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## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

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# COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



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

My visit to my Patricias in Canada this year centered round the very important and impressive parade by the First Battalion in Calgary for the Change of Colonels of the Regiment on 9 October.

We were all truly sad to have to say 'Farewell' to Colonel Sutherland after his four years of devoted service in that post. He has greatly endeared himself to the whole Regiment as well as interesting himself in all aspects of Regimental life and contributing greatly to plans for the future. We are all so grateful to him for his good care of us and his leadership, given on top of his onerous responsibilities in a Government post and contending with the problems of health which he gallantly surmounted. I know we would also like to thank his wife, Helen, for the wonderful way she has supported him and also endeared herself to all Patricias.

We are very happy to welcome as his successor as Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General Stuart Graham, who I am sure will also give us devoted service and leadership in this most important appointment.

I was also very pleased to have the opportunity of again attending the Exercise Ric-a-dam-doo while I was in Calgary, as well as the Retirement Dinner — a nostalgic occasion — but remembering that "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia" will always apply to those retiring.

I was also able to pay a short visit to my Third Battalion in Victoria, which is always a great pleasure, and found them too in great shape.

I was accompanied on this tour by my elder daughter, Joanna (Baroness Hubert du Breuil) who is living in New York with her French husband and little daughter. She was really thrilled with all the aspects of Regimental life she saw, having heard so much already from her mother!

With my very warmest wishes to you all and your families.

*Mountbatten of Burma*



# COLONEL-OF-THE-REGIMENT

## Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



**BRIGADIER-GENERAL R.S. GRAHAM, CD**

As this, the first full calendar year as Colonel of the Regiment commences, let me tell you how proud I was to have been selected for this honour, an honour that every Infantryman cannot help but hope might someday be his. I welcome this opportunity to once again become actively involved with the Regiment. Meeting personally as many of you as possible will be my aim during the next eighteen months. Many visits involving a great deal of travel are now being planned, and my goal will be to have seen you all at least once by the time the celebrations for our 75th Anniversary are underway in the late summer of 1989.

The next two years promise to be very busy ones for the Regiment. The 3rd Battalion takes on the Cyprus task this March, and the 2nd Battalion returns to Winnipeg this summer. The 1st Battalion will hold the fort in Western Canada as well as The Battle School. 2nd Airborne Commando will do likewise in the East. All will undoubtedly become involved in the preparations for our Anniversary in conjunction with the Regimental Association. These are important tasks and I know that you will all treat them as such and carry them out in true Patricia style.

In even my limited contacts with the Regiment in recent years, one could not help but be impressed by the calibre of the young men who have selected our Regiment in which to serve. The very obvious higher levels of education, the self-confidence displayed in your ability to develop the skills necessary for your tasks, the articulate manner in which you explain and discuss your roles and ambitions, and the good fellowship so essential to success in "The Profession of Arms" is both present and natural. These are all attributes which will serve you, the Regiment and your comrades well as the years roll by.

The recent "White Paper on Defence" is going to present very formidable but interesting challenges in the next few years. Major changes in the composition and roles of the Army element of the Canadian Forces are being planned. As a result of the "Total Force" concept being introduced, not only will many problems arise requiring solutions but one can expect that some opposition to these plans will surface and have to be addressed. I am sure that our Regiment will respond positively to these new thrusts, and that you can all be relied upon to take them in your stride. I know that all Patricias will be pleased and proud of the way in which you face up to these challenges with both the spirit and elan which our Founder set for our Regiment.

I wish all of you, and your families, regardless of where you are serving, every success in the years ahead as you consolidate your membership in this great family we call The Patricias.



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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, Ont. 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 G.M. REAY, MBE, CD**



Brigadier-General Reay entered Royal Military College in September 1961, graduating four years later in May 1965. On commissioning, he joined 2 PPCLI and served in various appointments including Platoon Commander, Company Second-in-Command and Adjutant in both Edmonton and Germany. Upon returning to Canada in 1969, he served on staff at Mobile Command Headquarters prior to attending the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in 1971/72. Upon graduation, he returned to 2 PPCLI where he held the appointment of Operations Officer and Company Commander. In 1975, he was posted to Headquarters, 1 British Corps in Germany, as GS02 Operation and was awarded the MBE for his service while in that appointment. Returning to Canada in 1977, he assumed the responsibility of the Senior Staff Officer Operations at Headquarters, 1 Combat Group, a position he relinquished on 4 July 1979 to take command of the First Battalion PPCLI. In July 1981, Brigadier-General Reay was promoted to the rank of Colonel and transferred to National Defence Headquarters to assume duties with Director Military Manpower Distribution. In June 1983, Colonel Reay was posted as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) office at National Defence Headquarters where he remained until promoted to his present rank in July 1985. On promotion, Brigadier-General Reay attended the National Defence College. In June 1986, he was seconded to the Privy Council.

Brigadier-General Reay was appointed Commander of 1 Canadian Brigade Group in Calgary on 28 July 1987.

## **CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIMENTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **LIEUTENANT-COLONEL VINCENT W. KENNEDY, CD**



Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy began his military career in the Canadian Army (Militia) in 1964 with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He joined the Regular component in 1967. Having attended Royal Roads and the Royal Military College, he graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies and was commissioned into Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He served as a subaltern in 3 PPCLI, Esquimalt, B.C., and 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando, Germany, and as the Adjutant at the Infantry School, Combat Training Centre, Gagetown, N.B., in 1978. He also attended the CLFCSC in Kingston and the British Combat Team Commander's Course in the United Kingdom.

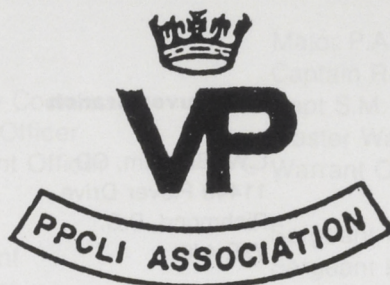
In 1979 Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy took command of A Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Green Jackets, in Oakington, United Kingdom, where he was promoted to Major and went to Cyprus in 1980 as part of the British contingent in UNFICYP. He returned to Canada in 1981 to the CFCS, Toronto.

In 1982 he commanded B Company, 2 PPCLI which included another tour of Cyprus, 1982-83, and then Administration Company. When the Battalion departed for Germany he produced and directed the farewell tattoo to Winnipeg and Manitoba. In 1985 he was promoted to his present rank and assumed the duties of Senior Staff Officer Individual Training at Mobile Command Headquarters.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy was subsequently posted to the Army Staff College, Fort Frontenac, Kingston, in 1986 as a member of the Directing Staff, a position he relinquished to take command of the 1st Battalion on 15 July 1987.



# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION



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Fellow Patricias:

An association as widespread as ours with Branches from coast to coast and in the United Kingdom, makes it very difficult for the serving President to visit all Branches. As a partial solution to the problem I have established a policy within the Association to hold our Annual General Meetings in a different locale every year whenever possible. In 1985 we met in Calgary, with the Edmonton Branch in 1986 and in 1987 Victoria Branch hosted the meeting. In 1988 Ottawa Branch will host the Annual General Meeting, 27-29 May. In this manner, it is possible to cater to a wider spectrum of the membership and the plan will continue into the foreseeable future with meetings alternating between the Western Region (B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) and Eastern Region (Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes).

Most of the day to day business of the Association is conducted by mail and to this end, the support of Regimental Headquarters has been paramount, in particular, the work of Captain Rudy Raidt on the Association Constitution bears special mention.

Over the past two years, Captain Tim Howard at RHQ has been instrumental in preliminary planning for 75th Anniversary celebrations in 1989. Captain Howard has now moved on to full time duty as project director for the Regimental Museum, a monumental task that will culminate in the celebrations in 1989.

Stepping in to replace him, Captain Steve Sawyer has assumed the mantle of planning and coordination between the Regiment and the Association Reunion Committee and it will be my pleasure to work hand in hand with Captain Sawyer over the time remaining to bring about our 75th Anniversary celebrations — **THE FIRST 75 YEARS** — plan on being there in Calgary, we look forward to seeing you.

R.M. Middleton  
President  
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Regimental Headquarters is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment. Regimental Headquarters is responsible for: being the secretariat of the Regiment; the maintenance, accounting and operation of the Regimental and Association funds and accounts; operating the Regimental Kit Shop; operating the Regimental Museum and Archives; editing and publishing all Regimental Publications, including the Association Newsletter, the Patrician, the Regimental Manual and the New Soldiers Manual; maintaining all files and records of the Association; 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 (e.g., 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 Gift —
  - (1) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service (Units to action);
  - (2) for all Patricias 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 "WW1 Soldier" suitably engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service (RHQ to action); and
  - (3) for all Patricias on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service, a 6½" pewter figurine of a WW1 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-paragraphs 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 Patricias retiring or remustering and provide the individual's particulars, i.e., name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement / release / remuster date, and address on retirement / release / remuster.

## WINNERS OF 1987 COMPETITIONS

### THE HAMILTON GAULT TROPHY

1 PPCLI (Fifth Successive Occasion)

### THE HAMILTON GAULT SKILL AT ARMS TROPHY

B COY — 1 PPCLI

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

2 PPCLI

Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Joly, OMM, CD — Chief Warrant Officer J.M. Downey, MMM, CD



# HONOURS AND AWARDS 1987



## ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT

Lieutenant-Colonel R.P. Bragdon, OMM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer J.M. Downey, MMM, CD

Captain E.F. Borchert, MMM, CD

Captain G. Vida, MMM, CD

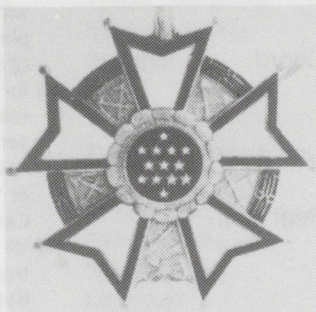
Chief Warrant Officer W.D. Collier, MMM, CD

## CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF COMMENDATION

Capt P.E. Cook

Capt P.M. Tyrell

Corporal T.R. Patterson



## FOREIGN AWARD — UNITED STATES LEGION OF MERIT

Major-General K.R. Foster, OMM, CD



## REGIMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Master Corporal R.A. MacPhail — 1 PPCLI

Master Corporal T.J. Hicks — 2 PPCLI

Private R.A. Cooper — 1 PPCLI

Corporal A.M. Parris — 2 PPCLI

Private T.A. Doiron — 1 PPCLI

Master Warrant Officer K. Flowers — 3 PPCLI

Private C.G.C. Pearson — 1 PPCLI

Master Corporal K.A. White — Battle School

Private J.E. Richard — 1 PPCLI

Captain D.E. Barr — CFB Kingston



# PROMOTIONS 1987

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K.R. Foster

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L.W. MacKenzie

## COLONEL

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R.R. Romses  
W.J. Stutt

## MAJOR

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T.W. Loveridge  
P.S. McDonough

R.C. McLaughlin

K.A. Moher  
W.H.C. Ramsden  
D.C. Stevens

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M.D. Bruce  
K.K. Conrad  
I.R. Creighton  
D.M. Day  
S.R. Dunn  
J.W. Hammond

E.L. Haverstock  
N.A. Kaduck  
W.D. Madryga  
S.D. MacDonald  
D.J. Marshall  
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I.K. White

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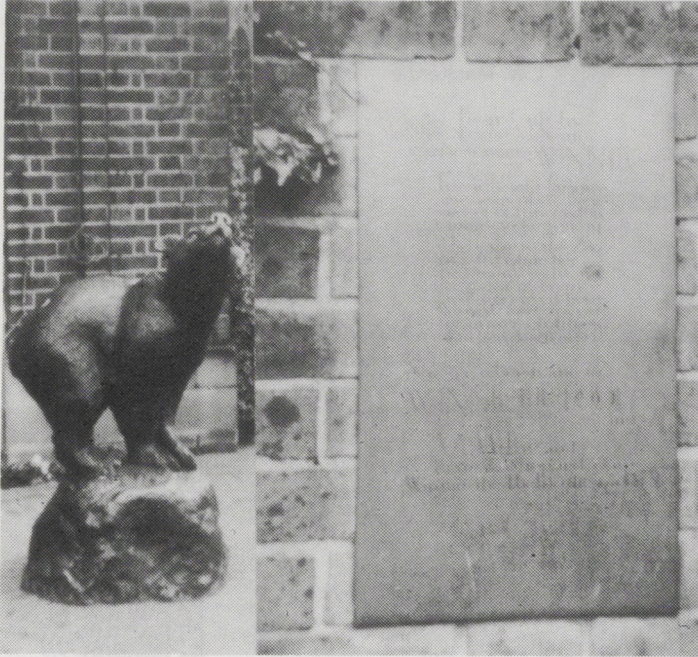
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# “Fact or Fiction?” “Myth or Mistake?”

## PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

by Captain H.T. Kenny



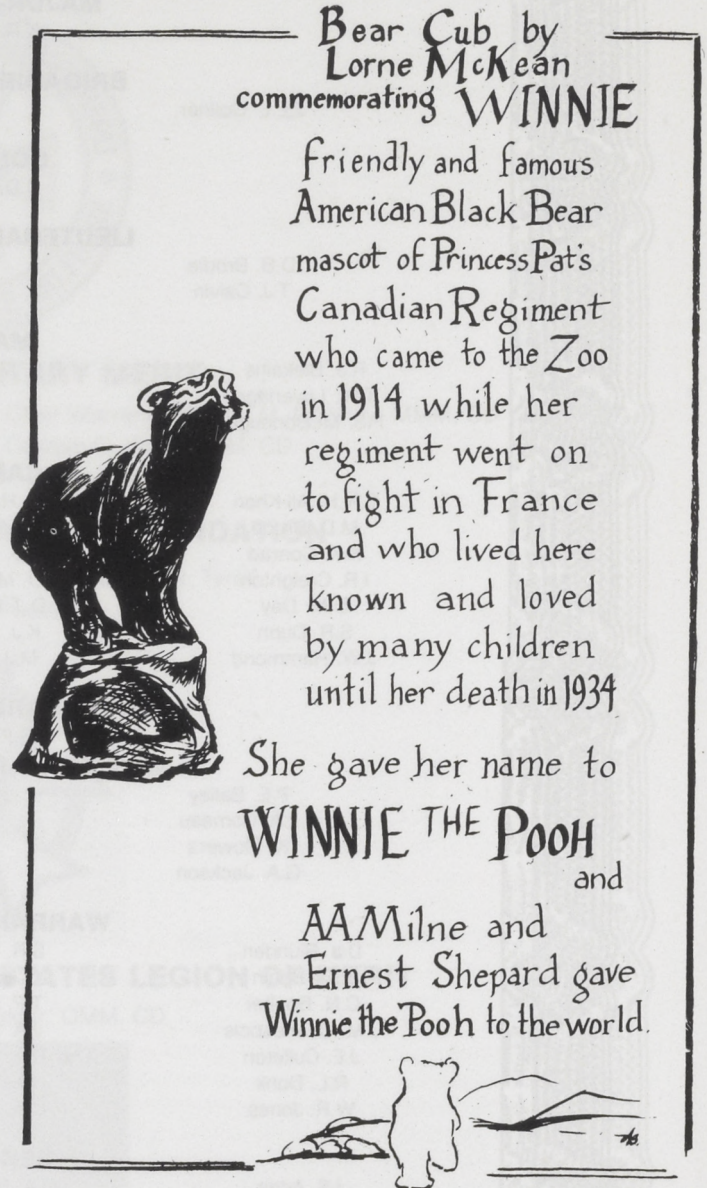
*You can't be in London for long without going to the Zoo . . . the nicest people go straight to the animals they love the most, and stay there. So when Christopher Robin goes to the Zoo, he goes to where the Bears are, and he whispers something to the third keeper from the left, and doors are unlocked, and we wander through dark passages and up steep stairs, until at last we come to the special cage, and the cage is opened, and out trots something brown and furry, and with a happy cry of "Oh Bear!" Christopher Robin rushes into its arms. Now the bear's name is Winnie, which shows what a good name for bears it is.*

— Winnie-the-Pooh  
A.A. Milne

At the Regimental Museum of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) a charming myth has existed for a number of years. According to tradition, Winnie-the-Pooh was a "Patricia" long before he found his way into story books; he (or properly she) was an American black bear left at the London Zoo in England when the Regiment left to fight in France in 1914.

Although it has resurfaced every 10 years or so, each generation has eventually agreed that there is no evidence to support the story. The truth has echoed in the Museum corridors, reluctant to be heard outside. In 1981, however, the London Zoo erected a monument which recognized the association for the Regiment and the bear Winnie who gave her name to Winnie-the-Pooh. The Museum found itself in the awkward position of not being able to confirm or deny the story.

We made an exhaustive search of archives. Ship manifests, personal letters, nominal roles, official histories and photo-



graphic collections all revealed the same thing — nothing! Few original members of the Regiment remain (a twenty year old soldier in the 1914 war would now be 93), but those that were contacted were unanimous in saying, "there might have been a bear, but I never heard about it." The London Zoo provided us with copies of their records, the acquisition and death certificates for the bear, and a number of newspaper articles. Changes had been made to the acquisition certificate which reflected the fact that the bear was originally deposited in 1914 but not taken on permanently until the end of the First World War; it was then signed over by Captain Harry Colebourn, Canadian Army Veterinary Corp, Fellow of the Zoological Society. The original owners seem to have been from the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade, which did not include the Patricias.

Although not impossible to reconcile with this new information, the story was becoming yet more clumsy. Hypothetically,



the Patricias could have left their bear with the Second Infantry Brigade as they prepared to embark for France; because that Brigade already had a bear, its Veterinary Officer would be experienced. The Second Brigade could then in turn, have donated the bear to the Zoo. Unsuccessful attempts were made to locate descendants of Captain Colebourn.

In light of this situation, the museum was neither willing to claim the bear nor allow the story to drop. It was decided that a display, entitled "Fact or Fiction? Myth or Mistake?" would be arranged in the Museum describing the inconclusive story. Publicity was generated in conjunction with the display and created new leads. One correspondant claimed to have worked directly with the Regiment's Founder during the Second World War. He quoted the Founder as having told stories of the bear on several occasions. One could not hang his hat on this type of evidence. An irate correspondant wrote us to criticize our falsified attempts to destroy a beautiful children's story by associating it with Regiments, wars and growling black bears. She quoted the Encyclopedia Britannica which stated that the name was taken from a brown teddy bear, hence in her opinion, not from an *Ursus Americanus*.

Concrete evidence emerged from Winnipeg. It demonstrated that the bear was not ours. Fred Colebourn, the son of Captain Harry Colebourn, produced photographs and a diary which told his father's story during the First World War. In 1914, Captain Colebourn, a Veterinary Surgeon, was heading from Winnipeg by train to Valcartier, Quebec, to join his Regiment. He bought a bear in White River, Ontario, from a hunter who had killed the cub's mother. The bear was called Winnipeg, Winnie for short, and accompanied Colebourn to England. Knowing that he could not take the bear to France, Colebourn eventually left her at the London Zoo.

In broad terms, the story still has some rough edges. The following questions are still unanswered today: Captain Colebourn is said to have formally presented a plaque to the London Zoo in 1919 recognizing Winnie as his own. Why has this plaque disappeared? If the bear was ascribed to Captain Colebourn in 1919, why then, as early as 1921, were London papers claiming that the bear belonged to PPCLI? What circumstances surrounded the changes made on the acquisition certificate? Although the date shown is 1919, Captain Colebourn is shown as a Fellow of the Zoological Society, a position he did not hold until sometime later.

One final installment remains in the present story. In May, while conducting research at Hatch Court in Somerset England, the estate of our Regiment's late Founder, I found that the Pooh tradition was even more firmly entrenched in England than in Canada. Indeed, I discovered that Winnie was not the only character of A.A. Milne with a real counterpart, "John with the Great Big Wellington Boots" was well known by Commander and Mrs. Nation, the owners of Hatch Court, and Christopher Robin Milne, I was told, lived near Dartmouth in the adjacent county of Devon. I found that the people around Hatch Court were reluctant to accept the "new story" about Winnie and in fact I was forced to concede that every doubt had not been removed. Despite the tight schedule I had with my planned research, we decided to take a trip to speak with Christopher Robin Milne, the son of A.A. Milne. We had hoped that perhaps some memoirs of A.A. Milne existed which might shed light on the story. Unfortunately, during our visit it became clear that no such memoirs were known to exist and that Christopher Milne, now in his sixties, was weary of a lifetime of storybook associations. His recollections, however, were fresh and there was little doubt in his mind that the bear belonged to the PPCLI; indeed there was no doubt at all until we sowed it. One is forced to conclude, therefore, that regardless of historical fact, Winnie at the London



Zoo has traditionally been associated with the PPCLI.

Considerably more research would be necessary to paint every detail of Winnie's career in the Canadian Army and with the London Zoo. The story of Captain Colebourn is well documented and conclusive. Still, no matter how tenuous, some association has existed between the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and Winnie-the-Pooh; this association has stood the test of time. Perhaps we should take to heart the closing words of The House at Pooh Corner, "wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the forest a little boy and his Bear will always be playing."

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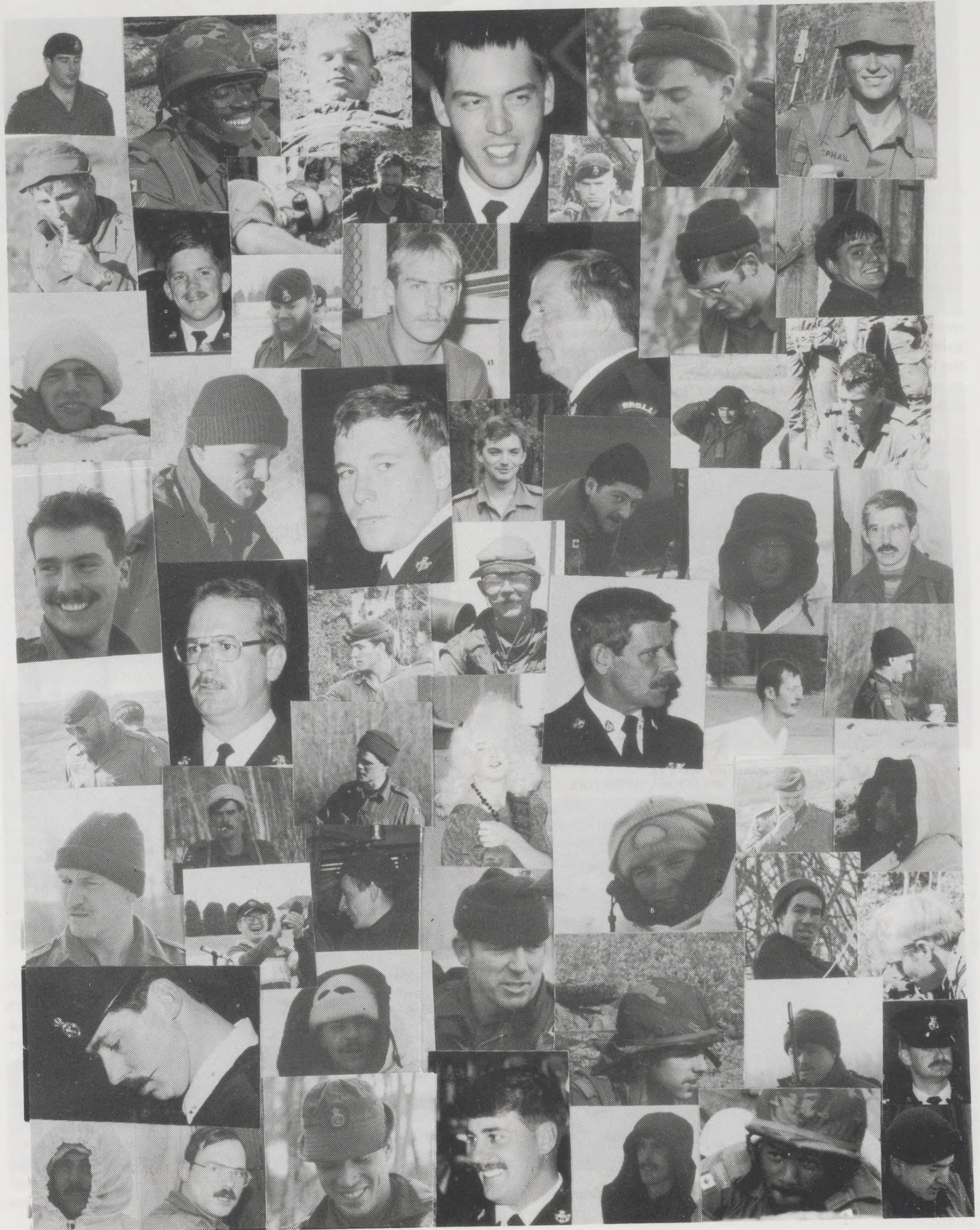
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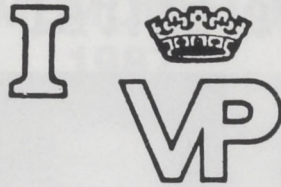
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# Faces of the First Battalion







## 1 PPCLI — 1987

A year in the life of a peacetime infantry battalion can seem a rush of faces, tasks and road moves. 1987 was no exception as we exercised or operated from the flat land desert of Suffield to the crestline of the Rockies and from the U.S. border to the northern Yukon. But everywhere we went the blur of faces and tasks was brought into sharp focus by glimpses of our friends and comrades giving all whenever it was required.

A busy year, of course, with fewer soldiers undertaking more and more challenging tasks. But a year of achievement, as exemplified by our winning both the Hamilton Gault Trophy and the Hamilton Gault Skill-At-Arms Trophy. Also a year of sadness, as we mourned MCpls Dave Gray and Rocky Lee Norman whose passings were a sad loss to us all.



*Cpl McNamara selects the new CO.*



*The Colonel-in-Chief and Capt Willow inspect the Arrival Guard during Ex RIC-A-DAM-DOO 87.*



*The Colonel-in-Chief and the CO inspect No. 2 Guard.*



*The Colonel-in-Chief takes the salute as her First Battalion marches past.*

Milestones for the year included the assumption of command by Lieutenant-Colonel V.W. Kennedy and the departure and promotion of Colonel J.A. Almstrom to Central Militia area. An even more memorable occasion was the parade to commemorate Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland's relinquishment of the appointment as Colonel of the Regiment to Brigadier-General R.S. Graham. The parade was graced by the presence of the Colonel-in-Chief as the Reviewing Officer, a former Colonel of the Regiment Major-General G.G. Brown, and a host of serving and retired Patricias. The departure of Colonel "Suds" and Helen in a refurbished bren gun carrier to the cheers of the men of a Regiment he has served with such distinction is a scene that will live with all present for years to come.





*Colonel "Suds" and Helen say, "Farewell!"*



*The Colonel-in-Chief meets Pte Van Dongen.*

All in all a typical and routine year, but one which offered us all a selection of memories to be treasured and reminisced over in years to come.



*Pte Greenough with the Best Private Trophy for being the best infantryman in the battalion.*



*The RSM and CO present MCpl Annand with the Best Master Corporal Trophy.*



*TRIUMPH: The CO and RSM dismember a helpless turkey.*



*Pronto — Captain "Bouff" Bouffard delivers the goods to MCpls Andrews, Cody and Green.*



## ALPHA COMPANY

by 2Lt S.D. Joudrey

Upon returning from Christmas leave, Alpha Company looked forward to a demanding Ex RAPIER THRUST. We weren't disappointed. The eleven-day training exercise was highlighted with a visit by LGen Fox, Commander FMC. Our mini-Maginot Line was a sight to be remembered if only with shudders. With "ENDEX" came a feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment, coupled with the excitement of the chase as 2 Platoon scoured the area in search of their missing starlight scope. All's well that ends well but for a while Lt Ray Robitaille was seriously considering a fund-raising raffle. February and March saw the PCF cycle, and the company capturing the unit hockey title.



*Lt Ferraby and WO McCully brief a prospective recruit.*



*Sgt Warrington and the unknown soldier man the HMG.*

RV '87 seemed to be one continual live fire exercise. Section and platoon live fire serials culminated in a combat team live fire exercise that was as entertaining for the individual as it was impressive to the observer. Other highlights included a deliberate attack on a Warsaw Pact defensive position as well as tank hunting exercises. The final segment of RV '87 was Ex PRAIRIE VIPER in Suffield as part of the LdSH(RC) Battlegroup. This exercise in Canada's only desert (noticeably lacking in trees), included infantry armour co-operation manoeuvres as well as patrols and attacks on thriving plywood urban centres.

Summer brought Company involvement in the Militia National Rank Qualifying School as demo troops and as enemy force on the Combat Team Commanders' Course. This exercise gave the Company the opportunity to participate in valuable mechanized training that was somewhat different from the demands and routine of a normal battalion exercise. But our enthusiasm for the exercise was enhanced by the knowledge that "End Ex" brought with it the Company's summer block leave period.

The Company returned from block leave and immediately participated in a Patrol School in the Rocky Mountain House area. This exercise lasted ten days and activities ranged from recce and platoon-sized fighting patrols to an assault river crossing and concluded with a ninety kilometre helibourne company fighting patrol. Certainly Patrol School produced a record number of "war stories."

The fall began with a one week Mountain School which brought with it the qualification of Basic Mountain Warfare. Highlights of the week included Aussie rappelling down a sixty metre cliff face, the very stable two rope bridge, the scree runs, and the six hour mountain walk to the peak of Mount Laurie, on the final day. The week was a definite confidence booster and morale builder.



*An A Company Bivouac at Mountain School.*

What would life be like without at least one Company "Bug Out" per season? Dull! Well, how about a "Bug Out" in the middle of the Fall Defensive Ex! In the early hours of 16 Sep we were called out to join the search for a missing German geologist, Herr Robbach. Before the sun went down on that same day, the men of Alpha Company found themselves living in a abandoned school in Inuvik, NWT, 3520 km north of Calgary. On completion of the search a day later, Alpha Company returned to Calgary (via the Inuvik Transport Company with the mayor at the helm) to resume normal "scheduled" company activities. These included a week long package of POW and E&E lectures which concluded with an E&E exercise in conjunction with the Calgary Police Department Canine Unit around the Glenmore Reservoir. They assured us that their dogs do not bite. Right, Pte Douglas?

October saw the beginning of another PCF Cycle and the Company running the AVGP Driver Course. In the midst of this routine, Alpha Company won the French Grey Cup for the sixth consecutive year. The Player of the Game was Pte Doiron while Pte Simpson took the Offensive Star honours. The Company float won acclaim and praise (as well as first place) with the theme of the 1988 Winter Olympics.





*A Company's winning French Grey Cup float.*



*MCpl Gibson accepts the French Grey Cup for A Company from MGen G.G. Brown.*

Alpha Company returned to the Rocky Mountain House area in December to conduct the field portion of their Winter Indoc Training amid "fears" that the lack of snow in Calgary might make pulling a toboggan difficult. The training was invaluable to those new to "playing" soldier in the snow, as well as a complete refresher for those who had known the cold before.

The year of 1987 drew to a close with a successful and very festive Company Christmas Party. The year contained something for everyone with a variety of training (both military and athletic) that was as rigorous as it was rewarding. The "Big Red One" looks towards 1988 and all it has in store.

## BRAVO COMPANY

For B Company, 1987 was a year of first-rate training at all levels. The year started with the winter indoctrination and Exercise RAPIER THRUST, a two week winter exercise in Wainwright. The company trained intensively in defensive operations, patrolling, tank-infantry co-operation, the withdrawal, the delay and counter-attack operations. This was the exercise in which 6 Platoon never touched a shovel, yet managed to get fully dug in! Meanwhile, 4 Platoon got bogged down (all four call signs) during a rehearsal for the counter-attack.



*The Minister of National Defence meets B Company.*

February was a maintenance intensive period, in preparation for the annual Operational Equipment Inspection (OEI). Hot on the heels of the OEI came the Primary Combat Function (PCF) Cycle, during which B Company ran the AVGP driver course. Time marched on at the double, and ten days later, we deployed to Wainwright for RV '87.

Throughout April and May, the company practiced all the skills it had been working on. We soldiered on through airmobile operations, assault water crossings, and field firing exercises, building up to participation in divisional level exercises. After two more weeks of maintenance, the company went to the Field Firing Centre in Suffield to take part in Ex PRAIRIE VIPER, a battle group live fire exercise.



*MCpl Kay prepares his M-72 Rocket Launcher under the watchful eye of WO Skinner.*



*C/S 21C prepares for battle. Note 80% of the tree cover in Suffield.*



Prior to summer leave, Maj Schutte and CSM Woodley moved on, with Capt Ramsbotham, our British Exchange Officer, and CSM Scott taking over the company. A new 2IC and new platoon commanders also joined us. For Armed Forces Day, the company rappelled out of helicopters to attack "terrorists" on the sports field.

Next, we received and trained on the new C7 rifle and the new LMG, the C9. Three intensive weeks of class and range work built confidence and competence with these weapons. In the middle of this, we took a week to relax at Mount Yamaniska. Blistered hands and feet showed all just how relaxing this Mountain School could be.

Time ran by, with the company taking part in the Change of Command for the Colonel of the Regiment, and doing security work for the Commonwealth Conference in B.C. The fall PCF Cycle had us conducting a Small Arms Coaches Course for the battalion. Still to come was the winter indoctrination, and a company ski day, bringing us full cycle to start next year, one that promises to be as interesting as was 1987.

### **"B"ware the Bulldog!**

Prepared by: Lt DRE Bugeaud  
Lt LC Reinelt  
Lt TM Wilson  
WO LW Burke

## **CHARLIE COMPANY**

**by Capt B.E. Lewis**

What can be said of Charlie Company that has not been said a thousand times before . . . we came, we saw, we conquered . . . well, at least on the Battalion FTXs . . . as for the Battalion Sports, it became more like we came, we saw, we watched the finals. I guess I shouldn't be so cynical . . . we actually did make the semi-finals in virtually all sports but, it sure is tough always being the "bridesmaid." After all, we all know that our "Queen" Schiavone was by far the fairest lass of them all at the French Grey Cup . . . in fact, many of the coy pers are a little worried . . . he actually looked "tooooo good."

The Company has undergone significant changes this past year. With a new OC, Maj Wayne Ramsden, a new 2IC, Capt Barry "Nice Beret, Wrong Colour" Lewis, CSM Jurgen "Where's my seat cushion?" Schulz, and a brand new squeaky clean Company Clerk, Pte "Do I have to change the leave passes again?" Skrypchuk. In addition, WO "Last Legs" Parker has seen the addition of two new platoon WOs and a batch of "Oh NO!!! the dreaded new fresh from Gagetown" Platoon Commanders. This year saw the introduction of Ron Migadel cross posted from the Combat Mess Secretary's job, Lt "Why did I take my Commission?" Decoste, and yes, the Company was not spared . . . a brand new Second Lieutenant, Rod "I left my combats in the dryer during the Bug Out!" MacIntosh. Fortunately we have WOs "Zack Attack" and Usipiuk to hold back the reins as required. If all of that fails, Sgts Hunt and "Monkey" McNeil keep telling everyone that "maroon" T-shirts are fireproof. However, those maroon T-shirts were not that fireproof when the Company 2IC and the aforementioned Sergeants were observed scratching their heads and wondering how to get into their grizzlies!



*Sgt Helge Schmidt leads the exodus as his Section dismounts from their carrier prior to closing with and destroying the enemy.*



*MCpl Newman awaits the word to lead his section forward.*

The company training has gone relatively smoothly, despite the addition of so many new personnel in the Command structure . . . which goes to prove that if the troops are good then everyone else looks good. The CQMS, WO Walker and his sidekick MCpl Bernard, love the influx of new blood into the Company . . . in fact, more often than not you can usually hear the following coming out of Company stores: "Oh, you're new! Well then, you definitely need your Company coffee mug at \$5.00 and what every good member of the company needs . . . a company football jersey for only \$29.99 . . . of course you need it! We make it to the French Grey Cup every year!"

Despite the postings in and out, some things never change. Taskings, taskings and more taskings! Sgt Penzes and MCpl Wheatley took their travelling band of gypsies, soldiers and grizzlies to Dundurn to assist in this year's MILCON. After that, the entire company combined arms with B Squadron LdSH(RC) to put on another successful WESTERN WARRIOR demonstration. Lt Ron Migadel then absconded with his band of rope herders toward the high peaks where they set about putting the remainder of the battalion through their knots and lashings. Rumor has it that the practical experience gained from this year's mountain school were put to many a different use when the troops returned home.





*Beware the counterattack!! After the successful attack Pte John Fairbairn hurriedly re-loads expended magazines.*



*The unknown soldier defends a hard-won trench.*

No sooner had we returned from mountain school and our weapons conversion, and we were sent off to the hilly climes of Kelowna, B.C., for security operations. Since then we have learned to cope with the never ending road that leads uphill! Next is Company Ski School at Silver Star in B.C. ... well, hey, somebody's got to do it ... and we are the Ski Company ... "Yes, Ingrid, another beer please ..."

## COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

by Capt M.R. McDonald

Trying to pick out the most notable events of this year suffused with interesting and diversified activities was not an easy task. This is especially true as each of the platoons in Combat Support Company have had their own unique experience.

The year began with Exercise RAPIER THRUST. On this exercise Combat Support saw heated action, chilly vigils and exhausting activity. Pioneer Platoon was as busy as beavers (or more accurately, ground hogs) digging the Battalion Command Post bunker into the frozen prairie.

Mortar Platoon was kept busy during the exercise by putting up illumination rounds for anyone and everyone. Mortar Platoon saw little respite even on return to Calgary as they were sent off almost immediately on Exercise LIMBER GUNNER in Shilo, Manitoba. There again they put on a fine show, adjusting onto and engaging targets with deadly accuracy. As a finale, in honour of their hosts, "J" Battery 3 RCHA, Mortar Platoon put up a "J" shaped illumination constellation.

Back in garrison the remainder of the platoons busied themselves with the Primary Combat Functions course cycle. The Biathlon team, however, was nowhere near CFB Calgary. The "A" Team had been drafted by FMC to ski for the Canadian Forces in international competition in France. The "B" and "C" teams went to Petawawa for the FMC Championships where the young lions of the "B" team surprised many of the more experienced teams by coming in fourth place in the Military Patrol Competition.



*"It's not the noise — my ears are cold"*



*The unit biathlon team at the Patrol Reconnaissance Competition.*

Spring activities wound down just in time for a rather early and chilly Exercise RENDEZVOUS 87. This proved to be a very interesting exercise for all of the platoons in Combat Support Company. Reconnaissance Platoon formed part of the Brigade screen and although lacking the mobility and protection of the armoured reconnaissance troops, the platoon performed very effectively in their role. The exercise was extremely intense and demanding both physically and mentally for the troops.

Armoured Defence Platoon showed their versatility on Exercise RENDEZVOUS 87. By using their new thermal imagery sight they became very active night fighters. One clever tow det, 55C, also known as U-55C, experimented with a bold new concept called "TOW under water."





*Pte Partridge demonstrates the stem turn.*



*Rece Platoon — would you buy a used 1/4 ton from this lot?*



*Spot the APC — C/S 55D recce the bottom of the Battle River.*

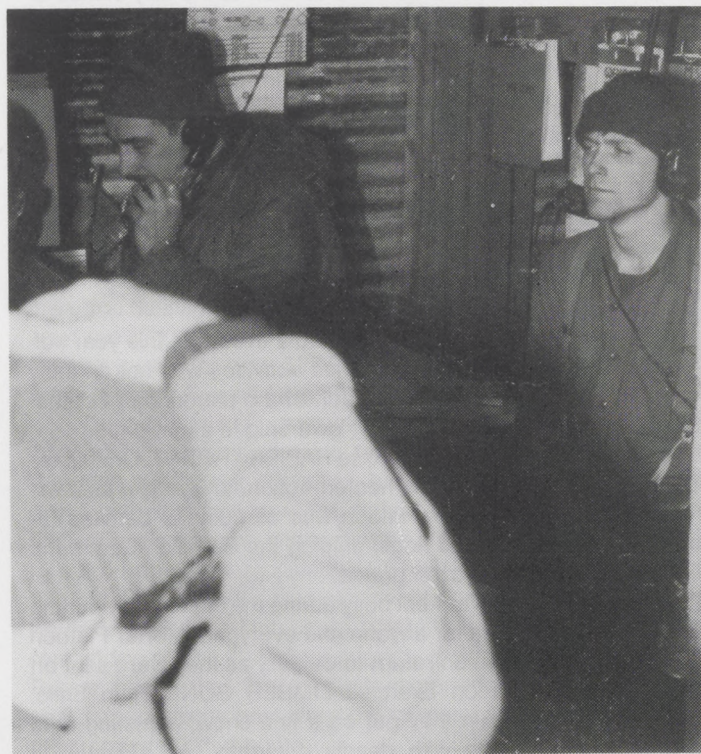
Signals Platoon, the Intelligence Section and the Regimental Police kept themselves busy by keeping call-sign O safe and under control. This was no easy undertaking considering the activity that takes place at times. This group even fought a defensive battle late one evening when the enemy, "God bless them," assaulted call-sign Zero.



*C/S 55D surfaces after impromptu sea trials.*

Also during the exercise the whole of the Company was involved in running Company live fire ranges. Pioneer Platoon and Reconnaissance Platoon constructed a Soviet defensive position for one of the ranges.

The Pioneers became famous when they built a log cabin in honour of the outgoing Brigade Commander, Brigadier-General Clive Milner. After all of this activity, the Pioneers went down to Suffield to demonstrate their demolition talents by blowing up a bridge. Mortar Platoon also had a very good exercise in Suffield as they proved that they were the most proficient Mortar Platoon in the brigade. On return of the Company to Calgary, our OC, Major Romses was promoted and sent to FMCHQ and our CSM, MWO Spring became the QMSI. We received our new CSM, MWO Woodley and our new OC, formerly the Company 2IC, Capt Stan Willow. The new OC took over just in time to receive a deluge of summer taskings.



*Bn HQ in crisis. The pizzas have not arrived.*



## ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

by Capt B. Vanderveer



*Pioneers commence building the set for Ponderosa.*

In the late summer and early fall Combat Support Company took to the mountains near Canmore, Alta. Besides attending and running the Basic Mountain Warfare, the Company had other activities taking place in the Rockies. Pioneer Platoon constructed a bridge on the Stoney Indian Reserve and Armoured Defence Platoon hiked across the Great Divide.

The fall brought further taskings besides the usual activities such as the fall Primary Combat Functions course cycle. A section of Pioneers, a Signaller, the Intelligence Officer and Reconnaissance Platoon Commander were all sent to Inuvik, NWT, to support A Company in Operation SAR ROBBACH, a search and rescue mission. Two Reconnaissance Detachments were sent to the Commonwealth Conference in Kelowna, B.C., in support of C Company. The fall course cycle ended and the flow of taskings ebbed by the end of November. The Company even found time to win the soccer match on French Grey Cup Day. Winter came to Calgary and the platoons deployed to Sarcee for winter indoctrination training. Of course, as soon as they did this, winter left us again.



*Combat Support Company's Cpl Rivard and Pte Reaume put a C Coy player into touch.*

While all of this suntanning was going on, Reconnaissance Platoon and the Biathlon Team deployed to Vernon, B.C., to do some ski training. The year was drawing to an end by the time they finished their winter activities. There were a few things left to do such as the Company Party, and a few parades. However, this has been a time when, near the end of the year, one can reflect on the events of the past twelve months. Although it has been a very busy year, it has been a very rewarding one, and looking at the up-and-coming year, it is likely that we will be just as challenged and successful as last year, if not more.

Another successful year of supporting the First Battalion has come and gone for Adm Company. This year found numerous changes in personnel with many new faces trying to find the someone with continuity within the company. Company HQ is as usual hard at work and still trying to figure out where the real job stops and all the secondary duties take over. Life in the HQ is kept exciting by the CQ pulling his pranks. Rumour has it he is now busy preparing his fishing gear for a posting to Whitehorse.

The Medical Platoon continues to provide the best in medical care for the battalion. Mass casualty training is now being practiced during every exercise. Hopefully the AIDS briefings will remain in garrison. During RV '87 while deployed "Danger close to C/S O," the UMS avoided capture while gleefully watching the Bn HQ being "put in the bag." With the appearance of distinctive uniforms the Medical Platoon is awash in a sea of dark blue, with Seamen, Master Seamen and petty officers crawling out of the closet. Eyebrows are seen to be raised every morning when the medics say, "You'll have to take off your clothes now!"



*Medical Section in search of customers.*

The other fixers of the company are, of course, our own Maint Platoon who are often heard to say, "The most pleasant times of an EME craftsman's career are those all too brief periods spent in a Unit Maintenance Platoon." During 1987 the battalion lived up to the expectations of the maintainers. The minor aggravations of delays within the supply system were offset by the improving standards of the unit's drivers.



*C/S 88C trolling for APC's.*



The new equipment received by the battalion was as much a joy to the craftsmen as to the soldiers. Not only was there a technical challenge but the battalion benefitted from more effective and reliable equipment. The greatest challenge was the restoration of the BREN Gun Carrier. The cursing and swearing over this task was rewarded by the exuberance of Colonel and Mrs. Sutherland as they were driven away on the change of Colonel of the Regiment parade; the carrier's first passengers in 40 years.

This year was also a busy year for the Battalion's QM stores. The Battalion QM stores effectively supplied and fed the unit in all activities, notwithstanding the aggravation of dealing with the maintenance system. Luckily BREN Gun Carrier parts are still stocked.

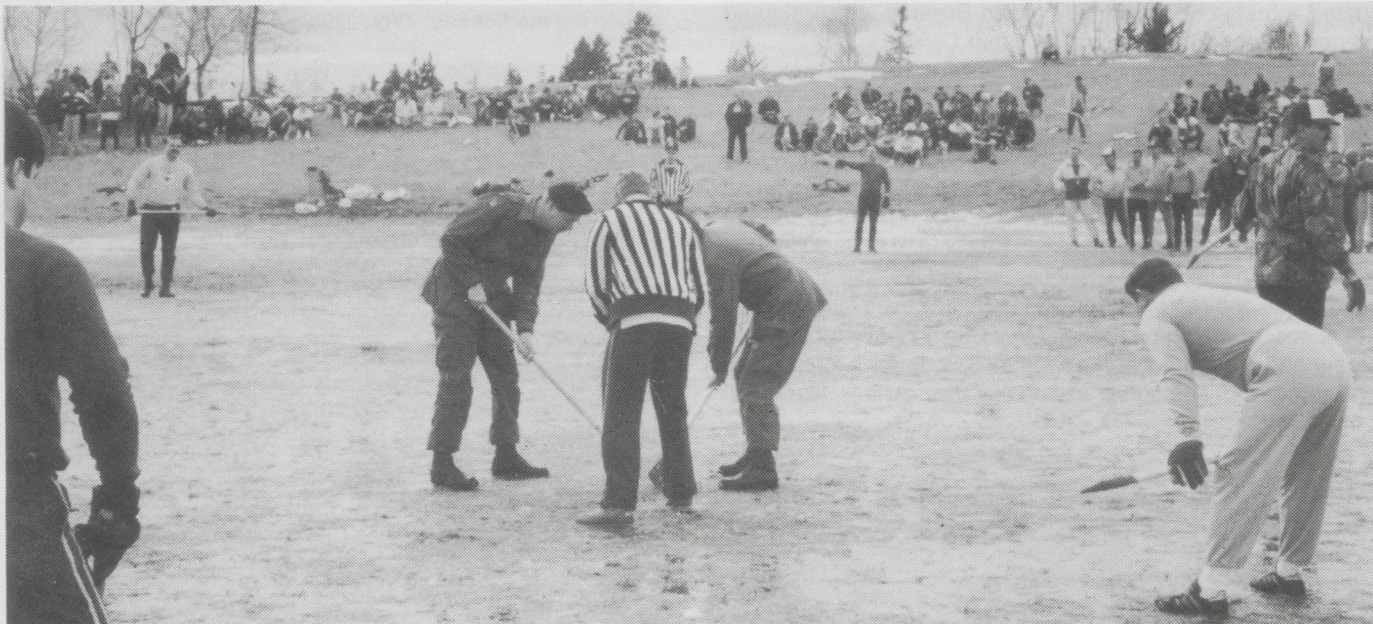
Highlights of this year included the introduction of the new small arms and the ILTIS, both noticeably improving the battalion's capabilities. Another item was, of course, the issue of the new uniforms which is certainly making Adm Coy more colorful. Operational support, namely Op SAR ROBBACH and CHOGM were excellent opportunities to test the readiness of QM stores and Adm Coy as a whole.

Battalion Transport Platoon has had another good year. The platoon has effectively moved the unit around while craftily avoiding the friendly in-fighting between maintenance and QM stores. Things have been very busy with support taskings so numerous the new TO and Tpt WO are still wondering who is really in the platoon and what they look like.

One major highlight is the autonomous nature of the Bn Safety Section which has successfully wrestled the responsibility of MSE Safety to unit level. All drivers are now on the lookout for Sgt Burke. Ex RIC-A-DAM-DOO found Transport Platoon heavily tasked and, with the kind help from MCpl Green and the CS 8 drivers, I am proud to report no generals or distinguished guests were stranded. However, rumour has it that the trusty dispatcher, MCpl Schoofs, is still taking tranquilizers.

While talking about Adm Coy we would be remiss in not mentioning the BOR. Headed by the Adjt (or is it WO Godin?) these folks have kept not only Adm Coy but the rest of the battalion honest.

Since you, the reader, already think I am rambling I had better close for this year and get on with next year's support for the battalion. Remember, if you need help, Adm Coy 1 PPCLI is **First** in First Line Support.



*The CO and RSM face-off in the Annual Officer - Senior NCO Broom-i-loo match. The officers won!!!*



*CSM Cabelguen dresses for orders parade.*





*Jeune Sauvé*

**BE IT KNOWN** that, with the approval of Her Majesty The Queen of Canada, the Governor General the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, P.C., C.C., C.M.M., C.D., has awarded the

### MEDAL OF BRAVERY

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à

**SACHEZ QUE**, avec l'assentiment de Sa Majesté la Reine du Canada, le Gouverneur général, la très honorable Jeanne Sauvé, C.P., C.C., C.M.M., C.D., a décerné la décoration

### MÉDAILLE DE LA BRAVOURE

## Warrant Officer Dave C. Parker, C.D.

in recognition of an act of bravery in hazardous circumstances.

en reconnaissance d'un acte de bravoure accompli dans des circonstances dangereuses.

### CITATION

On the evening of June 15, 1986, during an adventure training expedition on Wildhay River in Alberta, two Canadian Forces servicemen's canoe, drawn by the force of the current, struck a projecting log and capsized, throwing both occupants in the icy river and sweeping them downstream. WO Parker responded without hesitation by paddling his canoe onto the steep right bank, getting out and running downstream. One man was pushed towards shore where WO Parker helped him out. He then rushed to aid the other man who, by this time, had been dragged under several logs and was heading for the main log jam. He was losing his strength and in serious danger of being swept under for a second time. Disregarding his own safety, WO Parker leapt into the raging river and saved the man from drowning.

**GIVEN** at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, this twenty-first day of April, 1987

**FAIT** à Rideau Hall, Ottawa, ce vingt et unième jour d'avril 1987

**BY** Command,

**PAR** ordre,

Secretary to the Governor General / Chef du Cabinet du Gouverneur général





# Second Battalion CFB Baden-Soellingen

*"Grüsse Aus Deutschland"*



*Maj C.P. Hofman and Capt J.D. Kyle inspect C Company, the "New" Guard during the Sunset Ceremony.*



*"It's pretty dark out, do you guys think that we're actually hitting anything?"*



*Three in a row!!!*



*MCpl Byrne discusses career advancement plans with RSM.*



*MCpl Czech puts extra cheese on the Adj's eggs.*



*Ahhhh . . . The Gentlemanly Sport of Broom-a-Loo.*



## EX RAPIER SIGHT — VOGELSANG

by Lieutenant M.J. Minicola

In terms of varied activity, training and conditions, Ex RAPIER SIGHT in Vogelsang was one of 1987's most interesting activities for 2 PPCLI. During the eleven day concentration, each platoon ran through a number of stands and ranges run within the companies themselves. Activities ranged from leopard crawling across a cold muddy flat under live machine gun fire to FIBUA; from firing .50 cals across a frozen lake at point targets to rappelling off a 50 metre dam (D Coy wishes to thank B Coy for their contribution towards combat simulation when they fired their 84's into the base of the rappel site).

All of this activity was highlighted by a Battalion patrol competition through the rugged Vogelsang countryside. Each patrol took approximately 24 hours from receipt of the original Warning Order to the completion of the task. Each patrol had to deal with water crossings, movement through built up areas, moving through open and wooded country and a demanding climb up a snowy, near-cliff face (which 4 fortunate CSM/Judges received the chance to do not once but four times each). In the end, after 16 different enemy transmission sites had been attacked and destroyed, 16 different brilliant, original plans had been formed, organized and executed, 11 Platoon of D Coy emerged victorious.

The end of the Exercise coincided with the Regimental Birthday. On a wet, snowy field, the Company Broom-i-loo teams squared off in an elimination tournament. After battering the other teams into submission, D Coy took top honors. It was only a preliminary to the Officers / Sr NCO's match, however. Here, after an exhausting game which saw broken bones, sprained ankles, countless bruises and bloodings, and a number of "de-pant-ings," the Officers defeated the NCO's 1-0 in a shootout which followed a scoreless regulation match. A more fitting end to the Exercise could not be had.



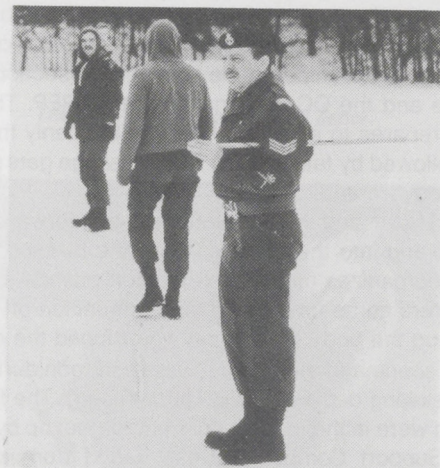
"Hey!!! Has anyone seen my track?"



*A refreshing break after a hard day of training.*



*11 Platoon celebrates its victory in the Patrol Competition.*



*WO Collins continues his wait for the new CF Tans.*



*Officers rescue a member of their team who was captured by the opposition.*





*Weight training in Hammelburg.*

## **HAMMELBURG '87**

**by Lieutenant S.J. Sharpe**

Two platoons open fire as the entry section doubles forward through the smoke. Muffled explosions echo in the building quickly followed by the rapid bursts from the SMGs.

"Room clear! Door on the right, mousehole on the left!"

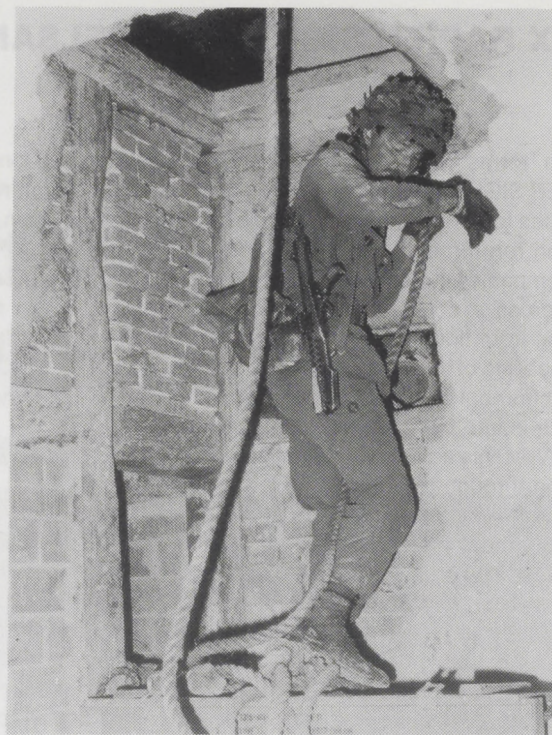
The section commander deploys his men into the building. The platoon commander and signaller follow close on their heels. The C6 engages a sniper in the school. Two sections are now in the house and the OC is demanding a SITREP. The remaining section prepares to enter the building. Suddenly there is an explosion followed by faint shouts. The message gets passed back.

"Booby traps!"

Sgt Hazel and his pioneers double forward across the courtyard and into the building. Soon the building is clear. The platoon reorganizes as the next platoon pushes through. Stretcher bearers come forward, dump ammunition off with the 2IC, and pick up the body of the man who tripped the booby trap.

This scene and many like it were common during the Battalion's week-long deployment to Hammelburg. The first few days of training were in the form of skills stands, set up by members of Combat Support Company. These varied from section room clearing drills to the famous Hammelburg obstacle course. Most platoons were then free to carry on with their own training, with priority on house clearing drills and preparing houses for defence. The final day of training had the four rifle companies conducting their own exercises in the town of Bonnlund with an enemy force supplied by Combat Support Company. Casualty simulation, treatment and evacuation were exercised as well as ammunition resupply. Medics and stretcher bearers found themselves carrying forward ammunition, then carrying out the wounded through windows and mouseholes. Once final objectives were seized, company HQ personnel carried forward defensive stores, while the platoons prepared for the inevitable, enemy counter-attack.

The FIBUA village in Hammelburg provides for some of the most exciting and enjoyable infantry training available. Although we waited for five hours in the rain for buses, we all returned home with a feeling of accomplishment.



*Interior decorating . . . the 2 PPCLI way!*



*The highlight of Hammelburg . . . the beer-up in the Schloss!*



*Sgt McCracken sends out Security Elements to allow Cpl Dolhan to trap approaching T-72's.*



## SUNSET CEREMONY

by Lieutenant S.E.K. Borland

On 30 June 1987, 2 PPCLI conducted a Sunset Ceremony at Schloss Rastatt to honour the Colonel of the Regiment, Col W.B.S. Sutherland, CD on the occasion of his retirement.

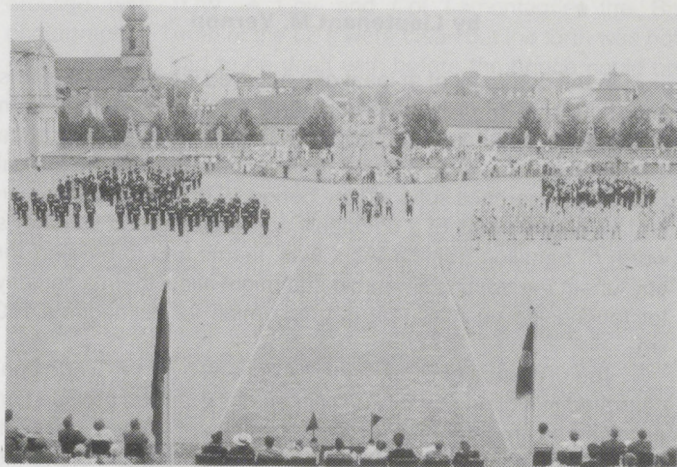
The Sunset Ceremony is a combination of three ceremonies, the Changing of the Guard, beating retreat and the lowering of the National flags. The ceremony represents the formal handover of guard duties between the Old and New Guard.

The organization and preparation of the guards began two weeks prior to the parade. The Old Guard, commanded by Capt D. Niles, consisted of members from A Coy. The New Guard, commanded by Capt J. Kyle, was from C Coy. The Parade Commander was Maj C.P. Hofman.

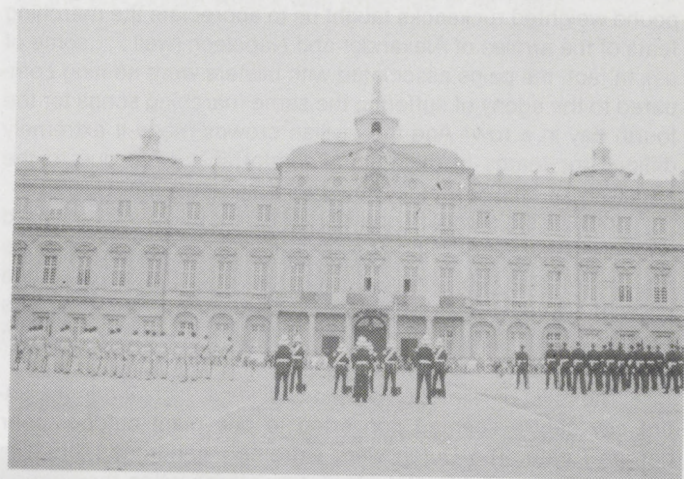
It was an extremely hot evening and the whole parade was sweating even before the start. The ceremony began with a musical display by the band of the Royal Green Jackets. The music was superb, as was their ability to double, keep their dressing and play at the same time.

The first post was then sounded and the Old Guard marched out with the Regiment Colour. Dressed in CF Greens, they took up their position and awaited the New Guard, appearing in the new CF tans. The Parade Commander then called forward the Guard Commanders for the exchange of keys. The next ceremony was the exchange of the colour from the Old to the New Guard. This was followed by the beating of Retreat, Tattoo and the Last Post. These were performed by the Green Jackets, the Vimy Band, the 2 PPCLI Drum Line and the Baden Rube Band Pipers.

Prior to the end of the parade, LCol Joly presented to Col Sutherland a ceremonial sword as a token of our gratitude for his dedication and service as Colonel of the Regiment. The officers and men of 2 PPCLI wish Col and Mrs. Sutherland the very best in the future.



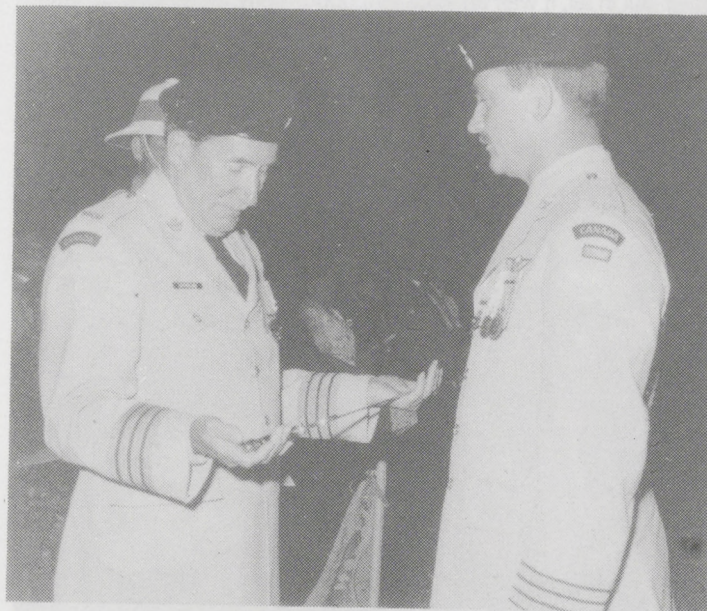
*Sunset Parade is formed up awaiting command.*



*The Pink Palace never looked better.*



*Maj C.P. Hofman, Parade Commander, presents the Regimental Colour to Lt S.E.K. Borland.*



*LCol Joly presents the Col of the Regiment a farewell gift from all ranks 2 PPCLI. We will miss his leadership.*



## NIJMEGEN 1987

by Lieutenant M. Vernon

In the company of at least one hundred international teams and thousands of civilian walkers, four eleven-man teams from the battalion became reacquainted with the dying art of distance marching at Nijmegen, Holland. This year's edition of the annual Four Days' marches spanned the period 19 to 24 July and followed fast on the heels of a decidedly active spring and summer's worth of battalion training. As it was, teams had to be alert for any lulls in the training timetable that might allow them a half day for toughening up their feet in preparation for Nijmegen's 160 km.

The presence of military teams from all over the world concentrated in a giant tent city on Nijmegen's outskirts provided an excellent environment for fostering feelings of friendly competition — both in the raucous international beer tent and along the road route that clover-leafed in and out of the city.

Four days of concentrated marching (40 km daily) with 25 pound weighted rucksacks taught us to appreciate the marching feats of the armies of Alexander and Napoleon (well . . . some of us). In fact, the pains associated with blisters were nothing compared to the agony of suffering the same marching songs for the fourth day in a row! And the civilian crowds made it extremely difficult for teams to maintain a comfortable pace due to the necessity of constant jockeying and speed changes.

Initially, the standard challenge was not enough for the hard core elements. One C Company soldier saw fit to walk the entire first day with his boot bands *in* his boots. Gradually, however, the pace of Nijmegen's activities began to take its toll and soldiers were content to stay with the routine when they were cruising on a very few hours' sleep.

The town of Nijmegen pulsed with life at night when the entire city centre seemed converted to one giant outdoor beer garden / cafe. The Dutch were extremely generous. This was most evident on the final day's victory march when they turned out in numbers and with an enthusiasm that must surely have rivalled the occasion of the town's liberation in World War II.

All in all, it was an excellent opportunity for striking up international acquaintances and strengthening Canada's image abroad.



Nijmegen — "C Coy Team"



Nijmegen — "D Coy Team"

## SECOND BATTALION TAKES TO THE ALPS

by Lieutenant S.T. Vida

From 10 July to 5 August 1987, the Second Battalion headed to the mountains for what was mistakenly called "adventure training." Both physically and mentally exhausting, it was anything but its label. It did, however, serve as a welcome break from our rigorous training schedule.

The training was conducted around the beautiful Bavarian town of Berchtesgaden. The main camp was established in an alpine meadow, about three kilometres from the town itself. It was completely self-contained, featuring movies in the evenings, and transport into town for those who found the energy to indulge in the "ausgezeichnete" nightlife.

Training was broken down into four stands, each company having a week to rotate through them. The first was two mountain walks, each requiring eight to ten hours to complete. One walk went to the summit of the Watzmann mountain, one of the highest peaks in Germany. The second went to Hitler's "Eagle's Nest," then over the Hoher Goll mountain range into Austria, a distance of eighteen kilometres and a height of over 2500 metres.

The climbsite, located at the base of the Hoher Goll, provided the greatest challenge for all. It was comprised of two free climbs and two rappels, the longest of which was approximately one hundred meters. For those who dared pry their eyes from the rock, a spectacular view of the Alps could be had.

Stand three, bridging, was run in two locations. An abandoned quarry offered an excellent location to teach knots and lashings. After instruction, platoons were left to set up fifty metre two rope bridges. The construction and subsequent crossing of the bridge proved to be hard work, particularly for those with a "healthy respect for heights." The second site, a river gorge, exercised the platoon's ability to set up a bridge in a more tactical setting.

The final activity was watersmanship training. Loaded in 15 man assault boats, each platoon made a 15 kilometer voyage ending just short of the Austrian border. Each group started off cautiously, vowing to stay dry. This, unfortunately, was quite impossible due to the nature of the river. Once dampened, the mid-river battles which ensued left more people in the water than in the boats.

Ex ROMANTIC CLIMB, with its demanding mountain walks, terrifying heights and icy rivers will not soon be forgotten. If nothing else, it helped build a sense of comradeship among its participants, and added to the memory of our tour.





*9 Platoon is granted a brief halt by Tour Guide, Capt Vida, before continuing on walk number one.*



*Good times on Hoher Goll Mountain.*



*'A' Coy goes into the assault . . . a prelude to long and tiring three days.*

## FALLEX '87 — EX ROYAL SWORD

by Captain J.W. Hammond

Ex ROYAL SWORD began on 12 October with Recce Pl crossing the Main River to secure 'OBJ ROBE.' MCpl Lucas and Sgt Waugh led their two recce patrols across to report on enemy deployment.

The enemy was the 102 Panzer Grenadier Battalion reinforced with Leopards, Jagdpanzers, PAG-105's and a Recce Coy with "Luchs." Recce reported the near bank clear. B and D Coys conducted an Assault River Crossing. By 0600 their objects were secure and work began on a 60 class bridge.

It was time to exploit deeper. At 0630, 10 UH60 Blackhawks crossed with TOW, A Coy and Cpl Lamontagne, the Bn photographer. Three of the LZ's were clean but the forth was hot and casualties had to be dealt with before the bridge could be completed.

By 0730 the first wave of Bn vehicles crossed led by A Coy 4/67th, a composite M-1, M113 sub-unit under comd of 2 PPCLI. The Bn armour pushed through enemy lines allowing the VIII CH and C Coy to exploit North at speed to secure "OBJ REBEL." B and D Coys then took on the more difficult task of clearing a large wooded area to the East. At times they moved on foot but when speed was paramount they rode on the VIII CH tanks.

Later, with the enemy in full retreat, the Bn Z vehicles crossed and linked up with their sub-units. Recce was sent 10km east to screen the Bn advance and located the enemy. At every opportunity, indirect fire, fast air and Attack helicopters were called in to disrupt the enemy.

After three days of advancing on foot, in APCs, on tanks, in boats and by helicopter, the Bn was finally told to halt and dig in as the enemy Counter Attack was expected in 48 hours.



*ADP launches another 'one' for freedom!*



*The M1 Abrams Tank: An Infantryman's view:  
"Right men, uh, well fix bayonets . . . chaaarrge!"*



*One of the true horrors of war. German drivers!  
Right, Dolhan?*





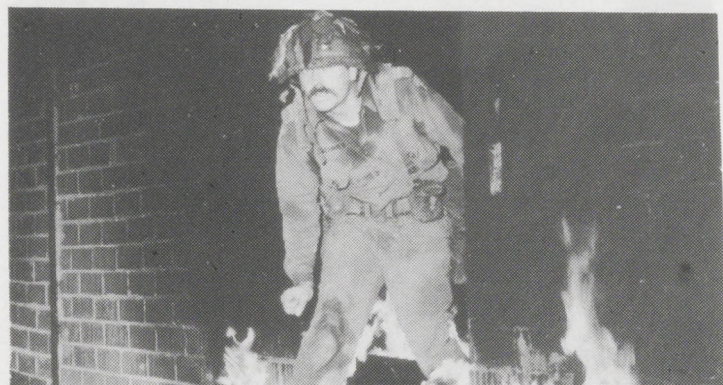
*"Gee Buds, have you seen 62G or 62E?"*

## ADMINISTRATION COMPANY 2 PPCLI

by Captain S. Dunn

Administration Company was as busy as ever this year providing support to the Battalion during its many exercises, courses and ceremonial events.

1987 started off quickly with the PCF Cycle. Although Administration Company's involvement is limited to staffing the driver wheeled course, the company was kept busy keeping course weapons and vehicles in good repair, and the courses well supplied with rations and stores. Summer saw the departure of the "old team" of Maj Dave Pentney and Capt E.F. Borchert as OC and 2IC, respectively, and the arrival of the new team of Maj Mark Fisher, OC and 2IC Capt John McComber. Maj Pentney was off to Staff College and was given his own "flak" jacket to work off the evil "chest poking DS."



*Capt John McComber after receiving a "roasting" from Niner!*



*"Whaddya mean sleep under the stars? This is Adm Coy!"*



*Camping with Transport as Capt White chokes back the remainder of his 6th MRE.*



*Members of Maint Pl test fire the Minimi (C9) while on exercise in Vogelsang.*

Throughout the spring and summer, Administration Company participated in battalion exercises held in training areas throughout West Germany, including Vogelsang, BergenHohne, Sennelager, Hammelburg and Heuberg. Throughout these exercises training ranged from fighting in built up areas (FIBUA) to live fire combat team attacks. Administration Company participated in as much as possible firing the SARP conversion package at Heuberg and participating in the FIBUA training stands at Hammelburg.

During the months of September and October, Administration Company as part of the Battalion, participated in the annual Fall Exercises. During FALLEX, Administration Company continued to support the battalion with everything from rations to ammunition. Special mention must be made of our maintenance platoon, who not only had the best maintenance record in the Brigade but also sent out a fighting patrol, numerous tank hunting teams and acted as the Company's quick reaction force and the Battalion reserve on occasions. Armed with Socket Drivers and 1020 inspection forms, they struck fear into the hearts of the enemy force.

At year's end 1987 proved not only to be a very hectic year but also a very satisfying one. Administration Company's achievements are indicative of the hard work and professionalism that each and every member of the company has displayed. In all it was a great year for everyone and it is with regret we part company with and leave the bulk of our tradesmen here in Germany to support the Regiment that cannot be mentioned in polite company.





*St. Julien Memorial*

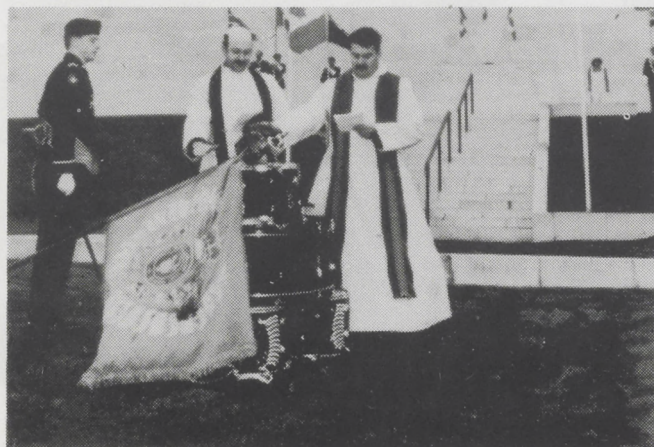
## EX SERMON REFRAIN

by Captain J. Hammond

*The torch your falling hands let go  
was caught by us, again held high  
A beacon light in Flanders sky  
that dims the stars to those below  
you are our dead, you held the foe  
and ne'er the poppies will cease to blow  
we'll prove our faith to you who lie  
in Flanders Fields  
— A Requiem to "In Flanders Fields"*



*Bugler and Cross*



*Consecration of the Regimental Colour at Vimy.*

From time to time soldiers must take time out from busy training schedules to re-acquaint themselves with their past. It was with this goal in mind that the Second Battalion, led by Delta Company, conducted Exercise SERMON REFRAIN, a battlefield tour and series of Remembrance Ceremonies.

On a typically foggy Belgian fall day we visited the fields where Patricias first made account of themselves. The blanket of mist added a respectful silence to the tour. The actions at Bellewaerde Ridge, Sanctuary Wood, Passchendaele and Vimy, France, were described in great detail, helping us to appreciate the enormity of the sacrifice made by the Regiment and by other Canadians on these fields.

More important than the actual battlefield tours, however, were the visits to the countless grave sites in the area. A short service was conducted at each of the ten cemeteries where Patricias lay at rest.



*Regimental Band enters Menin Gate.*



*Guard at Menin Gate.*

Following the Last Post and Reveille, time was taken to wander amongst the gravestones, giving each of us a chance to spend time with our predecessors and to reflect. A small Canadian flag was placed at the foot of each grave as a memorial.

For most, the highlight of the tour took place on the night of 6 November. The guard, commanded by Major M.A. Austdal, with the Battalion Corps of Drums and the Regimental Band from CFB Calgary, attended a short memorial service at St. Georges Memorial Church at Ypres. On completion of the service, the Patricias exercised their freedom of the City of Ypres and marched through the streets to the Menin Gate, a magnificent archway completed in 1927 as a memorial to the over 54,000 Commonwealth fallen with no known graves. The cold, foggy darkness of the night could not have been more appropriate. After the blessing of the colour and an affirmation of renewed dedication by the troops, the Last Post and Reveille were sounded in memory of



the many Patricia names appearing on the Archway. When, at last, Amazing Grace was played, few dry eyes remained among the Belgian spectators.

A similar ceremony was conducted at the Vimy Memorial the next day to commemorate the victory of the Canadian Corps which captured the ridge in April 1917. A shorter service took place at Beaumont Hamel, the site of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment's ill-fated assault on September 1, 1916. Of the 801 Newfoundlanders who went into the attack that day, only 68 answered roll call the following morning. Many could find names of relatives written on the memorial plaque below the ever vigilant bronze caribou.

As Deputy Commanding Officer, Maj J.M. Lapeyre said in thanking the Mayor of Ypres, "You have given us an opportunity to educate a new generation of Patricias, and for older Patricias to dedicate themselves anew and thereby strengthen the Regimental Bonds."

*They shall not grow old as we that are  
left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the  
years condemn. At the going down of the  
sun and in the morning we will remember them.*

## **SARP (Something About Rifles Perhaps?)**

**by Lieutenant I.C. Hope**

The military mind is by nature a conservative thing. It rarely accepts change without much deliberation and criticism. In contrast, however, the new family of small arms is exceptionally well taken. Most are pleased with the new weapons. At Heuberg, from 17 to 21 August, A, B and C Coys and from 15 to 18 Nov, D Coy continued with conversion training and live fire ranges for the C6, C7 and C9 were conducted.

Not really sure what this SARP thing was or what a C7 looked like, platoon commanders did their best to inspire the troops with the virtues of the new weapons. "Gentlemen, this is a good weapon . . . it shoots fast." Others, at a loss for words, fell back on an intricate knowledge of standard targetry: "Gentlemen, this is the figure 11 target, the preferred silhouette of your enemy. The only difference is that in real life you'll probably see several hundred thousand of them. So, you see, the faster rate of fire of the new weapon gives us an edge . . . so shoot fast." The knowledge and instructional ability of the senior NCO's made all run smoothly. Under their guidance, platoon commanders discovered many things. "No!" the sergeant says, "The proper command is 'prepare to fire,' not 'let the firing begin!'" Young officers found out the Ouijaboards are required items at Orders Groups, that bolt's really are necessary to fire weapons, that practice mortar rounds fired into soft ground sink to a depth of 10cm and the tracers at night are rather pretty.

Saturated with such details after three full days, all were ready to redeploy to Baden, again reassured that "if it ain't rainin', we ain't trainin'." Truer words in Germany were never spoken.



*The finest marksmanship aid modern technology can offer . . .  
the 5.56 cal Bic Pen.*



**C6 Familiarization**



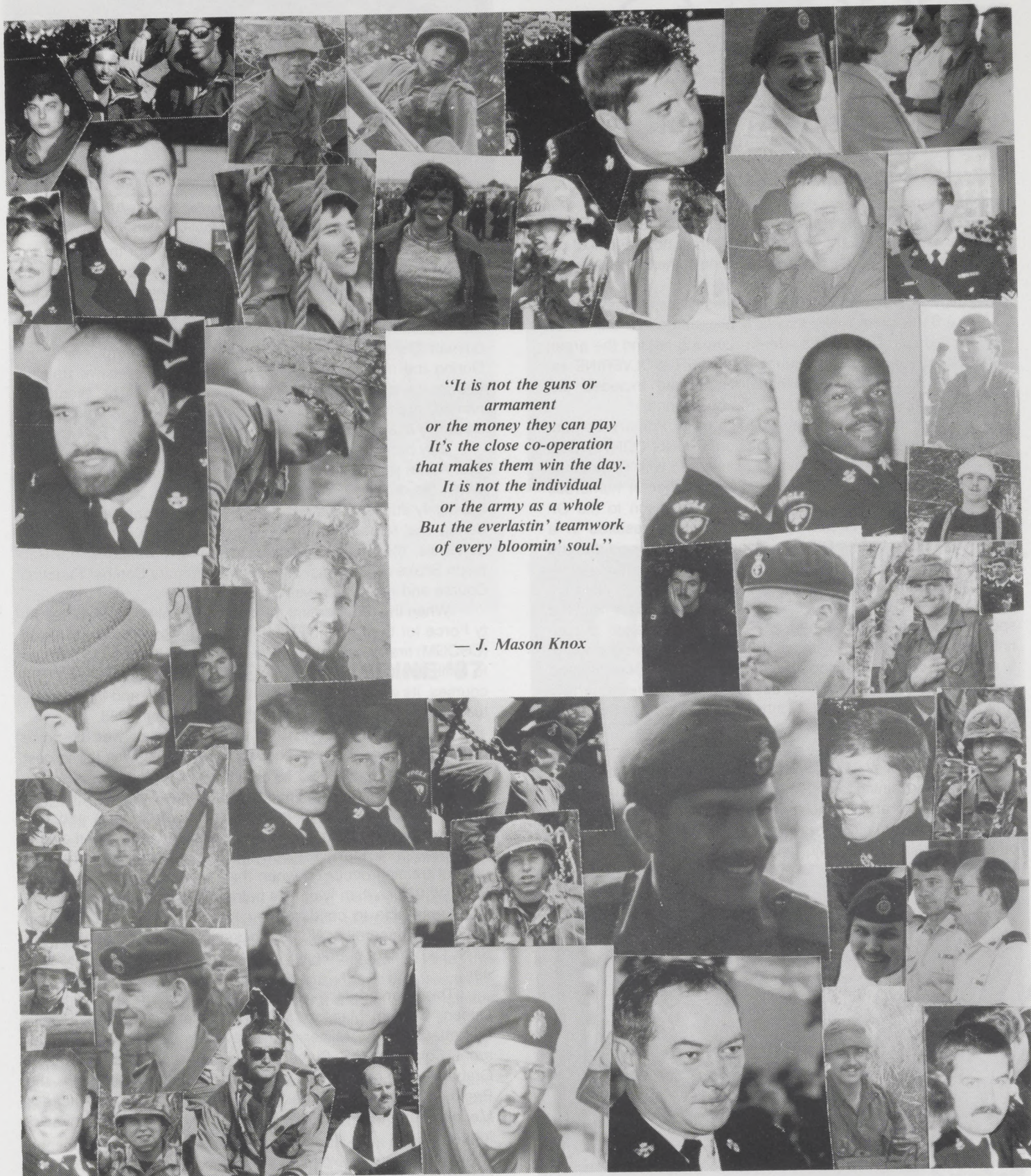
*"Now let me see . . . C1, C3 . . . No, those are gone . . . C7, No  
. . . C6 . . . C8 . . . No . . . ARRGGGGHHH!!! I give up!! What is  
this thing????!!!"*



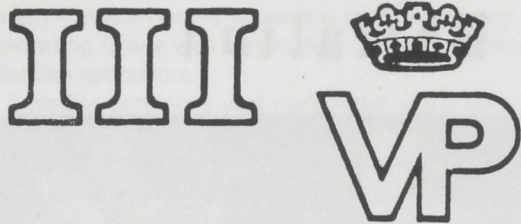
# Faces of the Third Battalion

*"It is not the guns or  
armament  
or the money they can pay  
It's the close co-operation  
that makes them win the day.  
It is not the individual  
or the army as a whole  
But the everlastin' teamwork  
of every bloomin' soul."*

— J. Mason Knox







## THIRD BATTALION

by Captain R.W. Hirlehey

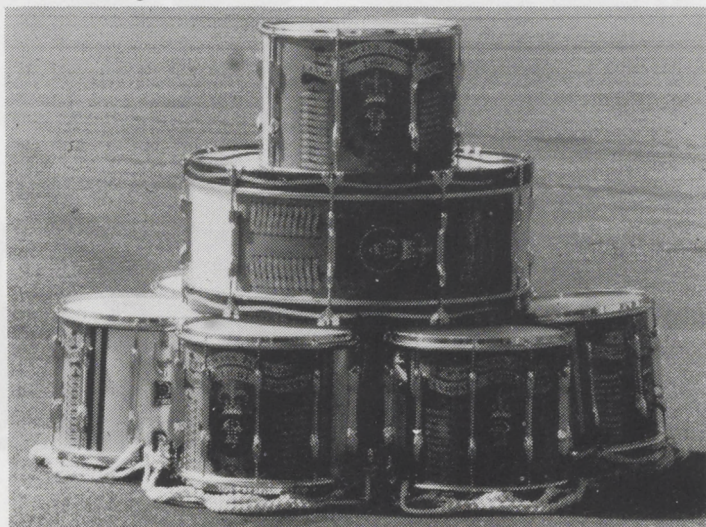
While other units performed routine annual tasks, 3 PPCLI participated in events above and beyond their normal call of duty. This led to a very busy year for everyone in the Battalion; making the year pass by quickly.

Following the normal New Year's festivities, it was time for the Third Battalion to make its yearly pilgrimage into the frozen wastes of British Columbia's interior. Leaving behind the green grass of beautiful Victoria. Exercise WINTER WOLVERINE extended beyond winter refresher training and included dismounted company level and heliborne operations.

The next two months were dedicated to Primary Combat Function courses, ski school, Exercise STRONG CONTENDER and garrison activities. This period culminated with Regimental Day, when the companies opposed each other in numerous competitions. These activities paled in comparison to the Officers / Snr NCOs' Broom-i-Loo match which resulted in a masterful victory for the Officers. Overall, it can be said that the "Brotherhood of Arms" is alive and well, as exemplified by the spirit and enthusiasm shown on this day.

Before the blood, sweat and tears could disappear from the sports field, the Third was enroute to another location to continue the training cycle. Exercise SPRINT RUN was an opportunity to fire all company support weapons, to conduct dismounted company training and to "shake out" the Battalion Headquarters with a view to tuning-up the mighty Third for Exercise RENDEZVOUS 87.

It was not too long before the unit began to trek eastward to the open plains of Wainwright. Rendezvous '87 was seen as the climax to the training year, when all the Rifle Companies and combat support and service support elements were brought together in one training area to test their mettle against each other and against other FMC units.



*Battalion Drums*



*Lady Patricia and the Battalion Corps of Drums*

As the sun set on 3 PPCLI in Wainwright for the last time in 1987, the Battalion returned to Esquimalt for a little R&R (Rehearsing and Refining). Within the month, the Third would mark the occasion of the Centennial of Work Point Barracks by exercising the Freedom of the City of Victoria and the Municipality of Esquimalt. There was also an Open House with numerous displays. During the month, the unit conducted more intensive training than in the previous three exercises combined. The event was named, appropriately, Exercise SUMMER SUN. It went off so smoothly it was the talk of the town.

July brought block leave, which was gone with a blink of the eye. At the same time the APS were "turbulating" the Battalion. When the dust settled, nothing had changed. 3 PPCLI was still the highly efficient unit it had always been as was demonstrated during the remainder of the year by the Adventure Training Schemes, the quick adaptation to the new weapons, the Battalion Shake-out Exercise, the second Primary Combat Function Course and two major exercises.

When the requirement for an infantry unit to act as a Security Force for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) first came to light, the Brigade Staff turned to 3 PPCLI to fulfill this task. Concurrently, the unit was preparing for PCF courses, its winter exercise in Hay River, NWT, and for its eventual deployment to Cyprus in February / March 1988.

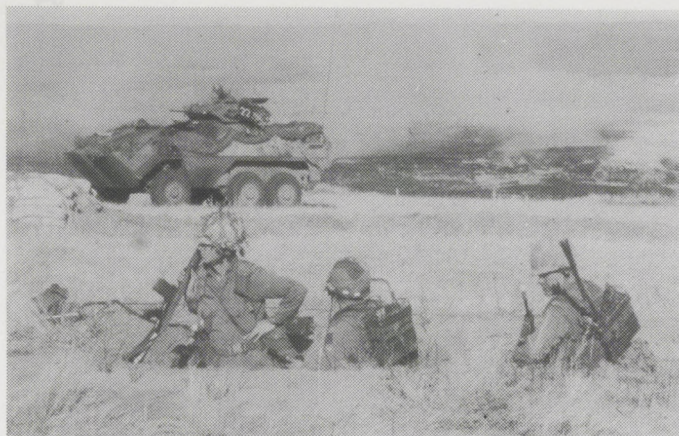
The final chapter to this year's activities was Exercise SNOW PIER. This Battalion conducted exercise was the largest military excursion into the NWT since WWII. With intimate support from an LSG from 1 Service Battalion, a Treatment Platoon from 1 Field Ambulance and helicopters from 408 and 447 Squadron, this heliborne exercise was conducted without a flaw.

The "piece de resistance" to an excellent and very busy year of training occurred when the Third arrived back in Work Point. With less than two days before Christmas Leave, the Battalion was able to conduct their Post Exercise drills, play the traditional Officers / Sr NCOs' Hockey Game (won handily by the Sr NCOs) and, of course, have the annual Mens' Christmas Dinner.

This year brought many visitors to Victoria, including the Queen, General Manson, MGens Pitts and Anderson, BGens Sutherland-Brown, Milner and Reay. The Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland and his successor, BGen R.S. Graham, were both able to pay us a visit but, without doubt, the Regimental highlight of the year was the visit by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma (Lady Patricia), and her daughter, in October.

In retrospect, it was a superb year. 3 PPCLI was given the opportunity to flaunt its professional expertise, not only to its fellow soldiers but to various dignitaries and communities. In every situation the Third Battalion received numerous accolades in the true tradition of the "Patricias."





*"Rape, Pillage and Burn. All we do is burn . . ."*

*B Company attacks Badger Hill (Maj Parker, MCpl Overy and Cpl Whittall)*



*The Sunshine Battalion*

## EXERCISE WINTER WOLVERINE '87

by Captain S.N.H. Ali-Khan

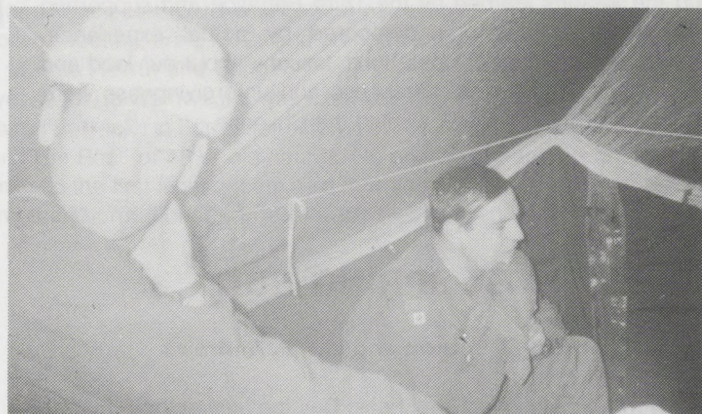
From 6 - 21 January 1987, the Third Battalion got re-acquainted with Old Mother Nature during Exercise WINTER WOLVERINE. The exercise was conducted at the Chilcotin Training Area in the interior of British Columbia. It was an abrupt change from the flower pots and fog of Victoria to the frosty forests of the Chilcotin, but the Battalion took it in stride and quickly got down to business.

Deployed in support of the Battalion were a Detachment from 408 and 447 Squadrons, a Troop from 1 Canadian Engineer Regiment and a Forward Logistics Group of 1 Service Battalion. The Sappers were equipped for snow clearance and the Chilcotin gave them plenty to do. They also found themselves involved with the Rifle Companies doing the traditional engineer tasks of obstacle clearance and construction.

The vastness of the Canadian Hinterlands cannot be exaggerated and only an enormous army could actually garrison it. As a result, air-mobility, providing the ability to be in the right place at the right time, is the only answer. 408 and 447 Helicopter Squadrons worked with the Third Battalion to achieve this enhanced mobility and, though hampered by the number of aircraft available, made the Infantryman's job a little easier. A number of administrative airlifts and tactical air assaults were conducted as operating procedures and drills were established and confirmed.



*"Take us to the corner of Yates and Douglas."*



*CSM Stevens wondering who "died."  
Maj Thompson hoping no one will find out.*



*WO Whitebone: "Ooh! That's a long way down."*



*Pte Schwab's version of Rock 'n Roll.*



The Battlefield's final exercise, dubbed Exercise FROSTY NIGHT, combined the training of the previous week. It began with a battalion helicopter deployment, courtesy of both 408 and 447 Squadrons, into remote areas of the training area. Alpha Company, as enemy force, tried to probe southward but was initially blocked by the remainder of the Battalion. Under cover of night they took advantage of the Battalion's sparseness to attempt to outflank us and race to their objective, Riske Creek and the Williams Lake Highway. Luckily for the Free World, an airlift to a new blocking position and a heliborne counter attack finished off the enemy's resolve and once again the world was safe for Free Enterprise!

The exercise was considered a success by all concerned and the lessons learned by the Third Battalion and supporting arms were poignantly underscored by actual experience. Besides the conduct of operations, lessons about our land and its qualities of vastness, harshness and unforgiveness were brought home to all who travelled the Chilcotin.

## EX SPRING RUN

by Lt D. Vernon and 2Lt M. Andrews

From 25 March to April Fools Day the bulk of the Sunshine Battalion took part in Ex SPRING RUN in Fort Lewis. The Battalion spent most of the exercise deployed in the training area living under shelter-halves. Each company moved daily and followed a Round Robin training program which included: range work, patrolling, platoon living and extensive use of the confidence course. Recce and Pioneer Platoons integrated themselves into the company training programs but at the same time managed to get out and do some training of their own. The Pioneers made use of their hydraulic equipment and Recce Platoon did a lot of navigation work.

With some imagination and manipulation, the time spent in the United States was well used. Ammunition shortages hampered range work to some extent but the troops still managed to fire the 84mm sub-calibre at a jeep driven moving target and fired the HMG and GPMG by day and night. They also threw grenades, fired 60mm mortars and launched smoke grenades from their rifles.

Use was also made of Fort Lewis' specialty facilities, including a live-fire house clearing area, known as the "tire-house," and a mechanical target range set in a hasty defence scenario. The soldiers performed well on these ranges.

Each company conducted patrol training, which consisted of fighting patrols, ambush patrols and link-up patrols. Recce Platoon acted as the enemy force. Bravo Company executed a vigorous set of back to back patrols as payment for having two nights off in camp. This culminated in a first light raid on Alpha Company's Assembly Area.

Charlie Company conducted their share of patrolling as well. When the enemy did not appear on 10 Platoon's objective, Lt Mumford, in an effort to take a short cut, led his platoon on a two kilometre clearing operation along a densely wooded ridge line.

Ex SPRING RUN provided a chance to get the Battalion into the field and prepare for RV '87. 3 PPCLI had a very successful week of weapon and field training, which benefitted all involved.



CSM Ruck: "Send this man to the Officers' Mess."



How many soldiers does it take to replace a nut? . . .

## RV '87

by Lieutenant R.J. Hachey

RV '87 started at a section level and gradually built up to battalion level exercises. With slight variations from company to company, the troops trained in dismounted section and platoon drills, practiced mounted operations at platoon and company level, went over patrol SOPs many times and tackled the still formidable (but-aging) Badger Hill at least once.

A key factor in small unit training was the Platoon Test Exercise, a name that sent chills down the backs of many a stalwart Platoon Commander, which surprisingly turned out to be an interesting and challenging adventure. The exercise lasted approximately 36 hours from the time the initial Warning Order was received until the order to "End Ex" was received. Everyone involved felt that this exercise contained some very valuable training and all commanders came away from it a little wiser and more experienced.

The next bright spots in the training were the two battalion exercises. These pitched company against company, with each acting as enemy for half of a day. Mounted operations were the main focus, and squadrons of the LdSH(RC) joined forces with our companies to help us practice combat team drills. The helicopter operations were an exciting facet of the exercise, as always. After C Coy logged across the Battle River on foot, B Coy went heliborne and flew across the fog-shrouded valley to spearhead the attack against the Threat (A Coy).

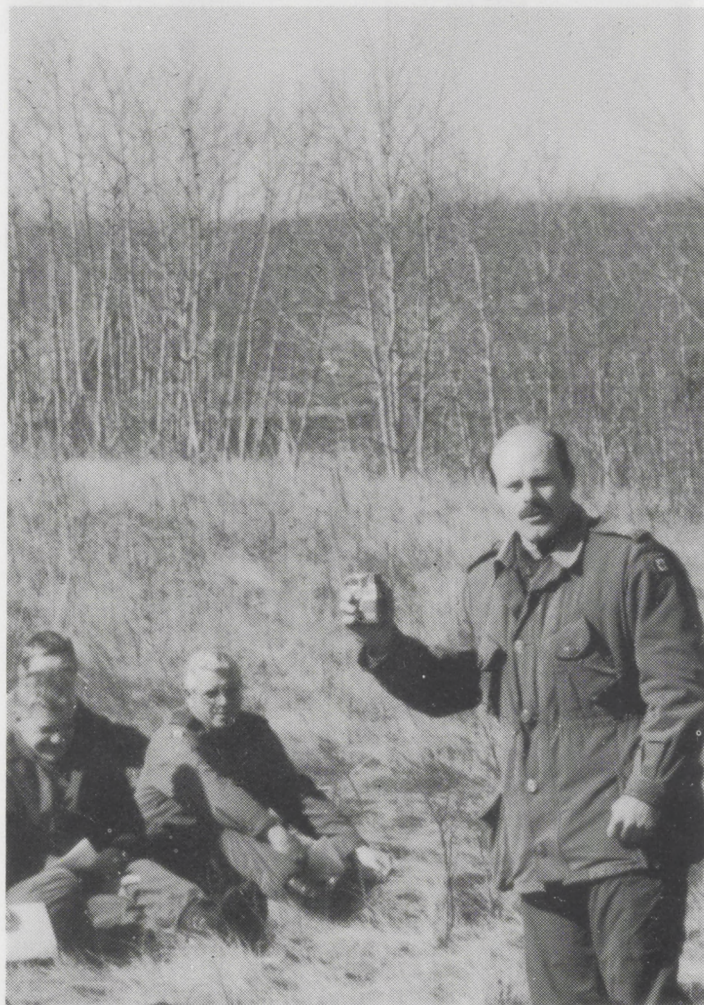


Naturally, there must be some time to unwind, interspersed amongst all this hard work, and 3 PPCLI showed the same drive in having fun as they did in closing with and destroying the Fantasians. There was the Officer / Senior NCO baseball game with the only certainty being that the Senior NCOs won. There were countless company smokers; the B Coy greased pole comes to mind, and equally colorful was the bucking bull which A Coy constructed from a 45 gallon drum (the CO rode that bull to the finish, showing that old cowboys never die).

After resting up, the battalion went on brigade and division exercises. At the platoon and company levels, a lot of shut-eye was acquired, interrupted by some periods of intense activity (involving NBCW equipment, usually worn in TOP HIGH). From the battalion point of view, we performed very well, meeting all our objectives (and then some) and sustaining relatively few casualties.

Once the division exercise ended, the battalion was faced with the task of filling in the free time between "End Ex" and our return flights home. Who could turn down the opportunity to give commanders and troops the chance to do live fire platoon attacks and jungle lanes? It was too tempting for our CO, and hence TOP GUN was born, a pairs jungle lane competition devised by Mortar Platoon. It practised the soldier in instinctive shooting, firing M72s and grenade throwing. Three pairs in B Coy scored 100 per cent and the TOP GUN award went to Ptes Rekrut and Bond.

The prospect of the West Edmonton Mall being so close, yet so far, to Wainwright, was a temptation as well; and so the Battalion set off with their smiles and their rucksacks for Griesbach Barracks in Edmonton. Transport was laid-on to the Mall for those "tourists" among us, while the old hands headed for "The Roz" or other old haunts. No one was heard to complain about this particular task. A curfew ensured that no one missed the first flight out the next morning and by supertime, 17 May, all of the air party was home at last, happy and relieved and proud once more of a job well done.



*The Gospel according to Padre Mueller.*



*Chemical source detected!*

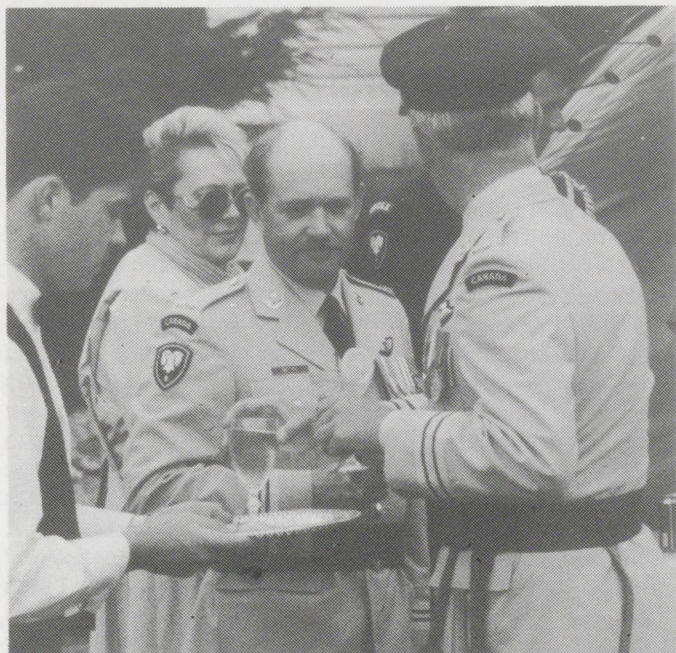


## EX SUMMER SUN



*Drum Major Smyth leading the Battalion and the Corps of Drums home to Work Point Barracks.*

... THE DISPLAYS ...



*Major Nette: "Hmmm . . . that's his third glass at \$.63 each . . . The Battalion Fund cannot handle much more of this."*

... THE MEMORIES.



*On the occasion of the unveiling of the Commemorative Cairn by Her Worship Mayor Gretchen Brewin.*

THERE WERE THE PARADES . . .



*Pte Atkins is not pleased with Cpl Fraser's answer to his questions.*

... THE SOCIAL GATHERINGS ...



*Pte Kelly, circa 1917, guards the entrance to Work Point Barracks.*





*The Third Battalion greets Lady Patricia.*



*Sgt Watson charming Lady Patricia at the Sn NCO's Luncheon.*



*Lady Patricia finding out how the Battalion really operates at the JRC.*

## VISIT OF OUR COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

This year the Battalion again had the pleasure of hosting our Colonel-in-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, on 6 October 87. The arrival of Lady Patricia made for some furious activity in preparing the Guard of Honour and Colour Party. This was to be one of our last outings for 87 in our new tan uniforms. Although our schedule didn't allow for much preparation, our enthusiasm and pride ensured that the arrival ceremonies went very well.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour at Work Point Barracks, Lady Patricia took time to talk to all those people who had come to see her. The onlookers ranged from serving and retired Patricia's to Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, PPCLI Cadets, families of the members of the Battalion and other interested people.

The purpose of her visit was two-fold: to visit us and Lester B. Pearson College which is one of six United World Colleges spread out all over the world. The United World Colleges were set up by her late father, Lord Louis Mountbatten. Accompanying her on the visit was her daughter, Lady Joanna, The Baroness Hubert du Breuil who was on her first visit to Canada. She is a graduate of the United World College in Wales.

Following a morning at Pearson College, both returned to Work Point Barracks where they viewed the training for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference. This included the zeroing of personal weapons and practising the drills for "Aid to Civil Power."

Lady Patricia and Lady Joanna also took part in some social activities that day. First, there was lunch at the WO's and Sgts' Mess, coffee in the afternoon at the Junior Ranks Club, and a Dining-in at the Officers' Mess which was preceded by a brief cocktail party at Government House where, in fact, she was quartered.

As with any visit by Lady Patricia, it was too short.



*Drum Major Smyth asks Lady Patricia for any requests.*





*Gen Manson presents the CDS Commendation to Capt P. Cook.*



*Cpl Mailhoit's dream of guarding the palace comes true.*



*Cpl Schultz, Capt Pretty, WO Smyth performing their secondary duty.*

## PRESENTATIONS

### CDS COMMENDATION:

Capt P.E. Cook

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD:

Pte Hoffmann, S.F.

### Primary Combat Function

Assault Pioneer .....	8701
Basic Mortarman .....	8701
Basic Machine Gun .....	8701
Basic TOW .....	8701
Combat Storeman .....	8701
Recce Patrolman .....	8701
Basic Communications .....	8701
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AVGP Driver .....	8701
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Driver Wheel .....	8701
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	8703
	8704

### Top Candidates

Pte Kuhn R.P.
Sgt Topham R.P.
Pte Peterson T.J.
Pte Maxwell J.T.
Pte Matthies D.E.
Cpl Corbett A.B.
WO Whitebone E.D.
Pte Gaudet D.J.
MCpl Verhoeks K.J.
Pte Wilhelm N.
Pte Neilson L.E.
Pte Gebhardt D.A.
Pte Hanna V.G.
Pte Dolan A.G.

## COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE SECURITY

by 2Lt K. McIntosh

On 14 October, after many months of rumors, planning and anticipation, 3 PPCLI reinforced by C Coy, 1 PPCLI, deployed to Kelowna and Vancouver to partake in a major security operation for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference. The Commonwealth Leaders went to Kelowna to take part in a one day retreat from their hectic conference schedule. Due to the possibility of terrorism, the conference organizers requested the Third Battalion and a contingent of RCMP to provide the needed security.

As part of the overall operation the Battalion was tasked with securing the perimeters of the Vancouver International and Kelowna Airports and a portion of the motorcade route. These operations entailed extensive woods clearing and the manning of strategically placed observation posts. The operation was made interesting in that the companies worked in close conjunction with the RCMP. Any unusual activity sighted by the soldiers, short of emergency situations, was to be reported first to the police for investigation. Only in the event of a deliberate breach of the security net were the military required to assist with forceful restraint with the RCMP and, fortunately, this did not occur.

The task was of benefit to the Battalion as it provided an insight into armed assistance duty with the civil police. It also provided for good public relations as the operation was highlighted in the local and national medias. It is difficult to determine what degree of deterrence the security precautions had on any prospective terrorists but owing to the fact that all the delegates left without incident, the operation can be deemed quite successful.





*Apocalypse Now!*

## SNOW PIER . . . AN ADVENTURE!

by Captain J.L.S. Beausejour

By December first, everybody in the Battalion knew that the Redland Anti-Satellite Satellite (ASAT) would fall somewhere in the region of Hay River, NWT. We also knew that the Redlanders had deployed several special forces units in the area with the mission of finding as many pieces of the satellite as possible and smuggling them back to Redland.

No, this is not the beginning of a science fiction article but the scenario for Exercise SNOW PIER which took place between 29 November and 20 December 1987. More than 600 personnel from 10 different units participated in this winter exercise.

Since Hay River airfield had to be occupied before the insurgents could capture it, the Battalion Vanguard of Alpha Company was the first on the ground, followed shortly by Bravo. Once the deployment phase was completed, with mild temperatures prevailing, the troops started their acclimatization. This was followed by survival and helicopter training. During these days, everyone had an opportunity to become acquainted with their tent-mates.

It was during this phase that C Company realized that just because something has a periscope, it is not necessarily a submarine.

We also conducted an Open House for the Citizens of Hay



*"Red Rooster . . . can I have your No. 21 delivered . . ."*

River and displayed our weapons, equipment and vehicles to the 1200 or so locals who visited. The citizens and community of Hay River also made us feel "Welcome."

The ASAT finally fell very close to Hay River (boy, were we lucky!). The Battalion was then deployed and the search began. It seemed that the satellite had conveniently broken into three pieces on re-entry and had even more conveniently deposited one piece in each company's search area. C Company found a retro-rocket within hours of deploying. B Company located the all important nosecone. However, A Company found their piece of the ASAT in the hands of a crack commando team from Redland which was commanded by a terrorist known as "The Fur Hat." Unfortunately, following a fierce battle, the commando team withdrew but in possession of the flight recorder (Little Black Box).

It did not take the CO and his staff long to plan a series of blocking position and ambushes in order to capture the enemy. The largest helicopter operation ever seen since Exercise WINTER WOLVERINE was set into action and the whole battalion was in their new position in no time. All we had to do was wait for our prey to show which did not take long. After B and C Company took a bite out of the enemy, they were completely annihilated by A Company's ambush. Upon entering the killing zone to verify their kills, the ambushers found only two things still in good shape; the black box and a blood-stained fur hat.

Once again, for 3 PPCLI, it was "Mission Accomplished."





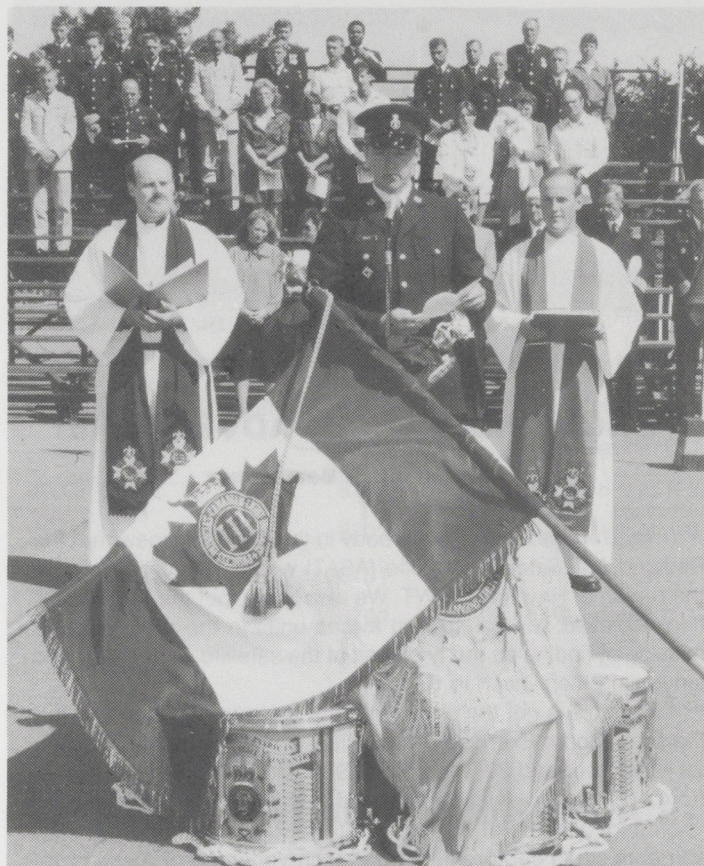
# "TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON..."

... A TIME TO BE BORN ...



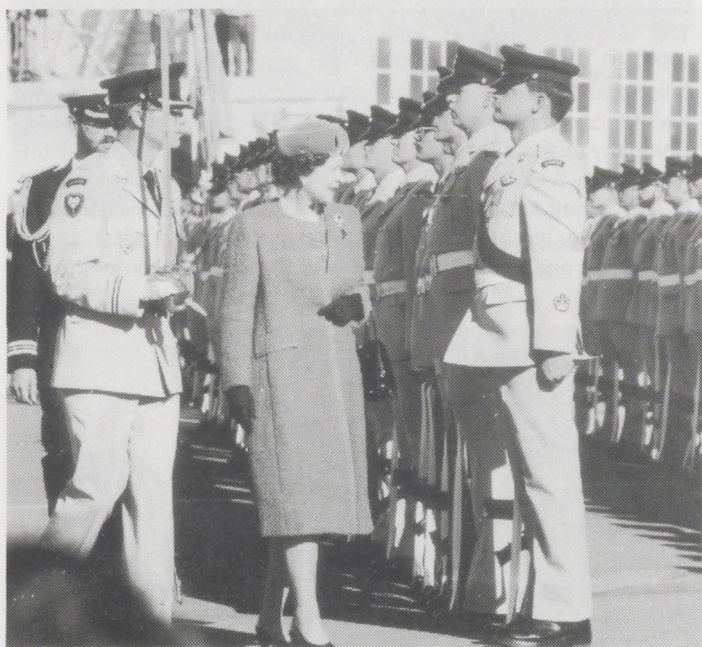
*Sgt Murphy on his recent promotion serving MCpl Taylor during the Men's Christmas Dinner.*

... AND A TIME TO MOURN ...



*Pte Deschamps gives the Eulogy during Pte Gilchrist's Memorial Parade.*

... A TIME FOR FORMALITY ...



*Maj Parker and his Band of Men flaunt their stuff for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.*

... A TIME TO LAUGH ...



*A/LCol Christy and A/Pte Anderson carving the Christmas Bird for the boys.*





*Sgt Tolley receiving his CD2 from BGen Reay.*

... A TIME TO LOSE ...



*The Clash of the Titans at RV '87.*

... AND A TIME TO SPEAK ...



*The Sr NCO's being devastated by the Officers on Regimental Day.*

... A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE ...



*Pte Pederson expounding on the characteristics of the Crew Served Weapon Sight during the Commander's inspection.*

... AND A TIME FOR WAR AND A TIME FOR PEACE.



## OUR FIRST 75 YEARS

by Captain S.M. Sawyer, Regimental 75th Anniversary Coordinator

In August 1914, our Regiment was founded by a man who cared deeply about his fellow man; Andrew Hamilton Gault. His indomitable spirit and his legendary feats are well chronicled in our Regimental History, but he left us with a living legacy: The Regimental Family. Our family includes those currently wearing the uniform and those who continue to serve the Regiment through their membership in the PPCLI Association. Some of our "sons" have lost contact with the Regiment for reasons of their own, and in 1989, we hope to welcome them back to the family.

Celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of our founding are planned throughout 1989, beginning on the 17th of March and ending on the 11th of November. But why, you might ask, are we making such a big deal about the 75th Anniversary? The answer, I believe, was best expressed by Rod Middleton, President of the PPCLI Association, in last year's *Patrician*: "1989 is, in all likelihood, the last opportunity that we will have to gather, in one place, representatives from every generation of the Regimental Family."

Patricias everywhere will begin observance of our 75th Anniversary by celebrating Regimental Day on the 17th of March 1989. Activities will be regional in nature and should be highlighted by the traditional Broom-i-loo games. The battalions will observe the anniversaries of the Battles of Frezenberg and Kapyong in May and April, respectively. Other regional events will be confirmed in the near future and will be publicized as plans become firm.

The National Reunion in Calgary has been planned for 10-13 August 1989 and will be co-hosted by 1 PPCLI and the PPCLI Association. The intention is to gather together and reunite as many serving and retired members of the Regiment as possible. Membership in the Association is **not** mandatory. Anyone who has ever served the Regiment in any capacity is more than welcome.

Travel and accommodation are usually the first concerns everyone has when planning holidays. Rest assured that Regimental Headquarters has been working on your behalf to get the best deals available. For soldiers tasked for events such as the Trooping, travel will be by Service Air and accommodations will be in military quarters. For the majority of our out-of-town guests, RHQ will obtain a reduced rate on commercial airlines and a reduced rate in local hotels. Economy accommodation will be available for both singles and couples in the University of Calgary student residences. For those who require RV facilities, a park will be established at Bishop Carroll High School which is located outside the Currie Barracks Main Gate. Details will be forthcoming once the industries firm up their 1989 prices.

Once in Calgary, you will need to know where to go and what to do once you get there. A reception centre will be set up at the University of Calgary, where you will be able to obtain the location of your accommodation plus a detailed itinerary including information on where and when to meet the buses to transport you between each event.

The first event in which most people will be interested is the opening of the "Better 'Ole." Building AF-16 in Currie Barracks will be transformed into a series of trenches designed to reflect different periods of our wartime history. The "Better 'Ole" will open at 1600 hrs, 10 August and will close at 2000 hrs, 13 August. During this period, all other bar facilities in Currie Barracks will be closed in order to prevent the disintegration of our "Family Reunion" into segregated areas. The "Better 'Ole" will provide a meeting place for all members of the Regiment to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The opening of the new museum facility at 1000 hrs, 11 August will be one of the most important events of the Reunion. Those who have had the opportunity to see the present museum will know that we have a great collection of priceless artifacts which are presently housed in a building which does not meet museum standards for their preservation. The Regimental Museum will be relocated in part

of the Calgary Military Museum which will be in what is now the Sir Sam Steele School in the Currie PMQ area.

Following the museum opening, you will have the opportunity to tour the facility before attending a luncheon on the museum grounds. You won't have time to be idle though, because you will be transported to the Sarcee Training Area at 1400 hrs to view a military display put on by members of the First Battalion. The details of this display have yet to be finalized but rest assured that you will be treated to a thoroughly professional show.

At 1900 hrs, 11 August the PPCLI Association will host their members at a dinner and concert to be held in the Calgary Convention Centre. The concert will be a variety of performances by the Regimental Band, the Corps of Drums and a few surprise acts that Rod Middleton is working on. We have invited the Royal Green Jackets Peninsula Band as well as the Edmonton City Police Pipe Band to participate in this event and hopefully they will be able to attend.

The next day, 12 August, begins at 1200 hrs, when you will be transported to the University of Calgary to attend a luncheon. Following lunch, we will expect everyone to be seated in the Speed Skating Oval by 1400 hrs to view the Regimental Trooping of the Colours. Guards will be provided by 1, 2, 3 and 4 PPCLI, and 2 Airborne Commando. The Colours of all units will be on parade as well as our Regimental Band, the Units' Corps of Drums, the Old Guard and hopefully the Royal Green Jackets Band and the Edmonton City Police Pipe Band.

There will be an All Ranks Dinner and Dance at 1900 hrs. The location has yet to be confirmed but you will definitely be kept informed as our plans take shape. Our plans include a buffet dinner with dancing to a live band and a disc jockey.

On Sunday, the 13th August, we will transport you from Calgary to Lake Louise where a memorial service will be held at Chateau Lake Louise. Not many are aware of the fact that Canada's National Parks were original formed to honour those who gave their lives to Canada's cause during the First World War. It is only fitting then, that our memorial service be held in one of the most beautiful spots in our first National Park. Following the service, we will be entertained by our military bands while we enjoy a picnic lunch.

The weekend will have finally drawn to a close and we will part having made new friends, renewed old acquaintances and having had a good time at our "Family Reunion."

On the ninth of September 1989, a ceremony will be held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of both the PPCLI and the R22eR. Both Regiments will have contingents in this unique celebration. The anniversary year will end by the observance of Remembrance Day wherever there are Patricias. For those too young to remember, it will be a time to think about all the members of our Regiment who have gone before us; soldiers whose efforts and sacrifices ensured that the PPCLI earned a significant place in Canadian military history.

The problem facing planners is the inability to know how to re-establish contact with Patricias whose whereabouts are unknown to the Regiment. If you know someone who once served the Regiment either as a Patricia or as one who supported the Patricias, but who presently is out of contact with us, please pass the word about our celebrations and encourage them to attend everything they are able. In this way, we hope to attract the maximum number of Patricias to all our events.

Should anyone require any more information, please do not hesitate to phone Captain Steve Sawyer in Calgary at local 7939. For those not on CSN line, phone (403) 240-7939. During the month of Sept. 1988, a toll free number will be established in Calgary and will be well publicized so that you can pass it on to anyone you meet who was either a member of or who served with the Regiment.

As the inheritors of our Founder's legacy, it is up to each and every one of us to ensure that his spirit pervades every event of the celebration of **Our First 75 Years**.





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2115	Officer Collar Badge Band Sterling	42.00
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2140	Crest Blazer OR .....	3.50
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2142	Crest Blazer Officer .....	3.75
2143	Cummerbunds .....	17.50
2146	Gloves Unlined, Black (Scully) .....	27.00
2149	Medal: Queens Jubilee mini .....	8.70
2152	Medal: Centennial Mini .....	8.70
2154	Medal: Congo Mini .....	15.25
2157	Medal: Korean War Mini .....	9.50
2158	Medal: UN Service Korea .....	13.25
2159	Mini Medal Ribbon Per Inch .....	0.25
2161	Parade Square Markers 18x18 .....	43.75
2162	Pennant .....	43.75
2164	Pennant Car .....	12.50
2165	Camp Flag .....	45.25
2174	Vest Mess Kit .....	50.00
2182	Ribbon: Regimental Mini per inch ..	0.10
2183	Ribbon: Regimental Large .....	0.15
2186	Sash: Sgt .....	35.00
2187	Sash: WO .....	61.25
2188	Sash: Officer Patrol .....	127.00
2192	Shoulder Titles CF .....	0.60
2193	Shoulder Titles RW .....	0.45

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2194	Shoulder Titles WD .....	0.30
2197	Sword Infantry w/case .....	405.25
2199	Sword Knot/HB .....	96.00
21991	Sword Knot Scully .....	25.00
2200	Sword Belt & Sling .....	107.50
2201	Sword Sling .....	81.25
2205	Tie Regimental .....	11.90
2206	Tie VP Coronet .....	10.75
2207	Tie OCTP .....	8.50
2221	Wings Metal CF .....	3.75
2222	Pin, Silver Maple Leaf .....	1.00
2223	Wings Mini .....	3.75
3002	Pants Sweat Grey .....	19.85
3003	Pants Sweat Maroon .....	19.85
3004	Top Grey Crew-neck .....	16.25
3005	Top Maroon Crew-neck .....	16.25
3006	Top Sweat Grey Kangaroo .....	22.00
3007	Top Sweat Maroon Kangaroo .....	22.00
3008	T-Shirt Crest .....	6.75
3009	Golf Shirt Crest .....	19.00
3010	Shirt Child .....	6.50
3011	V.P. Sweater (Blue/Maroon) .....	23.50
3012	Muscle Shirts .....	9.50
3013	VP Shorts .....	9.50
30131	Wind Breakers .....	27.00
3014	Sweat Band, Head .....	2.00
3015	Sweat Band, Wrist .....	2.00
3016	Cap Ball with Crest .....	5.50
30161	Cap, Ball Cord .....	8.25
4003	Book PPCLI 1914 - 84 .....	8.00
4004	Book Thomas Prince .....	3.00
4010	Cards Christmas Drummer Boy ....	0.75
4011	Cards, Christmas, Canada's Tribute	0.75
4012	Cards, Invitation .....	0.15
4026	Stationery .....	10.25
5001	Ashtrays, VP .....	3.00
5003	Auto Badge .....	25.00
5009	Brooch Silver 84 .....	65.00
5024	Crest Jacket Cap Badge .....	2.00
5026	Decal Cap Badge (5x9) .....	2.00
5027	Decal, Hat Badge (3.5x2) .....	1.00
5028	Decal Shoulder Title R/W .....	0.20
5029	Decal Hat Badge Multi .....	1.00
5030	Decal, VP and Coronet 5" sq. ....	1.25
5031	Decal, VP and Coronet 3.5x3.5" ....	1.00
5032	Decal, Regimental Museum .....	0.15



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5043	Cover Junior General Kit Camo .....	18.00
5044	Junior Gen Kit Complete .....	28.95
5047	Key Ring VP .....	2.25
5048	Key Ring Hat Badge .....	4.00
5049	Lic Plate 75th .....	8.75
5050	Combat Belt .....	5.00
5051	Poncho Liner .....	35.00
5055	Flag Desk .....	6.75
5059	Ice Bucket .....	56.00
5065	Badge Collar Lapel Officer .....	32.50
5069	Lapel Pin Snr NCO .....	15.00
5070	Lapel Pin, VP, LG .....	5.50
5073	Necklace Hat Badge Sterling .....	40.00
5082	Mug, Travel VP Crested .....	4.85
5084	Mug, Pewter Hat Badge .....	34.50
5101	Statuette Drummer Boy .....	29.50
5102	Statuette Modern Soldier .....	49.00
5103	Statuette WW1 .....	46.00
5104	Statuette D/M Set .....	27.50
5111	Plaque Regt Bronze .....	36.50
5112	Plaque Regt Small .....	21.90

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5122	Spoon Drummer Boy .....	5.75
5123	Spoon Silver Marguerite .....	30.50
5127	Plaque Casting Bronze .....	14.50
6100	Shoulder Title Brass Old .....	5.50
6101	Book Vol III 1919 - 1957 .....	6.25
6102	Picture Frezenberg, 8x10 .....	0.50
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6105	Picture Sanc Wood, 11x14 .....	1.50
6106	Picture Ypres, 8x10 .....	0.75
6107	Picture Ypres, 11x14 .....	1.50
6108	Picture Kapyong, 13x21 .....	5.00
6109	Picture Hamilton Gault .....	1.00
6110	Picture Lady Ramsay .....	1.00
6111	Picture Colonel-in-Chief .....	1.60
6112	Picture Ric-A-Dam-Doo 8x10 .....	1.00
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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) Berkely Square   |
| 5) Pack Up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag<br>(Instrumental) | 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                                       |   |



## CANADIAN AIRBORNE CENTRE

**PATRICIAS AT CABC:**

*Seated (left to right): Capt P.H. Schmidt, Capt C.C. Smith, Maj G.M. Whiting, Capt E.K. Witt, CWO W.D. Collier. Standing (left to right): Pte D.M. Sullivan, Sgt L.A. Gordon, MWO J.E. Jacquard, Sgt F.J. Hayden, Sgt G.S. Crossman, Sgt B.M. Toupin, Sgt W. Bolen, Capt S.N.H. Ali-Khan, Pte D. Wood. Missing: Capt P. Metaxas, WO N.B. Topham, WO T.P. Malcom, WO C.A. White, Sgt S.S. Bartlett, Sgt J.A. Murray, MCpl D.C. Cuthbert.*

At the Canadian Airborne Centre, no one stands still for very long! This is especially true of the Patricias who live and work here and who are involved in the myriad of specialist activities offered at the Centre. Some notable changes saw LCol W.J.G. Bewick, Maj R.P. Honig and CWO E.J. Bakker move on to greater things, and CWO W.D. Collier return to the School in the capacity of RSM.

The Airborne Trials and Evaluation Section, under the command of Maj Honig and subsequently Capt E.K. Witt upon that officer's return from the Golan Heights, has been active in both the aerial delivery and personal parachuting fields. In 1987, we saw the adoption of the MT-1XX as the CT-3 with delivery to begin in earnest in March 1988. The CT-3 is a square, seven cell ram-air parachute which will replace the 7TU by the end of 1988 as the military freefall parachute in the Canadian Forces. Capt Witt, MWO J.E. Jacquard and WO N.B. Topham have all been working on a special project which has come to be known as the Single

Action Release Personal Equipment Lowering System (SARPELS). The system is designed to provide a simple, yet complete, combat load carrying capability for the individual paratrooper. It is capable of carrying all individual equipment and weapons normally jumped by a paratrooper, including the 84mm LAW and the C6 machine-gun. On the aerial delivery side, ATES has conducted trials on the "airdrop-ability" of the ARGO (ATV), the French ACMAT and German UNIMOG one ton vehicles, and the NODWELL 60 Dump, which is an engineer vehicle that looks like an M548 with a dozer blade. ATES, along with Parachute Training Company, also participated in RV '87 as the command and control element of the Field Firing Centre in Suffield.

Parachute Training Company (PTC), the part of CABC most people are familiar with, continued to provide the Army with parachuting and mountaineering expertise. The Company, commanded by Maj G.M. Whiting, is responsible for conducting the



Basic Parachutist Course and the Military Freefall Parachutist (MFP) Course, along with an Instructor and Jumpmaster Course for MFP. Unfortunately, adequate numbers of CT-3 parachutes will not be available for the MFP Courses of 1988, which will continue to use the 7TU — the last of the "Real Man" MFP Courses!

For the second year, PTC conducted the Mountain Operations Instructor (MOI) Course. This gruelling and demanding course is run in the Kananaskis area of the Rocky Mountains just east of Canmore, Alta. It is designed to take an officer or NCO who is qualified Basic Mountain Warfare to a very high level of expertise in six very full weeks. The graduate is qualified to conduct, advise on and instruct mountain operations with special regard to the mobility problems encountered in the mountains. In addition to the MOI Course, CABC has also assumed responsibility for the annual Exercise MONTE BIANCO on which Capt P.H. Schmidt will lead the four man Canadian team.

Aerial Delivery Training Company (ADTC) continued to impart its special knowledge to students from all branches of the

CF and were ably assisted in this task by Patricia's Sgt L.A. Gordon and Sgt F.J. Hayden. ADTC not only conducts courses, but is also responsible for all unit support functions and during RV '87 was the nucleus of the Movement Control Company, which greatly expedited unit movements to and from RV.

And, last but not least, the Canadian Forces Parachute Team, the Sky Hawks, commanded by Capt P. Metaxas, had a full demonstration year, putting on 48 shows and logging 58,000 miles. The team performed from Cornerbrook, Nfld., to Vancouver, B.C., from Cambridge Bay, NWT, to Lafayette, Louisiana. 1988 will see only one demonstration team with a concerted attempt to get talented members off to national and international competitions.

All in all, an excellent year for the Patricia's at CABC. The future for Airborne Forces looks bright in Canada and CABC will be ready to meet the challenges ahead and continue to be the centre of parachuting and mountaineering expertise in the Canadian Army.



Sgt B.M. Toupin plays a little "follow the leader."



Sgt G.S. Crossman mentally prepares himself for the upcoming demonstration.





## 2 AIRBORNE COMMANDO

by Capt D.J. Marshall



*Airborne: It beats taking a bus.*

Life in the Airborne is always a busy affair that takes us from our own backyard, the Petawawa Training Area, to half-way around the world. 1987 was no exception as some highlights of the year will clearly disclose.

### Cyprus — Sep 86 - Mar 87

Commanded by Major P.G. Kenward, 2 CDO found itself celebrating the new year in observation posts, command posts and the Ledra Palace, listening intently to the chant of the KORAN and the whine of cats fighting in the alleys of Nicosia.

After settling into its new refuge, the CDO became officially affiliated with the British Parachute Regiment, an event over which HRH Prince Charles presided. The CDO then quickly set its sights on the UNFICYP Military Skills Competition. The Canadian Contingent relied extensively on 2 CDO personnel, who had already proven themselves worthy during the Airborne Regiment's Military Skills Competition. 2 CDO provided three teams and went on to dominate the competition. Led by Captains C.T. McKnight, I.M. Hunt and D.G. Hirter, 2 CDO's teams placed first, second and fourth respectively and effectively earned the respect of the entire UN Contingent.

Physical fitness has always been taken very seriously in 2 CDO and the tour in Cyprus brought about some new means of exercising this facet of our existence. While in Cyprus "someone" decided that it might be a good idea to run around the scenic island. Somebody else liked the idea so off we went, running a distance of over 500 miles during the tour. In addition, platoons were instructed to conduct a two by ten miler during platoon training weeks. This meant that after six months on the island, every member of 2 CDO had completed at least five of them.

The Wolseley Barracks Obstacle course also made life in Cyprus interesting. This short but extremely challenging course emphasized upper body strength and proved to be the source of countless, early morning "grunts and groans." The Commanding Officer also implemented his own version of the Canadian Forces physical fitness test. Promptly coined as the 2 CDO mini-ironman competition, it consisted of a four mile run completed in under 26 minutes, 15 chin-ups, 50 push-ups, 50 sit-ups and 15 military presses with a 75 pound bar, each to be completed within one minute. There was a maximum rest period of three minutes between each event and, needless to say, everyone looked forward to this monthly test.



*Sgt Owen demonstrates a novel chin-up on the suspension traverse.*



*Sgt Brown leads two members of his section over the scramble net.*





*Tpr Morrison approaches the dreaded low wire entanglement.*

Besides the countless hours of fitness training in Cyprus, the CDO sacrificed some of its energy for the construction of Observation Point Pegasus. Constructed under the close scrutiny of our pioneer Sgt C.D. Bokovay, AKA Mr. "Chips," Observation Point Pegasus is now perhaps the finest vantage point on the Green Line and a true testament to the CDO's determination.

Despite what could only be called a very successful tour, the men of 2 CDO were very glad to return to Canada in March, and to begin preparations for Exercise RENDEZVOUS (RV) '87.

#### Canada

Soon after returning from Cyprus the CDO began preparing for RV '87. Unfortunately, sporadic snow storms during March 87 kept the CDO out of the air and on the ground throughout pre-RV '87 training. Nonetheless, after five weeks back in Canada, 2 CDO set off for Wainwright feeling quite confident and anxious to get down to some honest soldiering. RV '87 saw the CDO conduct extensive training in patrolling and airmobile operations. During the Divisional Field Training Exercise, 2 CDO then concentrated on defensive operations and its enemy force task "to defend against mechanized infantry." The most serious threat ended up being the relentless mosquito attacks while our nerves were toyed with by the persistent sounds of mechanized enemy that frequently failed to appear.



*5 Pl "searches" for their airmobile transport.*



*Cpl McMullen and Tpr Blakely 8 Pl ever vigilant.*



*At last, a "free" Taxi.*

With RV '87 nearly over, 2 CDO wanted nothing more than an Airborne operation and it was hoped that the Regimental Field Training Exercise would provide that opportunity. However, hopes quickly began to wane and morale quickly dropped as high winds led to the stop drops of one chalk after another. As the rest of the Airborne Regiment headed back to Wainwright by bus, the Commanding Officer decided that 2 CDO would spend the night in the CFB Edmonton nose dock, and made a final attempt at a jump the next day. As fate would have it, 2 CDO became the only unit fortunate enough to jump back into Wainwright, and onto the precarious DROP ZONE RIFLES RANGE.



*The DCO, Capt Wilson contemplates canteen profits while waiting through another stop drop.*





*Finally, MCpl Davies leads one of the lucky chawks to their aircraft.*



*And now the job begins.*

The para-descent and destruction of an enemy missile site marked the end of RV '87 for 2 CDO and by the end of May we were all back in Petawawa.

June was a month set aside for adventure training however, budget constraints confined the training to the less than adventurous Petawawa area.

Looking forward to a change of pace, the CDO broke off into four groups in pursuit of adventure! One group canoed the 'mighty' Baron River in Algonquin Provincial Park while another went on a five day bike tour. There was also survival training and sport parachuting for the more adventuresome. Running rapids that turned quickly into falls, dodging four-wheeled traffic, setting snares and "free falling" proved to be a welcomed break from our more usual rigorous training.

During the summer months the unit was dispersed to a myriad of summer taskings; however, we did manage to pull together in August for the Regimental Change of Command Parade.

The fall brought on new challenges that saw 2 CDO very well represented in the Special Service Force (SSF) Ironman Competition and the SSF Osons Challenge. There was also the Mountain Warfare Course which left each man who completed it with a true sense of accomplishment. Shortly afterwards, the



*Lt Minor and MCpl Scheidl learning how to pull together.*



*Winnipeg was never like this.*



*Now, where did they say the brakes were?*

Primary Combat Function courses began; however, for soldiers not on course, a flight to Wainwright was again in order, this time to support Exercise BURMA RIG. Despite a few problems experienced on the Drop Zone, this short exercise proved beneficial for members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and the New Westminster Regiment for whom the exercise was designed.

The cooler days of November brought Exercise BLACK LEOPARD I which was, decidedly, the most challenging exercise



*WO Williams 7 Pl enjoys a brisk November morning.*



*Cpl Snow provides perimeter security.*



of the year. A four day exercise that commenced early on Sunday, 22 November, it encompassed a para assault onto DZ AN-ZIO, section-sized cross-country link-up moves through swampy terrain, trooper led reconnaissance patrols, platoon raids and

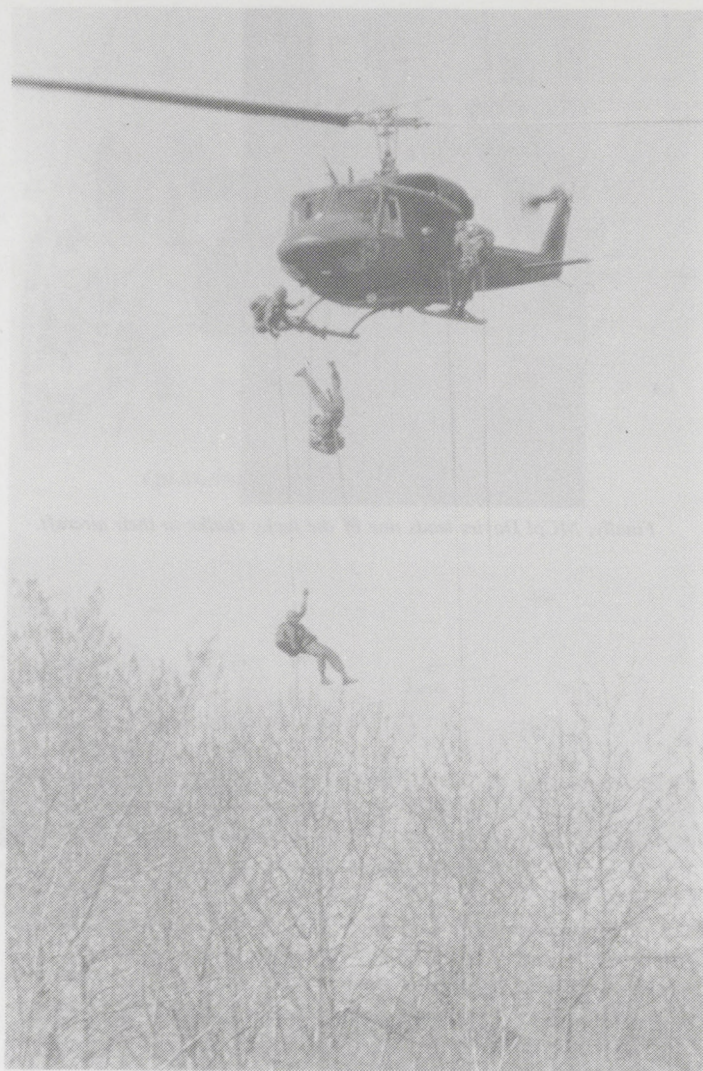


*Tpr Tourangeau prepares for one of the numerous Recce Patrols.*

ambushes, an opposed night crossing of the Petawawa River, partisan link-ups, helicopter rappels into 'layback positions, a Commando airmobile operation, and a Commando deliberate attack. A non-stop exercise from start to finish, BLACK LEOPARD I will be talked about for some time to come.

In December, 2 CDO began preparing for Exercise LIGHTNING STRIKE '88. Winter para refresher training, platoon winter refresher training and a deployment exercise, Exercise PEGASUS STRIKE, prepared the CDO for its deployment into Canada's far North.

At the end of January, Exercise LIGHTNING STRIKE '88 began and 2 CDO jumped into Inuvik, the North West Territories. This exercise was the end to a year and one half of intense and demanding training in which 2 CDO proved itself as a unit and



*Styles vary, but when you walk away they're all successful.*

each man learned the extent of his capabilities. Over this period many members of the CDO also distinguished themselves through their personal efforts. Listed below are the most noteworthy accomplishments made by members of 2 CDO:

Sgt Brown, WD .....	2nd 6b 8701;
Sgt Hamilton, RJ .....	3rd 6b 8701;
Capt EL Haverstock .....	Five out of
Capt DG Hirter .....	ten pathfinder graduates
MCpl Bland, SC .....	came from 2 CDO
MCpl Sheppard, CJ .....	(32 students
Cpl MacEwan, AB .....	began);
Tpr Marten, PA .....	2nd SSF Ironman Competition (out of
	52 participants, 18 airborne soldiers
	competed of which nine belonged to
	2 CDO);
Capt DG Hirter .....	3rd, SSF Ironman Competition;
Capt DJ Marshall .....	5th Osons Challenge;
Lt BR Mumford .....	5th Osons Challenge;
MCpl Bland, SC .....	1st ISCC 8701A;
MCpl Taylor, SJ .....	1st ISCC 8701B; and
MCpl Kis, AS .....	2nd ISCC 8701B.

## AIRBORNE



# THE PPCLI BATTLE SCHOOL

by Captain R.W. Lewis, Adjutant

## Recruit Company

*"Just think of how the soldier is treated. While still a child he is shut up in the barracks. During his training he is always knocked about. If he makes the least mistake he is scolded and beaten. He is battered and bruised with flogging. On the march . . . they hang heavy loads around his neck like that of an ass, and he is made to walk great distances, lucky to be fed and watered at the end."*

— Egyptian, ca 1500 B.C.

Obviously things were tough in the Pharaoh's Battle School and it appears that the Human Rights Charter of ancient Egypt was rather primitive as well. Not so in Wainwright, and although it may be disputed by certain older members of the Regiment, progress over the last 3,487 years has allowed for less harsh treatment of recruits. Certainly flogging, knocking about and other forms of battering are definitely out. Conversely, such things as scolding and shutting up in barracks remain invaluable aids to training, as any Master Corporal will tell you. In addition, technological advances in Engineering allow us now — through the miracle of the rucksack strap — to hang heavy loads on our backs rather than our necks. Thus a modern day recruit is seldom compared to an ass; however, he knows if he makes the "least mistake" he is liable to be grouped with some other form of grotesque animal, vegetable or mineral. So maybe things haven't changed that much from the times of our Egyptian predecessors.

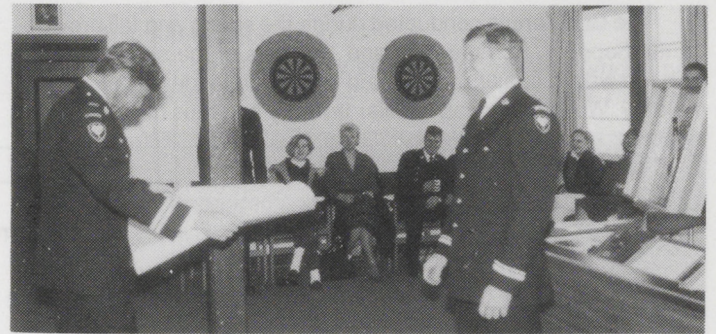
As the quote shows, training to be a soldier has never been an easy task, nor is it expected to be by those who have chosen the vocation. During the past year, two hundred and three candidates, aspiring to be infantrymen, entered into the Battle School training program. Of these, 162 successfully graduated after completing sixteen weeks of basic training, in addition to the ten weeks of instruction they had previously received at the CFRS Cornwallis. August and September were the busiest months, with four platoons training simultaneously.

On the six graduation parades held for Recruit Company throughout the year, Reviewing Officers attended from both the First and Third Battalions to inspect the soldiers they were welcoming to their units. Other inspecting dignitaries included the British Liaison Officer to Camp Wainwright, LCol W.R. Clarke, MBE, and a ninety-two-year-old WWI veteran, Floyd Emery, who is a member in good standing of the local Legion.

Notably, 1987 was also memorable as the last time that Battle School soldiers would train with FNC1 and C2 rifles. The graduation of Passchendaele Platoon in December saw the last of these weapons turned in to Camp MSA and replaced with the new family of small arms for all future recruit training.



LCol Bragdon discussing the finer points of soldiering with Mr. Floyd Emery, Reviewing Officer for Passchendaele Platoon. "Yeah, I know you're an old soldier, Floyd, but how many jumps do you have?"



Lt Gerenda, Pl Comd Passchendaele Platoon, thought it appropriate to make a presentation to OC Recruit Company at the graduation ceremony. It's actually a petition asking Capt Pollock to remove his beard.

Significant incidents can sometimes be born of tedium, and who in Recruit Company can forget the thrill of providing "samples" for the Camp MO, after an epidemic of food poisoning in August. For some, this occasion made a lasting impression that they'll remember until CRA. The Egyptians may have beaten, flogged and starved their men, but it's highly unlikely they burst into their quarters in the middle of the night demanding tokens of stool.

Despite these late night diversions, training in Recruit Company was so successful that by mid-December the last platoon had graduated, leaving the Chief Clerk to count his blessings at not having to prepare LTA claims to send people all over the country. It also gave the officers and senior NCOs a break at the Men's Christmas Dinner celebrations. Only those recruits unfortunate enough to form part of Holding Platoon were in attendance at this event, hence the waiters outnumbered the diners by a five-to-one ratio.

In summary, the 1987 graduation statistics for Recruit Company are shown on the table which follows:

Course/Serial		Top Candidate	Most Improved	Marksman	Most Physically Fit	Grads	Posting
		(Ptes)	(Ptes)	(Ptes)	(Ptes)		
Flers-Courcelette	8682Y	McMullen	Rogerson	Francis	Johnston	18	3 PPCLI
Gully	8722	Sandford	Magee	McLeod	Jeffries	23	3 PPCLI
Frezenberg	8701	Taylor	Seguin	Howlett	Nicholls	31	3 PPCLI
Hitler Line	8702	Boucher	Allen	Wills	Fiddler	26	1 PPCLI
NW Europe	8703	Thorne	Teixeira	Babineau	Teixeira	24	1 PPCLI
Mount Sorrel	8704	Pearson	Duncan	Cole	Merry	24	3 PPCLI
Passchendaele	8723	Thompson	Summers	Clark	Maizis	16	3 PPCLI



### Leadership Company

In total, nine leadership platoons were in training at various times during the early winter, spring and fall of 1987. Differing in content and duration, these platoons consisted of two Junior Leaders Courses, four Combat Leaders Courses and three Infantry Section Commanders Courses.

The JLCs, each seven weeks long, graduated 72 support tradesmen from the original 77 candidates. Although these courses were conducted mainly in support of 1 CBG, volunteers appeared from as far east as Gagetown, having heard of the excellent curriculum offered at this institution. For most, regardless of trade, it was their first exposure to the "army way." It also gave the School RSM a chance to sort out the Distinctive Environmental Uniforms (DEU) on CO's parades.

Of historical note, it is also significant that 1987 provided the first JLC female instructors and students to the Battle School. The RSM was heard to mutter that DEUs are okay, but skirts tend to throw the dressing off.

The CLC serials conducted during the spring and fall provided the Sappers, Bombardiers and Troopers of the student body with ten weeks of all-expense-paid tutoring in leadership. For the majority, Wainwright was familiar territory and thus held few sur-

prises. This was not the case for two students from Belize who previously thought cold came from a refrigerator and snow was something you read about in books. However, good soldiers are rated by their flexibility and both Belizians were present on graduation with 95 of their fellow students, from the initial roster of 127 candidates.

All three ISCCs were attended by soldiers from the three Patricia Battalions, 3 RCR and HQ 1 CBG. For the "Royals" the Battle School had a different Regimental prefix from the one they originally attended, however, not much else was notably different. On the other hand, the "Patricia" students sometimes were fortunate enough to inhabit the same quarters they occupied during TQ3 training. Sort of like coming home after a long time away. Certainly, some of the faces may have changed, but the neighborhood still maintained its friendly appearance. (Of Alberta communities, Camp Wainwright was rated at the bottom of the scale for attempted muggings during 1987.)

After 12 weeks of study and sweat, ninety-four graduation certificates were awarded to those achieving success from the original one hundred and twenty-five ISCC candidates.

Statistics for all leadership courses are shown in the table which follows:

Course	Serial	Top Candidate	Unit	Most Improved	Unit	Grads
JLC	8701	Cpl Montgomery	1 CER	Cpl McLuskie	1 Fd Amb	36
JLC	8702	MCpl Cummins	1 Svc Bn	Cpl Brownson	1 Svc Bn	36
CLC	8701	Cpl Whitfield	1 CSR	Cpl Hartman	5 RGC	29
CLC	8702	Gnr Edwards	3 RCHA	Cpl Chorney	LdSH(RC)	23
CLC	8703	Cpl Russel	1 CER	Gnr Elson	3 RCHA	22
CLC	8704	Cpl Giroux	1 CSR	Tpr Pilmoor	LdSH(RC)	23
ISCC	8701	Pte MacPhail	1 PPCLI	Pte Breustedt	3 PPCLI	29
ISCC	8702	Pte Wood	3 RCR	Pte Martin	3 RCR	36
ISCC	8703	Cpl Bettsworth	1 PPCLI	Pte Pelletier	1 PPCLI	29

### Training Support Company

Rappel Masters and Winter Warfare Instructors are the specialty products of Training Support Company. Two serials of each were conducted during 1987, graduating 65 students in the former category and 45 of the latter.

WWICs are held for candidates throughout FMC and are specifically designed to pass on the necessary skills to enable section commanders, and above, to survive and fight under Arctic conditions. Because the Wainwright winters have been less than cooperative over the past few years, the field training portions of this course were held in Gjoa Haven and Coppermine, NWT during 1987. This not only enabled participants to rub noses with the Inuit, but also resulted in some impressive hunting trophies.

Learning the ropes as a Rappel Master is a business which requires considerable concentration and attention to detail. Despite the fact that it is the shortest of any of the courses run by the Battle School, the candidates are required to be physically fit, alert and have some previous experience in knots and the like. The safety considerations are also a prime focus since rappelling out of a helicopter at ninety feet is not something to be taken lightly. Currency of qualification must also be maintained on a yearly basis so the nominal roll of each serial is sometimes swelled by trained personnel returning for a re-evaluation.

When not engaged in running these courses, the staff of Training Support Company are busy administering to the "beans and bullets" needs of the other companies through the administration of transport, rations, ammo and other general stores. 1987 was no exception, but although he won't admit it, the BS-QMS did find time for several golf games in between course serials.



*Winter Warfare Instructors Course, Serial 8702, after completing a rabbit safari.*



*Smoky River Expedition. Sgt Chase and Sgt Schmidt conducting rucksack flotation trials.*



## Battle School Headquarters

The attempted parachute assassination of the CO took priority in coffee room discussions during May. Ambushed by a novice jumper on his fourth descent of the day, LCol Bragdon was fortunate enough to escape with several serious fractures and a wounded pride. His speedy recovery was motivated by the onset of hunting season, the TLC of a physiotherapist and the knowledge that the new OC of Recruit Company was coming from Germany to challenge him to an arm-wrestling contest.

The Chief Clerk and Adjutant, who normally manage to avoid attention, were also ambushed during October. This time the enemy was electronic, in the form of a warning order announcing the installation of a computerized administrative system which is guaranteed to make their jobs easier — if only they can learn to use it.

Noting that anxiety attacks are infrequent among HQ personnel, the DCO has done his best to change that, with the support of the RSM and QMSI. Terms of Reference, training instructions, SOPs and Standing Orders have all been reviewed during the past year and the avalanche of amendments promises to keep the Adjutant and CO's secretary busy for at least two posting seasons.



*Participants of Adventure training in August.  
'Happiness is a dry landing.'*



*LCol Bragdon and RSM Lloyd at Men's Christmas Dinner. "You hold it still, RSM, while I get ready for this picture."*

## Year's Highlights in Brief

Captain MacLaine briefing participants for White Water Canoe Adventure Training in August —

"Last year's trip was a piece of cake; the lifejackets held everybody up until they could be rescued from under the log jam. Remember, hold your breath until help arrives."

Capt Pollock to the CO in September —

"I don't know what happened. In Germany I was the arm-wrestling champion of the Battalion. I think it must be your technique."

Unknown Recruit to PI WO during July —

"I don't want to live in that quonset hut any more. Since CE covered it with plastic, everyone is calling them CON-DOMiniums."

CO to Adjutant in September —

"That study on the 'Quality of Life in Camp Wainwright' can wait. Get your golf clubs."



*A wide angle view of all the diners at the Men's (and women's) Christmas Dinner.*



*"Sheep on the Rocks"  
WO Jones carrying home a trophy.*





## THE REGIMENTAL BAND

by Sergeant N. Bell



During 1987, the PPCLI Regimental Band was involved in a wide variety of activities ranging the spectrum from military parades to civilian concerts. Variety is indeed a way of life for a military musician.

The month of January was a quiet time for the band. We used this time to our advantage by preparing the music that we knew was required for the inspection by the Supervisor of Music, Cdr Morrison, CD.

Our annual inspection by Cdr Morrison took place from 9 to 12 February. During this time the Marching, Dance and Concert bands were put through their paces. The long hours of attention to military and musical detail paid off in the band being given a highly satisfactory report by the Supervisor. The lone candidate this year for TQ Level 6B was Sgt Rogers. He was granted this qualification after undergoing a rigorous exam before a board chaired by the Supervisor. (In our trade, the Supervisor is the only person able to grant this qualification.) Congratulations Gord!

In early May we bid "adieu" to our newly promoted CO, Major J.P. Montminy, CD, who left us to assume his duties as the Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Music at CFB Borden. Our incoming CO was Captain Don Embree, CD, but because of his duties with the RCR Band in Gagetown he was unable to assume his appointment here until September. In the interim period the band was led by our Acting CO CWO Fowler.

Our summer months are always our busiest and this summer proved no different. A summary of events is as follows. On the 13th of June, 1 Service Battalion exercised their right to the Freedom of the City of Calgary with a parade through the downtown streets. On the 15th we travelled to Victoria to rehearse with 3 PPCLI for their Freedom of the City parade held on the 20th of June. We returned to Calgary to prepare for the Calgary Stampede Parade and 1 Service Battalion's two Feu de Joie. The first Feu de Joie was performed July 1 at McMahon Stadium during the Stampeder's Annual Canada Day football game. The second was performed 11 July at the Grandstand of Stampede Park as part of the Calgary Stampede's tribute to the Canadian Armed Forces. We also participated in many Change of Command parades: 1 PPCLI, 1 Fd Ambulance, LdSH(RC) and 1 Service Battalion all changed their Commanding Officers. The largest parade of all was the Brigade Change of Command between BGen C. Milner, OMM, CD, and BGen G.M. Reay, MBE, CD, held at Currie Barracks, on the 28th of July. Calgary's reputation for good weather was upheld with sunny skies for all of the above occasions. Our final engagement of the summer was our participation in the Esquimalt Tattoo between the 1st

and 8th of August. This event was a great success and many compliments were received by CWO Fowler commenting on the excellent display and performance of the band.

In September our new CO arrived and, after rebadging, Captain Embree set about getting the band and its 7700 pounds of equipment prepared for a European Fall Tour. Though new to this band he had reconnoitered the tour during the summer, so he was familiar with what we were to do. After much preparation, on 14 October we departed for CFB Europe. Our tasking was musical support of CFB Europe and in that capacity we performed for a variety of military and civilian functions. As Patricias it was an honour for us to have the opportunity to work with our 2 PPCLI brothers on two occasions. 2 PPCLI provided a 200-man Guard of Honour under the command of Major Austdal, CD, for these functions. Together with them we travelled on 08 November to Ypres in Belgium. We began that evening by attending (with local townspeople) a Remembrance Ceremony in St. George's Chapel, held for our WWI fallen comrades. At the conclusion of the service we marched through Ypres in a Freedom of the City parade with the band playing, the Regimental and Queen's colours flying and with fixed bayonets, to the Menin Gate. Here a ceremony was held commemorating those PPCLI soldiers who died in WWI and have no known graves. On the cool, grey morning of 9 November we, together with the Guard of Honour, piled out of buses and proceeded to the site of one of the most famous Regimental battle honours, Vimy Ridge in France. Here we performed in remembrance of the signing of the Armistice. O Canada and the PPCLI Regimental March took on even more significance. We returned to Canada, 3 December, and after the usual round of Christmas Mess Dinners we adjourned until the New Year.

In addition to our CO we have some other newcomers. Posted in are: MWO Henry from the RCR Band, WO Willis from CFMSMUS, along with Pte's Gaudreau, McNamara and Mosveen. Sgt Alberts from the Stadacona Band and Sgt Branchaud joining us from Air Command Band in Winnipeg. In addition we had one direct entry join us, Cpl Gordon. On the flip side of the coin, Sgt Hill was posted out to the Vimy Band in Kingston and Sgt Browne was posted to the RCR Band. Sgt Ferrie retired to resume studies at the U of C, and Sgt Steckenreiter retired to pursue his musical business interests. Cpl's Bauchman and Gray opted not to renew their contracts in favour of civvy street. Good luck, guys!

1987 was a year of variety, change and travel for the band, but as all can see it was very good year.





## EXTRA-REGIMENTALLY-EMPLOYED (ERE) PATRICIAS

### PATRICIAS AT ROYAL ROADS

by Capt M.K. Overton

Although it may not be common knowledge, the Regiment maintains more than one enclave on Canada's Pacific Island paradise of Victoria. I am speaking of course of that hardy band of sorts braving the harsh winter and peacock attacks at Royal Roads Military College.

The Regiment maintains a strong presence at the College, headed by Maj Arnie Lavoie, who is completing his second year as the Staff Officer Cadets and Military Training. Also completing his second year is Capt Matthew Overton, the #2 Sqn Comd, who is due to be posted this summer, final destination to be determined.

The newest member of the Regimental family at RRMCM is MWO Don Miles, who arrived this summer from service as CSM 2 CDO in Petawawa. MWO Miles has taken up the position of DSM, and is also the College Coxswain (RSM).

Rounding out the group, and giving the Regiment its continuity factor at RRMCM, is Cpl Ken Vandenberg, who is into his seventh year as part of the Boatshed staff. During his stay, he has become renowned for his skill and expertise in fine wood-working and the College, its staff members and its guests have been beneficiaries of his abilities.

The work at the College has many rewards, and the continued representation of the Regiment at RRMCM will continue to influence positively the future infantry officers studying here to choose to join our "family."



Royal Roads Patricias (L to R)  
CSM Miles, Capt Overton, Maj Lavoie, Cpl Vandenberg



Capt Danyleyko interviewing prospective Air Force recruits.



Capt Giacomelli satisfied that the C Scot Rs have done it again.



Maj Ratz behind a desk in Victoria Militia District.



Capt Halpin scheming some Militia merriment.



WO McConnell at Albert Head.



Sgt Langford with Gold Star Cadets.



Sgt Randall with Capt Vida correcting jump errors.





*Maj MacMillan — retirement near at hand!*



*Maj Marcetta in his Base Operations Centre.*



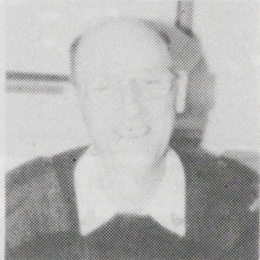
*MWO Aspinwall explaining the finer points of RSS training to MCpl Thomas*



*Maj Meckbach — another financial coup in sight.*



*Range Control with MWO Komandina.*



*CWO Grant happy to be in Victoria again.*

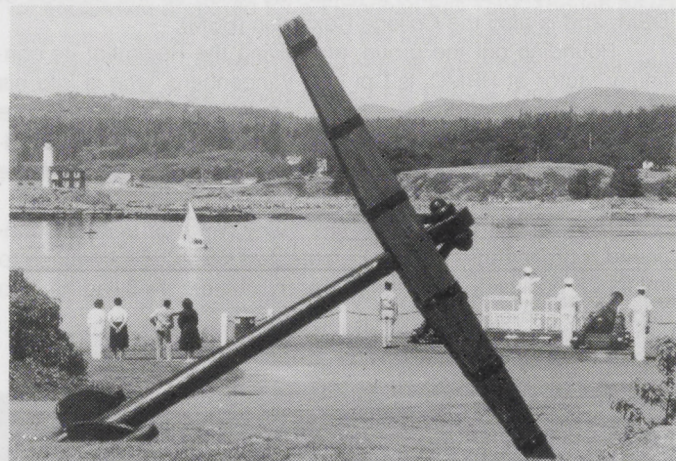


*LCol Elliott flanked by Majs Stevens and Stout on coffee break.*

## VP (VANCOUVER PATRICIAS)



Why the barely suppressed grins? Because this photo was taken on 18 December 1987, and it's 10°C! **Colonel R.L. Cowling**, the Chief of Staff for Pacific Militia Area Headquarters, has assembled all the Patricias currently posted to Vancouver. Clockwise from his right, they are: **Capt E. Wright**, RSSO to the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; **Cpl T.R. Gelineau** and **MWO R.M. Scrafton**, also with the Seaforths; **MWO V.J. Wooley**, HQ PMA; **WO C.A. Robertson** and **MCpl T Wallace**, with the Royal Westminster Regiment; **Sgt J. Corriveau**, CFRC Vancouver; and **Capt R.A.H. Parker**, HQ PMA. Collective IQ? Oh, about 170. (130, plus 8 x 5.) Warm regards to all!



LCol Murray Stewart retired from the Canadian Forces after 34 years' service. His last appointment was Director General Operations in Canada's "Western Fleet" Headquarters. LCol Stewart sailed into retirement aboard the Region Operations vessel "Gem." Shown above, at the departure sailpast, is Rear Admiral R.D. Yannow, CMM, CD, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, returning the farewell salute of LCol Stewart in a ceremony normally accorded to warships. LCol Stewart is on the bow. The vessel's crew were Patricias: Maj Vern McKeen (Piper), Maj Sam Meckbach (Bosun) and Maj Ron Johnson (Captain).

## CFB CHILLIWACK

**by Capt B.J. Bartlett**

Hidden away in beautiful British Columbia's Fraser Valley, lies CFB Chilliwack and the PPCLI contingent on ERE.

Here, 14 serving Patricias are involved in all aspects of CFB Chilliwack's operations and as always maintaining the high standard expected of the Patricias. Having firmly entrenched ourselves in Base OPs, Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering and Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School, other members of the Canadian Forces are constantly reminded of the best infantry regiment in Canada.



Major Pope was posted in as the Base Operations Officer mid-July 87 and assumed the responsibilities of the senior Patricia in the area. Apart from individual activities at respective Schools, collectively we were honoured to meet with our Colonel-in-Chief at the Vancouver International Airport on 05 October, during her travels to Victoria. Equally, we have many opportunities to keep in touch with our regimental colleagues, particularly 3 PPCLI members as they either stage through the Base proceeding Eastward or to train at the General Vokes ranges.

At the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME), Capt "Rags" Duncan, WO Fall and Sgt Smith perform their roles as infantry instructors in Tactics and General Military Training (GMT) sections. They put forth a fine effort instructing Engineer personnel in the ways of the Queen of Battle, utilizing a very practical and realistic approach.

At the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School (CFOCS), the Patricias are well represented in both franco and anglo coys, maintaining a firm grip on Canada's aspiring future officers.

Ensuring that potential officers are introduced to the red and white flash are: Capt Bartlett, Capt Hunt, Capt Flynn, CWO Simpson, MWO Reibin, WO Hopkins, Sgt Corvino, Sgt Palamar, MCpl Dodds and Cpl Featherstone. At the School, Patricias are afforded the opportunities not only to assess and train potential officers, but to attend professional development courses, such as: Staff School, 6B, Intermediate Officers Course and Small Arms Instructors Course. Between courses and training candidates, the Patricias are kept active. During the annual pistol challenges, first and second spots were captured by Capt Bartlett and Capt Flynn. Despite Capt Flynn's adventures and triumphant return from "Volleyball U" he managed to keep a steady hand seizing second spot with a solid 61 (HPS 64).

MWO Reibin maintains the exchange mode being the Sgt-Major of the only franco coy at CFOCS. The Guards Depot it's not but very distinctive words of command have been heard on the Drill Square.

1988 proves to be another hectic year at CFB Chilliwack. Although our respective battalions are far away, this has got to be the next best thing to being there. VP



*Missing from Photo: WO Falls, Sgt Palamar and Sgt Corvino.*

## THE BORDEN PATRICIA FAMILY

by Capt W. Semianiw

1987 was another busy year for all Patricias in and around the CFB Borden area. The Regiment is represented throughout the Base at numerous schools and Base Lodger Units by eleven permanent staff. Most Patricias are employed as either Support Staff to the Militia, or as instructors at one of the twelve schools on the Base.



*Borden Patricias, Patricias on SLC 8707 and LCol M.H. McMurray pose for a group photo.*

Militia support is provided by Sgt M. Anderson who maintains the Patricia presence in Barrie with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters, while Capt M. Hodgson assists Militia units on Base as the head of the Militia Training Center. Sgts B. Tasco and E. Simpson are employed as the watchful eyes of Base Range Control, as MWO B. Betteridge and WO J. Turbide greet visiting Patricias from the halls of the Canadian Forces Nuclear, Biological and Chemical School. Finally, the largest number of Patricias are employed at the Canadian Forces Leadership Academy. Specifically, WOs B. Laws and N. Bynkoski instruct in Senior Leader Company, and Sgt E. Larabie, WO J. Bishop and Capt W. Semianiw are employed in Junior Leader Company.



*Borden Patricias share a few memories.*



*Sgt E. Simpson with a few words of wisdom at his retirement luncheon.*

Activities for 1987 were varied and kept the Regimental members busy. Notwithstanding the informal gatherings by Patricias throughout the year, March 17 festivities were conducted in the usual manner — a luncheon — and the year ended with a retirement luncheon for Sgt E. Simpson after 32 years of dedicated service to the Regiment.

Borden Patricias look forward to 1988 and all that it promises. Rest assured, the Regimental Spirit is burning strong in the sea of green at CFB Borden.



## TORONTO AREA

by LCol M.H. McMurray

Greetings from the land of the "Big Smoke" (that means Toronto for the uninitiated) and all Patricias serving in this part of the world. Patricias are inhabiting a variety of establishments here, but our main employer is Central Militia Area (CMA). The senior serving Patricia is Colonel John Almstrom, Chief of Staff CMA and newly arrived in July of 1987. Also new to the Toronto area are: MCpl M.E. Hannan (with QOR of C — Moss Park); Sgt G.W. Brooks (with A Coy Lorne Scots — Oakville); Sgt M.E.J. Anderson (B Coy Grey and Simcoe Forresters — Barrie); Capt J.G.H. Wiegand (with QOR of C — Moss Park); Capt J.D. Waddell (48th Highlanders — Moss Park); and Capt D.M. Day (Toronto Scottish — Fort York). Maj M.J. Goodspeed, another new face in the RSS world, joined HQ CMA as the G3 in July 1987 after a year of enlightenment at the Staff College in Toronto. Notably, almost half of the 28 Patricias on RSS duty in Ontario serve in Metropolitan Toronto, the remainder are spread from Ottawa to Kingston to Sudbury to Hamilton and Windsor. All share in the frustrations and in the satisfaction of improving our Militia.

We who are not on RSS, also serve. Patricia strongholds exist at the Toronto Recruiting Centre (Capt Z.A. Stasiewicz and Sgt D.W. Fry) and at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College (yours truly, and Maj M.J. Diakow, Maj C.L. Corry, Maj D.J. Pentney and Maj R.E. Thompson).

Sgt Paul Strong (promoted to that rank on 1 Jan 88) continues his quest for excellence in 12 km cross-country running competition. In 1987 he placed 7th in the CF Nationals and 46th in the Canadian National Championship. In February 88 he will take part in the World Cross-Country trials in Victoria, B.C.

Leaving Regimental duty is not the end of the world and we gather the Regimental family periodically to maintain and enlarge our friendships. On 14 Oct 87 the PPCLI Association (Toronto) hosted Mr. George Hees, MP, Minister of Veterans Affairs to a Fall Dinner in the Staff College Officers' Mess. Retired and serving members of all ranks of the Regiment and their ladies, attended in numbers that reached 82. Our next gatherings are planned for March 17 and May 7.

We of the 'Army of the East — Toronto' wish you all good fortune and the opportunity to serve in the big city on your next ERE tour!

## PATRICIAS — STRENGTH OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE

BY Captain G.J. Burton

We are few, but have the power of many. Who are We? The Patricias of the SSF. The Patricias of the SSF, you say? Don't you mean 2 Commando? No, we are the not-so-silent minority here in Petawawa, without whom the Force would just wander the Arctic or Norway aimlessly, wondering where to go, what to eat, when and how its ammunition would be delivered and, most important of all, wondering what the new orders of D.E.U. dress are and how to do drill with the new rifles.

Our leader, BGen K.R. Foster, and his sidekick the Force Sergeant Major, CWO J.M. Clarke, together led the Force to victory defending Canada during Ex LIGHTNING STRIKE '87 in the Eastern Arctic. Demonstrating great flexibility the Force transformed into a mechanized brigade with the help of the US 1/58 Infantry battalion during Ex RV '87, and easily annihilated the enemy (Cdn AB Regt) during the Div FTX. Further triumphs were experienced in Suffield at the Field Firing Centre. Mr. Clarke unfortunately broke his leg at Wainwright in a moment of passion while remembering his Airborne Regiment Days during a Chinook jump.



*"Hurry and take the 'God damned' picture, the sun is in my eyes."*  
BGen K.R. Foster and CWO J.M. Clarke

The Force bid farewell to BGen Foster on his promotion to MGen and appointment as DComd FMC, and to Mr. Clarke on posting to NDHQ in Ottawa.

CWO E.J. Bakker joined the Force from CABC and immediately started deciphering the new dress and drill regulations, which were delivered by wheelbarrow to his office. His task in the new year of course, is to dream up all sorts of changes so the SSF can be different.



*"It was never this tight at CABC."* CWO E.J. Bakker

Also donning smocks are myself, Captain Greg Burton in HQ SSF as the Force NBC and operations training officer, and MWO W.G. Oertel, who is the CSM of Administration Company in 2 Service Battalion.

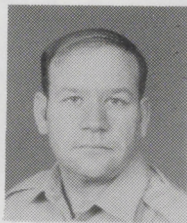
I ensure the members of the Force are trained, fed, supplied with ammunition and subjected to the gas chamber on a regular basis.



*"Gentlemen, we are the SSF."* Capt G.J. Burton



CSM Oertel has travelled from Wainwright to Norway turning tradesmen into soldiers and adding a bit of sanity to a normally mad house.



**MWO W.G. Oertel**

Last, but not least, is an honorary Patricia (a VanDoo, really), Captain 'Jed' Beaudin who, as the tasking officer, was the most hated man in the Force, but who now is the Airborne Operations staff officer and the president of the HQ SSF (E-1) jump club. Captain Beaudin served two years in 3rd Battalion and he constantly complains about the weather in Petawawa and the bad choices of champagne in the mess.

We are all looking forward to 1988 and the very exciting changes that are promised for the future.

**MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!**



*Captain Jed Beaudin (VanDoo) wishing he was back in Victoria.*



*"May the Force be with you." BGen K.R. Foster bids farewell.*

## **NDHQ AND OTTAWA AREA**

**by Captain P.B. Stogran**

The Regiment is alive and well in the Ottawa area and PPCLI representation at NDHQ seems to grow each year. Our present strength is over fifty officers and NCOs. Several other officers are support staff with the Militia, and still more Patricia NCOs are employed extra-regimentally in the Ottawa area. This made for a good turnout at the numerous Regimental activities of the past year.

The highlight of every month is the regular Patricia luncheon at the Army Ottawa Officers' mess. Well, one could call it a luncheon, but it never makes it into the dining room. It is an ideal opportunity to get away from the office to reminisce about the

"good ol' times" in the battalion, or for some informal career planning. If any Patricias are visiting Ottawa, and your visit coincides with the first Thursday of the month, drop by the Army Ottawa Officers' Mess. You may be surprised who you meet at the bar in 'The Stables.'

A traditional March celebration was held in Ottawa, complete with fierce competition and kindred spirit. Broom-i-loo had the senior officers pitted against the junior officers and non-commissioned members. The final score was close, but the health and enthusiasm of youth paid off with victory for the junior officer / NCM team. The game was followed by a reception in the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa Officers' Mess. The mixed formal dinner at the Army Ottawa Officers' Mess that evening was attended by over fifty people, which is representative of the close relationship between serving Patricias and their Association counterparts in Ottawa. The food was outstanding and the camaraderie well received.

The first official gathering of APS 87 was the PPCLI Meet and Greet on 10 September. Imaginative scheduling had the Meet and Greet for Regimental Officers concurrent with that of the Army Ottawa Officers' Mess, and several tables were reserved for PPCLI members and their guests. Consequently a healthy feast and dancing music was laid on. It was an opportunity to make new or renew old acquaintances with Regimental officers newly posted to the "Puzzle Palace." The evening was most enjoyable.

Our happy little hideaway in Central Canada was descended on by the Commanding Officers and assorted other senior Patricias for the annual Merit Board and Infantry Conference. This made for a particularly lively Thursday lunch in 'The Stables.' It seemed that the meetings were extremely demanding, which made it necessary for the members to carry the luncheon on through the afternoon to let off some steam.

In addition to the normal Remembrance Day activities in Ottawa, the Regiment holds a memorial service annually at the PPCLI Cairn in Lansdowne Park. This service is hosted by the Ottawa Branch of the Association. Again for those Patricias visiting Ottawa, you may be interested in this historic monument of particular significance to the Regiment. It is located by the east end of the Civic Centre and commemorates the founding of the Regiment in 1914 in Ottawa. As is the trend for Regimental activities in the area, the service was well attended by serving Patricias, members of the PPCLI Association and their families. MGen Hewson addressed the gathering, giving a brief review of the training and operational activities that our battalions have been involved in during the past year. Our former Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel "Suds" Sutherland, gave the memorial address. In traditional PPCLI fashion, the service was followed by several hours of socializing, with a buffet laid on by the wives of the members of the PPCLI Association.

## **NORTHERN ONTARIO**

Since I last wrote, we Patricias of the North have survived yet another winter in Northern Ontario! You wouldn't believe how difficult it can be to put up a beach umbrella in a howling blizzard but we must keep up appearances, what?

The Thin Grey Line of the North has recently been reinforced: Capt Dave Banks and Cpl Dale Nice are fighting the good fight of RSS in Sudbury and Thunder Bay, and now Sgt Fred Bowers is packing them in at the North Bay Recruiting Centre. The North Flank is secure!

Although we are not as numerous as our brothers to the South (Patricias of the Eatons' Centre), rest assured that the Regiment is well represented here, just below the treeline. We are planning a Broom-i-loo game by correspondence for the March festivities.

Visit us sometime if your dogsled breaks down between Winnipeg and Gagetown.



## PATRICIAS A VALCARTIER

by Capt Steve Yuzwak

Voici l'histoire de la faction du PPCLI à Québec. Nous comprenons le Capitaine Malcolm "Où sommes-nous?" Bruce, le Capitaine Steve "Allemagne s.v.p." Yuzwak et le Sous-lieutenant John "Jean-Guy" Gri.

Malcolm, anciennement du 3 PPCLI, est maintenant le commandant du peloton anti-char au deuxième bataillon R22eR. Steve, anciennement du 1 PPCLI, et John, anciennement "no fixed address," volent les pupitres à l'école des langues à Valcartier. En été 1988, Malcolm sera muté au QGFC à Ottawa, Steve sera un des chefs du café au QG FMC, et John espère être muté aux Vandoos. A bientôt! Je me souviens.

### Translation

Here are some stores. Does this elevator understand German? Malcolm is old in command. Steve and John stole their desks. I remember.



PPCLI MAFIA, VALCARTIER BRANCH  
2Lt J. Gri, Capt M.D. Bruce, Capt S.G. Yuzwak

## QUEBEC REGION PATRICIAS REPORT FROM FMCHQ (RHQ EAST)

by Capt N.A. Kaduck

From an Army of the West point of view, FMC Headquarters has always seemed a little like the CPR — another all-powerful monopoly run for the benefit of Central Canadians. And like the CPR, it's been a great outlet for our frustrations. We knew we could always blame our troubles on FMCHQ because no one from the Regiment worked there anyway.

In 1987, though, SACPM (Supreme Allied Commander Patricia Mafia) launched an audacious plan to change all that. With the stroke of a posting message, a wave of elite Patricia Stafftruppen was launched against an unsuspecting Army Headquarters. Their mission: to seize the centres of power, to root out pockets of Royal and VanDoo resistance and generally to boldly go where few Patricias had gone before.

So far the operation has been a brilliant success. After seizing the vital ground (coffee machines) and infiltrating our operatives into such key positions as DComd (MGen Foster), DCOS Res (Col Kempling), SSO Inf (LCol Calvin) and SSO Pers Svcs (LCol Romses), the Patricia paper-warriors have swamped the opposition with a torrent of memos, staff notes and make-work projects. Meanwhile, a high-powered "Hearts and Minds" campaign has been put into gear, with the aim of building regimental esprit-de-corps and converting the natives to the Patricia cause.



French Grey Cup Action at the St-Brunodrome.

The first event of this campaign was a meet-and-greet in early October. Attendance, bolstered by the appearance of our agents in RSS Montreal and the Language School, approached one hundred per cent. Even the PPCLI battalion at BFC Saint-Jean was represented by MCpl Ferron. It must have been a good event, as Col Kempling and Maj Liggett were still telling war stories two hours after the bar closed.

This event also marked the "coming out" of some of our undercover Patricias — those who have changed cap badges but remained faithful to the One True Regiment. So far we have added a C Scot R Highlander (Maj Liggett), half of the FMC Int Section (LCol O'Leary, WO Moug, Cpl Mitchell), an ex-1PP Maint O (Capt Faulkner), and CFB Montreal's senior PERI (WO Latreille) to our growing list of the faithful.

November saw another gathering of the clans as Capt Phil Cook hosted the French Grey Cup festivities. Before a huge crowd of wives and offspring, the Young Guys team, bolstered by a ringer from Valcartier, battled the Old Guys to a thrilling finish. Victory was within our grasp, but the killer instinct was softened by our immense respect for the elderly and we decided to let the senior Patricias win one.

The last major event of the year was a dinner in December to honour Col J.S.H. Kempling on his retirement. The meal was excellent and the speeches brief. As a parting gift Col Kempling was presented with a book containing congratulatory messages not only from all over the country but from Australia, the U.S.A. and Germany as well. I am sure he will cherish the gifts and memories a long time — or at least until he gets his final mess bill.

In summary, war histories of the future will proclaim that the Patricia invasion of FMCHQ in 1987 was a major success. We may not have complete control of the decision-making process yet, but we definitely have shown those other regiments how to have a good time. And with plans already afoot for several major events in 1988, we'll continue to do so.

However, let's not get complacent about this. If we're to have a good regimental organization we need one thing more — and that's volunteers. So forget all those stories about sixty-per-cent tax rates, miserable weather and insane drivers. Call your career manager *today* and tell him, "I want to go to Montreal." When he recovers from the shock, he'll cut a posting message and you'll be on your way. In fact, if you act quickly you might even find someone here who'd be willing to trade jobs and go back to a battalion; so don't delay. The PPCLI Mafia needs YOU!





**QUEBEC AREA PATRICIAS**

*Rear Row (left to right): Capt N.A. Kaduck, WO D. McArdle, Cpl D. Mitchell, Capt C.J. Wallace, Capt R. Saunders, Capt S. MacDonald. Middle row: WO R. Moug, WO G. Smith, MCpl D. Ferron, Capt I. Creighton, WO R. Thibeu, Capt E. Giraldeau, Capt K. Orr, WO J.E.R. Latreille, Sgt J.L. Portenace. Front row: CWO G. Arndt, Capt K. Frederickson, LCol R. Romses, Col J.S.H. Kempling, MGen K. Foster, Maj W. Liggett, Capt G. Vida, Capt P. Cook.*

*Not available for photo: (Montreal area) LCol T. Calvin, LCol P. O'Leary, Maj S. Tymchuk, Maj L. Bailey, Capt K. Faulkner, MWO A. Comeau, MCpl J.D.S. Lalonde.*

## THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION — 1987

by Capt W.K. Bokovay

The Patricias at the Combat Training Centre have again set the standard for soldiering here at CFB Gagetown. 1987 has been a busy yet rewarding year for members of the French Grey Battalion. This Summer saw a large influx of "new blood," including:

Maj Schutte	Cpl Hagen
Capt Pigden	Cpl Arsenaault
Capt Turner	Cpl Fournier
CWO Franc	Cpl Huddleston
WO Anderson	Cpl Penny
WO Cowan	Cpl Clappison
WO McKinley	Pte Hardy
WO St. Pierre	Pte Mullin
WO Tarso	Pte Grant
Sgt Dagenais	Pte Harvey
Sgt Kelly	Pte Howlett
MCpl Buell	Pte Stevens
	Pte Koldeweike

The Battalion said farewell to many this year as WO Burke, WO Douglas, MCpl Norman and Cpl Healey made their way back to Calgary along with Capt Embree, the new boss of our Regimental Band. Capts Bagnall and Millwater reluctantly accepted postings to Germany and Jerusalem, respectively, while WO Williams and Cpl Littlejohn went to 2 CDO. WO Culleton, Cpl Smith, Cpl MacDonald, Cpl Langstaff and Cpl Decker all "emigrated" back to Victoria. Several other Patricias slipped away at various times of the year, including Cpl Longclaws who finally got his remuster. MWO Matthews decided to retire this year to a life of leisure — Best of luck, Bill!



*Beret or Forage Cap? You be the judge . . .*



*How's the weather up there, WO McNaughton?*





*MWO (Ret'd) Matthews receiving his certificate just prior to his promotion/retirement.*



*Bill Matthews with his "retirement slump smile." Good luck, Bill!*

Last but not least, our CO, Col Ashton, departed in December for a tour in London, England. LCol Dallison now assumes command of the Battalion.



*WO Burke on posting to 1 PPCLI.*



*French Grey Officers dining with some special guests.*

Regimental activities have kept us on our toes again this year with Happy Hours occurring every couple of months as well as Officers' Luncheons that are organized by our PMC, Jim MacDonald. Noteworthy was the Kapyong gathering complete with Saki in May and the Regimental Birthday Luncheon attended by Col Sutherland, MGen Pitts and MGen Hewson in August during the Summer Graduation festivities. Most of these functions are also attended by Mr. Jamie Reid and members of the local PPCLI Association whose support has been tremendous this year.



*Cpl McGrath on posting.*



*Cpl Macdonald was posted back to 3rd Bn.*



*Cpl Langstaff on posting back to Victoria.*



*Broom-i-loo '87 — A little readjustment of the net!*





*Who said you needed a stick to play Broom-i-loo?*



*Capt Paul Mulhall contemplating a career move.*



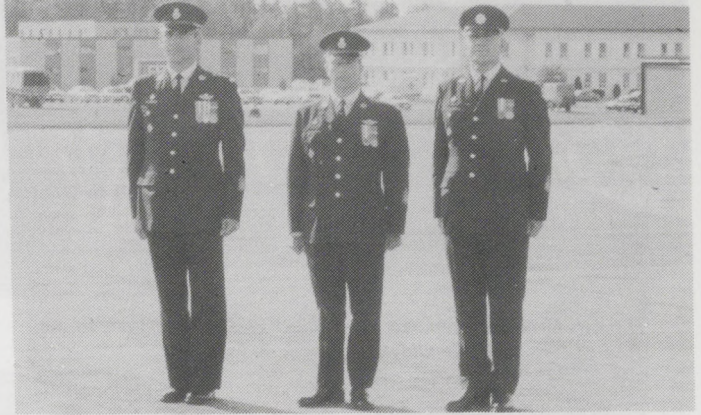
*Your Patrician PR man ready for mortal combat.*

Regimental Day was celebrated in grand style with the usual "no holds barred" Broom-i-loo game and reception held at Gagetown in mid-March. MWO Ellis and the Patricias at CFRC Cornwallis extended an invitation for us to go and celebrate with them as well so we loaded the buses and took the show on the road a



*Col Ashton accepting the "Horse's Ass" trophy (again) from CWO Hamilton on behalf of the Officer's Broom-i-loo team.*

week later. The Cornwallis crew hosted a great weekend of activities, including the traditional games and a dinner/dance party. This particular gathering really brought home the significance of the "Regimental Family" to all those who attended.



*CWOs Franc and Hamilton with an unidentified Royal who always wanted to be a Patrician.*

With the amount of training being conducted at CTC these days, familiar faces are common. Many Patrician officers have been here for a visit this year on the IOC and those attending career and advanced courses conducted at the Infantry School have really bolstered the number of Patricians "in house" here at any given time.



*WO Flowers, 2 PPCLI, was the top candidate on the QL7 course.*



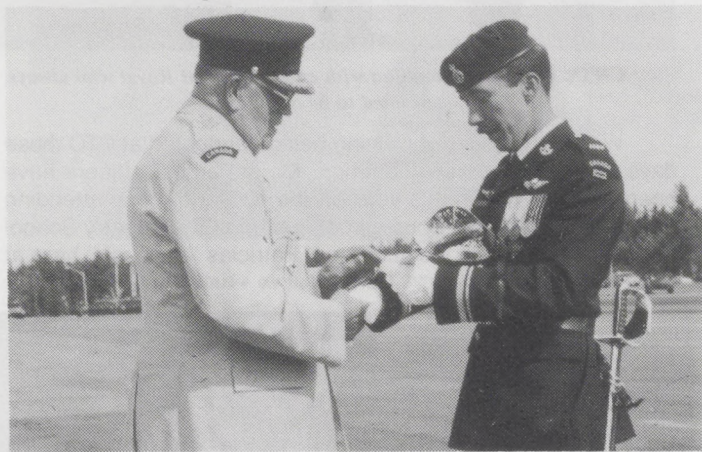
*WO Mole dealing with priorities at the QL-7 Mess Dinner.*

A special mention goes to WO Flowers (2nd Bn) for graduating as Top Candidate on the QL7 Course and to MCpl Primmer (1st Bn) who was the best student on the Sniper Course.





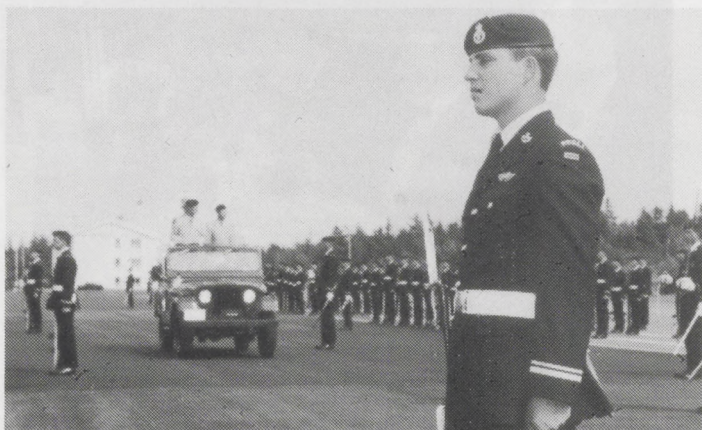
*Lt J.P. Decoste commands the summer graduation parade as the Top Candidate on Phase IV Infantry.*



*Lt Decoste receives the Allard Sword from Gen Allard.*



*Graduation inspection with LGen Fox and the LGov of N.B.*



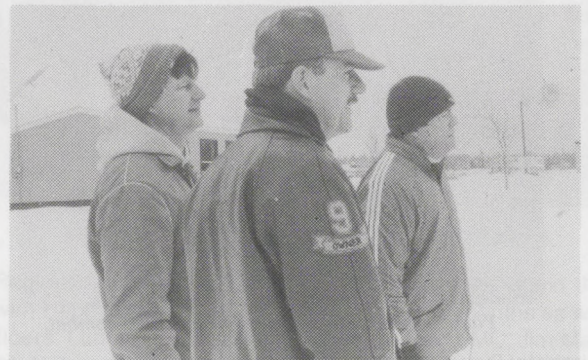
*"Good thing they're driving instead of walking . . ."*

Lt J.P. Decoste was the Top Candidate on Phase IV of the Basic Infantry Officer Course this summer and, as such, he commanded the Graduation Parade which was reviewed by LGen Fox and the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick — Mr. George Stanley. Col Sutherland welcomed 20 new officers into the Regiment this summer with nine each going to Victoria and Calgary and two joining 2 PPCLI in Germany.



*WO Maloney waiting for Christmas leave.*

At the time of writing this article, the snow is just beginning to pile up again for the winter. Members of the French Grey Battalion wish all Patricias the best for 1988 and everyone is encouraged to get "plugged in" to Regimental activities whenever you find yourselves in Gagetown. VP.



*Farewell to Col Ashton . . . LCol Dallison assumes command of the French Grey Battalion.*



*Colonel Sutherland and MGen Pitts welcome the new officers to the Regiment.*



# PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



## CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL, CANADIAN FORCES BASE CORNWALLIS

by Capt S.R. Gallant  
MWO J.D. Ellis  
WO G. Lovett



Once again the Patricia bastion in the East (that's not Gagetown!) has had a good year at CFRS Cornwallis. With 24 Patricias here, the Regiment is well represented — by a host of interesting characters!

The year has seen some well deserved promotions including Sgts Davies, Morley and Griffin. Recently the first CREW graduates were sent off after receiving excellent Patricia instruction from OC B Coy. To the gunners — you're welcome; for the PPCLI Battle School we should be getting our first infantry CREW recruits soon — STAND TO!

In October of 87, Sgt "Newfie" Best attended Ex RIC-A-DAM-DOO in Calgary as a prelude to his retirement in 1988. Sgt Best reported all is well at RHQ and preparations for the 75th in 1989 are going full-bore. New uniforms are in vogue here at CFRS and it only takes four hours to put on all the buttons and bows. Nice color though!

The Cornwallis Patricia's hosted those from Gagetown for the March 17 festivities. Broom-i-loo was a close battle which Gagetown won on a penalty basis. Protest is still pending!

Col B.W. Ashton read messages from the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment at a social later in the evening. A buffet and dance ensured a good time was had by all. On 10 August the Patricias were once again on parade, this time to raise the Regimental flag over CFB Cornwallis. A little class never hurt anyone!

As this article goes to press, the Career Manager has concluded his visit. Morale seems to be about 50/50 on the posting plot — you see, CFRS is really a good place to work, but a well kept secret! For any Patricias passing through, stop in for lobster and a drink of swish — those in the East will understand!



**CFRS CORNWALLIS PPCLI REGTL DAY  
17 MARCH 1987**

*MWO Jim Ellis marching on the Patricias to raise the Camp Flag over CFB Cornwallis. Leading the parade are (from left to right): Sgt "Newfie" Best, MWO Jack Paul and Sgt (Ret'd) John MacIsaac.*



*Sgt Best and the Colonel of the Regiment during Ex RIC-A-DAM-DOO 1987.*



**CFRS CORNWALLIS PPCLI STAFF PHOTO  
19 DECEMBER 1987**

*Front row (left to right): WO Sirois, MWO Ellis, Capt Gallant, WO Lovett, WO Blades. Back row: MCpl Lewis, MCpl Kenney, Sgt Tombu, MCpl*

*Black, Sgt Ranisavljevic, Sgt Davis, Sgt Morley, MCpl Arsenault, MCpl Whelan, MCpl Skelton, MCpl Rochon, MCpl Decoste, Sgt Griffin.*





**17 MARCH 1987**  
*Broom-i-loo CFRS Cornwallis vs. CTC Gagetown who won.*



*Sgt Davis recruiting Sect Comds for the Crew Trials.*

## VANCOUVER BRANCH

by W.E. (Larry) Harrington

The high point for the Branch each year is the 17th March Dinner. This year's was one of the best ever with 87 ladies and gentlemen sitting to a well laid-on dinner in the Jericho WOs and Sgts' Mess. In April we honoured the Battle of Kapyong, April 24/25, 1951 with a social evening. We expect now to mark this uniquely Patricia victory annually. In June, some 20 of us made the voyage across to Victoria for the National Annual Meeting to enjoy the Victoria Branch hospitality and a most successful meeting with the adoption of the "new" Constitution.

The yearly Reno-Bar-be-cue Nite in the fall was well attended, and the pagans found the games reasonably rewarding. For the second year the Branch held a Stag Night Dinner. This is an evening of good food, drink and comradeship. Tommy Thompson, that worthy veteran of Sicily and Ortona days, gave a most educational discourse on the art of patrolling (from the view of the guys that have to do 'em), illustrated by flashes of Herbie and Bill Maudlin's "Willie and Joe."

Branch membership at year end was 114. The executive for 1988 is Les Basham, President; Wayne Mitchell, Vice-President; Noel Butcher, Secretary; D.I.T. Roe, Treasurer; and Andy Foulds, Don Urquhart and George Wilson, executive members.



**OLD PATRICIAS TELL SOME OLD TALES**  
*Left to right: WO Tom Wallace, MCpl Casey, MWO Jim Sheppard, MWO Jack Paul and MWO Jim Ellis.*



**FLAG RAISING — 10 AUGUST 1987 — CFRS CORNWALLIS**  
*Left to right: Capt Gallant, MWO Ellis, WO Sirois, Sgt Ranisavljevic, Sgt Morley, MCpl Lewis, Sgt Griffin, WO Lovett and Sgt Carr.*

## UK BRANCH

by H.W. Lindsay

The annual dinner to commemorate "Frezenberg Day" was held at Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London, SW 1, on 6th May, 1987.

The company comprised forty members and guests. Once again we had the honour of having with us the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, The Right Honourable, Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CD, JP, DL, who gave us a most interesting account of her recent visit to the Regiment in Canada.

Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar, M.R., F.R.I.C.S., D.L., our Patron and son of Lady Patricia Ramsay, was also present with his wife, The Right Honourable, The Lady Saltoun.

After dinner, we were entertained with a World War Two film, shot on Godstone, where the First Battalion was stationed for some months. It brought back several nostalgic memories to those of us who were there at the time.

In our efforts to contact new members, we have located Mr. Len Davies, who served in the Italian Campaign of World War Two. We look forward to seeing him at our gathering next year.

We also have to report the loss of Lieut. Col. W.J. Macdougald, DSO, a World War Two veteran, and Lieut. Col. T.L.C. Pierce-Goulding, an honorary member who served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Suitable tributes were sent by the Branch.





## THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

### 1st ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

The 1RGJ contribution to the Newsletter in 1986 was written in Northern Ireland as the Battalion was in the throes of packing up and returning to Tidworth, after a very short notice four-month tour. This year is different — we are about to depart from Osnaburck in West Germany for a short notice four-month tour of Northern Ireland! More news to follow when we return in November.

The Battalion left Tidworth in January 1987 where we had spent three happy, busy years and took over Mercer Barracks in Osnaburck from the Green Howards. The Barracks is a mix of single story temporary built accommodation blocks, large garages for our vehicles and some modern stores. The original buildings were erected to house the Army of Occupation after the last war and it was not envisaged that they would last for more than 10 - 15 years. Forty years later we are still here! Inside the barrack blocks, a transformation has occurred and the accommodation is modern, comfortable and spacious — a great difference from Tidworth.

This year began in earnest with training for the Mortar Platoon, the Anti Tank Platoon and the Recce Platoon. The skills are basically the same all over the world; however, Mechanized Warfare poses its own problems (firing the mortar from within the APC) so the support platoons required their own specialist conversion training. Meanwhile the rest were becoming acquainted with the "Tin Beasts" — some of the very old remembered them from Celle in 1974 but the vast majority had never seen them before. Life took a different tone with oily coveralls and "Swarfega" being prominent. At the end of April, the whole battlegroup travelled by road and rail to the Soltau Training Area for our first taste of living, breathing and thinking Mechanization. We had some excellent training and even the weather was marvellous. Halfway through, the news about our emergency tour to N. Ireland was given by the Commanding Officer to a hushed by stoical audience. From that moment until the time of writing, our full attention has been on N. Ireland training. Three weeks at the Northern Ireland Training Team's mercy at Senalager, two weeks in Barracks and the surrounding country, a spot of leave and then back to South Armagh. Battalion Headquarters and Three Rifle Companies will be deployed in the Province by Sunday 19 July. We hope to return in November.

On the sporting and social side, the soccer and hockey teams have cleaned up in the Divisional and British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) Championships. The Tug o' War Team has done well to win through to the Army Finals and our runners have been prominent in all the local leagues and competitions. Not many of

the Riflemen have had much chance to meet any local girls; however, give them a few weeks over Christmas and the New Year and there is no doubt that a number of them will find delightful German wives.

Afternote: It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Lance Corporal Thomas Hewitt, B Company, was shot and killed whilst on operational duties in the village of Beleek, County Fermanagh. He was murdered by a terrorist gunman on Sunday 19 July, having been in the Province for under a week. His wife and family live near Carlisle and our deepest sympathy goes out to them.

### 2nd ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

The 2nd Battalion is approaching the half way mark of its two year tour as the Infantry Demonstration Battalion based, next to the School of Infantry, at Warminster. As Demonstration Battalion, our primary function is to support the various courses and demonstrations run by the School of Infantry. Since these courses and demonstrations cover both the mechanized and non-mechanized roles and functions of the infantry, the organization of the Battalion is unique. In meeting the various commitments at the School of Infantry, Companies and individual riflemen are tasked to undertake a great variety of roles. Not only is this of benefit in increasing the knowledge and experience of those involved but essential if the repetition of the various courses and demonstrations is not to lead to boredom and over familiarity with the task at hand.

While our programme has been largely dominated by the requirements of the School of Infantry, we have still found the time and scope to organize our own internal training. On the military side we spent a week in April firing the Annual Personal Weapon Test. Using the new rifle SA 80, for the first time, we finished up with the pleasing result of having 60 per cent of those who had fired achieving the Marksman standard. Based on these results, individuals were selected to represent the Battalion at the South West District Skill at Arms Meeting at which we carried off the bulk of the prizes and in the process qualified to shoot at Bisley. A very successful and popular Combat Survival Cadre was also held in April; it was memorable for the assortment of live rations given to the students, in lieu of standard rations, during the final exercise. In May and June we managed to hold a Standard 2 Signals Cadre and, at the end of June, the annual in-



ter platoon competition for the Bramall Trophy took place.

On the sporting side, our football team has a very successful season reaching the semi-finals of the Army Cup, winning the South West District Football Cup and the very competitive Warminster Hospital Cup. We have two Army novices boxing champions as well as a combined services boxer. We also boast the United Kingdom Sukokai Karate Champion as well as the Captain of Army Cricket.

On the extramural side and of historical interest was the re-running of the Officers versus Sergeants Mess 20 Mile Challenge. In 1906, the Officers' Mess of the Second Battalion 60th Rifles (King's Royal Rifle Corps), then stationed in India, challenged the Sergeants' Mess to a 20 mile race in full marching order, a weight of approximately 50 pounds. The race was duly run and, on that occasion, the Officers' Mess won and as a memento, very sportingly donated a silver cup to the Sergeants' Mess team to commemorate the event. The cup remained with the King's Rifle Corps until 1966, when the Royal Green Jackets were formed and has since graced the table, on many formal occasions, in the Sergeants' Mess of the Second Battalion. A newly appointed President of the Sergeants' Mess Committee, having decided that the loser's cup represented a slur on the honour of the Mess, challenged the officers to a re-run of the 20 mile race, again in full battle order, but this time on Salisbury Plain. The race was run on a wet, blustery day in February and on this occasion the Sergeants' Mess won and the Officers' Mess reluctantly accepted the cup they had presented 81 years previously.

Amongst our many distinguished visitors this year, we have been pleased to welcome The Colonel Commandant of The Light Division, Maj-Gen De La Billiere, The Representative Colonel Commandant The Royal Green Jackets, Gen Sir James Glover and our own newly appointed Colonel Commandant Lt-Gen Sir David Ramsbotham. We were particularly pleased to see Lt Col Baskerville and Maj Rayment from The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada who spent two days with the Battalion renewing old Regimental affiliations. We were to have welcomed Maj-Gen Giles to lunch in May with a view to discussing the details of a forthcoming planned expedition to North America. However, this was not to be. On the appointed day, just as all the officers were assembling in the Mess to greet General Giles, the Commanding Officer turned to the two officers who had been tasked with arranging General Giles' visit to confirm when he was arriving only to discover that, despite all their homework in arranging a day for the visit, neither had actually remembered to invite General Giles! Such is the pace of life at Warminster.

### 3rd ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

The beginning of the year found the 3rd Battalion preparing to return to the United Kingdom after a five year tour in Germany as part of the British Army of the Rhine. After a hectic training year in 1986 which involved a Battle Group live firing exercise at the British Army Training Unit Suffield in Alberta in Western Canada, followed by a Divisional Exercise in Germany; we were determined to make the most of the last few months in Germany. Apart from attending to the mundane chores of preparing for the handover, over 200 soldiers managed to get away for two weeks skiing in the Bavarian Alps on the Harz Mountains. Small parties of eight or ten officers and soldiers managed to organize adventure training exercises, one to Nepal trekking in the Himalayas, which included playing a game of elephant polo, and one to the

Inca Trail in the Peruvian Andes. A group of six officers, which included the Commanding Officer, organized the first regimental tobogganing race on the famous Cresta Run at St. Moritz in Switzerland. Much to the annoyance of the remainder, the CO won it!

However, it was not all play. Our Bugle Platoon, who are equipped with the General Purpose Machine Gun in the Sustained Fire Role, won the British Army on the Rhine (BAOR) Machine Gun Cup for the fifth year in a row, a unique achievement. A small parade was held in our Garrison town of Celle to mark our departure. A Band Concert followed by a reception in both Messes was held to say goodbye to our German friends. This was a doubly sad occasion as it marked the last time, for a while, that we would have our own Band, who have been posted to join the 1st Battalion.

By the end of March, the Battalion had all arrived safely in our new station in Colchester, Essex. We are now part of 19 Infantry Brigade which, although based in England, has an operational role in Germany. No sooner had we arrived here than many of us were returning to Germany for reconnaissances and Command Post Exercises. Any thought that life back in England would be a pleasant rest after serving in Germany was quickly dispelled. May was a frantic month of company training, shooting competitions and exercises. A Company deployed to Jamaica for a month on an overseas exercise to train in the jungle while the remainder of the Battalion played host to C Company, 1st Battalion, The Jamaica Regiment. Both Companies enjoyed their exercises, although, predictably, C Company shivered in the wettest June in England for many years while A Company enjoyed unusually hot weather in Jamaica. July found us preparing to deploy anywhere in the world as part of the standby Spearhead Group. At the time of writing we are training for service in Northern Ireland in case we should be sent there in an emergency.

One of the highlights of the year, since our return to England, was a Massed Bands Display in early June on Horseguards Parade by the four bands of the Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets who together comprise the Light Division. The salute was taken on successive nights by the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Green Jackets, General Sir James Glover, HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother as Colonel-in-Chief of the Light Infantry, and HRH Princess Alexandra.

In July, we said goodbye to Captain John Turner who has been our Exchange Officer from the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for the last two years, and his wife, Amelia. We shall miss them both and wish them well. However, we are just about to receive an officer from the Royal Australian Regiment on a four month exchange attachment. Lieutenant Mark Windus is the lucky platoon commander chosen to go to Australia. We are also sending Lieutenant Aubyn Stewart-Wilson to help umpire a Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment exercise in Malaya in October, so the affiliations with Commonwealth Regiments continue to take practical form.

Looking to the future, the Battalion sends a reinforced company group to the Falkland Islands for a four month tour during the South Atlantic Summer. The Battalion is only staying in Colchester for two years before going abroad again, this time for a two year tour in Gibraltar in the autumn of 1988.



## 4th ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

January 1987 is a milestone in the history of 4 RGJ for three reasons.

Firstly, with the shedding of the Oxford and Aylesbury Companies to the newly constituted 5 RGJ, 4 RGJ is now truly London's Volunteer Rifle Regiment. Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company remain in Davies Street and company locations are now in Putney, The City, Mile End Road and West Ham.

Secondly, Lieutenant Colonel N.A. Johnson, TD, has taken over command and he is the first TA Commanding Officer for over thirteen years.

Thirdly, the Battalion has been incorporated into the new 56 London Brigade.

This is a new training Brigade formed within London District and comprising the five Foot-Guards Battalions plus 10 Bn The Parachute Regiment and ourselves, an interesting mix. The Brigade derives its name and number from the famous London 56 Infantry Division of the First World War. When raised, that Division included the Queen Victoria Rifles, the Queens Westminsters and the London Rifle Brigade, all of which are now incorporated with 4 RGJ so the wheel of progress goes around, but some things never seen to change.

In late January the Battalion competed in the London District Cross Country Championships. Although the team was not first, spirited performances were evident from all team members and in particular, Lt Frank Gardner who was second in the individual placings.

February saw an early return of Battalion Headquarters to BAOR to take part in the old favourite "Ex HURST PARK." This offered us all the opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with members of 12 Armoured Brigade who are our operational brigade grouping.

On the weekend of 28 Feb - 1 March the Battalion Inter Section Competition was held. This proved to be a demanding test of section military skills and fine performances were put up by all the teams. The overall winners were from C Company. The competition provided a good testing ground for the section teams to compete in the annual Courage Trophy Competition. Our B Company team was second in the event and we also won the Falling Plate Competition.

In April we held the Battalion Rifle Meeting at Hythe and Lydd. This was a close fought competition between B and C Companies. The winning team was decided with a falling plate match and the honour went to B Company.

On 25 April we gained a new City Drill Hall and named it Holderness House in recognition of Colonel Richard Holderness' 25 years service to the Regiment as Honorary Colonel. This was a very happy event, and the building was officially opened by Colonel and Alderman Greville Spratt who is soon to be initiated as the next Lord Mayor of London.

In late May the Light Division organized a Battle Field Tour

of some of the Normandy Battles. We followed the progress of both Light Infantry and Rifle Regiments including our 'own' 8 RB the old London Rifle Brigade. The Commanding Officer acted as a 'Directing Staff' for a number of the battles and Lt Christopher Drake from the 4th Battalion joined about 50 other subalterns from the Division for the tour. It was a great success and DS and students alike came home having learned a great deal of the reality of warfare.

June brought the first Battalion Exercise and this was organized on Dartmoor. The exercise was physically and mentally demanding; the former made even more so by the appalling weather conditions, with driving rain and high winds characterizing the whole weekend.

The period ended on a social and sporting high with the Officers' Mess Summer Dance and the Light Division Regatta at Seaview Isle of Wight.

## 5th ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Life of a Regular in the Territorial Army is rather like a Science Fiction novel, on one of those tales which plays with the idea of different "time continua," moving backwards and forwards through history and the future. There are two temporal continua in the TA, and one of those is variable. The permanent staff live in a temporal system in which times goes by at an ever-increasing rate. In the other continuum, time passes unpredictably at any rate between the speed of light and absolute zero, and only occasionally at the same rate as the permanent staff time continuum. The effect of all this, as experienced TA hands will know, is that it is quite an art to make the right things happen at the right time!

Well, gentle reader, if you're still with it, read on and pick up the latest about 5 RGJ. First, our strength: it is tempting to quote the PAMPAS computer, but there is the old adage of lies, damned lies and statistics. Suffice it to assure the world that even though we have been discharging "dead-wood" our strength is increasing, and we look like achieving the increase of 100 in 1987 that was our target.

Even though the Battalion is in two distinct parts, the Rifle Company county of Buckinghamshire, and the Administrative and Support city of Oxford, there are in a funny way, three ways in which the Battalion is expanding and changing. Oxford, Aylesbury and Bletchely all have different detailed tasks to achieve the common aim of full strength companies by 1990.

Here at Oxford, where there is a great emphasis on change as well as expansion, life is, frankly, not easy. Some departments are flourishing; MT is training drivers, and the medical section, driven by Sgt Toohey, late 4 RGJ, now RAMC, and a professional ambulance man, is thriving. The Signals Platoon has got their first three men through the Standard 1 course at Warminster with a second batch attending in July, and the Fitter Section is finding fitters all over the country. Curiously, the high visibility platoons, the Recce and Milan, are swimming in deep waters



and initial hopes of early development of skills have receded slightly. Coordination of the disparate platoons and departments is a corporate skill that is taking time to learn, with Major Ian Thomas remaining firmly committed to driving the Headquarters cart out of the jungle.

Aylesbury has a different egg to hatch, the High Wycombe chick. The plan formed last year was for the High Wycombe company, A Company, to form after Camp 87, and that is a plan that is still on course. TAVRA are going to beautify the ACF site at High Wycombe (infuriatingly in the carpark of the old TA centre) with two Portacabins, which should just last the expected two and a half years to completion of the new ex-RTR/AAC. Currently 2 i/c D Company, is OC A (Des). Captain Don Breckenridge, at the moment MTD, has been selected for the PSAO post, and the PSI, WO2 Wagstaff of 3 RGJ, has visited already. Those men who indicated that they would prefer to serve at High Wycombe have been concentrated into 16 Platoon, and will move lock, stock and rifled barrel on 1 Oct 87 after, no doubt, a good, last party at Aylesbury. In the meantime, D Company is concentrating on the Battalion JNCO cadre and upgrading. After the split, both companies will pick up the expansion reins in earnest.

The most concentration on sheer expansion has been driven by Major Bill Conroy at Bletchley. Even as the new building has risen from the mud in the Blakelands industrial estate of Milton Keynes, so has its new occupant, Letter E company, been raising itself at the Bletchely end of town.

Encouragingly not only have the men been coming in at a very satisfactory rate, but they are of a high standard as well, with an enthusiasm that continues after return from the Depot (this is a chance to mention that the support given by the Depot to recruit training is continuing and outstanding; attendance at the course there is without doubt of immense value to the Battalion as well as the individual, and returning recruits quite definitely feel that they are Green Jackets on completion of the course — which is as it should be.).

And so we head on towards our first annual camp; no great numbers are expected there; too many have done other courses, including recruit training. One of the Commanding Officers stated aims at the beginning of the year was to establish the identity of the Companies and the Battalion, and we hope to further this at camp. It is also an aim that is well on the way to being achieved, with an emphasis on relatively frequent (in the normal temporal system, that is). Battalion activities, starting with an exercise on one of the coldest nights of the year on Salisbury plain, leading up to a Battalion Cocktail Party and Sounding of Retreat, and a Battalion study weekend at Oxford. We have also been honoured with visits or attendance at functions by a battery of important guests from the Home Secretary downwards whose presence, even if they did not actually speak to every Rifleman they say, certainly gave the Adjutant, if no one else, a strong sense of role and identity.

## THE LIGHT DIVISION DEPOT WINCHESTER

The period from the start of the year until the end of June has been one of growing maturity for the new Depot. We have been lucky that the strength of the battalions has been such that the Ministry of Defence has not allowed us many Adult recruits. This has meant that the Junior leaders and Junior Soldiers have not had to compete with too many Adult platoons for scarce resources while the bugs are being ironed out of the system.

The annual allocation of Juniors is fixed. We are allowed 138 Junior Leaders who are recruited at the age of 16 and stay with us for 46 weeks of training which to all intents and purposes is one year. As their name implies, they are selected for their leadership potential, although to look at some of them you would be forced to conclude that this quality must be very, very latent.

In addition, we are allowed 216 Junior Soldiers per year, and they stay with us for 31 weeks. Because of the shorter period of training and the minimum ages which men can be sent to battalions, particularly those which are operational, these boys are recruited at a minimum age of 16½.

Depending on the forecast wastage rates in the six regular battalions, we are allowed a certain allocation of adult recruits. For the six month period up to 31 March 1987, the number was 40. For the following six month period, the allocation became 340. This fluctuation obviously caused some major administrative headaches but fortunately, we had had the breathing space at the beginning of the year. The build up to the new numbers will be complete by September, and we will then be at full strength.

Including the training which we do for the Army Air Corps, the Royal Army Pay Corps and the Territorial Army Battalions of the Light Division, we will have 750 people under training at any one time. These will be organized into 15 platoons, and 18 programmed streams which will generate an annual training requirement for approximately 40,000 teaching periods. This gets to be something of a headache. We have not found a computer programme capable of handling it and we employ Major Ron Cassidy as a "Training Adjutant" to control manually, the resources allocation problem. We are always worried lest he should trip over, knock his head and all the knowledge will fall out.

This general description has left little room for other news. The Light Division Depot is the 1987 Army Minor Unit Soccer champions about which everyone is very pleased, and the priority placed on this soldier's sport has been vindicated. The Shooting Team won all the main Minor Unit team trophies at the South East District Skill at Arms Meeting and hopes to do well at Bisley. The Free Fall Parachute Team is currently competing in the National Championships and we will report any successes next time around.

Members of Affiliated Units are very welcome to visit the new Depot. Some Units do not particularly welcome too many visitors because of the disruption it causes but as the newest barracks in the Army, we are so inundated that a few more will not make any difference!





## THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT 1987

The Royal Australian Regiment had an eventful year in 1987. The wide variety of specializations within the Battalions saw soldiers employed on tasks ranging from operational deployments to fighting bush fires and aid to the civil community.

The battalions continued to develop their specialized capabilities throughout the year. Of particular note were the battalion parachute deployments conducted by 3 RAR and the brigade mechanized exercise in which 5/7 RAR (MECH) took part. Of course, the year would not be complete without the fiercely contested sporting and inter-battalion competitions which are mentioned below.

1988 promises to be an exciting year for the Regiment on both the personnel and equipment fronts. As part of Australia's bicentennial activities, the Regiment is providing the Buckingham Palace Guard for several weeks over the Anzac Day period in April. This is the first time in many years that the Australian Army has provided the guard. The Regiment is also heavily committed to the Australia-wide Bicentennial Military Tattoo.

The new year should see the introduction of disruptive pattern uniforms, new individual load carrying equipment, the replacement rifle (Steyr: AUG1), the Minimi light support weapon, new light mortars and bullet trap grenades. It appears that 1988 will be at least as busy and rewarding as 1987.

### 1ST BATTALION

In a year full of activities and achievements for the Battalion, there were several highlights. First and foremost was the short notice deployment of a company group to the waters off Fiji on Operation Morris Dance in May. This was in response to the first of two coups in Fiji last year. Although the operation did not require the company to go ashore, it was a useful and important test of the Army's Operational Deployment Force (ODF). The Battalion was congratulated for its efforts by the Prime Minister.

The Battalion again won the Duke of Gloucester Cup for the champion section of the RAR, thus giving it the opportunity to defend its position as winner of the 1986 Cambrian Patrol Competition. A contingent travelled to the UK and finished with a silver medal.

The Battalion also won the Royal Ulster Rifle Trophy (champion battalion at shooting) for the third year running. The remainder of the year was filled with the demands of training interspersed with other varied activities such as bush fire fighting and sport.

The highlight of 1988 promises to be the celebration of the Battalion's 40th birthday with a presentation of new colours on 12 May 1988.

### 2ND / 4TH BATTALION

The Battalion concentrated on basic military skills during 1987. The two major exercises, EAGER EAGLET and SWIFT EAGLE, confirmed its ability to meet the

demands that are placed on the ODF Priority Battalion.

The Battalion also performed well in other areas, winning the North Queensland Rugby Union Grand Final and coming second in the area Australian Rules Football Competition. The Battalion also performed well in shooting during the year providing two members for the Army 'Top 50' club and also having Sgt P.J. Daly compete with the Australian team in Brunei during the year. The Battalion was also successful in cricket and tennis, completing a good year.

### 3RD BATTALION

In 1987, 3 RAR displayed that the Australian Army now has a potent parachute capability. Exercise FAR CANOPY, a deployment to a forward mounting base followed by a parachute assault to secure an airstrip, was the major activity for the year. The Battalion formed the exercise enemy for the 6 Brigade exercise DIAMOND DOLLAR and conducted a free fall insertion of the Reconnaissance Platoon and Battalion drop of over 450 personnel from eight Hercules.

Elements of the Battalion also participated in other exercises including parachute insertions at the Field Force Battle School, Queensland; the Infantry Centre in New South Wales and south Tasmania. The Battalion training programme was hectic with much interesting and varied training particularly at company level. This preparation was necessary as the Battalion's operational readiness has been upgraded to reflect its ability to deploy quickly.



## 5TH / 7TH BATTALION (MECHANIZED)

In 1987, 5/7 RAR (MECH) achieved high standards in military skills and sporting prowess. A busy year saw the Battalion involved in exercises in and outside Australia and in numerous other activities.

The inter-section military skills competition was a gruelling test of endurance conducted over 90 km in five days, with the winning section going on to represent the Battalion in the Duke of Gloucester Cup. Unit exercises culminated in the 1 Brigade live firing and battalion group exercises. During the exercise, the battalion covered approximately 40,000 km in its 81 armoured vehicles.

Personnel from the Battalion exercised in Tonga, Malaysia, UK and Hawaii at all levels from individuals to company groups. The Battalion also hosted visits from the Armed Forces of Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei and the United States.

Ceremonial activities were also important with the Battalion on display to families and friends. Fund raising activities were conducted for a local children's hospital raising \$3,400 and morale boosting visits were conducted to cheer up the patients.

The Battalion had a successful year with sports, winning competitions in rugby union, Australian Rules, swimming and basketball. Even the Pipes and Drums were busy competing in competitions in Victoria and New South Wales and hosting the State Titles. All in all, 1987 was a rewarding year.

## 6TH BATTALION

For 6 RAR, 1987 proved to be both challenging and rewarding. Elements of the Battalion had the opportunity to excel both in Australia and overseas. The Battalion also tested its capabilities in counter-insurgency and conventional exercises.

Companies from the Battalion trained at the Field Force Battle School and in Hong Kong on an exchange with 10 Bn, the Gurkha Rifles, as well as in the usual training areas. The headquarters elements also had the

opportunity to visit the U.S. to participate in a CPX which served as a preliminary exercise to the Battalion's deployment to the U.S. in 1989.

The Battalion exercise demonstrated the essentially mobile nature of modern low level infantry operations. It included a mounted battalion advance and live firing company and battalion attacks. It was followed by the brigade exercise which was highlighted by the use of the Battalions mounted, amphibious and air-mobile capabilities. Familiarization was also conducted with the Blackhawk helicopter, soon to begin service with the Australian Army.

In the sporting arena, results were less successful than in 1986. The Battalion's success in swimming was not repeated in winter sports despite all the football teams and the hockey teams reaching the finals. However, a victory in the Brigade athletics competition brought the sporting year to a fitting close.

## 8TH / 9TH BATTALION

1987 was an outstanding year for the Battalion. The Duke of Gloucester Cup squad performed creditably coming in second in the main competition and winning the MacDonald Cup. The Battalion field firing exercise was realistic and comprehensive with the Battalion carrying live ammunition for its duration. The Battalion exercise, SILK PURSE, consolidated the skills learned in platoon and company training and prepared the Battalion well for the Brigade exercise. The week involved with the protection of Cooktown (in far North Queensland), brought home the real problems the Army would be likely to face in war in Northern Australia. Of particular value was the cooperation involved with the local community. Value was also gained from the use of APCs and Blackhawk helicopters in the later stages of the exercise.

The Battalion also performed well on the sporting field, winning the Brigade Australian Rules, Rugby and Soccer Competitions and performing well in the other sports.



*"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

WWII	BAKKER, John E.	Washington State USA	15 Aug 87
	BION, P.C.	Victoria, B.C.	8 Aug 87
WWII	COOK, Jack Lewis	Pro Patricia, Victoria	24 Feb 87
WWII, Korea	DEVLIN, Joe	Calgary, Alta.	7 Mar 87
Korea	DOLAN, Lemuel (Lem)	Edmonton, Alta.	22 Apr 87
WWII	DOYLE, Thomas Norman	Champion, Alta.	10 Sep 87
	FINLAY, W.		Mar 87
RF	GILCHRIST, J.B.D.	3 PPCLI, Victoria, B.C.	8 Aug 87
WWI	GRAHAM, Angus M.	Richmond, PQ	31 Jan 87
RF	GUNTON, Gordie	Ottawa, Ont.	29 Jul 87
WWII	HAMILTON, James G.	Calgary, Alta.	14 Sep 87
	HANNA, F.G.		May 87
RF	HICKE, Rudy	Ontario	Apr 87
Korea	HILLS, Donald G.	Ellora, Ont.	20 May 87
WWII	HURA, Douglas E.	St. Boniface, Man.	15 Aug 87
RF	KERFOOT, Ron J.	Victoria, B.C.	12 Jun 87
WWII, RF	KLEINSASSER, Sam	Winnipeg, Man.	26 Apr 87
RF	KUBILANSKI, Harry	Selkirk, Man.	22 Aug 87
WWI, WWII, RF	LISS, John	Alberta	17 Jun 87
RF	LIVERMORE, F.J.J.	3 PPCLI, Victoria, B.C.	
RF	LYONS, Ellsworth McGray	Wedgeport, N.S.	4 May 87
WWII, RF	McDONALD, Frank	Madeira Park, B.C.	6 May 87
WWI	McINNES, William	Westland, Michigan	20 Apr 87
WWII	McKAY, Victor	Calgary, Alta.	10 Jan 87
WWII	McKIE, James Dearze	Calgary, Alta.	12 Mar 87
WWII, RF	McKIE, James J.	Calgary, Alta.	12 Mar 87
	McMANN, Calvin K.	Saskatoon, Sask.	11 Aug 87
WWII	MULHOLLAND, Wilbert	Thunder Bay, Ont.	16 Mar 87
RF	NORMAN, R.C.	1 PPCLI, Calgary, Alta.	20 Sep 87
WWII	PETTIGREW, Delbert	Kenora, Ont.	22 Jul 87
	PRITCHETT, Art S.	Poplar Point, Man.	Aug 87
WWII	RANSOME	Boisestown, N.B.	1986
RF	REUTER, Lothar K.	Walkerton, Ont.	17 May 87
	ROGERS, Gerald Vernon	Little River, Alta.	19 Nov 87
WWII, Korea	ROWLAND, Wilbert	Dresden, Ont.	19 Jan 87
Korea, RF	SAWCHUK, Michael	Vancouver, B.C.	21 Nov 87
WWII	SCRIBAR, Rudolph M.	St. Albert, Alta.	2 Jan 87
WWII	SHARPE, Arthur T.	Winnipeg, Man.	7 Sep 87
Korea	SOUTER, Donald	Vancouver, B.C.	11 Dec 87
Korea	STEWART, Clarence M.	Halifax, N.S.	22 Jan 87
RF	SULLIVAN, Joseph Victor	Saulnierville, N.S.	23 Aug 87
RF	TOURNIER, P.L.J.	3 PPCLI, Victoria, B.C.	
WWII	WATT, Robert Charles	Victoria, B.C.	10 Sep 87
	WEERTS, Ernie	Winnipeg, Man.	June 87
WWI	WILSON, D.W.	Ottawa, Ont.	23 Feb 87
WWII	WONNACOTT, Frederick	Calgary, Alta.	19 Apr 87
WWII	WOODBURN, Raymond	Burnaby, B.C.	10 Nov 87
WWII, Korea	WOODCOCK, Douglas	Calgary, Alta.	25 Jan 87
WWII	ZALINKO, James	Parksville, B.C.	24 Jan 87



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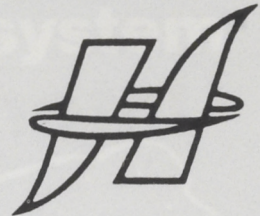
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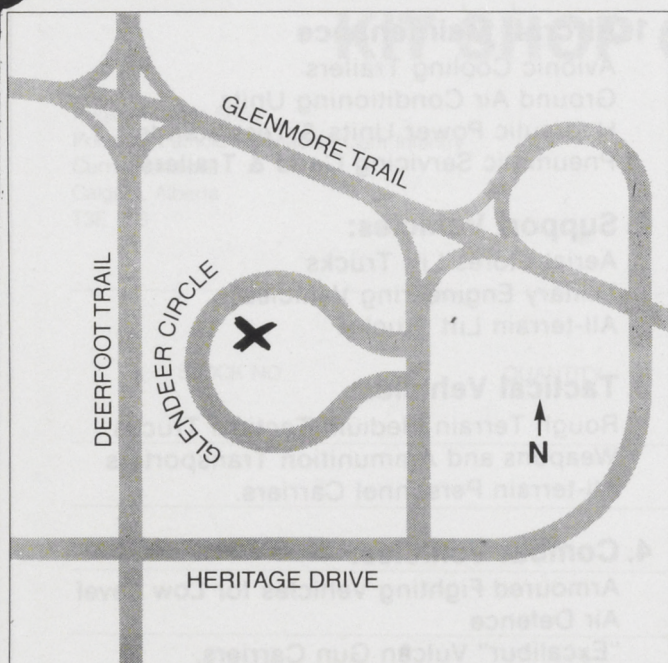
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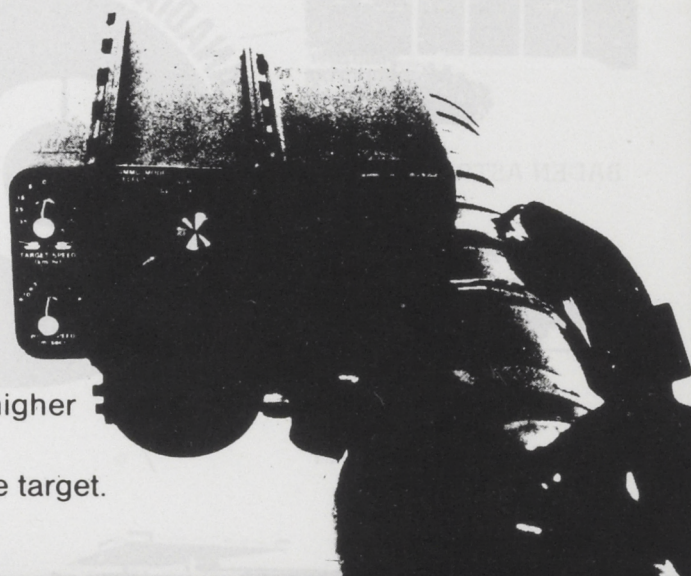
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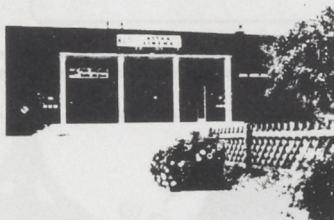
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