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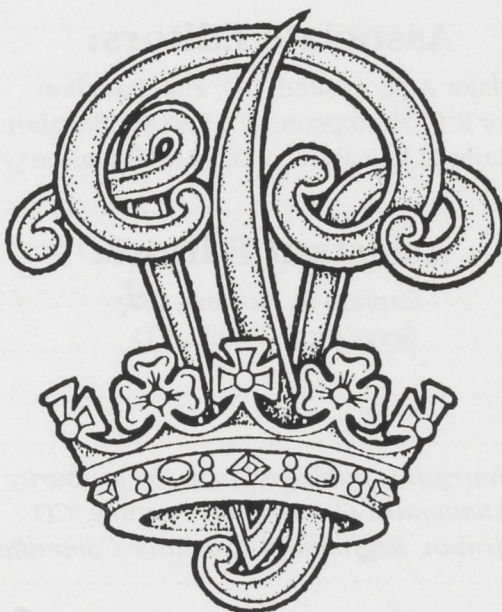
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Colonel-In-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

The year 1992 produced many challenges for the Canadian Forces in general and our Regiment in particular. Reorganisation of any kind is never a comfortable process, however, necessary, and the changes affecting our Third Battalion are very fundamental, not only in the composition of the Battalion, but even in a proposed re-siting of the Headquarters onto the mainland for reasons of access.

At the same time as these fundamental changes are in the pipeline we have been tasked with the vital work of supporting the United National Peacekeeping Forces in Croatia and Somalia.

There can hardly be a more important peacetime undertaking with all its difficult situations and being the focus for the eyes of the world.

These challenges affect our whole Regiment, in one way or another, and it is really good to know, as I do indeed, that every Patricia is superbly trained and able to rise to whatever occasion is required of him or her.

I well realise it is a particularly difficult time for families to face all these changes, but I also know how marvellously supportive and adaptable they are. Indeed, we could not do the excellent work we do as a Regiment without the wholehearted support of the Regimental Family.

I feel very proud to be part of my Patricias as your Colonel-in-Chief.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

The year just completed has been a challenging one for all facets of the Regiment. Certainly, it could not have been busier with the many training events and taskings that have arisen or are continuing. Throughout, the dedication and performance of all Patricias has been exemplary.

Travels during 1992 have brought me into contact with all components of the Regimental family, including the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Now that the Total Army concept is moving into implementation we are seeing increasing evidence of Regular/Reserve Integration. This will continue to be the norm and the challenge. Our approach to service must recognize this fact and take into account the changing face of the Regiment as we move forward.

Heritage activities have been given a boost by the installation of our Founder's statue in Confederation Square in Ottawa. Further, progress on the Patricia Gallery in the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary is accelerating through the generosity and efforts of both serving and retired members. Showcasing our traditions of loyalty and service gives confidence in our future!

United Nations' taskings are both increasing in number and becoming more complex. With Third Battalion in Croatia and Second Airborne Commando in Somalia plus the expected assignment of Second Battalion to replace the Third we, as a Regiment, are really stuck into it!! With upcoming changes in manning levels demands on individuals will grow and once again we'll rely on our most precious asset—the soldier—to get us through.

Reflecting on the many events affecting the Patricias and the many places and groups that I've visited, I remain impressed by our people. This applies to the Association as well as the serving soldiers. Competence, professionalism and energy remain high. Concern, comradeship and co-operation are most evident and are positively focused.

On behalf of my wife, Marianne, and myself I thank all of you for the many courtesies extended, assistance given and events enjoyed. The next few years look full of opportunities and satisfaction. To each of you and to your loved ones go our appreciation for the work done and the sacrifices made for the sake of the Regiment. To this we add our very Best Wishes for the future and the hope that we will meet wherever you are serving Canada's interests.



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Too many of today's serving soldiers think the PPCLI Association is a bunch of old guys who show up for Troopings and other Regimental occasions, gather in the messes and talk about wars which took place before most of today's soldiers were born. This is only partially true. Our members are drawn to the Association by the bonds of comradeship and esprit de corps forged by service in the Regiment, in war and peace, but it should not be looked upon as merely an "old comrades" association.

The Association, although it is an independent component within the Regimental Family, serves both the Regiment and its retired members. As we are the legal guardians of Regimental property and funds, much of our activity and administration is linked to the Regiment.

The National President represents the Association at meetings of the Regimental Guard and the Regimental Executive Committee, providing Association input in the development and management of Regimental affairs. As an example, the decision to celebrate "San Fortunato Day" was made on recommendation by the Association. The President and Vice-President of the Association are Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, and together with Immediate Past President and Secretary-Treasurer, comprise a majority on the Board. The Association also provides the Chairman and a majority of the members of the newly formed Regimental Heritage Committee.

The Hall of Honour in the Regimental Museum was conceived and carried to completion by Rod Middleton,

President of the Association from 1984 until 1989, and, for the most part, paid for with funds raised by Association Branches. Members of the Calgary Branch serve as volunteers in the Museum and assist in the annual Cash Casino, which in 1992 raised \$32,000.00 for the Museum Fund. The Okanagan/Thompson Branch have constructed a small park and erected a memorial cairn at Vernon Camp to perpetuate the memory of Patricia's who have served there. Members of the Ottawa Branch played a key role in acquiring the Hamilton Gault Statue for that city, and provided a Colour Party at the unveiling. Recently, a group of Winnipeg members have formed a telephone fan-out system, under the direction of the Second Battalion's Welfare Officer and a CFB Winnipeg social worker. While the Battalion is away on operational duties, this group will be available when necessary to forward important information to the dependents at home, thereby reducing morale problems by forestalling rumours and clarifying misinformation provided by the news media.

These are just a few examples of what the Association can do. We have taken off our uniforms but we are still Patricia's, and many of us welcome any opportunity to be of further service to our Regiment. As our field units face increasing commitments with fewer people, the Association must do everything possible to assist and free up serving soldiers for their primary military duties. Unit officers should look upon the Association as a resource and work with their local branch executives to find ways in which this resource can be used to best advantage.



"Always a Patricia"



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

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- his sash on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and
- a Regimental Gift -

(1) for all Patricians on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic Engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service. (units to action).

(2) for all Patricians on honourable retirement, remuster or release from and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service his choice of a 4 1/2" pewter statuette of a Modern Day PPCLI Soldier, PPCLI Drummer Boy, WWI Soldier or WWII Soldier suitably engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service (RHQ to action); and

(3) for all Patricians on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service, a 6 1/2" pewter figurine of a WWI 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.

Units of the Regiment process and action sub-paragraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action sub-paragraphs c(2) and c(3) it is imperative that units and Regimental Representatives advise RHQ by message, of Patricians retiring particulars i.e., name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement/release/remuster date, and address on retirement/release/remuster.

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The Hamilton Gault Trophy

2 PPCLI

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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Headquarters



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For all ranks of the First and Finest 1992 came and went in much the same fashion as years past and that expected for years to come — a blur!

On returning from Christmas leave, the Battalion got straight into preparations for Exercise Nordic Defender 1992; the Brigade winter exercise started in the Sarcee Training area and then moved out to McLean Creek for several days to conduct the remainder of the exercise. Nordic Defender also involved 1 Service Battalion, 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron from Edmonton, and the LDSH(RC) who acted as enemy force. It proved to be a hard slog for the rifle companies. The exercise ended with B Company caught in the middle of a 15km death march over a particularly unforgiving feature.

April saw the First Battalion deploy to Wainwright for a ten day work up prior to the start of Exercise Rendezvous '92 itself. With a deployment to Norway scheduled later in the year, to exercise 1 PPCLI as part of the NATO Composite Force, it was decided that the First Battalion would act as umpires during RV. The ten day training period was used to make up for some of the training which was to be missed as a result of the umpire tasking. It saw the companies conducting section and platoon refresher training in the sub-zero wastelands of red, brown, black and blue routes and the badlands themselves, with more than a few lessons being learned by all involved. Decision making and delegation of tasks were practiced at all levels each morning, when it was time to decide who was to be the first to leave the warmth of their sleeping bag to turn up the Herman Nelson (heater) and turn the lights back on.



See guys, if we just clamp these together it should work OK.

For some strange reason the ten day deployment was "compensated" for by ten days of leave. It provided Battalion personnel with an opportunity to spend some quality time with their significant others before we returned to Wainwright. When we did return it was as part of the first gathering of 1 Canadian Division in a long time, an ambitious exercise which would eventually see the armies of the East and West face off in Exercise Royal Prairie, the last exercise to be conducted during RV '92.

Before Exercise Royal Prairie could happen there was a lot of training and preparation to be done. 1 PPCLI conducted a Battalion exercise with the rifle companies exercising against each other while elements of LDSH(RC) supported the side on the offense. As with all exercises many valuable lessons were

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learned. The most memorable this time happened when a river crossing was to be executed (the first crossing of the mighty Battle River no doubt!) The patrol members arrived at Battalion Headquarters, ready to link up with the Engineers who were to accompany them to do the assessment of the river for the upcoming crossing. Two hours and much coffee later, the patrol members were still waiting and finally went on their patrols with an Engineer Officer who had nothing to do with the exercise but had come to Battalion HQ to discuss other matters. It's probably the last time he'll show up unannounced during an exercise.



So Lieutenant-Colonel Pentney, why are you dressed in green when the rest of your soldiers are in white?



Sgt Wiebe thinking that no one can see him.

With the end of the First Battalion training it was time to shift into the umpire mode. Before this could happen however Exercise Prairie Charge, a live fire combat team attack exercise was organised and run by 1 PPCLI with help from other units, under the command of the Deputy Commanding Officer Major Mike Austdal. The scenario saw the mortar platoons from the appropriate Battalions firing live in support of each of the

participating sub-units conducting the attack. During one such attack Sgt. Davis, acting as a Mortar Line Safety NCO, noticed that one mortar tube was facing the wrong direction and immediately gave the order to stop firing. For his prompt action, which averted a potentially fatal accident, Sgt. Davis was awarded the Brigade Commander's Commendation.

The end of Exercise Prairie Charge marked the end of a very demanding period for a large part of 1 PPCLI. It meant that the daily Adreps for medical supplies to relieve the constant headaches suffered by Major Austdal and his staff would come to an end. It also meant that the umpire tasking was about to begin.

While Prairie Charge had been winding down Major Joe Pollock had been preparing his notes for two days of intense lectures on the finer points of umpiring. At the same time reinforcements were arriving in the 1 PPCLI bivouac site to fill

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the ranks of the umpire organization. Sparing no expense a group of Officers and Senior NCO's was brought in from New Zealand. They brought with them much experience, some good stories, and a rugby ball. It is hard to say which asset was used more during their stay with 1 PPCLI, though RSM Spring has had plenty of use for the TAIHAHA, a ceremonial club which they left behind as a gift to the Battalion.

Following the expert instruction provided by Major Pollock and others with experience on the subject, the umpire tasking proved to be fairly straight forward. There were few discrepancies between umpires from opposing brigades as to the outcome of a contact. There was almost no problem communicating results up the umpire chain of command. Most significantly though, both sides were meticulous in their observation of casualties assessed by the umpires on hand.



Padres Pellerin and Fletcher and the Doc practising their own form of cam and concealment.

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And then, just as quickly as it had started, it was over. Suddenly all the creature comforts started to disappear as things were packed for the trip home. After a brief wait for the buses, and a warning to check the box lunch sandwiches before eating them, it was time to make the trip back to Calgary. Only the families and friends were happier than the city itself to see the Battalion come home after almost two months away.

When the usual post exercise drills had been completed, and the upcoming leave was firmly in the minds of most. Suddenly from out of the blue there came a fastball. The Battalion had been tasked to provide a 150 man guard to be part of the Grandstand Show at the Calgary Stampede. By a stroke of luck the Company Sergeants Major were able to find just enough volunteers who neither wanted to go on leave or go to the Stampede, and who were more than willing to give of their time.



Lieutenant-Colonel Pentney practising for an upcoming parade during RV '92.



Recce Platoon being environmentally friendly with drip pans under their vehicles.

On returning from leave it was time to wrap up preparations for the Battalion deployment to Norway as part of Canada's contribution to the NATO Composite Force Battalion Group. Fortunately for those who say it often this title is abbreviated to NCF Battalion Group. The Battalion Group is a "self sufficient" organization which consists of elements of 1 Service Battalion, 408 Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, and air defense provided by the Regiment D'Artillerie Legere Canadien. This year it was also augmented by A Company of 2 PPCLI from Winnipeg.



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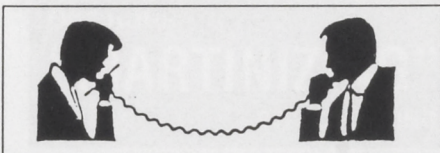
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Following a modest struggle with the Air Force to give us a ride to the exercise, the Battalion Group started to deploy at the end of August. Before deploying, however, there was some training to be done. This included a week long Basic Mountain Operations Course, run by A Company, and was intended to prepare everyone for the rigours of operating in mountainous terrain. While providing some very valuable training the Basic Mountain Course also has a history of being quite popular with participants, providing the opportunity to practice such skills as rappelling, basic climbing and mountain walking in the Rockies.

Our time in Norway was an experience from start to finish. The Boeing 747, which was chartered to get the Battalion Group over there in time, was so heavily loaded with people

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and equipment that it rolled as far north as Red Deer before finally becoming airborne. Arriving on a Friday there was little option but to go to the mess of a nearby Norwegian unit, where it was quickly discovered that horror stories about prices in Norway are not exaggerated at all. It cost the equivalent of twenty dollars for four beers, and that was the mess price. It was considerably more expensive at the "Carma", the only civilian



Wake him up and we'll kill you!

bar/discotheque near our location. People soon learned to be careful when buying food or drink.

Training started quickly, with the Rifle Companies practicing their shooting on some of the local ranges. It was a culture shock to find that the accepted safety standards on their ranges were a lot more lenient than we are used to at home.

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At the same time all of the elements of Battalion HQ were linking up with their counterparts at Brigade North HQ in an effort to prepare for the exercise. The Norwegian military was very helpful, not only in answering questions and helping to arrange training, but also in acting as go-betweens between ourselves and many of the civilians we came into contact with. More than once it was necessary for them to talk to an irate farmer who was upset because someone had crossed his property while training. (Perhaps it should be mentioned for the benefit of readers that Norway does not have training areas such as Wainwright, Suffield, Shilo, etc as we do in Canada. In Norway exercises are conducted on civilian land as required). When it was finally time to redeploy home the "No-Go" trace of places to avoid had become quite large.

Following the initial company training a patrol exercise was held requiring each rifle company to conduct a fighting patrol against a mortar base plate position. Unfortunately for Charlie Company, who were the first to go, the enemy force did not display any of the expected characteristics of a mortar base plate position in action, most notably loud noises when the

bombs are fired from the tubes. In fact the enemy was very quiet, with the result that C Company had to try to find small silent groups of people in the dark in unfamiliar territory. The end result was that they came home cold, tired, and angry. For subsequent patrols the enemy force made more noise.



W.O. Anderson doing a navigation check during RV '92.



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During Exercise Barfrost, we were fortunate to be given a large part of the action by Brigade North. 1 PPCLI was the lead unit in an advance north up a valley bordered by mountains which were steep and high (as the soldiers who had to walk up and down them will testify). The weather was particularly unforgiving, especially at night, and as it was almost exclusively a dismounted exercise it proved to be particularly challenging for all. Despite the challenges provided by the terrain the Battalion performed very well and advanced quickly. Later on we were tasked to conduct a relief in place with a Norwegian Armoured unit. We discovered to our horror that, in conducting their advance, the armoured unit had bypassed an enemy company strength position without realising it. We encountered this position in moving to do the relief in place. Needless to say it caused us a few problems and delayed the relief a little.



*Sgt. Markwart and his section
during C Company's airmobile.*

The other item that will be remembered from our visit to Norway for a long time is the hair cuts which some of the Norwegian Soldiers had, or more accurately did not have. As a result of being in a conscript army they are allowed to grow their hair as long as they want — and many of them do. This was quite a change from the short back and sides to which we are accustomed. It was interesting to note that the Norwegian Officers had shorter hair than the soldiers, whereas in Canada it is usually the other way around.

While the better part of 1 PPCLI was participating in Exercise Barfrost a small but distinguished group was representing the Battalion and Canada in the Northern European Command Infantry Competition (NECIC). They had trained very hard since the summer when the Battalion was in Wainwright, and when they deployed to Norway for the competition they were all in excellent shape and very well prepared. The competition consisted of four phases which tested everything from the soldiers shooting to individual and section soldiering skills such as armoured fighting vehicle



Mum hoping the kids aren't too impressed with what they see.



The washroom? Yes sir, it's this way.

recognition, first aid, navigation, etc. When the dust had settled the Canadian team finished second out of ten teams that had competed, behind only the United Kingdom's Royal Marines. In addition to this excellent performance the team also had some notable achievements along the way, such as winning Phase III, the section competition; which is considered the most difficult part of the competition. Also of note was Sgt. McCutcheon's performance in Phase I, the individual soldier's infantry skills where he posted the fastest time of all competitors on the obstacle course, thus establishing himself as a demi-god among European infantrymen.



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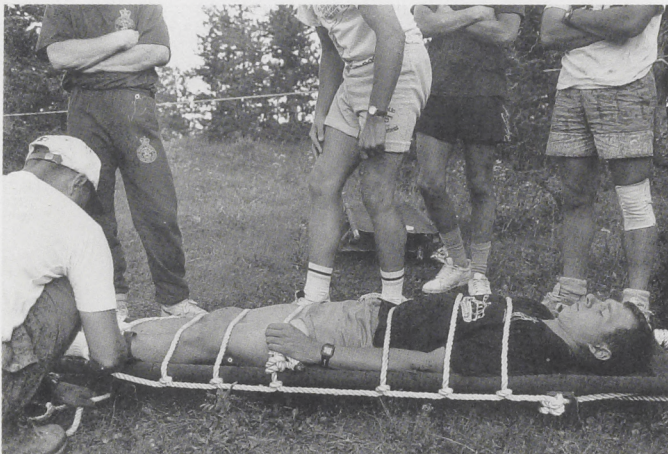
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MCpl Howard feeling grateful that the situation isn't reversed.



Lt Stu Smoley wondering if doing Basic Mountain School with 1 PPCLI was such a good idea after all.

Late in September both the 1 PPCLI Battalion Group and the NECIC Team returned home. The usual post exercise drills were completed in record time as most of the equipment and vehicles were coming back by surface mail (sea), and the majority of the unit went on a weeks leave to re-establish ties with loved ones. As is usually the case some continued to work, putting the finishing touches on Exercise Metal Pike; an Internal Security exercise which was to involve both the RCMP and Calgary Police Service. The exercise represented the first time the three agencies have worked together in a long time, and proved to be a constant process of learning and adjusting to the methods of others. Should it ever be necessary for the three services to work together in a real situation the true value of the training will be apparent.



Padre Gorniak exchanging Dollars for Krone before going to Norway.



RSM Spring ordering his usual 7 Up for his stay in Norway.



MCpl Sutherland, determined to show that he can do it better his way.

Immediately following Exercise Metal Pike the Battalion launched into a Primary Combat Function Course cycle. The courses ran right up until Christmas and would include yet another deployment to Wainwright.

Before everyone could go to Wainwright, however, the French Grey Cup was held. This annual event marks the end of the Fall sports cycle and the final games are played in soccer, floor hockey and of course football. More importantly perhaps, there is also the parade of company floats to decide the French Grey Cup Queen and winning float. This year the Queen was Pte Thompson of A Company, while C Company entered the winning float. In the football game that followed B Company defeated Combat Support in a close fought game which nearly went into overtime. The pain of defeat for Combat Support was eased by an earlier victory in the soccer game, while C Company was victorious in floor hockey.

At the end of November, while the majority of the Battalion was in Wainwright finishing their PCF Courses, the Battalion

HQ and attachments participated in Exercise Poison Dart, a Command Post exercise which allows the Battalion HQ to be trained without making the soldiers endure the usual freezing and walking. This year the exercise was highlighted by an "international soccer game" which was held on the afternoon of Sunday 29 November. Amazingly, the scheduling of this soccer game coincided exactly with the playing of the real Grey



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Cup, which involved our own Calgary Stampeders. The contingent from 2VP was quite vocal before the game, confident they could pull off an upset victory. They were very quickly subdued as the Stamps did their thing. Following the game the exercise resumed and the Battalion HQ deployed to Sarcee training area.

With the end of the exercise and the return of everyone from Wainwright everyone's thoughts turned to the events that are associated with Christmas. At the same time everyone was keeping one eye on the TV and one ear on the radio watching and listening for news concerning Canadian troops in Yugoslavia and those who were soon to deploy to Somalia.



*A different approach to things,
something which happened a lot while in Norway.*



*Sgt Seggie is convinced he can get a C-9 to stand alone
just like a C-7 on parade.*



*Sgt Seggie and his "det" with their TOW system
during a demonstration while in Norway.*

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The C.D.S., deciding who he'll call when it's his turn.

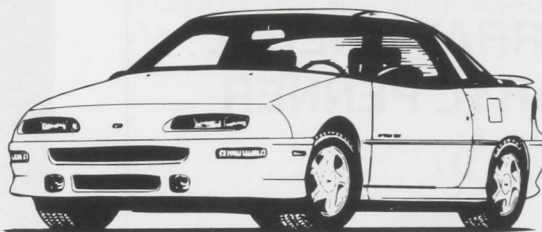
The Officer vs Senior NCO hockey game was held early on the morning of 9 December. Both teams had had the opportunity to practice the Friday before, and it seemed that the Officers were destined to be flattened. The Senior NCO's had been running drills and looked quite impressive, while most of those Officers who showed up didn't make it much past getting dressed. Fortunately most of the Officers who missed the practice proved to be respectable players, and almost made up



Members of Recce Platoon discussing the finer points of thermal imagery with our German friends.



Hawkeyes St. Aubyn, our Brit on loan, who misses nothing in his capacity as OC Recce.



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for the likes of Captain St. Aubyn (the Brit exchange officer), Captain Brause, Captain (Padre) Fletcher and Lieutenant Holden. The game, a polite affair, was highlighted by the ejection of Captain Squires and the sight of Padre Fletcher in the penalty box. In between pauses a few goals were scored and the Senior NCO team emerged victorious by a score of 8-4. This score was considered a moral victory by the Officers as everyone on the Senior NCO team could skate. Despite his effort in the third period to continue the tradition of the QM being carried off the ice, Captain Marcella was able to finish the game suffering from only a separated shoulder.



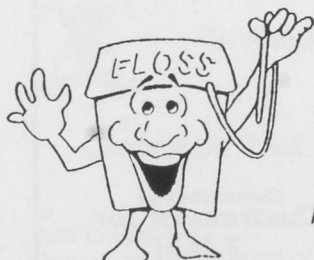
Pte Radloff, Pte Boon and Pte Oskirko practise for the pugil fighting demonstration during the NECIC Competition.



Pte Unrub, Pte Brissette and Pte Hann prepare to enter the "tunnel of love" during the NECIC Competition.

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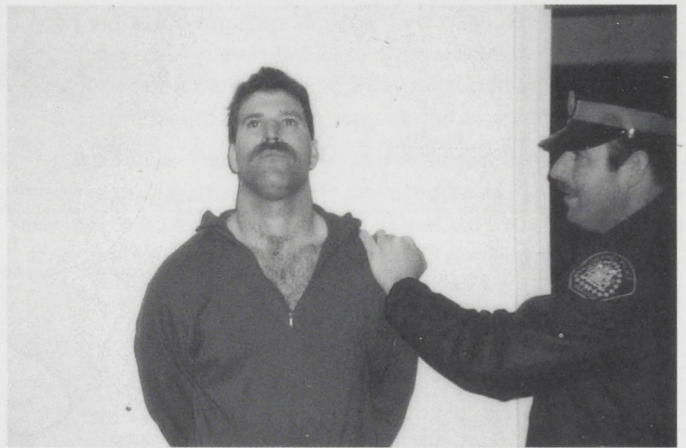
*Yes, well yours might be shinier than mine
but my soldiers all have short hair.*



LCol Pentney trying hard to look interested as he does an interview with a radio station while in Norway.

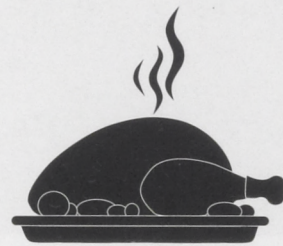


Some of the bad guys during Exercise Metal Pike.



MCpl Babineau meets Calgary's finest during Ex Metal Pike.

Following the game it was over to the drill hall for the Men's Christmas Dinner. LCol Pentney changed places with Pte Mauger of C Company, the youngest soldier in the unit. After having made the presentations for the top candidates in each of the PCF courses and the top soldier in each rank category and trade, Pte Pentney decided that Master Corporal Strader did not deserve the right to be served with the troops and so promoted him to Sergeant. Pte Pentney then announced that the Battalion had been tasked to provide 35 soldiers to go to Yugoslavia after Christmas in addition to the five Senior NCO's who had already volunteered to go and join 3VP. When he announced that the 35 would come from C Company there were cries of "What about B Company?"



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And so 1992 drew to a close. It was time for some hard earned leave. Lieutenant Colonel Pentney wished everyone safe and happy holidays and RSM Spring reminded everyone to get a fresh haircut before coming back from leave.

Now it is the quiet time that is the real mark of the passage of time in this hectic business. This Christmas is especially important, as the First Battalion is presently tasked to replace 2 PPCLI in Yugoslavia in October of 1993. It seems that next year is to be no less a blur than this.



Capt Steve Yuzwak after a normal day in the U.E.O./Taskings shop.



Maj Pollock at Spruce Meadows for Queen Elizabeth II Cup.



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2 PPCLI had a very busy year in 1992. The year commenced with some winter refresher training and ski school. With winter training behind them, the Battalion moved on to preparations for RV92.

RV92 was a normal Waincon by another name. There were more troops and units on the ground which placed greater restrictions on training flexibility and movement. The Battalion trained well and was clearly the best mechanized Battalion on the ground.

Following RV92, the Battalion returned to Kapyong Barracks and prepared and conducted a Change of Command from LCol Lapeyre to LCol Calvin, followed by some administration and summer block leave.

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In August, the Battalion was soon back in Wainwright. This time it was Ex Western Challenge 92. This exercise demonstrated the ability of the Battalion to work dismounted and train in a Total Force context.

The fall period was dominated by PCF courses and preparations for the UN deployment to the Balkans under Op Harmony Rotation 2. C Company, alias D Coy 3 PPCLI, deployed with the Third Battalion in October.

The Christmas leave period was well deserved and deployment on Op Harmony would not be long off.



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A Company

A Company has spent much of 1992 on the road. Actually, most of it "off road".

The last week of January found the company on a winter exercise at Shilo, joined by the Cameron Highlanders. Then, switching snowshoes for bangy boards, the company stayed in the snow for a week of Ski School. The highlight of this was a day of downhill skiing at Holiday Mountain, which is actually a valley. Only in Manitoba, eh?

Moving back to Winnipeg long enough to re-pack the rucksack for summer (Only the Army packs for summer ops in March!) and to load the tracks onto rail cars, A Company went west to sunny Suffield. Two weeks of intensive field firing and mechanized operations were enjoyed by all. The weather cooperated, with Alberta dust being preferable to Manitoba snow anytime!

Dropping the APCs off at Wainwright, we again enjoyed a quick visit to Winnipeg before deploying in April to join the rest of the Army at RV92.

July saw a change in the management, with the OC, Maj Matt Overton, 2IC, Capt Scott Macdonald, and CSM McArdle leaving the company. Maj John McComber, Capt Kim Murphy and MWO Ron Cameron assumed command.

Almost immediately the company was op tasked to 1 PPCLI in support of a Nato Combined Forced deployment. A benefit of this was the opportunity to attend that battalion's Mountain School at Kananaskis in early August. The excellent training and the beautiful scenery was a highpoint in the year.

Rappelling off the "Yam" in the late morning, by nightfall the company had gone from the Rocky Mountains to the Sandy Hills — of Wainwright — to participate in Ex Western Chal-

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around Kapyong Barracks.*

lenge. Still on foot (we had begun to forget what an M113 looked like) the company "ghosted" a militia company based on units from Saskatchewan and the Manitoba Lakehead.

At endex we boarded a waiting Herc which took us for another brief visit to Winnipeg. Clothes were washed, rucksacks were re-packed and loved ones were loved. Then we deployed to Norway on Ex Affirmative Alert.

In Norway the company found still more mountains. By now all ranks had gained a new appreciation for the "less-than-steep" terrain around Kapyong Barracks.

PCF courses followed. A Company conducted the Driver Tracked Course at Shilo, with a number of candidates from 1 PPCLI who were under the misapprehension that a BV 206 was a "real" track. In this Battalion it is considered a recreational vehicle!

The year closed for A Company where it began ... in the snow. This time it was IS training, and instead of militiamen it was Mounties.

And it was time to re-pack the rucksacks again.



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B Company

B Company's year was a challenging and a rewarding one, especially due to the fact we were able at long last to leave the confines of garrison behind us.

In March the company deployed to Coppermine, NWT, for a sovereignty exercise. The company split into its three platoons and these, with Inuit Rangers for guides, set off to explore the vastness of the Arctic. According to many it was a constant battle to remain onboard the komatiks as the snowmobiles bombed across the ice at full throttle. During the time spent out on the land, the company sampled many of the "treats" of the far north including raw caribou, raw Arctic char, and musk ox (not raw, thank God!) The exercise ended with each platoon leaving a legacy to its exploits as all three built rock cairns to remain behind.

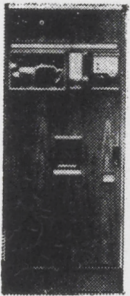
Soon after our Arctic adventure, the company, along with the Battalion, deployed to Wainwright for RV92. Five weeks of fun and games in the training area followed. To many the highlights were the three airmobile operations that the company participated in, including one intrusion behind enemy lines during the Divisional Exercise. The latter started off somewhat snafued, thanks to the airforce helo-jocks who selected a new LZ without informing any of the chalks. Once the error had been discovered, we, along with our attached



MCpl Mullin. "Look at the size of that honey pot."



Sgt Humphrey liaises with 5 Platoon's signaller, the Boy Wonder himself.



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MCpl Hebert. "Get some, get some, get some ... wait a minute, that's 6 Platoon."

Javelin section and engineers, made our way back to the "Czar Canal", all the time marching past and through enemy bivouacs undetected. With ample time we arrived at the canal, linking up with the remainder of the company on the far side. The company had been tasked to seize a bridgehead and hold it while the Brigade advanced to the canal. To the despair of all, the mission was cancelled ten minutes before H Hr.

Immediately following summer leave, B Company returned to Wainwright for a week of refresher training, followed by a week of shadowing the reserves, much to the enjoyment of all.

The fall has been witness to the annual PCF cycle with B Company responsible for the MG course. In November the company participated in a Battalion IS exercise involving both the city and RCMP riot squads on both sides of the base.

1993 awaits, and with the arrival of a large number of reservists and the deployment to Yugoslavia, it will be a memorable year, to say the least.



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5 Platoon's cairn (near the Kuaryuarg River), the North West Territories.

C Company 2 PPCLI (alias D Company 3 PPCLI)

The year of 1992 found Charlie Company as busy as ever. Training began in January with the company travelling to Woodlands Community Pasture to conduct platoon-size fighting and ambush patrols. This was followed by more fun in the outdoors with the Battalion Ski School in Shilo and a relaxing day at Holiday Mountain. Realizing that this just wasn't enough time on the slopes, those troops who had that burning desire, headed off to Thunder Bay for a fun-filled week of skiing at Loch-Candy Resort. The ski pros soon found themselves having a lesson in the fine art of combat skiing, compliments of C Company.



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*Lt P. Robichaud, 11 Pl Comd, getting an earful.
That's the guy who stole my mortar tubes!*

February had even more in store for C Company. It began with the troops spending a week at Swan Lake conducting survival training under the keen and pitiless supervision of none other than the great outdoorsman himself, WO 'Andy' Anderson. This was immediately followed by a week of section and platoon battle drills at St. Charles Range and a week of IS training in camp.

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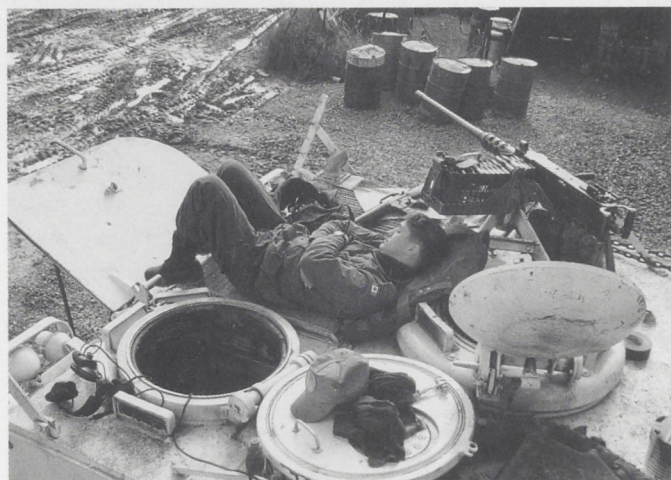
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Before they had time to wash the eggs off their combats, C Company was shipped off to Suffield for Ex Prairie Charge. With the memories of Batus still fresh in their minds, C

*... seemingly endless trench systems
were cleared in record time.*

Company swept through the badlands as if it was their own backyard. Company and platoon mechanized attacks were put in on villages and defensive positions and seemingly endless trench systems were cleared in record time. In addition, the company had the opportunity to put a few rounds down range on the various support weapons ranges run by the Battalion.



Sgt Reid, 12 Pl, Maint parade Croatian style.



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With the taste of dust still lingering in their mouths, C Company found themselves back at Kapyong Barracks with RV92 waiting just around the corner. RV92 brought the year's training to a culmination with the company heavily involved in a Battalion, Brigade and, for the first time for most, a Divisional FTX. These all included aspects of both offensive and defensive operations with the company conducting patrols, river crossings, airmobile insertions and countless mechanized attacks. The company managed to survive both RV92 and the Wainwright weather in good stead and anxiously headed back to Winnipeg for a well-deserved three week block leave.

Leave, of course, went by all too quickly and the newly-formed Delta Company headed back to Wainwright for two weeks of training with the Third Battalion in preparation for UN peacekeeping duties in the former Yugoslavia.

The culture shock had to be put aside as October found D Company quickly put to work conducting patrols in Sector West. As Battalion reserve for the remainder of the year, D Company undertook a variety of tasks including vehicle and foot patrols, refugee and engineer security escorts, humanitarian aid convoys as well as stationary and mobile check points. Morale was brought back to a high point as the soldiers were reunited with their loved ones over leave during the Christmas

season. The stories were told and retold as the troops returned from leave eager to finish their tour.

Congratulations on a job well done and here's to a swift and safe return.



*Cpl Kaipio (left), Cpl Lennie, 10 Pl,
with captured Croatian Armoured Recce vehicle.*



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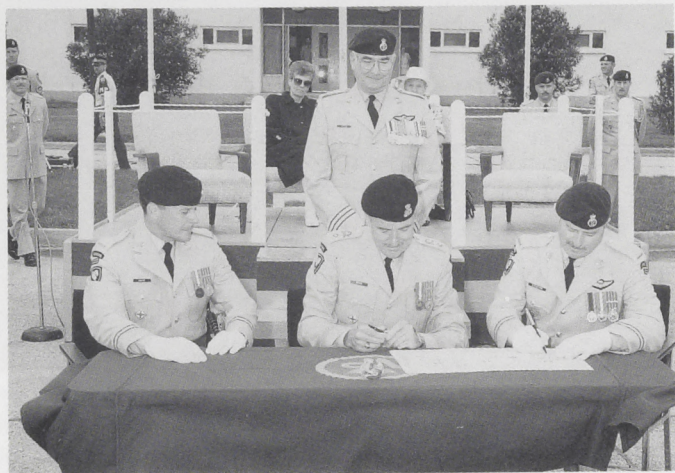
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Change of Command - 2 PPCLI

On 25 June 1992 the officers and NCMs of the Second Battalion bid a fond farewell to LCol J.M. Lapeyre as he relinquished command of the Battalion to LCol T.J. Calvin. With numerous guests and family members in attendance at the parade, the notorious Winnipeg weather cooperated for a change with a sunny and cool day.



The Colonel of the Regiment observes LCol Calvin take over command of the Battalion from LCol Lapeyre. The Brigade Commander, BGen Ashton, signs the scrolls.

The day was a double ceremony as the RSM, CWO J. Franc, exchanged duties with CWO M. McCarthy. RSM McCarthy is no stranger to the Second Battalion and Kapyong Barracks, having served several Regimental tours here. The new CO and RSM also have a history of serving together as they were once OC and CSM of C Company in Germany.

With the march past of the Battalion for the outgoing CO, LCol Lapeyre was able to look back on two good years of soldiering and contemplate his upcoming tour at the CF Staff College and Rest Home in Kingston.



A soldier's nightmare, three RSMs inspecting!



LCol Calvin and RSM McCarthy on the first march past.



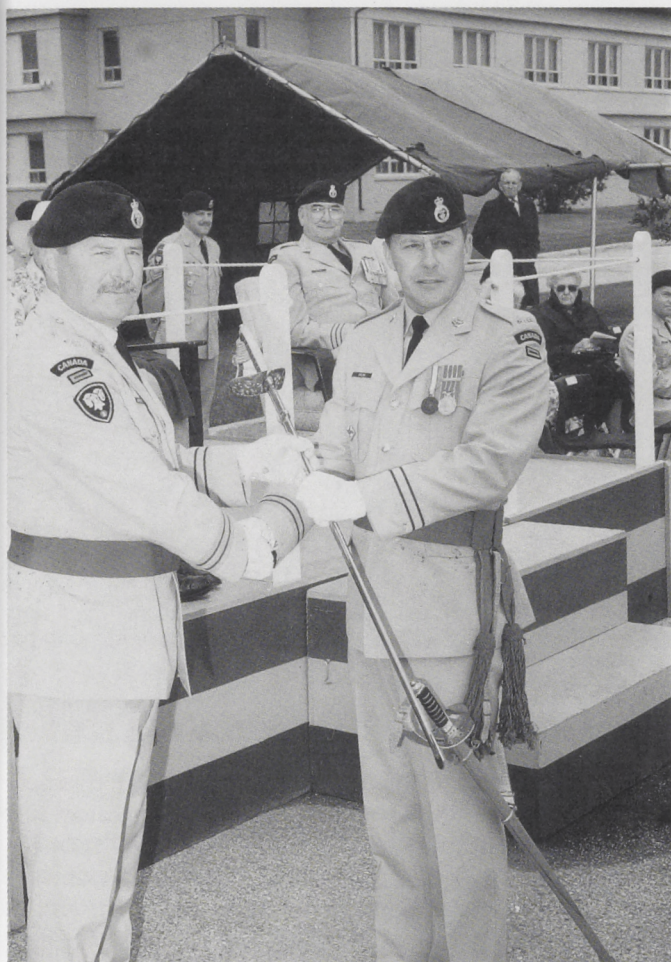
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Wait a minute, is this a second sword?

Adm Company Runs Ski School 92

The Battalion ran a ski school from the 8th to the 29th of February 1992. Ski School? Yes, we have some elevation in Manitoba!

Hosted by Adm Company and run out of the Provincial Warning Centre (PWC) bunker in Shilo, this endeavour saw the majority of the unit once again strap on the infamous "Bangy Boards".

Unlike most ski schools, which are as often as not a cover for a couple days of downhill skiing at the Queen's expense, this one actually had a structure to it.

Broken into three week-long blocks, the timetable saw a company at a time getting waxing and ski preparation lessons Sunday night and a run-through the basic techniques on Monday morn. Monday afternoon was a chance to practice on a short 5 km ski with the instructors tagging along and assisting. Tuesday was a round-robin of ski-joring, soldiers being towed

by an MLVW, an APC and then an LOSV. Then there was a ski and shoot range where the soldiers practiced firing their C7's from different positions with skis on and on different types (and depths) of snow. The third stand was a 10 km ski through wooded, rolling terrain. At night the PWC provided an excellent base to warm up, relax and prepare for the next day. The Wednesday of each week was utilized by the Coy Comds to practice a fairly long 20 km march on skis and practice tactical movement and march discipline. The fourth day the troops then bussed a couple hours south to Holiday Mountain for a day of downhill skiing. Well they call them mountains here all right. I'm not making this up. The last day was spent on clean-up and returning to Winnipeg.

This well-structured, progressive concept saw A, C, Cbt Sp and a good portion of Adm Company get a chance to practice and improve on their ability to move, operate and fight on skis. B Company was up in Coppermine, NWT, so we let them skip out.

The ability to overcome the obstacles created by winter and snow are imperative to Canadian soldiers. Skiing is one method that allows us to do so when other options are exhausted or impractical. The comments from all involved were very positive. It's possible to learn and have fun. Well done to Adm Company on the organization and running of Ski School 92.



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Primary Combat Function Training "The PCFs"

PCF courses are designed to prepare individual soldiers to perform specialist combat functions within the Battalion. Normally, the PCF cycle is one of the Battalion's more challenging training periods due to the preparation and coordination required. 2 PPCLI conducted its latest round of PCF training from 5 October to 13 November 1992 overcoming great adversity due to multiple tasks and shrinking manpower resources.

Course preparations commenced upon the Battalion's return in late August from Ex Western Challenge in Wainwright, Alberta. These preparations became more challenging when C Company was tasked to augment 3 PPCLI on Op Harmony in Yugoslavia and A Company was tasked to augment 1 PPCLI on its AMF(L) task in Norway. These two tasks severely limited the availability of instructors and candidates. It was decided courses would be run only where there existed a serious deficiency in qualified personnel. These included Basic Machine Gunner, Driver Wheeled, Driver Tracked, Basic Communicator and Basic Mortarman courses. Reconnaissance Patrolman, TOW Gunner and Assault Pioneer courses were not run as enough qualified personnel already existed to meet the Battalion's needs.

Most of the courses began on October 5; the only exception was the track course which did not begin until October 12 due to A Company's absence on tasking with 1 PPCLI.

Following the normal week or two of the weapon handling drills, voice procedure exercises and PO checks, the majority of the courses deployed to CFB Shilo to conduct the practical portions of their training. The deployment, as in years past, seemed to coincide perfectly with Manitoba's first winter storm, resulting in a few minor vehicle mishaps. Thankfully, no one was hurt. The Basic Communicator course was able to satisfy its field requirements by deploying to St. Charles Range, just outside Winnipeg, thereby avoiding the driving hazards.

The highlight of the field training for the Machine Gun and



Is that what's-his-name from Recce?

Mortar courses was the coordinated live fire night shoot which left no doubt in the candidates' minds as to the accuracy and lethality of their new found skills. The relatively uneventful re-deployment of the Driver Tracked and Driver Wheeled courses underscored the high level of proficiency they also had achieved.

Of special note was the standard obtained by the respective top candidates, Pte Ricker T.D. - Basic Communicator 9201, Pte Wurr F. - Machine Gun 9201, Pte Gouthro B.J. - Driver Tracked 9202, MCpl Scott G.A. - Driver Wheeled 9201, and Pte Boudreau J.G. - Basic Mortarman 9201.

As the courses were concluding and the post re-deployment drills were being conducted, the CO announced that 2 PPCLI would be replacing 3 PPCLI on Op Harmony in April 1993. This announcement punctuated the importance of these newly-learned skills.

The candidates had passed both written and practical PO checks, exercised their new skills and met the standards required to be awarded their new qualifications. Even as they signed their course reports, however, all wondered whether they would pass the real test: using their new skills on operations in war-torn former Yugoslavia.

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"Army Rugby is Alive and Well in Winnipeg" Bayonets Rugby Tour - 92

With the impending arrival of spring, Manitobans wait anxiously for some of the finer things in life to return; backyard BBQs, green grass, warm sunny days and vacations. The 2 PPCLI Bayonets RFC see spring as the time to play rugby and take another shot at the Manitoba Rugby Union Division III title.



The Bayonets take a minute to pose for a picture.

After last year's spirited fight in the play-offs and the team's subsequent second place finish in the province, it was decided to prepare for the impending season with a vengeance. Manitoba's normally inclement weather in late winter and early spring would normally curtail any preparations outside of a few snow sevens tournaments and some indoor scrimmages. Hardly a training programme that could provide the club the edge it wanted.

The solution, deploy to Victoria, BC, Canada's rugby mecca and arrange three to four test matches with some of the local clubs. The planning process was rife with obstacles from

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Manitoba Rugby Union Division III title.*

transportation problems to the loss of several key players due to operational requirements. However, several phone calls later and with the persistence of select Battalion members, February 26 found 22 members of the Bayonets RFC dismounting from a BC ferry in Victoria. The team included players from HQ 1 CMBG and 1 PPCLI in Calgary.

After the team practiced on its own for the first day, a joint practice was arranged with the Oak Bay Division I RFC. This proved to be of great benefit to all members of the team as the calibre of rugby played by Oak Bay was of a very high standard.

The first two games with 3 PPCLI and Oak Bay Division III were, for most of the backfield, on the Bayonets side, their first initiation to 15 a side rugby. Although the forwards played well and the backs showed strong effort, both games resulted in losses. The third game against RRMC RFC was tied until the final ten minutes when RRMC scored a penalty kick. The team as a whole put on a tremendous push but ran out of time within ten metres of the try line. Players from all three PPCLI Battalions and HQ 1 CMBG were selected to play this game.



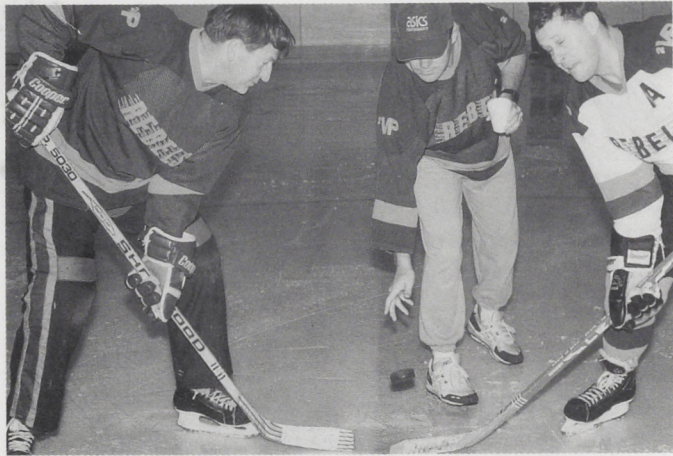
*Cpl Les Annimeaux moves in to assist
Capt Beconoff with the ball.*

All in all, the tour of Victoria had accomplished the team's aim of honing their skills in preparation for the upcoming season. The fact that they pushed all three teams in the test matches only underscores the potential that is apparent in this team.

Upon their return on March 3, the team put away their cleats to focus on RV92, but the lessons learned in Victoria will most certainly be applied against their opponents this upcoming season.



Pte Austin "preparing for battle".



For a second year in a row the Officers beat the Senior NCOs four to zero.



The Officers and The Winnipeg Team.



I also play the pipes ...



The Grandson of Tommy Prince presents the Regiment with the Korean Volunteer Service Medal awarded to the Prince family



The Association join the Battalion for the Men's Christmas Dinner.



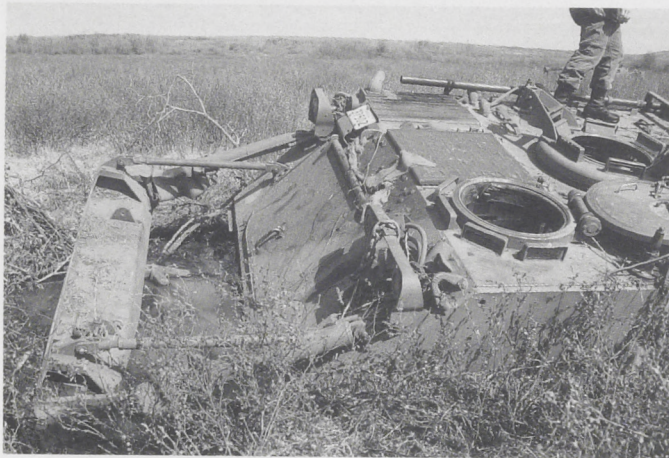
Did I tell you I used to play the spoons?



Are these for a bridge ...



The Good ...



... or a raft? Yes, Pioneers do have more fun!



The Bad ...



The Colours are on their way to the Museum.



The Ugly!

Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two it was decreed that the Third Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry would run themselves ragged. It started out like most other years, with a winter exercise, ski school and ATI but then things started to change. At first it was only rumours floating around Battalion Headquarters.

"Are we going to Cambodia?"

"No I think we're going to Somalia now."

"I heard we were going to Yugoslavia."

Things became a little firmer and by mid-March the Battalion had begun preparing for the possibility of deploying to Yugoslavia. By the time we officially received the Warning Order in May, a lot of the planning had been completed. The next four months were spent in a mad panic of planning, training and packing, until we finally deployed at the beginning of October. What follows are the highlights of a rather hectic 1992.

Ex Nordic Titan

The 3rd Battalion returned from Xmas Leave and jumped right into the firing line. Our road party departed for the Chilcotin Training Area near Williams Lake, BC on 6 Jan 92, the first day back to work. The main body joined them in the snow, on the ninth via Hercules.

For many Battalion members, this was the first winter exercise in a long while. The ones planned in previous years have fallen through due to lack of funds or lack of snow. However, conditions this year were good on both counts, and 3 PPCLI got some much needed winter training.



3PPCLI's UN Peace Run Team. L to R Cpl Lupien, MCpl Forcier, Lt Boyne, Cpl Nielsen, Cpl Knightley, Pte Larette.

The first five days were devoted to Company training, and soldiers received instruction in many aspects of fighting in the snow and cold, including tent group routine, snow defences and improvised shelters, advance to contact and attacks, patrolling and skiing.

Meanwhile, Battalion Headquarters searched frantically and begged pitifully for the equipment necessary to conduct orders-groups. We seemed to have forgotten ours. Adm Company agreed, but took as payment all the CHOCOLATE Date/Nut loaves.

During the first phase, highlights included:

- a. Lt Urzinger and WO Penney going ice-fishing in a 8-inch deep slough?!
- b. the 24 hr flu spreading through the Battalion like wildfire;
- c. acting Officer Commanding B Coy falling victim to recce probing, as his webbing chose to follow the recce patrol. It was returned much later;
- d. learning lessons involving fumbling madly with frozen magazine pouches; and
- e. trying not to look completely uncoordinated while propelling ourselves around on snowshoes and/or Bangy Boards (X-Country Skis).

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All in all, the Company training effectively prepared us for the gruelling two-day Battalion FTX which followed.

Orders for the Battalion advance were given at 0900 hrs on 15 Jan 92. The soldiers spent the remainder of that day wondering whether the CO was serious about advancing the clearing 12 km in two days! Sure enough, he was. During the night of the 15th, two fighting patrols went out to clear enemy from the line of departure. Both were successful, and day broke on the 16th with 3 PPCLI advancing on two axis against Charlie Commando of the Gangland Special Forces (AKA Combat Support Company).

To make a loooooong story short, by 1200 hrs on the 17th, the Battalion had advanced and cleared the full distance. All levels of command were exercised as Platoon, Company, and two Battalion attacks were launched during the 36 hours.

BGen Ashton was able to witness part of the operation, arriving on the 15th and departing on the 16th. I have heard through reliable channels that he was suitably impressed.

To say that the troops enjoyed themselves on the Battalion FTX would be lying. However, much was learned, and 3 PPCLI came away more fit and more prepared for warfare in any environment.

The final highlight of the exercise came when two companies of soldiers climbed into the back of MLVWs, rode for two hours in -10 C weather, to the Williams Lake Airport, and set up Arctic tents on the front lawn to catch the early flights out the next morning!

Scenes from Croatia





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Ex Snow Seeker

January and February have been two very hectic months for 3 PPCLI. Battalion Winter Exercise, Annual Technical Inspection and Brigade Commander's Inspection. Having fared very well in each of these events, the battalion members were then faced with another "backbreaking" (or should I say leg breaking) activity: The Battalion Ski School in Mt Washington.

This "bodacious" ski trip allowed over 130 members of the Battalion to ski two days at Mt Washington and further develop necessary winter warfare skills! All participants were given a one hour lesson (much needed for some) on the first day, and then off to the slopes we went. Mother Nature collaborated well

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on the 20th, which saw plenty of sunlight, warm weather and ski bunnies (God bless them all!!!!). On the 21st, however, more than 30cm of new snow awaited the participants (which helped separate the men from the boys). A friendly gathering was then held in the Ski Lodge, and although one beer or two might have

been consumed by the odd soldier, everyone behaved well and had an opportunity to relax and tell war stories about the best "wipe out" of the day.

The return trip by bus was quiet and everybody was back in Work Point Barracks by 2200 hrs on Friday the 21st. And by the way: All you Navy guys who want to remuster in order to be part of next year's ski trip; don't bother sending in an TO request: Infantry is a closed trade!



ICol Nordick presents the UNPROFOR medal to Pte Hayes.

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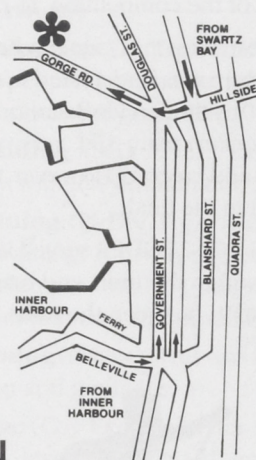
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Ex Strong Contender

February 1992 has been a busy month in the world of sports. Much of the attention has been focused on the events leading up to the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France.

In the work of 1 Canadian Brigade Group (1 CBG) the attention has been on Calgary, Alberta for EXERCISE STRONG CONTENDER 92. Strong Contender is the annual 1 CBG sports competition. The tournament establishes championship units in a number of sports, and helps determine personnel to man Brigade teams for national competition. This year's sports included hockey, floor hockey, broomball, volleyball and three demonstration events; olympic biathlon, military ski patrolling, and a strongman competition.

3 PPCLI teams flew to Calgary for the tournament, which ran from 2 to 7 Feb. Teams were divided into major and minor units. 3 PPCLI, a major unit team, competed against 1 and 2 PPCLI, 1 Service Battalion. Lord Strathcona's Horse, and 3 Royal Canadian horse Artillery.

3 PPCLI did well in the three new demonstration sports. The Battalion team placed third overall in the strongman competition, with particular merit going to MCpl Thomas, who took third place in individual competition. Likewise, good performances were put forth by the biathlon and military ski patrol teams.

In regular tournament play 3 PPCLI teams did very well. The floor hockey team went through round robin play, and lost 4-1 to the Service Battalion to place third overall. The volleyball team ran into trouble early when two starters, MCpl Merry and Pte Dunn, were injured in the first match. The team fought hard through the rest of the competition, to place fifth.

3 PPCLI's best showings came in broomball and hockey. The broomball team was undefeated in round robin play, but was edged out 1-0 by the Service Battalion in the final. Likewise, the Battalion hockey team did very well in regular play, finishing with a 4 and 1 record. However, they lost a hard fought battle to 2 PPCLI in the final.

Ex STRONG CONTENDER served its purpose of fostering esprit de corps within the units and maintaining that healthy spirit of competition between the units.



B Company's contingent, commanded by Lt Hendrickson, at the Camp Polom Remembrance Day Ceremony.

3 PPCLI ATI

Now is the calm after the storm. What was the storm you ask. The storm was the yearly ATI or Annual Technical Inspection, performed by 1 Canadian Brigade Group to determine the operational state of its units. Although the ATI of 3 PPCLI this year was held 4 Feb 92 to 12 Feb 92, preparations began long before. In December, Maintenance Pl began working overtime as the flow of parts came into their Spare Parts Section headed by MCpl Morais and assisted by Cpl Girodat.

Heading into the new year the Transport (Tpt) Maint Team, under the Coy Transport Sgts, worked on their vehicles to ensure all repairs and maintenance was complete and up to scratch. With the unit away on exercise in early Jan, the rear party from Maintenance Pl successfully battled with the VOR (Vehicle's Off Road) percentages ending with 90% of the battalion's vehicles ready to go. Another area of the battalion which put a substantial effort into preparations for the ATI were the Company Quarter Master stores. Their efforts and detailed work was confirmed with the excellent ratings received in almost every area inspected.

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Cpl Lavalliere improvises to keep his ammunition dry during the near continuous rain.

The ATI team from Calgary finally arrived, headed by MWO Olsen. The inspections began and included vehicles, weapons, fire control equipment, signals equipment and the quality of the user maintenance within the battalion. The one thing that impressed the ATI team was the readiness of all equipment for inspections. The CQ's had laid out their equip-

The report was so good he did not need the flack jacket or helmet and the CO did not need his pistol.

ment neatly making it easily accessible while the Tpt Sgts had their vehicles lined up with drivers awaiting the turret and vehicle inspections.

As the daily percentages came out we could see a great improvement from last year. Finally came the day everyone was waiting for, the debrief from the ATI team. The Brigade G4, Major Crossman, arrived to debrief the CO on the standard of the Battalion's equipment. The report was so good he did not need the flack jacket or helmet and the CO did not need his pistol. All the equipment scores were in the high ninety's. There was a special mention for the 100% serviceability rate of generators. These were the responsibility of Cpl Rehaluk, well done.

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The results were so good with each company of the Battalion, that it was decided that no company would be presented the traditional Rusty Wrench Award which recognises the worst score by company.

In all, the team effort of the Battalion was second to none, and set a fine example to other units in the Brigade. Well done to C Company. In fact well done to all Companies. The score range for all Companies was 95.4% to 97.6% indicating that once again 3 PPCLI is operationally ready for any task.

3 PPCLI Wainwright Exercise

The Battalion deployed to Canadian Forces Detachment Wainwright the 6th and 7th of August 1992. We were there until the 18th. During this 2 week period the members of the Battalion participated in a number of different activities.

- Support Weapons Firing
- Section Dry Training
- Section Live Training
- Platoon Dry Training
- Platoon Live Training
- Company Exercise
- Battle Group Exercise

Activities practised were:

Support Weapons Firing (Sp Wpns Firing): This included firing of the 84 mm Carl Gustav anti-tank weapon, the M72 disposable anti-tank weapon, the medium and heavy machine guns and the 60 mm mortar. All firing was done on conventional weapons ranges.

Section Dry Training (Sect Dry Trg): This was one day of training in section (8-10 people) level battle drills. The training used blank rounds and simulated grenades.

Section Live Training (Sect Live): This was further section battle drills only with live ammunition and grenades.

Platoon Dry Training (Pl Dry Trg): This was the next level up from section training. It involved 3 sections plus a platoon headquarters element (total 37 people) conducting battle drill with blank ammunition and simulated grenades.

Platoon Live Training (Pl Live): This was further platoon training live ammunition and grenades.

Company Exercise (Coy Exercise): This was training at Company (3 Platoons) level. It included internal security operations, counter sniper drills and other activities at the Company Commander's discretion.

Battle Group Exercise (BG Exercise): This training involved the 3 PPCLI Battle Group complete (860 people) and involved training in tasks that will be performed in Yugoslavia, such as convoy escort, vital point escort, vital point security, VIP protection, and urban patrolling.

PPCLI Regimental Celebrations —

17 March marks the birthday of Princess Patricia of Connaught, who in 1914 gave her name to the infantry unit raised by Sir Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD. This date has been chosen by her Regiment to celebrate its inception and traditions. The "Third Herd" (3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry) carried on the tradition with a friendly competition between the three Rifle companies, Combat Support Coy and Administration Coy. Teams were entered in the following events:

- Queen Pageant and Float Parade, won by: Adm Coy
- Tug of War, won by: B Coy
- Jr Ranks Race, won by: B Coy
- Chariot Race, won by: Combat Sp Coy
- Stretcher Race, won by: Adm Coy
- Chain of Command Race, won by: B Coy

The uniquely Regimental game of Broomiloo was not forgotten. The traditional Pte/Cpl vs MCpl game was changed to a double-elimination playoff series, followed by the Officer vs Sr NCO game. Cbt Sp Coy dominated the Jr Ranks tournament, while the NCOs were lucky enough to score on one of three shots to beat the Officers, who went 0 for 14. The Officers also lost a few players to the crowd along the sidelines in flurries of shoes, shirts and socks.

The BBQ at the Macaulay Sports Field was finished off with a brief awards ceremony that saw B Coy crowned as the overall winners. The members of the Battalion were then dismissed to their respective Messes. The Jr Ranks enjoyed some live entertainment, while the Sr NCOs were invited to the Officers' Mess.



The Battalion LO cell in front of the most photographed wall in Croatia.

L to R Capt Bailey, Cpl ???, Capt Conrad, Cpl Douglas, Capt Gagne, Pte Macleod.

French Secretary of Defence Visit —

On July 31, 1992 the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was honoured by the visit of the French Secretary of State for Defence, Mr. Jacques Mellick, as part of a whirlwind tour of Canada. Mr. Mellick and his entourage visited Heal's Range, where Capt. Mike Gagne was conducting the annual Personal Weapons Test for the battalion's Administration Company.

Mr. Mellick was greeted by LCol Glenn Nordick, CO of 3 PPCLI and given a short briefing as an introduction to the organization, composition and training schedule of the Battalion, as it prepares for U.N. Protection Force duty, OPERATION HARMONY.

Mr. Mellick then spoke with some of the soldiers who were on the range, admiring the C7 and asking about its handling and easy maintenance. He was also interested in the Canadian Forces' "Total Force" concept, as he is responsible for the French Reserve Army.

Mr. Mellick's visit concluded with a short press conference with the members of the Times-Columnist who were in attendance.

3 PPCLI Exercise Painful Glory —

The much talked about and dreaded day had arrived, 30 Mar 92. Exercise PAINFUL GLORY actually began on Friday, 27 March 1992 with the issuance of the Warning Order, but even this did little to lift the shroud of mystery and suspense surrounding it. Most of us knew that because it was a LCol Kenward creation, the first word of the name would likely come true, but we were struggling with the "Glory" aspect.

Monday the 30th flew as orders were given and final preparations made. Everything complete, the Battalion departed at 2100 hrs on an extensive road move to Kissinger Lake (west end of Lake Cowichan). B Coy did not have the pleasure of occupying the Battalion hide as they moved south and established the first of several ambushes. First light on the 31st witnessed A Coy being picked up in 2 American Chinook helicopters and one Canadian Huey for a move to Port Renfrew to establish another ambush. The choppers immediately returned to Lake Cowichan to pick up C Coy, who were transported to Port Renfrew as the reserve.

The enemy (Administration Coy) was effectively destroyed in the Port Renfrew area. C Coy was extracted by Helo and inserted into the Muir Creek area to begin operations there. B Coy followed them in and sprang another ambush, with A Coy held in reserve. Once again we were effective in decisively engaging and destroying the enemy.

The next phase of the operation was the establishment of a battalion hide in East Sooke Park on Tuesday. Orders were given at 2000 for a series of attacks on objectives in Mary Hill, Albert Head and Rocky Point. These took place throughout the night of the 31st and the morning of the 1st of April, utilizing assault boats and helos to cross the bays.

Attacks complete, we re-grouped in the park to receive orders for the extraction back to Victoria. As suspected by all, the helos had been shot down, and since we were 32 km behind enemy lines, no vehicles could come and pick us up. Hence,

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our LPCs "Leather Personnel Carriers" (Boots!) were to be our mode of transport. Known only by a few, LCol Kenward had a surprise in store. A twelve-man team from each company, one from Recce Platoon, one from Mortar Platoon and one composed of Battalion Headquarters personnel would complete in the first "3 PPCLI Ironman Competition". In addition to the 32 km march, which all fit members of the battalion would do, these teams would conduct a 3 km assault boat paddle, followed by the obstacle course.

The Battalion main body departed at 2200 hrs 1 April 1992 and complete the march 6 1/2 hrs later. The teams had 30 min interval stagger starts, with the first team leaving at 2400 hrs. All teams finished in comparable times, taking approximately 7 1/2 hrs to complete all three events.

I found the march to be a good opportunity to know other people and myself better. It was a test of endurance both of body and mind; the latter much more difficult. It again illustrated to me the importance of comradeship and humour. Those that kept to themselves and just wanted to "get it over with" seemed to suffer the most. Those that got outside of themselves and approached the march with enthusiasm and a light-hearted attitude seemed to have an easier time. All felt elated upon completion, having stretched their personal limits even further.

There were many soldiers who did not complete the march due to injuries, but one whole 12-man team nearly didn't complete it due to — A WRONG TURN! The C Coy team led by Lt "Wrong Way Ralf" Urzinger took the "Scaming Sean" route instead of the "Galloping Goose" route and ended up heading back towards East Sooke Park (maybe to start an early clean-up???). They were picked up, driven back in the proper direction (much further than they had strayed), and completed the events.

All in all the, exercise was a very challenging and rewarding one. It was a good warm-up for our deployment to Wainwright, AB for the month of May.



*LCol Nordick and his interpreter, Ana Kadic,
during a radio interview in Daruvar.*

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PCF Cycle

In late February, following the completion of 1 Cdn Brigade Comd's visit and a brief ski school at Mt Washington, the 3rd Battalion plunged into a fast and furious PCF (Primary Combat Function) cycle for the duration of March. Five weeks were devoted to instructing the unit's soldiers in a variety of skills.

Three driver courses were run; two for tactical vehicles, both wheeled and tracked; and one for light transport vehicles. In addition, courses also qualified soldiers as basic reconnaissance patrolmen, infantry communicators and machine gunners.

To fulfil the training objectives, soldiers deployed to Nanaimo, Chilliwack, Fort Lewis, Washington, and the Yakima Firing Centre (also in Washington).

For Machine Gun Course 9201, the deployment to Yakima proved the highlight of five weeks of hard training, in which candidates learned both the theory of how to operate and handle the .50 cal heavy machine gun (HMG), the 7.62 mm C6 general purpose machine gun (GPMG), and the turret armaments of the unit's tactical vehicles (AVGPs). At Yakima, the soldiers confirmed the skills learned back at Work Point, firing live ammunition on a number of ranges (with, at long last, a sufficient quantity of rounds to put "down range").

No lengthy course deployment would be complete without its fair share of headaches, and the road move to Yakima proved to be equally entertaining, with a trail of AVGPs left along the highway from Swartz Bay to Yakima. Two blown tires and three hours overdue, three of the five vehicles limped in to meet the advance party.

Despite initial setbacks, training began in earnest the next day, with maximum time spent on the ranges throughout the five day period. Apart from the sheer enjoyment of testing their machine gun skills at a wealth of targets, the candidates participated in a number of highlights: The "light show" night shoot with all guns on the "final protective fire line"; the call of "... enemy helicopters approaching to your front. Weapons Free!"; Sgt Payette's indirect fire skills; WO Bisson's patented aerial targetry release systems; and, well, slightly better than half of the AVGP battle runs - better look for a safer place on the two-way range!.

All in all, some hard training in the ranges made for long days, yet the deployment was a definite success. More soldiers had the opportunity to "punch" more bullets through the guns than on many previous courses. Refreshingly, it doesn't always appear to be a case of "do more with less" ... the balloon aerial targets, the non-existent illumination, and the antiquated C5 machine gun in the stoppage-prone AVGP turret aside, of course.

Special thanks are extended to the range staff at the Yakima Firing Centre for their excellent and thoroughly professional work in support of our training objectives. 3VP will be back in the fall!

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Mayor C.J.E. Clement and the members of the Esquimalt Municipal Council offer their best wishes to the Commanding Officer and All Ranks of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

We are very proud to have had the 3rd Battalion of the PPCLI stationed in Esquimalt for the past twenty-two years and look forward to continuing our friendly relationship with the Commanding Officer and All Ranks of the Battalion as well as with their dependants. All of you contribute to our community in many ways and Council is glad to have the opportunity to acknowledge this. It is a pleasure to have the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as part of the community of Esquimalt.



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Change of Command

The morning of July 3rd, in the wake of Canada's birthday, marked the 15th Change of Command ceremony for the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at Work Point Barracks.

The parade was presided over by Brigadier-General B.W. Ashton, CD, Commander of 1 Canadian Brigade Group. The Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, and Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, Vice-Admiral P.W. Cairns, CD, were also present for the event. Command of the Battalion was relinquished by LCol P.G. Kenward and was assumed by LCol G.W. Nordick. LCol Kenward, with wife Danielle and sons

The ceremony was a great success.

The soldiers, dressed in combats, demonstrated what the Battalion is best known for, professionalism and good soldiering.

Jason and Andrew are moving to Ottawa, where LCol Kenward will become the J3 of the Directorate of Peace Keeping Operations at NDHQ. The Incoming Commanding Officer, LCol Nordick, arrives at the Battalion from Ottawa, where he was Chairman of the NATO Programme for Collaborative Research into Small Arms Technology. Accompanying him is Wife Cheryllynn and his three daughters, Tara, Brandy and Chloe.

The ceremony was a great success. The soldiers, dressed in combats, demonstrated what the Battalion is best known for, professionalism and good soldiering. The parade was precise and flawless, despite the little time for practice that could be fitted into an already busy training schedule. During the ceremony Brigadier General Ashton congratulated the Battalion units achievements over the last two years. In addition, the Colonel of the Regiment presented to the Battalion the Hamilton Gault trophy for the second consecutive year. The Hamilton

Gault Trophy is awarded annually to the unit which attains the highest score in the Army in the annual skill-at-arms competition.

In his final address to the Battalion, LCol Kenward expressed his appreciation to the soldiers for their hard work and loyalty over the past two years. In ending, LCol Kenward admitted he would miss the weekly Battalion runs along the Gorge, and his regrets on leaving the Battalion prior to its operational deployment to Yugoslavia.

As LCol Nordick assumed command, he greeted the Battalion, reminding them of the importance of their upcoming task and the hard work that will be required in the months ahead. You can rest assured the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will continue to demonstrate the high level of professionalism and soldiering that has become their trademark.

Militia Selection Article – Op Harmony

While LCol P.G. Kenward handed over command of 3 PPCLI to LCol G.W. Nordick on 3 July 1992, the Deputy Commanding Officer, Major M.J. Diakow, anxiously awaited the arrival of 256 Militia soldiers from as far away as Thunder Bay, Ontario. Throughout the weekend following the change of command parade, reservists poured into Work Point Barracks in hopes of being selected to augment the 3rd Battalion during its training for and deployment to Yugoslavia in October as Canada's contribution to UNPROFOR.

The Op HARMONY selection process, which began on Monday, 6 July and will finish on Friday, 17 July, is aimed at determining the most suitable reservists to fulfil 195 positions within 3 PPCLI in various trades and at various rank levels. The selection process is designed to test the individuals basic soldier skills, physical fitness, and experience level. After receiving refresher training in weapons handling, marksmanship, Nuclear Biological Chemical Defence, communications, first aid, and map using, each soldier is tested in the theory and practical application of this elementary training. Once initial testing is complete, the Reservists will deploy to the local training areas to be assessed on basic fieldcraft and battle drills. The finale to the selection will be a 13Km march in full marching order. In keeping with Mobile Command policy, all will be required to finish the march in 2 hrs 30 mins. As a wide variety of training aspects will be covered in the selection process, the battalion will be able to choose the best trained militia soldiers to accompany it to Yugoslavia.

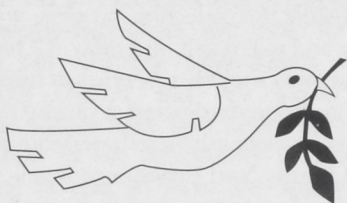
Those chosen will be assigned a job with 3 PPCLI and will train with the battalion on a full time basis until deployment overseas. Approximately 30 reservists will travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba to augment C Company, 2 PPCLI which will deploy with the 3rd Battalion to Yugoslavia.

While this augmentation will be the largest of its kind since the Second World War, 3 PPCLI is no stranger to having reservists amongst its ranks. In 1988, 3 PPCLI deployed to Cyprus on Op SNOWGOOSE with a number of Reservists. Since this time, the battalion has seen reservists on various exercises, including approximately 80 personnel on Rendez Vous 92 in Wainwright, Alberta. The concept of a "Total Force" of regular and reserve personnel working together is a workable reality.

Needless to say, 3 PPCLI is looking forward to completing its selection of reserve augmentees and getting on with the arduous task of training for its upcoming mission in Yugoslavia.



Lt Urzinger and Cpl Nielsen arrived in Zagreb, Croatia.



Lt Richards almost gets the ball in the 2nd ARGBAT CANBAT soccer game. We won 5-3.

Op Harmony Preparations

During RV 92, while the rest of the Army was planning summer leave, 3 PPCLI was planning for OP HARMONY. We received the warning order on May 8, 1992. We had been given unofficial warning prior to RV and had done some planning, but now things began in earnest.

The Battalion will be deploying to Yugoslavia 860 strong, which is quite a feat for an organization with 550 people in it. The remainder will consist of a company from 2 PPCLI, an

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engineer troop from 1 CER, and approximately 200 militia personnel from throughout LFWA. This motley crew will be organized into 3 light companies, 1 mechanized company, a headquarters company and an administration company.

The battalion is to be in Yugoslavia ready to take over by the 15th October, 1992. This gives us just four months to prepare. Seems like lots of time, doesn't it? We thought so, too, until we tried to schedule everything in. We just finished a week-long DAG (Departure Assistance Group) and now we're running a series of Primary Combat Function Courses from 22 June to 17 July. The courses being run are Basic Machine Gunner, Driver Wheeled, Basic Communicator and Driver Track Course being run in Winnipeg by 2 PPCLI. Concurrently with this, our militia augmentees begin their training/selection from 6-18 July. This will be followed by Battalion refresher training from 20 July to 31 July. The Battalion will then deploy to Wainwright, Alberta, for a two-week exercise from 6-19 August. While in Wainwright we will do section and platoon dry and live fire training, followed by a company level internal security exercise, and culminating in Battalion training on UN duties.

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Yugoslavia has caused a large number of changes to the Battalion, including finding accommodations for 300 militia soldiers (no, you don't get field pay sleeping in a hoochie on the sports field!).

The soldiers, for the most part, are looking forward to this tasking; although it means 6 months away from families and friends, it is an opportunity very few in the modern Canadian Army have had, the opportunity to put into practice things they've learned. This makes the lengthy days a little more bearable, as they're training for a purpose.

Until next issue, this is 3 PPCLI saying "do vidjenja".

Overseas At Last

The Battalion was organized into four rifle companies, a headquarters company and an administration company. The Advance Party departed 26 September and the main body in three chucks in the first week of October. We formally took control of the Canadian Sector on 5 October, 1992, and will remain in the former Yugoslavia for 6 months, returning in April 1993.

3 PPCLI is located in the UNPA known as Sector West. This sector is centred around the town of Daruvar and includes the

towns of Pakrac, Lipik and Novska. We share the task of controlling the sector with the Argentinean Battalion to our North and the Nepalese and Jordanian Battalions to our South. Our Battalion controls an area of approximately 400 square kilometres, broken down into four company areas; Frezenberg, Sanctuary Woods, Ortona and Kapyong. These areas are occupied by A through D Companies respectively. The terrain ranges from level farmland in the West to heavily forested hills in the East.

The basic tasks of the Battalion include manning permanent vehicle checkpoints, referred to as WCs, manning mobile checkpoints and patrolling, both mounted and dismounted. The main purpose behind these tasks is to control the flow of weapons into the UNPA, and to attempt to confiscate those already here.

A Company, under the command of Maj Makulowich, occupies Frezenburg, encompassing the South-West corner of the Canadian sector. It includes the town of Lipik and WCs 1 through 5. The three platoons in A company occupy three different locations. 1 Platoon, commanded by 2Lt Ankersen, mans WC 1, 2 and 3 with a section at each checkpoint. 2 Platoon, commanded by Lt Szelec (The King of Lipik), is located in a platoon house in the town of Lipik. 3 Platoon, commanded by Lt Paynter (C Scot R), is co-located with Company Headquarters in the town of Mali Banovac.



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WO Ranislavjovic and Capt Litt of D Company assist with a village visit by displaced Serbian civilians.

Sanctuary Woods, the home of B Company, under Maj Fisher, is the largest company area. It contains the hills and woods in the North Eastern portion of the Battalion area. B Company is quite spread out, controlling WC 9 through 12. Company Headquarters and 4 Platoon, commanded by Lt Hendrickson, share accommodations in the town of Novo Selo. 5 Platoon, under Lt Hackett, is spread out in three section houses; one each at WCs 9 and 10, and the third in the town of Gornja Sumetlica. 6 Platoon, commanded by Capt Staniewsky (R Wpg R), is split between the town of Bijela and WC 11. With one section at WC 11 and the remainder of the platoon in Bijela.

Maj Morneau commands C Company, situated in Ortona Sector. This sector is the most active of the four. It includes the town of Pakrac, a major hot-spot. Company Headquarters and 9 Platoon, under Capt Blanc (RRR) share the Pakrac Hotel in the



On Patrol with B Company in Croatia.

heart of the town. 7 Platoon, with Lt Mandaher, has a platoon house located on the Croatian side of the town. 8 Platoon, under Lt Richards, is split with a platoon house on the Serb side of Pakrac, and a section at each of Ammo Houses 1 and 2.

D Company, (C Coy 2 PPCLI by another name), under Maj Moxley, occupy Kapyong sector. As the reserve company they have no permanent checkpoints in their area but man mobile

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checkpoints and patrol throughout all four company areas. They live in two separate locations. 10 and 11 Platoons, under Lts Furuness and Robichaud respectively, share accommodations with Company Headquarters in the town of Touranj. 12 Platoon, commanded by Capt Litt (LSSR), live about three kilometres down the road in a house known as the ranch.

Headquarters and Administration Companies, commanded by Capt Willis and Maj Barr respectively live in Camp Polom, about 5 kilometres South of Daruvar. Also living in Camp Polom is the Canadian Contingent Support Group and a small portion of the Canadian Contingent Headquarters.

The first half of our tour has had more than its share of excitement; we have faced everything from ambushes to rabid dogs. Through all of these incidents the soldiers of the Battalion have done themselves and their Regiment proud. We have also conducted a number of Cordon and Search Operations against both civilian houses and police stations. These Ops have netted a wide variety of hardware, ranging from ammunition and rifles to 30 1/4 pound blocks of plastic explosives. Our mobile checkpoints have also been very successful, capturing everything from mortar rounds to three SA-7 Grail missiles.

One of the activities that occupies most of the troops time off is accommodation renovations. This is one area where the Battalion has proven that Canadians really are the best in the world at doing more with less. Among the projects we have undertaken are the re-roofing of the Pakrac Hotel, something CE said would cost \$140,000 but which C Coy accomplished for about \$40,000. We have also dumped enough gravel to fill Victoria Harbour into the various mudholes around the area, but guess what, we're still up to our knees in mud.

Three of the major incidents from the first half of our tour are described briefly in the following paragraphs. There have been many other incidents of note during our time here, both humorous and sad, from soldiers falling into septic tanks to grenades being thrown at checkpoints. I feel that these three will give a good indication of what life can be like in the former Yugoslavia, and drive home to those of you who haven't been here that we're a long way from Cyprus, Toto.



Learning about the new NODLR.

10 October, 1992 at 16:45 hours C/S 2 received incident reports from WC 10 followed closely by WC 9. The first incident involved the armed hijacking of a vehicle West of WC 10. The second incident, a terrorist shooting, occurred 1 km East of WC 9. B Coy arrived upon a grisly sight. Two Croatian men from another vehicle were struggling to assist what appeared to be four badly wounded men in the ambushed car. The final tally was one civilian killed and three injured. The combat first aid skills, applied within the initial minutes, were accredited with saving the lives of two men, and possibly contributed to a third.

In the early hours of 26 Oct. D Company and Recce Platoon were dispatched to the Stara Gradiska Bridge to assist the Nepalese in closing it. As it turned out, our knowledge and experience proved to be the most valuable commodity we had to offer. Recce pulled up to the bridge at 0450 hrs with five APCs and blocked it off. As they constructed a barricade bursts of automatic weapon fire went right past them from both sides of the bridge but they were just meant to scare us. Near dusk the order to tear down the barricade was received.



22 Nov at 0115 hours shots were heard just outside of C Coy Headquarters. A five man patrol was dispatched to investigate. They discovered an armed man who fired at them. Two warning shots were fired by Capt Blanc, the patrol commander. The individual then fired at the patrol again. The patrol then returned fire with ten to fifteen rounds but the individual managed to escape in the dark. Investigation revealed that the man and one other had been firing into a house owned by three elderly Serbian women who lived in Pakrac.



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3 PPCLI — Op Harmony



Remembrance Day ceremonies.



Yet another needle, except this one is in Croatia.



The Battalion Line Crew laying phone lines.



Christmas in Croatia.





2 Commando Sitrep



2 Commando began the New Year with news of the cancelation of Operation PYTHON in the Western Sahara. After the red light went on to stop-drop Operation PYTHON, a new training plan was quickly put into effect.

After a short Commando exercise to confirm winter airborne skills, 2 Commando deployed on Exercise RIGID ROYAL in Timmins, Ontario. In -70C temperatures, the Commando took on 1 RCR. Although we were only enemy force, you would never have known it judging by their casualty lists.

In February, the Commando hung up its snowshoes and summer kit for Exercise NEPTUNE STRIKE which was conducted with the US Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Thanks to extraordinary efforts from Major Davies, CO 2 Commando, the exercise was organized in a very short time frame and some outstanding training was conducted in Camp Lejeune from 13 February to 2 March.

Training highlights included: Commando raids, Amtrak familiarization, amphibious operations, live-fire ranges, FIBUA and fast-roping from a 60 foot tower and a Voyageur helicopter. Without a doubt, the most memorable activity was a Commando raid on a Marine Infantry Platoon sited in a defensive position next to some of the biggest swamps in NATO. The

OPFOR, convinced the attack would not come from the swamp, were wiped out; not to mention awed that the Commando would approach through several kilometres of chest deep swamps to make the raid a success.

After two weeks working with and against the Marines, a real bond of mutual respect was formed; one which we hope will continue into the future. Airborne! Semper Fi!

Exercise PEGASUS VALOUR followed two weeks after our return from Camp Lejeune and from 17 - 21 March, 2 Commando trained with the Regiment in Borden conducting a night para insertion followed by Commando and Regimental sized operations.

Following our return to Petawawa and post-exercise drills, we began preparing for Exercise PETCON which ran through April and May. 2 Commando participated in a Regimental Battle School which included: live-fire platoon ambushes, advance to contact, a live-fire hot DZ and finally, a jump into Earlton, Ontario followed by Commando training in that area.

As June approached, final preparations were completed for a 2 Commando Basic Mountain Operations course and Basic Unarmed Combat training.



The Mountain Operations course exposed candidates to various mountaineering techniques — some with a very high “pucker factor” and the Unarmed Combat training left the soldiers with several bruises, but increased confidence in their hand-to-hand fighting skills.

One of the highlights of June 1992 was a Family Day jump which gave families a chance to watch their husbands/boy-friends jump. It also gave the troops the rare opportunity to jump here ramp without a ruck or weapons.



7 Platoon, 2 Commando prepares for an amphibious raid during Exercise NEPTUNE STRIKE, Camp Lejeune, USA.

June also saw a major change in the status and organization of 2 Commando as we laid up our Colours on 24 June and ceased to be a unit. The Commando was reorganized into 3 rifle platoons and a HQ element.

July also brought a major change (pun intended) as Major D. Davies handed over the reins of 2 Commando to Major A.G. Seward who arrived just in time for the Jump Bivouac which included for the first time, a Soviet contingent.



Sgt Haacke dispatches 2 Commando jumpers from US Chinook during a water jump into DZ Lamure Bay.

After three weeks of well deserved leave, 2 Commando came back together at the end of August. A highlight of the leave period, at least for nineteen 2 Commando soldiers, was participating in Exercise LEAPFEST 92 in Rhode Island, USA. LEAPFEST is a US National Guard military parachuting competition. Although bad weather prevented para operations, there was a significant amount of good will going down range and some extensive cross-border shopping. All things considered, 2 Commando plans to make this an annual event.

27 August saw the bulk of 2 Commando involved in a water jump into DZ Lamure Bay. The jump was supported by

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*Captain Reeves and members of 7 Platoon
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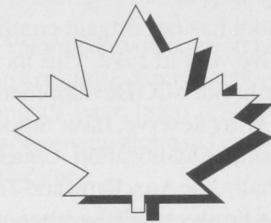
US National Guard Chinooks which were in the area supporting CAC 92. Unfortunately for 4 Platoon, their task to support CAC 92 prevented their participation in what is probably the sweetest static-line jump going — soft opening, soft landing, outstanding.

The last week of August caused several flash backs for the soldiers who were in 2 commando prior to APS 92 as the Regiment was warned for Operation CORDON in Somalia. What looked like a UN rapid deployment tasked has dragged out into late December. Now, 4 December, Operation CORDON has been cancelled and Operation DELIVERANCE has begun. Due to a US decision to get involved in Somalia, the Regiment will participate in the US led coalition force going into Somalia. We have been beefed up to 900 personnel including engineers, mortars and cougars.

Operation DELIVERANCE looks like it will be an outstanding deployment and next year's Patrician article will definitely contain more detail on our Somalia operations. Until then, fair winds and soft landings from all ranks 2 Commando.



*Operation CORDON preparations:
live-fire vehicle counter-ambush range.*



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The PPCLI Battle School

*By Maj S.J. Willow, Cpts M.D. Bruce and
E.R. Jackson, Sgt Trelnuk GF*

The Battle School has once again completed a very proactive and productive year in 1992. This included everything from conducting the Junior NCO Development Program (JNDP) pilot course for the Army Reserve, Basic Sniper Course and the pilot Land Leadership Qualification Course for Army CSS personnel. Additionally, the Area Rank and Trades School 1992 (ARTS 92) expansion firmly established the School as the Centre of Excellence for LFWA in both QL2/3 Infantry and Junior Leadership training. Over 400 candidates graduated from the ARTS Programme.

1992 proved to be a rewarding year for MWOs Cameron R/Smith GM and Mcpl Sheppard RC, who were promoted to their current rank. Additionally, the Regimental Achievement Award was presented to Mcpl Elmes for topping his SAIC. His training must have been excellent because he came back and topped the Basic Sniper Course in November. As well, the Chief Clerk, Sgt MacDonald, received the Regimental Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding service to the Battle School. Finally, MWO "Tiny" MacNaughton was posted in as CSM PCF Coy, responsible for preparing QL4 courses for ARTS 93.



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Leadership Company

As promised in last year's PATRICIAN, 1992 proved to be a very busy year for Leadership Company. The normal training schedule continued with spring and winter Regular Force ISCC, CLC and JLC courses and an equally heavy summer Reserve training bill. The summer period was concluded with a well-deserved summer break and a new OC, Maj Willow, who took the reins from Maj Duncan, now the Camp DCO.



*ICSS 9202, Top Candidate Pte Maclean.
Since you're not 2PP, I will just take this back.*



*2nd Place — Congratulations Cpl Polegato.
Here's both the First and Second Place Certificates.*



It is a rare event this year, and I am pleased with a dark horse winning the OC/CSM C7 Qualification Competition. No names will be mentioned (right CSM Anderson), but it was the winner's baptism to Range 1.



LLQ — But WO, truckers just don't do this.

The 1992 training year has also seen some challenges in the company. A new course was added to our slate - the Land Leadership Qualification, which is designed to train CSS personnel how to operate in the field. As well, a project to



CLC (M) — Lt Forestier's Third Pl and he finally got it right.



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produce a series of training films to support Leadership training is in progress. To top it off, the Infantry Section Commander and Combat Leader Courses have been rewritten to Total Force Standards. Things are moving along in Leadership Company in ways to improve training.

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Recruit Company

The past year has been very active for Recruit Company. Maj K.H. Gotthardt arrived from CABC (Airborne to chairborne). Capt E.R. Jackson assumed the Coy 2IC position, and MWO G.M. Smith moved from HQ Coy to CSM Recruit Coy. WO J. Casey and Mcpl J. Elmes have taken over CQ Stores and Cpl J. Snider, our Coy Clerk, has been busy trying to keep the computer on line.

With the Battle School coming under command of LFWA, we have had to conduct a variety of new courses throughout 1992:

JNDP	9201
Basic Sniper	9201
Rappel Master	9201, 9202
QL 2/3 (M)	9201
QL 3 (M)	9201, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08

Overall, the courses proved to be a success for both the Reserves and Regular Force candidates and staff.



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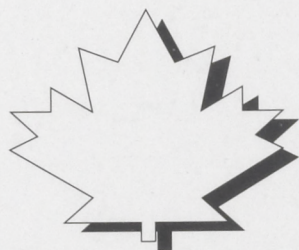
During the fall, all available staff were kept busy preparing for the 93 series of courses, which in addition to the above courses will include several 30-day QL 2 (M) courses.



*Nice turnout Capt McKenzie.
Is that what I think it is running down your pants?*



*Psst. Sgt Langford, wake up!
You should be at the rear of the platoon.*



HQ & Trg Sp Coy

The Coy continues to support the many courses and ongoing taskings at the Battle School. Over the last year the Coy provided the support to 22 crses, both Junior Leadership, Recruit and specialty. Capt Wilson remained as the OC and WO Comeau replaced CSM Smith, who moved on to become CSM Recruit Coy. Sgt Bradley has replaced Sgt Trenholm in Training Coordination.

Battle School QM Stores experienced several changes in the last year. MWO Swiech moved on to 1 CSR in Kingston, and WO Gallant was posted in as the SQMS. Cpl Griffin and Mcpl Hahn, posted to Camp Supply, were replaced by Cpl Boivin and Mcpl Hamm who also came from Camp Supply (talk about keeping it in house!). Cpl Sheppard RJ remained in place, looking after the weapons lock-up. When he is not performing this task, rumour has it he is busy occupying his spare time verifying the comfort rating of the spare mattresses.



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Canadian Airborne Centre Patricia's



Rear Row (L-R): WO A.J. Whitehall, Sgt R.A. Jonfield, Sgt G. Sheppard, Sgt L.R. Croucher, Sgt R.A. Gillis, Sgt B. Toupin, Sgt D.S. Denkowycz, WO N.B. Topham. Front Row (L-R): Capt K.R. Morton, CWO G.J. Stevens, LCol K.A. Nette, Capt C.S. Allen.

Airborne Patricia's

The Patricia's are solidly represented within the Airborne Centre, contributing greatly to its success over the past year.

The Airborne Centre consists of a Headquarters, Parachute Training Company, Airborne Trials and Evaluation Section, Aerial Delivery Training Company and the Canadian Forces Parachute Team.

LCol K.A. Nette and CWO G.J. Stevens, the driving forces behind the school, can be seen regularly over seeing training, giving advice or partaking whenever possible.

Parachute Training Company (PTC), which trains in personnel parachuting activities and Mountain Operations, remains extremely busy. WO Whitall, Sgt's Denkowycz, Croucher, Janfield, Gillis and Sheppard, as Parachute Instructors, all have a large part to play in the superior product produced. The Mountain Operations Instructor Course (MOI), now handled by Capt K.R. Morton, still proves technically difficult yet very rewarding for its graduates.

Airborne Trials and Evaluation Section (ATES) is involved in numerous trials, one of high priority is the Javelin Air Defence Missiles Aerial Delivery Trial. ATES is currently developing procedures for the Javelin's various means (i.e. heavy/medium

equipment, WEDGE, door bundles, etc) of Air Delivery. This type of delivery would be in support of the Airborne Air Defence Troop in Petawawa. Other trials of mention are the Lightweight Equipment Disconnect, a new HUPRAS (Hung up Parachute Retrieval Assist System) and new DZ marking methods using the Right Angle Marker (RAM) System. Our resident Patricia, WO N.B. Topham, continues to keep a watchful eye on all ATEs operations.

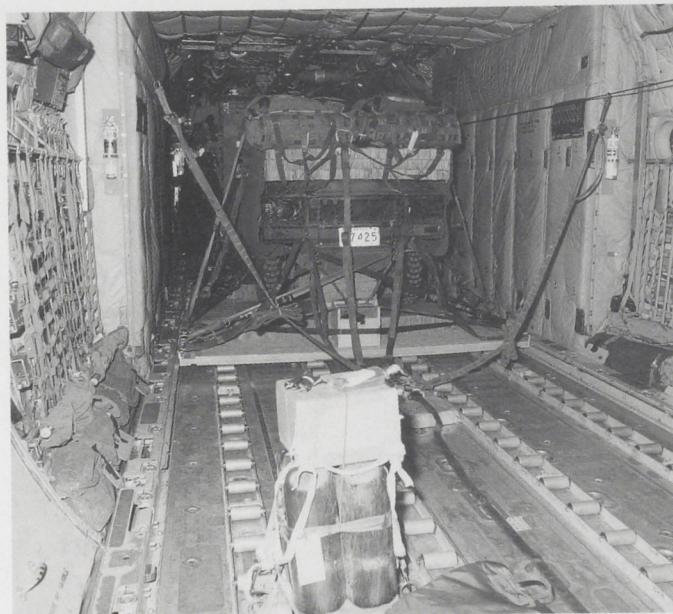


Basic parachutists preparing for a full equipment parachute descent on to DZ Buxton.

Aerial Delivery Training Company (ADTC) is the equipment/supply and technical support wing of CABC. ADTC also trains personnel to set up and control Drop Zones, Landing Zones and Extraction Zones for Airborne and Airmobile

The Canadian Forces Parachute Team (CFPT) has travelled extensively over the past year, performing throughout Canada, the United States, Bermuda and France.

operations. Set into this large logistic sub unit are two Patricia's: Capt C.S. Allen - Training Officer and Sgt P.J. Kaiser - Training Coordinator. With these two now at the heart of ADTC, you can



An Itlis rigged for drop.

bet the Aerial Delivery Basic and Advanced, Basic Helicopter Operations (Land) and the DZ/LZ/EZ Controller courses will end up with some Infantry flair.

The Canadian Forces Parachute Team (CFPT) has travelled extensively over the past year, performing throughout Canada, the United States, Bermuda and France. An integral part of the team is Sgt Brian "the Fly" Toupin. He was looked upon early in the season to instruct augmentees and has since spent the last 9 months on the road performing. He is now gladly back home with his wife and newborn daughter.

As can be seen, Patricia's have a hand in everything at CABC. It has been said "the standard must be set and who better than a Patricia".



The Javelin Air Defense Missile being dropped from a C-130.



*LFWA HQ and CABC Patricia's gather to greet the Colonel of the Regiment at the Honorary Colonels Conference.
Back Row, L-R: WO Millman, Capt Morton, MWO Jacquard, Capt Smith, Capt Martyn, Capt Parent, WO Topham, Capt Stefanuk.
Front Row, L-R: CWO Stevens, LCol Nette, Maj Gen Pitts, LCol Bewick, CWO Collier.*



LCol Bewick passing the PO check on the Regimental birthday cake under the watchful eye of CWO Collier.



Maj Morneau proudly awaiting his turn to display his birthday cake cut and thrust.

Although understandably reluctant, 1 PPCLI was kind enough to relinquish Capt Bob Parent to LFWA HQ this summer. The constant deluge of fan mail from the 1 PPCLI hockey team boosters club attests to bobs primary occupation in Calgary. Having undergone surgery to separate him from the Chief Standards Officers' chair at RCS of I, Capt Nick Martyn made the pilgrimage West to replace Maj Moreault as G3 Individual Training. Having road-moved First Canadian Mechanized Division into oblivion as the A COS during exercise Final Drive last May, he is now practising his new found staff skills on the units and formations of LFWA. New additions to the merry band were completed by MWO Jacquard who was

dragged kicking and screaming from T and E section at CABC. He now offers day-long seminars on retirement from the CF as he has been selected for FRP in July this year, and knows more about the subject than anyone else.

1993 promises greater challenges as we enter the most intense period of operations and training the Army has seen since Korea. As this article goes to print the movements of Patricias at LFWA for 1993 are unknown. However, it remains the privilege of all of us at LFWA to serve our fellow Patricias wherever and whenever we can. It is a matter of great pride for us to see our Regiment setting the standard for success in all operations to which we are committed. VP!



LCol W.J. Bewick (left) posing with other members of the LFWA HQ pistol team after winning the Falling Plate Pistol Competition, 18 September 1992, in Edmonton. VP does it again.



LCol W.J. Bewick with his Sniper Trophy after winning the Inter-Service Weapons Sniper Competition, 18 September 1992, in Edmonton. His competitors were comprised of personnel from the Edmonton City Police, CABC, and Correctional Guards from Drumbeller and Edmonton.

Manitoba/Lakehead District Patricia's



*Back Row (L to R): Cpl Underwood, MWO Burke, WO Gobin, Cpl Grogan.
Front Row (L to R): Capt McKenzie, Maj Peterson, Capt Eyre.*

Greetings from sunny "central" Canada. As usual, the Regiment is well represented over this vast, wind-swept district by Patricias who are in the process of implementing Total Force at the other "pointy end".

The beginning of the year saw many of our Patricias on weekend jaunts to Shilo or other training areas to assist in unit training. Regimental Day was spent by many playing Broomiloo with Second Battalion, where WO Gobin proved to be an effective member of the Senior NCO's "goon squad". Unit training culminated with the District FTX at Shilo in May where all District Patricia's were united together (or at least within several grid squares of each other).

Summer began with a frantic attempt to get our Militia soldiers screened to augment Third Battalion for OP Harmony. The summer also saw many old faces leave and new ones come in, with most of the remainder spending a good part of their summers in Wainwright or Dundurn. Posted out were Major Tom Cottingham to British Columbia District, MWO Doug Colton to the Infantry School, and Sgt Mike House and Cpl Rob Alcorn to 3PPCLI. Joining us were Capt MacKenzie from ONUCA/ONUSAL (Guatemala/El Salvador), MWO Burke from 1PPCLI, MCpl Anderson from 3PPCLI, and Cpl Underwood from 2PPCLI.

The three months of bad snowmobiling left us quickly and everything resumed full speed in September, with the most noticeable changes being the integration of the Regular Force personnel into the Militia chain of command, which left us looking like this:

District HQ

Major Ed Peterson – G3

Royal Winnipeg Rifles

Captain Wayne Eyre – Adjutant

WO Clem Gobin – Training WO

Corporal Terry Grogan – Support NCO

Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

Captain RobRoy MacKenzie – Adjutant

MWO Leonard Burke – Training MWO

Corporal Pierre Underwood – Support NCO

Lake Superior Scottish Regiment

MCpl Greg Anderson – Support NCO

(Our lone Patricia in RCR country)

Our busy schedule continued throughout the fall and we finished the year by preparing another rotation of Militiamen to augment Second Battalion for their tour in Croatia.

All Manitoba/Lakehead District Patricias wish the best for all members of the Regimental family in the upcoming year.

Patricia's North



*Northern Area's Finest:
(L to R) Sgt Brian Magas, WO Reg Laurenson,
WO Colin Bokovay, The Bear, Capt John Bagnall,
Capt Paul Chura and Capt Jon Gri.*

By Major M. Beztilny, CD

The past year was one of "greatcoats on, greatcoats off". At the beginning of the year the Region was to become part of FMC. Then FMC changed its name to Land Forces. Then it was decided we would remain independent (sob, sob, boo-hoo), but would be rewarded with a new name. So we changed our name to Canadian Forces Northern Area. The most earth-shattering development from all of this was that we had to change a few signs and titles ...

During 1992 we saw the following faces change:

Captain Don Pippolo, having failed to meet the standard after **two** postings North, went into retirement in Kamloops, where thermal underwear are not required. He was replaced as the G3 Rangers by Captain Paul Chura who arrived from the warmth and security of the First Battalion.

Warrant Officer Ron Smith, kicking and screaming, was dragged away to the Battle School. We still continue to receive calls from various community and Native leaders throughout the North asking why we let Smitty go - either a real tribute to the respect held for him, or perhaps a reflection of how much he bribed them. His replacement as an Area Cadet Instructor is Warrant Officer Colin Bokavay of the Second Battalion, who arrived complete with a moustache rivalling Smitty's.

Major Romas Blekaitis, having failed to learn Inuktituk, North Slavey, South Slavey, Gwich'in, Dogrib and Chipewyan in his two years as the G3, headed off to Esquimalt to try his hand at French. He was last seen at Yellowknife International, trying to drag his wife, two dogs and one bird aboard. It truly grieves me to report that he has been replaced by a gunner (small "g").

Captain Ray Schuler is the new 2ic at our Detachment in Whitehorse. Now a Logistics Officer, he was once a soldier in the First Battalion in the previous century.

Through an inexcusable error, I omitted mentioning that Master Corporal Bruce Rollie, having honed his skills at the Battle School, was posted in as the Detachment Clerk at Whitehorse in 1991.

The year 1992 has been one of mixed emotions. Uncertainty and eventually relief about remaining an independent formation. Envy of our many comrades heading off to Somalia, the former Yugoslavia and other exotic spots. Real satisfaction, in the face of devastating budget cuts, to see our plans to expand Ranger, cadet and other activities continue to receive support.

All this, combined with world-class lake trout fishing and caribou hunting, continues to make Northern Area the place to serve.

CUSTOS BOREALIS. VP.

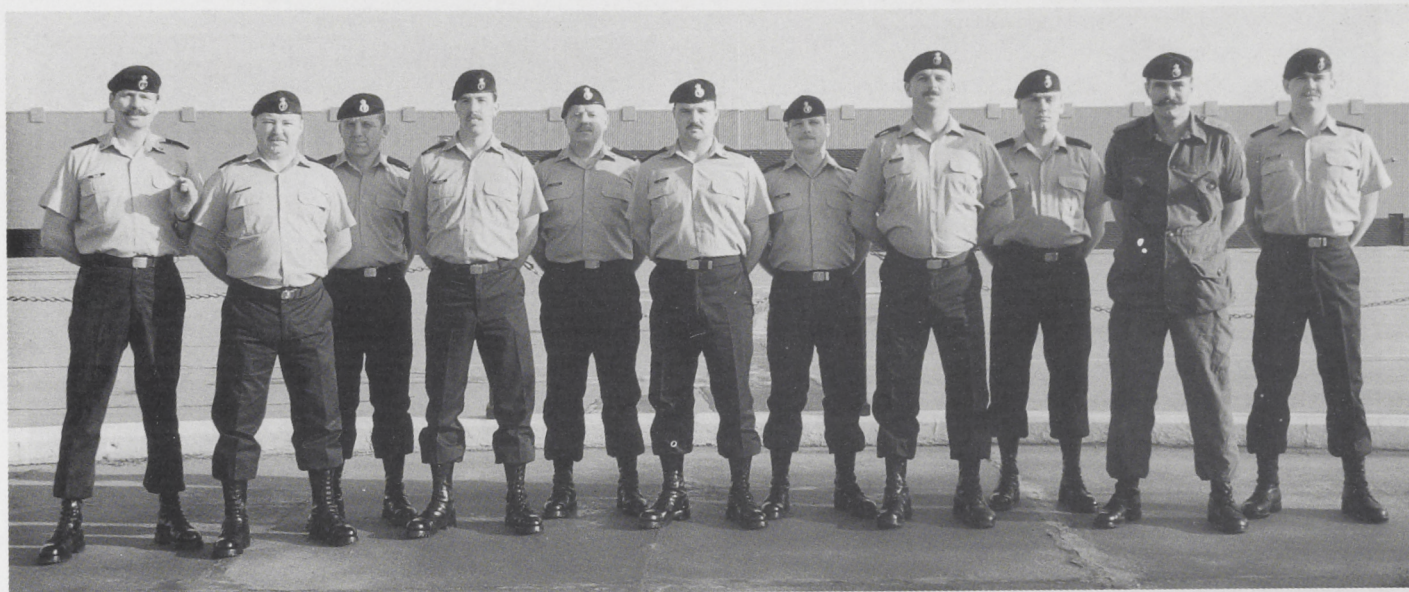


*Major Marcel Beztilny celebrates Regimental Day at
75th Anniversary Monument on Mount Pelly,
near Cambridge Bay, NWT.*

French Grey Battalion CFB Gagetown



CFRS Cornwallis Patricia's



During the past years CFRS Cornwallis has seen some changes as school staff has seen it's share of personnel cuts. However we carry out our tasking ... Training long haired civvies into well disciplined soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Patricia's at the school fill an assortment of positions from Headquarters Staff to PL Commanders, Squad NCOs and First Aid and Weapon Cadre Instructors. 1992 has seen a total of thirteen naval reserves and regular force recruit courses graduate and there will be quite a few "Ex Numpties" who will "Steady Up" the next time they see a Red PPCLI Shoulder Flash Go By.

On 8 May 1992 Patricias serving at CFRS Commemorated the Battle of Frezenberg with a flag raising ceremony at the Main Gate of CFB Cornwallis.

Members of the Regiment on Parade were MWO Miles D.R., WO MacDonald H.J., WO Douglas R.P., Sgt George H.G., Sgt Weber L.P., Sgt Wood L.T., MCpl Boutlier D.J., MCpl Caudle T.E., MCpl Davidson D.D., MCpl MacDonald D.W., MCpl Sandford L.E.

Following members were not available for PDE: Sgt Corscadden, Sgt Wheatley, MCpl MacDonald R., and MCpl Williams.

The last year has seen us lose to postings: Sgts Corscadden T.J., Weber L.P., Wheatley R.A., Wood L.T., MCpls Boutlier D.J., Caudle T.E., MacDonald R. and Sandford L.E. We wish all our fellow Patricias the best of luck in their new postings and we invite each and every Patricia to the Annapolis Valley to sample "Digby's World Famous Scallops".



Chilliwack Patricia's



L to R: Capt Mike Annis, LCol Wayne Dehnke, WO Ken Zack, Sgt Gary Patterson, Cpl Gus Provost, CSM "Wee Johnny" McGregor, MCpl Ron Hinkey, Sgt Paul Demucles. Missing: Sgt Gord Charlesbois.

It is difficult to speak of life on ERE in lovely BC without gloating over the provinces famous climate. This year it is easy. One wonders if there is an evil connection between local weather patterns and LFHQ. From the time this base was "traded" in the fall by Training System Command to Land Forces the mercury has plunged, the wind has howled and the snow has fallen, leaving us convinced we are actually part of Northern Region. Our treasured golf season is dramatically shorter but the fishing is still excellent, if you can get your hands on an ice auger.

Regimentally it was a full, rewarding, changed filled year. At the top LCol Wayne Dehnke had everyone, especially the Patricias, tearing up the town preparing for the CFB Chilliwack 50th Anniversary. The celebration brought visits from many members of the Regiment including the Colonel of the Regiment and his wife; LGen Foster, ADM (Per); and the Commander of 1 CBG, BGen Ashton. The Third Battalion Drum Line gave sterling performances throughout the festivities. LCol Dehnke's hard work as the coordinator of this tremendously successful event moved the community to nominate him for the Canadian 125th Anniversary Medal. Well done Colonel! The Regiment certainly impacted well upon the community.



Colonel of the Regiment MGen Pitts with Mel Canfield, President of the Fraser Valley PPCLI Association.

At the School of Military Engineering there were many tasks to be executed for the 50th, however; WO Ken Zack suddenly found himself alone as Sgt Gary Patterson ran across the road to Base Ops, and Capt Barry Bartlett left on a jammy swan "across the herring pond".



3rd Bn's Drumline steals the show at the Chilliwack 50th Anniversary Tattoo.

The remainder of the area's Patricias are at the Officer Candidate School. We all said our final farewells to RSM Simpson at a foamy and misty luncheon in July. Mr. Simpson is, at the time of this writing, hibernating in Arizona and intends

Continuity here is provided by Sgt Gord Charlebois, MWO John McGregor and Capt Mike Annis who are usually seen packing and repacking their kit and having "whose blue beret looks keenest" contests as they await the peacekeeping call.

to return to Calgary only when the frost is gone. Also gone this year are Sgts Paul Wiseman and Pete Leger to the First Battalion and Cpl Frank Smith to the Third. Fresh from French training are Sgt Demueles and MCpl Hinky, keen to question potential Vandoo officers. They are ably aided by Cpl Provost from the

Home Station. WO Jim Ogden arrived in time to participate in indoc training then jumped ship with WO Monty Lamotte and Capt Steve Borand to bolster the Champagne Battalion for OP Harmony. Continuity here is provided by Sgt Gord Charlebois, MWO John McGregor and Capt Mike Annis who are usually seen packing and repacking their kit and having "whose blue beret looks keenest" contests as they await the peacekeeping call. The reputation of Chilliwack as a posting in "Lotus Land" was somewhat frosted this year, however; we are becoming well known as a holding area for Patricias who are L.O.P. (left out of peacemaking).



WO Ken Zack's handiwork inside the "Trench" during the CFB Chilliwack 50th Anniversary.



More of WO Zack's creations.

The Louis Scott Cock o' the Walk Trophy



*L-R Standing: RSM G.P. Frank, LCol M.M. Fenrich, LCol J.M. Lapeyre, RSM W.P. Spring, LCol D.J. Pentney, Maj M.J. Diakow, MGen H.C. Pitts - Col of the Regt, Capt K. Flowers, Maj D.L.D. Davies, Maj E.F. Borchert, MWO B.R. Mills.
L-R Kneeling: Mr. D. Best - President of PPCLI Association, CWO V.I. Komadina, RSM B.G. Cleveland.*

The aim of the Louis Scott Cock O' The Walk Trophy is to commemorate the service of the late Colonel Louis Scott, OBE, DCM, who served as a Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and as a Commanding Officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

The Trophy is competed for annually by the units of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the PPCLI Battle School, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) and 2 Airborne Commando.

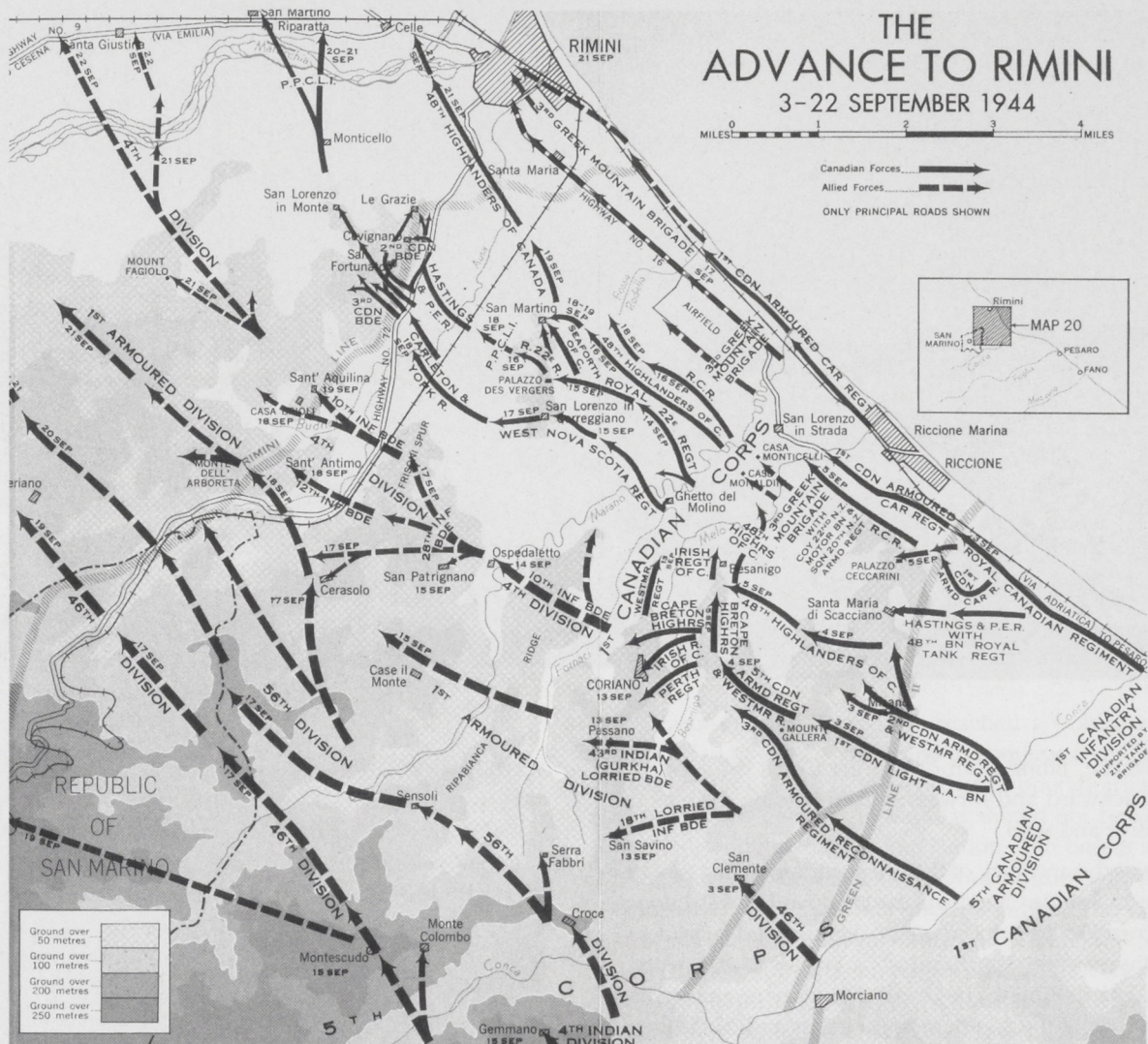
The Winners



L-R: RSM W.P. Spring, MGen H.C. Pitts - Col of Regt, LCol Pentney - CO 1 PPCLI (3 time winner, dead eye Dave).

Fall Regimental Day – 21 September

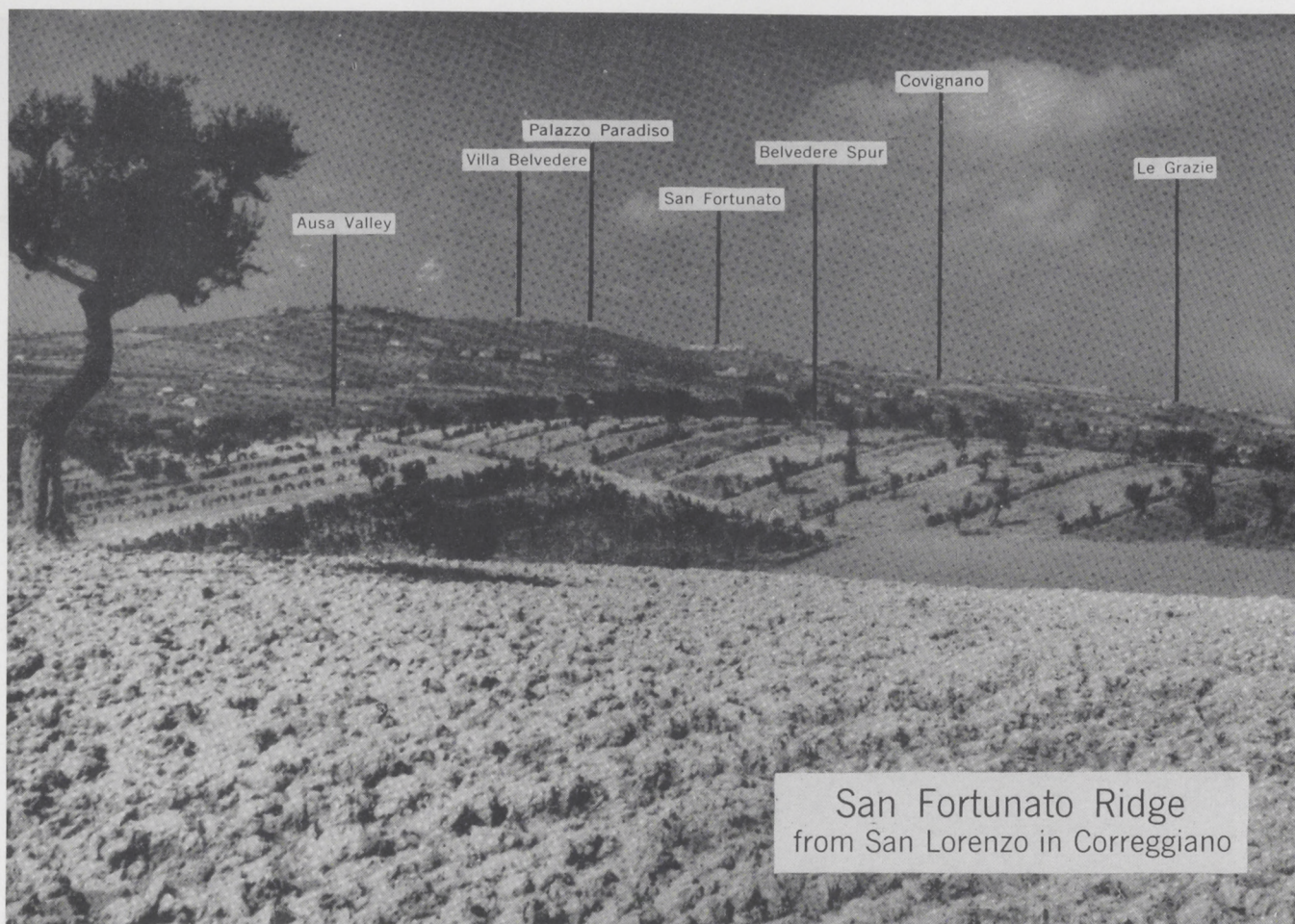
The Battle of San Fortunato



By nightfall on September 18th the steady pressure and dour courage of the Canadian Infantry had turned the tide. The outflanking movement had made the San Martino untenable; with the Patricias and their comrades on the line of the railway only a narrow corridor of escape remained to the garrison of the pillboxes. As for the Auser, which lay beside the railway, a broad jumper could cross it dry-shod; but because of its steep muddy banks it remained an obstacle to tanks. That evening anti-tank and medium machine guns came up and began to deal with the last remnants of the enemy on the opposite side of the stream. Before dawn "A" Company was holding the south bank and

work on a bridge had begun. All three Canadian Brigades now were in the firing line; 48th Highlanders of Canada had taken over on the right of the Patricias. The days' fighting had cost the Battalion 67 casualties, but only seven had been fatal.

The stage was now set for the final San Fortunato assault. On the evening of September 19th the attack opened with saturation shoots of terrifying intensity. Under the control of intricate trace sheets Eighth Army artillery units became instruments in an orchestra of destruction; they played individually, in unison and in harmony, putting down rolling barrages on



San Fortunato Ridge
from San Lorenzo in Correggiano

axes of advance, lifting from one target to fall on another, switching backward and forward with unending torrents of high explosive and steel.

Such was the accuracy of the fire programme that amidst its blasts the infiltrating Canadian infantry moved forward along protected corridors and closed on the demoralized defenders. The Seaforths won the eastern end of San Fortunato and swung to the right towards Rimini. The Loyal Edmontons scrambled up the steep slopes of the southern approaches and made their way to San Lorenzo on a spur to the rear of the main feature. Men of the Royal 22e Regiment, their blood up at their rough treatment, surged swiftly over the southwest extremity of the high ground and destroyed the defiant German garrisons. Attempts to counter-attack broke down. By first light San Fortunato was secure and the way to the Marecchia was open.

At 0830 hours on September 20th the Patricia rifle companies deployed on a start line 1,000 yards beyond the Ausa. A reconnaissance in detail by Capt E.D. McPhail had led to the selection of a series of intermediate objectives and firm bases on the line of advance to the Marecchia. On the first high ground beyond the village of San Fortunato were BOVEY and

MOIRE, which in effect were jump-off positions for the push to the river. At MOIRE a church and a cemetery provided conspicuous landmarks; the reserve company of the Loyal Edmontons held this area. A thousand yards ahead NYLON was elected as the first Patricia fire base; a thousand yards beyond NYLON, on the long slope down to the Marecchia, PIQUE was chosen as the forward position from which the companies would deploy for the crossing. 1,500 yards beyond PIQUE, across a succession of vineyards and orchards, lay the broad river bed and narrow twisty channels of the Marecchia.

At 1400 hours "B" and "C" Companies advanced. An hour later they reported in from MOIRE, but without their tanks and anti-tank guns, which had failed to negotiate the steep and greasy slopes of the San Fortunato feature. Here the company commanders were warned that enemy groups, including tanks, had been detected around NYLON. At 1600 hours when "A" and "D" Companies moved up to BOVEY Capt J.R. Koensgen and his medium machine gunners thrust on ahead and contacted enemy forces which they engaged and scattered by long-range high-angle fire. A Patricia carrier was destroyed by a direct hit in this action.



The Patricia's evacuate their wounded.



Observing an enemy position.



The fighting continues.

Across the Marecchia

Lieut-Colonel Clark now reached a bold decision. He decided to by-pass NYLON and to continue to PIQUE on the lower ground. He was confident that the operation had reached a stage when enemies in the rear should not be allowed to interfere unduly with its culmination. The orders to by-pass NYLON were issued at 2030 hours but did not reach "B" and "C" companies at MOIRE until after midnight. (The enemy was jamming all radio transmissions.) At 0225 hours (September 21st) the two forward companies advanced. A short distance beyond MOIRE Lieut. W.G. McNeil and several of his men were killed by a shell and CSM W.H. Clare took over command pending the arrival of Capt. G.R. Corkett, who was returning to the Battalion for the first time since his serious wounds in North Africa. At 0330 hours both forward companies reported in as "Snug" at PIQUE; whereupon "A" Company was ordered forward from BOVEY to lead the way toward the river crossing and "D" Company was instructed to patrol towards NYLON and if possible to ascertain the strength of the enemy in that area.

By dawn "A" Company had reached the Marecchia. The crossing presented no difficulties and at 0950 hours Major Cutbill and his men were over the river and astride the Emilian Way. There had been a certain amount of shellfire but no other opposition. Orders were issued immediately for the other

companies to cross. At 1530 hours "B" Company was over and had turned to the right to exploit towards Rimini. Two hours later, "C" and "D" Companies came up into alignment on the left of "A" Company along the Emilian Way and the parallel railway line to its north.

Desultory shelling continued through the night and increased at dawn. A carabinieri station which was serving as "C" Company Headquarters was hit and Capt G.R. Corkett, who had come up during the night, was killed — the third "C" Company commander to be killed in the battle. CSM Clare once more took command pending the arrival of Lieut J.V. Spurr. "C" and "D" Companies had picked up a number of prisoners during the night. "D" Company was now under command of Capt R.W. Potts.

"B" Company, which was moving east to the south of the Emilian Way, encountered a certain amount of resistance. Three machine gun posts attempted to hold up the advance; they were mopped up, three Germans being killed and six taken prisoner. CQMS F.A. D'Altroy brought hot food forward in a carrier and found himself in the midst of the enemy; he escaped but lost the company supplies. When about half-way to his objective (Celle, the junction of the coastal highway and the Emilian Way) Major McDougall discovered a considerable body of the enemy on his northern flank. A scouting tank from this group was discouraged by PIAT fire but lest a dangerous situation arise two of the surviving seven tanks of "B" Squadron 145th Royal Tank Regiment hurried to "B" Company's support. As his company was down to 40 of all ranks Major McDougall withdrew his men across the river during the night but returned before dawn next morning. At Celle "B" Company was taken

under command by the 22nd New Zealand Motor Battalion which had come up after Rimini had fallen to the 3rd Greek Mountain Brigade. The New Zealanders were in the process of relieving 1st Canadian Division and all Canadian vehicles had been ordered off the main roads to make room for the oncoming troops, who were under orders to maintain pressure upon the retreating enemy.

The battle over, congratulations poured in. It had been bitter fighting; September was the most costly month of the Mediterranean campaign for the Canadian formations. The Patricias had been fairly fortunate; total casualties for the San Fortunato operation had been three officers killed and nine wounded; 28 other ranks killed and 106 wounded.

These losses represented the cost of solid achievement. Rimini was the hinge of the German defenses; beyond the Marecchia it always was possible to bring converging attacks upon the enemy from west and south. Even on the highest levels it was believed that a turning point had been reached in the grim struggle; General Sir Oliver Leese in his message to the Canadian Corps declared: "You have beaten eleven German divisions and have broken into the Po Valley." His individual message to the Patricia's read: "The Regiment may be proud of its part in a great and hard-fought victory. Well Done, Canada."

Further inland the battle also had gone well. San Marino had been captured and the enemy had been flung back along the foothills of the Apennines. The Patricias, therefore, left the firing line with the belief shared by most of the Eighth Army — that the decisive battle had been won and that the end of the Italian campaign was in sight.

Kapyong – After the Battle

The Battle of Kapyong has been well documented by those who took part in this gallant defence by the soldiers of 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 24 - 25 April 1951.

At the time of Kapyong, I was attached to Headquarters 27 Commonwealth Brigade as Liaison Officer from 2PPCLI. One of the duties of an LO is to visit his parent unit whenever possible and, on specific tasks to bring to the Commanding Officer the latest map overlays and orders for redeployment of his battalion. That opportunity for a visit to the battalion position on Hill 677 was not to be afforded me as the battalion was soon to be engaged in battle that totally cut them off from any contact from outside.

Just after first light on the morning of 26 April, I was called to the Brigade Major's operations van and advised that there

would be two US Army helicopters arriving in a few minutes to pick me up to guide them to 2PPCLI's position so that they could evacuate our seriously wounded casualties who could not be evacuated by road when the Chinese, up to that point had the battalion cut off. I rechecked my map to make sure of the location of the battalion's tactical headquarters and awaited the arrival of the helicopters. Soon the distinctive noise of the two Bell 47Gs could be heard and then the two choppers landed at our smoke marked landing spot. Taking along a set of new orders and map overlays for Colonel Stone I climbed into the right hand seat of one of the craft and off we went. For the first time in my life I was flying in a helicopter and hoping that I would be able to lead the two US Army pilots directly to a place that I had never even seen before. That's what scared me. Not the flying, but the thought that maybe I wouldn't be able to find the Patricias.

The whole area of the battle that had taken place on Hill 677 was covered in haze and smoke from the bush and grass fires. Visibility was hampered by low cloud as well and it was not until we came under fire from Chinese positions North of the Kapyong River that I realized we had flown too far North. Just as the pilot banked hard to the left, the Patricias let off an orange smoke marker which marked their location and both choppers immediately headed for it. Upon landing the casualties were quickly loaded into the panniers mounted on the skids of each of the choppers. While that was taking place, I handed over the new orders and map traces to Colonel Stone, made notes of the battle for the Brigade Commander and jumped back into the helicopter. The pilot cranked up the power for take-off but the weight was too great and he turned to me and said "Sorry Buster, you're walking back". I jumped out and away they went.

My problem now was how to get back to Brigade Headquarters. To my knowledge the road was still blocked by the Chinese, but I was soon informed that Lt Murray Edwards had been able to bring up a vehicle that morning and that the road was clear as far as he knew. Armed with this information I set off to walk back to Brigade. The route down from the high ground to the road led me through the re-entrant where the Chinese had attempted to attack Tac HQ. The fire of the .50 calibre machine guns from the Battalion's Mortar Platoon half-track vehicles had decimated the attackers and their bodies lay among the bullet shredded scrub and small trees astride the track.

I kept checking the surrounding scrub expecting Chinese who might have stayed behind. When I reached the track and road junction I was surprised by three Chinese who jumped out of the scrub and ran off to the remains of a hut about a hundred yards away. Discretion being the better thought than valour, I ignored them and they let me pass. Just then a 2 1/2 ton truck came up the road, the driver was looking for the PPCLI. He had a load of reinforcements in the back and wanted to know where to take them. I showed him the track and he backed the truck into the area. Just before the troops had a chance to get out of the truck a shot rang out and one of the reinforcements was wounded. I pointed out the location of the Chinese that I had seen to the Corporal in charge of the detail and he set out to introduce his newly arrived Patricias to the Korean War.

I continued on my way back to Brigade, reported to the Brigade Major and made my report. He informed me that the withdrawal plans that I had just delivered to Colonel Stone were going to be changed and that I would have to deliver new plans and map overlays later in the afternoon.

This time I would take my jeep but would be without my driver, Pte Louis Rodrigue as he was still required to help with the duties of the Brigade HQ defence platoon. I set out in the late afternoon to the Patricia positions. On arrival I briefed the Battle Adjutant Major Gordon Henderson, as the battalion prepared to hand over their positions to a battalion of the 1st

US Cavalry Division. I was asked to take with me in my jeep some of the parachutes that had been used in the resupply of the battalion and two of the bodies of Patricia casualties. I carefully lashed the two poncho wrapped Patricias in the back of my jeep and covered them with some of the parachutes. I set off down the same track that I had walked earlier that morning and headed south on the main road.

I soon joined up with a long line of vehicles all moving south bumper to bumper. Just east of the road moving from bound to bound was a company of US Army tanks, turrets turned to the rear and firing every so often with their co-axial machine guns. I had no idea who or what they were shooting at, but it certainly added to the confusion in the approaching darkness. Our gaggle of vehicles was soon joined by the whole of Brigade Headquarters and my first thought was the whereabouts of my jeep trailer until I saw it being towed along behind the Brigade Ops Van. No doubt I would hear about that! I was stopped later by MPs who put two Chinese wounded POWs into my jeep — one in the vacant front seat and the other I made sit on the hood. Just what I needed. I drove for what seemed hours and finally was able to pull off the road when I saw the Brigade vehicles pull into a railroad station area. I turned my POWs over to the Brigade MP detachment who didn't really want them at that time of night as both the Chinese were suffering from their wounds. I checked in with the Brigade Major who told me to get my head down for a rest because he wanted me to visit the Middlesex and the newly arrived King's Own Scottish Borderers later that night with new orders. At this stage I began to wonder what the rest of the LOs were doing, but they had not returned yet from other tasks that they were sent on, and no one knew when they would return. I finally caught up with my driver and we recovered the jeep trailer, unloaded some of my gear and then placed the two bodies beside the trailer. I stretched out on my cot on the other side of the trailer, covered myself with my sleeping bag, munched on a chocolate bar and dropped off to sleep. I was soon awakened by one of the defence platoon soldiers asking if I was the Canadian LO and when I confirmed that I was he took me to a waiting 1/4 ton jeep ambulance from the Indian Field Ambulance that provided our medical support in the Brigade. There an Indian driver told me he had three Canadian bodies and could I take them please because he didn't know where to take them, his unit having moved and he had to get back to evacuate casualties. I agreed to help him and we moved over to the area where my trailer was and laid out the three casualties with the others.

No sooner had I closed my eyes when I was awakened and told to report to the Ops van. There I was given new orders for the Middlesex, the Artillery and the KOSBs. Briefed on the contents of the orders and with the new map traces I prepared to seek out the two units in the middle of the night. Rodrigue my driver was once again snaffled for guard duty so I would be off on my own again. I found the Middlesex with no difficulty

and was soon on my way to find the KOSBs. They were located in a range of low hills off the beaten track and look as hard as I could, I failed to find the illusive track that led to their positions. In despair I finally set off up what I thought was a track only to discover that it was nothing more than a footpath that separated the dry rice paddy fields. I only discovered how narrow the path was when I felt my jeep slowly sliding out from under me and I quickly put the gear shift in neutral and stepped out as the jeep did a slow roll over and landed on its wheels with the motor still running. I found my map board and flashlight and picked up other bits that had fallen out and then having had enough of driving without benefit of headlights switched them on to see where in the devil I was going I kept going North for a mile or so when I was stopped by a sentry who had heard my progress and offered to guide me to the KOSBs Battalion Command Post.

After a trek up the low hill I arrived at the unit's Headquarters, a tent inside which I found the Commanding Officer of the KOSBs and his Intelligence Officer. The CO was hovering over a kerosene heater in an attempt to ward off the chill night air. Bear in mind that the KOSB had only arrived in the Korean theatre of operations a few short days ago from Hong Kong and the wool sweaters they wore were hardly enough protection from the cold spring nights.

I introduced myself as the LO from Brigade, gave the Colonel his new orders and the IO the map overlay, asked if there were any questions and prepared to leave. The Colonel was furious — demanded to know who the hell I was, what identification did I have and under whose authority these orders were being issued. He simply refused to believe that the written orders I had handed to him duly signed by the Brigade Major were in fact authentic and that he was not going to move his Battalion yet again from positions that they had only moved into a few short hours ago. Despite my pleading with him he insisted that his IO accompany me back to Brigade Headquarters, verify that the orders were in fact bonafide and return to him. The IO and his driver followed me on my return journey, but just before we got to Brigade I had to take a side trip to the New Zealand Field Regiment to drop off their orders and map traces. I briefed the IO on how to find Brigade HQ which was only a few miles down the road and set off to complete my rounds.

Leaving the artillery position, I soon returned to the main road on the way to Brigade. Just short of the turn off to the railroad station where Brigade was located I came across an upturned British Land-Rover, wheels still spinning. My worst fears were confirmed when I discovered the body of the driver under the vehicle and the IO lying on the road in a state of shock and probably suffering from a broken neck. I told him I would send for help as soon as I got to Brigade which I did. If only that Colonel had believed me when I tried to explain why the orders had been changed and that they were authentic.

Reporting in to the Brigade Major, he told me that the KOSB

IO had been in to see him and he had sent him back to his unit. I told him where I had found him. Brigade still could not make radio contact with the KOSBs and I never did learn the fate of that unfortunate young man.

On returning to my trailer I discovered that another three Canadian dead had been placed alongside the others. I now had eight Patricias in my care.

I put my head down once again to grab a few winks and was awakened just before first light when I heard a voice from the far side of my trailer calling out — "Stand to lads - shake a leg now - let's get a move on - stand to". I raised myself from my cot in time to see a sergeant attempting to raise my Patricias from their eternal slumber to man defensive positions around Brigade HQ. He wasn't getting much response and had raised the poncho covering the nearest body. Before I could yell at him to tell him that these were the dead he was attempting to



Contributed by Rod Middleton

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raise he had drawn back the poncho to find fire blackened remains staring at him with sightless eyes. He promptly dropped the poncho, turned and retched.

As dawn broke, Brigade HQ prepared to move yet again to new positions. I was left with the problem of having to move my casualties with only my jeep and trailer available. Together with Rodrigue we literally commandeered the Brigade ration truck, a Bedford 3 ton truck with its white painted interior allocated specifically as a vehicle for transporting fresh rations. The vehicle, which was the responsibility of the Brigade Army Service Corps Officer, or BRASCO as he was known, was not about to be released by that officer who was vehemently denying my demands that it be used to move bodies. I insisted and Rodrigue who was a big powerful man and I started loading the bodies — BRASCO backed off and our Patricias were

moved south, eventually to lie with their comrades in the Commonwealth cemetery in Pusan Korea where they now lie.

POSTSCRIPT: *At the time of the Battle of Kapyong, the whole of the command structure of the Commonwealth Brigade was in a state of change. Two of the major units of the Brigade — the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and the Middlesex Regiment — were due for rotation back to Hong Kong as was the Headquarters of the 27th Brigade itself. The new Headquarters staff would form the 28th British Commonwealth Brigade including 2nd Bn PPCLI, 3rd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment, 16th New Zealand Field Regiment and the Indian Field Ambulance would continue to serve in the new Brigade.*

Profile in History — 80 Years Ago

They made tea in hot machine guns

LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

The Patricia's men who fought in the trenches had one thing in common — none had guessed how bad it would be. Some arrived in their early teens, others were over 60. Some had only three weeks' training. Some had never even seen a rifle range. New officers often showed up with glistening sabres freshly sharpened and were shocked to spend weeks beneath a cascade of shells a mile from the nearest enemy soldier.

The world has never seen, before or since, trenches like those on the Western Front. They led, one into the other, for hundreds of miles — front-line trenches, reserve trenches,



interlacing communication trenches, all tied together in huge city-like networks and labelled with the names of home-town streets. Over and over the trenches were built, demolished and rebuilt. Soldiers slept in holes scraped in the trench walls and on cots squeezed into dugouts. Engineers — sappers, they were called — tunnelled beneath no man's land to plant mines under enemy trenches, and sometimes encountered hostile tunnellers headed the other way.

The lessons of survival in trenches were quickly learned. No orchestra conductor ever studied the delicate nuances of collected sounds more closely than the soldiers on the Western Front. "We can sort out all the different explosions," wrote English poet Robert Graves in his book *Goodbye to All That*, "and disregard whichever don't concern us — such as the artillery duel, machine gun fire at the next company to us, desultory rifle fire. But we pick out at once the faint plop! of the mortar that sends off a sausage, or the muffled rifle noise when a grenade is fired." Bullets were different. They could not be dodged. "Rifle bullets in the open went hissing into the grass without much noise," wrote Graves, "but when we were in a trench, the bullets made a tremendous crack as they went over the hollow. Bullets often struck the barbed wire in front of the trenches, which sent them spinning in a head-over-heels motion — ping! rockety-ockety-ockety-ockety into the woods behind."

The heavy shellfire made supply almost impossible. Carrying parties lugging up ammunition, food and fuel moved only at night and often vanished before they reached the trenches. To keep warm men burned the crosses from graves; to make tea they boiled water by circulating it in the cooling systems of

machine guns fired at random over the enemy trenches. One of the worst shortages of all was sleep. During the day men struggled to repair the damaged trenches and kept an eye out for surprise attacks. At night they raided enemy trenches, repaired the barbed wire in from of their own trenches, retrieved wounded from no man's land and stood lookout. Men learned to sleep while working, even in the roar of artillery fire. A man filling a sand bag suddenly discovered that the soldier holding it open for him had fallen sound asleep. "I could fall asleep," wrote Graves, "sitting down, standing, marching, lying on a stone floor or in any other position, at a moments's notice at any time of day or night."

Rats became a menace almost as unnerving as the enemy. They fed on unburied corpses the surrounded and sometimes filled the trenches. Men eating in dugouts took potshots at rats crawling along the wooden supports. When a new officer joined Graves's company he was given a dug-out with a spring bed. "When he turned in that night, he heard a scuffling, shone his torch on the bed, and found two rats on his blankets tussling for the possession of a severed hand. This story circulated as a great joke."



Men grew accustomed to the casual presence of dead flesh. In one trench, said British writer Gerald Brenan, "the dried up hand of a dead German or Frenchman jutted out from the wall and some of the men when they passed by shook it to bring good luck." A British corporal, whose closeness to corpses had driven him to humour, wrote his aunt, "Dear auntie, this leaves me in the pink. We are at present wading in blood up to our necks. Send me fags and a life-belt. This was a booger. Love and Kisses."

Great risks were sometimes taken to retrieve wounded stranded in no man's land. Siegfried Sassoon tells how he decided to go after a wounded man who had been abandoned by returning members of a night patrol. He climbed in rain and darkness along the slushy slopes of craters close enough to the



enemy to hear rifle bolts click. He finally found the man, dragged him out of the crater and got him to a trench.

Patrols were always going out into no man's land to get information about the enemy. Stealth was important, and for weapons men resorted to bayonets, clubs and kitchen knives taped to the ends of broomsticks. Before going out men pooled their money to be divided among survivors. One night Graves went with a sergeant to determine if an enemy trench was occupied after dark. With toeless socks pulled over their bare knees to protect them from scrapes, the men crawled from their trench. "We went 10 yards at a time, slowly, not on all fours, but wriggling flat along the ground. After each movement we lay and watched for about 10 minutes. We crawled through our own wire entanglements and long a dry ditch; ripping our clothes on more barbed wire, glaring into the darkness until it began turning round and round. Once I snatched my fingers in horror from where I had planted them on the slimy body of an old corpse.

We found the gap in the German wire and at last came within five yards of the saphead [the end of the trench]. We waited quite 20 minutes, listening for any signs of its occupation. Then I nudged Sergeant Townsend and, revolver in hand, we wriggled quickly forward and slid into it." The trench was unoccupied, and Graves returned safely to his trench.

Patrols sometimes gave way to direct conversations as a method of obtaining information from the enemy. Soldiers shouted at each other across no man's land, hoping to taunt the enemy into answering. Friendly messages were sometimes sent in undetonated rifle grenades (one reported the safety of a pet dog that had strayed over from the enemy side). And on the first Christmas of the war, in 1914, men on both sides climbed out of their trenches and met in no man's land to talk, sing and swap souvenirs and cigarettes.

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Profile in History — 50 Years Ago

"In 1941 I joined the Army Engineers but my grandmother didn't want me to go overseas so got me out of the service. I was 16 at the time and living in Alberta. When I turned 18, I re-enlisted in the Engineers and was stationed at Chilliwack when we got word of a new outfit called the Paratroopers. Twelve of us volunteered and were sent to Montreal where we went through a battery of psychiatrists to find out if we were suitable for the Paratroopers, which at the time was a very selective unit. After being accepted we were sent to Georgia where we trained with the Americans, then returned to Camp Shilo and from there to England. But I still wasn't old enough to go over and was held back until my 19th birthday. When I did get there I had take another course, learning to jump from aircraft with floor exits, having trained on C-47's. We were known as the First Canadian Paratroopers.

On the night on June 5th, 1944 we enplaned in England. It was still daylight and flying over the lush countryside, I remember wondering if I'd ever see this beautiful island again. We were the Pathfinders ... thirty of us that crossed the channel that night flying at a very low altitude to avoid the German radar. When we reached the coast, we did a pop-up to 400 feet across the coastal defences. At 10 minutes after midnight we jumped, 50 pounds of equipment strapped on my back and became the first allied troops to land in occupied France. The Battle of Normandy had began and eventually 1,500,000 troops would follow us. When we jumped, our Padre's parachute got hung up on a Catholic Church steeple and he was left dangling back and forth. It was a strange coincidence, him being a R.C. and all. He was shot and killed. I don't know if it was on purpose or a ricochet. The Germans weren't usually bad soldiers, if you were hung up in a tree they'd help you down and take you prisoner ... the Nazis were something else ... We lost nine of our men in that jump, five killed and four wounded.

On the 13th of June, 1944, the seaborne troops, the Scottish 5th Battalion of the Black Watch, broke through to us. They took up a position on our left and put up machine guns. The remainder of our company went over to assist the Black Watch which was under going a severe attack by the Germans. I got wounded that night, sent to a field hospital, and returned to England the following day by hospital ship.

At 10:00 A.M. on the 24th of March, 1945, the First Canadian Paratroopers jumped across the Rhine into Germany. This was the biggest airborne operation that had ever taken place during the war at that time, three American Divisions and one British. Each Airborne Division consists of 5000 men and the Dakotas we were flying in only carried twenty out-fitted men. With the American squadron and the tug aircraft pulling gliders, it took

3 hours for the whole air armada to pass. Once again, the Canadians were the first to jump but the Germans were expecting us and we lost a lot of aircraft and men. From there, we marched and rode tanks across northern Germany until we reached Wismar, a port city on the Baltic Sea coast. The German fortifications around the city were now abandoned. We set up road blocks and shortly afterwards the Russians arrived but we had orders to not let them through. It wasn't until we got back to England that we found out why the allies wanted Wismar so bad. There was a German submarine in port with a new device called the 'snorkel' that the allied navies didn't have.

I was home in Canada and planning to go to the far east when the bomb was dropped and the war over. Eleven of the original 30 Pathfinder Paratroopers had been killed.

I was out of the military for a year to the day, joined up again in 1946 and stayed for another 29 years.

(This reporter) "For the money?"

(Andy) "Ha. We got \$1.20 a day and 75 cents danger pay during the Second World War. The commissioned ranks got \$2.00 ... not sure if they were worth it."

In Korea I didn't jump. The Korean soldiers were different ... jungle fighters and very sneaky, would think nothing of digging a tunnel for two miles. "I spent 28 years with the Princess Patricia's, did peace keeping tours in the Middle East and taught Arctic survival."

"... As far as Remembrance Day, November 11th, is concerned, if you value your freedom, thank all the boys buried on foreign soil because they were the people that made it possible ..."



Andy Anderson, Pathfinder Paratroopers, W.W. II 1941-1945, Korean War 1950-1953, Sandy Hook R.C. Legion #182.



First Canadians in France

BEFORE ANY OTHER ALLIED ASSAULT troops set foot in France, a crack specially-trained force of parachutists from Canada landed near Caen. This first group floated down from the sky through a storm of flak and gunfire, their mission to clean up the dropping-

zone for paratroopers who came later. The wounded from this unit, brought back to base hospitals, tell stories of bitter fighting and fierce resistance. The glider train which came later measured 200 miles. Here are the first Canadian paratroopers in France.



Lt. S. W. McGowan
Winnipeg, Man.
KIA 3/4/45



Pte. W. H. Middleton
Toronto, Ont.



Sgt. H. L. Wright
Nanaimo, B.C.



Sgt. R. O. MacLean
Lachute, Que.



Sgt. M. C. MacPhee
Truro, N.S.
KIA 24/6/44



Sgt. G. H. Mergan
Montreal, Que.



Sgt. G. Kroesing
Coleman, Alta.



Sgt. Gordon Davies
Gloucester, N.S.



Cpl. D. R. Hartigan
North Sidney, N.S.



Cpl. A. M. Saunders
Quipowies, N.S.



Pte. H. E. Makelki
Weyburn, Sask.



Pte. D. D. Carver
Wolfville, N.S.



Pte. F. Bismutka
Toronto, Ont.



Pte. H. R. Swim
Lockport, N.S.



Pte. C. M. Morrison
Innisfail, Alta.



Pte. W. Mallen
Kirkland Lake, Ont.



Pte. M. M. Clark
Englehart, Ont.



Pte. F. Russell
Beausejour, Man.



Pte. R. E. Pilen
London, Ont.



Pte. A. Hegarh
Toronto, Ont.



Pte. E. J. Pinay
Lorlie, Sask.



Pte. W. Yurkowski
Watson, Sask.



Pte. E. H. Damstrom
Kimberley, B.C.



Pte. L. Saunders
Parry Sound, Ont.



Pte. S. R. Woodward
LaPrairie, Man.



Pte. J. T. Church
Toronto, Ont.



Pte. W. D. Murray
Toronto, Ont.



Pte. J. A. Anderson
Windfield, Alta.



Pte. C. N. Douglas
Courtney, B.C.



Pte. W. J. Chaddock
Toronto, Ont.



Pte. H. R. Croft
Halifax, N.S.



Pte. A. I. McNally
Edmonton, Alta.

Peacekeeping Monument Unveiled in Ottawa

By Tom MacGregor

The national peacekeeping monument in Ottawa was two years in the making but that didn't stop sculptor Jack Harman from improvising just days before the unveiling.

The monument called The Reconciliation was unveiled Oct 8 by Gov. Gen. Ray Hnatyshyn and other officials. It is the creation of Harman urban designer and architect Richard Henriquez and landscape architect Cornelia Hahn-Oberlander, all of British Columbia. It is located near the National Gallery of Canada, within sight of the Parliament Buildings.

Three 10-foot bronze military figures stand on two converging limestone walls representing opposing factions. The word Reconciliation, the phrase In the Service of Peace and the names of peacekeeping missions from Korea in 1947 to Somalia in 1992 appear on the wall. War debris and wild flowers are scattered between the walls, while a grove of 12 oak trees — suggesting Canada's 10 provinces and two territories — stands beyond. The words Rudyard Kipling chose for the Sone of Remembrance in liveth for evermore — appear on a wall around the grove to commemorate those who have died on peacekeeping operations.

The figures are an armed peacekeeper, an observer with binoculars and a communicator in a kneeling position. The latter is talking into a portable radio. In the original design, the armed figure is looking at the Peace tower on Parliament Hill, but when Harman was overseeing the placement of the figures, he changed his mind. "When I got there and saw traffic ... it was quite overwhelming. I noticed we could put the armed soldier looking at the word Reconciliation. It would be as if he were searching for a solution. Once we moved him, we had to turn around the figure with binoculars so he looks at the Peace Tower. It was less militaristic. I felt it worked."

At a news conference before the unveiling, project director Col. John Gardam said he agreed with the change and called the monument an inspiration to current members of the Forces. "This is the first national monument with military figures unveiled in Ottawa since 1939," he said referring to the National War Monument. "The last thing we want to see is another monument to war."

The monument cost \$2.8 million. National Defence paid \$2.3 million while the National Capital Commission donated the land and paid \$500,000 plus design construction management and the ongoing maintenance costs. NCC chairman Marcel Beaudry said: "It is fitting that (the monument) should be located in the heart of the capital, on Confederation Boulevard, and that it should be surrounded by some of our most important national symbols."

The monument was commissioned shortly after the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to UN peacekeepers. Canada is

the only country that has participated in all UN peacekeeping missions. Two Canadians died on peacekeeping missions this summer bringing the total number of deaths to 85.

The unveiling took place on a warm autumn day with approximately 1,000 onlookers. Close to 1,500 current and former members of UN and other peacekeeping operations marched to the ceremony. The Governor General in uniform as commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces opened the ceremony saying it was appropriate for Canada to have the first monument to peacekeeping. "Canada was not forged in battle but with reason, negotiation and compromise," he said before unveiling the armed soldier figure.

The observer figure was unveiled by Ambassador Louise Frechette, Canada's permanent representative at the UN, and UN Under-Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations Marrack Goulding. The third figure was unveiled by Chief of Defence Staff Gen. John de Chastelain, retired general Ramsey Withers and CWO Frank Hughes of Communications Command, who served on five peacekeeping operations.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced the government would issue the Special Service Medal with a bar for peacekeeping to Canadians who accumulated 180 days in designated peacekeeping operations, but who do not have the continuous time to qualify for UN medals. The Special Service Medal has only been awarded once — to engineers who taught Afghans in Pakistan to clear mines (Legion Journal, April).

The ceremony ended with a flypast of a Hercules and helicopters. There was also a march past that included the guard of honour, a colour party and 32 contingents from peacekeeping operations. Most of those marching wore the blue berets of the UN, while those who were with the observer force still overseeing the Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel wore rusty brown berets. Members of the RCMP who served in Namibia paraded in red serge. The largest contingent had served in Cyprus while Lt-Col. Paul Mayer marched alone, having been the only Canadian who served on a mission to the Dominican Republic in 1965-66. Only Canada's 1962-63 operation in West New Guinea where 24 RCAF members served, was not represented.

Among the leaders of the contingents were Rear-Admiral Ken Summers who led the Canadian Forces in the Persian Gulf and Maj-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, leader of the Canadian Forces who held the Sarajevo airport while relief flights came in last summer.

With Canada's peacekeeping forces expected to reach 4,250 by year's end, the monument is as much a tribute to the future as it is to the past.

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PPCLI Band



What has the PPCLI Band been up to? 1992 Was another busy year for band members. You have probably noticed that the band is in a different building. The move was made this fall to new facilities which are located in the same building as the Museum of the Regiments. The band's Command has also changed. It is now under LFWAHQ instead of CFB Calgary. Outside of these changes, it was business as usual.

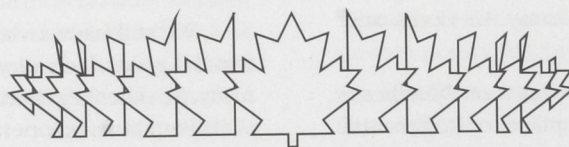
The schedule included a trip to Europe in April, where the band had the honour of playing at the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. There were also remembrance ceremonies in Dieppe and Passchendale. Upon the band's return, rehearsal began in earnest for a busy parade season. Along with appearances at military parades, you could tune in and see the band on TV marching in the Stampede and Klondike Days parades. In October the band performed a challenging and exciting concert program at the Cosmopolitan Music Society concert hall in Edmonton. The audience was most impressed, and demanded an encore. The year ended off with the annual Christmas concert at Jack Singer concert hall, which has become a city tradition. It was busy and memorable year for the band, and it looks like 1993 will be equally rewarding.

CFB Baden Infantry Battalion Plaque



A photograph of the Bronze Plaque that will be presented to the village of Hügelsheim on 14 May 1993. 3 RCR will present the plaque on behalf of all infantry units which have served at CFB Baden.

The plaque is three feet long, two feet wide and weighs approximately 70 pounds. It will hang inside the Rathaus in Hügelsheim once it is presented during a "Canadian Appreciation" weekend from 14-16 May 1993. It will be visible proof of our presence here once the base closes in December 1993.





The Royal Green Jackets



Options for Change

1992 has been a momentous year for the Army and the Regiment, not least because of the 'Options for Change' exercise, which required the Infantry to be reduced from 55 to 38 Battalions, including one from the Royal Green Jackets.

Winchester

Adult Training. In future Infantry adult recruit training will consist of two Phases — Phase I, the Common Military Syllabus to be done by everyone in the Army, to be carried out in what are to be called Army Training Regiments and Phase II, special-to-arm training, to be carried out in Arms Centres. We are to be allowed to continue to do our Phase I training at Winchester, where the RAC, the new Adjutant General's Corps, the Army Air Corps and the Intelligence Corps recruits will also train. Our Phase II will be carried out at an interim location at Ouston and Northumberland until the new Centre is built at Catterick in Yorkshire. Thus our recruits will continue to start their careers in our Regimental home, which is the most that we could have hoped for.

Juniors. Juniors are seen as a wasting asset because of the Government's new education policy and, with the exception of our own, who will continue to be trained in Sir John Moore Barracks, are to be trained in separate Junior Leader's Regiments until the future is clearer. To ensure that all bed spaces are filled, we shall be joined by RAC, Army Air Corps and Adjutant General Corps Junior Leaders.

Regimental Headquarters. Now that our Winchester home is secure, we can make long term plans for Regimental Headquarters. We do not yet know what the future is for Headquarters Light Division, but have been assured that whatever succeeds it will be allowed to stay in Sir John Moore

Barracks, which will have important implications for Regimental assets such as the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes and the Chapel.

Regular Battalion

The current 1, 2 and 3 RGJ stemmed directly from the 43rd/52nd KRRB and The Rifle Brigade in 1958 and 1965. Now that we have been reduced to two Regular battalions, we have deliberately renumbered them to eliminate that direct link, making the point on what was called M or Merger Day — 25 July 1992, the RGJ Regimental Birthday — 1 RGJ merged with 2 and 3 RGJ to form a two battalion Regiment. 2 RGJ, presently in Omagh, renumbered as 1 RGJ. They are due to arms plot to Cyprus in 1993. 3 RGJ presently in Dover, renumbered as 2 RGJ and assumed the AMF(L) role for what has, up to now, been a four year period. The 'I' and 'R' Company titles will leave the regular Battalion and will possibly be used by the Regimental Phase I and II recruit Companies.

Territorial Battalions

Both 4 RGJ and 5 RGJ are to remain in the order of battle, although, in common with all other TA Battalions, they are to be reduced to three company strength.

The Future

There is much follow on work to be done, but now that so much of the future is secure, it can be regarded with optimism. We must thank all members of the regiment, Past and Present, for the mature sensible, positive and helpful way in which they have responded to the news of these far reaching changes. We must also pay tribute to All Ranks in the regular Battalions, for the magnificent way in which they have conducted themselves in their tours of Northern Ireland, where they have earned high praise from many quarters. In typical Riflemanlike fashion the three Commanding Officers have turned the situation to their advantage, and used the opportunity to resolve many details affecting individuals, while implementing the merger.

We still have a viable Regiment, still based on its traditional home, which is by no means so far the remainder of the Army. No other Regiment in the Army has been required to have all its Battalions on operations in Northern Ireland at the same time, and certainly not at a time like this; we venture to suggest that no other Regiment could carry this off, but that is the standard that we know will be maintained in the future.



The Regiment - A Summary Account The Light Division Depot

The Depot will re-role and become the Army Training Regiment Winchester on 2 Apr 93. Green Jacket recruits will then complete their basic training of 10 weeks in Sir John Moore Barracks before moving to Ouston in the North. Despite the change Winchester will remain at the heart of the Regiment retaining Regimental Headquarters, Chapel and the Museum in addition to our links with the City, the Cathedral and St Cross Cricket field. In short the roots of the new Army Training Regiment will be set firmly in Green Jacket soil!

1st Battalion (Now Merged)

1 RGJ before merger on 25 July 1992, served for the last time in Northern Ireland together with the two other regular battalions, which last occurred in 1972. Since the Troubles began in 1969 the Regiment has carried out 24 emergency and 4 garrison tours, 11 of them by 1 RGJ, eight each by 2 and 3 RGJ and one by R Company. The Battalion was based at Drumadd Barracks in Armagh and was responsible for the city and border areas. A role of reassurance and deterrence including vehicle check points and patrolling particularly related to the 39 border crossing points. Too busy to enjoy their surroundings a successful tour was completed before the battalion returned to Osnabruck, West Germany to prepare for merger. The majority of riflemen transferred to 2 RGJ back in Omagh, Northern Ireland and the remainder to 3 RGJ in Dover prior to renumbering on 25 July 1992.

2nd Battalion (Now 1st)

1992 was the middle year in the 30 month tour as Omagh Resident Battalion and it has been every bit as fast and furious as the first. On the Regimental front, the year was notable for the way in which we merged with the 75 men and families, from the original First Battalion in Osnabruck, and assumed their previous title. We are happy to report that The First Battalion is alive and well in Omagh.

Our experiences with the terrorist in our Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR) have been numerous. We have had several contacts with the enemy; close quarter shoots, petrol bomb and grenade attacks, and to date we have been fortunate not to sustain any casualties. Perhaps the most notable incident occurred in August when terrorists ambushed an urban foot patrol, (puncturing the patrol commander's clothing but not him) and then escaped in a stolen car. Fortunately another patrol was just able to get in the way of the car's escape route and there followed a rapid exchange of fire as the car roared through the patrol's position. Despite receiving 30 hits the car escaped into a housing estate complete with burst tires, and the

occupants fled. A three day search operation in the same estate revealed one of the culprits, complete with substantial wounds, secreted inside the frame of a divan bed in the house of a terrorist sympathiser. We have yet to witness his prosecution. A short while later in the same area we were to find large quantities of terrorist equipment in some of the most productive search operations that our TAOR has ever witnessed.

A vital ingredient of our modus operandi is Community Relations, winning the hearts and minds of the civilian population. Our soldiers have worked hard and effectively assisted by the terrorist's increasing lack of concern for the safety of the population that if purports to represent, have made tangible progress. Anti Security Force elements in some of the more unlikely areas of the TAOR are beginning to mellow, as a degree of mutual trust and respect is cultivated.

Life in our base location in Omagh has also witnessed its share of the action. We have continued to experience some troubles with our close neighbours in the adjacent Nationalist estate. There was an unsuccessful had grenade attack on a Married Quarter in March, although stones and bottles are more usual. This is minor league trouble compared to the tragic fate that befell 14 of our barrack maintenance contractors in January. Their van was blown up outside Omagh whilst returning home after a day's work in our barracks. Eight men died and the rest suffered terrible injuries. These men were well known to our soldiers and families and played an important part in our lives. They are sorely missed. We depend a great deal upon those civilians who are prepared to risk working for us and we hold them all in great respect.

An important aspect of life on a long tour in Northern Ireland is variety and getting away whenever possible. On the military training side two companies have conducted short exercises in England (Warcop and Galloway), we conducted a 6 week JNCO cadre, 3 weeks of which were in Warcop and a signals cadre in Scotland. We have also despatched personnel to USA and Hong Kong for various training purposes. On the Adventure Training from our WRAC Platoon (later disbanded due to Options for Change) disappeared to Ascension Island for a week, a rifle company found the requisite challenges locally in the Mourne Mountains whilst another went further afield to spend a week of their leave in the South of France. At platoon level a large number of Riflemen have taken advantage of the sports parachuting facilities available and have made their first jumps. The youngest Rifleman in the Battalion made his name in this field by winning the Bronze Medal (novice) in the Army Championships with only 26 jumps to his name (being under 18 and therefore unable to go on operations, he learnt the ropes on a temporary attachment to the local Army Parachute Centre).

Thus we are fortunate to be able to report another successful year in Omagh. We have continued to work and play hard as our operational results and manpower retention figures suggest. Our families are coping well with the significant additional problems that living in this part of the world present.



Those soldiers and families whom we received into our ranks from the original First Battalion during the course of the year settled in with typical Green Jacket flexibility and were quickly absorbed into the family. Time flies and we now have some seven months before we hand over to 1 PWRR and take over from 1WFR in Dhekelia, Cyprus. To this end we have already sent five officers and two wives on recces to Cyprus and we are now actively engaged in conventional training and course training preparations. The First Battalion is therefore in good order and looking forward to bringing in the changes in August.

3rd Battalion (Now 2nd)

January 1992 found The 3rd Battalion halfway through its Op Banner tour of South Armagh. This was the first rural tour in Northern Ireland, the Battalion having spent the previous 8 emergency deployments in the cities and towns of the province. Much hard work and effort went into the training and preparation for this 6 months tour of duty and we arrived in South Armagh with no illusions as to the size of the task that lay before us. With the whole Regiment deployed, concurrently, to Ulster for only the second time in 23 years, we were extremely fortunate to have the 1st Battalion as our neighbours in North Armagh. In particular we were lucky to have Letter C Company under command in Newtownhamilton, for 4 months. This close operational relationship provided a vital link that was to help us all through the merger later on in the year, when the Regiment reduced to 2 regular battalions. At the end of the tour it is worth recording that 3 RGJ as the Armagh Roulement Battalion (ARR), conducted 234 operations at company or battalion level, all during the 6 month period from September 1991 to March 1992. This was achieved at the cost of only one minor casualty to Provisional IRA activity, a flesh wound to LCpl Hughes of Letter C Company, who has since recovered.

The 3rd Battalion returned to its home base in Dover on 26 March to enjoy a months well earned leave. Many faces had changed after the South Armagh tour but the Battalion settled down in the spring, under a clutch of new company commanders, to rebuild its convention capabilities. Phase I of the Regimental merger began with the start of support weapons cadres on 11 May 92. The Milan, Mortar and Recce cadres benefitted from the arrival of the BAOR and GULF "warriors" from the 1st Battalion in Osnabruk who brought with them much sought after experience.

In June and July all the companies were able to get away from Dover on their own to enjoy some adventurous training in Cornwall, Inverness and Anglesey. This was achieved with some extra financial support from the Regimental Trustees and enabled further integration to take place amongst all rank prior to the merger that took place on 25 July 1992.

Merger day saw the passing into history of the 3rd Battalion, as it re-numbered to become 2 RGJ. A Battalion muster parade was held in Fort Burgoyne, an 1850 Napoleonic

fortification that forms part of Cannought Barracks, and this was followed by an open day for all the families. The evening saw both Messes hold a joint cocktail party and final Sounding Retreat in Dover Castle, to which were invited all past members. A nostalgic occasion by any standards!

4th Battalion

On 1st April we reorganized into 3 Rifle Companies, a Support Company and Headquarter Company under Options for Change. Although now officially an ARRC TA Bn, affiliated to 24 Air Mobile Brigade for training, we have retained our link with our BAOR Mobile Brigade, 12 Armoured and in April we sent a party of 40 people to participate in a Divisional CPX in Germany.

In May we exercised with our peacetime Brigade (56 London Brigade) on an exercise with helicopter support on Salisbury Plain culminating in a Battalion attack at dawn on Sunday.

Camp this year was at Sennybridge in September, where during two wet weeks, the Battalion did two days adventurous training on the Urecon Beacons, three days platoon and company training, five days live firing and two days continuous platoon competition. The finale was a company competition involving a 3 mile run, the infamous Sennybridge Assault Course and a falling plate competition.

The remainder of the year concentrated on shooting, 5 RGJ joining us for a Combined Skill at Arms meeting which was won by C Company although HQ Company won most of the prizes. An Advanced Skill at Arms meeting was held at the Lydd/Hythe complex in November. The Shooting Team won all the silver on offer at the London District Skill at Arms meeting and came a very creditable second at the TA meeting at Bisley. The Mortar platoon took part in the UKLF Mortar Concentration firing over 600 rounds, the Milan and Signals Platoon ran cadres at camp and the MT platoon have run a cadre at Dover.

1992 saw the 25th anniversary of the forming of 4 RGJ in 1967 and we celebrated with the Normandy Band Sounding Retreat in Davies Street, in June. We claim a fair share of publicity with members of the battalion appearing on national television during the Royal Tournament, The Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall, the Lord Mayor's Show and the Lord Mayor's Banquet.

Individuals have managed to train in Germany, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Switzerland and the USA. We have seen many members of our affiliated Regiments over the year and still have almost enough members of the Sydney University and the Western Australia University Regiments with us to form a London Australian Company! In particular we shall be sad to see Lieut David Swan (Sydney University Regiment) leave us at the end of the year. We have certainly enjoyed his company and contribution.



5th Battalion

Last year's newsletter began with news of 5 RGJ and Options for Change and it would seem relevant to begin again at this point as the Battalion has recently heard details of its new role and establishment as a National Defence Battalion. The Home Service Force ceased to exist in April and the Battalion now remains with its 3 rifle companies. We now know the National Defence will currently mean Battalion HQ and HQ Coy assisting HQ The Light Division in the defence of the SW Hampshire area, with the rifle companies remaining in their local patch. Combined with this change in our role we are now under command of Aldershot Area, a new headquarters set up in April 92.

Training in 1992 was off to a vigorous start with a freezing and foggy Battalion exercise in January on Aldershot area followed by a busy cadre period with JNCOs, Milan, Recce, Mortars, Signals and Admin cadres being run from January to March. The main training effort in the first half of the year was a series of Battalion exercise weekends at Stanford in Norfolk which prepared for the 2nd Infantry Brigade Concentration in September. Each exercise ended with a vigorous speed march/stretcher race and some form of water related competition which caused great team spirit and much rule breaking. In June the Battalion command element celebrated the last hot weekend of the year in NBC suits at the Battalion Battle Group Trainer in Bovington while the Riflemen relaxed on the ranges with the RSM. In July the Milan Platoon spent their annual camp on a highly successful Milan Concentration at Otterburn. Annual Camp was this year held at Stanford in Norfolk in September. Also taking part in this Brigade Exercise was 2 RGJ, some members of which enjoyed our hospitality in the form of hot showers, and all ranks in the Battalion enjoyed training alongside the regulars. The highlight of the two weeks was a Brigade FTX with 5 RGJ covering all phases of war in some extremely wet weather. Other activities in a busy two weeks included the entertainment of 57 young executives from Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire on an Exercise Executive Stretch, and the entertainment of the whole Brigade by the QM's department in the form of a central barbecue.

Since September training activities have diversified. We held a successful Battalion SAAM at Pirbright alongside 4 RGJ in October and A Coy led the way in a parade at the end of the month to exercise the Battalion's right of the Freedom of High Wycombe. A gale blew as various important guests were persuaded to sit on wet seats whilst the Mayor of High Wycombe inspected the guard alongside the Commanding Officer. It was a highly successful event and A Coy also organised an Open Day and an Employers evening to round off the weekend. Since then the Recce Platoon has won a bronze medal in the Cambrian Patrol competition, a new recruit selection and training procedure has been introduced and 80 TA soldiers are about to spend a weekend adventure training in Dent, Cumbria.

The Annual Officers Dinner was held in the Oxford Town Hall in March with Mr John Keegan Defence Correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, as the guest speaker, and the Officers and SNCO Messes both held successful Dances in the summer. E Coy provided an honour guard for the Queen's visit to Milton Keynes in March and A Coy have provided two guards for the dinners at our affiliated Livery company, the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers. The Waterloo Band and Bugles have been an outstanding success and have won praise from all corners of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. They also completed their annual camp in June at the Light Division Depot which culminated in an excellent sounding of retreat with the Regular bands for Green Jacket week.

In July we will have the added attraction of sending a large company to train in Virginia, USA with the National Guard.

An Impartial View

Extracted from the Regimental Chronicle 1968

Some may have note read Sir Arthur Bryan's article in the London Illustrated News on 10th August 1968. In it he quotes and comments on a letter written in The Daily Telegraph on 27th July 1968 by Colonel C.B. Appleby which urges the amalgamation rather than the disbandment of Regiments. His article ended "For even though a regiment suffers dilution through absorption in a Large Regiment, the traditions of its component parts can still survive to be handed down to their descendants. The better the old Regiment the more it will contribute to the big Regiment and mould the latter. To destroy a Regiment is to destroy a perpetual and self-renewing fount of human selflessness and devotion: rather than allow it to perish, its brave heart should be transplanted and given to another."

Ours is not a question of transplantation, as all the old Regiments will contribute equally to the new; but most will accept that events have proved the wisdom of those past decisions to form a Green Jacket Brigade and later a Large Regiment and, perhaps the most difficult of all, "to create two new battalions.

Best wishes to you all in 1993.



In Memoriam

9BA118695	Korea	Allen I.	9 Jul 92	Edmonton, AB
H14443	WWII RF	Barley W.W.	11 Dec 92	Ontario
K45799	WWII RF	Barr A.G.	14 Jun 92	Parksville, BC
H7175	WWII	Benjaminson F.C.	22 Feb 92	Winnipeg, MB
H82092	RF	Bowering G.W.	9 Jun 92	St.Boniface, MB
	Korea	Boyce R.A.	8 May 92	Winnipeg, MB
SR49424	Korea	Boyd W.	17 Jul 92	Vancouver, BC
SB12390	Korea	Bracey D.	27 Apr 92	Burnaby, BC
		Bradley J.R.	4 Feb 92	Vancouver, BC
475993	WWII	Bryson A.	3 Sep 92	Ontario
H87900	WWII	Cardinal W.C.	23 Aug 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Charpentier D.J.E.	10 Jan 92	Parkridge, AB
C850642	Korea	Churchill A.A.	8 Mar 92	Ontario
SB7348	Korea	Cook C.E.	10 Jul 92	Cambridge, ON
H16614	WWII	Corrigan H.K.	11 May 92	Winnipeg, MB
P20997	WWII Korea	Coyne D.E.	21 Mar 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Creighton H.	22 May 92	Castlegar, BC
M800029	Korea	Erickson K.	12 Jun 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Fernie W.T.	6 Jul 92	Winnipeg, MB
B10073	WWII	Francis J.E.	14 May 92	Winnipeg, MB
H9400	WWII Korea	Fraser B.	5 Jan 92	Ste Anne, MB
	WWII	Gold G.	24 Sep 92	Pine Falls, ON
	WWII	Goodie E.E.	30 Jul 92	Calgary, AB
H1310	Korea	Hallson G.B.	6 Jan 92	Manitoba
SL162562	RF	Hayes A.F.	17 May 92	Calgary, AB
		Hibbs R. (Mrs)	27 Apr 92	Ontario
SF22266	RF	Holland G.	5 Mar 92	Chilliwack, BC
	RF	Hulett S.T.	2 Jul 92	Trenton, ON
H16304	WWII	Iverach D.F.	18 May 92	Calgary, AB
H16427	WWII	Johnson E.W.	14 Jan 92	Winnipeg, MB
		Kempsley H.M. (Mrs)	16 Jun 92	British Columbia

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SK102763	RF	Kocsir P.	18 Feb 92	
520521	RF	Kuzyk R.	16 Apr 92	Oliver, BC
D8011578	WWII Korea	Lamb R.	18 Feb 92	Port Hope, ON
H17325	WWII	Lamblin E.	24 Feb 92	Lundar, MB
B161680	WWII	Lawerence T.	17 Feb 92	Hanover, ON
H16291	WWII	Leclair H.	26 Apr 92	British Columbia
	WWII	Lee R. Yu-Wa	4 Jul 92	Kamloops, BC
M800301		Lothian G.	20 Jul 92	Ladysmith, BC
H3551	WWII	Marieurtch J.	16 May 92	Manitoba
K49837	WWII	McCrae H.G.	10 Jan 92	
SB181951	WWII	McClung D.	11 Apr 9	Victoria, BC
G800379	Korea	McIssac D.	12 Jan 92	Moncton, NB
V31157	WWII Korea	Noonan R.G.	30 Jun 92	Calgary, AB
M450220	Korea	O'Brien R.P.	7 Jul 92	Calgary, AB
K85340	WWII	Pelly C.H.	6 Mar 92	Kelowna, BC
	RF	Plasky R.E.	27 Aug 92	Calgary, AB
	WWII	Proctor A.J.	18 Jun 92	Winnipeg, MB
H21094	WWII RF	Raccio J.	31 Jan 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Rachlis J.	11 Jan 92	Ottawa, ON
	WWII	Robie G.W.	8 Mar 92	Winnipeg, MB
SH16263	WWII	Rogal R.J.	23 Jun 92	Kelowna, BC
16941	WWII RF Korea	Sexsmith E.	17 May 92	Lac Du Bonnet, MB
K45422	WWII	Seymour R.C.	17 Jan 92	Victoria, BC
G800398	Korea	Sheehan T.		New Brunswick
SB12688	Korea	Spratt W.		Ontario
P-20995	WWII	Stoddart G.A.	25 Sep 92	Winnipeg, MB
SL4152	Korea	Stevens T.G.	1 Feb 92	Saskatoon, SK
H8030	WWII	Stranger M.K.	26 Jul 92	Ashern, MB
K85230	WWII	Strom C.A.	2 Apr 92	Victoria, BC
H43182	WWII RF	Van Cauwenbergh M.	11 Mar 92	St Boniface, MB
B800991	WWII	Wilson A.	20 Jun 92	Ontario

