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Colonel-In-Chief

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Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

The year 1993, which was the run-up to the 80th Anniversary Year of the founding of our Regiment, must have been the most difficult peace-time year in our history.

The many fundamental changes which were required in our whole organization caused many difficulties, and there were many problems to be overcome. These have been tackled with wholehearted energy in our usual Regimental Fashion.

As well as these difficulties, my Patricia's have undertaken two overseas peacekeeping duties in Croatia, and I was so very pleased to be able to visit both Third And Second Battalions during their very difficult tours of duty. It was very impressive to see the high standards of our Regiment so well maintained by all the members of the battalions, many of whom were not regular Patricia's.

I am quite sure that our tradition will ensure that these high standards will always be maintained whatever the problems still to be faced, and I am very proud to be 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

As this piece is being written, 1994 is just getting under way and all indications are that it will be a very busy year for the Regiment. The challenges ahead seem all the greater because of the expected "squeeze" on resources likely to result from the promised defence policy review. Hopefully, we'll see a better balancing of resources to tasks, both actual and anticipated.

Looking back on 1993, there is much to take pride in as our many accomplishments enhanced the reputation of the Regiment. Third Battalion completed its Croatian tour and was welcomed back to Victoria amid laudatory compliments from civilian and military sources alike. Second Battalion, similarly completed its tour, started in Croatia and finished in Krajina, to very much the same accolades from all sides here at home. Second Commando of the Airborne Regiment, returned in June from Somalia. Amid the glamour surrounding inappropriate conduct on the part of a few members, the outstanding accomplishments under extremely demanding conditions tended to be denigrated — however, not by us! To all who served the Regiment and the United Nations, including attached Militia, **WELL DONE & THANK YOU!!**

Ahead of us in 1994, First Battalion will start its tour in the former Yugoslavia in late March. Some Regimental members will

also deploy with the Strathcona's to the same theatre at about the same time, provided the Government decides to continue the commitment on the same scale. Training for the tasking is being done in California, where the weather is more favourable than on the Prairies!

Before us too, is a major change in our Regimental structure as the Third Battalion leaves Work Point Barrack in June and reconfigures as the Western 10/90 Infantry battalion. The proposed reduction to less than 100 Patricia's, and relocation to Chilliwack, will see a much closer link with our Militia colleagues. The Battalion deserves our Congratulations and Thanks for a noteworthy contribution to the Regiment in Korea and, again, since being re-constituted in 1970. Nearly a quarter century of continuous service since then has passed quickly — **BUT NOT WITHOUT PROFESSIONALISM AND LUSTRE!!**

Anniversaries bring to mind our Regiment's 80th being commemorated at Calgary during 1st - 3rd July, 1994. The Colonel-in-Chief will be with us to celebrate the occasion. This will be the first of our "five year reunions" leading up to our 100th in 2014. Plan to attend and see the work done in the Museum, welcome the new Colonel of the Regiment, remember old comrades, enjoy the company of Patricia's (serving and retired!), enhance the Association and greet Lady Patricia. The units and many people have made a tremendous contribution to our heritage through assistance to the Museum. It will be completed and "on show" for all to appreciate. Don't miss this Regimental gathering as we all look forward to renewing friendships and sharing memories of our "best years!"

Our Colonel-in-Chief has just completed a busy Regimental year. She visited our Battalions in Yugoslavia twice, once in March and again, in September. In late June and early July, together with Lord Brabourne, she visited First and Third Battalions and the Battle School. As always, her presence amongst her Patricia's and their families was much appreciated and enjoyed. We all recognize our good fortune in being blessed with the affection of a very special person.

This will be my last "Foreword" for this publication as your Colonel as I leave my appointment in July at Calgary. Three and half plus years have passed all too quickly. I realize that the Regiment has given me a signal honour to serve its members and its interests. For this privilege I will be grateful always. My wife, Marianne, and I have enjoyed the comradeship, courtesies and help of all ranks and the hospitality and fun of all messes. The Association has been most kind and generous on our many meetings. For all this and your trust and confidence, we give all of you our thanks and best wishes.

The Patricia's have a great past, challenging present and bright future. The Pitts will always be "in support". God Bless and Good Soldiering!!



The Regimental Council

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In Remembrance

REMEMBERING A FRIEND

For Captain Jim Decoste, CD

You left without saying goodbye, my friend
We did not get the chance to shake hands one last time
To tell one more 'war story'
Or see the laughter on your face.

Remember the first time we had met
Whether it was our age or the mutual respect from the 'tab'
It was an instant liking
That happens sometimes. Remember?

Remember our days in 'Charlie'
The skull and cross bones emblazoned on your helmet
Some call it bullshit, others call it cohesion
But you made 33 a good place to be. Remember?

Remember we always gave you the lead
That's because we knew you could do it.
Damn it, you nearly tamed 'the monk'
Even I couldn't do that. Remember?

Remember when we umpired patrol school
Damn those nights were cold.
But the SRD seemed to warm the soul
At least one night in particular. Remember?

Remember our last time out
It was somewhere outside of Ottawa
Arguing as to who was older
And why we were doing this. Remember?

You have touched our hearts
You were a good friend
And a damn fine soldier
That, we will all remember.

You left without saying goodbye, my friend.

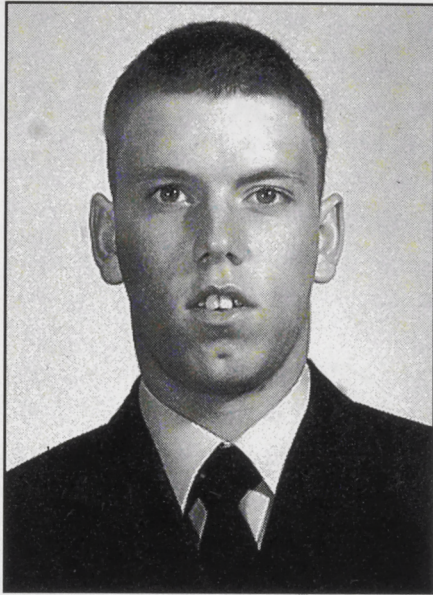
Written by: Captain B.E. Lewis, CD



Capt Jim Decoste, husband, friend and astute leader, whose tireless efforts were instrumental in providing for the battalion's needs throughout some of our most difficult times while overseas, is greatly missed. At every stage in his career, both commissioned and non-commissioned, Jim always led by example and integrity.



Cpl Paul A. Delmore was a beloved son and family member. He will be sadly missed by family and friends here in Winnipeg and across Canada.



Cpl John Bechard, young father, husband, and fine soldier, was a man with a friendly disposition whose smile came easily and usually could be found helping out others.

DAYS OF MY LIFE

Thirty-seven
Gone to heaven
Served his country well
Too high a cost
Too much a loss
A summer spent in hell

Another time
Another crime
Puts family on the phone
Too much the pain
Too much again
A father who's never known

An unknown land
Who'll understand
The suffering we have seen
Or will they care
Deaths everywhere
The heros we have been

Shots get fired
And men get tired
Just push through another day
Look at us now
And wonder how
We carry on this way

Buddies we had
Through good and bad
Didn't think of any others
Drink or fight
Stay up all night
Called these men my brothers

The tour ends
We're less two friends
And words don't seem enough
The pain we hide
Sorrow inside
Holding on can be so tough

Back to a life
Girlfriend or wife
Try to shut out the death
We lie in sleep
The dreams we keep
Wake up to catch some breath

These were the days of my life
And I don't forget them
These were the days of my life
Please don't forget them
Remember the days of my life.

Written by: Pte Lovlin

Although there have been many significant actions accomplished by 2PPCLI in 1993, there were also three major times of sadness. Three serving members of the battalion met tragic deaths.

Remembrance Day 1993 had a more personal and deep meaning for 2VP as on this day we remembered in a very personal way the names and images of fellow Patricians we knew, worked with, befriended and sadly lost.

Each of these three served with the Regiment in Croatia as it distinguished itself there. Family and friends alike can be justly proud of the service that each of these men have given to their country and the global community.





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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

D'Arcy J. Best, CD

1993 added another chapter to our Regimental History. The United Nations "Peacekeeping" tours in Croatia will be long remembered by the soldiers of the Second and Third Battalions who served there. Unfortunately, the lack of coverage by the news media, who seemed to focus all their attention on Bosnia, gave the impression back home that nothing much was happening in Croatia and that our troops were having an easy time of it. However, we know this was not the case. Our Battalions were very busy in Croatia. Under dangerous and trying conditions, often sniped at and shelled, they met every challenge. Their dedication and professionalism set an example for the other UN troops and earned the respect of the Sector and Force Commanders. The lessons learned will be valuable to the First Battalion when they begin their tour in 1994 and I am confident they will maintain the standard.

This has also been a busy year for the Association. Several Branches have been collecting and forwarding books, condiments and other hard to get food items to the Patricias in Croatia and have received numerous letters from soldiers of the Battalions expressing their appreciation. We intend to provide the same support to First Battalion.

We have begun a campaign to locate Militia soldiers who served with our Battalions on UN duties. They are eligible for

membership in the Association and this is an opportunity for them to maintain their ties with the Regiment. They can join the Branch closest to home, or become Members-at-Large. Any assistance in locating these people would be appreciated.

RHQ and members of Calgary Branch, spearheaded by the indomitable Rod Middleton, having been working very hard in preparation for the 80th Anniversary Reunion in Calgary, July 1st to 3rd. Unfortunately, we won't have many serving soldiers on the ground, with First Battalion overseas, but it will be a great reunion for the Old Guard.

Looking further ahead, there is strong possibility of the Association's 1995 Annual General Meeting being held at Camp Aldershot, Nova Scotia. The most likely date is the second weekend in September. This could make for a grand reunion of Patricia's living and stationed in the Maritimes and, for those displaced Maritimers who opted to retire from Regimental Duty in the West, a good excuse to make a trip "down home". This is still tentative, but a decision will be announced at the 80th Anniversary Reunion in Calgary.

Meanwhile, "Bon Voyage" to First Battalion. We'll miss you at the Reunion. To all other Patricia's, I hope to see you in the Better 'Ole on July 1st.



"Always a Patricia"



PPCLI Association

All Patricias are encouraged to become members of the Association, either as local branch members or as members at large.
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PPCLI Association - Calgary Branch

1993 was a very successful year for our Branch, our membership increased to over 100.

The Branch had an election of officers for 1993:

President	Tom Reid
Vice President	Rudy Raidt
Sec/Treasurer	Kaz Zoboski
Membership	Omar Giroux
Entertainment	George Arthurson and Gord Jackson
Hospital	Jim Shinn
PR	Dick Whittington

We would like to thank the out going executive for a job well done. The Branch has been very active in support of the bunker fund and running casino's in support of the Museums of the Regiment, we will be involved in the next casino to be held March 16 and 17, 1994.

During 1993 the Branch has been very active attending many of the functions. The Sunset Ceremony on 6 July and the changing of command parade saw the turn over of the 1st Bn 1 PPCLI from LCol D.J. Pentney to LCol M.J. Diakow. During these ceremonies the Branch had the opportunity to visit with our Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma and the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General H.C. Pitts. We also had the occasion to witness the changing of the Regimental Sergeant Majors, RSM Bill Spring retired and RSM Chris Cablegwen took over as RSM 1 PPCLI.

The branch was very successful with its functions. The spring fling held at the Garrison Officers Mess Mewata Armouries, and our annual BBQ held at the Ranch House Sarcee Barracks (old Officers Mess area) June 27, 1993. Our fall ball was Nov 13, 1993 at the Ranch House, Sarcee Barracks.

Jim Shinn has taken on the new position of Heritage Representative for our Branch. As usual Rod Middleton is very active with the 80th Anniversary committee. As will the remainder of the Branch early next year.

Calgary Branch was well represented at the Association Annual General meeting held in Vernon BC July 4 - 6, 1993. It is note worthy that those attending were: Col Ian Gray and Miss Joanna Munro, LCol D.J. Pentney, Major Ed Borchert, Capt K. Flowers, Tom Reid, Rudy Raidt, John and Freda Hodge, Ken and June Barrett, Butch and Florance McFarlane, Andy and Marilyn Kraley, Doug and Marilyn Bedford, John Demerchant, George Arthurson, Rod Middleton, Dick Roberts and Dick Whittington.

Two Certificates of Merit were presented at the Annual Meeting, one to Larry Herrington from Vancouver Branch and one to Doug Bedford from the Calgary Branch for their contribution and dedication to the Association. Major General H.C. Pitts made the presentations during the Banquet.

We extend our sincere get well greeting to Marilyn Bedford who is recovering from a knee operation and to Ralph Slater who is in hospital.

It is with regret that we report the sudden passing of our Comrade and friend Sonny Sundman.



ASSOCIATION DINNER IN VERNON, B.C.

*Left to Right: June Barrett;
 Tom Reid, President, Calgary Branch;
 Marilyn Bedford; Doug Bedford; and Ken Barrett.*

Calgary Branch would like to wish all our fellow Patricia's a Merry Xmas and a Happy and sucessful New Year 1994.

PPCLI Association - Saskatchewan Branch



Saskatchewan District Association Members



By Jim Hayward

As the Saskatchewan Branch hasn't had an article in the *Patrician* for the last year, I guess it's time to let everyone know our branch is still alive and kicking.

As some members know, I was elected to the post of President for our branch, as Lloyd Jones was being nominated for the National position of Vice-President West; of which he was elected at the Annual General Meeting in Vernon last June.

It was a great honour to be voted in to fill the shoes of Lloyd, who has served our branch so well over a large number of years.

The Annual Reunion & General Meeting was held in Prince Albert, last March (1993) and was a great success as always. Sammy Hurford does a superb job of co-ordinating our get-togethers in Prince Albert. He must be commended for his efforts.

Again in 1993, a number of Regular Forces personnel from Regina, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw attended our Reunion, and they insured us they will definitely be attending the 1994 "do" in Regina, March 18, 19 & 20th in Regina.

In Prince Albert the Regular Force personnel held a Broom-a-loo game. A couple of the older members; namely Sammy Hurford and myself also participated in this event. There was a couple of injuries; Cpl Nicholas and myself.

Mona and I attended the National Annual General Meeting in Vernon, BC and had a very enjoyable time; thanks to the Okanagan/Thompson Branch and all those who were in attendance.

After the Vernon weekend was over we travelled to Edmonton via Kamloops, Jasper & Hinton. We stopped in Hinton hoping to see an old Patricia, Bill Miller but he was at work. However we did talk to his wife Vanessa. We also visited with other Patricia's in Edmonton; namely Bob Harris and Brian Johnston and his wife Shirley. Both are keeping busy; as a matter of fact Bob was in the process of successfully capturing a skunk in his back yard. When he's not skunk hunting he works for the Commissionaires. His wife Marion still works for the Government.

Brian had recently retired and is thinking of going into his own consulting business and Shirley is still working.

Mona and I are looking forward to attending the 80th Anniversary in Calgary in July. According to our Xmas cards, a huge number of members we keep in touch with are planning to attend; including Bent Albreksten in Denmark, if he can possibly swing it.

See you all in Calgary!!!

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Responsibilities

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

Regimental Gratuities

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

- an annual copy of the Patrician;
- 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.

Winner of 1993 Competitions

The Hamilton Gault Trophy
3 PPCLI

The Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms Trophy
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The Louis Scott Cock'O'The Walk Trophy
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1993 Museum Update

1993 was a very productive year, in that the WWI Bunker and the Airborne displays were completed. The Bunker Reproduction seems to be a favourite amongst the visitors to the gallery, as it includes live footage of our men going "over the top" and a large diorama of the Battle of Frezenburg, which includes approximately 500 hand made figurines, each one being distinctive. The Airborne display is also a significant addition to our museum, as the CC 130 Hercules aircraft fuselage that is displayed is from the air crash in Wainwright, Alberta on 22 July, 1993.

The final phase of the gallery has been started, with the Battle of Britain and Training in Britain scenes. The Comedy Company and Regimental Family displays, and the 1930's Barrack Room scene are to be completed prior to the 80th Anniversary in early July.

All members and their friends and families are encouraged to visit their gallery at the Museum, and to see our Regimental past brought to life.



Airborne Trooper Display.



The very popular Bunker Display.

Regimental Museum Special Presentation

On the 20 November 1993 the Ministry of the Attorney General, Security Programs Division, the Province of British Columbia donated 290 military assault weapons to the PPCLI Regimental Museum. This excellent collection contains both Allied and enemy infantry weapons from pre-Boer war to the present day. The donation is conservatively valued at a million dollars if the weapons could be found on the market. The Division intends to make future donations as appropriate weapons become available.



The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Museum has one of the best weapon displays in the complex.

A luncheon was held in the Work Point Officers Mess in CFB Esquimalt, in which the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen H.C. Pitts, MC, CD presented a plaque on behalf of the Regiment to Mrs. Helen Pedneault, Director of the Security Programs Division and Chief Fire Arms Officer. Ms. Patti Stockton, Deputy Minister for Public Safety and Regulatory Branch of the Attorney General was also in attendance.

The Regiment wishes to sincerely thank the Attorney General of British Columbia and the staff at the Programs Division for this superb contribution to the preservation of our military heritage.

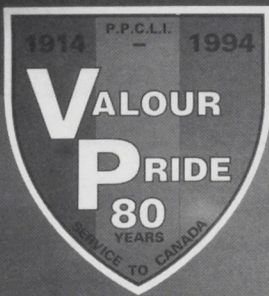
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MGen H.C. Pitts, MC, CD presents a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Helen Pedneault.



Ms. Patti Stockton and MGen H.C. Pitts enjoy lunch at the 3 PPCLI Officers Mess in Victoria.



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Maj Brause and the Guard opening the Queen Elizabeth Cup.

Upholding the virtue, security and splendour of our nation is not always a simple feat, but the First and Finest once again met the task with the eloquence and professionalism which is our nature. While the vast remainder of the Regiment travelled the globe, we, as a unit, defended Canada.

Overview

The return from the holidays held everyone's favourite event in store: the Annual Technical Inspection. Things went so well that we were blessed with another one shortly after. Although frustrating, everything received a fresh coat of paint so our vehicles looked very nice from a distance.

The first major event of the year was EX NORDIC DEFENDER. For those who were unable to appreciate the wonder and steepness of Norwegian mountains in 1992, we deployed

to Cranbrook, BC to engage in the art of snow defences. The exercise began with B Company defending against C Company and then at half time the two switched ends. We were joined by a variety of Norwegian soldiers and, as collateral, sent a merry band of our own wanderers from B Company to Norway as part of the Norwegian-Canadian Small Unit Exchange.

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Shortly after, we were off to taste the exquisite weather of Wainwright in March. Here, the live fire exercise, EX PHALANX DEFENDER, tested our abilities to live four feet underground and defend a battalion defensive position.

With memories of Wainwright still fresh in our minds, the battalion set off once again for the summer concentration. Those few remaining who had not found a summer job at the Battle School, Gagetown, Suffield or a number of other vacation spots across Canada participated in EX STALWART RAM. Here the battalion continued the relentless defence of Canada's west with the kind attendance of the remainder of the brigade. Many a glass was raised and many a face sulked as we were faced with the challenging task of listening over and over to the war stories of our comrades having just returned from Yugoslavia.

The summer months brought a chance to gasp for a well earned breath and new commanders to the Calgary garrison. LCol Pentney handed command of the battalion to LCol Diakow and BGen Ashton passed the brigade to BGen Cox. To BGen Ashton and LCol Pentney, the First Battalion wishes you well in your next positions.

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As the Calgary summer was slowly closing its curtain, many of the battalion were invited to join EX WESTERN CHALLENGE, again in our secondary home of Denwood, Alberta. Shortly after, we managed to collect most of our strays from around the country and began the new training year as a relatively new and complete battalion.

Since some of the new members of the unit hadn't been to Wainwright for a while, we went back. This time it was for a series of field firing exercises from team to company level during EX NOBLE PATRICIA. As a reward to everyone's hard work, we also had the opportunity to complete the Battle Fitness Test and the General Waters Competition as a dramatic conclusion. This exercise officially marked the beginning of our training for OP HARMONY ROTO 4.

Autumn struck with a vengeance. While conducting the annual PCF cycle, including about a hundred reservists, the battalion also adopted a UN flavour. Refresher training, work-up training, lectures, DAGs and routine maintenance and operations filled our days and passed the time away. Our buildings even began to look the part as bunkers and wire were established to protect the participants of EX POISON DART, the annual winter CPX.

December brought the end of a long alliance with our Norwegian friends. The battalion relinquished our taskings with ACE Mobile Force (Land) and the NATO Composite Force to the Canadian Airborne Regiment. The change went with mixed feelings as this unique fraternity ended.



Cpl Larson striking a handsome pose for GQ magazine.

Finally came the annual Christmas Dinner with LCol Diakow exchanging tunics with Pte McConnel. After a magnificent meal and first rate dinner entertainment by the Drum Line we went our separate ways for a well earned holiday.

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A Company

1993 was a budding year for A Company. At its outset, the company consisted of a training cadre, a biathlon team and a rifle team. We were, in effect, a training company and rear party when the Battalion went on exercise. However, all that changed during the summer. With ROTO 4 of OP HARMONY in the battalion's future, our strength was quickly increased to that of the other two rifle companies.

Over the past year the rifle and biathlon teams from the company have done very well for themselves, including several strong finishes in both individual and team biathlon competitions during EX STRONG CONTENDER 93. The rifle team has an outstanding record, winning the LFWA Small Arms Competition. Three of our members, Sgt Bidwell, Cpl Beckwith and Pte Wood, went on to be part of the winning Letson Trophy Team at CFSAC, with Cpl Beckwith winning Top Tyro.

The summer APS provided the company with a wealth of new blood; however, troops from the Battle School were few in number. With our new OC and CSM, both of whom are graduates of the US Army Ranger school, "A Commando" (as some of the troops began to refer to the company) was anxious

Three Platoon ended up fighting up a 60 degree incline, through low brush, only to arrive on the objective from a different angle than expected and developed a whole new perception of "supporting fire".

to begin training for our expected task in the Balkans. The major exercise for the latter part of the year was EX NOBLE PATRICIA, a field firing exercise from 13 to 24 September. The company conducted both dry and live firing from team to company level, firing from moving vehicles and snap shooting at moving targets. The final field firing range provided some interesting dilemmas, as the company attempted to assault a banana-shaped feature. When the assault began, 1 Platoon and the Company HQ wound up on one side of the feature and 3 Platoon ended up on the other (what turned out to be the "wrong" side). Three Platoon ended up fighting up a 60 degree incline, through low bush, only to arrive on the objective from a different angle than expected and developed a whole new perception of "supporting fire".

The company also participated in a variety of miscellaneous training. We completed refresher training on the C6 GPMG, navigation and observation. Also, during the last two days, the company completed the Battle Fitness Test and the General Waters Competition. Cpl Teichrib, the company medic, earned the appreciation of the entire company during those two days, putting in long hours, staying up past midnight and treating the tender tootsies of the company.

As with any exercise, several memorable moments emerged including: Cpl Magnifico's 18 kilometre trek through a 13



A Coy thinking about trenches.



Do you think that hole is dug yet?



What do you mean we're almost out of ammo?

kilometre navigation course; "rotten" chicken-a-la-king IMPs; Lt Sbarra, 1 Pl Comd, winning the "Loudest Snoring Award"; and MCpl Knowles being voted the "best dressed", despite close competition.

On November 19, the football team squared off against B Company for the French Grey Cup. Despite a hard fought battle, victory eluded our stalwart warriors and, though winners at heart, they were forced to concede defeat. Despite the loss, the efforts of certain members were noteworthy. Pte Binney led an excellent effort by the defence, while WO Leger and the OC surprised everyone by actually catching the ball. Mention must be made of Cpl Doiron who was the driving force behind the team all season and directly responsible for putting A Company firmly back on the football map.

As Christmas approached the company found itself guarding AF-16 against all comers during EX POISON DART and had a chance to practice some of the drills in preparation for OP HARMONY. Hopefully the weather will be about 40 degrees warmer in Europe. Six months after coming together, the company is well on its way to achieving an excellent standard in all areas and will be ready to do everything asked of it on OP HARMONY.



Nothing like a good meal after a hard day's work.

B Company

January, 1993 began in typical army fashion for B Company with heliborne training being superimposed upon ATIs. While this made for small chalks and smaller maintenance teams, all of our work did pay off as two of our vehicles actually passed the ATI (too bad one had to be in Wainwright and the other in Suffield). Oh well, with all that practice we couldn't help but ace the second one.

February saw us deploying to Cranbrook, BC for some defensive training in the mountains. But being the seasoned travellers that we are, Canada in the winter doesn't have a great deal of appeal, so off we went to Norway for perhaps the last time. While we spent two weeks skiing to the Finnish border and enjoying the benefits of Norgie kit and rations, we couldn't help but feel for our Norwegian counterparts who were being subjected to Flames games and the West Edmonton Mall. I'm sure the Airborne can find something to match our hospitality now that they have assumed the AMF(L) task.

In March the entire battalion deployed to Wainwright for EX PHALANX DEFENDER. Digging in proved to be somewhat of a chore; however, we kept ourselves amused with tales of the "Phantom Backhoe" that was said to be roving the area digging in tired companies. By day five the ghost backhoe became a reality, but as a machine doesn't have the same skills as a soldier with a shovel, a certain amount of work was still required to turn holes into trenches. Living in our "better 'oles" became yet another interesting experience as some of the sleeping bays were a bit cramped, and some soldiers were a bit nervous at having five feet of dirt over their heads.

When the shooting started all these problems were forgotten. The new AVGP turrets proved to be very impressive pieces of kit, especially its night vision capability. The actual live fire portion of the training combined all of our integral weapons supplemented by some battalion resources, including the Pioneers who kept our heads down with C4, and two CF-18s who dropped-in to strafe some targets. Special thanks go out to safety staff and in particular Sgt Paquette who stood out in his ability to point at work and have others do it.

On our return to Cowtown we received a new OC as Maj Brause assumed command. We then left for Fort Rilea, Oregon, for FIBUA training. Though we did have to flesh out our ranks a bit with other members of the battalion, the training itself was excellent. New ranges and FIBUA sights allowed everyone to get the most out of the short period we spent in the States.

Of course what would spring and summer be like if we didn't make an annual pilgrimage to Wainwright. EX STALWART RAM showed that we could put in a decent company attack so, for our efforts, we got to do a return performance. EX WESTERN CHALLENGE pitted us as enemy to the reserves (what a stretch). They never knew what hit 'em!



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Fall saw us in a familiar setting, Wainwright, for EX NOBLE PATRICIA. Flakjackets, webbing and helmets, not to mention the odd radio, were the dress of the day for dismounted operations. Of course the weather cooperated fully; it was actually warm in September which really allowed us to enjoy all of our kit. The live fire ranges were a good go and allowed us to shake out as a new company.

Of course all of the candidates thought that turning live rounds into empty casings couldn't be all that bad; however, they never counted on the fully tactical field phase.

Following the exercise, we were right into the PCF cycle with our company tasked with running the MG course. Of course all of the candidates thought that turning live rounds into empty casings couldn't be all that bad; however, they never counted on the fully tactical field phase.

Preparations for Yugoslavia are now in full swing with training and screening fighting for air time. B Company has been assigned the unique honour of escorting the LdSH(RC) to Bosnia on OP CAVALIER so we won't be with the battalion next summer (someone had to hold the Strat's hands).



More trench digging in Wainwright.

C Company

Following a busy winter and spring of Winter Exercises, Spring Exercises, and Non-denominational Exercises, the warm Chinook winds of summer slowly faded and the beginning of the fall brought with it the annual company commander exchanges. Maj Bartlett passed the torch of command to Maj Stinson just in time to go on summer block leave. How clever!

C Company's first challenge was a mountain operations exercise with the British 22 SAS Mountain Troop. EX TOP SLAP was very "hush-hush" and, as a result, very interesting. The concept of the exercise was to test 22 SAS equipment and technical ability to move C Company over rugged terrain.

As luck would have it, Murphy's Law gave us the good, the bad and the ugly. The good was the opportunity to work with an elite unit like 22 SAS and to gain some refresher training from the best. The bad was the awful mountain weather; rain, low cloud, poor visibility and some of the white stuff. The ugly — an early withdrawal from the exercise. Remember, "Who Dares Wins". Or as Pte Maillet said halfway up the cliff face, "Who cares who wins."

The next adventure was the 1 CMBG Brigade Commander change of command parade. Our task was to coordinate a platoon attack with a section rappelling in with the Change of Command scroll. Following an excellent display of daring and action, the new Commander was so impressed with C Company that he now asks for the Platoon Commander, WO Davies, to personally run all of his displays.

The next chapter in the C Company adventure was down to the serious art of war. EX NOBLE PATRICIA brought us to the old stomping grounds of Wainwright. The usual sore feet followed the Battle Fitness Test. The most memorable moments were in bivouac, however, when the company was forced to listen to Cpl Singer's stories and fantasies hour after hour.



C Coy helicopter training.

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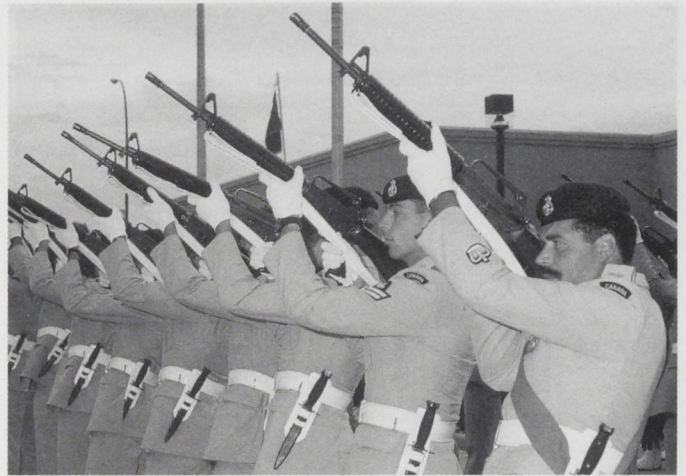
After coming out as the top company in the company live fire exercise, we moved on to platoon patrol training, NODLR training, PWT day/night shoot, and finally the drive by shooting range. All our training had a UN emphasis due to future operations in Yugoslavia. We don't have to go, however, because Cpl Tataryn has already told us all about it — several times.

As September merged into October, the company had more taskings than soldiers. The customary PCF courses were running and the company was tasked with the Driver Track Course. WO Donk embarked on some major renovations in CQ stores, and anyone left reported to Sgt (the pumpkin that talked like a man) Gresty to do maintenance on the vehicles. Anyone want to buy an AVGP cheap?

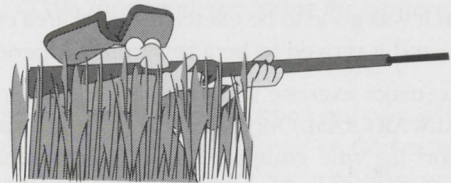
November brought colder winds and a double serial of Driver Track Courses. The company maintenance team continued their excellent work and was soon receiving 96% or better on the 1136 scores. MCpl (I've got five jumps) Taylor and Pte Smale, Cook, Bertrand and others take the credit.

The final notable event of the year was the company's outstanding performance during the French Grey Cup. The game itself was insignificant compared to the stellar display put on during the parade. The theme for floats was the ideal OP HARMONY Leave Centre, and the tongue-in cheek performance put on by C Company stole the show! The float included WO (Deacon) Donk's Bible study class and CSM (The Professor) Smith's compelling lecture series on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. The well behaved "nerds" of C Company were dressed in their Sunday best and included WO (Buddy Holly) Morley, Sgt (Disco) Corbett, and the pride of the company, our Queen Mother, Pte (Grandma) Manegre. A special thank you to A Company for the interesting halftime show, which included a demolition derby and the 100 metre sprint championships.

Over all, a very busy year. C Company looks forward to a challenging and rewarding tour of Croatia in 1994.



-WO Warrington in the air defence role.



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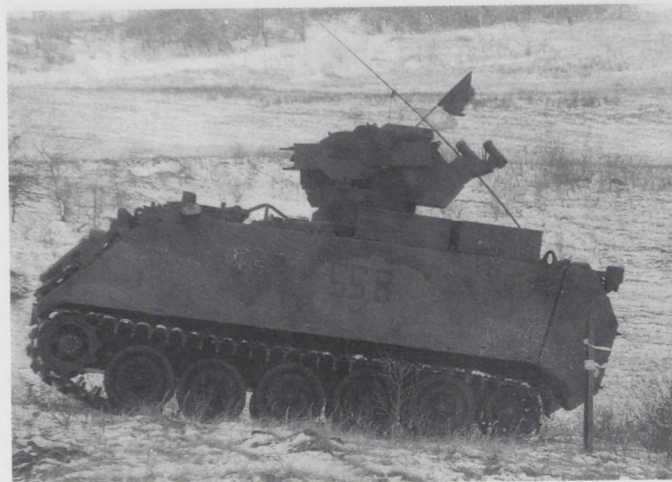
Combat Support/ Headquarters Company

1993 was a year of challenges and change for the company. It began with the return from Christmas leave and the preparations for EX STRONG CONTENDER and the ATI. This unique situation found many platoon commanders and 2ICs cleaning stoves, lanterns and weapons while the soldiers were out practising hockey, broomball and military skiing. As with all ATIs, vehicles were the priority, and everyone found himself burning the midnight oil to get ready for inspection.

Soon following the ATI was EX NORDIC DEFENDER in Cranbrook, BC. This exercise would practise the battalion for its AMF(L) role, and it was hoped that Cranbrook would simulate the fjords and mountains of Norway. The company found itself broken up to assist both B and C Companies as rifle platoons. Luckily the weather held for the whole deployment. Most felt that it was good to be exercising in an area other than Wainwright, and it proved to be a rewarding experience.

The next major exercise would be the Brigade concentration, EX STALWART RAM. Once again the company was broken up to support the rifle companies during the combat team attacks and various live fires. This exercise would be most memorable for the fact that it did not snow in May while the battalion was deployed.

As summer grew near there were the preparations and drill practices for the Change of Command parade. Just prior to this, many of the platoons had managed to slip away for a week or two of adventurous training. New leadership would appear as the Dynamic Duo of Maj Bartlett and CSM Bludd took over the reigns. With the summer APS were the usual changing of faces and positions within the platoons. It was about this time that Cbt Sp Company underwent a metamorphosis and changed into HQ Company as part of the preparation for OP HARMONY.



AAP in their Tow Under Armour.

The beginning of September finally saw the return of the bulk of the company members from their various taskings. The training for OP HARMONY was beginning to swing into high gear as the company was tasked to run the battalion gun camp in our second home of Wainwright. EX NOBLE PATRICIA saw HQ Coy testing out the Commander's new sleeping below ground policy. It was surprising how comfortable a hole could become if you put your mind to it.

Little time was wasted after the return from EX NOBLE PATRICIA before the start of the PCF cycle. The student's ranks swelled as Reservists from across the prairies came to be trained. Every platoon in the company found itself running a PCF course and subsequently deploying, once again, to Wainwright for the final exercise.

No sooner had the platoons finished their courses than the preparations for ATI began, which made many wonder if the UN deployment would come as a welcome break to the present pace at which the company was running. Still, HQ Company stands ready to meet the challenges that lie ahead with the confidence of jobs done well in the past.



"Bob the Body Cairns" — Do I drop it on 3 or on GO?

Battalion Tidbit

*The 1st Battalion Colours
were presented by
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
in Victoria, B.C.
on 17 July 1959.*

*The colour was emblazoned with
22 Battle Honors.*

Administration Company

January saw us busy with preparations for a winter exercise and the ATI and then in February deploying to Cranbrook, BC for EX NORDIC DEFENDER. The exercise was held in the Lamb Creek area, a rather difficult piece of terrain in comparison to Wainwright, with just narrow logging roads for MSRs bounded by steep and heavily wooded hills. Not much room for A Echelon vehicles and the ice fishing wasn't that good. One of the most difficult tasks for Maintenance Platoon was to keep the rifle companies' LOSVs and BV 206s running, and our own heaters and generators required much attention. Maintenance and Transport Platoons, aside from their support chores, were tasked as a "quick reaction force". QM was busy from an A1 Echelon location and on several occasions had to fight off an attack on the kitchens with the assistance of the BOR staff.

EX PHALANX DEFENDER followed during the March/April timeframe. We returned to our old stomping grounds of Wainwright and moved all of LFWA's defensive stores into the guard at Curdle Hill. The UMS deployed with the F Echelon and, under the direction of CSM Foucault, built the best bunker in the defensive position.

During May, the company deployed once again to Wainwright and bunkered down in Peregrine 3, our home away from home, for four weeks during EX STALWART RAM. All of our sections and platoons were kept busy keeping up with the requirements and, as well, took the opportunity to prepare for EX WESTERN CHALLENGE which was to happen in August.



CQMS Bunzenmeyer "siting the canteen".

During June we were conducting our post exercise drills, stock-taking, and doing the Change of Command Board of Inquiry along with preparing for the activities associated with the Change of Command. The first week of July was Change of Command week and the battalion hosted a family day, garage sale, all ranks dance and the Mountbatten Cup — a polo match held at the Calgary Polo Club. During these activities, our food services section, FCS technicians, drivers and CQMS were



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Regt Tidbit

*The Battle of
Vimy Ridge
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in which
the Patricias went
"over the top"
at Zero Hour.*

*Two VCs were awarded:
Lt MacKenzie and
Sgt Mullin for bravery
in taking a pill box.*

*All in all,
222 casualties
were assessed
to the Battalion.*

kept hopping from one station to the next. The UMS, CQMS and cooks were also tasked for the latter part of July to assist in the Boy Scout Jamboree held in Kananaskis.

The APS also brought some changes and July saw the arrival of Capt Gibson as OC, Capt Pettigrew as Maintenance Officer, Lt(N) Smith as MO, Capt Fitzgerald as Transport Officer, MWO Boyle as CSM, MWO Holleley as RQMS and MWO Weaver as ETQMS.

The advance party for WESTERN CHALLENGE deployed to Wainwright with somewhat of a half idea of how things would go. Supporting two composite battalions was an interesting experience because of the unique requirements that existed and the amount of time to do it in. These soldiers were eager to train and worked well with us. Our food services section was kept busy with the feeding of over 700 troops often dispersed over 1000 meals a day.

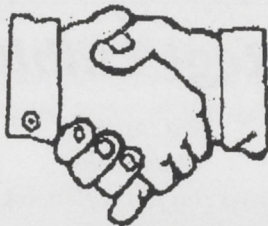
The fall of 1993 has been intense with training oriented towards OP HARMONY. There is an ongoing vehicle preservation program. Clothing parades, ranges and new equipment and weapons have been issued to the battalion. The Company HQ participated in EX POISON DART and select individuals took an air brake course, participated in refresher training and received Critical Incident Stress lectures. The company is in good shape to receive our augmentees and begin, in earnest, our further training for OP HARMONY.

Conclusion

A great challenge looms ahead for the First Battalion, a challenge that was successfully and admirably met by our comrades in the Regiment and a significant number of our own soldiers who have been on loan to the other battalions. The First Battalion is anticipating a rewarding and challenging summer in Croatia next year and feel prepared to meet the task with professionalism and dedication.



The Drum Line on parade.



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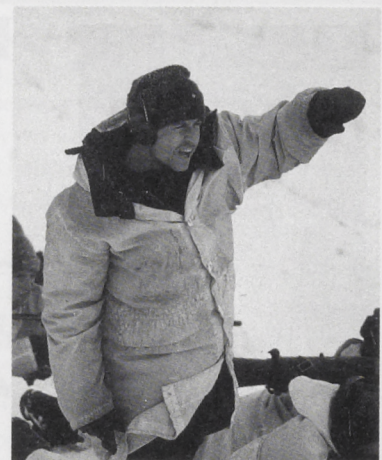
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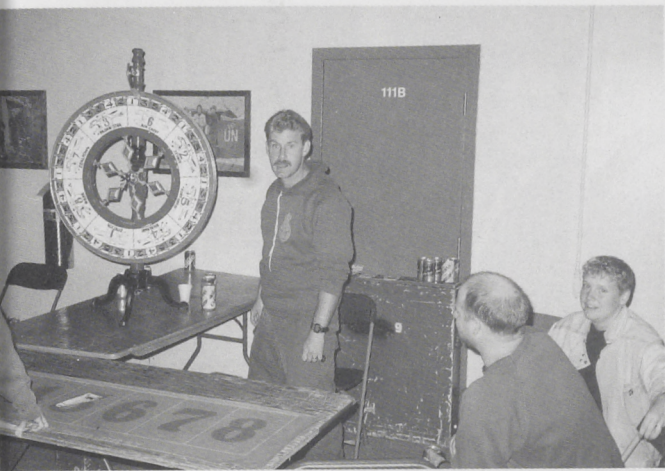
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Gunny "Vanna White" Mansbridge at the casino.



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Another raving beauty of the French Grey Cup.



Maj Southern in line to talk with Pte Campoli.



Setting up for Poison Dart.



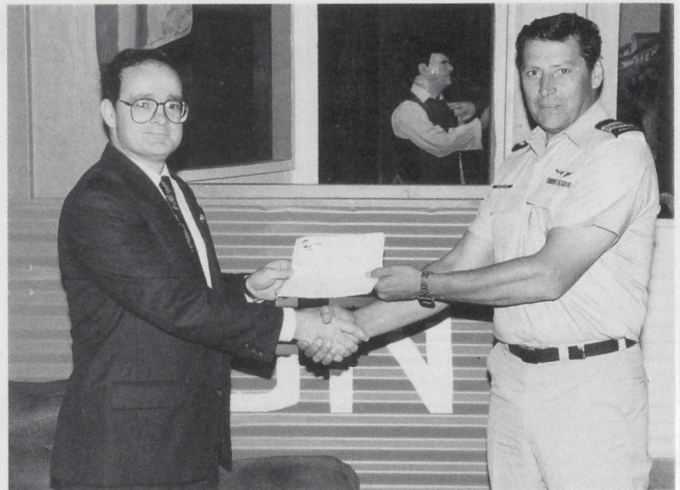
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The First Battalion team at the Banff Relay Road Race.



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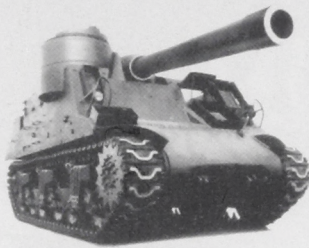
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Yugo Tour at a Glance



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Offrs win three years in a row. "It's better to be good than lucky."

New Year's eve is a time for saying "out with the old and in with the new". For 2PPCLI this came true in early 93 with a vengeance, as some 500 augmentees, both regular and reserve, were added to the battalion to bring it up to strength for its upcoming tour to Croatia. The great 5th of January shakeup extracted a few familiar faces and added a new contingent of funny cap badges. Now, the Royal South Saskatchewan Fusiliers is one thing, but gunners and black hats in the Patricias! A strange start to a strange year.

Fortunately we were too busy to be confused. Refresher training was the order of the day as we prepared for the Yugo tour. Training began with the very basic soldier skills that would make up the early selection phase in determining which individuals would stay and in which job they were to be employed. Lectures piled upon classes and added to TOETs made for a quick month. Then it was off to sunny Fort Ord for a little suntanning — or was that rusting?

Fort Ord

The deployment to Fort Ord, home of the 7th Infantry Division Light, was something one had to experience in order to fully appreciate. The battalion deployed to Fort Ord via Hercules aircraft in the wee hours of the morning 5 Feb. It was definitely a change in climate; -25C in Winnipeg and 20C in Monterey! Talk about a major adjustment.

Over the next three weeks the battalion concentrated on weapons handling and live firing of all of the weapons that would be available in Croatia, including the 84mm and the .50 cal. The work-ups culminated in a platoon level live fire attack. In between all the range work the battalion was also able to find the time to complete the 13 and 16 km marches.

With the shootin' and sloggin' over and packs full of PX goodies, it was time to return home to Winterpeg. Although the record rainfall in California is better than subzero in Canada, it was still good to get home.

Once back, it was a last minute panic to cram in needles, some mine awareness and IV training (several near fatalities), conduct a Freedom of the City parade in a frigid ceremony in the downtown streets of Winnipeg, then a too-short embarkation leave before deployment. In three lifts, the Battalion Group, which was now composed of 325 regular members, 165 regular augmentees and 385 reserve augmentees, headed off to Croatia, A.K.A. the great unknown.



"Ah, it's great to be back in garrison."

OP Harmony Roto 2

On the 26th of March the advance party departed Winnipeg for the capital of Croatia. When they arrived at lovely Camp Polom, it did what it normally does when the Second Battalion deploys anywhere; it snowed! The Third Battalion was shocked, as the weeks prior to our arrival saw temperatures in the 25C range.

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On departure of the Third Battalion, each sub-unit within the Battalion strove to make their work areas and accommodations truly their own. In addition, 36 personnel from the "first and finest" joined HQ Coy. These people made up the core of Mortar Platoon and Anti-Armour Platoon and were led by WO Jim Thurston and WO Jim Butters.

For the first three months the Battalion Group operated routinely. Sub-units familiarized themselves with the local area as well as the people. While rifle platoons and support platoons manned checkpoints, patrolled areas of responsibility and confiscated weapons, the Battalion Group rapidly adjusted to the routine and learned how to do business within the UN framework.

Just past the halfway point in the tour the order came to move from Sector West to Sector South to implement the "Erdut Agreement". Two companies (A and B) plus approximately 40% of HQ and Admin Coys under the DCO, Maj Pete Hofman, remained in Sector West, while the majority of the Battalion under the CO, LCol Jim Calvin, deployed to Sector South.

During the tour in Yugo each of the companies underwent different tasks and experiences, therefore we thought it appropriate that they each tell their own story with respect to the tour.



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Alpha Company

The heavy snowfall that greeted members of A Company as they arrived in theatre on the 26th of March was probably a harbinger that this was not going to be a particularly easy UN tour of duty. The Company was responsible for the major urban centre of Pakrac where the Serbs and Croats are most densely populated and live in close proximity to one another. We knew that the Company was going to have its work cut out for it. It was not long before these suspicions were confirmed.

After assuming command of Ortona Sector, Alpha went straight to work establishing our presence in our area and conducting the various patrols and checkpoints that were a part of peacekeeping operations in Sector West. The Company Headquarters and 1 Pl deployed in the Pakrac Hotel. 1 Pl under Lt John Errington and WO Ed McLean were very much the 'trouble shooters' during the tour as they not only patrolled

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extensively throughout the Company area, but they were often the first to mount the many cordon and search operations within the Sector. 2 Pl was commanded by Capt Scott Raesler and WO Billy Bolen and it was given the onerous task of keeping things under control on the often turbulent Croatian side of Pakrac. Along with manning the highly sensitive Whiskey Charlie 8, they also had their share of excitement keeping weapons out of the hands of the local 'Foresters' (who proved more capable of stripping rifles than trees). 3 Pl under Capt Rob Taylor and WO Steve Campbell were kept extremely busy maintaining the Battalion's two Ammo Houses and

preventing the Serbs who frequented such infamous haunts as the 'Ranchman's and the Soccer Bar' from stirring up too much trouble.

Things heated up quickly for the Company in and around Pakrac. Under the guidance of Maj John McComber and MWO Ron Cameron, the Company made its presence felt on both sides early in the tour. Weapon confiscations instilled a grudging respect for the Company on both sides of the CFL. Unfortunately, the Company also suffered its first casualty in May when Sgt Hulan was wounded by a booby-trap that was positioned in an abandoned bunker.

By mid-tour two events of significance occurred within the Company. Firstly we said farewell to Maj McComber and welcomed the new OC Maj Craig King. Secondly the Company expanded its operation to take over areas vacated by Delta Company when the Battalion deployed to Sector South. 1 Pl assumed responsibility for the town of Lipik and what had once been an area of concern became a more tranquil region thanks to some active patrolling and some low-level negotiations.

Owing to its key role in Sector West, Alpha Company remained as the last Canadian infantry element in the Sector. By 24 Aug we were placed under command of ARGBAT and by 1 Sep we had handed over Ortona Sector to an ARGBAT Company. Until our own deployment to Sector South, we remained as ARGBAT's reserve.

We arrived in Sector South on 9 Sep to the sounds of artillery fire as the Croats launched their attack into Medak. What was supposed to be a slow time for us ended on 14 Sep when we were ordered to relieve Delta Company in the Obrovac area. Within hours we packed our kit and Company stores and moved some 60 kilometres to our new area. Once in location we once again began the business of patrolling, ducking the occasional artillery and tank round and getting ready for a handover (this time to 1 R22eR).



Sgt Larry, Curly and Moe



Sons of Larry, Curly and Moe

Bravo Company

B Coy's new digs in the upscale suburb of Spanovica (Novo Selo) were hardly up to the standard of the Ledra Palace. Twenty ISO trailers and the only intact building on the very scary Dragovic Road, but the rent was cheap. Of course, 5 Pl had to be different, setting up a platoon-sized OP (30 troops, 200 rats) in beautiful Bijela, and 4 Pl went into dispersed battle positions at WC 9 (the Sardine Can), WC10 (the Country Club) and Gornje Sumetlica (Sleeping With The Enemy).

Life soon settled down into a routine of APC patrols, checkpoint duty, APC patrols, 60 hour passes, APC patrols, weapons cleaning and APC patrols. Approximately two million miles of new patrol routes were opened, including a few that were a little more "vertical" than the manufacturer suggests. Pte Jason Ricketts joined Pte Joe Vandenbroek in the elite "I've run over a mine" club (sure to get them sympathy from the Grant Hotel girls in years to come).

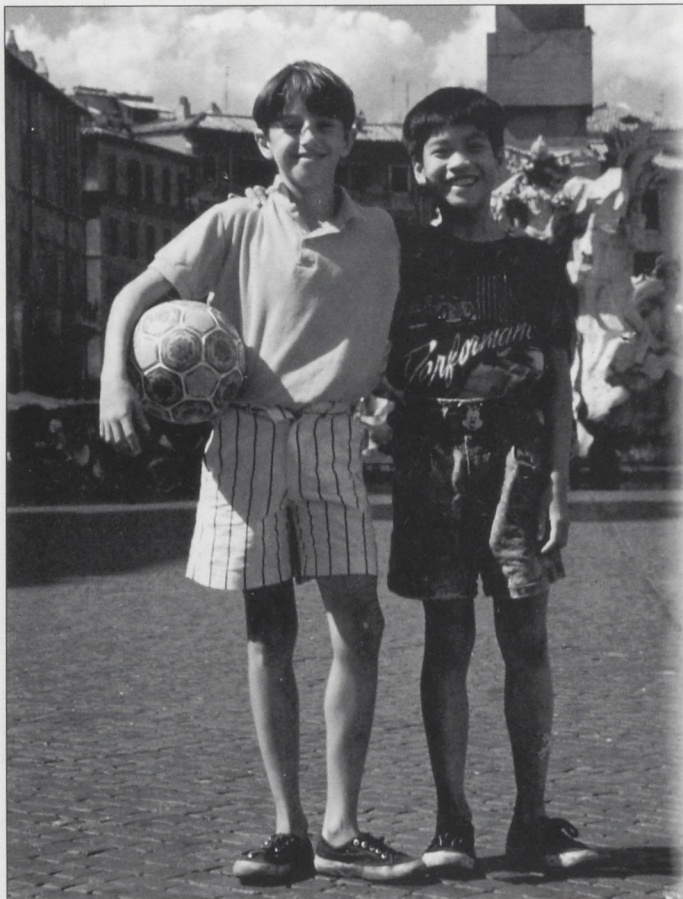
In June, MCpl "Esty" and the boys snapped a heavily armed Serb patrol that had the nerve to wake them up from their siesta. A few weeks later the 93 expansion draft was held, and CSM Dangerous Dan Palmer managed to trade Maj Greg Burton for Maj Tony Kaduck (the verdict is still out on who won that one).

Battalion Tidbit

The Second Battalion was presented "new" colours on 5 May 1969 by General J.V. Allard, CC, CBE, DSO, ED, CD in Fort Macleod, Germany.



Sgt Rip Van Wysman, "Boy this is a hard tour."



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July marked the start of the dreaded Pavement Patrols. Morale soared to new heights as the whole company sat out on the sunbaked Drag watching Croatian paving crews pretend to work. Hours seemed like days. Fortunately, due to the fact that TROB (The Rest of the Battalion) was by now playing softball in Sector South, all leave was cancelled. There was much rejoicing. If it hadn't been for MCpl Dean Campbell there would have been nothing to do but complain — as it was, we ate hot cinnamon buns and complained.

*July marked the start of the dreaded
Pavement Patrols.*

By late August the battalion had gotten into some trouble in Sector South, and the call went out for B Coy to save the day. Visions of sun and sea danced in our heads, but they were quickly replaced by sandbags and sentry duty. We arrived at the new Coy HQ in time to see our Kenyan buddies bugging out and a mob of angry Serbs collecting — a typical local welcome from the cheery folks of Miranje Gornje.

After much shouting, things settled down and we started taking stock of our new surroundings. Nice houses, lousy neighbourhood. Tanks off the front doorstep, anti-tank guns 300m to the left, sheep everywhere. At least they don't seem to be shelling each other! (famous last words).

Two weeks and two million sandbags later the place was looking more presentable and we decided to start expanding the B Coy empire. WO Wood and 4 Pl became the coy gypsies, as a succession of landlords welcomed them in and then threw them out. 5 Pl became the commissionaires of the new UN crossing point at Miranje Donje, and 6 Pl set up OP Sudden Death on what turned out to be a crack-thump range for Croatian mortars.

As the month wore on the rest of the battalion gathered together for a rest holiday at Hotel Medak, leaving (as usual) B Coy holding up the whole damn line. Despite a few weeks of bad weather (scattered 120mm showers, with occasional light rocket attacks and a 60 percent chance of spending the night in the bunker ...) and a few AK-47 demos from our friends down the road, we persevered.



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Charlie Company

In Sector West, the company conducted a variety of tasks in order to maintain peace as the battalion reserve. Static and mobile checkpoints, vehicle and dismounted patrolling and cordon and search operations were part of the daily routine. During the last week in July the company deployed with the remainder of the battalion to Sector South. The company initially deployed to Kijevo (Camp Bedrock) in anticipation of enforcing a peace agreement in the Peruca Dam area. The agreement never materialized and after four weeks of enduring sweltering heat, conducting OPs, the PWTs, and refresher training the battalion received direction to replace the French Battalion located further north.

C Coy conducted a relief in place of two French Companies in the last week of August. On 2 Sep, 9 Pl had found a new house in Medak and had moved one section, commanded by Sgt Trenholm, to occupy it that same day. Later that evening the new house received a baptism of fire by two rather inebriated Serbian soldiers. Fortunately Sgt Trenholm's use of effective warning shots silenced the belligerents.

A week later on 9 Sep, the Croats launched a major offensive into the Medak pocket and made extensive use of artillery fire over a wide area from the Mali-Alan to Gracac. 11 Sep began as another relatively calm day, but one that later saw three C Coy soldiers become wounded in two separate incidents. The first incident occurred on the road just north of SVETI ROK when the MLVW was laced with shrapnel. Cpl Taylor and Bdr MacPherson were hit and required medical evacuation. Bdr MacPherson received windshield glass fragmentation in his face, while Cpl Taylor had a large piece of shrapnel lodged in his ankle and required repatriation and surgery in Canada. Later the same day, Cpl Laphorne had a piece of shrapnel strike his thumb while he was momentarily out of the MEDAK house during a lull in the fighting. All three injuries were serious.

On 14 Sep, the battalion received orders to separate Serbian and Croatian forces and to create a demilitarized buffer zone in the wake of the withdrawal of Croatian forces to their pre-9 Sep 93 positions. C Coy was tasked with interposing between Serbian and Croatian forces on the south western position of the pocket, while a French Company did the same in the north. At this time only the Serbs had agreed to the plan and at 0800 hours the morning of 15 Sep, the OC, Maj Bailey, and the three platoon commanders conducted a reconnaissance of the forward Serb positions.

In order to abbreviate battle procedure, platoons were called forward and put into their positions immediately after the joint reconnaissance was completed. 8 Pl was deployed first into the area of Sitnik in which they were subject to heavy direct and indirect fire. 9 Pl deployed into the forward centre and were met with sporadic sniper and machine gun fire from the Croats. After much vigorous UN flag waving and warning shots the platoon was able to move forward into positions. 7 Pl was given the task of establishing a crossing site on the Medak-Gospic highway. After a close encounter with a tilt rod minefield they prepared and maintained two checkpoints supported by a TUA section.

C Coy made a significant contribution to the success of the Medak operation by establishing positions between the Serbian and the Croatian forces, thus demonstrating the necessary resolve to gain Croatian acceptance of the Buffer Zone plan. The Buffer Zone was soon established and C Coy ended the tour with the responsibility of securing the southern portion of the Medak pocket.



"... and I'll raise you a chocolate drumstick."

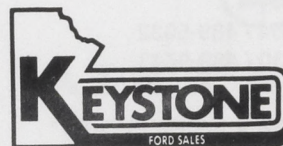
Delta Company

D Coy's arrival in Polom was met by a foot of Croatian snow and a lot of happy A Coy 3PPCLI faces. After a very thorough and professional handover, and before you could say "I'm outta here" the 3PPCLI Coy disappeared leaving the dogs alone and in charge of Frezenberg Sector. The company was deployed with Coy HQ and a reserve platoon at Fire Base Delta in Batiniani, a platoon at Fort Apache in Lipik and a platoon in the Dead Zone (aka Sleepy Hollow) centred on Polyana. We were responsible for maintaining the peace and keeping a grip by manning five checkpoints, patrolling on foot and in vehicles by day and night in all types of weather (yes!) and seizing every weapon that we could. Vivid memories of Sector West include digging in outstanding positions with excellent camouflage, two and one half feet of OHP and fields of fire that begged anyone to cross them, WO Matt Stopford and 11 Pl seizing weapons, the little school in Donji Caglic full of polite, proud children, Mom our cook (the best in the sector) in Lipik, Capt Martin "Killer" Kenneally shooting a hole in the gas line while sniping rats in the kitchen, the boys telling stories after a 72 in Budapest, Delta, our beloved dog, giving birth to six more canine crusaders, and the CQ, WO Ed Bonin, lecturing us on water usage. Whew!

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On 24 Jul, having just completed our Junior Ranks Club and all preparations for Lady Patricia's visit, we received the order to move to Sector South to assist in the implementation of the Erdut agreement. After a 400 km road move, D Coy arrived at Klapavica and was placed under OPCON FREBAT 1. Hey, any you guys speak French? We were quickly allocated an area which included the Maslenica Bridge and the recce party headed for Obrovac and beyond. What followed was a most interesting tour of the Serbian front lines and minefields. However, the agreement fell through and we returned to

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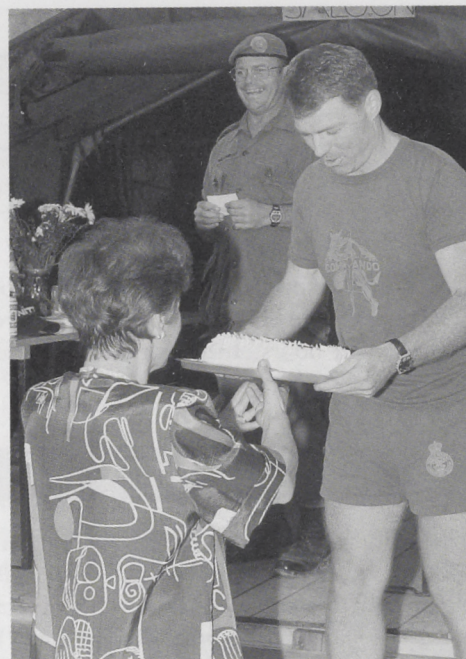
Klapavica for forced march training. By mid Aug LCol Calvin had his mitts on us again and he sent us back to occupy some of our old positions and prepare for the winter and arrival of 1 R22eR. Having moved locations seven times, we figured we were safe until we got the call for the Medak Pocket operation. We moved east of the mountains and into the area north of Medak with C Coy and spent 17 days documenting atrocities, dodging booby traps and mines, and enjoying the rain (not).

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D Coy was pulled out of the line on 30 Sep and sent to the rear at Sveti Rok to prepare our vehicles and weapons for the handover. The company consisted of 135 all ranks, 10 dogs, two goats, a horse named Lucky and two pigs. We did more soldiering in six months in Croatia than we could do in six years in Canada, and we did it with a mixed bag of Regulars and Reservists, Newfies and Ploughjockeys, Cowboys and Indians, French and English, and we done good (that line is attributed to MWO Spellen).



"No Ashley, I'll be home longer than that."



Ops O wins blue ribbon for his chocolate torte supreme.

Administration Company

Arriving in Camp Polom was like stepping back into a M*A*S*H episode — mud, slush, supplies jammed into every open space, and bedspaces in every cubbyhole with a roof over it. In two weeks the handover was complete. Cpl Manuel and MCpl Swanburg quickly got the CP humming while CSM St-Pierre started to crack the whip on the camp clean-up program. The drivers from Transport began the daily routine of twelve hour shifts that would remain unchanged throughout the tour, while Maint Pl dug into backlogged repairs, inspections and, in their spare time, the Camp Defence bunker plan which served as good practice for Sector South.

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On the QM side, life was interesting. The UN logistic system and our friends at the CCSG (CFB Polom) presented, to put it kindly, new and interesting challenges. The UMS bravely held the fort at the Daruvar orphanage and loonie bin while awaiting their palatial new quarters in Polom.

Just when things were getting into a routine, duty called again. This time, the folks in Sector South needed some Canadian backbone, and Adm Coy sucked in its collective gut and commenced the enormous task of moving everything the battalion owned to Gracac.

Life in Sector South was a whole new experience. Not only were distances greater and supplies harder to come by, but the situation between the two sides was close to open war. On 18 Sep, with redeployment only weeks away, a tragic vehicle accident claimed the life of Capt JP Decoste. Jim's memory will live on as a fine soldier and an exceptional leader. During his short time as 2IC of Adm Coy he made his mark and inspired all who worked for and with him.

From that point the workload accelerated even more as our tour neared its end. Padres Sparks and Brown deserve special mention for their many hours of work on the stress debriefing program

Redeployment

With the cold weather coming on we began to feel homesick for frostbite, dead batteries and snow shovelling, and so with the handover to 1 Vandoo complete, the last crew said goodbye to Sector South and boarded the final flight to Winnipeg on 10 Oct.

Ahead was an all too short disembarkation leave, a complete reorganization of the battalion (Delta Company disbanded and back in moth balls) and then the usual round of PCFs, PWTs, BFTs, winter indoc training and of course, Exercise POISON DART. However, not all was work as the battalion also found time for the normal year-end activities such as the Men's Christmas Dinner, annual hockey games and the All Ranks Christmas Ball in the Convention Centre.

All in all the battalion has crammed 24 months worth of work in 12 months, especially during the hectic pace experienced by all during the UN tour. We were easily the most heavily tasked battalion in UNPROFOR. That so much was accomplished this past year was a reflection on the excellent quality of officers, Senior NCOs and soldiers in the battalion which still remains — SECOND TO NONE.



After his press conference the CO tries on his new uniform.



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Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Excitement, turbulence, and transition are terms often used by infantry units when reflecting upon the events and activities of the previous year. Yet, for the Third Battalion in 1993, these three terms (particularly the latter two) would become much more relevant than ever before.

3 PPCLI began 1993 at the mid point of its OP HARMONY Peacekeeping tour with UNPROFOR in Sector West, Croatia.

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While the first half of the tour had been spent gaining an extensive familiarization of the operational area, the pace of activity increased dramatically in the new year as the Third Battalion was called upon to respond to hardening attitudes on the part of both Croats and Krajina Serbs. After a January Battalion level cordon and search of Serbian police houses, and two months of reinforcement operations into the Jordanian and Nepalese contingents, 3 PPCLI was only too happy to let fellow Patricians from 2 PPCLI have a go at life in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia.

Though the excitement may have ended, the turbulence was only just beginning as members of the Battalion speculated how their lives would be affected by the restructuring process needed to transform 3 PPCLI into a 10/90 Infantry Battalion upon return to Canada. Ironically, the return finally allowed for the formal Subbie's Indoctrination of the last seven junior officers who had arrived at the Third Battalion prior to Croatia — celebrated with much singing, and just a touch of slivovitz!

By August the 825 strong battalion from Croatia had been reduced to a mere 385, following the April release of Reserve augmentation, and a host of postings to Calgary, Wainwright, Petawawa, and Chilliwack. Upon the completion of the usual rash of individual summer taskings, and with the prospect of a new home station in Chilliwack firmly established, 3 PPCLI entered a new phase — its last year in Victoria as, what LCol Nordick has aptly described, "a unit in altered circumstances!" Training, exercises, and social events ensued throughout the Fall, but with the sole remaining rifle company gearing up for another tour in Croatia with 1 PPCLI, and the rest of 3 PPCLI preparing for a move to Chilliwack, 1993 ended with life far from normal, and just as hectic! Despite uncertain times, the officers and men of the Third Battalion soldiered on with professionalism, demonstrating a willingness to adapt to the unexpected.

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"A unit in altered circumstances."

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OP Harmony (January to April) —

An unexpected and severe Balkan cold snap greeted 3 PPCLI at the outset of 1993, wreaking havoc on equipment operability. Yet, the soldiers of CANBAT 1 continued to apply themselves with the unceasing impartiality of the previous three months. The second half of the tour proved to be much more intense and potentially hazardous. The Battalion, firmly established in Sector West, had expanded patrol patterns, developed UN installations, improved living conditions, and earned grudging respect. This dogged determination had begun to cause friction in some quarters, and, coupled with the growing realization that the United Nations was not there to promote one side's cause over the other, belligerents began to show impatience; tensions mounted.

Many isolated and significant incidents continued to characterize the nature of Peacekeeping in Croatia, but all are too numerous to mention. However, some operations and incidents need to be highlighted:

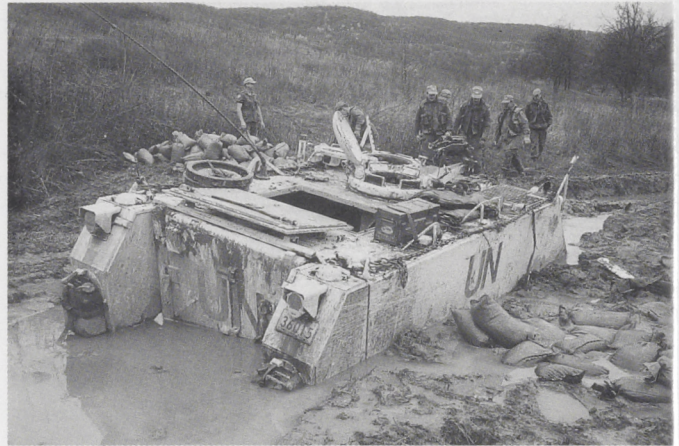
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In January, the Krajina Serbs of Sector West appeared to grow increasingly disenchanted with the Canadian approach. On the evening of 6 Jan 93 a grenade was tossed in the direction of a B Company foot patrol, and, two days later, a C Company APC was struck directly by an anti-tank rocket during the conduct of a mobile checkpoint. At 1330 hours on the 18th, OP ROUNDUP was launched into the Serb held areas of CANBAT, with the approval of the Argentinian Sector Commander. Large quantities of arms, ammunition, and ordnance were confiscated from the five target houses searched during the operation.



Just one of Croatia's many hazards.

The 22 January Croatian offensive into Sector South erased virtually all that had been accomplished by the UN operation in Croatia. Only in Sector West were the Krajina Serbs prevented from rearming. A few hundred Serbs stormed the UN protected armoury, located near the Strug Canal in the Nepalese sector, intent on seizing tanks, artillery, and other heavy weapons. Quick and decisive action by CANBAT 1, with some Argentine support, blocked Serbian routes from the site and forced them to back down.



Time for 22B to look for a new In Route! Sanctuary Woods Company, Croatia.

Though Sector West had proven 'different' from the other three UNPAs by virtue of the strong Canadian presence and professional approach to the mission, serious confidence building measures were required to alleviate Serbian fears of an impending Croatian attack. OP BACKSTOP began in late January and governed 3 PPCLI's activities until the tour's end.

2 Troop, 2 CER went to work and likely didn't sleep for the last two months.

Preparations were made to defend the UNPA and deter any planned Croatian incursions. C and D Companies began the demanding task of constructing defensive positions, planning delay actions and countermove operations to back up the Jordanian and Nepalese contingents. The bulk of Anti-Armour and Mortar assets moved South with them, as well as a forward HQ. 2 Troop, 1 CER went to work and likely didn't sleep for the last two months. For C and D Companies, rotations South became a fact of life, as did defensive preparations and expanded responsibilities for A and B Companies.





2 Troop, 1 CER goes to work during OP BACKSTOP.

Not all was operations. The Presentation and Consecration of Colours and Medals Parade on the 9th of March was a historic occasion. With both the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment presiding, the Third Battalion became the first unit in Canadian history to be presented with consecrated Colours in an operational theatre during hostilities. The pitted and scarred shell of the Pakrac hospital served as a moving backdrop, and a poignant reminder of the potential for violent conflict pervasive to the region.



The Officers press forward the attack in the traditional March 17th Broomiloo Game.



The trouncing of the Sr NCOs continues!



The Old Colour Party.

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After a long six months overseas, and a Balkan winter, the relief from 2 PPCLI was eagerly anticipated. The Second Battalion began to arrive in late March, with the last repatriation flight for 3 PPCLI lifting off the Zagreb tarmac on April 8th. The Battalion had seen, performed, and been subjected to a great deal. Patrols of all kinds, cordon and searches, mine clearance,

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humanitarian assistance, defensive planning, and long hours manning OPs and checkpoints were carried out under trying conditions. Vehicles covered nearly one million kms. A total of 700 weapons and 44,000 rounds of ammunition were confiscated, including heavy weapons (mortars, MRLS, AT systems, and AA guns). Soldiers had managed to survive snipings, mortar attacks, hit and runs, beatings, mine incidents, and traffic accidents to bless the Battalion with an astonishing record of no fatalities. For many, the OP HARMONY Chronicle will stand as a legacy to an unforgettable experience.



*B Company gets ready to handover
with some encouraging words!*



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Once all had returned, an Arrival Parade was held in Victoria on April 9th. The entire Battalion marched from Workpoint to the Legislature lawns with Colours flying, bayonets fixed, and blue berets flashing. Thousands of well-wishers gathered to welcome 3 PPCLI home and provide a monumental and lasting image of the wealth of support the Battalion had received while overseas.



A momentous "Welcome Home" from the people of Victoria.



*The Arrival Parade on the lawns of the B.C. Legislature,
9 April 93.*





Six months is a long time!

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Ex Stalwart Ram

After a healthy and well deserved disembarkation leave, a slightly disbelieving Third Battalion prepared to rejoin mainstream Canadian Army training with a three week May deployment to the traditional stomping ground of Camp Wainwright, Alberta. The exercise began with a flourish of sub-unit battle drill training, live fire ranges, and a slick two day recce and fighting patrol school, directed by Recce Platoon, for B and C Companies. Over the course of the second week, both rifle companies proceeded to rotate through EX STALWART GUARD (delay operations at the combined arms combat team level), EX STALWART STRIKE (live fire combat team training in counter-move ops), and EX ROTARY LIPIK II (the brainchild of OC Combat Support Company, and a well orchestrated exposure to company airmobile ops). No one will likely forget the truly innovative manner in which 3 PPCLI fought those delay and countermove battles, churning through the dust to move platoons skilfully by all available means — BV 206, MLVW, and HLVW! Adapt and overcome ...



Cas evac during EX ROTARY LIPIK II.



Cpl Demolitor puts some rounds down range during EX STALWART STRIKE.

EX STALWART SHIELD was touted as the grand finale, with the Third Battalion digging deep to execute a live fire defensive battle at combat team level within the Battle Group setting. A 'fantastic light show' demonstrated the awesome firepower of even an understrength infantry battalion as the machine gun matrix kicked in. Indirect fire support from 3 PPCLI's 'Mortar Dogs' and the Artillery was equally impressive. Fast Air? Not!

EX STALWART SHIELD was touted as the grand finale ...

Yet, the 1 CMBG Sports and Military Skills Competition proved to be the real highlight (and crowd pleaser!) of the exercise. The 'Third Herd' put forth a good effort in all events, winning the overall aggregate trophy, but dominance was clearly asserted in the Tug-O-War (for 3 PPCLI, read Maintenance Platoon!) and the wall-breaking, helmet-rolling, IO's head-sacrificing, chaos of the Chain of Command Race. Suffice to say, it was a fitting conclusion to EX STALWART RAM.



Cpl Menard prepares to reach a higher octave in the Chain of Command race!



"A Thermarest! Great idea Trg O, I'm so much more manoeuvrable!"

Combat Support - In Transition

The reorganization of 3 PPCLI heralded a dramatic change for support platoons. Mortar and Anti-Armour Platoons faced reductions to three man command cadres, while Pioneer and Recce Platoons shrunk to little more than section size. For these sub-units, EX STALWART RAM was essentially their last hurrah.



*The Third's winning form!
Maint Pl (and Capt Justice!) dig in for
yet another victorious pull.*

Pioneer Platoon under the direction of Capt Strickland and WO Marchioni conducted valuable training on the demolition range, and rope bridging over the Battle River (with an unscheduled comms refresher!). However, it was in defensive operations that the platoon proved their metal, constructing the permanent 'Fuhrer Bunker' on Badger Hill. The 17 ft long, 11 ft wide, 9 ft high structure was completed by 14 men in 18 hours, and the lessons learned were put to good use later while building C/S 0 for EX STALWART SHIELD. Only the heroic tales of Cpl Gulliver eclipsed such feats!



*Pioneer Platoon prepares some fireworks to satisfy
the pyromaniacal tendencies of WO Marchioni.*

The prowess of both the 3 PPCLI Anti-Armour and Mortar Platoons was asserted on the battlefield with skill and aggression. An impressive 90% hit ratio was confirmed by 'TOW' Platoon during all live fire exercises. Equally adept, the Third's 'Bomb Gods' under Capt Gagne proved time and again just how devastating well-trained mortarmen can be. On every shoot the platoon was faster, and more accurate, than their distant cousins - the Artillery. Consistently fast hands from all soldiers on the Mortar line, aided by 'eagle-eye' MFCs Sgts Whittal and Humphrey, helped keep the 81mm fire raining down. Sadly, and ironically, these stellar performances would be their last.

Small Arms Team

In 1993, 3 PPCLI again proved to be a haven for some of the best marksmen in 1 CMBG, and the Army! Despite fielding an inexperienced team the SAT placed second in 1 CMBG during the 5-12 June competition in Calgary, with seven of the fifteen members placing in the top twenty. Pte Barber won the Top Tyro as a first year shooter. Sgt Dymond, Cpl Perry, Cpl Loykowski, and Pte Capulong formed the 4-man Daigle Team representing 1 CMBG at CFSAC in Ottawa between 25-30 July, placing second overall. Though posted to Calgary prior to CFSAC, Ptes Barber, Hermiston, and Walker all participated on the 1 PPCLI Letson Team with Pte Walker becoming only the fourth private to win the coveted Queen's Medal for Champion Shots in 1993.

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Adventure Training / Battle Standards

3 PPCLI eased into the "re-formation" process following a July block leave period and the turbulence of summer taskings, with the first real adventure training period in recent years. Members of the Battalion took full advantage of all Vancouver Island had to offer. B Company conducted pistol shooting, canoe camps, and mountain walking trips in Strathcona Park. The Third's resident Dive Officer, Capt Szelec initiated scuba diving instruction for new divers and more advanced trips for experienced divers in local waters and off Quadra Island. The intrepid QM, Capt Horlock, organized a determined and arduous sea kayak journey through the Gulf Islands, while other Admin Company personnel opted for the mountains of Strathcona.

September saw the Unit coming to terms with its much reduced size and embarking upon the usual array of battle standards testing including the PWT and BFT. These standards and the 400 point Physical Fitness tests all generated admirable results.

Canada Day Celebrations

An ambitious schedule of parades and social activities dominated the few days following Canada Day in 1993, effectively marking one of the last occasions in which the Battalion would commemorate its twenty-three year association with the local community. On the 3rd of July both Lady Patricia and MGen Pitts were on hand to witness the afternoon Freedom of the City of Victoria, and the Freedom of the Municipality of Esquimalt Parades. Characterized by the "double distance death march" from Beacon Hill Park, through Victoria to Esquimalt, an exhausting day concluded at Workpoint Barracks where MGen Pitts presided over a Change of RSMs from CWO Cleveland to CWO Ballam. On the evening of the 4th, a traditional and stirring Sunset Ceremony was mounted on the grounds of the Provincial Legislature with the Third

Battalion drumline drawing the usual vast applause from a mesmerized crowd. Throughout the weekend Lady Patricia had the opportunity to circulate to all the messes, with the highlight being the 'Trooping' Ball — for the Trooping that never was, in the Officer's Mess on 3 July 93.



LCol Nordick and the Right Honourable Martin Seger inspect the ranks.



3 PPCLI marches into Chinatown.



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The Colonel of the Regiment, MGen H.C. Pitts, presides over the change of RSMs.



CWO B. Cleveland passes on some fatherly advice and a farewell to the troops of the Third.



Ptes Tice, Limon and Camus do some bonding. Bn Picnic, August 93.



The Corps of Drums stir the audience in the usual fashion during the Sunset Ceremony.



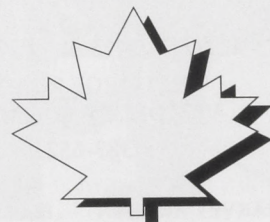
MCpl Avey, Cpl Arens and MCpl Orser (behind) drive for the finish line in the local downtown Bed Race; a small part of the MASH 4077 entry by the Jr Ranks.

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Ex Quick Tempest

Though many types of Internal Security Operations had naturally been conducted in Croatia, the task of reacquainting the officers and men of 3 PPCLI to Aid to the Civil Power operations within a Canadian context was accomplished in September. From the 16th to 17th, B Company, under the command of Maj Fisher, deployed to the DND facilities of Mary Hill, Rocky Point, Albert Head, and the Colwood Supply Depot to conduct security of vital points, crowd control, and cordon and search operations. An enthusiastic and determined group of Combat Support "belligerents, subversives, and media" kept B Company on their toes, making for an exciting two days. As the "Sons of Captain Cooke" struggled to assert their land claims, they were successfully rounded up, detained, soaked with water cannon, and repulsed with baton ... hog-tied under the vigourously applied principle of Minimal Use of Force! Sgt Arnold's gospel chants of Peace and Love doomed the dissidents to failure! However, back in the eyes of a Canadian public, valuable lessons were relearned for the conduct of IS Ops and in dealing with an inquisitive, unpredictable media.



Another dissident is manhandled from the protest site while a pushy journalist attempts to break a story.



Lt Heth sends a SITREP prior to a 5 Platoon cordon and search, while MCpls Avey and Barnes, and Pte Logan, remain at the ready.

Fall 93

Fall routine quickly descended upon the Battalion with the running of PCF courses for Basic Communicators, Storemen, Machine gunners, and Wheeled Vehicle drivers. The highlight for the latter two courses involved a week long deployment to the Yakima Firing Centre in Washington State, to confirm those skills in a slightly 'more intense' field environment than in recent years. A smaller 3 PPCLI also felt the pinch as a number of candidates made the yearly pilgrimage to advanced courses in the East, and an ISCC in Wainwright. Few officers were left to participate in either EX RIC-A-DAM-DOO or the Fall OPDP/ITC exam sessions.

The annual 1 CMBG Staff Inspection between 2-3 Nov 93 set off the 'checklist scramble' and subjected everyone to the hawk-like attentions of the DCO. For a 'unit in altered circumstances' 3 PPCLI passed with flying colours. The Third Battalion's mechanized capability also disappeared during this time, as the AVGP fleet was sent to other parts. The Unit's diminished size also necessitated a much more modest participation during the 11th of November Remembrance Day Ceremonies, with a company size contingent only able to pay tribute before the Cenotaph in Victoria, and, regrettably, not in other municipalities. The Fall period closed with EX POISON DART, a Command Post exercise for 1 CMBG in Calgary. Given this year's emphasis upon Peacekeeping operations, a Sector South scenario was developed to prepare 1 PPCLI and the LdSH for upcoming 1994 tours in Croatia and Bosnia. The 28 member group from 3 PPCLI capitalized on their Croatia experience, and put the rest of the Brigade through its paces while acting as Exercise Control.

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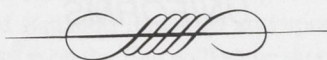
Cambrian Patrol Competition

From 24-27 October 1993, while most people were preparing for Halloween, eight members of the battalion were picking their way through the highlands of mid-Wales in Great Britain. They were participating in the arduous Cambrian Patrol Competition, a premiere event in the British Army. There were approximately eighty teams competing from a number of countries including Great Britain, Italy, Switzerland, the U.S., and, for the first time, Canada. The territorial teams, or teams from the UK Militia, competed in a two day patrol, while the regular force teams took part in a four day long range patrol. The latter teams were required to cover more than ninety kilometres, over some of the toughest terrain Wales has to offer, in just two and a half days of marching. Before, during, and after the patrol the teams were assessed on a variety of tasks including first-aid, media handling, partisan link-up drills, AFV recognition, close target recces, the establishment of OPs, and battle procedure. The eight men from 3 PPCLI were Lt Byers; MCpls Summerfield, MacDonald, Muelheburger, and Avey; Cpls Walbourne and Burr; and Pte Caldwell. Cpls Bryant and L'Hirondelle attended as spares while WOs Bartlett and Marchioni, coordinating training and operations, also made the trip overseas. Although the team did not receive a medal, they did well to finish the challenging course which weaved through the Black and Brecon Mountains of Wales, having only had two weeks to prepare. Only ten of the sixteen teams in their group managed to finish. Overall, the participation was a success and will hopefully become a tradition for the PPCLI in the years to come.



The Team —

Hey Guys! Did you get to keep all the fancy kit?!



Remembrance Day



LCol Nordick and MCpl Silva pay their respects.



Sgt Wheatley stands vigil at the Victoria Cenotaph.

Ex Reliant Nordic

After two eight hour round trips from Victoria, Major Fisher's advance party was unable to land in Dawson City due to inclement weather. Two days behind schedule and having already used up all the air sickness bags in the CF, OC B was granted permission (and more money) to reroute the EX RELIANT NORDIC deployment to Dawson City via Whitehorse. Following the usual trials and tribulations of working with Canada's Airforce, and a six hour death-ride from Whitehorse, with bus drivers who mistakenly thought they were Mario Andretti clones driving Ferraris, B Company's third and final chalk arrived in Dawson City shortly after midnight on 11 November.

The first day saw Bravo Company march through town, with the Dawson City Ranger Patrol leading, to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Robert W. Service School. After the service, attended by a large percentage of Dawson's citizenry, B Company marched to the Cenotaph for the official wreath laying ceremony. A service then followed at St Andrew's Anglican Church, where the colours of the 1st Canadian Motor Machine-gun Battery (Yukon) are laid up. Padre Self was invited by the local minister to share the service. The day of acclimatizing marches was completed by a move to the Dawson First Nations Band Centre for a reception, where the troops met some of the locals and had a quick lunch before heading into the Yukon wilderness.



Maj Fisher leads B Company and the Dawson City Ranger Patrol past the Cenotaph in Dawson City on November 11th.



Mother Nature still refused to cooperate with Major Fisher; the Yukon River remained unfrozen, thus denying access to the preferred training area. The distant Hunker Summit was chosen as the alternative. This separated the company from the 2IC and CQMS by fifty kilometres; Capt Gagne and WO Zack felt cheated having to stay in the heated municipal yard workshop. In spite of the delayed deployment, training was rescheduled and began early on 12 November. Platoons participated in a round robin including LOSV driving, winter survival, and tracking/trapping. During this phase the Dawson Rangers were tasked with imparting their knowledge and experience to the soldiers. In fact, the training was excellent, and the standard and professionalism of the Dawson City Patrol was outstanding. Simultaneously, WOs Murphy and Vigue assisted Capt Stanowski with training a group of Rangers from all across the Yukon.

The company then began Phase two involving a platoon ambush/raid task, and a number of field firing ranges. Each platoon had a section of Rangers attached for the duration of the exercise. This was an excellent vehicle for testing some new equipment in cold weather and for indoctrinating the Rangers in military tactics and live firing. Many lessons were learned, particularly by 6 Platoon, who discovered the drawbacks of lying in ambush at -25C for nine hours.



Equipment displays. Community Day.

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B Company moved into Dawson City for a community day on 20 November where they conducted a platoon attack demo and various equipment displays. In the afternoon, the company accepted challenges from the locals for road hockey and tackle football games, which proved quite an experience at -35C; winning made the bone-crunching tackles and bloody noses all worthwhile. The day was capped by a Potlatch supper hosted by the Dawson First Nation. This was quite a feast, with plenty of Moose and Caribou, and was rumoured to have been the largest community supper in recent history. Overall the day was extremely successful. Local merchants revelled in the extra business, and beer sales were apparently at a record high.



*Platoon attack demo.
Community Day,
Dawson City, 20 November 93.*

With the community day complete, Major Fisher moved the company back into the woods to complete training while the 2IC and CQMS prepared for redeployment. By midnight on the 24th Bravo Company was out of Dawson City enroute to Whitehorse, again via white-knuckle buslines; apparently in the Yukon buses are designed to corner at 65 mph in a whiteout, and have unrestricted access to any lane. While it was outstanding to return to sunny Victoria, all ranks of the company left Dawson City and the Yukon with good memories of excellent training, the Ranger Patrol, and a town that received them with open arms.

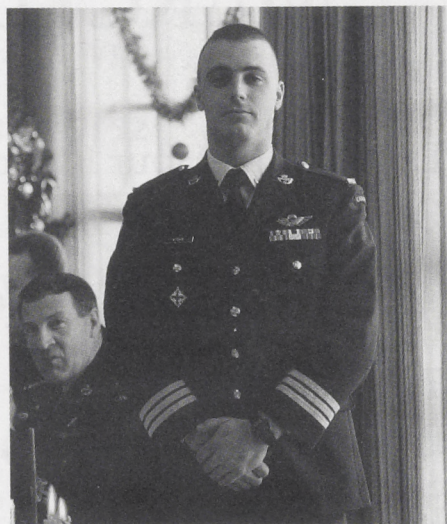
Last Christmas in Hollywood

Upon the return of 3 PPCLI personnel from EX POISON DART 93, the pre-Christmas festivities began with a busy week of Company and Battalion functions and sports. B Company kicked off the season on the 10th with some skeet shooting at the local range. It is debatable whether or not this was part of the festivities or merely an excuse to get the CSM on the Range again.

After managing to squeeze in another couple of days of work, the remainder of the Christmas events started in earnest. On the 15th the Battalion sports finals were held. After a season in which Admin Company dominated all three sports and easily achieved all finals, B Company and Combat Support were able to stack their respective teams to combat the threat. Unfortunately, this method worked, and a 'stretched' Admin Company was not at all victorious. Combat Support captured the ball hockey crown, and B Company took volleyball and flag football. Combat Support devoted the remainder of the day to inter-rank floor hockey matches, and the youth and speed of the Cpl/Ptes prevailed in a Chain of Command Race. A casual beer and BBQ affair was then enjoyed by all.

Admin Company took a different approach and held a jacket and tie affair at the Sherwood Inn. Lots of good grub, music, Christmas cheer, and numerous draws made it a good all-round party. Yet, though almost all the troops appeared to have dates, most of the lonely Admin Company officers, regrettably, did not!

Thursday morning saw the MCpls triumph in a rousing ball hockey match, though not without a bit of bumping and 'advice' from the Cpl/Ptes. The next game pitted the Sr NCOs against the Officers in a tight contest in which age, treachery, and perhaps some help from the referees brought about a loss for the Officers. The Men's Christmas Dinner soon followed, though A/LCol Andrews appeared somewhat unclear as to what he was empowered to do until some sound advice from the RSM was offered. It was a good spread, and the men were out of there quickly to carry on the revelry at the Jr Ranks. The Officers at home to the Sr NCOs brought the day to its festive conclusion (barring those who continued on to Lt Ankersen's Stag Party!).



*The new CO comfortably realizes
his new found powers.*



The Head Table.

"Don't drink the vegetable cocktail, Padre. Stuff'll kill ya!"



3 PPCLI Chilliwack (TFIB Implementation)

The 3 PPCLI Implementation Cell (known as 3 PPCLI Chilliwack) consists of 14 personnel who are tasked to size-up CFB Chilliwack facilities and make room for the arrival of the remainder of the Regular Force cadre. The cadre will be expanding to approximately fifty personnel next year. CFB Chilliwack will then house the 10/90 Battalion HQ, and elements of Admin and Combat Support Companies. The rest of the Battalion will consist of regulars and reservists in a rifle company and support platoon cadres at each of the four B.C. Militia District Infantry Regiments. The unit will be spread across a large portion of Southern B.C. with formed companies and platoons provided by the Rocky Mountain Rangers in Kamloops, The Royal Westminster Regiment in New Westminster, The Seaforth Highlanders in Vancouver, and the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) on Southern Vancouver Island. Each of these units will receive their PPCLI cadre in 1994 when the remainder of the Battalion moves to Chilliwack.

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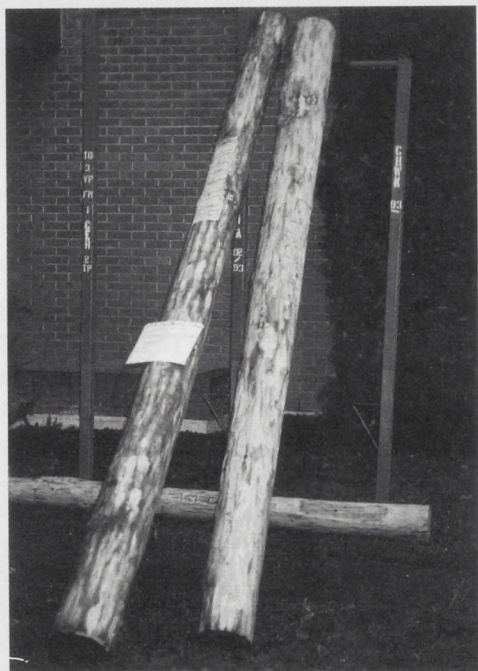
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All work and no play? ... ah, but we do play. The PWT was conducted under the careful guidance and instructions of Sgt Jenkins and his crew ... Unfortunately, more rain drops hit the ground than bullets hit targets. We are well into the preparation stages for the BFT. How does one prepare for the BFT? The OC takes us out on longer and faster marches, during which, we constantly turn around and re-trace our steps, scale the 6 foot wall during our half way break, and finally finish off by fireman carrying each other (we still cannot find the fire on the front lawn from which we are escaping!) The Adjt, Capt "Grizzly Adams" McKnight, is still planning a mega mountain trek into the Rockies for adventure training.

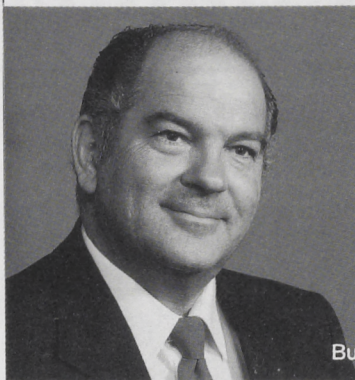
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The Battalion looks forward to building strong roots and will continue to "take hold" in the base and community. The transition has been made easy by the cooperativeness and warmth that has been extended from everyone at CFB Chilliwack and 1 CER. The bonds between 1 CER and 3 PPCLI, established in Croatia, continue to foster a close working relationship. (Thanks fellas, but can you pick up that chin-up bar and those three large logs for log PT, thoughtfully given to us for Christmas!).



Christmas gifts from 1 CER to 3 VP Chilliwack.

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2 Commando Sitrep



2 Commando personnel, 1993.

First In, Last Out

Well it's been one helluva year. On 15 December 1992, 2 Commando began deploying to Somalia as the Airborne Regiment Battle Group's vanguard commando. 4 Platoon, under Captain Mike Sox and Warrant Officer Bob Murphy were first in followed over the next few days by 5 Platoon under Captain Mike Attrux and Warrant Officer Kevin Kehoe, and finally 6 Platoon under Captain Cliff Reeves and Warrant Officer Bill Morley. 2 Commando Headquarters deployed in groups; the OC, CSM and HQ signallers with 4 Platoon and the remainder on subsequent flights. The Commando was complete in theatre on 21 December.

The flight over was almost unbearable. Soldiers and equipment were jammed into hercs in Trenton and transported to Balidogle, Somalia via Ireland, Crete and Djibouti with little more than refuelling stops enroute.

Having departed Petawawa in December to arrive in Somalia into +40C temperatures was an incredible adjustment. The Commando lived in trenches and conducted operations out of Balidogle until 28 December, whereupon a joint airmobile/air landing assault was undertaken by the Airborne Regiment Battle Group Vanguard and 10 Mountain Division (US) to seize and hold the airfield at Belet Uen. For the better part of a month, the soldiers of 2 Commando lived and worked out of their rucksacks with nothing but a trench and a hoochie to sleep in.



Cpl Smith assists Cpl Rilliet on counter-ambush exercise during preparations for OPERATION DELIVERANCE.

Add to this the constant diet of IMPs and hot water for drinking and you have the makings of a very uncomfortable situation; not to mention the indiscriminate shooting that went on around us at all hours of the day and night. We constantly expected to be attacked by armed technicals and were overwhelmed by local children with no defensive stores to keep them at a comfortable distance.

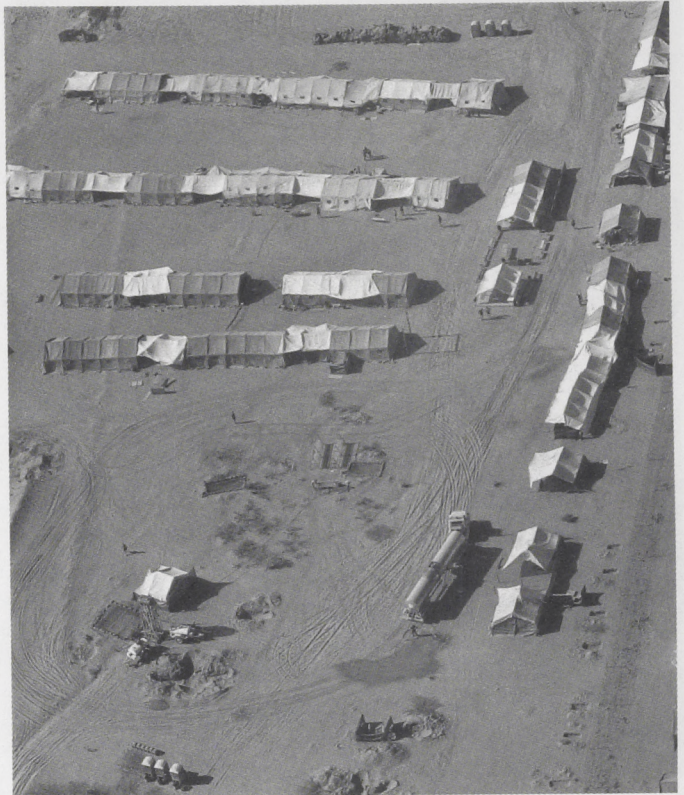
Although the stress level was high, so too was morale. Every operation involved 2 Commando; the troops were never busier or happier with one exception: during 5 Platoon's first night patrol in Belet Uen, Troopers Austin and Hart fell into an open sewer. Not pleasant!

Although the stress level was high, so too was morale.

Shortly after our arrival in Belet Uen, the balance of the Regiment arrived and we moved off the airfield to occupy our permanent camp on the east side of Belet Uen. Things began to improve immediately with the arrival of stores from the HMCS Preserver which was tied up alongside in Mogadishu's old port. Modular tentage went up, defensive perimeters were established with razor wire and a few canteen supplies filtered down to the troops.

Operationally, 2 Commando assumed control of "Zone 2" which included the town of Belet Uen and a 14 km by 14 km area surrounding the town of 200,000 people.

Belet Uen originally evolved as a market town along the Shebele River at what was essentially the intertribal boundary for several tribes and clans all with their own distinct characteristics and vested interests. This made for never ending conflicts of interest among the Somalis and the Regiment in terms of it's mission. 2 Commando patrolled continually. In the initial stages this was to establish security in the town. Whereupon commerce in Belet Uen immediately picked up. As the security situation improved more time was spent reconstituting the disbanded police force and disarming the townspeople as well as the local militia.



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*Elvis pays a surprise visit to
MCpl Al Reid in Somalia.*

With the police force firmly reestablished and equipped with the basic tools of their trade, we began joint patrol operations with them. Eventually, more and more local problems began to be referred to them and they were handled in keeping with Somali traditions.

In late February and early March, Mortar Platoon of 1 RCR under Captain Graham Blackman, Lieutenant Drew Greenaway and Master Warrant Officer Palmer came under command of 2 Commando. Their role was twofold: to conduct mounted patrols in the outlying areas of Zone 2 and to provide a mounted Quick Reaction Force in support of patrol operations in Belet Uen.

In terms of 2 Commando's disposition, the bulk of the Commando, 4 Platoon, 5 Platoon, Mortars and the HQ were bivouacked east of Belet Uen with 6 Platoon located on the west side securing the airhead and providing assistance to local Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

Corporal Powers managed to provide some entertainment during the visit of a female NGO to 6 Platoon's bathrooms.

By the end of the tour, 2 Commando had conducted in excess of 500 patrols varying in size from platoon level down to 4 man reconnaissance patrols, provided security on engineer reconstruction sites in Belet Uen, secured dozens of NGO aid distribution initiatives, cantoned two dozen militia armoured vehicles, seized dozens of weapons, mines and grenades and provided full-time security on the airfield and the regimental water processing site.

On 1 June 1993, we handed over control of the airfield and Zone 2 to the Nigerian contingent and staged back to Mogadishu as the last line Commando out of Belet Uen.

With two days in the transient camp at Mogadishu's airfield, the Commando made final preparations for the return to Canada. For two days the troops enjoyed the beach, packed their kit for the trip home and Warrant Officer Amaral had an intimate moment with a very large sump. On the afternoon of 2 June, many of the troops were down at the beach for a final swim and to finish off their suntans. At approximately 1700 hours, screaming was heard from the surf. As 2 Commando's final action in Somalia, Corporals Ashton and Sprenger and Troopers Simone and Farquhar entered the ocean to effect the rescue of the person in distress. By the time they reached the victim, she was unconscious and, as the troops quickly realized, had been attacked by a shark which had torn off her left leg at the hip. Applying artificial resuscitation and CPR, they brought her back to shore, but were unable to save her life.

With the arrival of the air charter to return us to Canada on 3 June, the troops gladly bid farewell to Somalia and anticipated their return home and well deserved disembarkation leave.

2 Commando returned to regular duties on 6 August under Major Jamie Hammond and MWO Dave McArdle. We were



*All ranks 2 Commando under Major Jeff Kyle
on parade for the Minister of External Affairs.*

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11th Group JM does a final check on MCpl Sitbon prior to his US wings jump.

quickly swept up in the whirlwind of training, planning and administration associated with closing out OPERATION DELIVERANCE and preparing for a new training year under the new CO, LCol P.G. Kenward and the new RSM CWO G.J. Stevens.

In our first month back at work, 2 Commando participated in the visit by HRH Prince Andrew, the Colonel in Chief of the Airborne Regiment as well as the Airborne's 25th Anniversary celebrations and EX COELIS 93 where we hosted the German contingent.

All ranks of 2 Commando enjoyed a visit from Major General Pitts, past Colonel of the Regiment for the Airborne and the current Colonel of the Regiment for all Patricias. Gen Pitts took the opportunity to speak with the soldiers, NCOs and officers at an informal gathering down at CQ stores during his visit on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary.

During September, 2 Commando hosted a contingent from 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne). We conducted joint continuation parachute training and swapped war stories.

October to December were extremely busy. Most of the Commando was involved in PCF courses. Those left over were kept busy with EX RAPID RIPOSTE which was conducted 12 - 15 November and involved a para insertion onto (or more)



2 Commando parachuting onto DZ Pegasus, Somalia 93.



2 Commando All Ranks Family Day celebration at Kiska Beach.

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accurately almost onto) DZ ROCKFIELD followed by a hostage rescue operation in the area of Brockville, ON. The Air Force managed to miss the DZ and only six personnel actually made it onto this drop zone. Several injuries ensued, but the mission continued successfully with the help of local "partisans", the brothers of Sergeant Kevin Littlejohn, who is from this area.

Three weeks later the Commando deployed for EX COLD BRIAR in Borden, but due to weather we were stop dropped just before the Stand By was given and we returned to the Petawawa training area to complete the exercise which emphasized section and platoon winter operations and culminated in a commando raid on the FIBUA site.

The 8th and 9th of December saw 2 Commando teams involved in the Regiment's inter-commando sports play-offs. 2 Commando finished the season with a first place showing in flag football (quarter-backed and coached by MCpl L.S. Scotty Grant), second place in volleyball (coached by Cpl G.D. Grant and finally a second place finish in hockey.

We are anticipating a very busy year in 94 starting on 4 January with a Regimental winter exercise, a small unit exchange with the 82nd Airborne in Fort Bragg during February, mountain school and patrol school in the spring as well as participation in the 50th Anniversary jump into Normandy. More details to follow in the 94 Patrician. Until then Fair Winds and Soft Landings from all ranks of 2 Commando.



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The PPCLI Battle School

*By Capts S.J. Boyne, M.D. Bruce,
I.R. Creighton, E.R. Jackson
and D.M. Kromrey*

Life in the fast lane has arrived on Wainwright in 1993 and the Battle School was in the driver's seat. The first day of training for 1993 commenced 11 January for instructional standardizational training for both Leadership and Recruit Companies and ended 16 December with the completion of OP MANDARIN 2B ROTO training for five CSS platoons. There was no looking back. A number of noteworthy events occurred; the graduation of the first QL3 Regular Force (Amiens) platoon in two years sent 31 soldier to 1PPCLI, the establishment of the Area Militia Training Support Centre implementation cell as another sub unit of the Battle School, and the Area Rank and Trade School (ARTS 93) for the Reserves was again bigger and better, this year successfully graduating over 580 candidates.

1993 proved to be a rewarding year for CWO Ruck T.L.J., WOs MacDonald A.H.J., Stepsys V.P., Trelnuk G.F. and Sgts Andreone P.W.J., Casey D.J., Jeffery C.M. and Schultz G.L., who were promoted to their current rank. CWO Ruck left to become RSM CFOCS in CFB Chilliwack.

Leadership Company

1993 was yet another busy year for Leadership Company (I see a pattern developing), however, the coy pulled through relatively unscathed thanks to the careful nurturing of the OC, Maj S.J. Willow.

The year began with a full series of leadership courses in the Spring, one each of ISCC, CLC, JLC and LLQ. These courses were conducted without incident, bringing a plethora of 1 Brigade personnel into the company as incremental staff. After these courses were completed, the company geared up for the

annual Western Canadian Reserve Rendezvous, better known as ARTS 93. This saw the company conduct four CLCs and two ISCCs. They were assisted in this task by a vast collection of Reserve and Regular incremental staff. The Reserve instructors displayed, on the whole, a good level of ability and the Regular staff learned everything you ever wanted to know, but were afraid to ask, about the Reserves. All told the Summer was a success, although the company did experience some growing pains. (What do you mean he has to use all of his leave before his route letter expires?)



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Also, during the Summer the company saw an array of new faces, Capt S.J. Boyne took over as 2IC, MWO McNaughton R.W. as CSM, WO Blunden D.J. as CQ. Among the instructors posted in were WO Penney J.T., Sgts Andreone P.W.J., Casey D.J., Leonard G.P.J.M., Reid D.I. and Spence J.R.

The Fall saw us at it again with two ISCCs, two CLCs and one each of JLC and LLQ. These course went smoothly with the two ISCC courses being combined into one, resulting in the 1st Battalion having to drag a reluctant Lt R. Pettigrew away.



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"Bob, why are we the only two standing?"

The year also saw the company say farewell to a couple of old friends, the Rappel Master Course was moved to CABC and beginning in 1994, the JLC and LLQ will be moved to the RCA Battle School in Shilo. We all mourn their passing. Starting next year the company will teach the pilot Army Junior NCO Course, but you'll have to wait until the 94 Patrician to learn about that one.

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Recruit Company

This has been another busy and exciting year for Recruit Company. Maj K.H. Gotthardt and Capt E.R. Jackson remained at the helm as OC and 2IC respectively.

There are several new faces in the company this year. Lt N.E. Hendrickson was posted in as the Sniper Officer/Small Arms Pl Comd and MWO Sparks A.L. took over as CSM from MWO Smith G.M., who was posted to 1PPCLI. The team of WO Blades J.H. and MCpl Weatherbie B.J. now run the show in CQ Stores. Cpl Kehoe J.D., our new coy clerk, has inherited the computer and all it's blessings.

Recruit Coy has run a large number of courses this year, including:

Basic Sniper 9301, 02
QL2 (R) 9301, 02, 03, 04
QL2/3 (R) 9301, 02, 03
QL3 (R) 9301, 02, 03, 04
QL3 (Reg) 9305
JNDP 9301

UN OP MANDARIN 9301, 02, 03, 04, 05
UN OP CAVALIER 9301

The focus for Recruit Coy this year was primarily the training of Army Reserve recruits. In 1994 we are looking forward to a similar training cycle with a Regular Force QL3 platoon, and potentially a Total Force Small Arms Instructors Course, and the continued development of a training plan designed to prepare non combat arms personnel for deployment on UN missions.



QL2 (R) 9305 —

*Maj K. Gotthardt demonstrating
why boot bands are for legs.*



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In the past year a new entity has arisen on the Battle School horizon. Only known as the MTSC, (short for Militia Training and Support Centre) its presence has shocked and confused the concerned local Patricia population who were totally unaware of it's role in life.

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on the Battle School horizon.*

The MTSC is tasked to facilitate and conduct combat team level collective training for LFWA Army Reserve units. Specifically, this will include mechanized operations within a Battle Group tactical scenario. Currently the MTSC establishment consists of:

OC - Maj M.W. MacLure (8 CH)

2IC - Capt D.M. Kromrey (RCA formerly of 1 RCHA)

SSM - MWO Bates E.K. (FGH)

Trg WO - WO Hedley N.W. (CME formerly of 4 CER)

SQMS - Sgt Frost D.W. (CME formerly of 1 CER)

Storeman - Cpl Woodman P.M. (CME formerly of 1 CER)

Driver - Cpl Coutu J.R.F. (CME formerly of 5 RGC)

Secretary - Debra Ingalls (civie formerly of Base HQ Rations)

As you can see the MTSC is a diverse bunch of which none wear the PPCLI Red and White. In fact, had you asked the MTSC staff that they would be posted to the PPCLI Battle School, they probably would have had a seizure from laughing so hard. However, loe and behold we are here.

MTSC



The Few, The Proud, The Non-Patricians.

MTSC will be operational in September 1994 and will consist of the above staff and a support det from Camp Wainwright. Together the MTSC will hold over 100 vehicles and enough equipment to enable Army Reserve units the opportunity to train as operational combat teams. As the MTSC grows it will become an important part of the PPCLI Battle School and LFWA area training system. And maybe, just maybe, in the near future we will allow a Patricia to join our burgeoning "EMPIRE".
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Headquarters Company

A year has past since you last heard from us. Since then, the HQ Coy of the PPCLI BSL has gone through many changes. Over the year the Coy has provided support to 41 courses which included Junior leadership, Recruit and PCF courses along with specialty training for troops deploying to the former Yugoslavia.

Capt T.M. Wilson was posted and replaced by Capt I.R. Creighton (still can't find those handover notes). In addition, Capt H.G. Wiegand was posted in to become the School Trg O and MWO "Bullet" Smith J.R. remained as the CSM.



Our Supply section remained the same with the exception of an internal shuffle which saw Cpl Sheppard R.J. going to Transport and Cpl Austad B.M. coming from Ldr Coy. With WO Gallant J.W. leading the section, the School again received outstanding support throughout the year.

Training Resources remained as busy as always. Cpl Merritt K.E. was finally able to extract himself and was moved to Ldr Coy as their storesman and he was replaced by Cpl Evans A.R. from Transport. Karen Bushey is the new School Librarian and driver of the high tech photocopier.

Cpl Simmons is enjoying life as the CO's driver ...

The Battle School Transport Section is still commanded by Sgt Stone N.G.R. and assisted by MCpl Lane J.A. This year the section had some new arrivals. MCpl Zaluski L.E. on Class B is presently the section dispatcher. Cpl Simmons J.E. and Zubiak G.C. were both posted in from 2PPCLI. Cpl Simmons is enjoying life as the CO's driver and can be often found in the coffee room, feet up, food in hand, eyes closed, awaiting a call from the RSM. The Section logged over 350,000 kms supporting the various courses and controlled as many as 70 vehicles during ARTS 93.

Sgt Linville K.D. remained the School's demolition expert as the Field Training Sgt. He has the unenviable task of ensuring the somewhat old Range 19 and 21 are in working order for the live fire exercises. He also provided the necessary range support to ensure those dreaded March and Shoot days go well.

Straight Shooting

The Standards Cell continues to be a staging ground for very talented Sr NCOs. Capt W.A. Pigden replaced Capt R.J. Fitzgerald this year and Capt E.W. French arrived to be the TDO. WO Hoffart D.R. is still ploughing garden plots but rumour has it that he will leave us in 94. The Cell is rounded out with WOs Kolotylo A.M.M., Talty M.B., Johnson D. and Trelnuk G.F., Sgts Breustedt B.M. and Leonard G.P.J.M. Keep working guys. You can only rewrite a CTP so many times. Just ask Rosemarie Bakker, she types all the rewrites.



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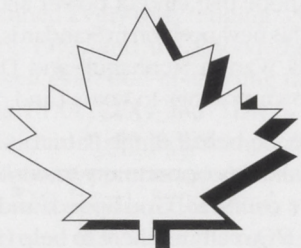




The School Orderly Room remains much the same as last year with the only new addition being MCpl Fraser C.A. arriving from Greenwood. The Chief Clerk was promoted to WO and despite a series of x-postings, Cpls Henriksson N.J. and Lessard J.G.F. are still there. The School continues to receiving outstanding support from the HQ civilian staff. Mary-Lou MacMillan as the CO's Secretary and Tawny Schultz, the OR Secretary, keep the morale up with their cheerful dispositions. Roxanne Dunbar is working miracles as the Graphic Artist. The ADP Systems Manager, Linda Greig, continues to keep the system running and ensuring the users don't forget their passwords (a common occurrence after a long weekend). The School is taking on the appearance of MGM Studios with their involvement in the LFC Phase II Video Production. Heading up this undertaking is a very patient Shawna Bruce.

LCol J. Lockyer replaced LCol M.M. Fenrich as the new Commanding Officer. Maj D.A. Fraser is still here though he now goes by DCO vice CI. Capt M.D. Bruce is on his second year as the School Adjutant. Keep smiling Malcolm.

Finally, MWO Anderson B.E. assumed the position of QMSI and continued the tradition of moving from one office to another. CWO Scott B.R. arrived to replace CWO Komadina V.I. as the School RSM. Mr Komadina has retired in the booming town of Wainwright. Mr. Scott is still trying to put a football team together to challenge the officers. The last game was cancelled because the Sr NCOs could not field a team. Until next year!



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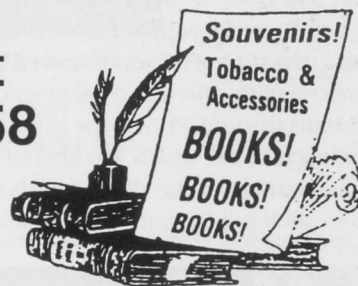
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Patricia's at Land Force Western Area Headquarters

Greetings to all Patricias from the frozen wastelands of North Edmonton, home of Land Force Western Area Headquarters and the second coldest inter-section in the world after Portage and Main, 97th St. and 153 Ave. The 1992-1993 year has been good to all of us Patricia's here in Edmonton as the Headquarters has continued to grow and expand its influence within the Area, judging by the hate mail received lately anyway, taking on the many projects and challenges presented by our rapidly changing military environment.

The Patricia contingent's social schedule revolved once again around the Regimental Birthday festivities of March 17th. For the first time in many years Broom-i-loo was played at Griesbach Barracks with the officers and senior NCOs fighting it out to a two all tie. This was followed by a reception, complete with moose milk, where the game was replayed and the usual lies and tall tales told. Prior to the game itself RSM Collier "baked a Regimental Cake" which was shared out to the entire staff at the Headquarters to the delight of those who are usually too cheap to shell out 75 cents for a muffin.



MARCH 17 BROOM-A-LOO 1993

Griesbach Barracks (left to right): Sgt Northmore LER (now Cpl 1 PPCLI), CWO Stevens RSM CABC, Maj Magee JT LFWA HQ, Capt Parent RD LFWA HQ, LCol Needy CO CABC.

We said goodbye to our Senior Patricia LCol Bill Bewick who traded cap badges to become CO of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and thus taking on the challenge of implementing his own policies (the rumour that he is now undergoing intensive therapy is a complete fabrication) and welcomed from NDHQ, Lcol Pierre LaChapelle as his replacement (the handover process included getting used to the fact that his office has a window). Other departures included RSM Collier along with MWO Jacquard on FRP (Fishing Retirement Programme) and Sgt Northmore of the LEDMNR who is joining 1 PPCLI as a regular force soldier and will soon be deployed overseas peacekeeping (good luck). Arrivals included RSM Arndt as the Area Chief and MWO St Pierre (fresh from 2nd Battalion and Yugoslavia where he controlled the most important vehicle in the battle group, the "human waste control vehicle"). Let us hope that kind of power and authority will not go to his head in his new position in Standards. In addition, LFWA HQ lost Captains Warren Stephanuk and Dave Gilmore who, organized their own postings to Lotus Land, BC District HQ.

To conclude, on behalf of the Patricia's here at LFWA HQ, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Patricia's serving, or about to serve overseas, God Speed, and remind everyone that we at LFWA HQ really are here to help (if we can't, tough). Remember, you will never beat us, so why not join us!



PATRICIA CAKE

Back Row (left to right): WO Rick Millman, Capt Nick Martyn, Capt Ralph Sears, LCol Bill Bewick, Capt Bob Parent, Maj John Day, Capt J.J. Martin, Capt Mike Solonyanko.

Front Row: CWO Collier, MWO Jacquard.

Saskatchewan District Patricia's



*Veterans of the 1993 Reunion "Mud Bowl" —
Capts Barr, Vernon and Campbell, MWO Vardy and WO Gerhart
with Association members and remustered Patricias from 15 Wing Moose Jaw.*

Greetings once again to the rest of the Regiment from those of us serving on the windswept plains of Saskatchewan! We are pleased to report that all members of our small but erstwhile group have managed to "weather" yet another year of climactic extremes in good health (and in most cases, in good humour). Like 1992, this past year has been a busy one for the Patricias of Saskatchewan District. While many of our comrades were gainfully employed "keeping the peace" in the Balkans, we continued to slog through a never-ending campaign of paperwork back here on the home front. So much for our peers' predictions that there wouldn't be any excitement or job satisfaction for an infantryman in Saskatchewan ...

In all honesty though, it hasn't been all "paper in ... paper out". Both the North Saskatchewan Regiment and the Royal Regina Rifles maintained a very busy training schedule throughout the first half of 1993, and the knowledge of the PPCLI support staff was well exercised in assisting the planning and conduct of various FTXs, CPXs and TEWTs. Of course OP HARMONY has also had a significant impact on District and Unit level training. Intensive preparatory training and screening for ROTOs 2 and 4 were conducted at Militia Training Detachment Dundurn to ensure that Saskatchewan reservists met the grade when they joined the Regiment for their tours.

As usual, the past summer was a busy one and our crew found themselves heavily involved in the conduct of ARTS/NRQS courses at the various schools operated throughout LFWA. This was of course, followed by EX WESTERN CHALLENGE in Wainwright during August. Post-summer we quickly got to work on providing progressive training for the soldiers of the N Sask R and the Rifles. The requirement for effective, mission-oriented infantry training at the unit level (particularly in light of current reserve participation in UN missions) ensured that our small group of Patricias was kept gainfully employed throughout the Fall.

On the social side of the house, the highlight of our year was once again the Annual Reunion hosted by the Saskatchewan Branch of the Regimental Association. Continuing a practice which began last year, the serving members and the Association within Saskatchewan joined forces to celebrate Regimental Day in proper fashion over the 19-21 March weekend in Prince Albert. All in attendance will agree that the 1993 Reunion/Regimental Day Celebration was a tremendous success. In addition to serving and Regimental Association members, there were a good number of remustered personnel present from CFB Moose Jaw. Everyone enjoyed an excellent meet and greet, a **very** muddy Broom-i-loo game (thanks to a



WO Gerhart gives the ball a whack during the Second Annual Reunion Broom-i-loo game.

Now who are we supposed to look to for comic relief?

hosing-down of the field by the fire department), and a fantastic banquet. Many friendships were made or rekindled over the weekend, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again at the 1994 reunion in Regina.

Of course 1993 also saw some personnel changes take place, and we were forced to say farewell to some of the gang. Early on, MCpl Paul Rancourt was posted to that mysterious new unit in Ottawa (he sure seemed fit when he left...) Next to go was MCpl Rolan Busch, whose long-awaited LOTP to Navy Steward finally came through (Have you ever been to sea Billy?). Finally, just prior to the end of the year The Regiment lost one of its up and coming legends with the retirement of Capt Dave "Pork" Vernon. Now who are we supposed to look to for comic relief?

Despite our losses, the departures did provide us with the opportunity to welcome some new Patricias into the Saskatchewan fold. Cpls Marty Gartry and Steve Zivkow replaced our posted members, WO Bill Rideout was posted in as the new Area Cadet Instructor Land and WO Max Anderson was posted in late in the year to replace the newly-promoted MWO Don Vardy, who left the N Sask R for greener pastures as the CSM of MTD Dundurn. No doubt our new arrivals are ecstatic about opportunity to refresh their winter warfare skills for the next several years!

Listed below is a who's who of Patricias serving in Saskatchewan these days. Bear in mind that in addition to our serving ERE Patricias, there are many ex-serving members active in the Reserves, as well as a healthy Regimental Association here in the province. In any event, the post-APS 93 "Saskatchewan Patricias" were as follows:

Saskatchewan District Headquarters Regina

Capt Mark Campbell - Adjutant

North Saskatchewan Regiment

Capt Chris Barr - Full-Time Support Officer (Saskatoon)

WO Max Anderson - Training WO (Saskatoon)

Sgt Ken McKenzie - Training Sgt (Prince Albert)

Cpl Marty Gartry - Support NCO (Saskatoon)

Royal Regina Rifles

Capt Dave Vernon - Full-time Support Officer

WO George Gerhart - Training WO

Cpl Steve Zivkow - Support NCO

MTD Dundurn

MWO Don Vardy - Sergeant-Major

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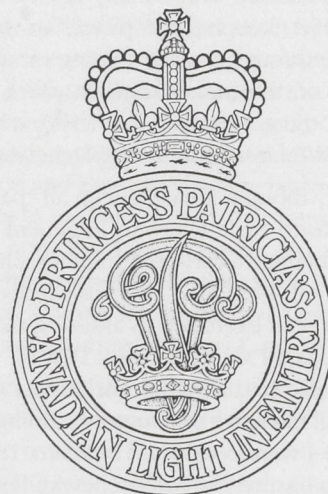
Sgt Robert McBeth - Mobile Recruiter

Aircom Detachment Regina (Cadet Support)

WO Bill Rideout - Area Cadet Instructor - Land

Now that you know who and where we are, be sure to drop in some time and say hello as you're passing through. If you remember to bring your mosquito repellant in the summer and your snowshoes in the winter, we promise to show you a great time! Think about it ... flat windswept prairie, the occasional tornado, blinding snowstorms, eight-month subarctic winters, endless farm reports ... if the ex-Third Battalion guys can learn to love it here, so can you!

Until next year, VP!



Kingston Patricia's



*Left to Right: Capt DE Delaney, Col VW Kennedy, Maj JR Trick and Sgt Green.
Missing: MCpl Davey, Cpl Anderson.*

Patricia's in Paradise



SAN FORTUNATO BATTLEFIELD STUDY
CLFSC 9302
SEP 93

*From Left to Right: Capt M. Fawcett, Capt M. Kenneally, Col (retd) T. de Faye,
Col W. Sutherland, Capt I. Hope, Maj M. Austdal (nice legs ...)*

By Capt E.A. Giraldeau

The word is out. Last year I reported on the Patricias' best kept secret i.e. a posting to Kingston. Good news travels fast it seems because the ranks of the Patricias in the Kingston region have swelled over the last year.

Patricias are managing to work themselves into any local job available. The greatest influx of Patricias has been at 1 CA Div HQ. Col Vince Kennedy is now leading the staff which includes such notables as Capt Doug Delaney and Maj Jim Trick and ex-Patricias Maj Ron Ruiters and Capt Vic McLachlan. The local Militia units have added quality to their support staff with the arrival of Capt Pete Johnson in Brockville and Capt Dave McKillop in Kingston. Capt Shandy Vida even "volunteered" to be a PA to the Training Systems Comd to get to the area. He's still well supported in the Trenton area by those other Training Systems dudes — Majs Paul Hale and Matthew Overton. The number of NCOs in the area has unfortunately decreased but there have been a few promotions amongst those who remain to help soften the blow. WO Steve Charchuck is alive (?) and well (?) and on TD in Iraq. Sgt R. Green has his hands full at Div HQ with the likes of MCpls Billey and Frampton et al.

The CLFCSC continues to be well represented. Maj Mike Austdal arrived this past summer to act as a buffer between the DCmdt, Col Bill Sutherland and Capt Ted Giraldeau and newly arrived Sgt Neb Hamilton. LCol Jay Lapeyre and Barry Winfield, and Maj Lou Grimhaw at NDC help to add colourful interest to the surroundings.

This year's major Regimental event for San Fortunato Day which was celebrated by the Patricia staff and students of CLFSC 9302 with a visit to San Fortunato Ridge in September. The accompanying photograph shows the group (note the absence of the present author — no I wasn't taking the picture!-LOB) at the villa of Contessa Guerrini-Maraldi overlooking the actual ground fought on during the battle. Col Tom de Faye who commanded the First Battalion in 1955-57 and was OC of the Support Group of the SLI at San Fortunato accompanied the Staff College course on this battlefield study. The Contessa, who was herself a small child living in the villa at the time of the battle, was once again an excellent hostess. A good time was had by all.

ERE Manitoba Lakehead District

1993 brought a lot of changes to the Patricia's in the Manitoba Lakehead District. One half of the ERE Patricia's have been rotated this year with the other half rotating summer of 94, except Maj Peterson of course.

I could tell you all about what we did this year but having arrived on the job 1 Nov, and with my predecessor down in Fort Bragg on the Special Forces Course and my other counterpart departing in May and just arriving back from the Ranger course, I don't know what happened and would have to make up some stories.

What I can and will do is give you the new list of who's where in Manitoba Lakehead District.

Just posted in from 2 PPCLI to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles is Capt Saunders and WO Boulter. MCpl Elliot was posted in this summer from 3 PPCLI.

On the other side of the armoury with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada is Capt MacKenzie, MWO Burke and Cpl Underwood. All three are likely to be posted summer of 94. The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment in Thunder Bay is manned by Capt Kolzioski and MCpl Anderson and last but by no means least is Maj Peterson manning the G3 shop at District Headquarters.

With today's Total Force army concept, we have ceased to be labelled RSS since we are no longer advisors and we hold a line position, the only problem is no one knows what to call us now. One suggestion was to be called the full time pensionable staff. So from the full time pensionable staff from Manitoba Lakehead District we will see you next year with three new staff and hopefully with a name.

VP.



PPCLI Battle Honours



a. **World War I** — "YPRES, 1915, '17", "FREZENBERG", "Bellewaerde", "MOUNT SORREL", "Somme, 1916", "FLERS-COURCELLETTE", "Ancre Heights", "Arras 1917, 18", "VIMY, 1917", "Arleux", "Hill 70", "PASSCHENDAELE", "AMIENS", "SCARPE 1918", "Hindenberg Line", "Canal du Nord", "PURSUIT TO MONS", "FRANCE AND FLANDERS, 1914-18".

b. **World War II** — "LANDING IN SICILY", "LEON-FORTE", "Agira", "Sicily, 1943", "THE MORO", "THE GULLY", "Liri Valley", "HITLER LINE", "GOTHIC LINE", "RIMINI LINE", "SAN FORTUNATO", "Savio Bridgehead", "Naviglio Canal", "FOSSE MUNIO", "Granarola", "Italy, 1943-1945", "Apeldoorn", "NORTH-WEST EUROPE, 1945".

c. **Korea** — "KOREA 1950-1953", "KAPYONG".

Emblazonment of Regimental Colours

The Battle Honours, shown in capital letters, have been approved for emblazonment on the Regimental Colours of the First, Second and Third Battalions.

United States Distinguished Unit Citation

a. **General** — The United States Distinguished Unit Citation, commonly referred to as the Presidential Unit Citation, was awarded to the Second Battalion for its stand at the Battle of Kapyong, Korea, on the night of the 24/25th of April, 1951.

b. **Award to Unit** — A blue streamer with "Kapyong, Korea", embroidered in white, is fastened at the top of the pike of the Regimental Colour carried by Second Battalion and is known as the Distinguished Unit Streamer.

Patricia's North



PATRICIA'S NORTH CFNA YELLOWKNIFE

Left to Right: WO Colin Bokovay, Sgt Clay Rankin, Capt Paul Chura, WO Blair Neatby.

(SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS)

Though fewer in number than in previous year, Patricias continue to maintain a strong presence in CFNA. Moving into their second year, Capt Paul Chura carries on as G3 Rangers and WO Colin Bokovay as an area cadet instructor. Newly arrived to fill ranger serials, WO Blair Neatby arrived from CTC and Sgt Clay Rankin comes to us from a year of French Language training. Both have been thoroughly indoctrinated with a number of ranger and LFC exercises under their belts as of December writing.

Having left us this past APS, Captains John Bagnall and Jon Gri are back with the First Battalion in Calgary. Also Calgary bound is Sgt Brain Magas leaving Rangers to work base-side. WO Reg Laurenson's parting is more permanent as he retires to the Yukon to experience the good life. Maj Marcel Bezilny has opted for warmer climes and now holds a UN post in Jerusalem.

Northern Area represents a unique posting for all of us and certainly keeps everybody hopping. On the ranger side, an increased frequency of patrol exercises and LFC exercises has kept any given instructor away from home six months or more this year over varying periods. The same holds true for the cadet cell. Nonetheless, no one is complaining at the opportunity to "get out of the office" and see the north. We don't forget our roots, however, and each of us silently miss being with the companies, especially in this time of UN taskings. Best wishes to all from the Northern Area Patricias.



Quebec Area Patricia's



*Front Row: Capt IC Hope, Capt JP Feraby, Capt SW Folkins.
Rear Row: Maj CL Cory, Col JD Joly, LGen GM Reay, Maj MJ English, LCol PS McDonough.*

"Zero, ici VP la Belle Province a vous." "RHQ, send over." "VP la Belle Province, dey hall speak da french out heer." Yet another year is at ebb tide, and with it many changes to Les Patricias Quebecois. Some managed short tours while others remained as ambassadors of western good will and tradition.

So, greetings from "Army Headquarters" (and outlying OPs). The more things change the more they remain the same. LGen Reay took over command of Land Force Command in Jan 93 and MGen Vernon was promoted and posted to Command

LFCA. LCol Lockyer managed to slip out of the headquarters to command the Battle School. Col Joy, however, remains giving the Army another year of re-rejuvenation as the G1, while LCol McDonough stays on another year as G3 Land Force Restructure (to get it right). LCol Stutt is presently serving a UN sabbatical with the ECMM (Moby Dick Club) until spring. So the senior Patricias are adapting well to their environment. As for the rest of us, Capt Ferguson and family departed Alberta bound. Capt Liebert returned from his tour in the former

Yugoslavia with 2 Van Doos and Capt Wyatt got himself posted to Ottawa to recuperate from the gruelling pace of second language training. Capt Folkins remains the entryman on the RSS front and Capt Hope is now paying for his last three years of swanning with a posting to the G3 Inf shop as the Organizations Officer. Jockeying for longest serving Patricias in a Franco environment are Capt Ferraby and Major Corry. New blood came in the form of Maj English with his truly British Californian "savoir faire".

In true Patricia fashion the Officers and NCOs duked it out in the Regimental Broomiloo match. However, here in Quebec buildings are all but covered in snow in March, therefore "SLUSH A LOO" is a more suitable term. Congratulations to the victorious reinforced NCO team from the French Course in St Jean.

This year we maintained the tradition of the Patricia Luncheons and practised the finer points of wine savouring. We however, once again, failed to defeat the RCR re-enforced battle group at the French Grey Cup football game. It was not for the lack of trying, and our relief QB, Capt Parent, did manage to close the gap to a respectable score.

Although we have not seen them here in St Hubert, the Regiment has deployed members to the various second language schools in the province. Sgt Desjardins at St Jean, MCpls Patterson and Burck at Val Cartier (Val Catraz), and MCpl Smith in Montreal.

In closing, the traditions of the Regiment are fully exercised here in Quebec, moral is high, and the army is under control. VP!

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Major English, supported by Captain Folkins, gets a breakaway during Broomiloo game in March (neither have been seen since).



Officers and Senior NCOs duke it out in "Broomiloo" Montreal style. Forget the ball. Go for the man!

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ETC, ETC, ETC



French Grey Battalion CFB Gagetown



Patricia's of CFB Gagetown.

Headquarters Company Infantry School

Having leopard crawled their way into positions of influence, the Patricias in Headquarters Company do their best on a daily basis to frustrate and confound their fellow soldiers at every turn — all in the name of fostering a Patricia dynasty in scenic New Brunswick. The master plan is complicated and you won't find it written down anywhere, but be assured that given the breadth of their authority, our intrepid brothers are able to achieve their insidious ends in a number of ways.

Starting at the top of the heap, there is Major Romus Blekaitis, the vaunted "Lithuanian Grizzly." In addition to his regular duties as the Chief Instructor, he has gone to the soul of the organization by reintroducing career-conscious captains to the Officers' Mess. Both on the job and off he sets an impressive standard of hospitality.

His opposite number at the NCM level is CWO Forde, who makes a mighty contribution in the area of personal fitness, among others. During the monthly 10 km school runs in which everyone participates, he has come to bear a strong resemblance to the Energizer Bunny — going ... and going ... and going.

Captain Mike Minor is the Chief Standards Officer, a veteran of four years standing. This experience has given him the uncanny ability to know exactly when it is appropriate to make a point by standing on the conference table clutching a training standard pam and shouting to the heavens, just like Charleton Heston in **The Ten Commandments**.

He is assisted, more or less ably, by captains Dan Brister and Mike Vernon. The former is a threat both for his association with the whole 10 km run thing (he's the Sports Officer, you see) and his unnerving habit of asking penetrating questions about the reams of paper that never stop circulating ("Dan, just sign it and send it to someone else. Didn't they teach you anything at Staff School?")

As for Captain Vernon, he's too immersed in editing the Infantry Journal (SCAN planning, donchaknow) to disrupt anything by attending to his primary duties as a standards officer. He has to leave the army, you see, because of the very real danger of someday having to work for someone whose article he haughtily rejected for publication.



Capt Mike Vernon, Capt Dan Brister.

But forget about the officers and senior NCOs; the real nerve centre of the conspiracy is the Training Aids Section. From their vantage point near the main entrance, not only can they monitor the work habits of everyone else in the school, but

*... the real nerve centre of the conspiracy
is the Training Aids Section.*

they also control the resources that keep it functioning as a bureaucracy. What would happen, for example, if Private Yelle one day just decided he wasn't going to photocopy ever again? If Corporal Wilson sat down at the next parade and refused to take another "grip and grin" photo? If Corporal Wiper decided the School's instructors could just get their own damn pams? Chaos. Pure and unadulterated.

A Coy

Patricias have been persevering to maintain the highest of standards of training throughout the past year in courses run by A Coy. Capt Bland and WO Clark have been leading the way with a newly revised Advanced Recce Course. Capt MacInnis, WO Ames and WO Warrington have been keeping the Advanced Anti-Armour course wired tight with Sgt Marshall recognized as the AFV Cell expert. Capt Gentles and WO Corriveau have been going snakey with developing the Eryx courseware and WO Bakke is keeping the BIOC Phase IV on track. Of course, we cannot forget the help given by MWO Colton, Cpl Healy and Cpl Mayo in the Coy HQ.

B Coy

This past year found the Patricias of B Company in varied locations throughout the training area which we know and love. For those that are unaware it should be mentioned that B Company holds the Pioneer and Mortar cells in addition to the QL6B/BIOC Phase III and Loft cells.

The year started with a bang, literally, for the Patricias in the Advanced Pioneer Cell, with the entire cell heading to Jamaica to train 24 members of the JDF in a Basic Pioneer Course. The course was completed successfully after which some relaxation on the beaches and in the clear blue waters took place. Currently the rumour is that the cell will be going back again this spring to run a second course; however, to date this is unsubstantiated.

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Spring and summer found the members of B Company busy running portions of the phase training and another memorable QL6B course. With the fall came both the Advanced Mortar and Assault Pioneer courses. The courses both ran from late September to November, leaving entire sections of the training area in smouldering ruin.

The close of 1993 found most of us on some well earned leave, following which the members of the Mortar cell found out that they would in fact run an Advanced Mortar course in the spring of 1994.

C Coy

This year 1/3 of C Coy at the Infantry School is made up of Patricias. C Coy is responsible for the Small Arms Instructors Course, the Master Sniper Course, and BIOC Phase II. Like all members of C Coy, the Patricias are working hard and have the additional task of adjusting to life in Eastern Canada. Thus far we have not received any requests to re-badge to the other English speaking regiment from any Patricias who may wish to prolong their stay in Gagetown.

Support Coy

This year has been a typically busy one for the Patricias of Support Company. The role of providing support to every course that the School conducts leaves very little time to relax, but is an excellent opportunity to keep in touch with the Regiment vis-a-vis the endless stream of Patricias who come to "learn".

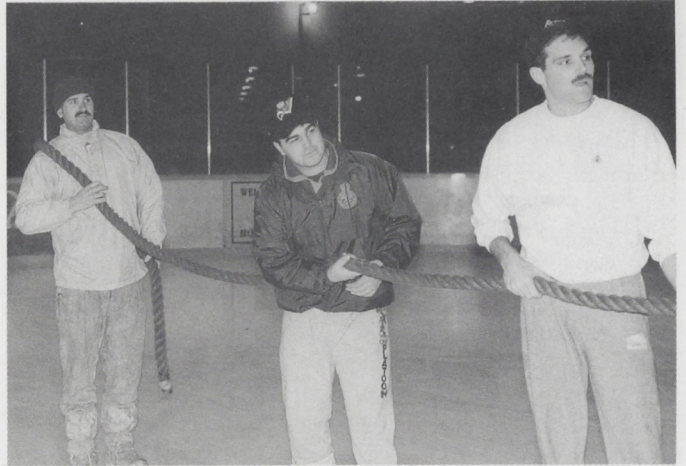
We are fortunate in the Company to have a good mix of all three regiments; our own being of much higher quality of course. Of particular note is Cpl Penney who had mixed feeling about attending his ISCC in Petawawa. Apparently he had no problems, but we are concerned over reports that he's been observed running around the MQ's making weird clucking noises.

WO MacIsaac commands Demonstration Platoon and is renowned for his ability to do magic on his Ouiji board, ensuring all Demo tasks are fulfilled. How he does it we'll never know.



Now where did I leave my car.

There is an open invitation to all Patricias visiting sunny Gagetown to come on by Support Company to get a taste of good ol'western hospitality. We'd be glad to see anybody just to keep ourselves in touch with reality.



You want us to pull what?



Zamboni pulling team in action.



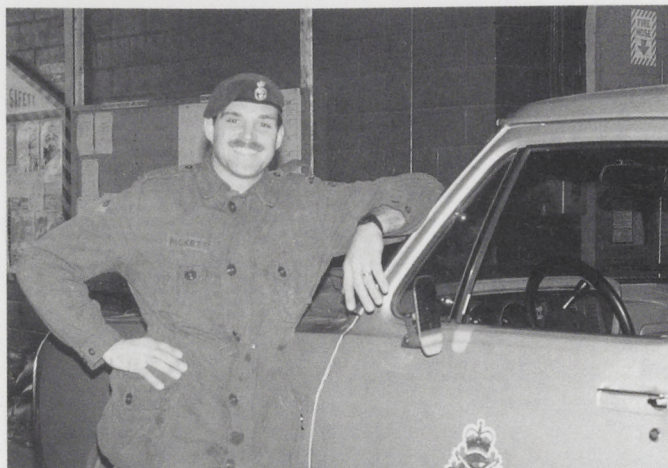
Capt Corbould sneaking up on Pte Leblanc's coffee.



Zamboni pulling requires referees also, ya know.

Patricia's at Trials and Evaluations Section

The Trials and Evaluations (T&E) Section at CFB Gagetown has grown by one this last summer. The Infantry Master Gunner (Mr Gnr) position was temporarily filled by WO (Mr Gnr) E.D. Whitebone, PPCLI. He is on loan from the Infantry School to assist Capt H.J. Brink, PPCLI, T&E Infantry with the large number of trials that are planned for the upcoming year. (Actually it will mean that Capt Brink will not have an excuse for not getting the Trial Report written because he was too busy planning and conducting the next trial). That responsibility has fallen onto Mr Gnr Whitebone as well as planning and conducting his own trials. It is hoped that the position will become permanent in APS 94. Mr Gnr Whitebone is one of two qualified Infantry Mr Gnrs in the CF and they proudly wear the Mr Gnrs badge on their lower right sleeve. It is expected that the Patricias will continue to have a presence in T&E as long as the other infantry regiments refuse to send NCOs on the year long Master Gunners Course.



MCpl Pickett

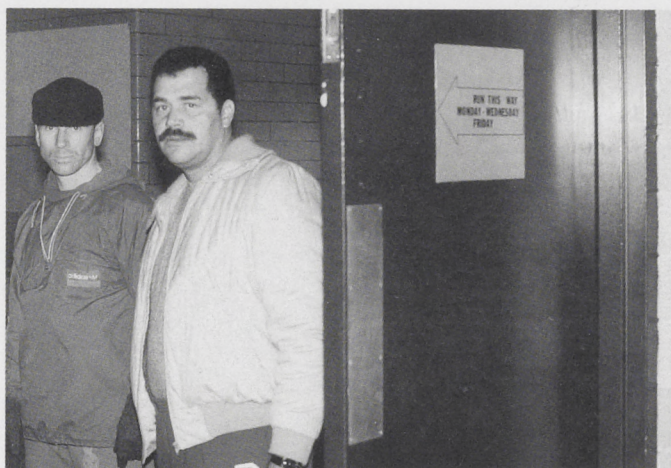


Capt Brink and WO Whitebone inspecting modifications to the Enhanced Armoured Experiment M113.

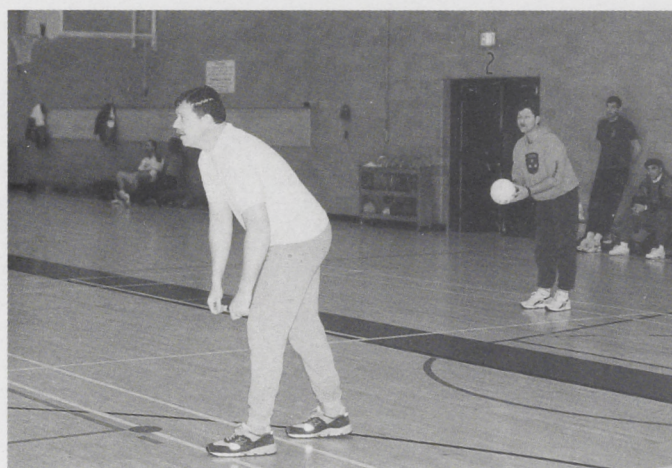
Over the past year T&E Inf cell has been extremely busy. In January Capt Brink travelled to Croatia to deliver to and instruct 3 PPCLI personnel on the Close Quarter Battle Simulator (CQBS) (MILES 2). Immediately following his return the trial on the Sniper Clothing was completed and the trial on the Fire Arms Training System Part IV was conducted at T&E in preparation for an up-coming evaluation on the effectiveness of the 106mm RCL with improved mobility, fire control sights and ammunition. Thrown in for fun were lectures to the Small Arms Instructors Course and the Intermediate Tactics Course on "Future Trends in Infantry Equipment" (commonly referred to as the "Sears Wish Book"). Three trials on the TOW Precision Gunnery Simulator, four trials on the Computerized Laser Sight (CLASS) for the 84 mm Carl Gustaf and 106 mm RCL kept people's ears ringing. An add-on armour kit for the M113A2 was evaluated at CTC this summer. Infantry Phase IV candidates were able to discover how much the add-on armour reduced



I love a good western.



WO Warrington, WO Cutting — "Spys like us".



Maj Blekaitis at the start of the "100m Mosey".



Pte Yelle and his magic talking band entertain at coffee break.



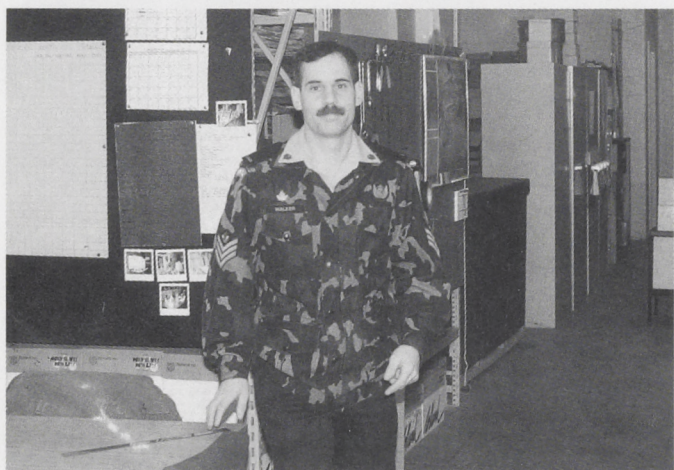
The buck stops here, as do the course reports, leave passes ...



Cpl Tobin — "I can't believe I'm driving on Sunday again."



With your eyes closed, it's like working at night.



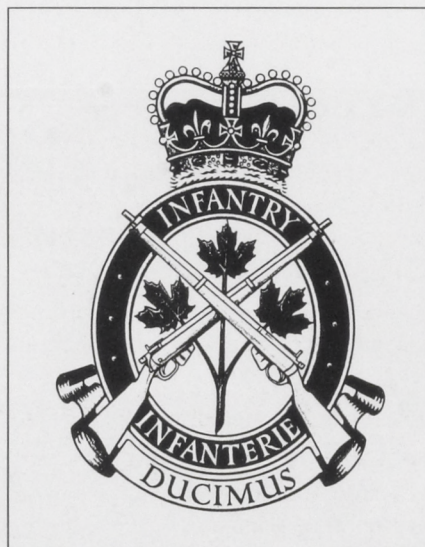
Sgt Rick Walker

the speed and agility of the M113A2. Demonstrations such as POWER PROJECTION, STAUNCH GLADIATOR, and the visit of the Commandant of the US Army Infantry School at Ft Benning kept the summer hot and hopping. Sometime during all this Capt Brink found time to squeeze in the Combat Team Commander's Course and take some leave.

Within the first few hours of Mr Gnr Whitebone's arrival in the section he was dragged to Petawawa by the OC T&E to attend his first Mr Gnrs Conference. Then he and Capt Brink were off to NDHQ to see all those people who manage to keep T&E busy. WO Whitebone was thrust into the breach when he was tasked to conduct an evaluation of a modified 9 mm Browning pistol. WO Whitebone broke all T&E records by getting his first trail report out on time. He was coerced into becoming the second half of the Future Trends Briefing team. WO Whitehead will barely have time to catch his breath after Christmas before conducting a winter trail of the add-on armour M113A2.

In the near future, T&E Inf Cell will host the French Army and Aerospatiale as they conduct a winter firing trial on the HOT 3 missile. (This will be a true test of their bilingual skills.) Trials on a new mortar glove, rucksack, modified webbing, anti-armour weapons, thermal sights and more will continue to keep the T&E Infantry Cell very busy in 1994.

You can help T&E to ensure that only the best available equipment is procured for your use in the field. If you have a complaint about a piece of equipment that does not work, or your equipment breaks more often than it should, then write it down on a Unsatisfactory Condition Report (UCR) and send it up to your superiors. The technical staff at LFCHQ and NDHQ cannot fix what is wrong unless they know about it.



CFRS Cornwallis Patricia's



Another year has come and gone in the beautiful Annapolis Valley, and with it, some new faces have arrived and some old have departed. All Patricia's in the Atlantic area were saddened by the retirement of MWO Donnie Miles who decided on FRP and now resides in Wolfville, NS. Happy retirement Donnie!! Also gone are Sgt George and MCpl MacDonald.

MWO Bynkoski, Sgt Stewart and MCpl Sarault, all from the 1st Bn, have arrived to bolster the "Old Guard" of WO "Harry the Hat" MacDonald and MCpl's Davidson, Noseworthy and Williams.

Other Patricia's in this area of operations are:

MWO Gord George in Truro;
Sgt McNab in Middleton;
Sgt Hunter in Windsor;
MCpl Allbury in Truro; and
MCpl Turner in Halifax.

The Patricia's at Cornwallis wish good luck to Sgt "Whitey" George and MCpl "Willie" MacDonald on their postings. We would especially like to wish MWO Miles and family the best of luck on his retirement.

The Regimental Spirit is alive and kicking in the Atlantic Area.
VP.



The Patricia's of CFB Chilliwack



Members of the Third Battalion and Base representatives gather for unveiling of the new Camp Colours.

The maroon wave has once again struck the Chilliwack area. No, someone did not use the wrong dye in the 1 CER T-Shirts! It is actually the first wave of the Third Battalion. Though there are not hundreds of sweating Patricia's running and marching along Keith Wilson Road, the highly visible Implementation Cell of fourteen personnel might be mistaken for the larger group which will follow next year. With Maj Marv Makulowich at the helm, Capt Jim Waddell in Ops, Capt Charlie McKnight in Adm and Lt (soon to be Capt) Chris Lindsay pulling up the slack, Sgt Daren Jenkins, Cpl Gus Provost and Cpl Chad Woodrich in the QM, Chilliwack will soon be ready for the remainder of the Bn.

The Patricias are no strangers to Chilliwack area. The senior serving Patricia is LCol Dehnke, BADMO. LCol Dehnke has but a few days remaining as a regular soldier and his guiding influence will be sorely missed. Maj Ken Orr has moved in as the new Base Ops O. What exactly are the Patricias of CFOCS up to these days? Here is the latest "scuttle". Capt Mike Annis, our senior rep is just across the street taking the Advanced Field Engineer Officer Course (AFOC). RSM Ted

Ruck is busy playing mediator between the NCMs and their respective career managers. One day when asked what it's like "mediating", I believe the RSM was heard to say that it would be easier to try and guide a raging bull through a china shop without upsetting anything. WO Jim Ogden, having just completed the CFOCS Rappel Master Course, was astounded to find out, especially with all those years of rappelling behind him, that there is actually another way to get a student who "freezes" on the wall, down safely rather than threatening to cut his rope. Sgt Gord Charlebois has recently returned from the Senior Leader Course in Borden. Like all graduates of the SLC Course Sgt Charlebois is wasting no time showing off his new found skill — the ability to speak in tongues. Sgt Paul Demeules has been busy with other members of A Coy redoing the bush craft package where his DS solution was to make the bush craft exercise an advance to contact from Hope to Williams Lake. Our Regimental representation at Training Resources is MCpl Ron Hinkey who in his spare time doesn't mind charging down mountain slopes or just hanging around on the side of a 200 foot rock face.

As proud Patricias trying to leave our mark on the school we just cannot seem to convince our Commandant to let us teach our beloved "Regimental Fix Bayonets" to the Officer Cadet Candidates. We are all looking forward to the next batch of Officer Candidates which is scheduled for the New Year when we can once again get our teeth into the business of training young men and women to be future leaders in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Over at the CFSME, the Engineer's secondary role as infantry in the defence is being taken far more seriously than one would imagine. The two Patricias at CFSME occupy the positions of SME — infantry. Each time a QL5 or QL6 course deploys for infantry training i.e. defence and advance to contact, they are scrutinized by the old watchful eye of WO Gates and Sgt Gibson. Have at 'em lads!! One annual highlight for our two Patricia infantry SME, is the summer Engineer Phase II and Phase III officer evaluation exercise held in Chilcotin B.C. We can rest assured that these officers will be well cared for and looked after.

Chilliwack area Patricias look forward to 1994 and in particular the 80th Anniversary celebrations with much anticipation. Rest assured the Regimental Spirit continues to burn strong at CFB Chilliwack.



LCol Debnke (Senior Serving Patricia at CFB Chilliwack and BADMO), Maj Makulowich (OC 10/90 Bn) and Mel Canfield (Local PPCLI Association President) show off the new Camp Colours unveiled on the anniversary of the signing of the Regimental Charter.

Centre Row: Capt McKnight, Lt Lindsay, Capt Fitzgerald, Sgt Jenkins, MWO Watson, Cpl Woodrich, WO Hayes, MCpl Penney, Cpl Twiname and Capt Waddell.

Rear Row: MWO McGregor, Maj Orr.



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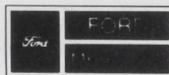


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The Louis Scott Cock o' the Walk Trophy



Front Row (L-R): LCol D.J. Pentney, RSM W.P. Spring, MGen H.C. Pitts - Col of the Regt, RSM V.I. Komadina, LCol M.M. Fenrich.

Center Row (L-R): Maj J.G. O'Brien, MWO Scrafton, LCol W.J.G. Bewick, LCol G.W. Nordick.

Back Row (L-R): Capt K. Flowers - RAdj, CWO G.R. Jones, Mr. D. Best - President of PPCLI Association, Maj E.F. Borchert, RSM B.G. Cleveland.

The Winners



MGen H.C. Pitts - Col of the Regt presents the trophy to LCol M.M. Fenrich - CO of the Battle School and RSM V.I. Komadina.



Maj J.G. O'Brien and MWO Scrafton do not appear to be impressed with the "Other Trophy".



The year 1993 proved to be challenging for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment with the constant demand for augmentation for OP HARMONY in addition to the normal training. To date, the Loyal Eddies have supplied fifty soldiers to the PPCLI units serving in the former Yugoslavia. On the upcoming tour with the First Battalion the Regiment will be sending 14 all ranks as well as saying goodbye to 14 pers enlisting in the regular force with the PPCLI.

The most significant event to occur in the year was the Change of Command from LCol G. Jones to LCol W. Bewick (a retired Patricia of 32 years) on 2 May 93. Welcome to the Eddies LCol Bewick!

Other important events included the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Battle of Ortona, and a combined exercise with the Scots Guards in Wainwright.

The Loyal Edmonton Regt appreciates affiliation with the Patricia's. We stand ready to provide any support we can and are grateful for the support and expertise we receive from the Battalions and the Battle School.

The Loyal Eddies maintains its airborne tasking. The unit regularly conducts airborne exercises as well as support to CABC and 435 Sqn in their training. Jumps from the C141 Starlifter and C5 Galaxy have been interesting features of this year's parachute continuation training.

We wish the best of luck to the First Battalion in its upcoming OP HARMONY tour and hope that 1994 proves as challenging and productive as the past year.

Fears No Foe!

AIRBORNE!

Patricia's at the World Military Basketball Championships



Captain Mike Minicola of LFCHQ, St-Hubert and Private Mike Jackson of 2 PPCLI, Winnipeg.

As usual, Patricias made a sizable contribution to the Canadian Forces 1993 CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) Basketball team. In what has now become a tradition, the Regiment was represented by two serving members: Captain Mike Minicola of LFCHQ, St-Hubert and Private Mike Jackson of 2 PPCLI, Winnipeg. As is also the tradition, neither of the "other" Regiments contributed players.

The tournament was held in Treviso, Italy from 14-30 May 1993. In what was one of the strongest competitions in recent years, the team finished a solid 9th. Both Captain Minicola and Private Jackson played instrumental roles in the team's success, supplying a great deal of the team's scoring and rebounding, as well as providing the backbone of the team's combativeness. Moreover, the two went to great lengths to instruct the "kinder, gentler" members of the contingent on the importance of being blessed with the "Regimental Spirit".

VP.



Op Marquis



Kraloor

By Captain Don Bourne

The call for volunteers for Op Marquis in Cambodia came early January 1993. Approximately ten days after my Yugoslavia task was cancelled, I volunteered to go to sunny Phnom Penh. Joining me for this tour were fellow Patricia's Capt John Shorten and Warrant Officer Max Anderson. They were tasked to the Reception Control Unit within the UN HQ's in Phnom Penh, and I was assigned as the Canadian Contingent Adjutant.

I was amazed at how eager they were to leave the country.

To get to Cambodia, it took three days aboard a CF 707 in which we spent a gruelling evening in each of Hawaii, Guam and Thailand. We arrived in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on the 11 April 1993. We were quickly met by our counterparts and whisked away to commence our turnover. I was amazed at how eager they were to leave the country. As we drove the eight kilometres from the airport into Phnom Penh, we had our first opportunity to view the Khmer culture and the busy streets of our home. We would never get use to the thousands of mopeds on the streets.

The next day, while clearing into UN Headquarters, I ran into Major Phil Cook and Captain Steve Kroone, both working in the HQ operation cell. They were both in Cambodia on a one year UN tasking and had been there for almost eight months by the time we arrived.

The UN component was called UNTAC or United Nation Transitional Authority in Cambodia. At the time of our deploy-

ment in April 93, UNTAC was the largest United Nations deployment since Korea. There were 16 Infantry Battalions with Logistics and Engineer Battalions from over 34 countries to help out. There were over 22,000 UN personnel in theatre including 5,000 civilians. Mind you, the way the headquarters operated you would think that the 17,000 military component was there to support them!

The Canadian Contingent totalled some 214 personnel, with approx 125 in 92 Transportation Company stationed approximately ten kilometres outside Phnom Penh, 42 UN HQ's staff Officers in Phnom Penh, another 30 observers spread throughout the country and the remainder as Contingent personnel and engineers.

UNTAC was in Cambodia to conduct an election after they spent the last 13 years in a destructive civil war. The Peace Accord occurred in late 1991 with the first troop deployment around Feb 1992. We were the third Canadian contingent to deploy to Cambodia, with a fourth in the works. However, that one was cancelled due to the success of the elections and the fact that the military component was to leave Cambodia by the 15 Nov 93. And that meant that we were to extend for another month and a half.

When we arrived in Cambodia in early April, we heard the sounds of gunfire every evening outside our living accommodations. The outgoing personnel explained that this was due to the Khmer New Year which lasted a week. However a week after they had left, the sounds of gunfire continued. We quickly realized that the shootings occurred every night regardless of New Year's or not! Soon the stories of gunfights outside our accommodations began surfacing from our new Aussie and Kiwi friends who had been living at the same place for the last eight or nine months. We were left wondering what we got ourselves into because none of this was reported to us back in Canada. But like everywhere else we got accustomed to the sounds and never really stirred in our rooms unless we heard machine gun fire outside the building.

Soon we were set into our routine, visiting familiar places over and over to make the time pass. On several occasions all the Patricia's gathered together for a few drinks, mostly at the Villa that Maj Cook and Capt Kroone rented. This was one of the few times we could sit down to a home made meal compliments of Maj Cook and his fine culinary skills. I still haven't found out where he got the beef because it was delicious to say the least. In Cambodia anything resembling beef had to be shipped in from Australia.



The first three months were the hardest because of the elections in June and the fact the Khmer Rouge had stated that they would stop the election at all costs, even targeting UN personnel. But then that was nothing new as the Infantry Battalions were being mortared, ambushed and shot at on a regular basis. One statistic that was proved to be very interesting was that by mid May of 1993, UNPROFOR had 45 deaths but UNTAC was at 79 deaths. Before my departure our death numbers were over 100 UN personnel! A little know fact but one of the reasons why we received the hostility bonus with UNPROFOR. As one SITREP reported, "situation normal, killings continue".

During the month of June, we saw the departure of Major Cook and Capt Kroone and the arrival of Capt Keith Macdonald. He replaced Capt Kroone and he quickly adapted to the working realities of the UN and Cambodia.

Once the elections were over at the end of June, UNTAC concerned itself with installing the elected council and government. It was not as easy as it seems but by August 1993 the coalition government was in power and UNTAC now concentrated on departing the theatre. With the phased withdrawal, all sections in the headquarters saw personnel departing at different times. Capt Shorten left near the beginning of October, WO Anderson around the beginning of November, myself on the 13 November and Capt Macdonald on the 15th.

It was also wonderful to see the people rebuilding their cities, their homes and their lives amidst all this destruction. But the most amazing thing that I saw was the smile on the children's faces, and the determination of its people to vote for a new way of life, something we in the western world have taken for granted.

And as with most UN tours, you meet new friends from different countries and maintain a bond throughout your lifetime. Most of us did manage to visit Vietnam and Thailand, which on each occasion proved very interesting. To actually see the places in Vietnam where the Americans and NVA fought on the ground instead of on television or videos was truly amazing. Walking around Siagon and seeing the free market capitalist society in a communist country was also a pleasant surprise.

To say the least the tour was interesting with many memories. However some of them will not be fond memories. Seeing the poverty and destruction all around, the human suffering to children, teenagers and adults from the over 6 million mines strewn throughout the country and the continued fighting, massacres and assassinations brought to mind the frailties of life itself in a nation still at war. At the end of the tour it was a very good feeling to be back at home. VP.



Southern Africa

Both Capt Peter Schmidt (now Calg Highr) and Capt Dave Banks (now 1 PPCLI) returned this year from tour as UNMO, in two former Portuguese colonies: Angola, on the Atlantic coast, and Mozambique, on the India Ocean.

Capt Schmidt served in Angola from Jun 92 until Feb 93 with UNAVEM (United Nations Angola Verification Mission), then moved onto Mozambique, joining ONUMOZ (Organizacao dos Naciaos Unidas Mozambique). In Jun of 93, Captain Banks arrived from 1 PPCLI as a member of the party relieving Capt Schmidt and his fellow Canadian UNMOs.

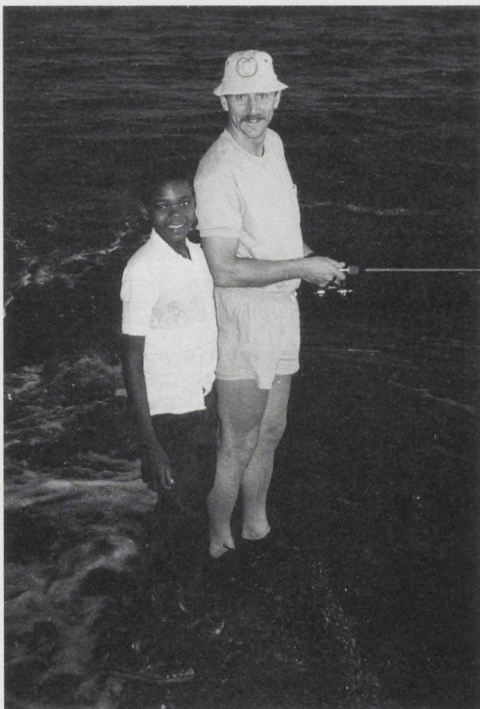
The mission of the UN was similar in both Angola and Mozambique: to establish peaceful and secure conditions for supervised free elections, while resettling millions of refugees and re-establishing normal economic life.

In Angola, for a number of reasons, the UN mission failed. Following the September 30, 92 election, the UNITA rebels refused to accept the result. Fighting broke out once again, and the UN was forced to evacuate immediately. The brutal and destructive civil war there continues, sporadically, until the present.

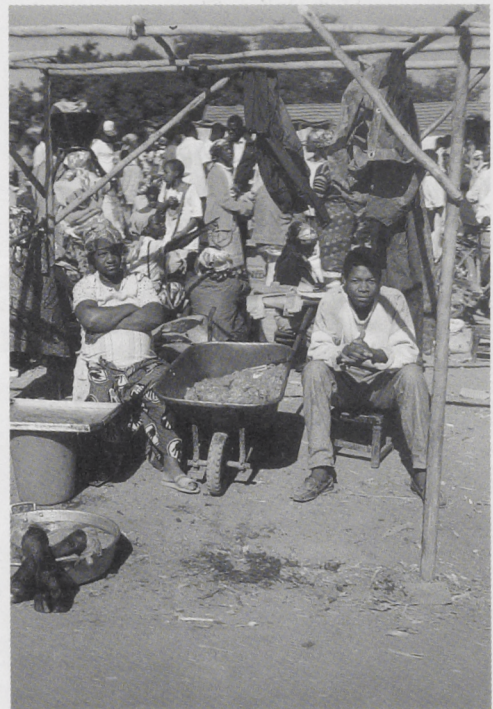
Mozambique, on the other hand, has (so far) proven to be a UN success story. After 15 years of civil war between the Marxist FRELIMO government and the RENAMO rebels, both sides reached a state of mutual exhaustion. Demobilization has begun in Mozambique, and a "New Army" is being created from members of the two opposing sides. Although the "acid test" will come with the October 94 elections, things look good for a peaceful conclusion and a safe return of UN forces, including the 15 Canadian UNMOs serving there.

Because Africa is such an amazing, surprising and contradictory place, it would be pointless to try to describe it properly in words alone. Instead, Cpts Schmidt and Banks have pooled some of their photo collections to produce the accompanying selection. In Africa, certainly, a picture is worth a thousand words.

What was the greatest lesson of their time in Africa? "That Canadians don't appreciate what they have at home". In the Service of Peace. VP.



*Capt Schmidt and friend,
fishing in the Indian Ocean at last light.*



*Not quite Safeway! Fresh meat on sale in city market,
Huambo, Angola. Note the feet in the left foreground!*



Southern Africa is littered with cast-off Soviet equipment. This BTR-60 was hit by an RPG-7 near Nzeto, NW Angola.



Capt Schmidt pays a social call to the former Portuguese Officer's Mess, Kindije, N. Angola.



War refugees, resettled by the UN, arrive by C-130. This was prior to the Angolan election.



Typical collection of weapons turned in at the UNTA assembly area at Kindije, N. Angola.



Five million people live in Luando, Angola — three million in conditions such as these.



The reason why we're over there.



Forward Air Controlling: Bosnia and Herzegovina (B-H)



Capt Pretty checks out the OA-10 Thunderbolt — Callsign HAMMER, "The FAC weapon of choice". USAF Base, Aviano, Italy.

July 93 marked the arrival of the first of 12 Canadian Forward Air Controllers (FAC) into UNPROFOR. This twelve man mission was called OP PANORAMA and was comprised of 10 Artillery types, one Tanker and one Infantryman. The infantryman was, of course, PPCLI and from the Third Battalion. Capt Mike Pretty arrived in Zagreb on 19 Jul 93, the first of the advance party to arrive. This 12 man group was in Bosnia to support CANBAT 2, the 2 R22eR Battle Group. The French, British, Spanish and Dutch also had FACs deployed with the French having seven teams of three and the Dutch having one team of one. The Air Operations Command Centre (AOCC) was co located at B-H Command and the FAC Teams were spread throughout their unit's area of operations.

The Canadian FACs were complete on the ground on 5 Aug and were operational two weeks later. With the departure of the AC-130 Spectre Gun Ships for Somalia end Sep, we lost our ability to function at night. Laser Target Designators (LTD) have now been purchased and are either in theatre, or on their way.

Communications were the most crucial part of the mission. The normal VHF and 515 radios proved to be completely useless. A civilian HF set (a CODAN) was used initially. Effective most of the time, it still could not be mounted in a M113 APC. The VC 120 (a 515 set mounted in a tray) worked wonderfully 75% of the time. To be fair to our signallers the radios of most other contingents were no better. The terrain in B-H is a Jimmy's nightmare!



Callsign ROCKY 2 —

*Posing at OP "A" Muslim Safe Haven Srebrenica:
(L to R) Capt Rob Dunne (RCA), Capt Peter Forsberg (RCA),
Capt Mike Pretty and Pte Stephane St-Pierre (R22eR).*

Even with outdated equipment the Canadians were the first to become operational, the best in theatre, and were often used as the example for other countries. At one point we were chosen to conduct an Air Power demonstration for the Force Commander. The very next day he called a complete operational test ex which went extremely well. The test exercised every level of command from the battle group to the UN Secretary General himself. Four hours from the initial request for air, fifteen minutes after the Sec Gen gave his approval to our scenario, four pairs of OA-10 Thunderbolts engaged a hostile threat to the CANBAT 2 location; notionally of course!

Daily routine ran from 0730 to 2100. The Tactical Air Command Post (TACP) was manned, FAC teams deployed with convoy escorts or routine patrols, and a reserve team was maintained at the HQ in Visoko, some 25 km North West of Sarajevo. At 2100 the night standby FAC and TACP teams would take over any night missions or remain on call in case they were needed. Daily air sorties exercised the entire air support organization from the HQ in Italy, through the AOCC, to the individual FAC deployed. Thus, all sides knew fully that NATO was in fact there, ready, and in control of the sky. There were a total of 2600 plus air missions conducted while our group was in theatre, and the Canadians were responsible for 1375 of them, over 50%.

France, the USA, the UK and Netherlands all contributed Aircraft to the NATO effort. USAF F-16Cs, AC-130s and OA-10s, USN A6-Es and F-18Cs and USMC F-18Ds made up the bulk of the Air Support. The French deployed their Air Force Jaguars and Navy Super Etendard. The RAF also deployed Jaguars and the RN deployed Sea Harriers. Also the Royal Netherlands Air Force deployed F-16As. These planes launched from Aircraft



Air Power Demonstration, Visoko, Bosnia/Herzegovina:

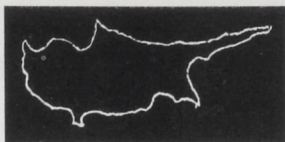
*(L to R) Commander UNPROFOR Gen J. Cot,
CO CANBAT 2 LCol J.G.P. DesJardins,
FAC Capt M.J. Pretty.*

Carriers on the Adriatic and from numerous bases in Italy. The OA-10 was the plane of choice, with some of their pilots refuelling 3 or 4 times a day and flying for up to 9 hours straight. This was especially comforting when things got a little tense. The RNLAf were the most proficient at providing air support.

The bulk of our 12 man team operated out of Visoko, supporting the units prime mission of convoy escort. We also maintained a three man team in the Muslim safe haven of Srebrenica. Life here was interesting. Hard rations, a minimal canteen and a daily average of 225 Cease Fire Violations! OPs were engaged almost daily and usually returned fire. The HQ was centrally located, and OPs were deployed in a circle 16km by 14km. The OPs had to be self sufficient for seven days, and at times, came pretty close to running out of supplies as movement and resupply were impossible during periods of cold or rain. This PPCLI officer had the privilege of spending five weeks at the beginning of the tour and four at the end with the people of Srebrenica.

The Patricia's were represented in all manners in B-H: Col Almstrom was the COS B-H Command; Col Stutt was head of an European Community Monitoring Team; Capt Liebert was on exchange with 2R22eR; and myself, Capt Pretty. I saw these fellow Patricias on a weekly basis, and will always be indebted to them for their kindness and sense of family at a time when I was away from mine.

The suffering on all sides in Bosnia and Herzegovina is at most times hard to believe, as is the brutality that erupts regularly. When I arrived home on 12 Nov I was never so glad to be a Canadian, and I would never be able to complain of life in this country again.



Cyprus — A Retrospect

On June 15, 1993 the last Canadian-manned observation post in Cyprus was handed over to another contingent, thus ending a legacy that spanned almost 30 years and three generations. For the Regiment the period of commitment was

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somewhat shorter, 23 years and 13 tours from 1968 to 1991; not counting tours by 2 Commando. But, it will leave a mark in our corporate memory for some time to come. The following is a brief account of the Regiments' commitment to Cyprus. In addition are a series of photographs taken during the tours of 1968, 1984 and 1991.

The PPCLI first arrived in Cyprus in the form of 1st Battalion in April 1968. The unit was augmented by X Battery of 3 RCHA and B Squadron of Fort Garry Horse. At that time the deployment called for a three company commitment which was deployed north in an area centred around Kyrenia. Recce Platoon and B Squadron, FGH conducted mounted patrols between the observation posts manned by the rifle companies. The tour was described by the battalion as being 'quiet' with no major disturbances. However, for individuals, many, so-called 'minor' incidents occurred which tested section, platoon and company commanders' skills in negotiating their way out of potentially violent situations.



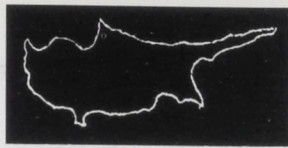
Temblos OP 1968.



Tearing down Cliffside OP.

This state of affairs continued in very much the same vein for 3 PPCLI's tour in 1970-71, 1 PPCLI again in 1971, and 2 PPCLI in 1972-73. However, the make-up and deployment of the units changed somewhat as they eventually found themselves deployed in and around Nicosia itself, with only two rifle companies, 'Suburb' and 'City'. This was the situation in the summer of 1974 when the Canadian Airborne Regiment, including 2 Commando, found itself in the middle of an inter-ethnic misunderstanding that divided the island and established the Buffer-Zone that exists to this day.





By 1975-76, when 3rd and 2nd Battalions did consecutive tours, the atmosphere was tense, but improving. Each battalion set to work normalizing the 'status-quo' and improving living conditions. This was pretty much the same story for every battalion from the First in 1978 through successive tours in 1980 (3rd Bn), 82-83 (2nd Bn), 84 (1st Bn), 88 (3rd Bn), 90 (2nd Bn) and 91 (1st Bn). With each tour came boundary changes as the Canadian Sector shrunk and expanded to conform to new realities. This meant modifications in living arrangements, the inevitable logistic problems and new operational requirements.

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OP Orchard, 1984.



*Turk CFL north of Ledra Palace, 1984.
Sandbags on lower left are part of a
Semi-manned UN position, emergencies only.*

Obviously, more happened than has been briefly alluded to here. However, the chief enemy, noted by every unit on every tour, was boredom. To ward off its affects many methods were employed. From extra PT and sports competitions, to building bunkers, self-help projects, and tours on and off the island, it appears activities were limited only by inertia and ones' imagination. While Cyprus was hot, nine of the 13 tours were in summer, and only very occasionally operationally exciting, it provided an excellent vehicle for building cohesion at section and platoon level. Whether at Blue Beret Camp, in the various sections of Headquarters or on the line, Cyprus was very much a training ground in the art of low-level negotiation and junior leadership.



Beaver Lodge, 1991.

In fact, for over twenty years this UN tour provided a sense of purpose that, outside of Germany, appeared to be missing in the 70's and 80's. Given today's current commitments Cyprus may indeed, seem tame. However, to paraphrase an observation made at the end of 1st Battalions' 1971 tour it was "good practice for sterner tests ahead".



**IN THE SERVICE
OF PEACE**

2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps Kapyong Barracks



The Corps marches past.

The Cadets of 2701 have completed another very active and successful year. The year started out with the running of a Tag Day with the other city cadet units to help raise operating funds. The residents of the 'Peg proved to be very generous that day; our unit alone had a net take home of over 1,000.

September continued to be busy. Exercise STOMP EXPRESS was conducted at scenic CFB Shilo; you know, rolling prairie, a mound here, a bush there. The cadets learned and practised the fine skills of hoochie construction and how to get your IMP hot (no you do not completely fill the pressure cooker with water). C/WO Sklepowich was not a happy camper though, "What do you mean it's not going to rain?"

Well the Warrant got his wish the following weekend when the Corps joined the Manitoba Branch of the Association at Brookside Cemetery. We were there to pay individual respects and plant flags at the resting place of all Patricias at that cemetery. The weather seemed all too fitting for the day; overcast, 0° degrees, howling winds and pelting sleet; it was a very harsh day, but the cadets carried out their duties with respect and dedication. This was followed by a service and wreath laying at the cemetery's monument.

October saw the unit doing rappel tower training in garrison, followed by a challenging weekend of rappelling on the cliffs of White Dog Lake, Ont. Patrolling and fieldcraft skills were of course mixed in. Sgt Furchner and his staff from 2PPCLI really helped to make this exercise a success. The cadets went



The Corps Band

onto taking first at the Manitoba Army Cadet League's Sports Tabloid, and running a small arms course. LCol T.J. Calvin reviewed the unit in December, while Mr D. Best, National President, PPCLI Association, presented the cadets with a trophy for being the most proficient PPCLI Cadet Corps in 1992/93.

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January found the cadets back out at CFB Shilo for Exercise FROST BITE. Being the gung-ho field unit that we are, we just happened to conduct our exercise on the coldest day of winter. The daytime temperature was a balmy -26 Celsius. Thankfully there was little wind, but the wind-chill was still 2600. Cadets quickly found out that forgetting the steel pegs makes putting up tents in winter a No-Go, and that plastic pegs bend nicely when one tries to hammer them into frozen ground.

By spring members of the Band had attended three provincial training camps; the Drum Line had carried out several performances, the highlight being the performance for D Coy before they left for UN duty. 17 Medical Company conducted both emergency and standard first-aid courses for the unit.

The Rifle Team of course had another successful year, winning all provincial postal shoots along the provincial championship, the Glorious Buffalo Shoot, which sent them on their way to Ottawa for the Nationals. While there, they were

given the task of entertaining and taking care of a token Air and Sea cadet also from Manitoba. By the end of the week these tag-a-longs were walking, talking and acting like a couple of good grunts. C/CWO Chris Tworek would go onto winning a Bronze in the cadet open individual matches, as well as the Top Army Cadet Shot for Manitoba.



*C/CWO Tworek to C/Pte Lunan,
"Just pretend that's the PL.WO up there."*

Spring saw us out at CFB Shilo once again for Exercise SNEAK-AN-FREAK. This time the cadets carried out recce patrols along with the main aim of practising their map and compass skills. The CO's ears are still ringing from listening to the radio when the patrols discovered that they were being sent around in one big circle. And of course, C/WO Skelpowich was in good cheer on night two; he finally got his rain. Two weeks later, and for the fourth time, we were back in Shilo for Exercise TRIGGER FINGER with the Royal Winnipeg Rifle Cadet Corps. The cadets carried out live fire practices with the FNC1A1 (you know, that old rifle the Battle School Instructor told you was the only real rifle they ever had).



*"What do you mean hiding behind a building
is not proper cam & concealment."*



*C/Sgt Vanryckeghem,
"That's right, 20 pepperoni and mushroom to GR215052."*

The year finished up with Maj J.G. O'Brien, Officer Commanding 2PPCLI Rear Party, reviewing the cadets at their Annual Inspection. The RO stated: "I was extremely impressed with this inspection. From the parade, through the demonstrations, to the awards presentation, the staff and members of 2701 acquitted themselves in magnificent fashion. A 'standing room only' performance by the Drum Line was an obvious highlight."

Lastly and most importantly, the staff and cadets of 2701 would like to gratefully acknowledge the dedicated time and support given by Cpl Rick Burke and Pte Dean Blanchard, who have taught the cadets so much and helped to instill Regimental pride. As well, a big thank you goes to all of 2PPCLI for the support given throughout the training year. Victoria Patricia.



Maj O'Brien inspects The Corps Band.



C/Cpl Perry J., "I'm good, I know it."



C/Cpl Mason — War Face.



*C/Pte Martin,
"This is the life, good fun, sun and the SR NCO's are all busy."*



*2Lt Honorio,
"How I love the smell of gun powder."*



*C/RSM Tworek and Lt Kiecker,
"We came, we saw, we took in some rays."*



*CSM Larochelle,
"Not your whole face, just your left eye."*



The Royal Green Jackets



The Regiment: Matters of Interest - Summary —

1. **RECRUITING** — The regiment is now recruiting to capacity and will remain fully manned up to 1 April 1994, since we have recruited our full allowance of recruits.

2. **THE DEPOT** — Army Training Regiment, Winchester had established itself at Sir John Moore Barracks on 1 April 1993, and our recruits do their first 10 weeks there, in Light Division platoons, before going to the Infantry Training Battalion at Ouston for special to Arm training. HQ Light Division was still based in Sir John Moore Barracks, the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes retained their Light Division flavour, and the chapel remained the Light Division Chapel.

3. **THE FORMATION OF THE LIGHT DIVISION BAND** — On 31st July 1994 RGJ and LI Bandsmen cease to be regimental Bandsmen, and on 1st August 1994 the Light Division Staff Band of 49 Musicians and a Director of Music forms up at Sir John Moore Barracks. A system of attaching Buglers on strength of regular Battalions is being worked out. Proposals for a compromise uniform for the Band, with a Light Division cap badge, are being submitted to D Inf.

4. **THE FUTURE OF THE INFANTRY** — D Inf will be informing Divisional Colonels Commandant of his proposed Future Structure of The Infantry on 16th December 1993. It is hoped that two papers emanating from the Queen's and Light Divisions on the future structure of the Infantry and in support of the Large Regiments will have influenced and be reflected in D Inf's proposals. The TA was likely to be cut and was certainly under threat.

5. **1 RGJ** — Lt Col Willing reports that his No 1 priority had been to complete in September this year his battalion tour at Omagh on a high note. He believed this had been achieved. His battalion was now in Alexander Barracks, Dhekelia, Cyprus, whose 8 man barrack rooms had proved something of a culture shock for the single soldiers after their individual bedrooms in Lisanelly Barracks. They were the Garrison Battalion and were much busier than expected. There were many visitors, among them the Colonel-in-chief, at the time of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference. There were good opportunities for sport and fun. There were possibilities of welfare problems with 188 families living in Larnaka. He was now concentrating on training the battalion in its light role, and he was planning exercises in Jordan and Kuwait, in preparation for a tour of duty in the Falklands next year. The Rep Col Comd confirmed that he had heard very good reports of the battalion from various quarters in the Province when visiting in July, and he congratulated the battalion on a most successful tour. On being questioned whether the Queen realised she was among a battalion of one of her regiments, CO 1 RGJ replied that she did because she "had been cranked up" by the Lord Lieutenant of London! (Field Marshal Lord Bramall).

6. **2 RGJ** — Lt Col Snagge reports that his battalion had assumed the AMF(L) role in April this year, and that an exercise in Denmark in the summer had been its first venture in this role.

a. **The Mind** — Its new role provides the battalion with a good structure for training, and he was concentrating on leadership at the lower levels, junior NCO's and section Commanders. His Young Officers were of a high standard, and the Riflemen arriving from Ouston were very satisfactory.

b. **The Body** — Recruiting was his highest priority and almost all the support for it had to come from his battalion. He was also concentrating on the standard of shooting, which was improving. He now had 80% Marksmen and hoped to improve to 90% next year. The Bugle Platoon had won the UKLF SF competition and 2 RGJ Platoons had come 1st, 2nd and 7th in the AMF march and Shoot competition in Denmark, which had previously always been won by the Germans. His good games players were becoming involved in local teams, and he had selected soccer and biathlon as his two priority games. At the same time, he was encouraging Adventurous Training, but at the basic rather than gladiatorial level.



c. **The Soul** — The Peninsula Band were proving invaluable and the Bugle Platoon we were in good fettle. He rather wondered whether he would be able to maintain a high standard of Bugling after the departure of the Band. the new Dover Branch of the RGJ Association had recently held its inaugural Dinner and it had been well attended and proved a great success.

d. **The Future** — Next year he had planned, with his successor, Lt Col N.R. Parker, that the focus for training would be Norway, and that the battalion would strive to improve its shooting and biathlon. He would continue to support Recruiting, painful as it was. The Rep Col Comdt thanked Lt Col Snagge for his valuable contribution as CO of the former 1 RGJ and of the present 2 RGJ, particularly over the Merger, which he had handled so well.

7. **4(V) RGJ** — Lt Col P.J. Luard reports that the battalion was in good heart but at the same time worried about its future. It was fully recruited and was affiliated to 5 of the 12 principal Livery Companies. It kept in touch with the Associations of the former regiments and had sent 50 members to the RGJ Association July Reunion at Winchester. It also maintained an active interest in its affiliated ACF/CCF detachments. 300 had gone to Annual Camp, 90 to Gibraltar and 30 to BAOR, while 80 had attended long courses. they had developed links with 24 Bde at Colchester, who now appreciated the value of the battalion having seen it at Camp. His battalion shooting team had won the TA Major Units Trophy at Bisley and the battalion had useful rugby, soccer and squash teams. It had also sent a diving team to Cyprus. The Rep Col Comdt congratulated the battalion shooting team on its win at Bisley.

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8. **5(V) RGJ** — Lt Col T.W. Corry's top priority was to adjust 5(V) RGJ to its new role as a National Defence Battalion. The highlight of its training year had been the exchange of a company with the Pennsylvania National Guard. He had sent a young team to Bisley and hoped for improvements next year. He was 92% recruited overall, 195 new recruits having joined the battalion in 1993, and was the best recruited battalion in Southern District. The battalion's specialist platoons had trained with 4(V) RGJ, and innumerable contacts maintained with Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire ACF detachments. The Waterloo Band was still improving, he had a new Bugle Major and in September he had held his first Bugle competition. The battalion's soccer team had won the Southern District competition and were beaten semi-finalists in the TA Cup. His priority for 1994 was to preserve 5(V) RGJ. The Rep Col Comdt congratulated 5(V) RGJ on its excellent Annual Dinner held at Trinity College in July.

Army Training Regiment Winchester

The final halcyon days of the Light Division Depot Crept up on Sir John Moore Barracks, as a trickle of multi coloured berets from a variety of the Army's Corps and Regiments moved into ensure that the transformation from a Depot to a grandly named "Army Training Regiment" went smoothly. We ensured that as much Green Jacket influence as possible was applied. After all, we really didn't want a tank hulk parked outside the front gate!

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Amongst it all we have found the time to train around 1100 recruits, though our official annual capacity is somewhere over 2300. Of the male recruits around 450 have progressed to their phase II training at Ouston in Northumberland and then on into their Regiments within the Light Division. All Army recruits now have to complete a standard ten week course before they can be released for their further specialist training whether as infantrymen or within any other part of the military organisation. Our Green Jacket Trained Soldiers attend the Combat Infantryman's Course at Ouston, just outside Newcastle.

The Royal Green Jacket influence is not lost as we provide a large proportion of the training staff and the NCO's are given the opportunity to impart their special knowledge to recruits who will end up in Corps and Regiments right across the Army. Despite having to share our 'home' we appreciate the constructive contribution made by the other Regiments and Corps to our life both on and off duty.

1st Battalion

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reduction since our last contribution with the ongoing demand of operations in a difficult part of Northern Ireland, preparation for our Arms Plot move to Dhekelia in Cyprus and for our handover to 1st Battalion the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment (1 PWRR) — an amalgamation of the old Queens Regiment and the Royal Hampshire Regiment.



We claim a very successful two year tour in N. Ireland.

On the operational side we continue to deploy 2 companies on operation at any one time, one to Rockwood near Castlederg close to the Tyrone/Donnegal border and the other here in Omagh itself where it operates under command of the 4th Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment. The third company looks after our security (Camp Guard, vehicle escorts and so on) but on occasions has been known to deploy elements in order to assist in operations, and the fourth company on training and/or leave. Long gone are the days when operational success was measured by tangibles such as finds of weapons and arrests made, but the more subtle campaign to alter public attitudes and to enable a return to normality to take place is much harder to measure. Needless to say the Riflemen are the best weapon we have, and as the number of complaints against the Army falls, so the amount of confidence in the Army increases. The professionalism, cheerfulness and humour of all ranks when in contact with the local population have done wonders to increase faith in the Army and we have seen cups of tea (and information!) offered in areas that would have been unthinkable when we arrived. A steady flow of tangible success continue however with finds of terrorist material and arrests particularly in and around the historically fiercely republican town of Strabane. Each incident serves not only to improve our own morale, but also dispirits the enemy and instils much needed confidence in the local population.

We moved to Cyprus in September and have enjoyed the settling down period which has been anything but quiet. The Battalion began to retrain in the role of "Intervention" with C Company undertaking a three week exercise in November in the United Arab Emirates. Planning is well underway for the deployment to the Falkland Islands in March of 94 of D Company group and to South Georgia of the Recce Platoon. The future looks like being varied and challenging given the unpredictability of the Middle East. We are determined to enjoy the change, play hard and find excitement, and, if possible relax a little!

2nd Battalion

The pace of life has picked up in the Battalion as the year has progressed. Ever since the platoon competition, run in Wales in May, training has been directed towards our forthcoming deployment, to Norway as the UK AMF(L) (Allied Mobile Force Land) battalion. Once our commitments in support of the Light Division's memorable Retreat at Horseguards were complete the rifle companies began a series of individual exercises in June and July. These culminated in Scotland with a test exercise run by the Commanding Officer. Based at Garelochhead, this was extremely demanding, both in terms of its physical demands and tactical scenario. Each company infiltrated over 50-80 kilometers of highland country, including the crossing of a loch in small boats, before attacking a difficult objective based

on an old Royal Navy test facility. Needless to say, it poured with rain most of the time!

August was largely a leave period prior to the Battalion's deployment to Denmark on Ex ACTION EXPRESS in September. This was our first experience as an AMF(L) battalion and a lot of lessons were learned. Rain still seemed to follow us

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wherever we moved, accompanied this time by a sometimes bewildering quantity of visitors: on one day we actually had the NATO command structure of DSACEUR, Command Baltic Approaches and Commander AMF(L) all turn up at Battalion Headquarters within five minutes of each other on different programmes. Other very welcome visitors included Her Majesty the Queen of Denmark and General Sir Garry Johnson. The Battalion did particularly well on the March and Shoot competition, by winning and achieving two other placings. While the Battalion took part in the tactical phase of the exercise the Peninsula Band produced some notable performances in Copenhagen and at Elsinor — Hamlet's Castle.

On our return from Denmark we started the final preparations for Norway: periods of mountain training in Capel Curig for the rifle companies and the courses necessary to drive our oversnow vehicles and live with the equipment which is peculiar to a cold weather deployment. In addition, the Battalion began a year long period as the trial unit for Combat soldier 95, which is the Army's latest combat uniform. Little different in appearance from the previous issue, it comprises a complete set of clothing which, in various combinations, is suitable for wear from the Arctic to the jungle. The new boots have already proved to be a success, and we wait to see how the remainder of the equipment stands up to the cold.

In October A Company and the Peninsula Band mounted another successful KAPE (Keep the Army in the Public Eye) tour. The first week was spent in Liverpool and the second, which involved the London area, was based in Connaught Barracks: it turned out to be easier to move the school children to Dover than to base the tour group in Woolwich. The end of the tour was marked by an Open Day on 13 November in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund which, sadly, suffered badly from appalling weather conditions. There are plans for another Open Day next summer, when hopefully we will be able to capitalise on the arrival of the Tour de France in Dover. Details will be promulgated nearer the date.

At the time of writing the Battalion is once again well spread out: the Corporals Cadre is in the Highlands of Scotland, a LSL with 120 rifleman aboard has just left for Norway and another ferry leaves Newcastle within the week.



4th Battalion

1993 has been dominated by the long overdue success of the battalion shooting team in winning the major unit championships at the TA Skill at Arms Meeting at Bisley in July. The team was captained by Lt Ulmann and also consisted of CSgt Wiggins, his son LCpl Wiggins, Rfn Hofberg and Rfn Williams. Despite having been runners-up on numerous occasions, including last year, this was the first time 4 RGJ has won the top territorial shooting prize. The depth of shooting in the battalion was emphasised earlier at the London District meeting where our company teams filled four of the first seven places out of 32 teams.

Shooting apart, we concentrated on individual and headquarters training in the first part of the year holding a Bn CPX on private land in Hampshire in January and visiting the Battle Group Trainer in February. All companies entered teams in the London District Courage Trophy but our best effort was HQ Coys 6 place.

In March the battalion visited the German village at Thetford to practice our FIBUA skills that would be tested on the brigade exercise later in the year.

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May was the busiest of months. C Company group with a platoon from each company went to Gibraltar for two weeks on Ex Marble Tor. A bit of military training was squeezed into a busy calendar of social and adventurous activities! A platoon mainly from B Company, spent 10 days exercising with a regular German Jaeger-Battalion in Germany and established a good rapport despite the ominous start when a German soldier greeted them on arrival by climbing aboard the bus and declaring "For you, ze journey is over!". What was left of the battalion went to Thetford for a battalion exercise that included guarding Walton Airfield and executing a day and a night attack on reserve demolition bridge sites manned by 131 Commando engineers. Both bridges were taken before they could be blown.

Camp this year was spilt between Salisbury Plain and the Cinque Ports Training Area. For the first ten days at Salisbury Plain, the battalion took part in the 24 Air Mobile Brigade exercise during which time A Company had the best of things defending Copehill Down German Village against 1st Bn Light Infantry and militia in a Bosnian scenario for a Dutch Company who had just been warned off for duty. Their final task was a heliborne coup de main attack on a bridge held by 1 LI. The rest of the battalion managed to get air experience with a battalion attack involving a move by Chinooks.

The last four days were spent on the Kent coast using the excellent Counter Insurgency ranges at the Cinque Ports training area.

Recruiting has been a high priority this year and the battalion strength has risen from 80 to 97% of established strength. In May the Battalion ran an East End Army Day on Hackney Marshes attended by some 3,000 and manned a stand at the Incomes Options Exhibition at Wembley attended by some 50,000 over 4 days where we were located next to the fashion catwalk run by Ann Summers Limited, more normally known in the UK for her range of exotic ladies underwear! The SF, Mortar and Milan platoons have all entered centrally run concentrations with ranging degrees of success. C Company won the London District football competition but were then despatched from the National Quarterfinals by 5 RGJ.

The end of the year was dominated, once again by shooting with the battalion Skill at Arms meeting won by A Company. We hope to be able to hold onto the Bisley Trophy next year.

4 RGJ sends best wishes to all our affiliated and allied regiments and invite you to visit us when in London at 56 Davies Street.

5th Battalion

1993 has been a very active year for the Battalion and its establishment as a National Defence unit has been confirmed with current strength at 92%, showing that the volunteer spirit is thriving in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Despite Army-wide uncertainties about the nature of National Defence, 5 RGJ's training has continued apace with the emphasis this year on individual training. The regular command structure of the Battalion has remained intact with Lt Col Tim Corry continuing in command.

The training year began with an individual cadre period over 4 weekends with many subjects being covered: JNCO continuation cadre, sharpshooter, NBC, driving, admin, SF, signals and young officer training. In total 5 selection weekends and subsequent training packages will have been run in 1993 which will each have attracted between 20 and 40 well-motivated and well trained recruits. The first 6 months of the year a high priority was also placed on individual shooting skills and weekends were spent at Lydd Ranges in Kent and Stoney Castle near Aldershot. A Battalion shooting team was formed which qualified for the TA SAAM at Bisley in July where they came 14th out of some 40 teams at the first attempt. Other training highlights in the first part of the year included assistance to 21(V) SAS.

Annual Camp this year was spent in the North of England with 3 centres at Warcop, Catterick and Bishop Monkton. There the Battalion rotated between the respective activities of field firing, rangework and adventure training, the latter providing



the TA soldiers with the unique opportunity of practising some canoeing, rock climbing and trekking in the Lake District. The highlight for 104 members of the Battalion, led by A Company from High Wycombe, was an exchange exercise with the USA National Guard. A composite A Company joined the 2nd/110th Battalion of the Pennsylvania national Guard on exercise at Fort Pickett, Virginia, where they had an excellent experience despite extremes of heat, humidity and insect life! In return A Company of the 2nd/110th Battalion joined 5 RGJ at Warcop and enjoyed the British system of more individually orientated training. Their two days of R and R also took them to York and Blackpool so they certainly saw some national variety.

Since Annual Camp in July training has included a major commitment in running an Exercise Executive Stretch in September, assisted by 2 Wessex. This involved 90 young executives being put through a weekend of military orientated activities in order to promote awareness of the value of the TA, it also provided an excellent training opportunity for the QM's department with a great variety of logistic and catering demands.

Battalion SAAM was held in conjunction with 4 RGJ at Pirbright in October where HQ Company were champion company and Rfn Howse (HQ) was champion shot. At the end of the month the Recce Platoon achieved a Certificate of Merit in the Cambrian Patrol competition which was a creditable result.

On the sporting front the Battalion has been busy with the football team winning the South District TA Competition in February and then only being beaten by the royal Irish in Ballymena in the TA National Semi-final. The officers sailing team came 3rd in the Light Division Regatta in June and the officers even managed a 2-2 draw in football against the Serjeant's Mess (only to lose on penalties).

On the social and ceremonial side the highlight in the first part of the year was 5 RGJ's Waterloo Band and Bugles playing in the Light Division's excellent Sounding of Retreat on Horse Guards in June. The TA bandsmen and women joined all other Divisional TA and Regular bands to form 267 musicians and 111 buglers who were watched with great appreciation by everyone from Princess Alexandra to the local Central TV News. The Battalion has also maintained its links with the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers and provided honour guards for their two annual dinners. The Officers' Mess held a very successful Annual Dinner at Trinity College in June on a beautiful summer evening with Lord Carrington as the guest speaker. In September local friends of 5 RGJ were entertained at a combined Officers and SNCOS Messes' Sounding of Retreat and Cocktail Party held at Slade Park Barracks. This was also the occasion for the retirement as Honorary Colonel of Lieutenant General Sir Peter Hudson KCB CBE DL who has served as an extremely supportive Honorary Colonel since the Battalion's formation in December 1986. He has now been succeeded by Professor R.J.R.J. O'Neill AO MA who is currently the Chichele

Professor of the History of War at Oxford University; Colonel O'Neill's early posts are in Australia with the Melbourne University Regiment.

5 RGJ approaches the end of 1993 in good heart and the first training events in 1994 will be two CO's assessment weekends to confirm the success of training in 1993. In the background there is concern over the future of the TA but the 5th Battalion remains well recruited, well-motivated and optimistic for the future.

Green Jackets and Patricia's: A Healthy Exchange Continues

By Captain C.V. Sattler

After three years of requesting the Green Jackets as my number one posting preference a new adventure has begun here in Dover, England. I have been with the Second Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets (2 RGJ) for five months now and find that I am quite settled in. All my expectations have been met ten fold and there is still so much to do.

My experience with 2 RGJ has found it's operation remarkably similar to a Canadian infantry battalion. Thank God. It makes things much easier. However, there is a fair amount of conversion training that is required in the first weeks. My first



*Capt C.V. Sattler and Maj H. Emck, 16 Dec 93,
at Connaught Barracks, Dover, Kent, England.*



official duty entailed leading 'C' Company on parade marching at 140 paces per minute! I had enough trouble with our own heavy drill! Perhaps the hardest transition is learning to speak English again. The list is exhaustive of words that do not necessarily mean what you want them to. Imagine going on exercise... You pack your jumper (sweater) in your bergan along with your basher (hoochy) and water proof (rain gear). You drive around in your wagon (jeep). Of course everybody brings their swords (bayonets). You dismount and tab (march) with the blokes (guys). Same job, different scenery. Wank Durrh.

The battalion is no less busy than your own Canadian experience. Like our own army the Brits are undergoing a down scaling of forces (FRP as we know it). A little history ... the Third Battalion was disbanded in June 1992, leaving the First in Cyprus and the Second here in Dover. It is probable safe to say that the sentiment is two battalions are now doing the work of three. You may know this feeling sooner than you like too. 2 RGJ's role is with the AMF(L). The focus of our training has been for cold climate operations. We have already done training exercises in Denmark, the Snowdon Mountains in Wales and we are off to Norway for three months in January 1994. Many of the soldiers here have had limited snow experiences. Training soldiers to have a common snow sense is something we take for granted as Canadians. The highlight of the next year includes AMF(L) training and a visit by the Colonel-in-Chief, Her Majesty the Queen, tentatively scheduled to come in October 94.

It was nice to see twelve Patricia's from the Third Battalion visit us in October 93 on their way to the Cambrian Patrol Competition in Brecon. Patricia's really do have a home here with the Green Jackets.

Since being with 2 RGJ I have been OC 'C' Company for four months and currently I am commanding Support Company.



Regimental History: Allied Regiment

In 1924 authority was given for the alliance of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry with The Rifle Brigade.

Common associations in this case were many. The Duke of Connaught, formerly a Rifle Brigade officer who had served in Canada, was Canada's Governor-General from 1912 to 1916. He was Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade for sixty years. His youngest daughter, Princess Patricia, had given her name to the Regiment. The Regiment's first Adjutant was a Rifle Brigade Officer. The Regiment fought for twelve months during World War I, shoulder to shoulder, with the Rifle Brigade.

These very strong bonds of "family interests" led to the alliance between the Regiment and the Rifle Brigade.

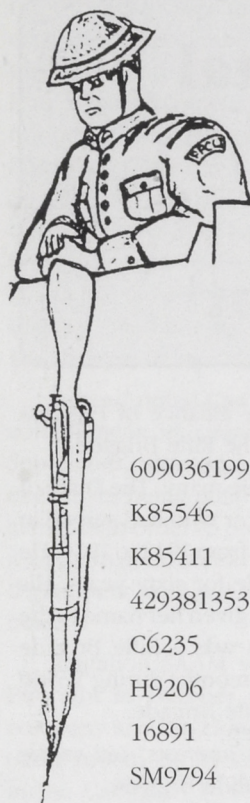
The Rifle Brigade was formed in 1800. The Regiment has a distinguished record of active service including Copenhagen, the Peninsular War, Waterloo, the Crimea, South Africa, World War I and II. It was garrisoned in Canada at Fort Henry from 1847 to 1849 and from 1850 to 1852.

As a result of the British Army cuts in strength and changes in establishments, the Rifle Brigade has been brigaded with the King's Royal Rifle Corps and the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (43rd and 52nd). The Official designations for the Battalions are:

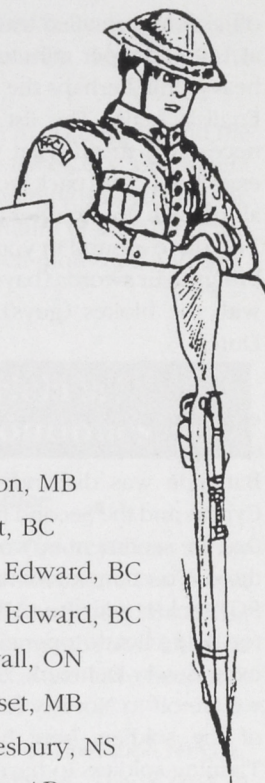
- 1st Royal Green Jackets - 43rd and 52nd;
- 2nd Royal Green Jackets - King's Royal Rifle Corps;
- 3rd Royal Green Jackets - The Rifle Brigade.

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Well it might, for even those men of the Rifle Brigade who were laden with ammunition boxes carried half a dozen bandoliers of cartridges as well. Above all they brought machine guns. "On the 8th of May," said a wounded PPCLI sergeant in a speech at Shorncliffe on the first birthday of the Regiment, "we saw the Angels, and they wore the letters 'R.B.' on their shoulders; and the biggest of the Angels were those who bore the machine guns on their shoulders too."



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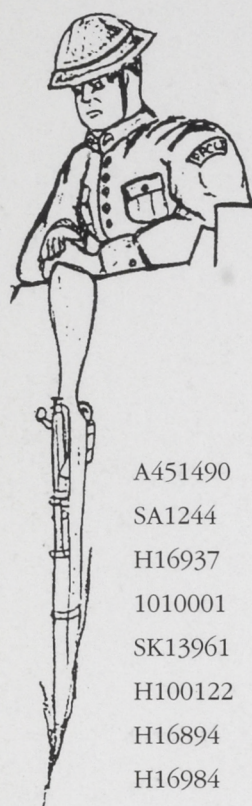


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429381353	Korea	Horler R.C.	15 Feb 93	Prince Edward, BC
C6235	WWII	Lafave V.	31 Jan 93	Cornwall, ON
H9206	WWII	Thomson F.	10 Feb 93	Somerset, MB
16891	WWII	Chisholm A.	03 Feb 93	Hawkesbury, NS
SM9794	Korea	Ganger M.	17 Jan 93	Calgary, AB
D145945	Korea	King R.J.	14 Feb 93	Edmonton, AB
E52618	WWII	Napp C.F.	26 Jan 93	Lachute, PQ
K85467	WWII	Bradbury C.	10 May 93	Trail, BC
H101339	WWII	Kulba N.	11 Jul 93	S. Vancouver, BC
SB12659	Korea	Osmond F.	29 May 93	Bancroft, ON
210317	PPCLI	Douglass B.	09 May 93	Victoria, BC
H16873	WWII	Dunbar W.T.	12 Apr 93	Winnipeg, MB
E0133	WWII	Farrell R.M.	10 Feb 93	Port Alberni, BC
B801595	Korea/WWI	Jones A.R.	23 Feb 93	Cornwall, ON
	WWII/Korea	Rogers P.G.	29 Apr 93	Moncton, NB
H16088	WWII	Sawyer M.	03 May 93	Winnipeg, MB
K52678	WWII	Stickney W.D.	05 May 93	Peachland, BC
SB12398	PPCLI/RCOC	Thomas G.A.	07 Apr 93	Halifax, NS
M8288	WWII	Waniandy J.R.	01 Apr 93	Edmonton, AB
H2201	WWII	Warrilow	22 Apr 93	Burnaby, BC
H16718	WWII	Bowman W.	08 Jan 93	Lac du Bonnet, MB
SA109817	WWII	Franklin H.E.	07 Jan 93	Wainwright, AB
F50110	WWII	Laing E.	22 Dec 93	Winnipeg, MB
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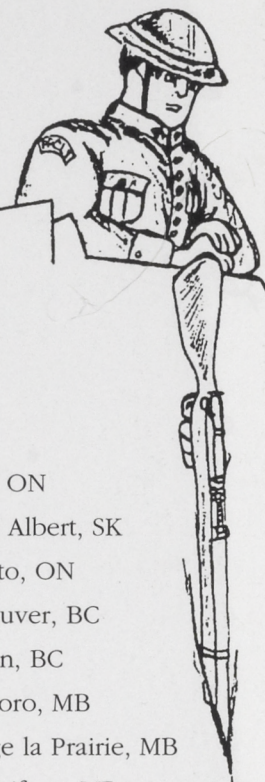
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R68760241	RF	Delmore P.A.	13 Sep 93	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Bjornson C.V.	15 Sep 93	Lundar, MB
	Korea	Cameron J.R.	15 Sep 93	Almonte, ON
U1649	WWII	Fabbri A.G.	09 Sep 93	Winnipeg, MB
H16501	WWII	Dunlop W.E.	13 Sep 93	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Baxter G.T.	08 Aug 93	Winnipeg, MB
H16615	WWII	Pinniger F.E.	13 Aug 93	Winnipeg, MB
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	Korea	Pye R.	19 Mar 93	Burnaby, BC
	Korea	Bain G.	01 Apr 93	Winnipeg, MB
SB153925	Korea	Thomas A.	06 Apr 93	Hamilton, ON
	Korea	Ludtke C.	24 Aug 93	Victoria, BC
	RF	Gondar R.	Mar 93	Calgary, AB
	Korea	Barnecki R.	22 Apr 93	Winnipeg, MB
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SL689	Korea	Dockendorff H.	29 Jun 93	Calgary, AB
SF800408	1 PPCLI	Gordon J.	10 Jul 93	Toronto, ON
L154227	WWII	Nydegger R.E.	19 Jun 93	Loon Lk, SK
V30533	RCNVR	Pettersen H.R.	14 Jul 93	Victoria, BC
K66120	WWII	Walker L.G.	05 Jul 93	New Westminster, BC
SL4614	Korea	Bird S.S.	05 Jul 93	Prince Albert, SK
16/22	Reserve	Cooper J.G.	16 Jul 93	Swift Current, SK
K67058	WWII	Gleig J.D.	01 Aug 93	Maple Ridge, BC
L109108	WWII	Hutton G.	07 Aug 93	South Vancouver, BC
SH207151	PPCLI	Jeanson F.G.	28 Jun 93	Port Alberni, BC
F40156	WWII	MacLeod J.D.	12 Jul 93	Truro, NS



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A451490	WWII	Rhoads L.G.	13 Aug 93	Essex, ON
SA1244	Korea	Sanderson D.W.	09 Apr 93	Prince Albert, SK
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H30116	WWII	Jones F.N.	13 Jul 93	Brandon, MB
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SH800345	WWII	Stephen J.	05 Oct 93	Winnipeg, MB
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	WWII	Bernhard W.H.K.	09 Oct 93	
	WWII	Pachnowski J.A.	14 Oct 93	
	WWII	Stadnyk T.	23 Nov 93	St. Pierre, MB
	WWII	Stewner F.R.A.	07 Dec 93	
	PPCLI	St.George J.D.	28 Dec 93	
		Nichols (Nick)	27 Dec 93	Victoria, BC
		Worswick J.	29 Dec 93	Victoria, BC
	Korea	Mobley R.W.	29 Nov 93	Kamloops, BC

