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COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



THE COUNTESS MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, CD, JP, DL

In May of this year, I was able, for the first time since being appointed Colonel-in-Chief in 1974, to visit my Patricias stationed on my side of the Atlantic after many years absence. My husband was able to accompany me on this visit to my second Battalion, who we found in very good heart and shape, and enjoying the challenges and experience!

After our visit to them in Baden Soellingen we were privileged to be part of the contingent which travelled up to Ypres in Belgium to take part in the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Frezenburg. I think we will always remember this occasion as one of the most moving of our lives, to see for ourselves the evidence of that terrible campaign in the Great War which cost hundreds of thousands of lives over the years - and nearly wiped out our own originals.

It was an extraordinary experience to have a veteran of that battle with us in the presence of Jimmy Vaughan, who celebrated his 90th birthday during the visit. What supermen those soldiers were, merely to survive those horrific conditions of living, let alone fighting.

However I do know that the modern soldier has the same spirit and pride in our regiment as did the much-admired originals, and would acquit himself as bravely if the need ever arose.

I feel very proud to be part of such a splendid regiment, and send my warmest wishes to you all and your families.

Mountbatten of Burma

COLONEL-OF-THE-REGIMENT

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



COLONEL W. B. S. SUTHERLAND, CD

Seen from my own viewpoint, 1985 was yet another good year for our Regiment. Each battalion and 2 AB Cdo has in turn distinguished itself in one way or another. The Battle School maintained the high standard all have come to expect of it. Regimental Headquarters continued to grow both in terms of its capacity and effectiveness. Extra-regimentally employed Patricias whether they be with the French Grey Battalion in Gagetown or elsewhere, have made valuable contributions to the operational and administrative effectiveness of the Canadian Forces. The Regiment's own extended family and in particular the PPCLI Association has dramatically increased its membership and expanded the scope of its activities. But for the high standard of professionalism and personal dedication of all ranks and for the hard work and initiative of the officers and members of the Association none of this could have happened.

Each one of us — every Patricia — is in one way or another responsible for the success of the Regiment and has a continuing responsibility to see that success is maintained. Making plain what our obligations and opportunities are in this regard and what goals are to be pursued collectively and consistently over time must continue to be a central function and major challenge of regimental government.

An important element of our success this past year has been that we have for some time past been operating within a planning framework. This framework sets out the longer term objectives which should inform all of our planning and in consonance with which shorter term goals can be set, plans can be made and the results of regimental activities can be carefully and consistently evaluated.

We must all be aware of the Regiment's objectives and to the extent that opportunity permits conscientiously seek to advance them. It may be that not

all Patricias are aware of the Regiment's aim and objectives. Concisely stated they are these:

Aim — To provide a motivated and fully effective regiment for service in Canada.

Objectives —

To demonstrate and enhance the general utility and effectiveness of the regimental system;

To set, achieve and maintain high standards of unit proficiency and general effectiveness;

To develop and support a strong sense of identity, common purpose and co-

hesiveness within the infantry corps;

To develop a strong sense of national and regional identity;

To foster the well-being of members of the Regiment, past and present;

To develop a strong financial base for the Regiment;

To record and dramatize the Regiment's illustrious history, customs and traditions;

To project a favourable image;

To be ready for future events; and

To maintain relevant and effective internal structures for the conduct of Regimental business.

Ours is an important national undertaking. The Regiment is a prominent feature of Canadian life and an important instrument of Canadian public policy. Thus, each of us enjoys presently, and will continue to enjoy, the opportunity of advancing our country's interests through the Regiment's own framework of goals and objectives. This is a trust which Patricia's have borne not lightly but well in the past. I am confident that we in our turn will do as well.

As we enter a new year may I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for the contributions you have made in the past. I wish you much success in the future. Finally, closing on a very personal note, may I say how honoured I am to share this precious burden with you.

W. B. Sutherland

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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, Romania.

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 Brigadier 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 JOHN A. ALMSTROM, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Almstrom joined the Regiment in 1972 on graduation from the University of British Columbia and Rice University, Houston, Texas. He commenced his service with the Second Battalion in Winnipeg, which included two tours in Cyprus, the last tour as Adjutant. On return from Cyprus, in 1976, he was posted to HQ 1 CBG in Calgary as the SO2 Personnel.

During his tour in Calgary, LCol Almstrom attended CLFCSC in Kingston and on promotion to Major in 1978 attended CFCSC Toronto. Upon graduation from staff college in 1979, he returned to Calgary as a Company Commander until 1981.

In 1981, he was posted to National Defence Headquarters, where he served on staff until promotion to LCol in 1982. On promotion he did a two year tour as the Deputy Chief of Staff, UNDOF before returning to Calgary as the B Adm O.

LCol Almstrom assumed command of the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 28 June 1985. He also holds the appointment of Chairman of the Regimental Executive Committee.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT PPCLI ASSOCIATION

As we enter into the 38th year of our founding as a Regimental Association I can't help but wonder where we are headed in the years to come. You might well ask yourselves that if I don't know then just who does? As an association we continue to grow as evidenced by the formation of two new branches in the past two years, and also by the revitalizing of another branch and the continued growth of existing branch strengths. But that is not what concerns me. What does concern me and I know is of concern to others as well, is just what are our long term goals and objectives. One can argue that our constitution sets out the aims of our Association and indeed it does. To refresh your memory our aims briefly are to:

1. perpetuate comradeship and esprit-de-corps;
2. maintain and promote Regimental tradition;
3. establish and maintain a Regimental museum;
4. assist members and widows and children of deceased members when other social agencies are unable to do so; and
5. undertake educational programmes through the Hamilton-Gault Memorial Fund.

In my opinion we meet the challenges of the first two aims with no difficulty whatsoever. It is the last three items that concern me. Are you aware that the Association is the "owner" of all that rests in the Regimental Museum? The museum is in desperate need of new facilities in the very near future if we are to ensure the safe and proper storage of our priceless regimental artifacts. I have recently been in touch by letter with all Branch Presidents to outline to them one of the ways that we as an Association might be able to help. I look forward to receiving their suggestions and to further discussion at our next Annual General Meeting in Edmonton in May. I am also concerned about the degree and the amount of financial support that we can provide to our members when it is clearly evident that we are the last resort for help. I solicit your thoughts and ideas that you may have, either directly or through your branches. The last item, that of educational programmes is not so pressing but one that we should be thinking about nevertheless. Give these items some thought. I would like to hear from you.

R. M. Middleton
President
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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)

HAMILTON GAULT TROPHY

1 PPCLI

SKILL AT ARMS

1 PPCLI - A Company

COMPETITIONS

COCK 'O' THE WALK

TIE — 2 PPCLI

Lieutenant Colonel I. H. Gray, CD
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PPCLI Battle School

Lieutenant Colonel P. D. Montgomery, CD
Chief Warrant Officer M. A. Hamilton, CD

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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:

- on promotion to the rank of Sergeant the Patrician 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; and
- 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),
 - 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", "WWI PPCLI Soldier", or "PPCLI Drummer Boy", suitably engraved, and a Regimental Certificate of Service. (RHQ action), and
 - 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.

HONOURS AND AWARDS 1985



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Lieutenant Colonel J. D. Joly, OMM, CD



REGIMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Corporal Brown, WE — 1 PPCLI
Captain Austdal, AM — 2 Cdo
Master Corporal Penney, JT — 3 PPCLI
Corporal Pearce, SJ — 3 PPCLI
Private Papagiannis, DC — 3 PPCLI
Sergeant Hitchcock, SU — 3 PPCLI
Lieutenant Gallagher, EP — 1 PPCLI

1983 (omitted in the 1984 Patrician)
Lieutenant Colonel Sutherland, WGS — 2 PPCLI
Major Patterson, PC — 2 PPCLI
Lieutenant Kenny, H — 2 PPCLI
Master Corporal Elliott — 2 PPCLI
Master Corporal Gallant — 3 PPCLI
Master Corporal Kissling, PD — 2 Cdo
Corporal Coble, DW — 2 PPCLI
Private Leedham, AD — 2 PPCLI
Sergeant Best, G — CFRS Cornwallis

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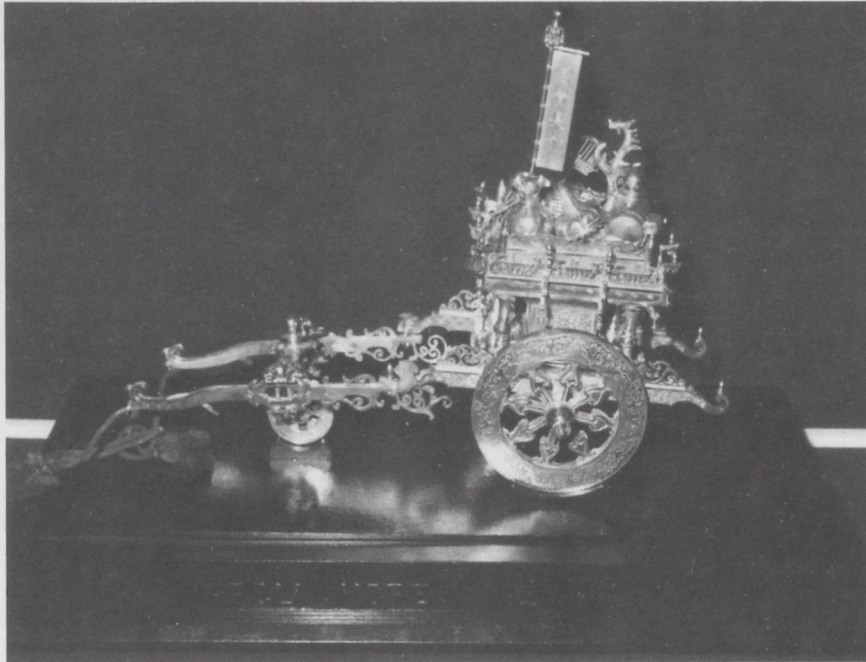
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THE PATRICIA'S TREASURE CART

By Jeffery Williams



In the Regimental Museum is an exquisitely executed model of a golden treasure cart. Straight out of oriental mythology, it is a souvenir of service in the Korean War. Yet forty-four years ago, it had been designed to smooth the path of Japanese expansion in South East Asia.

In 1952, the officers of the First Battalion decided that they should have a souvenir of their service in the Far East to display in the Mess. Ideally it should be of Korean origin but investigation turned up nothing which originated in that sad country which held any appeal. The only oriental items of military historical interest which were attractive in a decorative sense were Japanese Samurai helmets and swords. While all members of the Regiment serving in Korea had been to Japan, these items were ruled out because their presence there had only been incidental to the task of fighting the war. The officers felt that if they could not obtain a fitting Korean souvenir, they should obtain something typical of the Orient as a whole. Further, it was far more important that the item be an acceptable work of art than that it have any military significance. The place for trophies of war is the regimental museum, not the officers' mess. Since I was going to Japan, I was instructed to look for something suitable.

In Tokyo, I discussed the problem with the Canadian Ambassador and with friends who had lived in the Far East for many years. They suggested various art galleries and an old firm of gold and silversmiths, Miyamoto Shoko. There I found the Treasure Cart. Mr. Uchida, one of the directors, told me its story.

In 1941, planning had begun for a State visit to Japan by the King of Siam. The two countries already enjoyed friendly relations which the Foreign Office in Tokyo hoped might be developed into a full alliance. In March of that year, the Japanese had supported the Siamese against the Vichy French at the conference table and had won for them considerable territories in Laos and Cambodia. If the Siamese would side with them, the road to Burma and Malaya would lie open. During his visit, they would seek to impress the young King both with the sincerity of their friendship and with their power. Every detail must contribute to that end, even the gift with which by custom the Emperor would greet his 'brother' from Bangkok.

Throughout the Orient, it was the custom of centuries that when an overlord visited one of his territories, the local ruler would present him with tribute. In China and in countries like Japan and Korea which share her traditions, this usually took the form of a cart form of a cart loaded with treasure — silks, gold, silver, spices and precious stones. References to such incidents abound in the history of the East and in its fairy tales.

At one time the Kings of Siam had been the most powerful rulers in Asia, and they were quite accustomed to receiving tribute from their vassals. While gold and precious stones in themselves were entirely acceptable as tribute to most Oriental rulers, it was considered indelicate to offer these to one so powerful as the sovereign in Bangkok. Annually the kings of the other countries of South East Asia would each present him with a tree of solid gold, every leaf and twig being as finely made as a delicate piece of jewellery. What more suitable present then, could be designed for the Emperor of Japan to give the King than a symbol of the traditional tribute of the Orient modelled in gold?

It was in these circumstances that an official of the Imperial Household called upon Miyamoto Shoko to produce a miniature treasure cart loaded with bales of silk, jars of spices, jewels and bullion, all delicately made in gold. The cart itself was to be in gold and silver with silken drag ropes.

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The cart was completed in good time but the exigencies of war interfered with the visit. It was postponed, then later, cancelled. Miyamoto Shoko were informed that the model would not be needed. Ruefully they placed it on an upper shelf of their display room in Tokyo, more to impress customers with the quality of their workmanship than in the hope that it might attract the eye of a purchaser.

It was plain to me that the goldsmiths regarded it as something of a white elephant and were glad to sell. After having it inspected by experts who pronounced it a work of excellent quality, I agreed to buy it for the equivalent of six hundred dollars.

The cart was first displayed in the officers' mess in Calgary then in other stations in Canada and Germany. It was an interesting 'talking piece' and guests in the Mess often speculated on the motives of the Japanese in designing such a gift for the young King of Siam. Was the treasure cart intended as a graceful gesture of respect? Or was there the suggestion of mockery, even of a veiled threat, in the payment of tribute by the mighty Emperor of Japan to little Siam?

So widespread was the interest in the Treasure Cart that it has been moved to the Regimental Museum where its beauty and workmanship may be appreciated by all members of the Regiment and by the general public.

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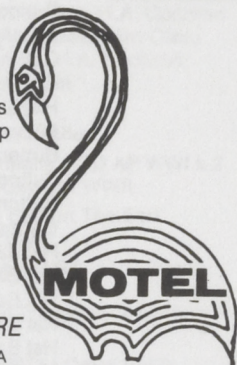
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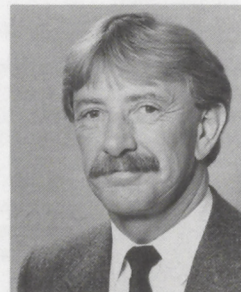
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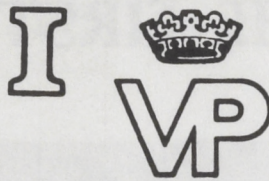
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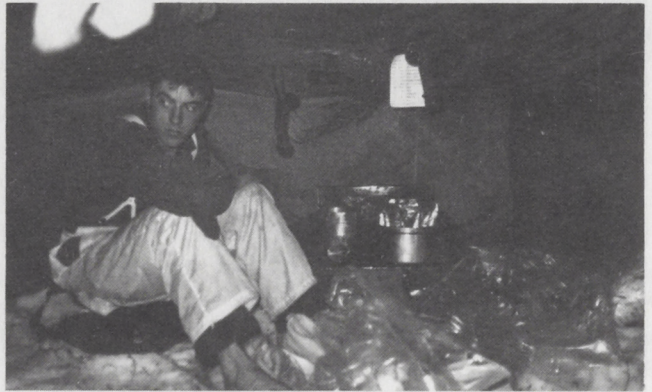
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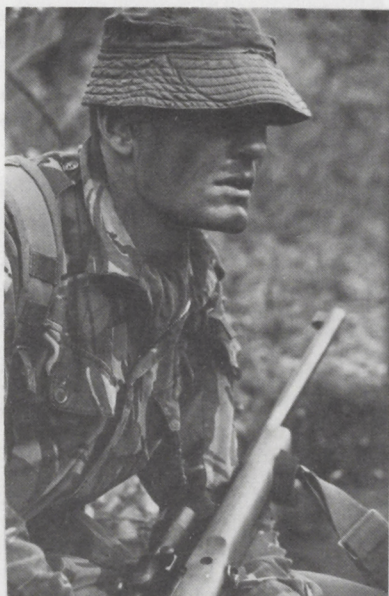
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1985 was a time of big changes for the First Battalion. Football fans would call it a rebuilding year — a year where we put the memories of Cyprus behind us and got down to the business of Infantry training again. The '85 season brought with it a wave of new faces as trades and retirements took their toll of the well-known players. And of course, it was the year of the Big Game — RV 85 — with all the other clubs in the CF coming to play on our home turf.

But to no one's surprise, the home team dug deep and came up with a winning year. From waxing the competition at STRONG CONTENDER, to chasing the Americans around their own training area, to showing everyone at RV how things are done, the First Battalion again demonstrated the style that makes us (in our humble opinion) the best Battalion in NATO. Here's how it went . . .



MCpl Morley, Recce Pl, RV-85.

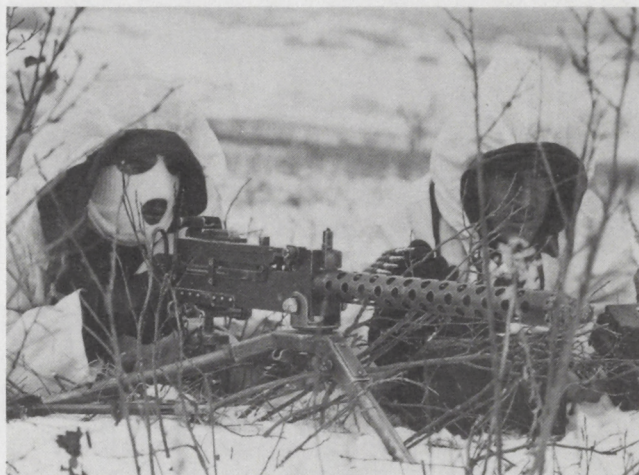
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Or at least that was the plan. In actual fact our heroes were treated to the shortest service flight on record. As the cockpit filled with smoke the pilot announced that we were turning back due to "a minor electrical problem", and sure enough all the minor fire trucks were lining the minor runway with their minor lights flashing as we came in. Sadly, the mysterious malfunction couldn't be fixed on the weekend, and with tears in our eyes we returned home to watch the Super Bowl and dream about the land of ice, snow, and three-dollar beer.



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Faced with such obstacles, plus the fact that the entire enemy force ended up on our Battalion's route, progress was understandably slow, and we were a mere 24 hours ahead of schedule at endex. The Yanks were extremely grateful for this small mercy and said they might even invite us back if we promised not to laugh at their inflatable boots anymore.



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STRONG CONTENDER

After BRIM FROST the usual annual routine took over. PCF courses were run, equipment was repaired, and the Officers swanned off to Shilo for a "Study Week". The big news, though, was Ex STRONG CONTENDER, as the stalwart lads of the Broomball, Volleyball and Hockey teams went off to do battle for the glory of the Battalion. While unforeseen technical difficulties (choke, choke) kept us from winning all three trophies, the Hockey team did us proud as they skated past the Strathconas into a final against the highly-rated (at least in their own minds) 1 Svc Bn team. It was a hard fought contest, but eventually superior skill (and size) triumphed, and the First Battalion took home the silverware. Then, to prove it was not a fluke, the same team won the Base League final and went on to place third in the FMC nationals.



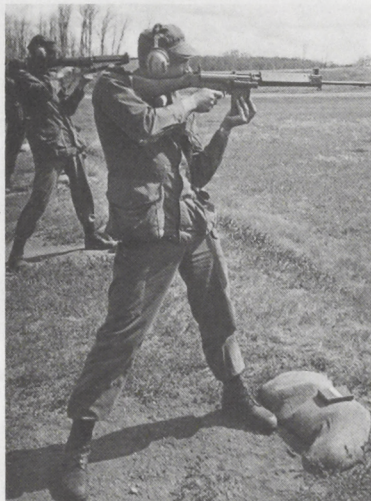
*First Battalion demolishes the opposition
— on Ex STRONG CONTENDER.*



*B Coy wins the Silver Spanner for best maintenance
— Maj Kenward receiving*

Of course, coverage of the sports scene wouldn't be complete without mention of the Regimental Day follies. This year's guest of honour was MGen G.G. Brown, past Colonel of the Regiment, who reviewed the parade and stayed on to watch the Sports Day that followed. What he saw was almost a clean sweep, as Combat Support Coy took the Tug-of-War, Broom-i-Loo and Floor Hockey titles. Only a B Coy victory in European Handball broke the monotony as the men from Combat Support easily won the overall prize. The day was capped off with the organized mayhem known as the Officer-Sr NCO Broom-i-Loo Game. Although new records were set for MIR customers, the Officers once again took home the coveted Horse's Ass, leaving the Sr NCO's to settle for the other parts.

MGen Brown also took the opportunity to present the Bn with the Hamilton Gault trophy. All of the Infantry Battalions in the CF, including the Airborne Commandos, compete every year for this award. With justified pride we can boast that 1985 was the fourth victory in a row for 1 PPCLI — four years of being the best marksmen in the CF. If the founder were still alive today he would be happy to see that the Patricia tradition of excellence in shooting is being carried on by the First Battalion.



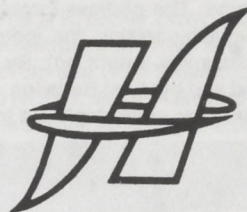
First Battalion — once again the top shots of the Canadian Infantry Corps.



MGen Brown presents LCol Kempling with the Hamilton Gault Trophy — '85 MADE IT FOUR IN A ROW.

Normal garrison training continued on through the Spring, as PCF courses gave way to the practise of Infantry skills. B Coy chose this time to do some adventure training, sending a ski-mountaineering party by Chinook to the Clemenceau Icefields and a climbing team to Mt. Athabaska. Meanwhile, the Bn Small Arms team under Capt Mike Morneau moved to Dundurn to prepare for the Brigade competition. Hard work paid off for the shooters, as Pte Papagannis took top Tyro Pistol, and MCpl Boychuk won the overall SMG title. Four members of the Squad were picked up by the Regimental Team, an honour that includes a jammy posting to the Garrison Soldier's heaven, Victoria, B.C.

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Unbeknownst to the peace-loving Patricias, though, trouble was brewing. The godless forces of Orangeland plotted to paralyze Canada by seizing the industrial heartland around Wainwright (godless yes, bright no). By mid-April, diplomatic solutions had failed and the First Battalion, along with a few assorted guys from those other units, deployed to form the First Canadian Division.



"... And next time I catch you boys playing with my radar set you'll all be grounded."



Cpl Hargrave takes a bearing on home. "Westgate Hotel, 300 km."

RV 85 — THE MAIN EVENT

RV 85 proved to be a resounding success, with the Battalion able to exercise as a complete unit for the first time since we left for Cyprus.

The emphasis was on small-unit training at first, and many hours were spent perfecting skills on the Grenade Assault Range and Section Live Fire Range. Each Platoon also rotated through First Aid and Chemical Warfare stands as well as a live-fire Night Ambush patrol.

Pioneer Platoon was busy supervising the digging of an authentic Warsaw Pact defensive position on Badger Hill. Much sweat was expended on this project, but the end result was an excellent training aid for the Rifle Companies. With extra realism provided by live explosive charges, taped battle noises, and uniformed "enemy" soldiers, this exercise in trench-clearing was one of the high points of the training year and a good lesson for all.

Another bonus that helped make the training realistic was the latest in technological toys, the SAWES (Small Arms Weapons Effects Simulator). By adding a low-powered laser to each rifle, SAWES forces soldiers to take field-craft seriously. Each man wears a sensor harness which makes a very embarrassing beeping noise when hit by the laser, and the only way to stop the beeping is to roll over and stop moving. It looks like the days of "Bang, Bang, I got you" are gone forever.



RV-85 - Field-testing the new combat long-johns.



RV-85 — Sgt Anderson in the Warsaw Pact Defensive Position wearing SAWES kit.



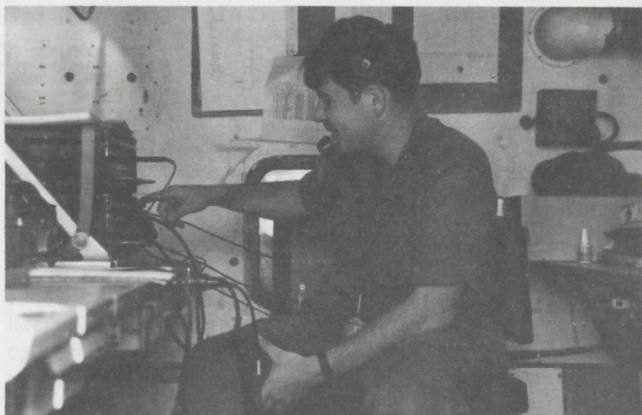
Cpl McNamara sets up a surprise package.



Company live fire.

As the small-unit training drew to a close, each man could look around and see the vast improvement in individual skills, Section Battle Drills and Platoon and Company tactics. Sure there were scary moments — such as a certain young subaltern let loose with his first grenade — and annoying moments — fighting in an NBCW suit on a scorching day comes to mind. Above all there was a lot of plain hard work. But the results were worth the trouble. By the time of the final Div Exercise, First Battalion was a tightly-knit team, equal to any and second to none. As we drove across the Ribstone on the final attack, sending the Orange hordes fleeing before us, few would doubt that we had the spirit and skill to do any job our country might give us.

Capping off the two months of RV was Ex ANTELOPE in Suffield. Leaving Wainwright and its sea of caterpillars behind, we joined the Strathconas for a final few days of full-tilt live-fire training. Then it was home again to grumpy wives and girlfriends and that age-old refrain, "Why can't you get a normal job?"



MCpl Lewis mans the switchboard.



Rules of War #17 — Always go hatches down in caterpillar country.



Sgt Blunden hard at work.

CHANGES

For most of us July was a time for R and R, but for many familiar faces it was time to say goodbye. LCol Kempling and RSM Simpson handed over the reins to LCol Almstrom and RSM Smiley. CWO Ritchie left to straighten things out at NDHQ. Majors Kenward and Davies went back to school. And as the big names changed around, so too did the supporting actors — roommates, trench partners, and old friends disappeared to the far reaches of the CF world or to the jungles of civvy street.



**Guard of Honour —
Commander Major Chris Corry escorting HRH Prince Philip.**



"Take that, wascally wabbit!" MCpl Scott — Ex Sharp Shooter.



"I dunno, they all look the same to me."

But life goes on, and by August the Battalion was back in business again. Ex SHARPSHOOTER took each company in turn to the ranges of Wainwright for weapons training, while at the same time Battalion Mountain School, held in the scenic Rockies, turned Ground Pounders into Mountain Men and provided plenty of material for future war stories.



Mountain School — Pte Kirke on the rope traverse.

DEFENSIVE OPS

In September, Ex LOBO GUNNER got us back into the defensive frame of mind. "How to build a better hole?" was the question of the day, and Pioneer Platoon thought they had the answer — a three-room bungalow underground. Unfortunately the laws of Physics intervened, but the bearded wonders are undaunted. Apparently they're working on a new model with a two car garage.

Meanwhile, the Rifle Companies made a few holes of their own, including some rather large ones (84mm) in the targets at the live fire ranges. Few things in life are as miserable as lying motionless at an ambush site for half of a Wainwright night, but somehow cutting loose with GPMG tracer and 84mm HEAT rounds makes up for the waiting.

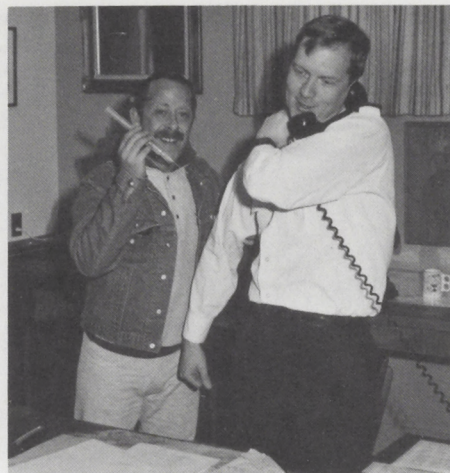
LOBO GUNNER gave us a chance to work out the bugs at Platoon and Company level — i.e. to train the new OCs. It also reintroduced us to our old pal, the shovel — a taste of things to come on NORDIC STRIKE. Then it was back to garrison again for some routine housekeeping — PCF courses, Officer training, OEs and the like. A Fall Sports Program was held as well, with A Company eventually winning the French Grey Cup in a 13-12 cliffhanger over B Company. Blazing B had no cause for regret, though, as they gobbled up the Soccer and Floor Hockey trophies and even managed to have their "Sweetheart" crowned Queen of the Parade.



Major Diakow dreams of being a tanker.



Maj Corry and CSM Cableguen — Ex LOBO GUNNER.



Big job, big needle. LCol Almstrom and Sgt DesBarres.

RIC-A-DAM-DOO

In late November we were honoured with a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma. Lady Patricia, along with a number of distinguished Regimental figures, attended Ex RIC-A-DAM-DOO, an exercise designed to ensure that the values and traditions of the Regiment are being passed on to the younger generation of officers.

The Colonel-in-Chief also took time to visit the Junior Ranks Club and Sgts' and WOs' Mess. Although her stay in Calgary was all too brief, she left a lasting impression on us. We are fortunate to have a Colonel-in-Chief who is truly concerned with the welfare of her Regiment.

Thanks are due as well to the retired Patricias who gave their time to make RIC-A-DAM-DOO a success. MGen Brown, MGen Pitts, Col Sutherland and others brought Regimental history to life with their vivid memories of the Founder, the first Colonel-in-Chief, and the battles that made the Patricias famous.

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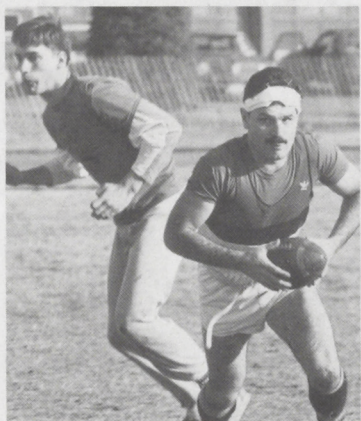
As 1985 drew to a close, thoughts turned to hearth and home and of course to the traditional Christmas celebrations. On 12 December all ranks gathered in the men's kitchen for the annual Christmas Dinner. Before the food was served proficiency awards were given out to Pte Wyszynski, the Top Pte in the Battalion, and to MCpl Morley, Top MCpl. Cpl McDonough of the RP Section was judged Best Tradesman, and Sgt Thibeau took the Most Proficient NCO award. Rounding off the slate, Lt Fisher was recognized as best subaltern. In addition, several NCO's received early Christmas presents in the form of promotions.

But the main event was the dinner, and soon a steady stream of NCOs and officers served turkey and trimmings to their men under the watchful eye of the KO (who had been up all night hand-decorating the yule logs on each table).

Then it was over. And as the last Christmas greetings were said, 1985 left the realm of here and now and became "remember when . . ." It was a good year, a year to be proud of. And as the memories of the hardships fade away, we will be left with "1985 . . . it was the best of times".



BGen Milner and the Queen of B Coy, Pte Friesen.



Ptes McMaster and Morrison — A Coy wins the French Grey Cup.



Our Colonel-in-Chief visits the Junior Ranks Club — 22 Nov 85.



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"RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT"

An interesting story surfaced recently which is beyond belief considering the time of the incident. Our regimental History, Volume II, shows the Regiment winning a total number of 369 Decorations, Distinctions and Awards. While the accuracy of this number has been under suspicion for years, it certainly does not contain the award given to a Patricia by the German Empire - Bavarian Minister of War in 1918.

The story, which follows, was related to the Regiment by a recent visitor to the Museum and Archives, no less than the grand-nephew — Garth Cochran. Mr. Cochran donated several artifacts and supporting documents to this story.

"475801 Private H.A. Cochran, a member of the 3rd McGill Company, joined the Regiment on January 21, 1916. At the Battle of Sanctuary Wood, June 2nd, 1916, he was critically wounded and eventually taken prisoner and found himself in a military hospital just outside Munich. During his convalescence period, he was permitted to work for a German business as a "free" man. It was during this period that Private Cochran was to be decorated for bravery with The Bavarian Cross of Military Merit, 3rd class. The Citation reads:

"WAR OFFICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT"

To the english Prisoner of War, Cochran Harry Adolf, from the Prisoner Camp Bayreuth: We express herewith for the rescue done with courage and resoluteness of the 3 year old child named Gugel, saving her from drowning in the Birnbaum Pond in Feilsbrom, District of Auch Gusbach, the acknowledgement of the War Office."



Munich, 20th of June 1918

M. Henningrath
General of the Cavalry
Minister of War

NOTE

Private Cochran was released from the POW camp shortly after the Armistice was signed. A letter received by his mother dated December 24, 1918, stated that he was free and in a military hospital in France. He also indicated that he would contact her once he was in Blighty. However, Private Cochran was never to see his loved ones again, nor was he able to live to the ideals in the essay "A Parting Word" given to all former POWs by the German authorities.

Private H.A. Cochran died on 28 December, 1918, in a military hospital in France, from a lung ailment, caused by his injury sustained during the Battle of Sanctuary Wood. He is buried in the military cemetery at Montebello, France.

This story appeared in the popular television show "RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT". The only Allied Soldier during WWI to be decorated by the enemy. It was also published many years ago in a Newsletter.

faces of the 2nd Battalion





**Second Battalion
CFB Baden-Soellingen
"Grüsse Aus Deutschland"**



The Battalion enters the City of Ypres, Belgium, during the Battle of Frezenberg ceremonies.



Why things aren't seen.



Ghetto-blasters!



All this and FOA too! — 2 PPCLI refits in the field during FALLEX '85.

PATRICIAS RETURN TO FREZENBERG

By Lieutenant M. J. Parker

In regimental history, the Battle of Frezenberg is remembered as a fight which left the originals of the PPCLI dead and the Patricia's truly bloodied as a regiment. May 8, 1985 marked the Seventieth Anniversary of this very significant battle and the Second Battalion spent this on and around the ground on which the battle was fought.

The Battalion's commemorations of the Battle of Frezenberg took place over the period of a week, beginning at its home at CFB Baden-Soellingen. Highlights of the Baden based activities were a briefing on the Battle to VIPs, battalion members and their families; a keenly contested drill competition; won by A Company, and Mess Dinners. The Battalion was very fortunate to have our Colonel-in-Chief in attendance for these activities. Lady Patricia also undertook her first tour of the Battalion lines in its new home.

Since 2 PPCLI rotated to West Germany in 1984, the Battalion has also been honoured with the presence of the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel WBS Sutherland, Brigadier Jimmy de Lalanne, Mr. Jimmy Vaughan, a surviving veteran of the Battle, and Major Rod Middleton, National President of the PPCLI Association.

The highlight of the week was travelling to the actual battlefield at Bellewaerde Ridge, and the Frezenberg Memorial on Bellewaerde Ridge for a service of remembrance. Following this, the Battalion marched the five kilometres into Ypres retracing the route taken by Patricia's seventy years before, after they had been relieved from the line, following the battle of Frezenberg. Once in Ypres, the Battalion halted at the famous Cloth Hall to ask to exercise the Regiment's right to the Freedom of the City from the Mayor.

Ceremonies in Ypres concluded with an evening drumhead service at the Menin Gate during which the Regimental Colours were re-dedicated. The massive arch of Menin Gate was a most suitable setting for this ceremony. On its walls are recorded the names of thousands of Allied soldiers who died around Ypres during the Great War, including the many Patricia's who fell at Frezenberg.

In the end, the week presented a unique opportunity for the Battalion to represent the Regiment at a site on which the early foundation of our Regimental esprit found its base. It was also a fitting time to re-affirm the Battalion's present commitment to peace in Europe.



Capt C.P. Hofman, CWO E.O. Basaraba inspect the Administration Company Drill Team during the Countess Mountbatten of Burma Annual Drill Competition.



Lady Patricia presents medallions to members of the winning drill team from Alpha Company.



Maj H. Elliott, Lady Patricia, Brig (ret'd) J.A. de Lalanne and Lt Kevin Conrad (right) pay their respects at the PPCLI Memorial at Bellewaerde Ridge, site of the Battle of Frezenberg.



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Padres J. Affleck (left) and P. Morley rededicate the Colours at the Drum Head Ceremony at Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium



159 Patricia's retrace the route taken by the "Originals" seventy years after the Battle of Frezenberg.



70 years later, Pte Jimmy Vaughan, with fellow Patricia's, Cpl Wade and Pte Bergeron, returns to Ypres through the Menin Gate.



Guard of Honour formed up for the Menin Gate Memorial Ceremony.



Mayor André Vestræte of Ypres reviews the Guard of Honour with the Commanding Officer.



Private "Jimmy" Vaughan recounts the era of trench warfare to Ptes Robinson and Duncan.

Gasthaus Engel

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SENNELAGER BATTLE SCHOOL

By Lieutenant C. R. King

On 19 May 1985 the Second Battalion left behind the boot polish and pace sticks of the Frezenberg Celebrations and took to the ranges of Camp Sennelager to conduct the first battle school of the year. Originally designed as a training refresher in weapons handling, fieldcraft, patrolling, chemical defense drills and battle tactics, the Sennelager Battle School turned into an exercise of seeing how many of the British Army's figure 11 targets and how

much of the countryside the battalion could devastate. For many, the sight of burning vehicle hulls, the smell of cordite and the familiar heave of a crew-served weapon provided a welcome respite to the doldrums of garrison life.

If there is one word that would be used to describe the Battle School, it would have to be "intense". During the first week, the training focused primarily on honing the skills of the individual soldier at the fire group and the rifle section level. Close quarter battle lanes, machine gun and pairs fire and movement ranges provided unit members with valuable experience in manoeuvring with the complete inventory of platoon weapons. In particular, a highlight of this year's battle school was the opportunity to fire the new 84mm Rocket Assisted Projectile (RAP) round. Experience was also gained in employing the M-67 hand grenade on the "grenade golf course" and in firing the 60mm mortar during the numerous twilight shoots. By the completion of the first week the average battalion soldier had employed more weapons and fired more ammunition than Rambo could have possibly imagined!



"Remember — throw the grenade, not the pin."



"Laden"?? Oh, you mean LOAD!

Normally weekends are pretty quiet affairs in the Camp Sennelager community. Not so while the Canadians were there as the Second Battalion selected the weekend period between the first and second week of the school to conduct its annual march and shoot competition. Conducted on perhaps the hottest day of 1985 this gruelling event had the various platoons of the battalion complete a 23 kilometre march and compete in a variety of military skills stands. The competition had a number of surprises as maintenance platoon (under the command of Captain Ian Poulter) captured first place in the AFV recognition, first aid and grenade assault stands. Alpha Company made a strong showing as 1 Platoon had the best time for the ten kilometre forced march while 2 and 3 Platoons obtained the best scores on the range practise and obstacle course respectively. Once the scores were tabulated, however, 9 Platoon, under the command of Warrant Officer G.M. Smith, achieved its second consecutive victory in this annual event.

After an evening of soaking blisters and satisfying burning thirsts, the Battalion commenced the second week of the school by conducting section and platoon sized field firing ranges. These ranges were constructed to exercise commanders and soldiers in

their battle skills under conditions that simulated those of actual combat. The platoon attack range was particularly impressive as platoons attacked through buildings and woods and were constantly subjected to accurate enemy "artillery" fire. At the conclusion of this part of the Battle School, sections and platoons had gained considerable experience and had learned many valuable lessons in tactics and the application of firepower.

The Sennelager Battle School was an immense success for the Battalion as it provided not only an opportunity for everyone to practice individual skills, but also to apply new techniques and ideas. There can be no doubt that this training period has made a great contribution to the Battalion's ability to fulfill its operational role in Europe. To those old enough to remember, Sennelager remains a first class training facility.



"Thanks, I needed that!"
Pte Lockie takes a break during the Forced March Competition.



9 Platoon captures their second consecutive Forced March Competition win.

HAMMELBERG

By Captain J. R. Byatt

On 26 June 1985 the Battalion rolled into Kampftruppenschule Eins in Hammelberg for its first ever period of detailed dismounted FIBUA training. The Bundeswehr maintain an entire village, "Bonnland", for the purpose of allowing NATO infantry battalions the opportunity of practicing street-fighting where it should be done — on the streets.

For most participants the exercise was one of the best that they had ever attended. Enthusiasm could be measured by the 50 plus visits to the MIR during the first two days of training due to overexuberance in this realistic and demanding environment. The emphasis was on individual section and platoon level training; for this exercise the support platoons re-organized themselves into rifle platoons. Even the BHQ signallers, under the command of the new Signals Officer, Capt. Larry "Conan" Aitken, were seen dashing from building to building.

The first stage consisted of individual skills training which was conducted for the Battalion by a cadre from A Coy, 3 RGJ, who were experienced in FIBUA techniques. Some of the details of room-clearing, booby-trapping and just being able to move in and around buildings were passed on by the 3 RGJ — soon imaginations caught fire and some truly sadistic solutions to both attacking and defending a house were tried!

After two days of individual stands, the fighting started in earnest. Platoons, having had an opportunity to shake themselves out conducted operations against each other. Platoon on platoon skirmishing progressed to company on platoon, and the exercise culminated in a battalion attack on Bonnland which was vigorously defended by A Coy, 3 RGJ. Special mention goes to "13 Platoon", which was composed of our vehicle and weapons techs, who downed tools, picked up their rifles and gained a lodgement on one side of the village at the beginning of the attack! Well done maintainers!

Overall it was an excellent training period. It was a tiring but exhilarating week, and most young soldiers agreed that they had learned more about their profession in this short period than at any other time in their service.



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"Oh, oh . . . What do we do now? We've run out of wall!!!"

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Pte Brush, Corps of Drums, relaxing after a hard day's work in Bonnland.



The Corps of Drums demonstrates how to build a field expedient dumb waiter for the CO's penthouse.



"... and as we continue our tour of Bonnland you'll notice on your left ... well, what used to be a good gasthaus."

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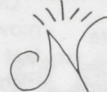
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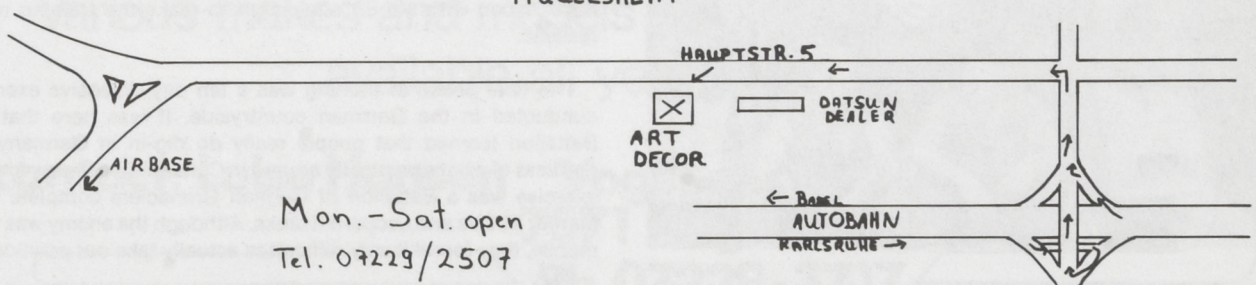
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Larry, Moe and Curly — "Do we go over or through?"

THE ARRIVAL OF D COMPANY

By Lieutenant B. Orton

"We came we saw, we conquered." Those were the first words spoken by the new arrivals to the Second Battalion to form the new and exciting "Delta" Company. Actually the words were more like "Look Out Germany, the Champagne Company is here".

Hailing from the Third Battalion, Victoria, British California (Lotusland) an entire company of young fresh blood was added to the duty roster of 2 PPCLI. Not since 1973 (?) has the Second Battalion been graced with the presence of a fourth rifle company. Under the leadership of Major Wylie Kemp, they crossed Canada and the briny sea and plunged headlong into the untamed world known as CFB Baden, bringing along a bit of West Coast refinement.

And plunge they did! Right out of two months of RV 85 in Wainwright, Alberta, the boys of Delta Company, after a week of orientation, thrust themselves into FALLEX 85. 4 CMBG was soon revamping its organization charts to read "2 PPCLI and D Company". They were not a force to be trifled with.

Generally the "DETOIDS" quickly adjusted to their new surroundings. They have found a new home here in the Second Battalion. However, from time to time one may still find a DELTAD sporting sunglasses, Hawaiian T-shirt and Bermuda shorts, sipping from a bottle of champagne and gazing Westward . . . longingly.

Despite some problems and frustrations the transition went quite smoothly. Many thanks go out to all involved, especially to the members of the Battalion who sponsored us and to the staff of CFB Baden whose hard work made it all possible.

(P.S. — Who the hell said it doesn't snow or get cold in Germany!!!).



Ptes Young and Olesiuk enjoy a sunny day in the Hohenfels Training Area.

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FALLEX 85

By Lieutenant J. Hammond

The Battalion participated in "FALLEX" 85 from 20 August to 20 September 1985. The exercise was actually a series of shorter training exercises culminating in a ten day Brigade level defensive exercises.

The first phase of the training was conducted at Hohenfels Training Area in Bavaria. Hohenfels is a historic training site dating back as far as the 1930s and the ranges are still covered with debris from that era and from Exercise "WW II" in which most present NATO and Warsaw Pact members took part. In the late stages of that training evolution, it was used as a prisoner of war camp run by the Germans — who placed second in the exercise. In May 1945, the gates of Hohenfels were opened and the incarcerated soldiers were released. Since then NATO allies have returned to "the largest manoeuvre area in Germany" for annual training. Even 4 CMBG (starring 2 PPCLI) makes this annual trek. The first two weeks of Hohenfels were spent reviewing company and combat team operations. This training included section and platoon up-downs, sneaking and peeking and worked up to fully mechanized Leopard chasing at the company level.

Once the work up period of training was completed, the Battalion moved out into the Restricted Manoeuvre Area (RMA), which is in fact the West German countryside itself. In this phase, "fully mechanized road rallying" was emphasized. It was here that Recce Platoon found that their German vocabulary of 'Gum-gum'; and 'Flavour-Flavour!' was insufficient and further vocabulary was issued, such as 'window', 'speed', 'spacing' and 'Beamer-bashing'. B Company's drivers earned the right during this period to proudly display the motto "When the going gets tough, we've been known to quit". As well, Pte Keykda's carrier '32 Country' succeeded in educating the uncivilized Europeans in the finer points of down home music with a full array of good 'ol boys' recorded on cassette.

After completing the battle group exercise, the rifle companies went through a combat team exercise run by the Brigade known as "REBEL SADDLE". During this period all vehicles and soldiers were issued with MILES equipment to make the training more realistic.

The final phase of training was a ten day defensive exercise conducted in the German countryside. It was here that the Battalion learned that people really do dig-in in Germany regardless of what rumours fly around in Canada. The enemy for this exercise was a Battalion of German Grenadiers complete with Marder MICVs and Leopard II tanks. Although the enemy was very mobile, they found it very difficult to actually take our positions.

FALLEX ended on the 20th of September and was followed by a two day road/rail move back to CFB Baden and the Canex we love.



*"I think I can get a decent shot of the platoon commander from here
— MILES equipment on FALLEX."*



"Advance one and be pasturized. Did I get it right?"



"BONZAI." A Kamikaze sander from Admin Coy.



*"During my years of experience, I've found that you hold the meat
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SECOND BATTALION SPORTS

By Lieutenant M. Pretty

The keen, competitive edge and spirit of the Second Battalion was very evident in the 1985 sports year.

The year started on a high with our hockey team, 'The Rebels', winning the Canadian Forces Europe Hockey Championship by overcoming the Van Doo "Citadelle" in a closely contested final game. The two teams went the full five games with the Rebels winning the first two in overtime and the fifth game by a score of 9-7 to become the new champions of the league.

The inter-company sports programme was both intense and rigorous. The companies competed in sports such as flag football, floor and ice hockey, baseball, seven aside rugby, volleyball and soccer. The French Grey Cup was again contested for in appropriate weather — last year we had the FOG Bowl, this year we had the SNOW Bowl. This has now become a tradition in 2 PP and congratulations go to the RSM for ordering the weather. Combat Support Company and the newly arrived 'DELTOIDS' of D Company battled through one and one-half feet of snow, -1° weather, fog and a blizzard. Combat Support Company was victorious 8-0 and also won the trophy for the best float. The honour of "Miss French Grey Cup" went to the lovely (?) lady (?) from C Company.

The annual 4 CMBG Sports Meet was a big success. Our track and field team made significant progress but it was still not enough to end the 1R22eR reign of 11 years. 2 PP finished second with 180 points and 1R22eR with 195 to remain Brigade champions.

The unit rugby team, the 'Baden Bayonets', did quite well last year in the US Forces Rugby League and has a good shot at the finals this year. The Bayonets also visited 3 RGJ in Celle but suffered a loss of 6-0 — possibly because their hosts ambushed them the night before.

The unit volleyball team is doing well in its first year of league play and is expected to give the boys from Lahr a run for their money.

The past year also saw the unit soccer team, The Kanadisher Kickers, achieve considerable success. The first highlight of their season came during the most impressive performance at the Amateur World Cup held in Holland. The team placed 14th out of 96 competitors — the best showing ever by a Canadian team in this tournament. The Kickers easily won the 4 CMBG league championship with a record of 18 wins and no losses. The Battalion team augmented by a few players from Base Baden then won the CFE regional playoffs and the right to represent Europe in the CF National Championship. The Kickers, after much hard work and many anxious moments returned home from Canada as CF Champions.

All in all, at all levels of competition, the year in sports has been a resounding success for the unit. The achievements of all have greatly contributed to the morale and esprit of which the unit is so proud!



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"Here, you take the '1#?&! thing!'"



***Portrait of a winner
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BGen Dangerfield presents the military skills trophy to the record setting team from 2 PPCLI. Members of the team shown are (left to right) Sgt Kehoe, Pte Mountain, Pte Sutherland.

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*By: Lieutenant Mike Taylor
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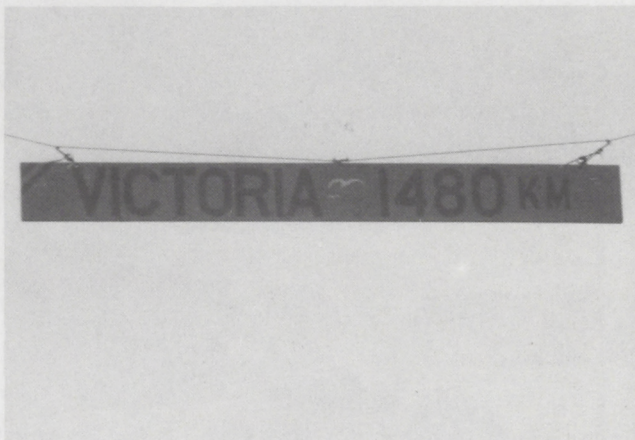
Two years fly when having fun Third Battalion style.

3 PPCLI — A YEAR OF CHANGE

1985 for the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was a year of change. What changed you ask? Well, just about everything but the weather. Those familiar with our humble abode here in Victoria, know that sunshine is constant, as attested by 48 days without rain during the summer months. A surprise snowfall in November did not last long enough to turn the grass brown.

In January, winter exercise in Chilcotin was cancelled and companies were forced to head to the northern portion of Vancouver Island to find snow. Before the soldiers could air out their parkas and mukluks, they were issued the new infantry webbing in preparation for RV 85. RV 85 of course epitomized the year's changes. Work dress to combats, houses to tents and cars to AVGPs to name but a few. A Change of Command parade followed in July. LCol Merv McMurray said farewell to the Battalion, handing command over to LCol Tony Anderson.

Hot on the heels of that was a personnel change of major proportions when the Battalion's A Coy was sent to Germany to support our NATO commitment. Many new soldiers arrived from the Battle School and other parts of Canada to fill the void. Amidst this evolutionary environment it was noted that one other thing besides the weather has not changed at 3 PPCLI; their commitment to excellence which continues to flourish.



The sign that haunted the troops during RV '85.



Winter kit inspection during harsh Victoria conditions.

EX ISLAND ALTERNATE

As the name entails, this year's winter exercise was held in an alternate location from that originally planned. Unable to run a battalion winter exercise on the mainland in Chilcotin we opted for a company level exercise up island in the area of Mt. Washington, where, much to everyone's surprise, the snow was in abundance. Exercise dates tied in comfortably with the Brigade ski-school which was also being run in that location. Many of the soldiers had the opportunity to get in some downhill skiing when not engulfed in winter warfare. The thick forests, deep snow and frozen lakes made for extremely scenic, yet beneficial training.



MCpl "Iceman" Wood, enjoying the Island wilderness.



"Real men don't eat snow."



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"I can fly."



MCpl Paul Strong receives Regimental Achievement award from LCol McMurray.

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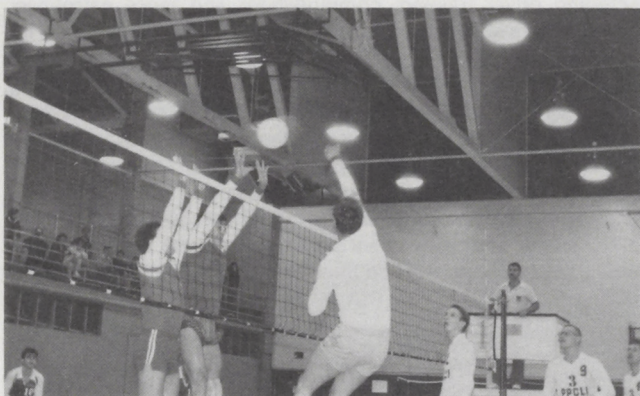
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1985 was another busy year in the world of sports for 3 PPCLI. In the truly military sports, we fared very well, with the small arms team winning the Letson Trophy and the biathlon team winning a number of B.C. provincial honours as well as finishing third overall in 1 CBG and fifth overall in FMC. Our battalion volleyball, hockey and broomball teams all placed well in their respective leagues,

tournaments and regionals, but only the hockey team made it to the national championships. The Strong Contender trophy again eluded our grasp, but watch out in 1986.



Warrant Officer Grant MacNally belies his age with this potent spike.



Broom-i-Loo at Work Point.



3 PPCLI faces off against their arch-rivals from Royal Roads Military College.



Private Darcy Carroll shows classic form as Private Rick Lepage moves in for the kill.



B Company Tug-of-War team digs in.



Private Scott Hornbrook kicks out one of hundreds this year.

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RV 85

They call it blowing your own horn and in this case I think it is appropriate. 3 PPCLI's performance on RV 85 was hailed as very good at all levels. On Exercise ANTELOPE in Suffield, rumor has it that we were perhaps the best battalion to roll through the live fire range. Certainly a rumor that we here on the Island acknowledge with considerable pride.

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Our nine week stint in Alberta which commenced in snowy April and ended in the heat of June taught many new lessons while reinforcing many old ones.

Two airmobile assaults during exercises highlighted a program which thoroughly covered all phases of war.

RV 85 represented LCol Merv McMurray's last field exercise as Commanding Officer of the Battalion and just as he credits all his officers and men for making the exercise a success, they in turn commend the fine job he carried out at the helm of the operation.



NBC decontamination? Or an excuse for a hot shower?



Sgt Dumas explaining to CFB Esquimalt Commander, Capt (N) Lawrence Dzioba, why, "It isn't easy being green".



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3 PPCL's grizzlies chewing up the Wainwright Badlands.



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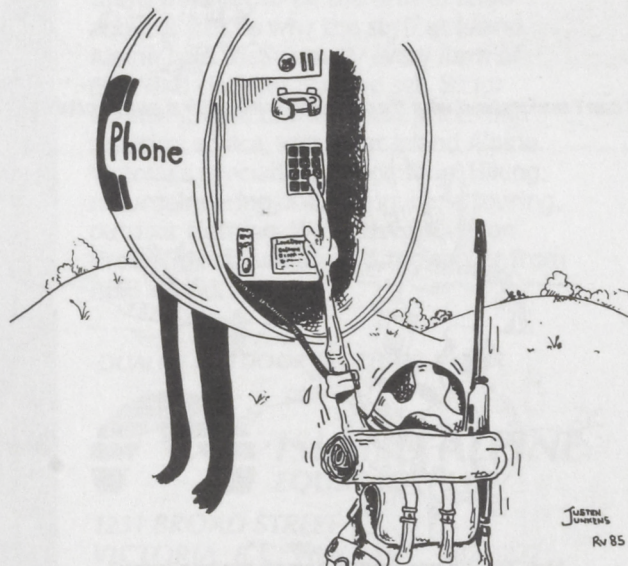
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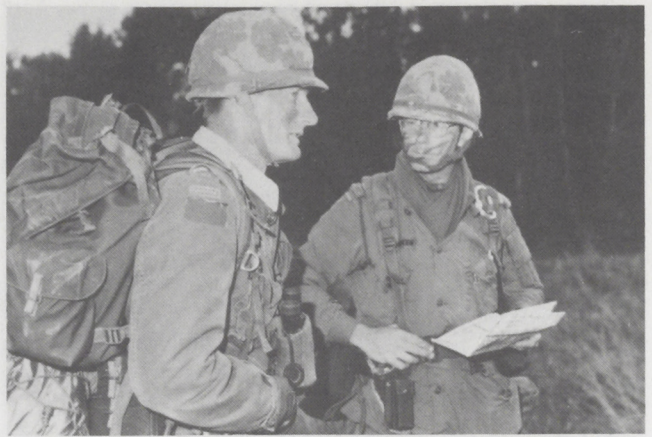
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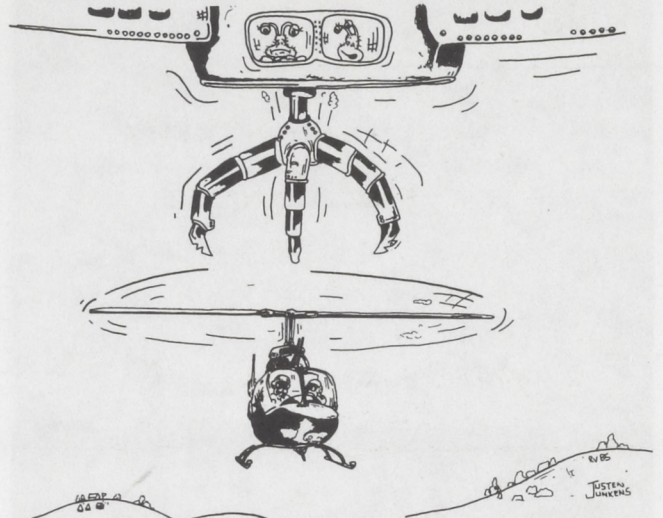
Be honest, "Would you want to tangle with these guys?"



Sunray and Seagull ponder the battle ahead.



"Look Mom, I can't talk long. The RSM has been on my back all day."



This has got to be the most boring RV exercise I've ever been on.

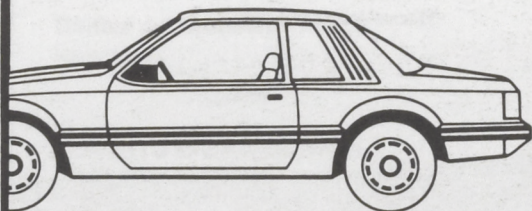


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CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 4 July of this year, LCol Merv H. McMurray handed command of the Battalion over to LCol Tony W. Anderson. Many VIPs, dependants and civilians attended the parade, held on a typically gorgeous Victoria morning. Brigadier General C. Milner presided over the parade and Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland was in attendance.

LCol McMurray will long be remembered for the fine work he did in the Battalion. His great support of the rifle team helped bring us this year's Letson Trophy. The re-instatement of a 3 PPCLI Corps of Drums was a priority project of LCol McMurray's and the group has become renowned over the past year, performing all over Canada and receiving numerous accolades.

In general, 3 PPCLI's reputation for excellence was reinforced in every way under the former Commanding Officer.

LCol Anderson has begun to implement some fresh ideas of his own and 3 PPCLI's future would appear as bright as ever.



Capt Bob Thompson leads his company to the choppers prior to an airmobile operation.

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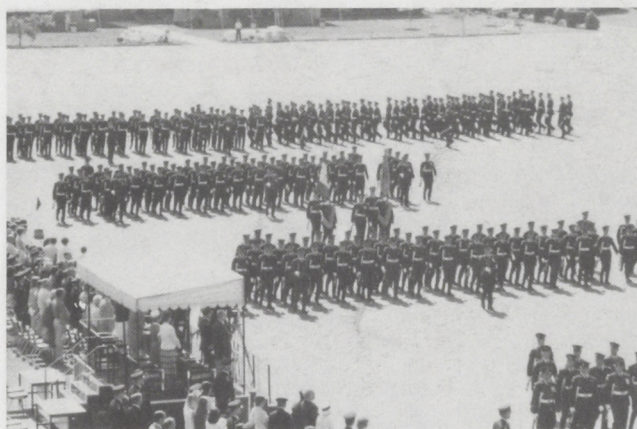
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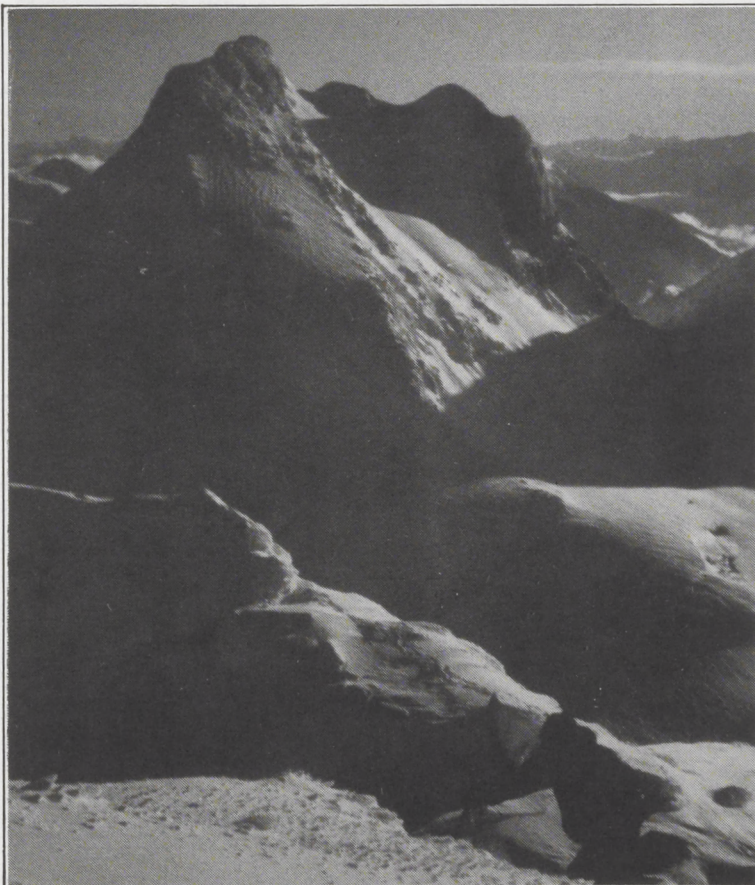
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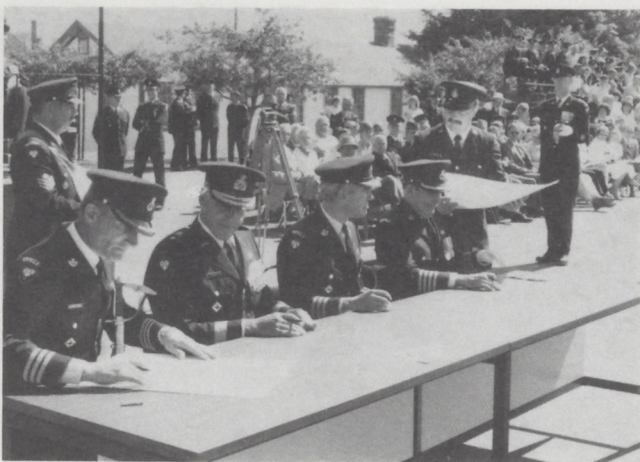
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"Do I really have to sign sir?"



Are those tears we detect LCol McMurray?



Cpl Stokes ponders hard work on the horizon, while visions of Amsterdam dance in the heads of others.

SOLDIERS TASKED TO GERMANY

On Tuesday, 6 August the Third Battalion said farewell to 120 soldiers and their families, as they commenced their journey to Baden-Soellingen as part of Canada's increase to our NATO contingent in West Germany. It, of course, gives our soldiers an excellent opportunity to work with our NATO allies. Most families will return to Canada in three years.

The Germany reinforcement caused us a manpower problem in the fall but by the new year the battalion was up to strength once again and looking forward to any other foreign taskings that might come our way.



"C'mon Dad lets get going."



Some soldiers received a fonder farewell than others.



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DOUBLE HATTED

By Captain J. P. C. Beaudin

It has been a year now since the Armoured Defence Platoon and Corps of Drums amalgamation. For the majority of the soldiers it meant a dual role, TOW gunner or track driver and bandsman. Timetables were hard to adjust at first but now all training, exercises, performances and taskings are met without too much difficulty.

As soon as both organizations were joined, we went on a winter exercise in Forbidden Plateau on Vancouver Island, where they got acquainted with pulling toboggans up and down steep mountains.

In the spring of 1985, with a new strength of over 40 and only one third of the platoon qualified TOW, we had to run a basic TOW gunner course. Because of the dual role we ran band practice in the morning and the TOW course in the afternoon. With lots of flexibility and patience everything went well.

With 15 newly qualified TOW gunners, Armoured Defence Platoon was ready to go to RV 85 in Wainwright. For over a month and a half we trained as ADP. On two battalion exercises we were enemy force. We also did heliborne operations and even provided a protection party for the Commanding Officer. On top of all the training our instruments were brought up and band practice took place a couple of hours a week. The Drum Line performed numerous times for different mess dinners in the field. A Drum Head service was conducted in the Battalion bivouac area and a mini-tattoo was done in conjunction with the PPCLI Regimental Band and the 3 RCR Pipes and Drums. Near the end of RV 85, more hours were devoted to band practice in preparation for the 3 PPCLI Change of Command and the Calgary Stampede.



There was no lack of hardware for the SAT this year.

On the 4th of July the 32 member Corps of Drums performed for the Change of Command parade. Soon after the parade they did a free style performance for the guests and then flew to Calgary to be part of the greatest show on earth at the Calgary Stampede 1985. In Calgary they performed as many as three times a day, much to the pleasure of the Stampede organization committee.

After leave in August they were back in their uniforms for the 2 CDO Freedom of the City in Ottawa. Upon return from Ottawa, the posting season saw three of our best performers get posted to Germany with 2 PPCLI. We also lost all our track drivers either to Germany or to Gagetown. In fall of 1985 we ran a driver track course. The course went very well and even got to go to Yakima Firing Centre where 11 of our TOW gunners had the chance to fire a TOW missile.

The 17th of December was our last performance of the year where we stole the show from our naval counterparts at the annual Christmas concert.

After a year the Armoured Defence Platoon and Corps of Drums are in pretty good shape. With more training we are looking forward to Waincon 86 and all the summer taskings ahead for the Corps of Drums.



Sgt Robert Dymond displaying the type of drive and dedication that made him one of the top shooters in the Battalion last year.

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THIRD BATTALION BRINGS HOME GOLD

By Corporal G. Savard

The Third Battalion PPCLI Small Arms Team departed for Wainwright on the 13th day of July, and trained on the ranges until the 26th of July, prior to participating in the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition at Connaught ranges in Ottawa. The team faced certain challenges during their training such as, the extreme heat, different lighting conditions and various wind changes at Camp Wainwright. This proved to be to their advantage in the long run, because similar conditions occurred during the competition in Ottawa.

There was not much time to see the sights in the country's capital for the team members, since a busy schedule was ahead for each man. The preliminaries included zeroing practices for all weapons before the big event took place. Among the team's noteworthy accomplishments in the competition were 12 men placing in the top 50 shooters, in winning the Letson Trophy. Sgt Steve Hitchcock placed fifth and Pte Barry Ferguson placed sixth. Our 12 man "Letson Team" consists of: Sgt Hitchcock, MCpl Mullen, Sgt Trelnuk, MCpl Whaley, Cpl Pearce, Cpl Savard, Pte Ferguson, Pte Soroka, Pte Leedham, Pte Miller, Pte MacLaren, Pte Coish. The last time the PPCLI won the Letson Trophy was in 1977.

All 12 members will wear the Letson Rifle on their uniforms for the remainder of their career. There is presently only 14 Letson Rifles in the Battalion itself. The top nine rifle shooters of our Letson team will participate in Bisley, England, next year.

The team acknowledges the patience and expertise of the coaches WO Turple, WO Cowan, Sgt Trelnuk, Sgt Dymond and Sgt Hitchcock.

Training commences in February for 1986.

THE MODERN DAY WARRIOR

By MCpl Richard Czech

The buzzer sounds and the men deploy,
This is the start of search and destroy,
The battlefield is burning ablaze,
Men firing their weapons through the haze.
With laser rifles they take their aim,
Destroying the enemy in this deadly game.
The High Tech fighters fly their bombing runs,
We shoot them down with our blazing guns.
Their artillery rains down upon our heads,
Hundreds of comrades are lying dead.
With a battle cry we up and charge,
The enemy fall under our last barrage.
The victory is ours with the cost of my friends,
This crazy WAR that never ends.



3 PPCLI vehicles rolling in for decontamination.



Boarding for an airmobile.



"Platoon Attack"



The Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable, Mme. Jeanne Sauve, PC, CC, CMM, CD, DHL, DS, DL, inspects the troops.



Rear Admiral Robert Yanow accepts a plaque symbolizing the Navy and Army's mutual respect.



PPCLI packs on the pounds and the pillows when doing naval skits during RCN's 75th anniversary celebrations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to all the activities already listed, the battalion participated in a number of special events that involved infantry battalions during the course of a year.

In February, the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable, Mme Jeanne Sauve, PC, CC, CMM, CD, DHL, DS, DL, inspected a Guard of Honour commanded by Major J. M. Lapeyre. Regimental Day followed in March where the usual competition and good cheer abounded. During the summer months, the Island was dotted with Navy men from many different NATO countries. The Royal Canadian Navy celebrated their 75th anniversary in 1985 and many of the activities touched on Battalion life. Navy Happy Hours, tattoos and general good times were in abundance. Victorians were very supportive of all the activities during the high profile affair.

Inspections were high priority as the year wound to a close. The Battalion fared very well during the staff, OEI and Brigade Commanders' visits. During our "Meet the New Soldiers" program, the media and the local mayors got the opportunity to, in effect, inspect our over 100 new recruits, with whom they were highly impressed.

The men's Christmas Dinner was the final special event of the busy year. In traditional fashion the senior NCOs and officers catered to the soldiers, and the Battalion's youngest private took command for a day.

That about sums up life with 3 PPCLI in 1985, so until next year, "Aloha" from the island paradise.



Padre Terry Blizzard leads Drumhead Memorial Service on Frezenburg Day at RV 85.



The pioneers decked out resplendently in ceremonial dress.



Esquimalt Mayor Ken Hill meets with the new recruits.



RSM Simpson 1 PPCLI and RSM Grant 3 PPCLI go head to head during Cock of the Walk competition.



Admiral Nelson and Thomas Hardy pulled into the 3 PPCLI port for Navy Happy Hour.



Pte Greg Anderson negotiating a night on the town with Victoria Mayor Gretchen Brewin.



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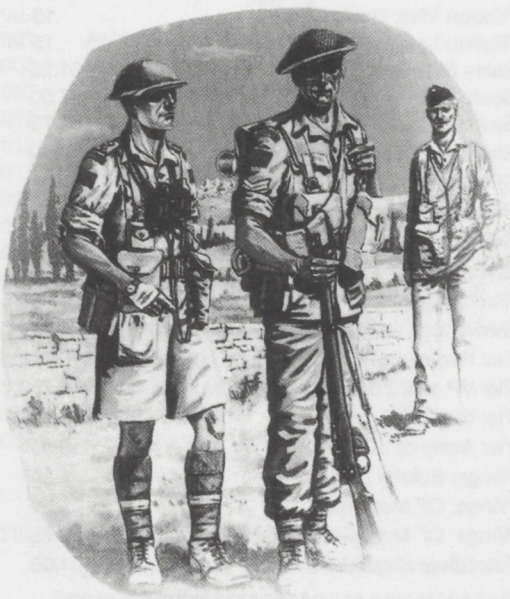
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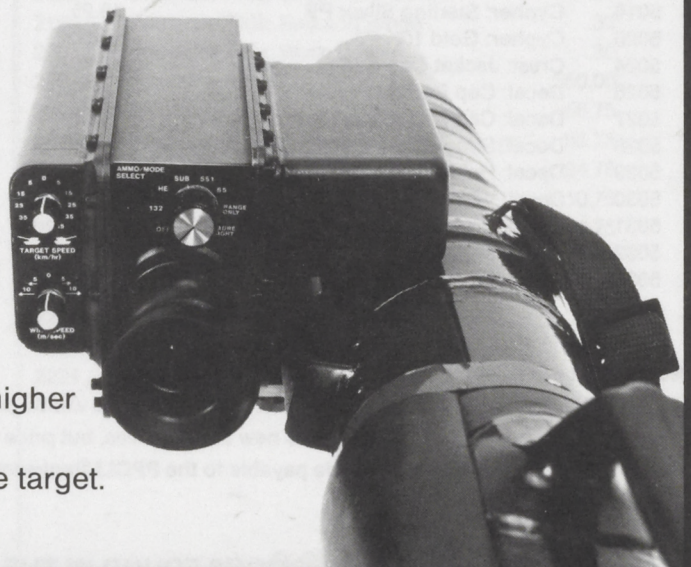
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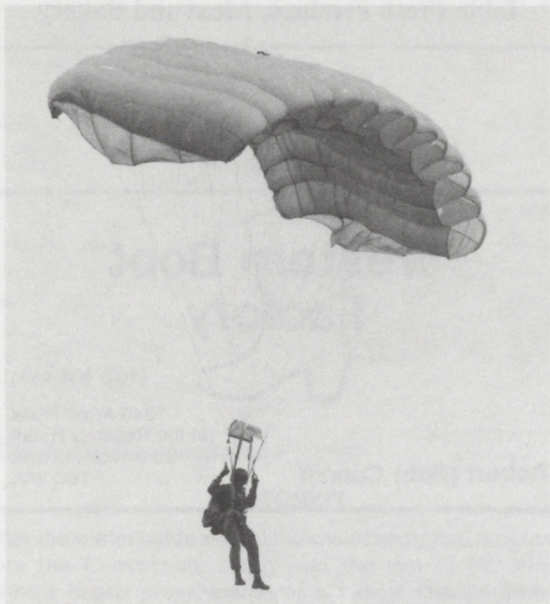
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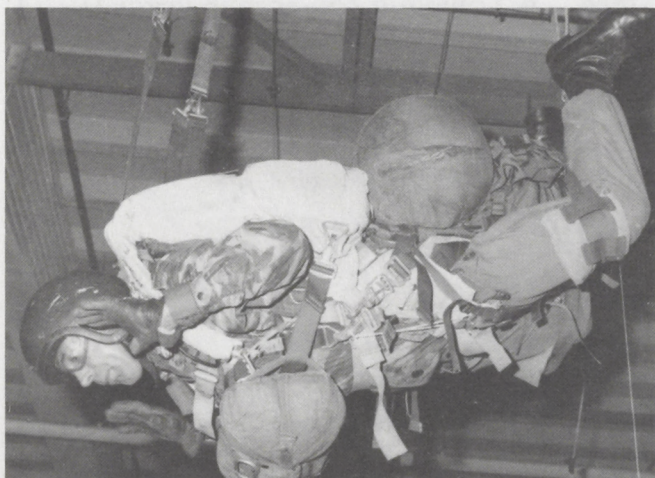
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Lieutenant-Colonel Bewick with MT1X parachute

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Captain Witt - "We have ways of making you talk."

The posting season has come and gone and new "Patricia" blood has arrived at the Airborne Centre. New personnel are: Major Honig (L.O. at Ft Bragg), Captain Metaxas (UNTSO), Captain Smith (CFSTS), Sgt Crossman (2 Cdo) and MCpl Smith (1PPCLI).

In case you did not know, the Airborne Centre is still being commanded by our "fearless leader" Lieutenant-Colonel Bewick, aided and abetted by RSM "trim your moustache" Bakker.



**Sergeant A. Whitehall has finally seen the light —
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Other highlights at the school include the continuing saga of the MT1X square canopy testing and evaluation by our Airborne Trials and Evaluation Unit led by the infamous Captain Ed Witt. The Aerial Delivery Training Wing has recently returned from an "exhausting" trip to England where a multitude of training ideas were exchanged. A few more hairs were lost last September when the NATO Military Committee, while on tour in Canada, decided to "drop in" at CABC. If you have never been involved with setting up and conducting a tour/demonstration for approximately forty general officers, there isn't enough space in this entire book to tell you how much fun it was!



**"Trust me, this new MT1X chute will work." (Sergeant Legarie (L)
Sergeant Boyling (R)).**

So, till next time, I can only recommend that you shed those straight legs and earn your wings. You too will then be eligible to wear the coveted Maroon Beret and become a proud member of CABC.

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Winds 2 — Sergeant "Monkey" MacNeil

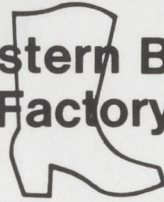
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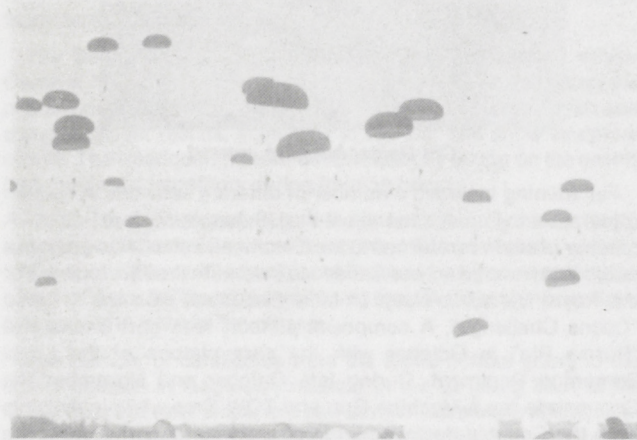
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2 AIRBORNE COMMANDO

By Lieutenant E. M. Thorson

Nineteen eighty five proved to be a busy and productive year for 2 Commando, members of the unit took part in training from the high arctic to the Panama jungle with a number of stops in between.

The year's training began with a winter battle school in Petawawa which covered the usual round of basic winter warfare training, conventional ranges and field firing. An added, and important feature of the 1985 battle school was practice in construction of expedient shelters using natural materials.



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After the winter battle school the snow hardly had time to settle before the Commando, along with the rest of the Airborne Regiment began preparations for a radical change from cold weather operations. This time it was to be desert training in Fort Bliss, Texas.

The exercise began in early March with a jump into the desert to conduct a United Nations style peace keeping operation as practice for a possible UN emergency mission. The Regiment was deployed between two war torn "nations" to keep vital installations neutral, demonstrate UN control of a demilitarized zone and to control guerillas.

The next phase in Texas was a desert survival school. The commandos were taught what to eat (and not to eat) how to find water and how to construct shelter. The test came in the form of a two day survival scheme. Movement was kept to a minimum in the heat of the day as the soldiers laid up in "spiders holes" dug into the floor of the desert. Among the items on the menu: cactus, wild rhubarb and hares (despite the best efforts of the commandos no snakes were eaten).



MCPL Plantz in the Better 'Ole.

The survival school was followed by a Commando exercise in the form of escape and evasion training. Again, movement was kept to a minimum by day as section sized groups moved in darkness to platoon rendezvous. The enemy force was composed of American tanks and helicopters, some of which were equipped with thermal imaging devices. This technological advantage meant that field craft, choice of routes and vigilance had to be of the highest standard both day and night. In all 2 Commando covered about 50 miles.

The final phase in Texas saw 2 Commando deployed as part of a Regimental operation on to Drop Zone "DESPERATION". In this case the enemy was the US 9th INFANTRY DIVISION'S "HIGH TECH" Brigade armed with M60 machine guns, TOW missiles and grenade launchers mounted on "Fast Attack Vehicles" (Dune Buggies). The Regiment was initially deployed to ambush an enemy advance and after the ambush, moved up to help hold forward positions alongside the US 3rd Armoured Regiment. The ambushes were very effective, in one case 12 riflemen with a GPMG were credited with knocking out a company of fast attack vehicles. The exercise was nearing its conclusion when 2 Commando was released to infiltrate enemy rear areas and conduct raids and ambushes, once more with great success. This time the enemy Brigade Intelligence cell was captured intact.



The Unknown Commando

Before leaving Texas the Airborne Regiment marched through the streets of El Paso to receive "The Freedom of the City". After 48 hours of well deserved R & R deep in the heart of Texas, the Regiment was on its way home to prepare for RV85.



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Within two weeks of returning from Texas the Regiment had cleaned up, reloaded and moved off to Dundurn for the first part of RV85. Training was devoted to field firing on expedient ranges built by the troops in the rolling Saskatchewan parkland. The highlight of 2 Commando's training was the last 50 meters of a live fire assault course modelled after a Soviet style defensive position. With special permission from Defence Headquarters to reduce safety limits the Commando was able to conduct a live fire exercise that was as realistic as possible in peace time. Home made bangalore torpedos were used to breach the barbed wire, M72 rockets and 84MM anti tank rockets were used for bunker busting while small teams cleared the enemy trench complex corner by corner using live grenades covered by close-in overhead machine gun and light mortar fire.

After the intense live fire training the Commando emerged from Dundurn confident and ready to take on the rest of the army single handed.

After staging out of Saskatoon international airport the Commando jumped into Wainwright to secure Saville Farm as part of a short Regimental work-up. The next task was to act as enemy for the Special Service Force. Starting off with a jump into Rifle Ridge the platoons moved into ambush position and allowed the enemy Recce to pass and struck at the main body. The ambush positions were so well camouflaged that even after engaging the enemy many positions remained unlocated.



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The Divisional FTX also began with 2 Commando dropping onto Rifle Ridge, this time as part of a Regimental seize and hold operation aimed at Cattalo bridge. The paratroops were dropped behind enemy lines to hold the objective for the main body of mechanized troops. After the link up the Commando took part in helicopter deployed raids and ambushes in the enemy rear area with the usual success.

After returning to Petawawa the Commando prepared for posting season and some well deserved summer leave. A high point of the summer season came in August when 2 Commando, its ranks filled with new faces, exercised the "The Freedom of the City" in Ottawa for the 71st anniversary of the founding of the Patricias. The day began with a jump onto CFB Uplands and after a quick change from smock to dress uniform and a ceremony before City Hall the Commando paraded through the streets of Ottawa.

August also saw a new Airborne Indoctrination Course run for the benefit of the "new guys" and some short platoon and Commando shake out exercises.

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Fall training included a number of different activities. A section (plus) went to Panama to train at the US Jungle Warfare School. A number of soldiers returned to the Commando after taking part in a tattoo that traveled across Canada to celebrate the 75th birthday of the Royal Canadian Navy. Lt Mike Beaudette won the dreaded "Osons Challenge". A composite platoon took part in exercise "Burma Rig" in October with the para platoon of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. During late October and November the Commando ran a Machine Gun and TOW Crse while individuals from the Commando took part in courses run by other Airborne units.



RSM Collier: "It's not all gravy."

The year ended with "Pegasus Strike" a winter exercise designed to prepare the regiment for cold weather operations in the north. As 1986 opens 2 Commando can look back with pride on 1985 as we prepare for winter training in Labrador and tour of Cyprus to begin in the fall.

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By Captain K. E. Orr, CD, Adjutant

WINTER '85

As in past years, the Battle School entered 1985 with a full slate of courses. What with summer taskings and major exercises, the TQ3 and Leadership courses are pushed into the prime, and lovely, training months of September through to March. Thus winter 1985 saw the Battle School with from six to eight courses at any one time, which peaked, in March, with 346 people on strength, as posted or increment staff and students.

The Battle School took part in the Camp Wainwright Winter Carnival at the end of January, doing very well, and winning the overall competition. Each platoon took on a major event, which saw some excellent results, especially in the skit and snow sculpture events. The Headquarters staff did their part by taking on the events that required competitors during training hours.

The Battle School observed the Regimental Day by conducting a sports competition, which saw North West Europe Platoon winning all the sports events. The traditional Broom-i-Loo game was played, with the Senior NCOs once again using their overwhelming numbers and weight to trounce the officers.

The number of candidates from the Battle School going to the career courses in Gagetown resulted in the CI going back to his magic board several times, and saw several last minute additions to the increment staff, who returned to their units just in time to return for RV 85.



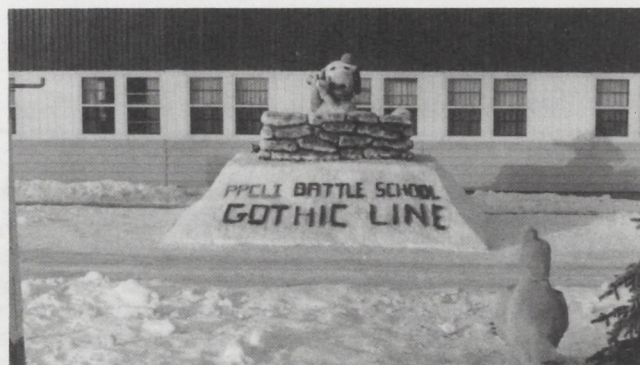
WWIC 8501 loading to go to Coppermine for their High Arctic deployment. WO Shite, the course 2 i/c leading by example.



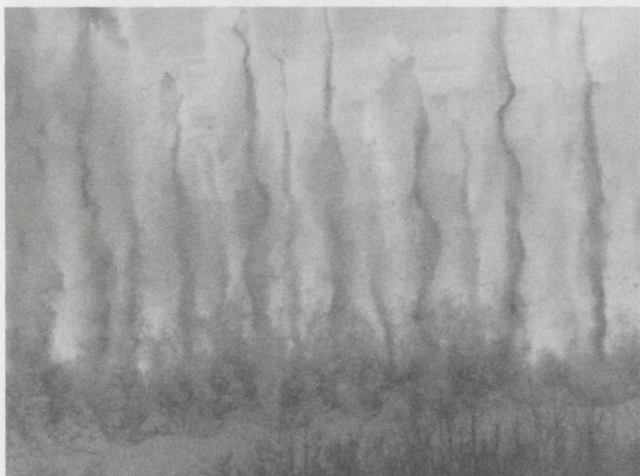
Members of WWIC 8501 trying out the Argo 8 x 8 near Coppermine, NWT.



WWIC set up for the night near Coppermine, NWT.



Gothic Line's snow sculpture, the Battle School entry to the Camp Wainwright Winter Carnival.



Winter Warfare Instructors Course 8501 creates an ice demolition.



Members of Winter Warfare Instructors course 8501 inspect the effects of the ice demolition.



The Tug of War competition at the Battle School's celebration of the Regimental Day.



Lt Semianiw, PI Comd, pausing after giving words of wisdom to his platoon team at the Regimental Day Sports Competition.



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RV 85

Brigade Headquarters directed that the Battle School would have no increment staff during RV 85, so the timings of all courses were adjusted to allow positions to be filled by permanent staff. This resulted in a reduced course load during RV, which was further reduced as we waited for the YTEP platoons to graduate from Cornwallis. Consequently some buildings were empty, and were immediately snapped up by the Umpires.

Even with this reduced load, during most of the spring three platoons were in training at any one time. This, combined with the number of senior officers in the area, provided an opportunity to have a number of these senior officers review Graduation parades. We also took advantage of the presence of the Regimental and Unit Bands to have music for many of our graduation parades.

BGen Reay was the first of many senior officers to be Reviewing Officer, when he inspected the graduation parade for Gothic Line, 8411, and Rimini Line, 8412, on 3 April, and on 4 April, he was Reviewing Officer for the joint parade of the Combat Leaders Course, 8501, and the Infantry Section Commanders Course 8501. Other reviewing Officers during RV 85 included Colonel MacKenzie from FMCHQ, who reviewed San Fortunato, 8501, on 26 April,

MGen deChastelain, who reviewed the graduation of Fosso Munio, 8502 and then presented hat badges to Kapyong, 8504, on 14 June, and LGen Belzile, who reviewed North West Europe, 8503, on 21 June.

Since many of the Regimental Executive Committee were in Wainwright for RV 85, RHQ held the REC meeting in the Battle School Conference Room, which was followed by the Louis Scott Cock O' the Walk competition. As the shoot resulted in a three way tie, it was arranged to have each competitor reshoot later, and sent the results to RHQ for final tabulation. This resulted in a tie between the Battle School and 2 PPCLI.



Sgt Bunzenmeyer supervising a TQ3 trainee doing a high wall rappel, during a graduation display.



Demonstrating the high tower rappel from the skid for a TQ3 graduation.



Demonstrating the safety of the rappel tower to the parents at a TQ3 graduation

CE WORK

During the year, some construction work had been completed which continues to improve living conditions. With the departure of the RV convoys, the roads were finally patched, so the mudholes are now gone and the dirt patches alongside have been sodded over. A start has been made on renovating the quonset huts, and rumours of an indoor range and other major projects keep percolating through.



MGen deChastelain welcoming a recruit to the Regiment. Kapyong Platoon's Hat Badge Parade, 14 June 1985.



LGen Belzile, Commander FMC, presenting the awards to North West Europe, 8503 on graduation parade 21 June.

SUMMER and FALL

The summer saw many instructors depart on posting, as fully one third of the staff changed. Capt Reumiller got a head start on leaving the Battle School when he left his office "temporarily" to command the Winter Warfare Instructors Course, then without stopping for a breath, he went on to being a student on the Combat Team Commanders course, and then Administration Officer for the RV 85 umpire organization. Capt MacLaine, his "temporary" replacement, saw a short TD tasking change into a posting, as Capt Reumiller left for CTC Headquarters in Gagetown. Good luck to both of you on your postings.

After the summer block leave, the courses started to add up, as the two Direct Entry courses started, and the YTEP courses arrived from Cornwallis. The Battle School strength rapidly increased until mid-September, when for a two week period there were 10 platoons and a strength at 487. During most of the fall, the Battle School had 9 platoons and a strength of over 400. The instructors had interesting working conditions, as quonset huts were used as lecture buildings, and the available training aids travelled from platoon to platoon, without getting a chance to cool off on the shelves.

Course	Top Candidate	Most Improved	Marksmanship	Physically Fit	Graduates	Destination
8411	Pte Watters	Pte Jack	Pte Rachar	Pte Balsh	28	3 PPCLI
8412	Pte Strauss	Pte Neff	Pte Machniak	Pte Keenan	33	1 PPCLI
8501	Pte Biel	Pte Kay-Lassels	Pte Bungay	Pte Schibild	29	3 PPCLI
8502	Pte Rivard	Pte Koldeweihe	Pte Cocker	Pte McGargin	27	1 PPCLI
8503	Pte Marten	Pte McLeish	Pte Trottier	Pte Marten	24	3 PPCLI
8504	Pte Kis	Pte Whitefish	Pte Burgis	Pte Rekrut	35	3 PPCLI
8505	Pte Williams	Pte Hooper	Pte Martin	Pte Chung	31	3 PPCLI
8506	Pte Forsyth	Pte Whitehouse	Pte Trinkunas	Pte Longman	30	3 PPCLI
8581Y	Pte Gebhardt	Pte Graney	Pte Butler	Pte Wird	29	3 PPCLI

Some relief from this load was provided by the Meet and Greet in October, and the Men's Christmas Dinner. Those of us who had not been here for the first YTEP in 1983-84 were somewhat overtaken by the numbers and the amount of work generated. As the year closes, we can look back with satisfaction at a full year of successful training, and forward to another year that for the next few months will be just as busy.

Table 1 shows the number of courses that graduated from the Battle School during the year, and success rates, while Table 2 continues the list of trainees who won awards on graduation from TQ3 training.

**TABLE 1
RESULTS OF COURSES GRADUATING IN 1985**

Course	Number	Candidates	Graduates	Success (%)
TQ3	9(18)	320(628)	266	83
JLC	1	33	32	97
CLC	1	31	17	55
ISCC	2	115	48	42
Rappel Master	1	22	20	91
Winter Warfare	1	30	28	93
Instructor				
TOTALS	15(24)	551(859)	411	75

Note: Figures in brackets denote courses graduating in 1986.

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Combat Leaders Course 8501 capturing an insurgent.



The fog of war. Frezenberg PI 8581Y, being smoked off during Ex Fatal Blow in November.



CLC 8501 capturing the insurgents who had kept them working for the previous 4 days.



WO Goebel giving fire control orders to the GPMG crew, on Ex Fatal Blow in November.



Sgt Carmody as Safety NCO for Ex Final Blow for Frezenberg, 8581Y, in November.



LCol Montgomery, Commanding Officer, and CWO Hamilton, Battle School CWO carve the turkey — the Men's Christmas Dinner, 12 December.



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LCol Montgomery addressing the Battle School soldiers at the Men's Christmas Dinner, 12 December.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

Director of Music: Capt Jean Montminy, CD

Assistant Director: CWO Jack Kopstein, CD

The past year presented the band with a few new challenges and surprises. Without a doubt, the most important event was RV 85. For this exercise, each member of the band was issued with combat clothing, something which is not normally on our scale of issue as we are not considered to be in a "field trade". But in the mud and dust of Wainwright, it sure made sense.

Our part in RV 85 involved a lot of mess dinners, graduation parades, change-of-command parades and of course the huge divisional parade on June 4th. For that, we really appreciated the assistance of the RCR band from Gagetown and the drum and bugle bands of I and III PPCLI. Without them, it would have been a lot more painful. As it was, the most notable part of the parade was the helicopter full of photographers which hovered about twenty-five feet overhead, scattering music far and wide and nearly knocking us off our feet.

We had to tear ourselves away from Wainwright at the end of May for a weekend in Yellowknife. There, aided by the Snowbirds and Skyhawks, we helped the citizens celebrate Armed Forces Weekend; and they in turn showed us what northern hospitality is all about.

During the rest of the summer, we did change-of-command parades, including one in Victoria for III PPCLI, Guards of Honour for the Governor General and for Her Majesty the Queen Mother, and a number of public concerts.

We bid farewell to two longtime members of the band last summer — WO Pete Jemus and Sgt. Ed DeVroom. Pete started out in the Patricias 28 years ago as a paratrooper and joined the band seven years later. Since that time he has been an important and valued member of the trombone section, as well as adding a lot to our concert programmes with his vocals. We hear that he has settled in very well in Chilliwack, running their station band.

After a career of 32 years in the PPCLI Band, Sgt "Eddie" DeVroom stepped into civilian life. Ed was recruited as a saxophone player in Holland in 1953 and spent his entire career with the band. He is well-known around the base as a runner with participation in many running events to his credit, including the 1981 Montreal Marathon. He can now add cycling to his training thanks to a 15-speed mountain bike presented to him by the band at his retirement bash.

In February of last year, we were visited by Commander George Morrison, CD, Director of Bands. Comdr Morrison heard the band perform in concert, inspected the band on parade and conducted personal interviews with band members during his visit.

Last year we finally ordered new scarlet uniforms from a firm in Vancouver. The old ones are showing signs of wear, as some are over twenty years old. The new uniforms should be ready some time in 1986.



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EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY-EMPLOYED (ERE) PATRICIAS

VANCOUVER ISLAND ERE

By Major Bill MacMillan and Major Vern McKeen

As our Colonel-In-Chief looks North toward her Regiment from her Command Post in Newhouse, she can observe that the right of the thin red line is being resolutely defended by her Vancouver Island ERE ("Elite Regimentally Employed"). Sgt Otto Hartmann is in the extreme right slit trench with the RSS in Port Alberni. Capt Joe Danyleyko is in the left trench providing covering fire over a man trap in the Victoria CFRC. (His left of arc interlocks with Third Battalion.) The ERE are commanded by LCol Murray Stewart from a command bunker located with the Pacific Fleet in Esquimalt Harbour. The ERE Sergeant Major, MWO Phil Baumgarten, has established "A" Echelon in a woods at Royal Roads. "Who is the Enemy?", one might ask. "Anyone trying to get into our slit trenches!", is the answer.

There is no life like it. Lotus land has blessed and daily smiles upon her seventeen favourite Regimental sons serving with RSS, Cadets, Region Operations, Royal Roads, Provincial Warning Centre and Base Esquimalt. Three times this past year we have shared our nectar ration, once at Royal Roads and twice at the Canadian Scottish. These gatherings have been our means of keeping in touch as a Regimental family as well as to discuss camouflage and overhead cover. (In modern war, to be discovered means you will have to be moved.)

Two members of our group retired this past year, Cpl George Pringle and Cpl "Andy" Andrew. Both were at CFB Comox. We wish them well.

As the accompanying photos indicate, the ERE continue to be fit and proud members of our Regiment.



On 13 Mar 85, the CSM, of the Vancouver Island ERE, MWO Baumgarten, organized a gathering at Royal Roads to toast the Regiment. Part of the group is pictured above. Sgt Otto Hartmann, O/Cdt Gordon Hagar (Piper), Capt John Slater, Maj Vern McKeen, Cpl Ken Vandenberg, MWO Phil Baumgarten, Capt Dave Giacomelli and MWO Jerry Lee.



On 4 Dec 85, ten Vancouver Island ERE members gathered at the C Scot R Officer's Mess, Bay Street Armoury, to exchange Season's Greetings with their CO, LCol Murray Stewart, and receive instructions from the CSM, MWO Phil Baumgarten. Units represented were Regular Support Staff, Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre, Royal Roads Military College, Region Operations and the Management Consultant Study Unit. LCol Murray Stewart read the Christmas Greetings from the Regiment. Pictured left to right: Capt Tony Seward, Maj Vern McKeen, MWO Phil Baumgarten, Capt Joe Danyleyko, LCol Murray Stewart, Sgt Joe Sarginson, Capt Dave Giacomelli, Capt John Slater, Sgt Otto Hartmann, Maj Bill MacMillan.

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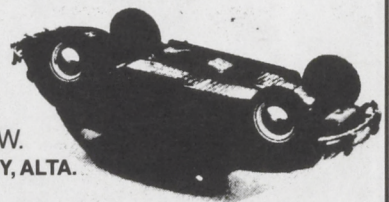
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PACIFIC MILITIA AREA

By Captain E. A. C. Wrighte

1985 was a busy and productive year for Pacific Militia Area. January to June saw our 14 units training vigorously in preparation for MILCON 85. MILCON 85 was the first time in many years that Pacific Militia Area units were exposed to the brigade concept of operations. In preparation for the field exercise, a brigade CPX was conducted at Jericho Beach in February followed by a brigade level cloth model exercise at the Seaforth Armouries in March.

In July and early August, Pacific Militia area conducted an Area Rank and Trades School with camps in Vernon, Nanaimo, Chilliwack, Victoria and Vancouver. There were 231 qualifying courses run graduating roughly 700 candidates overall.

In August, we deployed to Wainwright, Alberta for MILCON 85 with approximately 1,200 militiamen and 200 augmentees from the Regular Force and the Communication Reserve. The exercise was designed to practice defensive operations at the battalion level in a brigade framework. Overall MILCON 85 was a great success with many lessons being learned at both the command and staff levels.

The extra-regimentally-employed Patricias are located throughout Pacific Militia Area Headquarters and units. Colonel Gollner, wearing two hats, is the Area Chief of Staff and the Commanding

Officer, RSS Pacific. Majors Pope and MacMillan, Captain Wrighte and Master Warrant Officer Aspinwall are employed in various headquarters' capacities. Captain Stinson, Warrant Officer Holland and Corporal Donnelly make up the RSS cadre with the Royal Westminster Regiment assisting with all unit training endeavors as well as preparing their op tasked airborne platoon to fulfill their role. The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada are ably assisted by Warrant Officer (Red) Morrison and Corporal Gelineau, both having only recently arrived from 3 PPCLI. Captain Don Pippolo heads the RSS cadre with the Rocky Mountain Rangers along with Warrant Officer Bell, Sergeant Laas and Corporal Kulchyski. They are located near Kamloops, B.C., enjoying a comfortable buffer zone between their unit and the Headquarters in Vancouver. Over on Vancouver Island, behind the "tweed curtain", Captain Giacomelli, Master Warrant Officer McEachern and Sergeant Hartmann form the heart of the RSS cadre for the Canadian Scottish Regiment.

The Patricias here in Pacific Militia Area look forward to 1986 and the new challenges it will bring with it. All Patricias are reminded that our doors and messes are always open to you, should your travels bring you to our area. V.P.



CFB CHILLIWACK

By Captain W. T. Moxley

British Columbia's Fraser Valley is the home of the Chilliwack Contingent of the Regiment. Fifteen serving Patricia's are on strength at either the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School or the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering. They continue to add a significant amount of colour to what might otherwise be a 'Green' base.

At the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School (CFOCS) the following Patricias are helping to ensure that standards remain high for our future leaders in the Canadian Forces: Capt Moxley, Capt Raz, Capt Sawyer, Capt Williams, MWO Jacquard, WO Hopkins, WO Joyal, Sgt Casey, Sgt Corvino, Sgt Howes, Sgt Zack, and MCpl Simon. By course end, Canada's future officers have become very familiar with the red and white shoulder flash of the Patricia's on staff.

At the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) Capt 'Rags' Duncan, WO Picken, and Sgt MacKinnon continue in their role as infantry instructors in Tactics and GMT Troops. They keep the engineers honest and play a key role in moulding the combat engineer of the Canadian Forces.

Activities for 1985 were varied and managed to keep the Regimental members busy. On March 17 we visited the Vancouver Branch of the PPCLI Association where BGen Sharpe provided us with some informative insights as DGLDO. During the summer Capt Williams compared notes with the staff at the Royal Military College of Australia in Duntroon as part of EX AUSCAN BOND 85, a small unit exchange. In November, Col Gollner visited CFOCS and mixed company with the officer candidates. Finally, Capt Sawyer finished his sojourn at 'Volleyball U' and Sgt Casey is on his way to finishing the Combat Small Arms Course.

It looks as though 1986 is going to prove to be another busy year in Chilliwack. Although we are not on regimental duty we will continue to keep the regimental spirit alive and well.

BORDEN PATRICIAS

The Patricia influence in Borden is growing every year. This year our numbers of serving members has grown to ten in spite of Sgt Mel Thistlethwaite jumping ship for the sunshine of Victoria. Anywhere in Borden where leadership or warfare training happen you'll find a Patricia.

If you come to the bug school for any of the NBCD courses you'll find MWO Brian Betteridge and WO Gord Descoteaux keeping you on your toes or in state three. Before becoming a Warrant Officer you have to go through the Senior Leader Course at the Canadian Forces Leadership Academy where you'll see WO Dave McConnell's smiling face on every drill period and WO Jeff Hyslop might be your syndicate DS. Capt Gary O'Sullivan and Capt Pat McDonough are there as well looking after the Junior Leaders and officer training. Any range work in Borden or Meaford falls under Lt Fritz Keegan and his band of range controllers. Sgt Bob Tasco is part of the Borden patrol and Sgt Tom Munn is part of the Meaford Patrol. The last member of our Patricia contingent is Capt Wayne Hirlhey who, when he's not off in Toronto, keeps busy trying to keep up with the Base Commander whom he is supposed to be aiding.

If you happen to be going through Borden please drop by and talk with any or all of us, we love talking army in this sea of green.

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SERVING ON THE EAST COAST

By Major R. R. F. Burns

"What is the PPCLI doing way down here?" These are familiar words which I hear on a fairly regular basis in Halifax and other east coast towns and cities. Either that comment, or as I travel around the 18 bases and stations in Atlantic Canada, some airman, sailor, log type, clerk, or MA will rush up and say "What battalion are you with?", as they encounter probably the first Patricia they have seen since they left the Regiment on posting and/or remuster. The chances of this happening, both at military bases and on the city streets, are of course greatly increased in the autumn, when we put our tunics on with our familiar shoulder titles, and before we put on great coats or parkas!

They all miss the Regiment, particularly the feeling of family they had there which does not exist for them in their new trade or appointment. It reminds me of how much we take for granted in the Regiment, and also just how few of us there are down here outside the confines of Gagetown and Cornwallis. Some of us are fortunate to be in pairs, both here at Maritime Command HQ and at Atlantic Militia Area HQ (although the 2Lt here is really only "stranded" for a year between phases). Others serve on alone at the Fleet School, at CFB Halifax, at CFB Greenwood and with RSS at St. John's, Nfld, Amherst, NS and Kentville, NS.

Now the Navy is not the place where one usually finds things Regimental, so I feel very fortunate to have found a very valuable, although somewhat unlikely, Regimental connection in the person of Commodore (Retd) WP Hayes. I had previously met him some years ago when he was the Commandant of the CF Staff College and I was a student, but only recently discovered that he was a personal friend of our founder, and of course Mrs. Gault. He met them, and became a close friend, through an interesting series of events beginning in England in 1939. This association continues as Commodore and Mrs. Hayes visited Hatch Court just last year with the Nations, who carry on the family tradition there.

Commodore Hayes has kindly agreed to prepare a piece for next year's Patrician, recounting the interesting and very personal memories and anecdotes of his times with Hammie. I am particularly indebted to him for undertaking this task as there are few around who personally knew the Founder, plus the added interest of seeing him, and in a sense the Regiment, from a different perspective — through a sailor's eyes!

So there you have it, a brief report from a westerner serving "down-home" on the east coast. And while there are not many of us out here we do manage to get around, and are delighted to discover to discover that the Regiment is known in some pretty unlikely spots.

CTC AND CFB GAGETOWN

"THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION"

Edited by Captain E. K. Bokovay

Written by Sergeant G. F. Collins

This year has been another complete one at CFB Gagetown. The French Grey Battalion's ranks have swelled to well over a hundred officers and men encompassing many units including CTC Headquarters, an FMC Detachment, the Armour School, and of course the ever present myriad of instructors and support staff at the Infantry School. Because of the dispersion of the Patricians here and the tendency of a base this size to swallow people up for years on end, we are organized as a national Battalion for passage of information on Regimental affairs and maintenance of the Regimental Family ties.

Rumour has it that LCol Dallison (the DCO) and Maj Stutt (the Senior Major) are secretly planning a PPCLI takeover of CTC but as yet no early morning bug-outs have been called. With Col Ashton spending a great deal of time in the Base Commander's chair anyway, most of us feel that such a "Bloodless Coup" would only be a formality anyway. Next time you're down here, however, keep your eyes open for Capt Ernie Reumiller (covering off the thankless job of Bn Adj) attempting to hoist the VP flag on the CTC HQ flagpole.



Cpl Horncastle gives Col Ashton his Pennant and "Golden Handshake" as Col Ashton leaves the Infantry School for CTC HQ as DComd. Looking on is LCol Tombu who succeeded Col Ashton in Command.

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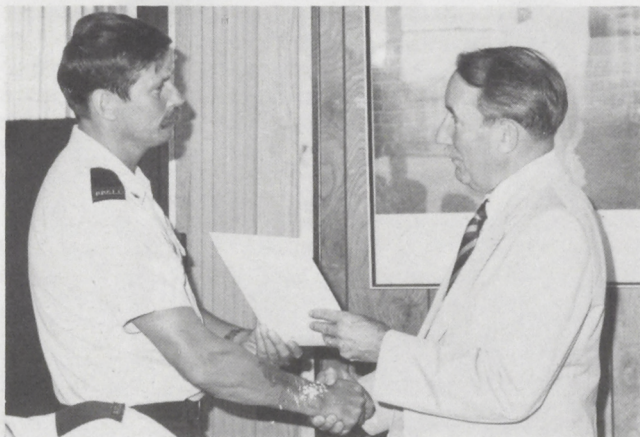
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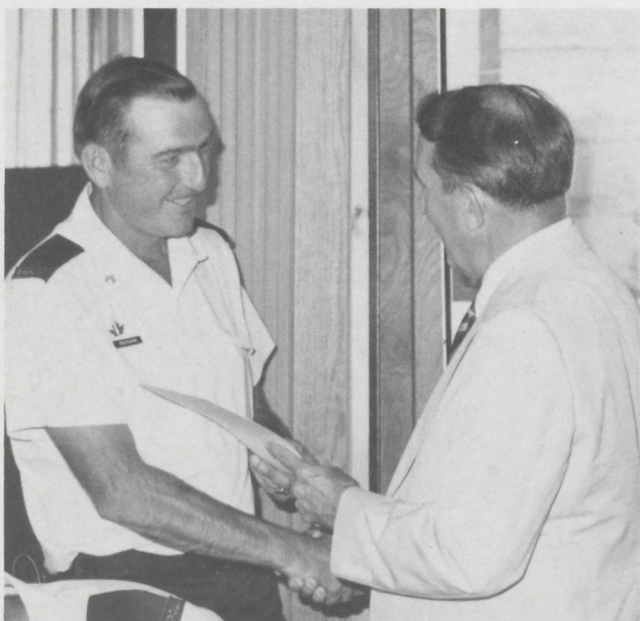


Pte Levoy, one of the top X-Country runners on the Base receives the Commander's Cup for the Infantry School from BGen Kells. Pte Levoy has since moved on to 2nd Battalion where he is expected to star with the track and field team.

Patricia social functions are still the order of the day here with all ranks happy hours in the "Red Sash" occurring every few months. A luncheon was held in August prior to summer leave with the Colonel of the Regiment wishing the best to a number of our retiring and departing members.



MWO Miles on posting to 2 Cdo as CSM. Col Sutherland presents his French Grey Certificate.



WO Cruikshank on posting to 3rd Battalion, but to return in Jan 86 on TQ7 Course.



WO Harron on posting to 1st Battalion.



WO Saumer on retirement.



Col Sutherland sees Capt de Solla off on retirement.

As well, the officers got together for a number of convenient Friday afternoon lunches and a dinner at the Garrison Club in Fredericton in September. These functions are normally held in conjunction with the area PPCLI Association members.

Regimental Day was a smashing success again this year. Festivities started on the 15th of March with the arrival of our guest of honour, Brigadier-General J. A. DeLalanne. The General was put through a schedule that would have tired out an eighteen year old, but the spry old gentleman of 89 never missed a beat. From the airport it was off to his residence to get ready for a helicopter ride across the marshes of Gagetown.

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Brigadier-General de Lalanne briefs his flight crew.



Brigadier de Lalanne with a few war stories of his own for the troops in the field.

Out in the area, he met and talked to some of our soldiers in the field. Back in camp he also toured some of the courses at the Infantry School. Commenting on his flight earlier that day to some members of the Small Arms Course, the Brigadier remarked "The air force has never changed. It took them thirty minutes to fly out there and five minutes to get back. The ride out was for flight pay and the ride in was for dinner!"

The next morning at 0900 hrs all Patricias and ex-serving members from Nova Scotia to Quebec assembled in the Drill Hall. The French Grey Battalion with the Camp Flag present fell in under RSM McMillan. We had a total of 151 on parade that day. Dressed warmly for the sub zero temperature, all ranks warmed their linings with some good old fashioned moose milk while waiting for the start of the traditional Broom-i-Loo games. General de Lalanne dropped the ball to start the games but not before he made sure both centremen had their sticks firmly on the ground. As usual, that was the last time the sticks touched the ground. During the games, General de Lalanne was able to chat with some of the wives in attendance. The Broom-i-Loo results followed the recent trend with the Sr NCOs picking up the overall winners trophy and the officers taking away the Horse's Ass Trophy.



The French Grey Battalion on parade with RSM McMillan on Regimental Day.



Battalion officers prior to their winning the Horse's Ass Trophy.



The face-off for a well fought Broom-i-Loo game.

After Broom-i-Loo, it was off to our respective messes for a get-together with our visitors from abroad. CFB Cornwallis was well represented again and a good time was had by all. Evening festivities were attended by 170 all ranks and wives at the World Famous Oromocto Legion. The Ladies' Auxiliary prepared an excellent meal and there were presentations to General de Lalanne from the Patricias and the Legion. Afterwards, an all ranks dance was held. It was hard to believe that after the morning's Broom-i-Loo games, anyone could move, but they did until 2 am. During the dinner, General de Lalanne presented Sgt "Newfie" Best with a Regimental Achievement Award. Unfortunately the photo didn't turn out. Regimental Day was a great success, only to be outdone by an even bigger bash in 1986.



Brigadier de Lalanne socializes with members of the Patricia family during Regimental Day celebrations.

Gagetown continues to be well visited by many Patricias both for courses and official visits. MGen deChastelain was here on a number of occasions and as usual, officers and NCOs from the Battalions spend a great deal of time here on courses. Particular mention goes to Sgt A. Stander of the 2nd Bn who topped Small Arms Instructor Course 8502 and Sgt J. L. Portelance of the 1st Bn who topped 8503. Lt "Rock" Wiegand and WO Foucault, both the

1st Bn, are also to be congratulated on their top notch performance on the Advanced Pioneer Course this fall. Well done as well to Sgt Paul Cane of the 3rd Bn for topping the Advanced Recce Patrolman Course held here from September to December.



MGen deChastelain inspects Cpl Tom Smith flanked by Cpl Fraser and Mcpl "Rocky" Norman.



On another Quarter Guard, commanded by Sgt (now WO) Gary Collins, MGen deChastelain compares the turnout of a VanDoo with that of Cpl Perry Petrie.

All things considered, it was a busy year in Gagetown with things promising to continue that way in light of the implementation of SARP in '86. All the best to Patricias everywhere — and make a point of looking a few us up if you're ever "in town" (as most of you will be eventually!).



LCol Tombu takes command of the Infantry School in July...



... LCol Tombu hands command of the School over to LCol Aitchison in September. "But General, I didn't even get a chance to move in to my office..."



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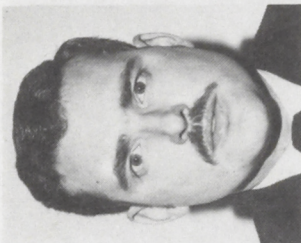
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THE UNITED STATES

By Major C. H. Jurek

The Regiment is represented in the U.S.A. by officers in a variety of positions in wide-spread locations. Consequently, news of Regimental happenings is almost entirely by personal letters, RHQ messages to CDLS(W) for retransmission by mail and happenstance contact by Patricia's "passing through". This physical separation precludes our gathering together for Regimental celebrations, yet those days do not pass unnoticed.

Those personnel who explain the "Great White North" to Americans are: LCol W. A. "Scotty" Morrison, on staff at Canada's Permanent Mission to the U.N. in New York as the Counsellor (Arms Control and Disarmament); and Representative for Peacekeeping; LCol H. E. (Harry) Elliott who, in July, returned to the scene of his Staff College education by becoming an exchange DS at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Maj E. L. (Gene) Markell who replaced Maj R. P. (Ray) Honig in August as the Canadian Forces Liaison Officer to the U.S. Army XVIII Airborne Corps in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Major K. E. (Ken) Nette and Major D. L. (Dan) Davies — the former as Liaison Officer to the U.S. Marines Corp Development and Education Center, the latter as a student at the USMC Staff College — both in Quantico, Virginia; and Major C. H. (Charlie) Jurek Staff Officer Training & Visits at CDLS(W), along with Bill Dechant (Maj-ret'd) member in good standing of the Ottawa Branch of the Association and First Secretary (Commercial) Economic Division at the Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Many regimental visitors have been in the U.S. this year from the present CIS, MGen Hewson, who has been to Washington on occasion, to BGen R. I. Stewart travelling with CLFCSC, the Staff College from Toronto, and personnel undergoing platoon and company training in Fort Lewis (Washington State). In addition, many others of all ranks have been on training courses and visits to U.S. Army and Marine locations throughout the country. Most never get close to any of those of us permanently posted here, but all Patricias are encouraged to let us know whenever you are anywhere "near".

"Y'all have a good day - y'know?" from all Patricias south of the border!!

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



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By Warrant Officer G. P. Lovett, CD



This past year has been reasonably busy around Cornwallis with everyone working full tilt due to the large YTEP program in-house.

On the 17th of March, fifteen of us, plus three retired Patricia's from the area, joined the Patricia's from CTC in Gagetown for the Regimental Celebrations. The festivities included a meet-and-greet in the WO's and Sgts' Mess on arrival, where old friends were re-acquainted. The major event took place the following day on the soccer field for what else, but the traditional Snr NCO's beat the Officers Broom-i-Loo game. This year was no different, as the Snr NCO's from Cornwallis and CTC joined forces to administer a devastating blow to the Officers. Following the tournament, it was back to the mess to hear more tall tales and war stories over a few cool ones and make plans for the dance and banquet that night. The banquet was held in the Oromocto Legion and there were 250 plus Patricia's in attendance. A gathering of this magnitude was refreshing and brings home the true meaning of Regimental Family. A good time was had by all and our sincere thanks to all the Patricia's of CTC Gagetown for their efforts. We are looking forward to joining you again in '86.

The situation remained fairly low key for the next few months, leading into the posting cycle, which saw the following personnel return to Regimental Duties: Sgt Bill Boehler, Sgt Kirk Drew, Sgt Harry McDonald, Sgt Darrell Warrington, and WO Frank Legge to RSS Newfoundland..

We are looking forward to meeting the Patricia's that will join our ranks in the summer of '86.

On the 10th of August, we paraded our Regimental Camp Flag and raised it on the main mast of the Base in celebration of our Regimental Birthday. We were then paraded under MWO Spring to the WO's and Sgts' Mess for a quiet, but meaningful gathering to commemorate the day.

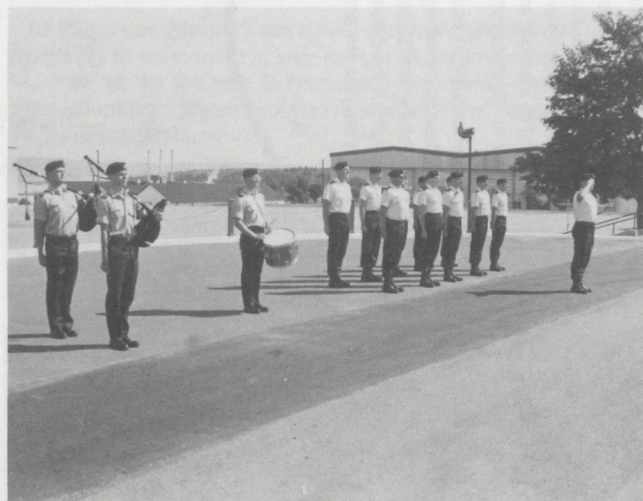


Sgt Fred Curson raises up the camp flag 10 Aug 81.



CFB Cornwallis Patricia's Parade under MWO Spring WP.

In closing I would like to extend an invitation to all Patricia's. If you are ever down our way, drop in and say hello. The "welcome mat" will be out. CFB Cornwallis and the surrounding Annapolis Valley is a beautiful and scenic place to visit.



Cornwallis Patricia's on parade for Regimental Birthday 10 Aug 85.



MCpl Ernst F.D. promoted to Sgt by CFRS Chief Instructor Major J.W. Ryan, CD.



LCol J.F. Bennett, CD, Commandant Canadian Force Recruit School promotes 3 Patricia MCpls to the rank of Sgt. From left to right: Sgt Tombu GJ, Sgt Blackstock SH, Sgt Curson FJ



MCpl Childs KW promoted to Sgt at Men's Christmas Dinner 20 Dec 85 by Base Commander Colonel M.G. OBrien, CD. CWON W. Northrup, CD, CFRS School Chief Warrant Officer in background.



WO J.R. Lafleur, CD, receives CD I from Commander R.J. Gray, CD, B Adm O CFB Cornwallis.



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LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (4 PPCLI)

AIRBORNE PLATOON

Effective 1 Sep 84 the unit was tasked to maintain a 27 man platoon ready at short notice to operationally support 2 Cdo of the Canadian Airborne Regiment. The platoon continues to function at full strength and at a furious rate. Fortunately, our location just several hundred yards away from the Canadian Airborne Center allows us to maintain a close working relationship with the Parachute Training Wing. This in turn produces tremendous advantages to our parachutists including the ability to get in jumps with every J Stage of the Basic Para Crse and the ability to have candidates for this crse available on a "stand by" basis in addition to our normal crse vacancies.



MWO RW Johnston with members of the airborne platoon.

The entire platoon took part in several practice (?) tactical night jumps into Camp Wainwright which culminated in a night descent to capture Cattallo Bridge during a Northern Alberta Militia District FTX. Later in the year they again did a night assault into Wainwright during a joint exercise with elements of 2 Cdo and the Royal Westminster Regiment. Some of the platoon are getting to be on a first name basis with the higher branches of individual trees at Wainwright. A number of the platoon were fortunate enough to be attached to 2 Cdo for a month long exercise in Texas. The only let-down of the year was when suggestions that the platoon participate in a limited way in a Canadian Airborne Regiment tactical exercise during RV 85 fell on deaf ears.



Sgt L Hartenberger with airborne platoon. Sgt Hartenberger was one of three unit members on the 1985 Skyhawks Parachute Team.

BAND

During the past two years the unit brass and reed band has flourished under the guidance of Director of Music, Lt Colin Bonneau. Colin, a school teacher in his civilian life, took over the band when they were so low in numbers that they had to be combined with the band of 418 Air Reserve Squadron for any performance. The band now numbers 25 musicians who are also fully trained infantrymen (infantrywomen in some cases!). They keep a very full schedule of concerts and parades including the opening of the Provincial Legislature and ceremonial parades or mess functions for practically every unit at CFB Edmonton. Several members were attached to the PPCLI band in Calgary this past summer. They most certainly enjoyed the posting and the individual reports received back indicated that the Regimental band likewise appreciated their participation.

Work is progressing to raise money to put the entire band into proper scarlet uniforms during 1986. This may be greatly helped by indications from the Provincial Government to designate the band as the official provincial band which would result in some monies from government grants. Other groups have also indicated their willingness to donate so look for their debut before next Fall.



Capt Matthews (A Coy), Capt Carsted (R Wpg R), Maj Rice (A Coy) and believe it or not! Lt Bonneau (Director of Music) at MILCON 85.

PRINCE OF WALES ARMOURY

The unit's home from shortly after the First World War until the 1960's was the Prince of Wales Armoury in downtown Edmonton. There was a short time at Ortona Armoury in the river valley and then the move to our present quarters at Hamilton Gault Barracks within CFB Edmonton. We are now sandwiched into administrative offices along with the Militia District Headquarters staff and every other unit in the District.

Political sleight of hand between the three levels of government has resulted in the armoury being the property of the City of Edmonton but also being designated a provincial historical building which precludes any structural changes to its appearance. You would be surprised how few civilian uses there are for an armoury if you can not make structural changes! The biggest users are the Edmonton Food Bank and Sunday flea markets.

Our new Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, LCol Ed L. Boyd, Cd spear-headed the formation of the Prince of Wales Armoury Foundation which has maintained a continuous pressure on both the Military as well as the political chain-of-command to have the DND agree to leasing back at least part of the Armoury for militia use (guess which unit he is pushing to move there!!). We seem to have lost the initial battle (a FMC report was not favorable), but detractors don't know Ed Boyd. Not for nothing does a man serve alongside fellow Officers like George Brown, Jim Stone and Owen Browne through such battles as the Liri Valley, Rimini Line and Ortona. Colonel Boyd is now well underway in his second assault which has so far included a private interview with the Associate Minister of National Defence. The City of Edmonton has offered the Foundation a lease on the building. The only thing holding things up is one major tenant to pay a lion's share of the rent. If the DND comes through, other tenants would include the United Services Institute, various cadet corps and a military museum.



Hon LCol and CO speaking to unit members in Kapyong Drill Hall.



LCol Marshall contemplates proper military procedure when finding a frozen coyote on one's desk.

The original Lestock may be gone but he is not forgotten. His face still adorns our unit cap badge and belt buckle. Well, not quite his face. When the original cap badge design was sent to the College of Heralds for certification they refused to authorize it because no such symbol had ever been seen either on land or sea. However, the wolf was a legitimate symbol so with a few discreet changes the badge was approved. Over the years there was a Lestock II and the Junior Ranks Club (sorry, Non-Commissioned Members Club), now harbours a fast fading stuffed coyote.



LCol Marshall presents first of new unit belt buckles to LCol Boyde, Hon LCol.

During a late night or perhaps early morning exchange in the Officers Mess between LCol Marshall and Lt Mike Power the suitability of a new coyote was mentioned. The CO forgot Lt Power is paying his way through university by spending his winters as a licenced trapper. Lo and behold, several months later Lt Power appeared in the CO's office with what appeared to be a large sack of potatoes. With great flourish he produced from the sack one fully grown and very frozen coyote in mint condition (other than being quite dead). Pending mounting, the coyote resides in the CO's deep freeze. It is rumored that he intends to present it to his successor in its present state on the Change of Command Parade in February.



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REGIMENTAL MASCOT

On May 30th, 1915, while the 49th Battalion, CEF (later the Edmonton Regiment and now the Loyal Edmonton Regiment), was moving by train to Eastern Canada prior to going overseas, a stop was made at Lestock, Saskatchewan. While at this stop, a coyote puppy was handed in with a card around its neck asking that it be accepted as a mascot. In a reply to the donor Colonel Griesbach wrote: "it is perhaps singularly fitting that we should have a coyote as a mascot. After all he is an animal which is to be found all over our western country and although he has a somewhat shady reputation the fact remains that while other wild animals have retreated before the march of civilization the coyote of western Canada is doing business as usual. Perhaps it may be that after the march of German 'Kultur' has spent itself it will be found that this regiment has been dilligent in its business and will be found sticking around western Canada again like our friend the coyote." Needless to say the coyote puppy was accepted and christened Lestock. In September, prior to the 49th leaving England for France, a now full grown Lestock was presented to Regent's Park Zoo, London, where it is reported that he lived a long and happy life.

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Hon LCol and CO with Sr NCOs at presentation of new Camp Flag by Sr NCOs Association.



Some of the Officers and Senior NCOs with Hon LCol.

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2554 PPCLI CADET CORPS

Calgary, Alberta

By Captain J. de Vuyst and Lieutenant E. A. Wood

2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps of Calgary, Alberta is well into its training year 1985/86. The Corps along with the regular training activities is involved in shooting, biathlon and band programs. The biathlon team is doing very well with several of its members placing on the Alberta Army Cadet Biathlon Team, and at time of writing are involved in competitions. The rifle team is showing a good improvement over last year and the band is progressing slowly. The Corps at present is looking for a band officer.

The Corps was privileged to have been able to send two of its CIL officers and a Senior Cadet to the Keremeos Outwardbound Camp to attend the Mountain School and the Cross Country Ski School.

Our annual inspection parade turned out to be very good with interesting static displays and an excellent display by the cadets on the rappelling tower.

All cadets that wished to attend camp in '85 were able to go and we are looking forward to many cadets attending summer camps this year.

The Parade for Major General Quinn, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets which took place at CFB Calgary, Harvey Barracks on 17 June 1985 was attended by all Army Cadet Corps in the City of Calgary.

Our Cadet/Lieutenant Mark Heck received the honour of flag carrier at the parade for his Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, Duke

of Edinburgh, our Colonel-in-Chief, at Banff National Army Cadet Camp in August 1985.

With the return of the Sarcee Training area and the opening of ranges, a Range Safety Officers Course was held at CFB Calgary in order to qualify CIL Officers as RSOs, the course was conducted by Lieutenant Mike Terkuile, RCD. Now that the ranges are operational again the cadets are enjoying the live firing of the FN C1, A1, 7.62mm rifle.

Our Corps holds for the third year in a row the PPCLI Cadet Corps proficiency trophy.

Our Corps parades on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays for regular training and conducts its shooting and biathlon programs on Monday nights and Band practice on Tuesday nights.

The Corps this year is commanded by Cadet/Lieutenant M. Fleck and Cadet/RSM MJ Fleck, the twins.

CIL personnel in charge of the Corps are:

Captain J. de Vuyst, CD, Commanding Officer

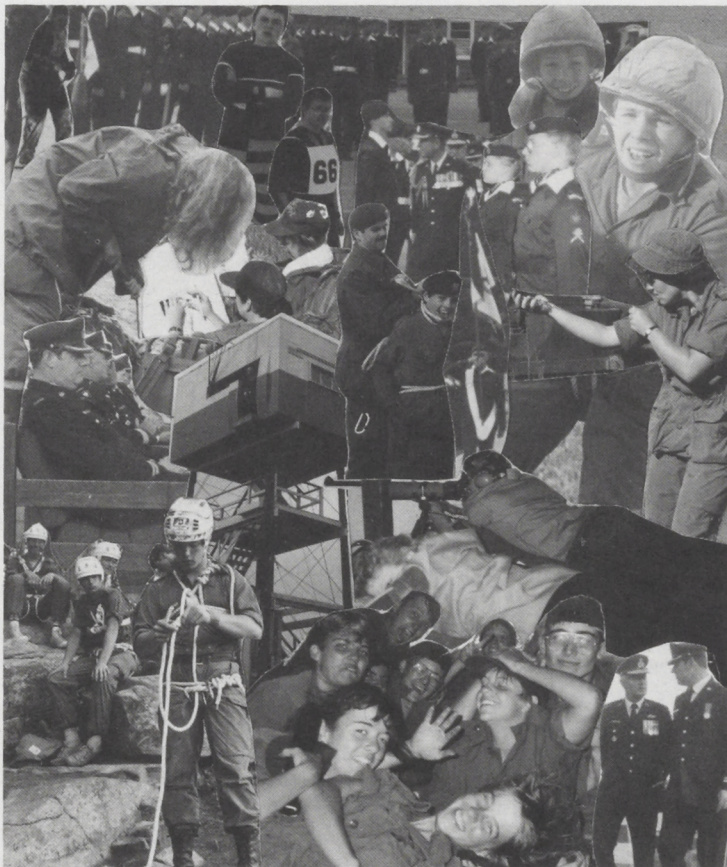
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Lieutenant M. Novak, Training Officer

CIL S. K. Hoffer, Supply Officer

Captain J. G. Turnbull, CD, Medical Officer

Officer Cadet G. G. Krutz, Assistant Training Officer





THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

1 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

COMMANDING OFFICER
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C.G.C. Vyvyan, MBE

The 1st Battalion has had another full year with activities ranging from a major exercise in Denmark to an operational tour in the Falkland Islands. Throughout the year we have remained based at Tidworth in Hampshire as part of the United Kingdom Mobile Force (UKMF).

In September the Battalion went to Denmark for three weeks to take part in a NATO Exercise, Ex Bold Gannet. This involved a work-up period in Jutland followed by an exercise on the Island of Zealand. In a truly multinational exercise we were attacked by American Aircraft, German Helibourne Troops, Danish and Dutch Marines and fought alongside a Danish Mechanised Brigade. For many Riflemen this was the first time they had trained over normal countryside outside designated military training areas and the added realism this gave coupled with the generous hospitality of the Danes made Ex Bold Gannet a very fitting climax to our first year with the UKMF.

After a short leave we set off, in October, for a five month tour in the Falkland Islands. The advance party travelled on the Airbridge, involving a 13 hour trip in a Hercules, including in-flight refuelling, while the main body moved on a converted North Sea Ferry from Ascension Island. In the Falklands we were deployed with Battalion Headquarters at Goose Green, three other company bases on West and East Falklands and a detachment in South Georgia, 800 miles away. It was quickly apparent how lucky we were to be on a summer tour; although the wind rarely drops and there is little shelter, it was far warmer than we had anticipated and the hostile weather conditions we had expected only occasionally affected our activities. Apart from the operational commitments of guards and reaction forces we were able to patrol extensively around the islands, meeting and getting to know many of the locals. We were able to carry out some ambitious training projects which included a 48 hour Platoon Assessment Exercise for each platoon and a live firing exercise for each Company which culminated in a deliberate attack supported by Harriers, Naval Gunfire and the Mortar Platoon.

Our tour finished in March 1985 and we sailed back to Ascension Island on the SS Uganda, an old P and O educational cruise ship. Since our return we have been running a period of individual training and our programme is now geared towards Spearhead duties in October and an exercise in Kenya in January 1986.

2 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

COMMANDING OFFICER
Lieutenant Colonel J.P.O. Beddard, MBE

Our last report ended with a preview of Exercise LIONHEART. The event turned out to be a mixed bag for 2 RCJ; after a gallant defence of a certain village and its surrounding woodlands by massed attacks from German, Dutch and American armour the exercise directors considered that a report of Calais had occurred. Instead of going into POW cages, the Battalion motored to the rear — but for us the "war" was over.

The autumn of 1984 was taken up with Cadres — 85 Riflemen started a JNCO's Cadre with 40 receiving their tapes at the end of eight hard weeks. Christmas was celebrated in Minden in the traditional way — with the outgoing QM, Major Brian Hill after 6 years in the chair surpassing even his own high standards. The winter also saw the skiing team once again winning the Daily Telegraph Cup and, with the help of LCpl Dobson in particular, maintaining their position on the highest placed infantry team in the competition. Sadly, New Years was the last performance of our own Band. Was it just that because they were going we felt they had never played so well? The members of the Band have gone different ways, the largest number to the Peninsula Band in Celle. Chifton Barracks is a sadder and quieter place without them.

For 1985 the main challenge of the training year was the 2 RGJ Battlegroup's visit to Canada for exercise Medicine Man 2. Early in the year we gathered our team together: armour from 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, guns from 3rd Field Battery and Sappers from Hameln and any number of individuals to make up the 1000 odd strong Battlegroup. Hard training in trying conditions at Soltau together with meticulous planning by the movers and administrators under Capt (QM) Chad Lacey brought us to Canada in May to take part in this now familiar but none-the-less exciting 6 week exercise. By all accounts, not just our own it was a resounding success and in particular showed the professionalism of the young Riflemen in the Battalion. Let no one say that standards have fallen! While in Canada a number of contacts were made with PPCLI officers and senior ranks in Calgary — more if Exercise RV 85 had not been underway, but with Capt Duane Domanko as 2IC of D Coy we had little difficulty establishing contact.

Canada took away most of the Battalion, though a "rump" of C Company remained behind to make the most of the adventure training at Stiebis, the joint Berlin/Light Division Skiing and Mountaineering Centre in Bavaria run by Capt Eddie Bright.

On the sporting front the Battalion efforts have been curtailed, especially in the team sports by the heavy training commitment. The boxing team however, hoping to exchange last year's runner up trophy for this year's champion's shield, were the highest hope for a major sporting success. Sadly the championship was denied them on a technical decision but the team made up for it by getting three winners and one runner up in the BAOR individual competition, being placed third in the Army Championship and providing the coach and half the team members for the BAOR team. LCpl Lee was selected as a member of the Army Team that won the inter services Boxing, while the Judo team came third in the Army championship. With such excellent results the Second Battalion is well proud of its fighters, both boxers and judoists. In the less well known sports a number of successes must also be recorded not least LCpl Leach's time of 2 hrs 45 mins in the Vienna marathon, the fastest British Runner in the race, and Major Pearson's championship of the infantry boardsailing in the novice class.

The Battalion says farewell to Lt Col Beddard and welcomes back Lt Col Hayes as CO. Colonel Jon and his wife Felicity leave for England with the Battalion in very good heart, a wives' club in top form and with the best wishes of us all. The future holds the prospect of a winter in Northern Ireland, a return to our old stomping ground in West Belfast together with the build up training under the Northern Ireland Training and Advisory Team (NITAT) BAOR commanded by

Maj Hearn, lately OC C Company. It will be a busy winter, but our last in Germany as the Battalion takes up the role of Demonstration Battalion at the School of Infantry Warminster, in August 1986.



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3 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel C.B.Q. Wallace, OBE

The 3rd Battalion has now been stationed in Germany for three years with only two years of the tour remaining. The Battalion is based on the outskirts of Celle, one of Northern Germany's most picturesque towns, maintaining a strong historical connection with the British Royal Family. The pace of life in Germany remains hectic and so it was with some relief that the Battalion was warned for an operational tour in Northern Ireland mid-way through our tour here. Some 40% of the Battalion had previously served in the Province but this percentage included few of our Riflemen who looked forward to the 4½ month tour with some anticipation.

Training commenced in mid June 1984 when our APCs were handed over to the Rear Party. Prior to three weeks block leave, a short period of internal security training took place within barracks after an interesting week of presentations by the Northern Ireland Training and Advisory Team (NITAT). At the same time members of the Battalion attended numerous courses preparing them for the very different tasks ahead of them.

Returning to work at the beginning of August, we launched into an intensive training programme culminating in three weeks training at Sennelager Training Centre which ended with the inter-platoon competition, the Tarleton Trophy. On 4th October 1984 at 1600 hours 3 RGJ assumed operational control of the West Belfast TAOR after an absence of ten years. Within two hours of arrival we had recovered a weapon. Although the situation has changed considerably from the tours of the early 1970s, the terrorist is still very much in evidence, and just a fortnight after our arrival we suffered one fatal casualty and one severely wounded in a highly professional and well executed IRA ambush. Two weeks before the end of the tour we had an opportunity to redress the balance when the IRA attempted a less professional ambush. The Battalion suffered no casualties and a successful follow up led to the arrest of one of the gunmen and the possible wounding of another. One of the weapons used in the ambush was also recovered.

The tour ended in mid-February 1985 and the Battalion was able to take three weeks well-earned leave before returning to their mechanised role in Germany. Since our return we have been busy reminding ourselves of mechanised training, participating in a Divisional CPX, Ex MORNING GLORY, in April, and a period of field firing at Sennelager Training Centre during May which culminated in a Brigade live firing exercise on Hohne ranges. The Battalion looks forward to a busy year ahead with further Battle Group mechanised training and a Brigade FTX.

4 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel P. J. Lyddon, MBE

1985 for 4 RGJ has been a year of extremes. We have had a hectic, demanding and enjoyable year in which the conflicting demands for change and stability have given the Battalion much to chew on and much to do. The training has been of necessity, geared to the demands of serving an Armoured Brigade in BAOR, coupled with the competing attractions of TA life in London and Oxford.

Annual Camp saw us exercising and field firing at Otterburn. We exchanged a 150 strong Company of Green Jackets with B Coy 2nd Bn 130th Infantry Regiment The Illinois National Guard who did much to enliven our lives. Our Company spent two very enjoyable weeks at Fort McCoy Wisconsin, with no one feeling homesick for Otterburn at all! The exchange was highly regarded by all taking part, with many useful and interesting lessons, military, social and lingual, being learnt on both sides.

Despite the American connection, our links with 12th Armoured Brigade were not allowed to grow rusty despite our being unable to train in BAOR as a Battalion in 1984. We were able to send watchkeepers on several formation CPXs. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel P. J. Lyddon, MBE, managed to persuade the Brigade Staff to come back from Germany and run a logistics study day on our behalf. Needless to say the attractions of the subject (and the lure of a weekend back in the UK for the presenters) made the occasion a great success!

Success, or near success on the field of sport has come 4 RGJ's way. We came second in superior style (but with less goals) in the London District Football and were inexplicably pipped into second place by the same opponents in the six-a-side as well. This year we hope our rivals 269 Commando Battery will be looking less pleased with themselves and our Company Teams will be training hard!

The Battalion Skiing Team, ably lead by Captain Tony Marvin came second overall in the TA Competition at Aviemore. This success was well celebrated on the occasion by the other members of the team who hope to acquit themselves as well — if not better in the next competition.

Shooting has been a high priority this year. A keenly fought Battalion Rifle Meeting in October 1984 at Pirbright laid the groundwork for better shooting in the future. We have high hopes for that elusive animal, Bisley Success, with a young team who came a promising second in the District TA SAAM this year.

If the year past has been busy and fulfilling, the year ahead contains much to be getting on with! There is 5 RGJ to be raised. We are off to Camp at Soltau in October and a new training year to get to grips with. Yet with all these challenges we will be bent on ensuring that life remains fun, for that is what TA soldiering is all about. May we take this opportunity to extend a welcome to any of our affiliated Regiments who have anyone coming to London. We are particularly lucky in having Lt Alan Patterson with us at the moment from the 6th Bn (Hauraki) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. We wish you all much success in the coming year.

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1984 closed with the Depot going through a particularly busy patch as platoons of between 70 and 80 recruits were forming up regularly. The trend has continued into 1985 but the difference now is that the platoons are even bigger, the largest forming up in June at 115 recruits. At one point Training Company exceeded the figure of 380 ranks and although that total has now subsided somewhat, there appears to be no let up in the vast influxes of recruits from the recruiting offices.

There have been large and significant changes in the faces around the Depot over the last 12 months; Lt Col Peter Chamberlin handed over command to Lt Col Mike Dewar during a snowbound Passing Out Parade in January in which winter blizzards forced the Parade to be held in the Gymnasium rather than the normal ceremony on the Square. The RSM, WO1 Taylor was towed out of barracks in a speedboat in April after handing over to WO1 Brennan. We have also received a 2 i/c onto the establishment in the form of Major John Wykeham who, on arrival in his office, has set about co-ordinating the Training Programme for our new barracks at Flowerdown.

Passing Out Parades have seen a variety of guests including General Mostyn; The Divisional Brigadier, Brigadier Lowe; and our recently departed Quartermaster, Lt Col John Lane, who put on his Greens for perhaps the last time before going into retirement in Kent.

A busy social programme has been in action. In July the Depot stopped everything to put on the final Sounding of Retreat to be held in Peninsula Barracks. The week was a tremendous success and apart from all the social activities in the messes, the performances were watched by unprecedented crowds. On two of the three nights the gates had to be closed to prevent the barracks from overflowing!

We also held a Depot Sports Day in July at which teams drawn from all corners of the Depot competed in egg and spoon races, throwing the cricket ball and throwing the welly. Traditional sports involving the conventional forms of running, leaping and throwing were relegated firmly to the imagination! Also entered in the unusual occurrences register is the first ever official photograph of the personnel of the Light Division Depot (Winchester). A Depot Parade was held at the beginning of July and after the Adjutant and RSM had spent half an hour trying to obtain an aesthetic balance to the picture by marching troops hither and thither, the photographer snapped a notable first.

Unlike battalions, who measure their year very often by where they have been, we as a static unit and home of the Regiment, measure our calendar more by people and events. In this sense, 1985 has seen a major event in the process of turning Winchester into the home of the Light Division and not merely the Royal Green Jackets. In April, the Regimental Headquarters of the Light Infantry moved into Peninsula Barracks from Shrewbury so setting in train an ongoing series of events that will eventually end with the total amalgamation of the two Regimental Depots: A process which will continue to gather pace throughout the year.



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Fighting for our country,
What does it mean?
Freedom . . .
Kiss us goodbye.*

*Standing in a hole,
Six feet x two feet x chest deep,
Waiting for the enemy.
As a soldier,
What are we fighting for?
Remember the good times,
Riding the first bike,
Being only six years old.
Freedom . . .
Protect us.*

*Enemy meets enemy,
To remain alive,
As a soldier,
What are we fighting for?
The girl that is four,
Those wild brown eyes,
Innocent,
Not knowing the future.
Freedom . . .
God, hear our prayers.*

*Battle,
In a new land,
Personal conflict;
To live again.
As a soldier,
What are we fighting for?
Mother, and father, and family,
Lady, and friends.
Freedom . . .
Always remember us.*

*We are without life,
We fought for our country,
We remembered the good times,
All the innocent children,
They are our future;
Free to live in peace.
As a soldier,
That is what we fought for.
Freedom . . .
We are proud to say.*

Clarke

IN MEMORIAM

*Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*

— Unknown



SERGEANT WALTER M. DRAYCOTT

1882 - 1985

The Regiment suffered a great loss in 1985 when notified of the passing of the Regiment's oldest surviving WWI Patricia. Walter Draycott died after a fall in his garden. A pioneer of the Lynn Valley of North Vancouver, he remained active to his last day.

A Boer War veteran, he joined the Regiment in December, 1914. He fought with the Regiment in all major battles until May, 1916. He was mentioned in despatches several times for his successes as sniper sergeant.

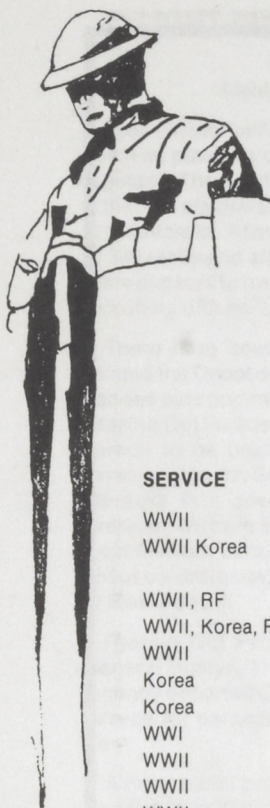
When he was struck of strength, he became the brigade topographer. A skilled field artist he was responsible for drawings to assist the planners for the battle of Vimy Ridge. (Many of his drawings are in the Regimental Archives.)

Walter Draycott was a true Edwardian gentleman, a leader in his community, historian, scholar, and a pen and ink artist of note. His unpublished book "Pawn No 883" is also in the Archives. The book depicts his personal experiences and views of the Regiment and the Canadian Expeditionary Force during WWI. (The book is a jewel.)

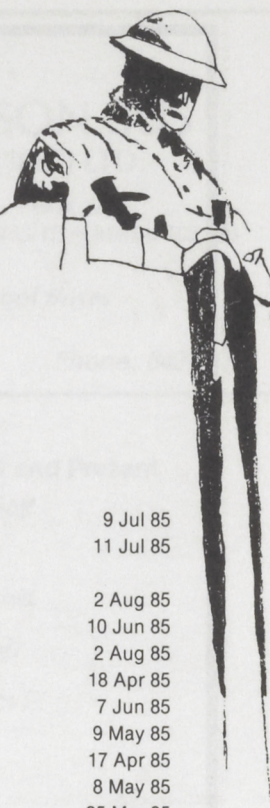
Walter Draycott was a founding member of the Vancouver Branch of the PPCLI Association and one who keenly followed the fortunes of his Regiment.

After WWI, in a true pioneering spirit, he settled in Lynn Valley, built his own house and cleared the lot out of the dense coast forest. He served on the School Board, the Township Council, was a Council Trustee into the 80's, established the first Boy Scouts in North Vancouver and from 1919 to 1928 explored and sketched much of the North Shore's mountains and highland valleys. He was active in debating, studied nature and geology, formed various clubs to broaden the community interest, and his love of genealogy allowed him to trace his ancestry back to the eleventh century.

The funeral service held at St. Clement Anglican Church, Lynn Valley was attended in strength by Vancouver area Patricias and two buglers from 3 PPCLI.



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WWII, Korea DEMERAI, Andrew James Winnipeg, Man. 23 Jan 85
Korea DERKSEN, Harold D. Calgary, Alta. 8 Jan 85
DERKSEN, Dave Calgary, Alta. 10 Nov 85
*WWI DRAYCOTT, Walter Vancouver, B.C. 22 Oct 85
RF ELLIOTT, William R. Victoria, B.C. 17 May 85
Korea, RF ENTWISTLE, Mert Ottawa, Ont. 25 Nov 85
WWII, Korea FENSOM, Donald Calgary, Alta. 2 Jan 85
RF GARRIOCH, Michael J. Oakville, Ont. 26 Dec 85
RF GRAHAM, Robert J. Edmonton, Alta. 23 Oct 85
WWII HARPER Winnipeg, Man. 12 Dec 85
RF KESTELOUT, Jules Winnipeg, Man. 1 Dec 84
WWI KIRBY, E. Ottawa, Ont. Dec 85
WWII KNOWLES, Joseph M. Carman, N.B. 30 Aug 85
WWII KULEZA, Anthony Winnipeg, Man. 25 Jul 85
RF KVM, David Nicholas 2 PPCLI 9 May 85
WWII LAIRD, G.
RF MacDOUGALL, Ian A. Beausejour, Man. 17 Jun 85
RF MacLEAN, Cyril D. Ponoka, Alta. 14 Sep 85
WWII MATHESON, Donald Winnipeg, Man. 24 Feb 85
Korea McCORMICK, John B. Winnipeg, Man. 26 Jul 85
WWI McKENZIE, William M. Solwana, Cal. 20 Dec 84
WWII McNAB, Marcel D. Winnipeg, Man. 20 Nov 85
WWII MILLER, James W. Winnipeg, Man. 21 Nov 84
WWII MITCHELL, M.O. Winnipeg, Man. 18 Sep 85
WWII MOREAU, George Winnipeg, Man. Dec 85
WWI MORRISON, Valentine H. Lynn Valley, B.C. 29 Dec 84
WWII, Korea MURDOCK, Jack L. Cranbrook, B.C. 3 Nov 84
MYCHAN, H.S.
WWII, Korea MYHRE, W.F. Edmonton, Alta. 21 Jul 85
WWII MICHOL, John Burnaby, B.C. 19 Nov 84
WWII PALMQUIST, Stanley Winnipeg, Man. 5 Jun 85
Korea, RF PAQUETTE, Raymond G. Aylmer, P.Q.
WWII PARR, John E. Vancouver, B.C. Oct 84
WWII PATON, Robert M. Ingersoll, Ont. 28 Aug 84

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RF PAULSON, Daniel Hugh Turnor Lake, Sask. 8 Apr 85
WWII PEEL, Bryan Comox, B.C.
WWII PISNOOK, William Dauphin, Man. 15 Oct 85
Korea, RF POIRIER, Yves (George) Edmonton, Alta. 12 Aug 85
Korea, RF POTTS, Arthur Edmonton, Alta. 9 Apr 85
Korea, RF PREST, Richard Vancouver, B.C. 25 Jan 85
WWI PRUDEN, Robert Winnipeg, Man. 4 Jul 84
RF QUICK, Norman Bon Accord, Alta.
WWII QUINN, Auther Roland Winnipeg, Man. 14 Dec 85
Korea, RF REYNOLD, Ken Nanaimo, B.C. 31 Mar 85
Korea SALES, Lorne Calgary, Alta. 26 Jun 85
WWII SEQUOIN, Frank Toronto, Ont. 6 May 85
WWII SHERBY, Joseph V. Winnipeg, Man. 13 Jul 85
SHERMAN, Jerry Calgary, Alta. 16 Jan 85
WWII SHERIDAN, Warran E. Thunder Bay, Ont. 3 Nov 84
Korea SIMPSON, William Cobourg, Ont.
WWII SIMS, Earl George Winnipeg, Man. 8 Nov 85
WWII STEELE, William The Pas, Man. 22 Apr 85
Korea STURK, Loring D. Kentville, N.S. 15 Apr 85
RF TIGHE, Patrick Henry Bahamas 1 Mar 85
WWII TOMSIC, Michael A. Burnaby, B.C. 3 Dec 84
Korea TRAVIS, Bert The Pas, Man. 20 Nov 84
WWII, RF VOKES, Chris (MGen) Oakville, Ont. Mar 85
WWII WALKER, Hibbert (Bert) Winnipeg, Man. 29 Jul 85
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