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Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

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

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief



1998 was another exciting year when my Patricias continued to perform well on exercises, professional courses, overseas on individual UN missions, and on normal duties in garrison. Commencing this very active year was the deployment of all three battalions to Quebec to assist fellow Canadians in the aftermath of the most damaging ice storms to hit central Canada.

Although I did not visit my soldiers in Canada, I was very pleased to have members of the Regiment visit my country. In May, Queen Elizabeth and her British subjects warmly received soldiers of the Regiment when they performed the duties of Mounting the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Not only was great honour bestowed upon our Regiment, but also our soldiers performed their duties in an admirable fashion. All the spectators were most impressed with the professionalism demonstrated by the PPCLI Guard.

In November, some soldiers participated in the DVA sponsored Remembrance celebrations at some of the World War 1 battlefields in France and Flanders, honouring those Patricia's who gave their lives in battle. Sergeant Spall, PPCLI VC winner was recognized in England on the Brentford War Memorial in a ceremony attended by both the Regimental Major and myself.

Although unable to attend, I received wonderful reports on the excellent parades and ceremonies surrounding the Changes of Command of Second and Third Battalion. The Third Battalion dedicated the new Brigadier Jimmy de Lalanne Building and shortly thereafter provided much needed support to civil authorities in fighting forest fires in central British Columbia.

As we approach the 85th Anniversary of our Regiment and my 25th Anniversary as your Colonel-in-Chief, I do so look forward to my visit to Canada to see my Patricias, both serving and retired. The 85th Anniversary celebrations from 1-4 July 1999 will be a historical focal point to celebrate the fine achievements of our Regiment. The motto of our 85th Anniversary is very appropriate: "***The Proud Heritage Continues.***"



Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

**Major-General
C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD**

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment



1998 started off with the operational deployment of all three Patricia battalions to Western Quebec. Their mission: to provide assistance to a population overwhelmed by the impact of a significant natural disaster. As they had during the Red River flood 10 months earlier, the soldiers won the hearts of the local population with their cheerful dedication while working very long hours in uncomfortable and often dangerous conditions. Well done Patricias.

The Regiment was greatly honoured when requested to mount the guard at Buckingham Palace, St James Palace and the Tower of London during April and May. The faultless performance of the Queen's Guard, drawn mainly from the Third Battalion, drew very favourable comment from many veterans of the Household Brigade.

The Third Battalion's new accommodation in Edmonton Garrison was dedicated in memory of Brigadier Jimmy de Lalanne in a ceremony held 17 June. De Lalanne distinguished himself as a PPCLI NCO in the First World War, and as Assistant Adjutant-General during World War Two. He was truly a great Canadian with broad interests and influence, but remained dedicated to our Regiment and to his comrades in the Regimental Association. Two other memorials were erected this year to record significant aspects of our history. On 24 April a monument was unveiled on Radar Hill in Pacific Rim National Park, commemorating the stand of 2 PPCLI at Kapyong 47 years earlier. The second monument was unveiled on 10 July to record the Regiment's historical connection to Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg, now the Asper Community College.

The 85th Anniversary of the Regiment will also see Lady Patricia celebrate her 25th year as the Colonel-in-Chief. The major celebration will take place in Edmonton 2-4 July, but Lady Patricia has agreed to visit a number of other locations across Canada so that she may see as many Patricias as possible. I urge you all to proudly celebrate both these important anniversaries.

With the passing of Major-General C.B. Ware on 22 January 1999, the Regimental family lost not only a much respected and beloved senior member, but a significant link to our past. Cammie joined the PPCLI in 1935, commanded it gallantly during the Italian Campaign, knew very well the Founder and the first Colonel-in-Chief, was the Colonel of the Regiment for eighteen years, and maintained a firm devotion to his Regiment for over 63 years. He has left us the finest example one could ever imagine of service over self and it is now up to us to keep his lesson alive.



1998 Regimental Council

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Regimental Headquarters

Responsibilities

Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) 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 and the PPCLI Association; accounting for regimental funds; operation of the Regimental Kit Shop and Warehouse; operation of the Regimental Museum and Archives; editing and publishing all Regimental publications including the Association Newsletter, The Patrician and the Regimental Manual; liaison between Regimental soldiers, veterans, units and Association Branches; maintenance of all Regimental and Association files; funerals, visits, protocol; and a variety of other tasks assigned by or on behalf of the Regimental Council.

Regimental Gratuities

The new Regimental Gratuities plan was approved in 1997. The following gratuities will be provided to all new Regimental members, serving and departing who have maintained their applicable rate of voluntary contributions since the commencement of the programme (01 January 1984) or since their enrolment, whichever is later:

- a. on joining the Regiment, regardless of entry plan, each new member will now be provided with a free issue cap badge and numbered Regimental Coin;
- b. during a career, members will receive an annual copy of *The Patrician*, and when promoted to Sergeant, a sash; and
- c. on honourable retirement, release or remuster, with:
 - (1) nine years of service or less - a small, unframed Regimental Certificate of Service (*unit or regional ERE representatives to action*);
 - (2) more than nine to nineteen years of service - an engraved 4.5 " Pewter statuette (choice of 4 models) or a \$60 PPCLI Kit Shop Gift Certificate; and a small unframed Regimental Certificate of Service; and
 - (3) twenty or more years of service - an engraved 6.5" WWI Gianelli pewter statuette, and a large framed Regimental Certificate of Service. (*Individuals in this category are invited to a formal Regimental Retirement Dinner*)

Unit OPIs and ERE Regional Representatives are to immediately advise RHQ by e-mail, fax, or message of Patricians who are on release or remuster under the categories of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above. In order to prepare the applicable gratuities, RHQ needs the following particulars: name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, approved retirement/release/remuster date, and forwarding address. The OPI shall provide a contact phone number to RHQ, and the proposed date of presentation of the gratuities if known.

The Regimental Museum

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE REGIMENTS, CALGARY, ALBERTA



The new "Unknown Soldier" Exhibit commemorating the unknown Patricians.

Many changes occurred at the Museum during 1998. A new civilian curator was hired in March and two long time museum staff retired to civilian life. Ed Pope is now a Shipping & Receiving Manager for Walmart and Mark Atwood is working for CMA Towing Services. Before he left Ed researched and upgraded the Regiment's medal exhibit so that all medal sets on display are complete with biographies and pictures. WO Geof Crossman and MCpl Phil Tobicoe completed the verification of the PPCLI museum weapons holdings along with

cleaning and preservation of this valuable collection. Cpl Ken Furdal and Cpl Roy Huzel continued work on artifact storage cabinets and a proper storage area for paintings, flags and other textile items. A new database is now in place and artifacts are being verified and entered onto the computer. Cpl Regan McLeod has continued the task of identifying and cataloguing the photographs held by the archives.

In the Gallery, the Airborne and UN exhibits were updated and a new granite tablet was installed in the Hall of Honour for those killed on UN peacekeeping duties. The newest exhibit, honouring the "Unknown Soldiers" of the Great War, was opened in time for Remembrance Day. The cost of this exhibit was virtually cut in half by the efforts of volunteers and staff who did most of the construction work. Studio Y again provided a superb backdrop to the exhibit.

A new Colonels of the Regiment/Colonel-in-Chief 25th Anniversary exhibit will be opened in July 1999 as well as a small exhibit to perpetuate the 260th Bn in Siberia 1918-1919.



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Message from the National President

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Mr Doug Bedford, CD

It is with a somber feeling that I write this President's letter for the last time. It has been a very fruitful and informative four years of serving the Regiment and the Association. There are two individuals whom I would like to thank for all their support and dedication. They are Captain Steve Newman and Rudy Raidt. These two gentlemen were a tower of strength and were there whenever I needed them. To the members of RHQ, thank you for all your support, I could not have done it without you. To the incoming President, I pledge my support in the role of Past President during your term of office, and hope that I can fill that role as well as D'Arcy Best did for me.

It is with a great deal of sorrow that that we learned of General Ware's passing away. He will be sadly missed by all. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Ware family as we remember the man and his invaluable contributions to the Regiment and the Association.

For a bit of good news, the Patricia's in Kingston have now formed a Branch with Lou Grimshaw as President. If all goes well we will be presenting them with their charter during the 85th Anniversary in Edmonton. Also the new Regimental history 1914-1999 is under way and will be written by Dr David Bercuson. Publication date scheduled for April 2001. Starting in May, interviews will be conducted as the Regiment tries to put a soldier's face to our history. Please support this project with interviews, written submissions, photographs and other archival material you may have hidden away.

On 2 & 3 May, 1999 the Association is holding another casino in Calgary. Once again on behalf of the Regiment and the Association, I would like to thank the Calgary Branch, as well as members of RHQ and soldiers from the Regiment for their support in this important endeavour. The money raised helps to run the museum.

In closing, kind regards to all and I hope to see you in Edmonton for the 85th Anniversary.

VP



JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION TODAY

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

The privileges offered by the Association, as determined by the Association Executive Council from time to time, are:

- Maintaining contact with the Regimental Family
- Receiving the annual Patrician
- Association Membership Card
- Receiving the Association Newsletter
- Preferred rates for Regimental events
- Possible inclusion in DVA Pilgrimages

In addition Branches may offer their own Newsletters, social events and ceremonies. The Annual General Meeting is moved across the country each year offering a chance to see both old friends and new places.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dues are based upon an Association fee and a Branch fee for Ordinary and Associate Memberships and are payable in each calendar year. Fee schedules are subject to change from time to time.

National dues are paid by all members, including Members-at-Large - \$15.00 (as of 01 Jan 99).

There is no standard Branch fee. This is decided by the Branch membership and added to the National fee, and made payable to the Branch treasurer.

Members-at-Large pay direct to the Secretariat by cheque, money order or VISA /Mastercard.

JUST RETIRED OR RELEASED?

The Association offers a complimentary one year membership at no cost within six months of retirement or release from the military. Should you wish to attend Regimental or Branch social functions, however, normal fees for those events are charged separately.

(effective 1 January 1999)



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

The PPCLI Association is the not-for-profit corporate body of the Regiment. It is composed of retired and serving members of the PPCLI who share a common bond of experience with or attached to the PPCLI.

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Association Objectives:

- a. *To encourage and promote public interest and support of the PPCLI;*
- b. *To perpetuate the esprit de corps and close bonds of comradeship;*
- c. *To foster, maintain and promote the tradition and well-being of the Regiment;*
- d. *To establish and maintain the Regimental Museum and its Archives;*
- e. *To assist members, widows and children of deceased members where necessary and possible;*
- f. *To collect, receive, hold and invest funds and property, and to use such funds to further the objectives of the Association; and*
- g. *To provide student bursaries through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund*

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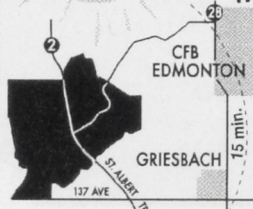
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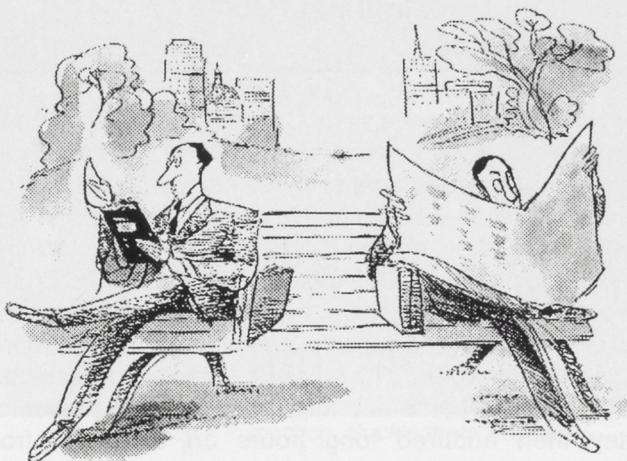
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QUEEN'S GUARD 1998

Buckingham Palace

St James Palace

Tower of London

Fifty-four years have passed since Canadian soldiers last marched through the gates of Buckingham Palace. On 28 April 1998, nerves were on edge for all the members of the Guard, composed of soldiers from the Third Battalion with a composite Corps of Drums from all three battalions, as they marched into the forecourt. With Lady Patricia, the Canadian High Commissioner, General De Chastelain and a crowd of thousands watching, the pressure was on to perform. Two weeks of drill, under the watchful eye of three Welsh Guard Drill instructors, proved its worth. The soldiers, once they remembered to breath and relax a bit, performed impeccably. Having mounted the Guard, they then endured long hours on sentry in front of Buckingham Palace, St James Palace and in the Tower of London. By the end of our tour, compliments were plentiful, including several from the Royal Family, about the drill, deportment, and professionalism of our soldiers. Without a doubt, the spectators who were fortunate enough to witness the Patricia's changing the Guard with a Guards unit will remember it for some time to come.





Queen's Inspection, Buckingham Palace

Each day that the Regiment mounted the guard at Buckingham Palace they also provided a guard at the Tower of London and at the residence of Prince Charles and the Queen Mother, St James Palace. At the Tower of London the soldiers had the real task of guarding the Crown Jewels as well as the nightly ceremonial parade known as the Ceremony of the Keys. Guarding the Tower of London proved slightly more hazardous than Buckingham Palace as Pte Webber will attest. The paving stones proved more slippery than the gravel of Buckingham Palace to cleated boots and without the benefit of practice on that kind of surface he found himself staring at the sky after an unsuccessful halt. Needless to say the Tower Guard marched with great caution after that experience. This is not to say that the soldiers at Buckingham Palace and St James were free from harm. It was not always easy keeping a straight face when the crowd is yelling out "hooray Canada", or the local nuisance learns your name from the guards and calls it out as you march by.

The composite Corps of Drums had their work cut out for them as they not only led the way on every mounting and dismounting of the guard, but also had numerous other events and shows to play. It was encouraging to learn, after we experienced several problems with the slow pace of the various Guards Bands who marched us in,



*"Major Ian Hunt escorting Her Majesty the Queen
during the Inspection of the Guard*

that the Guards Battalions were equally irritated by the light infantry pace set by Drum Major Williston as he led them from the Palace. It was truly a proud moment and put a bounce in the Patricias' step as they marched from St James Palace to Buckingham Palace on their first dismount with the Corps of Drums pounding out a beat they could march to.

Before arriving in England, one of the big concerns was training the PPCLI drivers to drive the perilous streets of downtown London. However, the worries were quickly erased when Cpl Devenney and Cpl Phillips came into the picture. They proved to be expert drivers in no time at all with a mere five accidents in the first week! Of course none of these were their fault, so they said, as the British were consistently driving on the wrong side of the street and only the insane would use a round-about.

Throughout their stay the Patricia guard were quartered at RAF Station Uxbridge on the western outskirts of London. Here they experienced British cuisine, deep fried or boiled, one laundry machine for every 50 soldiers and the perils of a fifty minute bus ride for every mounting. Joking aside, it was a very pleasant location away from the noise of downtown London



PPCLI touring London

...And if you look to your right you will see Buckingham Palace ...

The contingent also took part in two Guards of Honour. One for Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace to commemorate the re-opening of Canada House. The second for Prime Minister Chrétien at Lincoln's Inn Field for the unveiling of a Canadian RCAF War Monument.

For the soldiers, senior NCOs and officers who were part of the Guard it was an experience filled with pride, reward and some good times. Long hours of drill and standing sentry were usually rewarded with a day or two off to visit the various sites in and around London and sample some of the local spirits. The Guard also formed a rugby team which was regrettably thrashed by the RAF in their only game. During the week of leave at the end of the tour the members of the guard from the 3 PPCLI Parachute Company put up their maroon berets and jumped with 10th Parachute Battalion to earn their British wings. In all, it was a very worthwhile event for both Canada and the members who served, one which will be remembered with pride as a unique event in their lives.

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80th Anniversary of the Armistice

The Regiment Honours the War Dead

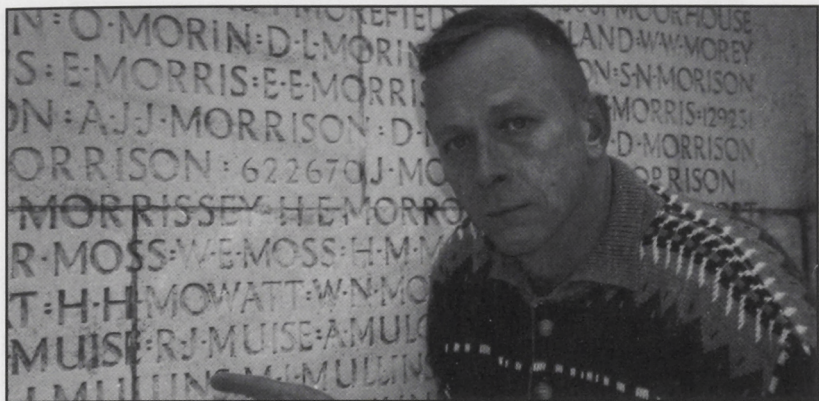
DVA Pilgrimage November 1998

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Armistice ending the First World War, the Department of Veteran's Affairs conducted a pilgrimage to France and Belgium to mark the courage and sacrifice of Canadians. The contingent was made up of First World War veterans, VAC personnel and members of the CF. Part of the CF contingent was a 50 man guard composed of members from each of the regular force infantry regiments. 2PPCLI was fortunate enough to receive the tasking and the honour of representing the Regiment. Preparations began in September with the contingent being selected amid the cries from those not selected and accusations of "swanning" etc. The first task was to bring everyone up to speed on drill and specifically the conduct of funeral and firing parties. Sgt Paul Muise was given this responsibility which he executed with a vengeance. Soon, resting on arms reversed became second nature and one member of the guard even perfected the resting on your face-reversed technique!!!

On 1 November the Patricia's departed Winnipeg for Ottawa and linked up with the remainder of the infantry contingent. After two days of drill, the Patricia's were selected for all firing parties and special duties. They departed Ottawa as the advance party on 3 November and headed, surprisingly, to London. The plan was to pick up buses from a UK tour company and, after a quick channel crossing to Calais, head to their hotel in Lille, France. Sadly, the gods of "swanning" were uncooperative and a sudden strike by the ferry workers in Calais left them stranded in Dover with nothing to do but examine the White Cliffs and drink expensive beer. They eventually made it to France via Belgium and were ready to commence their task.

The first ceremony was on historic Vimy Ridge. The French Government honoured our World War One veterans with France's Legion of Honour. The ceremony with a Canadian, British and French contingent was very impressive using the Vimy Memorial as the background. There was a surprisingly large crowd in attendance with people from the local communities and several busloads of school children from the UK.

Following the parade the contingent was given a tour of the Vimy



Sgt Paul Muise finds a familiar name on the Vimy Ridge Memorial



MCpl Greenall at Vimy

Ridge park by Canadian students employed on a three month term contract as site tour guides. The students said how proud they were of their army during the ceremony and that the Canadians looked better than the other armies present. It is suspected however that this compliment was directed specifically at Privates Torrance and Alcock !!!.

During the next few days the contingent participated in several smaller ceremonies at various battlefield memorials. Each stop on the journey became an education on the sacrifice of our forefathers. One that stuck out for all was the ceremony at Beaumont Hamel. On the first day Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, the Royal Newfoundland Regiment were slaughtered in an ill fated assault. The band accompanying the Pilgrimage was from the R Nfld R. In a

truly moving moment, the band played with tears in their eyes as the special Patricia bearer party marched on the Royal Newfoundland Regiment flag.

At many of the battlefields the soldiers were able to have a quick



MCpls Wilson & Lernier at the Canadian Memorial marking the start of the Last 100 Days of the war at Le Quesnel near Amiens

tour narrated by some "historians". This proved quite entertaining, if not a little confusing, as each one of the experts seemed to have a different orientation on the subject. In fact, some almost started to believe that the Germans launched the Von Schlieffen plan across the Channel from somewhere in Dorset. When in Ypres, the contingent 2 i/c set Captain Fawcett a quest to see the PPCLI monument at Frezenberg. Finding this key point in regimental history was more difficult than some might imagine. Armed with directions from several experts the party set off to find the monument in a Belgian farm field. It soon became apparent that the directions were incorrect and frustration overcame the contingent and they gave up for the promise of beer in Ypres. Always interested to see more, Captain Fawcett set out with members of The RCR to see the monument at Hill 62. Here he encountered a sergeant from a Green Jacket battalion who gave him the precise directions to Frezenberg and so, accompanied by 10 members of the other English speaking regiment, he found the PPCLI memorial. After singing the Regimental march past, which all members of The RCR had by now memorized, he gathered some ceremonial earth for WO Dumas and rejoined the group in Ypres.

The highlight of the trip was the ceremony performed at the Crest



PPCLI Firing Party at Crest Cemetery, France

Cemetery near the French town of Cambrai. After painstaking work by the Regimental Adjutant, Captain Steve Newman, the identity of one of the Regiment's fallen comrades was determined and the Patricia's had the opportunity to dedicate the new headstone. Originally the ceremony for Sergeant "Smokie" Thompson was planned by DVA to be a quick stop on the pilgrimage itinerary. However, it was a Patricia show and the PPCLI contingent set out to pay their appropriate respect. They had trained hard for this moment and, more importantly, it was for one of our Patricia's who had lain for eighty years in the grave of an unknown soldier.

The first change to the master plan came when all members of the R Nfld R band insisted on accompanying the PPCLI in paying their respects and attended the ceremony. Also there were Sergeant Thompson's relatives Les and Darlene Thompson along with the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honourable Fred Mifflin and Mrs Mifflin. The ceremony was brief with volleys fired and a Regimental camp flag was struck and presented to Les Thompson. Before lowering the flag, the R Nfld R band played the PPCLI march past with the Patricia's singing the medley. And as they sang, the Patricia's noticed that all the members of The RCR and R22eR had formed up around them and were saluting our Regiment and our fallen comrade. There was not a dry eye anywhere. With their duty complete, they returned to Canada with a better understanding of where the Regiment came from and what it really is to be a Patricia. **VP**

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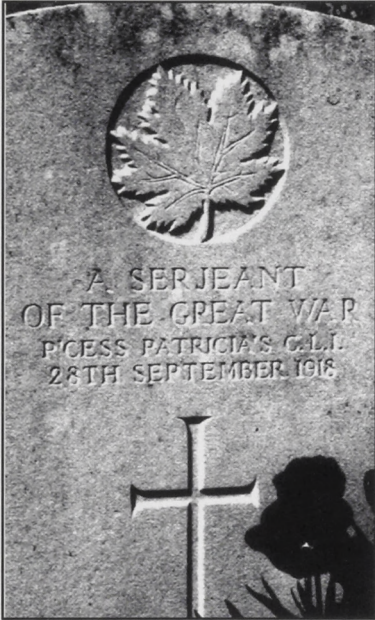
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A SERGEANT OF THE GREAT WAR PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



The gravestone with an etched maple leaf was eloquent in its simplicity. Surrounded by eighty-seven other men, he was simply the Unknown Sergeant. On the stone his regiment, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was listed and with it the date 28 September 1918. Located on a small hill, Crest Cemetery overlooks the rolling French farmland and villages of St Olle, Raillencourt and Sailly. Nearby is the historic town of Cambrai and dotted on the landscape are the military cemeteries showing the price paid in breaking the Canal Du Nord and Marcoing Lines eighty years ago.

Nearly sixty-six thousand Canadian military personnel died in the First World War. Forty-five thousand of them, mainly in France and Belgium, have known graves. More than nineteen thousand Canadian names are commemorated on the impressive Memorials to the Missing found on Vimy Ridge, France and the Menin Gate of Ypres, Belgium. When bodies were discovered but could not be identified by name they were buried with a headstone which gave the particulars of nationality, rank and regiment if possible - and in some cases a date. Others were simply listed as an "Unknown Soldier of the Great War." The Empire, as it was known then, listed 530,000 names among the missing. Eighty per cent of these being from the United Kingdom and the remainder from the Dominions and Colonies. From time to time soldier's remains are recovered from the battlefields and some are identified, but most have disappeared for-

ever. Less than half of the missing are buried as unidentified in cemeteries. The Unknown Sergeant was one of these and his name was carved somewhere on the Vimy Ridge Memorial.

The Canadian Corps was in full stride in the second half of 1918. Along with the Australian Corps and several British divisions they spearheaded the Allied effort to victory in the mad dash known as the "Last One Hundred Days." It began with inflicting the "Black Day" in the history of the German Army at Amiens, 8 August 1918 and ended with the capture of Mons 11 November 1918. Between the two points lay heavy fighting and casualties. On 28 September 1918 the Unknown Sergeant and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) crossed the Canal du Nord near Bourslon Wood and then swept across the open fields towards Cambrai. As members of the 7th Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division they were asked to crack the Marcoing Line, the last of the major German prepared defence lines west of Cambrai. The Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR) led the



Brigade attack with the Patricia's in support. Even before the battle could be joined the Patricia's lost their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Charlie Stewart, DSO. He and several men were killed by shell fire as they moved across the open fields towards Raillencourt. The RCR enjoyed initial success before being held up by flanking fire from St Olle and the enemy support line in Sailly. The Patricia's deployed and helped force the sup-

port line into Canadian hands by mid afternoon. At 7p.m. the Patricia's and the Edmonton Regiment (49th Bn) attacked towards the fortified village of Tilloy. The assault was caught up in heavy wire obstacles; overgrown and not obvious from aerial photos. Furthermore, the enemy covered the obstacles with machine gun fire which inflicted heavy casualties on the assaulting force. The next day three officers and forty men were discovered killed in a small area where they had failed to claw their way through the wire. During three days of heavy fighting between 28-30 September 1918, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry suffered 375 killed, wounded and missing.

Among them was the Unknown Sergeant.

For eighty years the grave remained unnamed. The occasional visitor would stop by and visit those with names, or possibly wonder about the five men who were unidentified in the cemetery. The peaceful setting of today belies the horror and violence suffered by the men who fought here. For those buried in Crest Cemetery their only constant and faithful companions are the gardeners of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who spend so much loving attention and care on the war graves and grounds of cemeteries around the world.

A new series of books dealing with the Patricia's in the Great War has been researched and the first, "With the Patricia's In Flanders 1914-1918 -- Then and Now" will be published in 1999. A similar book will be done for France as well. The basis of the series is an in-depth view of the Regiment during the fighting and a look at the battle-ground today. Each cemetery and Memorial to the Missing has the full service record for each Patricia buried or commemorated there. It was in the course of this research that the identity of the Unknown Sergeant was discovered. The Regiment lost six Sergeants on 28 September 1918. All had known graves except for one. He was Sergeant George Ross Thompson.



Thompson, according to his attestation papers, was born in Kenora, Ontario 5 April 1888. When war broke out in 1914 he was single and working as a Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) engineer. The Patricia's accepted men who had prior service and were not in the Canadian Militia as those units were mobilizing as well. There were a few taken despite the lack of service and Thompson was one of them. Most of them had a specific skill applicable to the new regiment but Thompson was valued for his services even before arriving in Ottawa and meeting Lieutenant-Colonel Farquhar, the new Commanding Officer. There were seventy Legion of Frontiersmen, former soldiers who belonged to the Empire-wide organization, waiting in Moose Jaw. They had heard of the new Regiment and the PPCLI troop train coming from Calgary. It was their intent to join it - invited, or not. The veterans persuaded young



"Smokie" Thompson of the CPR help them by placing two railcars on the siding by the main line. The determined men bluffed the day and night operators of the station into letting them wait for the train despite having no paperwork or authorization from CPR to join the train or use the rail coaches. When the train arrived, Thompson was quick to connect the two extra cars before it could leave. Although the conductor refused to co-operate at first, coercion and bluff got them to the next rail divisional point. They were told that they must produce a copy of their authorization upon arrival. Fortunately the conductor changed and once again through bluff and coercion they reached Winnipeg. Hamilton Gault, the founder of the Regiment, who had been receiving telegrams about this strange group attached to his Calgary train sent CPR a guarantee of transportation costs. For his part in the affair, Thompson was accepted in Ottawa as a private in the newly formed Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, service number 1056.

Thompson arrived in England with the Regiment and the First Canadian Contingent in October 1914. The PPCLI crossed to France as part of the 80th Brigade, 27th Imperial Division on 20 December 1914. He served in the cold, wet St Eloi sector until being hospitalized with general debility 23 March 1915. Thompson returned to the unit 5 April and fought through the epic stand at Frezenberg 8 May 1915. Promoted to provisional Corporal 26 August 1915, he was destined to become a drill instructor at the Canadian Base Depot 15 May 1916. By this good fortune, he missed the Battle of Sanctuary Wood (2-4 June 1916). In August 1916 he rejoined the unit just as the Canadians were preparing to head south and take part in the Battle of the Somme. He was promoted to Sergeant 15 September 1916, during the fighting at Flers-Courcelette and survived the attack against Regina Trench 8 October 1916. After taking part in the assault on Vimy Ridge in April 1917, he was granted ten days leave in Paris returning to the unit 22 May 1917. Nine days later he was evacuated to hospital ill. Released from hospital 4 July he was attached to the 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 20 September 1917 and did not return to the PPCLI in the field until 13 May 1918. By this time the last major German offensive of the war had collapsed into stalemate. Thompson suffered an abscessed leg 3 July 1918 that held him out of the initial battles of the "Last Hundred Days" at Amiens and Scarpe, but he returned to help bolster the unit just after 28 August 1918. A month later he was killed by machine gun

fire during the morning, 28 September 1918, as the Regiment supported the RCR in their initial assault on the Marcoing Line. The war and the Regiment moved quickly past Cambrai towards Mons and Peace. Thompson's body was lost as he passed from the sight of his fellow man.

France October 6th 1918

Dearest Mother,

I have not heard from you for sometime and do hope that you are well. I am feeling jake myself. The weather is a little cold here these days but we cannot complain. I am very much upset over George. He got it on Thursday morning. It sure seems hard after him being out here nearly four years. I wish you would go and see Fred. I was talking to one of the boys who seen him him fall. He never suffered at all and died before he hit the ground as he was hit in the head. They all thought so much of him and they feel so bad. He was looking for a place to put his men under cover when he was hit. ..."

(From a letter by Laurence Armstrong to his mother. Laurence's wife was George Ross Thompson's stepsister.)

Les & Darlene Thompson selected the following words for his new headstone as a reminder to us all:

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Les & Darlene Thompson with Minister of Veterans Affairs, Fred Mifflin after the ceremony in Crest Cemetery, France plus a new found family.



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Remembered 1918 - 1998

**1056 Sergeant
George Ross Thompson**
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The Patricia's lost 1,318 men to all causes during the Great War. Of these 629 have no known grave and are listed on the Menin Gate and Vimy Ridge Memorial



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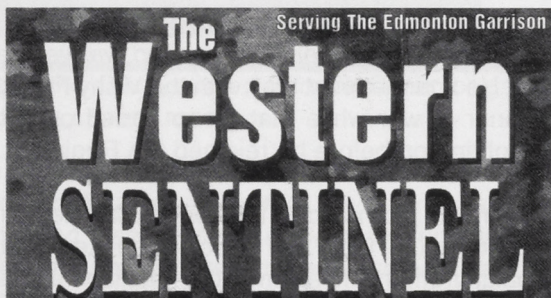
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Major-General C.B. Ware, DSO, CD 1913-1999

It was with great regret that the Regiment said farewell to **Major-General Cameron Bethel Ware, DSO, CD** who passed away in Victoria, B.C. on 22 January 1999 at age 85. Major-General Ware held the title of *Colonel of the Regiment* for seventeen years from 13 September 1959 until 21 April 1977. He commanded the Regiment in both World War II and in peace. He will be remembered as a true gentleman of the old school; kind, considerate and much beloved by all the officers and men who knew him.

Major-General Ware was born in London, Ontario on 9 August, 1913 to Isabel Cameron and Colonel Francis Bethel Ware, DSO. He joined the PPCLI upon graduation from Royal Military College in 1935. Following an attachment with the British Army, he rejoined the Regiment as a Major in 1940. Subsequently he assumed second in command of the Regiment in August 1942.

Enroute to North Africa for the invasion of Sicily, his troopship was torpedoed and sunk. He was Mentioned in Despatches for his actions. The ship's captain told how Cammie calmly and efficiently assisted in getting his men away from the doomed ship. When he reported back to the ship's captain, he was told there was nothing more for him to do but follow his men. So he jumped overboard and swam to a raft. As he nonchalantly put it " *The water was pleasantly warm and we were eventually rescued.*" He spent a short stay with the Vichy French in Algiers as a prisoner of war while that group sorted out which side they were fighting on before he rejoined the Regiment.

Ware was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel commanding the PPCLI in August 1943 and directed the Regiment in the Italian Campaign from the invasion of the mainland until June 1944. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his actions during the Moro River Crossing in December 1943.



He was awarded the *Distinguished Service Order* for gallantry and leadership. His citation read:

"On the 5th December 1943, Lieutenant-Colonel Ware's battalion was ordered to cross the Moro River and capture V. Roatti. The crossing was effected under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, but by first light next morning the battalion was in position in and around V. Roatti. Before consolidation had been completed, one company was subjected to a counter attack in force with tanks, preceded by a barrage. The forward elements were overrun and the platoon commander taken prisoner, and a large number of casualties inflicted."



Ware being decorated by General Sir Oliver Leese in Italy.

Upon receiving this information Lieutenant-Colonel Ware set out alone and crossed 300 yards of open ground swept by enemy machine gun fire. He personally took charge and assisted the company commander in reorganizing the company, repelled the counter attack, and completed the consolidation.

Another counter attack was put in by the enemy on the left flank against another company of the battalion. Lieutenant-Colonel Ware then proceeded again, alone, across the same ground some 500 yards, and

under intense enemy mortar fire to contact the squadron of tanks under his command. He led the tanks forward and pointed out enemy positions, and enabled them to knock out four Mark IV special tanks. He then crossed 400 yards of open ground swept by machine gun fire and mortar fire to his company on the left flank and assisted that company commander in repelling the counter attack there.

Through Lieutenant-Colonel Ware's courage, determination and absolute disregard for his own safety, at this critical period, the bridgehead was consolidated, Villa Roatti captured, and casualties of more than 120 killed, wounded or captured inflicted on the enemy."

To say the very least, Cammie Ware bore a charmed life.



Promoted to acting Colonel commanding the 1st Canadian Infantry Reinforcing Unit Group in September 1944, he went on to command both the 1st Canadian Infantry Training Regiment and then Brigade. He relinquished his acting rank of colonel to assume command of the 3rd North Shore (MB) Regiment from 5 June to 3 November 1945.

Ware remained with the Canadian Army at the end of the war and resumed command of the PPCLI at Camp MacDonald near Portage La Prairie in October 1946 until September 1947. He completed Staff College and in 1950, on promotion to Colonel, Ware assumed command of the Calgary Garrison and in 1952, he was appointed Commandant of the services college at Royal Roads. As a Brigadier-General in 1954, he took command of the Canadian Military Mission, Far East, in Tokyo and in 1955, became the Director General of Military Training. Major-General Ware was appointed Commander 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in 1958, and in 1960, Commander 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Germany. Promoted to Major-General in 1962, he became the Commandant, National Defence College until his retirement in 1966. Major-General Ware held the title of Colonel of the Regiment PPCLI from 13 September 1959 to 21 April 1977. **VP**

Although his death occurred in 1999 and would therefore be the subject of the 1999 Patrician, it was felt that the Regiment should acknowledge MGen Ware during the Regiment's 85th Anniversary Celebrations year.

"Although the death occurred on 22nd January 1999 of Major-General Ware, DSO, I would like to record here how much our Regiment mourns the loss of a veteran who distinguished himself as a scholarly, charmed soldier who inspired all those under his command. "Cammie" Ware was the longest serving Colonel of the Regiment by a wide margin. He served his Regiment with dignity, professionalism and dedication. We shall all miss this dear friend and Regimental historical figure." Lady Patricia.

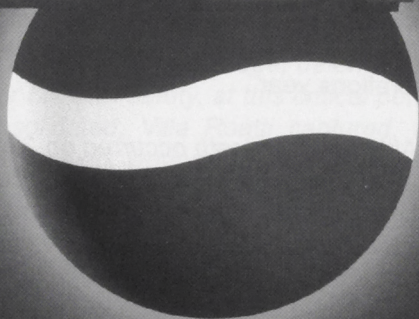


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PPCLI VICTORIA CROSS WINNER HONOURED IN BRENTFORD ENGLAND

The Royal Legion Brentford Branch on the outskirts of London, England recently completed a project of renovating the Brentford cenotaph and park. Part of the project was the gathering of plaques commemorating men killed in the wars from buildings that had been torn down or refurbished over the years and restoring them to their rightful place of honour. Three names were added to the cenotaph, including one Patricia. He was Sergeant Robert Spall, vc. The Queen Mother was unable to attend the ceremony because of a recent hip operation but Field Marshall Lord Bramall was on hand to represent the Royal Family, along with the Countess Mountbatten of Burma and relatives of the family. Beside Spall's name is the Patricia Marguerite of the Great War.

"For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice on the night of August 12 to 13, 1918 near Parvillers. When his platoon was isolated during an enemy counter-attack, Sgt Spall took a Lewis gun, and standing on the parapet fired upon the advancing enemy, inflicting severe casualties. He then came down the trench directing the men into a sap 75 yards from the enemy. Picking up another Lewis gun this gallant NCO again climbed the parapet and by his fire held up the enemy. It was while holding up the enemy at this point that he was killed. Sgt Spall deliberately gave his life in order to extricate his platoon from a most difficult position, and it was owing to his bravery that the platoon was saved." London Gazette Oct 26, 1918.



Lady Patricia lays a wreath on behalf of Canada with Regimental Major, Major Morris Brause at Brentford Cenotaph, England



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475212 Sergeant Robert SPALL

Born just outside of London in Brentford /Ealing, Essex, England 5 Mar 1890. As a single man and Customs Broker, he enlisted for overseas duty with the 90th (Winnipeg Rifles) Battalion 28 July 1915. Arrived in England and posted to the 11th Battalion 6 Sep 1915. Transferred to the Canadian Army Service Corps (CASC) Training Depot 28 Nov 1915. Hospitalized sick at Monk Horton 15

Dec 1915. Promoted to Acting-Sergeant 12 February 1916. Crossed to France and posted to the CASC, Canadian Cavalry Brigade 13 February 1916. Reverted to Private at his own request and transferred to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) 26 June 1916. Sent to the Canadian Base Depot for a full course on infantry training. Attached to the 3rd Entrenching Battalion 12 August 1916. Joined the PPCLI in the field on the Somme 18 September 1916 during the Canadian Corps battles around Courcellette. Fought in the General Action: Battle of Ancre Heights on 8 October 1916. Promoted to Lance Corporal (unpaid) 18 February 1917. Fought in the General Action: 1st Battle of Arras (Vimy Ridge) on 9/10 April 1917. Confirmed in the rank Lance/Corporal with pay 26 May 1917. Hospitalized ill at #51 General Hospital in Etaples 8 June 1917. Discharged from hospital to 3rd Canadian Base Depot 27 July 1917. Attached to 3rd Entrenching Battalion 4 August 1917. Rejoined the PPCLI in the field in the Passchendaele Sector 2 November 1917. Promoted to Acting Corporal 6 November 1917. Promoted to Corporal and made Acting Sergeant 10 December 1917. Granted 14 days leave in Paris 2 March 1918. Promoted to Lance/Sergeant 8 March 1918. Confirmed as Sergeant 5 May 1918. Fought in the General Action: Battle of Amiens 8 August 1918. Reported killed in action near Parvillers, France 13 August 1918. Awarded the Victoria Cross in the London Gazette 30975, page 12670, 26 October 1918. His body was not recovered after the war and he is listed on the Vimy Ridge Memorial. The third and last PPCLI Victoria Cross of the Great War.

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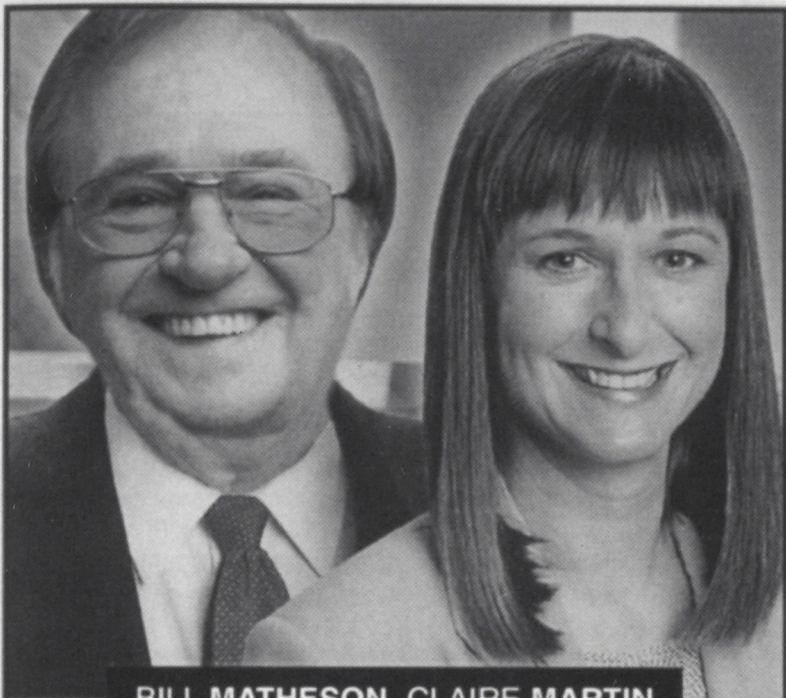
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PILGRIMAGE TO KOREA

1998

BY MAJOR ROD MIDDLETON, CD (Retd)

December 1950. As our troop ship, the Pvt Joe P. Martinez, neared the southern shore of Korea on a dreary, drizzly day we stood lining the rails, wondering what lay ahead of us on our first trip to the mysterious Orient. The mystique was soon to disappear when we got our first whiff of the of the place. A strong smell of sewage struck our nostrils. Welcome to the land of "Honey Wagons", night soil, soft coal fires and the stench of too many poor people crammed into the refugee filled and overcrowded city. Such are my memories of my arrival with the Second Battalion of the Patricias on that long ago, dreary December day.

October 1998. A 747 of Japan Airlines rolls up to the terminal at Kimpo Airport. We have been whisked from Narita Airport near Tokyo in a short two and a half hour flight to the capitol city of Seoul. I am travelling with a contingent of Canadian veterans of the Korean War. Led by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Fred J. Mifflin, PC, CD, MP, our entourage includes representatives of all the combat arms and services from the Army, former members of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force. There are representatives of the Merchant Navy, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Army Navy Air Force Veterans Association, Korea Veterans Association, press and public relations personnel, our Internet team to beam our events home, a group of fine young men from the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, and a group of wonderful teenage boys and girls who will assist the older veterans. Veterans Affairs staff members are there to make all the arrangements, and a contingent of Regular Force members to act as sentries and flag bearers. Rounding out the contingent was World War II Victoria Cross winner "Smokie" Smith, an Armed Forces Chaplain and piper, members of the Senate and Parliament and staff members of both the Legion and Air Force magazines.



Our Regiment is there in good numbers. The Regular Force is represented by WO Boulter and Sgt Williston of 2PPCLI Winnipeg, and Sgt Jeffery and Cpl Bowe from NDHQ Ottawa. Korea veterans are Cpl Hub Lalonde 1PPCLI from Niagara Falls, Pte. Len Desjarlais, 3PPCLI from Victoria, and Maj. Rod Middleton, 2PPCLI from Calgary. Other Patricias are part of the contingent, PPCLI Cadet CWO Benjamin Lees of Edmonton, Claude Petit representing the Aboriginal Veterans Association, Sgt Bill Larson, Canadian Provost Corps who served with 2nd Bn in Korea, and Major Bill Watt, Canadian Intelligence Corps, who had served as a platoon commander with 3rd Bn. Another 3rd Bn Patricia showed up in the person of Vince Courtenay, from Detroit, Michigan who was in Korea on business.

I was really looking forward to my return to Korea. I had left there in September 1951, returning to Canada with the first draft of 2nd Bn troops for para training. We departed from the same airport that we were heading for now, Kimpo just west of the city of Seoul. I remembered the day I left, a fine sunny day, the airport busy with the take offs of F86 Sabres, roaring off the runway in pairs, circling overhead and then heading north to the Yalu as fighter cover for the B29s that were bombing North Korea. The airport still bore the scars of earlier bombings by the Americans when the airport was held by the North Koreans, wrecked hangars, burned out planes bulldozed into heaps. We landed and the scene was much like Narita in Japan, busy terminal buildings, 747s and other large jetliners disgorging passengers. Clearly this was not the airport from my memory. We quickly cleared customs and immigration, collecting another stamp in our passports, embossed and headed for the city. You caught a glimpse of this city of 11 million people as we drew closer. High rise apartment blocks filled the horizon as we sped along the six lane freeway to the city.

Sunday 11 October we travelled early in the day to Kapyong. The road trip was through the now heavily forested hilly country that was completely foreign to my eyes. Gone were the barren hills that we knew, stripped of their stunted growth by wood hungry peasants for their wood fires. Now the hills were covered in a luxurious growth of coniferous and deciduous trees, and as our coach sped along the smooth highway I thought back to the times that I had probably travelled that same road, narrow, gravelled and pot-holed then, in my job as liaison officer in the spring of 51. We stopped at a roadside rest



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area where our piper entertained the local travellers, much to their delight. Our buses carried a large Canadian flag on the front and banners on the sides announcing our status as Korean war veterans and people would wave and old soldiers salute as we passed.

We formed up on the main street of Naechon and marched to the small memorial park where we met with a large group of Korean veterans. Lining the walk to the impressive memorial was an armed Honour Guard from the First ROK Division, smartly turned out in camouflage combats and steel helmets. We carried out our wreath laying ceremony following an address by the Minister of Veterans Affairs. We then embussed and made the short trip to the Commonwealth Memorial at Kapyong. Here in a beautiful park like setting we would repeat our wreath laying and I would have the opportunity to read the United States Presidential Unit Citation, kindly provided me by WO Boulter of 2PPCLI. In a separate ceremony at the adjacent PPCLI Memorial I laid a wreath assisted by Lalonde and Desjarlais. We were joined by all former or serving members of the Regiment. The Kapyong feature, Hill 677 was not recognizable to me, for it is now covered with trees. It stood off to the west of our position, its history now cloaked in the silence of the forest. After a fine picnic lunch, we boarded our buses for the trip back to Seoul.

Arriving at the UN Cemetery at Pusan we were again honoured with a ROK Guard of Honour lining the approach to this most magnificent cemetery. For myself and others, this would prove to be the most emotional event of our pilgrimage, for here lay the greatest number of our Canadian dead, 378 small Canadian flags marking each grave. Canada's Ambassador to South Korea, Arthur Parent, and Veterans Affairs Minister Fred Mifflin, laid wreaths at the Memorial, and the Minister delivered a moving address, following which we laid our wreaths. The last ceremony of our pilgrimage was at the Memorial to The Missing, where the names of sixteen Canadians are inscribed including four Patricias. Our Youth Group sang Amazing Grace, accompanied by the piper and bugler. We then set out to find the graves of soldiers we had known to pay in our own private way, our respects for our fallen comrades. It was a day to remember.

On our last evening in Korea a dinner was held at which members expressed their appreciation to the Minister and Veterans Affairs staff

members who had made our pilgrimage the wonderful experience that it was. The following day we flew back to Narita, Japan and, after a five hour layover in the airport, boarded a JAL 747 for the flight to Vancouver and onward connections home. It was a privilege and an honour to represent 2PPCLI and the Regiment. I will be forever grateful. **VP**



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1998 - The Year In Review

1998 was another challenging and eventful year for 1 PPCLI. It started with the deployment to Quebec as part of OP Recuperation, and included the conduct of several PCF courses, participation in a live fire Battle Group Defensive exercise, Ex Prairie Ram and a deployment to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California.

Op Recuperation (11 - 23 January 1998)

After a much-deserved Christmas leave period, the Battalion (less B Coy which had just returned from SFOR) returned to duty on 05 January. With barely enough time to catch our breath and sort out the myriad of administrative problems associated with a long leave period, the unit was deployed to the southern portion of Quebec, centered on St Jean-Sur-Richelieu. Tasks for the unit included security of local shelters, providing assistance at central woodpiles, door to door patrolling and the provision of liaison officers/teams to assist the population of some of the smaller communities that had been affected by the ice storm. Specific mention must be made of MCpl Mike Hockley and his section for their hard work, compassion and dedication to ease the suffering and hardships of the people of St Alexandre and of Recce Pl for their efforts in difficult conditions in the St-Jean shelters. Cpl Parks of Recce platoon was awarded the Chief of Land Staff Commendation for his actions in saving the life of an elderly shelter resident.

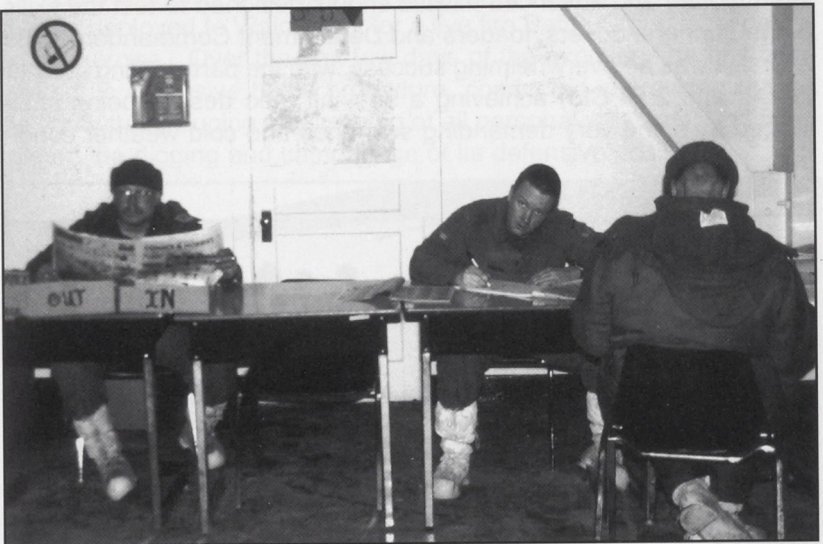
Overall, the entire operation was an overwhelming success; the respect and heart felt thanks of the local population was especially gratifying to all involved.



1 PPCLI Firewood point during the Quebec Ice Storm assistance



Sgt Warren Kohls distributing firewood to the local community



MCpl Robert Herrington and Cpl Craig Owens of Maintenance Platoon man the desk during the Quebec Ice Storm Jan 1998

Ex Strong Contender 98 (19-26 February 1998)

After our return from Quebec, the unit immediately got back into the "swing" of brigade activities by participating in Ex Strong Contender 98. All our teams made it through the round robin portion of the tournament. Unfortunately, the broomball and floor hockey teams were eliminated in the semi-finals after some bitterly contested games. The hockey team put up a spirited effort; however, a series of nagging injuries picked up during the Regionals resulted in an undermanned team that was easily defeated in the semi-finals. Under the leadership of Cpl Darcy Carroll, the Volleyball Team easily retained its Strong Contender championship for the third consecutive year, defeating 1 CER in three straight games.

Ex Parthian Shot (8-13 March 1998)

1 PPCLI was tasked to organize and run the Brigade TOW concentration in Wainwright. Specific skills assessed also included the C6 Co-ax competition using the new Direct Fire Targetry System and the AFV Recognition Competition. As well, there were a series of basic, intermediate and advanced missile shoots designed to test the skills of the gunners, drivers, loaders and Detachment Commanders. The exercise was an overwhelming success, with the participating units (1 PPCLI and 2 PPCLI) achieving a 93% hit ratio despite being challenged by some very demanding scenarios and cold weather conditions.



Capt Bill Laidlaw and Anti Armour Platoon Ex Patricia Thunder

Ex Patricia Thunder (15-23 March 1998)



Ops, Int & Mortar Platoon staffs plan the BG Defense in the "Bunker"

Shortly after the completion of Ex Quarterback Draw, the Battle Group deployed to Wainwright for a live fire Battle Group level defensive exercise. Over the first few days of the exercise, the unit completed its defensive battle procedure, conducted improvised ranges to verify the grouping and zeroing of all personal weapons, and completed the digging and camouflage of its defensive position.



Cpl Dustin Strazza sets up demolitions for the Live Fire range



*Cpl Brad Fallis practices his target indication during Ex Patricia Thunder
"Reference Lone DCO, two fingers right ..."*

Using a well designed target layout that was based on the new computer targeting system, the Battle Group was able to successfully conduct both day and night live fire shoots in cooperation with the Main Battle Tanks of B Sqn LdSH (RC), TOW, Coyote, the guns of A Bty 1 RCHA and Mortar Platoon. Following the defeat of the enemy at night, the Battle Group conducted a withdrawal to a new defensive position protecting MacDonald Ford. Great thanks go to MWO Ed Haines, WO Herb Kenny and the remainder of HQ Coy for establishing a first class training facility.



Cpl Craig Carney takes a break from digging in



Cpl Alain Bilodeau, Sgt David Pickett, MCpl Joe Barkley and others with the safety staff observe a unit on the live fire range of Ex Patricia Thunder

Ex Prairie Stallion (14 April - 5 May 1998)

After a short break, the Battle Group re-deployed to Wainwright for Exercise Prairie Stallion. During the initial portion of the exercise, each company conducted a series of live fire pairs, group and section ranges. This was followed by a six day training cycle which saw each company having four days of combat team training with either B or C Sqn LdSH (RC) and two days of live fire platoon attacks on a very challenging range established by Combat Support Company.



MCpl Gerald Shaw during the live fire platoon attack



Sgt Wayne Campbell supervising static target set-up

The next part of the training cycle saw each Combat Team participating in a live fire Combat Team Advance to Contact and attack range that covered over half of the training area and involved live fire defile clearance, obstacle breaching and fighting through the objective. With Recce PI leading the way, Anti-Armour providing flank security and mortars and artillery in support, all elements of the combined arms team were exercised. The exercise finished with a three-day dry Battle Group exercise in which the unit participated in the advance and attack to finalize preparations for Exercise Prairie Ram.



QMSI, MWO Michael Williams, supervises safety on a live fire attack



Cpl Robert Manzara's trench



B Company soldier in the assault



Sgts Kim Whitaker & Richard Peters take a break between platoon attacks



MCpl Terence MacCormac and others using the expedient hammock

Ex Prairie Ram (15-20 May 1998)

After a much deserved week long break, the Battle Group was once again on the road. The dotted road lines slowly blurred into solid ones as we made our way along the back roads of Alberta to Suffield. The unit established the leaguer it was to operate from for the next week and launched into a four-day rotation of Combat Team and Battle Group Advance to Contact. After some much-needed vehicle maintenance, 1 PPCLI again showed its flexibility and proficiency of all phases of operations by conducting a successful airmobile attack, which contributed to the overall success of the Brigade attack.

The sun rose early the next morning and found 1 PPCLI primed and ready to launch across the Line of Departure to be the first brigade unit to participate in the Battle Group Live Fire Advance to Contact. As this was the culmination of an intensive and demanding training year, we quite expectedly pushed hard through the challenging ground and successfully destroyed the stubborn and resilient enemy forces in a timely manner, just before the onset of the heavy



*Sgt Geoffrey Turtle, CSM Stephen Bartlett
& Sgt Patrick Andreone serving up lunch*

rains. Ex Prairie Ram was the most demanding field firing executed by the Canadian Army for many years and proved to be first rate training. It also served to highlight the tremendous progress made over the previous 12 months by the Cbt Sp Pls, each of which performed very well. The unit returned to Edmonton over the period 23/24 June and, after a lengthy clean-up and the change of appointment parade between RSM Bill Forde and RSM Dave McArdle, the unit proceeded on summer leave.



Ptes Shain Dusenbury & Chris Pool on the Airmobile Operation



Cpls Robert Hawley & Ronald Stone work the hydraulic auger

Ex Sapper Roulette

Having firmly established a reputation for professionalism and teamwork, Pioneer Platoon was invited to participate in the 1 CER defensive concentration. The initial portion of the exercise focused on section-level defensive operations, and included heavy equipment familiarization on the Trailer Mounted Hydraulic Tool System (TMTHS) and the new FFV minelayer. After the defensive concentration, Pioneer Platoon participated (as the first ever non-engineer unit) in the 1 CER annual Sapper competition. This competition involved the conduct of several engineer related stands that required the employment of various engineer tools and equipment, the installation of a wire obstacle, the laying and recording of a nuisance minefield, the occupation and improvement of a section level defensive position, the construction of a knife rest, and the SEV competition. Throughout the entire process, the Pioneers exhibited their initiative and cunning in creating unique solutions to the presented challenges. Needless to say, it was quite an experience for all members of the Platoon, and their efforts were rewarded, by taking two of the top three spots during the competition - CHIMO Indeed!



Pte Donald Pike gets the first hole drilled quickest and 2 Section takes lead in the Sapper Roulette competition

Ex Patricia Sandstorm (8-18 September 1998)

Immediately upon return from summer leave, 1 PPCLI deployed to sunny and dusty Dundurn for a ten day dismounted exercise designed to prepare the unit for an upcoming deployment to the National Training Centre in Fort Irwin, California. Emphasis was placed on live fire attacks up to Platoon level, live fire Platoon night ambushes, movement at night and basic patrol training. The exercise culminated with each company going through a 24 hour airmobile operation which included the insertion of the company group, seizure of a defended objective, and a final extraction phase. It was a refreshing exercise for the majority of the unit, which had just spent the last training year confined to their Grizzlies. The live fire ranges were demanding and required solid section and platoon teamwork and excellent junior leadership.



Pte Mike McMillan involved in a different kind of fire fight



Lt Steve Charchuk, Sgt Adam Paczek & MCpl Gerald Shaw go over the plan prior to the attack during Ex Patricia Sandstorm

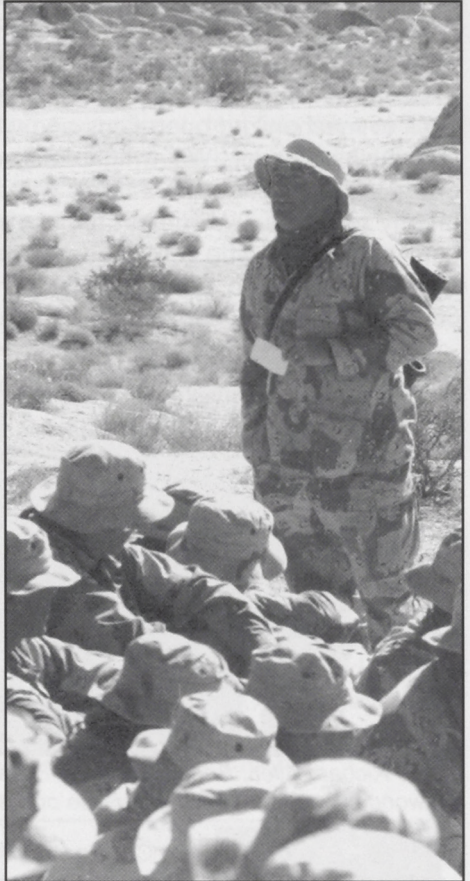


MCpl Jeff Wood, Pte Neil Cockcroft and crew head off into the sunset

NTC - Fort Irwin, California (25 September-20 October 1998)

After returning from Dundurn, the majority of 1 PPCLI completed its clean-up and repacked for its upcoming foray into the desert of California. Three full companies (400 personnel), including a platoon from Shilo's A Bty, 1 RCHA, deployed from Edmonton on 25/26 September to act as part of the OPFOR for the largest contingent of Blue Forces in recent history (3rd Brigade Combat Team with 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regt). Following a quick orientation of leaders and some familiarization training, the unit contingent, broken down into "Angel", "Destroyer" & "Rampage" Task Forces, quickly set about creating havoc and disruption within the ranks of the Blue Forces and living up to the high standards expected of Krasnovian soldiers. US Army leaders were unanimous in their

praise for Patricia soldier skills and junior leader initiative as the key elements which allowed 1 PPCLI to carry the day. The exercise ended after 1PPCLI conducted a night time, Black Hawk inserted air-mobile assault against a company defensive position. After a well deserved leave period in some of the various "hot spots" of California, including tours of the US Navy Seal Training Centre, an aircraft carrier, a nuclear submarine and an US Air Force Base, 1 PPCLI returned to Edmonton confident that they had met the challenges of facing and defeating a technologically superior force.



RSM Dave McArdle gives the troops the "Ten Commandments"

Ex Heavy Warrior (28 September - 8 October 1998)

While the majority of the unit was in California, B Coy (much to the chagrin of all ranks) spent 8 days in sunny Wainwright working with the LdSH (RC) Battle Group. This necessitated a rapid re-adjustment back to mechanized operations and within a few days the company was pushing across Wainwright in a series of lightning manoeuvres designed to unhinge the enemy and assault into the depths of the enemy positions. With that task accomplished, B Coy (less its officers and NCOs who remained behind to act as safety staff for 3 PPCLI) returned to Edmonton for some in-house training and the conduct of a PCF Course cycle.

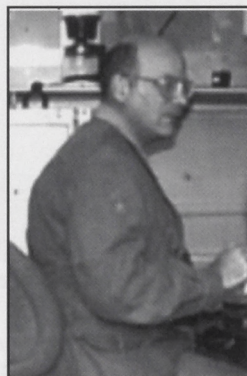


Cpls Richard Allen, Benedict Caines & David Limon with LS Steve Morris wonder whether it is colder inside or outside of the tents on 17 March



MCpl Cornelius Murphy in Mountain Man 1998

Cpl Vincent Ellison



WO Richard Morrissey keeps the adm rolling

PCF Cycles and All That

When not in the field, 1 PPCLI spent a considerable amount of time during the year conducting some much needed PCF courses. Throughout the year, the unit ran three different PCF course cycles which resulted in the unit making a significant dent into the qualifications required to prepare the unit to receive the LAV 3. In addition to the concentration on PCF courses related to the LAV 3, the unit ran several series of Driver Wheeled, Machine Gun, Eryx, Basic Communicator and Basic TOW.

On a social note, Regimental Day was celebrated on 10 Mar 98 and we were honoured to have the Colonel of the Regiment in attendance. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate as Edmonton experienced one of the coldest days of the year. However this neither hampered the enthusiasm of the day, nor did it do anything to slow down the Snr NCOs, who once again easily won the Broom-i-loo game by defeating the officers 2 - 0. The good news is that the officers actually managed a shot on goal during this game - a small victory.

Following the pre-Christmas week of JANUS, parades and the Men's Christmas Dinner, the Battalion shut down for a well deserved three weeks of Christmas leave. All ranks of 1 PPCLI wish everyone continued prosperity in 1999 and are looking forward to see everyone during the upcoming 85th Anniversary celebrations.





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1998 - The Year In Review

1998 was yet another memorable year for 2 PPCLI starting with the ice storm relief operations in Quebec, Alpha Company deployment to NTC in Fort Irwin, California and continuing with work ups to the spring brigade exercise. The summer saw a sunset ceremony and change of command parade amidst a blistering hot prairie season, and with autumn came a battle group training exercise in CFB Shilo. As well, the "boys of Company C" got their turn at playing with Americans in a JRTC Roto, conducting work-up training in Camp Ripley, Minnesota and finally onto the "real thing" in Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Op Recuperation (11 - 23 January 1998)

After the majority of 2PPCLI missed out on the "Flood of the Century" while we were in Bosnia, we found ourselves 9 months later deployed to combat the destruction wrought by the "Ice Storm of the Millennium" in the Montreal area. From receipt of the warning order on 9 January, to the arrival of the advance party of the battalion on 11 January, 36 hours had passed, with all personnel in location in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu within 48 hours. Although somewhat groggy from a very hectic and largely sleepless day, the urgency of the situation was evident and 2PPCLI was pulling hard on the reins to get out and get to work.

The 2PPCLI AOR was established west of Montreal, stretching to the Ontario and US borders. Sardonicly described as being "about the size of Belgium", it was clearly twice the size of any other battalion area. Concurrently, 2PPCLI was further tasked with the vital task of supporting Hydro Quebec in re-establishing the power grid across the Brigade AOR. B Company began training and work in St. Jean / Iberville in the 1PPCLI AOR, C Company deployed to St. Cesaire in the 2RCR area and Combat Support Company, with support from Administration Company, established the Battalion presence in the 2PPCLI AOR in Beauharnois.



Signals Platoon hard at work as student Pioneers

As work began in earnest, Administration Company laboured to get the vehicle and other support required from a variety of sources. With the battalion vehicles on a train from Winnipeg still several days away, battalion drivers "acquired" a large number of vehicles from sources such as the depot at Longue Pointe and quickly had them out to the Companies. In addition to general support to the battalion, the Company provided troops to a Hydro task in Rigaud. By 16 January, with more effort being focused within the 2PPCLI AOR, the battalion shifted efforts and began concentrating in the region. The HQ deployed to St. Clet, B Company moved to Vaudreuil Dorion and Administration Company followed later, moving to Coteau du Lac. Only C Company remained to the east in St. Cesaire, working tirelessly on the vital power grid with Hydro Quebec.

Combat Support Company remained located in Beauharnois with platoons tasked along the south shore of the St. Lawrence. Towns such as Huntington, Ormstown, St. Chrysostome, St. Stanislas-de-Koska, St. Martine and others had Combat Support soldiers to thank for the return of power to their homes. For B Company and for a period of time, A Squadron, LdSH, Hydro tasks, wood cutting and general support tasks made for busy, but rewarding days north of the St. Lawrence.

By 21 January, with civilian authorities and residents back on their feet, 2PPCLI began re-deploying to St. Jean in preparation for the return home. Our kind hosts in the communities were very appreciative of our work and many a "Merci Beaucoup" was heard.



Cpl Weber lends a hand

Ex Patricia Destroyer (12-30 January 1998)

Alpha Company deployed to Fort Irwin, California between 12 and 30 January 1998 for Ex Patricia Destroyer. This was a company level exercise aimed at augmenting the Opposing Forces (OPFOR) troops at the National Training Center (NTC). For those who do not know, Fort Irwin is a large training area in the Mojave Desert in which the terrain is comprised mostly of sandy flats and rocky hills, with a number of wadis running from the high ground down into the plains.

Conducting tasks composed of everything from platoon defensives to a company level raid. Alpha Company not only did the battalion, but also the Canadian Army, proud in its aggressive fighting style. While the use of the MILES gear was instructive, it did prove to be rather demoralizing when faced with the superior technology of the US arsenal. However, the fighting spirit of Alpha Company would



prevail. In honour of one particular battle, in which members of the company scaled a ridge with a dismounted TOW system to secure a key area and prevent the Blue Force penetration, Alpha Company received the First Class Hamby Award. Named after U.S. Colonel Hamby, a former member of OPFOR who died in a vehicle accident, the award is given to individuals and units for meritorious combat service with OPFOR. As well, the Americans were so impressed with our rather unique approach, they renamed False Goat Pass in the NTC training area to *Patricia Pass*!

All in all, a job well done, yet the hard part was still to come. The return to a Winnipeg winter!

Ex Strong Contender 98 (19-26 February 1998)

During the week of 19 - 26 Feb 98, the Second Battalion dispatched four sports teams to Edmonton for the annual 1 CMBG Sports Competition. The teams represented were hockey, floor hockey, broomball and volleyball. Accompanying the teams was a bus load of very exuberant fans and hecklers to provide the transplanted fan base from the Battalion. All had great expectations of winning the coveted Major Unit Aggregate Award, which symbolizes dominance in 1 CMBG team sports.

As the week commenced, all teams were in the running for their respective titles. While the competition was very intense and hard fought, three of the four teams made it to the semi-finals. However, after very close matches, all were to be defeated. The final standings for the Second Battalion was; hockey- fourth place, floor hockey- third place, broomball- fourth place, and volleyball (not performing to their usual high standard) finished last. When the results had been tabulated, the Battalion had narrowly lost the Major Unit Aggregate Award, the first time in some years. Although temporarily disappointed, the Second Battalion sports team members immediately set themselves the goal of bettering their standings in all events the next year and reclaiming the Aggregate Award.

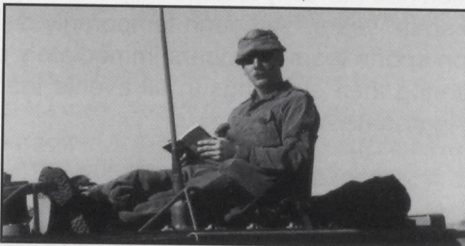
Ex Patricia Storm (20 April - 8 May 1998)



Cpls Abramse and Trotman just happy to be in Recce Platoon

In training for the spring brigade exercise, 2 PPCLI began its work-ups on 20 Apr 98 designated Exercise Patricia Storm. Once again the forces south of the Assiniboine River had invaded Shilo and though it was tempting to let them have it, we were duty bound to launch a speedy and violent counter-offensive.

Although an interesting and challenging exercise, it was not without a bad run of mishaps, including a few broken bones and an interesting "barrel roll" with one of the new LAV Coyotes. However, 2 PPCLI would soldier on and after cleaning ourselves up and preparing our gear for transport, we were back to Winnipeg for a few days of rest and some time with the family. After all, we were on our way back out in a few days, this time for the brigade exercise in CFB Suffield.



MCpl Hamilton furthering his literary education

Ex Prairie Ram (15-20 May 1998)

With the training in Shilo complete and a few days off, the Second Battalion was once again on to bigger and better things with the brigade Exercise Prairie Ram. Completing a tedious 15 hour bus ride from Manitoba to Alberta, 2 PPCLI arrived in Suffield on 15 May 98. After a brief period for set-up (ever see two officers trying to set up a ten man tent - it wasn't very brief!), work-up training was once again the order of the day. This would not last for long, as the battle group would soon be quickly put through its paces on the brigade advance to contact trace. While the impromptu thunder storms provided for some rather interesting radio chatter, the Second Battalion once again showed its stuff, and passed through all phases of war with "lightning" speed and ferocity.

On a more somber note, the completion of Exercise Prairie Ram saw the unveiling of the cairn dedicated to MCpl Rick Wheeler who was killed while on training in CFB Suffield on 7 Apr 1992. The unveiling and memorial service was held on a clear, calm day and was attended by all members of the Second Battalion and included touching speeches by several of MCpl Wheeler's friends and family.



Sgt Gingell remembering his friend and comrade, MCpl Wheeler



IN MEMORIAM
Master Corporal Rick Wheeler
CFB Suffield 7 April 1992

Sunset Ceremony & Change of Command Parade (10-11 July)



Mortar Platoon performs silent drill during the Sunset Ceremony

Amidst a crowd of people and a swarm of mosquitoes at Assiniboine Park, members of 2 PPCLI, 38 Bde and 17 Wing staged a sunset ceremony on 10 Jul 98. With the weather cooperating almost to the second, all the members of the ceremony put on a highly polished display of precision drill, ceremony, and military music. This year's guard consisted of members of Charlie Company who provided the steady backdrop against which all other portions of the ceremony were conducted. As well, Mortar Platoon provided a solid display of complex rifle and foot drill, the majority of which were performed without any words of command. Also on hand were skirmishers from the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in a colourful display designed to secure the parade grounds for the Sunset Guard itself. Of course, any parade would not be complete without the last minute thundershower, which rolled in just as the guard marched off.

On 11 Jul 98, 2 PPCLI conducted its change of command parade from LCol D.A. Fraser to LCol M.K. Overton. The reviewing officer, Commander 1 CMBG Col A.B. Leslie, the Colonel of the Regiment MGen C.W. Hewson, and the senior serving Patricia the DCDS LGen



LCol Fraser (seated left) signs over Command to LCol Overton (seated right) as Col Leslie and MGen Hewson preside

R.R. Crabbe were among the many distinguished guests on hand to bid farewell to both LCol Fraser and CWO R.V. Cooke who was replaced by the new RSM, CWO J.K. McGregor.

The parade was held under clear and hot Winnipeg skies and Col Leslie's arrival in a WW II vintage Bren Gun carrier, driven by the ETQMS MWO Pete Comeau, set the stage for a very memorable event. Following the parade, a reception was held in which the soldiers had the opportunity to meet their new CO and RSM as well as to mingle with numerous veterans and former members of the Regiment.



*"I keep telling you ... the smaller strap goes on top!"
LCol Fraser exchanges the CO's sword with LCol Overton*

JRTC Roto 9801 (1-27 October 1998)

Charlie Company deployed to Fort Polk, Louisiana in early October to participate in a joint international exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC). JRTC is a world class light and special forces, modern training center which uses the MILES system to allow force on force training against a professional OPFOR. The month long exercise was extremely realistic, incorporating three phases: LIC(Low Intensity Combat), a conventional defensive phase against an armour heavy enemy, and a village fighting (FIBUA) phase to conclude the ex.

Charlie Company performed superbly during 14 continuous days of ops, from the last light helo insertion for a five-day patrol to the final night attack on a village. During the defensive phase, Sgt Rick Barker created an impenetrable wire obs, which bounced the tanks off to the flank. The troops leapt out of their trenches led by CSM Ed Larabie and "tank hunted" on the run, killing five T-62 tanks. Team Mac, under the command of Capt Kevin McCloughlin, was an ad hoc Ploop (troop & platoon) of M1s, Bradleys, and HUMMV gun trucks combined with 6 Platoon to form a formidable flying column, chasing after the enemy with great success. The final attack was a two-battalion assault. During the noisy and confused night battle, the medics MCpls Gerry Power and Brad Fowler, and Cpl Chris Shadbolt, performed a professional no duff casevac of a US soldier (sans helmet) who was hit in the head by a cinder block that fell two stories.



"Now they tell me !" Sgt Barker, WO Seymour and Sgt Frampton find out about the nasty critters in Louisiana the hard way



As for memorable moments, there were many. These included having the OC's O Group disrupted by a herd (?) of wild pigs, which confirmed for all present that the "enemy" attack the previous night was more likely a wily four legged porcine food flanking attack. Another was watching MCpl Brad Fowler remove a black widow spider nest from his helmet one morning. The triple grand slam occurred when Coy HQ moved to a new location. Capt Rob Hart, of 1RCHA, and his FOO party found a hasty position in a fire ant nest -but made a swift tactical movement elsewhere; MCpl Pete Carlos found himself sharing a tree trunk with a copperhead rattlesnake, and Capt Mike Gagne got a close up and personal look at a scorpion. Poisonous snakes, malevolent spiders, nasty disease bearing ticks, fire ants, chiggers, scorpions, poison ivy ...Fort Polk has them all!

Following end ex, post ex drills, and some very kind remarks by the CO 1/87th and 1st Bde Comd, it was off to New Orleans for a Saint's game and cultural visit before returning to Winnipeg. All in all, this was the best training experience an infantry company or battalion could hope for.

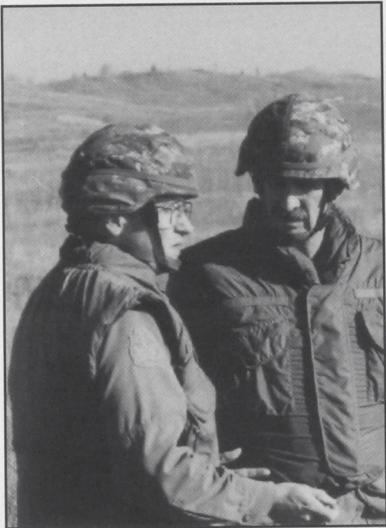
Ex Patricia Warrior (19 - 30 October 1998)

The fall training program continued and the battle group once again deployed to Shilo to carry on with collective training. Continuing with platoon, company, and battle group operations, all phases of war were once again practiced. While the helicopter pilots attached to the battle group were "ecstatic" to be ferrying about their human cargoes, it was once again not without mishap, particularly when one pilot decided to buzz the HQ complex at a very low altitude. After tracking down the missing traces displaced by the rotor wash and cleaning the dirt out of the coffee pots, the command and staff were once again able to get on with the war with speed and vigour that is, as always,

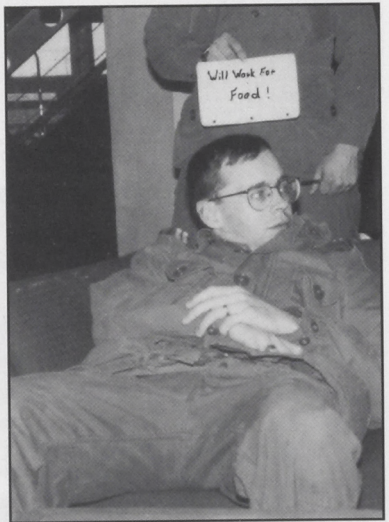
SECOND TO NONE !



*Cpl Murray and Cpl Gomez looking way too guilty
Ex Patricia Warrior*



*RSM McGregor and CSM Gilfoy
discussing the finer points of life*



*Capt Mahon, Bn Sigs O
waiting to go on exercise*



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Third Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

1998 - The Year In Review

Every year, people look back and comment on how busy the year was. For 3 PPCLI, this was certainly no exception. The last twelve months saw two major domestic operations, one major field deployment, and four minor field exercises. The battalion also sent a composite platoon to Fort Lewis, Washington, and a composite company to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. In between these activities we provided safety staff for EX Prairie Ram 98, changed COs, held a battalion mountain school, Changed the Guard at Buckingham Palace, and conducted a full PCF cycle.

Op Recuperation (11 - 23 January 1998)

On 9 Jan 98, after receiving the warning order to deploy to the Quebec Ice Storm, A Coy and the Battalion Recce Group were sent to Montreal via Airbus. Within 48 hours the rest of the battalion arrived and quickly moved from a drill hall on the base in St Jean to our AOR, the counties of Chateauguay-St Constant-Laprairie. Each company was assigned an area, and in turn each platoon was assigned a community to aid.

Tasks varied from community to community. Many required soldiers to help with security at the relief centers, which included community halls and schools. Some soldiers helped cut and distribute wood to the freezing locals. While the first week was certainly busy, by the second week, much of the power was back on and things were getting back to normal. 3 PI, A Coy, had one exciting night when the local fire hall bugged out the platoon to help fight a fire. While it turned into a night of re-packing hoses, it was certainly an interesting experience. By the end of the second week our mission was coming to a close. The battalion was fortunate enough to get one of the first lifts back. Overall, it was an interesting and beneficial deployment.

Exercise Quick Strike and Light Fighter

After returning from Quebec the battalion refocused its effort on war fighting skills. The two principal exercises during the winter and early spring were Quick Strike and Light Fighter. Ex Quick Strike incorporated a combined airborne/airmobile raid on the Abattoir in Wainwright. Overall, the airborne/airmobile sequence went well and allowed the Battalion to shake out for the first time in a year. Unfortunately for Ex Light Fighter, the C-130s were cancelled, turning the exercise into a battalion airmobile. While the exercise marked the first of many battalion airmobiles, it highlighted the fact that 408 Sqn and 3 PPCLI were going to have to work closely in the future so SOPs could be developed.



MCpl MacGillivray on a recce patrol



WO Green and Cpl Kambites preparing a position for demolition

A Company to Fort Lewis (8-22 March 1998)

30 paratroopers from A Coy deployed to Ft Lewis, Washington to help the reserves conduct their annual Ex Cougar Salvo. However, prior to assisting the reserves from 38 Brigade, the platoon spent a number of days training with the Royal Scots Battle Group, a British unit also training in Ft Lewis. The training with the Royal Scots was both challenging and rewarding. During a four-day period, the platoon was able to conduct FIBUA training at the famous Regensburg

complex. After completing training with the Brits, the platoon moved over to the 38 Brigade tent city and again played enemy force for the reserves. A number of patrols were sent against a reservist defensive position, throwing in a few section attacks to keep them off balance. The paratroopers were also able to jump with the American Special Forces Group, earning their American wings.

Ex Strong Contender 98 (19-26 February 1998)



"Let us pray." 3PPCLI Floor Hockey team



Regimental Day: WO Simon and Capt Schreiber look on as Maj Hunt and WO Gates do the "two-step" with Maj Henneberry pointing out the faults

Ex Prairie Ram (15-20 May 1998)



"Look out, there's one behind you"

For 3PPCLI, EX Prairie Ram was far from a normal exercise. Instead of actively participating in the training, the battalion was tasked to provide safety staff for the entire brigade group. Far from a glamorous job, however it did prove important as it allowed the rest of the brigade to train complete, without having to divide up units to provide their own safety. The effort required nearly every officer, WO, Sr NCO, and Jr NCO

from the battalion to fill the safety ranks. In Wainwright and Shilo, safety was provided up to the live-fire Combat Team level. By April, the entire organization packed-up and moved to Suffield, where brigade group live-fire attacks were conducted. Armed with Mils Sticks and glow vests, safety NCOs helped ensure the exercise was a success.

Buckingham Palace Guard (April- May 1998)



MCpls Fisher and Parris discussing drill with Welsh Guards Sgt Lewis while preparing in Edmonton Garrison for the Queen's Guard



*MCpl Morrow
PPCLI Corps of Drums*



*Changing the Guard
at Buckingham Palace*



Her Majesty inspects the Guard at Buckingham Palace with Major Hunt

During the months of April and May 98, a Guard from 3PPCLI accompanied by a composite Corps of Drums from all three battalions was given the honour of participating in the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace. A unique experience and the first time Canadians have done it since 1953. In addition they provided a Guard of Honour for the Queen, as part of the re-opening of Canada House, and for Prime Minister Chretien during his visit to England.



MCpl Fisher standing guard at the Tower of London

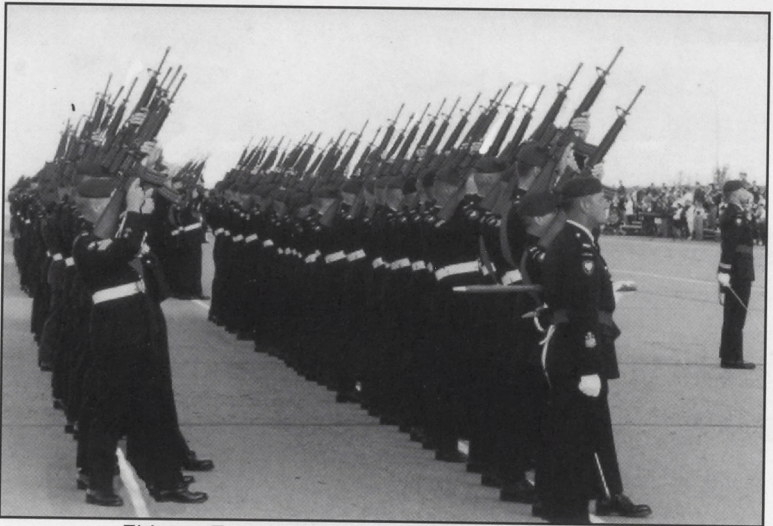


Ex Cooperative Osprey (1-22 June 1998)

The three week exercise was part of the Partnership for Peace series, sponsored this year by the Second Marine Expeditionary Force. The overall purpose of the exercise was to allow nations from the former Warsaw Pact to train with NATO countries in the art of peacekeeping. The exercise included tactical scenarios at the platoon and company level as well as a significant cultural awareness program, based on the "American way of life". The company was a mix of reservists from western area and a cross-section from 3PPCLI. The exercise found the Company dealing with several peacekeeping scenarios, which allowed the troops to use their experience and initiative. However, it quickly became apparent that Canadians and Marines think differently towards many aspects of peacekeeping. While the Canadian Coy attempted to use skill and imagination to solve problems, our Americans brothers tended to rely on firepower.

Change of Command Parade (18 June 1998)

LCol Kevin Moher's tenure as CO came to an end in June and LCol Dave Barr took command of the battalion. CWO Ruck also moved on, choosing retirement rather than a posting to Ottawa. CWO Price moved in from WATC as the new RSM. The Colonel of the Regiment Major-General C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD presided.



Firing a Feu de Joie during the Sunset Ceremony



Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, CD (Retd) inspects Sunset Guard

The day before the change of command parade, the Battalion officially dedicated the 3 PPCLI building as the Brigadier J.A. De Lalanne Building. Former Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, CD (Retd) gave a moving address, remembering his old friend and the very important part he had played in the Regiment and its welfare. Colonel Sutherland was also the guest of honour during the Sunset Ceremony.



LCol David Barr assumes Command of 3 PPCLI



Members of 2 Platoon, A Company at Mountain School

Mountain School, Rocky Mountains



Cpl Killoran being an alpine "basket case" and lowered by Pte Treloar



C Company getting ready to fight the Salmon Arm fire

OP Mollusk: BC Fires

After finishing mountain school, B Coy traveled west until it arrived at the fire-ravaged town of Lillooet. After a day of training, the company was dispatched to the mountains to help local fire fighters contain and extinguish the fire. It was dirty, hot work, with especially long days. C Coy and Cbt Sp Coy were bugged-out on late Friday night to go to Salmon Arm, again to help fight the fire. After an exhausting road move, the scene at Salmon Arm was a bit of a shock. The sky was filled with smoke and fires could be seen burning on both sides of the valley. After a short rest and some fire fighting training, the soldiers moved up into the mountains to help fight the fire. After a week on the line in Lillooet, and with the fires under control, B Coy was moved to Salmon Arm where the battalion prepared for the move home. On the last night a smoker, pardon the pun, was held and a local theatre gave a free showing of "Saving Private Ryan".



*Mortar Platoon with a new fire mission
MCpl Robson; Cpls Williams, Budd, Stevenson, Thombs; Ptes Young,
McDougall; MCpl Peddle; and Cpl Goudie;*

Ex Patricia Raider (24-26 August 1998)

Ex Patricia Raider consisted of a battalion size raid in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. On paper the mission was simple: conduct a battalion raid on an enemy company position and destroy it. The execution, however, proved both physically and mentally challenging. Twelve hours after their recall B Coy and Recce PI boarded Griffon helicopters to begin the long flight to their LZs.

Recce PI was to find a battalion route over a mountain, locate and picket the objective, and provide guides for the assaulting companies. B Company had arguably a more difficult job. They were responsible for building a three-rope bridge over a ravine and the construction a hundred-foot rappel site to help extract the battalion after the assault. The ropes were not pre-positioned but carried on the backs of the soldiers, not an easy task marching up a mountain. Less than twenty-four hours later saw the arrival of the two assault companies (A and C Coy), Bn HQ, and Combat Support Company (Mortars and Direct Fire Support Platoon) via helicopters.

After nearly 12 hours of marching the battalion, having crossed the three-rope bridge and occupied their ORV position, prepared for the assault. Mortars and DFS PI quickly moved out to their support position. A and C Company moved out to the attack position and began a rope assisted descent down a 70 degree slope into the enemy position. Though tired from the approach march, the companies fought through the large position with tenacity. Demolition teams quickly rigged their explosives and the battalion was off to the PZ. However, for many soldiers, the most difficult event was yet to come. Every member of the battalion was to complete a hundred-foot rappel with full equipment including rucksack. There were more than one or two nervous soldiers. The exercise ended with a helicopter extraction back to an assembly area and finally home.

Ex Light Warrior and the IRF (L)

After providing safety staff for Exercise Prairie Ram in May 1998, it was 3PPCLI's turn to sharpen their swords and test their warfighting spirit. Exercise Light Warrior 98 was to train and test the battalion in live-fire training up to and including the battle group level. The exercise was also to validate the battalion's readiness for deployment, given its new tasking as the Canadian contribution to the NATO Immediate Reaction Force (Land) [IRF (L)].



Rifle team after returning from CFSAC 98

The first two weeks of the exercise consisted of progressive live-fire training. For the battalion, the exercise began with the Level 3 Personal Weapons Test followed by individual fire and movement on what has traditionally been referred to as a 'jungle lane'. During this range, soldiers independently engage pop-up targets with rifle or machine gun fire while moving down a predetermined lane. The next level of training consisted of a team of two soldiers moving and attacking a number of trenches with automatic fire and real grenades. The training continued to progress through the section, platoon, and finally company level. Every level incorporated helicopter insertions with the company attack being supported with live mortar and artillery indirect fire.

After a short break for maintenance and battle procedure, the exercise culminated in a battle group live-fire advance. The training was a unique combination of light infantry, heavy armored forces, artillery, and helicopters, working in conjunction to achieve the mission. Moving throughout the training area, the battle group conducted a number of successful live-fire attacks. The light/heavy mix proved a learning experience for all arms and commanders. While the training was demanding and realistic, it was also safe, thanks both to the professionalism of the soldiers and their field commanders and to the excellent job done by the safety staff from other 1CMBG units.



Cpls Cote, Segall, MacIntyre, Pte Hegland and Cpl Perry receiving their Gold Medals for the Cooper Test

The exercise concluded on the afternoon of 5 Oct 98 with a 13km Battle Fitness Test for the entire 3PPCLI Battle Group. Some questioned the sanity of marching 13km with all the heavy weapons, radios, and rucksacks after such a grueling exercise. The CO flatly stated that "3PPCLI must march harder, faster, further, and with more weight, than any other unit in the brigade". With tanks and helicopters aside, the core of 3PPCLI is "*Light Infantry*."

Notable Events 1998

The year ended with a comprehensive PCF cycle, including a recce, mortar, machine gun, pioneer, ERYX, and driver wheel courses. Other notable events that deserve mentioning were two competitions in which 3PPCLI excelled. The Mountain Man Team won the brigade competition, with Cpl Di Capua placing first for the second year in a row. The Shooting Team, lead by Lt Neufeld, Sgt Currier, and MCpl Cox, returned from CFSAC 98 with a large number of trophies. Also of note was Lt Riddell's return from the Ranger Course with his well-deserved tab. For the Battalion 1998 was a fast paced year with many new experiences and challenges. The year 1999 promises to be just as hectic as we prepare for the millennium.



Cpl DiCapua winning the Mountain Man Competition



Lt Riddell receiving his Tab after completing the US Ranger Course



Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Early in 1998, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment was one of the first units to use the new outdoor computerized rifle range in the Edmonton Garrison. Collective training concentrated on defensive tactics. In February the troops showed off their patrolling skills and abilities to visiting employers, teachers and local businessmen who were bussed and helicoptered down to Wainwright for the day.

An important ceremonial opportunity was grasped on March 31, when a delegation from the unit sat in the Speaker's Gallery of the Alberta Legislative Assembly to listen to the Member from St. Albert, Mary O'Neill, pay tribute to the unit on the eve of its ninetieth anniversary, dated officially from the founding of the 101st Regiment on 1 April 1908. Ms O'Neill gave the Legislature a brief outline of the Regiment's history, stressing the contributions the unit made as front line infantry in two world wars, and through the careers of its citizen-soldier members in civil life.

In April the unit and band paraded at an Ortona Gymnastics Club international meet as part of a salute to veterans put on by the meet organizers. Selections by the drum line and full band were followed by playing recordings of the veterans' memories of wartime service, and a short explanation by the Commanding Officer of the history and significance of the unit Colours.

The annual Militia Training Support Centre (MTSC) test exercise at Wainwright took place through March-May. The rifle company provided a bridge demolition guard at MacDonald Bridge on the Battle River. On one weekend the unit provided the highest turnout in Western Area and perhaps the highest score for an MTSC exercise by any Reserve infantry unit in Canada. The battle procedure and occupation went well, though digging was, as always, an unloved chore. The presence of military police directing traffic, refugees and engineers laying out det cord on the demolition, contributed immensely to the level of interest. The second MTSC weekend focussed on the main defensive battle. The passage through the lines of 1 CMBG units in Wainwright at the time added to the realism. At



this point, the inexperience of some unit elements became apparent and it was necessary to repeat certain procedures and the withdrawal. These were completed without difficulty at the outset of the third weekend.

On June 6 the Regiment conducted a short ceremony at Edmonton's palatial City Hall honouring the unit's veterans. Many affiliated cadet corps were able to attend. Following the ceremony the unit deployed to Camp Harris for the annual Lestock Days celebration, marred this year by unseemly weather. The unit returned to Wainwright in August for the modern equivalent of the annual militia summer concentration as part of 41 Brigade's deployment. Part of the troops furnished a bridge demolition guard in conjunction with troops from the Calgary Highlanders. The remainder of the participants formed the nucleus of a highly successful enemy force. Well designed enemy propaganda leaflets soon became collector's items. The Military police took a "Wanted" poster on enemy force leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Grant McLean as authority to arrest and interrogate him on "war crime charges." Once again businessmen and educators were bussed and helicoptered down to Wainwright to see the unit in action. This year it was decided to have the MTSC testing take place in the fall, at the start of the annual training cycle. Training concentrated on the offensive, working on platoon and company in the advance to contact, and finishing with woods clearing.

In early October, a large number of unit members attended the annual meeting of the Edmonton Branch of the Association, continuing a heartening trend in recent years of greater involvement by serving soldiers in the Association's affairs. Later, the unit was involved in a social mixer at the Prince of Wales Armoury in conjunction with the Regimental Museum and Edmonton Chamber of Commerce. The fall also marked the end of Honorary Colonel Bob Chapman's service to the unit. Honorary Colonel Bob Matheson moved up to replace him and Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Sandy Mactaggart joined the unit. With the departure of Chief Warrant Officer Gord Descoteaux to the Golan, Chief Warrant Officer Keith Mundorf became the Regimental Sergeant-Major. December marked the departure of Lieutenant-Colonel Grant McLean and Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Reaume taking command.

The year ended with a non-denominational service of worship at Edmonton City hall marking the Battle of Ortona.



WESTERN AREA TRAINING CENTRE

Camp Wainwright, Alberta

1998 - The Year In Review

1998 was another busy year for all Patricias at WATC, whether permanent staff or augmentees from the battalions. WATC is now over a year old and most of the growing pains, those that one can expect with the formation of any new organization, have been resolved. One thing that has remained constant over the past year has been the feverish pace of construction and infrastructure upgrade. It seems that daily, old buildings are being torn down and new ones built in their place. One of the good things about being a Patricia in Wainwright is the fact that the battalions regularly conduct exercises in the Training Area and this affords us the opportunity to meet with old friends and catch up on the latest scuttlebutt from those on Regimental tour. So when you are in the area, whether it's the Training Area or the local Wainwright area, don't forget to visit and let us now what's going on. *VP.*

WATC Headquarters

Another year has passed at the Western Area Training Centre, and for the 'Patricias' in the HQ not much has changed. LCol Dan MacLean is still the Commanding Officer. His Adjutant, Capt Don Furuness still holds his position even though he has reported a receding hairline. It seems paperwork does it to him. Capt Chris Barr is



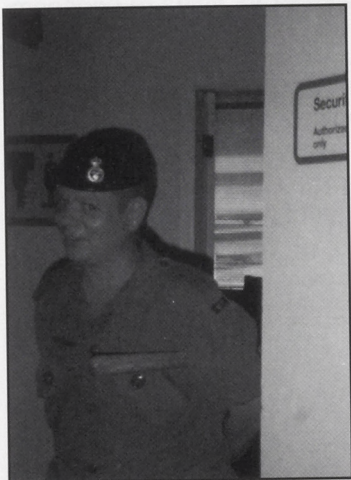
CWO R.V. Cooke (L) assumes duties of WATC RSM from CWO H.J. Hickson (R) while LCol D.J. MacLean signs the dotted line, August 1998



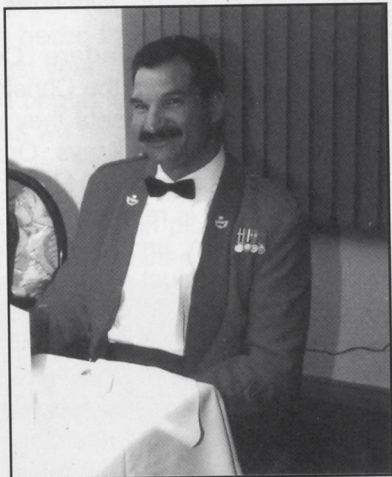
presently the Personnel Services Officer, and hopefully the next Adjutant (he could use a little bit of hair loss). The only new positions (new faces) are CWO Ron Cooke and his trusty QMSI, MWO Gordon George. That is all.

Advanced Training Company

You've heard of the old phrase, "The more things change, the more they stay the same"? Well, for Advanced Training Company, nothing could be closer to the truth in 1998. The Company saw a change of bosses, as Maj Duncan retired himself to greener pastures and Maj Dunn was rocketed in from Edmonton. Two distinct leadership styles, but they both like to start the day at the computer - the former with a good game of Solitaire, and the latter surfing the DIN. CSM Stapleford is still here, but don't approach him with D&D (deportment and discipline) questions. He's too busy with S&S (sports and second language), and is preparing himself for the third "S"- in this case the Second Battalion.



MWO Stan Stapleford "What are you doing in my Security Zone"



WO Brian Semenko

The Reserve Professional Development Cell was busy throughout the year, developing packages and conducting leadership courses for the Reserves. Capt Stefanuk was fortunate to receive some valuable assistance from other Ex-Patricias like CWO MacPhail and WO Hoffart. For their hard work and persistence, the Deep Freeze Crew was finally awarded with the opportunity to conduct the



*"Flood" (Sgt Mike Todd) & "Suds" (Sgt Chuck Sutherland)
performing Yuletide tasks.*

Advanced Winter Warfare Course. The decision came from Gagetown just before the Christmas leave period, and I know it was not the Christmas present they were looking for. At least they didn't get bored over the holidays. On a positive note, this course dispels any nasty rumors that WO Mansbridge manages to cancel any courses for which he is responsible. Capt Migadel and Sgts Turner, Todd, Palmer, Sansom, and Wyszynski will assist WO Mansbridge in the professional conduct of the course. Ironically, they were all biting at the bit to get on with business until they found out they're not deploying to the Arctic. Sorry, fellas, no caribou and Inuit carvings this time. JLC and JNCO candidates were feverishly pumped through the company during 1998. The instructors, all now with a minimum of one year in the company under their belt, took the busy pace in stride. The overriding question in their minds is not "When am I getting out of here?" but "Where am I going after this?" Their concern comes from recent transfers of two senior instructors. For their dedicated service to leadership training, WO Semenko and Sgt Gallant were moved to support positions. WO Semenko traded places with WO Trelnuk as the TQMS. Sgt Gallant is now the Accns NCO. Hey, gents, don't forget what you learned in Diversity training. 1998 definitely had its share of surprises. 1999 is sure to be just as plentiful.



MCpl Joel MacLaren acting as an innocent bystander (referee) during the Officer/Senior NCO Broom-i-loo Game

Basic Training Company

Basic Training Company of the Western Area Training Centre has managed to settle into some semblance of a routine recently, which comes as a welcome break after a hectic training cycle which has kept everyone very busy over the past year. The spring saw numerous graduations of courses that had begun the previous fall, and as the regular force courses thinned out, we began to receive the influx of reservists for the NCAC training cycle. Following the graduation of more than 600 reserve soldiers from QL 2 and 3 courses this summer, the pace of regular force training has again picked up. All told, we will have graduated eight platoons of trained soldiers for the



WO Riches showing off his good side to Executrek participants



WO Yuile sending a recruit "over the edge"

Regiment by the end of 1998. All this training is conducted with heavy augmentee support from the Regiment and reserve Brigades. With the posting freeze this past APS the company has seen limited personnel changes. WO Yuile moved to 3 PPCLI in Edmonton, where his knowledge of tented camps should be put to good use, and newly promoted Major McKnight moved out of his position as Standards Officer and took over the company in June. This allowed Major Brause to move to RHQ in Edmonton to assume the duties of the Regimental Major. Company 2IC Captain Heth and CSM MWO Schaffel remained to assist the new OC, while WOs Riches and Murphy have continued to train new recruits and assist young platoon commanders during QL 3 courses. Sgt Jessop survived as Course WO during the marathon QL 2/3 course, and escaped to a block French course for a break. Sgt Beattie continues in the thankless job of looking after Holding Platoon, and finally, Sgt's Hessel and Ruest seem to spend more time training junior leaders in Advanced Training Company, so we don't see much of them.



We have also kept involved with the community at large by supporting the Alberta Rotary Club Youth Leadership Conference and the Wainwright High School Project Excel. Both events were very well received and the organizers were abundant in their praise of the company for our support. This summer we also hosted Executrek, which is an event where various employers are given the opportunity to observe reserve force training. This is done in the hopes that these employers will see that benefit of employing reservists, and will support them by enacting policies which will allow them the time off to progress in their reserve career without penalty.

So all in all it has been busy year (as every other article in the Patrician will no doubt attest), but seeing recruits be trained and leave WATC wearing the Patricia cap badge is a rewarding and worthwhile task.



Sgt Jessop taking a breather during FIBUA



Militia Training Support Centre (MTSC)

Another year has passed for the MTSC Patricia's. The beginning of 1998 saw us continuing on with assessment visits, assisting the militia units of the Army of the West with their defensive skills. This kept us busy until May 98, when we began our demanding summer schedule. WO Les Leighton, demonstrating excellent combined arms skills, assembled and reviewed several Armoured QL 3 course packages and then became the platoon WO for Personnel Awaiting Training (PAT) Platoon (Holding Platoon for you dinosaurs). WO Gord Hill became the Course WO for a Reserve QL 3 platoon for three weeks, and then took the rest of the summer off to continue with his single-minded obsession to become the oldest winner of the



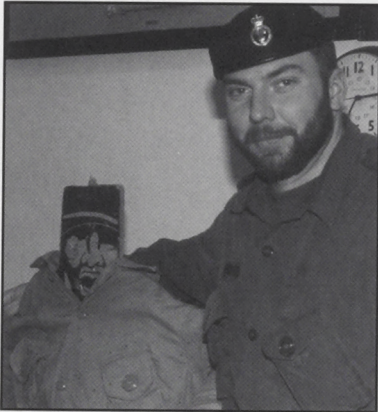
*Sgts Kevin Beattie and Wayne Crosley keeping PAT PI
Ptes Krita Millman & Rodrigue McGraw focussed on becoming infantrymen*

Mountain Man competition. Capt Mike Blackburn went to WATC Headquarters to take over the demanding Training Coordination job (which allowed him lots of time to practice kicking in doors for the Dwyer Hill Gang), and Capt Glen Zilkalns prepared for the job of Head Counselor at Kamp Krusty, AKA Reserve QL 2 Tent City. Needless to say, these were all rewarding jobs that allowed for extended opportunities for personal growth and self-discovery. The MTSC Patricia's also took the opportunity to recruit a new Patricia, convincing Lt Doug Clark (ex- Calgary Highlanders) that the PPCLI

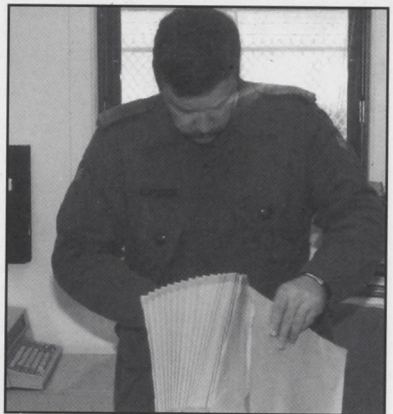


was the only way to go. Unfortunately for us, he soon disappeared off to the Third Battalion. Following the tribulations of the summer the MTSC Patricia's (less Capt Blackburn who obviously was too good at the Training Coordination job) regrouped to prepare for the fall assessment season. The teams were kept busy with the switch to offensive operations, as each unit needed all available personnel for a fair and accurate assessment. Wainwright, as usual, proved to be inhospitable to the visiting units giving them weather problems to contend with as well as the tactical problems, and the Eastern road trip to visit 38 Brigade units was as enjoyable as ever. Capt Zilkalns disappeared off to CFB Gagetown for six weeks for ITC II in October and November, and WO Leighton vanished to Edmonton for foot surgery in December, slowing him down somewhat. Overall, it was a typical year for the MTSC Patricias, and despite 25 % losses in the form of Capt Blackburn's defection to Headquarters, we will continue to deliver the dreaded battle cry:

" I find you ineffective for the following reasons!"



*MCpl Alex Hostler
fraternizing with the enemy*



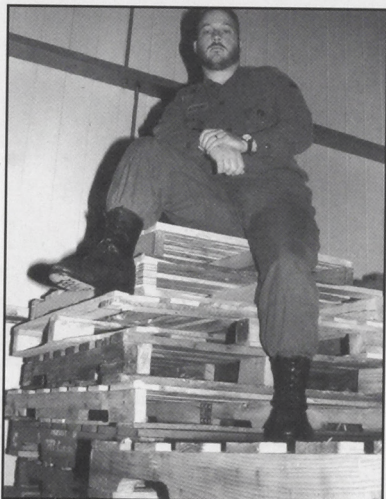
*Sgt Colin Caddick searches for the
dignity he filed away*



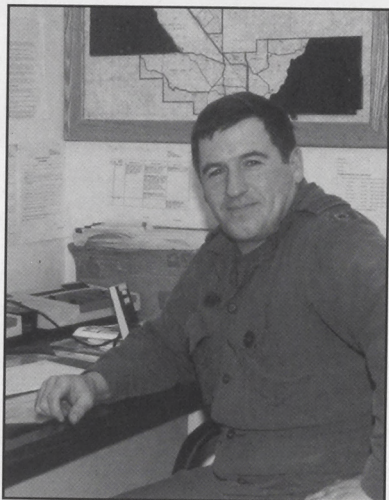
"The Op-sters" a renowned Wainwright trio: Maj Keith MacDonald accompanied by MWO Gord George (QMSI) and Capt David Marshall (Ops O)

Ops and Trg

The most significant event to happen to WATC Ops & Trg had to be the arrival of Maj Keith Macdonald. Coming in from Kingston where he had been the B Ops O, (he had also been the Ops O of Camp Wainwright in the early 90's), he immediately went to work shaking things up. (Corporate knowledge of that magnitude is quite an asset.) He chose to concentrate on being a Chief Instructor and passed operational matters back to the Ops O. This shift in emphasis had a



*MCpl Bill Aitken
King of Ammo Pile*



*Capt Kim Murphy, Range Control
"Shit in the woods & we'll find you"*



cathartic effect on both the Ops and Trg cells. Working closely with him was the QMSI, MWO Gord George. If you ever need a Children's Christmas Party organized, he's the man to call.

Capt Kim Murphy, having had more fun than he could handle as the Trg Coord O tossed that torch to Capt Michael Blackburn in July. Capt Murphy then went to work with WO Paul Ayerst, Sgt Walter Buell, and MCpl John Simmons in Range Control; they truly become a band of merry men!

To keep his feet on the ground, Capt Blackburn required the steadying influences of WOs Kevin Kehoe and Bob Spence, Sgts Jim Danser, Wayne Crosley, Kevin Beattie, and Colin Caddick, and MCpl Alex Hostler. Frequent visits to Capt David "The Dr is in" Marshall also helped. Dr Dave, knowing a 'free-for-all' when he sees one, and a totally unqualified quack, can ease just about anyone's pain, even when it is caused by amending and re-amending a Tasking Brique. When not offering a listening ear, he was known to even conduct a few issues of an operational matter.

All those of Ops and Trg were proud of WO Kehoe's and Cpl Steve Head's participation in the 1998 Mountainman competition; so much so, in fact, that they signed them up for the 1999 event.



Capt Mike Blackburn being "backed up" by the Ops & Trg NCO Cadre of WO Kevin Kehoe, Sgt Jim Danser and WO Bob Spence

French Grey Battalion

Combat Training Centre, CFB Gagetown



LCol E.F. Reumiller (left) taking command of the Infantry School

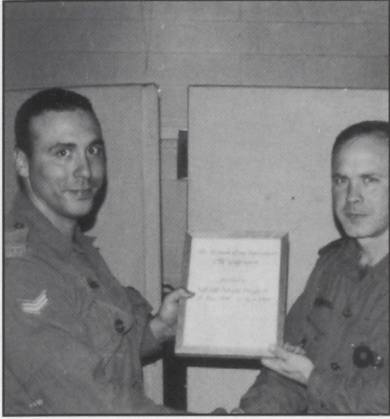
1998 was another very busy year for the Gagetown Patricias. Over 1000 candidates came here for training on all courses. This year, the Infantry School took on responsibility for conducting the Phase Two training for all officer candidates in the army. It went very well, thanks in part to all the augmentee instructors from across the country. We were all happy to greet the arrival of the new commandant and RSM of the Infantry School, LCol Reumiller and CWO Forde, during the summer change of command.



RSM Forde receives the pacesstick from the School Commandant and the outgoing RSM Irvine (RCR)



VP



*LCol Reumiller says farewell
to Cpl Daigle*



*Cpl Walby being badged into
the proper Regiment*

In 1998, the Regiment gained and lost soldiers. We saw the departure of Cpl Daigle, who remustered to become a weapons technician and WO Chris Wilde, who decided to rebadge to The RCR and make his home here in the Gagetown area. Good luck to both. We also gained two fine soldiers who finally saw the light. Cpls Schechtel and Walby both decided to rebadge from The RCR. 1998 also saw the arrival of Capt Ralph Sears with the Engineer School here in Gagetown. WO Warrington moved over to join him and they are there to keep the engineers in line and make sure that they are proficient in their secondary role.



*Cpl Brocklebank receiving
a long overdue promotion*



*Cpl Schechtel being badged
into the Regiment*



I'm up to my ass inand he gets a medal
Sgt Thorton in the swamp



Sgt Sandford receiving his CD

Shortly, the infantry will be getting involved in training with our new APC, the LAV 3. The LAV training cell is well represented by Patricias, with Maj Plumton, Capt Kerr, and WOs Leger, Lewis and Roberts. No doubt many of you will be seeing them in the coming year as the LAV 3 comes on line.

We were fortunate to be visited by the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen Hewson on two occasions this year. The first occasion was for the graduation of the Phase Four candidates this summer where he badged two new officers for the Regiment, Lt Charchuk and 2Lt Ritchie. Congratulations to Lt Charchuk for finishing Phase Four as the top candidate. The second visit was just before Christmas where MGen Hewson was finally able to present the Hamilton Gault Trophy



2Lt Ritchie and Lt Charchuk being congratulated on joining the fold by the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen Hewson CMM,CD

to 2RCR for their fine shooting during 1997. MGen Hewson was able to address the entire battalion on parade, where he made the presentation. Hopefully, he will be able to present it to a Patricia unit this year.

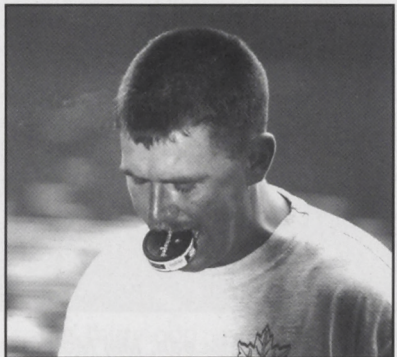
This year also saw terrible injury come to one of our former soldiers. In Moncton during June, Cpl (Retd) Gordie Gallant was injured in the explosion of his water heater in his home. He suffered serious burns to almost his entire body and was close to death on several occasions. He has made progress towards recovery in the past few months, but still has a long way to go. The best wishes of the Gagetown Patricias go out to him and anyone in the Regiment who wishes to can make a donation to his trust fund in order to lift some of the financial burden he carries during his rehabilitation.

On a lighter note, the year also saw two blessed events that some may view with some incredulity. Both WO John Plantz and Capt Henry Szelec are out of circulation. WO Plantz was married at Lake Louise during summer leave to his Swedish bride Marianne and Capt Szelec married Jolene in a Christmas wedding. If any of you had sisters you were waiting to pair up with these two, better tell them to get back out there looking. Best wishes to both and good luck to Henry in Ottawa during his posting to Dwyer Hill ('nuff said there).



WO Smith keeping an eye on the field firing

As always, there are many of us here who cannot wait to be posted back out west and with the recent freeze in postings, there are more than ever. Keep in touch and we'll see you soon. **VP**



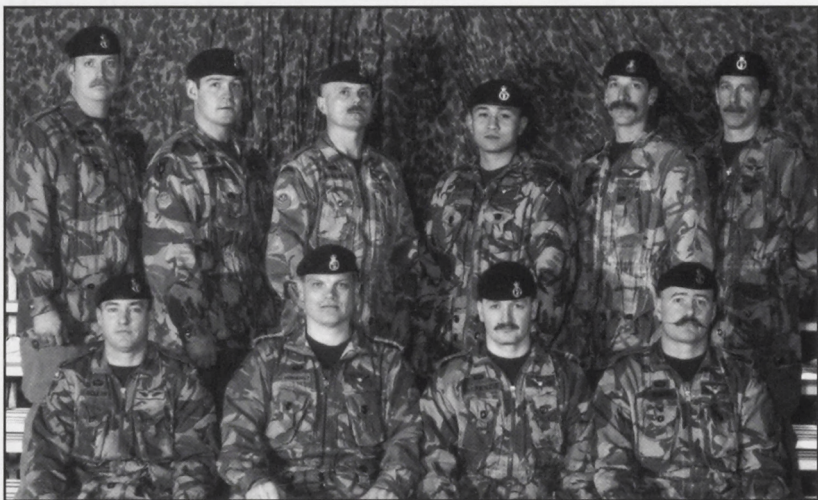
"The puck stops here !!!" Sgt Sandford keeps his chew dry in the swamps

Canadian Parachute Centre

Trenton, Ontario

After not hearing from this crowd last year, here is an update on the comings and goings of the Patricia's at CPC, Trenton. Three Regimental brothers were posted out of CPC in 1998: Maj Ralph Schutte(DCO); Capt Cliff Reeves (Adjt); and Sgt Dave Hunt. Another Patricia not only departed CPC but also departed the CF on 16 Nov: RSM Mike McCarthy. We had two Patricia additions to the school with Maj Mike Morneault from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, now OC Trg Coy, and newly promoted Sgt Dan Speed from 3 PPCLI. As well as these changes CPC welcomed two Parachute Instructors as new members of the PPCLI Regimental family, Sgt Sonny Pinlac (RCR) and Sgt Dave Mailhot (R22eR).

CPC's present complement of 12 Patricias serve across the school in command and instructional positions as well as cadre members of the CFPT "Sky Hawks." CPC is an active school with our courses, tasks, trials and support to the Air Force. The Patricia's along with all other members of CPC were involved in all manner of activities including: personnel parachute courses, both static and freefall, aer-



Front L-R: WO McLean; Maj Morneault; Capt Mackenzie and WO Bolan.
Rear: Sgt Hulan; Sgt Romanko; Sgt Hillier; Sgt Pinlac; Sgt Mailhot; Sgt Gillis
Missing: Sgt Towell & Sgt Speed



ial delivery courses; Mountain Operations Instructors course; trials for CH 146 GRIFFON parachute certification; testing of a new freefall parachute; CFPT demonstrations and Major Air Disaster (MAJAD) response support during the Swiss Air Crash. In short, as with all of us in the Army, it has been a very active time.

All Patricia's at the CPC were instrumental in hosting members of the US Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) and members of the First Special Service Force Association at our Menton Days Celebrations this year. This celebration commemorates the disbandment of the First Special Service Force "Devil's Brigade" in Menton, France on 5 December 1944.

The Patricia's at CPC are working towards the improvement of the Army's level of expertise with respect to Airborne Operations. They have been working hard this year on the development of a new freefall parachute, updating course training standards, production of much needed updates to current parachute manuals, and implementing the new Patrol Pathfinder course.

All the very best in our 85th year from Patricia's on the eastern lake. **VP Airborne**

Ottawa Area Patricia's

In last year's Patrician you'll recall our comment here in Ottawa of being too busy to comment on our Regimental activities. No matter what we said you probably would not believe us and we have corrected this deficiency this year. So sit back, grab a coffee and read on to discover what life holds in store for you here at NDHQ.

In terms of the personalities making Ottawa their home, we have one of the best bunches going, and 1998 witnessed just about as much change as one can expect. LGen RR Crabbe, our then - Senior Serving Patricia, retired, leaving the CF as the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff to take up residence in Winnipeg. When asked why Winnipeg, he replied, "Well, for some thirty-odd years Brenda has been following me around all over the world and I figured it was her turn to pick the posting... (and Brenda wasn't even there to hear his

comments!) You may recall that Colonel Glenn Nordick was here; however, he wangled a well-deserved posting to the War College in Pennsylvania.

Col Kenward replaced Col Nordick as the senior Patricia in the Ottawa area. We received Col Walter Semianiw from Kingston in Jan following his studies. Other 1998 arrivals included LCol's Dave Fraser and Bob Thompson, as well as a whole host of others who can't be included because RHQ won't give us enough space. But you know who you are, "holding up the whole damn line" as the song goes! We said good-bye to two members from the Ottawa crew who retired; Majors Dave Lewis and Ray Honig. The farewell was well attended. For Dave Lewis, I don't know how he did it, but this was his second farewell since we are on record as having done it in 97 as well.

In signing off, the members of your regimental family in Ottawa wish you and yours the best in health and happiness in the challenges that lay ahead. Hope we'll get a chance to see many of you at the 85th this summer in Edmonton! **VP**

Quebec Area Patricia's

The year started off with a snap, crackle and finally pop as lights all over Quebec went out. "Ice Storm '98" was upon us with more freezing rain falling in one week than the area normally receives annually. The province was crippled when the Hydro network supplying the greater Montreal area succumbed under the heavy burden of ice. Parks, forests and countless farms were completely devastated by the effects of the storm.

Patricias from all over Canada answered the call almost immediately. All three battalions met in St-Jean and were housed together in the drill hall. For many this was an excellent opportunity to meet with old buddies and catch-up while waiting for the infinite number of "O" Groups. The Patricias in the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School were employed in a wide variety of roles during Operation Recuperation. These included assisting the municipal and provincial police forces, working at shelters and most importantly act-

ing as traffic controllers for lost Hydro workers in the Mega. Capt Dawe, WO Campbell and MCpl Faniel were despatched as liaison officers. This title, although seemingly prestigious, loosely translates into *"the guy who speaks French."* Honourable mention goes out to the weapons staff including Sgt Cooper, MCpl Fullerton and MCpl "Hey, its my turn on the splitter" Sarault for their diligence displayed while cutting firewood in the town of St-Luc.

After the storm, the clean-up started immediately in order to prepare for the next series of Recruit courses scheduled for March. The outpouring of thanks from surrounding communities was overwhelming. What was especially memorable was the specific mention of the PPCLI in full page announcements in newspapers throughout the region. Rest assured that brought a smile to the faces of us who actually live here in "La Belle Province."

In July '98 CFLRS sent a team to the Nijmegen marches. The team represented the base and included members from many different backgrounds. Of note however was the fact that the team included three Patricias: MCpl Mullick; WO Power (team 2 i/c) and Capt Sbarra who acted as team captain. The three members represented the Regiment with distinction and reportedly indoctrinated a whole new generation of young Dutch by teaching them the lyrics to the Patricia medley.



CFLRS celebrating March 17th



Throughout the remainder of the year it was business as usual. The extended Patricia family welcomed the arrival of MCpl Roy from 3 PPCLI. On a sad note we bid farewell to a good friend and outstanding soldier when Rick Dodds decided to leave the CF and try his hand at business. We wish him and his family the best of luck.

The Patricias raised the flag on 17 March in recognition of our Regimental Day. A luncheon organized by WO Power followed the game of "Broom-i-loo" and a few post game refreshments were the order of the day. Participation by other CFLRS members was enthusiastic and a great time was had by all with the only casualties of the day being WO Power's glasses that took a direct hit from a runaway broom in the heat of battle.

All in all it was a productive year. In true Regimental form we enjoyed the good times together and soldiered on when the times were tough. **VP**

Suffield Patricias

1998 was another busy year at CFB Suffield. Our top priority was support of BATUS and their Medicine Man series. The other organizations that we provided support to were Canadian units and formations training at CFB Suffield; DRES, Chemical Warfare Conventions Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Association, and Alberta Energy Company and their oil and gas activities. This year 1 RCHA re-roled a troop into a rifle platoon and provided an OPFOR platoon for one Medicine Man serial. And by all accounts they proved to be a formidable OPFOR. The tested battalion were overwhelmed by the number and accuracy of the fire missions that were called down on almost every one of their attacks.

It goes without saying, but once again there were personnel changes at CFB Suffield. Col Kenward relinquished command of CFB Suffield and is now working at NDHQ in the Arms Control Verification Section. Maj Davies moved from G3 to Base Chief of Staff, and Maj Gibson was posted in as the new G3. Also posted in was Cpl Sacobie from 3 PPCLI, while we said goodbye to Sgt Gemmell and Cpl Lennie who both retired to Medicine Hat and Edmonton respectively.



VP



L-R: Maj Davies; MCpl Lavilliere; Cpl Merritt; Cpl Knipstrom; Cpl Carey; Maj Gibson; Sgt Gemmell. Missing: Cpl Fearey

Patricia's at Nijmegen Marches 1998



Eight members of the Regiment participated in the Nijmegen Marches in Holland on Canadian Forces Teams in July 1998. This photo was taken on day three of the march at the Canadian War Cemetery at Groesbeek where over 2500 Canadians who died liberating Holland are buried. From left to right Capt F Sbarra CFRS St Jean, Capt A Deboda NDHQ, MCpl H Mullick CFRS St Jean, Capt D Salmon Pacific Region Cadets, Cpl Mawdsley 2PPCLI, Capt S Maerz LSSR, Sgt K Arnold Pacific Region Cadets and WO T Power CFRS St Jean.



2483 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Esquimalt)

Enthusiasm and Regimental pride made 1998 very successful for 2483 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps. Highlights for the year included strong performances by Corps Teams and individual Cadets.

The Corps Patrolling Team aptly demonstrated its skills and won the Vancouver Island Zone competition. The Corps Shooting Team placed third in the provincials. c/Sgt Ken Dobie was the top shooter overall, earned himself a spot at the Nationals in Ottawa, and placed second in the country. As long as he passes NCSE '99, c/Sgt Dobie is guaranteed a position on the 1999 National Army Cadet Shooting Team that will be competing in Bisley. c/WO Derick Lawrence did well enough at NSCE '98 to earn himself a trip on the National Germany Exchange. The Corps was well represented at summer camps in 1998, and filled every vacancy. Corps Cadets attended summer camps at Vernon, Connaught, and Whitehorse.

The Corps received a special honour in November. c/Sgt Michael Adamthwaite was selected to be the Cadet representing the Regiment as one of seven Cadets on the Veteran's Affairs Pilgrimage to Europe. The Pilgrimage commemorated the anniversary of the end of the First World War. c/Sgt Adamthwaite helped to escort surviving First War veterans and attended ceremonies at Canadian military cemeteries in France and Belgium. A special thank you to the Victoria Branch, PPCLI Association who kindly provided c/Sgt Adamthwaite with some spending money for the trip.



1999 promises to be just as busy and exciting for the Corps. The Corps will be forming a Drum Line early in the new year. The Corps is also looking forward to joining 2943 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps Campbell River at spring break, to go on a trip to Fort Lewis that will be hosted by 3PPCLI.

Sgt Mike Adamthwaite receives a gift from Mr Harold Miller, Victoria Branch, PPCLI Association



2701 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Kapyong Barracks)



c/CSM Oliver receives the Best Instructor Trophy from LCol Fraser

1998 was a very exciting year for 2701 PPCLI Army cadet Corps. The band and drumline performed well, and the rifle team sent c/CWO N. Tworek to the Nationals where he brought home a championship.

During the summer, many cadets went on exciting courses. Two brothers, c/WO P. Turko and c/MCpl M. Turko went to Whitehorse for the CLI Adventure course, and c/WO A. Gowenlock went to England on Maple Leaf Exchange. The unit provided two Staff Cadets. In Vernon c/MWO J. Oliver acted as a platoon WO and in Penhold c/CWO N. Tworek acted as CSM.

The new training year started off with a November change of command parade with Captain N.J. Saito taking over. Outgoing CO, Captain B. Kiecker, moved to Prairie Region Cadet Headquarters and we wish him the very best of luck in his new job. We would like to acknowledge and thank 2 PPCLI for their continuing support to our Cadet Corps.



HQ Staff Ex Patricia Move



3056 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Consort, AB)

The year 1998 has become our year with receiving our official number in July 1998. We are located in Consort, Alberta, and we take in a large rural area including three towns. With some cadets traveling up to one hour to attend parade nights, there are 36 cadets with one officer and two CI's.

The unit has been parading since September 1996 and were platooned with another Corps so cadets would have uniforms and could attend Army Cadet events. Our cadets attended all levels of summer training in Vernon, Whitehorse and Penhold over the last two summers. Top Over Cadet Tutor Flight 9801 for Music Training was awarded to c/Pte N. Seal while c/Sgt K. Aseltine achieved Level III in CL P&D Brass&Tenor Whitehorse 1998. In February 1998 at Penhold, c/MWO Aseltine passed the NSCE exam and has been promoted to Chief, and another cadet is to attend in March 1999. Members have also been attending weekend band training. One former cadet, now Officer Cadet B. Thorton, is attending his second year at Royal Military College in Kingston.

Since the formation of the corps we have had the honour of running the Remembrance Day parade and ceremonies for our sponsor, Consort Legion # 32. This has given the cadets a real sense of pride and achievement, to be able to use their skills at a top-level event for our communities. The cadets have attended field exercises and worked with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, honing their comms skills. The LdSH also provided Bison rides and a look at the Coyote when they visited the local community.

With our badge and brass ceremony, 3056 Neutral Hills Army Cadet Corps is proud to be a Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Cadet Corps.



2757 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Fernie)

The 2757 RCACC Fernie, British Columbia had a very busy and exciting 1997-1998 year. September started with an exercise to prepare the NCO's for the training year. Our first field exercise was "Outdoor Blitz". The cadets were taught map and compass, fieldcraft, bushcraft, and the recruits got to join us on their first night navigation. The seniors attended a training seminar to advance in map and compass and leadership skills in October. Our next exercise was our Winter Survival exercise. We got to sleep on the snow in Arctic tents and learned how to stay alive in the worst winter conditions. We were taught snow shoeing techniques and how to load and carry our supplies on sleds. In June we held our year end exercise with a nearby corps. We played sports and did a lot teamwork activities. We learned archery on this exercise. We set up a really good night navigation course and everyone enjoyed it.

Over the past year our pipes and drum band has improved dramatically. We participated in the East Kooteney Band Competition. Our band was awarded medals and trophies for- best music, best drill, best dressed and an overall gold standing. Our first aid team performed first-class last year. We placed first in our area for the third year in a row. Out of all the Army, Air, and Sea Cadet Units that entered in British Columbia, we received second place. Our team captain placed best overall for the province. The next big first aid meet was the annual Mine Rescue Competition held in Elkford,



Shooting Weekend



"When I said form three ranks, what I meant was

British Columbia. After being in "lockup" for nine long hours it was finally our turn to do the problem. Nine other teams had already gone. That night at the banquet, we were awarded first place for our performance! Other years we had always come so close to winning- now we had done it! This being a notably difficult competition, we were absolutely ecstatic! Our captain was awarded best first aider and best team captain. 2757 got involved with the community. We went door to door collecting donations for poppies, marched and played in the Remembrance Day Parade, and provided a guard and cenotaph.



"Stop treating me like a dummy ..." The First Aid Team & friend



Five cadets went to the three elementary school's and the local high school for the color guard. Our band performed many times for the elderly at the Tom Uphill Home, and the whole corps went to visit them occasionally. The band was asked to play at funerals, weddings, a dance recital, and at another corps Annual Inspection. The past year was very eventful and all the cadets in our unit have a whole lot to be proud of! We are proud to be a members of the 2757 PPCLI and are looking forward to the year to come!

3021 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Smokie River)

The year of 1998 was an exciting year for 3021 Smoky River that has cadets from five little towns and many hamlets. Beside our regular Wednesday, we have been keeping very busy. At the starting of the year we had 26 cadets with one officer and three CI's. We have been busy with various citizenship activities during the whole year. The one activity that keeps us going for two days is Remembrance Day; the cadets enjoy these days. This year, we have attended 5 different schools for the Remembrance Day parades held the 10th of November. Then the next day is out to McLennan for the only Remembrance Day celebration in the region. The cadets are at the cenotaph and march in the parade to the Legion.

We have done various exercises during the year with other cadet corps in the region or by ourselves. With these activities, we did bushcraft, fieldcraft, rifle training, map & compass, winter survival, and canoeing. The one exercises that the cadets really enjoy and had a great time was our tour in Edmonton at the Base. For this exercise, we brought the cadets to the Honor Band, in which we had a cadet attending, c/Sgt Flowers, and then on to the Mock Tower and Indoor Rock-Climbing face. The cadets had heard so much about the Mock Tower that they were very excited waiting for the weekend to arrive. This was the first time in many years that our cadet corp had done this type and scale of activity. The personnel of 3 PPCLI did a great job and made sure the cadets had many opportunities to jump at the Mock Tower and climb the wall.

May was the Annual Inspection. The cadets enjoy their last night for the year. They did especially well in their drill, LCol Moher, who was our Reviewing Officer, was impressed. The cadets showed their parents what they have done in the year. In all everyone was pleased



with the evening and waiting for summer camp. Summer came and we sent 7 cadets out to various cadet camps and 4 cadets went out to staff. They all had fun learning and doing exciting activities.

In September, we started with 20 cadets, two officers and two CI's. At the end of October, we have also been involved with the Early Intervention Program in the area. We have 9 cadets from the area of Cadotte Lake, which is about two-hour drive from the cadet unit. They attend every Wednesday night and any exercises we have for the cadets. The group has been great. This year has been very educational and busy and the cadets have enjoyed themselves. The year to come will be as busy but the cadets do not mind a bit, they enjoy being army cadets of 3021 Smoky River.



3003 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Battle River)

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps, Edgerton, Alberta had a very busy year. We held parades on Wednesday night from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs and conducted numerous weekend and day exercises. We started off with "Kick Off" Exercise in September, followed by Hunter's Education and a large bore shoot and rappelling in October. Capt EDR Belanger competed in the Canadian Forces Skill -At -Arms competition with the Alberta CIC Shooting Team and



placed well enough to be selected as a member of the CF Shooting Team. The Team competed in the American Forces Skill- at -Arms Meet at Little Rock, Arkansas in October. November saw us using the indoor range at WATC and Remembrance Day services at Edgerton and the Chauvin Legions. We also had a sports weekend with the Battleford Air Cadet Squadron, and then a Christmas Party in December.

The New Year kicked off with a bang, as we were very busy at the range in Jan, Feb, and March, practicing and shooting the Det. Mail in and DCRA competitions. We went to a sports weekend with #601 Macklin Air Cadets, canvased Wainwright, Chauvin, and Edgerton for donations for our annual supper and games night that was held on 27 March 1998. One cadet went and passed NSCE. In April our .22 cal team went to and won the provincial shoot, thus sending them to Ottawa to compete in the National Shoot. They came in third in Nationals. We also held another Large Bore Shoot and Rappelling weekend with LacLa Biche also attending this. We did a Decoration Day in May, with the Edgerton Legion decorating Veterans graves in Edgerton, Rosedale, and Prospect Valley. We also did Decoration Day with the Wainwright Legion. Then came the testing weekend, in May. Annual Inspection and Change of Command which was held on 10 June 1998. We won the Trophy for the Busiest Rural Cadet Corps.



2943 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Campbell River)

Our 1997-98 training year has been a very successful one. The cadets throughout the year have participated in various weekend exercises, shooting practices, citizenship and band training, first aid, a Remembrance day parade, several poppy drives and visit to 3 PPCLI in Edmonton, AB. This training year our cadets enjoyed six weekend exercises. They included training in practical map using, fieldcraft, bushcraft and leadership. Our senior cadets also went on a four day leadership hike in June to Cape Scott.



The cadet corps was very active in its shooting this year. We had two teams go to Powell River, our pellet rifle team placed 1st while our .22 cal Anschutz team placed 3rd. In addition, to their excellent performance in Powell River, our pellet rifle team also placed 3rd at the BCRA provincial shoot in Victoria. c/ MWO King placed second in BC for the highest score, two points behind the first place shooter.

Further to our mandatory training, the cadet corps relished in the four-day trip to Edmonton, AB, where we participated in training with the Third Battalion PPCLI. On this trip, cadets and staff were given brief glimpses of some of the training regular force PPCLI members receive. While with the Third Battalion, cadets saw static weapon displays and were shown how to use some of pioneer platoon's equipment. It was also arranged for the cadets to see some of the vehi-



cles used by the First Battalion PPCLI. In addition to rappelling down the rappel tower, 28 of the 30 cadets we took to Edmonton, jumped from the mock tower. On our way home from Edmonton, the corps stopped in Calgary and visited the regimental museum. The entire trip was a huge success and cadets learned valuable information about the regiment. Thank you to the Third and First Battalions for an educational and interesting trip.

This year we sent several cadets to summer camps. Connaught, Vernon and Whitehorse Cadet Summer Training camps all had 2943 PPCLI cadets, participating in some aspects of summer training. Several cadets in Vernon were enrolled in basic cadet, cadet leader, and cadet leader instructor courses. In Connaught, one of our cadets participated in the large bore cadet leader course. Meanwhile in Whitehorse, one of our cadets completed the adventure training, cadet leader instructor course. Four of our senior cadets held staffing positions in Vernon. c/CWO Ryan Smith was employed as a CSM in Vernon, while two other cadets were PI WOs, while our fourth member was a section commander. Everyone did exceptionally well on their summer courses and our senior cadets gained valuable knowledge and experience.

Our 22nd Annual Inspection was a huge success because of the hard work and extra practice by the cadets. At the annual parade we had thirty-seven cadets. This number included a nine-member drum line and a colour party. After witnessing a great parade guests and



parents were invited to view the cadets' display area. The display gave cadets an opportunity for them to show their parents and relatives all the exciting things they have learnt throughout the year. Later in the day, cadets and parents were able to relax at our annual awards banquet. During the banquet, annual training, shooting and attendance awards were presented. Several cadets did very well. The dinner was an excellent way to end a long and exhausting day. This training year has been a huge success due to the diligence and hard work done by the corps senior cadets and CIC Officers. Should anyone wish to contact the Corps, please feel free to do so by phoning either Captain Judy Peter at 287-2944 or Captain Brian Power at 287-8290.



2901 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Estevan Elks)

Over the past year the Cadets of 2901 PPCLI Cadet Corps have been very busy with regular Tuesday parade nights, pipe band, shooting, cross-country skiing, and numerous weekend exercises. In December the Cadets participated in Exercise Skill Builder II to learn the basics for the upcoming Exercise Cold Blast which took place in February. We were blessed with nice weather for Exercise Cold Blast, which therefore made the activities like pitching the tents and snow shoeing all that more enjoyable. We also had a guest for



Exercise Cold Blast, our cadet liaison officer from CFB Edmonton, Lt Moorehead, whom we wish to thank for coming.

The pipe and drum band has also been very busy. In April 1998 the band went to Brandon, Manitoba for the highland festival where drummer Jessie Wock won the aggregate trophy for Novice drumming. In February 1999 the band was off to Manitoba again for the Winnipeg Scottish Festival where D/Maj Adam Blakeney took the aggregate trophy for grade II drumming. At our annual inspection in May of 1998 Cadet WO Scott Shier received the Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence. Four service awards were also given to P/Cpl Mandy Weinrauch, WO Jesse Krupka, P/Maj Mary Walliser, and P/Maj Michelle Walliser. On February 27 and 28 1999 we had four cadets off to Moose Jaw to write National Star Certification Exams. Two cadets Sgt Shilo Krupka and Sgt Gillian Harris passed the course. Sgt Gillian Harris ended up being top female cadet and third overall. For her accomplishments she was awarded an exchange program position to England. A new addition to our training year has been biathlon. We have yet to go to a competition but have come a long way. The 1999-2000 training year will see us becoming a little more involved. This wraps up the highlights from 1998 and 1999, which was a very successful year. I'm looking forward to the 1999-2000 training year which I'm sure will be even more successful.

2554 PPCLI

Army Cadet Corps (Calgary)

1998 has proven to be both a year of challenge and triumph for 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps, in Calgary Alberta. Cadets and Officers both have had their hands full in a variety of Wednesday night training, field exercises, and adventure training. In the early stages of year, the Corps conducted FTX LOST PATROL; where the Cadets and NCO's practised reconnaissance patrolling. The Officer's and Cadet's found LOST PATROL to be most enjoyable. In the spring of 1998 at CFB Suffield, 2554 PPCLI along with 5 other army cadet corps from Calgary and surrounding municipalities, participated in THUNDER CADET VII. On this exercise both senior and junior cadets got the opportunity to practice and improve their Map and



Compass, First Aid, Marksmanship, and Fieldcraft skills. The cadet's even had an opportunity to see the weapons and vehicles of the British Army Training Unit Suffield.

Later in May we conducted our Annual Review. The Reviewing Officer, LCOL C. Corry, CD, was both surprised and impressed at the level of professionalism displayed by all cadet's on parade. The corps CO Capt. R. P. Novak remarked, "They looked extremely sharp! Definitely the best parade this corps has had in a long time!" The annual parade also marked the departure of the RSM, C/CWO A. DeMuinck and just months later C/CWO T. Rathgeber. After spending a summer at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre (VACSTC) taking a wide variety of courses, the cadets and staff were geared up for a new training year. However in the fall, 2554 PPCLI had to move out of building AF-16 to due the closure of CFB Calgary. After nearly a month of moving equipment and supplies to the new building "HANGAR 2", the cadet's were ready for another year of training.

Finally in 1998, 2554 embarked on a 1-day hike up "Moose Mountain", in the Rocky Mountains. The CO, RSM, and 3 other cadet's found themselves embarking on a 14-kilometre hike, which took the better part of a day. The 5 who went on the hike found it challenging and fun. 2554 PPCLI has many fun training activities planned for the new-year including FTX GLATEX (Glacier Training) in March of '99. Sounds like fun! ACER ACERPORI! VP!



ATLANTIC BRANCH

As our Branch only meets once a year it is quite a feat to put everything together for our Annual Meeting and Fall get-together. The Fall 1998 one was once again held in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia on 2-4 October, organized and hosted by President Rick Muise and his very capable assistant/wife Margaret. Headquarters and activity centre was at the Royal Canadian Legion, New Glasgow, where a meet and greet was held on Friday evening, and the AGM was held Saturday morning. Following an afternoon of tours including the giant Sobeys Computer Head Office and the Sobeys Art Gallery (Crombie) a mess dinner was held in the evening, again at the Legion, who provided an excellent meal, followed by a dance.

Some of our regular old warriors were missing this year due to ill health, etc.. Among our most active members missing were Norm and Sherry Richardson. Norm being in the Veterans Hospital in Halifax where he has been since suffering a stroke in early summer. Sunday morning seen us all at the Cenotaph for a service specially adapted to our Regiment by Padre Foster B. Jenkins an ex-Patricia/Airborne Regt. Following a "Farewell Till We Meet Again" luncheon at the Legion it was reluctant goodbyes for the most of us till we meet again in Charlottetown, PEI next fall hosted by Error Monkley and Islanders. *"Once A Patricia Always A Patricia"*



Church Parade at New Glasgow Cenotaph



OTTAWA BRANCH

Ottawa Branch was honoured by the Association by allowing the Association Annual General Meeting to be held in Ottawa during August 1998. The activities took place as planned but not without many changes to locations and dates as the Branch tried to accommodate many other schedules. We learned that one must plan early and then stick to the original dates. We hope that too many individuals were not inconvenienced by the many changes, which were totally beyond our control. We certainly thank Bill Love and his hard-working AGM team for their dedication and hard work in putting it all together. Our members now know how much effort is put in by the visiting members from other branches in preparing submissions as required to travel great distances at their own expense in both time and money. Ottawa Branch members were able to meet many of the out of town friends they had known or served with many years before.

One of the unresolved problems of the Association (which is equally a problem for most branches) is the inability of the Association and branches to attract former Patricia's into becoming participating members. Considerable time was devoted to discussing this conundrum. Why is it that individuals proudly serve for many years as active members of the Regiment and then fail to continue this association after they have left the Regular Forces? It is clear that some are very busy establishing second careers and devoting much more time to families that service conditions had forced into second place. However, membership in the Association usually entails such a minimal cost in time and money that it is difficult to see why there is such a failure to join. Did the comradeship and belonging to the Regiment mean so little? We think not, but are open to all suggestions from whatever source to improve membership. One motion that passed at the Annual General Meeting will let former Regular Force or Militia personnel, who have served with or as Patricia's, have their first year's membership in the association without cost. It is interesting to note that many other service oriented organizations such as the Korean Veterans Association, to name but one, appear to have a better participation. Perhaps the PPCLI Association is too broad and too undemanding of the members. We all know that there are many groups within the Regiment that are very under-represented. Patricia's should put on their thinking caps and propose a solution.



On a very sad note, Gordon Hurlbert, Ottawa Branch's if not the Regiment's last surviving World War 1 member, passed away on September 26th. Gordon was in his 100th year and had been a staunch member of the Ottawa Branch and before that the Ottawa Patricia Club since the 1920s. Lois, his wife, will remain an Honorary Member of the Branch. We will remember him.

Ottawa Branch is worried over the fate of Landsdowne Park, the site of the Patricia Cairn marking the location of the founding of the Regiment and site of the first parade. Currently the City of Ottawa is proposing to sell much of the Park including the stadium to reduce the annual funding coming from the city taxpayers. One proposal by developers is retain a modified Civic Centre outside of which sits the Cairn. If this proposal is selected an option is to relocate the Patricia Cairn to a spot adjacent to the Aberdeen Pavilion, a heritage site of Patricia significance, that is expected to remain. The current leases for the Civic Centre, stadium and parts that will be affected by the redevelopment currently run until the year 2001 thus urgent action is not necessary.

Another matter that keeps the Branch busy is the discovery that a verbal promise had been made to provide permanent floodlighting for the Hamilton Gault statue which is located opposite the National War Memorial. The Branch has no idea of the capital or ongoing costs of such an endeavour but will obtain quotes for the National Executive. Currently the whole area around the National War Memorial is undergoing extensive infrastructure renovations (they are rebuilding the roads and underground storm and sanitary sewers) which will construction turmoil to last for another year. Hopefully we will be able to incorporate any changes to the Founder's statue so that they will take place during the same timeframe. Currently one can view the Founder's statue but it is partly hidden by construction hoarding.

That is almost all the worthwhile news from Ottawa Branch at this time. Our next event is the annual Colonel-in-Chief's Birthday Dinner scheduled for the NDHQ Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess on the evening of the 17th of March. Please join us there if you are town.

Best wishes to all Patricia's from Ottawa Branch. **VP**



TORONTO BRANCH

Greetings from the Toronto Branch, we are still alive and kicking although for the past few years we had been going downhill. In the past few months we have gained three new members. I was beginning to think that people had forgotten us. Please welcome Lorne Anderson (London); Chris Farnke (Shanty Bay) and Laird Jobe (Mississauga) - all were members of the Regular Force Patricia's.

All our members were saddened to hear about the death of Major-General Cameron Ware, whom we all knew as "Cammie." I first met him in 1941 at Gladstone when "A" Company was billeted at Leigh Mill Farm. After the war I called in at Kingston at "Ware House" Antiques, both he and his wife were always so pleasant. Mrs Ware called in to visit the Patricia's in Christie Street Hospital, she not only visited once but several times.

*Soldier, rest. Thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Dream of battled fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking.*

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)

S.W. ONTARIO BRANCH

The branch elected a new executive at the Annual Meeting held in May. Jack Murray carried on as President with Bruce Paxton as Secretary and Anne Stringer as Treasurer. First and second Vice-Presidents were Doug Armstrong and Ken Gawthorn respectively. Many thanks was given to Anne Stringer for her strong support over the years in the dual capacity of both Secretary and Treasurer.

The May weekend at the St Catherines' Howard Johnson Hotel was a great success with a good time had by all. Eighty-two people sat down to an excellent meal. Guests included Sgts Tim Caudle and Ken Surridge, both RSS staff in St Catherines and Barrie. They brought along a video tape entitled the "White Line" about troops - including 2 PPCLI, in Bosnia during the United Nations Mandate. An excellent video. Jack Rudd was in fine form and regaled our special guests from **VP Wines**, Ron & Margaret **Vidal** and Wayne **Philbrick**, with many a story. Hope to see you all in Edmonton !



MANITOBA & N.W. ONTARIO BRANCH

1998 began rather quietly for the Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch, with our usual monthly meetings in January and February, and our Annual Regimental Birthday Social on March 15th. The latter event did not attract a large crowd but we did enjoy ourselves and will continue to make this an annual event. Once again Second Battalion were in the field on Kapyong Day but their Rear Party were able to muster up a couple of dozen troops to back up the Branch for the annual ceremony at the Kapyong Monument in front of the Officers' Mess. Two of our Kapyong Vets, George Black and Ed Higham, were at the unveiling of the new Kapyong Monument at Pacific Rim National Park on Vancouver Island and some of our members were attending Jack Sansomes's funeral in Selkirk, so we were a little thin on the ground. Bob Cumming read the Citation and Jim Wall and Nick Oshanski placed a wreath at the base of the monument, then we all moved into the WOs and Sgts Mess for the usual critique.

The weather wasn't that great and a few of our early registrants from the WOs and Sgts Mess had to withdraw because of summer taskings but we still managed to muster 28 players from the Branch, the WOs and Sgts Mess and the Junior Ranks Club for our "Season Opener" golf tournament at Windsor Park on June 5th. It was a "jackets on, jackets off" sort of day but we managed to get through it without getting wet. Many of us had not played the Windsor Park Course before and enjoyed the new experience. Unfortunately, a few of the Battalion members had difficulty finding the course and we suspect a couple of those who didn't show up by tee-off time are still out there looking for it.

On July 10th, coincidentally the 55th Anniversary of the Landing in Sicily, a large gathering of members and friends of the Regiment returned to the site of old Fort Osborne Barracks to witness an impressive ceremony featuring a 100 Man Guard of Honour from Second Battalion, accompanied by their Colours and Drum Line. Drums were piled and, following a brief introduction by Rod Middleton, Chairman of the Regimental Heritage Committee, the Fort Osborne Monument was unveiled by Major-General (Retd) Bill Hewson, Colonel of the Regiment, and Doug Bedford, National President of the PPCLI Association, and a Dedication Service was



The Sicily Veterans L-R: Lloyd Kreamer, MM; Robert McMurdo; Andrew Schaen; Fred Snell DCM; Norman McCowan; Charles Murray; Nick Nowosad; Mel Hidlebaugh and Sydney McKay

conducted by Second Battalion's Chaplain, Lieutenant (Navy) Steve Merriman. Present at the ceremonies were nine veterans of the Landing in Sicily who had served in Fort Osborne Barracks before proceeding overseas in late 1939 and early 1940, and the widows of three others who had served overseas with the Regiment in World War Two. The 30-plus temperature and murderous humidity they endured at the ceremony must have reminded them of the climate in Sicily 55 years earlier.

Now the Asper Jewish Community Campus, Fort Osborne Barracks was the Regiment's home from 1920 until proceeding overseas in WW II. Dedication of the monument was planned as part of the 45th Kapyong Anniversary activities in June, 1996, but construction of the new campus at the time prevented access to the site. It was finally erected on September 5th, 1997, in a prominent position on a grassy plot immediately in front of the old Headquarters Building. It's inscription reads:

"THIS MONUMENT MARKS THE SITE OF FORT OSBORNE BARRACKS HOME OF PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY FROM APRIL 1920 UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE IN DECEMBER 1939 FOR SERVICE IN WORLD WAR II."

During the summer, we bade farewell to a few good friends in Second Battalion. QMSI Dave and Penny McArdle left for Edmonton and Dave's new job as RSM of First Battalion, and RSM Ron Cooke has also gone to cowboy country as the new "Chief" at the Western Area Training Centre, Wainwright. We know he'll be back though, as he left Lenore and the kids "on Rear Party" in Winnipeg. Lieutenant-Colonel David Fraser is looking for new challenges in Ottawa. We didn't see him and Poppie as often as we would have liked, with all of the battalion's commitments, but we really appreciated their support, especially his very well prepared and informative briefings.



*MGen Hewson & Doug Bedford
unveiling the new monument*

Our 12th Annual Golf Tournament at the Tuxedo Golf Course on August 28th was our best ever with 45 Association and Second Battalion members and guests participating. Our tournaments have been well supported lately by the WOs & Sgts Mess and the Junior Ranks Club, but this was the first time in a few years that we've had officers taking part -- and we even had a couple of the gals playing. Elwood Birss came all the way from Dauphin and Syd McKay from Carman. Warrant Officer Don Hulan was the tournament's top player, winning both the Norman McCowan Trophy for Low Net and the President's Cup for Low Gross (65, would you believe!). A few of the golfers had other commitments after the game but we still mustered a sizeable group for the 19th Hole Barbecue at the WOs and Sgts Mess.

A series of substitutions resulted in our Annual Dinner on 17th of October being the "Night of the Deputies". Second Battalion's CO and RSM, absent on duty, were replaced on the guest list by DCO Major Barry and Mrs Gesele Southern, and QMSI Larry and Mrs Carla Surridge. Then the PMC was unable to attend and delegated the Entertainment Chairman, WO Rick Dumas, in his stead. Finally,



President Jerry Franc had to work late, leaving Vice-President Stu Weeks and his wife Bev to host the affair. However, the 'second string' coped very well and members and guests enjoyed a fine dinner with old friends in the WOs and Sgts Mess.

For nearly a decade Second Battalion's Colours have not been present during the Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church as some members of the clergy and the congregation objected to the presence of armed soldiers in the church and our tradition requires the Colours to be properly escorted. This year, however, the church agreed to accept the Colours, properly escorted, and on Sunday, Association members and their spouses, accompanied by Second Battalion's CO, RSM and Reconnaissance Platoon, joined the congregation in the pews. After the opening hymn, the Colours were marched forward and presented at the altar, and the Colour Officers and Escort returned to the rear of the church. Then the customary Last Post, Lament, Silence, Binyon's Verse and Reveille. During the ensuing service, the First Lesson was read by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Overton. Following the service, Association and Battalion members mingled with the congregation over coffee in the church hall.

The Act of Remembrance is obviously very alive within the Patricia Family. Korea Hall (Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall) could barely accommodate the Second Battalion, Association and Cadets on Parade and the bleachers were overflowing with family members and friends at the Annual Remembrance Service at Kapyong Barracks on November 11th. A highlight of the service was a moving rendition of "In Flanders Fields" by Corporal Stacey Bouck of the Royal Regina Rifles, a Reservist on Second Battalion's BOR Staff. It is worth mentioning here that Corporal Bouck was Captain Jim Decoste's driver and was badly injured in the crash which took his life in Croatia in 1993. Following the service in the Drill Hall, Association members, accompanied by the Battalion's Senior Officers, RSM and QMSI, assembled at the Kapyong Monument where Padre Steve Merriman conducted another brief ceremony and a wreath was placed by World War II veteran Andy Schaen and Lieutenant-Colonel Overton.

The Election of Officers during the Annual Meeting on November 25th resulted in D'Arcy Best being elected Branch President, replacing Jerry Franc who had decided not to run for another term. Stu



Weeks was re-elected Vice-President and Bob Cumming has taken over the Secretary-Treasurer's duties. Our final event of the year was the Second Battalion Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner. Sixteen members of the branch helped the Junior Ranks put away copious quantities of turkey and trimmings (and the regulation "two per man") served by the Officers and Senior NCOs of the Battalion in the Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall.

During the year we gained seven new members: Paul Ballam (former QMSI 2PP and RSM 3PP), Clifford Fox, Gerald Hawkins, Christie Hinds (widow of Jim Hinds), PO1 Pierre Lefebvre (2PP's Chief Cook and our first Navy member), Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Overton (CO 2PP) and Ed Ryan. Sadly, this gain was partially offset with the deaths of old friends Tom Crook, Jim Hinds, Jack Howe, Mary Parrott, Tony Pochaillo and Jack Sansome. These six names will be inscribed on our Museum Building Block for 1998, and "we will remember them". *"Always a Patricia"*

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

No article received in time for publication

WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

No article received in time for publication

EDMONTON BRANCH

Greetings to members and Associates of the Patricia's family -- "Long may you lum rock." The Edmonton Branch got off to a good and enthusiastic start as we met September 25/98, and will continue to do so the 4th Friday of each month at the Jasper Place Legion Hall. We welcome guests at all meetings. Capt Steve Newman's report of the 1998 AGM in Ottawa brought valued information and gave an overview of the activities of the Branches across the country, including the adopted increase to the Membership fees for the coming year. Jack Slater was the designated representative from our Branch.



Special funding and exercises for raising money for the 85th Anniversary are high priorities and we all look forward to hosting this special event. In particular we look forward to a visit from Lady Patricia as she marks her 25th year as Col-in-Chief of the PPCLI. She will visit with Veterans at the Mewburn Centre, and her personal greetings will give joy to those in residence and the staff.

The current mailing and "Fan-out" (Phone call) made before each meeting keep us in touch with each other, encouraging new members to join, determining reasons for non-attendance, such as illness or personal situations. It has been brought to the attention of the Secretary, many times of how grateful people are for the concern of others. "PPCLI carry on the tradition". Sympathy is offered to the family of the late Herbert (Bert) Sankey, who joined the Patricia's in Winnipeg; was active in the Canadian War Amps. Ill health kept him from being active in the Association. Condolences also to the family of Jim Wanlandy, in the loss of Mrs. Wanlandy on Christmas Eve. New members are Mike Lotoski, Lyle Saumer, Edward Domsy.

Edmonton Branch members are loyal to each other and to the Association, as is evidenced in the camaraderie at the monthly meetings. And to two main social events (Christmas and Frezenberg Day). The Christmas luncheon, Dec/98 was the usual get-together (brief business) special guests, raffle - which netted \$128.00 to be used for the Comfort Fund of Patricia's residing in the Mewburn Veteran's Centre. Special attention is given to the Food Bank, which is an ongoing concern of the Branch.

Pres. Wayne Taylor, Don Gower, Ed Morley and Bert Reed attended the Men's Christmas luncheon, representing the local Branch. With the Garrison now based on the northern fringe of Edmonton, there is increasing interest locally when the media reported the support and expertise of the Battalion during the flooding and ice-storms. Interaction between the Personnel at the Base and local Branch is welcomed and evident at the meetings. President Taylor has been instrumental in inviting interesting speakers - recently Raymond Yakeleya, (First Nations); Producer-Director of Earth Magic - Media Film and Television. The January meeting introduced us to Wilma Bayko (Principal) and Roy Leady (Asst. Principal) who outlined an exciting new concept in Canadian education (The Vimy Ridge Academy, based in Edmonton, and to open Sept. 1999). More information is available by phoning 1-877-849-VIMY, or Wilma Bayko (780) 429-8188 Edmonton. **VP**



CALGARY BRANCH

The Calgary Branch wishes to extend its warmest greeting to all members of the branch and to all Patricia's everywhere. The Branch experienced a busy 1998. Many members of the branch committed many hours of volunteer time to branch activities and at the museum over the past year. Those members were awarded the branch certificate in recognition of their volunteer time. Members awarded the branch certificate were as follows: Doug Bedford, Marilyn Bedford, Tom Davis, John Hodge, Rod Middleton, Ken Villiger, Clarence Wilson, Baj Franklin, Ed Laplante, Kazimier Zoboski, Bill Guscott, Len Roe, and Jim Novak.

The branch proudly displayed its branch flag at a number of locations and events throughout the year. Locations included May 8, D-day Ceremonies, June 6, MS walk, Oct 4th, Battalion Park, Oct 30, mayor's proclamation, Nov 1st, Remembrance Day rehearsals, Nov 11th, Remembrance Day services at the Jubilee, and at the funeral of Mr. John Hodges on the 23rd Dec. As per past years the branch held its annual golf tournament on the 9th of May at the Turner Valley Golf and Country Club. Twenty-four members participated. Prizes for the winners were awarded at the Turner Valley Legion. The tournament organizers received an excellent response from the participating members and decided to hold the tournament at the same place again this year.

Last August the branch held it's first ever RV/BBQ weekend at Jack Rayner's place, just East of the city. The weather held fast and a good show from members was reported. Members started arriving on Friday night, and by nightfall all were comfortably in place. Saturday morning kicked off with a pancake breakfast followed by games for the young and old alike. The day concluded with a sing along around the campfire. Some of the members received a white cowboy hat. This year's RV BBQ weekend will take place on the 13th, 14th, and 15th of Aug.

As in past years the branch held its annual fall dance at Ogden Legion. The event was very well attended and everyone had a good time. On a low note the branch bid farewell a fellow Patricia and a longtime member, Mr. John Hodges. John was an active volunteer in the branch and will be missed by all branch members.

With 1998 behind us, we look forward to a new year and a number of upcoming exciting events. Happy hour will again take place at different locations once every month. The annual golf tournament will be held on the 6th of June at the Turner Valley Golf and Country Club. Edmonton activities will take place on the 1-4 July. The second annual RV BBQ will highlight August activities. Remembrance Day parade will again be held at the Museum of the Regiments. Again this year the branch will conclude with its annual fall dance.

Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia



The Calgary Patricia's taking part in one of many great causes

OKANAGAN/THOMPSON BRANCH

All Patricias are saddened by the loss of one of the truly great members of our Patricia family, Cammie Ware. The Okanagan /Thompson Branch have fond memories of Cammie's eager participation in the dedication ceremonies at the Patricia Way Cairn during our 75th Anniversary celebrations in July 1998 here in Vernon. Even during his illness he managed to keep in touch whenever possible. The Branch's Sick parade is showing some cause for alarm. Our roll includes Doug Mitchell, Cliff McPherson, Bill and Pam Davis and Bill Dechant.



*Kap' Yong Veterans: Front L-R: George Cook; Ken Barwise; Mike Melnychuk.
 Back Row L-R: Alex Sim & Carl Anderson*

It was unfortunate that two delegates from B.C. were unable to attend the Council meeting in Ottawa due to their late arrival. We were assured that the meeting was to be held at 19:00 hrs - NOT 15:00 hrs. Some consideration should be shown for any delegates travelling similar long distances. The Branch holds regular monthly meetings with the exception of July, August, November and December at 12:00 noon at Branch 25, Royal Canadian Legion unless notified otherwise.

25 Apr 99- Kap'yong Remembrance held at the Patricia Way Cairn, starting

at 11:00 hrs. The Okanagan/Thompson Branch joins with Unit #37, KVA for this celebration. Last year we were privileged to have the Vernon Salvation Army Band in attendance. Lunch was served at Branch 25 following the parade. Prior to the Kap'yong parade Shaw Cable taped interviews with six veterans of the Kap'yong battle now living in the Okanagan. Unfortunately this tape was seen only on Vernon Television.

The Calendar of Events is as follows:

- 8 May 99 - Commemoration of the Battle of Frezenberg - Branch 25
- 12 Jun 99- Branch Annual General Meeting - Branch 25
- 1-4Jul 99- 85th Reunion and 51st AGM - Edmonton
- 18 Sep 99- San Fortunato Remembrance - Branch 25
- 17 Oct 99- Luncheon/Meeting
- 11 Nov 99- Remembrance Day observance -at own Cenotaph
- Stand down in December



FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

After a busy summer for most members, what with travelling to AGMs and holidays etc, our first meeting in September was a washout. Mostly because so many members were still on the road, enjoying the fabulous summer weather and returning from wherever. October was a little better with most things back to normal. November was another re-arrangement situation because our normal meeting evening coincided with Remembrance Day. We had a good turnout for the service from local members, many of whom paraded with the Branch 280 contingent. Bill Wilkinson did his usual fine job of carrying our Branch colours in the combined Colour Party. This was our first Remembrance Day parade without the usual inclusion of a large number of personnel from the Base. With the closure of CFB Chilliwack, the only Regular Force people on parade were the members from the local ASU.

The significant event for December was our annual Branch Christmas Party. Considering the extent of the Flu and colds going the rounds this fall, we had a very reasonable turnout, with 23 people able to attend. We had an excellent meal, which was followed by our two Lady, Master Joke-tellers, who helped everyone's digestion by keeping us all in fits of laughter 'till it was time to go home. We trust everyone enjoyed good holidays to wind up the year. Now we are all looking forward to the 85th Reunion in Edmonton in July, hope to see you there!

VANCOUVER BRANCH

Don Parr-Pearson has been quietly working for the past year on getting a plaque made to be placed on the Walter McKay Draycott statue which sits on a bench in Lynn Valley Park, north Vancouver. Draycott was a PPCLI "Original" who among other accomplishments was responsible for drawing wartime panoramas of the Ypres Ramparts in May, 1916 and Vimy Ridge 30 March 1917. Although an existing plaque tells of his many contributions to the City of North Vancouver, there is no mention of his military service. In the near future another plaque will be mounted on the bench which will read: "*Walter MacKay Draycott, PPCLI WW I, 1883- Not Forgotten - 1985.*" Donors to the project will be mentioned as well. These were the



Walter Draycott

PPCLI Association (Vancouver Branch); PPCLI WO & Snr NCO's Club; Royal Canadian legion (Br # 114); North Vancouver District Council and Daniel Jarvais, MLA. Great work, Don ! It is obvious this old Patricia will not be forgotten.

The New Year brought a new slate of officers to the Vancouver Branch with Don (Sam) Urquhart taking over as the new president, Tom Holland as Vice president and Thelma Holland as Secretary-treasurer.

Members-at-Large are Don Parr-Pearson. Glen Palmer, Charlie Ball and Don Boyce. In mid-January we were saddened by the death of MGen Cammie Ware. A number of our members attended the funeral service in Victoria where we met with members of the Patricia family from across Canada in paying our last respects to a man who was one of the finest commanders of the Regiment and a true supporter of all Regimental matters until his passing. In early March 1999 we also suffered the loss of Arthur Kemsley., a life-long supporter and officer of the Regiment. Arthur was afforded military honours by over forty of our members. Later Gordon Henderson recalled Arthur's service and proposed a toast to his memory.

It appears that we will have a good turnout of our members in Edmonton where we look forward to meeting and greeting old friends and comrades from across the country.



Patricia Cabinet in the Seaforth Officer's Mess

VICTORIA BRANCH

Victoria is paying for a long hot summer with the wettest fall on record. Just about the only wet day we had in July was, wouldn't you know it, the 4th when we had our annual picnic. The rain had an impact on attendance, but those that did turn out had a good time. We held our Regimental Day in the Bay Street Armouries on March 15th, and although Victoria is knee deep in retired generals we decided to get MGen Vernon down from Comox as our guest of honour to give the Regimental toast. Bri-Bri as he was known to the Work Point typing pool when he was CO of 3 PPCLI also gave a short speech that was well received. Our branch treasurer and National Vice President Jac Debruijne along with Larry Davies and Harry Miller went off to Edmonton in June for the 3rd Battalion change of command parade. They had a good look at the Edmonton facilities and were most impressed with what they saw.

A new old face at our branch meetings is MGen Herb Pitts. His duties, official and honorary have had him commuting between Ontario and BC for many years so its nice to see him settle down as a permanent resident of Victoria, and as I type this report I see on todays news a snow emergency in Toronto so I dare say he's glad to be here. Our local PPCLI Cadet Corps were lucky in having a cadet chosen to attend the 80th Anniversary of the WW1 armistice in Europe. The branch donated \$100.00 for his personal expenses on the trip and appropriately Happy Harry Miller presented him with the cheque. Harry's son former PPCLI/Skyhawk and now somewhere in the Edmonton Base supply system was a cadet RSM of the Corps.

There maybe some interest among readers who have served at Work Point over the years to note that demolitions have taken place recently and gone forever are Base QM, Base Maint, Trade Pnrs, JRC/Coy office building, Barber/Tailor shop and Band Shack/ADP. The boat people (MARPAAC) are now busy constructing sailor type facilities on these sites. For those like me who loved to pound the parade square, it will soon be gone also. The finest soccer field in Victoria (according to Ernie Grant) converted to a parade square by 1 PPCLI in 1957 is to become a RAS (replenishment at sea) trainer.

See you in Edmonton for the 85th.



**LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
R.R. CRABBE
CMM, MSC, CD**

Senior Patricia Retires

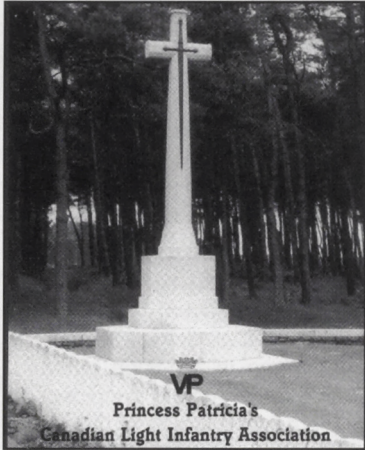
Lieutenant-General Raymond Crabbe joined the Canadian Army in September 1963 and served in a variety of command and staff appointments in Calgary, Cyprus, Germany and Victoria. Crabbe is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, Kingston, the Canadian Forces Staff College, Toronto, and the United States Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

After attending the Army and Canadian Forces Staff College in 1975-76, he served in Calgary and then Petawawa with the Canadian Airborne Regiment. Crabbe was appointed Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 1981-83, and then joined the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario. From 1986-89, he served as Chief of Staff Prairie Militia Area in Winnipeg. In 1989, he was awarded the Order of Military Merit in the Grade of Officer for meritorious service, which was upgraded to Commander in 1997.

Crabbe was promoted to Brigadier-General in 1990 and served as Commander Special Service Force in Petawawa 1990-92, and was appointed Director General Personnel Careers Other Ranks at NDHQ. Promoted to Major-General in May 1994, he was subsequently posted to the Former Republic of Yugoslavia in June 1994 as the Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) and Commander of the Canadian Contingent. Crabbe commanded Land Force Atlantic Area August 1995 until August 1997. In January 1996 he was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross, and in June 1997 the National Defence Medal (Gold) from the Government of France, for his service with UNPROFOR in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. After a brief tour as Commander, 1 Canadian Division, Crabbe was promoted to Lieutenant-General and appointed Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff, at NDHQ Ottawa, in September 1997. He retired from this position in December 1998 after a military career of thirty-five years.

Lieutenant-General Crabbe is married to the former Brenda Freeman of Killarney, Manitoba. They have two children, Lia and Derek. Home is now Winnipeg, where he can keep an eye on the 2nd Battalion and make sure the eastern flank is secure. **VP**

Last Post



*Those whom this list commemorates
served King & Queen, Country
and Regiment.*

*At duty's strident call, they left all that
was dear to them, endured hardness,
and faced danger so that others might
live in peace and freedom.*

*Not all soldiers die in battle or glory,
but they too served the Regiment.
Let those who come after see to it
that their names be not forgotten.*

Name	Service	Date	Place
Anderson, William Henry	Korea	16 Jun 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Arsenault, Ellery	Reg F	3 Jan 1998	Summerside, PEI
Biggs, Allen C.	WW II	26 Jan 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Black, W.J. Sr	WW II	Jun 1998	Langley, BC
Bourassa, Edward	Korea	29 Jun 1998	Calgary, AB
Boyce, Donald R.	Korea/Reg F	8 Apr 1998	Fredericton, NB
Brens, John L.	Reg F	8 Feb 1998	Victoria, BC
Broom, George	WWII	27Aug 1998	Brandon, MB
Callaghan, Frederick J.	Reg F	24 Jul 1998	Caledonia, NS
Camilleri, Paul Alexander	Reg F	1 Apr 1998	Malta, GC
Campbell, John G.	Korea	5 Aug 1998	Edmonton, AB
Campbell, Russell	Korea	22 Jan 1998	Eston, SK
Carriere, Paul Alexander	Reg F	5 Jun 1998	N.Battleford, SK
Carter, Gordon	Reg F	19 Oct 1998	Calgary, AB
Charbonneau, Ronald George	WW II	16 Dec 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Christie, Irvine D.	WWII	17 Nov 1998	MB
Cowling, James T.	Korea/Reg F	29 Jan 1998	Calgary, AB
Crook, John Shane (Jack)	Korea/Reg F	4 Apr 1998	Blackie, AB
Crook, Thomas	WWII	13 Apr 1998	Winnipeg, MB
DeLeeuw, Albert	WWII	21 Dec 1997	Calgary, MB
Dore, Charles W.	Pre-war/WWII	Jan 1998	Vancouver, BC
Downing, John R.	Korea	27 Oct 1998	Madeira Pk, BC
Duncan, Donald D.	Korea	9 Sep 1998	Surrey, BC
Dunn, Joseph Thomas	Korea	16 Feb 1998	Edmonton, AB
Ellis, James Daniel	Reg F	5 Aug 1998	Truro, NS
Foden, Albert	Reg F	Oct 1998	Toronto, ON
France, Gordon H.	Korea	27 Oct 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Freund, Wilf	Reg F	21 Jan 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Gale, Arthur	WWII/Korea	16 Dec 1997	Victoria, BC



Name	Service	Date	Place
Genereux, Joseph F.	Korea, Reg F	27 Jul 1998	Trenton, ON
Gibson-Smith, Henry Peter	WWII	16 Jun 1998	Calgary, AB
Gill, Gerald	Reg F	4 Jan 1998	Burlington, ON
Gillis, Duncan V.	Korea	20 Oct 1998	Sydney, NS
Gray, Murray R.	Korea/Reg F	1 Jan 1998	Saint John, NB
Haley, Lewis Allen	Korea/Reg F	24 Apr 1998	Calgary, AB
Hards, George S. T.	WWII	29 Apr 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Harrington, Walter E. (Larry) <i>M.C.</i>	WWII/Korea/Reg F	25 Mar 1998	Penticton, BC
Hebert, J.A. (Ted)	WW II/Korea	22 Nov 1998	Moncton, NB
Hinds, Robert James	WWII/Korea	20 Apr 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Hird, Albert D.	Reg F	26 Jun 1998	Vancouver, BC
Hodge, John	Reg F	18 Dec 1998	Calgary, AB
Horton, James	WW II	29 May 1998	Emo, ON
Howe, George John (Jack)	WWII	1 Apr 1998	Selkirk, MB
Hunter, Lloyd George	WWII	23 Mar 1998	Winnipeg, MB
<i>Hurlburt, Gordon</i>	<i>WW I</i>	<i>26 Sep 1998</i>	Carleton Place, ON
Irvine, Gordon	Reg F	27 Dec 1998	Lynn Lake, MB
Kozak, "Muzz"	WWII	Aug 1998	Edmonton, AB
Lamore, John Arthur	Korea	1 Mar 1998	Calgary, AB
Langer, Arthur E.	WW II	17 Jun 1998	Sundre, AB
Lawson, Robert	WW II	20 Jun 1998	Morden, MB
Liscum, Robert (Bob)	Reg F	9 Mar 1998	Saanichton, BC
Lowden, Roger H.	Reg F	30 Sep 1998	Oxbow, SK
Lyons, Oscar S.	Reg F	28 Jul 1998	Kamloops, BC
MacLennan, Peter	WWII/Korea/Reg F	20 Sep 1998	Cobble Hill, BC
McCannel, Malcolm G. "Tex"	<i>Association</i>	21 May 1998	Edmonton, AB
McCready, Archibald	WW II	9 Jan 1998	Edmonton, AB
McKeigan, Allen C.	WW II/Korea	17 Jul 1998	Calgary, AB
McNeil, James A.	WW II/Korea	22 Oct 1998	Trenton, NS
Middleton, R.C. <i>M.M.</i>	WWII	19 Sep 1998	Toronto, ON
Miller, Alarey	WW II	20 Aug 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Miller, Albert W.	WW II/Korea	7 Apr 1998	Owen Sound, ON
Mitchell, Wayne <i>D.C.M.</i>	Korea	5 Jun 1998	Vancouver, BC
Moore, George	Korea	9 Nov 1997	Millville, NB
Moore, Philip	WWII/Reg F	27 Aug 1998	Chilliwack, BC
Newlands, John C.	WWII	16 Nov 1997	Mississauga, ON
Parker, Reginald J.	WW II/Reg F	11 May 1998	Calgary, AB
Parrott, Mary B.	<i>Association</i>	9 May 1998	Thunder Bay, ON
Pearson, Arthur E.	WW II	22 May 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Pochailo, A. (Tony)	WW II	26 Oct 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Power, Merlin G.	Korea/Reg F	14 Nov 1998	Dartmouth, NS
Richardson, Delbert J.	WW II	4 Dec 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Risley, John	Reg F	15 Nov 1998	Dauphin, MB
Rowley, James	WW II	17 Nov 1998	Paris, ON
Sansome, John (Jack) Dennis	WWII	17 Apr 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Sexsmith, Lawrence E.	WW II	4 Sep 1998	Kelowna, BC
Simpson, Frank	WWII	26 Sep 1998	Calgary, AB
Smith, George H.	Korea	18 Apr 1998	Hamilton, ON
Therrien, Maurice	Korea	14 Jun 1998	Joliette, QC
Thomas, James W.	WW II	6 Jun 1998	Campbell R. BC
Vermette, E. G.	WW II	18 Nov 1998	Medicine Hat, AB
Zurba, Walter	WWII	8 Apr 1998	Winnipeg, MB

Remembered

Gordon Hurlburt - The Great War 1914-1918



It is with sad regret that the Regiment notes the passing of our last known veteran from the Great War, Private Gordon DeWitt HURLBURT Svc # 634001. Gordon died on 26 September just before he could attend the 80th Anniversary of the Armistice November 1918. The French Government would have presented him the Legion of Honour on that trip in recognition of the occasion.

Gordon was born 20 June 1899 in Prescott, Ontario. When the Great War of 1914-1918 began he was a student and watched the "Originals" march through the streets of Ottawa on their way to war. He lied about his age when he joined the 154th Overseas Battalion on 30 March 1916 (age 17). He was transferred to the 207th Overseas Bn and embarked from Halifax on the SS Olympic 28 May 1917, arriving in Liverpool 9 June 1917. The 207th Bn was absorbed by the 7th Reserve Battalion at Seaford 10 June 1917. He was posted to France and the PPCLI detachment of the 3rd Canadian Base Depot at Etaples on 22 December 1917. He joined the Patricia's in the field at Lievin, a ruined suburb near Vimy Ridge on 4 January 1918. The truth about his age slipped out and on 12 February 1918 he was sent back to the 3rd Canadian Base Depot. There he was placed in the Minors Pool 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade Depot until he reached the age of 19 required to serve at the front.

Gordon was dispatched to the Canadian Corps Reinforcing Camp on 3 July 1918. From there he rejoined the Patricia's on 11 August 1918 during the Battle of Amiens and the fighting at Parvillers. This marked the beginning of what became known as "The Last One Hundred Days." He took part in the General Actions of Amiens; Scarpe; Canal du Nord and the final advance to Mons.

Gordon was granted fourteen days leave in the United Kingdom from 1 December 1918, but with travel time he did not return the Regiment until 21 December. The Patricia's embarked for England in February 1919. While waiting for transport home the Regiment took part in several parades including the presentation of the Wreath of Laurel from Princess Patricia and also her subsequent marriage to Lord Ramsay. The Regiment returned to Halifax, refused an invitation to march down New York's 5th Avenue, and went straight to Ottawa where it disbanded the wartime Battalion 20 March 1919.

Gordon was a staunch supporter of the Regiment and the Association to the very end. With his passing, the first chapter of the Regiment's history is now closed. **VP**

Robert C. Middleton, MM - World War II



Robert Charles Middleton passed away 19 September 1998, Toronto, Ontario. Bob enlisted in the PPCLI on 25 November 1939 as H16422, Private. He joined the Regiment in England in July 1940. Bob served as a member of the Regimental Aid Post throughout the war until he was severely wounded. He was promoted to Corporal in England.

During the Sicily campaign, his devotion to service was noted during the battle for Leonforte. The Patricia's suffered twenty-one killed and forty wounded. From the Regimental history the following was recorded: " Here for the first time the Battalion saw its medical section in action, working in the open under fire, following the fighting line and ministering to the men where they fell. On this occasion Cpl R.C. Middleton of the stretcher bearers earned particular notice by his courage and resource." He was duly decorated by Field Marshal Montgomery with the Military Medal.



Middleton on the right loading his friend, Pte B.C. Helgason, onto a stretcher at Leonforte

Middleton was seriously wounded 3 January 1944 near Ortona, and struck off strength 30 January 1944. **VP**

Wayne R. Mitchell, DCM - Korea



Wayne Robert Mitchell passed away 5 June 1998 in Vancouver, BC. Wayne had just turned nineteen when he found himself on Hill 677, Kap' Yong, Korea as a member of 2nd Battalion.

As a member of 6 platoon, , he was out on a spur in front of the B Company position. Three times the enemy tried to overrun the platoon. As Mitchel manned the Bren gun he was hit by shrapnel in the chest. With his wound bandaged he fought on. Firing his Bren gun from the hip, he fought from trench to trench as the enemy pressed forward. Mitchell made his way down the hill three times to help wounded men back for treatment. One man he



Pte Mitchell receiving the DCM from Brigadier Rockingham

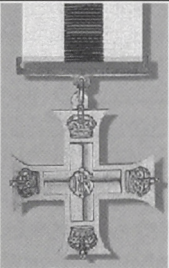
was carrying back was hit again by enemy fire. Wounded a second time, Mitchell continued to fight, moving the Bren gun to wherever it was needed most.

As dawn broke, the Patricia's still held the the entire hill. Mitchell and B Company counted fifty-one Chinese dead in the gully to their front and around their flanks. The enemy had already attempted to take away as many of their dead and wounded as possible. Mitchell could hardly stand from the loss of blood and he was helicoptered out to an awaiting medical hospital.

For his actions that night, Private Wayne Mitchell was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The 2nd Battalion received the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation with the word "Kap'Yong" on the streamer. The unit lost ten killed and twenty-three wounded.

VP

Walter E. Harrington, MC - World War II



W.E. (Larry) Harrington passed from our ranks on 25 March 1998 in Penticton, BC. He served as a staunch member of the Association and served as the National President in 1990-1991. He served as a gunner in 4th Anti-Tank Regiment before accepting a commission in the same unit in July 1943. He transferred to the PPCLI in Italy June 1944 where he remained until the end of the war.

Many of the records dealing with decorations and citations have been destroyed by fire or lost over the years. Such is the case for Larry Harrington. As a Lieutenant in Italy he was awarded the Military Cross. His decoration card says the award was authorized 10 March 1945, and merely states "The King has been graciously pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field."

The Regimental history gives some clue. On 13/14 December 1944, Harrington and his 16 Platoon closed up to the Naviglio Canal in the vicinity of the small walled town of Bagnacavallo. In doing so they overran a machine

gun post and afterwards stalked and destroyed a Panther tank and captured its crew of five. Harrington also served with the Queen's Own and the Canadian Scottish Regiment after the war and in Korea. He retired from the forces in September 1964.

VP



PPCLI Korean Student Bursaries being presented to young students of the Kap'Yong Middle School. April 1998.



"Defended Until Death"

Privates Bruce MacDonald and Maurice Carr manning the 12 Platoon MMG at Kap'Yong. A new painting presented to the 2 PPCLI Officers Mess by LCol D. Fraser on departure. The artist is Mrs Lindsey Newman.

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| 2 July 1999 | • PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting
• Opening of the Better 'Ole
• Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony
• Barbecue |
| 3 July 1999 | • Vehicle and Equipment Displays
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• Better 'Ole
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