mess. The Brigade Commander, BGen Sharpe, officiated, while the staff of the Battle School observed. As there were no soldiers in training at the time, the "parade" was conducted as a lawn party. LCol Bob Dallison turned over command to LCol Dave Montgomery, and has moved to the Combat Training Centre in Gagetown, where he is Chief of Staff, Operations and Training.



LCol R.L. Dallison relinquishing command, observed by LCol P.D. Montgomery, incoming CO, and BGen J.L. Sharpe, Comd 1 CBG.



BGen J.L. Sharpe presenting LCol R.L. Dallison with the 1 CBG Branding Iron, following the Change of Command Ceremony

A major highlight at the Battle School was the winning of the Louis Scott Cock O' The Walk Trophy by LCol R.L. Dallison and CWO M.A. Hamilton. Too frequently we are unable to free instructors to compete in inter-unit competitions, so it is a gratifying experience to have the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major win for us.

Those of you who were fortunate enough to work with us as students or instructors during the fall will know of another highlight, the completion of the library renovation. The library is now a cheerful, well lit work area that provides much improved service for all and better working conditions for the Training Resources NCO and his staff. With the library renovation completed, the Student Lounge has been emptied of the piles of boxes that had stored the library's contents during the renovation. This has allowed the Student Lounge to re-open and has improved the financial picture of the School Kitshop!

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On 16 November 1984, Mrs. Mona Wilkes and family presented the Battle School with a new Marksmanship Trophy in memory of Major (retired) R. G. Wilkes, CD. Maj Wilkes had been Commanding Officer of 1 CBG Operational Training Detachment from June 1974 until July 1976. He retired from the Forces in March 1978, and opened a business in the town of Wainwright. He passed away in February 1984 after a short illness. Mrs. Wilkes approached the Battle School to make a presentation in memory of her husband. As the Marksmanship Trophy which had been presented by the Loyal Edmonton Regiment was full, it was decided to make this presentation a replacement Marksmanship

trophy. Brigade Headquarters provided an antique rifle, that had been a trophy in years past, which had fallen into disuse, and forwarded it to the Battle School. Mrs. Wilkes, with the assistance of Capt Paul Hale, worked with the tradesmen of Camp Wainwright, and the town, to refurbish and mount the new trophy.

This type of rifle first entered British Army Service in 1858, as a muzzle loading Enfield. In response to technological advances, existing stocks were converted to Snider-Enfields, a breech loading adaptation. Many of these converted rifles were shipped to the Canadian Militia to provide arms to counter the Fenian Raids of 1865 - 1866. Variations were used by all Canadian Militia units, as well as the North West Mounted Police until 1875. In 1905, many were converted to carbines for cadet use.

A short history of the actual weapon in the trophy has been put together based on a study of its markings, and what little has been written of its previous service. It was made in 1860, converted shortly after, and probably came to Canada as part of the first shipment, where it is thought to have been used by the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, in Toronto. During the 1960's, the rifle was on display at at Regular Force Battalion of the QOR of C, and may have been a Regimental Trophy. In 1970, with the reduction of the Regular Force component of the QOR of C, the rifle was presented to 1 Combat Group, where it was used as a Brigade Trophy for inter-unit competition, until it fell into disuse. In February 1984, it was sent to the Battle School where it was refurbished and re-presented through the auspices of Mrs. Wilkes. If anyone knows more about the history of the rifle, they are requested to inform the Battle School Adjutant.

With the fall Section Commanders courses 8404 and 8405, the Battle School welcomed Third Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, to the Brigade. Both courses had a mix of Regiments, as instructors and students. There was some apprehension as we launched this experiment, but the results were excellent. A friendly Regimental rivalry was maintained, which did not interfere with learning from each other's experiences, and which resulted in some minor pranks. One Warrant Officer now checks his slipons hourly, to ensure that no one has changed them for those of the opposite Regiment. The results were good, with a top candidate from each Regiment. The Commanding Officer of 3 RCR reviewed the course graduation parade commanded by the top candidates, Pte Bonneville of 1 PPCLI, and Cpl House of 3 RCR.

1984 has been a very busy year for everyone at the Battle School. As we look into 1985, and the Chief Instructor's magic board, we expect to be kept as busy in the new year. Although our primary tasking remains the training of the Regiment's TQ3 soldiers, we find ourselves heavily involved in conducting leadership and other courses. In tabular form, the results of the TQ3 courses since our last report is:

PI	Top Candidate	Most Improved	Marksmanship	Physically Fit	Graduates	Destination
8305	Pte LaPage RG	Pte House MD	Pte LaPage RG	Pte Strong DD	28	3 PPCLI
8306	Pte Magas BD	Pte LaRose TF	Pte Hutcheson PA	Pte McLoughlin AG	27	1 PPCLI
8307	Pte Wheat PD	Pte MacIvor KM	Pte Aussem MRF	Pte McLeod TJ	37	2 PPCLI
8329Y	Pte McKay RG	Pte Nielson TJ	Pte Lucas PA	Pte Lyall DB	31	3 PPCLI
8330Y	Ptd Kelln GFD	Pte Sotoris AM	Pte McKinstry SD	Pte Contini DS	31	3 PPCLI
8331Y	Pte Scheidy JL	Pte Carruthers BJ	Pte Keir BEK	Pte Akins MJ	26	3 PPCLI
8332Y	Pte Annis MR	Pte Christensen DK	Pte Fines RW	Pte Jenkins DC	27	3 PPCLI
8333Y	Pte Allen PGC	Pte Miller RM	Pte Allen PGC	Pte Weatherhead GW	29	1 PPCLI
8308	Cpl O'Donnel GR	Pte Plante JLR	Pte Springer OES	Pte Sparrow C	33	2 PPCLI
8401Y	Pte Purcell CM	Pte Wemigwans DJ	Pte Fisher KM	Pte Jones JF	24	2 PPCLI
8407Y	Pte Miller HP	Pte Towell KP	Pte Verhoeks JK	Pte Mineault DW	22	3 PPCLI
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By Captain J. D. Slater

Greetings from the ERE's at Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, B.C. Busily holding up the Army side of the college programme are Captain John Slater, Two Squadron Commander; Master Warrant Officer Phil Baumgarten, Drill Sergeant Major; and Corporal Ken Vandenburg, Woodworker Extraordinaire. Contrary to popular belief, life at the College is not all bookwork and parades. In terms of soldiering, the cadets receive a good grounding in weapons handling and are exposed to a variety of other skills including navigation, patrolling, helicopter rappelling and amphibious operations. It is up to us to make this happen and with the invaluable assistance provided by the Third Battalion, we have demonstrated that soldiering can be a challenging and enjoyable life.



MWO Baumgarten L.P., Captain J.D. Slater, Corporal Vandenburg, K.

CFB CHILLIWACK

By Captain S. M. Sawyer

Nestled in the heart of British Columbia's Fraser Valley lies the home of the Canadian Military Engineers. CFB Chilliwack is also home for seventeen serving Patricias and numerous retired Patricias who are on strength of either the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering or Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School, or on retirement, have pursued second careers in the local community. The past year has been a full and hectic one in the two schools and success was due to the efforts of a great many people, including representatives of the Regiment.

At the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) Capt "Rags" Duncan and WO Picken are the infantry instructors in the Tactics Troop. In one of the great reversals of all time, we have infantry under command of the engineers. Sgt Friedrich also worked in tactics troop until his retirement last spring, and was replaced by Sgt MacKinnon. The faces of these Patricias are very well known to the residents of the "Mighty Chilcotin" as they spent a great deal of time there. Future engineers have been indelibly coloured by the instruction of these Bronze Warriors.

At the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School (CFOCS), the following Patricias are helping to mould the future leaders of the Canadian Forces: Maj Pope, Capt Cottingham, Capt Michitsch, Capt Moxley, Capt Raz, Capt Sawyer, Capt Williams, MWO Jacquard, WO Joyal, Sgt Casey, Sgt Howes, Sgt Lamotte, Sgt Lander, Sgt Oakes and MCpl Simon. Last summer's posting cycle saw the return to regimental duty of WO Gagne, Sgt Palmer, and Sgt Leduc and another ERE posting for MWO Bannister. During their first weeks of military training, Canada's future officers have ample opportunity to get exposure to the red and white shoulder flashes of the Patricias on staff.

Several retired Patricias accepted invitations to address the School staff. For instance, Lieutenant Colonel Les Basham, a previous Commandant at the School, was a guest of honour at one of our Staff Mess Dinners. Equally, we were fortunate to have Major Steve Brodsky (Ret'd) as the guest speaker during the staff's annual professional study day. His address on "The Nature of Military Professionalism" was not only interesting but also provocative which resulted in a lengthy question and answer period. He will also return in 1985 as one of many keynote speakers who will address the Officer Indoctrination Course, which is the major Commissioned From the Ranks officer production plans within the CF.

The past year has been full and the opportunities to get together have been slim. However, on the 17th of March, CFB Chilliwack became a Patricia garrison for the day. Members of the Regiment and their ladies assembled in the Cheam Centre for an evening of war stories. In addition to the serving members posted to Chilliwack, Capt Witt on his Sr CFR course and retired Patricias such as WO Bill Wilkinson, MWO Jenkins, WO Roly Phillips and Sgt Main were also present. On this auspicious occasion, we all bid farewell to Sgt Friedrich and presented him with a hand-carved clock in the shape of a Patricia cap badge.

Other notable activities of 1984 included sending Sgt Palmer and Sgt Leduc on their TQ6B course. Both did very well and we understand that they have since been promoted; congratulations to both of them. Also worthy of note is that CSM Bannister and Captraz won the rifle and pistol shoots, respectively, during the CFOCS staff skill at arms competition.

It looks as though 1985 is going to prove to be another busy year in Chilliwack. Even though we are not on regimental duty, "PPCLI detachment — Chilliwack" is keeping the regimental spirit alive and continues to leave its mark on the minds of our trainees. With such a concentration of PPCLI talent, the quality of training can only be excellent.

CFB CHILLIWACK



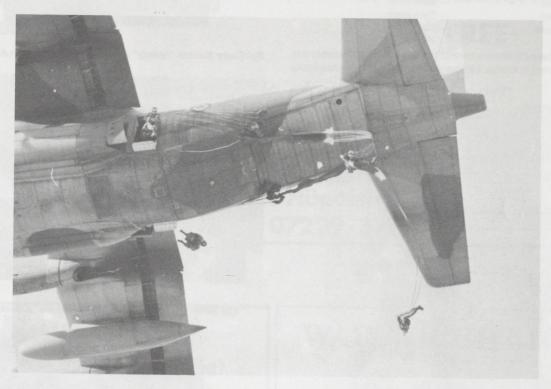


THE CANADIAN AIRBORNE CENTRE

By Captain B. E. Lewis

"Where is the Prince who can afford so to cover his country with troops for its defence as that 10,000 men descending from the clouds, might not, in many places do an infinite amount of mischief before a force could be brought to repel them."

Benjamin Franklin, 1785.



Benjamin Franklin was certainly well ahead of his time when he contemplated the use of Airborne forces. As for modern day trends, it would seem that every one of those 10,000 men have passed through CABC within the last year. Of course, Basic Para Courses are the predominant course of instruction much to the dismay of our resident freefallers . . . "What's a static line?" . . . In addition, we have been kept constantly busy with our advanced TSQs such as Jumpmaster, Para Instructor, Military Freefall/FJM, UEO, DZ Controller, and Packer Rigger Courses.

During the past year, we have seen two new additions to the School family with the arrival of our new CO, LCOL W. J. G. BEWICK, and our new RSM, CWO E. J. BAKKER. Need I say that it only took a minimal amount of time for them to make their collective presence known throughout the School.

In addition to our normal compliment of foreign visitors to the School, we have had a few of our fellow Patricia's visit us within the past year. Of note were the Ex CO and CDO SM of 2 Commando in the persons of LCOL J. KEMPLING and CWO S. SIMPSON. I believe that RSM Simpson can still recall the last three SIN Numbers of all the old Commando personnel here at the School. The rumour that they both had their eyes closed while jumping is still difficult to confirm.

Would any note about the Canadian Forces Parachute Team be complete without saying that the "old dog", Capt Gerry Vida, is still firmly at the toggles.

Our Airborne Trials Section has certainly been kept busy this past year with acquisition of square canopies into our inventory for the use of MFP insertions. We have finally taken a step into the twentieth century with this latest purchase. Many thanks to our man in Ottawa, Capt Court Stevens, who did all the "LEG-WORK" . . . sorry about that, couldn't resist.

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The number of Patricia's here at the School far outnumber any other Regiment or Corps. Let there be no doubt that we are firmly in control.



Capt Erwin "Don't call me, Ed" Witt on one of his many runs



The CO out for a leap . . . (note the steerable)



Sgt Barry Mclean "calmly" assesses his students in Aircraft Drill



The School RSM makes a few "precious" adjustments



WO Harb . . . Just another day at the office . . . YAWN

On behalf of the CO, Officers and Senior NCOs of the Canadian Airborne Centre, the northern Patricia's wish you all the best for the next year.

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TORONTO AREA REPORT

By Captain D. G. Cassidy

1984 was an active and productive year for Toronto area Patricias. The officers attending the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College on Command and Staff Course 10 were Major R. P. (Ron) Bragdon, now Commanding 2 Airborne Commando, the Canadian Airborne Regiment; Major D. B. (Dave) Stevenson, now with RSS (Prairie) in Winnipeg; and, Major J. R. (Jim) Trick, now with 2nd Battalion in Baden-Soellingen. The senior Toronto Patricia is Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Bremner, the SSO Joint and Combined Operations at the Staff College. Command and Staff Course (CSC) 11 is now approaching mid-term and Majors M. (Mike) Ray, R. R. (Ray) Romses, and W. H. (Hap) Stutt are looking forward to postings to other, possibly greener, pastures.

Our Regimental Day on 17th March 1984 was highlighted by a gathering hosted by the Toronto Militia District RSS Patricias, including Major Romses, Warrant Officer Gord Jackson, and Corporal Dave Brinklow. They hosted a variety of Patricias including 1st and 2nd World War and Korean War veterans, other Association members and Toronto and Hamilton area Regular Force Patricias. The day was very enjoyable, highlighted by a broom-i-loo game in Moss Park Armoury, won craftily by the Officers' side.

In 1984, the Regiment lost a very talented officer to the civilian world. Major R. C. (Bob) Newman retired after a long career, notable for his many postings in our training system, to head the Toronto Transit Commission's Training and Staff Development Section, a most appropriate career choice. Major Newman and Lorraine were fêted at the Staff College with a retirement dinner on 16th December, attended by a number of Toronto and area Patricia couples.

The Regular Support staff in the Toronto and Hamilton area is well represented Regimentally. Major Marcel Beztilny and Captain Paul Hale at Central Militia Area HQ, and Major Sandy MacDonald and Chief Warrant Officer J. M. Downey at Hamilton Militia District are only some from a long list of Patricias working in Canada's largest militia area.

On the 9th and 10th of December, our Colonel-in-Chief and Lord Brabourne visited Toronto as the guests of Columbia Pictures, to attend the world première of Lord Brabourne's film "A Passage to India". Colonel Sutherland, the Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General Stewart, and Lieutenant-Colonel Bremner attended both the première and a gala dinner at the Metro Conventional Centre, and Major Romses accompanied Lady Patricia as her Aide-de-Camp.

1985 promises to be a year of change at the Command and Staff College with the construction of a new academic wing slated to begin in the spring. We look forward to a new group of students, possibly another DS, and the opportunity to host Patricias and friends of the Regiment as they visit the Toronto area.

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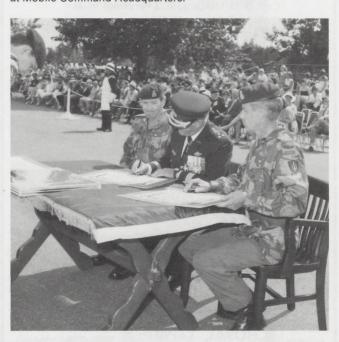
SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE PATRICIAS

By Captain P. M. Jerome

The Special Service Force, based in Petawawa, Ontario, may seem to be an unusual setting for Patricias, with the exception of 2 Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment. In fact Patricias, normally associated with "The Army of the West" in recent history, served with the First Special Service Force during the Second World War and continue to serve at all levels of the Special Service Force today.

On 08 August 1984 command of the Special Service Force was passed from BGen R. I. Stewart to BGen G. K. Corbould. BGen Stewart began his service as a Patricia in 1956, with the Second Battalion, enlisting as a private soldier. After commissioning he held various Regimental and ERE appointments before serving as Commanding Officer of 2 Airborne Commando from 1971 to 1972 and the Second Battalion in Winnipeg from 1974 to 1976. He then commanded the Infantry School in Gagetown, followed by appointment as Deputy Commander, 1 Canadian Brigade Group before assuming command of the Special Service Force in July 1982. He has now moved on to duties as Commandant of The Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College at Kingston.

BGen Corbould was commissioned as a Patricia in 1963, initially serving with the First Battalion. His career also took him to the Airborne Regiment as Commanding Officer of 2 Airborne Commando from 1973 to 1975. After two years as SSO Operations, 1 Canadian Brigade Group he was appointed Commanding Officer of 3 PPCLI in 1977. BGen Corbould came to the Special Service Force from the National Defence College in Kingston after serving as Deputy Commandant CLFCSC and DCOS (Ops) at Mobile Command Headquarters.



Special Service Force Change of Command — 08 August 84 BGen R. I. Stewart, CD, LGen C. H. Belzile, CMM. CD, BGen G. K. Corbould, CD.

The Force Sergeant Major is another well-known Patricia, CWO J. M. Clarke. Having served initially with the Canadian Guards and later the Airborne Regiment, Mr. Clarke re-badged to the Patricias in 1969. He assumed his duties as Force Sergeant Major in 1984 following his appointment as Regimental Sergeant Major of 2 PPCLI.

While the senior officer and non-commissioned officer of the Special Service Force are Patricias, further representation of the Regiment is apparent throughout the formation. In addition to serving and former members in the headquarters and various units, there are many familiar faces in supporting arms of officers and men who have served worthily with our battalions.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has maintained a strong presence in the Special Service Force during 1984 and will continue to do so in the future. OSONS.

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Regimental Officers who attended a luncheon held at CFB Montreal, St. Hubert Officer's Mess, on 14 December 1984 in honor of Brigadier J.A. (Jimmy) de Lalanne's service and dedication to the Regiment.

Front: Capt G.D. McNally, Capt H. MacIsaac, LCol J.D. Joly, LCol D.S. Martin.

Back: LCol A.W. Anderson, MGen A.J.G.D. de Chastelain, Brigadier de Lalanne, Col L.W. MacKenzie, Maj P.A. Ronksley.

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Capt S. V. Gibson (PA Comd)
Capt H. MacIsaac (SO3 Task)
Capt G. D. McNally (SO3 Pers Reg)
CWO H. R. Stinson (CWO Inf)



Brigadier J.A. (Jimmy) de Lalanne being presented his certificate as Vice Patron of the Regiment and the first World War I Soldier Statuette by the Deputy Commander FMC, MGen A.J.G.D. de Chastelain.

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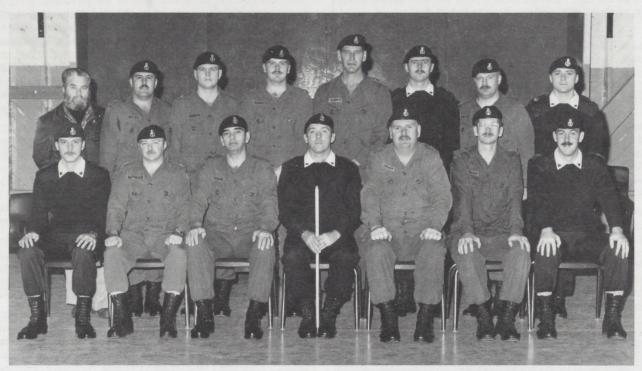
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PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL CANADIAN FORCES BASE CORNWALLIS

By Warrant Officer G. P. Lovett, CD



Top row, left to right: Sgt John MacIsaac (Retired), MCpl M.A. Hicks, MCpl U.R. Griffith, MCpl J.R. Spence, MCpl E.T. Merritt, MCpl K.W. Childs, Sgt J.P. Boehler, MCpl F.O. Ernst.

Bottom row, left to right: Sgt J.W. Zelazny, Sgt H.J. MacDonald, WO F.A. Legge, MWO W.P. Spring, WO G.P. Lovett, Sgt G.M. Shaw, Sgt H.J. Seggie.

The Canadian Forces Recruit School at Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis maintains a very strong Patricia involvement, with all Patricias holding key positions within the school and base.

The Senior Patricia in house is Master Warrant Officer W. P. Spring, CD, who is the Company Senior Instructor (CSI) of C Company. Master Warrant Officer Spring arrived at Canadian Forces Recruit School from the Second Battalion on their rotation to Germany.

Platoon Commanders of Recruit Training Platoons are Warrant Officers, who command Platoons as little as thirty or as many as one hundred and thirty recruits. Filling some of these positions are: Warrant Officer J. R. Lafleur, who arrived from the Second Battalion Winnipeg, and now commands 9 Platoon, C Company; Warrant Officer G. P. Lovett, who arrived from the Third Battalion in Victoria, and now commands 8 Platoon, B Company; Warrant Officer F. A. Legge, CD, who commands weapons cadre. Warrant Officer Legge is one of the old timers at the school, who is looking forward to his posting this summer to Newfoundland.

Patricia Sergeants at the school are: Sergeant J. P. Boehler who works with the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense Section; Sergeant K. G. Drew who is the Training Sergeant for 10 Platoon C Company; Sergeant H. J. MacDonald who is part of the Weapons Section; Sergeant H. J. Seggie is employed with Training Development; Sergeant G. M. Shaw is the Training Sergeant for 3 Platoon B Company; Sergeant D. M. Warrington is also employed with the Weapons Section; and Sergeant J. W. Zelazny who teaches General Service Knowledge.

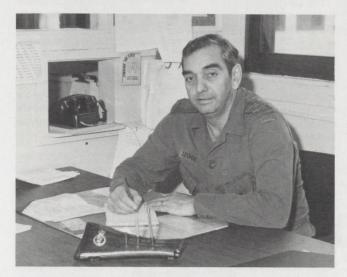
Patricia Master Corporals, the backbone of the training platoons are: Master Corporal K. W. Childs, 6 Platoon B Company; Master Corporal F. O. Ernst, 7 Platoon B Company; Master Corporal V. R. Griffith, 6 Platoon B Company; Master Corporal M. A. Hicks, 8 Platoon B Company; Master Corporal E. T. Merritt, 6 Platoon B Company; and Master Corporal J. R. Spence, 12 Platoon C Company.

That rounds off the Patricia family at Canadian Forces Recruit School. However, we have a resident Patricia on Base side, the ever famous Sergeant (Newfie) Best, who is the Base Housing Non-Commissioned Officer.

The family unit is very close in Cornwallis, and we now are in the process of bringing together some of the old guard who are in the area such as Master Warrant Officer Ken Snowden (Retired), Warrant Officer Bob Davies (Retired), Warrant Officer Nic McEahern (Retired), and Sergeant John MacIssac (Retired).

We are also in the planning stages of the Regimental Day Celebration for 17 March 1985. We are planning on a trip to the Combat Training Centre, Gagetown, to join the Patricias there.

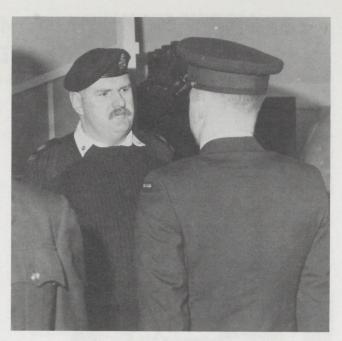
1985 promises to be another busy year, but never too busy for visitors from the Regimental family.



Warrant Officer Frank Legge, Platoon Commander Weapons Cadre.



Sergeant Harry MacDonald, Weapons Cadre instructor.



Warrant Officer Gerry Lovett, Platoon Commander 8 Platoon, conducting a week eight inspection.



All in a days work for Sergeant Bill Boehler, Commander Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Cadre.





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MARITIME COMMAND CANADIAN RANGERS

By Captain L. Palhazi, CD

Greetings from St. John's Newfoundland. For the past four years I have been posted here as Maritime Command's Ranger Liaison Officer.

The Canadian Rangers are volunteers who have been organized to provide a military presence in sparsely populated areas which cannot be covered by other elements of the Canadian Forces. The approximately 730 Canadian Rangers in the Atlantic Region are organized into 31 platoons and are located throughout Newfoundland, Labrador and along the Lower North Shore of Quebec.

The Canadian Rangers are not issued a uniform but they are issued an identification card, armband, a .303 calibre rifle and 200 rounds of .303 ammunition a year. These weapons are issued for rifle practice, in an effort to build esprit-de-corps among the various platoons.



Captain L. Palhazi, Maritime Command Ranger Officer with Canadian Ranger Platoon Commander Lieutenant Chesley Lilly at the Canadian Forces Decoration presentation ceremonies, Milltown, Newfoundland, February 1984.

The Canadian Rangers includes men between the ages of 18 to 65 years. Their primary duty is to report any unusual or suspicious military activity within their area of responsibility. They also provide excellent information on local conditions to regular force or reserve units which may visit their areas.

The duty of administering this programme has been extremely satisfying. One of the highlights in the last few years has been the recognition of Canadian Ranger service as being eligible for the Canadian Forces Decoration. This has resulted in over 400 Canadian Forces Decorations having been awarded to Maritime Command Canadian Rangers.



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The Regiment in Britain is represented as follows. Firstly the United Kingdom Branch of the Association has fifty members ranging from World War I through to post Korea, all of whom are active and interested. The major event is usually a dinner commemorating Frezenberg, which is attended by our Colonel-in-Chief and as many Association and serving members as can muster. It is well supported and is the highlight of the Regimental year.

The serving strength is made up of members of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (London), Exchange and Liaison officers to the British Army and members on long courses. Our present strength includes Brigadier General Chris Snider, Commander CDLS(L); Colonel Dick Cowling, Army Adviser; Major Lou Grimshaw SO2 OR(A) HQ D Inf; Major Mike McKeown DSTI-MoD, and, over in Germany, Captain Duane Domanko with 2 RGJ. Captain Nicholas Stetzenko is on the Long Armour Infantry Course at Bovington. We also have three ex-Regimental members serving with us; Sergeant Don Dunn, Sergeant Hub Huberdeau and Master Corporal Donald Harrison.

Regimental happenings this year included the Association Frezenberg Dinner on 15 May at Canada House with the Colonel-in-Chief in attendance and the visit of the Colonel-in-Chief to her First Battalion in Cyprus accompanied by Dick and Eileen Cowling. Then on 3 November the wedding of the Colonel-in-Chief's daughter, Lady Joanna, to Baron de Breult took place.



Dick and Eileen Cowling, and Lou and Heather Grimshaw were in attendance at this grand affair which was graced by the presence of her Majesty the Queen and several other members of the Royal Family.

A number of regimental visitors have passed through London. Major Peter and Shirley Marcetta were here for the Dinner in May. Lieutenant John Turner and his wife were seen very briefly outside Macdonald House, John having recently returned from Cyprus. Lieutenant-Colonel Tony and Barbara Anderson were here in December for the occasion of Tony's investiture of his MBE, the result of his service as GSO2 Ops 1(BR) Corps. Captain Ross and Charlotte MacLaughlin left us in October following their exchange tour with 1 Para. Ross is posted to the School of Signals as the Infantry adviser. Captain Erwin Witt attended a symposium at the Joint Air Transport Establishment in Brize Norton recently, and spent an evening with Eileen and Dick Cowling. Finally, Ralph McDiarmid passed through just before Christmas in between lecturing to the Joint Warfare School and returning to Norway.

Please ensure that you let us know when you're transiting as we don't always pick it up from the visitors list.

We Patricias in the UK wish our fellow regimental members and their families the very best of good fortune. Please keep in touch.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENTAL BAND

By Sergeant I. Ferrie



Captain J.P. Montminy, CD Director of Music

The past year was one of diverse activity and great accomplishment for the Regimental Band. Whether it was playing for mess dinners, making a new record or performing a memorial ceremony on Vimy Ridge, we were involved. From Calgary to Winnipeg, to Yellowknife or Brussels, we helped to make the P.P.C.L.I. name better known.

Much of March and April was spent in the recording studio making our latest album called "Over The Top". This record is a collection of vocal and instrumental favourites from World Wars I and II. Featured on the record are a number of songs by a barbershop quartet led by Base Deputy Commander Colonel H. G. Leitch, CD. The album is available through the Regimental Kit Shop or through the Regimental Band using the order form in this magazine. Proceeds from the sale of the album will be used to purchase new scarlet band uniforms for the 75th Anniversary of the Regiment in 1989.

Other major activities in the first half of '84 included seeing the 1st Battalion off to Cyprus in March, a four day jaunt up to Yellowknife as part of Armed Forces Week celebrations and a military tattoo in Winnipeg with 2 PPCLI at the end of May. On the way to Winnipeg the band made a side trip to Williston, North Dakota. There, we took part in their Annual Band Day Festival.

July was a busy month in which we played a Canada Day concert on Prince's Island here in Calgary followed by an Armed Forces Day parade at Currie Barracks. Then it was off to Great Falls, Montana for the 4th of July parade. A quick trip back to Calgary got us back on time for the Calgary Stampede Parade and a number of Stampede concerts in the Big-4 building on the grounds.

Not long after the Stampede, we began rehearsals for the 1 CBG change of Command Parade. A few days later representatives from all the major units in 1 CBG witnessed Brigadier-General J. L. Sharpe, CD hand over the reigns of command to Brigadier-General C. Milner, OMM, CD.

Of all the change of command parades done by the band last year, none was as important to us as the change of command which took place within our own unit. We had the pleasure last August of welcoming Captain Jean-Pierre Montminy as our new Director of Music. He replaced Captain R. Swaneveld who is now training officers at the Canadian Forces School of Music in Victoria.



Chief Warrant Officer J. Kopstein, CD Assistant Director of Music

Captain Montminy brings to the band a wealth of experience. He has been in the band branch since 1955 and a Director of Music since 1975. As a Director of Music he has held appointments with the R.C.R. Band in Gagetown and the Royal 22nd Band in Quebec City. Prior to his Calgary posting, Captain Montminy held the position of DC-2-2 in Ottawa. So in addition to his musical expertise, his knowledge of protocol has already proven to be a welcome asset. He says that he is happy to be out from behind the desk and back in front of a band again. We in turn are very happy to have him on the podium as our new Director of Music.

Also new to the band last year was Chief Warrant Officer Jack Kopstein who arrived in August from Ottawa's Central Band. A musician, arranger and administrator he too brings thirty years of experience in the band trade. Therefore his transition into his new position as our Assistant Director of Music has been very smooth. Our former Assistant Director of Music, Chief Warrant Officer Brian Gossip, is now at CFSMUS in Victoria.

There was one retirement from the band in '84. Clarinetist and Saxophonist Sergeant Bob Seton, after a twenty-five year career spent exclusively with the PPCLI Band, has now joined the civilian rank and file. His plans are to go to the University of Calgary and study computer programming and continue his playing in the band of the King's Own Calgary Regiment. Good Luck Bob!

The new management had little choice but to jump into PPCLI Band life with both feet when we returned from summer leave in September. We started off immediately by preparing all the necessities for our trip to Europe in October. This included concert music, parade music, final booking arrangements and all the last minute details involved with Public Relations. Obviously experience pays off because everything was accomplished on schedule and everyone managed to "keep on smilin" through it all. Finally on October 19 we made our escape from the early winter of snowbound Calgary and began our five week European tour. Through the medium of parades, mess dinners and public concerts, we displayed the PPCLI name in countries such as Belgium, Germany and France.

The focus of the trip was on the annual memorial ceremony which takes place at Vimy Ridge. There, on November 4th, as well as in concert at the Casino Concert Hall in Arras, we received great acclaim from all who attended. Department of Veteran's Affairs who arranged the trip, also organized public concerts in

Ghent and Knokke-Heist in Belgium. An integral part of ceremonies commemorating the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Europe, these concerts were also enthusiastically received.

The trip included its fair share of parades and mess dinners in Lahr, in Baden and at SHAPE Headquarters. It was a busy time with a lot of travel. But we feel it was very successful from the point of view of Regimental Public Relations in Europe.

All in all 1984 stands out as a year in which we, as the Regimental Band of the PPCLI, can take pride. Our accomplishments in 1985 will have to be that much better to even keep

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- 3) Ship Ahoy
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- 5) Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag
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- 8) Goodbye, Dolly Gray
- 9) Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning
- 10) There's a Long, Long Trail
- 11) Goodbye-ee
- 12) Roamin' in the Gloamin'
- 13) When You Wore a Tulip
- 14) Goodbye My Bluebelle

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2554 PPCLI CADET CORPS

Calgary, Alberta

By Captain J. deVuyst, CD

2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps of Calgary Alberta will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on 1 September 1985. The Corps was first formed under the sponsorship of the Second Battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada.

When the Second Battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada disbanded the Cadet Corps was renamed Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps with the First Battalion assuming sponsorship on 2 November 1968.

The Cadet Corps flag still carries the badge of the Second Battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada as well as the badge of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The present day Cadet training system consists of a four year programme consisting of "CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP, and PHYSICAL FITNESS".

The Corps has a large variety of optional courses i.e.: Rapelling, Alberta Hunter Training, First Aid, as well as an extensive Physical Training programme.

Cadets enjoy many weekend practical training exercises in order to demonstrate and practice the practical aspects of their training programme. These exercises or bivouacs are conducted in various locations such as the Harvey Training Area, Kananaskas Country and the Caroline area of Alberta.

Summer Camps are also available to Cadets, especially those who during the training year have been well turned out and attended all or most parades. The Camps are Banff National Army Cadet Camp primarily for 4th year (Gold Star) Cadets as well as the Airborne Jump Course held each year in Petawawa, Ontario. For the more Junior Cadets, camps such as Camp Vernon in British Columbia, Camp Wainwright in Alberta, and Camp Whitehorse in the Yukon are available.

Specialty Camps for Cadets who excel in their training are also available and are located in the following areas:

Rifle Winnipeg, Manitoba
Arctic Valcartier, Quebec
Athletic Leadership Borden, Ontario
Driver Training Borden, Ontario

We also have several overseas exchange courses such as CFE Bisley, Whales Outward Bound and the Germany Exchange Programme.

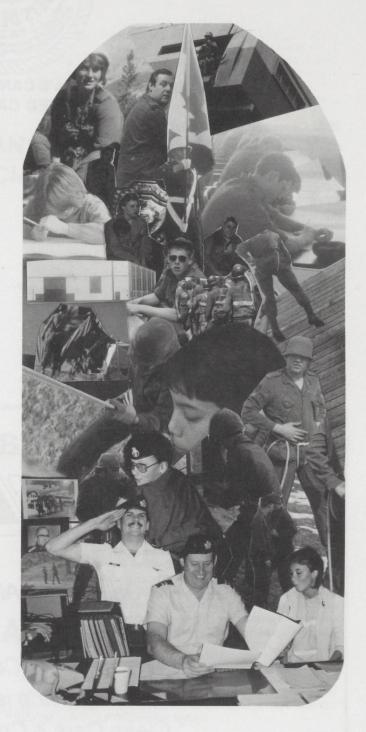
In the Annual Proficiency Standards for Corps in Alberta, 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps placed 2nd Urban and received the Strathcona Physical Fitness trophy and are holding for the second year the PPCLI proficiency trophy.

Our Corps parades on Wednesday from 1845 hours to 2130 hours with optionals on Monday nights from 1900 hours and Saturdays from 1000 hours to 1500 hours.

The Corps is commanded by Cadet/Lt Kempling with the 2 I/C being Cadet/Lt Murphy.

CIL personnel in charge of the Corps are:

Captain J. deVuyst, Commanding Officer Lieutenant E. A. Wood, Administrative Officer Officer/Cadet M. Novak, Supply Officer Officer/Cadet B. Chapman, Training Officer





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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT PPCLI ASSOCIATION

I am pleased to report that since assuming this office in May 1984 I have had the opportunity of visiting with two of our Branches and hopefully will be able to visit others in the future.

In early November my wife and I were able to join the members and their ladies of the Edmonton Branch at a dinner night, and had the opportunity of meeting with old friends from the Regimental family. From all aspects the Edmonton Branch is alive and flourishing under the able guidance of President Gordon Homes and Vice-President Arthur Potts. I wish them continued success.

Mid November I attended the meeting of the Regimental Guard in Ottawa and was most impressed at the depth of their deliberations. Under the chairmanship of Brigadier-General John Sharpe, the Guard discussed many points of Regimental concern and to be privy to their discussions was indeed an honour and privilege for me. Although time did not permit a visit with the Ottawa Branch, I was able to discuss some Association matters with our Vice-President East, Lloyd Swick, and with our Honourary Colonel, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland.

On return from Ottawa and a laundry stop, I was then off to Victoria to participate in RIC-A-DAM-DOO 84, hosted by Lieutenant-Colonel Merv McMurray and the officers of our Third Battalion. It was an enjoyable experience to return to Work Point Barracks where I had served some twenty years before. I was also able to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Branch and found them to be in good strength and growing and making plans for our 75th Anniversary.

The response to our Anniversary Membership drive for funds has been most gratifying and to date many Patricias have responded. I would urge all Association Members to get behind their local branch and support their endeavours to mark 1989 as a special year in our Regimental family.

In the next issue of the Newsletter I hope to be able to provide an outline plan of the Celebrations planned for August of 1989.

Till then, the best to you all.

R.M. Middleton National President PPCLI Association

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THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

FIRST BATTALION

COMMANDING OFFICER
Lieutenant-Colonel CCLO Owen, MVO, OBE

In November 1983, the Battalion returned from Northern Ireland to Tidworth, England, and is now undergoing an extensive three phase training programme designed to meet the operational requirements of our new role in 1st Infantry Brigade the United Kingdom Mobile Force. This training will culminate in September with Exercise BOLD GANNET, a brigade exercise in Denmark—the best possible preparation for our tour in the Falkland Islands for which we embark at the end of the year.

Phase 1 of the training programme concentrated on individual, section and platoon training, and Company Commanders had opportunities to exercise and test their commands on their own exercises. Milan ATGW and Mortar Cadres were run, companies exercised in support of the School of Infantry's commanders' courses, and our commanders were subjected to a most successful and illuminating two day exercise on the Bovington Battle Group Trainer, where we tested our battle procedures. A Battalion exercise, and the deployment of Battalion headquarters and two companies to RAF Greenham Common (to guard the American Cruise Missile Base) in a cold wet week in January ensured that the early part of 1984 was an exceptionally active period for us all.

Phase 2 of our training began after Easter Leave with a Battalion defence exercise on Salisbury Plain, and continued with the running of a number of specialist cadres, including the JNCO Cadre, an essential first step on the promotion ladder for riflemen. Then Brigade Command Post exercises, a Battalion shooting week, a further company deployment to Greenham, another company to act as enemy to help 42 Commando train for their impending tour of rural operations in Northern Ireland, live firing exercises for the Mortar, Anti-Tank and Recce platoons, and Snocat driver training in preparation for the Falklands meant that our second phase training began as phase one had ended — most hectically!

The Battalion's Shooting Team shot extremely well at the South West District Skill At Arms Meeting (SAAM) in May when they won the Major Unit Championship at a District Meeting for the third successive year. Individual champion at this meeting, CpI M Frape, went on to become the Champion At Arms at the South West United Services SAAM in June, beating all comers from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force and Army, a considerable personal achievement. In May, too, we sent a strong contingent to Celle in West Germany for the Queen's visit to the Regiment, exercised our rights to the Freedom of High Wycombe, sent 25 men on a Free Fall parachute course, and entertained 600 Official and Regimental guests to a joint Sounding of Retreat with the 3rd Battalion The Light Infantry.

Phase 3 will start when the Battalion returns from summer leave, and will take the Battalion up to Exercise BOLD GANNET. Our attention will be concentrated in this period on our final preparations for the FTX, but we intend also to complete specialist training for the Falkland Islands.

The Battalion has continued to enjoy itself in other fields. In December 1983 and January this year on an expedition to Spain a party of Riflemen drawn from the 1st and 3rd Battalions retraced the 500 kilometre route taken by the Light Brigade during their heroic rearguard action in support of Sir John Moore's Army in the retreat to Corunna in 1808. Dressed in Rifle Brigade uniforms of the period, marching over some rough terrain and in some times appalling conditions, the Riflemen achieved not only their aim, but to their astonishment were the object of quite unexpected admiration from, and popularity amongst, the Spanish along their route - and attracted extensive media coverage in both Spain and England. Our sports teams have entered a wide range of Army competitions from cricket to coarse fishing with considerable success. The football and hockey team did well to reach the semi-finals in their Infantry Cup matches, and the Boxing Team reached the finals of the UKLF Novices Intermediate Championships.

We look forward to the challenge that the remainder of the year will surely bring, confident that we have succeeded in meeting those we set ourselves, and were given, in the first half of 1984. It looks set to be a memorable year.

SECOND BATTALION

COMMANDING OFFICER
Lieutenant Colonel JPO Beddard, MBE

We began the year in earnest with two weeks of Winter Warfare in Soltau. It was as always, extremely cold, but the Riflemen set to with enthusiasm. A lot of emphasis had previously been laid on shelters and survival, and one group of individuals, on a twenty kilometre night march, were so enthusiastic they set up their shelter within a thousand metres of the start, and stayed there for 36 hours.

The Battalion improved its sporting record in boxing and skiing at the beginning of the year. The Boxing Team were the runners up in the 4 Armd Div Novices Boxing Competition, and defeated the previously all-conquering 10 RCT on the way. The skiing team, although declining to compete seriously in the langlauf as being 'unsightly', did very well in the Alpine section to reach the finals of the Army Cup, winning the Daily Telegraph Cup in the process.

After this reasonably ordered start to the year, the pace moved into double time at the end of block leave in April. The Battalion carried out field firing at Sennelager, and during this we managed to test the fire-fighting facilities of the centre to the full. The words "take a smoke break", took on a whole new meaning, but miraculously no one was hurt. Following a few days after that we were part of a demonstration for the Tri Service Staff College, also at Sennelager. With meticulous planning and rehearsal, this went off extremely well, and all the spectators were impressed with the display. All this was achieved in atrocious conditions of monsoon proportions.

Immediately after this, the Battalion with armour in tow (not always metaphorically) moved to Celle for the Regimental Visit of the Colonel in Chief. Our main contribution was a spectacular battle group attack, mounted by A and C Companies with A Squadron RSDG, as their armour, against a dug-in B Company. Harrier ground attack fighters thundered in, and after the carnage Her Majesty inspected both the victors and the vanquished.

She also officially started a courageous six marathon team, running 97 kilometres each from Celle to the 4th Battalion in Davies Street in London. This combined strength with charity and raised a sizeable sum for cancer research.

Afterwards the crowds thronged the wake of Her Majesty, as she toured the numerous stands and displays in Trenchard Barracks, home of the 3rd Battalion and, for a while at least, the sun shone.

A mere two weeks later we were off again to Soltau for more field training. A and C Companies joined into 3 RTR battle group for pre BATUS training which left D Company with one Squadron to get on with their own training and to act as enemy. During this period, a new trial trench system dug by D Company demonstrated its worth, as the attacking forces who were looking for it will testify.

In the sporting aspect of life during this period the Battalion enjoyed more success. The sailing Team won the Light Division Regatta and look set to do well in the Infantry and Army Cups.

The Football team did extremely well, and, after a long series of gruelling matches, clinched the 4th Armoured Division Football Cup, in an exciting final.

Proving that experience is all, Captain Bright won the senior Divisional Orienteering and almost singlehandedly gained the battalion a creditable seventh place in the league.

The Diving Club managed to overcome the eccentricities, and, on occasion, downright banditry, of the Italian customs services, and sent a twenty-two man expedition to the Island of Elba for three weeks. It was remarked that the Mediterranian in April is not the hottest of climes!

The pace will continue at speed until the autumn, with Exercise Medicine Man happening soon in Canada for A and C Companies and Exercise Lionheart on which the whole battalion will deploy to practise our war role along with the rest of the Corps and some 50,000 reinforcements from United Kingdom Land forces.

THIRD BATTALION

COMMANDING OFFICER Lieutenant Colonel CBQ Wallace, OBE

May marked the end of the first year for the Battalion in Germany. The culmination of the first year as a Mechanized Infantry Battalion was Exercise Medicine Man 3 in June and July. The Battalion, plus all affiliated elements, moved as a Battlegroup to BATUS Canada and enjoyed three weeks live firing training. During this time the Bisley Team returned from England, having won the BAOR Shield for being the highest-placed BAOR Major Unit.

After leave in August the Battalion took part in Exercise Eternal Triangle, the 1st Armoured Division FTX. The weather was extremely kind throughout the three weeks of the exercise and all phases of war were practised including an assault minefield crossing. We were visited by three journalists during the exercise, one of whom was Robert Fox of Falklands fame.

Christmas leave was taken locally by the Battalion. The most notable of the festivities was the Battalion Revue, which consisted of a series of humourous sketches. These included one in which the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major sang that well known duet "No two people have ever been so in love", and, suitably outfitted for tennis as a courting couple of the 1920s they brought the house down. New Year saw the start of individual Training Cadres followed by a number of different exercises. This really kept the Battalion busy until Easter.

April up until the 24th May saw the preparations for a visit of Her Majesty The Queen, our Colonel in Chief, to the Regiment in Germany. The Battalion had been chosen as the base for the visit. It was a great family occasion with contingents of Riflemen and their families from the other battalions, as well as old comrades attending. The Colonel in Chief saw a Battlegroup Attack organized by the 2nd Battalion, inspected a Guard of Honour found by the Battalion, and watched a presentation of "The Rifleman of the Eighties" performed by I Company. The 1st and 4th Battalions provided static displays. The visit culminated in a dinner in the Officers Mess for one hundred and eighty officers and their wives.

June this year has been very wet and we have been training in earnest for a four and a half month Northern Ireland tour later this year.



Her Majesty The Queen, Colonel in Chief, Royal Green Jackets, inspecting the Guard of Honour, accompanied by Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, CDS, Colonel Commandant 3RGJ and the Guard Commander Major PD Browne, MBE 3RGJ.

FOURTH (Volunteer) BATTALION

COMMANDING OFFICER Lieutenant-Colonel CJP Miers

1983 continued with the emphasis on BAOR. Camp was held over the last fortnight of October. For G Company it got off to an interesting start as they discovered at Lyneham that all their weapons had been sent by an over zealous RAF Flight Sergeant on an aircraft taking another battalion to Kenya and were, at the time of discovery, somewhere over the South of France! So G Company were a little late joining the Battalion for the five day Brigade work-up period: Exercise Zodiac Muster. The Commanding Officer had told the Brigade Commander that he was quite happy for the Battalion to be thrown in at the deep end on this, since pressure from the word "go" was the best way of getting us into top gear. This certainly proved to be the case. The Battalion moved off in a convoy of some 70 vehicles (including 24 TCVs with RCT drivers) on the Sunday morning to the exercise area in the Leine Valley. Between then and Thursday night we were given a series of offensive tasks in rapid succession: securing the Brigade start line, seizing bridges in coup de main operations, manning OPsD on a river line, exploiting the Brigade bridgehead and clearing woods beyond it, and finally putting in a full scale heliborne attack on the KOSB in the Sibesse Gap. We seemed to be constantly on the move, by night and day, on foot, in TCVs and slung. It was an exhilarating experience, not only because sions by Chinook helicopters with vehicles underwe were given such interesting and demanding tasks ourselves, but also because we saw so much of the tanks and APCs of the Brigade as they rumbled through and around our positions. CSgt Bates wasn't so impressed, however, as one tank ran over his SMG and converted it into an unrecognizable heap of metal.

Over the middle week-end of camp we stayed at our transit accommodation with 1 KINGS at Osnabruck. For the Sergeants this was the Wives Club — an interesting venue. A bus load of Riflemen visited Hanover, and more went to Hamburg. Rumour has it that LCpl Taylor, once an Olympic boxer for Great Britain and a familiar figure as a Regimental Policeman on the steps of 56 Davies Street, went on stage at one of the Osnabruck night clubs. This must have been a startling, if not a star, performance.!

The final five days of Camp were spent on Exercise Eternal Triangle in which the 4th Armoured Division attacked the 1st Armoured Division. We occupied a defensive position based on the village of Haarbruck, not far from Holzminden on the River Weser. By coincidence, it was in the village of Haarsbruck, nearly the same name but in France, that the Bucks Battalion was finally overrun after much hard fighting in 1940. Our Haarbruck was the scene of a battle between the Americans and the Germans in the closing stages of the war. Battalion headquarters and C Company were in the village and A, B and G companies were in outlying woods, supported by the Milan Platoon and the Mortars. On the third day we had a tremendous battle in which the enemy (the Black Watch supported by the tanks of the Scots Dragoon Guards) were delayed much longer than the "Pink" said they should have been. We don't think the fact that officers of 2RGJ were the umpires had anything to do with this; but we know that those enemy forces unable to get onto our high ground were bound to go through 3RGJ, who were our nearest neighbours. To make sure that 4RGJ understood the need for offensive action, the Brigade Commander had us finish our participation in Exercise Eternal Triangle with a battalion attack.

1983 was rounded off with the usual festivities, and the Battalion entered 1984 again aimed a BOAR. In February the Headquarters element took part in Exercise ZODIAC CHALLENGE where due to an oversight on the movements staff they were forced to use the Brigade Commanders APC and Command Landrover, they were certainly well equipped.

In May over twenty members of Battalion Headquarters took part in Exercise HURST PARK the 1st Armoured Division Test CPX. There they acted as the "lower control" for the 12th Armoured Brigade playing the role of all four Battle Groups in the Brigade; quite a daunting prospect. The following week saw a cross section of thirty members of the Battalion from all companies plus six of their wives in Celle for The Queen's Visit. This was an outstanding success and all of them were introduced to Her Majesty.

THE LIGHT DIVISION DEPOT (Winchester)

COMMANDING OFFICER Lieutenant-Colonel PG Chamberlin

The Depot has now settled down into its new role and we are becoming used to the title. It is now rare for someone to refer to the Rifle Depot and most Green Jackets are becoming used to seeing the Inkerman whistle and chain of the Light Infantry Sergeants on parade.

The boom in recruiting has continued with the most recent platoon forming up at one hundred men, including the staff. The Platoon Commander, Lieutenant Ted Evelegh, has been trying to claim pay of higher rank before the inevitable wastage process takes its toll and the numbers become more manageable.

We now wear the new combat boot on parade and have had a mixed success at bulling the unbullable boot. We dream of receiving the new SA80 rifle but meanwhile make do with the super sock.

Novices boxing has become a major feature of Depot life with a match between the intermediary platoons every six weeks. In order to boost the support given to the opposing teams, a number of charming local girls have provided some interesting 'inter round mammaries'.

The Passing Out Parade is another feature of depot life and we have had many distinguished guests and friends as Inspecting Officers. These have included Brigadier Koe, The Mayor of Winchester, Lieutenant Colonel Lyddon and Brigadier Satish Nambiar from the Indian High Commission.

We are now entering the summer season and the pace of life is increasing with Green Jacket Week looming at the beginning of July. Once that is over we will be able to relax and get back to training recruits.





THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

Captain M. S. McGowan, Regimental Adjutant

For the Royal Australian Regiment, 1984 was a year of development and consolidation. The Operational deployment Force, based in Townsville, North Queensland, was once again tested by the annual deployment exercise and the constant effort required to keep 1 RAR and 2/4 RAR equipped, trained and ready to fulfill their role in the ODF ensured a busy year for them. The parachute capability of 3 RAR, was further developed and tested on exercise. Meanwhile, 5/7 RAR gained further expertise in its new role as a mechanized battalion and the two Brisbane based battalions continued to be employed as standard Infantry battalions.

1st BATTALION

The major task of 1 RAR in 1984 was that of Priority Operational Deployment Force Battalion of the 3rd Brigade. Many hours were spent on maintaining the Battalion's operational readiness state and many exercises were conducted throughout the year to ensure it could fulfill this demanding role. The battalion was finally put to the test in the annual ODF deployment exercise "Swift Eagle" which involved the entire ODF group, deploying by air to the Macrossan training area. Once in location it participated in the 3rd Brigade Exercise "Northern Warrior" involving live firing attacks from section to battalion level and training in all phases of war from Company to Brigade level.

In May A Company undertook Exercise "Wantok Warrior" which was a three week exchange exercise with 2nd Battalion the Royal Pacific Islands Regiment of Papua New Guinea and in September Company departed for a three month tour of duty at Butterworth Air Base in Malaysia.

The highlight of the ceremonial year was the celebration of the 16th anniversary of the Battle of Fire Support Base Coral in South Vietnam. This was the first occasion the Regimental Colour had been paraded displaying the new Battle Honours mentioned in "The Patrician" of 1983.

Sport, as always, played an important part throughout the year and 1 RAR once again won the Brigade Australian Rules football competition and were runners up in the Field Hockey and Athletics competitions.

The Battalion ended 1984 on a high note by winning for the second consecutive year, the prestigious Brigade Military Skills trophy involving competition in cross country running, pistol and rifle shooting and orienteering.

2nd/4th BATTALION

1984 began in earnest for 2/4 RAR with drafts of new arrivals being sent to The Field Force Battle School at Tully, North Queensland for an introduction to jungle warfare. As the wet season was very wet this year, Tully was in prime condition providing a beautiful if damp backdrop for the rigours of soldiering in the Jungle. Throughout the months of February and March the Battalion conducted training courses for Mortars, Support Weapons, Assault Pioneers and Signals as well as promotion courses for Corporal.

In April, B Company departed for Hawaii and exercise Pacific Bond 84. Those remaining in Townsville welcomed their exchange company from Schofield Barracks. The exchange was enjoyed by all involved, as it provided a unique opportunity to see how the "other blokes" do it. While B Company 2/4 RAR were patrolling through the Kahuku Ranges CoA 1st/5th spent many hours on the ranges as well as participating in battalion sporting competitions and were on hand for Anzac Day. Both groups were able to do some sightseeing which rounded off an enjoyable exchange.

In early June Exercise "Spartan Challenge" saw the Battalion despatched by truck to a start point for a 90 km march to Mingela, west of Townsville. The majority of movement was by night and the exercise culminated in the scaling of the Liechardt Ranges escarpment to enable the Battalion to move into an FUP for an attack on the vehicles waiting to return to Townsville.

Sport became the focus of attention during June and July and 2/4 RAR emerged as Brigade Rugby and Volleyball champions.

Apart from participating in the 3rd Brigade Exercise "Northern Warrior", the major activity for the second half of the year was the presentation of new Colours for the 4th Battalion to 2/4 RAR and the laying up of the old Colours in the Lavarack Barracks chapel. The Governor General presented the new Colours on Saturday 13 October and the following day, after the dedication of the newly erected memorials to the fallen of 2 RAR and 4 RAR, the old Colours were laid up.

The end of the year saw A Company in Malaysia while back home, the usual changeover occurred as people moved on posting. 1985 will see 2/4 RAR taking over as Priority ODF Battalion and preparation for that will feature prominently in the early New Year.

3rd BATTALION

1984 has seen the usual busy round of exercises, support tasks and further development of the parachute capability. The year commenced early for all sections commanders who were "handed over" to the RSM for a two week workup exercise which, despite the wet weather, proved to be invaluable as a basis for the platoon and company training which followed in February.

Exercise "Falcons Revenge" in March provided C Company with its first test as a parachute company. The Exercise consisted of a daylight operational jump, followed by three days training in the Buladela State Forest north of Newcastle. The major lesson learned from this activity was that an operational drop zone bears little resemblance to a training drop zone!

The Brigade Command Post Exercise, conducted in May, heralded the opening of the "tourist season" with an American contingent arriving for the CPX and shortly after B Company departing for a tour of duty in Malaysia. Not to be outdone, Battalion Headquarters and elements from all companies, departed for Hawaii in June to participate in Exercise "Tropic Lightning.

The middle of the year saw the Battalion enter a new phase of its parachute capability development. The parachute company group, based on C Coy, was expanded to include BHQ, A Company, C Company, Support Company and the supporting attachments of 8/12 Medium Regiment, 1 Field Squadron and 104 Signals Squadron. Exercise "New Australia" conducted in late July at Puckapunyal was the first battalion minus parachute deployment and provided an ideal opportunity to test and develop SOP's.

On the Sports field 3 RAR won the Brigade Cross Country run, the Australian Rules football competition and the Field Hockey trophy.

1985 will continue to provide many and varied challenges, as 3 RAR continues to develop as the parachute force of the Australian Army.

5th/7th BATTALION

June 1984 provided the turning point in the history of 5/7 RAR as it was in that month that the approval was obtained for the battalion to become fully mechanized, as opposed to the previously mechanized Company groups. During 1984 significant resources were devoted to the equipping, training and exercising of 5/7 RAR as a Mechanized Battle Group and the highlight of the training year was the conduct of Exercise "Stealthy Tiger" which was a Battalion level exercise held in the Puckapunyal training area with the assistance of the 1st Armoured Regiment. Both mechanized and dismounted activities were conducted during the exercise.

Throughout the period February to May C Company completed a tour of duty in Malaysia and while they were absent, the Battalion played host to a Company of the Royal Malay Regiment. The overseas trips continued with D Company conducting mechanized training in Germany while on exchange with 1st Battalion, the Green Howards. Battalion Headquarters were lucky enough to take part in two overseas Command Post Exercises, one in Hawaii and the other in New Zealand.

With the expansion of the Battalion's mechanized capability there was an obvious need for courses to qualify people for their role as mechanized Infantry section and vehicle commanders. Promotion courses for Corporal and unit specialist courses for support company took up what little spare time the Battalion had.

The sporting field saw success for 5/7 RAR with it winning the Soccer and Swimming competitions and running a close second in Rugby and Athletics.

6th BATTALION

The central activity for 6 RAR during 1984 has been the conduct of two battalion and one Brigade exercise.

During exercise High Roller, the battalion conducted a River Crossing supported by live fire concluding with a battalion attack supported by live Artillery and Mortar fire. To round the exercise off it returned to Brisbane on board the Heavy Landing Ship, HMAS TOBRUK.

The 6th Brigade Exercise "Diamond Dollar" saw the high level of activity continue with deployment to the training area by HMAS TOBRUK, a beach landing, and later in the exercise, a helicopter borne assault into an insecure landing zone.

On the sporting field 6 RAR set a record unlikely to be equalled for many years. The Battalion were Premiers in the following inter-unit sports; Australian Rules Football, Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Athletics and Swimming. As well, they were runners up in Rugby Union.

In 1985 6 RAR will be sending Companies to Malaysia and Hawaii and Battalion Headquarters will go to Hawaii to take part in the Command Post Exercise "Tropic Lightning".

8th/9th BATTALION

1984 was a busy year for 8/9 RAR. Immediately after Christmas leave the Battalion moved to the Wide Bay training area for the Summer Live Firing Exercise "Leaden Lift". This exercise is designed to refresh all members of the Battalion in the basic military skills of navigation, weapon handling, live firing and physical fitness. Following Exercise "Leaden Lift" the Battalion commenced a series of platoon, company and battalion exercises concentrating on the advance and attack phases of war. This training culminated in the 6th Brigade Exercise "Diamond Dollar" in Shoalwater Bay when the entire Brigade, plus elements of the 1st Division, were deployed.

Professional education also received a high priority and during the year the Battalion conducted both promotion and specialist courses. The promotion courses saw many members of the Battalion qualify for promotion to the rank of Corporal, while the specialist courses established a reserve of soldiers qualified in such skills as signallers, mortar numbers sustained fire machine gunners, drivers and anti armoured gunners.

Visitors to the Battalion during the year included B Company of the 1/2 King Edward VII Own Gurkha Rifles from Hong Kong and a platoon of 3 PPCLI. The other half of this latter exchange was 6 platoon, B Company who visited Canada and for two months were known as 7 platoon C Company 3 PPCLI. The soldiers of both nations gained much from the exchange with the Australians winning a shooting competition in 3 PPCLI and the Canadians being exposed, for the first time, to jungle. They very quickly became acquainted, in the words of their platoon commander, with "the snakes, the leeches and those damn rats".



Soldiers from 3 PPCLI marching with 8/9 RAR on ANZAC Day, 25 April 1984.

8/9 RAR had a fairly quiet year on the sporting field. It was runner up in the South Queensland Touch Football competition and made it through the finals of the Rugby, Australian Rules, Football, Soccer, Cricket and Basketball.

The Regiment can look back on 1984 with the feeling of pride and achievement that can only be gained from a job well done. 1985 will provide new challenges with the training year highlighted by Exercise Kangaroo 85 and the ceremonial year by the 3 RAR Kapyong Day parade, where it is hoped, for the first time, to mass the Pipes and Drums of the whole Regiment.



Soldiers from 8/9 RAR undergoing Confidence Course training at the Land Warfare Centre, Canungra.

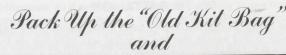


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MAJOR-GENERAL G. R. PEARKES, VC, PC, CC, CB, DSO, MC, CD

The Regiment was saddened by the loss of Major-General Randolph Pearkes, VC, PC, CC, CB, DSO, MC, CD in Victoria, British Columbia on 30 May 1984. Major-General Pearkes was appointed to the Regiment in late 1919 after he had returned from war torn Europe at the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He wore the uniform of the Regiment, but never served in a formal Regimental role, though he knew many Patricias and had hoped one day to serve as a Commanding Officer of Canada's finest unit of soldiers.

Major-General Pearkes served as a constable in the RNWMP before the outbreak of World War I. He joined the First Canadian Division in France, and eventually rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in command of the 116 Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He won his Victoria Cross in an attack at Passchendaele in 1917, for "conspicuous bravery and skillful handling of troops under his command".

Between the two wars, Major-General Pearkes held various staff appointments in Western Canada, along with Deputy Commandant of the Royal Military College. He had major staff roles in the training of Canada's permanent and non-permanent (militia) forces in lean times, when funds were scarce.

At the outbreak of World War II, he commanded the Second Brigade, First Canadian Division and later took over command of that division. In September 1942, he came back to Canada as Commander of the Pacific Command and held that position until the cessation of hostilities. He resigned from the army at the end of the war with the rank of Major-General.

In the post war years, Major-General Pearkes was elected to the House of Commons as a member of Parliament, and served in that role until 1960. From 1957 to 1960 he was the Minister of National Defence. He was appointed Lieutenant-Governor for the Province of British Columbia from 1960 to 1968. He retired from public life in 1968.

Major-General Pearkes will always be remembered for his credo, "Devotion to Duty" and this is exemplified by his service to Canada.



R. A. LINDSAY, ED

The Regiment was saddened by the loss of Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Lindsay, ED, in Victoria, British Columbia, on 26 June 1983. Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay was born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta. He taught school there and also served with the South Alberta Regiment for several years. He joined the Regiment on 21 November 1939 with the rank of Major, as the Deputy Commanding Officer. he was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel on 31 July 1940 and took charge of training the Patricias in England.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lindsay led the Regiment ashore in Sicily, their first time in battle since World War I, and commanded it to the closing days of that campaign. He then took a staff position in the Allied Military Government in Occupied Territories. After the war, he resigned from the army and was part of the British Control Commission in Germany. He retired in 1968 and returned to Canada where he settled in Victoria.



MAJOR R. G. WILKES, CD

The Regiment was saddened by the passing of Major R. G. Wilkes, CD in Wainwright, Alberta on 18 February 1984. Major Wilkes joined the Regiment as a Private on 4 May 1948 and served with the Second Battalion in Korea. In February 1956 he received his commission. Major Roy Wilkes was the Commanding Officer of 1 Canadian Brigade Group Operational Training Detachment (1CBG OTD) from June 1974 until July 1976 (1CBG OTD became the PPCLI Battle School in July 1981). Major Wilkes retired from the Canadian Forces in March 1978.



MAJOR H. G. MUNRO, CD

The Regiment was saddened to learn of the death of Major H. G. Munro, CD in Calgary, Alberta, on 9 January, 1985.

Major Munro joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1934 after previously serving seven years with the Royal Canadian Dragoons. At the outbreak of World War II, he served overseas with the Regiment as a Company Sergeant Major. He received his commission in 1941, and then served as an instructor at the Officer Training Unit in England and Canada. He rejoined the Regiment in the fall of 1942.

Major Munro served as a platoon commander during the Sicilian campaign and was later promoted to Captain. He then served as the liaison officer with 2 Brigade and 1st Canadian Division. In 1944, he returned to instructional duties in England and Canada. He joined the newly formed 2nd Battalion PPCLI in Shilo at the end of WW II. After the war, he served as an instructor at the Royal Canadian School of Infantry, Camp Borden, Ontario.

He was promoted to the rank of Major in April 1951 and after serving a short tour with the newly formed 3rd Battalion PPCLI in Wainwright, he was posted to Halifax in a staff position. In September 1952, he was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Regimental Executive Committee. Major Munro then became the first Commanding Officer of the newly created Regimental Depot in June 1953.

Major Munro retired in June 1958 after serving 24 years with the Patricias.

IN MEMORIAM

SERVICE	NAME	DETAILS	
WWII, RF		DETAILS	
WWII, RF	Abbot, W. Avery, C.	Woodstock, Ont.	28 Feb. 84 25 Jul. 84
	Blackbourne, P. Bowie, R.	Courteev B.C	84
WWI	Bradwell, H.	Courtney, B.C. Chilliwack, B.C.	82 2 Dec. 83
RF	Bainbridge, J. W. Brandon, C.	Calgary, Alta. Langley, B.C.	
WWII, Korea	Brown, O. Bullard, L.	Victoria, B.C. Calgary, Alta.	25 Dec 83
Korea	Basil, C.	Toronto, Ont.	11 Jan. 84
WWII	Ball, L. Cadle, R.	Stratford, Ont. Winnipeg, Man.	17 Sep. 84
WWII	Clarke, G. Clarke, H.S.	Winnipeg, Man.	11 Oct. 84
	Camponi, C. Clifton		
WWII, RF	Clark, M.	Toronto, Ont.	7 May 84
WWII	Maj(Ret) Constant, R. H. Crawford, M.	London, Ont. New Westminster, B.C.	15 Jan. 85 30 Aug. 84
WWII, RF	Deslaurier, D. Dalzell, A.	Winnipeg, Man.	4 May 84
Korea, RF	Davidson, W. Delroy, G. A. F.	Colone Alto	1051.01
	Erfurt, A.	Calgary, Alta.	18 Feb. 84
WWII RF	Finnie, W. Fulton, B.	Winnipeg, Man. Kamloops, B.C.	28 Dec. 83 13 Nov. 84
WWI RF	Grimshaw, E. S. Green, D. V.	Vancouver, B.C. Edmonton, Alta.	Sep. 84 18 Jul. 84
	Gibson, W. J. Gill, A. E.	Edinoritori, Arta.	10 001. 04
MANAUL DE	Gill, J.		
WWII, RF WWII	Gerylo, J. Gilchrist, W. S.	Perry Sound, Ont. Ont.	21 Mar. 84 11 Mar. 84
RF WWI	Greenlaw, J. W. Gignelli, V. F.	Calgary, Alta. Toronto, Ont.	Apr. 84 4 Sep. 84
Korea WWII	Howe, G. T. Heipel, R. J.	Winnipeg, Man.	4 Jun. 84
RF	Hunter, K.	Kelowna, B.C. Alliston, Ont.	12 May 84 20 Mar. 84
Korea	Hambleton, H. Heslop, R. B.	Hamilton, Ont. Ottawa, Ont.	29 Jan. 84
	Henderson, D. Hill, A. E.		
RF WWII	Howe, J. T. Holden, F. T.	Winnipeg, Man.	4 Jun. 84
WWII	Irwin, R. J.	Napicks, Man. Victoria, B.C.	6 Jul. 84 25 Feb. 84
LM Korea, RF	Ivor, T. Jeffrey, E. R.	Carleton, Ont. Calgary, Alta.	21 Jun. 84
WWII & II	Johnson, M. A. Klaehn, P. C.	Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Sask.	84 8 May 84
WWII WWII	Kay, A. W. Keenie, P.		
WWI WWII, RF	Little, A. M.	Winnipeg, Man. Thunder Bay, Ont.	5 Dec. 83
	Littlewood, W. Laird, G.	Commending Office (a) 1 Carrie	
WWII, RF Korea	Munro, H. G. Milks, R. A.	Calgary, Alta. Navan, Ont.	9 Jan. 85 5 Dec. 83
WWII	Maloney, W. W. MacDonald, K. R.	Winnipeg, Man.	27 Sep. 83
WWII, RF WWII	McDougall, C. M. McElroy, W.	Montreal, P.Q.	3 Jun. 84
WWI	McRea, D. H.	Arcola, Sask. Lethbridge, Alta.	12 Dec. 84
Korea WWII	Menzies, T. C. Nickel, E.	Rexdale, Ont. Man.	14 Mar. 84 11 Mar. 84
WWI & II	Neatby, A. F. Oakley, J. H.	Saskatoon, Sask. Vancouver, B.C.	Jan. 84 7 Apr. 84
Korea Korea	Oneill, F. Poitras, V.	Edmonton, Alta. Saskatoon, Sask.	1 May 84
WWI & II	Pearkes, G.	Victoria, B.C.	20 Aug. 84 30 May 84
WWII	Paget, B. Parker, C. E.	Carrot River, Sask.	28 Jul. 84
Korea WWII	Pengally, F. J. Reilly, K. E.	Pincher Creek, Alta. Shelburne, Ont.	Feb. 84 18 Sep. 83
WWI	Robinson, D. E. P. Riley, B.	Winnipeg, Man. Victoria, B.C.	20 Sep. 83 19 Feb. 84
WWII WWII	Shorthill, E. B. Shimming, W. F.	Georgetown, Ont.	84
	Spiers, C. E.	Winnipeg, Man. Calgary, Alta.	8 Dec. 83
Korea WWII	Schwab, J. Smythe, S.	Winnipeg, Man. Alta.	29 Mar. 84 11 Jan. 84
WWII WWII, RF	Sutherland, A. Swan, J. J. W.	Duncan, B.C. Winnipeg, Man.	24 Mar. 84
	Speidel, V. Titsing, T. M.	Winnipeg, Man. Calgary, Alta.	11 Jun. 84
RF	Verstraete, A.	Ypres, Belgium	3 Dec. 83
WWI	Vallas, R. G. Weaver, F.	Victoria, B.C. Georgetown, Ont.	22 Jul. 84 8 Apr. 84
Korea, RF	Westwood, H. Wilkes, R.	Calgary, Alta. Wainwright, Alta.	18 Feb. 84
WWI	Young, W.	Vancouver, B.C.	

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