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# COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



### THE COUNTESS MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA, CD, JP, DL

During 1986 I was able to visit my Patricias on both sides of the Atlantic again, which makes you all seem much nearer!

In July I visited Third Battalion in Victoria and felt very proud to see them performing a beautiful Sunset Ceremony in the setting of EXPO 86 in Vancouver which the public much appreciated.

The next month my husband and I joined the Second Battalion in Germany to spend two days with them on manoeuvres in Hohenfels. This was the first time I had really been able to do this during my twelve years as Colonel-in-Chief and I enjoyed the experience greatly, so did my husband, who was reminded of his own wartime service days as a Captain in the Coldstream Guards. We found being able to drive APCs for considerable periods over quite rough terrain at times, to be a very exhilarating experience!

It is very good to be able to join my Patricias in so many varied activities and to see you all "on the job" in so many different ways. I send my warmest wishes to all of you and your families.

*Mountbatten of Burma*



# COLONEL-OF-THE-REGIMENT

## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



**COLONEL W.B.S. SUTHERLAND, CD**

I am so very grateful to have been your Colonel these past four years. They have been very happy years for Helen and me. The Regiment has been our home for the greater part of our lives and, thus, it was with great joy that we agreed to serve again when called upon to do so. It all seems so short a time ago. Now, sadly for us, the time has come when we must bid you adieu. We do so with memories of a thousand happy occasions and secure in the realization that while we are stepping down we will always be family. A most happy and sustaining thought for us.

One is normally expected to say something profound on leaving an honorific post. By your leave, however, I would ask that you permit me to leave with you one or two impressions I take away with me concerning the Regiment.

I am firmly of the opinion that the Regiment has never been stronger than it is today. I am convinced that it will continue to enjoy a secure and honored place in the life of our country. Great challenges, much uncertainty and equally great opportunities lie not far into the future. The Regiment has ever been equal to these in the past, and our guarantee that it will continue to be so is manifest in the potential and opportunity when the proper moment arrives; that has always been characteristic of Patricias. I am certain, on the basis of everything I have seen and know of you, that the Regiment will not be found wanting when duty calls.

The second of the impressions I would leave with you gives me much personal satisfaction. Increasingly over time the Regiment has come to regard itself as a family. By doing so it has become greater than the sum of its parts. It is no longer this battalion or that branch. It gives every evidence of being a community of mutual interest and affection. Perhaps because the Regiment has come to represent an ideal in our lives the notion of community has become central to our personal value systems as well. When members of a regimental family come to regard themselves primarily as a community there can be little room left for unproductive rivalry, jealousies and alienation.

The last of my impressions concerns what I consider to be the enormous importance to we Patricias of the values and traditions left us from the past. These are the personal legacies of our first Colonel-in-Chief, our Founder, A. Hamilton Gault, and the "originals." A Regiment's public persona is what those serving would have others see or think of it — but it is also what those in the Regiment's past will have made of it. Service in the interest of our Country and the cause of freedom; being always leaders in our profession; and doing our best always no matter what the likely cost or how great the odds — these are the notions passed on from the past that have inspired successive generations of Patricias and always will.

There are other things I would say and probably should. Perhaps when Helen and I do our final round of visits there will be time to do so. One thing, however, simply cannot go unsaid. We have been treated very well indeed and given every possible support and courtesy during our time with you. We could not possibly, were we given a hundred years in which to do it, begin to acknowledge or repay the thousand debts of kindness we owe. I can only tell you that it has touched us deeply and shall remain in our hearts always.

*W.B.S. Sutherland*



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## **SENIOR SERVING PATRICIA**

### **LIEUTENANT-GENERAL A.J.G.D. de CHASTELAIN, CMM, CD**



Lieutenant-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 Brigade Major, 1 Combat Group in Calgary.

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

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

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

He then moved back to West Germany to assume command of the 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group on 1 July 1980.

In July 1982, he was posted to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa as Director General Land Doctrine and Operations.

Promoted Major-General 1 June 1983, he moved to St. Hubert, Quebec where he became the Deputy Commander of Mobile Command. In July 1986, he was promoted to his current rank and assumed the appointment of Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) at National Defence Headquarters.

## **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 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). 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 2nd Battalion PPCLI 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 GSO2 Trg to Headquarters 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Germany. In 1968 Brigadier-General Stewart rejoined the 2nd 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 2nd Battalion PPCLI 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.

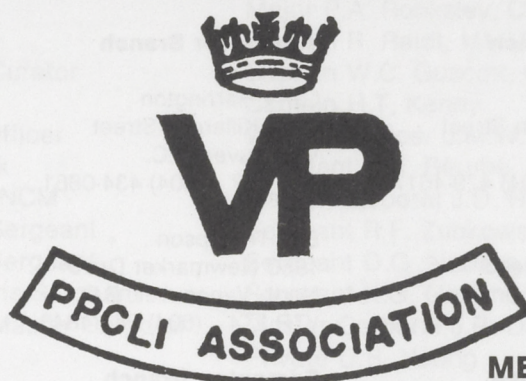
During his tour in Calgary, LCol Almstrom attended CLFCSC in Kingston and on promotion to Major in 1978 attended CFCSC Toronto. Upon graduation from staff college in 1979, he returned to Calgary as a Company Commander until 1981.

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.



# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT PPCLI ASSOCIATION**

Only two years remain until 1989 and the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Regiment. I feel it appropriate therefore, that my message this year address the Anniversary and the significance of the event to our "Regimental Family."

We in the Association believe that our Regimental family is comprised of a serving and a retired component. The latter is represented for the most part by members of the PPCLI Association. Regretably, however, there are a great many retired individuals who have not retained any links with the Regiment. It is the very strong belief of the Association that in many respects the events planned throughout 1989 should be aimed at re-establishing contact with these individuals in the hopes that our Association numbers might be bolstered and family ties strengthened.

In the eyes of some, a 75th Anniversary is not particularly significant. They would have us believe that we should save our money and energies for a really big show in our centennial year 2014. What these individuals fail to grasp is the significance of the unique opportunity presented to us in 1989.

1989 is in all likelihood the last opportunity that we will have to gather together in one place, representatives from every generation of the Regimental Family. We are fortunate that there is still a number of WW I veterans who are sufficiently active to join in our celebration. With the passage of time the possibility of meeting with those who developed the heritage that we are tasked to uphold becomes more remote. By the year 2014 there are likely to be few surviving veterans of the Korean War, let alone those of earlier service. It behooves us all to become acquainted with our "lost cousins" and to nurture our common bonds before it is too late.

During the weekend 10-13 August, 1989 the Association will, in conjunction with the First Battalion, host a National Reunion in Calgary. The intent is to bring together as many individuals as possible who have ever worn a PPCLI hatbadge. At the cornerstone of the celebrations will be the opening of the new Museum facility. Additional activities that will take place during the weekend include a Regimental Trooping, an All Ranks Dinner and Dance, an Association Dinner, a Military Display and a Memorial Service.

The one ingredient necessary to make all of these activities and projects a success is the active participation of every Patricia. We in the Association reaffirm our commitment to the Regiment, and look forward to working with you the serving members to bring about those events that will allow us all to celebrate the 75th Anniversary in a manner befitting our splendid heritage, and in the true spirit of "family" of which our Founder was so proud.

R.M. Middleton  
President  
PPCLI Association



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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; liaison between Regimental soldiers, units, branches of the Association; protocol; funerals; visits, and a variety of other tasks assigned by, or on behalf of the Regimental Council (ie. Fund Raising).

## REGIMENTAL AFFAIRS

### REGIMENTAL GRATUITIES

Individuals who contribute annually in accordance with the current scale of Regimental Contributions are provided at no charge:

- a. an annual copy of the Patrician;
- b. his sash on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and
- c. a Regimental Retirement Gift —
  - (1) for all Patricians on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service. (Units to action)
  - (2) for all Patricians on honourable retirement, remuster or release from and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service his choice of a 4½" pewter statuette of a "Modern Day PPCLI Soldier," "PPCLI Drummer Boy", or "WW I Soldier," suitably engraved, and a Regimental Certificate of Service, (RHQ to action), and
  - (3) for all Patricians on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service a 6½" pewter figurine of a WW I Soldier mounted on a Walnut base, suitably engraved, and a Certificate of Service. (RHQ to action)

Paid up members are eligible for Regimental Achievement Awards for individual accomplishments within those categories described in Chapter 7 of the Regimental Manual (AL 1/84).

Units of the Regiment process and action sub-paragraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action sub-paragraphs c(2) and c(3) it is imperative that units and Regimental Representatives advise RHQ of Patricians retiring or remustering and provide the individual's particulars: ie., Name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement / release / remuster date, and address on retirement / release / remuster.

## WINNERS OF 1986 COMPETITIONS

### THE HAMILTON GAULT TROPHY

1 PPCLI (Fourth successive occasion)

### THE HAMILTON GAULT SKILL AT ARMS TROPHY

A Coy 1 PPCLI (Third successive occasion)

### THE LOUIS SCOTT "COCK 'O' THE WALK" TROPHY

PPCLI Battle School — LCol P.D. Montgomery, CD  
 CWO M.A. Hamilton, CD



# HONOURS AND AWARDS 1986



## ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT

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 Captain R. Raidt, MMM, CD  
 Chief Warrant Officer J.M. Clarke, MMM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer L.J. Connell, MMM, CD  
 Master Warrant Officer B.W. Lloyd, MMM, CD  
 Sergeant T.G. Dodd, MMM, CD



## MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS

Lieutenant-Colonel D.S. Ethell, OMM, MSC, CD

## CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF COMMENDATION

Private D.A. Berenson



## REGIMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Master Warrant Officer B.A. Veysey — 1 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal J.W. Campbell — 1 PPCLI  
 Corporal G.W. Baillargeon — 2 PPCLI  
 Private B.D. Tompkins — 2 PPCLI  
 Warrant Officer D.C. Haines — 3 PPCLI  
 Sergeant H.R. McEachern — 3 PPCLI  
 Sergeant G.F. Trelnuk — 3 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal B.G. Ferguson — 3 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal D.M. Whaley — 3 PPCLI  
 Private M.D. House — 3 PPCLI  
 Private G.P. Key — 3 PPCLI  
 Sergeant R.L. Millman — PPCLI Battle School

1985 (Omitted in the 1985 Patrician)  
 Sergeant J.L. Portelance — 1 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal P.L. Bonneville — 1 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal G.B. Farrow — 2 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal G.A. Kerr — 3 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal H.P. Miller — 3 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal M.P. Whelan — 3 PPCLI  
 Master Corporal R.A. Murphy — 2 Cdo



# PROMOTIONS 1986

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A.J.G.D. de Chastelain

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## LIEUTENANT-COLONEL

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W.A. Dehnke

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R.L. Schutte

C.P. Hofman

E.F. Parker  
W.D. Turner

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M.K. Fawcett  
E.A.T. Giraldeau  
D.G. Hirter  
C.A. Jamieson

F. Karbowiak  
C.R. King  
N.Q.J. Martyn  
R.D. Parent  
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L.L. Schultz

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J.A. Woodley  
B.A. Veysey

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D.E. McCully  
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R. Carr  
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# "I HAVE SEEN HAMMIE GAULT"

by Commodore W.P. Hayes (Ret'd)



There are two Karsh portraits in the small upper hallway of my home on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. One is that indomitable Canadian, Brigadier Andrew Hamilton Gault, known to all as "Hammie." The other is of his elegant and talented English wife, Dorothy Blanche, known to her friends as DB. They gave me these pictures of themselves at the end of World War II and they continually remind me of one of the happiest associations of my life, one that covered nearly 20 years. But I don't really need them as reminders, as my memories of Hammie and DB are always fresh, even though he died in 1958 and she some years later.

I have been asked to write some anecdotes, as remembered by a young Canadian sailor, of the founder of one of Canada's most distinguished regiments, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry which he raised and equipped at the beginning of the First World War with his own funds. There can be few now serving in the Princess Pat's who had the luck to meet Hammie, so, if I can in a small way bring to life some part of his personality, I will have achieved my aim. It is for me a rare privilege to write about Hammie — and, in doing so, to write about DB, for I can't think of one without the other.

I will not write about his legendary feats in battle in World War I, because those are part of the Regimental history and, of course, because I was not there. I first met Hammie and DB at their estate, Hatch Court in Somerset, just before Christmas, 1939. At the time, I was a 19-year-old Royal Canadian Naval Cadet from the Royal Military College, commencing my training with the Royal Navy. My home town was Swift Current, Saskatchewan, and I had not travelled much. Naturally, I was impressed with Hatch Court, and might easily have been overwhelmed by it had it not been for the warm personalities and easy charm of my host and hostess. At that

time, Hammie was 57.

In the winter of 1939, Hatch Court was fully staffed — butler, valet, footman, chauffeur and several maids. Naturally, we dressed for dinner. There hadn't been many butlers in Swift Current, so all this took a bit of getting used to. I could not have imagined that this would become my home away from home in England — or that, one day, Hammie and DB would become visitors to my house, or houses, in Canada. Indeed, on occasion, Hammie had cleaned and cooked a fish for me and thought nothing of washing the dishes. Also, he became my oldest son's godfather. But these things were still long in the future at the time I speak of; then, in wartime, as the staff gradually left to join the armed forces or otherwise to apply themselves to the war effort, we still solemnly dressed for dinner — and served ourselves, and carried out the dishes.

I have been asked why Hammie Gault took an interest in me, a Naval Officer, and I think the answer is that he took an interest in just about everybody and everything. But, particularly, he seemed to have an affinity for young people. In addition, he had a number of friends who were ex-cadets from the Royal Military College, which he thought very highly of, and he never seemed to tire of asking me about it. He also had that rare quality of making whoever he was talking to feel they were the most important and interesting person in the room.

Everything about Hammie was on the grand scale. He refused to have any limitation imposed on him by the loss of a leg. He rode to hounds and, with DB, flew a light plane, a Gypsy Moth, the two of them among the earliest private licensed pilots in England. He was also a champion on the squash courts. Men would have followed him anywhere — and I suspect women would have, too.



In addition to many other accomplishments, Hammie was a brilliant extemporaneous speaker. He had been, of course, for many years the very popular Member of Parliament for Taunton, from which it would follow that he could make a well-polished and powerful political speech. But I heard him once deliver a toast to the bride when one of his nieces was married; it was, no doubt, the wittiest I have heard.

Other than my wife, I think DB was the most attractive woman I have met. She was an aristocrat, small and slight, with iron hands clothed in velvet. She could handle horses, and people, with the greatest ease, and she rode her favorite hunter, Butterfly, as she drove her large, gate-shift Bentley — with great skill, and very fast. I couldn't handle either, and one day Butterfly, a huge and mean beast, left me hanging from an oak tree.

I don't think Hammie ever did anything in an ordinary way if it could be done with style. Although he had a Rolls-Royce, he seemed to prefer to drive about the Somerset lanes in his dog-cart drawn by a fat, little pony. It was on one of these outings that we stopped somewhere for refreshment and I casually admired his handsome pigskin wallet, which he had designed to hold the old English five-pound note. A few months later, when I had returned to my ship, a similar wallet arrived with my initials on it.

Among his many activities, Hammie had become a successful big-game hunter between the wars and his many trophies (animal heads) were mounted and displayed in what was called the Orangery, in one of the curved wings of the house. With this in mind, some years later when I was visiting Hammie in Canada, I told him with some pride that I had been shooting the Greater Snow Goose at Cape Tormente. This great warrior looked at me sadly and said, "Yes, Bill, when I was your age, I enjoyed shooting, but now I have no desire to kill anything." I confess that I am beginning to share his feelings and I don't know whether it is just old age or some wisdom or understanding that comes with it.

In the postwar years, Hammie renewed his interest in his large estate at St. Hilaire in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. This is a spread of 2,285 acres and includes a mountain with

a lake near the top of it. He kept a small sailing dinghy there and I have often sailed and gone swimming with him. He had a great sense of humor. He called his artificial leg Horace, and when he went in swimming, would leave Horace standing at attention as a sentinel. One weekend, my wife and I were visiting with our four-year-old daughter, Jane. Hammie and I were just coming out of the lake from a swim when Jane came towards us. Hammie was in high spirits and, in a sense of fun, waved Horace towards her. But it was too much for the child and she took off at high speed, terrified. Poor Hammie was even more upset and, indeed, dejected. It took several hours to reach a happy reconciliation.

The last time Hammie and DB were coming to visit us in Ottawa, in the spring of 1958, fate intervened. They were to come to us from St. Hilaire for the weekend and we had arranged a small prank, of a kind I thought they would enjoy. Our close friends and neighbors were Captain (N) J.C. (Scruffy) O'Brien (later Admiral) and his wife Stephanie. (I was a Commander at the time.) Scruffy owned a long, black Cadillac and offered to provide it — and himself as a chauffeur. Stephanie offered to act as maid. Both would be suitably dressed. We all had great fun working out the details for a planned dinner party, but it was not to be. Just before Hammie and DB departed, the forest on one side of Mont St. Hilaire caught fire and was not fully under control for several days. Soon after, I was appointed to the United States Naval War College in Rhode Island and, while I was there, Hammie died in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. He left St. Hilaire to McGill University.

I look back at Hammie and I see a brave and gallant soldier, a powerful and compassionate leader of men, and a most thoughtful and generous gentleman. Always a gentleman. My conclusion here, I can take from Hammie Gault himself, from the words of a letter he wrote to the widow of Colonel Herbert Molson on the Colonel's death in 1938: "To us all, he ever stood — sans peur, sans reproche — for everything that was fine, and great, and true — the very best that Canada produces." The passage could describe Hammie himself. I feel the spirit of Andrew Hamilton (Hammie) Gault pervades the regiment yet. Long may it be so.





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## FIRST BATTALION

# 1986 — A YEAR TO REMEMBER

by Major M.G. McKeown

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It is a widely held belief that peace time soldiering must be a boring and thoroughly enervating life. 1 PPCLI begs to differ and all ranks looking back on 1986 find themselves wondering how so much activity would have been compressed into one short year.

### ALPHA COMPANY

1986 saw Alpha Company impress its mark on all battalion activities. January saw EX NORDIC STRIKE in a typically balmy Wainwright winter. Ten days of vigorous training brought the company back to Calgary ready for a round of sports, courses and administration prior to WAINCON 86. The company Broom-i-loo and Floor Hockey teams won their respective league trophies while, in the military sphere, the company was again awarded the Hamilton Gault Skill-At-Arms Trophy for being the most proficient company in the regiment in the handling of small arms.



**Has anyone seen my combat team?  
OC A Coy surveys his command.**

WAINCON 86 gave the company a chance to demonstrate its mettle, particularly during the Combat Team live fire exercises. Here the Company had an opportunity to "hug the supporting fire" in a fashion that would have won nods of approval from our World War I forebears.



**Sgt Crone and Pte Christie uphold A Company's reputation for small arms mastery.**



**"Does this count for my 2x10?"**



Our return to Calgary brought the Trooping then summer leave which the company "volunteered" to spend in Wainwright with A Sqn of the Strathconas supporting the Militia Combat Team Commanders' course. Initially the candidates were overwhelmed by the size and complexity of a Combat Team and several amusing moments were enjoyed by all. Overall, the company participated in some excellent mechanized training and the course smoker revealed the high regard in which we were held by the candidates.

In August, Alpha Company honed its patrolling skills during a two week Patrol School. We enjoyed the pleasure of humping 100-pound rucks over the rugged terrain of the Rocky Mountain House area, dining on cold IMPs, operating in darkness and fending off mosquitoes large enough to carry away small Warrant Officers. (By the way, Warrant Thibeau was rescued!) The final company fighting patrol was a classic example of solid preparation and rehearsal coupled with timely execution. The enemy force occupying the Ram River Bridge was completely surprised and suppressed by a murderous blanket of covering fire from the support group which enabled the assault group to capture the objective and prepare it for demolition. As we withdrew, sounds and smoke from the smoldering bridge gave all involved a deep sense of satisfaction



**Even "A" Company relaxes occasionally.**

Fall was highlighted by our defensive exercise. Although training was limited to the Sarcee Training Area, the exercise confirmed the Company's ability to prepare a defensive position and execute defensive routine. The exercise will be remembered for the soggy patrols, the spartan NBC Decontamination centre and, of course, the Brigade Commander's visit where it was noted that he was not fond of wheelbarrows or wine cellars.

The fall was also noteworthy athletically. Our rifle and pistol teams, under the expert guidance of Sgt Riches, confirmed that Alpha Company is the best in the regiment. The floor hockey team also pocketed a battalion championship. Our French Grey Cup tradition of victory continued with 2Lt Robitaille selected as the Offensive Player of the game, WO Thibeau chosen as the Most Valuable Player, and a tipsy Pte MacPhail named the Parade Queen.



**Another French Grey Cup Victory — The OC buys.**

Alpha Company then headed to the Ghost River area to conduct its winter indoctrination. The training was highlighted by 2Lt Robitaille's lesson on the limitations of Grizzly mobility and MCpls Gibson and Primmer's bear exploits as scouts on the final fighting patrol.

The year ended with an enjoyable Christmas Party as Alpha Company finally relaxed and reflected upon the past year's activities.

## **BRAVO COMPANY**

1986 began not with the New Year's Ball but with a "Bug Out" for Ex NORDIC STRIKE at zero dark-thirty on a Monday morning. When the last elements of Bravo Company arrived on the battle position we found ourselves required to defend ourselves with three platoons of four trenches each plus odds and sods from Company Headquarters. Additionally, each platoon had its own counter-attack force consisting of platoon commander, signaller and the merciless platoon warrant. Nevertheless, with such gallantry did we fight that the hapless enemy was defeated and put to route in only ten days.



**"Reach out and touch someone" — OC B Major R. Romses.**

Following Ex NORDIC STRIKE and the subsequent OEI, Bravo Company shipped off its soldiers to attend the standard variety of courses. The majority of NCMs and Officers ran the MG course, during which no less than forty grid squares were successfully set alight by renegade .50 calibre tracer rounds.





**B Coy's Advanced Duck Hunting Course.**



**"Let's go! Only another 39 Grid Squares to go!"**

In May, the Killer Bees, invigorated by an influx of new arrivals from the Battle School, set off for WAINCON 86 and four weeks training including a Combat Team Live Firing Attack and Battalion and Brigade FTXs where we tested our skills in carrying out assault river crossings.



**"You mean the enemy is over there?"**

Our return brought preparation for the Trooping of the Colour Parade. In spite of temporarily losing the two "Smurf" guards to the aircraft search operation in Kananaskis, the Battalion showed up in full strength on 27 June. At this time we also welcomed our new OC — Maj R.L. Schutte — and 2IC — British Exchange Officer, Capt J.D.A. Ramsbotham. The Company then set out to give the Rodeo Spectators at the Calgary Stampede heart-attacks when they conducted a Feu-de-Joie on Armed Forces Day.



**A break during Op SAR WOLFE.**

Following leave and the annual series of cross-postings, we entered a month of patrol training followed by a month of intensive training in defensive operations during one of the wettest Septembers on record. October and November were taken up with the second yearly PCF cycle in which Bravo Company was tasked to run the AVGP Driver Course. Finally, came preparation for Ex RAPIER THRUST 87.

1986 will be remembered as a year of innovative training that tested the skill and professionalism that continues to be the hallmark of the Busy Bees.

**Bee all you can Bee**



## CHARLIE COMPANY

1986 was a very busy year for all beginning with Ex NOR-DIC STRIKE conducted in Wainwright during the last two weeks of January. It was during this exercise that a new "Hairpin Design" trench was tested by members of the company. Explosive digging, augers and shaped corrugated iron were the order of the day. Luckily, the weather was bearable and all went well.

The spring PCF cycle found the company doubly tasked, with two AVGP serials. Lt Oliphant and Lt Taschereau ensured that all the candidates received the maximum amount of time behind the wheel. The weather co-operated and even in the badlands of Wainwright, sunglasses were SOP during tactical driving.



**"I hope I brought my swimming trunks."  
A "C" Coy Grizzley prepares to swim.**

After the PCF courses, the company worked on section and platoon battle drills for WAINCON. The first few days were spent in polishing platoon and company SOPs. Charlie Company was also responsible for conducting live fire stands. All the companies that rotated through the ranges agreed that the training was realistic, intense and valuable. The grenade assault range and the platoon dismounted live fire range effectively tested and challenged even the most experienced platoon and section commander.



**"What is it?"**



**"I dunno, but let's kill it anyway."**

After WAINCON, soldiers were just getting adjusted to the June heat on the parade square preparing the Battalion Trooping when they found themselves searching for a downed aircraft in Kananaskis country. From the spit and polish of parade uniforms, two 100-man guards donned their combats to help in the search. Long days of uphill climbs and downhill trudges in extended line proved to be instrumental in locating the downed aircraft. After only a weekend of R-and-R the two guards were back on the parade square. In spite of the unscheduled interruption, the trooping was a major success.



**Trooping The Colour — 1st Bn Style.**

Following block leave, the company conducted refresher defensive training in Sarcee and prepared for Ex YUKON WARRIOR, a two-week sovereignty exercise conducted in the Yukon. YUKON WARRIOR required extensive preparation and planning, and Charlie Company honed its skills in canoe and assault boats on the rivers and lakes around Calgary.

The trip to Ross River required two C-130 chucks, the Air Force providing its usual service. As for the exercise itself, the plan was simple; canoe down the Pelly River, a main artery of the Yukon River, and halt along the way for the occasional patrol and the testing of fishing equipment. The CSM seemed to have the most luck and, in combination with other lucky fishermen, there was always enough fresh pike and Greyling to fill all frying pans.



## COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY



**Just another hard day's work for WO Sirois.**



**Single file (?) down the Pelly River in the Yukon.**

Although the rapids were few and far between, the long days of canoeing and patrolling were challenging enough. The wildlife, landscape, people and customs of the Yukon were a welcome break. The exercise offered each man a valuable and enjoyable experience to be treasured forever.



**Sgt Mansbridge and his new platoon —  
C Coy shows the flag in Fernie, B.C.**

With the approaching winter, the company began its annual winter indoctrination in Sarcee. Tent routine, shelter construction and patrolling were all faithfully drilled into each soldier.

The Men's Christmas dinner marked the passing of another year on a high note and, as usual, the company had lived up to its tradition of pride and professionalism.

Picking the high points of this challenging and satisfying year is no easy task. Particularly so since each of the support weapons platoons has had a different perspective on the battalion's many activities.

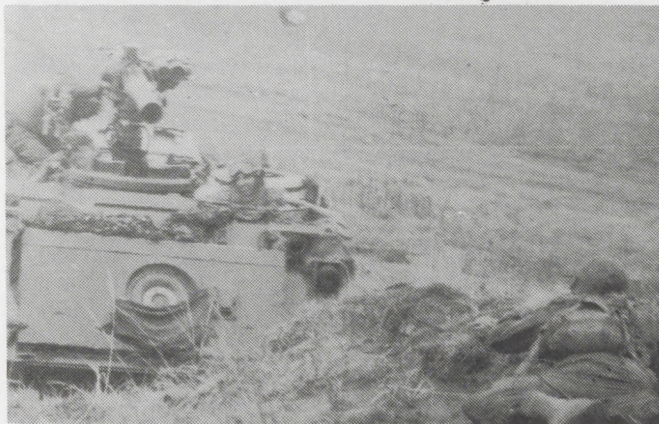
Ex NORDIC STRIKE saw moments of high excitement and bone numbing weariness. For Armour Defence Platoon, one such moment came during the battle group withdrawal when poor old 55A gave up the ghost right in the path of advancing enemy. Hasty destruction techniques were hurriedly brought into play as 55A's stalwart crew prepared to "abandon ship" and lose themselves in Wainwright's frigid wastelands. For Mortar Platoon, the high point was the illumination shoot in support of the battle group defence. Niner said, "Let there be light," and there was. But Pioneer Platoon has the most indelible memories of this exercise as throughout the battle group area, their expertise along with substantial quantities of C4 explosive, served to ease the unremitting effort required to dig in in frozen soil.



**"Maybe I can scare him with my bayonet."**



**MCpl Vear briefs a tank hunting team.**



**Tank hunting 1 PPCLI style.**



The return to Calgary saw no let up. Despite a financial freeze, funds were found to send a reduced Mortar Platoon to Shilo for Ex LIMBER GUNNER. Newcomers to Shilo and the artillery were impressed by the effect of mortar and medium artillery fire and 18" of overhead cover became nowhere near as reassuring as previously. Ex LIMBER GUNNER also served to enhance the platoon's standing with the artillery as the MFC's had the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to adjust fire and meet near impossible timings.



**Not a pin-up in sight. Callsign 0 on a quiet day.**

Meanwhile, the remaining platoons settled down to the spring course cycle. Combat Support Company instructors and students alike put in many hard hours and experienced a wide variety of rewards including, for the TOW Course, the opportunity to expend \$15,000 of ammunition in 30 seconds or less. Even WO "That doesn't count, does it?" Vardy was allocated his missile and given the opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of a technical education.



**"Hell no. I thought I was joining the army."  
Pioneer expertise gets another 1/4-ton across the obstacle.**

WAINCON 86 was notable, for very early/late winter and the amount of time the unit spent studying the aquatic life forms of Wainwright's rivers, lakes and swamps. Naturally our very own obstacle conquerors were in the thick of things. Pioneers' expertise served to get the battalion across the final obstacle quickly and if not dry, at least not too wet. Armour Defence Platoon used the same assault crossing exercise to demonstrate an uncharacteristic willingness to forsake their beloved missile carriers. Their trek across the Battle River with Bravo Company will be remembered by most tank hunters for years to come.



**A pioneer prepares charges for the live fire battle simulation.**



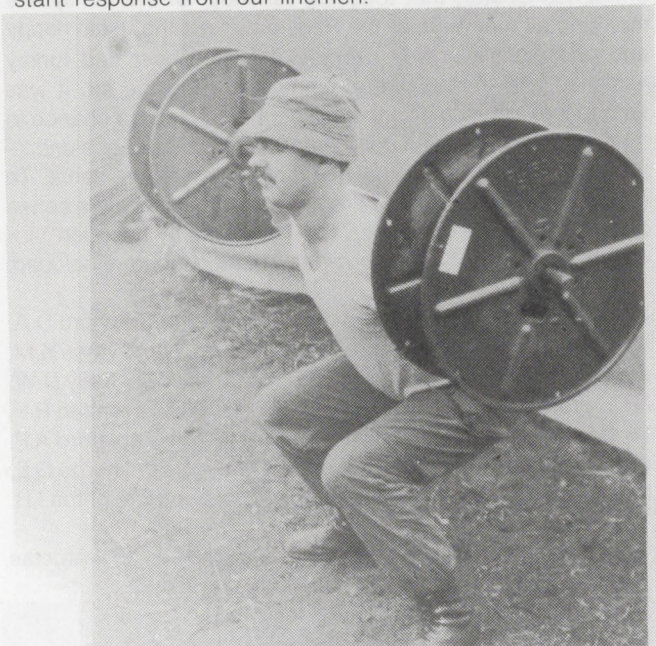
**"Are you sure this is where Niner wants the fence?"**



**Young man on the way up. Pnr Platoon inflates itself.**



Signals Platoon's contribution to the exercise remained, in general, unsung. Nevertheless, it was Line Dets' proud boast that the line to the JRC never went down without an instant response from our linemen.



**Sigs Platoon's exercises.**

After Trooping, an event particularly enjoyed by Pioneer Platoon, whose gigantic VP dominated the parade square, came leave and summer taskings. As usual the specialists of Combat Support Company were in demand far and wide. Nevertheless sufficient "old salts" remained to ensure that the unit Mountain School ran smoothly with the student body going up or downhill in the approved fashion.

September brought the customary run of refresher training, courses, CPXs and bug-outs. The deployment carried out in October was highlighted by Reconnaissance Platoon's TCP jeeps racing to complete the circuit to the Release Point ahead of the battalion. To add interest to the event, elements of the platoon handicapped themselves by adding a few extra miles to the designated circuit.



**The Unknown Soldier.**

Fall also saw the resurrection of the Corps of Drums. Their rebirth in the guise of Armour Defense Platoon has permitted the platoon to demonstrate a versatility typical of any good Patricia. With luck, hard work and more than a little inspiration, the beloved "scarlets" should reappear on battalion parades in the new year.

As the festive season drew on, Combat Support Company and all its platoons could look back on a challenging and satisfying year and await with confidence the challenges of the year to come.

In addition to the usual spate of exercises, Administration Company provided critical support to myriad national tasks, and to battalion directed annual training. The schedule was continuous and demanding, permitting little breathing space between events.

Soldiers and technicians returned from Christmas leave to be immediately confronted with the unit Operational Equipment Inspection. Training resumed with deployment to Ex RAPIER THRUST 86. Upon return, the unit commenced the first of two Primary Combat Function course phases, with the attendant burden of logistical support.

WAINCON 86 followed close on the heels of the unit course period. This combined phase exercise depended heavily on the quality of Logistical support provided by the company.



**The sinews of war — the battalion TDM for WAINCON 86.**



**They also serve — kitchen duty in the unit kitchen.**



Summer included a special event, the Trooping, somewhat disrupted by the ground search for downed aircraft in the Kananaskis Country. Again the Ech pitched in to provide the essential support.

Summer block leave period was a misnomer for "Adm" Company. Elements were hived off in support of the Militia NRQS in Dundurn, the Mountain School and "C" Company's Arctic Sovereignty exercise.

The inevitable changes in senior appointments also occurred during the summer. Fresh blood included the OC, Maj M.J. Diakow, the 2IC, Capt H.J. Cruickshank, the Transport Officer, Capt S.M. Sawyer, and ex-Patricia Capt K.B. Lacey, as the Unit Medical Officer.

The pace was maintained with company support to exercise BRAVE LION in Norway during August-September, closely followed by an autumn Primary Combat Function course period. The field training portions of these courses were ably supported in Wainwright by Sgt Thorne as cook-supervisor and Sgt Hannah as the Quarter-master co-ordinator.

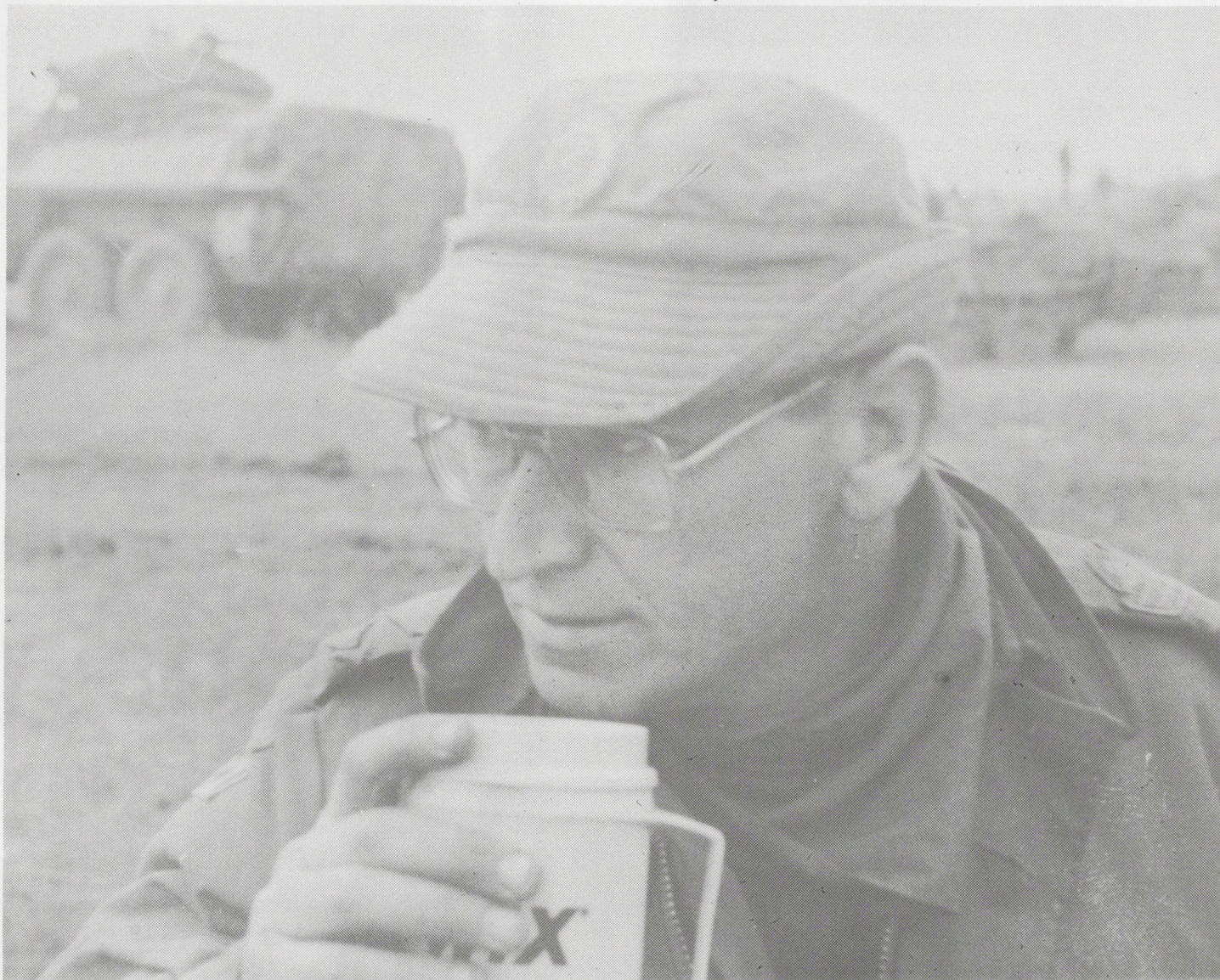
If 1986 in outline appears remarkable, be assured it is not. Such activity is strictly routine for the members of Administration Company to whom the impossible is merely a challenge.

## POSTSCRIPT

A busy year ended with the customary festive rituals. Christmas Dinner, that touching reminder of the family ties that bind all members of the Regiment, was the usual happy and occasionally rowdy event. But as the beer and turkey vanished and the sounds of Christmas filled the air, it was time to look back on a year well spent. It was also a chance to think on those who had gone before and those whose unstinting effort had created the Regiment in which we serve. To emphasize this point, the Commanding Officer made a series of presentations to Patricias and "Patricias by adoption" for whom 1986 was a very good year. Those honoured included:

Most Proficient Cpl/Pte (Infantry) .....	Pte Crawford D.A.
Most Proficient Cpl/Pte (Trades) .....	Cpl Symes K.M.
Most Proficient MCpl (Infantry) .....	MCpl Kelly D.W.
Most Proficient MCpl (Trades) .....	MCpl Brennan R.P.
Most Proficient Sgt (Infantry) .....	Sgt Stapleford A.P.
Most Proficient Sgt (Trades) .....	Sgt Thorne G.E.
Most Proficient Subaltern .....	Lt (now Capt) Creighton I.R.

Congratulations to them and best wishes to Patricias everywhere.



**The lull before the storm.**  
**MCpl Brennan (MA 711) awaits the start of a company live fire exercise.**



# HATCH COURT AND HAMILTON GAULT

by Major L.E. Grimshaw



**HATCH COURT**

It may be a surprise to many Patricias (and no less so to tourists) to find a small but significant part of Regimental history tucked away in "deepest Somerset" in the English West Country. "Hatch Court" has played a notable part in Regimental history and remains a monument to the Founder, Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault. It is a most intriguing place and well worth a visit by any itinerant Patricia travelling in Britain.

As with most things in Britain, the house and property have a long history. In Saxon times, the present village of Hatch Beauchamp (pronounced "bechum" — the Norman spelling remains, but pronunciation has been well 'Zomerzetted') was called "Hache," meaning a gateway, in this case to the ancient forest of Neroche which lay a short distance to the west. After the Norman Conquest the manor was held by the Beauchamp family, who added their name. They held many manors in Somerset and Dorset but Hache appears to have been their chief residence. A description of the ruin of their manor house, written in 1633, places it near the church, so it was probably also near the site of the present house.

In 1361 the male line of the Beauchamps died out and the manor of Hache passed by marriage to the Seymour family. Jane Seymour, third wife of Henry VIII, was their direct descendant, and her eldest brother was Edward Seymour, Viscount Beauchamp of Hache and later, Duke of Somerset, Lord Protector in the minority reign of his nephew, Edward VI.

By 1633 Hache Court was a ruin and in 1676, once more by marriage, the manor passed to the Bruce family, Earls of Ailesbury. By 1726, the farm and lands near the church were owned by John Collins, the manor lands having been sold away. The Collinses were a wealthy Ilminster family who had made their fortune in the wool trade, but John Collins began to establish a landed family and acquired Hache Court. A house worthy of his status was required and in 1755 he engaged as his architect, Thomas Prowse of Axbridge. Prowse was an attorney and Member of Parliament, but he was also a capable amateur architect who occasionally designed houses for his friends.

Although Prowse may have been an amateur, the house, Hatch Court, is far from amateurish. Hatch Court is not large

but stands out, both as a memorial to the West Country wool trade and as an illustration of the contribution of cultivated amateurs to Georgian architecture.

The Collins family, in turn, died out in the male line early in the Nineteenth Century and with few surviving records, the subsequent history of the place is uncertain. The house was occupied, either as owners or tenants, by a number of families during the Nineteenth Century and, although this caused some neglect, it no doubt precluded much Victorian remodelling, leaving the house in its present, largely original Georgian style.

While the last century failed to provide both a family story and the impress of a great personality, which usually distinguishes such houses, the Twentieth Century provided both.

In 1922, Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Hamilton Gault married Dorothy Blanche Shuckburgh, whose uncle, William Henry Lloyd, had owned and lived at Hatch Court from 1899 until his death in 1917. The Gaults lived at Hatch Court from 1923, bought it in 1931 and made it their home until 1944, when they moved to Montreal. After the Founder's death in 1958, Mrs. Dorothy Gault returned to Hatch Court where she resided until her death in 1972. The house then passed to her eldest niece, Mrs. Anne Nation, who with her husband Commander (Retd) Barry Nation, RN, has lived there ever since. Commander Nation is an Honorary Patricia and both he and Mrs. Nation are active members of the UK Branch of the Regimental Association.

The house itself, as indicated earlier, is a mid Eighteenth Century Palladian mansion in Bath stone. In its beautiful setting it illustrates Georgian elegance at its best. The main building has four square towers with pyramidal roofs and the south front has an arcaded piazza. Sometime between 1785 and 1829, curved wings were added, that on the left being the orangery, a Victorian term for a well-glassed room in which potted orange trees were customarily grown. Outside is a deer park containing a small herd of fallow deer, which has been on the estate since the house was built.





**Commander and Mrs. Nation at home in the Orangery.**

The most prominent feature of the interior is the central hall and staircase, cutting through the middle of the house through a screen of Ionic columns. The centrepiece of the furniture is an oak refectory table, nearly ten feet in length, with contemporary walnut side benches, dating from about 1630. On the right side of the hall is a painting of the Founder in the uniform of a Lieutenant Colonel, PPCLI, painted towards the end of the First World War by Glyn Philpott, and which is flanked by paintings of two of his horses, by Sir Alfred Munnings. On the opposite side, the central painting is of Mrs. Gault on "St. Hilaire," a horse named after their Canadian estate near Montreal. Other historic portraits of the Shuckburgh family grace the staircase.



**The Hall, featuring the 17th Century oak table with the portrait of Hamilton Gault by Philpot, flanked by paintings of his horses and racing trophies.**

On either side of the hall are the identically-proportioned dining room and drawing room, the former containing a magnificent presentation casket awarded to the Founder on his being made a Freeman of Taunton. The route through the drawing room, the library with its gracefully curved mahogany doors, through the orangery, leads to the china room and the museum. There are many who would appreciate the fine collection of antique china displayed in the unique semi-circular

china room, but most would be fascinated by some of the artifacts contained in the adjacent museum. Commander and Mrs. Nation established the museum in 1973 to house records, souvenirs and memorabilia not only of the Regimental history and the Founder's military life familiar to us, but also of his political life and his and his wife's love of flying. It is a unique tribute to two outstanding personalities.



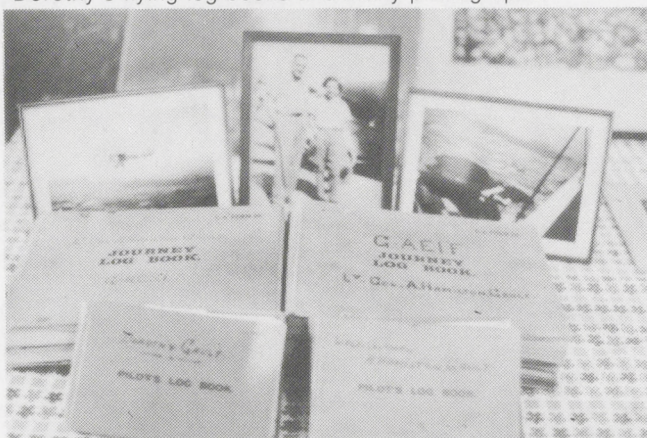
For many of us, who are aware of Hamilton Gault through his military reputation as Founder of PPCLI and Colonel of the Regiment for many years, and who continues to observe us sternly from his portraits, it is perhaps difficult to imagine Hammie Gault, the politician, on the hustings campaigning for votes. Hammie was a Member of Parliament for Taunton from 1924 to 1935 and the museum at Hatch Court contains a number of souvenirs from this period of his life. As a politician, he propounded free trade and Empire preference and by all accounts was a first rate constituency MP, well loved by his constituents. He resigned from Parliament when he was satisfied that he had achieved the political objectives he had set for himself.



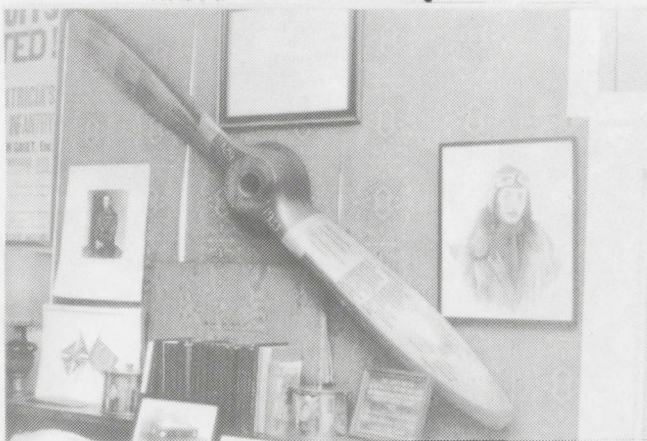
**The Hall:  
Portrait of Mrs. Gault on "St. Hilaire," by Munnings, with chairs used by the Gaults at the Coronation of HM the Queen in 1953.**



There was also Hamilton Gault the pioneer aviator. In fact, both Dorothy and Hammie, the latter complete with wooden leg, learned to fly shortly after the First World War. They owned and flew a variety of early aircraft including several "Moths" and a Vegas "Gull." As an MP, Hammie used his airplane as others used a car and would speak in the House of Commons during the day and appear in his constituency later that same evening, having flown himself from London to Hatch Court, a revolutionary activity in the mid-20s. The Gaults flew themselves all over Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Hammie usually piloting and Dorothy navigating, because although he probably would never have admitted it, she was the better navigator. We all know that on the outbreak of the Second World War, Hamilton Gault again offered his services to the Canadian Army and was accepted, but it is probably not widely known that he had first applied to join the RCAF as a fighter pilot, but had been rejected! The Hatch Court museum contains a number of interesting relics of the aviation side of their lives, including both Hammie's and Dorothy's flying log books and many photographs.



**The Museum:**  
Aviation souvenirs and log books.



**The Museum, showing aviation souvenirs and a drawing of Mrs. Gault as a pilot.**

Past the west facade of the house, the museum and the walled garden, a path leads to the mediaeval parish church of St. John the Baptist. The church is probably the oldest remaining building in the village, although it was remodelled in part about 1700 and again during the Nineteenth Century. It contains an impressive list of rectors beginning in 1322. As an interesting aside of military interest, the churchyard contains the grave of Colonel John Chard, VC, who won the Victoria Cross in the historic battle at Rorke's Drift in 1879. However, of most significance for the Regiment, in the floor of the south entrance is a bronze memorial marking the final resting place of Hamilton and Dorothy Gault.



**Mediaeval church of St. John the Baptist.**

Hatch Court occupies a unique place in Regimental History, and is of interest perhaps second only after Frezenburg and the First World War battlefields as a tangible site. It is certainly worth a visit during any tour through England. Hatch Court is formally open to the public on Thursdays during the summer and at other times by prior arrangement. However, Commander and Mrs. Nation always make visiting Patricias particularly welcome. (Ask to hear the story of the 'coursing' plates.) Anyone contemplating a visit should first write to confirm details.

Hatch Court is located in Somerset in the south-west of England, midway between Taunton and Ilminster, off the A358 Highway and the postal address is: Hatch Court, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 6AA.

*I am indebted to Commander Barry and Mrs. Anne Nation for their assistance in preparing this article, and especially for allowing me license to photograph, answering questions and for providing the historical brochure, written by Mr. William Hall with Lt Col and Mrs. Jeffery Williams, from which I have cribbed liberally for the detail.*



**The Museum, showing the Founder's desk with Regimental and aviation memorabilia.**



# Faces of the Second Battalion

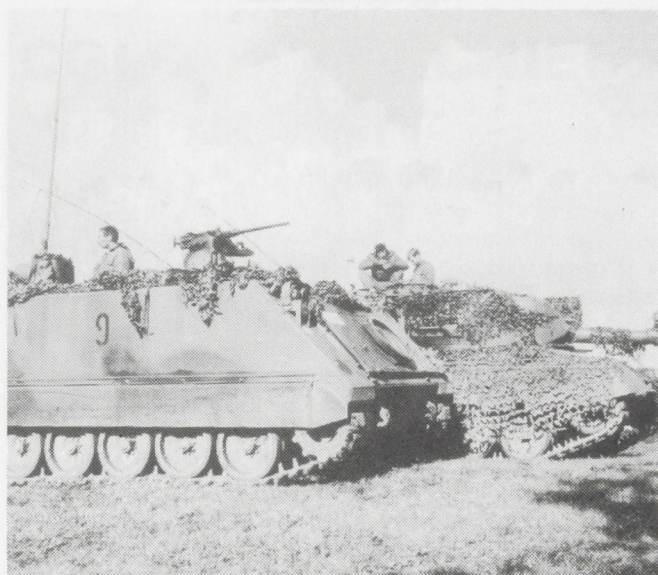






# Second Battalion The Buffs Baden-Soellingen

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**During the Change of Command Parade, BGen J.K. Dangerfield quietly says to LCol I. Gray, “Hurry up and sign the ‘/!\*?&’ thing.”**



**“Who is this ‘Miles’ guy anyway?” asks Lady Patricia as Sgt R.A. Northrup of C Coy demonstrates the workings of the Miles Combat Simulation equipment.**



**Pte B.D. Thompkins goes for the gold during the annual 4CMBG Sports competition.**



# SENNELAGER BATTLE SCHOOL

by Captain K.R. Jestin

The crack thump of live fire. The smoke and haze of mortars firing overhead. Not part of your everyday life in Germany, but rather the hectic life of the Second Battalion during EXERCISE RADIAL PRIZE 86 — Sennelager Battle School.



**"No, no don't shoot that way, the range is behind me!"**  
**Capt Wilson shows a soldier how to use his hands to indicate targest in Sennelager.**

We deployed to Sennelager after a winter of routine life for the part of the spring that everyone likes: getting back to the bread and butter of basic infantry soldiering. Two weeks seem like a short time to get reacquainted with fire team, section and platoon drills and all our weapons, but reacquainted we got. In two weeks we managed to hone all sorts of basic skills to a fine edge, including: grenade throwing (not from a standard throwing bay either), 84mm firing, GPMG firing, M72 firing (Administration Company still has a hard time preparing the M72 for firing!), section live attacks, night recce course (amazing, Recce platoon didn't even get lost!), watermanship training, NBCW training (how come the officers had to demonstrate the atropine injections?), combat casualty evacuation (I wonder where Doc got all the ketchup?), communications on the battlefield (do hand signals count?) and, of course, how to organize a successful company or platoon smoker.



**"Now what did I forget?"** Cpl Sanderson prepares to demonstrate the finer points of Watermanship Training.

In the midst of all this was the infamous "March and Shoot" competition. This year's event allowed for each platoon in the battalion to match their skills in four areas of expertise. Firstly, there was a 16km march in fighting order with a full basic load of ammunition, followed by a shooting competition, an AFV recognition test and, lastly, a kit check. The competition proved to be intense, but the clear winners were the members of Armoured Defence Platoon led by Capt Mark Douglas.

Of interest in this year's competition was that instead of 12 teams, there was a total of 18 teams competing with the addition of teams from Combat Support and Administration Companies. As usual, special mention must go to the two Administration teams: the Transport/Corps of Drums team finished seventh overall, and the Maintenance team (dubbed 13 platoon) finished in eleventh spot. I guess it just goes to prove that our administration is second to none.

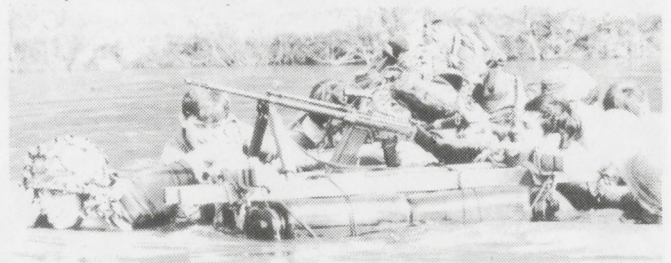


**"All I asked them to do was fix it, not anodize it!"**  
**The winning team for the 1986 March and Shoot Team — Armed Defense Platoon.**

With the March and Shoot competition behind us, we carried on for the final week of the Battle School. The highlight of the second week was the platoon live fire dismounted attack. Under the watchful eye of the CO, the platoon commanders demonstrated their platoons' tactical prowess to the consternation (in some cases) and enjoyment of the OC's.

During our Battle School we were able to renew our friendship with 3 Royal Green Jackets who were also undergoing their battle school at the same time. So, in addition to swapping war stories, we were entertained on the Rugby Field by the RGJ's, and we reciprocated by hosting them to a Canadian feast — a barbecue.

Overall, the Battalion had a very successful Battle School. The Sigs O learned how to read a map, Administration Company showed the rifle platoons how to March and Shoot, the RGJ's were introduced to Canadian style rugby and barbecued steaks, and finally the MIR staff were given a chance to work on the most reliable part of a mechanized infantry battalion . . . our feet.



**"Whose idea was this anyway?"**  
**A Rifle Section learns how to cross a water obstacle the hard way — Sennelager 86.**





**"From now on, if the OpsO's Ittis is broken down, try to talk him out of leaving!"**

## COLONEL-IN-CHIEF'S VISIT

by Captain D. Niles

The Battalion's annual trek to Hohenfels Training Area as part of 4CMBG's summer training concentration took place this year from 4-19 August 1986. Our visit to this land of "milk and honey," which seems more a land of "mud that's runny" due to constant use and typical German weather, was uniquely marked this year by a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by her husband Lord John Brabourne.

Lady Patricia's first duty was to review a guard of honour composed entirely of soldiers from Administration Company (after all, the DCO *did* say that he wanted it done right for once!!). She and Lord John were then whisked off for a round-robin series of visits to the rifle companies deployed throughout the training area.

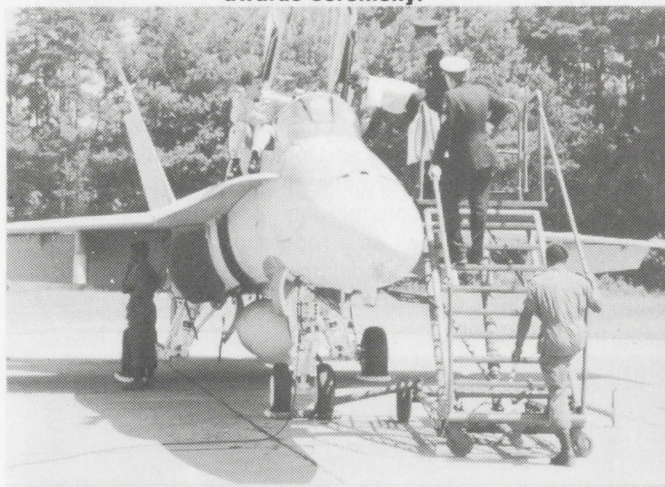
Each company was fortunate to have the opportunity to host the Colonel-in-Chief for several hours. After the shortest driver track course on Battalion record, Lady Patricia and Lord John took control of the tiller bars of C/S 9 and 9A and were off. After first observing A Company carrying out platoon and company-level training, our guests sampled the "haute cuisine a la field" served up by WO Evans' cooks from A and B Companies. Lady Patricia and Lord John next drove to C Company's location for a demonstration of the finer points of employing MILES equipment and ended the day with a visit to D Company.

Our Colonel-in-Chief also spent her evenings in the company of Battalion members. Following her "on-the-job-training" as a track driver, Lady Patricia presided over a delicious dinner with her officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Members at the Hotel Zur Post in Velburg. Readers should note that during this occasion, Major Dave Pentney secured himself a guaranteed position with the Velburg Golden-Oldies Rockettes if he ever tires of soldiering. The following evening, Lady Patricia and Lord John attended an outdoor barbecue with all ranks of the Battalion during which Lady Patricia was called upon to present awards to various members of the unit.

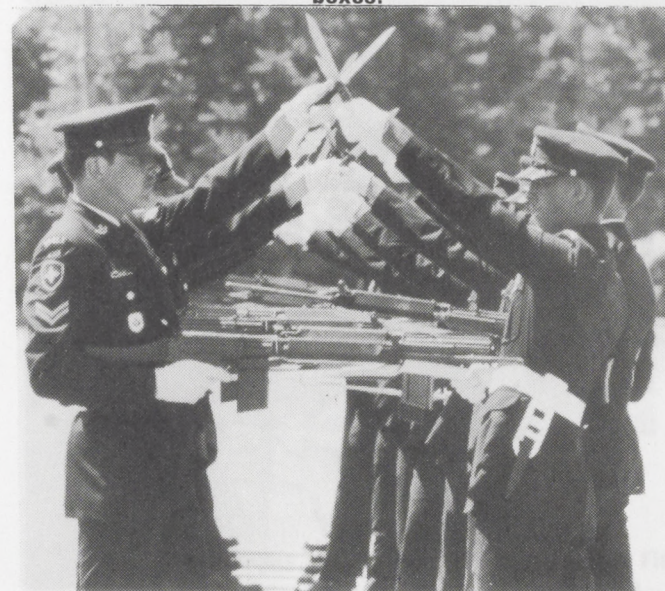
The visit of our Colonel-in-Chief and Lord John ended all too quickly. It is not often that we get to see our Colonel-in-Chief in the field. It was an honour and a pleasure to host Lady Patricia and Lord John during their visit and we sincerely hope that they both went away with a better understanding and appreciation of what real soldiering is all about.



**"Is that a beachball or are you pregnant?"**  
Pte T.J. O'Loan, A Coy, receives his award from the Colonel of the Regiment during the Drill Competition awards ceremony.



**Members of 2PPCLI look upon a CF-18 in disgust, during Family Day, as they realize that the plane has no tiller bars or slave cable outlet and above all, no room for MRE boxes.**



**"Hey — Don't tickle me with that barrel — that knife may slip!"**



# CHANGE OF COMMAND

**BY Lieutenant S. Borland**

Under the hot, sunny skies on 30 June 1986, the command of Second Battalion was handed from Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Gray to Lieutenant-Colonel John Joly. In attendance for the parade on the North Marguerite were various Commanding Officers and RSMs of 4CMBG units, guests from Base Baden and 1 Canadian Air Group as well as the families of the soldiers in the unit. A special guest of honour was the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland. The Commander of 4CMBG, Brigadier-General J.K. Dangerfield, presided over the parade.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gray will long be remembered for the excellent leadership and clear direction he provided. During his tenure of command the Battalion underwent a smooth transition from life in Winnipeg to life in Germany and earned for itself a reputation for being competent and professional in the field and in garrison. Lieutenant-Colonel Gray was a staunch supporter of sports at all levels within the Battalion and this showed in the many successes achieved by our unit teams. The officers and men of 2PPCLI congratulate Lieutenant-Colonel Gray on his promotion and wish he and his family health, happiness and success in the future.

The Battalion welcomes its new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Joly and looks forward to maintaining and improving its performance in all aspects during his command. Lieutenant-Colonel Joly brings years of experience with him as well as a reputation for instituting innovative and fresh ideas. Indications are that the Second Battalion will have a successful and interesting two years under his leadership.



**2 PPCLI is caught staring at a young fraulein during the Change of Command Parade.**



**The Reviewing Officer, BGen J.K. Dangerfield, accompanied by outgoing and incoming COs and the Colonel of the Regiment, inspects the Battalion.**



**LCol Ian Gray hands over the CO's Sword to the new CO, LCol John Joly under the watchful eye of BGen J.K. Dangerfield.**



**RSM E. Basaraba receives a farewell presentation from all ranks on his departure from the Battalion.**

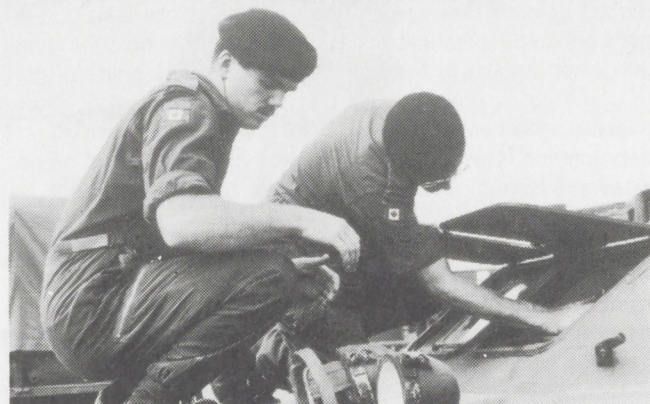


# HOHENFELS 86

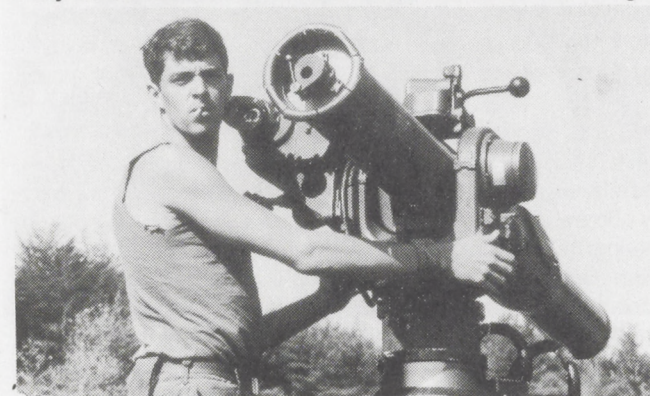
by Lieutenant S. Vida



"Hello, Mum — I'm going to be a little late so don't hold dinner."



Checking out the US OPFORs Bdrn-2 at Hohenfels —  
"My God, I think there are still Commies inside this thing!"



MCpl T.V. Hicks, during training at Hohenfels . . .  
"I think you point it this way."



"Hold it, fellows — I think I've got something stuck in my eye!"

The Battalion participated in the first part of FALLEX 86 which was held in Hohenfels from the 4th to the 19th of August. The training comprised section through company level tactics, culminating in a three-day exercise in the German countryside.

Sections and platoons once again had time to themselves for refresher training in mounted and dismounted tactics and soon remembered all too well the scrapes and bruises which inevitably accompany the seemingly endless yards of fire and movement. With section and platoon training completed, we moved into company and combat team drills. The intricacies of tank infantry "co-operation" are always in need of refinement, and proved to be very worthwhile training once the Company and Squadron Commanders finished friendly (?) discussions about the best method of employing each other's forces.

Delta Company, commanded by Major Mike Austdal, had the unique opportunity of having an American rifle platoon attached for the duration of the concentration. This proved very interesting for both soldiers and commanders, because new weapons and ideas were introduced. One lesson learned was the similarity of our operating procedures, and how this allowed for a smooth integration of our forces. I am sure most company commanders would jump at the chance to have a fourth platoon especially with the rather interesting twists that it allows in combat team tactics.

The introduction of Soviet equipment as part of the enemy force during training added realism and allowed us to see both strengths and weaknesses in the Warsaw Pact equipment. After seeing the BTR 60, one of the more common Soviet APCs, displayed close up, many of the soldiers walked away with much fonder feelings for our old M113s and their relatively "spacious" interiors.

With all sub-unit work-ups completed, the Battalion moved right into a two-day field exercise. Many crew commanders sprouted grey hairs while drivers went through the transition from driving in the training area to once again competing with the German civilian drivers for space on the roads. The Germans also had to relearn lessons since their last encounter with NATO forces in the RMA and, unfortunately for them, the M113 seldom comes out a loser in a game of chicken.

FALLEX part one ended on 18 August and saw the Battalion move back to CFB Baden by rail and road the following day. It had been a very good concentration which allowed us to prepare for the rapidly approaching second part of the FALLEX series in October and November.



"We're not suntanning, Sarg, honest we're just doing Field Trials on this new chair in accordance with NDHQ instructions."



# FAMILY DAY and THE COUNTESS MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA DRILL COMPETITION

**Master Corporal J.B. Albert**  
**Private K. Moran**  
**Private Noseworthy**

On June 28, 1986, the Second Battalion held its yearly Family Day consisting of static weapon displays, APC rides and various other "hands on" activities. It was an opportunity for us to impress our families and friends with what we do to earn a living and show them our equipment. Much to the surprise of many an officer, some of the ankle biters proved to be more adept at handling the small arms than some of the soldiers! A popular attraction for the prospective Rambos was the "death rope" slide set up by Recce Platoon.

Also on display was a CF-18, kindly rolled over to us by our friends on the "CAG" side. Frequently overheard were disputes between the pilot and our track drivers over who could pull the most "Gs" in a high speed turn. Special mention should go to Private "Crash" Perrault on his ability to baffle (or confuse?) the aircrew technicians on high tech track data.

While families and loved ones strolled the North Marg in their summer shirts and sunglasses, the company drill teams of the Second Battalion pounded the pavement in the annual Countess Mountbatten of Burma Drill Competition. It proved to be the highlight of the day with Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, our Colonel of the Regiment, in attendance to present awards.

The process of building the winning team began weeks before the competition. Each company chose thirty men from the numerous "volunteers" at their disposal to form their team. Then the standards of discipline, mental awareness and attention to detail were honed to produce a winning team.

The actual competition consisted of a detailed inspection and set drill format. Then each team performed an individual display of precision drill, which was definitely the highlight of the competition. Some movements left the audience in awe, and the Sergeant-Majors no doubt proud. When the dust settled, and the points were tabulated, A Company's team, this year led by Sgt Black, had won the competition for the second consecutive year. It was a very close competition and congratulations go to all teams for their outstanding performances.



**"Gee, I came over here to get a couple of days away from this and look what they do to me!"**



**"Here is your change — Please don't spend it all in one place!"**



**RSM J.M. Downey, while continuing his OJT in accordance with the Continuous Remuster Program, serves Lady**

**Patricia and Lord John Brabourne during their visit to the Hohenfels Training Centre.**



# FALLEX 86

by Captain F. Karbowiak  
Lieutenant S.J. Sharpe

From 13 October to 7 November 1986, 2PPCLI participated in the second part of FALLEX 86. The exercise, as usual, was a series of three training exercises culminating in a five day divisional exercise with 4 Panzer Grenadier Division.

With most of the Brigade still in bed recuperating from Oktoberfest activities, 2PPCLI deployed to the Bavarian countryside a week earlier than other units. In a joint exercise with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the Battalion spent four action packed days fighting the elusive and cunning B Company — C Squadron enemy force. Advancing, attacking, digging, running and even swimming were practiced during this work-up exercise.

The exercise culminated with an assault river crossing on an incredibly foggy Friday morning. Several commanders at the company and platoon level demonstrated innovative encircling tactics in mid stream which ended up with an assault on the friendly bank. How often all our million-dollar, high-tech hardware depends on "Mr. Silva."

The Brigade exercise saw similar activity, but on a much larger scale. Our engineer counterparts relearned the important requirement for rope when bridging obstacles and, as a result, "Niner" was ready to demonstrate other more lethal uses of rope. In an effort to maintain excellent relations with our German friends, we tried our best not to dig up too many telephone lines, power cables or water mains. We only backed over one fire hydrant and, in case you were wondering, the water does not shoot up in the air as in the movies. (Just ask the boys in 22C!)

FALLEX ended with a seven-hour rail move to a new exercise area as the first phase of a five-day divisional exercise with 4 Panzer Grenadier Division. The exercise started on a weekend and, as we had nothing better to do, we dug in. The first contact report came in late Sunday afternoon. However, what was initially thought to be enemy troops moving to an assembly area was in fact Administration Company going on a "shower-run." After fighting Leopard II tanks and Marders for several days, ENDEX was called, trenches were filled and we moved back to the railhead to prepare for the move back to Baden.

The exercise was a good experience for all, but after almost a month in the field, we were all glad to get home.



"!/S<sup>23456</sup>?\* Recce Platoon — You can't get a decent night's sleep anywhere with those guys around."



Sgt W.B. Bennett gets "a little behind" in his work during FALLEX 86.



Pte T.F. Malchuck prepares for Mortar Platoon's defensive routine.



"I knew we should have taken a left turn at Kiev!"



# SPORTS

by Lieutenant G. Macintosh

During the past year the Second Battalion has again demonstrated why it is one of the two sports "super powers" in CFE. The Battalion's representative teams continue to dominate their leagues and the intense inter-company competitions attest to the skills and determination of all the Second's athletes.

The Rebels, the unit hockey team, once again proved who was the cream of the crop in the CFE Hockey League. The Rebels, after a long hard-fought season, maintained their first place standing at the conclusion of regular season play. During the play-offs the Rebels had some trouble with their opponents from the RCD but emerged victorious and advanced into the finals against our arch enemies from the R22eR. Once again victory was ours and the Rebels defeated the "Citadelles" by easily winning three of four games to become the CFEHL champions for the second year in a row.

The Battalion has also continued to demonstrate considerable prowess on the soccer field. The Battalion forms the core of the base team, the Kanadische Kickers, who have again come out on top in CFE. Unfortunately, the Kickers, easily odds-on favourites to retain their CF title, were denied the chance to defend their title due to a mix-up in flight bookings to Canada. (No doubt next year will see the Kickers reclaim the title that should have been theirs in 1986.) In non-league play, the Kickers played teams from the local German league thereby getting valuable exposure to some very good soccer. It is indicative of the Kickers' ability that they came away with an even record of wins and losses. Well done!

The annual 4CMBG Sports Meet saw a particularly strong showing on the part of the Battalion. First place wins were captured in the Forced March and the Military Skills competitions. We also dominated the track events with the likes of Private Tompkins and Master Corporal Farrow providing some spectacular (and very popular) wins at the expense of the R22eR. Incredibly, the Commander's pennant still eluded us.

Now onto more serious matters . . . RUGBY! The Baden Bayonets continue their aggressive play both on and off the field. (Indeed, some would say too aggressive.) A well deserved Berlin Rugby tour / Beerfest was financed in part by a wildly successful Bayonets' Bash. By the end of the season the Bayonets were in possession of second place overall in their league. Not to sit content with that, the Bayonets defeated the league champions from Baumholder at the Wursburg Tournament during a lull in FALLEX 86.

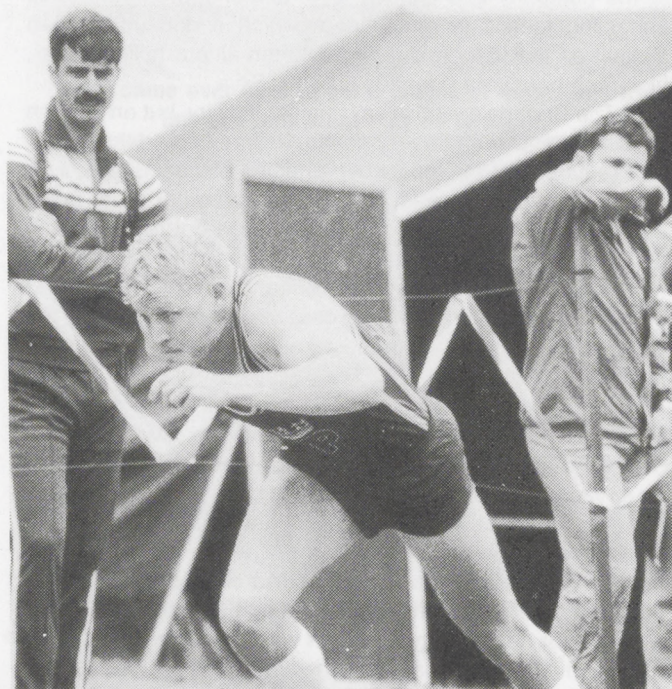
The unit intercompany sports concluded with the annual French Grey Cup game. In what was unquestionably the best football game of the season, the French Grey Cup finished with Combat Support Company's Team #1 triumphant win over A Company, 12-6. B Company walked away with the prize for best float and their queen was judged to be the most "beautiful." Following the contest on the gridiron, the unit gathered for an all-ranks smoker for the presentation of awards and, of course, the French Grey Cup.

Next year will be our last full season of competition before leaving Germany and plans are now underway to make it our best year yet. Our main goal is to win the Commander's Pennant during the annual 4CMBG Sports Day. All in all the unit has had a very good year and congratulations are in order to all athletes of the Second for their hard work and achievements.



**"I hate Combat Boot Trials."**

**2 PPCLI 1986 Forced March Competition Team.**



**MCpl G.B. Farrow runs the 100 Metre Dash.**

**"I'm going to beat this Vandoo even if it kills me!"**



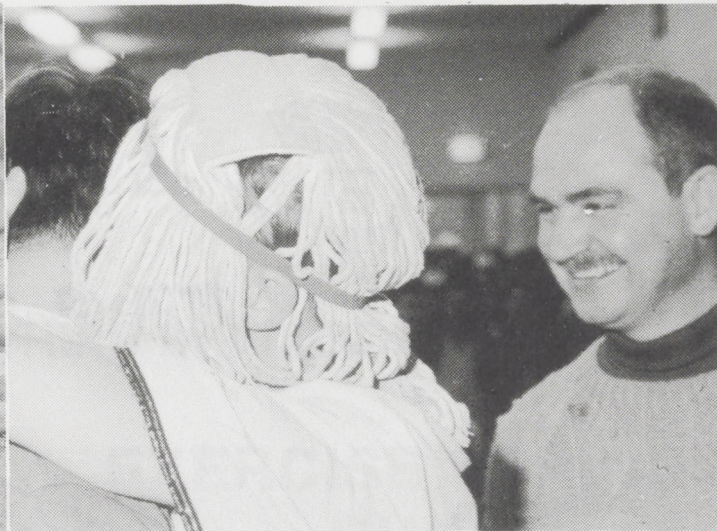
**The Forced March Team accepts the Winners Trophy from the Commander 4 CMBG, Brigadier-General Lalonde.**

**Pictured from left to right are: Lt J.W. Hammond, MCpl G.A. Trenholm, MCpl J.E. Buckle and MCpl D.R. Castles.**





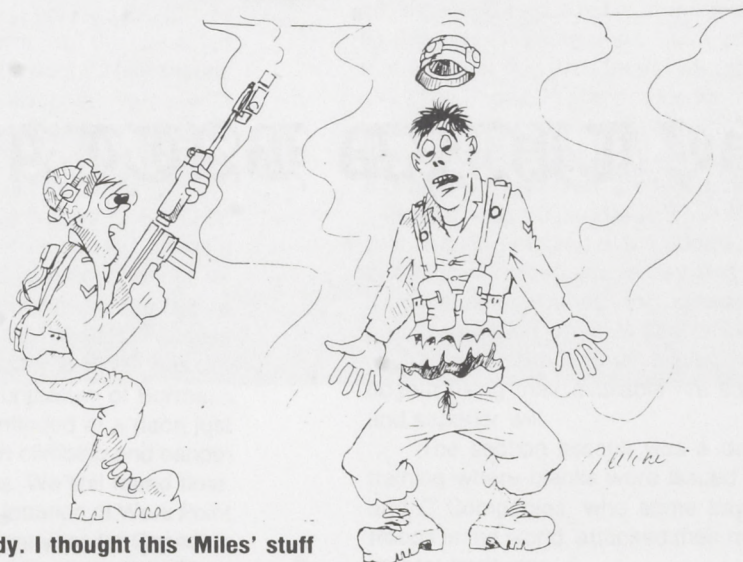
**Opening Ceremonies for the French Grey Cup —**  
**"Please God, let us win or the coach will never let me out of this position."**



**One of the French Grey Cup "Queens" makes an offer the RSM can't refuse while LCol Joly smiles in agreement.**



**"See, I told you I went to Paris last weekend."**  
**The CO demonstrates the proper can-can technique to the Battalion.**



**"Umm, sorry about that, Buddy. I thought this 'Miles' stuff was only supposed to ring your BUZZER."**









**Royal Guards**

**The colour party marches past Princess Margaret. Left to right — Lt Moroch, WO Leduc, Lt Vereschgin and Sgt Boulter.**

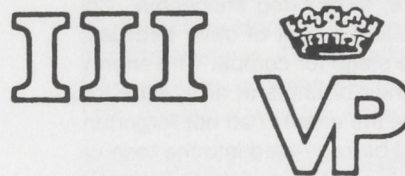
## THIRD BATTALION

"It was a day like all days, filled with the events that alter and illuminate our times, and you are there." These were the words used by Walter Cronkite to introduce a popular television series of the 1950s. They could just as easily have been used as a "lights out" message for all ranks of Third Battalion during 1986. It was indeed an eventful year.

1986 was a year with many faces. It was one of rebuilding, filling the holes left by those who departed in 1985 to reinforce the Second Battalion. For many it was a year of travel. Some visited Germany as umpires on FALLEX; others toured Australia and New Zealand, courtesy of the Canadian Navy; and of course, we all went to Wainwright. New friends were made. The Small Arms Team swapped yarns with shooters from throughout the Commonwealth, at Bisley; B Coy became part of the British Army at Suffield; and, on three occasions, members of the unit trained in the USA.

The year was punctuated by various highlights. EXPO 86 brought a greater-than-normal number of visitors to Canada's west coast and Third Battalion provided guards of honour for such noted dignitaries as Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret. One particularly significant visitor to EXPO was our own Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

Throughout all of this, training continued at a pace just short of feverish, ranging from mountain climbing and canoeing to the more traditional military skills. We still found time, however, to appreciate the climate and location of Work Point Barracks. All in all, 1986 was an excellent year for Canada's "Champagne Battalion."



## THIRD BATTALION

# EXERCISE SPRING RUN

**by Captain Philip E. Cook**

MCpl Darin Jenkins, section commander, B Coy, 3 PPCLI, dove for cover into the rocky shell crater at the first crack of enemy SA fire. Moving quickly to observe over the brim, the enemy machine gun was easily spotted through the tangled mesh of barb wire and the debris of bombardment. The familiar bark of the platoon MG came swiftly from the right flank and effectively suppressed the enemy but only momentarily. The rifle groups were moving forward to positions of fire and the C2 gunners had already laid into the objective. It had to be taken and quickly — OC B Coy, Maj "JJ" Lapeyre wanted to move the company forward to the ridge, so there was no time for fancy planning. No room to manoeuvre, a frontal and it was to be proved a hard fight but a successful one. The end product was the position secured, three enemy paratroopers dead but sadly a new reinforcement took one at the assault line while attempting to get through the wire.

A practical exercise to bring the light of battle into the eyes of the soldiery of the Third Battalion was well underway — code named Ex SPRING RUN 86. A Battalion level exercise to practice and review soldiering at the individual and section level based on company groups. Each company was given a week to train at Fort Lewis, Washington, and thanks are extended to our hosts, the formulations of 1 Corps and 9 ID (Infantry Division). Particularly mention must be given to that fine unit, the 2/23 Infantry Battalion — the Tomahawks.

The troops, in preparation for the section live fire assault course and for the heavier training for war at WAINCON 86, rehearsed themselves in their weapons of intimate warfare. Individuals threw their grenades, fired the support weapons — the GPMG, .50 cal HMG, SRAAW(L) and SRAAW(H) — and practiced the ranging of the 60mm hand held mortar. Thrown in for good measure was day and night operations ranging from section advance and assault to night patrolling. The practice paid off when 24 sections of ground assault infantry successfully attacked and destroyed a prepared enemy dugout using their available fire support, individual initiative and superior will.

The section assault was a delightful change from the training where blanks were issued. The bayonets from A, B and C Companies, who some say were the finest fighting troops in the world, attacked their mission with hard work and mental fortitude.



The US Army provided realistic fire from their howitzers adding to the battle and our very own Pioneer Platoon - under the watchful eye of WO Ron Caven assisted by the likes of Sgt Bill Johnson, MCpl Mike Burke, MCpl Greg Melnechuk, Cpl Paul Bedard, Cpl Ray Albright and a host of other bearded, blurry eyed pioneers — set the stage for combat. The enemy was located in depth making their brothers at arms fight for every inch of terrain. To ensure the enemy had not forgotten the weary soldiers, a simulated barrage fired into the face of the friendlies, accompanied by lines of troops counter-attacking through smoke, set the final stage of the exercise.

All who fought their way through the course were more than satisfied by the realism and the opportunity to test their ability. They had, in fact, been tested and each one individually succeeded in battle that day.

R-and-R after a hard fought fight is always more than welcome and the boys from the Third Battalion welcomed the opportunity to try the facilities offered by Tacoma, Washington. Each company received one night on the town. The old soldiers for the most part took to the watering holes provided on Fort. As might be expected, the young soldiers in their eagerness and desire for adventure paraded themselves to all the available digs in town. Transport, to and from, was an experience in patience in itself but the resident expert regarding the whens and wheres of transport, Sgt Peter Okopski, ensured all returned safe and eventually sound.

Exercise SPRING RUN was a successful and fulfilling exercise for the soldiery of 3 PPCLI. It stood them in good stead for their future operations on WAINCON 86 and to those US Army personnel who dealt with the Battalion or observed our training proved that the soldiers of this Battalion can out-fun and out-fight any adversary who dares get in their way.



**WAINCON 86 —Armoured Defence Platoon**  
MCpl Edwards and Pte Beshara — “Anyone wanna buy a used APC?”



**WAINCON 86 - Recce Platoon**  
“Yep, it's the latest thing in ragtops.”

## WAINCON 86

by Major G.W. Nordick

Some travelled by air, some by train, more by road; all crossed water either in the air or on a boat; but the majority arrived by bus — thus the Third Battalion completed the annual pilgrimage to Wainwright, the army mecca of the West. To assist the soldiers in their transition, the oxygen-rich sea level environment of Victoria to the high Alberta plains, a suitable bivouac site is essential. The DCO, Major Dan MacLean, selected a site with several advantages — it was a lofty, wind-swept perch up over the Battle River and boasted a magnificent view west to the ocean, impeded only by a range of little hills (the Rocky Mountains). Built into the bivouac was another feature — that of navigation. Encompassing approximately three square miles, company locations were recorded by grid reference and bearings between established points. For example the route from BHQ to C Company could be interpreted as follows:

### Route Card

Serial	Bearing	Distance	Recognition Feature
1	1000	400m	Kitchen
2	0275	300m	JRC
3	5450	500m	A Coy Flagpole
4	1050	1500m	C Coy



**WAINCON 86**  
Pte Fisher — “It's OK Sir, I always keep a spare key hidden under here.”

The acclimatization over, the Battalion started training in earnest. The companies went through a round robin of turret machine gun firing, NBCW training and AVGP swimming in Border Lake. Not one AVGP sank, however, RSM Grant tried to imitate this feat by swimming his jeep through Sebert Ford and got stranded not once but twice. Oh, for a camera when you need one.

The annual Battle for Badger Hill was also continued in fine style. Thanks to some excellent battle simulation, courtesy of 1 CER, and a little help from pioneers and their bangalore torpedoes, the obstacles were breached and the enemy platoon strong point, commanded by CSM Reibin, was quickly mopped up. B Company used the opportunity to conduct their annual one day weight loss competition. They completed the attack in NBC State 3, complete with suits and masks (gas) for the second year in a row.





**WAINCON 86**

**MCpl Zieffle — "I'm going cougar hunting."**

There were some other special events which occurred during the company training period. The CO organized a spectacular church service, in a natural amphitheatre overlooking the Battle River. The Adjt proved his own theory that even an alert fire picquet cannot prevent a 160-pounder from going up in smoke. The Recce Platoon death slide provided many moments of excitement — they claim it ran from the top of Battle Bluff down into the Battle River. The officers hammered the senior NCOs in a friendly softball game — or was it the other way around, who can remember these trivial points? Another high point was a visit from the US Army. Their helicopter familiarization trip and M-1/M-60 tank demonstration and rides were most appreciated and well received by all the soldiers who attended.



**WAINCON 86**

**"Gentlemen — Orders. Padre Bisson, Padre Blizzard will you please outline the big picture."**

One of the joys of Wainwright, at least to the Third Battalion, is that it usually offers us the opportunity to conduct some badly needed winter warfare training. WAINCON 86 was no exception. The second unit exercise commenced in a blinding snow storm, following a full night of snow and freezing temperatures. The Battalion made it to the start line and was ready to roll when the roads were declared red and activity ceased; it was fun while it lasted.



**WAINCON 86**

**"Just relax Sgt Okopski, we'll have your tie out of here in a minute."**

Collective training went well. Dismounted river crossings and night attacks were the order of the day, proving once again that a pair of dry socks and a poncho liner are a soldier's best friends. All in all it was a hard driving period of training and the soldiers grabbed some well-deserved rest, squished into a Greyhound bus on their 1400-mil 18-hour restful trip home.

## 1986 THIRD BATTALION SMALL ARMS TEAM

**by WO R.M. Purple**

Shooting, as always, got off to an early start in February 86 with the Small Arms Team tryouts that were conducted for the first two weeks of the month. After the team selections were made, training began in earnest.

The first phase of training was to educate the new shooters in all aspects of shooting. The veteran shooters and 10 Platoon NCOs conducted a Small Arms Coaches' course over a period of nine days, during which time the candidates were instructed in both the theory and practical applications of shooting. Upon completion of the course, each candidate was able to coach a firer of any calibre and improve the individual's overall skills.

The Small Arms Team was then divided into two segments — one being the CF Bisley Team and the other the 3 PPCLI Small Arms Team. The Bisley Team accompanied the Brigade Team to Camp Wainwright, coaching them prior to the 1 CBG Small Arms Shooting Competition which took place in April 1986.





**3 PPCLI Small Arms Team with 1 CBG "booty."**

Once again the 3 PPCLI Small Arms Team proved that the shooters from the West Coast (you know, those guys with the suntan oil, folding chairs and aviator sunglasses?) were the best shots in Western Canada. Top rifle shot honours went to MCpl Al "Financial" Burdon; top SMG shot was Pte M. House; top sniper 1 CBG was MCpl Barry Ferguson; and top pistol shot went to MCpl Bill "Mr. Mom" Boychuk. The top C2 shooters were MCpl "Spanky" Miller, Cpl Serge "The Romancer" Savard, Cpl Al Anderstedt and MCpl Barry Ferguson. After the Brigade championships were over, the Small Arms Team returned to Victoria.

The Bisley Team members went on leave while the remainder of the team had three days in Victoria before heading east to Ottawa for a one-week training camp at the Connaught Ranges during the first week of May. After training hard, the team returned to Victoria in preparation for the BCRA championships held in Chilliwack during the last week of May.

Meanwhile, the CF Bisley Team, which consisted of Sgt Trelnuk, Sgt Hitchcock, MCpl Mullen, MCpl Miller, MCpl MacLaren, MCpl Ferguson, MCpl Whaley, Cpl Pearce, Pte Soroka and Pte Coish, travelled to Winnipeg for two weeks of intense training before departing for England to represent the CF at the 117th NRA Championships.

The Bisley Team arrived in England on June 30 and for the first 16 days straight the team was on the range putting the finishing touches on their training. When the competition began, the skills of the team members were honed to a razor sharp edge, proven by their outstanding achievements. The team had the best showing of any Canadian team in recent years, winning trophies including the Hythe Cup, the Royal Green Jacket and the Punjab. The Top Snipers in the Commonwealth were Sgt Trelnuk and MCpl Ferguson. MCpl Whaley was the Grand Aggregate Champion, defeating a number of Queen's medals winners. MCpl Darl Whaley is only the fifth Canadian to ever win, and the first ever Patricia to become Grand Aggregate Champion. Congrats, MCpl Darl "Top Gun" Whaley.

Back in Canada, the Battalion Small Arms Team was granted leave in June. In late July, the team attended the 1 CBG training camp before competing in the CF Small Arms Competition in early August at Ottawa's Connaught Ranges, the final competition of the season. The team once again had a strong showing with Pte House winning the SMG competition and MCpl Papagiannis taking top shot in the pistol competition.

Upon their return to Victoria, the competitors changed roles quite easily to instructors, and ran the second Small Arms Coaches' course in August. Along with their shooting related taskings, the privates on the team went their separate ways to attend various courses in the fall PCF cycle.

All team members are looking forward to the new year, filled with new challenges and the thrill of competition. Let us hope our next season is as successful as our last.

## THIRD BATTALION PROVIDES ROYAL GUARD

by 2Lt K.M.J. Fitzgerald

This last year saw British Columbia inviting the world to EXPO 86. Many dignitaries from around the world made appearances, among these were Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret. As with all members of the Royal Family, guards of honour were formed to greet these guests. Each guard consisted of 100 men along with the always popular Corps of Drums.





**HRH Prince Charles has a chat with WO McArdle while the guard commander, Maj Lapeyre looks on.**

The first Royal Guard, under command of Major J.M. Lapeyre, CD, took place on 30 April after several days of intense practice. The guard took place in front of the B.C. Legislative Building to greet Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales who were in British Columbia for the opening ceremonies of EXPO 86. Prince Charles revelled in the opportunity to inspect a well turned out guard. The colour and grandeur of this guard was enhanced by the excellent performance of the Third Battalion band, all dressed in their scarlet uniforms.



**Corps of Drums**

**Marching on the Guard of Honour for Prince Charles and Princess Diana.**

For the arrival of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret on 10 July, a second guard was formed under command of Major W.D. Turner, who was conveniently borrowed from his studies for the occasion. The guard formed near the Vancouver International Airport under the watchful eye of a handful of dignitaries to officially welcome Princess Margaret for her visit to EXPO. Again the turnout of guard and band added credit to the Canadian Forces and, more especially, the Regiment.

When the soldiers of the PPCLI do so well in the public eye, it can only strengthen the opinion of the profession we pursue. To the officers and men who participated in the guards, we owe thanks for a job very well done.



**Royal Salute during HRH Princess Margaret's visit to EXPO 86.**



**Royal Guards**

**The Corps of Drums performing for the Prince and Princess of Wales. "Stop! I said."**



**EXPO 86**

**Major Turner "checks out" the colour party's drill movements.**



# EXERCISE SUMMER SUN 86

by Captain A.G. Seward

This summer the Third Battalion was privileged with a visit from our Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel Sutherland, who were able to attend EXPO 86 as official guests of the Government of British Columbia. Collectively referred to as Exercise SUMMER SUN 86, the visit was conducted in two phases. The first phase largely consisted of the Government of British Columbia hosting the Countess Mountbatten and Colonel Sutherland to an excellent day at EXPO 86. Given the VIP tour, hostesses escorted the tour party through a succession of pavillions that emphasized Canada and repeated the Mountbatten family's ties to Singapore and Malaysia.

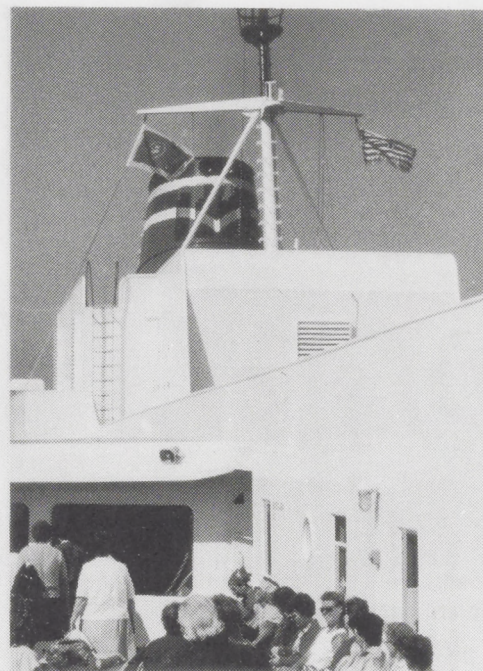
Despite the exhaustion of this busy day, our Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel found time to say hello to our Regimental members living in Vancouver. A small reception was held in the Seaforth Armouries, giving serving and retired members the opportunity to speak to Lady Patricia and Colonel Sutherland in a cozy environment.



EXPO 86

**C Company Guard prior to Sunset Ceremony.**

Following the reception, the day ended with a Sunset Ceremony and Feu de Joie. The reception returned to the Kodak Stadium at EXPO where the evening's finale was preceded by a concert of military music. Participating bands included the Militia Area's Composite Band, the Naden Band, the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Pipe Band and the Third Battalion's own Corps of Drums. Major Turner's and Master Warrant Officer Cleveland's C Company provided an excellent guard for the ceremony, and executed an outstanding Feu de Joie to the cheers of a jubilant EXPO crowd. Phase I of the visit thus ended, and the Countess Mountbatten and Colonel Sutherland moved across to Victoria, escorted by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, and his wife, Barbara.



Exercise SUMMER SUN

**The "Patricia" pennant flies over the *Queen of Saanich* as she carries the Countess Mountbatten to visit her Third Battalion.**



Exercise SUMMER SUN

**The Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs. Sutherland en route to 3 PPCLI.**

The Victoria phase was very much a family affair. The Third Battalion's members, wives and children gathered on the grounds of the Royal Roads Military College to greet the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment with a sunny afternoon picnic. Mingling and greeting were done while Warrant Officer tenHove's cooks served hamburgers and hot-dogs, and Major Nordick's and Master Warrant Officer Scrafton's A Company organized a festival of children's games and events. Major General Ware was also with the family for the day.

The Countess Mountbatten and Colonel Sutherland also held more private audiences. Next day the Junior Ranks gathered in Korea Hall, where the Countess Mountbatten addressed the soldiers with a frankness, sincerity and flair reminiscent of her father. She and Colonel Sutherland later lunched in the Sergeants' and Warrant Officers' Mess as guests of the Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Grant and the President of the Mess Committee, Master Warrant Officer Woolley.



Phase II ended like the Vancouver phase, with a Sunset Ceremony and Feu de Joie. Staged on the grounds of the Legislative Buildings, C Company reproduced their same excellent Vancouver effort. In attendance with the earlier bands and replacing the Seaforth's Pipes were Lieutenant-Colonel Wigmore's Canadian Scottish Pipes and Drums.

Shortly afterwards, the visit ended. Its success was in no small part attributable to the hard work of many individuals, especially those persons working incessantly behind the scenes, the cooks, the stewards, the drivers and so on. Persons whose names include Master Corporal King, Corporal Moriarity and Master Corporal Guitard.



**Exercise SUMMER SUN**

The Colonel-in-Chief at the helm of the *Queen of Saanich*.  
"Are you sure all those little boats will get out of our way?"



**Exercise SUMMER SUN**

The CO introducing the Colonel-in-Chief to the local Boy Scout leaders. "These folks work at the grass roots level of our recruiting system."



**Exercise SUMMER SUN**

WO Rozon and his merry band of cooks during the Battalion picnic.



**Exercise SUMMER SUN**

The Colonel-in-Chief inspects her quarter guard on arrival at Work Point Barracks.



# ADVENTURE TRAINING 1986

by Captain N.Q.J. Martyn

Summer 86 proved both busy and adventurous for soldiers of Third Battalion as we hosted Lady Patricia in July, maintained a company ready reaction force for EXPO, took rotational summer leave and conducted an ambitious adventure training program. Amid ceremonial Guards of Honour for the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Margaret and The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, the Battalion Mountain School qualified 118 new basic mountaineers.



**Adventure Training 86**

**Maj Nordick and his merry band of A Company climbers atop Mount Myra.**

In addition to the climbers, 50 soldiers emerged from the BCACA (British Columbia Amateur Canoe Association) program with level/flat water certificates and 22 achieved their instructors diploma. Even our friendly Naval neighbours helped out, taking 30 soldiers and NCOs of Combat Support Company on a five-day sail training course at CF Fleet School, Naden, followed by a week-long sailing tour of the Gulf Islands in Whalers.



**Adventure Training 86**

**Sgt Murphy during the early phases of the mountain climbing course. "Next year I think I'll go canoeing."**

To round out the program, 10 soldiers from B Company trekked around Cape Scott completing the rugged 73 mile trip in five days and 30 of C Company's finest hiked the Sooke highlands, covering 45 miles in three days.

Mountain School graduates got a bonus on each of the three serials conducted. In addition to the regular Basic Mountain Warfare POs, each course completed a five-day expedition to Strathcona Park to climb Mt Myra, a 5000-foot snow-capped peak. As the smiling faces of A Company attest, a good time was had by all (see photo). Not to be outdone, the canoeists mounted two impressive expeditions of their own.

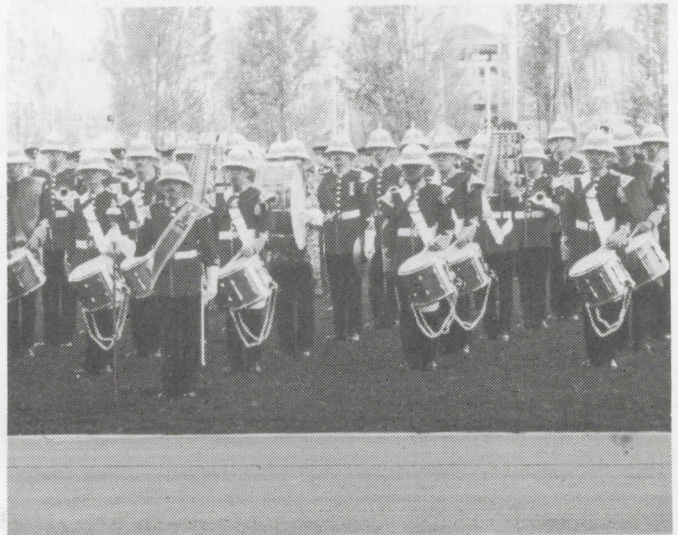
The first took 50 participants up Great Central Lake to Della Falls Trail. From there the troops trekked 15 miles, ascending 3000 feet to the falls. The second trip saw 22 soldiers paddle the Upper Campbell River from Campbell Lake to the estuary on grade II white water.

At the end of the program, all agreed it had been a unique opportunity to visit parts of Vancouver Island they otherwise might not have experienced. Among the climbers, plans for more serious expeditions are afoot for next summer and the list of hopeful Mountain Warfare Instructor candidates continues to grow. The canoeists are spreading rumours about a sea-trek by canoe and the sailors are plotting to steal away on HMCS Oriole given half a chance. (No one seems to be talking about any serious hiking though?) So, as the sun-tans fade and winter nights are spent poring over the equipment catalogues, plans are forming for an even more active, adventurous summer 87.

## 3 PPCLI CORPS OF DRUMS

by Captain D.L. Fouts

1986 was a hectic year for the Corps of Drums as they represented the Battalion and the Regiment in such diverse locations as the Kodak Bowl during EXPO 86, Australia, American Samoa and Hawaii, just to name a few. In every instance, their scarlet tunics and stirring performances made the occasion a memorable one for the thousands of spectators who watched them.



**Corps of Drums**

**Waiting for the Colonel-in-Chief at EXPO 86.**



The year began with the Corps playing for the graduation parade for three platoons of new Patricias at the Battle School. Early spring was split between band practice and acquainting seventeen soldiers with the intricacies of the TOW weapon system during the spring PCF cycle. In April, band practice began in earnest in preparation for the arrival guard on the British Columbia Legislative Grounds for Prince Charles and Princess Diana.

No sooner had the Royal personages left the dais than the band was whisked off to Alberta for WAINCON 86. A highlight of that concentration was the sombre morning when the Corps provided the music for a Church service on the heights overlooking the fabled Battle River.



**Corps of Drums**  
**Church parade in the field during WAINCON 86.**

As usual, the coming of summer heralds the beginning of the intensive band performance season, and this year was no exception. A scant two weeks after shaking the dust of Alberta from their boots, the Corps found itself on the square in Victoria presiding over the V CDS inspection. A week later, they added colour and pageantry to both the First Battalion Trooping and to Armed Forces Day in Calgary.

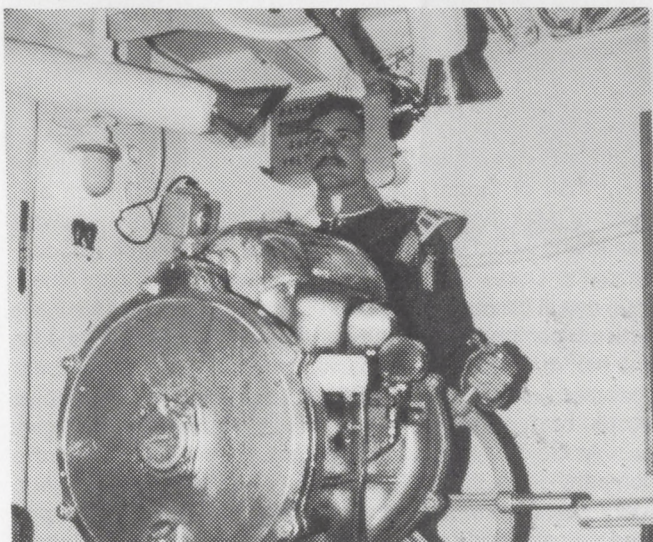
Exercise SUMMER SUN saw the Corps perform for the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment, both in the Kodak Bowl during EXPO 86 and on the lawns in front of the British Columbia Legislature. In the month that followed, the band performed to enthusiastic audiences in various locations on the Island as part of CFB Esquimalt's military exhibition program.



**Corps of Drums**  
**At the Nanaimo Bathtub Race — "Who says being in the band is all work?"**

After a brief pause to take leave, the Corps of Drums once again plunged into an intensive training program; this time in preparation for Ex SOPLOY 86, a naval deployment to the South Pacific in support of the Royal Australian Navy's 75th Anniversary. While the rest of the band was involved in the fall PCF cycle, sixteen members flew to Australia in early October to join three Canadian destroyers as they sailed home. Although the band members thoroughly enjoyed the trip, it was not a pleasure cruise. Not only did they have a formidable schedule of band commitments to contend with, but they conducted small arms training for naval personnel and, in turn, they, themselves, became qualified Ordinary Seamen through OJT.

Throughout the past year, the Corps of Drums, under the able direction of WO Smyth, has continued to be distinguished by hard work and dedication to duty. Not only do they train to fulfill their role as the Battalion Armoured Defence Platoon, but they are ready at a moment's notice to pick up their instruments, don the scarlet uniforms that are their trademark and perform wherever and whenever they are required.



**Corps of Drums**  
**Pte Saunderson bringing HMCS Saskatchewan home from Australia — "Who says you have to wear a blue suit to drive one of these things?"**



**Corps of Drums**  
**WO Smyth on board HMCS Saskatchewan — "When the CO said we would probably have to earn our passage I don't think this is what he had in mind."**



# B COMPANY JOINS BRITISH ARMY

by 2Lt R.J. Hachey

The members of B Company, 3 PPCLI, have earned the respect and envy of their comrades in Work Point Barracks this past year. An awed hush falls over the group when one of these fortunate souls walks by, the silence broken only by a voice excitedly whispering, "He went to BATUS!" It has fallen upon my humble shoulders to inscribe the tale of our saga on paper, so that all may better comprehend our experience.

It began quietly in the upper halls of the company office; a group of dedicated officers and NCOs met to discuss their upcoming adventure, one which would span two provinces and affect people living thousands of miles away. The pulses of all those present quickened with anticipation as the company commander, Major Frank Parker, explained what would happen. Of the 29 rifle companies in the Canadian Army, B Company had been chosen to go to the British Army Training Unit, Suffield (BATUS) to take part in Ex MEDICINE MAN 6/86 (along with a FOO Party from H Bty 3 RCHA, engineer recce party 1 CER, seven soldiers from the Canadian Scottish Regiment, half of Mortar Platoon, Assault Pioneer Section and most of Maintenance Platoon). This meant these stalwart Canadians would work with a British tank squadron (B Squadron, the Queen's Own Hussars) to form a company/squadron group (the British version of a combat team). This international company/squadron group (the "B Team") would be one half of a battle group, of which the other half would be a second squadron from the QOH and a company of the Royal Scots.

As build-up training for the "main event" in Suffield, the company deployed to CFB Wainwright for two weeks; the first week was devoted to platoon training, which gave each platoon commander an opportunity to iron out any rough spots they detected in their units' operations. B Company CSM, MWO Ted Ruck, also used this time to ensure that the company's dress and deportment was consistent; thus WO Darby Whitebone (4 Platoon) was forced to remove the "Ric-A-Dam-Bone" pennant from his AVGP's aerial. The platoons trained for night and day operations, practicing trench clearing, house clearing, patrolling and section and platoon attacks — the days were quite full. Free time was spent carousing in the bright city of Wainwright, while WOs Dave McArdle and Duke Fall passed many hours watching Clint Eastwood movies in company stores.

However, all this activity in Wainwright only served to whet our appetites for the live fire training that awaited us in Suffield; we arrived on 19 September at Camp Crowfoot (truly a poor man's version of Camp Wainwright). We stepped off the buses in shock, agog at the featureless landscape which would be our home for the next three weeks. Reconnaissance by the Company Commander and we platoon commanders, confirmed our initial reactions; other than antelope, gophers and a handful of wild horses, only wooden navigation aids broke the skyline in the seemingly endless training area. Cpl "I'm the best driver in the company" Mainer wasted no time winning the company "First Stuck AVGP in Suffield" award (with a little help from the OC!). Pte "I'm better" Hudson was so mad at losing the prize that he promptly put his leg in a cast and refused to play anymore!



## Ex MEDICINE MAN

Cpl Mainer and his trench mate discover that sticks and very big stones may not break your bones, but are certain to ruin your day.



## Ex MEDICINE MAN

It is a phone booth? Is it a barbecue? (No, it's the field shower constructed by 3 PPCLI pioneers.)



## Ex MEDICINE MAN

CSM Ruck explains the joy of cooking to Cpl Penny.



In spite of the light rain and the landscape, B Company deployed to the field in full force to take on our first challenge — "Special to Arms Training." For the 2IC, Capt Peter Bartlett, and his trusty sidekick, MCpl Jerry Scheidl (Sigs NCO), the main challenge was trying to master BATCO, an "interesting" code to say the least — especially in the heat of battle. For others, it meant clearing the Red Hordes from a two km coulee (on foot), and carrying out a night attack while red tracer fire from machine guns arced over our heads (CSM: "I always wondered if you could see tracer coming at you!"). This week also involved night patrols, and these had added realism in various forms: remote-controlled tape recorders were activated so that Russian voices were heard in the vicinity of the objective; illumination was supplied by calling in mortar fire; and the objectives were named after locales of world renown, such as "Pigsville."



**Ex MEDICINE MAN**

**The QOH leads the way for 6 Platoon on one of the many company attacks.**



**Ex MEDICINE MAN**

**Pte Stewart to Lt Kerr — "Uh, Sir, don't you think that last bound we took was a little long?"**

The rest of MEDICINE MAN is a collection of jumbled images in everyone's mind, as the pace picked up considerably when the battle group exercise began. There was an attack on a Russian trench system that took nearly two hours to clear; there were minefield crossings and a bridge demolition guard with a night battle. For some, the excitement was just too much, however, MCpl Shawn Stevens used his initiative and decided that his section needed sleep more than his platoon commander needed him in a road move; MCpl Mike Burke tried to grow a beard; and the assault pioneers demonstrated the new "tumble dismount" from a M113. And, of course, who could forget the day we finally put a face to the rather distinctive and all-consuming voice of OC B Squadron on the group net.



**Ex MEDICINE MAN**

**Sgt Ernst — dirty, dog tired and eager to excell.**

A day of rest and recreation was provided in the field to give us all a break from the hectic pace. Actually it was supposed to be a maintenance day, but then sometimes it's nice to have wheels to maintain instead of tracks. As usual the CQ outdid himself, as steaks, beverages, movies and showers magically appeared from his truck. A "no-holds barred" game of football was played, using a rainsuit wrapped in gun tape as a football. Pte Don "The Enforcer" Gebhardt led 6 Platoon to victory in a hard-fought battle over 5 Platoon. Remarked LCol David Jenkins, CO of QOH, "If you have to slum it, slum it with Canadians."

Time flew by so fast that it was a surprise to us all when, on 8 October, we finally heard the words "End Ex" over the radio; the word spread quickly, even though we were all dismounted and lying on the ground in various imitations of a fire position, having just finished a battle group attack on an objective of great depth. We moved into camp at "best speed," grateful for our six-wheeled vehicles which could move much faster than the British APCs. Night was falling and we were all eager for a shower and a soft bed. The next night we unwound our combat-hardened psyches at the Company Smoker (Cpl "Moustache Ride" Penny unwound his shoulder, too) and the next day the first flights were leaving for Victoria, homeward bound.

All in all, the entire company felt like they had completed their jobs to the best of their abilities and the flattering words of Commander BATUS and the Battle Group Commander only served to underline the pride we all felt as we left Camp Crowfoot. We looked upon the battle group arriving for MEDICINE MAN 7 as an unfortunate lot, for they were going to do what we had done, but in the biting cold of the Suffield autumn. We soon forgot them as we boarded the planes and turned our thoughts toward the warmer, more hospitable climate of Victoria. As the Hercs took off, Cpl Moe "The Scrounge" Charette would be heard counting the number of DP combat suits in his rucksack, while the OC dozed off still muttering, "23 answer the radio!"





**Ex MEDICINE MAN**

**Cpl Mainer smiles for the camera — "What do you mean you can't see the smile?"**

## FIBUA TRAINING IN WASHINGTON

**by Lt M.M. Kenneally**

On 24 September, approximately 85 members of C Company, 3 PPCLI, deployed to Fort Lewis, Washington Training Area for one week of FIBUA (Fighting In Built Up Areas) training.

Fort Lewis, which is south of Seattle, has many excellent training facilities which have been used by the Third Battalion for many years. During the week 24 September to 1 October, C Company primarily used the village of Regensburg. Regensburg, first built in 1942, is a full sized replica of some 50 two-storey houses and buildings including a school, bank, town hall, village square and even a beer hall.

For training purposes, Charlie Company was divided into two platoons with a field engineer section from 1 CER Chilliwack, commanded by Sgt Petryna, attached to Company HQ



**FIBUA Training — Fort Lewis**

**Capt Karl Gotthardt, OC C Coy, checking things out before the assault on Regensburg.**



**FIBUA Training — Fort Lewis**

**MCpl MacLaren leads his section during an assault on Regensburg.**

The first two days training consisted of the individual platoons working in the village establishing their defensive and offensive FIBUA SOPs. In conjunction with this phase of training, both platoons planned and executed fighting patrols. 9 Platoon won the "Longest Recce" and "Best Deception Plan" awards.

On 27 September, under the watchful eyes of the OC and the Chief Umpire, CSM Cleveland, the two platoons alternated defending and attacking prepared areas of the village. The troop's enthusiasm and motivation were evident in some of the booby traps and in the spirited and often acrobatically inclined assaults.



**FIBUA Training — Fort Lewis**

**CSM Cleveland assesses casualties during the exercise.**

After a well-deserved rest that evening, training continued Sunday on various obstacle and confidence courses. During the morning a section competition was conducted on the obstacle course with MCpl Willford and his section emerging as the most agile and speedy section of the day. Their prize? A free beverage of their choice and no duties for the smoker. The afternoon saw the company attack the confidence-building death slide and the log-walk, rope-drop obstacles. Although these two devices sound intimidating, they encompass no more than a sliding entrance into the lake at 50 mph and dropping 35 feet from a rope (after negotiating a treacherous balancing beam) into the same murky depths. The boys found the whole business so invigorating that they could only be coerced back to the bivouac with promises of barbecued steaks and cold cans of their favorite beverage (if only we had charged a dollar a ride).





**FIBUA Training — Fort Lewis**

**The unknown C Coy soldier between the rope drop and the water.**

Monday morning came early and all personnel were busy with battle preparation for the final phase of the exercise, a company level assault through an entire block of the village, defended by the section of engineers and a smattering of C Company HQ personnel. At first light, Tuesday morning, C Company began its assault. With the assault platoons providing mutual support for each other, the Company steadily advanced, clearing each room of each house.

The defenders, aided by wire obstacles, booby traps and claymore mines, fought fiercely, inflicting heavy casualties on the gallantly advancing "Good Guys" of C Company. They were finally driven back to the Beer Hall where spirited resistance was maintained until the ammunition finally ran out.

In any case, under the cover of billowing smoke and a withering hail of MG fire and artillery, the lads secured their objective in a spectacular roof top assault after three hours of hectic fighting and manoeuvring. The enemy, knowing the end was near, withdrew so hastily that they forgot three cases of the troops' favorite beverage. So we all capped our victory with a cold one, and then began the arduous task of cleaning weapons, repairing Regensburg and policing our training areas.

The Company returned to Work Point on 1 October. The week in Fort Lewis was well spent, giving us the opportunity to re-learn old lessons, learn new ones and develop solutions to the many problems that one confronts in city fighting.

## PCF CYCLE 1986

**by Lt T.M. Federiuk**

This year, as always the Battalion fell prey to the almighty posting monster and, as a result, was required to train new blood into their primary combat functions. The newly arrived young blood from the Battle School fitted nicely into the PCF cycle 8602 (15 Oct - 28 Nov 86) with eight courses being conducted: Basic Assault Pioneer, Basic Recce Patrolman, Basic TOW Gunner, Basic MG Gunner, Basic Signals, Driver AVGP, Driver Wheeled and Basic Mortarman.

The course cycle was done in Work Point Barracks and surrounding training areas with the final PCF exercise being run at our Victoria South training area, Yakima Firing Centre in Washington State. C Company, under the watchful eye of Capt Karl Gotthardt, took the task of conducting the training camp even under the adverse training conditions offered — 'Merican beer and a high exchange rate.

Planning, preparation and co-ordination conferences were held during September and early October with the result that courses got underway with little difficulty. After the first few "cycle" pains, the courses were well on their way to a very successful period in which 172 personnel received PCF qualifications. Some highlights from the courses are:

### Basic Assault Pioneer

Camp Bernard once again housed the Pioneer course for the duration of "dry training"; which included a combination of theory and field instruction in booby traps, demolitions, mine warfare, rope bridging, knots and lashings, pioneer equipment, road construction and NBCW (to name some of it). Highlights included the FTX at YFC, completion of the improvised road and pedestrian walk at Camp Bernard and a first-hand look at the new assault boats being trialed. The course put in a lot of hard work and for everyone it was a job well done. For Pte McGregor RR, top candidate, it was a good way to end a good course.



**Assault Pioneer Course  
WO Caven inventing the hole.**



**Assault Pioneer Course  
MCpls Melnechuk and Burke inventing a bigger hole.**



### Basic Patrolman

Sneaking, peeking and doing what the "digger" does best exemplifies the high standard shown by the newest members of the "paint by numbers jacket" club (it is supposed to be like Club Z, I think). With Sgts Leduc, Legood and Bolen keeping the traditions of recce alive, the "eyes and ears" received fine instruction on all the need-to-dos (i.e. indirect fire, patrol tech, surveillance tech, use of ground, use of radar, etc.) of the recce life. Good coursemanship and interesting training kept the candidates alert and ready to go the extra step that is so often required. Even though their night landings from the destroyers were "weathered" out, the course received first rate support all round and hopefully the next course will be able to get ashore (that is if the swells are not 2.5m high again). Pte Mullen MP came out on top of the "diggers," and is applying his trade in Recce Platoon.

### Basic TOW

With the exception of some minor difficulties, and some comic relief provided by unusual circumstances, the TOW course ran smoothly. Good coursemanship and high spirits enabled everyone to get maximum output from the training. Actual firing of the missiles unfortunately did not take place, so it looks like blast simulators and the TOW AFV package is going to have to suffice until RV 87 when the gunners from three courses will finally fire.

Congratulations to MCpl Kelly who topped the course, job well done.

### Basic MG

As always, being in a mechanized battalion; our crucial entitlement goes to our MG gunners. Course 8602 graduated 36 personnel in an effort to keep our turrets going before the Posting Monster returns. The high standard of WO McKinley and the rest of the instructors showed in the impressive written and shooting scores by all candidates on the course (No, Lt Andrews, this does not mean you get more ammo next year.).

The course completed their theory in Work Point Barracks and some dry training at Nanaimo Military Camp before going to YFC for the final FTX. Special thanks to 3 RCHA for their support of target ac for the AA shoot; and congratulations to Pte Gendron who took the Emme Gee Trophy (we would like it back).



**MG Course on the Anti-Aircraft Range**

"I bet that pigeon won't do that around here again."

### Basic Signals

What do you do when most of your battalion signals gear is lost in transit from Ex BRAVE LION? You take Capt MacIver, WO Leduc and Sgt Monteith, wrap them tightly with land line by the light of a full moon, sprinkle them with talc, say the magic words and presto, you have a signals course which produced some of the better signallers in the army (and we challenge the rest of you to match them). The course did most of its training in Work Point before deploying to Nanaimo Lake area for a nine-day FTX (which saw sun for an entire 10 minutes).

MCpl McKinstry was the top candidate, with a good effort put forward by all candidates.

### Driver AVGP

On the other side of the coin, you get a course which starts late, passes the CO on the road in a rain storm and has jitters to go to Chilliwack before going to YFC. Lt Day, WO McArdle and Sgt Emmett kept the turbo chargers going and interest high as they put the Lower Island and two major road moves into the timetable and kept going from there. The instruction was first rate and the drivers are all eagerly awaiting their "home" in the "Caddy." Pte Sweetman MS was top candidate, and a "well done" has to go to all who completed the course.



**AVGP Drivers Course**

**Pte Gaudet points out the location of the local barber shop to MCpl Parolin.**

### Driver Wheeled

"The course that knew it could" took place behind the eight ball — with WO Cowan on the go 32/8 (32 hours a day, 8 days a week).

The course succeeded in many ways — mainly in giving each driver more time behind the wheel that most previous courses and putting out better drivers in a short period. The effort from WO Cowan was paid off in having maximum road time with no accidents.

Pte McDonald MI topped the course through some good effort on his part. Well done.

### Mortar

If we have a fairy Godfather, then WO Haines must be the patron Saint of our mortar line. Though there were initial difficulties with equipment (due to BATUS), WO Haines managed to procure the needed materials (tubes, pods and sights) to give maximum training to the candidates (now if we could only get the God of ammo to open the purse strings a bit).



Mortar course 8602 drilled at Work Point for six weeks before moving down to Vic South to do their business. The course maintained good esprit-de-corps and put maximum ef-

fort into all the drills and training. Pte Mottram JW topped the course, and it was a good effort by him and all of his fellow candidates. Job well done.



**Mortar Course**  
MCpl Hewitt, Pte Graziano and Pte Schieder on the range.

**Mortar Course**  
Pte Usher wondering if give or take 10 mils is close enough for government work.



**Mortar Course**  
"There has to be some snow around here somewhere."



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2101	Badge, Association, Crest .....	3.25	2197	Sword Infantry /with Case .....	405.25
2103	Badge Officer (Sterling) .....	28.00	2199	Sword Knot .....	96.00
2105	Badge Officer Collar Dog (Sterling) .....	37.50	2200	Sword Belt Sling .....	85.00
2107	Badge OR Brass .....	8.25	2201	Sword Belt .....	25.00
2109	Badge OR Collar Dog (Brass) .....	14.50	2205	Tie Regtl .....	10.75
2110	Badge Collar OR's (Band) Brass .....	12.75	2206	Tie VP Coronet .....	10.75
2111	Badge Helmet Plate, OR .....	7.50	2207	Tie OCTP .....	8.50
2112	Badge Helmet Plate Officer .....	31.25	2219	Wing Scarlet .....	9.50
2113	Badge PPCLI Shoulder Title Brass .....	11.00	2220	Wings CF Mess Kit .....	5.50
2114	Band, Trousers .....	1.00	2221	Wings Metal CF .....	3.75
2115	Officer Collar Badge Band (Sterling) .....	42.00	2222	Pin, Silver Maple Leaf .....	1.00
2116	Band Chevron (1-hook) .....	1.75	3000	Golf Shirt Crest .....	19.00
2117	Band Chevron (2-hook) .....	2.75	3002	Pants Sweat Grey .....	19.85
2118	Band Chevron (3-hook) .....	3.75	3003	Pants Sweat Maroon .....	19.85
2119	Band Chevron (4-hook) .....	4.75	3004	Top Grey Crew-neck .....	16.25
2120	Band Rank WO .....	2.25	3005	Top Maroon Crew-neck .....	16.25
2121	Band Rank MWO .....	5.75	3006	Top Sweat Grey Kangaroo .....	22.00
2122	Band Rank CWO .....	7.25	3007	Top Sweat Maroon Kangaroo .....	22.00
2124	Band Pugaree French Grey .....	10.00	3008	T-Shirt Crest .....	6.75
2126	Belt CF (Green) .....	7.75	3009	T-Shirt Crest (Dark Green) .....	7.00
2127	Beret, Paki .....	9.00	3009.1	T-Shirt Crest (Oxford Grey) .....	7.50
2128	Buckles (Regtl) .....	10.75	3010	T-Shirt Child .....	6.50
2129	Buttons, Links .....	0.15	3011	V.P. Sweater (Blue / Maroon) .....	20.00
2130	Buttons 40L VP .....	0.35	3014	Sweat Band, Head .....	2.00
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2132	Buttons 26L VP .....	0.30	3016	Cap Ball with Crest .....	5.50
2133	Buttons 20L VP .....	0.30	4003	Book PPCLI 1914-84 .....	8.00
2137	Coin (Regtl) Numbered .....	5.00	4004	Book: Thomas Prince .....	3.00
2138	Coin (Regtl) Unnumbered .....	5.00	4005	Book: Kapyong Remembered .....	2.75
2139	Crest Blazer Association .....	3.30	4010	Cards Christmas Drummer Boy .....	0.75
2140	Crest Blazer OR .....	3.50	4011	Cards, Xmas, Canada's Tribute .....	0.75
2141	Crest, Blazer, Snr NCO .....	3.30	4012	Cards, Invitation .....	.15
2142	Crest Blazer Officer .....	3.75	4026	Stationery .....	10.25
2143	Cummerbunds .....	17.50	5001	Ashtrays, VP .....	3.00
2144	Mini Medal Ribbon / Per Inch .....	0.25	5003	Auto Badge .....	25.00
2145	Camp Flag .....	45.25	5005	Badge Charm .....	33.00
2146	Gloves Unlined, Black (Scully's) .....	27.00	5009	Brooch Silver 84 .....	65.00
2147	Keeper's Buckle (Regtl) .....	2.25	5012	Brooch, Sterling Silver .....	40.50
2148	Medal: Cyprus Mini .....	7.50	5013	Brooch, Gold 10K .....	105.00
2149	Medal: Queen Jubilee .....	8.70	5019	Cypher, Sterling Silver .....	10.25
2150	Medal: CD Mini .....	8.75	5024	Crest Jacket Cap Badge .....	2.00
2151	Bar for Medal: CD Mini .....	6.00	5026	Decal Cap Badge (5x9) .....	2.00
2152	Medal: Centennial Mini .....	8.70	5027	Decal, Hat Badge, Sm (3.5x2) .....	1.00
2153	Medal: UNEF Egypt Mini .....	7.50	5028	Decal Shoulder Title R/W .....	0.20
2154	Medal: Congo Mini .....	15.25	5029	Decal Hat Badge Multi .....	1.00
2155	Medal: UNDOF Mini .....	7.50	5030	Decal VP and Coronet 5" sq. .....	1.25
2156	Medal: UNTSO Mini .....	7.50	5031	Decal, VP & Coronet 3.5x3.5" .....	1.00
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2158	Medal UN Service Korea .....	13.25	5034	Decal Battle Honours 9x15.5 .....	5.00
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2161	Parade Square Markers, 18x18 .....	43.75	5042	Cover Field Message Pad Cam .....	4.70
2162	Pennant C.O. .....	43.75	5043	Cover Jr General Kit Camo .....	18.00
2163	Pennant Col.-in-Chief .....	12.50	5044	Jr Gen Kit Complete .....	38.00
2163.1	Pennant Car C.O. .....	12.50	5045	C-5 Knife Holder .....	2.75
2168	Rank CWO Scarlet Set .....	20.75	5046	KFS Holder .....	2.75
2171	Rank Officer Pip Mess Kit .....	10.00	5047	Key Ring VP .....	2.25
2172	Rank Officer Crown Mess Kit .....	8.75	5048	I.D. Wallet .....	12.25
2174	Vest Mess Kit .....	50.00	5049	Shaving Kit .....	25.00
2182	Ribbon: Regimental Mini .....	0.10	5050	Combat Belt .....	5.00
2183	Ribbon: Regimental Large .....	0.15	5051	Poncho Liner .....	35.00
2186.1	Sash Sgt. .....	35.60	5055	Flag Desk .....	4.00
2187	Sash: WO .....	43.75	5059	Ice Bucket .....	27.75
2188	Sash: Officer Patrol .....	127.00	5065	Badge Collar Lapel Officer .....	32.50
2192	Shoulder Titles CF .....	0.55			
2193	Shoulder Titles RW .....	0.30			





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5071	Wings Mini .....	3.75
5073	Necklace Hat Badge Sterling .....	40.00
5075	Lighter Plastic Camo .....	3.00
5077	Lighters VP Slim .....	9.50
5082	Mug, Travel VP Crested .....	4.85
5084	Mug Pewter Hat Badge .....	41.25
5101	Statuette Drummer Boy .....	37.00
5102	Statuette Modern Soldier .....	37.00
5103	Statuette WWI .....	37.00
5104	Statuette D/M Set .....	37.00
5111	Plaque Regt Bronze .....	36.50
5119	Place Mat VP .....	6.25
5121	Spoon Modern Day Soldier .....	5.75
5122	Spoon Drummer Boy .....	5.75
5123	Spoon Silver Marguerite .....	30.50
5125	Plaque Velvet Green Material .....	0.00
5126	Plaque Velvet Red Material .....	0.00
5127	Plaque Casting Bronze .....	14.50
6100	Shoulder Title Brass Old .....	5.50
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6112	Picture, Ric-A-Dam-Doo (8x10) .....	1.00
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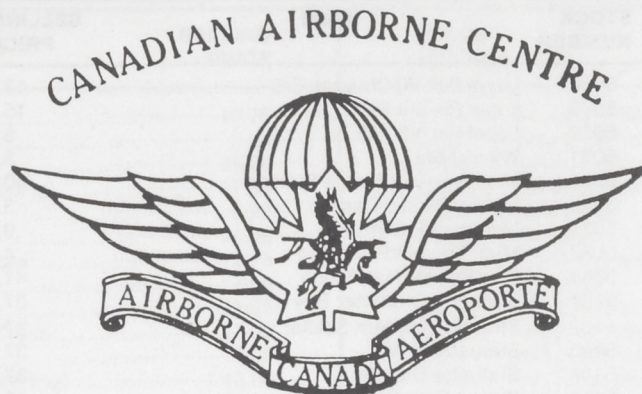
### SELECTIONS FOUND IN THE RECORD "OVER THE TOP"

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| 1) Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag | 1) I've got Sixpence                                      |
| 2) Oh, What a Lovely War                     | 2) We're Gonna Hang Out Our Washing on the Siegfried Line |
| 3) Ship Ahoy                                 | 3) We'll Meet Again                                       |
| 4) Roses of Picardy                          | 4) Berkeley Square  |
| 5) Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag | 5) You'll Never Know                                      |
| 6) Keep the Home Fires Burning               | 6) Quartermaster Stores                                   |
| 7) It's a Long Way to Tipperary              | 7) Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major                       |
| 8) Goodbye, Dolly Gray                       | 8) White Cliffs of Dover                                  |
| 9) Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning   | 9) Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye                    |
| 10) There's a Long, Long Trail               | 10) Now is the Hour                                       |
| 11) Goodbye-ee                               | 11) Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree                        |
| 12) Roamin' in the Gloamin'                  | 12) In the Mood   |
| 13) When You Wore a Tulip                    | 13) Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy                               |
| 14) Goodbye My Bluebelle                     |   |





## EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY-EMPLOYED (ERE) PATRICIAS



by Captain C.C. Smith



**Sky Hawks Demo City of Edmonton  
Annual Christmas Tree Burn, Laurier Park, January 1987**

Since our last contribution to *The Patrician*, the Canadian Airborne Centre has, once again, completed an extremely hectic and varied year of training, trials and demonstrations.

The Airborne Trials and Evaluation Section, under the capable leadership of Captain W.F. Boll and subsequently Major R. Honig, has been involved in varied activities such as stand-off parachuting with the new MT1X ram-air canopy, and in one instance a team actually flew some 22 km to the target area. Other interesting trials conducted were the LAPES drop of the Lynx, much to the horror of the "black hats," (I wonder if anybody will volunteer to ride inside), parachute trials of the CF-18 ejection seat parachute, and soon to unfold the BV 206 trials which will involve both airdrop, LAPES and sling load (I

wonder if we can avoid bending a BV 206).

The Parachute Training Wing, with Major G.M. Whiting at the helm, is as busy as ever. The past season was further complicated by the imposition of the Mountain Operations Course which meant many of his instructors such as Sergeant G. Crossman, Sergeant H. Smith and Sergeant A. Whitehall turned in their parachutes for mountain climbing gear for the bulk of the summer. One sage aptly quipped that "variety is the spice of life." This certainly was the case for PTW last season. A busy time for all.

This summer will further see PTW heavily involved with parachute training, both static line and freefall, mountaineering, and just as a bonus, some personnel will be involved with the field firing course in Suffield during RV 87.



The Aerial Delivery Training Wing has also had a busy year as can be attested by Sergeant F. Hayden and Sergeant L.A. Gordon. This wing of CABC will be, or possibly will have, by the time this article is printed, been deeply involved in RV 87 as the receiving Rail Movement Unit in Wainwright. This affair, of course, will dictate a certain amount of cross-training; however, who said CABC personnel weren't flexible?

The Canadian Forces Parachute Team, now under command of Captain P. Metaxas, is heading for another busy season. Last year saw 72 shows put on across Canada and the United States, logging some 55,000 air miles in travel. On an individual basis, Sergeant J. Murray participated in the Canadian National Parachute Competition in Gananoque, Ontario, and placed sixth overall. An exceptionally creditable performance. This year our masters in Ottawa have restricted the Sky Hawks (CFPT) to some 50 shows and at least there will be some breathing space for the team members. I'm sure they will enjoy another exceptional season.

The following members of the PPCLI serving at CABC send greetings to their comrades far and wide:

Lieutenant-Colonel W.J.G. Bewick  
Major R. Honig  
Major G.M. Whiting  
Captain P. Metaxas  
Captain E.K. Witt  
Captain C.C. Smith  
Chief Warrant Officer E.J. Bakker  
Warrant Officer R.D. Dickson  
Sergeant M.J. Boyling  
Sergeant G.S. Crossman  
Sergeant F. Hayden  
Sergeant F. MacNeil  
Sergeant T.P. Malcolm  
Sergeant H.P. Smith  
Sergeant C.A. White  
Sergeant A.J. Whitehall  
Sergeant L.A. Gordon



**Sky Hawks salute to the spectators  
Laurier Park, January 1987**



# THE PPCLI BATTLE SCHOOL

by Captain N.A. MacLaine, Adjutant

## Winter 86

As has become tradition, the Battle School started off the new year with a full house, having nine platoons of all types on the ground in January (a popular season to visit Wainwright). Peak strength for the year was reached January 22, with 522 all ranks of the parade state. This figure would have been even larger had the Winter Warfare course not been cancelled due to lack of interest, lack of aircraft and lack of winter (in balmy Wainwright, at least).

In February the Battle School was visited by Lieutenant-General Twomey of the US Marine Corps, who wished to undergo winter indoctrination while enroute to the Arctic. After leaving six inches of snow in Quantico, Virginia, he had his first taste of Alberta winter when stepping onto bare grass and above-freezing temperatures. He was well hosted by Flers-Courcelette Platoon 8542 who were doing patrol training at the time and showed him how the Viet Nam War could have been won by Patricia recruits.

March 17 was celebrated in the normal fashion, with sports competitions for the platoons and the annual broom-i-loo match. The game was fought to a close finish, but eventually the numerical superiority of NCOs' first, second and third strings prevailed over the finesse of the officers' line-up. Were it not for incremental staff, the officers would have had to default altogether, since the combat dentist and Divisional Mother, Dr. Sandra Lamb, refused to play goalie.

## Spring 86

As the rest of the Brigade geared up for WAINCON in late March, the pace at the Battle School slowed comfortably, allowing the School to conduct refresher training on such things as first aid, defensive driving, CPR and platoon weapons. After discouraging results on the pistol by the Adjutant and Chief Clerk, a certain measure of success was achieved with a case of grenades. Fortunately, the CO and RSM were still good enough on the old Browning 9mm to resoundingly beat all comers at the annual "Cock 'O the Walk" competition.



The RSM's relay of the Cock 'O the Walk competition.

"How can you tell it's not the CO's relay?"

"Because their pistols are all pointing down-range."

## Summer 86

Defining the boundary between spring and summer in Wainwright is, at best, a judgement call, since it can be reasonably argued that there are only alternating days of summer and winter.



WILDHAY RIVER

After torrential rains doused the fire but before the hail and snow wiped out the smiles.



Sgt "Nemo" McCully — Prepare to dive!

In June, Captain Neil MacLaine took the available staff on a White Water expedition in the foothills for a change of pace. A change of pace it was, since sleet, snow, tornadoes, hypothermia and class III rapids are rarely encountered in a normal day at the School. Participants with aching shoulders, blistered hands and cold, soaked clothing grew weary of cheerful claims that a change is as good as a rest. However, with the excellent assistance of WO "Big Dave" Parker and a bag full of tranquilizers, even Sgt "Nemo" McCully managed to make the 230 kms and 2000 vertical feet without human loss. There was, in fact, a grim pleasure in watching record flood levels carry trees and drowned animals down the Athabasca, knowing that a similar airforce expedition had required rescue a few days earlier.



Posting season resulted in a significant turn-over of staff, including the CO, LCol Dave Montgomery, the Chief Instructor, Captain Bob Halpin (the last of the red hot CIs) and RSM Scotty Hamilton. LCol Ron Bragdon officially took command on the fourth of July, and RSM Lloyd was promoted into his current position in August. With the arrival of new masters, a significant reorganization of the School was implemented. Leadership, Recruit and Training Support Companies were formed to improve command and control, and the position of Chief Instructor vanished in favour of DCO, with Major Marcel Beztilny (first of the red hot DCOs) moving into the slot.

#### Fall 86

Block leave in August, a welcome respite, was followed by the fall build-up of courses, including two unexpected but welcome direct entry platoons. There were TQ3 YTEP, Direct Entry TQ2/3, ISCC, CLC and JLC courses all running



#### CHANGE OF COMMAND

"Pass your pen, Dave — that damned aide is always walking off with mine."



LCol Bragdon presents RSM Bruce Lloyd with his OMM certificate.

simultaneously just to test out the new organization and confuse the Headquarters.

Hunting season, of course, took priority over routine business which could always be put off until after 29 November. Every day before dawn the woods around Wainwright were crowded with various O-groups and Recce groups out looking for things to shoot. But as all good things must come to an end, so did hunting season and the great memories and embarrassing misses could only be re-lived ad nauseum in the coffee room (to be converted into a trophy room).

After a hectic but typical year, all life at the School ground to a halt with the conclusion of the Men's Christmas Dinner on 12 December, thus ending 1986 at the newer, bigger, better Battle School, where quality is still Job #1.



Major "Not Seen" Beztilny and Captain Stu "Tracker" Gibson graciously accept the Sergeant Watt's Memorial Trophy for "the one that got away."

Stay tuned to next year's edition when the RSM reciprocates.

	Course		Top Candidate	Most Improved	Marksman	Most Physically Fit	Graduates	Postings
Mount Sorrel .....	8541	Pte	Zybutz	Petrowski	Keegan	Pierrero	18	3 PPCLI
Fliers Courcellette	8542	Pte	Mullin	Harvey	Lenton	Ducharme	29	1 PPCLI
Vimy Ridge .....	8582Y	Pte	Greenway	Himes	Strangeway	Shemko	27	3 PPCLI
Passchendaele ..	8583Y	Pte	Barks	O'Neil	Malishewski	Kucik	26	3 PPCLI
Amiens .....	8584Y	Pte	Barnard	Robertson	MacPhail	Pickell	24	1 PPCLI
Ypres .....	8585-86	Pte	Waldron	Trottier	Henry	Waldron	34	1/2 and 1/2 1st & 3rd
Moro .....	8587	Pte	Rheume	Wight	Brewer	Doiron	24	1 PPCLI
Hitler Line .....	8681	Pte	Crawford	Paolini	Andal	Wilson	16	1 PPCLI
Kapyong .....	8601	Pte	Williams	Paulson	Paulson	Kelly	17	3 PPCLI
Leonforte .....	8603	Pte	Susta	Strader	Susta	Fribance	25	1 PPCLI
Gothic Line .....	8604	Pte	Pumphrey	LaBelle	Pumphrey	Pumphrey	19	3 PPCLI
Korea .....	8605	Pte	Stokes	Fullerton	Lyver	Flynn	21	1 PPCLI



# THE REGIMENTAL BAND

by Sergeant Ian R.F. Ferrie



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN  
LIGHT INFANTRY  
BAND

CANADIAN FORCES BASE  
CALGARY,  
ALBERTA

**The PPCLI Band on parade at CFB Calgary during the  
Trooping The Colour of the First Battalion on June 27,  
1986.**

The past year was relatively quiet for the Regimental Band. With the budget freeze in the early months and no major exercise like RV 85, the biggest events up until June were the opening of EXPO 86 on May 1st and the Trooping of the Colour by the First Battalion in June.

For sheer excitement and public exposure, the opening of EXPO had to be the hands-on winner. All participants rehearsed together for two days. Then we were front and centre in B.C. Place before 60,000 spectators and TV cameras carrying the ceremony across Canada and around the world. The enthusiastic roar of the crowd when "From Calgary, Alberta, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Band" came across the public address system was almost deafening. Without a doubt, every member of the band stood a bit taller and played a bit louder from that point on.

If EXPO 86 was the highlight of our public performances, the Trooping had to be on a par militarily. We joined the First Battalion for the last two weeks of rehearsals leading up to the June 27 event. There was a daily improvement on all fronts and the end result received a lot of praise. The training in the hot sun was definitely not wasted.

The day before the Trooping at the dress rehearsal, the Band was presented with a new set of regimental parade drums decorated with the regimental colours and battle honours. These were presented by Alberta Energy Company

in tribute to a former Colonel of the Regiment, Major General (Retd) G.G. Brown.

The budget freeze caused us to postpone two concert tours in the fall. In October, we spent a week in the Edmonton / Hinton area performing concerts in schools and for the public. In early December, we had a similar tour in Cranbrook, B.C. These tours helped publicize the PPCLI as well as the Canadian Armed Forces in areas where they don't normally have a high profile.

We had one major personnel change this year when Chief Warrant Officer Bob Fowler came to the band from the Central Band in Ottawa. He assumed the position of Assistant Director of Music following the posting of Chief Warrant Officer Jack Kopstein to the Vimy Band in Kingston. Chief Warrant Officer Fowler began his career as a sapper with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Chilliwack in 1956. After seven years, he remustered to the RCE Band as a percussionist. He was posted to the Central Band from 1968 until his posting to Calgary. His professional attitude has already been a great asset to the band.

This year and next will see the band participating in major ceremonial events with all battalions. This is intended to prepare all those involved for a mass Trooping in 1989, the 75th Anniversary of the Regiment. By that time, the band should be completely fitted with new scarlets.



# PACIFIC MILITIA AREA

by Captain E.A.C. Wrighte

## PATRICIAS CURRENTLY SERVING IN PMA

Col J.E.L. Gollner .....	COS/RSS CO
Maj W.H. MacMillan .....	RSS Det Comd Victoria District
Maj N.E. Pope .....	SO2 Log
Capt D.A. Pippolo .....	RSSO Rocky Mountain Rangers
Capt R.H. Halpin .....	SO3 Log Victoria District
Capt D.L. Giacomelli .....	RSSO Canadian Scottish Regt
Capt T.B. Stinson .....	RSSO Royal Westminster Regt
Capt E.A.C. Wrighte .....	RSSO Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
CWO Grant P .....	RSS RSM
MWO McEachern PR .....	RSS Trg Advisor Canadian Scottish Regt
MWO Aspinwall RS .....	SO3 Ops and Trg Victoria District
WO Holland TJ .....	RSS Trg NCO Royal Westminster District
WO Bell JOL .....	RSS Trg NCO Rocky Mountain District
WO Morrison CWD .....	RSS Trg NCO Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
Sgt Laas EA .....	RSS Trg Assistant Canadian Scottish Regt
Sgt Hartmann O .....	RSS Trg Assistant Canadian Scottish Regt
Cpl Wallace TJ .....	RSS Sp NCO Royal Westminster Regt
Cpl Gelineau TR .....	RSS Sp NCO Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
Cpl Kulchyski PA .....	RSS Sp NCO Rocky Mountain Rangers

The stalwart Patricias of Pacific Militia Area have completed yet another year of waving the regimental flag and looking good in and about 11 (Trg) Brigade. New additions to our Patricia 'A' team this year were: Capt Bob Halpin from the 1 CBG Battle School; CWO 'Sonny' Grant from 3 PPCLI; and Cpl Tom Wallace from 2 CDO in Petawawa.

Over and above the rigorous field operations and the never-ending paper warfare, we had an especially busy time this year being co-located with EXPO 86. The units here joyfully underwent numerous ceremonial taskings during the buildup to EXPO and the fair itself.

Those of us serving with Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island units were grievously saddened this year by a green Christmas, however we somehow managed to 'bite the bullet' and demonstrate the flexibility required to soldier on regardless.

We, here on the western flank, would ask the Regimentally employed and other Patricias afflicted with ERE to remember us and be sure to look us up if you find yourself out this way.



**CAPT STINSON —  
FOE CERTIFICATE PRESENTED BY GEN KILBY.**



**COL GOLLNER — COS MIL AREA PACIFIC**

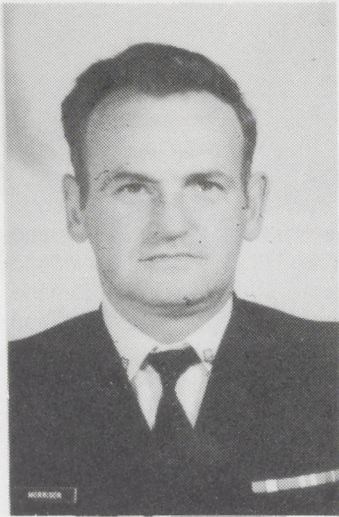


**CAPT PIPPOLO**



**MAJ POPE**



**WO MORRISON****CWO GRANT****CAPT EWEN WRIGHTE****CAPT TOM STINSON**

## NORTHERN ONTARIO

by Captain D.J. Banks, CD

Arriving here in Sudbury from the languid isle of Vancouver last July, I found myself to be in the enviable position of being not only the sole Patricia between Petawawa and Thunder Bay, but the Regional Representative as well. Apparently, this means I have been given the responsibility of looking after my own affairs and interests — a challenging task, but one any Patricia officer can master!

Dwelling as I do in "RCR Country," I have but rare occasion to see fellow Patricias. One of these events was the Central Militia Area RSS Conference held in Ipperwash last September, where I met such stalwarts as Captain Jarche, WO Winzowski and MCpl Strong, among others holding the Thin Grey Line out here where it snows.

Unfortunately, I cannot as yet report on any ceremonial or training events of a Regimental nature. I leave it up to our capable Career Managers to redress this situation by some appropriate postings.

Meanwhile, rest assured that all days of celebration on our Regimental calendar will be honored here in Ontario's Northland. Now, where's that chapter in the Drill Manual on 'Troopings for One Person' . . . ?

## THE BORDEN PATRICIAS

by Captain Gary O'Sullivan

Hello again from cottage country north of Toronto. At CFB Borden Ontario, there are only eight permanent staff Patricias; but we have a lock on the leadership and operational training on this base.

Sgt Bob Tasco is at Range Control Borden and Sgt Tom Munn is at Range Control Meaford; so, if you are ever in our area don't bother looking them up because they'll be looking for you. Capt Wayne Hirlehey maintains the Patricia presence at all the high level negotiations as the executive assistant for the Base Commander. Our nuclear defence capabilities are controlled by MWO Brian Betteridge of CFNBCS. Several Patricias have sweated through state five at that school this year.



**Borden Patricias gather for Regimental Day 86.**

This brings us to that institute of higher learning that all sergeants love, the Canadian Forces Leadership Academy, home of the Senior Leader Course. It is also home for half the Patricias on this base. Capt Pat McDonough commands Junior Leader Company when he is not off to Kingston. Capt Gary O'Sullivan maintains the standard at Standards Company, and Warrant Officers Jeff Hyslop and Bob Laws hide out in Senior Leader Company; and you'll probably see more of them than you would like if you come on the SLC.

This summer the Borden Patricia Officers Corp will all change. Capt Wayne Hirlehey has already begun wearing sunglasses and sipping champagne in preparation for his return to the Third Battalion.

Captains Pat McDonough and Gary O'Sullivan are trying to sort out exchange rates and asking, "How cold can Winnipeg really be?" They will both join the Second Battalion at the end of June.

### Where are they now?

Capt Lloyd Hackle rebadged intelligence and is at the spook school (CFSIS). Captains Emery French and Dan Hansen are both Training Development Officers at CFTDC, and Capt Harry Krannenburg is now the Adjt at CFSEME. Cpl Adrian Oxley and Cpl Greg Silas are both PERIs at CFSPER.





**Col Horseman D/BComd cuts the cake.**



**Regt Day — Food Service Training Company's contribution.**

## THE PATRICIAS OF TORONTO AND CENTRAL MILITIA AREA

**by Captain P.A. Hale**

1986 has been a busy year for all members of Central Militia Area. The Regiment is well represented throughout the Militia's largest Area. Patricias fill three of the District Chief of Staff positions and are Major Phil Tweedie — Toronto, Major Sandy MacDonald — Hamilton and Major Doug Arril — Ottawa. In Sudbury we have Captain Dave Banks as USO for 2IRRC; in Cambridge, Captain Pat Henneberry and WO Dave Winzski are both with the HF of C; in Windsor, Captain Harry Jarcho is USO for the E&K Scot; and Sgt Ernie Smith with the Lorne Scots in Brampton. There is a good representation of the Regiment in Toronto with Captain Rick Cunningham as USO for the 48th; MWO Peter MacKay — Toronto Scottish; WO Mike Bludd with the Queen's Own Rifles; Cpl Mike Wallace — 48th; Cpl Paul Auer — Hasty Ps; and Captains Ed Gallagher and Tony Stasiewicz at CFRC Toronto.

The senior serving Patricia in the Southern Ontario Area is LCol Merv McMurray at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto. This year he is accompanied by Maj Mike Goodspeed, the only Patricia student on the course. A couple of ex-Patricias have also surfaced at Base Toronto and are Sgt Joe Kinch who is now an MP attached to Central Militia Area HQ; MCpl Tim Hinds with the Base Fire Department; and Cpl Dave Baker with CE.

The normal postings occurred during the summer with Major Marcel Bezilny going to Wainwright as DCO of the Battle School; CWO Downey to 2 PPCLI in Germany; MWO Oertel to CSM for 2 Service Battalion; and Captain Dave Fraser to 2 PPCLI.

Postings in include Captain Peter Jerome to the CH of O; Captain Mike Morneault to the SD & G; and CWO Larry Schultz with the Ceremonial Guard.

The Regimental Family is doing well and is now preparing for a traditional March 17th to be held at Moss Park Armouries.

## QUEBEC MOBILE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS 1986 Postings

**OUT —** LGen A.J.G.D. de Chastelain (DComd)  
LCol J.D. Joly (SSO Per Svcs)  
LCol V.W. Kennedy (SSO Indiv Trg)  
Maj M.M. Fenrich (SO2 Inf Doc)  
Capt H. MacIsaac (SO3 Indiv Task)  
CWO H.R. Stinson (CWO Inf Stds)

**IN —** Maj S.P. Tymchuk (SO2 Contl Plans)  
Capt G. Vida (SO3 Inf AB)



**On Friday, 24 January 1986, the Regimental Officers held a special luncheon for Brigadier J.A. (Jimmy) de Lalanne to celebrate his 89th birthday. In attendance were several officers from NDHQ, CTC, BFC St-Jean as well as a number of ex-Patricias and some of our Allied officers who had provided much worthwhile support to our Regiment in the past.**





Brigadier J.A. de Lalanne was able to use the occasion to relate many of his wartime experiences to our former Commander, LGen C.H. Belzile (Retd), and NDHQ's Chief of Intelligence and Security, MGen C.W. Hewson. LCol V.W. Ken-

nedy, seated as the right marker, decided to use the occasion to calculate, in his head, his MURB and QSSP contributions necessary to beat the infamous Quebec taxes.

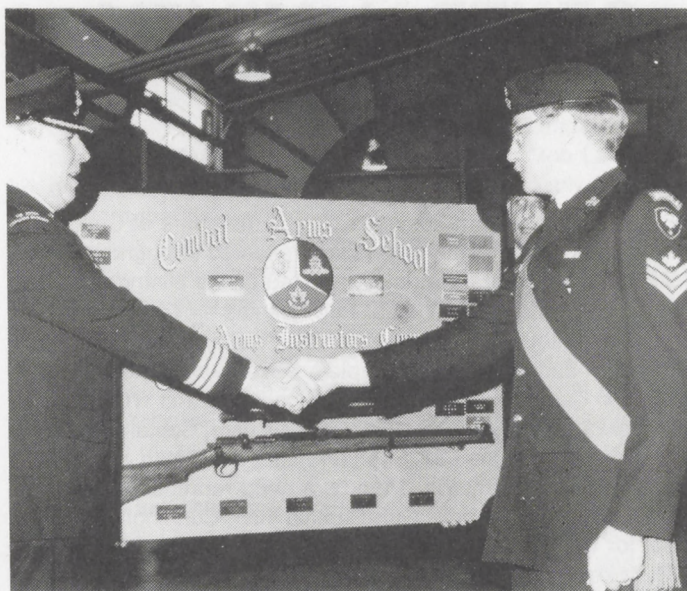
## CTC/INFANTRY SCHOOL — THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION

by Captain W.K. Bokovay

Greetings from all Patricias who have been sentenced to hard labor here in Gagetown! The French Grey Battalion of the Combat Training Centre numbers just over 100 all ranks this year. We've had some fresh troops arrive this past summer to replace the "battle weary" old dogs who have done their time and moved on. Colonel Barry Ashton remains firmly entrenched as the CO of the Battalion although his secondary duty as Base Commander has put a few constraints on his time.

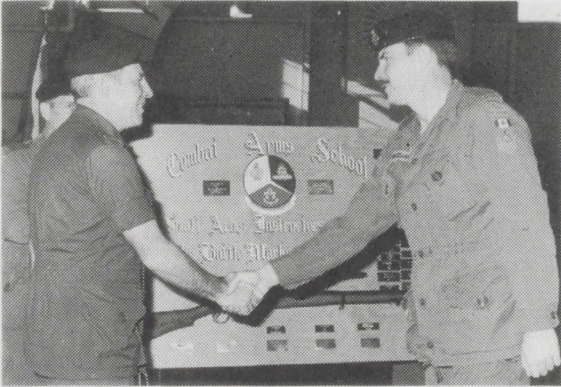
Most (but not all) Patricias work at the Infantry School. Things have been hopping here as usual with many of our soldiers from the units distinguishing themselves on courses. Sgt Millman (Battle School), MCpl Turner (2nd Bn) and Sgt McClinchey (Battle School) all managed to top their respective Small Arms Instructor serials this year. Sgt Stepsys (his initials *really* are V.P.) from the 2nd Bn was the top candidate on the Advanced Anti-Armour course and Sgt Murphy from the "sun and fun" Bn (sigh) took the honors on the Advanced Recce Patrolman course. Regimental Day this year was held on 15 March in the rain / sleet / snow. Broom-i-loo results were as follows:

Offrs .....	0	Jnr Ranks .....	1
Snr NCOs .....	1	Jnr Ranks .....	5
Offrs .....	1	Snr NCOs .....	1



Sgt Millman — Top Candidate SAIC 8601  
Plaque presented by LCol Aitchison, Comdt Infantry School





**Sgt McClinchey — Top Candidate SAIC 8605**



**Sgt Stepsys VP —  
Top Candidate Advanced Anti-Armour 8601**



**Sgt Murphy (3 PPCLI) —  
Top Candidate Advanced RECCE**



**MCpl Turner — Top Candidate SAIC 8604  
Sgt "Muscles" Culleton is glad that one is over**



**Regimental Day**



**Broom-i-loo — "Please don't hurt me!"**

The Junior Ranks took the overall trophy and the Senior NCOs were only able to score on the Officers by moving the goal to where the ball was. The dinner and dance that evening at our world-famous Oromocto Legion was well attended. Special thanks to Capt Makulowich, WO Mole, WO Maloney and Sgt Martin for laying on such a good feast.



**Keep your eye on the ball**

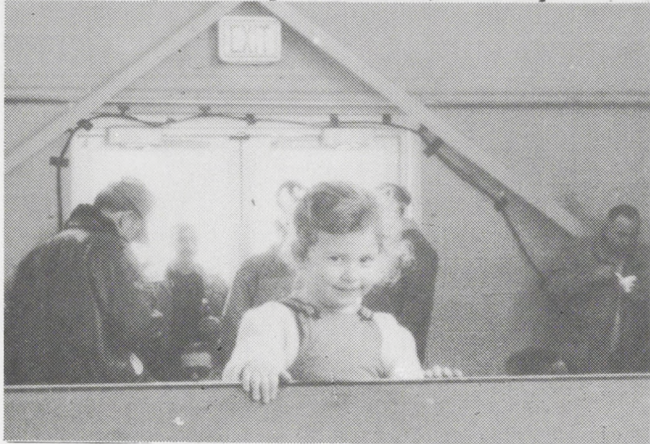


**Carlsburg Maloney**





**Hi Margaret! Can you send me some money?**



**The Littlest Patricia**



**WO Sparks lives dangerously as the referee**



**Col Sutherland presents a Regimental plaque to members of the St. Mary's Band.**



**Col Sutherland welcomes new officers to the Regiment**

Summer activities included an all ranks luncheon on 6 August with General Pitts and Colonel Sutherland in attendance. At the luncheon, we renewed our association with the St. Mary's Band from St. John, N.B. They were the first brass band to accompany the Regiment in France during the Great War. Colonel Sutherland presented current band members with a Regimental plaque. Later that day, the Col of the Regiment presented cap badges to 18 young officers who had successfully completed Phase IV Infantry. The Officer Cadet graduation was a particularly memorable occasion as 2Lt B.J. McLean was honored as the top candidate on Phase IV Infantry. We expect he's probably salmon fishing with "Punchy" in Victoria by now.



**2Lt McLean —  
Top Candidate Phase IV Infantry**



**Stutt and Jeff**



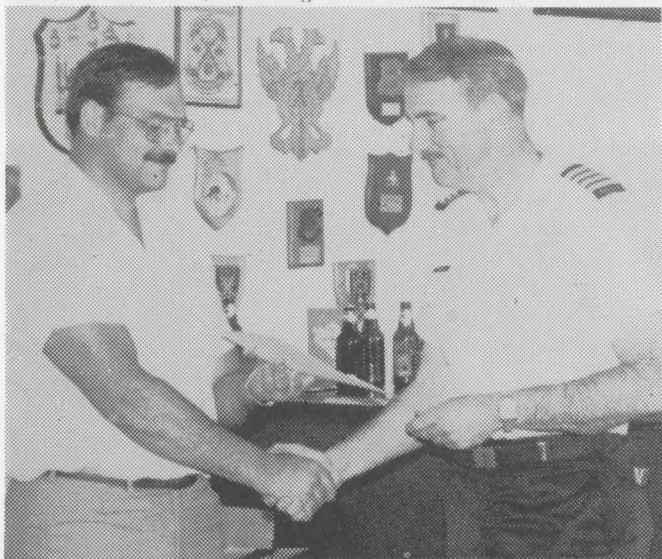


**Are we tired of Phase II or what?**



**Cpl Langstaff and Company**

The Regimental Birthday was suitably celebrated on 10 August as Colonel Ashton dared to invite the Bn Offrs over for a BBQ. It was a good start on our block leave. The posting season saw Capt Willow escape to Calgary, Capt Stefanuk flee to RSS Saskatoon and Capt McComber make the move to Germany, along with MWO Johnston. WO Gerhardt moved to Calgary, Cpl Devlin to Halifax and Cpl Soundy finally got his remuster. (We're still not sure about WO Gill.) Posted in are Capt Taylor, Capt Squires, CWO Hamilton, WO McNally, WO Pryce, WO McNaughton, Sgt Gelinas, Cpl Leblanc, Cpl Simson, Pte McGrath, Pte Vaughan and Pte Decker.



**Capt Willow departs for Calgary**



**Capt Stefanuk is on his way back home to Saskatoon**



**Capt McComber reluctantly accepted a posting to Germany**



**Sir, I was supposed to be in Calgary last week . . .  
(WO Gerhardt)**



**Cpl Soundy is off on a remuster.**





**WO Gill, are you sure about this?**

We still have our regular happy hours and luncheons here and any Patricias visiting or here on course are most welcome. The officers held their last luncheon of the year on 4 December to say so long to Capt Marv Makulowich who is off to England for the Tech Staff course and to Capt Bruce "Kangaroo" Scott. Bruce is our Aussie exchange officer who is going back down under to be promoted and command a company in 1 RAR. Good luck, Bruce! Your replacement, Capt Mike Slater, has a tough act to follow. Okay, sum up Bokovay.

We look forward to seeing many of you in '87. V.P.



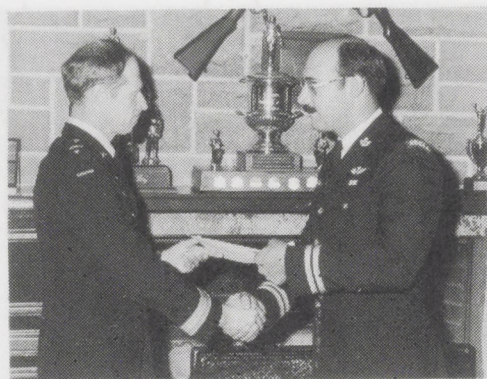
**Unknown Patricia Officer congratulates BGen Geddry, Comd CTC, on his recent completion of FOE**



**Cpl Longclaws —  
My trusty driver and assistant photographer**



**Cpl 'Newf' Winsor — tending bar again**



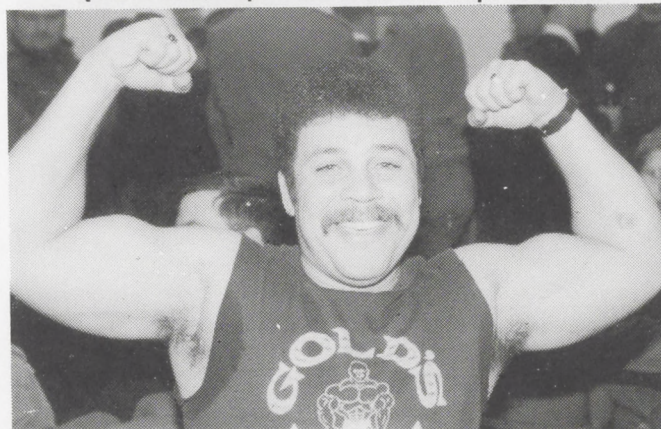
**Your Patricia PR man presenting BGen Geddry with his**



**The Happy Hour Crowd**



**QMSI Paine, Capt MacDonald and Capt Reumiller**



**Sgt Lawrence poses for a free beer!**



# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL

CANADIAN FORCES BASE CORNWALLIS

by MWO J.D. Ellis and WO G. Lovett



1986 at CFRS Cornwallis was both a busy and interesting year for all 21 Patricia's, with the training platoons growing in size and the introduction of gender-free training throughout the school. It meant that personal attitudes as well as some instructional techniques had to be modified, but as we entered our third month of the gender-free training, everyone had adjusted well and all was running smoothly.

On 10 August 1986, all Patricia's paraded to the sounds of our Regimental March (played by the CFB Cornwallis Band) at the main entrance where our Regimental flag was raised by the senior member here at Cornwallis, Sgt (Newfie) Best. We hasten to add that in true Regimental fashion, Newf goes out of his way to look after the needs of any Patricia, past or present, who ventures close to Cornwallis.

A number of Patricia's now reside in the Cornwallis area and asked to be remembered by old friends. Some of the names will serve to bring back fond memories of some good times together:

CWO Rosta — now base asst foods officer;

MWO Jim Sheppard — Construction Engineer;

Cpl J. McIsaac — Military Police;

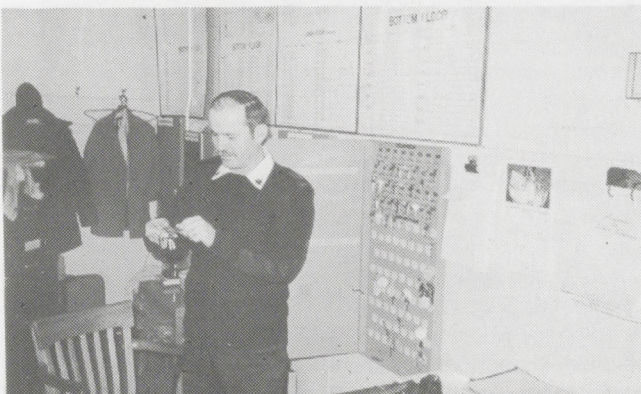
Cpl G. Shewfelt — Military Police; and

Sgt (Ret'd) John McIsaac who resides just outside Cornwallis.

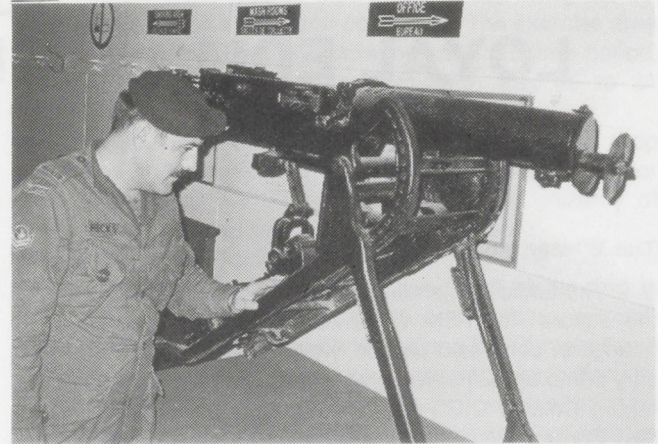
All Patricia's at Cornwallis would like to thank MWO Bill Spring for the dedicated manner in which he discharged his duties as our Patricia representative whilst here at CFRS. We wish him well in his new job as CSM Cbt Sp Coy with 1 PPCLI.



WO Lafleur - "I know I had 40 personnel yesterday."



"Now which key was it?" — Sgt 'Newfie' Best.



MCpl Hicks inspecting for rust in the weapon's cadre.



"What are you looking for?" — MCpl Kenney asking recruit.



What is Sgt Davis doing with these soldiers?





# LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (4 PPCLI)

by Captain Hugh A. Conway, CD

## The Winter Months

The Eddies' calendar year began with "much bashing of the square" as RSM Chris Atkin prepared the unit for a change of command parade, which occurred with all necessary pomp on 22 February when the unit bid farewell to Lieutenant Colonel C.G. "Chuck" Marshall and welcomed the new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Dave Nielsen. CWO Chris Atkin relinquished the position of Regimental Sergeant Major at the same ceremony.

The unit training, over the winter months, consisted mainly of infantry trade courses with Lieutenant Mike Solonynko and Sergeant Wayne McGee living up to the unit's reputation as scroungers by running a communications course without stores. During a particularly severe March storm, Sergeant Larry Hartenburger migrated south with the Sky Hawks for another season of hijinks.

## The Spring

The warmer spring temperatures saw the return of Lieutenant Greg Kopchuk from the Ukrainian dance circuit; he quickly doffed his red boots and donned a jump smock in time for musketry camp where he set the standard. He proved, as was heard in the Sergeant's Mess, that "the pen is mightier than the target."



Lt Greg Kopchuk, "I know I left those red boots somewhere along this trail."



THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT VOLANT RODEO 1986 TEAM

DEPART POPE AFB, NC USA

**COMBAT CONTROL TEAM, left to right: MCpl Northmore, Cpl Clews, Cpl Faulkner, Cpl Taylor, MWO Phillips CABC.**

**COMBAT SECURITY TEAM, left to right: Sgt Rarog, MCpl Plehiers, WO Sheuerman and Cpl Boehnke.**

May saw the departure of the Volent Rodeo Team under Warrant Officer Vic Scheuerman, who were about to add to their laurels of the previous year. Exercise RODEO VOLENT is the international tactical airlift exercise conducted annually in the United States. While the "grunt" portion of the team was traditionally provided by the Canadian Airborne Regiment, commitments to RV 85 two years ago allowed the "Eddies" to take over half of the tasking and we provided the Security Team portion of the competition. This team achieved the highest standing ever by a Canadian team. Last year saw us providing the whole ground team and, again, the team showed an improvement over their past results.

Garrison training continued with the visit of Major Schutte, OC B Company, 1 PPCLI, and Officers and NCO of his company who conducted a training weekend for us which included: support weapons display, fireplanning, resupply in the field and a cloth model offensive operations exercise.



## Summer

With the month of June, garrison training ended and those troops who needed leadership or trades training courses were dispatched to the appropriate training centres. The summer training period also tests the flexibility of the Regular Support Staff with Captain Burry VanderVeer and Warrant Officer Bruce Topham, stewart Patricias both, plying their trade hither and yon. The highlight of the summer was the Militia Concentration in Dundurn, Sask., where advanced military skills are learned. The Regiment, under the able eye of Captain Hugh Conway, assisted by other Regimental officers and NCO's, conducted the mine warfare stand. Expert technical advice was provided by Master Corporal Hodge of the First Battalion's Pioneer Platoon.

## Autumn

September saw us preparing for and conducting, along with the other northern Alberta units, a field training exercise based on mechanized operations, a different kettle of fish from what we are used to. The troops quickly learned that the back of a vehicle can beat you up as badly as a drop zone but under the sharp eye of the chief umpire, our DCO, Major George Rice, drills were quickly sharpened up.

The next item of business on the training calendar was a basic winter warfare course which was conducted in Edmon-

ton and Camp Wainwright, during the mildest autumn Northern Alberta has experienced in years. Many a flattering comment was overheard as the tentgroups were pulled across the prairie, snowshoes raising a cloud of dust with each step.

## Exercise NORTHERN STRIKE II

Exercise NORTHERN STRIKE is the traditional "North of Sixty" northern exercise of the "Eddies," this being the second year in which it has been conducted. The exercise area was located to the East of Yellowknife and the time period, the only one open to part-time soldiers, was 26 to 31 December.

The advance party, tasked with establishing the drop zone, was under command of the OC HQ Company, Major Glen Jones, who will be remembered by the citizenry of Yellowknife for his very relaxed manner.

Unfortunately for A Company, the drop zone could not be seen because of ice fog, resulting in an air landing in Yellowknife. This, however, was the only setback encountered during the advance to contact along the Campbell and Yellowknife river systems, and good lessons were learned by all. Master Corporal Brian Northmore was unsuccessful at his attempt to trap trout using his snowshoes and started working on Plan B, once he dried out.



Sgt Toy and his support section, "Exercise MERCURY I"  
(Pte Young and Cpl Taylor).





## VANCOUVER BRANCH

by Larry Harrington



### VANCOUVER BRANCH 1986-87 EXECUTIVE:

Front row, left to right: Les Basham, vice-president; Larry Harrington, president; Wayne Mitchell, member. Second row, left to right: Gord Jantzen, member; Don Urquhart, member; Tommy Thompson, treasurer. Third row, left to right: Andy Foulds, member; Joe Stutt, past-president; Noel Butcher, secretary. Not shown: John Dyck, member.

Vancouver Branch activities in 1986 included the visit to EXPO 86 and the 3rd Battalion reception of the Colonel-in-Chief in July, the Annual 17th March Dinner attended by 76 members and guests, a successful Reno / Casino Night in September, an Ortona Stag on 12 December and two General Meetings in May and in December. The Branch, at year-end, numbered 98 members — an increase of 38 in the year.

## CALGARY BRANCH

by Tom Reid

The Calgary Branch climaxed another year with our annual Fall Ball held in November. Over the past year we had the privilege of awarding four certificates of appreciation to: Frank Brignell, George Smith, Doug Bedford and Carl Graham for their dedication to the association. Calgary

Branch also decided this last year that we would contribute at least \$1,000 each year to the Regimental Museum Fund, this we achieved by running raffles under the guidance of Frank Brignell.

Our January meeting also saw a new executive elected for the coming year.

President ..... Doug Bedford  
Vice-President ..... Bob Davies  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Merylin Bedford

The Calgary Branch is looking forward to a bigger and better year in 1987, and we extend a warm welcome to all visiting Patricias to drop in to visit with us. We can be reached through Regimental Headquarters and we hold our General Meetings the last Thursday of each month (except for July and August).



Tom Reid presents the Regimental Major with a cheque for \$1,000 to be used for the Regimental Museum renovation project.

## MANITOBA AND NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

by Norm McCowan

The Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Branch continues to maintain a paid-up membership around the century mark. Our attendance is usually around 40 per cent at our monthly meetings which are on the fourth Wednesday of every month at Kapyong Barracks.

Our Patriarch, Jimmy Vaughan, has his ups-and-downs health-wise, but his mind and powers of recall are still perfect. It is nice to report that people like the Ashtons, Grays and Dehnkes take time to write him occasionally. It really is heart-warming and raises his spirits. He regrets that he cannot write letters like he used to.



Last spring we bid fond farewell to our hard-working Secretary-Treasurer, Elmer Sinclair — he moved to Victoria, B.C., so as not to have any more snow to shovel. Our then Lieutenant-Governor, Pearl McGonigal, was gracious enough to attend his farewell party and present him with a beautiful Manitoba book. Also all present received a commemorative coin on the 100th Anniversary of our Government House — her official residence.

In as much as 2 PPCLI had made her an Honourary

Member — on their behalf I presented her with a Regimental Coin and a 2 PPCLI baseball hat. She loves to fish so it will prevent any sunburn on her face.

Our Annual Dinner and Dance held in October was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Best regards from all of us to all of you. Please give us a call if in Winnipeg — the welcome mat is always out at our meetings.

## TORONTO BRANCH

by James M. Reid

The past year has been a very quiet one for us in the Toronto Branch, we had a fairly good turnout at Staff College for Regimental Day, we were able to spot a few familiar faces and were given the royal treatment by Lieutenant-Colonel McMurray and other members of the staff.

A few letters arrived from various members in far away places and a few from those not-so-far away, such as Jack McLaren in Ben Miller, Ontario. Jack will be 92 on August 11. He writes that he is feeling great and still paints.

The Frezenberg Dinner was held in the Carlton Inn in downtown Toronto, and for us in the Toronto Association it was one of the highlights of the year. We had as guest, Lieutenant-Colonel McMurray, who has invited us to the 1987 Regimental Day Celebration to be held in Moss Park Armouries here in Toronto.

We lost one of our members in 1986, James (Pat) Pateron, a veteran of World War I, a former President of Stanley Manufacturing company and a long time supporter of the YM-CA. Pat was 91 and an Honourary Life Member of the Association.

An interesting article was in the *Toronto Star* on December 26 concerning Toronto's famous "King of Crime"

of years gone by, Red Ryan. Apparently Norman 'Red' Ryan was in Kingston Pen when World War I broke out and was released to join up with the Princess Patricias. He was in trouble from the start and, while in England, stole an Australian passport and deserted, later joining the Merchant Navy.

Bert Bolton from RR#4 Picton, Ontario, writes that he had been looking up a list of men that served with him during World War II. After a visit to the museum in Calgary he was able to locate quite a few of them. One of the men he wrote about was a former Corporal in 'D' Company of the Patricias, named Corporal Cosford, who made himself famous by inventing a super-catapult for tossing hand grenades. He also writes that Dobson lives in northern Manitoba at Arborg.

George Folster, a former Master Warrant Officer with the Patricia's, at RR-2 Mattawa, Ontario, would like to hear from some of his former comrades. Please drop a line to G.A. Folster at the above address, postal code P0H 1V0. I am sure he would be glad to hear from you.

Last fall, I heard that another of our World War I Patricias was in 'K' Wing of Sunnybrook Hospital, Stephen Foster of Guelph, Ontario.

## OTTAWA BRANCH

by W.T. Love

The year 1986 proved successful in expanding the network of Eastern Ontario Patricias. Paid-up members grew to 48 and our mailing list now numbers 89 area Patricias. This year the Branch initiated a programme of monthly meetings using the facilities of the Westboro Royal Canadian Legion. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 2000 - 2200 hours. The regular meetings are undoubtedly helping to perpetuate interest in Regimental affairs and the Branch is indebted to Ted Barrett and John Noonan for this activity.

Again the highlight of this year was the annual service of Remembrance at Lansdowne Park on November 11. Those attending (approximately 150) were inspired by the stimulating address of our WWII Chaplain, Reverend Stuart Iverson. Sergeant Dave Ames read the meditation and Major-General

Bil Hewson gave the report on current happenings. The Branch President, Major-General Herb Pitts responded with an update on the Jubilee Anniversary plans for an Ottawa Reunion. This event promises to be a highlight in our regimental life and one that all Eastern Canada Patricias will not want to miss attending. The festivities were completed with a most memorable reception prepared by our ladies and supervised by Mrs. Rita Mann.

On a sad note, this year saw the passing of two of our most dedicated members: Hugh C. Doyle (ex 2 PPCLI) and Marna Darragh. Marna's father, Allan Gamel, was a WWI Patricia with two brothers, Norman and Robert, who also served in the Regiment. Marna was active for many years in the Montreal Branch and was the escort for Jenny Morris in her cross-Canada tour in 1937.





## 2554 PPCLI CADET CORPS

CALGARY, ALBERTA

by Captain E.A. Wood



The cadet corps is proud to announce the overwhelming growth in strength for the 1986/87 year of training. Because the cadet corps is bigger and better, there are more options available to the cadets in addition to their regular training program. The regular training program offers the cadets an opportunity to learn and instruct the following subjects: drill, small arms, fieldcraft, map and compass, fundamentals of First Aid, leadership and instructional technique. The options include: band, biathlon, fencing, rifle team, mountain climbing and rappelling, whitewater / flatwater / tripping canoeing, orienteering and other extensive physical training programs.

Our Biathlon Team has been most successful this year with four cadets on the Cadet Provincial Biathlon Team. The corps placed second for the Strathcona Trophy which is awarded to the top Alberta Triathlon Cadet Corps. The team has followed the Biathlon Alberta Cup Races and the cadets are just beginning to place — possible Western Canadian Championships. Special thanks to Cpl Beckwith and Sgt Lepinski who coach our biathlon team throughout the year.

The Band is now playing tunes, thanks to Sgt Van

Deursen from the Patricia's Regimental Band who is teaching the cadets on all instruments.

Fencing is our latest program in the cadet corps. Soon we will be participating in duels.

We would also like to announce that we have two, possibly three cadets who are to attend the overseas exchange programs offered. Cadet/MWO Corey Philip won the Wales, Outward Bound exchange course from BNACC. Cadet/WO Phil Palmer is a standby for the same course as a result of his splendid performance on Arctic Indoctrination. Cadet/WO Sarah Robinson has won the Germany Cultural exchange course for her showing at the Borden Athletic Leadership course, with Cadet/WO Cindy Martin standing by for the same course as a result of her performance on Arctic Indoctrination.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

In closing we would like to thank the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for their generous and outstanding support. Without this support we would not be one of the best!



# 2384/2943 PPCLI CADET CORPS VICTORIA/CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C.

by Lt D.J. Vernon

After a decade of silence, the B.C. PPCLI Cadet Corps are finally contributing an article to *the Patrician*. Despite all rumours, there is life on the West Coast. What sort of life? Read on and see.

Supported by the Third Battalion, both the Victoria and Campbell River Corps have been extremely active and once again demonstrated excellence in all aspects of Cadet Life.

The 2483 (Victoria) Corps had a particularly successful year. A summary of their achievements is included below:

- a. First in the Zone Army Cadet Drill Competition; with their leader, RSM Furdal, taking best drill team captain;
- b. First in the Pacific Region Army Cadet Drill Competition; with RSM Furdal again winning top team captain. He then went on to win top team captain at the Pacific Region Tri-Service Cadet Drill Competition;
- c. The patrolling team won both the Zone and Pacific Region Patrolling Competitions;
- d. Cdt Terry Whittaker was chosen to represent Canada on the cadet Bisley Team;
- e. RSM Furdal earned his jump wings and bought a whole new wardrobe of maroon T-shirts;
- f. Sgt Lerch and Sgt Compton both became qualified divers; and
- g. The 2483 Patricia Cadets were assessed as having the best annual inspection parade in B.C.

The Campbell River Corps has also been busy, despite the distance separating them from their affiliated unit. Some highlights of the training year include:

- a. At least one field exercise per month;
- b. Wilderness survival training;

- c. Combined corps exercises in Victoria; and
- d. Sgt Bellanaer was awarded the United Kingdom Land Forces course for his outstanding performance on the Cadet Leader Instructor course.

In retrospect, it has been an excellent year. The B.C. Patricia Cadets have proven their abilities; be it drill or field craft, the **Patricia's** do it better.



The winning patrolling team with their awards. (Standing, left to right) Sgt Compton, RSM Furdal, Sgt Walsh, (kneeling) Cdt Shearer.

## 3003 PPCLI BATTLE RIVER ARMY CADET CORPS

by Cdt Sgt T. Nichol

3003 PPCLI Battle River Army Cadet Corps has been growing and going strong during the 1986 calendar year, with cadets joining from the communities of Edgerton, Chauvin, Paradise Valley and Marsden, proving their determination by travelling as far as 50 kilometres to attend a parade night.

1986 had an excellent start when the Corps hosted the Macklin Air Cadets to a ski weekend at the Camp Wainwright Biathlon Range. The nights were adventuresome, as we slept in tents. The instructors gave us a very worthwhile course in cross country skiing, which has led us to develop a biathlon team that will travel to the different clinics and competitions.

Having enjoyed our company, if not the nights under canvas, the Macklin Corps invited us to their Winter Sports Weekend in February, proving to be much the better hosts by letting us sleep in a building!

April rolled around and was one of our more rewarding months. Everyone loaded up on a school bus for a long six-hour drive to Calgary, where we toured the PPCLI Museum, thereby gaining a much better idea of the history of our af-

filiated unit. A tour of the Calgary Zoo was very interesting and relaxing, as well as amusing, as so many of our true personalities seemed to come alive behind the numerous cages.

We celebrated our Third Anniversary on 27 April, gathering with our friends, families and peers, proudly proving that, "We can do it."

Rehearsal followed rehearsal, as we attempted to become perfect for our Third Annual Inspection on 20 May. The turnout was good despite a freak storm which kept everyone inside because of rain, resulting in a power failure and a parade in near darkness. The sports team put on a good gymnastic display and awards for the Most Improved Cadet, Best All Round Cadet and Perfect Attendance were presented as well as some well deserved promotions and stars. The lights finally came on, after most people had strained to see the static displays and left.

This put a memorable end to our 1985-86 year. We were able to send one cadet to Borden for the Athletic Leadership Course, two for the Cadet Leader Instructor Course and eight for the Junior Leadership Course in Vernon.



September came very soon, which seemed to please everyone. The training plan included Standard First Aid and Hunter's Training for the Green and Red Stars. A number of exercises were cut as the weather had been bad. A canoe trip down the Battle River in September did go as planned; however, the rain did put a damper on the trip. This was followed by a shooting and rappelling weekend in conjunction with the Vermilion Army Cadets. This proved to be a good

weekend at Camp Wainwright in October, with instructors coming from both Cadet Corps' affiliated units.

November saw us involved in our local communities for the wreath laying on 11 November. With December and the Area Cadet Officer's inspection past, we are happy to say that another year is gone and a new one is on the way. On behalf of the 3003 PPCLI Battle River Army Cadets, we wish all other corps the best of luck in 1987.



**The Corps visiting the Calgary Zoo in April 1986.**



**The Corps advance in review order during the 1986 Annual Inspection.**





# THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

## 1 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**Lieutenant-Colonel D.H. Godsall, MBE**

Since our last contribution, the 1st Battalion has moved from Tidworth to Mercer Barracks on Osnabruck. We shall be in Germany for the best part of five years and the initial impressions of deep snow and extremely icy roads will not persist for too long once the busy life of BAOR settles us down.

When *the Patrician* last went to print, 1 RGJ had just returned from a four-month emergency tour in Northern Ireland. After a spot of leave, we were immediately abroad again; this time to Schleswig Holstein in North Germany, taking part in the United Kingdom Mobile Force Exercise BOLD GUARD. The 1st Infantry Battalion and UKMF (of which 1 RGJ was one of the four Infantry Battalions) has a role in North Germany and Denmark in the event of hostilities, and it was this role that we practiced throughout September. The Battalion shipped out from a number of ports in UK, mainly on Civilian Ferries which was a pleasant way to start, to an area near Hamburg where we trained with a German Armoured Infantry Regiment for nearly a week. The Riflemen and the Bundeswehr soldiers got on pretty well, swapped stories, equipment and much beer! We had a fair number of visits to and from the Battalion and highlighted with two soccer matches. One between the Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers of 1 RGJ against our opposite German numbers and the other a full Battalion side against the German Battalion. Not surprisingly, 1 RGJ — by a combination of greater skill and physical presence — won the Battalion match. Most surprisingly, the Officers and SNCOs beat the Germans (who played in a local league) — no-one was more surprised than 1 RGJ.

Having completed a very enjoyable week's training and international relations, we moved north and completed a very wet and quite exhausting exercise. We learned much about the tactics of the German and the Danes — Forward — take no prisoners! All was well and after five days we packed up and returned to Tidworth. Overall it was both instructive and fun — a combination that should make any project worthwhile.

Meanwhile, because of our tour in Northern Ireland and Ex BOLD GUARD, our impending move to Osnabruck required a great deal of concentrated hard work. All the drivers for the Armoured Personnel Carriers and the other tracked vehicles and their various instructors had to be trained.

A very busy period of training was completed by early December and then the rather less interesting tasks of clean-

ing up the Barrack in Tidworth, ready for our Handover to the 1st Battalion the QUEEN's Regiment, took place. This was completed in mid January and at the time of writing, only the Quartermaster, Major David Conway, is still in UK. The rest of the Battalion are grappling with all that is new in Germany.

We managed to fit a fair amount of extra-mural activities into our busy last few months in UK. A successful and very enjoyable Skill at Arms Meeting was held and an expedition to the highlands of Scotland (in November/December) proved that even at that time of year, enjoyment can be extracted from training. Plenty of sport was played, and it is clear that in Soccer, Rugby and Hockey we have some very useful players itching to get going in Germany. Unfortunately the weather and training constraints prevented the Battalion from entering many of the competitions, however our representation at Army level hockey — Captains Nick Haddock and Pelham Roberts playing Army and Combined Services matches and Lieutenant Tom Thicknesse representing the Infantry — augers well for the future in Germany.

We look forward now to a busy period of re-rolling from footsoldiers to mechanised Infantry.

## 2 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**Lieutenant-Colonel G de VW. Hayes**

The Battalion left Minden in Germany in August 1986 after six years of service, to take up its new role as the Demonstration Battalion at the School of Infantry, Warminster, Wiltshire. Before proceeding with a short review of the Battalion's activities during its six-year tour, it is appropriate to bring you up to date with our activity since the last *Patrician*.

The Battalion left BAOR for the Springfield Road, Belfast and a four-month tour as the West Belfast Battalion in the first week of November 1985. This was the Battalion's third tour at the Springfield Road, and second from Minden. Thankfully it was a relatively quiet tour outwardly, with only one shooting incident (non-fatal) and a number of finds of bomb making and associated equipments. Nevertheless, the Riflemen had to maintain a high level of patrolling and alertness to deter the terrorist who is always looking for a soft target. We believe the measure of our success was the lack of incidents.

In the Northern Ireland awards announced just before Christmas, the Battalion was rewarded with a Mention in Despatches for the Commanding Officer and Major Simon Stanford-Tuck, and GOC's Commendations for WO2 G/A/Ball, Sgt P.A. Ashby, Sgt P.J. Clements and Rfn Swords.



The Battalion returned to Minden the first week of March and proceeded on a well deserved three-week leave. On conclusion of post Northern Ireland leave, the Battalion embarked upon a comprehensive sequence of internal JNCOs, Mortar, Milan, Land Rover, HGV, APC, CVR(T) and Signals courses, which lasted to the end of May. At times the RSM only had a handful of men to cover the multitude of Battalion and Garrison duties which the heightened security situation, as a result of Libyan bombings, brought about.

In mid July the whole Battalion went to the Ranges at Sennelager for our annual Small Arms Camp. Whilst there we also took the opportunity to do all our Annual Mandatory Tests, including the new Infantry Combat Fitness Test which requires you to cover three miles in 33 minutes with 35 pounds of webbing, helmet and personal weapon. It was not an easy test and to claim a 100 per cent pass rate would not be honest, but a 92 per cent pass rate is a creditable performance.

On return from Sennelager the final phase of the Battalion's BAOR tour started; namely endless checks, inspections and all those things one associates with handovers. By way of farewell to Minden both Messes gave a reception followed by an impressive Sounding of Retreat.

As the Battalion packed its possessions and grappled with the problem of how to get six years' worth of new acquisitions into a somewhat small baggage allowance, we had occasion to reflect on our tour in Germany.

Since arrival in Minden in November 1980, we have had three changes of Commanding Officer, no less than six Seconds in Command, five Adjutants, four RSMs, as well as numerous changes of Company Commanders and officer appointments. Very nearly two-thirds of the Battalion has only seen service in a BAOR role. Roughly half of the Battalion's time was spent away from Minden on operations in Northern Ireland, training its mechanised role or exercising on the North German Plain, or in Canada, or guarding some vital installation or indeed ourselves; a total time out of barracks of just over three years. The APCs we drove for some 382,500 miles were all, on average, four to six years older than the men who drove or travelled in them. We were told we used some 2.97 million litres of fuel for our vehicles. Our Land Rovers covered nearly 900,000 miles, whilst our four-tonners drove 1.2 million miles. In total, our vehicle fleet covered 3.1 million miles. We used about 5.1 million KWT of electricity and 4.78 million litres of oil to heat and light our buildings and garages. We drank, washed with, swam in and generally used 282,600 cubic meters of water. We replaced 2,400 boots and fired just over 4.1 million rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. We trained as individuals or as groups in France, Denmark, Italy, Kenya, Belize and Canada. Over 420 postings in and out of NCOs and Riflemen took place. The cooks tell us we ate some 429 tons of potatoes, as well as 86 tons of chips, enough sausages to stretch 564 miles and over 1.25 million eggs.

Sadly three of our number were killed on operations in Northern Ireland and one died of natural causes whilst out running. We mourn their passing.

Some 358 babies were born to wives of members of the Battalion, which included three sets of twins.

We opened for business as the Demonstration Battalion to the School of Infantry in Warminster on 2 September. Within a week and a half, over 80 per cent of the Battalion was deployed onto Salisbury Plain as part of the final exercise of a TA Officers Course. The week prior to this the Companies, apart from meeting the everyday needs for sections and individuals for small demonstrations at the School, were busy preparing themselves for this their first non-mechanised exercise for over six years.

One unexpected facet of life as the Demonstration Battalion is the many roles we have to play. In one week a company can be asked to act in an air-mobile role on light scales, change to a mechanised role in mid week, and pretend to be elements of a Russian Motor Rifle Regiment at the end of the week. If that is not confusing enough in itself, then try being "A Company 1 Warminster Rifles," in the exercise scenario when, in real life, you are "D Company 2 RGJ," and your next role is as a member of the "Orange or Fantasia Forces." The Riflemen, as usual, take all this in their stride, but not without the usual unprintable comments.

In addition to the various School of Infantry exercises and demonstrations, we are frequently involved in trialling and testing new bits of equipment for the Infantry Trials and Development Unit (ITDU) and making training/military sales films. The way Riflemen and some of the Officers can change from "Guinea Pig to Actor" at a moment's notice is quite remarkable. One of our major trial subjects in the coming year will be the new Infantry Combat Vehicle "WARRIOR" for which we have already trained a number of drivers, gunners, signallers and commanders to participate in forthcoming trials. We are due to get some 15 of these vehicles towards the middle of 1987 when we will be expected to man them on all the mechanised exercises of the School of Infantry. This promises to be an exciting prospect as we will be intimately involved in developing and, hopefully, influencing the tactical use of this vehicle.

The other major piece of equipment we are involved with is the trialling of LAW 80, the new British, shoulder-fired, anti-tank weapon for which our previous 2I/C, Tom Hamilton-Baillie, is the MOD Project Officer. For our day-to-day tasks, we have 72 APCs and 18 CVR(T) in which we had already covered some 22,500 miles by the end of December 1986.

The two years of relative stability of the Warminster posting will hopefully enable us to further the sporting talents of our Riflemen which hitherto has been difficult to do in Germany due to the endless exercise commitments. We have already participated in the Cambrian Patrol Competition in Wales. This was led by Lt Tim Murray Threipland and took place in mid October. We achieved a creditable fifth position.

Capt James Magan, with Lt Edward Butler and the Battalion Cross Country Team, have, so far, quite unexpectedly had a very good season by winning the Swindby Marathon for the Army and are currently lying third in the District cross country league. The Soccer team, under Capt (QM) Danny Hunt, is heavily involved with A and B teams in various local and Army leagues, and at the time of writing, is in the semi-finals of the Army Cup. The Hockey team, under the watchful eye of Capt Tom Byrne, has so far had a most successful season with two of their number being selected to play for the Infantry. In boxing, Rfn Lesbirel and Rfn Ruddock are in the running for the Army Boxing Squad.

A posting in the UK certainly offers excellent opportunities for overseas military and adventurous training. Within three weeks of arrival we had already sent a composite platoon's worth of soldiers to Cyprus attached to 7 RHA. The Sailing Officer, Major Nick Chavasse who, fortunately, also runs the sailing for the Infantry, organised a very rough autumnal sailing trip for some 30 Riflemen to the Channel Isles. The Adventurous Training Officer, Lt Peter Balls, has already organised a week's skiing for over 100 members of the Battalion at most competitive rates in France. An expedition to Greenland is also being planned for mid 1987.

On arrival in Warminster, we were joined by the Normandy Band of the Royal Green Jackets. Although they have a very busy programme, we nevertheless do see and hear them



marching around camp on their rehearsals. What a pleasure it is to have a Band in our midst again.

Our first Demonstration, enacted by D Company, took place on 8 and 9 October and, in spite of the tannoy system causing the odd case of heart failure to the compere, Major Jeremy Russell, OC D Company, it went off extremely well. On this first demonstration we even had a Royal visitor, His Royal Highness The Duke of York RN, who, as we were all told tongue-in-cheek by our compere, was there to "refresh his memory on what the Army does."

We also managed, for the very first time on a Firepower Demonstration, to fire the new SA 80 rifle and Light Support Weapon in spite of our official issue not arriving until three weeks later. It proved to be very impressive and we are looking forward to re-equipping completely with this weapon in 1987.

The return to the UK has enabled families and the bachelors to have a much more active social life which the exercise commitments and language barrier in Germany largely prevented. Many have visited local real estate agents and some have already bought houses locally. The minds of some of the bachelor officers have turned to the subject of matrimony and one has already "fallen" within two weeks of arrival in the Battalion. This is not an encouraging trend for a Mess which traditionally has a large bachelor population, but judging by the look in the eyes of some of the livers-in and the increased number of speed violations on the Warminster to London road, "matrimonial fever" may yet afflict a few more.

Shortly after arrival in Warminster, the Adjutant's Office finally broke with tradition and, for the first time in the history of the Royal Green Jackets, employed a female Assistant Adjutant. Gillian Wright joined us direct from Sandhurst and almost immediately went on a Free Fall Parachute Course with the Regimental Parachute Display Team. The Battalion's Friday runs are now almost 100 per cent fully supported as everyone can't wait to see Gillian in her tracksuit. Gillian has adapted remarkably quickly, although we are a little worried about the Staff Duties they taught her at Sandhurst, because no one has yet dared to tell her that MRS. SCHNIF is not the wife of a Rifleman!

Although 1986 was the 20th anniversary of the creation of the Royal Green Jackets, it was an event which appears to have gone largely unrecorded. It may, therefore, be of interest to record a few statistics about 2 RGJ in the last 20 years. Since 1966 the Battalion has had three Colonels Commandant, one of whom rose to be a Field Marshal; no less than eleven Commanding Officers, four of whom have reach-

ed two-star rank or above and one who rose to the rank of Field Marshal. Of the twenty-two Seconds in Command, three are currently two-star or above and three came back to command the Battalion, whilst two went on to command 1 RGJ, two to command 4 RGJ and one to command 5 RGJ; four went on to command the Depot. So far, one of the thirteen former Adjutants commands an Armoured Brigade in Germany after having commanded 3 RGJ, whilst another one is our present Commanding Officer and his successor as Adjutant commands 5 RGJ. We have also had five Quartermasters, twelve RSMs and three Bugle Majors in the last 20 years. Our homes have been eleven different barracks in Penang, Munster, Ballykelly, Catterick, Gibraltar (2), Tidworth, Minden (2), and Warminster (2). Since 1966 we have spent 13 years and four months outside the UK. (Penang, one year six months; Munster, three years seven months; Belize, six months; Gibraltar, two years; Minden, five years nine months). A total of four years nine months since 1966 have been spent on Operations in Borneo, Belize and Northern Ireland. Sadly, in twenty years the Battalion has lost eleven of its members as a result of active service which includes a Company Commander and Commanding Officer.

To mark the 20th anniversary appropriately and to bid a belated farewell into retirement to the very first Commanding Officer of 2 RGJ, we "dined out" Field Marshal Lord Bramall on 31 October 1986 to whom we, as a Battalion Regiment and Army, owe so much. For this we succeeded in assembling all surviving ex-Commanding Officers of 2 RGJ, all bar two of those still alive who had commanded Battalions of the KRRC prior to the Field Marshal. A total of 52 of us sat down to dinner after a find Sounding of Retreat in miserable weather.

At the end of the year we also said goodbye to General Sir Frank Kitson on relinquishing the post of Colonel Commandant of the Battalion over seven years of behind-the-scenes work on our behalf. We welcome Major-General David Ramsbotham as our new Colonel Commandant with effect from 1st January.

We look forward to an interesting and rewarding time here in Warminster in spite of the fact that we will be continually in the public eye. Most of our work will be exciting and interesting, some of it boring and repetitive but necessary. In spite of all this, we would hope that members of the Allied Regiment who find themselves in the Warminster area, will have time to drop in on us at Battlebury Barracks where they can be assured of a very warm welcome, even if we are rushing from one demonstration or exercise to another. Who knows, we may rope you in on the act!

## 3 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

### COMMANDING OFFICER

**Lieutenant-Colonel A.R.D. Pringle, MBE**

The 3rd Battalion is approaching the end of the fifth and final year of its tour in Celle, West Germany, as part of the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR). It has been a busy year, as always, with a hectic but progressive training cycle, of which the highlight was our trip to the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) in Alberta, in western Canada, in the summer.

The beginning of the year found us on a Corps Deployment Exercise in extremely cold weather. We spent several days in snow-covered woods with the temperature firmly stuck below the minus 20° Celsius mark. In the spring we made repeated trips to the NATO Training Centre at Sen-

nelager to classify on our personal weapons, for field firing and for the Divisional Skill-at-Arms Meeting. Field firing was serious business and formed a vital link in our work-up training for BATUS. All the companies worked very hard and much was achieved. This fortnight culminated in a live firing test exercise for each company. Three 105mm ABBOT guns from The Chestnut Troop 1 RHA joined us for the exercise to provide some heavy fire support, which they did to such good effect that the Commanding Officer, watching proceedings from a vantage point, declared himself thoroughly neutralised. The highlight of our several trips to Sennelager was the Divisional Skill-at-Arms Meeting. We had been chosen to



organise it this year which Major Jeremy Knight, OC HQ Coy, did most efficiently. The Bisley Team, under the captaincy of Captain Roy Stanger, took advantage of the absence of the Welsh Guards in Northern Ireland, to sweep the board. The climax of the Meeting was provided by the Falling Plate Team, led by Sgt Wilkinson, beating 1 STAFFORDS in the final with a thrilling display of marksmanship, roared on by several hundred Riflemen among the spectators. Rfn Aimable won the prize as Champion At Arms. Later in the day he also won the Army Rifle Association Revolver Cup, which started in 1924, and has only been won by two Riflemen before: in 1936 by Rfn Gurr of 1 RB and in 1963 by Lieutenant Mead of 2 Green Jackets.

The Battalion spent the usual two weeks at Soltau in June, which provided the first opportunity for the whole Battle Group (BG) to train together before going to BATUS. The BG consisted of the Battalion, less A Coy, but plus C and D Sqns 1 RTR, The Chestnut Troop 1 RHA and some engineers. The weather was kind to us with it raining just often enough to keep the dust down but not enough to turn it into a mudbath. Many lessons were learned. OC 7 PI Lt Alastair Maxwell, was captured with the rest of his fighting patrol by A Coy, who were enemy for the exercise, by making good use of their night vision devices. A line laying patrol returned to BG HQ to report that they had detected an enemy patrol tapping into our lines. A motley fighting force of signallers and drivers was quickly assembled under the leadership of the ARSO, WO2 Strick, and in a gallant action they overran the enemy position, only to find that the enemy was a section of our own field engineers. Such is the fog of war! A lucky escape occurred when our Gazelle helicopter pilot flew so low that he became entangled in some wire hung between two trees and crashed. Fortunately neither man nor machine was seriously hurt. By the end of BG training we were confident and raring to go, looking forward to doing it "live," at BATUS.

We deployed to Canada in VC 10s via Keflavik in Iceland in late July. On arrival at Suffield there was little time before deploying onto the prairie except to attend a compulsory briefing by the head of the local RCMP detachment. Advice was given in an unexpectedly amusing manner on all the "Dos" and "Don'ts" of life on the prairie, ranging from what to do if bitten by a rattlesnake, to what not to do in the "Sin Bin" in Medicine Hat, and ending with a polite warning that presents from the departing BG to the RCMP Detachment of bunches of bananas would not be kindly received. This enlightened approach completely won over his audience and our stay at BATUS was completely trouble-free. There followed an intensive period of progressive field training working up to a final five-day exercise set at BG level, practising every aspect of modern warfare. Quick attacks were mounted, hastily defences conducted, rivers crossed and minefields breached. As the size and scope of the field firing exercises increased so the confidence at all levels of command grew. By the end of the exercise it was plain to all, in the BG and on the Safety Staff, that there was nothing which would throw the BG off its stride. As usual the Riflemen stole the show; their ability to keep going under the most arduous conditions was remarked upon repeatedly by the Safety Staff. At the end of the exercise, our Brigade Commander, who had come over from BAOR to observe our performance, paid public tribute to the Riflemen.

At the end of the exercise, all members of the BG enjoyed a few days R-and-R and some fifty were able to stay behind for two weeks adventurous training in the Rocky Mountains. Many members of the BG went camping along the

Bow River or based themselves on 1 PPCLI in Calgary. Many others went to Vancouver to visit EXPO 86. The adventurous training party cycled, rode, trekked, canoed and skied in the Jasper National Park.

After four weeks leave, the Battalion reformed in BAOR towards the end of September. Ex ETERNAL TRIANGLE, the 1 Armd Div Field Training Exercise (FTX) was only three weeks away. It was to be the Battalion's final FTX in BAOR and we were determined to enjoy it and, after five years in the mechanised role, show off our paces. However, the weather and the exercise planners conspired against us. It poured with rain for several days which made severe restrictions on our freedom of manoeuvre necessary in order to keep exercise damage within reasonable limits. We criss-crossed the German countryside, mostly on roads and mostly out of contact with the enemy, for a fortnight before, as a grand finale, conducting a major assault river crossing by night of the River Weser. The crossing was a success but the Riflemen were disappointed to find that, once again, the enemy positions were undefended.

This year has seen the Battalion enjoy some success in the sports field. We won the BAOR Infantry Cricket and Tennis Competitions. Earlier in the year, Lieutenant Simon Hudson and Sergeant Brown led the Nordic Ski Team to second place in the Infantry Championships, fifth in the Divisional and twentieth in the Army, an outstanding achievement for a novice team. In the Judo, we were Runners-up in the Divisional Novices Championship and have qualified for the BAOR Finals. This was a tremendous achievement by WO2 Maher who formed the Battalion Judo Club only a few months ago. In Athletics, we squeezed through to the BAOR Finals where we came fifth, our best result since 1975. Most of the credit for this was due to LCpl Williams, a brilliant all-round athlete, and Rfn Harwood who came fifth in the Javelin in the Army Individual Finals. In novices Boxing we are through to the Divisional Finals, having beaten 1 R IRISH in a close match in the semi-final. The team is now being coached by WO2 Cheatham, on loan from 5 RGJ, a retired Army Champion, and Cpl Miles, the just-retired Combined Services Heavyweight Champion who has been posted to us from 1 RGJ. Our boxing star, of course, is LCpl Velinor, the Army, Combined Services and ABA Welterweight Champion. He is now training with the National Team for the 1988 Olympics and was unlucky not to box for England at Edinburgh in the Commonwealth Games. Last, but by no means least, Captain Micky Gleeson won the 1 Armd Div Veterans Squash Championships!

The year closed with a very successful Battalion Review, held in our recently decorated theatre. The highlights included B Coy's troupe of break dancers, who decided that audience participation was the name of the game and dragged several unsuspecting officers onto the stage, including the Commanding Officer who, to everyone's huge amusement, returned a virtuoso performance. The Officers Mess skit, loosely modelled on the TV series "Allo, 'Allo," won popular acclaim, largely for the revealing performance of Major Jamie Balfour's nanny as Yvette.

In 1987, we look forward to returning to Colchester, as part of 19 Infantry Brigade, at the end of March. A Coy goes to Jamaica for a month in June. The Battalion is earmarked for an unaccompanied tour in the Falkland Islands in the winter but it remains to be seen if, in fact, the whole Battalion will have to go. Already we know that after only two years in Colchester the Battalion goes to Gibraltar in March 1989, also for two years.



## 4 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

### COMMANDING OFFICER

**Lieutenant-Colonel N. Johnson**

1986 was the last year of training for the currently organised Battalion. After camp in October, the Battalion was split to form 4 and 5 RGJ. 4 RGJ will encompass all the London Companies and 5 RGJ will be formed from the Oxford, Aylesbury and Bletchley locations.

January brought our first sporting success of 1986 with A Company winning the South East District Cross Country Championships held at Pirbright. Despite not winning the TA Skiing Championships at Aviemore in Scotland, the team and all its supporters had a relaxing and enjoyable week in the highlands.

On Sunday, 16 March, the Battalion exercised their Freedom of the City of Westminster by marching through the City and past Buckingham Palace led by the Buglers of the Light Division Depot (Shrewsbury) and the Normandy Band of The Royal Green Jackets. Before the march-past, the Guard of Honour was inspected by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Roger Bramble. The Battalion is the first and only unit of Her Majesty's Forces to have been granted the Freedom of the City and it was granted in the City's four hundredth anniversary year on 5 December 1985.

Our Military Skills were next put to the test during the Courage Trophy Competition, an inter unit section competition, in late March. The B Company Team produced a spirited effort and only just got pipped into runners-up position.

June then saw the 're-invention of the wheel' and once again the team was headed for BAOR to take part in Ex HURST PARK. On our return the 'well oiled' and now experienced 'Tac HQ' had the opportunity to command real troops. The exercise involved half the Battalion under the Commanding Officer defending IMBER with the other half as the attack force under the second-in-command.

The period ended on a sporting and social high with the Battalion being represented by two teams in the Light Division Regatta at Seaviews, Isle of Wight. The 'B' Team had unprecedented success, winning all of the races on both days.

Our final event in June was to host both the RB and

KRRR Reunions where young and old gathered 'to relive former battles and experiences.'

During RGJ week in July, the 4th Battalion provided a small display team who performed each evening as part of the Sounding Retreat. The demonstration of abseiling from scout helicopters coupled with the air landing of the remainder by Lynx was professionally executed and brought an enthusiastic response from the spectators on each evening.

Also in July our shooting team was in the final preparation stages for TA Bisley. Their final position did not match the previous years' attempt although they managed third in the Rifle Match.

This was followed in September by sending a Battalion Headquarters team to the Brigade Tactical Trainer in Senelager, West Germany.

Annual Camp this year was in late October when we took part in the 1st Armoured Division's exercise, Exercise ETERNAL TRIANGLE. This was a two-week field exercise, for the most part under appalling weather conditions. Nevertheless, the Battalion acquitted itself well and many valuable lessons were learned.

On return from camp we went immediately into the run up to the Remembrance weekend. This is always a special time for the Battalion since it brings together members of the former Regiments with the current Battalion.

On 16 November we had our annual Battalion Livery Dinner. This year it was held in the Haberdashers' Hall and we were honoured to have Lord Whitelaw as the principal guest and after-dinner speaker.

On 1 December, 5 RGJ was born and A and D Companies moved to form the nucleus of the new Battalion. As a result, 4 RGJ is now totally a London based Battalion.

The final event of 1986 was the handover of Command. This was a three-sided event as Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Lyndon handed over Command to Lieutenant-Colonel David Innes to Command 5 RGJ in Oxford and to Major Neil Johnson to Command 4 RGJ in London. He will be the first TA Commanding Officer for twelve years.

## 5 ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

### COMMANDING OFFICER

**Lieutenant-Colonel D.J. Innes**

Well, here we are, born on 1st December 1986. Being only just over a month old at time of writing, we do not have much of a past to boast about, except perhaps in those first few days of life just before Christmas we did have some very good parties!

First, our origins: We grew out of A and D Companies of 4 RGJ; it must be recorded that 4 RGJ could not have been more helpful from the word "Go" in ensuring that the change would be smooth and without acrimony. There has been nothing but co-operation so far, and there is no reason to suspect that this relationship will not last.

Now as to where we are: Battalion Headquarters is at Oxford, along with the Riflemen who were A Company of 4 RGJ and who are now the manpower of Headquarter and Support Company. This division is a false one within the real establishment, but has been brought in at least provisionally to ease some of the training burden.

D Company at Aylesbury is still D Company, but now of 5 RGJ. It has shrunk though, not through lack of spirit, but by the hiving off the Bletchley platoon, formerly 16 Platoon, which is now E Company. Both these companies like to reflect their territorial connections to the Regiment by prefixing themselves with "Letter."

For the future, we will be forming A Company at High Wycombe, and this is likely to start from a base of riflemen who come from that area sooner rather than later, a move which will leave D Company even thinner on the ground. We are looking for a place to live in High Wycombe, both short and long term, and are hoping to start operating from there in October 1987.

Now to the human side: The Battalion is commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel David Innes, who now has a Regular Army team of some size, with Captain Robert Bolton as Adjutant, Major Bill Taylor as QM, WO1 Peter Hopkins as RSM and Ma-



for Hugh Babington Smith, no longer Project Officer, but now Training Major. Still at Oxford as SPSI is WO2 Jake Cheetham, with CSgt Jim Purdue as QPSI. These two, having got used to dealing with the training of one company, are now looking after two, although to be truthful, the strength is as yet unchanged.

WO2 Owen Nilsson still chases D Company round their training, while CSgt John Tyson rules his stores with his London tongue and bisilisk eye. At Bletchley, CSgt Glen Ternent is doubling up as SPSI and QPSI until a SPSI is found.

In addition to his Regular staff, the Commanding Officer has of course his Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS) known to all as "Nerps." The Battalion Admin Officer, Captain John Beerman, Captains Dickie Brimmer and Ginger Cockcroft (ex-Royal Signals) at Aylesbury and Bletchley, RQMS Pat Veasey, WO2 B. Jones as MTMO are but a few of these worthy gentlemen, while from 4 RGJ we have inherited, among others, SSgt Tom Ellis REME, just awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honours list.

On coming to TA members of the Battalion, although

they are of course the most important, we have space only to mention the Company Commanders, with the Battalion Second in Command, Major Bryn Howell-Price. Commanding D Company is Major Martin Rigby, recently retired from the 2nd Battalion, E Company is Major Bill Conroy, who transferred in from the Queen's Regiment, Major Ian Thomas is OC Support Company, while Captain Richard Long commands Headquarters Company.

At the time of writing the Battalion is shaking out and feeling its way. The Buckinghamshire companies are in the process of their normal training, concentrating very much on their NCOs, while at Oxford the reorganisation continues, soldiers finding not only their new platoon or department, but those platoons themselves finding where their "patch" is. So far, touch wood, one sees smiles everywhere, and everyone is working to the common aim of making the Battalion work. To this end there will be a proportion of weekends where the Battalion is in one place, and the riflemen can see that they are part of an organisation larger than their platoon or company.

## THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS LIGHT DIVISION DEPOT — WINCHESTER

COMMANDING OFFICER  
Lieutenant-Colonel M.K. O'M Dewar

Since the last entry from the Depot there have been enormous changes both in staff and organization. The much heralded move of the Depot from Peninsula Barracks to Sir John Moore Barracks has now taken place and although one or two elements, such as the Green Jackets Museum, still remain in the centre of Winchester, the old barracks is now virtually empty and awaiting a series of decisions as to its future.

Sir John Moore Barracks, on the outskirts of Winchester, is a vast improvement on the old facilities. Sports pitches, a lavish Physical and Recreational Training Centre, ranges, dry training areas, excellent accommodation, classrooms and offices, all are present on the site and we are getting large numbers of high ranking visitors coming down to see us. The Commanding Officer has taken to carrying a tour guide's umbrella so that he can be spotted in amongst the crowds of tourists!

The organization of the Depot has also changed. There are now two adult training companies where one existed before. A large Training Wing and Education Wing have also been formed to co-ordinate and carry out specialist training and we have formed a Junior Soldiers and Junior Leaders Company when our sister Depot in Shrewsbury closed in August.

The past six months have seen a period of consolidation at the Depot. The training staffs for the Junior Leaders and Junior Soldiers Companies arrived shortly before their recruits and both have settled into the new routine.

The Junior Leaders are recruited between 16 and 17 years old, and 138 of them crossed the threshold in September. They will be with us for 46 weeks, which is virtually one year after leave is taken into account. The Junior Soldiers only do 31 weeks, and to avoid them being underage on passing out and posting to a battalion, they are recruited at the

minimum age of 16½. We take four batches of 54 boys per year. Both groups do traditional Junior Infantry training, but the Leaders concentrate more on Leadership development and education than their counterparts.

Concern had been expressed that we might have a resources problem while we tried to find the best fit of Adults and Juniors, but in practice it has been a relatively easy transition. The reason is simple. The Depot has only received 40 Adult recruits for the entire Division for the period September 86 to March 87. The reason is that the Regular battalions are approximately 150 men overstrength, the strongest Division in the Infantry in terms of percentage over establishment. Unfortunately, the Civil Servants are not at all happy about having to pay all these people and are trying hard to slim us down.

The shortage of recruits could have led to many bored training teams but with careful planning, all personnel are either on courses such as education, or they have returned to battalions and will be replaced when the numbers start to increase again.

The Depot was officially opened by Her Majesty The Queen on 27 November 1986. The event is covered elsewhere in this article. Suffice it to say that the day was a great success and the weather was perfect for the first, and last, time for several weeks.

There is now a period of stabilization. There have been surprisingly few problems with the new barracks, although in the big freeze of early January the pipes, in the roof of every building facing the North East wind, fractured. Those on training in the field were slightly less than happy about temperatures of minus 10 Celsius.

We are now looking forward to our first spring and summer as a fully-functioning unit.



# THE LIGHT DIVISION DEPOT, SHREWSBURY

**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**Lieutenant-Colonel J.K. Marsham**

The events of the last six months at the Depot were dominated by the closure, in June, before resettling at the new Depot at Winchester.

The pattern of training since April was dictated by the need to prepare all five Platoons ready for the final passing out parade. Since two platoons, Alamein and Kokima (Lt Angus Mackie), started in June 85 and the remaining three in September 85, Anzio (Lt Peter Balls), Corunna (Lt John Wilson) and Salamanca, a good deal of juggling by the training officer, Capt Jamie Bowden, was necessary. This was successfully engineered and the momentum of training was able to be maintained to the end with successful battle camps at Sennybridge from late May to mid June. Credit must go to all members of the training team for leading their platoons through an unusual year of upheaval. Their aim was to get the maximum number of well-trained young soldiers to Battalions and this was achieved with 151 juniors, 14 Bandsmen and 20 Buglers marching off to join their Battalions at the close.

On 28 June 1986, over 200 junior soldiers, buglers and bandsmen of the Light Division paraded in form to Her Majesty The Queen Mother at Sir John Moore Barracks, Shrewsbury, for the final parade. All Royal Green Jacket junior recruits have been trained in Shrewsbury for the past four years, a relatively short time compared with the 150 years of the Depot's existence. The day itself was a magnificent success and went almost without fault, with the sun shining throughout.

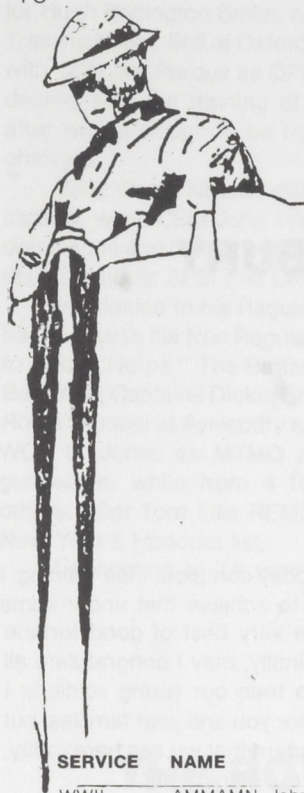
Her Majesty The Queen Mother arrived on time after a welcoming speech from the Colonel of the Light Infantry, she addressed the parade with the following remarks: "I am delighted to be with you all here today, sad though the occasion may be for many of you present. I am so pleased to hear that our links with the County of Shropshire will be retained through the Territorial Army as they are elsewhere in our traditional County areas. Nevertheless, for those civilian workers who have given much loyal support over many years to the Regiment, it will indeed be a blow: I join General Lang in thanking you for your loyal service and wish you well. I con-

gratulate those on Parade who today complete their training: I know you have done well here to achieve that under some pressure, and I wish you all the very best of good fortune when you join your Battalions. Finally, may I congratulate all those of you whose task it is to train our young soldiers; I know that it is a demanding time for you and your families, but the reward is surely the high standard that we see here today, reflecting the great traditions of our Regiments."

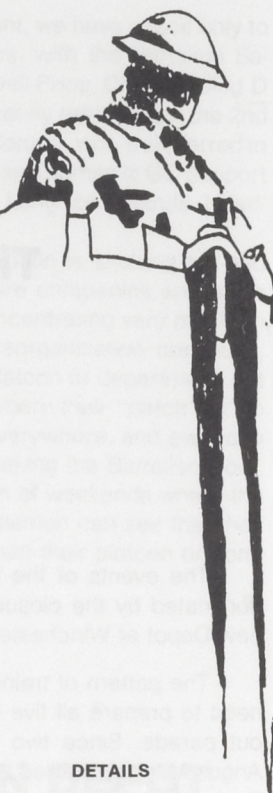
JS Company, under Command Major Charlie Heyman, paraded in front of some 1200 people including the Colonel Commandant of the Division, General Sir David Mostyn and General Sir Roland Guy, Adjutant General. Her Majesty inspected the Company and others on parade before witnessing the traditional double past. Following the parade, Her Majesty crossed the square on foot to talk to parents and Depot military and civilian staff before moving across to meet Depot children and the best recruits from each platoon. Her Majesty then moved to join officers for lunch in the Mess with a large marquee for 200 outside on the lawn. After reviewing ranks of old comrades in the afternoon, amongst whom was a contingent of eight stalwarts from the former regiment, The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry who displayed their bowler hats in style, Her Majesty took her leave accompanied by bugle fanfares all the way from the mess to the barrack gate. It had been a memorable day.

It is important to record how well the Divisional Depot has performed over the four years of its existence. The Depot at closure was as happy as it has ever been and the relationship between Light Infantrymen and Riflemen was one of humorous leg-pulling and genuine friendship. There should be no doubts for the future of the happiness of a joint Depot. As always, the WO's and Sgts' Mess was the key to success and Shrewsbury was lucky to have such an excellent RSM as WO1 Fairclough RGJ to see the Depot through to the end. A sad and historic day for all but happy in the knowledge that the two Regiments were to continue their close links in the training of recruits and juniors at Winchester which had begun four years before so successfully.





in memoriam



*"But they who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings  
like eagles.*

*They shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint."*

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SERVICE	NAME	DETAILS	SERVICE	NAME	DETAILS
WWII	AMMAMN, John J.	Port Alberni, B.C. 9 Aug 86	WWI	MCCOMBE, Joseph	Winnipeg, Man. 1 Nov 85
RF	AYLESBURY, Richard	Hull-Humberside, UK 1 May 86	WWI, WWII,		
	AVISION, Westley, T.	Sooke, B.C. 2 Aug 86	RF	MCCULLOCH, W.C.	Winnipeg, Man. 3 Oct 85
WWII	BECHDOLT, V.G.	New Westminster, B.C. 1 Dec 85	Korea	MCDUGALL, George R.	Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask. 2 Jun 86
RF	BISHOP, Royden	Ontario 11 Jan 86	WWII	MCKAY, Ernest William	Roblin, Man. 26 Aug 86
RF	BRIGNELL, Robert Takeo	Calgary, Alta. 29 Jun 86	WWI	MCMILLAN, Duncan	Waseca, Sask. 20 Nov 86
RF	BROWN, Alvin D.	Calgary, Alta. 19 Mar 86	WWII	MODY, Alexander	Burnaby, B.C. 20 Oct 85
WWII, Korea	BYRNES, Charles H.	Calgary, Alta. 10 Dec 85	Korea, RF	MORAN, Frank	Toronto, Ont. 5 Oct 86
WWII	CHURCH, Murray R.	Edmonton, Alta. 15 Mar 86	RF	MURPHY, Peter	Ottawa, Ont. Sep 86
Korea	COX, William	Surrey, B.C. 16 Dec 85	Korea, RF	OVERLAND, Albert	Nipigon, Ont. 1 Nov 85
WWII	DEMYTRI, Andrew J.	Orillia, Ont. 30 Nov 85	WWII, Korea	PAGON, Hubert John	Orillia, Ont. 17 Jul 86
WWII	DIXON, William Arnold	Ormiston, Sask. 25 May 86	WWII	PANAGABKO, Edward P.	Edmonton, Alta. 26 Jun 86
Korea	DOYLE, Hugh O.	Ottawa, Ont. 22 Aug 86	WWI	PATTERSON, James W.	Willowdale, Ont. 1 Mar 86
RF	DYCHUK, George H.	Powerview, MN May 86	WWII	PERRIN, George	Rivers, Man. 20 Nov 85
RF	EDINBOROUGH, Jim	Gimley, Man. Dec 86	WWII	PETTIGREW, Y. Mackenzie	Toronto, Ont. 26 Mar 85
	ENGSTROM, A.	Wishart, Sask. 86	WWII,		
WWII	EVANS, Peter,	Regina, Sask. 23 Jul 86	Korea, RF	PYNE, Paddy	Oakville, Ont. 30 Apr 86
WWI	FROYD, Juan T.	Ottawa, Ont. 21 Jun 84	Korea	RIDDLE, Patrick E.	Winnipeg, Man. 21 Nov 86
WWII	GRANT, Donald Campbell	Star City, Sask. 6 Oct 86	WWII	ROUGEAU, Raymond J.	Winnipeg, Man. 6 Mar 86
Korea, RF	HOWELL, Robert C.	Edmonton, Alta. 16 Oct 86	WWII	SEREDIUK, George J.	Winnipeg, Man. 10 Aug 86
WWII	HUBERT, Joseph	Brandon, Man. Mar 86	Korea, RF	SHAND, E.R.	Charlton, Ont. 14 Nov 85
	HUDSON, James E.	Brandon, Man. 18 Jan 86	RF	SLATER, George	Winnipeg, Man. 17 Oct 86
	HYLAND, Michael J.P.	Downsview, Ont. 24 Dec 85	WWII	SMILEY, George R.	Gladstone, Man. 20 Dec 86
RF	KEITHLEY, J.L.	Whitehorse, NWT 14 Jan 86	WWII, Korea	SMITH, John E.	Sutton West, Ont. Feb 86
WWII, Korea	KERSHEY, George (Monty)	Bronte, Ont. 13 Feb 86	WWII, Korea	SOIBERG, Martin	Golden, B.C. 14 Jun 86
WWII	KOROSCIL, Hohn	Atikokan, Ont. 11 Jun 86	Korea	STEADMAN, Franklin F.	Calgary, Alta. Mar 85
WWII	KULEZA, Anthony M.	Winnipeg, Man. 85	WWII	STELMACK, Nick	Beausejour, Man. 5 Jul 86
WWII	LENZ, Harvey F.	Vancouver, B.C. 27 Jan 86	Korea	THOMPSON, David R.	Oshawa, Ont. 16 Mar 86
WWII	LOUISON, Roger W.	Edmonton, Alta. 27 Jul 86	WWII	TOUROND, Philip M.	Codette, Sask. Oct 85
WWII	LYLE, Henry A.	Dryden, Ont. 9 Mar 86	Korea	WABASCA, Archie	Edmonton, Alta. 23 Feb 86
WWII	MACDONALD, A.R.	Langham, Sask. 30 Aug 86	RF	WALDRON, James E.	Petawawa, Ont. 12 May 86
WWII	MACDOUGALD, Wilford J.	United Kingdom 15 Oct 86	RF	WALDRON, J.R.	Victoria, B.C. 17 Nov 86
RF	MACDOUGALD, Donald L.	Sidney, N.S. 23 Oct 85	WWII	WALLACE, Earle R.	Gladstone, Man. 24 Dec 85
	MANNERS, J.J. (Jack)	Winnipeg, Man. 20 Apr 86	WWII	WATSON, Frank R.	Esquimalt, B.C. 4 Nov 85
WWII	MARTIN, Walter	Sooke, B.C. 19 Sep 86	Korea	WILSON, Dudley	Langley, B.C. 4 Dec 86
Korea	MCCAFFERTY, Benjamin A.	Pickering, Ont. 17 Feb 86	WWII	WYNNYCHUK, Peter	Burnaby, B.C.
Korea, RF	MCCARTNEY, Ray	Calgary, Alta. 29 May 86			



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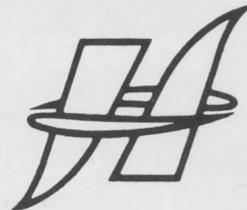
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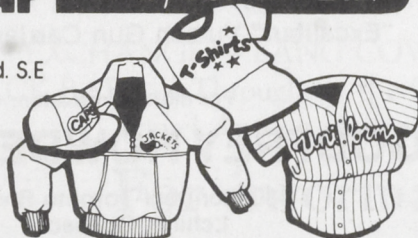
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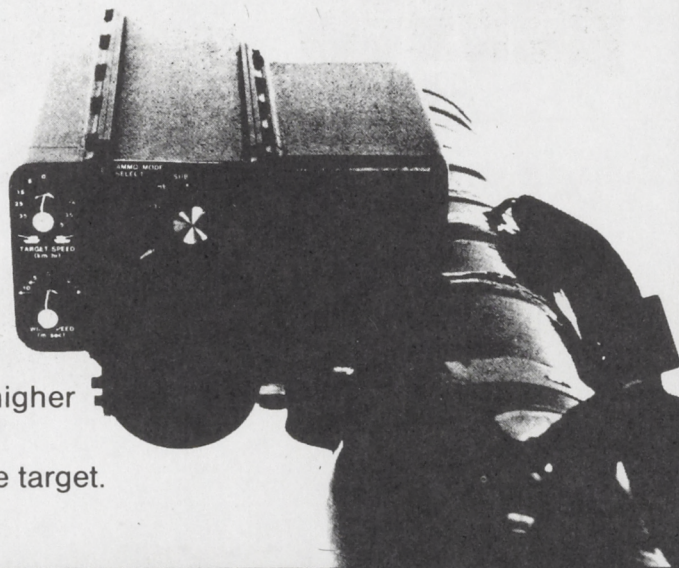
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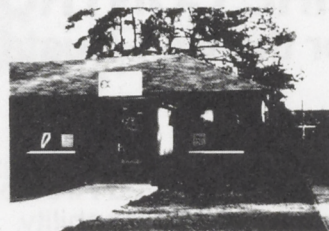
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