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AND FINALLY PASSED FROM SIGHT OF MEN
BY THE PATH OF DUTY AND SELF-SACRIFICE,
GIVING UP THEIR OWN LIVES
THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE IN PEACE AND FREEDOM.**

**LET THOSE WHO COME AFTER SEE TO IT
THAT THEIR NAMES BE NOT FORGOTTEN.**

Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Kandahar, Afghanistan 17 April 2002

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Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



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

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief

The year 2001 was an extraordinary year for the Regiment and indeed for the world. In a year highlighted by incredible events throughout the globe, Patricia's have continued to perform in a highly professional manner whether they were deployed on operations, on training or in garrison routine.

I have been most fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit at least one of the battalions during the past year. It was indeed a rare occurrence that I was able to visit one of the battalions twice during the year but was unable to visit the other two units. It was a great experience to travel to Bosnia once again, this time with my daughter, Amanda, to visit the Second Battalion during their tour. I was once more deeply impressed by the efforts and professionalism of the Patricia soldiers as they continue to do stalwart service in this region of the world. The benefit of their presence is clearly evident.

My second visit with the Second Battalion was in Winnipeg in July for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the battle of Kap'Yong. It was a great delight to participate in the various ceremonies and also to meet such a large amount of the Patricia family. It was inspiring to see so many of the Kap'Yong veterans and I felt greatly honoured to be the Reviewing Officer during the Trooping the Colours and to watch the Old Guard march past.

I am very impressed with the popularity and success of the recently published Regimental History written by David Bercuson. The Regiment has a fascinating heritage that should be promoted as much as possible. This best-selling book, whose publication was made possible by many dedicated volunteers, will go a long way to enhancing the Regiment's image and identity.

At the close of the year, I waited with great expectation for the deployment of the Third Battalion to Afghanistan. I was confident in their professionalism and dedication and shared their motivation to begin the mission. I was also happy that the soldiers were able to spend Christmas with their families and begin deployment in the New Year. I am sure that the Battalion will serve with great distinction.

The upcoming year will provide many challenges and opportunities for the Regiment. The Third Battalion should complete its mission in Afghanistan and by that time, the First Battalion should be in its final preparation stage for its deployment to Bosnia. I look forward to my visit to Canada in March when I will have the opportunity to visit the First Battalion and the Rear Party of the Third Battalion as well as the Association Branches in Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton. I am confident that Patricia's everywhere will meet all challenges in the year with the skill, dedication and pride that sets them at the top of their profession.



Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

**General
A.J.G.D. de Chastelain,
OC, CMM, CD, CH**
***Message from the
Colonel of the Regiment***



2001 has been an event filled year for the Regiment, starting with the return of the Second Battalion from operations in Bosnia, continuing with the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong in Winnipeg mid-year, and culminating with the deployment of the Third Battalion for operations in Afghanistan.

The chilling events of the terrorist attacks on the United States in September have overshadowed many of the other events of the year and provided a spill-over effect on the Canadian Forces and on the Regiment. The run-down of the Forces in the post-Cold War period has now been placed in question by the spectre of world-wide terrorism, and a large majority of the Canadian public has recently endorsed an increase in Canadian defence capability. How that will translate into policy remains to be seen, but the retention of the third battalions of each of the Regular force infantry regiments, earlier in question, now seems assured.

The celebration of the Kap'Yong Anniversary in Winnipeg was a stirring event, with the return to that city of many PPCLI Korean War Veterans, including many of the veterans of the Kap'Yong Battle. The Colonel-in-Chief was present throughout the four day celebration and took the opportunity there to launch the new Bercuson history of the PPCLI, signing numerous copies for the Patricias, their families and their friends. The history is a best-seller and has gone into a second printing. The organization of such an outstanding weekend was made possible only by the hard work of the Winnipeg Branch of the Association, and the members of the Second Battalion. All who attended enjoyed the camaraderie and benefited by the chance to meet old friends again.

Winnipeg was also in the Regiment's focus this year when it was confirmed that the Second Battalion **will** move from Kap'Yong Barracks to CFB Shilo in 2004. That event will bring to an end a continuous thirty-two year association of the Regiment with Winnipeg, a period longer even than the association which existed between the two World Wars.

It was the fall-out of the September 11th terrorist attack that caused Third Battalion to be alerted, trained and equipped for operations in Afghanistan. Despite the on-again-off-again nature of the final order to deploy -- which placed a strain on soldiers and their families over the Christmas period -- advance parties left before the end of the year, with the aim of having the battle group on the ground in Afghanistan early in the New Year. We in the Regiment are pleased that Third Battalion has been chosen for this important task, and we wish all members of the battle group success in their operations and a safe return.

With the Third Battalion there, and with First Battalion preparing for another tour in Bosnia next year, 2002 promises to be another eventful chapter in our history. My best wishes to all of you, at home and abroad, and to your families.



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Regimental Headquarters

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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 Regimental Gratuities plan was approved in 1997. The following gratuities will be provided to all 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:

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- 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:
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 - (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. All this is based on the member paying his/her regimental contributions.



The Regimental Museum

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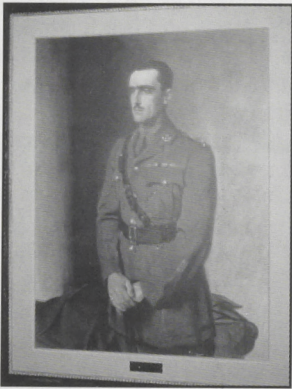
The year 2001 was very busy for the Regimental Museum and Archives. A new interactive computer exhibit highlighting the PPCLI's involvement in the Korean War was installed in the Korea Gallery. The exhibit, made possible by a grant from the Calgary Foundation, is a touch screen interactive developed by students from the Multimedia Department at SAIT. The computer interface was designed using photographs, maps and film footage from the PPCLI Archives and the National Film Board. The exhibit opening coincided with the introduction of the new Regimental history book "The Patricias, The Proud History of a Fighting Regiment". The author, Dr. David Bercuson, Director of Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary, held a book signing event at the Museum in June.

A display featuring the PPCLI's peacekeeping role in the Balkans was installed at Vimy Ridge Academy in Edmonton. A new exhibit at the school is planned for 2002 to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the attack on Vimy Ridge.

The artifact inventory is now complete and over 9,000 artifacts have been entered onto the Museum database. The Museum and Archives received and catalogued approximately 1,100 artifacts and archival items in 2001, for a total value of approximately \$43,000. The most notable acquisitions were the wedding gown and veil of Princess Patricia and the contents of the now defunct Hatchcourt Museum in England. Included in the Hatchcourt acquisition was the Visitor's Book from Mount St. Hilaire, Quebec, Hamilton Gault's spurs and hundreds of Gault Family photographs. Fred Mannix graciously donated 2 canvas transfer prints of a large oil painting of Lieutenant Colonel Gault that once hung in Hatchcourt. Gault's great niece and nephew, Mrs. Robin Odgers and Mr. John Townson, retained the original piece of art.

Thanks to a Public Access-Exhibitions Grant from Museums Alberta, the video equipment in the Gallery will be upgraded from Laser Disc to DVD in early 2002 and a new video featuring the PPCLI in Sicily and Italy will be installed in the World War Two Gallery. The Museum staff were also involved in a Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN) Virtual Exhibit called "Remembrances The Land War". Check out <http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/~military/remembrances/> for some of our World War Two artifacts and photographs when the site comes on line in the spring of 2002.

In closing , Scottish researcher Alan Newark has asked that anyone who remembers the Texel (Tessel) - Georgian incident in Holland in 1945, please e-mail him with their recollections at brave-heart562002@yahoo.com. In April 1945, 600 Georgians rose against the German garrison on the NW Holland Island of Tessel killing some 1,800 Germans and wounding 200 others. On 17 June 1945 Lt. F.E. Mooney of the PPCLI with a small party of soldiers escorted the 250 survivors from Texel to Den Helden and over the causeway into northern Holland. Lt Col Tweedsmuir accompanied the party.



Two of these pictures of LCol A. Hamilton Gault, OBE, DSO, ED, CD were graciously donated by HCOL (Retd) Fred Mannix. This one is in the Museum and the other hangs in the Edmonton Garrison WOs' and Sgts' Mess.



The PPCLI Peace Keeping exhibit, at the Vimy Ridge Academy
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Message from the National President

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Mr Jac de Bruijne, CD

Fellow Soldiers:

This past year has been a busy period for all of us. Many of our members attended the 50th Anniversary of the battle of Kap'Yong festivities with 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg. LCol Makulowich and his soldiers provided our members, especially the Kap'Yong Veterans, with an unforgettable weekend we shall cherish for a long time. Thanks 2PP!

End-year activity included a trip to 1 PPCLI to take in the traditional Men's Christmas Dinner. LCol King, the RSM, CWO Williams and all ranks made me feel at home and I thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and congeniality at the turkey dinner and later at the WOs' & Sgts' Mess. Thanks 1PP!

LCol Stogran, with 3 PPCLI Battlegroup, is now operational in the Kandahar region of Afghanistan. We the "Old Gaurd" are proud of your achievements and we support your endeavours. We wish you a successful tour of duty in your assigned area and a safe return to your loved ones on completion of your mission.

Prior to your departure, I followed the usual parliamentary wrangles on the TV screen, and the banality of the debate underscores the intellectual disconnection of our present day politicians with the ethos of our young combat soldiers. My suspicion is that few if any of our politicians ever laced on a pair of combat boots or spent time in a slit trench. My many recent visits confirm that current Patricia soldiers are far more realistically trained and better prepared for operational tour than soldiers in the past.

Last year we increased our membership to 997 dues paying supporters, an increase of nearly 15% over the previous year. All Branch Executives are to be commended for this achievement. The staff at RHQ also contributed significantly to this success through the use of our Website, (www.ppcli.com). The Colonel-in-Chief's strong endorsement of Association membership is also a major factor.

The Association held it's latest casino earlier this year in Calgary, and again I thank Mr. Tom Reid, the Casino Chairman, his committee and all members of the Calgary Branch. Monies derived from this endeavour are used to support our Museum and to-date in excess of \$400,000.00 has been contributed through casino operations.

This year, our Annual General Meeting will be held at Camp Wainwright AB, 13 and 14 Sept 02. The president of the Wainwright Branch, Mr. Bert Scott is working on an interesting agenda. Information packages for this event should reach the membership in mid June. Finally, good health, good fortune, see you in September. **VP**



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- 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

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(effective 1 January 2000)



Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

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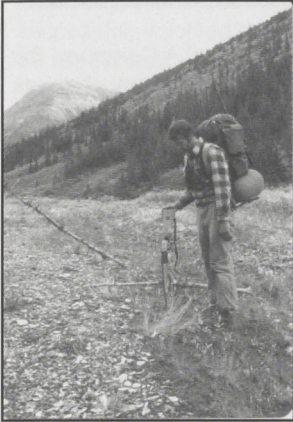


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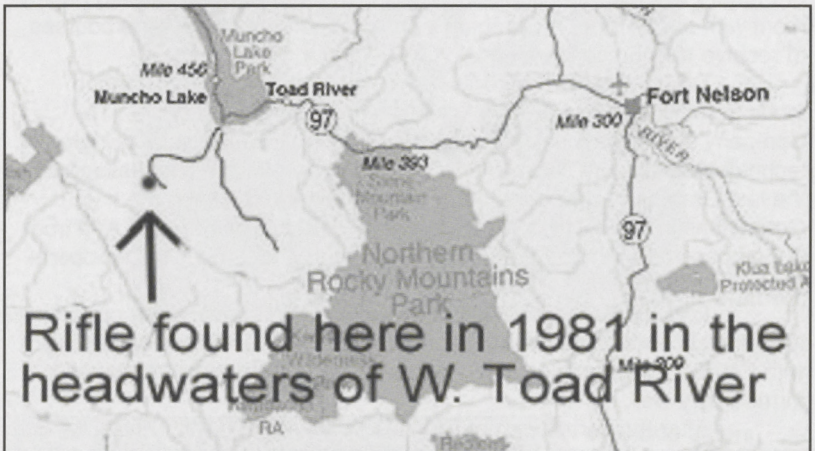
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Follow up article from Page15 Patrician 2000, titled
“Can You Help”?



Do you know anything about this rifle?

This rifle was found with a PPCLI collar dog on the butt. The picture shows Mr, Greg Shelton who found the rifle in 1981 at the headwaters of the West Toad River, Northern British Columbia.



Response

Capt David C. Jones went missing with his wife while on a canoe trip in the North somewhere August 1972. The canoe was found 2 or 3 years later where and what river unknown! He was posted to Northern Region.

If anyone knows this person and can verify or discredit the accuracy of this information, please contact Regimental Headquarters. Address on page 5.



First Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

A COY RULES THE GROUND!

The year 2001 passed quickly for the soldiers of A Company, the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Many changes were made throughout the year, particularly in key leadership positions. Major Don Furuness took over command from Major Cliff Reeves in August and the 2IC position was taken over by a Vandoo exchange officer, Capt Eric Richard. In addition the Company received two new Platoon Comds, Lt James Dawe and 2Lt James L'Heureux and the duties of the CSM were assumed by MWO Brian Semenko.

Although, the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV III) arrived in the Company in early November, the Company's focus for 2001 remained with the instruction and development of the skill sets the soldiers required to operate the vehicle on the battlefield. A Company's role in the Commanding Officer's main effort involved heavy participation in a number of Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycles to prepare them for field deployment with the LAV III. A Company sent their personnel on these courses to receive training concerning LAV III Driver and Gunner.

During Exercise URBAN RAM, A Company quickly changed focus from PCFs and traditional operations to urban operations. The Company spent three days in a staging area in Griesbach practicing entry techniques and room clearing drills in preparation for the final assault on the last Granovian stronghold. Immediately after destroying the Granovians in URBAN RAM, the company quickly signed over LAVs from C Company and headed off to Wainwright to conduct mechanized operations.

EX MILLENNIUM WARRIOR provided A Company the opportunity to finally conduct platoon and company group level collective training with LAV 3. The learning curve was steep but A Company Group performed very well.

After the completion of EXs URBAN RAM and MILLENNIUM WARRIOR, A Company went back into a PCF cycle to increase the number of soldiers qualified as both LAV III Drivers and Gunners. This was the final push to qualify soldiers and leaders for the live fire EX MOBILE RAM in CFB Suffield from 05-25 November.

While deployed in Suffield, AB, A Company quickly came together in executing the Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) associated with the LAV III. The Company had the opportunity to work with the Leopard C2 in a combined arms context. As A Combat Team, we quickly proved our ability to form into the Combat Team and execute operations in a 'warfighting' scenario. Exercise MOBILE RAM, enabled the Company to conduct live fire training up to and including Platoon level. The Platoon Live Fire Range involved both LAV IIIs in the firebase and on the assault.

This demonstrated an excellent challenge for the soldiers and leaders alike. For the first time, all the weapons systems were employed together in a live fire setting. Further training completed by A Company, was a night level combined arms attack. This attack, which was highly successful, involved the 'tanks' in the firebase and the LAV III moving in on the assault. The attack proved the capabilities of the LAV III to conduct night operations. The culmination of the exercise involved a Combat Team trace with live fire artillery and engineer support. This trace was challenging and it provided the 'foothold' for the upcoming spring exercise ROBUST RAM.

The tempo was quick this year and A Company learned many valuable lessons. Both the individual and unit level training completed to date has placed A Company in good stead for future exercises and operations. A Company continues to Rule the Ground!



Pte Rooney, cocked, locked and ready to rock. Manning the C6 as a part of the support group. Ex Urban Ram.



Pte Dickie enters the room. Ex Urban Ram.



Sgt Menard, WO Caddick, Lt Tedford, 8PL, Ex Valid Ram. Get ready for yet another de-brief.

The Year of the Bear

The year 2001 passed quickly for the soldiers of Charlie Company, the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Although the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) III arrived at the Battalion more than a year ago, the Battalion's focus for 2001 remained with the instruction and development of the skill sets the soldiers required to operate the vehicle on the battlefield. Charlie Company's role in the Commanding Officer's main effort involved heavy participation in a number of Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycles to prepare them for field deployment with the LAV III. Two courses in which Charlie Company had extensive involvement were the LAV III Driver and 25mm Gunner. Much like the ebb and flow of the tide, Charlie Company moved from PCF cycle to exercise, and exercise back to PCF cycle.

From 2-12 February, Charlie Company was attached to the LdSH(RC) Battle Group as enemy force for an IRFL validation exercise for 3 PPCLI: Exercise RESOLUTE GUARD. The soldiers spent an exciting ten days in the area west of Sundre, AB, conducting patrols and even an airmobile assault on a bridge. Despite the harsh cold and long nights of patrolling through the rough and mountainous terrain, Charlie Company's OC, Major Jerry Walsh, kept morale high with a game of football.

After a short time in garrison, Charlie Company found themselves once again in the field; however, rather than enjoying the beautiful vistas of the Canadian Rockies, we observed the rolling countryside of Wainwright from the heights of Tower Hill on EX VALID RAM. From 2 - 12 April, Charlie Company worked on offensive operations, specifically



the Hasty Attack, with an end-state of LAV III, the Leopard C2 tank, and the engineers working effectively together as Charlie Combat Team. This exercise was the first time that the LAV III and C2 Tank had worked together within a combat team and everyone was excited and pleased with the LAV III's performance. Two features which received extensive praise were the vehicle's speed across country and the tactical navigation system (TAC NAV). No doubt much to the chagrin of his mother, Cpl Mooney, 9 Platoon's signaller, was heard saying, "That TAC NAV system bye, well she's better than Cod Tongue."

After EX VALID RAM, C Company quickly changed focus from the traditional operations to urban operations. On the morning of 22 April 01, while the idle Granovians slept soundly in their bunkers, long before the rays of sun broke the dark veneer of night, soldiers of Charlie Company waited for H-hour. In a thick haze of purple smoke, Charlie Company surprised the Granovians by enveloping them, unleashing the most ferocious-fighting fiend known to man: Pte Chetyrbuk with a C6. After the complete destruction of the Granovian strong hold-and along with a number of their fine porcelain toilets-Charlie Company won the day with minimal casualties.

After EX URBAN RAM, several personnel deployed to CTC Gagetown and WATC Wainwright to instruct on National and Area level courses. September 2001, saw the start of another PCF cycle focused on achieving the LAV qualifications required for deployment on EX MOBILE RAM.

Under the guidance of our new OC, Major Dan Brister, C Company deployed in early November for Suffield. The barren landscape provided some fabulous sunsets of which MCpl Joseph stated, "Reminded him of those precious days he spent lingering atop Citadel Hill in Halifax." EX MOBILE RAM began with individual live-fire and worked up to platoon live-fire. The Platoon Live Fire Range, which involved both LAV III's in the firebase and on the assault, was an excellent challenge for soldiers and leaders alike. For the first time, all the weapons systems were working together. Unfortunately, the remainder of the exercise was dry due to the lack of safety staff; however, the final Combat team objective had the engineers conducting live breaches and the guns from 1 RCHA firing live on the position before our assault. Luckily, the only "NO DUFF" casualty was Pte Brownell who suffered a small laceration to his face after assaulting a figure 11 target with his head.

The tempo was quick this year, but Charlie Company learned a number of lessons. Both the individual and unit training completed to date leaves Charlie Company in good stead for the challenge of EX ROBUST RAM: a live-fire exercise that exercises the entire Combat Team in the spring of 2002.



Lt. Aggus confirming he's still in Suffield with Maj Brister and MWO Chase, OC and CSM Charlie Company



MCpl Howard and Cpl Rose conducting a demonstration on how to silhouette yourself during Ex MOBILE RAM



Combat Support Company - A Year in Review

This year proved to be both interesting and difficult for the members of Combat Support company. The year started off with the company preparing for Ex URBAN RAM, where the different platoons were employed in a myriad of positions. Next up were EXs VALID RAM and MILLENNIUM WARRIOR, which saw the efforts of the company being overshadowed by the implementation of the new LAV III vehicles. Before anybody knew it, it was summer and time for the change of command parade which saw LCol C.R. King take over command from LCol S. Brennan. Along with this, the company saw some major changes within our own leadership. Major Carr took over command of the company with MWO Kolotylo coming in as the CSM. Numerous other commanders came into the company as well. As the new leadership were starting to get settled into their jobs the first of many shakeups began, including Major Carr going off to finish his course in Kingston.

As always, Sigs platoon was kept extremely busy with the continuing implementation of the IRIS system, both through the running of courses and the normal day to day changes that seem to occur whenever a new piece of equipment is introduced. Throughout all of this the members of the platoon were kept busy trying to train both the rest of the battalion and themselves. After the completion of Ex MOBILE RAM the platoon can now be considered experts on the IRIS system, albeit there is always something else to learn.

The eyes and ears of the battalion, Recce platoon, were kept busy throughout the year. Numerous training opportunities were used to enhance their skills including mounted and dismounted training, the running of a basic recce and surveillance operator course, the running of battalion ranges, the various exercises and of course the never ending taskings. Now that the year is almost up Recce will soon have to shift gears and get ready to deploy to Bosnia next year as a rifle platoon. It may be a hard pill to swallow, but the soldiers and leaders within the platoon will be able to do the job, while keeping their hardcore abilities undercover until the right time.

Anti-armour platoon tried to keep themselves in a defilade position, however the positioning didn't work quite as well as expected when the various tasks came into play. Throughout most of the year the platoon acted in support of the battalion. All of this changed during Ex Mobile Ram when a TOW concentration was conducted. Anti-armour platoon, in conjunction with Recce platoon, engage enemy targets with TOW missiles and 25mm cannon fire. The coordination of fire and target acquisition in a live fire scenario was challenging.

Pioneer platoon were able to keep both their skills and their beards in good shape. As always, they were used as the workhorses of the battalion, having to put their engineering abilities to good use. During Ex MOBILE RAM the platoon had the opportunity to work with 11 Field

Squadron throughout their training. While they proved their abilities to the engineers, they also demonstrated their unique style and flare which the engineers will never be able to match.

Mortar platoon, as with the rest of the company, was inundated with taskings, including their potential deployment with 3 PPCLI, as part of the IRF(L). The platoon was stood-down from this task just prior to Christmas. Throughout the year, they were allowed several opportunities to practice their skills and drop bombs down range. Thanks to a conscientious effort and a bit of luck the platoon was able to complete their DAG process and become the first members of 1 PPCLI to don the new "relish" cam combats.

All in all it has been an interesting year within Combat Support company. A great deal was accomplished throughout all of the exercises and all personnel were able to play a major role in the training of the rest of the battalion.



MCpl Tracy Sopera jumps the wall during Cbt Sp Company's Soldier's Cup. *Not Bad for an Old Man.*



Cpl Tony Martin and Cpl Mark Decosta from Mortar Pl. *Death from a distance, ugly up close.*



MCpl Weaver and Cpl Smith sport the new recce 4x4. "Recon kicks butt"

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

The 2001 training year has been a busy and diverse one for 1 PPCLI Administration Company. The Company has supported two large PCF cycles, a Battalion Ski School and four major exercises. What made this year different from the previous ones was the incorporation of the LAV 3 into the Battalion. This proved to be a major endeavor as everyone had to learn the ropes when dealing with the new fighting vehicle.

Transport Platoon has had another successful year. The high point was experimenting with revised supply delivery doctrine on Ex VALID RAM in the spring. Instead of having Transport Platoon responsible to deliver supplies to each of the companies in the field (typically a company rolling replenishment), they only delivered supplies to a beefed-up company echelon. This worked extremely well, but it is unlikely that the required vehicles for the companies will be available any time soon.

The UMS has had many changes to its organization over the past year. The CF medical system is in its first phases of a major overhaul. The new "prescription" for success, RX 2000, saw all of our medics get posted back to 1 Fd Amb. The current crew is on loan to 1 PPCLI until the road ahead is clarified. The unit was very pleased to get a new doctor. Capt Elsadi is still adapting to the rigors of being an Army doctor, but should make out well in 2002. A warning to all visitors to 1 PPCLI UMS - do not drink the water. There have been three recent additions to the UMS staff's families with two more on the way.

For the QM staff, this year's main activity involved signing for

two company's worth of LAV 3, all coming with large bundles of unfamiliar new equipment. It is hard to sign for a "harmonic infusion device" when you haven't seen one before. Needless to say, many hoops were jumped through in order to ensure that the rifle companies had the equipment they needed to get their training done. The QM staff also had to adapt to a new supply system, the CFSSU. This computerized supply system has had a few hiccups over the past few months and has proven to be a bigger learning curve than expected.

Maintenance Platoon has had its hands full keeping up with the pace of activity throughout 2001. Between inspecting new vehicles, routine inspections, vehicle upgrade projects, MLVW wheel rim replacements and of course fixing all of the vehicles that get broken over the course of training, the pace has been relentless. The biggest challenge with coping with the LAV 3 was trying to find enough parts to keep them running. To keep both A and C companies at maximum strength on Ex MOBILE RAM, it took the combined efforts of supply staff Canada-wide. We had every last "transorb" and differential in Canada shipped to CFB Suffield.

Looking to the future, 2002 will be another challenging year: a PCF cycle; Ex ROBUST RAM; and then preparations for the likely OP PALLADIUM Roto 11 tour to Bosnia. Administration Company will be there, keeping the Battalion fed, fuelled and happy.



Cpl Richards stops for a photo op during Ex Urban Ram



WO Kenny sends SITREP to 19er as he commands 4 PI into the Building, "erbs Heroes save A-Company"...again.



LCol Brennan turns over command to LCol King in front of Col Nordick



LCol King and RSM Williams face off in the annual Sr NCO & Officer hockey game.

1 PPCLI MOUNTAIN MAN TEAM 2001
2ND PLACE - MAJOR UNIT COMPETITION



Front Row L to R: MCpl MacDougall MCpl Masson MS Urkosky Pte Funk Cpl McCready Pte Krafchek Pte Roberts Pte Thomas Pte Nevell Pte Horan

Back Row L to R: WO Forsyth MCpl May Lt Mossop Cpl Guimond Cpl Dacko MCpl Martin Sgt Turtle Cpl Johnstone Cpl Parks Cpl Hannan Cpl Bramble Pte Robison Cpl Budd Pte Stratford Cpl Rochette Cpl Riddell MCpl Stewart Cpl Leblanc Lt Tedford



1 PPCLI RIFLE TEAM

In May 01, 1PPCLI stood up the 1CMBG rifle team and sniper team. The team trained on the ATS range in Edmonton and on the conventional ranges in Wainwright in preparation for the British Columbia Rifle Association Matches in Chilliwack. The BCRA Matches are held in the beginning of June, on Volkes range. The team arrived in Chilliwack a week prior to train on the ranges and gain more experience on conventional ranges. The team excelled, winning 7 of 12 matches and all team matches, in particular, Cpl Mitchell won 3 of the individual matches himself. Upon re-deployment to Edmonton, the team continued to focus on problem areas on the ATS range and near the end of June, flew to Ottawa to train on the Connaught ranges. After a ten day training cycle, the team was again in the breach, gaining more valuable competition experience, in the Ontario Rifle Assoc matches. Once again the team distinguished itself, winning 8 of 12 matches. Cpl Mitchell again leading the charge by winning 5 of them himself, plus setting a range record score of 581/600. Not content to leave Ottawa in peace for any length of time, five members of the team responded to a serious vehicle accident and performed lifesaving First aid to an injured family. Sgt Bell, Cpls Mitchell, Moser, Ramos, and Hennie were all commended by both the attending OPP constable and the family themselves. The team returned to Edmonton for some leave and a final tune up on the ATS range before the CFSAC matches. CFSAC was held 27 Jul - 03 Aug and was attended by representatives from all arms and services including the RCMP, Canadian Rangers and two teams from the US Army. The 1 PPCLI team placed 5 members in the "Elite 50", the top 50 competitors in the grand aggregate:

1st Sgt Wood- 575.32
20th Pte Wright- 557.33
21st Cpl Mitchell- 557.21
44th Cpl Ramos- 546.32
46th MCpl Cutler- 545.33

Cpl Kitchen won match 1 with 50.9 the highest possible score being 50.10 and Sgt Wood won Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the CF (last won by PPCLI in 1993) with a score of 761.42. He will go to Bisley, England in June of 02 to represent Canada in the British Army Central Skill at Arms Meet. Pte Wright, who placed 2nd in LFWA, went to the Australian Army Skill at Arms Meet in Nov 01. He placed 5th overall.



1 PPCLI RIFLE TEAM 2001



Rear Row: Sgt Ives, Lt Barry, Pte Hoekstra, Cpl Kitchen, Pte Berry, Cpl St.Onge, Sgt Wood, Sgt Bell, Sgt Menard, Sgt Nowotczynski.

Middle Row: Cpl Jamieson, Cpl Woodworth, Cpl Farrell, Cpl MacLean, Pte Sesk, MCpl Cutler, Pte Wright, Cpl Ramos, Cpl Halgren, Cpl Hennie, Pte Moser

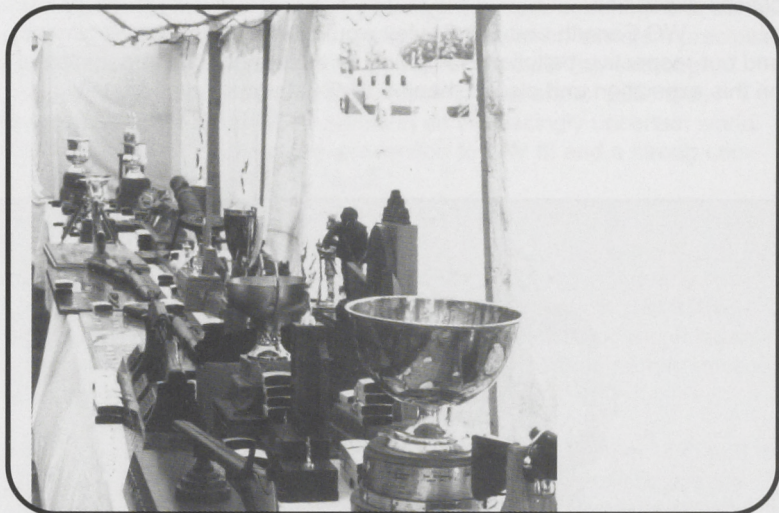
Front Row: Pte Chetyrbuk, MCpl King, Cpl Stoddard, Pte Rooney, Cpl Fraser, MCpl Eisan, Cpl Martin, Cpl Mitchell, Pte Kotlarz



1 and 3 PPCLI Soldier's Cup Team coming into the finish line, prior to the shoot.



Julius Caesar after conquering the Britons, no wait... Oh it's that Wood fella, won the Queen's Medal or something, guess it really went to his head. At least he's not driving.



The Booty. The Loot . The Silverware, by God! There for the taking, and although we didn't get all of it, the stuff we got counted.



PATRICIAS IN ALASKA

During the spring of 2001, there were a number of different efforts afoot to organize an expedition to Mount McKinley in Alaska. Mount McKinley also known by its traditional Indian name "Denali" has the honor of being North America's highest summit at 20,320 feet above sea level. In March, an invitation arrived in 1 CMBG from several members of the United States Marine Corps who were organizing their own expedition, asking for Canadian participation. The Brigade accepted the offer and a team assembled consisting of Captain Brent Peters LdSH, Warrant Officer Greg Forsyth 1 PPCLI and Sergeant Mike Gauley 3 PPCLI. After flying into Anchorage Alaska, the team met their four US Marine counterparts and spent a couple of days sorting gear and preparing food. The expedition members were inserted by Chinook helicopter onto the Kahiltna Glacier near Denali, courtesy of the US Army. Base camp established, work began in earnest and the team slowly progressed up the mountain. On June 4th, after sixteen days of climbing, all members of the team reached the summit in cold but calm weather. A safe return down the mountain and back to Edmonton concluded a successful expedition.

WO Forsyth and Sgt Gauley would like to thank the Regiment and our respective battalions for giving us the opportunity to participate on this expedition and also to thank 1 CMBG for their support. VP.



Sgt Mike Gauley 3PP and WO Greg Forsyth 1PP flying the colours on the summit of Mount McKinley



Second Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

The year 2001 was both eventful and extremely busy for 2 PPCLI. 3 RCR took over OP PALLADIUM in April as the Battalion completed its seventh month and the Bosnian Croat Third entity started to rattle their sabers. The last re-deployment flight had not even left Bosnia when the Minister of National Defence announced that 2VP would find a new home in Shilo in the year 2004. Capt John Reiffenstein, WO Chris Waugh, and MCpl Peter Carlos stood up the 2PPCLI Shilo Move Implementation Cell in June in order to start laying the groundwork for the move. After contemplating this life altering news over disembarkation leave, 50 members of 2VP stood proudly beside soldiers of 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment and A Company, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion (US) in a Kap'Yong Remembrance Ceremony hosted by the Korean government. The soldiers, NCOs and Officers of the Battalion launched back to work with a taste of fierce close combat at EX URBAN RAM. The effort then shifted to preparations for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong. Time on the parade square and the efforts of those behind the scenes produce an event that was applauded by the 200 veterans and many other dignitaries in attendance. Fall brought a more sobering tone as the events of September 11th and the subsequent war on terrorism precipitated the formation of a light company as part of the IRF(L). Although C Company had not deployed to Afghanistan by the end of 2001 they remained ready to respond to events in an increasingly uncertain world. 2002 will see 2VP continue the conversion to LAV III and a strong commitment to remain "Second to None."

A COMPANY

Alpha Company had a fast and furious 2001, bringing in the new year observing the local fireworks in Drvar, BiH. We spent our first three months conducting peace support operations and running a contingent-wide firepower demonstration that saw some impressive performances from all NATO units.

After disembarkation leave A Company was first in the order of march for 2PPCLI in URBAN RAM. The MILES gear created a realistic training environment as everyone learned the importance of proper fieldcraft, and the power of a God-gun. However, a few of the observer/controllers almost experienced the wrath of WO Schoofs, as he seriously contemplated throwing them out of the building windows to mark the forward progress of 1 Platoon, or simply to get them out of his way.

With no time to waste after celebrating the Kap'Yong anniversary, the

Company leapt wholeheartedly into the running of two QL3 Reserve serials. The staff, most notably the Swing NCOs Cpl Faught and Cpl Fletcher, quickly realized just how flexible Infantry soldiers can be as they scrambled between 17 Wing, Minto Armouries, St Charles Range and, of course, CFB Shilo. A job well done was recognized by a commendation from the Commander 38 Brigade, not to mention the personal satisfaction of producing some tough militia troops.

September brought another challenge as A Company lead the Battalion's evolution into the LAV III. The LAV Cell did it's job well and through two serials A Company qualified the majority of it's personnel as either a LAV driver, gunner, or crew commander and a new generation of soldier was born: the LAV Warrior, or as in Lt MacIntyre and Sgt Bouchie's case: the Misfire Queens.

In between those two LAV serials was EX PATRICIA BATTLE. A Company demonstrated its flexibility once more as it reorganized from three platoons down to two. Lt Rutland didn't have much say on what happened to his platoon seeing as he was busy snake-eating on the US Ranger course. After pairs live fire, two LAVs were used for the section attack ranges as A Company began to demonstrate it's prowess as LAV Warriors. Two LAV sections under MCpl Morrison and MCpl Sluis headed off to Suffield for EX MOBILE RAM with 1VP.

November certainly didn't bring a slower pace. If you weren't on the second LAV course, or away on tasking, then you were experiencing the newly discovered joys of computer-based-training on one of the many TCCCS serials being run in Shilo. A week of good Christmas cheer and camaraderie were well received as A Company headed off for three weeks of leave with friends and family.



A Company -10 PI firing a grouping and zeroing practice at Gos Peak Range near Drvar, BiH



B COMPANY

The beginning of 2001 saw B Company deployed in Camp Normandy in Tomislavgrad (TSG), at the southern edge of the AOR. B Company participated in several exchanges due to the fact that they were tasked as divisional reserve. The Company travelled to Tuzla in Multinational Division (North) where they were spoiled by their American counterparts of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Brigade. 4 Platoon went to Bugojno to work with the Dutch 10th Mechanised Battalion and 5 Platoon was sent to Mostar in Multinational Division (Southeast) where they spent a week working with Spanish armoured cavalry. 6 Platoon took part in joint patrolling operations with French troops on the boundary between Multinational Division (Southwest) and (Southeast) staying at a few French Platoon houses and enjoying what the French call "joie de vivre."

The Company also participated in a number of exercises at Manjaca ranges where elements of 4 Platoon and Company HQ under Maj Fawcett set up one of the more successful combat team ranges. Company HQ was also responsible for providing safety staff for the Multinational Division (Southwest) firepower demonstration, where the Armed Forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina representatives were given a taste of what to expect if they ever got out of line.

Re-deployment to Canada started in March with the lead elements of 3RCR arriving to cover-up stenciled chickens that mysteriously appeared in the shacks. With this, B Company re-deployed to Canada having achieved the objective set out by Maj Fawcett to "return to Canada at end tour with no casualties and having made a difference in lives of the local population."

After pounding the pavement for the Trooping the Colours and Battle of Kap'Yong celebrations, Major Fawcett was posted to Wainwright and Major Fitzgerald assumed command. The Company completed adventure training in September, which consisted of a five-day canoe trip and civilian skydiving. The canoe trip involved a number of challenging portages along with navigating through a rice-paddy. Despite this, the participants were fortunate to be away from the mayhem in Winnipeg on September 11.

In October C Company was tasked as the IRF(L) Company and B Company ended up sending most of it's personnel to C Company to boost its ranks, leaving B Company at little more than platoon size. It was re-rolled as the Battalion Training Company and will have the task of running LAV continuation training and Live Fire Ranges for the Battalion. The future looks bright for B Company in 2002 as the centre of excellence for Battalion training.



(B Company) WO
Paul Lucas. Urban
Warrior.

C COMPANY

The New Year opened with C Company deployed in the now defunct Camp Holopina in Corralici with a platoon cut away to some independence in Bihac. During the last months of the tour C Company conducted live fire heliborne ranges, a Military Skill competition with 5 Corps, a Division reserve exercise, an exchange with the Czech BG as well as carrying out our day-to-day operations.

Upon our return to Canada, C Company enjoyed some much deserved leave prior to going on Ex URBAN RAM in Edmonton Alta after which Charlie Company said goodbye to our OC Maj Vic Sattler (Ottawa), CSM Paul Wiseman (St-Jean) and CQMS Chris Waugh (CFB Shilo).

Charlie Company began the fall season with some Adventure Training. The soldiers took part in a canoe trip on the South Saskatchewan River. It was both a physically demanding exercise and a journey through history as they visited the various sites that General Middleton marched upon during the Louis Riel uprisings.

Upon arrival back to Winnipeg, the world had been transformed due to the

tragic events of September 11. Such being the case, a new state of readiness was put in place as Charlie Company eagerly took on the role of the Immediate Reaction Force - Land (IRFL) in anticipation of a possible deployment in the new US-led war on terrorism. Charlie Company began rigorous training in order to fulfill its IRFL commitments. The training involved everything from the basic DLOC checklists to several light infantry exercises in Shilo and Dundurn.

Following the live fire training Ex PATRICIA BATTLE in Shilo, Charlie Company deployed to Dundurn, Saskatchewan to conduct some company advance to contact with MILES equipment. Its culminating point was a Company deliberate attack, in which C Company successfully fought hard against 4 Platoon of 3PPCLI, capturing the objective.

C Company was fortunate enough to obtain sufficient new generation NVG equipment to be able to do substantial night live fire training beginning with a jungle lane and leading to a section attack. The soldiers of Charlie Company left Shilo with a new confidence in their night fighting abilities.

After a Christmas vacation spent on five days NTM, C Company was greatly disappointed to hear that they were not being sent to Afghanistan with the initial wave.



C Company Mil Skills Team: Ptes Walsh, Hefferan and Leck with EAF soldiers and translator



COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

Upon return from OP PALLADIUM Roto 7, Combat Support Company began the process of reconstitution and regrouping. Most importantly, Recce Platoon changed into the Battalion LAV training cadre and embarked on an ambitious training regime to convert 2 PPCLI into a LAV Battalion. Our first serial of LAV courses kicked off in June, running concurrently with preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong. It was probably beneficial in the end because Capt Chorely was not required to do drill.

After block leave, Combat Support Company was dissected in order to support a number of tasks across the country. It was a sad day in the company when Capt Vivian (AKA Young Buffalo) departed the city limits for the Maritimes. Combat Support personnel performed extremely well on the advance courses. Sgt Sargent topped Advance Pioneer, MCpl Orr topped Advanced Recce, and Capt J.T. Williams topped Advanced Anti-Armour. And despite having a Mortar Platoon without mortars, Capt Vivian and his band of merry men were able to conduct some outstanding mortar training in support of the Advance Mortar course.

The LAV cadre became a satellite of 2 PPCLI as they were housed in Hanger 11 at 17 Wing. Using a hijacked IMR in place of the eagerly anticipated LAV Crew Gunnery Trainers, WO Lewis, Nicholson, Hubbard and Sgt McIntyre managed to train a large number of LAV crews. Everyone has quickly realized that the LAV comes with a few more bells and whistles than the M113 and therefore requires a little more training all around.

Combat Support Company was also charged with conducting a platoon live fire grenade assault range during EX PATRICIA BATTLE in Shilo. Thanks to Sgt Barker and the rest of Pioneer platoon, the grenade trench clearing range was a success. Five platoons fought their way through the trench system over a three-day period and only managed to throw grenades outside of the trench twice. All range staff were vigilant, particularly Sgt Karambowich who reacted extremely quickly when a grenade decided to re-enter the trench system rather than remain in the bunker.

In addition to all the tasks in Gagetown, Recce platoon's snipers returned from Wainwright after supporting the Basic Sniper course. Sgt Polegato and MCpl McMeekin were employed as instructors while a number of soldiers took the course, including Cpl Dwyer who earned Top Candidate. Both Pte Cromwell and Cpl Vandale successfully passed the course and earned the Basic Sniper qualification.

In December, Combat Support personnel slowly returned from their various tasks and courses and ended the year with Christmas well deserved

celebrations. The Company is poised to tackle the many challenges and training activities scheduled for the New Year.



MCpl Tim McKeekin and the "Escort Team" for Lady Patricia's visit to Bihac.

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

WE SUPPORT THE WAR FIGHTERS

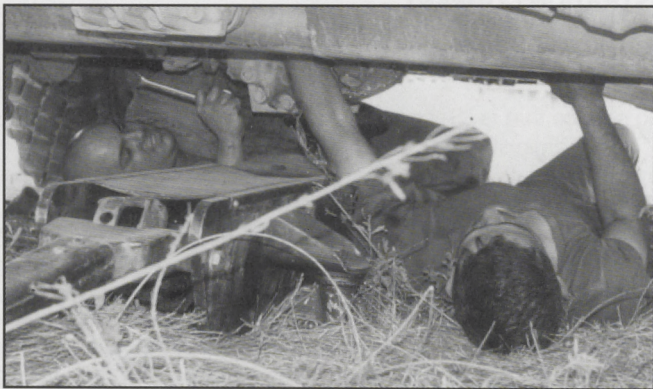
Providing service that is "Second to None" to the battalion that is "Second to None" kept Administration Company very busy throughout the year. As 2001 dawned the bulk of the company personnel were in Camp Maple leaf in Zgon as well as a significant representation in all of the other camps. Challenges throughout the tour were many, not the least of which was driving safety in Bosnian winter conditions (with Bosnian drivers on the roads). Through it all the boys from Transport Platoon racked up some incredible mileage with no significant accidents. The huge signs reading "Think Safe Drive Safe" that adorned almost every building in the AOR clearly had the desired effect. The company also worked through some "growing pain" being the first unit to be deployed in Bosnia with the civilian company Atco Frontac assisting with some support functions.

Upon return to Canada, Administration Company carried on at the same frenzied pace working towards Exercise Urban Ram and the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong. Members participated as part of a contingent that made the trip to Korea to visit the actual site with a crew of veterans. After viewing the ground it was clear that CSS in that type of

terrain had to have been a significant struggle. Following EX URBAN RAM, all efforts were directed towards the 50th Anniversary weekend in July. The execution of this operation may have been one of Administration Company's greatest feats. The transport plan devised by WO Stepsys was a thing of beauty and involved every type of vehicle from golf cart to Bren Gun Carrier driven by MCpl Lavoie. The kitchen provided some excellent feeding while the remainder of the Company was either doing their primary support function or on parade themselves.

Following some well-deserved summer leave, the troops were back at it with a number of new people and LAV III as the main effort. EX PATRICIA BATTLE served as a good shake out and gave some of the newer people a taste of Administration Company in the field. Just when it appeared that things were slowing down the IRF(L) task came to C Company and the wheels of Administration Company began to speed up again. Through some incredibly long hours, the Battalion Orderly Room staff, UMS and Transport Platoon had the fighting troops of C Company ready to go.

Looking back, the year passed in a hurry but the work was rewarding and Administration Company stayed focused on supporting the war fighters.



Cpl Hearsey and MCpl Murphy twisting wrenches in the field.



Second Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Exercise Kap'Yong Remembrance

2 PPCLI EXERCISE KAP'YONG REMEMBRANCE

As the wheels touched down at the Incheon International Airport in Seoul, Korea at approximately 1600hrs on the 21st of April 2001, it marked the first return of Canadian Combat Arms soldiers to Korea in 50 years. These 39 soldiers representing the 2 Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Lord Strathcona's (Royal Canadian) Horse, 12 Field Squadron of the Canadian Engineer Regiment, and the Royal Regina Rifles, had deployed from Canada almost a full day prior to commemorate and remember a war and a great battle that has been all but forgotten. This experience is best summed up in the words of Captain William Beardmore who was part of the 2VP contingent:

"To actually stand at the site where LCol Jim R. Stone led his Battalion of Patricias to victory over the advancing Chinese hordes is overwhelming. To view the ground where Capt Mills had called friendly artillery down on his own company position as enemy forces began to overwhelm him despite the consequences, is inspirational. To relive a part of world history whose outcome could have been drastically different had it not been for a handful of Canadians who did not know how to quit and were left with no option of withdrawal, is monumental. Outnumbered by thousands, hungry, tired, and disoriented, these men epitomized Canadian tenacity and maintained the aim with an exceptionally high morale. The President of the United States, Harry Truman, rightly and properly recognized these men 50 years ago with the Presidential Citation. They were recognized again today by all those who put so much effort into making it possible for 41 personnel to stand in front and honour them at the actual site of Hill 677 on 25 April 2001, 50 years to the day after the battle."

...we will remember them.

Kap'Yong

From 12-15 July 2001, 2 PPCLI hosted the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong Commemorative Weekend (K50). On Thursday 12 July, the K50 registration centre was set to open to allow participants to pick-up their registration packages and to allow any new registrants the opportunity to register. Like any good weekend-long festivity, a line had already formed at the reception centre before the staff arrived to set-up. After a little jostling and jesting from registrants, the registration centre



staff got things set-up and began distributing the registration packages.

Later that morning, the Better 'Ole (run by Bravo Company) was "unofficially" opened by the DCO with a Battalion beer-call and BBQ following the Trooping dress rehearsal. Concurrent to the beer-call, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Trustees Meeting and the Association Council Meeting were being held in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess. Upon completion of the meetings, a noticeable influx of personnel joined the troops, veterans and other former- and current-serving Patricias who were enjoying a pre-celebration in the Better 'Ole. With the assistance of Better 'Ole staff and Battalion RPs, the unofficial opening of the Better 'Ole ended at 2359 hrs.

The next morning the PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting was held in the Festival Tent with a record number of attendees. The Colonel-in-Chief and Colonel of the Regiment officiated a Regimental History Book-signing ("The Patricias" by David Bercuson.) After the book signing, Lady Patricia officially opened the Better 'Ole to the cheering of Kap'Yong Veterans, Second Battalion and other Patricias. The WOs' and Sgts' Mess hosted a special luncheon for the Colonel-in-Chief and Colonel of the Regiment with the Kap'Yong Veterans as the guests of honour.

That evening Alpha Company put on a spectacular Sunset Ceremony that included a parachute demonstration, the 2 PPCLI Drill Team, Tae Kwon Do and Unarmed Combat demonstrations, a Drum Line presentation and performances by various military bands from the Winnipeg area. The night rounded out in the Better 'Ole with patrons swapping war-stories until the wee hours of the morning.

A number of bleary-eyed veterans, Patricias and others rose early on a gorgeous July Saturday morning to attend the Trooping the Colours ceremony. Weeks of practice were evident in the utterly flawless ceremony. Immediately following the parade, a commemorative "photo-shoot" with the Colonel-in-Chief, Colonel of the Regiment and the Kap'Yong Veterans was held behind the WOs' and Sgts' Mess. For some, Saturday afternoon provided the perfect opportunity to catch-up on some missed sleep; however the majority chose to attend "The Battle of Kap'Yong: Guardians of Hill 677," a theatrical presentation sponsored by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Others opted to reminisce with friends, new and old alike, at one of the messes or in the Better 'Ole.

After some last minute arrangements and compromises by Admin Company personnel, the Manitoba Korean Community put on two settings of a Korean Dinner with entertainment by Korean Dancers. This was followed shortly by an All Ranks dance in the Festival Tent, care of Combat Support. Once the bands had finished playing and the noise permit had expired, the dance crowd descended en mass to the Better 'Ole. Like the

previous evening the Better 'Ole, now filled to capacity, remained open until the traces of dawn could be seen on the horizon.

On Sunday morning, the Officers' Mess hosted a Kap'Yong Memorial Service at the Kap'Yong Memorial. The remainder of Sunday was spent enjoying the Open House and Family Day activities and displays put on by Charlie Company with help from Combat Support. As things wound down and last goodbyes were said, the Better 'Ole had its last-call and closed its doors.

The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong Celebration was a massive undertaking for Second Battalion. The success of this event was due in no small part to all the behind-the-scenes contributions of many organizations. Specifically, contributions by the Manitoba and North-western Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association (especially Mr. D'Arcy Best and Mr. Bob Cummings), the Korean Veterans Association (Mr. Hugh MacKenzie), the Korean Society of Manitoba (Mr. Sam Chang), and all the soldiers of Second Battalion were instrumental in the success of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Over 200 veterans, including 86 from the actual Battle of Kap'Yong, from across Canada ventured to Winnipeg to participate in the Kap'Yong 50th Celebrations. All in all the weekend was an outstanding success and judging by the comments and letters from many of the participants it was a memorable and enjoyable weekend for all.



The National Flags march past during the Trooping the Colours



Sgt Jim Smith and the Precision Drill Team perform at the Sunset Ceremony



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Third Battalion

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

2001 was a year of international deployments for 3 PPCLI. Starting with a Small Unit Exchange to Germany, 3VP soldiers traveled to Poland, Austria, the United States and England before preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. It was also a year of gradual adjustments that saw the Battalion lose its Mortar Platoon, amalgamate C Company into the remaining two rifle companies due to manpower shortages, and finally absorb engineer, armoured, logistic and artillery personnel to form a Battle Group for the Campaign against Terrorism. Not to mention the on-again, off-again attachment of a rifle company from 2 PPCLI, and the debate over whether or not the Battalion's indirect fire would come from 1 PPCLI's Mortar Platoon or from the guns. Challenging training started with a validation exercise prior to assuming the task of Immediate Reaction Force (Light), continued on through a month of urban combat training where the Battalion's soldiers shone, and culminated with a series of live fire training to prepare for the upcoming mission in Central Asia.

In terms of international travel, 3VP's soldiers did the Regiment proud everywhere they went. The details can be read in each company's article. Suffice it to say that on all occasions we left our hosts or guests with a very favorable impression of the Canadian Army. The qualities of the Junior Non-Commissioned Officer, which we often take for granted, usually made the biggest impression on foreign contingents. While the Regiment often prides itself on initiative and professionalism from the lowest rank upwards, sometimes it helps to see our soldiers from an outsider's perspective to appreciate how lucky we are to be allowed to command these fine men and women.

The training year is also summarized in the company articles. One important point that I take pride in is the ability of the Battalion to continually improve our skills and drills to better our performance. 3 PPCLI now has a fully innovative approach to training and fighting that I feel will serve us well in the future. From the chaos of a Combat Team clearance of a multi-story building to the simple section attack, we are always seeking a better way.

No summary of 2001 would be complete without an update on Battalion sports. 3 PPCLI won the gruelling Mountain Man Competition for the fifth year in a row, with the First Battalion giving us a run for our money. While other Battalion sports teams are in rebuilding years, some mention must be given to the Officers continuing domination of the Senior NCOs in the annual Christmas hockey game. And while our hats go off to the First Battalion's accomplishments at the Queen's Medal competition at Connaught Ranges in Ottawa, I feel some pride in the showing of the 3VP team, who basically started from scratch.

The biggest story of the year, however, is the deployment to Afghanistan. This has been a case of flexibility first. The mission changed from peacekeeping in Kabul to war fighting in Kandahar. Notice to move changed from 48 hours to seven days and back to 72 hours. Attachments changed continually: 1 PPCLI's mortar platoon was lent to us and taken away. The gunners of 1 RCHA were to provide some Civil-Military Cooperation troops, and now are manning a Mortar Platoon. The LdSH were on stand-by to provide a Reconnaissance Squadron of Coyote vehicles (which, at the time of writing, has been attached to the Battle Group). The Engineers have faced many changes to the element they are to provide us. Finally, the logistical tail has been adjusted on a weekly basis. Despite these constant changes, the hard and realistic training conducted throughout the year has kept the infantry soldiers focused on their role, and to that end they have continued to hone their skills. All ranks are looking forward to this unique mission, which will be summarized in next year's Patrician. All the Way!!



A Company Sgt Ford, Cpl Gladue and Cpl Harik with their Macedonia counterparts.

PARA COMPANY (A Company)

2001 has been an interesting year for PARA Company. Some good training, but far too many stop drops were the highlight and theme for the year. We kicked off the year under the command of Major BJ Maclean and were sent to Wainwright Area Training Centre (WATC) for Ex WINTER PATRICIA. After the initial cancelled para drop, A Company



conducted Platoon and Company offensive ops culminating with a 10 km dismounted Company raid. This was followed immediately by Ex RESOLUTE GUARD, where once again the drop was cancelled and we spent the remainder of the Ex on a reserve demolition guard freezing our tails off in our tent groups. Morale heighten however with the coming of March. A Para Company composite platoon had the opportunity to deploy to Fort Benning Georgia to assist DCIEM with their NVG trials in urban and rural environments. This allowed us the opportunity to play with some high-speed kit as well as spend two days relaxing at Panama City Beach. Lucky for us, our two days off coincided with the US College spring break.

With April, we finally had the opportunity for some jumping just prior to Ex URBAN RAM. After three successive drops, A Company participated in a series of exercises focusing on the MOUT/FIBUA environment. The use of simunition and MILES gear were excellent tools that demonstrated the attrition rate of urban warfare. In July/Aug the company was sent to WATC in support of the militia officer dismounted company commanders course. A Company for the first time since ROTO 6 was back to full strength as the Battalion was purged and all soldiers not on leave deployed for 3 weeks of dismounted offensive and defensive operations. Living out of tent city, the Company deployed each day as training cadre for potential reserve company commanders. As the reserve officers rotated through command roles, A Company brushed up on patrolling, Company hasty attacks, the withdrawal and the defence.

After summer leave Major SA Hackett assumed command and the Company was broken up as people left on tasks throughout Canada as well as section level tasks within the Battalion. In support of the Patrol Pathfinder Course, a PI(-) was sent to Petawawa to act as followers/follow on force. Another section made up primarily of A Company soldiers also participated in the Cambrian Patrol completing their final Ex despite poor weather, which resulted in a half of the other teams not finishing. A Section(+), meanwhile, participated in Ex. Co-operation Best Effort in Austria. This was a peace support exercise consisting of 22 countries learning and sharing various PSO skills. The section performed extremely well earning praise from the NATO JCSC ACOS at the conclusion of the Ex. Finally the remaining members of A Company could be found in England supporting the C Company deployment On Ex Fingals Cave.

In mid October with approximately half the Company on the ground, the Company deployed to Dundurn with two Platoons(-) on Ex VENTURESOME BRAVE. Winter struck early and the Platoons carried out two weeks of offensive and defensive op's using MILES gear. In keeping with current trends, the Exercise drop was cancelled !



B-Company member clearing trenches in Wainwright

B COMPANY

Bravo Company 3 PPCLI has had a varied and busy twelve months. The Company ran, participated and assisted in many different exercises this year. The year began with a small unit exchange with 23 Gebirgsjagerbrigade from the German Bundeswehr. The Germans participated in Sov Ex 01 with the rest of the company in Haines Junction, Yukon. While the rest of the Company was in the north, members of B Company under the leadership of Warrant Officer John MacKenzie attended a course in the use of German Army weapons and military skiing at Mittenwald hosted by 232 Gebirgsjagerbataillon. Soon after reorganizing from the Yukon and Germany trips, members of B Company were off again to Poland to participate in Exercise MAPLE ARCH where members of the Company assisted in instructing Polish, Ukrainian, and Lithuanian Officers and Senior NCOs in how to train their own soldiers in the conduct of peace support operations. In late May Sgt Mike Gaulley, along with four US Marines, a member of 1 PPCLI, and a member of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) summited all 20,320 feet of Mount McKinley. The highlight of the early part of the year was the three progressions of FIBUA (Fighting In Built-Up Areas) training that that Battalion conducted. Starting off with EX URBAN BRAVE, followed by URBAN RAM, and ending with DYNAMIC BRAVE. Through the different exercises the Company participated in both offensive and defensive operations, the Company learned a great deal about FIBUA operations both with MILES gear and with simunition. Following the final FIBUA exercises the Company began EX WET PATRICIA. This exercise was a uniquely B Company effort organized and run by MCpl Krasnuik. Ex WET PATRICIA

saw B Company deploy to Elk Lake Provincial Park to train and to "assist" Canadian Immigration Officials in reacquiring one "Juan Columbo". "Juan" was captured and brought in with the assistance of B Company personnel. In the operation, B Company suffered few casualties and improved it's skills in Amphibious Operations.

The summer saw many of B Company's personnel tasked out to attend and instruct on many courses both in Alberta and across Canada. As a Battalion activity, B Company participated in the Freedom of the City of St. Albert and the Tattoo. B Company personnel also attended the Basic Mountain Ops instructed by the staff at the Canadian Parachute Centre in Trenton. August saw B Company participate in another small unit exchange with The King's and Cheshire Regiment a British TA Unit. While C Company got to travel to Wales, B Company hosted the King's and Cheshires in Kananaskis for an introduction to Mountain Operations Canadian style (in real mountains). The exercise was cut short due to the events of September 11th and the Company was brought back out of the mountains two days early, and before the Brits could fight through the final exercise.

In the fall, the Company as part of the Battalion, began its final work-ups for EX VENTURESOME BRAVE. Bravo Company participated in all of the DLOC ranges and events. EX VENTURESOME BRAVE saw the Battalion deploy to Dundurn Saskatchewan where the sub units went through various Platoon and Company exercises and throughout, displayed dominance over A Company. Warrant Officer Mike Robitaille led the Battalion Cambrian Patrol team to a solid finish in Wales. The year is ending on an undecided note with B Company occupying the role of Vanguard Company for the IRFL and 3rd Battalion's upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.



Canadian Rangers, B Company Patricias, and German Gerbirgsjagers in the Yukon



B Company Fire Base ready to move on Ex Urban Ram



Yet another victim is sent down Sgt Harper and MCpl Gravel's "Death Slide" Ex Fingals Cave.

C Company

Although C Company was officially stood up immediately following Op PALLADIUM Roto 6, it was not until January 2001 that the Company was able to come together and focus on training, due to the fall PCF cycle.



Upon the arrival of the new OC, Major Scott Bland, in December, the company began earnest preparations for the training that would occur throughout the remainder of the winter and into the spring. In a futile attempt to escape the cold of Edmonton, the Battalion deployed to Wainwright on Ex WINTER PATRICIA from 14 - 18 January. This was primarily a winter indoctrination exercise designed to allow sub-units to hone winter warfare skills. However, it became much more for C Company. It provided the opportunity for a 'shake out' and the establishment of company level SOPs.

After a brief three weeks in garrison, C Company deployed as part of the IRF(L) BG on Ex RESOLUTE GUARD. Despite low numbers, the Company remained resilient and effective in the execution of all tasks. After patrolling and delaying operations, the Company was introduced to Major Bland's re-definition of battle procedure during one late night on a BV 206 Combat Team quick attack...READY, GO! Despite the much abbreviated battle procedure the attack was a resounding success and a highlight for those who participated.

After the scuttling of the Company's deployment to Alaska for a Non-Combatant Evacuation (NEO) exercise, it was decided that C Company would conduct its own NEO exercise. The NEO task is a specific task of the Immediate Reaction force (Land) (IRF(L)), and one that has rarely been practiced by the Canadian Army. Throughout the month of March, "NEO" was the buzzword around C Company lines. The leadership of the Company defined training priorities for the conduct of NEO missions, and training culminated in a one-day exercise in Vegreville Alberta that tested the Company's ability to conduct this type of complex and unique operation.

As the summer approached, Ex Urban Ram represented the culminating point in an extensive battalion urban combat focus. If there is one event that will remain in the minds of C Company members during the past year, it will be the Air Assault onto the Company objective during Ex Urban Ram. All watched in amazement as Major Bland threw his FMP aside and briefed the Company that he was scrubbing his initial plan and that the entire Company would land on the roof of the daunting objective and fight down and fight hard....and that they did!

After a relatively quiet summer, the Company participated in Ex FINGALS CAVE, a small unit exchange with the Kings and Cheshire Regiment of the United Kingdom in the Sennybridge Training Area of the Brecon Beacons. During an eventful two weeks, the company participated in a military skills competition (which it won), familiarization with British weapons, adventure training and numerous section and platoon exercises. Then, as a result of the events of 11 September, the final exercise was cut short and the soldiers were dispatched to London for some well deserved R and R.

In early October it was announced that C Company would stand down and fill out the ranks of A and B Companies. All soldiers who served

in C Company from September 2000 to October 2001 can take pride in their accomplishments and rest assured that the C Company pennant will fly again.



Another hike... MWO Scheidl waits for the troops to catch up during Ex Fingals Cave.

Below: A troop relaxes as he is lowered down under the watchful eye of Sgt Krejci, Ex Fingals Cave.





Ex FINGALS CAVE "SMALL UNIT EXCHANGE"

3 PPCLI & D Company KCR (UK)

During the period of 1 - 15 September, the Edmonton and Canmore regions were invaded by British troops. This invasion was the Canadian portion of a Small Unit Exchange with a British Territorial Army Unit, the King's and Cheshire Regiment. The aim of the Exercise was to introduce these troops to Mountain Operations and skills of the Light Infantry.

ARRIVAL IN CANADA

On Saturday September 1, the British soldiers of D Company KCR arrived and were met by familiar English weather. The KCR departed Edmonton for the Canmore region on Sunday, many suffering from jet lag or so they claimed. The drive to the Canmore region allowed the Brits to catch up on some needed sleep but also was a scenic introduction to the following week. Upon arrival at Base Camp the members of KCR were greeted by B Company personnel who deployed earlier for a Basic Mountain Operations course in preparation for the Exchange.

After a quick supper the troops were issued with everything they would need to complete the training, two carabiners and one sash cord, which they would acquaint themselves with exceedingly well over the upcoming week. The first activity was the knot lessons, where they learned the basic knots that would be needed during training. The finale for the first evening was the donning of the Swiss seats; many didn't understand why they should tie the harnesses so tight, some found out the hard way while other learned from their friends' mistakes.

UP THE MOUNTAIN

Each morning prior to commencement of the day's training, all personnel headed out on a mountain hike. This consisted of climbing Mount Yamniska using various routes each day. After the first morning, and being acclimatized to the Rocky Mountains many were not looking forward to hiking the "Elevator", seeing that the scenic trek was difficult enough. Some members of the KCR spent time in the Brecon Beacons with hopes to prepare for the visit to Canada, but were still amazed by the size and majestic scene of the Canadian Mountain Region.

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER SWISS SEAT

The following few days were spent learning about mountain operations skills and installations. The days were filled with activities that either had them ascending or descending a mountain face. Skills learned included top roping instructed by MCpl Coates and fixed line climbing instructed by Sgt McNabb. MCpl Gravel instructed the finer techniques of Rappelling with different equipment while Sgt Macgregor and Sgt Krejci covered the process of lowering casualties down rock faces. Installations covered



included the vertical hauling line which allows equipment to be moved up to the top of a climb, 1, 2 & 3 rope bridges and the suspension traverse, better known as the "Death Slide" by the KCR personnel although no one was hurt. All training was characterized as being excellent although for each stand a Swiss seat was worn.

WORK HARD, PLAY HARDER

After the completion of the required training the members of the KCR were ready for a little R&R prior to the forthcoming Tactical Exercise. The weekend started with a social night out in Canmore that allowed everyone to let their hair down, especially MCpls Gravel and Coates. The Saturday was set aside to visit Lake Louise and Banff. All enjoyed the time spent at the Radium Hot Springs. Finally, to cap off the weekend the British troops were able to partake in some whitewater rafting and horseback riding.

IF IT AIN'T RAINING, IT AIN'T TRAINING

After the week of fun in the sun, the rain and snow came with the start of the Tactical Exercise in true Patricia style. The sight of snow in September almost put many into shock. Troops from B Company deployed to the training area in order to recce routes and setup mountain installations to be used by the KCR during the Exercise. The following morning upon completion of battle procedure the KCR deployed into the exercise area. Unfortunately, due to the events in the United States the exercise was stopped and the KCR didn't have the opportunity to use their new skills in a tactical situation. Although the exercise was cut short, numerous new skills were learned by the British troops and the ability to train with allied forces enhanced our own experience.

3 PPCLI Mountain Operation Instructors on this exercise included MWO Scheidl, WO Gebhardt, Sgt McNabb, Sgt Krejci, Sgt Macgregor, Sgt Harper, MCpl Coates and MCpl Gravel. The MOIs received many words of praise in regards to the excellent training and excellent instruction.



Mortar PI shoot at CFB Suffield in the fall.

Combat Support Company

Combat Support Company began 2001 by supporting B Company's Small Unit Exchange with the Germans. Some lucky members flew to Germany to participate in the Winter Ski School at Mittenwald, in Bavaria. Anti-Armour Platoon deployed up to Haines Junction, Yukon, in place of B Company's third platoon, which was in Germany as well. Unfortunately, they had to spend 3 grueling days in a bus, as the Air Force missed their first chock. Sleeping in schools and "relaxing" in local Legions, the soldiers were quite happy to finally leave the close, warm, stuffy confines of their transport. While many TOW gunners had participated in previous Sovereignty Exercises, the inter-platoon force on force exercise gave them a chance to show the rifle company how it's done. While there was some debate on the effectiveness of their attack on 5 Platoon, and possible cheating by said platoon, TOW remained strong in defence against both 4 and 5 Platoon. The deployment was a challenge for Signals Platoon, who established and maintained a High Frequency link all the way back to Edmonton, only to see the company use cell phones.

The next exercise, RESOLUTE GUARD, saw the various detachments of Combat Support tasked out to the rifle companies. Recce Platoon enjoyed the fine weather and tried out rented quads as a light recce vehicle. The robust quad vehicles proved capable along cut lines and tracks in the Rocky Mountain Front Ranges, despite the cold the quads certainly looked cool, which is what's really important. The recce screen effectively picked up enemy contacts for the companies, and the TOW dets (using Eryx for the exercise) had excellent definition using thermal sights in the cold weather. The Pioneers were blissfully unaware of all of this, as they were providing security and support to the



engineers at a bridge demolition guard. While the river valley was cold, the nearby cafe allowed many pioneers to warm up with a fresh coffee and laugh at the frozen recce dets screaming through on quads. Signals platoon spent their time cursing the Battalion's infatuation with mountains and tried to keep the radio net working and secure, despite the best efforts of B Company (to name just one).

With WO Annand off to Poland with B Company (again!), the rest of the Company occupied themselves by practising skills and even helping C Company with an exercise. Parachute qualified soldiers from TOW and recce maintained skills during casual parachuting opportunities. The next major event for the Battalion was Urban Brave/Urban Ram, two exercises in city fighting lasting over three weeks. Many Combat Support personnel were used as referees for the entire brigade, and Captain Clark was able to use the MILES 'God gun' to get revenge for the impending loss of his beloved mortar platoon. This was a very long tasking for those individuals, 5 weeks solid every day. The exercise involved all units of the Brigade, as well as many Militia units taking part on weekends. TOW and Mortar Platoon were amalgamated as a rifle platoon to help with the under strength C Company. The Pioneers spent some time working with the Engineers working on breaching charge training and booby-trap refresher. They then joined the rifle companies to support attacks by breaching obstacles (including walls), and clearing threats such as booby-trapped doors. Cooperation between Pioneers and Engineers from 1 Combat Engineer Regiment was very good, with both sides teaching each other.

After URBAN RAM, Combat Support soldiers went off to various taskings for the summer. Many members of TOW platoon bolstered A Company in their task of providing a company for the Reserve Dismounted Company Commander's course. This month-long task saw TOW primarily as the enemy force, and happy that they didn't have to put in attack after attack after attack.

During this period, Mortar Platoon was effectively disbanded. Lack of personnel in the Battalion led to the removal of mortar positions and the subsequent dispersal of the mortarmen to the two amalgamated rifle companies. Where possible these soldiers are employed in company weapons dets as mortarmen, albeit with smaller mortars with a view to keep their indirect fire skills fresh using 60mm mortar groups with bipods and sights. While morale has suffered, it is hoped that eventually mortars will return to the 3rd Battalion and these soldiers can be re-employed in mortars with minimal refresher training.

At the same time, Recce was busy running courses. Two Basic Recce courses were run, one for the Reserves and one for Battalion personnel, which then flew to Trenton to support the Patrol Pathfinder course as followers. At the same time a pre-Pathfinder course was conducted, and four Recce soldiers flew to Trenton for the Military Freefall Parachutist course.



After the summer leave period, Combat Support began adjusting to new personnel. With Major Campbell taking over the company, and WO (now MWO) Ror becoming CSM, new faces abounded. Captain Latinovitch assumed command of Recce Platoon, and Lt Lowe moved into TOW. This last move was particularly welcome to WO Annand, who now could send all the paperwork to someone who cared.

Training picked up, and then Sept 11 happened. A training exercise scheduled for Ft Lewis was moved to Dundurn, but this proved to be a positive move for TOW and Recce platoons. With TOW dets bundled into (and sometimes piled on to) Ittis jeeps like so many gypsy caravans, the advantages of TOW's thermal sights became clear. TOW and Recce worked hand in hand to define and picket enemy objectives for the rifle companies to attack. By the end of the exercise this had become very slick.

On the other hand, Pioneers were building targets for ambush ranges. The bearded soldiers had some satisfaction weeks later when they participated in Mine Clearing exercises and a demolitions range with the Engineers. This exercise was a vindication for Signals Platoon, who could show off the effectiveness of the new radios (called TCCCS) in relatively flat terrain. This was the first field exercise for the unit using the new radios, which are the most sophisticated deployed by any army. It's best not to ask Signals Platoon why the new radios still weigh a ton, as they have no sense of humour about it.

Since the middle of November, Combat Support Company has been waiting for the order to go to Afghanistan. TOW Platoon is packed for bear, Recce is gearing up with night sights, and Signals Platoon is asking itself what the deal is with 3 PPCLI and mountains, anyway? The Signalers can get some enjoyment from the fact that they no longer have to worry about establishing a radio link all the way along the spine of Norway to Germany, as a planned exercise there will likely be cancelled. Until we get the word, Combat Support Company, like the rest of the Battalion, waits...



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Mortar Platoon shoot at CFB Suffield in the fall

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WESTERN AREA TRAINING CENTRE

Camp Wainwright, Alberta

The past year has been another year of successfully training Regular and Reserve soldiers. WATC has also undergone many internal changes, and has seen the departure of several Patricias. The PPCLI influence remains strong, however, as the Commanding Officer, two OCs, the RSM, the QMSI, and three CSMs all wear the Patricia cap badge. The core of WATC, the instructional staff, is strongly represented by the Regiment, and all have served WATC and the Regiment well.

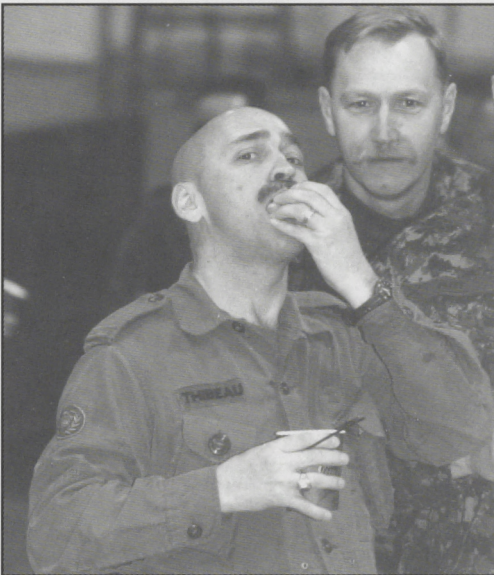
An Administration Company was stood up at WATC in 2001 in order to consolidate service support functions under one command. The structure of the Company is similar to that of an Administration Company in an Infantry Battalion, with additional sections such as Accommodations and CANEX. Several Patricias serve in Administration Company, including Major Dunn (OC), MWO Thibeau (CSM), Warrant Officer Ryan (CQMS), Sergeant Brown and Master Corporal Lockie (Accommodations), Master Corporal Hodgson (Weapons NCO), and Master Corporal Reeves (Training Resources).

A unique organization within WATC is the Militia Training Support Centre. This organization is based upon an Armoured Squadron and includes several Patricias including Captain Barr (the Squadron 2IC) as well as Warrant Officer Crone, Warrant Officer Hill, and Warrant Officer Poffley, all of whom serve on Training Assistance Teams. The "TATs" assist Reserve Units during weekend training. During the summer training season, the Patricia Warrant Officers from MTSC are seconded to Basic Training Company or Advanced Training Company to serve as course staff.

The Patricia tradition continues at WATC. We are proud to serve as your training base, where your warfighting skills are practiced and perfected.



Graduation of QL3 Infantry 0106, led by WO John Devine, the Course Commander, march past during their Graduation Ceremonies on 8 February 2002. The Reviewing Officer is Major Fawcett. The majority of the sixteen graduates from QL3 Infantry 0106 were posted to 1 PPCLI



MWO Thibeu and MWO McNaughton relax after a gruelling morning PT session. "Burrrp... what ? leadership by example?... Burrrp"



Cpl B. Dwyer (2 PPCLI) is presented with the Top Candidate Award for Basic Sniper Course 0101, by LCol Putt, CO WATC.



The Patricia Warrant Officers serving with the Militia training Support Company at the Western Area Training Center. L to R: WO Kevin Crone, WO Dean Poffley and WO Gord Hill . WO Poffley was later heard saying "it smells like Moth Balls around here".



French Grey Battalion

Combat Training Centre, CFB Gagetown

There can be a few assumptions laid down about the Patrician submission from the French Grey Battalion every year. First, there was a tremendous amount of training completed throughout the year. Young OCdts through to QL7 WOs will walk through CFB Gagetown gates with the aim of completing some good "Army Training, Sir". Some will come more willingly than others. Second, this training could not have been successfully completed without the strong support and augmentation from the field force. Third, the hunting and fishing in New Brunswick is pretty damn good but, we all long for the Northern Lights of the prairies. The good thing about being posted to CFB Gagetown is the fact that you constantly see fellow Patricias with the coming of each new course. Every few months it's like old home week as Patricia's from the field force fill out the nominal roles as either candidates or augmentee staff.

Depending on the time of year (those times corresponding to key Regimental Days), it's good to have Patricia augmentation in Gagetown. Many times this has meant the difference in a Sr NCO/Officer Broom-i-loo game. Actually, it hasn't meant anything because the officer team has lost for at least the last five years straight. In the end, it doesn't matter because the Jr Ranks team always cleans house. It has been noted that the introduction of a few hayboxes of Regimental Moose Milk on the sidelines throughout the afternoon could turn the tide in future games. For exactly which team has yet to be determined but, it's good to see people are focusing on the priorities.

The French Grey Battalion had some notable Officer and Sr NCO departures and arrivals in 2001. LCol Reumiller has moved to Ottawa to take Arabic language training after three years as the Infantry School Commandant. Capt Patrick left after only one year at the Infantry School as the Ops O. Many people are still trying to figure out how he accomplished this trick. He will be heading off to the Estonian Staff College. Capt Grimshaw left T&E to return to 2PPCLI in Winnipeg. His wife was eight and a half months pregnant upon departure. I imagine that road trip across Canada was interesting!?! Again, 2 PPCLI conducted thier spring-cleaning by sending Capt Beyer and Capt Lunney to the Infantry School this year. Capt Beyer will take over as Ops O and Capt Lunney will take over as SME BIOC Ph IV and OIC LAV Cell.

The Infantry School said goodbye to numerous long standing and respected Sr NCOs. CWO Forde completed his tour as the Infantry School RSM and will be taking over as RSM 1ASG in Edmonton. The Infantry School's loss will be Base Edmonton's gain. Other Sr NCO/NCMs

leaving to return to regimental duty include: MWO Lawler (2 PPCLI), WO Greyeyes (1 PPCLI), WO Lewis (2 PPCLI), WO Meier (3 PPCLI), WO Thornton (3 PPCLI) and Cpl Dunne (1 PPCLI). A special note should be allotted to WO Corriveau as the French Grey Battalion's longest serving Patricia of six years. You lose one CWO and you get two in return. CWO McArdle (1 PPCLI) replaced CWO Forde as the Infantry School RSM and CWO White (2 PPCLI) has joined the CTC Tactics School. MWO Cromwell (1 PPCLI) has come in as the Infantry School's QMSI. MWO Whitebone (RSS Winnipeg) has become CSM B, WO Sauve (1 PPCLI) went to the Advanced Mortar cell, WO Cavanagh (1 PPCLI) and WO Marshal went to the Advanced Recce Cell, WO Yuile (3 PPCLI) went to the Anti-Armour Cell and WO Williams (2 PPCLI) went to the Sniper Cell.

It was an especially good year for the Patricias at the Infantry School. Patricias received almost all of the top candidate awards during the 2001 training year. They include: 2Lt Luft (3 PPCLI) BIOC Ph IV; Sgt MacLaren (Wainwright Battle School) and MCpl Laviolette (DHTC) ASAC; MCpl Orr (2 PPCLI) Advanced Recce; Capt Smith (1 PPCLI) Advanced Mortars; Capt Williams (2 PPCLI) Advanced Anti-Armour Platoon Commander and Sgt Pickford (1 PPCLI) Advanced Anti-Armour Section Commander.

There were a few highlights and promotions within the French Grey Battalion this year. First, was Col Kenward's address on Leadership and Ethos to the BIOC Ph IV candidates in August. Col Kenward delivered a very stirring presentation on command and leadership traits required of a junior infantry officer in today's Army. Second, a congratula-



Sgt Littlejohn being promoted to WO by LCol Pearson.

tion goes out to Sgt Littlejohn on promotion to WO and Cpl Doiron on promotion to MCpl.

To those of you who successfully completed a career course in Gagetown during the past year, our congratulations on your accomplishment. To those of you who instructed a course in Gagetown during the past year, our thanks and appreciation for your hard work and dedication. To those of you we will see in 2002, welcome and we await your arrival. You will always have friends and comrades waiting for you in the French Grey Battalion.



Cpl Doiron being promoted to MCpl by LCol Pearson



LCol Reumiller and CWO Forde say their good-byes to the Infantry School during the summer.



THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

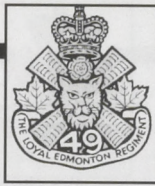
The highlight of what was an extremely busy year for the Loyal Edmonton Regiment was the move into our new quarters in the Brigadier J.C. Jefferson Armoury. Brigadier Jefferson was the CO during the Battle of Ortona in December 1943. On 6 April 2001, the federal Justice Minister, Anne McLellan, M.P., officially opened the armoury. The unit is now based in a modern and centrally located downtown armoury immediately west of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology that should help in attracting recruits. The unit also received the good news that we had received authorization to establish B Company.

The unit's three annual Battle School series of live fire exercises were held once again in Wainwright. This year's training culminated with live fire section building clearing conducted in a shooting house constructed in the training area. The Battle Schools also included support weapons firing, jungle lanes, sniper stalks and close quarter battle ranges. During our second Battle School 13-15 April, the Regiment broke from a hectic range schedule to hold a combat mess dinner and very quick change-of-command parade in Wainwright. LCol Tom Reaume turned command of the Regiment over to LCol George Rice, who had been the DCO. LCol Reaume retired from the CF upon relinquishing command.

After providing enemy force for the U.S. Army's 2nd Ranger Battalion in Wainwright in March A Company was able to work with a Ranger cadre in Greisbach practicing precision urban operations. We followed up with a four-day urban operations training cycle in Griesbach and in March, A Company formed part of an ad hoc battalion for Exercise Cougar Salvo at Fort Lewis, Washington. The focus of Cougar Salvo was deliberate attacks on the Regensburg urban training area. The exercise consisted of a battalion attack followed by five days of live firing and concluded with an airmobile battalion attack on Regensburg. Miles simulation equipment was used for the attacks and tactical aviation was provided by CH-47s from the Washington National Guard.

In April, A Company provided enemy force for 1CMBG during Exercise Urban Ram and the battalion formed a battle group, with a company from 39 CBG and a troop each of Leopards and Coyotes from LdSH (RC), to conduct a deliberate attack on the main defended locality in Greisbach. In 2001, the battalion continued to regularly exercise in the Rocky Mountain foothills and deployed on four different patrol exercises over the summer and fall in the Hinton and Nordegg areas.

In April, the twelve soldiers who had been serving with 2 PPCLI BG in Bosnia returned making a total of nineteen members who had served in Bosnia on Rotos 6 and 7. Capt D.J. Vernon returned to the



unit in December having served for 7 months as an UNMO in Eritrea. The Regiment sent an eleven-man contingent to the UK for two weeks in October to participate in the Cambrian Patrol. Our old friends in the Allied Regiment, 1st The Queen's Lancashire Regiment in Catterick, North Yorkshire, hosted the team and again provided first class support. We will have the opportunity to host them in the spring of 2002 when the battalion trains in Wainwright and Suffield. The Regiment was also lucky this year in getting MCpls J. Hertwig-Jaksch and K. Gavin away on the basic parachute course.

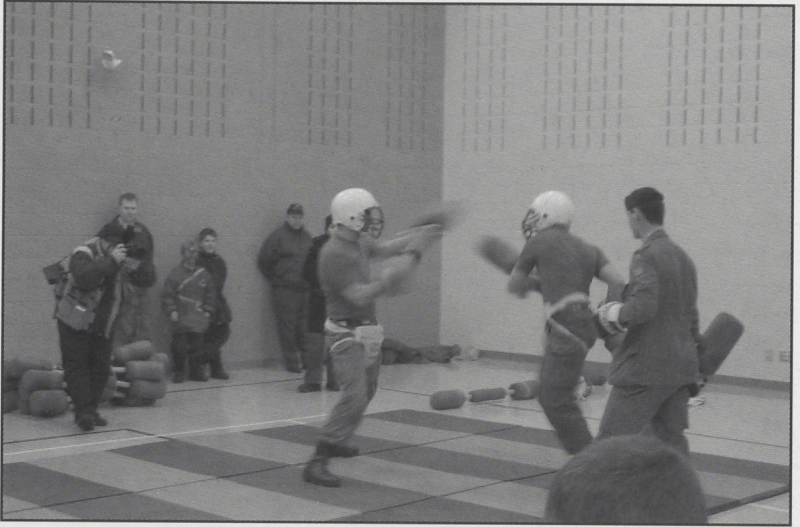
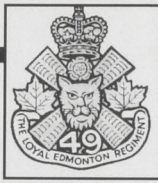
Our adventurous training the year included a battalion ski school in January in Banff and a basic scuba course taught by Lt. R. Baron in June. We were very pleased when a pair of brothers, Ptes. Gerhardt and Paul Klann were selected for the CF Biathlon team and were able to spend the summer in Germany training with the Bundeswehr team.

The Regimental band continued to play at venues throughout the province. The highlight of their concert year was participation in the Tunes of Glory Tattoo in Edmonton in October and the Red Deer Tattoo.

The upcoming year looks to be even busier for the Regiment with nearly fifty soldiers, most who will serve in D Company 1 PPCLI commanded by Maj P. Bury, scheduled to go on Op Palladium Roto 11 and the recruitment and training of B Company going full speed ahead.



Airmobile training on Ex Savage Bear, October 2001 in Wainwright



Sgt J. N. Taylor judging a Pugil Bout



Pte Klann at the Biathalon Nationals



SUFFIELD PATRICIAS

The year at CFB Suffield was one of change for the Patricias. Early in the year, we lost MCpl Phil Sacobie to CTC Gagetown. In addition, Major Dan Davies retired to work for the Alberta Energy Company. Finally, MCpl Stan Clark was posted out to 3 PPCLI. Postings included: Major Mike Morneault from the Canadian Parachute Centre (who replaced Major Davies as COS), and Cpl Darcy Carroll and Ray Parfitt from First and Third Battalions respectively who went to Range Control. Patricias at Suffield enjoy the best of two armies. Besides serving the CF, we are able to participate in adventurous training with our British counterparts. Early in the year, some members of the Regiment took part in the Basic Ski, and Advanced Ski Proficiency course run in Kananaskis Country by the British. Not only did the soldiers learn the finer points of backcountry and alpine skiing, but they got to build, and live in their own snow caves.

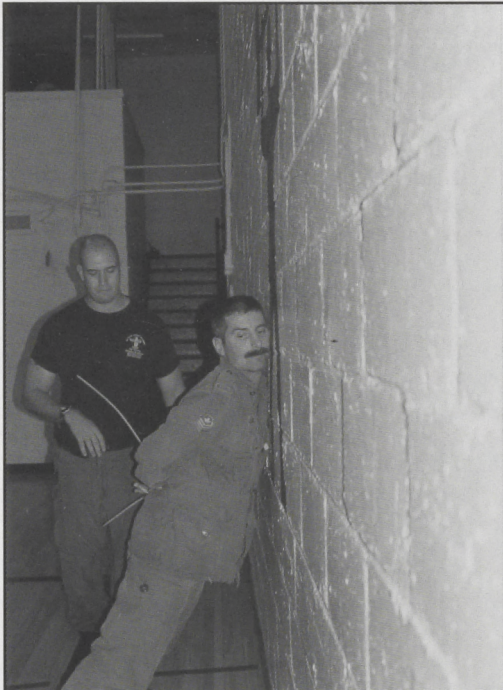
Towards the end of winter several soldiers got to take the new Light Over-Snow Vehicle (LOSV) course that was run up in Edmonton with the LDSH(RC). Cpl Ken Merritt from Suffield was one of the instructors on this course. Even though snow was in short supply, the qualification was obtained by all, and, as an additional treat, we were able to visit the Regimental kit shop.

The Hoof and Mouth Disease scare in Europe directly effected Suffield in a big way during the training season. Along with their comrades, Suffield Patricias had to don protective gear and disinfect the footwear of every single UK soldier who came over to train during the course of the entire year. This included ALL footwear, from combat boots to stiletto pumps. This added significantly to the support duties already assigned for the very busy BATUS training season.

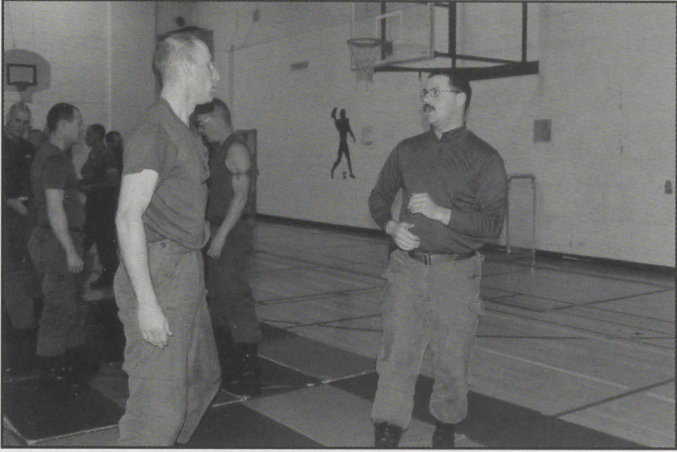
The 2001 BATUS training period was noted for being extremely dry. This understandably led to frequent range fires, some of which were quite large. Then, just when the British end-of-season range clean-up was concluding, we had to gear up for the arrival of 1CMBG. "So much for down time!" Still it was good to see old friends and acquaintances from the Regiment over the month of November. The new LAV III's looked particularly good as well. In particular we liked the fact that Canadian units actually fight the fires they start, a pleasant change from the normal practice around here. So thanks for that, and good luck to the Regiment in 2002.



Cpl Tony Forbes and Cpl Bill Clarke showing a field trip the finer points of Range fire fighting



MCpl Repesse of 1MP Platoon teaching Sgt Andre Cloutier wall kissing 101



Cpl Ray Parfitt teaching Cpl Wayne Martin (RCR) the finer points of take downs

CANADIAN PARACHUTE CENTER



Back Row L to R: Sgt Hillier, Sgt Gillis, Sgt Carlson, Sgt Speed, Sgt Mailhot, WO McLean, WO Kiens

Front Row L to R: Capt Neufeld, Capt Innis, Capt Hildebrandt, Capt Lindsay

Missing: WO Sheppard, Sgt Bibby

While posted to the Canadian Parachute Centre I recently had the opportunity to work at the Multinational Division Southwest HQ in Bosnia. The British battle group over there at the time was from the Royal Green Jackets (RGJ) as was the Deputy Commander of the Division. I was very surprised at the general knowledge of the PPCLI held by the RGJ riflemen. Almost all the officers and Snr NCOs remembered exchange officers they had worked with in the UK or Calgary. As coincidence would have it, the RGJ had an Australian exchange officer from the Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) as Company 2I/C. During one of the operations I was allowed out of the office to participate. I believe it was one of the few times all three Allied Regiments worked together.



Capt Cocksledge (RAR) Capt G Hildebrandt (PPCLI) Maj Saunders (RGJ)

QUEBEC AREA PATRICIAS

Bonjour, from the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in St. Jean.

Another year has come and gone, and like most units and schools CFLRS has been quite busy. Recruiting has increased dramatically and the revised training plans has kept all instructors working at full production.

This year the school said farewell to Capt Green who left us for



Vancouver, and Sgt Sarault to 1 PPCLI. MCpl Beckman asked for and received a rebadge to the RCRs this fall, and it is interesting to watch him tangle himself in his lanyard.

The school Comdt and senior Patricia in Quebec, LCol Southern had the pleasure of welcoming a large influx of Patricias this APS. Joining WO Genest, Sgt Roy, and MCpl Chabot in the Recruit Division were, MWO Wiseman and Sgt Bernier (promoted in Nov) from 2 PPCLI, MCpls Clavette and Killoran from 3 PPCLI, and MCpl Beggs from 1 PPCLI.

WO Kis arrived from 1 PPCLI to join Sgt Meihuizen instructing and guiding the Officer Candidates in the Leadership Division. The SLC cell is well represented by WO Humphrey who continues to impress upon the new WOs their responsibilities within the CF.

The Patricias are also very well represented in the school's weapons cell with Sgt Fullerton and MCpl Ricard who arrived from the 2nd Battalion. Finally, WO Campbell in the standards cell ensures we get the latest changes and that we infact implement them.

One of the major challenges faced by the staff at CFLRS is the adoption of the virtual file within the Recruit Division. This novel idea of placing all the data (weekly assessments, scores, inspection results, and strong and negative points) of the Recruits on a data base may be common for some members of the senior staff and other trades, however we are Infantrymen and for some the work is both challenging and frustrating, especially when you watch some person struggle with their computer, then loose hours of work to somewhere in cyberspace. The Comdt also had the pleasure of changing positions with the youngest staff member at the men's Christmas dinner and it turned out that MCpl Killoran was our man.

The many challenges faced by all staff at CFLRS are both rewarding and challenging, however we do have the unique opportunity to positively influence the future leaders of the Canadian Military.

This year, CFLRS was pleased to have had Col Kenward, General Kennedy, General Nordic, and Col Fraser as reviewing Officers for the graduates. Hopefully this trend will continue as it is a perfect opportunity for the senior Officers of our Regiment to visit with the new Officers and NCMs of the CF and it also gives us a chance to find out what is happening within the Regiment.

Finally, there is one other Patricia within the Quebec area that we seem to have lost contact with and that is Capt Wright on attached posting with 2 R22eR. Capt Wright please call home, however he may be in Bosnia with the Vandoo Battle Group.

That is all for this year. We are expecting another large influx of regular staff and augmentees for the upcoming training year and we hope to see some familiar faces from out west.



Front Row L to R: WO Genest, MWO Wiseman, LCol Southern, WO Humphrey, WO Campbell

Back Row L to R: Sgt Fullerton, MCpl Beggs, MCpl Clavette, MCpl Killoran, Sgt Meihuizen, Sgt Roy

Missing: WO Kis, Sgt Bernier, MCpl Ricard and MCpl Chabot.

SASK, MANITOBA, NW ONTARIO



L to R: WO Dave Jacobs, WO Bob Spence, WO Rick Desjardins and WO Steve Greely



SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA, NORTH-WEST ONTARIO ERE 2001 UPDATE

Considering the geographical and functional dispersion of ERE Patricias in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and NW Ontario, this update will essentially read like a checklist of who is where and what they do (or are supposed to do).

The largest number of ERE Patricias in this region are found in 38 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG). A recent addition to 38 CBG is Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Banks posted in from LFCA HQ via UTPO studies through McMaster University and the University of Manitoba. The brigade HQ was graced with both Major Bob Ford (on temporary holding pattern before posting to 2 PPCLI APS 01) and Captain Mike Gagne (still there). Captain Steve Folkins (now with 3 PPCLI) and MWO Ed Bonin (wise beyond his many years) were integral to the success of The North Saskatchewan Regiment (Saskatoon). Also with the North Saskatchewan Regiment up in Prince Albert, Sergeant Ivan Finstad (formerly 3 PPCLI) replaced Sergeant Ken MacKenzie who retired, rested, then joined the North Saskatchewan Regiment. The Royal Regina Rifles had only the fully-LAV qualified WO Dave Jacobs to provide them with Patricia character. In Winnipeg, Second Battalion alumni were well-represented with Captain Mike Lane and MWO Darby Whitebone with the Camerons and Captain Dave Proctor and WO Rick Desjardins with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. WO Steve Greeley, with misguided delusions of being able to continue his rabid weekend fishing and hunting, asked for and was posted to the Camerons when Darby Whitebone moved on to Gagetown. In far-away Thunder Bay, WO Bob Spence was posted in from Wainwright to the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment to provide adequate supervision for the young RCR RSS officer. The year's highlights for these ERE Patricias, aside from working three weekends each month and going to Wainwright in the summer, included organizing and monitoring 38 CBG infantry training. This included FIBUA company/combat team training at Ex URBAN RAM in Edmonton (May 01), FIBUA/airmobile platoon raids in Regina during Ex PRAIRIE STRIKE (November 01), and company raids/FIBUA training in Fort Knox, Kentucky during Ex BLUEGRASS BISON (January 02). Their expertise was invaluable.

The recruiting system had its fair (or unfair depending on who you were and where you were posted) share of ERE Patricias. At CFRC Regina was Sergeant Grant Gibbons, posted over to 38 CBG Regina Garrison HQ to keep WO Jacobs company. Sergeant Andy Williston and Captain Norm White at CFRC Winnipeg were the first real soldiers Manitoba recruits got to see. As well, a number of Patricias have chosen to (or were told to) take a break from battalion life at 2 PPCLI in order to selflessly advance their careers by mastering French in Winnipeg. These include WO Rick Dumas, WO Don Reid, Sergeant P.J. Rheaume, Sergeant Marty Gartry, and MCpl "Andy" Anderson.

Finally, a note on some of the lesser known ERE postings - and

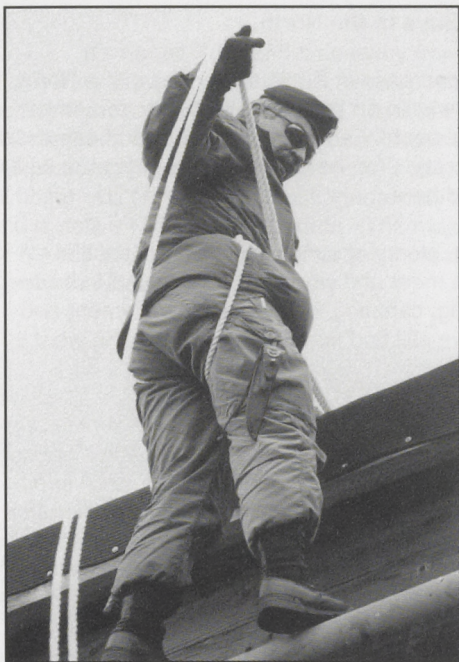
that is how these guys want to keep it - Sergeant Steve Davies worked at 17 Wing Defence Planning (weapons training and range duties) until replaced by Sergeant Ron Gilks from the Second. At the CF School of Survival and Aeromedical Training in Winnipeg, Sergeants Ole Frederiksen and Jon Haines have been busy taking courses, torturing young pilots, and doing adventurous training as Survival, Evade, Resist, and Escape (SERE) instructors. Sergeant Haines made the Discovery Channel as part of a University of Manitoba winter equipment and survival study called the One Million Step Expedition which saw him, two Navy SEALs, a professor and a teacher trek the length of Lake Winnipeg last winter. Major Will Saunders, trading rainy Vancouver for Winnipeg's friendly climate arrived in APS 01 to the CF School of Aerospace Studies; the minds of keen young airforce officers will never be the same.

Although not exactly ERE Patricias, MWO Doug Colton and WO (formerly MWO) Wade Jones are Class B Patricias heading up the Manitoba Ranger Detachment, with desks in Winnipeg and work everywhere else but; imagine combining work and retirement and getting paid for it.

This group wishes well all the other Patricias across the country and those in the Association. After an excellent Kap'Yong 50th enjoyed by many of the aforementioned, we look forward to making Regimental acquaintances soon.



Infantry soldiers assault through the Regina FIBUA site under the watchful eye of 38 Brigade RSS NCOs



WO Rick Desjardins
instructing on the Rappel
Master Course in Shilo.

NORTHERN AREA PATRICIAS



L to R: WO Jure, Capt Migadel, WO Sandahl, Sgt Peterson
Missing: WO Leighton, Capt Saunders, Sgt Walker



Patrician Article - From the Boys in the North

This year, we saw a decrease in Patricias serving in the North. Whether you come up to Yellowknife on tasking or pleasure, remember you have members of the Regimental Family that are here and can assist and entertain you during your stay. You never know, you might like what you find and want to be posted here.

Working Conditions: Fresh air, plenty of sunshine - yearly, beautiful scenery and the opportunity to meet and work with a variety of individuals. In between fishing, hunting, camping, community involvement and numerous outdoor activities, we still find time to do our jobs. So what is available here in the North:

- 1) Ranger Instructor - Sgt. With 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG). For more information feel free to contact Sgt Shaun Peterson and Sgt Rick Walker. In addition to spending time "on the land" in different regions of the North, plus the many hours travelling in a twin otter or other small aircraft, trying different types and styles of local cuisine, the Ranger Instructor knows he will always make it back to Yellowknife in a week or so. Time away from the family can be around 100-120 days in a year.
- 2) Junior Canadian Ranger - Warrant Officers. At this time there are no Patricias in this organization. However, the Junior Canadian Ranger Program is a Youth Program, so if you enjoy working with Canada's Youth and spending time on the land and learning about new cultures and regions of Canada, this type of job might be for you. Two of the three building blocks to the program are community driven, with the last being the military component. Time away from the family can be around 100-120 days in a year.
- 3) Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northern) - Warrant Officers. WO Wayne Jure, WO Les Leighton, and WO Steve Sandahl occupy all three Army positions. Their job includes visiting and liaising with the communities with Cadet Corps. Their duties include those of a Cadet Liaison NCO, except on a larger scale. Time away from the family can be around 80-100 days in a year.
- 4) Positions for Officers: CFNA HQ/RCSU(N)/1 CRPG. Capt Bob Saunders will be more than willing to provide details of his job, J3 Ops & Trg for CFNA HQ - he knows that he is moving to 1 CRPG APS 2002 as the DCO and some deserving Capt will be getting the nod. Capt Ron Migadel is the DCO for the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northern). Time away from the family is dependent upon the position held, between 30 - 120 days in a year.



It's not all work and time away from the family here in the North. Sgt Walker played on the CFNA Hockey Team, and coached a local Boys curling team to the Nationals. WO Jure is very involved with the MFRC. WO Sandahl is involved with a local Cadet Corps, Scouts Canada and still pursuing his interests in kayaking and mountain climbing - built a climbing wall for CFNA. Capt Migadel played on the CFNA Hockey Team, and is active with Scouts Canada. The majority of personnel working at CFNA will say quality family time has increased since being posted to Canada's North.

WEST COAST PATRICIAS

Greetings from the West Coast! As the numbers of serving Patricias out in B.C. dwindle further, our impact is still just as powerful. Yes this is the time of doing "More with Less" for the B.C. ERE members. This season has seen a number of coming and going with more going than coming and I hope that I get them all covered in this article.

From 39 CBG, our two Patricia reps in the Brigade Headquarters, Maj Will Saunders and Capt Chris Lindsay were posted to Winnipeg and CFB Trenton respectively and replaced with a Strathcona and a Van Doo. Capt Englesby and WO Couriveau are busy living the high life up in Kamloops, with plenty of skiing and mountain climbing. Capt McAllister and WO Rob Macdonald have had a very busy year at the Seaforth Highlanders to say the least. WO Macdonald will be retiring from the Regular Force in Feb of 2002 and joining the ranks of the West Vancouver Police. I would like to say a heartfelt "Don't eat too many donuts Rob" to him and wish him well from all the B.C. ERE. WO Sundquist and Capt Wright have been enjoying life on the West Coast and are making a full court press to avoid WATC this year. Excuses such as my dog is sick, and I have a hangnail have indeed echoed down the halls of the Brigade Headquarters. Our cousins from the island, Capt Scott Macdonald, WO Boustead and Sgt Whittall have managed to slip the WATC noose for the last few years but word is out and they may be WATC bound yet.

Maj Waddell, Capt Green and Sgt Muhlberger have been busy hauling the bodies off the street at the Vancouver CFRC. They have done an excellent job ensuring the ranks of the Regiment and the CF stay full. Maj Oliphant our lone man and army spy in MARPAC headquarters is alive and kicking. He has been hard at work attempting to coordinate exchanges with 3 PPCLI and the Navy. Unfortunately, he can't seem to convince the Navy that the Battle River really is good enough for their

boats. Capt Newman is our voice of reason in B.C. Dom Ops. He is hard at work preparing for Lady Patricia's visit in early March.

Capt Salmon and Capt Dodds have been working with the Pacific Region Cadets over the last year and both seem to be happy in their jobs. Between answering procedural questions on treatment of cadets to biathlon and air rifle competitions they are busy and loving life. Well, that is all from the West Coast and we will talk to you next year.

KINGSTON AREA PATRICIAS



Kingston Patricias Gather for Christmas Cheer 2001

Front row left to right: OCdt Allan Thomas, OCdt Dick Schmidt, OCdt Jordan Schaub, OCdt Dave Johnston, OCdt Andrew Anderson and LCol Ian Hunt.

Back row left to right: LCol Shane Brennan, Maj (retired) Ray Honnick, Maj (retired) Lou Grimshaw, Maj Stu Sharpe, LCol (retired) Jay Lapeyre, Colonel (retired) Jim Allan, LCol (retired) Ron Bragdon, Capt Jean -Marc Doucett, Capt Kyle Easton, Maj Doug Delaney, LCol (retired) Art Nadeau, Sgt Randall MacDonald.

This year serving and retired area Patricias gathered to share some Christmas cheer at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess. Many interesting tales were told and plans were made for celebrating Lady Patricia's Birthday.

ATLANTIC AREA PATRICIAS

Another year as passed quickly for the Patricias with Land Forces Atlantic Area. All were kept extremely busy with their primary tasking and all the secondary duties that came thier way.

LCol Chris Corry joined our team in July, posted in from Shape in Belgium to take over as G3 LFAA from LCol Bryan Bailey. LCol Bailey stayed on at LFAA HQ as G5 responsible for resource management. Within weeks of his arrival, LCol Corry found himself in Camp Aldershot conducting a domestic operation training session for LFAA. This training proved to be very valuable as within weeks we were called upon to assist local airports on Sept 11th.

Maj Keith MacDonald was posted in this past summer from WATC; however, we have not seen him to date (he took a slight detour through Sierra Leone for Op Reptile, and due here by end of February) Capt Mike Pretty came on in August, posted in as the Adjutant for the 1 R NFLD R in St. John's, NF.

Maj Ralph Schutte took his retirement from the CF in August 2001 after serving 32 years with the PPCLI. He was the CO of 2 R NFLD R, Corner Brook, NF. Guess the worst NFLD winter in over 100 years got the better of him. He and his wife Sheila moved to Whitecourt, AB where he works as a civil/urban engineer.

Maj Jake Bell is back at his G3 desk with CBG HQ in Moncton NB after completing a tour of duty in Eritrea as an UNMO team leader. Capt. Eugene Squires, is the G3 Ops O for 37 CBG. MWO Bud Gilfoy is with 1 NS Highland Regiment as unit Ops MWO in Truro, NS when not filling in at 36 Bde HQ Halifax. WO Kennedy is also in Halifax serving as the PL Fus Trg WO. Sgt Lou Short is with LFAA in G3 tasking cell. Sgt McNab is serving in Annapolis valley in NS at Aldershot with the West NSR. Capt. Gord George is holding down the fort in Gander, NF as the Ops O with 5 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group and is assisted by ranger instructors Sgts Frank Legge and Ernie Mugford. Capt Peter Goldie is hanging his red ranger hat in LFAA HQ Halifax as our Adjutant. On 24th March, LCol Corry will take command of 5 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group from LCol Bailey, who is eagerly awaiting his posting as CO of WATC Wainwright.

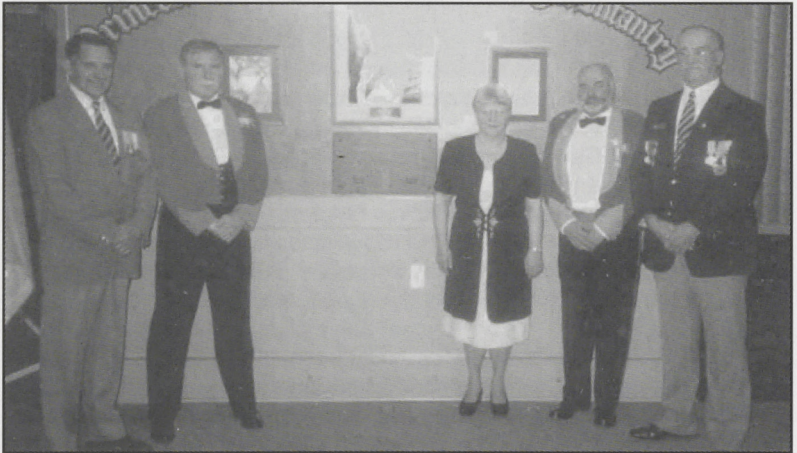
To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Kap'Yong and to pay tribute to local Korean War vets, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 in Bay Roberts, NF dedicated a wall of its building to the memory of Lloyed Mercer. Pte Mercer served with the 2nd Battalion and fought in the Battle of Kap'Yong. On return to Canada he moved to Shearstown, NF where he became actively involved with the Royal Canadian Legion. Over 150 branch members, local dignitaries, politicians, and family

members were on hand for the ceremony. The thirty-foot wall was decorated in Regimental colours with a picture of Pte Mercer taken at Fort Lewis Washington, Christmas 1950. A copy of the US Presidential Citation presented to 2 PPCLI is also on display. Mrs. Mercer was presented with a set of PPCLI collar dogs and a set of the Presidential Citations tabs as a memento of her late husband's service with the Regiment. Sgt Ernie Mugford put the event together and is commended for his outstanding effort.

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Capt George presenting Mrs. Mercer with a set of Presidential Citations shoulder tabs and a set of PPCLI Collar Dogs



L to R : Mr John Mercer, President of the NF Korean Veterans Association, Capt Gord George, Mrs L. Mercer, Sgt Ernie Mugford and Mr Jack Mercer. Both Jack and John served with 2 PPCLI in Korea.



OTTAWA AREA PATRICIAS

Greetings to all ranks of our Regimental family from the Ottawa-area clan. Sit back and enjoy yet another "riveting" article from your comrades in the Ottawa area. For those of you unfamiliar with our clan, we include as part of the Ottawa area Regimental family those who reside anywhere within about a 2 hour drive (Kingston, Trenton, Montreal, etc).

As the year 2001 dawned on your Ottawa-area Patricias, it was a solemn time indeed. We were just getting over the loss of LGen Gord Reay (who passed away just before Christmas as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident in Zagreb, Croatia), when we lost another Regimental icon in February. Colonel Bill "Suds" Sutherland left us in February but continues to monitor our Regimental achievements from the vital ground on high. We take some consolation in the fact we are able to still enjoy the company of Lesley Reay and Helen Sutherland, and share a few fond memories of a time not so long ago.

So what were we up to over the year? Well, as is the case with any organization, we lost a few to postings, remusters and retirement, and gained a few as well. Those who managed to put NDHQ in their rear view mirrors included LCol King, Majs Fitzgerald and Kenneally, Capts Dawe, Doucet and Hisey, CWOs Comeau, Williams, Woodley and Palmer, MWO Hart, WOs Kolotylo and Millman and MCpl Otto. The new arrivals included BGen Nordick, Col Romses, LCol Austdal, Brennan, Hope, Hunt and Minor, Majs Delaney, Rineault, Sattler, Sharpe, Thorson, Walsh and Wiegand, Capts Gregory and Neufeld, 2Lt Cardy (who has remustered to the Intelligence Branch), MWO McKenelley, WOs Kelley, Kiens and Sheppard, Sgt Hillier and MCpl Otto. Of course, we did better than most in the promotion department with the following individuals jumping up to a higher income tax bracket: BGen Nordick, Col Fraser, LCol Hammond, Hope, Hunt, and Minor and MWO McKenelley.

In terms of our activities, they were a few in number but strong in support and participation (after all, if you get together every month, you might be challenged to come up with something new to add to the conversation - hey, this is Ottawa!). Our year is founded on just a handful of Regimental gatherings - Regimental Day, a Fall Meet 'n' Greet, a Merit Board Meet 'n' Greet and Remembrance Day. As always, our comrades in the Association are key members of our family and there's never a shortage of war stories when you have 50 years of time to draw upon! The highlights of our year included, among other things, putting together a massive 55th



Wedding Anniversary card for our Colonel-in-Chief and trying to explain to the NDHQ senior leadership all about our Regimental pastime on 17 MarBroom-i-loo. When many soldiers get injured, especially in a deployed operation, you have no idea how much excitement this creates here in NDHQ!

I suppose in closing I should attempt to address that horrible feeling you get when your Career Manager whispers in your ear - "Hey, I think it's time I posted you to Ottawa." Take it from any member of the Regimental family already here - you won't regret it and yes, chances are you'll get to go back to the sharp end soon enough. The quality of life in this area is hard to match with all of the summer and winter activities here - sneaking out of your office to catch a bit of the Jazz Festival, going for a Regimental skate along the Canal in the winter, and a choice of innumerable routes for going for a run to check out the "scenery." And look at it another way - a posting here is not the kiss of death for your career. Witness the many Ottawa Regimental members who are moving into command appointments this summer - LCol Mike Day and Mike Beaudette to take command of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions respectively, as well as CWO John McGregor to take over as 1 Brigade RSM. So, if you're coming to Ottawa, trust us, you won't regret it (Why has my Patrician submission taken on the air of an Ottawa recruiting drive? Ha!)

In any event, your Ottawa-area Regimental family notes with tremendous pride the accomplishments of our comrades at the sharp end. Keep it up, stay healthy and hopefully our paths will cross again soon.



3003 BATTLE RIVER CADET CORPS

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps of Edgerton, Alberta had a very successful and busy 2000-2001 year. The unit parades on Wednesday nights from 1900-2130 hours at the Edgerton School. The Cadets throughout the year participated in various weekend and day exercises.

We started in September, with a kick off exercise at the Belanger Farm. In October, we held a Large Bore and Rappel weekend at the Edgerton Fish & Game Range and Western Area Training Centre. November once again found us mainly on the ranges or helping with Remembrance Day services at the Edgerton School and Paradise Valley School. On Remembrance Day, we were with the Edgerton Legion at the Edgerton Agricultural Hall. In December, Capt Belanger taught a Firearms Safety Course.

The New Year found us at the range again almost every weekend. We practiced and fired our DCRA competitions. We also attended a sports weekend in Macklin, Saskatchewan. This event was well attended with about 175 cadets from all elements. In February, we made a trip to Calgary where we visited the Science Centre, Zoo and the Glenbow Museum. The museum had the Egyptian Exhibit on display. We also went to the I-Max theatre and later swimming. The cadets visited the Museum of the Regiments, which was the main focal point of our trip. It was a fun filled and busy three days. March meant back to the ranges, all the practice proved to pay off as the .22cal team and two air rifle shooters made it to the Provincial Shoulder to Shoulder with one from each discipline moving on to the Nationals. We held our annual fundraiser in March; it was well attended by the community. Thanks go out to all that attended. The end of the month saw us off to Lac La Biche for a weekend of fun with 150 other Cadets.

In April, we held another Large Bore (C7 familiarization) and Rappel weekend at the Western Area Training Centre. The month of May consisted of Decoration Day service with the Cadets helping the Edgerton Legion members decorate graves of Veterans at Edgerton, Rosedale, Prospect Valley and Battle Valley cemeteries. A testing week came next, with everyone attending passing the field part of his or her training. The Annual Inspection was held on 6 June 2001. The reviewing officer was Maj RJ Ferguson, OC Basic Training Company at the Western Area Training Centre. There was also a Change of Command parade held. Capt Sandra Flemming relinquished her position as Commanding Officer to Capt Edward Belanger.

The last weekend of the year was Cadets Caring for Canada, held at Arm Lake Recreational Area. The Cadets cleaned the hiking trails



and beach area, then carried on with fun time to conclude the busy year. We would like to thank everyone from the Western Area Training Centre, who provided our training, guidance and help throughout the year.



Final Largebore 303cal shoot for 3003 Battle River Cadet Corps



Learning the fine art of Archery, Battle River Cadet Corps



2554 CALGARY CADET CORPS

On 16 June 01, Captain Robynn Pavia took command of the unit from Captain Richard Novak. The Change of Command also fell on the same day as the 46th Annual Ceremonial Review of 2554 PPCLI CC. The Cadets put on their best displays of activities and things they had learned throughout the year. Their dress, drill and deportment were excellent. The Reviewing Officer was LCol Brennan. The remainder of June was spent rock climbing at the Calgary Climbing Center and then Cadets stood down for the summer.

September began with the recruiting of 30 new Cadets. 18 Cadets returned from the previous training year. Training began the last Tuesday of September.

October was a month full of training and preparing for the first exercise of the year. The Cadet Corps was going through many growing pains with the increase in numbers.

November was the first exercise called Mantex. The Cadets learned how to set up Arctic tents, lighting lanterns and stoves and some basic bush craft and field craft. The weekend was great it was also the first snowfall of the year.

The Cadets participated in Remembrance Day at the Museum of the Regiments and also at the Colonel Belcher Veterans Care Center. On 20 November 01, 2554 PPCLI CC held an Open House and Change of Affiliation Parade to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the change from Queens Own Rifles to PPCLI.

December held the Family Christmas Dinner and First Aid. Then they stood down for the Christmas holidays. Throughout September, October, November and December 2554 PPLCI CC biathlon team has continued training for the Provincial Competition in February 2002. The shooting team has also been training for zone competition in February 2002.



2701 WINNIPEG CADET CORPS



Army Cadet Cross Country team

This year's training was full of fun for the cadets and staff of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps. One of the best things to happen for the senior cadets was completing half of the Mantario Trail, it is a 65 km trail running along the border of Manitoba and Ontario, the cadets found it a rewarding experience. A highlight for the corps was winning the Manitoba North Western Ontario fall concentration; it was a sports competition between the Army units in the area.

Some of the senior cadets also got the opportunity to go on advance training courses. Warrant Officer Norman Feng went on the Maple Leaf Exchange to England; he says that "We participated in lots of training outside of the Cadet Program." Warrant Officer Derek Johnson completed the Basic Parachutist (0102) Course; he says that "It was an amazing experience." Sergeant Kyle O'Neill-Garwood went on the United Marine Corps Exchange; he says that "It was interesting to see how different our cadet program is from the Americans." These cadets brought back a wealth of experience from these courses. Another highlight, was RSM Rehan Riyaz being the camp RSM at Rocky Mountain National Army Cadet Camp. He was not available to comment on the experience as he is now attending the University of Manitoba full time. For the second year in a row, the unit completed the Manitoba Marathon Relay. Special thanks to Captain Richard Sellwood for driving the team to all the transition areas, one member of the team completed the half marathon, Warrant Officer Derek Johnson did it in a time of 1 hour and



42 minutes.

For the next year we hope to accomplish much more than we did during the last. We would also like to thank the 2nd Battalion for all of its support throughout the year. Some members of the Battalion also came out to volunteer, Warrant Officer Rick Dumas and Master Corporal Keith Petty, and Corporal Joe LaFortune - Service Battalion. Thank you all for a memorable year.



1 Section 2701 Cadet Corps, Mantario Hike



2701 Cadet Corps FTX "Patricia Move"



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KINGSTON BRANCH

KINGSTON BRANCH PPCLI ASSOCIATION

The Kingston Branch had a modestly active year in 2001. The members seemed to be content with the Executive and Maj (Ret) Lou Grimshaw continued as President, with Mrs Heather Grimshaw as Secretary and Maj Greg Burton as Treasurer. The Branch observed the Regimental Day on 17 March with a buffet lunch at the Fort Frontenac Officers Mess. Although no broom-i-loo was played, a good time was had by all. On 25 April, we held our own special celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong with a dinner at a local oriental restaurant. We hosted an informal barbecue for RMC cadets who had been badged to the Regiment in early May shortly before their graduation and departure to join their units. We intend to make this an annual event and note that we seem to be the only regiment recognizing its new officers this way. The Regiment has a number of cadets at RMC again this year, including some who are completing academic programmes before being commissioned from the ranks.

The Branch was saddened by the passing of our member, Mr C.F. "Mike" Dumaresq, in September. Mike was a WW II veteran who had joined the Regiment from the Canadian Grenadier Guards and who was seriously wounded in September 1944 at the Gothic Line as a platoon commander. After the war, he had a career in the insurance business, becoming President of Stewart Smith (Canada) Ltd. He was also active in the Canadian Power Squadron, teaching boating safety, and eventually became the Chief Commander for Canada for that organization. Although his war service with the Regiment had been short, it had been an important part of his life, and was marked by the playing of "Lili Marlene", a favorite tune and the Regimental slow march, as family and friends withdrew following the funeral service.

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OKANAGAN/THOMPSON BRANCH

Our year started off on a sad note as Jerry Richard and myself attended the funeral service for Jack Thomson a WWII Patricia from Salmon Arm.

In April my wife and I traveled to Tofino for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong, it was a most rewarding event. Though it was booked as a 2 PPCLI event you would have wondered as the KVA took over the whole event for the two days.

Upon our return to Vernon, we held Kap'Yong Day on the 24th at the PPCLI Cairn located at the Vernon Cadet Camp. George Cook read the Presidential Citation and Ken Barwise read off the names of those Patricias who gave their lives. We also remembered those who gave their lives in the Korean War.

After the service we all went to the Spallumcheen Golf Course for a meeting and luncheon, during the meeting I awarded six Certificates of Appreciation to the following members for their service to the Association and Branch: Mel Lashuk, Bill Davis, Jim McDougall, George Cook, Patricia Casement, and John Fossett. A small raffle was held raising \$118.00.

Twelve members and two guests met at the golf course in May for a meeting and luncheon. At which we took a picture of the golf cart and members present.





MANITOBA AND NW ONTARIO

Our year began with the Branch Annual Meeting on January 24th where D'Arcy Best was re-elected President and Treasurer and Bob Cumming accepted another year as Vice-President. Len King was elected Secretary and Directors Monte Allison, Brian Henwood, Ed Higham and Nick Oshanski were re-elected and joined by newly elected Directors Cliff Fox and Stu Weeks.

Our Regimental Day celebrations kicked off on March 16th with a Medals Parade at Kap'Yong Barracks, where His Honour Peter Liba, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, presented Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medals to 20 members of the Old Guard and about 70 Second Battalion Rear Party personnel. Receiving their medals with the Old Guard were Roy Bailey, D'Arcy Best, Randal Bonds, Don Collins, Ray Crabbe, Bob Cumming, Andre Duschene (former Air Force), Andy Gallant, Taffy Gray, Dick Heaver, George Hibbs, Don Littlejohn, Archie Moore, Don Ogden, Whitey Redden, Jim Seggie, Ron Shephard, Mike Spellen, Art Sutton and Stu Weeks. Another Association Member, QMSI Chris White, was invested with the other Rear Party personnel on parade. Following the Investiture, the Rear Party Officers and Senior NCOs gave the Junior Ranks a Broom-i-loo lesson and then we adjourned to the Patricia Arms for a barbecue and beer. We continued our Regimental Day activities on March 18th with our annual Regimental Day Social in the WOs' and Sgts' Mess.

Our Kap'Yong Day observance on April 25th was a low-key affair as most of Second Battalion was on homecoming leave and the main event was to take place during the July 50th Anniversary Celebration. However, a few of us joined available Second Battalion personnel on a brief parade at Kap'Yong Barracks where Pte Kristopher Dukeshire treated us to an excellent reading of the Citation. Aware that most Second Battalion soldiers were on leave, we were surprised by the number on parade. We later learned that many of them had come in to participate voluntarily. How's that for esprit?

We haven't been able to verify total attendance at the Kap'Yong 50th Anniversary celebrations but the Branch provided name badges for over 500 people who pre-registered, including 86 Kap'Yong Vets, and there were many others who arrived out of the blue. Near capacity crowds occupied the 3,000 available seats on the Parade Square for both the Sunset Ceremony and the Trooping. The Second Battalion staged an excellent Sunset Ceremony and the Trooping was probably the best in recent memory. The Old Guard also put on quite a performance, marching off smartly behind the Pipes and Drums of 2 PPCLI, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and 402 (Air Force Reserve) Squadron.



The top prize in the Kap'Yong 50th Anniversary Lottery, a Mind Computer System, went to Thelma Holland, Secretary of the Vancouver Branch of the PPCLI Association. Two Second Battalion soldiers picked up the second and third prizes with Private Patrick Miller getting two 21-game Manitoba Moose Hockey Club ticket packs and Private William Elliott the Bobby Burns print. The fourth prize, a pair of 'his and hers' watches, was won by Mrs. T. Wingrove of Winnipeg. Over 6,300 tickets were sold and the net proceeds of \$5,785.25 were turned over to Second Battalion to help with the Kap'Yong 50th Anniversary expenses.

For the first time in eight years, a member of the Association has won the Manitoba & North Western Ontario Branch's top golf trophy. At the 15th Annual Tournament at Tuxedo Golf Course on August 16th, Paul Ryan was awarded the President's Cup for Tournament Low Gross. In second place, Art Sutton took the Alf Rooke Trophy for Association Members Low Gross. Richard DeGagne, Second Battalion's Junior Ranks Club Manager, won the Norman LG McCowan Trophy for Tournament Low Net, and the LA (Len) Quinlan Trophy for Association Members Low Net went to new member Sergeant Shane Pollock. The Ed Higham Trophy for Closest to the Pin went to Private Harley Boermann, Richard DeGagne made the longest drive and Private Andrew Capo was judged the Most Honest Golfer.

Foryt-two members and guests attended our Annual Dinner in the WOs' & Sgts' Mess on October 20th, including WWII vets Elwood Birss, Lloyd and Helen Kreamer, Andy Schaen, and Kay Bonnallo, widow of the late Ernie Dodd. We also welcomed new members Susan Holfeuer (Len King's daughter) and her husband Peter, and Steve and Laurie Greeley. Official guests were Major Robert Parent, accompanied by Dolores Young, and RSM Larry Surridge and his wife Carla. Following the dinner, Branch President D'Arcy Best presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Branch Secretary Len King in recognition of his dedicated service to the Branch and Major Parent spoke briefly on the Second Battalion's activities and preparations for possible operations evolving from recent events.

On November 11th, 15 members paraded with Second Battalion and the PPCLI Cadets for the Remembrance Service at Kap'Yong Barracks. Following the service in the Drill Hall, Nick Oshanski and Lieutenant-Colonel Marv Makulowich laid wreaths at the Kap'Yong Monument on behalf of the Association and Second Battalion, and then we moved to the WOs' and Sgts' Mess for the traditional clam chowder and moose-milk. Thanks to the assistance of Sgt Rick Cooper of Second Battalion, Alf Rooke, at 88 years our oldest Vet, was able to attend and take part in all of the activities. The Old Guard also included Syd McKay who came all the way from Carman to join us.

While we were doing our thing at the Barracks, a small contingent led by Vice-President Bob Cumming was attending the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. As the Battalion's Colours were on parade at the Barracks, the Branch flag was substituted in the



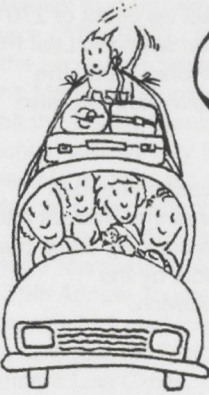
church service, carried by Len King and escorted by Cadet Master Corporal Geoffrey Dumas and Cadet Corporal Michael de Groot of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps. Cadet Sergeant Matthew Dumas sounded Last Post and Reveille, and Second Battalion's Private Daniel Holley piped the Lament. Major Jim Fitzgerald and Warrant Officer Dave Hubbard also attended, representing Second Battalion.

On December 13th, about 15 members of the Association attended Second Battalion's Christmas Dinner. During the pre-dinner awards and presentations, Association Member Jon Larocque was among those presented with the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal by the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Marv Makulowich.

"Always a Patricia"



The Old Guard, Kap'Yong 50th Anniversary, 14 July 2001



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VICTORIA BRANCH

As usual the activity of the Victoria branch this year was our annual birthday dinner on March 16th. Once again, the Langford Legion was the location, and the events were well attended. The drum line, of the 5 BC Field Regiment Cadet Corps provided entertainment. The main reading act (stolen from Johnny Carson) was put on by the Branch secretary and treasurer. There was also a door prize which was a copy of Steve Newman's new book, "With the Patricia's in Flanders" Steve presented the book to the branch in January, and it was won by Ron Glasner. Incidentally, the Langford Legion now sponsors the local PPCLI Cadet Corps (2483) which is commanded by Steve Sawyer, a former PPCLI Major.

We were lucky enough to have one of our members chosen for the 50th anniversary of Kap'Yong trip to Korea. Don Worsfold's visit went



well once the travel arrangements had been sorted out thanks to the financial support of the battalions. Don of course is a PPCLI vet of the battle, and later spent the rest of his military career uniquely as the only RCN (STOKER) seamen to wear the US Presidential Citation. Our branch member, Len Desjarlais holds the position of Sgt-at-Arms in the National Aboriginal Vets Association; as such he went to Ottawa for the dedication of the Aboriginal Vets Memorial.

Several Victoria members have now joined the information age, and have gone on line on the Internet. While I am not one them our treasurer is at larrydavies@yahoo.com.

If anyone is planning to visit our branch, it should be noted that our meetings have been changed to the last Thursday of October, January, and April.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

The Branch started their year off with the annual general meeting, and a new executive was elected. Tom Holland as President, Glen Palmer as Vice-President, and Thelma Holland was re-elected to the position of secretary/treasurer. The newly elected President thanked Don Urquhart and his executive and directors for a job well done. For the new term four directors were appointed as follows: Don Boyce, Don Parr-Parson, Fred Udell and Don Urquhart. On Sunday, March 18th, 2001 we went in the Anderson room of the Seaforth Armory for our annual Regimental Day luncheon. We had a very successful day with 27 members and their ladies present. We had the added pleasure of the PMC of Seaforth WOs' & Sgts' Mess, MWO M.Bain and his wife Kathy, and the added pleasure of a surprise visit from the National Association President Jacque De Bruijne and his daughter Louise. Both were guests of the branch. We held a raffle through the generosity of several members and thanks to the hard work of Garry Jantzen selling the tickets, we took in a nice sum.

In July, our President Tom Holland and wife attended the Annual General Meeting of the National Association in Winnipeg. They also attended some of the Kap'Yong reunion events. Our congratulations for a job well done to the Battalion and the members of the Manitoba NW Ontario Branch and the Korean community for the entertainment and dinner they put out. Several other members attended as well, where they had a fabulous time seeing old friends and enjoying the activities. It was nice to see the special honor guard for Lady Patricia dressed in the old Battledress, it brought back a few memories. As an extra bonus of the weekend, our secretary/treasurer came home with a new computer system thanks to the raffle put on by the Man. NW Ont. Branch. And a good thing because when we got home the old computer had been scrambled

by a severe power surge while we were gone.

At the end of August, we held our annual BBQ at the home of Val & Ken Tutte. As usual, the Tutte family put on a fantastic afternoon, with a fabulous steak dinner and wonderful hospitality. Garry Jantzen also did her usual fantastic job selling tickets and we had a generous amount of items donated for the draw. Val got a good number of pictures as always, some of which we have put in the article. A good time was had by all, and the weather was good with much sunshine. We had 27 members and their ladies present. We were pleased to have Phil Peterson as a guest, and Ed Hanson and his wife from out of town. Thank you to everyone who made it fabulous afternoon.

On Sunday, December 16th we held our annual Christmas party at the lovely home of Jenny & Don Urquhart. Numerous people provided the finger food and of course Tom brought his " deviled eggs ". We had an excellent turnout and a donation from every member of an item for the raffle or cash donation towards expenses. Once again Gary Jantzen swung into action and thanks to Jenny and Don Urquhart for the use of the lovely home for the event and for our executive meetings. Also want to thank Don Parr - Pearson for his bar tending skills at various functions, and his sometime assistant Fred Udell. We gained one new member, two retiring members, and lost two so we are staying fairly stable. We finished the year with total 68 members.



The blind leading the blind. Garry checking Thelma's winning ticket on the last draw. (The Suitcase)



Val and Ken Tutte's backyard, party in full swing with Ken's new flagpole he received for Christmas.



Noel Butcher receiving the first prize of the day. Presented by Garry Jantzen.



Linda Hanson drawing the last winning ticket. Thelma Holland holding the bucket.

CALGARY BRANCH

2001 brought a slow start to the Calgary Branch with our regular happy hour and monthly meeting, but we picked up speed as the year rolled by. We have now changed our monthly meetings to a breakfast meeting, held on the last Saturday of each month at the Ogden Legion Branch 238, 2625 - 78 Avenue SE. Breakfast is at 09:00 hours with the meeting starting at 10:30 hours.

On the last Friday of each month, a Happy Hour is held at Erika's Deli, Bay 2, 4604 - 37 Street SW anytime after 15:00 hours. There is usually at least one Patricia hanging out there throughout the week. If you are in Cowtown, stop in for a visit at our General Meeting or at Erika's. We encourage serving members of the Regiment to stop in and get to know us. Our Branch has several functions throughout the year; contact Bob Zubkowski at (403) 249-8107 or email bzubkkow@shaw.ca for events and timings.

February had the entertainment committee planning for Regimental Day. We held our March 17th activities at the Cuff and Billy; the City of Calgary Police Department Mess. Thirty-eight members and their wives attended and had moose milk, visited with old friends (we were surprised to see Keith Grant attending) and the regulars...well they stayed on until the latter hours of the evening!! Regimental Day greetings were received from Rod Parker who now lives in England.

July found many members of the Calgary Branch in Winnipeg for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong and the AGM. The



Winnipeg Branch along with the 2nd Battalion, put on a show that was second to none. The soldiers of the 2nd were magnificent on parade, bringing a tear to many of the old guard. Thank you Winnipeg for a grand time!

Waiting for August was almost as bad as a child waiting to open presents at Christmas. August is our annual RV and BBQ at San-Ray Acres in Strathmore, home of Jack and Sandi Rayner. Each year for the past four years we gather in tents, campers and even cars, to spend a weekend with fellow Patricias. People start arriving on Friday night and are treated to a chuckwagon dinner. Saturday and Sunday mornings everyone gathers for a Stampede breakfast of sausages and pancakes. Jack has prepared his own 18-hole golf course amongst the gopher holes and horses. When evening comes, we sit around a campfire with Bob Finney a.k.a. "Hose A", serenading us with the sweet sounds of his guitar and voice. Zub's 25-cent draft and magical elixir, poured by John Demerchant, usually helps loosen the tongue, so the coyotes leave the country when the singing starts!!! Each year since we have had the RV, someone who has not been seen in a long while appears. This year Bill Martindale from Manitoba and Don Klassen from Calgary attended. Our cooks were Ed Laplante and Bruce Burton. We had 52 Patricias attend in 2001 and would like to see many more this season. A very special thanks to Jack and Sandi, for hosting this most enjoyable event each year.

John Friedt was awarded "Top Honors, Senior Division, Garden Competition" by the Calgary Horticultural Society this summer. When asked the secret of his success, John said it came from digging shell scrapes during WW II.

In September we held a Meet and Greet and Membership drive. This was a short meeting followed by a dinner and dance. This was a very successful event with over 90 members and wives in attendance.

This fall the groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Colonel Belcher Care Centre. The Calgary Branch has been a supporter of the Friends of the Colonel Belcher, to assist in the fundraising for this important facility. We have also purchased a brick on the "Wall of Honour" to recognize the veterans of the PPCLI Association, in the name of the Calgary Branch.

November brought Tag Day. Thanks to Bob Adams, who handled the workload setting this up, things went smoothly as always. Thank you also to those who gave their time to help out. The 11th had Patricias present at all ceremonies around Calgary and surrounding areas. We finished off the year with a Christmas dinner and dance. This function was also well attended. We always know that we will have a good party, thanks to the hard work of George Arthurson our Entertainment chairman. There have been many changes on the Base and Married Quarters in Calgary. Come down and have a look, but use that only as an excuse to visit the Calgary Branch. We do hope you younger serving members will not forget that this is your Association too and we would be very pleased

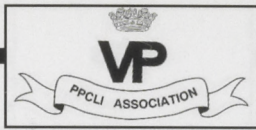
to have you drop in.

FRASER VALLEY BRANCH



Our branch year begins in the fall when the majority of our members return from their summertime rambling about the country. In some cases they go all the way to the East coast and back which makes for some interesting stories when we all get together again.

Our first meeting this past Fall was the first Wednesday in September when a couple of couples were still on the road. By October's meeting we were back to normal with one notable exception; Adeal Canfield, wife of the branch president had died on 29 September 2001. She died of throat cancer. She was 69 years of age and had been the wife of, and a loyal Patricia for over 48 years. Because of the progression of the cancer Adeal was unable to accompany her husband to the 50th anniversary of Kap'Yong marked by the Second Battalion in Winnipeg in July. For that she was deeply disappointed. Lady Patricia took the time to write Adeal a note, which greatly cheered her up. The consideration of Lady Patricia in sending a note recognizing her absence from the celebra-



tion did much to make Adeal's last few weeks bearable. For that, and an additional note she received from the Countess just before she died, we were both profoundly grateful.

November brought us our usual parade and observance at the cenotaph of the former Base. We paraded with the Borne West Airborne contingent, and the Korean Veteran Association Contingent. The weather was reasonably kind but the hot rums at the Legion following the parade certainly went down well.

In early December we had our annual Christmas dinner at the restaurant which was very well attended.

We picked up one newly retired member this year, Mark Benjamin, but with the loss of a member we remain even at 32.

SW ONTARIO

Greetings, once again to all members of the Patricia Family, from our branch in South Western Ontario.

Our annual meeting was held on May 4-6, 2001 at the Howard Johnson Hotel in St. Catharines.

For our Saturday night dinner, our guest of honor was the senior serving officer from the Regiment BGen Vince Kennedy and his lovely wife Wendy. Their attendance was a huge success because of their friendliness to all who attended. There were 70 members and guests who attended and the evening belonged to the Kennedys.

Our Branch contacted Base Borden in reference to our Regimental Birthday but we were informed that no activities were planned, so not much was done by the Branch except a few beverages drank at homes.

A hard worker and dedicated member of the Association, Ann Stringer, had to pass on the work of treasurer to Fay McIntee. Over the years, Ann, has kept a keen interest in being secretary and treasurer. Due to poor health, Ann felt she could no longer stay on. Members like Ann are what keep our Regimental family alive.

Between 12 and 15 July 2001, a very smart contingent from the SW Branch of the Association attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Kap'Yong, put on at Kap'Yong Barracks by 2 PPCLI.

It was a truly memorable time for all in attendance. Each and every event was extremely well done. Not only did the soldiers on parade perform admirably and in true Patricia fashion, but everyone in uniform, that we came in contact with, were extremely proud of his troops from all



elements.

The SW Ontario Branch contingent had as marker for the Kap'Yong Vets George Biggly. Rounding out that section was Ted Sutherland, Don Hibbs, Bill Chrysler and Morly Balinson. Bob McGinn, another Korea Vet was there as was Gil Hyde who served in the Patricia's both pre and post WWII. Bruce Paxton was also on parade with many others of the Old Guard for the very nostalgic march-off. Also enjoying the celebrations were the wives of Morly Balinson and Gil Hyde and Bruce Paxton's wife Lida, who is an Association member.

Branch President Edison MacDonald and his wife June spent their vacation in the Maritimes, and while in PEI took in the musical "Anne of Green Gables". The significance here is that the lead actress, playing the part of "Anne", is none other than the daughter of BGen Vince Kennedy and Wendy. Her name is Chilina. She is a brilliant actress and singer, and, like her mom and dad, very friendly. After the performance, she introduced Edison and June to the other members of the cast.

Doug and Pauline Armstrong went to Brussels, Belgium in early spring to attend the International Movers Convention. While in Europe, they also visited Holland. Here they spent some time with two ladies, who were flower girls at their wedding in Holland, during WWII. They also attended activities of Freedom Day and Liberation Day while in Holland.

EDMONTON BRANCH

The Edmonton Branch PPCLI sends greetings to all Patricias. As we review the events of 2001, as they affect our organization, membership remains stable and monthly roll call is on average 35-40 members and associates.

By way of keeping contact, the monthly "fan out" telephone calls are instrumental in keeping abreast of change in the membership status, and also acts as a reminder of upcoming meetings and or events. Monthly mailing of previous meeting also is a reminder, and reaches those not contacted by phone.

Padre John Kolanchey reports on personal visits to "shut Ins" in nursing homes, and in particular the Mewborn Veterans Center. This is very much appreciated and is another connection with the regiment. We will remember . . .

Col William "Suds" Sutherland, Feb 24th 2001 Ottawa
LCol Don Manuel, June 3rd 2001 Edmonton
Ed McLean 3 PPCLI, May 10th 2001



A card of congratulation was mailed (signed by all Patricias at the January meeting) to Lady Patricia, extending good wishes on her birthday on February 14th.

During the year the Branch members attended a number of special events:

Contingent from Edmonton - marked the 50th Anniversary of Kap'Yong at Radar Hill, Pacific Rim National Park.

May 11th 2001 86th anniversary Frezenberg dinner. (55 members and guest). Master of ceremonies, V.Pres Bert Reed.

Speaker Don Gower "what is the significance of Frezenberg"

Program Reg. Drum lines added colours and was warmly received.

Edmonton member, John Jackson bugler

The Christmas raffle in aid of charity was convened by Sylvia Ellison, and was well supported, as was the food bank.

Because of extenuating circumstances, it was found necessary to seek a new meeting place. Paul Robinson and Wayne Taylor took on this task and we found space in the Royal Canadian Legion (Kingsway branch) at 10425- Kingsway Ave., phone 425-8664

The usual branch precedes the meeting, starting at 11'15. Meeting usually begins at noon and lasts approx., an hour.

In a special Remembrance Day Ceremony, held at Canada Place Edmonton, Nov 9th 2001 the branch was represented by pres. Wayne Taylor as PPCLI peacekeeper. Guest speaker were Sen. Thelma Chalifoux and Allistair Mitchell, WWII Allied Veteran. Sheilagh Taylor and Patricia Monroe represented the branch as visitors.

Remembrance Day Nov. 11th 2001 held in the University of Alberta (butterdome) was well attended (over 4000, families, and friends) and 1000 military. Representing PPCLI and lying of the wreath was Rev. Ray Croker, Bill Lee, Jack Slater, and John Kolanchey. Lt. Governor, Lois Hole took the salute.

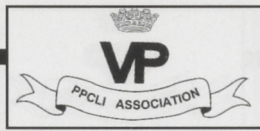
Mr. Barrie Runnalls of the Capital Care Foundation spoke to the Nov. meeting and gave detailed outline of the proposed re-locating of the Mewburn Veteran's Center, to be implemented by 2008. Full outline of this proposal is on branch files.

Election Bert Reed resigned as V.Pres. MWO (Retd) Dan Blunden accepted the nomination in Reed's place. The remainders of the existing executive were re-instated for a two-year term.

Christmas luncheon social - held Dec. 7th. Well attended, another successful raffle, proceeds to charity.

A special acknowledgement to the Edmonton Garrison personnel for their attendance and participation in meeting and events.

The Kit Shop sends a selection of items, to the meeting, and gives the members another change to purchase. Special note of thanks to Capt John Shorten for his guidance and leadership.



The horrific events of September 11th 2001 have in some ways, bonded people together and made us aware of neighbour's needs. As our troops prepare for overseas duty, we offer our support and remember them and their families in our prayers and daily thoughts, may god bless them and keep them.....

**The Editor would like to thank Don Gower
for the following submissions.**

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

1. Comments relating to the PPCLI Association,
2. The action resulting in the unit's first Battle Honour.

The Association

The formation of the PPCLI Association occurred in the mid 20s-- on a city by city basis. My understanding could be inaccurate but I believe the Edmonton Branch came into existence in 1923. The activity of this branch consisted of one meeting per year --- to celebrate Frezenberg. The format consisted of a parade to the cenotaph (in those days located on 102 St. just at the top of the river bank). After the ceremony the group returned to the Macdonald Hotel for the annual business meeting and banquet.

A committee organized immediately following WWII resulted in the formation of the present day PPCLI National Association. I understand that Norman McCowan of Winnipeg is the sole-surviving member of that committee.

In 1946 I attended my first association meeting as an ex Patricia, with my father and for the next few years the make up of the branch consisted of 20 to 30 World War I Vets and a handful of WWII returnees.

There came a time when age became a problem and Bob Sproule recommended and made a motion that the limited funds on hand (some \$300.00) be sent to St. George's Church in England and that the Edmonton Branch be wound up. This was one occasion where the few other WWII vets and I won the vocal war and the motion was defeated. This had a downside as shortly thereafter I was catapulted into the President's Chair.

FREZENBERG

If you ever watch the program on the history channel about the Canadians in the 2nd battle of YPRES - 1915 you may become totally confused unless you are aware that this title-"2nd battle of YPRES -1915" embraced two closely related but distinct German drives and that the second of these, which began more than a week after the first had ended, was met entirely by infantry and cavalry divisions of the British Army.

The glory for thwarting the first attack, which covered the period April 22nd to 27th and included the first use of gas as an offensive



weapon, belongs to the 1st Canadian Division. No mention is made of the PPCLI for two reasons:

1. they were still part of the British Army; and
2. the Battle they and the Rifle Brigade were involved-including gas, erupted some eleven days later.

With one exception, all the areas of the high ground, which reached a maximum elevation of 210 feet above sea level, changed hands between the first and second phase of the Battle. The exception was Bellewaerde Ridge - the smallest of them all and only 165 feet above sea level. It was to be the pivot of the engagement on May 8th. In official terminology the action was decreed as "the Battle of Frezenberg and Bellewaerde Ridge". The Patricia history indicates that on May 8th and surrounding days the Regiment was holding ridge.

The important point, in my view, is the realization that this was basically the end of the Patricia originals. Some 1,000 more or less, all ranks were engaged in action, 150 marched out. Closer to home, it may be good thing that the 150 included two particular soldiers, otherwise Patricia Munro and myself would not be here.

IMPERISHABLE "PRINCESS PATS"

The following is a newspaper report, which appeared in British papers in 1915, of the engagement celebrated as the Battle of Frezenberg.

The tale of deathless glory of the PPCLI is told below from the moment when Princess Patricia presented her colours to the battalion at Ottawa on August 23, bidding every man good luck and safe return, to the sad but glorious night when the tiny remnant of that band of heroes stood beside the open graves of comrades, with Lt. Niven (who is mentioned in dispatches today) grasping the precious colours, "battered, bloody, but still intact." The narrative is contributed by the Canadian Record Officer serving with the Canadian Division.

It is one of the noblest and most deeply moving documents of the war, to such valour and such love does it bear witness.

The early trench warfare in which the battalion took part is described and reference is made to the death, of Col Farquhar, the Commanding Officer, by a stray bullet on March 20th. He was succeeded by Lieut Col Buller. The narrative may be taken up from May 4th. From April 21st and through the following days of the second battle of Ypres the regiment had been in the trenches some distance south and west of the trenches occupied by Canadian Division. On May 4th the regiment occupied a new line.

On the morning of that day a strong enemy attack developed. This was repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy which demolished several of the trenches. At night the regiment was relieved by the KINGS SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY and withdrawn to reserve trenches. In this unhealthy neighborhood no place by this time was safe, and on May



5th, by the splinter of a shell Lieut Col Buller was unfortunate enough to lose an eye. Major Gault arrived during the day and took over command. The battalion was in high spirits and cheered their arrival of an officer to whom all ranks were attached.

Just after dark on the night of May 6th the battalion returned to the trenches and relieved the KSLF. Throughout the night, and all the following day, it was assailed by a constant and heavy bombardment. The roll call on the night of the 7th showed the strength of the battalion as 625.

The day that followed was at once the most critical and the most costly in the history of the battalion. Early in the morning particularly heavy shelling began on the right flank, soon enfilading the fire trenches. At 5:30 it grew in intensity and gas shells began to fall. At the same time a number of Germans were observed coming at the double from the hill in front of the trench. This movement was arrested by heavy rifle fire. By 6 am every telephone wire, both to the brigade HQ and also to the trenches had been cut. All signalers, pioneers, orderlies and servants were ordered into the support trenches, for the needs of the moment left no place for super-numeraries. Every single Canadian upon the strength was from that time forward in one or other of the trenches. A short and fierce struggle decided the issue for the time being. The advance of the Germans was checked and those of the enemy who were not either sheltered by buildings, dead or wounded, crawled back over the crest of the ridge to their own trenches.

By this time the enemy had two and perhaps three, machine guns in adjacent buildings and were sweeping the parapets of both the fire and support trenches. An orderly took a note to Brigade HQ informing them exactly of the situation of the battalion.

About 7 am Major Gault, who had sustained his men by his coolness and example, was severely hit by a shell in the left arm and thigh. It was impossible to move him and he lay in the trench, as did many of his wounded companions, in great anguish, but without a murmur for over ten hours.

The command was taken over by Lieut Niven, the next senior officer, who was still unwounded. Heavy howitzers using high explosives combined with field guns from this moment in a most trying bombardment both on the fire and support trenches. The fire trench on the right was blown to pieces at several points.

At nine o'clock the shelling decreased in intensity, but it was the lull before the storm, for the enemy immediately attempted a second infantry advance. This attack was received with undiminished resolution. A storm of MG and rifle fire checked the assailants, who were forced, after a few indecisive moments, to retire and take cover. The battalion accounted for large numbers of the enemy in the course of this attack, but it suffered seriously itself. Captain Hill, Lieut Martin, Triggs, and De Bay were all wounded at this time.

At half past nine Lieut Niven established contact with King's Own



Yorkshire Light Infantry on the left and with the Rifle Brigade on the right. Both were suffering heavy casualties from enfilade rifle fire, and neither of course could afford any assistance. At this time the bombardment recommenced with great intensity. The range of our machine guns was taken with extreme caution. All, without one exception, were buried. Those who served with them behaved with the most admirable coolness and gallantry. Two were dug out, mounted, and used again. One was actually disinterred three times and kept in action till a shell annihilated the whole section. Cpl Dover stuck to his gun throughout and although wounded, continued to discharge his duties with as much coolness as if on parade. In the explosion that ended his ill - fated gun he lost an leg and an arm, and was completely buried in the debris, when he crawled out of all that what was left of the obliterated trench and moaned for help. Two of his buds sprang from the support trench - by this time the fire trench, and succeeded in carrying in his mangled and bleeding body. But as all that remained of this brave soldier was being lowered into the trench a bullet put an end to his sufferings. No bullet could put an end to his glory.

At 2 PM Lieut Niven went with an orderly to the HQ in obedience to Brigade orders, to telephone to the general officer commanding the brigade complete details of the situation. He returned at 2:20 p.m. The orderlies who accompanied his both going and coming were hit by high explosive shells.

At 3 PM a detachment of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who were also old comrades in arms of the Princess Patricia's reached the support line with 20 boxes of small arms ammunition. These were distributed and the party bringing them came into line as reinforcement occupying the left of the support trench. At four o'clock the support trenches were inspected and it was found that contact was no longer maintained with the regiment on the left, the gap extending for fifty yards.

At this moment the Germans made their third and last attack. It was arrested by rifle fire, although some individuals penetrated into the fire trench on the right. At this point of the trench was actually tenantless. Those who established a footing were few in numbers, and they were gradually dislodged, and so the third and last attack was routed as a successfully as those which had preceded it.

The afternoon dragged on, the tale of casualties constantly growing, and at ten o'clock at night, the company commanders, being all dead or wounded, Lieut Niven and Papineau took the roll call. It disclosed a strength of 150 rifles and some stretcher-bearers.

At 11:30 at night the Kings Royal Rifle Corps relieved the battalion. The reliving unit helped those whom they replaced in the last sorrowful duty of burying those of their dead who lay in the support and communication trenches. Those who had fallen in the fire trenches needed no graves, for the obliteration of their shelter had afforded a decent burial to their bodies. Behind the damaged trenches, by the light of the Germans flares, and amid the unceasing rattle of musketry relievers and relieved



combined in the last service which one soldier can render another. Beside the open graves, with heads uncovered, all that was left of the regiment stood while Lieut Niven holding the colours of Princess Patricia, battered, bloody, but still intact, tightly in his hand, recalled all he could remember of the Church of England service for the dead. Long after the service was over, the remnant of the Battalion stood in solemn reverie, unable, it seemed to leave their comrades, until the Col of the 3rd Kings Royal Rifles Corps gave them positive orders to retire, when led by Lieut Papineau, they marched back, 150 strong, to reserve trenches. On arrival they were instructed to proceed to another part of the position where during the day they were shelled and lost five and three wounded.

On May 15th, Major Pelly arrived from England, where he had been invalid on March 15th, and took over command from Lieut Niven who during this point of command had shown qualities worthy of a regimental commander of any army in the world.

Few indeed are left of the men who met in Lansdowne Park to receive the regimental colours nearly a year ago, but those who survived and the friends of who died, may draw solace from the thought that never in the history of arms have soldiers more valiantly sustained the gift and trust of a lady.

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OTTAWA BRANCH

The Ottawa Branch closed the year 2001 on a high note with over 150 Patricias, wives, children, grandchildren and friends attending the Annual November 11th Remembrance Day gathering at Landsdowne Park. We were honoured to have our Colonel of the Regiment, General de Chastelain and Mrs. de Chastelain in attendance. The reception following the service was a good time to renew old friendships.

Two meetings were held during the past year, the first was the Regimental Day dinner held at the Army Officers' Mess, which was well attended by both retired and serving Patricias and their ladies. The second was the annual General Meeting, held on the 8th of May, which saw the election of the current Branch Executive consisting of:

President - Harry Bloom, Vice President - David Snowball, Secretary - Bill Plouffe, Treasurer - David Lewis and Member at Large - Dan Bourdeleau

All Ottawa Patricias were very saddened with the passing of Colonel "Suds" Sutherland. He was a man who was respected by all and will be remembered for his love of the Regiment, his sage advice and for his friendship. The funeral was conducted in true Patricia fashion by the serving Patricias in the Ottawa area. Our Colonel in Chief was in attendance along with the Regimental family and Colonel Suds' many friends and associates.

All Ottawa Patricias who attended the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'Yong in Winnipeg this past summer greatly enjoyed the festivities and were proud to see some 84 Kap'Yong veterans on parade. All ranks of our Second Battalion are to be congratulated for a job well done. All had a good time.

The Ottawa Branch would like to extend it's best wishes to all Patricias wherever they may be serving or residing for a successful and enjoyable 2002.



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A Soldier's Final Inspection

The Soldier stood and faced his god,
Which must always come to pass,
He hoped his boots were shining
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my church have you been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
No Lord, I guess I ain't,
Because those of us who carry guns
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work a lotta Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough
And sometimes I've been violent
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny
That wasn't mine to keep,
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills got just too steep.

I never passed a cry for help
Though at times I shook with fear
And sometimes, God forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around
Except to calm their fears.

If you have a place for me here, Lord
It needn't be too grand,
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't ...I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the throne
Where the saints had often trod
As the soldier waited quietly
For the judgement of his God.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets
Because you've done your time in Hell

Last Post



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John	Thomson	WWII/Reg F	January 1, 2001	Salmon Arm, BC



*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.*



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