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# Colonel-in-Chief



## Message from the Colonel-in-Chief The Right Honorable Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

I am very pleased to have the honour of providing the opening comments for The Patrician. 2006 was a year marked by mixed emotions. I was delighted to have the opportunity to celebrate the Regiment's successes and the outstanding achievements of my Patricias. At the same time, I mourned the loss of the brave men and women who died serving Canada in Afghanistan and Lebanon and thought often of their families and the families and friends of the soldiers who continue to serve overseas. It was also a year of mixed feelings for me as I reached the difficult decision to relinquish my appointment as your Colonel-in-Chief, a rich and deeply rewarding experience.

2006 was a very busy year. Patricias continued to make important contributions to international peace and security. The Regiment was heavily committed to operations in Afghanistan. Soldiers from all three Battalions, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and E Company, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) served with distinction in difficult and extremely demanding circumstances. The Regiment continued its traditions of leadership and excellence, setting the conditions for NATO expansion into Southern Afghanistan. Brigadier-General Fraser commanded the Multi-National Brigade and personally oversaw the transition from the US-led Operation ENDURING FREEDOM to NATO command, a very complex change of command relationships that was carried out in the face of increasing enemy resistance. Task Force ORION, the PPCLI Battle Group, played an important role defeating a major insurgent offensive that sought to capture Helmand and Kandahar Provinces. Task Force ORION also provided protection for the Dutch Task Force as it moved into its area of operations in Uruzgan Province. This deployment was completed without a single casualty, another remarkable feat that was due, in large part, to the planning and preparations undertaken by Patricias and the team that supported them.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the support provided on the home front. The PPCLI Association made a valuable contribution, collecting almost \$20,000 dollars through Operation SMALL PACK to provide amenities and support to wounded soldiers. This programme was so successful that the Canadian Forces adopted the programme and committed to providing this support for all soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The Association built on this success by expanding the Voluntary Patricia Programme, a national support programme that is committed to providing support to serving and retired Patricias who need assistance.

The Regiment paid a significant price for these achievements. I was deeply moved as twenty brave Patricias lost their lives in Afghanistan and many more were wounded. The Regiment's sacrifices were not confined to Afghanistan. Sadly, Major Hess von-Kreudener lost his life on 25 July 2006 while he was serving with the United Nations in Lebanon. While each of these deaths was a tragedy, I believe that the experience strengthened the Regimental family. I was inspired by the motivation, focus and commitment of the soldiers who are working so hard to overcome their injuries and return to work. I was also heartened by conversations with the families of the fallen. Their quiet dignity and unshakeable dedication were truly remarkable.

The highlight of my year was my visit to Canada in August and September. My granddaughter, Ella du Breuil, accompanied me and we both thoroughly enjoyed our trip. I was pleased to finally have the opportunity to visit the Second Battalion and their families in their new barracks in Shilo. I was also very happy and relieved to welcome home the First Battalion and the rest of the Task Force ORION team. I was honoured to preside over the change of appointment ceremony as Major-General Robert Stewart handed over his duties as Colonel of the Regiment to his long-time friend and colleague Brigadier-General Larry Gollner. Major-General Stewart made a significant contribution to the Regiment through his outstanding personal example, his dedication and sage advice. Brigadier-General Gollner is the ninth Colonel of the Regiment whom I have had the pleasure to serve with. I was sad to bid farewell to my old friend Major-General Stewart, but I was pleased to have the opportunity to work with another old friend. I am sure that Brigadier-General Gollner will continue to build on the success of his predecessors as he helps the Regiment face the changes and challenges it will face in the years ahead.

I am extremely proud of the Regiment's accomplishments over the past year. It is clear that the Regiment is upholding its fine traditions of leadership, teamwork, bravery, service and sacrifice. I wish all of my Patricias the best of luck for the coming year. My thoughts will remain with the Patricias serving overseas and the family and friends waiting for them to return safely to Canada.



# Colonel of the Regiment

Last August I was honoured by being appointed Colonel of the Regiment. The announcement came, almost to the day, that fifty years prior, I joined our Regiment. Our Colonel in Chief, oversaw MGen R.I. Stewart and my handover. MGen Stewart and I have served in the Regiment together for fifty years. As soldiers, junior NCOs, junior officers, commanding officers etc. MGen Stewart is a great soldier. He is also a true friend of our Regiment and all that know him.



Our Regiment had a great year in 2006. Our soldiers won numerous gallantry decorations, awards, and accolades for their courage, conduct, and tactical skill on the battlefields in Afghanistan and elsewhere. Unfortunately, the cost to our Regiment and its soldiers was high in terms of those killed and wounded in action.

As I prepare this report our soldiers continue to carry our name into action in Afghanistan. C Company of the 3rd Battalion is currently serving with the 2RCR Battlegroup. A Company of 2nd Battalion returned home recently having greatly distinguished themselves as a component of the 1RCR Battlegroup. LCol Eyre, CO 3rd Battalion, is also in Afghanistan commanding the Canadian OMLT with the Afghan National Army. Meanwhile, our 2nd Battalion Battlegroup has formed up and is actively preparing for deployment in early 2008. 2nd Battalion's Battlegroup will include a rifle company from each of 1st and 3rd Battalions as well as the Provincial Reconstruction Team from 1st Battalion and soldiers of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Our Association has been front and centre in supporting the Regiment as we again began active combat operations. Soldiers of the Association actively supported our serving soldiers by launching Operation SMALL PACK in early 2006. The Association has also assisted wherever possible through its Voluntary Patricia Programme the soldiers and or their families of those that fell or were wounded in Afghanistan. All the while our Association continues to assist veterans from previous campaigns. Several of the initiatives launched by our Association to aid our soldiers have now been adopted nationally by the Canadian Forces.

The Regimental Guard, following advice from Lady Patricia and her desire to retire, sought to find a Canadian lady as our new Colonel in Chief. After consultation and deliberation the Guard agreed that the Regiment should approach the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD to ask if she would serve with us as our Colonel in Chief. Madame Clarkson responded positively and enthusiastically.

The former Governor General of Canada and Commander in Chief of the Canadian Forces. Madame Clarkson is very well known to all ranks of the Regiment. As Governor General, she awarded unit commendations to two of our battalions and visited all of our units. Madame Clarkson also has a family tie to the Regimental family through her husband John Ralston Saul, whose father served with us.

Having gained her agreement, the Regiment began the process of gaining authority to change our Colonel in Chief. Our selecting a Canadian as our future Colonel in Chief was precedent setting. Previously, all such appointments had been Royal appointment. In mid November we learned that Her Majesty, the Queen, had approved Lady Patricia's retiring and shortly thereafter we gained approval of Madame Clarkson's appointment. At the beginning of February her appointment was made public.

Our soldiers continued to serve in the field in Afghanistan and other areas of tension world wide. All the while routine Regimental work continued. In 2006 we saw our career management system and process completely revitalized. Now from top to bottom every leader in the Regiment performance is reviewed annually. This review is done in strict accord with Army personnel planning criteria. Our regional representational system has also been realigned and reinforced to ensure that soldiers employed away from our units will not be overlooked. Both the BGen Walter Semianiw and Colonel Craig King performed yeoman service to us all by undertaking these critically important personnel initiatives.

This coming Labour Day weekend our Association will celebrate its 60th Anniversary in Calgary. This anniversary marks 60th years of steadfast service to our extended Regimental family. Earlier I mentioned the strong support the Association has and is providing to all of our soldiers through the Volunteer Patricia Programme, Operation SMALL PACK, and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. Our Association is a vibrant and vital part of our Regimental family if at all possible plan to attend our Association's 60th.

In closing it is my belief that our Regiment is in fine form. The calibre of our soldiers starting with our youngest is truly impressive. We continue to meet demanding operational tasks while at the same time watching over our wounded comrades and our extended Regimental family. We can go forward in confidence with our new Colonel in Chief in place.





# Regimental Headquarters Staff

## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL MAJOR MAJOR E.A. LIEBERT, CD

This is my first message as the editor of The Patrician. I am deeply honoured to have been selected to serve as the Regimental Major. I want to thank Major Ted Giraldeau for his hard work, his support and advice. Regimental Headquarters is a very interesting and demanding place to work. There is much more to do than I imagined when I accepted the job and began my handover. I am extremely privileged to have an opportunity to serve the Regiment in this capacity and want to thank everyone for the support I have received since I assumed my duties in October.

The theme of this year's edition of The Patrician is "The Regiment at War," a formal acknowledgement of the Regiment's ongoing commitment to international peace and security. The past year was extremely busy and eventful. All of the Regiment's battalions, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and E Company, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) supported operations in Afghanistan. As this edition of The Patrician goes to print, the Regiment remains heavily committed in Afghanistan. C Company, 3 PPCLI is deployed with the 2 RCR Battle Group and Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne Eyre is commanding the Operational Military Liaison Team (OMLT) in Kandahar. Lieutenant-Colonel Dan Drew is busy training another OMLT (based on 3 PPCLI) and the 2 PPCLI Battle Group has begun to prepare for its deployment in 2008.

The Regiment's service was not limited to Afghanistan. Patricias continue to serve elsewhere in the World with the NATO and United Nations. Regretably, we were reminded of the dangers inherent in overseas service when Major Paeta Hess-von Kruedener was killed as he served as a United Nations military observer in Southern Lebanon.

The Regiment's sacrifices and the demands of Afghanistan have focused our efforts and strengthened the Regimental family. The unit rear parties worked hard to address the needs of the families left behind. Sadly, the Regiment was forced to deal with tragedy and increasing numbers of wounded soldiers returning from overseas operations. Across Canada, Patricias acknowledged the sacrifices made overseas, volunteered their time and did what they could to help deal with these demands. The PPCLI Association actively supported soldiers serving overseas, most notably with Operation SMALL PACK, a project to provide wounded soldiers with amenities as they are evacuated back to Canada. This project was so successful that it served as the basis for a new Canadian Forces initiative that applies to all Canadian soldiers who are wounded in Afghanistan. The remaining funds are being used to support wounded soldiers who are working hard to deal with their injuries. The PPCLI Association continues to support operations through the Volunteer Patricia Program, a national support program designed to provide assistance to serving and retired Patricias across Canada.

Patricias continue to play a leading role in Canadian Forces schools and training institutions, a role that will be reinforced as officers, NCOs and soldiers returning from overseas service are posted to positions in the training system so that others can benefit from the lessons learned on operations. Patricias in St. Jean, Wainwright and Gagetown are working hard to train the Nation's soldiers and combat leaders. The importance of this work was recognized when Prime Minister Stephen Harper took time away from his busy schedule to attend a graduation ceremony at the Land Forces Western Area Training Centre in Wainwright on 13 April 2006.

I will conclude my remarks by acknowledging the retirement of two members of the Regimental Headquarters staff. Corporal Jeffery Hudson finished his military service as the Regimental Headquarters Clerk. After serving 14 years with the Regiment including overseas deployments to Croatia and Kosovo, he took his release to pursue a new career in the oil industry. Lynn Bullock resigned after serving as the PPCLI Museum Curator for almost ten years to pursue other interests. On behalf of the Regiment, I want to thank Jeff and Lynn for their service and wish them both all the best in their future endeavours.





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# HONOURS AND AWARDS

HONOURS AND AWARDS (rank held at time of appointment)

## Order of Canada

MGen L.W. MacKenzie, Ret'd – appointed as a Member.

## Order of Military Merit

Col D.A. Fraser – appointed as an officer;  
CWO W.H. Forde – appointed as a member;  
CWO L.V.J. Surridge – appointed as a member;  
MWO S.R. Kearsley – appointed as a member;  
MWO R.R.J. St Pierre – appointed as a member; and  
MWO A.J. Whitehall – appointed as a member.

## Star of Military Valour

Maj W.H. Fletcher – FOR REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATING EXTRAORDINARY BRAVERY BY EXPOSING HIMSELF TO INTENSE FIRE WHILE LEADING HIS FORCES, ON FOOT, TO ASSAULT HEAVILY DEFENDED ENEMY POSTIONS FROM JANUARY TO AUGUST 2006.

Sgt P. Tower – FOR VALOUR AND EXTREME DEVOTION TO DUTY UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE WHEN HE LED THE EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES AS A RESULT OF AN ENEMY ATTACK, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 AUG 06.

## Medal of Military Valour

Capt D. Prohar – FOR VALOUR, WHILE WOUNDED DURING AN INTENSE ENEMY AMBUSH, DESPITE HIS INJURIES HE CONTINUED RETURNING FIRE AND ASSISTED THE COMMANDER WITH THE CONTROL OF THE ATTACK, WHICH RESULTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL SEIZING OF KEY TERRAIN.

Sgt M.T.V. Denine – FOR VALOUR, EXPOSING HIMSELF TO INTENSE ENEMY FIRE, WHEN HE MANNED A PINTLE MOUNT MACHINE GUN AND SUCCESSFULLY SUPRESSED AND FORCED THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ENEMY, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 17 MAY 06; and

MCpl C.R. Fitzgerald – FOR VALOUR, EXPOSING HIMSELF TO INTENSE ENEMY FIRE, IN ORDER TO REMOVE A BURNING PLATOON VEHICLE AND CLEAR THE ROADWAY, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 24 MAY 06

## Mention in Dispatches

WO J.C. Mackay – FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF 1 PLATOON, ALPHA COMPANY, 1 PPCLI BATTLE GROUP, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 14 JUL 06;

Sgt J.R. Bradley – FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP FOLLOWING AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 12 DEC 05;

Sgt P. Shipway – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM FOLLOWING AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 21 JUN 06;



# HONOURS AND AWARDS



- Sgt C.T. Thombs – FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP WHEN RESPONDING TO TWO SUICIDE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACKS IN KANDAHAR CITY WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 5 AND 9 OCT 05;
- MCpl N.B. Anthony – FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP FOLLOWING A SUICIDE VEHICLE BORNE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 15 JAN 06;
- MCpl J.J. Cuppage – FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED DURING AN ENEMY AMBUSH WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 17 MAY 06;
- MCpl J.N. Froude – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED WHILE AFFECTING THE RECOVERY OF A LAV III WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 28 APR 06;
- MCpl T.W. Perry – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 AUG 06;
- MCpl D.E. Presley – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 15 JUN 06;
- MCpl K.H. Prodonick – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED FOLLOWING AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE STRIKE ON A CANADIAN FORCES CONVOY, 21 JUN 06;
- Cpl J. Joe – FOR OUTSTANDING DEVOTION TO DUTY DISPLAYED FOLLOWING AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 AUG 06;
- Cpl G.M.H. Whitton – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED FOLLOWING AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 15 MAY 06;
- Pte R.A. Carter – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED DURING AN ENEMY AMBUSH WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 24 MAY 06; and
- Pte K.Y.R. Dallaire – FOR OUTSTANDING DEVOTION TO DUTY DISPLAYED UNDER (POSTHUMOUS) CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 3 AUG 06.

## Meritorious Service Cross

- Col D.A. Fraser – FOR EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP AS COMMANDER TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 1 MAR TO 1 NOV 06 (this is the second Meritorious Service Decoration awarded);
- LCol I.C. Hope – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF TASK FORCE ORION, DURING HIS DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 2006; and
- CWO R.A. Northrup – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM AND LEADERSHIP AS REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR OF 1 PPCLI BATTLE GROUP WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JAN TO AUG 06.





## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### Meritorious Service Medal

LCol D.J. Anderson – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM AND LEADERSHIP AS CHIEF OF STAFF, TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JUL 05 TO FEB 06 ;

LCol S.B. Schreiber – FOR OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, MULTINATIONAL BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEB TO AUG 06;

Maj K.A. Gallinger – FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS OFFICER COMMANDING ALPHA COMPANY, OPERATION ARCHER, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JAN TO JUL 06;

Maj N.J.E. Grimshaw – FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS OFFICER COMMANDING BRAVO COMPANY, OPERATION ARCHER, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JAN TO JUL 06;

Maj G.T. Zilkalns – FOR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM DEMONSTRATED AS OPERATIONS OFFICER OF THE PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN FROM MAY 05 TO FEB 06;

Capt N.K.S. Goddard – (POSTHUMOUS) FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS THE FORWARD OBSERVATION OFFICER AND FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER FOR CHARLIE COMPANY, OPERATION ARCHER, DURING DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JAN TO MAY 06;

Capt M.J. Stalker – FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS THE S3 OPERATIONS OFFICER, CANADIAN BATTLE GROUP, OPERATION ARCHER, JAN TO AUG 06;

CWO W.D. Brown – FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AS REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR OF THE PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN FROM JUL 05 TO FEB 06; and

MWO S.D. Stevens – FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP WHILE SERVING WITH CHARLIE COMPANY, OPERATION ARCHER, DURING DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, FEB TO AUG 06.

### Canadian Forces Decoration

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma – 2nd clasp to CD (32 years of service) in recognition of 32 years of honourable service in Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces; and

MGen R.I. Stewart (Ret'd) – 3rd clasp to CD (42 years of service) in recognition of 42 years and 185 days of honourable service in Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces.

### Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation

Maj E.F. Borchert (Ret'd)

### Alberta Centennial Medal

MWO T. Reid (Ret'd)

### Alberta Museums Association Awards

MGen B. Ashton (Ret'd) – Museums and Society award for the "Vimy Ridge Education Project"



# HONOURS AND AWARDS



## Chief of Defence Staff Commendation

- Maj W.H. Fletcher – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AS OFFICER OF CHARLIE COMPANY, 1 PPCLI BATTLE GROUP DURING OPERATION ARCHER, WHILE DEPLOYED WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, JAN TO AUG 06;
- Maj Q.M. Innis – FOR PROFESSIONALISM WHILE SERVING WITH THE COALITION TASK FORCE AEGIS INFORMATION OPERATIONS CELL DURING DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, ROTO 1;
- Capt R.T. Ritchie – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AS THE INFORMATION OPERATIONS OFFICER IN THE PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM DURING DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 2005;
- Sgt D.A. Thompson – FOR PROFESSIONALISM AS ON SCENE COMMANDER FOLLOWING AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK DURING DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 25 MAY 06;
- MCpl S.A.A. Silva – FOR PROFESSIONALISM DEMONSTRATED WHEN HE ASSISTED A VICTIM OF A SEVERE VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN BRANDON, MB, 20 OCT 04;
- Cpl C.R. Lingrell – FOR PROFESSIONALISM DEMONSTRATED AFTER WITNESSING A FATAL HIT AND RUN WHEN HE PREVENTED THE ESCAPE OF THE DRIVER INVOLVED IN BRANDON, MB, 30 OCT 04; and
- Cpl J.N. Petten – FOR PROFESSIONALISM FOLLOWING A SUICIDE VEHICLE BORNE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ATTACK DURING HIS DEPLOYMENT WITH TASK FORCE AFGHANISTAN, 15 JAN 06.

## Canadian Forces Unit Commendation

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# HONOURS AND AWARDS

## Regimental Achievement Awards

Sgt D.G. Bowen – Top Candidate DP 3A Infantry;  
MCpl M.J. Fraser – Top Candidate DP 2 Infantry;  
Cpl G.C. Fraser – Top Candidate;  
MCpl D.W. Ketchum – Top Candidate Advance Patrolman;  
Cpl B. Leblanc – Top Candidate PLQ 0503; and  
Cpl K.W. Lewis – Top Candidate Vehicle Technician QL 5A;

## Certificates of Appreciation

CWO C.E. Hansen (Ret'd) –	in recognition of 30 years of service in operating the PPCLI WO's and Snr NCO's Club;
Ms K. Johnson –	in recognition of her tireless, professional and spirited contributions to 3 PPCLI;
Sgt E.D. Morin –	for 13 years of outstanding service to 3 PPCLI as a serving EME Technician;
Ms S. Pecota –	in recognition of her outstanding support and service to the Regiment as a Canadian War Artist.;
Capt D.S.W. Wilson (Ret'd) –	in recognition of his outstanding support to the soldiers and families of 2 PPCLI; and
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Maj E.A. Liebert, CD (Regimental Major)





## THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Due to a shortage of staff, most of 2006 was spent holding down the fort. Museum staff continued to organize the new storage area, accession new acquisitions and provide research support to members of the Regiment and extended Regimental Family.

In April, a new display on the Korean War was installed in the First Battalion foyer in Edmonton, along with some examples of trench art and German Second War artifacts located in the hallway display cases. Items from the existing displays at the First Battalion were then rotated to E Company for display in the LDSH (RC) lines and at the Kipnes Veteran's Centre. In Calgary, items for exhibit purposes were loaned to the Colonel Belcher Hospital, Lougheed House and The Military Museums.



*Hall of Honour dedication.*

The Museum and Archives received and catalogued approximately 500 artifacts and archival items during 2006. The most notable acquisition was the vast photograph and archival collection of RSM Ron King donated by the King and Pfannmuller families. This collection contains hundreds of photographs and documents spanning over 50 years of Regimental history. Highlights include photographs of First War Patricia's, Second War battle summaries and sport competitions of the 1950's and 1960's. Other acquisitions of note were the medals and post-war Veteran memorabilia of Lieutenant Bert Stevens, DCM and the medals, photographs and "Prime Minister's Statement" awarded to Colonel George Flint. Colonel Flint was the first member of the PPCLI to be killed while on United Nations peacekeeping duties and Prime Minister Diefenbaker eulogized him during an address to the House of Commons in May 1958.

*8 Platoon and the Calgary Branch of the PPCLI Association at the Hall of Honour re-dedication ceremony, 8 November 2006.*





# THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES



Just prior to Remembrance Day, on 8 November 2006, a rededication ceremony was held in the Hall of Honour to commemorate the Regiment's recent losses in Afghanistan and Lebanon. In a moving ceremony, the members of 8 Platoon, 1 PPCLI, unveiled the names of twenty-one fallen Patricians. Also in attendance were Regimental Headquarters staff and representatives from the PPCLI Association.

On a final note, in December, the Museum welcomed Warrant Officer Ron Gallant as the new Assistant Curator and Sergeant Bruce Graham as the new Regimental Archivist. Warrant Officer Darcy Wanvig is retiring, and we wish him all the best.



*Presentation of the Major General Stewart portrait by Silvia Pecota.*

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# Senior RSM



***"Warrior Spirit  
The intellectual, moral, spiritual, emotional,  
and physical qualities  
which prepare military members for the  
ordered application of force,  
including lethal force, in the successful  
execution of the military mission".***

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It is a great honour to be appointed as the Senior RSM of the PPCLI and the professionalism I have seen in the soldiers, NCOs, warrant officers and officers of the Regiment gives me much pride and confidence in you. As we have in past wars and conflicts the PPCLI has lead the way and presently continues to do so in Afghanistan and other areas of strife around the world. Subsequent to 1 PPCLI's stellar performance in Afghanistan we all know the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions have been called to provide companies to support 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions of The Royal Canadian Regiment

(The RCR) on their deployments. As a result of that, in my present appointment as the Land Force Central Area Sergeant Major I have had the opportunity to visit these companies while training and on deployment in theatre. I have witnessed their outstanding performance and have received countless reports of the professionalism of the Patricia soldiers. We can all be proud of the PPCLI's efforts to rebuild Afghanistan and defeat the enemy.

## **A Milestone for the Regiment**

2007 we will commence a new era in the PPCLI as a successor has been appointed to our Colonel in Chief (CinC) of the Regiment the Countess Mountbatten of Burma. Her Excellency the former Governor General of Canada, Madame Adrienne Clarkson will assume the role, only the third CinC in the 93-year history of the PPCLI. We all know what a great bond Madame Clarkson has formed with the PPCLI and we look forward to welcoming her on future visits to her Regiment. This evolution in the Regimental history is of particular significance to a handful of presently serving RSMs, as we can lay claim to having served actively under all three CinC. All of us in the Regiment have many fond memories of our CinC's visits throughout the years and we appreciate the support she has given us.

## **Leadership**

I would not be worthy as a RSM if I did not take this opportunity to talk about leadership. We have realized in the Canadian Forces that leadership is all-inclusive and have therefore produced one set of keystone doctrine and leadership manuals for all leaders, as opposed to the past, one book for Officers and another for NCOs. "Leading People" incorporates the tried and true military principles of leadership and the contemporary concepts of the military leadership. It sets out the framework for training our junior Officers and junior NCOs, as well as the guidance for responsible leadership of our people for all rank levels. Training and education gives soldiers, NCOs and Officers the skills and competencies to ready you for the full spectrum of operations, but it is leadership that provides the ability to win. Often maintenance and hygiene time will conflict with rest and morale, but if your weapons won't fire or your troops are left out of battle due to illness or infection, your mission will not succeed. This is the delicate balance between a popular NCO or officer and an effective leader. The second manual "Leading the Institution" provides mentorship for Warrant Officers, senior Officers, Flag and General Officers to lead their units, formations and commands. This new doctrine and set of manuals will provide the foundation for leadership for the Canadian Forces and the Army, learn it and live it.





## Duty With Honour

*"No person has ever been honoured for what he received.  
Honour is the reward for what a person has given."*  
- Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson

In the past the dishonourable actions of the few have reflected on the whole of the Canadian Military. I need only remind you of Somalia, a successful mission, disgraced in the minds of Canadians because of the actions of a few. Shortly thereafter followed the demise of the Airborne Regiment as a result of a flood of videos depicting hazing rituals. Our conduct within the profession of arms must adhere to the values of Canadians and uphold the Canadian military ethos. Training for the full spectrum of operations must be harsh and test our abilities to the limits, but abuse of subordinates, peers, opposing force or even, once in operations, enemy forces, steps outside these limits. In operations, especially combat, there is not always time to step back and evaluate if your actions in such a hectic or ruthless environment are ethical. That is why ethics, as with our other combat skills, must be instinctive. Leaders must incorporate *Duty With Honour, the Profession of Arms in Canada* as part of their continued training for their troops. The *Duty With Honour* manual describes the philosophy and practice of ethical service within the CF and the Army. All leaders must study this manual as part of their "Warrior Spirit" and their fighting skills. There is a condensed version of the manual and a DVD to assist in training and informing subordinates. In this media inundated world, failure to act ethically will result in disgrace and failure of the mission as our actions are broadcasted immediately for the world to see and judge. You've seen this happen before, unethical actions can do more damage than the enemy can inflict; Think about it.

## Transformation

The Canadian Forces (CF) has recognized a need for change in this new environment and as a result we are involved in a process of transformation. The peculiar thing about transformation is that the business of war fighting and combat service support in the battle space really isn't changed by it. The things that affect the battle space are our tactics, technology, climate, terrain, and of course the enemy's tactics, weapons, equipment and cunning. What transformation is doing is making the CF and Department of National Defence (DND) more operationally focused in support of operations and less about bureaucracy. The new Commands are solely committed to forces deployed on operations both expeditionary and domestic, and are linked to all agencies supporting the commanders in the field. The results are rapid, from changes to high readiness training in reaction to lessons learned, or the procurement of new weapons and equipment in the space of months, even weeks, which was unheard of in previous eras. So fear not, CF transformation is a good thing.

## Support on the Home Front

Those of you whose primary responsibility is taking care of the families of deployed troops are doing an excellent job and I commend you. As well, many of you within the Regiment in the battalions, Extra Regimentally Employed (ERE) posting across the land and members of the PPCLI Association through your phone calls and visits, are taking the time to keep these folks connected to the military community. Maintain this outreach to the spouses, children and parents of those deployed; it is an important part of winning the campaign. This is particularly important for those families who have lost loved ones or are tending to our wounded. Staying connected to our wounded is another challenge and one that I believe we are doing a pretty good job at; however, we can always improve. In fact, I was feeling pretty good about my own efforts to get out and visit the wounded soldiers when word got back to me indirectly; I quote a Patricia soldier convalescing near the Toronto area, "This is great that I'm getting so many visitors, but why don't they send someone I like?" or words to that effect. The lesson learned for those in the chain of command, get out and see your wounded troops, but make sure you provide the opportunity and funding to get the friends of these troops out to some of the more distant locations for a visit with their wounded pals. The Commanders of LFWA and 1 CMBG have done a great job in this respect and I thank you on behalf of the Regiment.





# Senior RSM

## Support from the Home Front

Many of you are manning the garrisons, ERE postings, training centres and rear parties while patiently waiting your turn to deploy. There is sometimes little glory in these jobs, but the support you are providing cannot go understated. Your work is tremendously important to the Army's total effort at home and abroad. Well done to all of you.

### In Conclusion

I would like to reiterate how proud I am of the entire Regiment, including the Regimental Association and those other regiments and branches that serve with us in the all arms team. The day-to-day professionalism displayed by both the PPCLI and our comrades in arms is a tribute to your dedication to Canada, the CF, the Army and your families. As I travel throughout this country, I am constantly reminded by Canadians how much they respect you and appreciate your sacrifice. Please continue to "Soldier On" and I will work diligently to represent you, your families and our Regiment within the Infantry Corps, the Army and the Canadian Forces. To both soldiers and families: thank you for your Service to Canada.

John K McGregor, MMM, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer  
Senior RSM  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

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LCol N.Q.J. Martyn  
LCol C.W. Reeves

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Maj C.R. Henderson  
Maj R.D. Raymond

Capt C.O. Alcock  
Capt M.E. Dupuis  
Capt S. Ivanko  
Capt S.D. Parker  
Capt J.S. Snyder  
Capt T.D. White

Lt J.P. Angelski (Int O 1 PPCLI)  
Lt R.N. Hall  
Lt M.A. Mackillop  
Lt R.A. McMichael  
Lt J.A. Vaneijk

2Lt A.S. Duncan  
2Lt A.S.O. Kang  
2Lt D.W. Spielman

CWO M.C.J. Brunelle

MWO S.W. Bennett (RQMS 3 PPCLI)

WO D.C. Bibby  
WO N.R. Carlson (Veh Tech 1 PPCLI)  
WO J.T. Gysen  
WO W.K. MacDonald  
PO1 R.R. Roberts (Chief Cook 1 PPCLI)  
WO J.A. Taylor (Veh Tech 3 PPCLI)

Sgt N.B. Anthony  
Sgt D.D. Beaton  
Sgt J.D. Bradshaw  
Sgt J.D. Dupuis  
Sgt D.E. Eason  
Sgt G.W. Hare (Veh Tech 1 PPCLI)  
Sgt T.R. L'Hirondelle  
Sgt P.R. McCarron  
Sgt M.D.D. Ogilvie (Pay Sgt 1 PPCLI)  
Sgt K.D. Raper  
Sgt R.A. Weaver

Col B.M. Southern (WSE)

LCol B.E. Flynn  
LCol D.A. Mills  
LCol J.F. Walsh

Maj C.J. Frederickson  
Maj K.J. McLoughlin  
Maj M.J. Stalker

Capt R.R. Balkaran (Maint O 3 PPCLI)  
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Lt R.E. Barker  
Lt T.O. MacCormac  
Lt D.C. Macleod  
Lt B.J. Richard  
Lt S.A. Zivkow

2Lt D. Hagemeyer  
2Lt D.V.Z. Russell  
2Lt T.D. Wentzell

CWO B.W. Semenko

MWO R.F. Kiens

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WO G. George  
WO I.W. Long  
WO G.E. Middleton  
WO D.G. Shultz  
WO C.D. Thorne

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Sgt O.A. Furuness  
Sgt C.A. Harik  
Sgt D.S. MacDougall  
Sgt K.G. Minkoff  
Sgt D.C. Purdy (Sig Op 3 PPCLI)  
Sgt C.N. Surgeson  
Sgt A.K. Williams





# Retirements

The following soldiers of the REGIMENT have taken their retirement after 20 years (or more) of dedicated and loyal service:

LCol C.L. Corry, CD  
LCol R.E. Thompson, CD

LCol J.D. Slater, CD, MSM  
LCol S.P. Tymchuk, OMM, CD

Maj K.P. Gentles, CD  
Maj P.A. Hale, CD  
Maj G.D. McNally, CD  
Maj G.B. O'Sullivan, CD  
Maj W.G. Saunders, CD

Maj E.A. Giraldeau, CD  
Maj D. Oliphant, CD  
Maj M.L. Morneau, CD  
Maj J.R. Pollock, CD  
Maj H.R. Wiegand, CD

CWO W.H. Forde, MMM, CD

MWO J.D. Butters, CD  
MWO R.R.J. St. Pierre, MMM, CD

MWO R.L. Millman, CD

WO F.A.J. Cloutier, CD  
WO D.M. Hurl, CD  
WO P.J. Mansbridge, CD  
WO A. Stander, CD  
WO G.L. Sundquist, CD

WO D.R. Hubbard, CD  
WO P.A. Lucas, CD  
WO S.A. Noseworthy, CD  
WO J.J. Strader, CD  
WO A.G.C. Whittall, CD

Sgt B. Aitken, CD  
Sgt R.A. Gillis, CD  
Sgt G.A. Kerr, CD  
Sgt G.D. Murphy, CD  
Sgt R. Walker, CD

Sgt G.R. Folk, CD  
Sgt J.B.G. Haines, CD  
Sgt M.D. Komadina, CD  
Sgt R.J. Thibault, CD

MCpl Tataryn, CD

Cpl Barter, CD  
Cpl P.A. Bruney, CD  
Cpl S.F. Fischer, CD  
Cpl W.G. Murray, CD

Cpl S.F. Bowe, CD  
Cpl D.R. Burgoyne, CD  
Cpl K.A. Kelly, CD  
Cpl M.W. Shaver, CD

## Regional Representatives are as follows:

1 PPCLI - CO/RSM - LCol D.J. Anderson , CWO A.P. Stapleford  
2 PPCLI - CO/RSM - LCol G.D. Corbould, CWO B.W. Semenko  
3 PPCLI - CO/RSM - Major M.D. Campbell (Acting CO), CWO C.A. White  
LFWATC - CO/RSM - LCol M.M. Minor, CWO R.W. McNaughton

British Columbia/Alberta (Less Edmonton)/Northern Region - CO/RSM CFB Suffield - LCol D.R. Drew,  
CWO D.G. Palmer

Manitoba/Saskatchewan Area Patricias - CO/RSM 2 PPCLI

Ontario and officers "Majors & Captains" on duty outside Canada (Less Ottawa & Dwyer Hill)  
LCol B.G. Bailey/MWO C.J. Waugh

Ottawa/Quebec - LCol B.E. Flynn, MWO T.P. Power (CWO M.C.J. Brunelle - PPCLI NCM's outside  
Canada)

Dwyer Hill - Col M.J. Beaudette

Maritimes/French Grey Battalion - LCol I.R. Creighton/CWO A.M. Kolotylo

Edmonton Area Patricias (Other than 1 PPCLI and 3 PPCLI) - CO/RSM 3 PPCLI





## Basic Infantryman Qualification

### DP 1 Infantry 0601

**Landing in Sicily Platoon Graduation date: 13 April 2006**

Sergeant Robert Spall Award:	Pte D.G. Hanna (Moose Jaw, SK)
Top Shot:	Pte J.E. Hodge (Edmonton, AB)
Most Physically Fit:	Pte T.B. Vesper (Barriere, BC)
Most Improved:	Pte T.K. Edwards (Winnipeg, MB)
Platoon Commander:	Lt J.C. Thamer (3 PPCLI)
Platoon Warrant Officer:	WO J.R. Rheume (LFWATC)
Reviewing Officer:	The Right Honourable Stephen Harper (Prime Minister of Canada)
Old Guard:	MWO W.J. Miller, Ret'd (Fabyan, AB)

### DP 1 Infantry 0091

**The Gully Platoon Graduation date: 16 June 2006**

Sergeant Robert Spall Award:	Pte R.J. Dowie (Saskatoon, SK)
Top Shot:	Pte C.J. Skrypnik (Winnipeg, MB)
Most Physically Fit:	Pte E.D. Wright (Sarnia, ON)
Most Improved:	Pte A.J. Nanson (Edmonton, AB)
Warrant Officer Kevin Towell Award	Pte R.M. Janke (Swift Current, SK)
Platoon Commander:	2Lt R.E. Barker (3 PPCLI)
Platoon Warrant Officer:	WO S.B. Robson (LFWATC)
Reviewing Officer:	LCol D.R. Drew (Comd CFB Suffield)
Old Guard	CWO B.R. Scott, Ret'd (Wainwright, AB)

### DP 1 Infantry 0092

**Liri Valley Platoon Graduation date: 31 August 2006**

Sergeant Robert Spall Award:	Pte G.G. Hoover (Calgary, AB)
Top Shot:	Pte D.J. Wiebe (Oakbank, MB)
Most Physically Fit:	Pte S.M. Shewring (North Saanich, BC)
Most Improved:	Pte C.A. Rogers (Windsor, ON)
Close Quarter Combat Award	Pte J.E. Kochan (Calgary, AB)
Platoon Commander:	Lt A.G. Chang (2 PPCLI)
Platoon Warrant Officer:	Sgt N.M. Connors (LFWATC)
Reviewing Officer:	Col C.R. King (Comd CMTC)
Old Guard	MWO J.R. Smith, Ret'd (Wainwright, AB)

### DP 1 Infantry 0093

**Hill 70 Platoon Graduation date: 19 December 2006**

Sergeant Robert Spall Award:	Pte S.R. Raine (Thunder Bay, ON)
Top Shot:	Pte J.K.S. Bryant (Victoria, BC)
Most Physically Fit:	Pte T.L. Scagel (Surrey, BC)
Most Improved:	Pte P. Oduro (Toronto, ON)
Platoon Commander:	Lt R.T. Clarke (2 PPCLI)
Platoon Warrant Officer:	WO S.B. Robson (LFWATC)
Reviewing Officer:	LCol M.M. Minor (CO LFWATC)
Old Guard	CWO V.I. Komadina, Ret'd (Wainwright, AB)





# Fallen Patricias



**Corporal Paul Davis** was born in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia on 19 December 1977. He joined the Canadian Forces 30 January 1998 and, following infantry training, he was posted to 2 PPCLI, Winnipeg in August 1998. Cpl Davis was employed as a rifleman and gained qualifications as a LAV 3 crew commander and gunner. Cpl Davis deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina on Operation PALLADIUM from September 2000 to April 2001. He was a dedicated and professional soldier whose sense of humour and easy manner made him a pleasure to be around. Others were naturally drawn to this hard

working and likable soldier. Cpl Davis was with B Company and part of the 1 PPCLI Battle Group in Kandahar, Afghanistan when he was killed in vehicle accident on 2 March 2006. Paul Davis is survived by his loving wife, Melanie, children Julia and Malia, and parents Jim and Connie.



**Master Corporal Timothy Wilson** was born in Grande Prairie, Alberta on 27 July 1975. He joined the Canadian Forces 4 July 1997 and was posted to 2 PPCLI, Winnipeg in February 1998. MCpl Wilson deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina on Operation PALLADIUM from September 2000 to April 2001. He was promoted to Cpl in February 2001 and deployed with C Company to Afghanistan on Operation APOLLO from February to July 2002 as part of 3 PPCLI. While he was promoted to MCpl in January 2004, Tim Wilson had demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and quiet professionalism since the day he arrived in the battalion. He was a soldier and junior leader who earned the respect of subordinates, peers and superiors. While deployed with B Company on Operation ARCHER,

MCpl Wilson died on 4 March 2006 after succumbing to injuries sustained in a vehicle accident on 2 March 2006. Tim Wilson is survived by his loving wife, Daphne, children Sheralynn and Jesse, and parents Dale and Jane.



**Private Robert Costall** was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario on 27 September 1983 to Greg and Bonnie Costall. He grew up in Gibsons, British Columbia. Pte Costall joined the Canadian Forces 19 February 2003 and following infantry training, he was posted to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Edmonton on 2 April 2004. He was employed as a rifleman and C9 gunner. Pte Costall gained the qualifications of Basic Communications and Driver Wheeled. He was a dedicated and professional soldier. Most recently, Pte Costall was with C Company on Operation ARCHER in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Pte Costall was killed in action on 29 March 2006 while defending Forward Operating

Base Robinson in Helmand Province. He is survived by his loving wife, Chrissy, son Collin and parents, Greg and Bonnie.



**Captain Nichola Kathleen Sarah Goddard** joined the Canadian Forces under the Regular Officer Training Program in June 1998. She attended Royal Military College as an Officer Cadet from 1998 until 2002, when she was granted a degree in English on the Dean's List and commissioned as Second Lieutenant. Second Lieutenant Goddard spent the following three months at CFB Gagetown in New Brunswick to complete Artillery Phase IV, following which she was posted to 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at CFB Shilo, Manitoba as A Battery's Gun Position Officer. Second Lieutenant Goddard quickly gained the respect of her peers and the soldiers of 1 RCHA with her positive attitude and outstanding interest in the welfare of her soldiers.

In May 2003, she was promoted to Lieutenant, following which she undertook the very busy task of Training Officer in A Battery, where she performed excellently, organizing exercises, courses, and other training for her battery and coordinating for Regimental exercises with other Batteries. Lieutenant Goddard completed her Army Tactical Operations Course in October, 2004 and was promoted to Captain in April, 2005. She immediately began her Forward Observation Officer (FOO) course and was subsequently employed as a FOO with A Battery. Only months later, in August 2005, A Battery began training toward deploying to Afghanistan in January 2006.



# Fallen Patricias



Captain Goddard was supporting B Company of 2 PPCLI as part of Task Force ORION in the Panjwai District of Kandahar Province, Afghanistan when she was killed in action on 17 May 2006. Capt Goddard was 26 at the time of her death and is survived by her husband, Second Lieutenant (Ret'd) Jason Beam, her father, Tim, her mother, Sally, and her two sisters, Victoria and Kate. She is remembered by her FOO party as a good officer who considered the advice of her subordinates.



**Corporal Anthony Boneca** was Born 13 February 1985 in Thunder Bay Ontario. He joined The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment 30 April 2002. In 2002 Cpl Boneca was awarded the Regiment's "Top Shot". Cpl Boneca was employed as a rifleman with the unit, and deployed on OP ATHENA Roto 2, Camp Mirage/Julien as a member of Weapons Detachment Defence and Security Platoon from June to December 2004. He attended Ex SUPERIOR SOLDIER a UK Exchange in May 2005. Cpl Boneca deployed with the 1 PPCLI BG Task Force ORION starting with his work up trg on 29 October 2005 - 9 July 2006. Cpl Boneca was well known for his high spirit, energy and enthusiasm.

He was eager to learn, and excited for all new opportunities and challenges. Cpl Boneca often made mundane tasks easier with his sense of humour and disposition. He is remembered for his ability to raise morale. Cpl Boneca was killed in action on 9 July 2006 while assaulting a defended compound in the Panjwai District of Kandahar Province.



**Corporal Frank Gomez** was born on 23 January 1962. He enrolled in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on 16 July 1984. He then served with 3 PPCLI for one year before moving to 2 PPCLI who he served one year in Germany with them. He then stayed with the Second Battalion until August 1990 when he joined 2 Commando and served proudly until 1995. He then went back to the Second Battalion and stayed until 11 July 2005 when he was posted to with E Company LdSH(RC). Throughout Cpl Gomez' career he deployed on five tours of duty. His first tour was to Cyprus in 1990. He then did a tour in Somalia with the

airborne in 1993. Cpl Gomez did two tours in Bosnia. The first of which was in 1997 and then again in 2000. Cpl Gomez then served as an ambulance driver on Op ARCHER in Afghanistan. Cpl Gomez will always be remembered as a quiet but confident soldier. He never said much unless he had something important to say, or a joke that just had to be told. On the rare occasion that he did speak up everyone, including his commanders, would stop and listen. He was a very experienced and knowledgeable soldier who was always willing to lend a hand to those who needed it. Cpl Francisco Gomez was killed in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan on 22 July 2006. Cpl Gomez loved his chosen life as a soldier, a paratrooper, and was a proud Patricia.



**Corporal Warren** was born in Quebec City on 17 Oct 1976. He enrolled in The Black Watch on 9 Feb 1999. He completed his QL3 Infantry course in 1999. He then completed his QL4 Machine Gun and QL4 Communications Courses in 2000. In 2005, Cpl Warren completed his tactical Communications and Psychological Operations Disseminators Courses. Cpl Warren has participated on numerous exercises and operations during his career. Most notably, Op PALLADIUM Roto 9 in

2001 and of course Op ARCHER in 2006. In addition Cpl Warren has participated in training in Suffield, Alberta; Gagetown, New Brunswick; and Valcartier, Quebec. From 2004 until his deployment on Op ARCHER, Cpl Warren spent the majority of his time on various Class B callouts working for the Psychological Operations Company. He was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on 22 July 2006. He is survived by his brother Steve, his sister Rochelle and his parents Deborah and Gerald.





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**Corporal Christopher Reid** joined the Reserves in December 1989 and served with the Nova Scotia Highlanders. He enrolled with the Regular Force on 4 January 1995. Following infantry training he served with The First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Calgary and later in Edmonton. Cpl Reid deployed on his first tour to Bosnia in July 1997. Shortly after returning to Canada he was promoted to the rank of Cpl. On 8 August 1999 he deployed for a second time, this time to Kosovo. Cpl Reid completed a second tour to Bosnia from October 2002 to April 2003. In April of 2004 he was posted to CFS Alert for a six-month period. Cpl Reid deployed once again in February 2006 on Operation ARCHER to Afghanistan, with C Company, 1 PPCLI. Cpl Reid's ability to persevere under demanding circumstances was second to none. On several occasions in

Afghanistan his field expedient vehicle repairs allowed his platoon to carry on with their mission rather than wait for recovery. He was an excellent soldier, well liked by his superiors, peers and friends. Cpl Reid was killed in action on 3 August 2006 when the LAV III he was driving was struck by an Improvised Explosive Device in the Panjwai District of Kandahar Province. Cpl Reid is survived by his parents Tom and Angela.



**Sergeant Vaughan Ingram** was born on 11 June 1971 in Burgeo, Newfoundland to Clayton and Linda Ingram. He joined the Canadian Forces on 5 July 1990. After recruit training in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia Sgt Ingram went to Wainwright, Alberta to attend the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle School. Upon graduation from Battle School in February 1991, he was posted to the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg. He was only there a short time before being posted to 2 Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment, in Petawawa, Ontario. While with the Airborne he completed a tour in Somalia; the first of five tours. In July of 1995, he went to the Canadian Parachute Centre in Edmonton and from there to 3 PPCLI. While with

3 PPCLI he completed a tour in Bosnia in 1997. He was then posted to 1 PPCLI and went to Kosovo in June 1999. Sgt Ingram deployed for a second tour to Bosnia in 2002. In January of 2006 he deployed to Afghanistan with C Company 1 PPCLI on Operation ARCHER in Kandahar. Sgt Ingram's professionalism and loyalty went far beyond the call of duty. He was an exceptional leader who embodied the leadership principles. He set an example for his subordinates and was relied upon by his superiors for his sound tactical advice and technical expertise. Sgt Ingram was killed in action on 3 August 2006 in the Panjwai District of Kandahar Province while operating in the face of effective small arms and RPG fire. Sgt Ingram is survived by his spouse Ann-Marie and his daughters Samantha and Brooke. His parents Clayton and Linda, sister Joann, and brothers Stacey and Chad also survive him.



**Corporal Bryce Keller** was born in Regina, Saskatchewan on 27 May 1979 to Melvin and Helen Keller. Cpl Keller joined the Reserve Force on 27 Jan 97. He transferred to the Regular Force on 18 August 2003. Upon completion of Battle School in June 2004, he was posted to The First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Cpl Keller deployed on Operation ARCHER to Afghanistan with C Company, 1 PPCLI on 12 February 2006. He was promoted to Cpl while on tour on 21 April 2006. Cpl Keller's exemplary soldier skills and hard working attitude made him an asset to his peers and leaders. Cpl Keller was killed in action on 3 August 2006 in the Panjwai District of Kandahar

Province while operating in the face of effective small arms and RPG fire. He is survived by his loving wife, Sarah, parents Melvin and Helen and brothers Scott and Bradley.



# Fallen Patricias



**Private Kevin Dallaire** was born in Calgary, Alberta on 23 September 1983 to Gaetan and Diane Dallaire. Pte Dallaire joined the Canadian Forces in Calgary on 16 January 2003. He was posted to the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry upon completion of Battle School in Wainwright, Alberta on 28 March 2003. Pte Dallaire deployed on Operation ARCHER to Afghanistan with C Company, 1 PPCLI on 4 February 2006 for his first tour. Pte Dallaire was a caring dependable soldier, with outstanding soldiering skills. His strong Warrior Spirit and devotion to duty were a tribute to his professionalism.

Pte Dallaire appeared to most to be a quiet soldier; however, once you got to know him, his infectious sense of humor and quick wit were often comforting for those who spent day in day out with him. He was awarded a Mention in Dispatches (Posthumously) for outstanding devotion to duty displayed under contact with the enemy on 3 August 2006. He was killed in action the same day in the Panjwai District of Kandahar Province while operating in the face of effective small arms and RPG fire. Pte Dallaire is survived by his loving parents Gaetan and Diane, and his brother Mikael.



**Major Hess-von Kruedener**, "Wolf," joined the Canadian Forces under the Direct Entry Officers' Plan in December, 1986. Immediately upon joining the Canadian Forces, Wolf attended his Basic Officer Training in Chilliwack, British Columbia, his second language training at St-Jean, Quebec, and Basic Infantry Officer training, Phases 2, 3 and 4, at the Combat Training Centre, CFB Gaagetown, New Brunswick. Upon his successful completion of officer training, Wolf received his first posting to the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Upon joining his battalion, Wolf successfully attended his Basic Parachute Course in April, 1989, prior to serving on his first tour of

duty overseas as a member of the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP). Wolf's tour in Cyprus would not be his last. During the course of his 19 years with the Canadian Forces, Wolf would serve as a Peacekeeper on two additional tours of duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2000 and 2003, and as a United Nations Military Observer in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from October, 2001, to April, 2002. A dynamic leader, soldier and trainer, Wolf's professional qualifications included Unarmed Combat Instructor, Military Freefall Parachute Instructor, Drop Zone Controller, and the US Special Forces qualification. There was no challenge too great for Capt Hess-von Kruedener, who was promoted to his current rank of Major on 24 July 2006. Wolf was posted in October 2005, from his position as the Company Second-in-Command, Combat Parachute Centre in Trenton to the United Nations Truce and Supervision Organization's (UNTSO) mission in the Middle East. On his final tour of duty, Maj Hess-von Kruedener was doing what he did best, serving his country in the name of Peace as a member of Team Sierra at Patrol Base KHIAM, Operational Group Lebanon (OGL) in Southern Lebanon, when his Patrol Base was struck by rocket and artillery fire. Maj Hess-von Kruedener was 43 at the time of his death and is survived by his wife Cynthia, his daughter Kirsten, his son Jonah, his father Gerry, his mother Shirlee, and his sister Tonya.



**Master Corporal Raymond Arndt**, was from Edson Alberta. MCpl Arndt was a soldier with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Edmonton Alberta. He deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the Defence and Security Paltoon and spent most of the tour supervising security teams and participating in convoy escort patrols. He had a great love for life and laughter and was well respected by his peers in the army. Was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan 5 August 2006. He is survived by his wife Darcia.





# Fallen Patricias



**Master Corporal Jeffrey Walsh** was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on 7 August 1973. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces 19 March 1997 and, following infantry training, joined the First Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment in Petawawa, Ontario on 22 September of the same year. Jeff was employed as a rifleman and LAV driver and was qualified as a LAV III crew commander. MCpl Walsh deployed to Kosovo with Operation KINETIC December 1999 to May 2000 and to Afghanistan with Operation ATHENA August 2003 to February 2004. In 2005, MCpl Walsh decided to change his

Regimental affiliation and joined 2 PPCLI in Shilo, Manitoba. Master Corporal Walsh was a junior leader in A Company attached to the 1 RCR Battle Group on Operation ARCHER when he tragically lost his life on 9 August 2006 while on patrol west of Kandahar. He was an excellent soldier and a well-respected leader in both regiments. Jeff Walsh is survived by his loving wife Julie, children Avery, Jordan and Benjamin, his parents Ben and Margaret, and sister Jodi.



**Corporal Andrew Eykelenboom**, a Medical Technician from 1 Field Ambulance, gave his life in the service of his country when he was killed by a suicide bomber in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 11 August 2006.

Andrew was an energetic young man who enjoyed all outdoor activities, such as snow boarding, fishing, hiking or just about any adventure that would leave you at peace with yourself. He enjoyed spending quality time reading and bonding with his family, while ensuring he made time for his friends. Cpl Eykelenboom was affectionately known to his peers and comrades as "Boomer" and one of Andrew's greatest features was his

infectious grin, his off-center humor and his caring demeanor towards all people, regardless of stature in life. Cpl Eykelenboom embodied so many of the values that we hold dear as average citizens, such as compassion, forgiveness and believing in the goodness of people and God. He took pride in, and perfected, his skills as a care giver and, because of his medical training and spiritual beliefs, he never hesitated to provide medical or spiritual support to his patients or comrades as required.



**Corporal David Braun** was born on 3 August 1979 and hailed from Saskatchewan. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces on 27 February 2002 and, following infantry training, joined 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg later that year on 31 October. He was qualified LAV 3 driver and had served with A Company for the majority of his time in the battalion including a six-month operational tour to Bosnia in 2003. On 22 August 2006, in Kandahar City, Cpl Braun was killed when a suicide bomber struck the Canadian re-supply convoy in which he was travelling. At the time, he was a member of A Company, 2 PPCLI serving overseas as part of the 1 RCR Battle

Group. His family has spoken of a young man who aspired to serving in the Army "since he was 12 years old". To his peers, he was a dependable friend who lived his life to the fullest. Cpl David Braun did serve with distinction both at home and abroad and he will be greatly missed. David Braun is survived by his mother Patty, sister Daina, and brothers Michael and Chris.



**Corporal Shane Keating** hailed from Saskatoon, and joined the CF in the spring of 1997. He arrived at 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg in the fall of 1997 and immediately made an impression upon his peers with his maturity and dedication. His time in the Second Battalion saw him deploy to Bosnia in 2000 and 2003. In 2 PPCLI, he performed the duties of rifleman, section second-in-command and NCO Canteen. Cpl Keating moved with the Second Battalion from Winnipeg in 2004 and rejoined A Company in the fall of 2005 in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan in August 2006. He was highly thought of across the Battalion, was a noted leader

amongst his peers and a prominent member of the local community. He was a dedicated volunteer and organizer with the Manitoba Special Olympics programme. Shane Keating was 30 years old and is survived by his mother Judith, brother Ken, and sisters Meghan and Erin.



# Fallen Patricias



**Corporal Keith Morley** joined the Canadian Forces from his home town of Winnipeg in the fall of 1999. After completing his infantry training he was posted to Petawawa and the Third Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in May 2000. While serving as a rifleman in 3 RCR, he deployed on operations to Bosnia from March to October 2001. The opportunity to move west and be closer to his family caused him to rebadge to the PPCLI and join the Second Battalion in Winnipeg in the summer of 2002. The following year, Corporal Morley deployed again to Bosnia on Roto 12. He had been a stalwart member of A Company

over the last three years and moved with the Second Battalion to Shilo in the summer of 2004. He was one week shy of his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday. Keith Morley is survived by his mother Della and sister Shannon.



**Private David Byers** was from Espanola, Ontario and joined the Canadian Forces in the fall of 2003. He came to 2 PPCLI in June 2004 and immediately became a solid fixture in Alpha Company. Pte Byers was on his first operational tour when he deployed with the company in August 2006. Although he was one of the "newer" soldiers in the Second Battalion, Pte Byers' outgoing personality immediately earned him the friendship of many of the soldiers in the company. His peers have described him as always being the centre of attention and activity in a room full of people. He was highly regarded as a dedicated soldier and

one who was deeply committed to his comrades in his section and platoon. His family tells of a young man who was both enthusiastic and proud of the profession he had chosen. David Byers was 22 years old and is survived by his parents John and Jane, and his fiancé Chantal Roy.

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#### Patricia Patriarch Visits Kandahar Soldiers

Kandahar Airfield – If Major-General Robert Stewart (Retired) had his way, he would be out in Kandahar with the rest of his fellow Patricias on operations. As it was, he was content to visit members of Task Force ORION to boost morale and let them know Patricias past and present are behind the mission in Afghanistan.

General Stewart, as Colonel of the Regiment, visited Kandahar Airfield from 13 to 18 April. He had a chance to meet soldiers deployed at the forward operating base in Gumbad as well as at Camp Nathan Smith and spent Easter Sunday with the soldiers at Forward Operating Base Robinson in Helmand Province. He saw the conditions in which they operated and asked soldiers about the job they were doing. He said he was impressed at the level of morale among the troops.

During his visits, Gen Stewart took the opportunity to commend the troops on the work they were doing. He noted that many of the other Patricias he talks with have said they would give parts of their anatomies to be in the soldiers' shoes. "We want to be here because we're soldiers. You hate to see your mates leaving without you," he said. "I would stay here, but I wouldn't have a job." He told gathered soldiers that their Regiment has a valorous and storied history, but that they are writing a special place for themselves in that history. "You are writing that next chapter, gentlemen," he said. "You have all read the history of the Regiment, but you are making your own contribution. You are making history here."

General Stewart also took the opportunity to award Wound Stripes to members of Task Force ORION. One of the recipients was Corporal Greg Davis. Cpl Davis was wounded when a suicide car-bomber attacked his LAV-III on March 3. Cpl Davis, the gunner for the Commanding Officer's LAV-III, received burns to his hand and arm. Corporal Davis said it was a great honour to be awarded the Wound Stripe, but added that he was even more honoured to receive it from the Colonel of the Regiment. "It's a real morale boost. He's a manifestation of the Regiment. He's symbolic of the tradition and honour of my unit," he said. "It's amazing how much the Regiment is behind us."

Private Joshua Graham has only been in the regiment for three years, but has seen the Patricia patriarch a couple of times. He said it's always a pleasure to have the Colonel of the Regiment about. "I like hearing his speeches. It's a boost to hear him say how everybody's behind us and all," he said. "He just makes you feel proud to be a Patricia."



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# 1VP

2006 was a year of challenge and accomplishment punctuated by moments of sorrow for 1 PPCLI. The Battalion, less B Company (1 PPCLI) but augmented by B Company (2 PPCLI) deployed on Operation ARCHER from January to August.

January saw the soldiers of the Battalion return from Christmas leave and complete last minute preparations prior to deploying on Operation ARCHER. The lead elements of 1 PPCLI were deployed prior to the end of January to begin the handover with Task Force GUN DEVIL, the American unit with responsibility for the Kandahar Area of Operations (AO). A Company and Recce Platoon were the first to take possession of their equipment and conduct their handovers, in earnest, with their American counterparts. B Company, 2 PPCLI, quickly assumed responsibility for the area around Kandahar city. Lack of equipment delayed C Company's deployment to the field, but they followed soon after.



Almost immediately, activity seemed to heat up across the Kandahar province. A Company was the target of several Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks early on in a pattern that would continue to challenge the Red Devils throughout their deployment. C Company joined the fray when 7 Platoon, the divisional Quick Reaction Force (QRF), fought to defend Firebase ROBINSON in Helmand Province. B Company, 2 PPCLI, became engaged in several battles in the green space west of Kandahar city – places like Zhari and Panjwaii which would become familiar to all Canadians very early in the tour.

Throughout the tour there were many memorable combat engagements. Some of the larger ones were the break-in to Sangin in support of British 3rd Parachute Regiment, the recapture of Nawzad and the sweep of Panjwaii on 3 August. Many firefights occurred while conducting operations in support of other coalition nations. Nonetheless, it is important to remember that, for every firefight or battle, there were countless hours spent conducting vehicle and foot patrols, key leader engagements and village medical outreach clinics. These items were truly the desired focus of the Battalion within the Development Diplomacy and Defence approach, despite the fact that the requirement for security as a precondition often trumped the other elements.

During the deployment, the Battalion was well served by the rear party who provided outstanding support to the families left behind. Their task was very challenging due to the losses that were sustained during the operation. B Company (1 PPCLI) did not rest on its laurels but completed significant work up training for Task Force 2-07. Unfortunately, the mission did not materialize for the Task Force. However, all of their work will not be for naught as they are scheduled to deploy on Task Force 1-08.

August, September and October were months of great upheaval for the members of 1 PPCLI. Soldiers redeployed to Canada. Prior to disembarkation leave, a medals parade and change of command were held. Notably, most of the families of the fallen and soldiers who had been evacuated from theatre due to injuries were present. Command of 1 PPCLI was transferred from LCol Ian Hope to LCol David Anderson.





Upon return to work, there was a major reorganization as many soldiers were posted out or transitioned to more senior positions. In addition, the Battalion ran numerous courses to help regenerate itself. In October, members of 1 PPCLI travelled to Shilo where they presented the Regimental Cypher to A Battery 1 RCHA. The honour came in recognition of the close ties that were formed on Operation ARCHER, during which A Battery fired numerous missions and controlled numerous Close Air Support sorties in support of 1 PPCLI.

Remembrance Day had special significance for all the soldiers of the Battalion this year. Members fanned out to the hometowns of all the fallen from Gibsons, B.C. on the West Coast to Truro, Nova Scotia on the East Coast.

Almost in the blink of an eye the Christmas season was upon us and the RSM was suitably pleased to relinquish his half of the horse to the officers this year.

Although deployment on Operation ARCHER was very rewarding, there was great sorrow at the loss of members of the 1 PPCLI Battle Group. Despite the sorrow, there is great pride in the accomplishment and the sacrifice of those who have fallen in service to their country. They will be remembered.



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## A Company 1 PPCLI

2006 was an exciting year for the "Red Devils". In late January, A Company bid farewell to family and friends prior to deploying to Afghanistan as part of Operation ARCHER. By mid-February, we were all on the ground in Kandahar Province. After a few short days to get ourselves sorted out, the company was quickly launched on operations. We relieved the Americans, known as Task Force GUN DEVIL, by assuming control of the Gumbad Platoon House. This compound, located in a small village approximately 80 km north of Kandahar, would come to be known as the "Red Devil Inn" to the platoons that would cycle through it in three-week rotations. In early March, work began on Forward Operating Base (FOB) Martello, with another platoon providing security and patrolling the outlying hills. Upon completion in June, FOB Martello became home to most of the company.








Throughout the tour, the Red Devils participated in numerous operations, including Operation SOLA KOWEL (through the mountains of northern Kandahar Province), and Operation MOUNTAIN THRUST (which included combat operations through the Panjawai area and Helmand province). By the end of the tour, the company, which had a platoon attached to the Provincial Reconstruction Team out of downtown Kandahar, was able to maintain a presence in an offensive operation, all the while sustaining FOB Martello. Despite heavy vehicle attrition due to Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), and several firefights, the company was fortunate enough not to lose any soldiers. Unrelenting in their tasks, the Red Devils performed in the best traditions of the Regiment.

August brought us home to family, friends and some much-deserved leave. We returned to work in the fall to a new Commanding Officer and new challenges as the company ran junior leadership courses and completed the reorganization. While many Red Devils were posted, Remembrance Day and Christmas remained events where most of the company could reunite and recount their accomplishments and experiences with their brothers-in-arms.

Regardless of the challenges laid out for the company, we achieved every one of them through the hard work of our soldiers. In Afghanistan, the locals learned to trust and respect the Red Devils, while the Taliban learned that we do in fact 'Rule the Ground', as our motto dictates. Most importantly for the Red Devils, they all came home to their loved ones, ready to once again take the fight to any enemy.



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## B Company 1 PPCLI

2006 saw B Company taking on a variety of unique training opportunities. In March, the company was attached to 3 PPCLI as part of Task Force 2-07. Although a tour did not materialize, B Company conducted several exercises with the "light-fighters". In May, the company deployed to CFB Suffield for the range portion of a LAV Crew Commander/Gunner Course, followed by mechanized ranges up to platoon level.



In June, B Company deployed to Hinton, Alberta (along with 3 PPCLI) to conduct Exercise MOUNTAIN WARRIOR, a dismounted patrolling exercise in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Idyllic visions of clear mountain streams surrounded by majestic peaks were rapidly shattered by the rainy, swampy reality of it all. In less than ideal conditions, B Company persevered to conduct reconnaissance and fighting patrols at the section, platoon and company level. The exercise culminated with a helicopter insertion to conduct a company level raid on an enemy training camp. Following a chilly night in the woods surrounding the objective, B Company announced its presence through the simultaneous eruption of three C6 and four C9 as the firebase initiated the assault. With the objective cleared, the company awaited the brief helicopter extraction only to be informed that, due to enemy activity, an alternate site had been selected. Thus began a 30-kilometre section-level escape and evasion exercise that saw B Company as the only sub-unit to reach the river crossing site and the pickup zone.





In September, the company deployed to CFB Shilo to conduct more mechanized training. This concluded with platoon attacks on an enemy compound surrounded by bunkers and an eight-foot high wall. From Shilo, B Company deployed directly to Wainwright to support B Squadron, LdSH (RC) work-up training prior to their historic deployment to Afghanistan. Training at the section/tank and platoon/troop level laid the basis for the culmination of the exercise in a spectacular combat team attack on an enemy-held village, including artillery and fast air support.

The company returned to the battlefields of Wainwright in October to conduct a similar exercise with A Squadron, LdSH (RC).

B Company closed out the year in a flurry of courses with soldiers loaded on LAV Crew Commander/Turret Operator, IPSWQ and PLQ.



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## C Company 1 PPCLI



C Company began the year with final preparations for deployment to Afghanistan on Operation ARCHER, Rotation 1. The first elements of the company deployed in mid-January and by the first week of February the entire company was on the ground in Kandahar.

The first few weeks of the tour were fairly slow for C Company with not enough vehicles or equipment available for the company to deploy. That did not last long though, and the soldiers quickly made up for those first slow weeks. Without an Area of Operations for the majority of the tour, C Company found themselves being sent anywhere and everywhere to assist where it was most needed, as well as conducting several operations of its own.



For March the company was split up, with 7 Platoon tasked as the Divisional Quick Reaction Force (QRF), and 8 and 9 Platoons remaining as C Company proper with Company Headquarters. While on QRF, 7 Platoon had the Company's first Troops in Contact (TIC) after deploying to Helmand province to aid in the defence of an American Forward Operating Base (FOB). Very shortly after that, the remainder of the company went to Helmand province to conduct operations and with the end of 7 Platoon's QRF task the company was reunited. The following few months continued at a furious pace with operations and intense fighting in the





Panjwaili area, as well as areas around FOB Martello, and Gumbad.

July was expected to bring some routine and stability to the company's operations when C Company took over the FOB in Spin Boldak and the associated Area of Operation (AO). This would not be the case, as 7 Platoon was again tasked with divisional QRF and 8 Platoon was pulled away for the bulk of the month to conduct operations in Panjwaili as well as Helmand province, this time with the British. That left 9 Platoon to control the Company's AO in Spin Boldak.

After a lot of difficult fighting, 8 Platoon returned to Spin Boldak near the end of July to trade tasks with 9 Platoon. Following more intense fighting 9 Platoon rejoined 8 Platoon in Spin Boldak in early August. Meanwhile, 7 Platoon completed their QRF task and were sent to Helmand province for a final operation with the British. Just prior to deploying back to Canada the entire company reunited for two days in Spin Boldak.

By the time C Company left Afghanistan we had suffered seven killed in action (KIA), as well as many more wounded, but had inflicted many times that number of casualties on the enemy.

Following disembarkation leave, C Company's next big event was Remembrance Day in which volunteers were sent to the interment places of each of our fallen. That included people travelling to Gibsons, B.C., Thunder Bay, ON, Truro, NS, Ottawa, ON, Sherwood Park, AB, and Newfoundland.



With the conclusion of Remembrance Day activities, C Company began training and rebuilding for the future. This included running a Primary Leadership Qualification (PLQ) Course, staffing a Basic Infantry Qualification (BIQ) Course, with the majority of its troops participating as candidates on the PLQ or Platoon Support Weapons Qualification (PSWQ) course. As well, select individuals were tasked with travelling to other parts of Canada and other nations to impart the lessons we learned during our tour.

With the end of 2006, C Company now sets its sights on the year to come. With a new generation of leaders preparing to take charge, and the company set to deploy to the Arctic on a Sovereignty Operation (SOVOP) in early 2007, it should be another eventful and memorable year for C Company.





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## Combat Support Company 1 PPCLI

2006 was an extremely busy and exciting year for Combat Support Company. With a deployment to Afghanistan, as part of Operation ARCHER Rotation 1, Combat Support Company conducted a wide spectrum of operations while deployed in theatre.



Recce Platoon arrived in Kandahar in February and assumed control of the Mianishin Area of Responsibility (AOR) situated north east of Forward Operating Base (FOB) Martello. The platoon conducted numerous dismounted and mounted patrols throughout the mountainous area. Shortly after the handover, Mianishin became A Company's AOR and Recce Platoon was tasked to operate throughout the entire Canadian Area of Operations (AO). During this time, the platoon conducted a variety of operations and convoy escort tasks. Recce Platoon was involved in numerous TICs (troops in contact) incident while conducting operations. Often the first to deploy into enemy territory, the platoon operated in areas such as Gumbad, Panjwayi, and Helmand province. Recce Platoon redeployed from theatre with all of its soldiers, having gained a great deal of combat experience.



Signal Platoon was gainfully employed throughout Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. The platoon coordinated and maintained all of the Task Force's communications equipment, including some that was new to the Canadian Forces (CF) inventory. As soon as any non-serviceable radio equipment was identified, members of the platoon conducted immediate troubleshooting and repair. Additionally, the platoon tasked soldiers to operate out of Call Sign Zero (C/S 0). They helped keep C/S 0 running, which was essential to providing the Task Force





with immediate support, including fast air, fire missions and casualty evacuation (casevac). Members of the platoon routinely deployed on convoy escorts, and set up Command Posts (CPs) in the field when required. They provided consistently good communications to the Battle Group (BG), which was a difficult task as it was often dispersed over great distances.



The Snipers of 1 PPCLI were very busy overseas, as well. They had many opportunities to train and conduct operations with other coalition forces. As a highly skilled resource, the Snipers were in high demand during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1. There was no doubt that their marksmanship principles were applied successfully while conducting combat operations in Afghanistan.

After a brief stop in Cyprus, Combat Support Company returned from Afghanistan and began its much-deserved post-deployment leave. Afterwards, the company participated in a Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle and the soldiers conducted numerous taskings for Remembrance Day and to share their Afghanistan experiences with others across Canada. The Snipers participated in a number of competitions, including the Canadian International Sniper Concentration and the Canadian National Sniper Concentration, in Gagetown NB as well as the US Army Sniper competition in Fort Benning, Georgia. Combat Support Company eagerly took part in the Battalion's Christmas activities and the soldiers look forward to the future challenges of 2007.

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## Administration Company 1 PPCLI

The past year was a year of upheaval, challenge and regeneration for Administration Company. Although the Battalion has been on numerous deployments in the past, this was a unique year for the structure of the company. In order to support the deployment of the 1 PPCLI Battle Group, Administration Company became a core of the National Support Element (NSE). The NSE was composed of personnel from across 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) and was stood up as an official unit on 6 September 2005. The bulk of Maintenance Platoon, more than half of Quartermaster Platoon, and virtually the entire Signal and Transport Platoons were cut over to form the basis for the NSE, which was commanded by 1 Service Battalion.

With the majority of the company away on tour, those left behind became the basis for the 1 PPCLI Rear Party, and being Rear Party meant that they were very busy supporting the remainder of the Battalion and also supporting the families of those deployed. One thing that never stopped, Battalion deployed or not, was duties. All rear party soldiers spent their fair share and sometimes more on duty. Another thing that never stopped were requests from the Brigade, who exhausted every available asset they could to support the remainder of 1 CMBG on the ground. Maintenance Platoon was headed by MCpl Marcus Thompson, a former Patricia who saw the light, (an oncoming train), and remustered to Vehicle Technician. While the rest of Maintenance Platoon was deployed he was the Acting Maintenance Officer, ETQMS, Production Warrant Officer, mechanic and welder. A Supply Technician with a befitting name assisted greatly throughout. MCpl Binns, a "bin rat" proved to be an integral part of Maintenance Platoon, just don't let the "Loggies" know that a supply guy ran Maintenance Platoon when MCpl Thompson wasn't around.

The Quartermaster shop ran on a skeleton crew and I don't mean Pte Arnold's frame. The Technical Quarter Master Sergeant Major, Sgt Bate, no "s", who has quite possibly the best-gelled hair in the Battalion, had an assortment of guys and gals working for him and was challenged by Brigade requests as well. Despite being busy, Cpl Gonzales-Moser, (G-M), was like Speedy Gonzales and did very well in the annual Mountain Man Competition.

Transport Platoon was run ragged keeping the Rear Party mobile. Lack of qualifications is a constant thorn in the side to those trying to plan support, so soldiers who were qualified on several vehicles, like Cpl Lafleur, found they were in great demand.

Perhaps the biggest challenge, and yet the most honourable, was fleshing out the ranks for the unfortunately large numbers of funeral parties that were required. Throughout these tasks, the Administration Company soldiers were well turned out and did the Battalion and the families of their fallen comrades proud.

Once the Battalion returned to work in October and the Change of Command was over, it was time for Administration Company to be regenerated – but with a twist. Given the exodus of Battalion leadership that was on tour, Combat Support Company found itself without an Officer Commanding, Second-in-Command, Company-Sergeant-Major, and perhaps most importantly, a Clerk. Depending on whom you talk to, Combat Support elements were either assimilated into a beefed up Administration Company or the latter joined Combat Support in an amalgamated 250-person Headquarters Company under the watchful eyes of Major Boyuk and WOs Turner and D'Andrade. On morning parades, we dwarf the other companies. Speaking of parades, we are now forming up on the far right. Hmm, doesn't that make us, Administration Company, the "Right of Line"? That has got to be a first!

Yes, 2006 was an unusual year in the life of the Company. The Company was taken apart, put in suspended animation, then reborn stronger and bigger than ever. The entire company is looking forward to the challenges and good times inevitably associated with supporting the Combat Team Commanders Course and training of Task Force 1-08.





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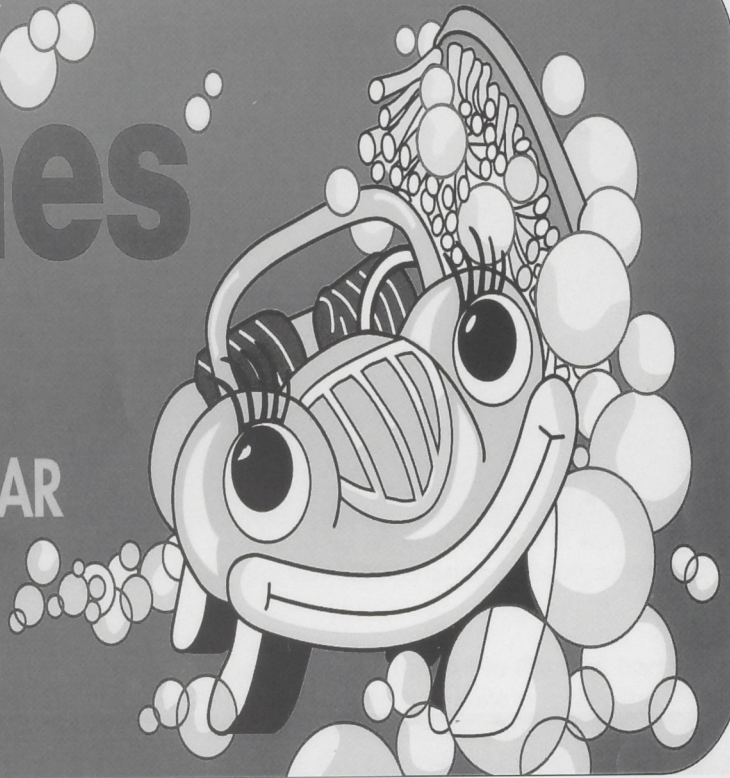




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## "Originals" by Colonel R.S. Peacock, CD (Ret'd)

The origin of these articles on past Patricias came from my studies on the problems arising from the lack of reinforcements for the Regiment in France/Belgium in early 1915. The need for a detailed search to verify the problem was confirmed, in my mind at least, by reviewing the correspondence between the Patricias and the Canadian Contingent in England in the period November-December 1914. It was apparent that the reinforcement problem was approaching crisis proportions as early as late November with the Patricias asking for and being assigned over two hundred men from newly arrived units of the CEF. Why, if the Patricias were at full war establishment with surplus to meet normal wastage rates, did the Regiment require so early an infusion of men to be at full strength to go to France in December 1914? The answer was the same for the Patricias as for all the units in the CEF, the unsuitability of personnel, medical problems, desertion, AWOL and the first call by the British Army on reservists who had emigrated to Canada. This is the legacy of too rapid a mobilization and too careless a selection screening system.

In the Regimental history by Ralph Hodder Williams, Volume 2, page 64, there is a short outline of the CEF units that supplied reinforcements to the Patricias throughout the war. I was only interested in the earliest drafts. There were over four hundred men sent from the 12<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Bns CEF in a series of drafts starting in January 1915 and ending in June 1915. There are smaller groups from the 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Bns and from a group called PPCLI Reinforcements. The casualty rates from enemy action and loss from illness from the conditions in the trenches had been much higher than anyone had planned for in the euphoria of raising an army in Canada.

I decided to do a detailed review of all the personnel from the reinforcing battalions and see who they were, where they came from, their war records and were they any different than the "Originals" that were attested in Ottawa in August 1914. This review was done using Volume 2 and visiting Ottawa and drawing the individual personnel files from the National Archives. In doing this it became obvious that there was little difference in the quality of the men, their prior military experience or their countries of origin. Out of this group came the future leaders of the Regiment at all levels. Having commanded many platoons and companies as well as a battalion in my service I developed an affinity with these men as individuals with whom I could identify. I felt that I should share some of their stories with our readers as I continue to probe the facts of our shared history. Whether or not this will develop into a book or learned paper is too early to decide but in the meantime join with me in seeing these men as soldiers you will understand and recognize.

### **51259 Lieutenant Arthur Norrie Bisset Mortimer MC**

Mortimer was one of a wave of recent immigrants to Canada who arrived from the United Kingdom in the decade before 1914. He was twenty-four years of age and came from Edinburgh, Scotland. Mortimer was working as a salesman in Calgary at the outbreak of World War One was living in the area of 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. He had been born in Edinburgh on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1890 to a close knit family and his father, designated as his next of kin, was still in Scotland. Mortimer's only previous military experience had been with the Territorials in Scotland a few years earlier. Our budding recruit was attested in Calgary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1914 and declared himself single and willing to serve His Majesty King George V until the end of hostilities.

Mortimer was unusual for the times in that he was 6' tall with a 40" chest and an athletic physique. He is recorded as being handsome, having a dark complexion and blue eyes. At 24 years 5 months of age he would have been a prime candidate. His general level of formal education was above that of the normal recruit of the day and his time in Canada showed he was an opportunist and not afraid to work hard and take risks. He demonstrated that he would be a success at whatever career he chose. He was quickly despatched to join the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion CEF in Valcartier, Quebec where he passed the medical examination with flying colours. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn. was immediately shipped to England to begin training and wait for the formation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Division.

Events in Flanders quickly changed this planning as enemy action, illness and personnel unsuitability caused unforeseen extremely high rates of wastage in the field in the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian





Division and with the PPCLI. The Patricias alone needed over four hundred replacements during February and March 1915 to keep rifle company strengths at fighting levels. The recently arrived battalions from Canada were tasked to provide immediate reinforcements.

Private Mortimer was a member of a draft of reinforcements from the 23Bn CEF consisting of two officers and 110 NCOs and men who joined the PPCLI in the field in Belgium during mid and late February 1915. The Founder and Senior Major, Hamilton Gault, would have been impressed with the quality of manpower that which arrived to reinforce the Patricias and Mortimer was seen as an obvious future NCO. The draft that arrived on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1915 was quickly involved in the fighting in the St. Eloi salient where Mortimer quickly learned the ropes of soldiering. He went unscathed until the 8<sup>th</sup> of May in the Battle of Frezenberg when he was wounded with shrapnel in his left shoulder and arm.

After his evacuation from Flanders Mortimer ended up in the London General Hospital at Chelsea where his treatment continued. His wounds were not life threatening and his recovery was rapid and was granted a week of furlough in mid June 1915. He took this opportunity to get go north to Edinburgh and visit his parents. On return to Chelsea he was transferred to Shorncliffe Military Hospital where he had a run in with a staff Warrant Officer and was charged with "Conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline" for insolence. Our hero did not suffer fools meekly. For his sins he received a severe reprimand and some curtailment of local hospital privileges. Mortimer continued his rehabilitation and was returned to the PPCLI in France in September 1915. He became an acting Corporal and served through the Battle of the Somme unharmed. His rank was confirmed on 12 November 1916 while he was taking officer training at the GHQ Cadet School. Corporal Mortimer became Lieutenant Mortimer on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December just in time for Christmas 1916.

During January 1917 the Patricias went into action around the area of La Folie with Mortimer as a platoon commander. It was during the Patricias' tenth rotation into the line that action intensified. Mortimer, with a patrol of five men, was tasked to rush the enemy at Birken Crater and destroy an enemy dugout. Two of the men carried a charge of Aminol with a 90 second fuze. The ground was covered with snow and the night was moonless but clear and starry. The members of the patrol were outfitted with white clothing and covers for all weapons. These were created by the unit tailor from spare canvas and proved to be very successful. The patrol got into position as planned and rushed the enemy post where three sentries tried to





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surrender but not before one had thrown a bomb at the patrol. Lieutenant Mortimer and Cpl B.J. Stagroom were both wounded. In spite of this bad luck the patrol overcame the enemy but in so doing had raised the alarm with the main Bavarian garrison. LCpl Sinclair and Pte Davies went about setting the Aminol explosive charge and covering the withdrawal of the patrol. It was unfortunate the charge did not explode as planned and the failure to detonate was later attributed to the freezing weather. Not a good night for Mortimer and Stangroom but the patrol was well executed and done with great élan. Our hero was awarded the Military Cross for this action. Mortimer received wounds to his face, hand and was temporarily blind in one eye and partially deaf from concussion. He was evacuated to England on the Hospital Ship "Dieppe" on 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1917. By chance he was sent to Shorncliffe Military Hospital where he had been charged for insolence two years earlier as a Private soldier. One wonders if he met up with the Warrant Officer again, this time as a commissioned officer wearing his newly awarded Military Cross.

Mortimer's wounds were somewhat troubling especially the damage to his vision and the lingering deafness but the wounds were on the whole superficial and his recovery was slow and steady. While in hospital he was diagnosed with "Vincent's Angina" which was a bad case of trench mouth. This common condition affecting so many soldiers from the trenches resulted from poor oral hygiene, poor food, stress, insufficient rest and heavy smoking. The effect was usually very painful ulcerated gums and mouth. With no antibiotics in use at the time the treatment was by swabbing the throat and mouth with raw alcohol. He survived and was granted three weeks furlough to Edinburgh. These trips home now had a clear goal as Arthur Mortimer had found the woman of his dreams and returned there at every opportunity.

After his treatment and convalescence Mortimer was taken on strength of the 7<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion, a holding unit for the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, in Seaford, where he took several courses of instruction with weapons and practiced his own techniques of instruction. While this was continuing he missed the battles of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. He rejoined the Patricias in the field on the 24 November 1917 to help rebuild the unit after the heavy losses in the Battle of Passchendaele. At this time the Canadian Corps was held in the north around their old haunts at Vimy during the final German offensive in March 1918. There is an entry in Mortimer's records of having two weeks training on machine guns at Le Touquet in the rear area in April 1918.

On the 26 June 1918 he was granted two weeks leave and once again it was off to Edinburgh. On return he paraded himself before the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel C.J.T. Stewart, for permission to get married. This was quickly approved and his future seemed to be mapped out. The great Allied counter offensive was launched on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1918 with the Patricias in the forefront and included the newly betrothed Arthur Mortimer. His luck continued and he came through all the actions at Parvillers, Jigsaw Wood and Tilloy without a scratch. This was almost miraculous as over eighty percent of regimental officers were casualties during this period. In late September 1918 Mortimer found himself in command of No. 2 Company at Tilloy after the other company officers were killed or wounded. Two days before the Armistice he was again on leave to Edinburgh for fourteen days to get married and prepare his new bride for the trip to Canada. On his return he was made an acting Captain for a short period which must have helped improve the balance in his pay book.

After the Armistice was signed the Patricias moved by easy marches toward the English Channel from Mons through the Belgian countryside ending in St. Leger near the Channel coast where they remained for a month waiting for transport to return to England and Canada. It was at this time that The Founder and Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton Gault, decided that the Camp Colour should be consecrated as the Regimental Colour. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1919 Major the Reverend T. McCarthy MC, Chaplain to the Regiment, conducted the ceremony on a snowy winter field with the members of the Regiment formed in hollow square, the Drums stacked in the centre with the Camp Colour draped over them. Lieutenant Arthur Norrie Bisset Mortimer MC was selected by the Commanding Officer to be the subaltern to receive the newly consecrated Regimental Colour. After the ceremony of consecration Mortimer trooped the Regimental Colour along the ranks for all to see. The first of a long line of subalterns to be honoured as Ensign to the Colour.





The Patricias returned to England on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1919 to spend a month in the Canadian Camp at Bramshott. Mortimer was with them but was very occupied with getting his bride to Canada. He returned to Canada on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1919 on the SS Metagama accompanied by his new bride and was demobilized two weeks later in Ottawa. Mrs. Isobel Mortimer was one of many war brides who were able to accompany their husbands on their return to Canada. On return to Calgary they managed to secure a residence at 508 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. As with most veterans of the day Arthur Mortimer was happy to get on with life and get back to a civilian career. He had been an aggressive, brave and increasingly competent soldier from his early times as a private at St. Eloi in 1915 to the end of the war as an officer and acting company commander in the last Hundred Day's campaign. One of the many citizens who answered the call to arms, served their country and disappeared from view having only a few lines in the Regimental History to record their gallant service.

## 51426 Lance Corporal Stone, Leonard

Leonard Stone came to my attention in my studies for two reasons. First, he was wounded four times during the war and secondly, he only rose to Lance Corporal in four years. When I first drew and read his file from the National Archives I came away with the feeling that Stone was the luckiest man in the PPCLI and a very reluctant Lance Corporal. As I studied his record of service in more detail I was torn between two images of the man as a soldier. First was that he reminded me of Private Turvey, the fictional soldier in Earl Birney's classic book "Turvey." The subject of the book is an unfortunate but lovable soldier whose travails with the military administrative and medical system in World War 2 were presented with ironic humour by the author. The second image was a comparison to Private Donald Fraser as presented in the book "The Journal of Private Fraser 1914-1918" that was edited and published by Professor Reginald H. Roy of the University of Victoria. Fraser was an educated, intelligent and observant soldier who made the conscious decision that he didn't wish to hold any rank nor have responsibility for others. His approach was that those who lead others are much more likely to get killed. He made it through the war almost to the end before being badly wounded and evacuated. Fraser received an early discharge and suffered from his wounds for years afterwards. His appeals to the Canadian Pension Board in the 1920s are most eloquent and revealing. Both books are highly recommended.

Leonard Stone was born in Westbury-on-Tyne, Bristol, England on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1884 making him almost thirty-one years of age on enlistment. In 1914 he was a recent immigrant and had found employment in Montreal as a coachman on the street railway system. When war broke out he decided to enlist and was recruited into the "PPCLI Reinforcements" on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1914. He was sent immediately to Valcartier where he was declared fit for overseas service on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Very quickly he was off to England and a short training period before being sent to the front. Fortunately he had an opportunity to get home to see his mother and family friends in Westbury-on-Tyne over Christmas 1914 on a short furlough.

His previous military experience had been a tour of duty with the 13<sup>th</sup> Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry before arriving in Canada. Leonard Stone was 5'9" with a 39" chest and, like most veterans, was well tattooed. He would need all his previous military training and experience as he was placed on a draft joining the PPCLI in Belgium on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 1915. The draft arrived the day after the innovative Patricia trench raid on the 27<sup>th</sup>. He quickly fitted in to the unit and was wounded the first time in the fighting around St. Eloi on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. It was a minor wound, a grazing wound on the buttock, and he was discharged to duty a few days later. He was wounded a second time on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May during the Battle of Frezenberg and was evacuated to a base hospital at Wimmereux near Boulogne. A few days later he was discharged to convalescent duty and promptly went AWOL savouring the pleasures that were locally available. For this heinous crime he received a fine and was confined to Camp. The old soldier must have had a good story as the fine was cancelled a few weeks later. He then returned to the Regiment which was rebuilding after the heavy losses at Battle of Frezenberg.

All was fairly normal during the remainder of 1915 for Leonard Stone as he participated in all the Regiment's actions. Early in 1916 he reported to the Medical Officer with suspected influenza and was evacuated to England. There he was diagnosed with enteric fever that





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was later re-diagnosed as paratyphoid fever. He spent the next seven months in various hospitals, light duty, furlough, and another charge of AWOL before he was discharged to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion (PPCLI and RCR Depot.) There he was appointed Lance Corporal, with pay, and where he was put on restricted duties and was specifically denied working anywhere that food was being prepared.

He remained in England until early 1917 when he was returned, as a Private, to the Regiment prior to the attack at Vimy Ridge. Leonard Stone came through the battle unhurt but on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1917 he was wounded once again, this time by shrapnel in the shoulder and back. It was off to hospital in Wimmereux once more followed by a period of convalescence. On his return to the Regiment he was appointed Lance Corporal, with pay, in late September. A month later during the opening phases of the Battle of Passchendaele on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1917 Lance Corporal Stone was wounded for the fourth time, this time a flesh wound in the left arm. Once more he was evacuated finally ending up in England where he was given a series of treatments in four hospitals before being discharged to duty in January 1918. On discharge from hospital he was posted to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion in Salisbury on restricted duties. He stayed on their establishment until the end of the war. Leonard Stone chose to be discharged in England and at age thirty-five and single he returned to Westbury-on-Tyne to be the sole support for his widowed mother.

Wounded at St. Eloi, Frezenberg, Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele Leonard Stone was a very lucky soldier. All of his combat wounds were non-life threatening and he recovered from them with no lasting physical problems. The effects of the enteric fever and paratyphoid weakened his body far more than his combat wounds ever did. The term "debility" was used to describe his condition in every medical assessment done in England. He comes across to me as a reluctant Lance Corporal who did not wish the responsibility of leading but did his duty when it was required. He served Canada and the Regiment well and managed to end his war in a degree of comfort and safety.



**1116 Lieutenant Arthur Charles Peacock MC, DCM**

During the Trooping of the Colour in Calgary in June 1951 I was assigned as Aide to The Founder, Brigadier Hamilton Gault. Almost the first question he had for me was concerning my relationship to Charles Peacock. He felt that "Charlie" was a first class soldier and if I, as an officer cadet, could do as well I would be very good indeed. This was warm praise coming from a former commanding officer. During our Trooping celebrations in Germany in 1956 I was again questioned about my relationship by a few of the "Originals" including the feisty Major Hugh Niven. All were effusive in their regard for this man. In 1958 at the Trooping in Victoria, once again, I had the honour to be Aide to the Founder for his last visit to his Regiment. During this time we visited with Lieutenant Colonel TenBroeke for tea at a residence on the Saanich Inlet where I learned much more about this well respected soldier from a man who had fought along side him in battle. At the Jubilee Trooping in 1964 in Germany my wife and I had the pleasure of hosting Lieutenant Colonel A.G. Pearson and his son in our home for dinner. The same



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questions and the same comments: Charles Peacock was regarded by all those with whom he served as a fine soldier, courageous and professional in his attention to duties.

His picture, taken in early March 1919, shows him consciously covering his disfigured left hand. He is wearing the MC and DCM with the 1914-15 Star on his recently acquired officer pattern uniform and accoutrements. By any standards he was a handsome man and at twenty-nine years of age was a most eligible bachelor.

Charlie Peacock, as he was known in the Patricias, was born in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 1890. With his two brothers he emigrated to Canada in 1912. One brother, Robert, settled in Toronto on Spadina Road, the other brother, Frederick, moved farther west and ended up on the island of Maui in the Territory of Hawaii. Charles secured employment as a policeman in Montreal where his stature and bearing would have been a great asset. On the outbreak of war he proceeded to Ottawa and enlisted in the Patricias on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1914. He was six foot tall with a 38" chest, sandy hair and blue eyes and in good physical condition with an aura of confident leadership. He soon left for England and then went to France with the Regiment on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1914.

His only previous military experience had been six years with the Royal Garrison Artillery (Territorials) in England. Now he was in the St. Eloi salient and where he learned his infantry skills very well. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 1915 he participated in the initial trench raid that was to become a pattern for Canadian units. During the raid he was wounded in the right shoulder and was evacuated. After a few weeks in hospital and convalescence he returned to the unit on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April in time to take part in the actions at Polygon Wood. In this action Charles Peacock was part of the screening force keeping up heavy rifle fire while the unit fell back to the new line on the Frezenberg Ridge. Sensing this movement the Germans pushed hard and overran the outpost line. Charles Peacock and two others had to escape capture by moving to the west and coming back through a British unit. As stragglers they went through a rigorous questioning by the Military Police but the Corps commander, Lieutenant General Smith-Dorrien, who was in the area took special interest in these Canadians who were trying to find their unit. He had them returned post haste to where they would fight in the battle of Frezenberg. Charles was immediately promoted Corporal with a further promotion to Sergeant in September 1915.

In February 1916 the effects of two winters in the trenches caught up with Charles and he had to report sick with trench fever, lumbago, rheumatism and influenza all of which were real enough but the primary diagnosis was eventually changed to myalgia. His legs were in a state where he was extremely weak, could not march, had difficulty walking and couldn't sleep for the pain. The explanation on the medical report was "two winters and fourteen months in France." He was evacuated to England and went through a long period of treatment and reconstructive exercises. The medical authorities offered to reclassify him as unfit for field service and return him to Canada, an option that was refused outright. Charles persisted and eventually he was returned to the Regiment arriving in July 1917 after the battle of Vimy Ridge and was immediately promoted Company Sergeant Major. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1917 the Regiment was part of the initial attack at Passchendaele and from the outset it was bad for No.3 Company. All the officers were quickly killed, wounded or disappeared in the bombardment. Very early in the attack Charles was wounded in the face and shoulder but rallied the company to take their objective. This done he was wounded a second time with a bullet wound to his left hand. He was evacuated through Rouen to England and further treatment. For this action he was awarded the Military Cross.

The citation reads:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He went forward in an attack although wounded at the assembly position. When all company officers became casualties he led his men forward with great determination until wounded a second time."

Once again the medical authorities felt he should be returned to Canada as unfit for active service as his left hand was beyond repair. He stubbornly refused and demanded he be graded fit for the field. Finally an exasperated medical officer wrote "Does not need to carry a rifle in the rank of CSM. Fit for duty."





## "Originals" by Colonel R.S. Peacock, CD (Ret'd)

He returned to the Regiment in April 1918 as a CSM. After a short period as Acting RSM it was back to his company and the preparations for the last "Hundred Days" push to end the war. The almost continuous actions throughout August 1918 were extremely costly to the Regiment with over eighty percent of the officers and sixty-five percent of NCOs becoming casualties. This was a campaign that rivals Frezenberg, Sanctuary Wood and Passchendaele in losses. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of August the depleted ranks of his company were given a further task to take a piece of vital ground. Lieutenant Grant, with two weak platoons and a few survivors from other companies, was assigned the task. Lieutenant Grant was badly wounded and CSM Peacock took command and pushed through to secure the objective. Sadly, Lieutenant Grant died of his wounds a few days later. Charles Peacock was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his exploits.

The citation reads:

"....when all the platoon officers of his company had become casualties, he took command of half the company and, urging them on, led them to the final objective. On reaching the objective he showed great initiative and resource in reorganizing his command and establishing his position,.....he conducted himself with admirable coolness and gallantry."

Strangely, this decoration is not included in the list of awards for this action on page 351 of Volume 1 of our Regimental History.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1918 Charles Peacock was commissioned as a Lieutenant and sent on leave to England for proper uniforms and a bit of indoctrination. He returned to duty for a short period then had to use the medical services once more because of recurring weakness in his legs and shortness of breath. He was evacuated two days before the Armistice was signed and was finally graded unfit for field service in 1919.

Lieutenant Peacock returned to Canada on the SS "Carmania" in March of 1919 and was discharged in Ottawa later that month. He moved immediately to his selected place of residence in Kahalui, Maui, Territory of Hawaii. His brother was of great help getting him settled and Charles, the civilian, took employment with the Wailuku Sugar Company where he quickly rose to the position of Superintendent. This was challenging job directing a large work force that included Filipino, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese labourers.

The social life in Kahalui must have suited Charles as The Maui News reported his engagement to Armine von Tempsky on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 1920. What happened in this relationship is not recorded but Charles married Marjorie Leonard in August 1924. The happy couple had a daughter in March 1928. For whatever reason the family left Maui and returned to mainland United States three months after the birth of their daughter. On their departure the local newspaper gave his name as "Archibald Charles Peacock." Our hero was last heard of in New Jersey in the late 1940s. He was a gallant and highly respected soldier who suffered all the trials of war yet kept returning to his Regiment to do his duty. I regret that I never had the opportunity to meet him. It would have been an experience to hear his stories of the Regiment.





**#22560 Private Robert Leonard James Craig**

The photograph of Private Craig was taken in a studio in England, Broughtons of Ipswich, sometime in November or December 1914 and is typical of the personalized souvenir cards sent by soldiers to friends and relatives in Canada. This particular post card fell out of an old chest of drawers in a farmhouse in Eastern Ontario in 1994 and the farm owner had no idea from where the photograph had come or the identity of the soldier. Friends of the owner, ex-military and former neighbours of ours in Ottawa and Kingston, asked if there was any way of finding information about the soldier's background. This was achieved using the resources of the National Archives and the Regimental History, Volume 2. In the picture we can see a serious young man with a touch of self consciousness and unease at having his photograph taken. He is dressed in the early World War One style uniform complete with leather belt, puttees, 12th Battalion CEF badges and wearing Canadian made boots that would not stand the wear and tear of Salisbury Plain or the trenches of Flanders. Private Craig was a typical soldier of the times who served his country well and paid the ultimate price.

Leonard Craig was born on 23rd of April 1895 in the Parish of St Mary's in York County New Brunswick (NB). He was just over 19 years of age when he enlisted immediately after the outbreak of war. Craig was a lanky teenager, 5'10" tall with a 30" chest and saw this as a chance to see the world and do challenging things. The pay as a soldier would be far superior to anything he had had working as a farm labourer and, as well, he would be fed and clothed. His only previous military service had been a year with the 71st York Regiment (Militia) in New Brunswick. Craig was sent to Valcartier, Quebec where a new training camp was under construction on the sandy plains by the Jacques Cartier River about twenty miles north of Quebec City. As with many others from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec, he was put into a numbered battalion, the 12th Battalion (Bn), Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF). Between the chaos of construction and the numerous parades for the Minister of Defence, Major General Sam Hughes, and his many guests not too much relevant training was accomplished. Craig was medically examined on the 29th of September 1914 and was found fit for overseas service.

From the administrative frenzy of Camp Valcartier the 12th Bn CEF sailed from Quebec City on 4th of October 1914 on the S.S. Scotian. The ocean crossing was slow, crowded and uneventful. The unit disembarked at Plymouth Sound and was sent into the soggy Salisbury Plain for training and to life in tented accommodation. After a month of continuous rain and cold many in the 12th Bn came down with influenza and some with meningitis. The losses from poor health, AWOL, desertion and general unsuitability rose sharply in all units of the 1st Canadian Division, and with the PPCLI, during November and December 1914. Official correspondence of the period shows clearly that the reinforcement crisis had started in England in this period





## "Originals" by Colonel R.S. Peacock, CD (Ret'd)

long before problems developed in Flanders in February-March 1915. The 12th Bn was to be kept in the England with the intention of forming a second infantry division as soon as possible, but with the increased losses in Flanders from enemy action, the units in England were tasked to provide immediate reinforcements. Craig was put on the second reinforcing draft destined for the PPCLI and left for the front on the 17th of February 1915. There is some unconfirmed information that he was in the first PPCLI trench raid on the 27/28th of February. In any case Craig did suffer severely from the conditions in the trenches and was evacuated in March to No.2 General Hospital in LeHavre with severe gastritis. After a week of treatment he returned to the unit and the build up to the Second Battle of Ypres. The battle commenced on the 22nd of April with the main assault against the 1st Canadian Division and the French when poison gas used for the first time as a weapon of war. The German attacks continued for another three weeks across the perimeter of the Ypres salient. Craig fought in all the actions leading up to the Battle of Frezenberg including the desperate fighting around Polygon Wood. During the main battle on the 8th of May he was wounded by shrapnel. He received a General Service Wound (GSW) in his right leg and was evacuated to a British military hospital in Paris Plage, France on the Channel coast, and then to England for treatment at No.1 South General Hospital in Birmingham. His leg wound had become dangerously infected and only after the shrapnel was finally removed did his rehabilitation commence. He recovered quickly and was told to take ten days of furlough and then report back to the PPCLI in Flanders. There is no indication of where Craig went or what he did during his only furlough.

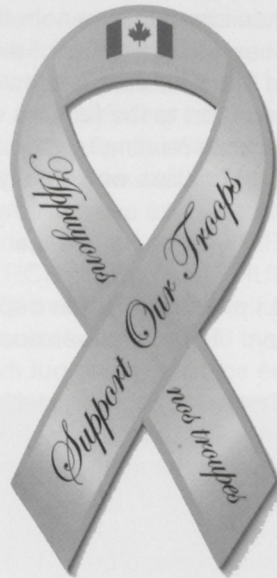
After rejoining the PPCLI in late July, Craig took part in every action in 1915 and early 1916. In March 1916 the German campaign to drive the Allied forces from the Mount Kemmel ridge and take the city of Ypres commenced. For the PPCLI these actions culminated in the Battle of Sanctuary Wood in the first week of June where the unit suffered over 400 casualties. Private Leonard Craig was killed in action on the 6th of June in the massive artillery bombardment that all but destroyed the forward companies. He left a mother, Mrs. John Kirch, who had moved to Willmar, Saskatchewan while he was overseas. His pay book shows a monthly deduction of \$25.00 to be paid to his sister, Jessie, still living in Zionville, NB. Private Leonard Craig was eligible for the 1914-15 Star in addition to the two standard World War medals. In 1922 his mother received his medals and the Memorial Cross. He lies in Flanders Fields with too many of his comrades. As with so many who volunteered to serve he is remembered by a short notation in the Regimental History and a grave marker in a foreign field.

*Para Moustache club*





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### Proud of My Canadian Soldier

The father and husband that he is, asked me if he could go.  
 The soldier who knew where he belonged would do so.  
 I asked him once "please don't go, we need you more."  
 The look in his eyes shamed me to the core.  
 My Canadian soldier knew where his duty lay.  
 I hide my tears, and fear as you proudly walked away.  
 I hope and pray that you know how much I care.  
  
 Even though there are times my feelings I don't share  
 I have read the news about the accidents and lives lost.  
 I pray and hope to God you never have to pay that cost.  
 You have missed so much since we have last seen you,  
 but as a soldier you knew in your heart what you had to do.  
 You have heard some Canadians voice their thoughts that this war is wrong.  
 Knowing this you fought for all Canadians, it proves just how you are strong.  
 This is the first time that Canadians soldiers have fought since the Korean War.  
 The more you achieve your goals the higher your spirits will soar.  
 The war you fight for all of us we find it hard to understand.  
 But you, my Canadian soldier, will do the best you can.  
 As a wife I now have a great fear answering a door or phone  
 But when or if they come knocking my feelings will be known.  
 I love you like no other, you are my other half.  
 I accept our way of life as you lead us down this path.  
 You have given up your heart, soul, and mind.  
 My prayer is all Canadians will someday know and see you in kind.  
 I am not a strong military wife even though I try.  
 There are too many times I just want to give up and cry.  
 You are so strong you have the strength to show me  
 That by listening and learning from you, you have set me free.  
 There are never enough words to say thank you.  
 You have fought a hard fight and have paid your due.  
 We all need to remember every soldier who have fought  
 It was for our freedom, safety, and future they sought.

Anonymous





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In the history of The Regiment, 2006 will be remembered and recorded as a watershed point in time that embodied the strength of our soldiers and their leaders. For the Second Battalion, all one has to do to understand this, is note the exceptional work done by: our Companies on operations overseas as part of Task Force Afghanistan; those Companies who trained, supported and prepared them for their respective deployments; those key organizations who provided untiring support to the families at home; those members of the entire Battalion who performed the vital functions relating to casualty support; and all of those involved in returning our fallen comrades to their families with dignity and honour.

## January – February

The year began with 2 PPCLI preparing for the deployment of approximately 150 personnel to operations in Afghanistan. These were anxious days for the families and were mixed with excited anticipation for the soldiers “going out the door” for seven, and in some cases nine, months. In addition to Bravo Company deploying with the 1 PPCLI Battle Group, members of 2 PPCLI also deployed with the Brigade Headquarters, the NSE and the Afghan National Army Training Team. The deployments began in mid-January and were completed by early February.



*B Company deploys from Winnipeg*

Another first for Shilo, and indeed the Second Battalion, occurred in mid-February when the Battalion hosted Exercise RIC-A-DAM-DOO. Because the First Battalion was deployed, a cunning plan was devised to conduct this junior officer training in the home of 2 PPCLI vice Edmonton. The list of distinguished guests included: MGen R.I. Stewart, (Ret'd), the Colonel of the Regiment, LGen R.R. Crabbe, (Ret'd), MGen J.L. Sharpe, (Ret'd), MGen H.C. Pitts, (Ret'd), BGen G.W. Nordick, and Col C.R. King. The junior officers from all three battalions were exposed to briefings on topics that are relevant not only to our history, but also to current operations involving the Regiment. Additionally, the first person accounts of the Korean War, and operations in Croatia in 1993 and Operation APOLLO in 2002 (including an excellent presentation by Sgt Tim McMeekin, formerly of 2 PPCLI) only served to add to the value of this training. All participants were treated to the best that Shilo has to offer including an exceptional Regimental Mess Dinner, a vibrant Officers' Mess and –35C wind chill that delayed the road move back to Edmonton when the bus froze!

## March – June

The next four months were representative of what the Battalion would experience throughout the rest of the year. The Second Battalion experiences ranged from field training and preparation for operations to casualty administration. There was no member of the Second Battalion – deployed in Afghanistan or remaining in Shilo – that was not effected by the events



and emotions of these four months.

On 2 March, a vehicle accident involving a B Company LAV 3 in Afghanistan ultimately claimed the lives of two of our own. Corporal Paul Davis and MCpl Tim Wilson died as a result of this accident and other soldiers sustained injuries that led to their repatriation back to Canada. This was a sad period for the entire Battalion as this tragedy happened at a time when A Company was "ramping up" its training and focus for deployment in August, spending most of early March in the field in Shilo on Exercise ROYAL PATRICIA. On 17 March, the Second Battalion gathered and conducted a Memorial Service in honour of our fallen comrades in Shilo. The first of what would prove to be a total of four memorial services included many local, provincial and federal dignitaries and military VIPs. The following day, A Company deployed to Petawawa to train with 1 RCR on Exercise THUNDERING BEAR II in preparation for deployment on Task Force 3-06. Of particular note during this exercise was the fact that the entire Company survived despite its ranks being ravaged by the Norwalk virus. To date, no one will admit to being "Patient Zero"!



*B Company Memorial for  
MCpl Wilson and Cpl Davis*

*Members of the Association  
and the KVA on KapYong  
55th Parade*



With April came A Company's deployment to Wainwright for Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre Serial 0601. The company complete deployed during the week following Easter and did not return until 26 May. During this time, the remainder of the Battalion planned and conducted the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of KapYong parade and activities on 21 April 2006. It was an opportunity for the Second Battalion to commemorate the significance of the battle with members of the PPCLI Association and the Korean Veteran's Association. We were fortunate to have two soldiers who fought at KapYong in attendance. Mr. Michael Czuboka and Mr. Doug Jones joined us in our celebrations on the parade square, in "The Bunker", and at a combined Officers and Warrant Officers Mess Dinner. The presence of a number of veterans who had





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served throughout the Korean War made the events and commemorations even more poignant.

The Commanding Officer, LCol S.J. Sharpe, visited B Company in Afghanistan in May. He was able to see first hand the excellent work and high quality of "soldiering" that the company performed in theatre. Upon his return, the lessons learned from the 1 PPCLI Battle Group were disseminated within the Battalion with a view to better preparing all of those soon to deploy. The majority of the month was spent in planning for the conduct of the final training aimed at preparing A Company for its August deployment. Charlie Company and Administration Company developed and executed an outstanding training plan that incorporated not only the Tactics Techniques and Procedures, but also the lessons being learned (daily) overseas. This month was not without tragedy as was evident on 17 May when Capt Nichola Goddard, 1 RCHA, was killed while supporting B Company on operations in Afghanistan. The Second Battalion mourned with 'the Guns' and also felt the loss of this fine officer.



*Rope Slide at 2 PPCLI Family Day*

The early part of the summer saw another significant event in the history of this Battalion. RSM Al Kolotylo was posted to Combat Training Centre HQ at the end of May and CWO Brian Semenko returned to the Second Battalion and assumed the appointment as RSM in early July. The Second Battalion wishes all the best for CWO Kolotylo and we thank him for his leadership and guidance.

In June, A Company conducted its final training prior to going on block leave (in July) and then deployed on the first of August. On 17 June, 2 PPCLI hosted a family day for the families of all of our soldiers. KapYong Barracks was "occupied" by horses, a reptile farm, a petting zoo, equipment displays, inflatable "bounce" castles and Sgt Ron Sargent's rope slide. It was a great event for all of the families and gave all a respite from the pace of operations and

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the summer heat in Shilo.

## July - September

July was dedicated to summer leave and the final training and administrative preparations for A Company prior to their deployment. For the soldiers of A Company and their families, this was an exciting, anxious and emotional time.

August began with A Company deploying in the first days and the Second Battalion preparing for the return of B Company later in the month. What followed was a month full of joy and sadness in the extremes. We felt the pride of deploying a fully trained and prepared A Company and the excited anticipation of the return of Bravo Company, to their families, after seven long months on operations. These emotions were tempered with the sorrow and impact of the loss of two of our comrades in service overseas. MCpl Jeffery Walsh and Corporal David Braun died in August, in two separate incidents while on operations west of Kandahar. Memorial services were conducted for both of these fallen soldiers and many members of their families, the local community and the Army were in attendance. Both men were honoured in a service befitting their dedication and sacrifice. The month of August ended on a high note with the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief to her Second Battalion. Lady Patricia, along with the newly appointed Colonel of the Regiment, BGen J.E.L. Gollner, (Ret'd) visited the soldiers and families of 2 PPCLI over a two-day period at the end of August. This was the first time that Lady Patricia had visited Shilo since 2 PPCLI moved from Winnipeg in the summer of 2004. This visit was noteworthy as it was not only the first visit to Shilo, but also the first time that Lady Patricia had been to the Second Battalion since July 2001.



*Lady Patricia visits with families of the wounded*

On the evening of 31 August, 2 PPCLI hosted a dinner in the Officers' Mess for the Colonel-in-Chief and invited guests that included the presidents of the regional Korean Veterans and PPCLI Associations, the newly appointed Base Commander, LCol J.J. Schneiderbanger, and LGen R.R. Crabbe, (Ret'd). The following day, the entire Battalion had an opportunity to commemorate the visit of their Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment with a parade and family-oriented BBQ lunch. The parade was an occasion for specific soldiers to be recognized for promotion and dedicated service, as well as those having just returned from





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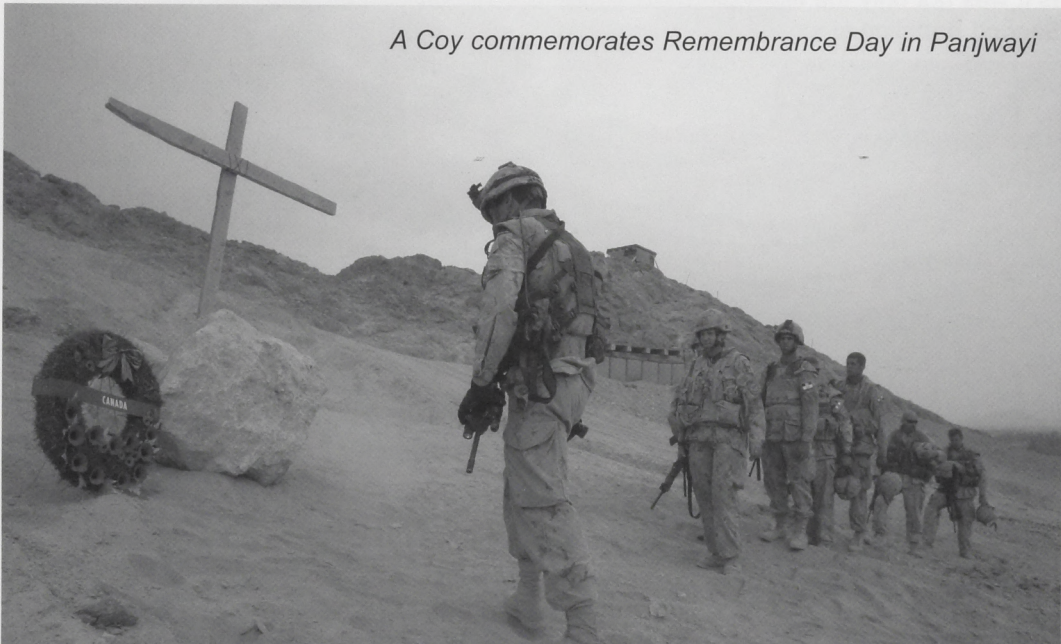
Operation ARCHER being presented with their medals by both Lady Patricia and BGen Gollner, truly a rare privilege. This was also a significant event for the families of the Second Battalion and many relatives came from great distances to share in this special day.

For the newer soldiers in the Second Battalion, this was their first chance to meet with our Colonel-in-Chief. For them, it will be an event that they will always remember. For those who have had this opportunity in the past, the importance and value of such a visit was reinforced.

The BBQ after the parade was a chance for soldiers and their families to sit down and speak one-on-one with the Colonel-in-Chief. Wives, fathers, mothers, sons and daughters had their pictures taken with Lady Patricia and shared stories and photographs. Lady Patricia was particularly moved by meeting with those soldiers wounded most recently in Afghanistan and their families. She wrote that it "was very emotional and my admiration for them all is unbounded".

The month of September provided the Second Battalion with the opportunity to train in the field. C Company, Combat Support and Administration Companies deployed to the Shilo training area in support of a Brigade-directed exercise for the first two weeks of September. The Battalion built a complex company level live fire range for the First and Third Battalions to "go through" in preparation for upcoming operations and operational support tasks. Following this, Charlie and Administration Companies conducted their own section and platoon level training. The break from garrison was welcomed.

*A Coy commemorates Remembrance Day in Panjwayi*



*B and C Coys parade at the Brandon Remembrance Day ceremony*





On 18 September, an attack on Canadian soldiers conducting dismounted patrols in an area approximately 30 kms west of Kandahar, resulted in the deaths of three more members of A Company. Corporal Shane Keating, Corporal Keith Morley and Private David Byers were killed. All three soldiers were buried on 29 September in their hometowns in full military funerals conducted by soldiers from the Second Battalion. Particularly poignant was the fact that seven soldiers – comrades injured in the same 18 September attack - were in attendance at Keith Morley's funeral in Winnipeg. Regrettably, a sad end to the month and another indication of the cost that 2 PPCLI has borne - along with her sister battalions and the 1 RCR Task Force - in the continuing efforts of the CF in Afghanistan. On 13 October, we

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gathered for a memorial service to honour these three fine soldiers and their service to Canada.

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## October – December

The final three months of the year were filled with ceremonial events, individual training and support to operations. All members of Bravo Company returned to work in October and the Battalion launched into a complete training cycle aimed at reconstituting Bravo and Combat Support Companies. In Shilo, the Battalion focused on LAV 3 courses, junior leadership training and driver courses. Across the country, many of our wounded convalesced and some rejoined the Battalion. Overseas, A Company was engaged in numerous operations as part of the 1 RCR Task Force. These months passed without any further significant casualties for the deployed members of 2 PPCLI. In November, we did take time out to conduct very successful Remembrance Day events in both Brandon and Moosomin, Saskatchewan. November 11<sup>th</sup> saw a first for the city of Brandon when 200 soldiers from Bravo and Charlie Companies marched into the Brandon Keystone Centre, under the command of LCol Sharpe, in the City's Remembrance Day Service. Some 3000 citizens were treated to a Remembrance Day like no other in Brandon's history. On parade with the Second Battalion were colour parties from the Royal Canadian Legion, as well as, Cadet units from across Manitoba. Concurrently, 5 Platoon was participating in a ceremony in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, reinforcing a tradition established in 2005. The Battalion's contingent participated in the town's Remembrance Day services as well as conducted a graveside ceremony at the final resting place of Major (formerly Sergeant) G.H. "Harry" Mullin – one of the Regiment's three Victoria Cross recipients. The month ended with 2 PPCLI providing personnel and equipment as part of the Canadian Forces support to the 94<sup>th</sup> Grey Cup in Winnipeg. The week-long event was aimed at showcasing the Canadian Forces and the Army's roles around the country and the globe. Combat Support Company, under the direct leadership of the Company Commander (Captain Chris Lunney), selflessly worked many hours in support of this most Canadian of institutions. The free passes to events and the cheerleader support tasks served to mitigate the "strain" of their arduous duties.



With December came the traditional Christmas "Season's" activities. For the record: the Pte/Cpls defeated the MCpls in a close fought contest; and the WOs and Sgts handily defeated the Officers in hockey. The Christmas Dinner was a poignant event as a number of our wounded soldiers were able to attend and share the joy of the Season. The dinner was an opportunity to celebrate promotions and awards and close out a year filled with extreme highs and lows not only for the Battalion, but the Regiment. Throughout the day, all of our thoughts were with two other groups: those comrades in Alpha Company serving with the 1 RCR Task Force in Afghanistan; and the families of all our fallen soldiers. Our fallen comrades were not with us to enjoy food and drink, but the Second Battalion will commit to their memory forever.



*(Pte) Sharpe and (LCol) Sharpe at Christmas Dinner*



*2 PPCLI Mountain Man Team*







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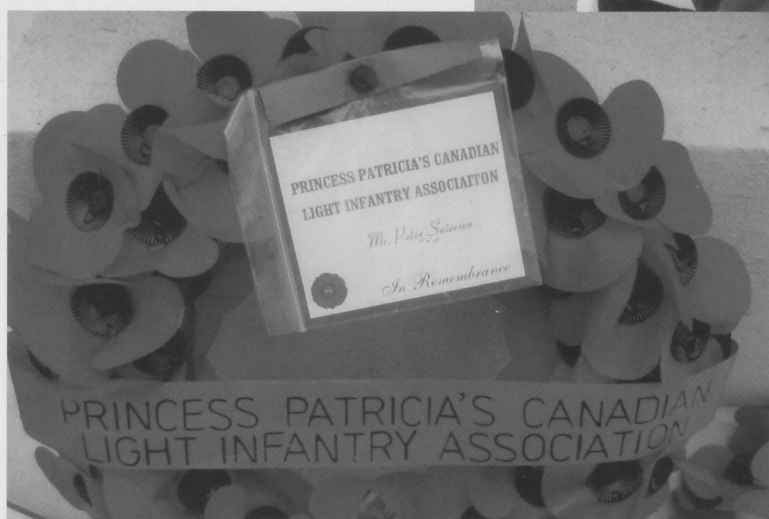




## Wreath Laying at Cenotaph in Hong Kong

I was making plans to participate in an International Police Association event sponsored by the Hong Kong Police and realized that I would be enroute to Hong Kong on November 11 and unable to attend any Remembrance Day services. I arranged my trip so that I would arrive on the 10th and hopefully find something to attend. I contacted the Canadian Embassy in Hong Kong who put me in touch with the Royal British Legion - Hong Kong Branch and the Hong Kong Ex-Serviceman's Association (HKESA) who were organizing the event.

*Mr Peter Seiesen lays a wreath on behalf of the PPCLI Association*



The HKESA asked if I would like to lay a wreath on behalf of the Regiment. Of course I said it would be an honour. I then contacted the President and Secretary of the Association concerning representing the Association in Hong Kong. I had two choices of colours for the wreath so I consulted my good friend Ed Hansen and we chose red. On arrival at our Hotel in Hong Kong there was an envelope waiting for me at the front desk from the HKESA with tickets, security passes, program information etc. Very well done.

Remembrance Day services are always held on the 2nd Sunday of November in Hong Kong. On arrival at the Cenotaph I quickly got orientated, located our wreath and mingled with other veterans. I was welcomed by Brigadier Christopher Hammerbeck, CB, President of the Hong Kong Branch Royal British Legion. Shortly after that a gentlemen introduced himself as former LdSH (RC). He was Mr. Ian McNabb, Executive Director of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in HK. On arrival back in Canada I checked him out and found that he was a former Commanding Officer of the LdSH (RC), a real nice guy accompanied by his lovely wife. Made us feel very welcome. Then up comes a young fellow dressed very casual and introduces himself, Mark Dorrington, recently a Corporal with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Patricias and recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan. He is employed in his father-in-laws company which has offices in HK. A real gung ho young man so typical of the fine young men in the Armed Forces today, particularly the Patricias. A former officer of the Regiment also introduced himself but disappeared before I could get his name.

I was positioned right behind the Gurkha Veterans. I had an opportunity to observe



them closely and believe me I was impressed with their demeanor. I would always want them on my side, no question. The timing of the program was very punctual and exactly as per times shown on the program. The wreaths were laid from three sides simultaneously and were completed in ten minutes. Absolutely amazing. After the ceremony was over the wreaths were taken to the Sai Wan War Cemetery and displayed there.

Editor's note: Peter Seiersen is a member of the Vancouver Island Branch of the PPCLI Association and a staunch supporter of the WOs & Snr NCO Club (Ret'd). Peter served the Regiment from 1949 – 1952. He is a Veteran of the Korean War and a Paratrooper. After serving the Regiment, Peter had a successful career with the Vancouver Police Department and a successful business career. Peter retired in 1998 and now resides in Ladysmith, B.C.

Once a Patricia – Always a Patricia

Left to Right  
Peter Seiersen and Ian McNabb



## DID YOU KNOW

- a poem by Lloyd Swick

*More than one hundred thousand lie in five thousand cemeteries in one hundred countries  
In communion their voices tell us  
We faced battle but did not expect to die  
We sought venture, escape and just cause  
We defeated the enemy, but Victory does not replace lost limbs or dreams;  
We honour Prince, Mynarsky, Smith, along with unsung heroes by our side;  
The Book of Remembrance on Parliament Hill has our names, the turned page mentions naught  
the lives we cannot know  
The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier gives us a home and a piece to our beloved  
Oftentimes young women were our service mates, Red Cross, farmers, munitions workers and  
nurses  
Each finger lifted on the Home Front hastened our foes' defeat;  
Where others had failed, Vimy Ridge was ours  
From our commitment came the growth of a country, a colony past, an honoured place  
Among the community of nations  
We battled in Europe, Africa, Asia  
Now we the dead have expectations  
And the torch is passed to the peacekeepers rather than the makers  
The lessons of battle are there, five thousand at Dieppe, half returned  
Hong Kong surrender on Christmas Day carries grief  
We no longer feel the pain  
But hold the sorrow of humanity for evil ambitions to conquer  
Our animals too have served and died  
Our efforts generated a Canadian Flag, think of us as it flies*





# 3VP

## A Company

Two thousand and six was one of the busiest in recent memory for the soldiers of A Company (Coy). January saw the Coy scattered as both candidates and staff on numerous courses as part of the winter PCF cycle. In mid-February the Coy packed up and moved out to Wainwright for Exercise (Ex) ARCTIC STRIKE, a 15-day validation exercise prior to deploying to Cambridge Bay, NU, for a SOVOP. While Ex ARCTIC STRIKE was supposed to focus solely on preparing the platoons for live fire platoon attacks, the lack of snow on the previous Novembers' Winter Indoctrination Ex meant that many in the Coy had to quickly relearn tent routine. When the Ex wrapped up, the Coy redeployed to Edmonton where, thanks to some stellar Air Force planning, they had two to four days at home before flying up to Cambridge Bay for Ex ARCTIC PATRICIA 06. Over the course of its two weeks in and around Cambridge Bay, the Coy participated in a five-day Arctic Survival deployment (extended to six by a well timed blizzard), a four-day tactical deployment, and a community sports day and BBQ.



Upon return to Edmonton, the Coy took some well-earned leave to relax and thaw out. But there is no rest for the wicked, and in May the Coy, along with the rest of the Battalion, headed down to Dundurn for a three week gun camp. The days were long, and so were the ranges, but the Coy soldiered on with trademark determination.

In mid-June the Coy deployed for a two week Patrol Ex in scenic Hinton, AB. The terrain was challenging and, as the Company Sergeant Major found out, even more so when someone steals the chocolate bar from your ration. The Coy left Hinton with a new appreciation of both mountainous terrain and orders interpretation.



July saw most of the Coy on leave, except for a composite platoon who got to spend three weeks in Kamloops, BC, harassing Canadian Special Operations Regiment as enemy force. It was a rough go, with both deployed locations being almost 1000m from the nearest beach, but the soldiers of A Coy pulled through in fine form.



September saw the Coy in Shilo for another round of ranges, ending with a Coy level raid on a simulated enemy compound. At the end of the year the Coy was back on Primary Combat Functions courses, as well as planning for 2007.

The New Year promises to be full of surprises and challenges as the Coy makes the move from light to LAV-borne for Task Force 1-08. The closing of A Coy lines in 3 PPCLI provided a fitting conclusion to a busy year and the promise of more of the same for the future.





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## B Company

This past year has been a period of recuperation and rebuilding for B Company (Coy). With Operation ARCHER coming to a close, the beginning of 2006 had B Coy move from debarkation leave to life back into Battalion lines. The soldiers returning from Kandahar were placed into newly formed platoons as well as into other elements of the Battalion. A significant number of personnel were moved into Recce Platoon, making room in the Coy for new soldiers arriving from Basic Infantry Qualification. Once back in garrison routine, B Coy prepared to take on a training role, assisting other companies in their preparations for deployment. With its new organization fine-tuned, the Coy moved off to Dundurn with the intent of training other sub-units in section and platoon operations.

Continuing to assist in the training of personnel within the Battalion, B Coy moved to Hinton for Exercise MOUNTAIN WARRIOR. Halfway through the exercise a new group of soldiers arrived to augment the ranks. These mostly young and enthusiastic troops were quickly made aware of their role within the framework of the Coy. The exercise focused on patrolling at detachment to Coy level and had B Coy acting as opposing force. During this exercise particular attention was paid to the Stanley Cup Playoffs using enemy televisions!



Once summer leave came to an end, Theatre Mission Specific Training (TMST) training commenced for C Coy in both garrison and in Shilo. At this point B Coy welcomed its new exchange officer from First Battalion Royal 22nd Regiment (the "Vandoos") as the new Coy second in command, Captain Guilbaud-McHarg. All those with experience in the French language quickly learned just how much they did not understand about the "Quebecois" dialect. The training in garrison focused largely on urban warfare and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) reaction and tactics. In Shilo in early September the training moved towards live fire operations and further TMST training for other units preparing for Afghanistan.

Upon re-deployment, the Battalion, along with B Coy, commenced a new Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle. This began just in time for the new platoon commanders arriving fresh from Gagetown to augment B Coy. The Coy was responsible for a Primary Leadership Qualification, a Heavy Machine Gun Course, and with providing instructors to other companies to assist in training for their upcoming deployments.

Finishing the year, the Battalion held its annual Kid's Christmas Party/Family Day. B Coy began to wind down its momentum for a strongly deserved Christmas leave and in preparation for many more challenging tasks in the New Year.



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C Company

Following the reorganization of the Army Readiness Plan in April, C Coy was told that we would be joining 2 RCR for their deployment to Afghanistan in February 2007 as part of Task Force 1-07. With that overarching goal in our minds, we began work-up training with a view to honing our skills for the Kandahar theatre.

We began our year with Exercise (Ex) SPARTAN WARRIOR in Dundurn, Saskatchewan, to complete Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) and levels 2 and 3 live fire ranges. During the Ex, we welcomed a 39 Canadian Brigade Group contingent of Reservist augmentees, mostly from mainland B.C., who left their jobs, schools, etc. in order to participate in Canada's Afghan commitment. Highlights of the exercise were the section and platoon live fire attacks (both day and night), conducted in the flames started by too many pyrotechnics during dry weather. The smoke and destruction added greatly to the realism of training. Also of note during the deployment was the extremely high quality of our company field kitchen.



Following Dundurn, Major C.R. Henderson replaced Major C.B. Barr as Officer Commanding C Coy, and MWO Green replaced MWO Meier as Company Sergeant Major. With the new C Coy, made up of both Regular Force and Reservist soldiers now a tightly knit team, we began planning training for the remainder of the year.

In May, C Coy headed out to Iniskillen, British Columbia, in order to practice basic mountain operations and to further cement the team. Rappelling, rock-face climbing and fast-water crossing were just some of the skills we learned and/or refreshed.

With June came Ex MOUNTAIN WARRIOR in Hinton, Alberta. This battalion-level patrol school allowed information gathered by reconnaissance to affect section to company operations, both ground based and airmobile. The exercise was broken into two phases, with platoon-sized patrol base operations leading into operations mounted from the battalion Forward Operating Base (FOB). C Coy conducted a very successful cordon and search operation as well as a more classic Coy attack, both by helicopter insertion. The final day of the exercise featured a 20km evacuation by foot, during which sections made their way back to a link-up point. Challenges included swamps at every altitude, a large amount of deadfall, rain, and our outdated, circa 1970 era maps. Although most were miserable at the time, all C Coy soldiers were able to complete the "nature walk", and can now reflect on it with a laugh.



After a couple jumps in late June and upon the return from a much-needed summer break in July, C Coy refocused and began Theatre Mission Specific Training (TMST) based out of CFB Edmonton. The training, which ran through much of August, featured urban and vehicle (LUVW) based operations and Crowd Control Operations (CCO). The soldiers enjoyed what was mostly unfamiliar training, with the highlight being Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray inoculation training...a blast of potent pepper spray to the face and then the completion of a mini obstacle course! During August, the company leadership visited Gagetown, New Brunswick, to participate in a computer based Tactical Exercise Without Troops (TEWT). This gave us our first contact with 2 RCR and the Battle Group Headquarters for Task Force 1-07.



In September, C Coy deployed to Shilo, Manitoba, for Ex SPARTAN RAM/ PRAIRIE VIPER. This was our final check from 3 PPCLI that we were ready to deploy to Gagetown for 2 RCR's final confirmation and that we were ready for Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTc), the validation centre before theatre. 2 PPCLI in Shilo provided the company with an excellent live fire company range, complete with compounds, bunkers, and pillboxes that tested a wide range of the lessons learned during August.

C Coy returned from our first battle group exercise in Gagetown in early October. Ex ROYAL ARCHER II provided an excellent opportunity for the company to show their mettle to 2 CMBG, with the highlight being our completion of the company live-fire range, with the help of two tanks, in less than 90 minutes. The exercise ended interestingly in our first battle group size attack.





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Late in the year we went to CMTC and Ex MAPLE GUARDIAN in Wainwright, Alberta, for a five-week battle group validation exercise. Besides the weather, the vehicles that we used, our interaction with local population, weapons effects and the scope of our missions, the Ex was a perfect preparation tool for Afghanistan. The month was important for the melding of PPCLlisms, RCRisms, and the various other units' isms. Although we all love Wainwright, it is safe to say that C Coy soldiers were happy to be back in Edmonton.

The 2006 training year closed fast, and after some individual courses, the C Coy had a much deserved Christmas break. After Santa Claus parachutes some usable Tactical vests and desert boots down our chimneys (hopefully), we will officially be ready for deployment. Bring it on, 2007!



## Combat Support Company

This past year has been full of intensive training for Combat Support Company. Signals Platoon and Recce Platoon have been an integral part of the complex exercises that the Battalion has been involved in and they have gained valuable experience from their highly specialized roles.

Signals Platoon has been very busy with providing support to three major exercises happening in Dundurn, Saskatchewan, Hinton, Alberta and Shilo, Manitoba. The exercise in Hinton was a particular challenge for communications because it took place in mountainous terrain. Our communications plan had to adapt to the numerous sections patrolling the area to make sure that everyone could talk back to our base (for obvious safety reasons). We deployed three Radio Rebroadcast Detachments and we sent extra signalers to operate with the rifle companies. Members of the platoon had the opportunity to participate in helicopter operations, in patrols and in different ranges throughout the three exercises; this reminded us all of Signals' dual role: before being communications specialists, they are soldiers.

In the late spring of 2006 Recce Platoon was deployed to Dundurn, Saskatchewan with the intentions of integrating with the LdSH (RC) as part of Task Force 1-07. Unfortunately this did not go as planned. However, it allowed for the Platoon to conduct some much needed live fire training. The exercise closed with some escape and evasion training against the Coyote armoured reconnaissance vehicle. Not surprisingly, the light-fighters were successful in beating the beast.

In June of 2006 Recce Platoon was deployed on a battalion mountainous exercise in the Hinton Foothills. Initially sent on point recce tasks, this developed into leading platoon's and Company's into objectives and setting up Landing Zone's (LZ) for extractions. The final effort



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was given during a battalion attack followed by an extraction involving a bridging site and LZ.

September of 2006 had members of Recce Platoon constructing and conducting ranges for the Battalion in Shilo, Manitoba. Besides the poison ivy acquired by some members, it was an altogether positive and worthwhile exercise.

Since these exercises, the Platoon has had time to regroup and catch up on qualifications that were much needed with the focus set on preparing for the Basic Recce Patrolman's course.





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## Administration Company

The year started slow and I recall it was in May that things really began to start up. Dundurn was the location for the exercise, and three weeks was the time given for preparations. Administration Company is always kept busy during the lead up and deployment to an exercise, the maintenance throughout, and the teardown after completion. Transport is no exception. It is, as always, a multi-tasked crew from ammunition drivers, to troop lift, to kitchen detail (the least favorite), and various other assignments.

Right after Dundurn, I went to Suffield to drive dangerous goods for 1 PPCLI. This is a common scenario within the platoon, as we are not only responsible for assisting the battalion on exercise but also called upon to support other units, courses, or training bases. The hot weather and endless mosquitoes in Southern Alberta made it challenging, but getting to know the guys made it easier and made the time pass quickly. Every day I would go for ammo, sometimes twice a day, picking up 25mm or 7.62mm as 1 PPCLI's Gunner's Course and regular infantry training required a steady supply of bullets. It was hectic but we all made it through and accomplished some solid training.



Two weeks after Suffield, Administration Company was off once again, this time to Hinton, Alberta, where we would spend two weeks in the field. Logistics Platoon achieved significant success in setting up the battalion Forward Operating Base on an abandoned airfield, soon destroyed by continuous rain and heavy vehicles, and did an excellent job keeping the area livable for the battalion for the duration of the exercise. Transport Platoon was on the go from day one to the end. For most of the guys, Hinton was hectic and relentless with early mornings and late nights. The duties comprised garbage pick up, general duties, transporting troops, and another rotation of kitchen duties. The use of All Terrain Vehicle's enhanced our ability to achieve our many tasks and also made for some fun ripping up and down the hills picking up garbage and fueling up generators. Given the heavy rain, Maintenance Platoon was busy throughout the exercise. Overall, Hinton was a wet, long two weeks but the food provided by the battalion's cooks maintained morale, and the summer leave that started once the exercise finished greatly enhanced our overall morale.

Exercise SPARTAN RAM/PRARIE VIPER in Shilo, Manitoba was the last exercise of 2006. Maintenance Platoon was kept busy in the lead up to the exercise preparing all vehicles for a long road move, and were consistently employed in recovery and repair during the conduct of training. Transport Platoon was involved in the same routines and activities – the ammo drivers continued to deliver, and the Troop Carrying Vehicle drivers made sure the troops were dropped off on time. Logistics Platoon once again ensured that the supplies required by the battalion were always available. The cooks worked their usual magic, and everyone had the energy to carry on with challenging training. Luckily the weather was nice, which made it smoother and drier than Hinton, but the plague of black flies was a constant distraction. Like all of the soldiers in the battalion, we fought through to the end.

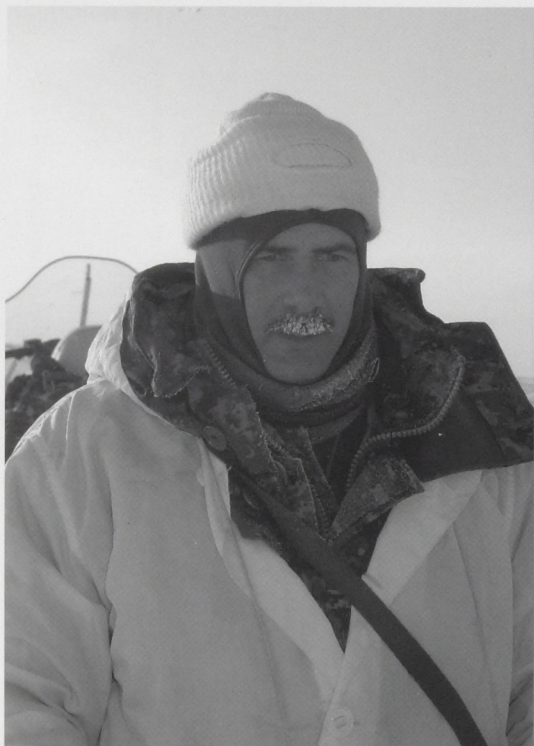




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The year ended with some guys finding their way back to the rifle companies and some new faces coming to Administration Company. We split our time between supporting courses and taskings and getting our winter vehicles (snowmobiles and BV206's) ready to be loaned out. Most of the new guys in the company went on their Light Utility Vehicle Wheeled, airbrakes, and other driving courses. As I already had these, I went on the communications course.

All of Administration Company has had a very busy year. The wear and tear that the battalion puts on its vehicles ensures that the maintainers next door are always working on something. Logistics Platoon has the unending task of providing all of the stores and set-up, bullets, parachutes, and supplies required to make training possible. The cooks provide a warm plate and a hot drink without fail, and Transport Platoon keeps the battalion ready to move and consistently rolling in the right direction. We were all glad to be home for a short while over the holidays, but we will always be ready for the next challenge.



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*CTF Aegis HQ Patricias, from right to left:*

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*Not pictured:*

*WO Sonny Pinlac, Maj Quentin Innis*

## **Filthy Staff Swine!: The Patricias of 1 CMBG HQ**

2006 was an extremely busy year for those Patricias exiled to 1 CMBG HQ. After having survived the 2005 Brigade Training Event, 1 CMBG HQ effectively split into two entities: 1 CMBG HQ (Rear), and a Multinational formation level HQ also known as Combined Task Force (CTF) AEGIS HQ, which deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 to take over command of Regional Command (RC) South from the 173rd Airborne Brigade US Army (TF BAYONET). CTF AEGIS would be responsible for the southern six provinces of Afghanistan, and for forces from 10 different NATO and Coalition nations, including the 1 PPCLI Battle Group, dubbed TF ORION. In addition to the 1 PPCLI Battle Group in Kandahar province, CTF AEGIS included: a British Brigade minus based on 16 Air Assault Brigade and 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment deployed to Helmand province; a Romanian Mechanized Infantry Battalion at Kandahar Airfield; a US Army Light Infantry Battlegroup (2/4 Infantry) in Zabol Province; a multinational aviation regiment of over 50 helicopters; a wide variety of other combat enablers; and eventually a Dutch / Australian Task Force in Uruzgan province. RC South HQ was the first Canadian-led formation HQ deployed into a combat theatre since Korea, and as usual, the Patricia's led the way with Brigadier-General Dave Fraser, former CO of 2 PPCLI, being named as Commander of Regional Command (South), and a good number of Patricias filling key appointments, including LCol Shane Schreiber as Chief of Operations, LCol Steve Carr as the Chief Plans Officer, Maj Darcy Wright as the J1 Branch head, and Major Quentin Innis as the Media Operations Officer. Outstanding work was done by MWO Greg Trenholm as both the J3 Force Protection and HQ RSM, and by WO Sonny Pinlac, who helped to develop and man Canada's first ever Counter Improvised Explosive Device team. Cpl Ronny Martin, on loan from 2 PPCLI, kept a firm grip on the HQ CQ shop, while WO Newman kept a close watch on the Signals Squadron. Perhaps most notably, Capt Derek Prohar, Liaison Officer to the Special Forces Community, was awarded the Medal of Military Valour for his actions during the Battle of Pashmul, taking over a machine gun during a critical assault, and then becoming a defacto Task Force Executive officer for a US Special Forces Task Force. Not bad for a staff flopper, eh!

The nine month tour (February to November 2006) was perhaps the most challenging deployment for the Canadian Forces since Korea, and included a long list of impressive achievements by CTF AEGIS, including the first ground combat operation undertaken by NATO since its inception (Op MEDUSA). The spearhead for many of these operations was Task Force





ORION, and all PPCLI members of CTF AEGIS HQ were extremely proud of the way that the 1 PPCLI Battle Group acquitted itself with courage, conviction, and a "can do" spirit that set the standard for all units operating in Afghanistan. We also watched with pride the exploits of the Patricias working in the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, and with the 1 RCR Battle Group that replaced TF ORION, where Major Mike Wright's Company Group from 2 PPCLI demonstrated the required standard to our RCR brethren.

Meanwhile, back in Canada, Patricias continued to hold down the fort, with Major Pat Quealey taking over as the G3 for 1CMBG, to be followed by Major Tod Strickland upon his return from Afghanistan. Another hectic year awaits the filthy staff swine at Brigade HQ, but given their recent successes, Patricias are always welcome should they be forced to leave the bosom of the Battalions.

On behalf of all the Patricias that served with 1 CMBG and CTF AEGIS HQ, our thanks to those in the Regiment that looked after our comrades and families on the home front, and provided such excellent support to us while we were deployed. From our unique perspective "on the outside," it is clear that the Regiment still produces the finest platoons, companies, and battalions in the Commonwealth. Hamilton Gault would be proud!



*Brigadier General Fraser, Commander Regional Command South and former CO 2 PPCLI, and LCol Schreiber prepare to dive in search of lost PPCLI Regimental artefacts while "decompressing" in Ayia Napa, Cyprus. Sadly, no trace of LCol Anderson's moustache trimmer, nor LCol Eyre's blow dryer and curling iron, could be found...*

## The City of St. Albert







We Pats out here in the hinterland of 38<sup>th</sup> CBG would like to extend a collective handshake to our fellow Pats across this great Nation and in particular to those of you who have recently served on international operations and specifically in Afghanistan.

38 CBG stretches from the great prairie province of Saskatchewan, through the ever popular Manitoba and reaches to the budding metropolis of Thunder Bay Ontario. Our brigade has Patricias, former Patricias, and many who are Patricias by virtue of service on operations. The Reserves in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Northwest Ontario look upon the battalions of our Regiment with respect and with a strong sense of kinship. In 38 CBG, the "Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia" adage runs very, very deep – from historical legacy, through the Medak Pocket, Rotos 11 and 12 in Bosnia, and now to Afghanistan.



This past year, we have maintained an important connection to those of you at the coal-face through our force generation efforts, particularly for Task Force ORION. We sent some excellent troops to the First Battalion from our units. Corporal Anthony Boneca from the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment in Thunder Bay Ontario proudly served under the Ric-a-dam-doo with C Company and his sacrifice will forever be marked on the Patricia Roll of Honour. We also had the honour to serve the Regiment through support to the families of some of our fallen comrades: David Braun, Sean Keating, Keith Morley, and Jeff Walsh.

Our current Patricia ranks are abundant. We include in the brigade HQ LCol Mike Gagne, Chief of Staff and Maj Sean Moran, G3. In the North West Frontier live Capt Dennis Sansom and WO Ken Linville in Saskatoon and Sgt Bob MacLaren in Prince Albert. In Winnipeg we have Capt Tony Ross, WO Rejean Corbin, Capt Paul (soon to be posted) McIntyre and WO Benny Grant. Out in the Thunder Bay hinterland you will find Sgt Rod Stewart (the aging Sgt not the aging Rock Star). We also have a number of retirees, or as we like to call them, **really old dogs**. Now wearing the Cameron of Erracht tartan are MWO Don Hulan (RSM of the Camerons), Cpl Rick Button, and WO Sean Lewis. Cpl Bill Gomm, still the active shutter-bug, serves on Class A time in 38 CBG HQ and has not relinquished the PPCLI garb. WO Bob Spence remains a Patricia in the Thunder Bay standards detachment where he watches over the likes of MWO Bob Primmer in the Lake Sups. The Royal Winnipeg Rifles have, amongst others, are MWO (soon to be Capt) Rick Desjardin (RWR) and WO Wayne Nicholson. Sgt Roy Bailey keenly serves in 17 Service Battalion here in Winnipeg and Sgt Grant Gibbons works out of the Regina Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre, actively trying to recruit mortarmen from Southern





Saskatchewan. MWO Ken MacKenzie serves in the North Saskatchewan Regiment out of Prince Albert.

In closing, we in 38 CBG wish the best to our fellow Patricias. We will endeavour to send your way our best troops for operations and when you are tired of sorting out the Taliban and Al Queda and need a home, give us a call and we will accommodate. We know many a 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Patricia heeds the call of Portage and Main ...

### Afghan National Training Centre Kabul - Rotation 1



*Team members with the Prime Minister at the Canadian Embassy, are as follows: On our far left, moving right, is; MWO Seymour and Maj Gagne (from 2 PPCLI) and Capt Hanecek (LdSH). To our right of the PM, starting with the follically-challenged guy over his shoulder, is; Sgt Dunn (WATC), MWO Dumas (2 PPCLI), Capt Caruana and Sgt Turnbull (LdSH). Missing is Sgt Collins of 2 PPCLI. He was allegedly photographing himself, with a Srathcona WO Mayfield.*

Over a two and a half year period, the 14 man team evolved from being an Embedded Training Team, into an integral part of the KMTC (Kabul Military Training Centre); one of seven corps, within the Afghan National Army. The Rotation 1 team, was only the fifth team rotation, in this Area of Operations (AO). This teams mission was two-fold. Immediately at hand, they were to cycle Afghan kandaks (650-800 man battalions), through a final collective training programme. Prior to this stage, soldiers completed their basic and MOC training. Select individuals would have further completed NCO and officer training. It was finally at the Collective Training Exercise (CTX) phase, where the kandak and its leadership married up for the first time. Given British, French, Romanian and Mongolian influence, final collective standardization was critical to develop cohesion and prepare for immediate combat operations. The CTX phase was approximately three weeks in duration, utilizing dry and live fire scenarios and had evolved over a seven month period, based on input from coalition forces. The relevance of collective training phase, came to light as the first graduated kandak from Roto 1, fought it out at their FOB; Regimental Day!

The other task at hand, was to build and train the CTX cadre of Afghan officers and NCOs to set the conditions for "Afghans training Afghans". Aquisition of qualified men and resources, is a pain in the "ammo pouch" in any multi-national formation, especially when there's a war going on. By the end of the tour its foundation had come together. The conditions for success were laid for Roto 2. Given they were scheduled to train 1200-2000 man kandaks, theirs too, would be an equally memorable tour. In recognition for the advancement of an Afghan Collective Training Kandak, mentoring ANA officers/NCOs, and training close to 5000 Afghan troops, team members were awarded the United States Army Commendation Medal.





With the mandate of increasing the size of the Canadian Forces (CF) and the designation of the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) as a priority one posting, came an influx of new instructors to St Jean. Holding a brigade's worth of NCO instructors, the school is a cross section of trades and elements that cover the entire spectrum of the CF. Having Patricia representation in all divisions within the school ensures our Regiment has a say in the many discussions and debates involving school standards on how to best train new recruits in an operationally focused manner. As the training here has become more operationally focused we find ourselves being approached by other trades as subject matter experts. Our fieldcraft is often observed and followed. Soldiers from other trades brag that they learned this or that trick from someone in the PPCLI.



Along with other new arrivals, we are happy to see MWO Kevin Lewis on strength. In addition to his regular duties, he is the senior Patricia on the ground. Since his arrival he has been busy holding interviews, keeping us informed of Regimental issues and offering much appreciated advice. His facilitative style of leadership makes him a great mentor and armed with his knowledge and experience he is keeping us on the warrior path. In his own words, he is the machine behind the machines.

Our Particias here at CFLRS are very involved in setting the standard and leading change. As a newly qualified small arms instructor (DP3A) MCpl Andrew McConnell decided to use his new found skills to benefit all staff members. He went through the proper channels and organized a 9mm pistol familiarization shoot for new firers and an interesting range practice for those with experience. 8,500 rounds and 50 smiling faces later, the range was a success and Patricia cap badges seemed to shine a little brighter around the school.

Patricias have also started a Mixed Martial Arts 'Fight Club' at the garrison gym. With Sgt Ross Weaver as Vice president, MWO Kevin Lewis as head of corporate sponsorships and special events, and MCpl Terry Shaw as President, this club has generated a lot of interest. We plan to be an active part of the community. Working with instructors from Montreal who train UFC fighters, our members receive the best possible instruction. The club offers instruction in Muay Thai, Brazilian Jui Jitsu and Kali. As there is no organized Physical Training program here, this is a great way to stay fighting fit.





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Two Patricias have volunteered to be on the NPF Committee and have attended their first meeting. MCpl Murray Bard and I were outspoken members of the committee, giving input on how to wisely spend money and we offered ideas to increase revenue.

There are many other initiatives by fellow Patricias including exploring ways to streamline training, improve battle fitness and the possibility of starting a CFLRS pipe band.

Our spouses have also taken a leading role in the community to improve our quality of life. Sgt Ross Weaver's wife has started a yoga club that offers instruction in English. When we first arrived here in Quebec there were a few issues with the language barrier. As an English family in the process of learning French, MCpl Shaw's wife Febra was happy to hear that the yoga program was also available in English thanks to Mrs Weaver.

Although we are not currently in a position to join the fight overseas, we are working hard to churn out the highest quality recruits. This will enable our new soldiers to continue their training with a positive attitude and prepare to carry the torch with a fierce fighting spirit when they reach their operational units.

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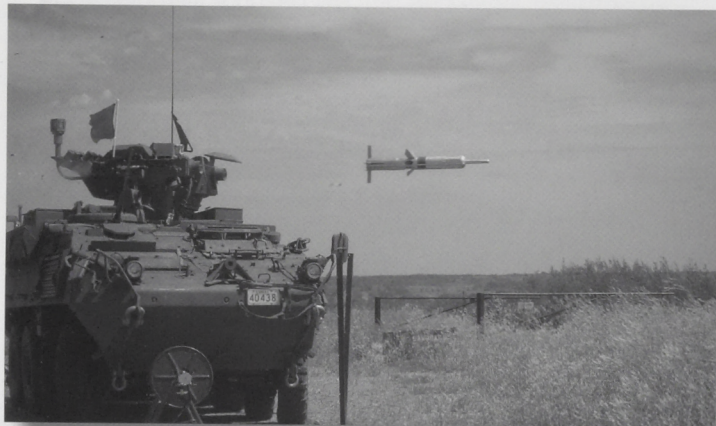


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The members of Echo Company (E Coy) began 2006 with enthusiasm and a sense of pride, knowing that our new vehicle, the LAV Tow Under Armour (TUA) equipped with a state of the art Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS), would be in the company lines in the near future. Once in our possession, we could begin forging ahead with a view to employing this awesome war fighting machine overseas.



*LAV TUA firing during Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Durability testing*

After the Initial Cadre Training (ICT) in London, Ontario, we received the initial four LAV TUAs in mid April. The drivers were the first from the company to get some hands on training through classroom lectures and driving circuit time. They quickly became comfortable manoeuvring the new vehicle and were ready to take it to the field.

*ICT in London. L to R: Capt Higgins; Capt Pattle; WO Roy (Inf Sch); Capt Mead; KEU instructors; Capt Blouin (Inf Sch); WO little; Sgt Vollick; MCpl Donaldson; MWO Greyeyes. Top: MCpl Sterner; Sgt Anderson; Sgt Lenton.*



The Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Durability (RAMD) testing was conducted from May until July. Upon completion of the RAMD, the LAV TUA was approved for deployment overseas, with the exception of the add-on armour that was to be ready in December.



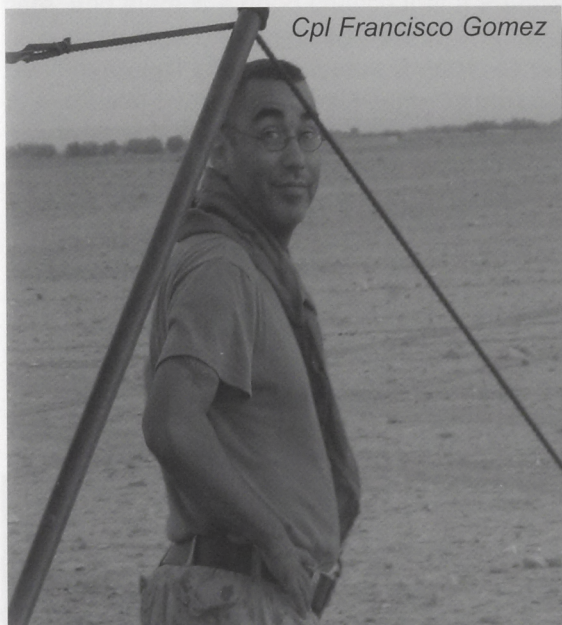
*LAV TUA firing at tank targets*





*Tank targets at 500m*

*No more targets*



*Cpl Francisco Gomez*



*Head Stone  
at Beechwood  
National Military  
Cemetery,  
Ottawa*

The Company and our Regiment suffered a great loss when Cpl Francisco Gomez was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan. We will always remember you Frank.

Several members of the Company participated in Ex MOUNTAIN MAN 06, a demanding march and canoe competition as part of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) LdSH (RC) team. Cpl Jamie Primmer finished first from the LdSH (RC) team and 10th overall with a time of 5:47:13. Sgt Steve Johnstone, Cpl Todd Davis, and Cpl Silver Kapp all finished the race with respectable times.





*Cpl Jamie Primmer finishing  
– “Finally over”*

Just as the company was settling into the summer leave period, we were tasked to provide four LAV TUAs under operational command to B Sqn to conduct high readiness training for a possible deployment overseas. Eventually the entire company was in Wainwright supporting the training up to and including combat team live, day and night. The LAV TUA was put to the test once again and surpassed all of the expectations. During the platoon live night portion, the LAV TUA was the only platform that was able to effectively engage the targets at night because of the huge advantage offered by the ITAS. Destroying a wide array of targets including cars and trucks, fortified bunkers, moving and stationary targets at ranges from 100 – 3550 m, the LAV TUA proved that when precision direct fire is desired, E Coy was the answer.

The company re-focused on training by running the first serial of the LAV TUA Section Comdanders' Course (SCC) in November. After a successful, yet very cold Field Training Exercise in Wainwright, E Coy now had the ability to field its entire LAV TUA fleet.



*LAV TUA SCC course photo Front row, L to R: Sgt Turnbull; Sgt Miller; WO Little; MWO Greyeyes; LCol Demers; Capt Caruana; Capt Bowers; Sgt Lenton; Sgt Stewardson Back row, L to R: MCpls Sterner; Frank; Lincez; Haggarty; Wright; MacDonald; Wong; Beddle; Flach; Ryall; Osmond, and Sgt Peddle.*

*MCpls Ryall and MacDonald tracking the battle*







With no operational task for the LAV TUA on the horizon, the future of E Coy is in question. There is still a need to educate the rest of the Canadian Forces on one of the best force multipliers currently within any military's arsenal. We look forward to 2007 with hope that opinions change and we see elements of the company supporting missions overseas in a LAV TUA role.

## IN THE SHADOW OF PARLIAMENT HILL - OTTAWA PATRICIAS

Not far from where the Regiment held its first parade, Patricias still proudly represent all of you in Ottawa. Be it on parades at the War Memorial, Rideau Hall or the War Museum, at NDHQ or the National Military Cemetery, the Regiment is recognized and Canadians know who we are. The courage and professionalism our soldiers have demonstrated in Afghanistan and the sacrifices of our fallen have made our cap badge a symbol that is known to many. Ottawa is not a garrison town, yet as we walk to work or take the bus, many ordinary Canadians who have not known us before, offer their thanks.

There are not that many of us in Ottawa, but we have made our mark. You will find Patricias supporting the Primary Reserve with the Governor General's Foot Guard, working on projects for "Clothe the Soldier" or supporting Operations as part of the Army Land Staff. Standing right beside us on many occasions is a strong and proud Association. There are also many personnel in Ottawa who have been posted to a battalion in a support role, and they take comfort in seeing the Patricia cap badge again.

Unlike the battalion, there are no training cycles, exercises or deployments to mark our calendar. Ours is a somewhat routine and hectic existence that is not fully understood by those outside of Ottawa. Suffice to say, whatever you are doing in the Army at present, it starts here, and there is a good chance that a Patricia was involved. Operations and whatever support is required to sustain them occupies the majority of our time on the Army Land Staff and the planning is well into the future and whatever that holds. Ottawa is an eye-opener and you would be surprised by the work that is accomplished here. If you spent time here on staff, then you are well aware of the challenges and rewards of working at National Defence Headquarters. Ottawa is naturally a great city to live in and many of us commute from communities on the outskirts. Be it running or skating down the Rideau Canal or biking along the pathways and into the Gatineau, Ottawa is a city with much more to offer, with museums, hockey and a central location that is hard to beat.

The one event that has brought serving and retired Patricias together this year is the loss of our soldiers overseas and their repatriation to Canada. Many families choose to have their loved ones buried at the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood, in Ottawa. As you wander among the headstones, the number of Patricia cap badges becomes apparent. They lie close to their fallen comrades from other Regiments and are in good company. The Patricia family is always represented at the many internments, regardless of Regimental affiliation. It is on these somber occasions that one can feel the pain and anguish of grieving parents, wives and children, yet the enduring pride of those families and the embrace of their Regimental family is inspiring.

It has been a busy year in Ottawa as elsewhere. On the few occasions that the Association and serving members have come together, they have always been well attended, with many memories shared and a moment taken to remember those who have passed away or fallen in battle. The Regiment is strong and well represented here in the Nation's capitol. We are all proud to represent one of Canada's finest Regiments. VP.





# ERE

## KINGSTON

Kingston continues to be a favourite posting for Patricias. Posted into the area this APS were LCol Martin Kenneally (CLFCSC - after a brief stint at CEFCON), Maj Brian Hynes (DAT), Maj Don Furuness (Royal Military College RMC), Capt Andy Anderson (Tech Staff), MWO Chase (Tech Staff) and OCdt Jordie Cheeseman (RMC). Of note Sgt Rob Tallion, who has been posted from the Joint Signal Regiment JSR to RMC as a Squadron NCO, is closely monitoring OCdt Chessman's transition from an NCM to officer. LCol Bob Parent has also returned to the Kingston area, working at CLFCSC in addition to fulfilling his duties as the Commanding Officer of the Brockville Rifles.

Just as many serving Patricia's are getting posted here, there are also a few who are deciding to stay. Retiring this year was Maj Grant McNally just shy of 30 years of service. Maj McNally has spent time in both the First and Second Battalions, most recently as the Deputy Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI in 1997. Maj McNally has moved to the Reserve Force and is currently working for the Directorate of NBC Defence in Ottawa, although he has managed to secure a workspace in Kingston.



*MGen Gosselin presenting LCol Tymchuk with his CF Certificate of Service*

LCol Shaun Tymchuk also retired this year, after thirty-six years of service, upon returning from a deployment to Iraq. Among those in attendance at his retirement party were MGen Gosselin (who commanded the CF Joint Operations Group when LCol first arrived as its Chief of Staff in 2002), LGen Foster (Ret'd) and his wife Del, and MGen Hewson (Ret'd) and his wife Norah. Congratulatory messages filled a binder including those from the Regimental family. Some of those were: The Colonel of the Regiment, Gen de Chastelain (Ret'd), LGen Crabbe (Ret'd), MGen Pitts (Ret'd), MGen Sharpe (Ret'd), BGen Nordick, BGen Romses, Col Stogran, Col Kenward (Ret'd), Col Turner (Ret'd), Col Minnis (Ret'd) and CWO Cabelguen (Ret'd). LCol Tymchuk and his wife Virginia plan to remain in the Kingston area for the foreseeable future.

Unfortunately, 2006 also saw the death of Major Hess von Kruedner, when his UN observation post was destroyed by Israeli artillery. "The Tiger has died. But how is this so?" These opening lines from her poem "The Tiger" were first read aloud by Kirsten Hess-von Kruedner at her father's Memorial Service. Better known as Wolf to his friends and Regimental brothers, Major HvK's life and service to the Regiment were eulogized to a full house at the Princess of Wales' Own Regiment Armoury in Kingston on 10 August 2006. Wolf was a true Regimental character. The turnout of friends and fellow Patricias were a testimony to the type of life he lived and the speeches during his memorial service and the stories recounted at his reception confirmed his place in Regimental folklore. "He has found a new home. The Tiger now lives in my heart." May he live on in our hearts also. VP.





## LAND FORCE WESTERN AREA HEADQUARTERS

It's been another tremendously busy year for Land Force Western Area / Joint Task Force West Headquarters (LFWA/JTFW HQ). Despite the fact that there are a dozen Patricias serving at LFWA/JTFW HQ, working to force generate and force employ our soldiers across the Area, the operational tempo has kept us busy enough that it's possible to go weeks without seeing each other. The day-to-day assault on the mountain of paperwork necessary for our brethren to be able to safely train and effectively deploy to fight the good fight, is quite frankly astonishing.



*From left to right: Sgt J. Wysman, Capt K. Holden, Sgt M. Hockley, Capt T. Sherstan, WO H. Schmidt, LCol S. Borland, WO T. Whittall, Cpl S. Woodcock, (Ret'd) LCol M. Bruce, Maj R. Turner, Capt M. Bourgeois*

*Missing: Maj M. Stalker, WO L. Thom, WO S. Cowan (Ret'd)*

We are soldiers first, and as such there is no greater calling than the fight to protect the innocent. Indeed, the year 2006 has been one of such trials, where we as a Regiment have stood in the gap, lending our strength to those in need in Afghanistan and elsewhere. For those fellow Patricias who have been fortunate enough to avoid a tour of duty within a higher HQ, well done. For those of us who have remained in Canada, working diligently to support our soldiers at home and abroad, we are proud to have been able to do so. Indeed, the work that gets done here at LFWA/JTFW HQ, although not as fulfilling as an overseas operation, remains vital to ensure successful missions. The reward for good work is more good work.

One comment I will make – never before have there been so many staff in the headquarters with a real-time appreciation of conditions overseas. Many of the HQ staff have just returned from overseas operations, and are applying their experience in working issues regarding overseas deployments. The term “*I'm from the higher headquarters – I'm here to help*” doesn't carry the same connotation it used to. Despite being very short-staffed (LFWA HQ is Priority 6 for manning) we are getting the job done.

To all members of the Regimental family, well done in 2006! Your fellow Patricias at LFWA/JTFW HQ are proud of your accomplishments. You do us proud.





## Prime Minister's Visit to Land Forces Western Area Training Centre

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 history was made at the Land Force Western Area Training Centre (LFWA TC) in Wainwright, Alberta, when the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, served as the Reviewing Officer for the Basic Infantryman Qualification (BIQ) Course Serial 0601.



*Prime Minister Harper inspecting graduates*

Just over two months after being sworn in as Canada's Prime Minister, and on his first official visit to Alberta since becoming Prime Minister, Mr Harper recognized the graduates of BIQ 0601 for their decision to serve Canada. "Serving one's country is an honour, especially when this country has such a proud and rich history as Canada has," said Prime Minister Harper. "As you stand up for Canada, rest assured my government will stand up for you."



*Prime Minister Harper being welcomed at the CO's Office*

*Prime Minister Harper presenting the Sgt Spall Award for being top candidate*







LFWA TC Headquarters staff coordinated the Prime Minister's visit, along with officials from the Prime Minister's Office. The visit was a huge undertaking, involving all sub-units at LFWA TC, several sections from Canadian Forces Base/Area Support Unit Wainwright, military and civilian police from Wainwright and Edmonton, Public Affairs staff from LFWA Headquarters, and media from across Canada.

Most of the graduates of BIQ 0601 are now serving with 3 PPCLI. They will certainly have many moments in their careers that they will remember with pride, but they will always remember the day the nation's leader came to an old drill hall in a small Alberta town to congratulate and honour them.

*Prime Minister Harper  
presenting Top Shot Award to  
Pte J.E. Hodge*



*Prime Minister Harper  
presenting the Most Physically  
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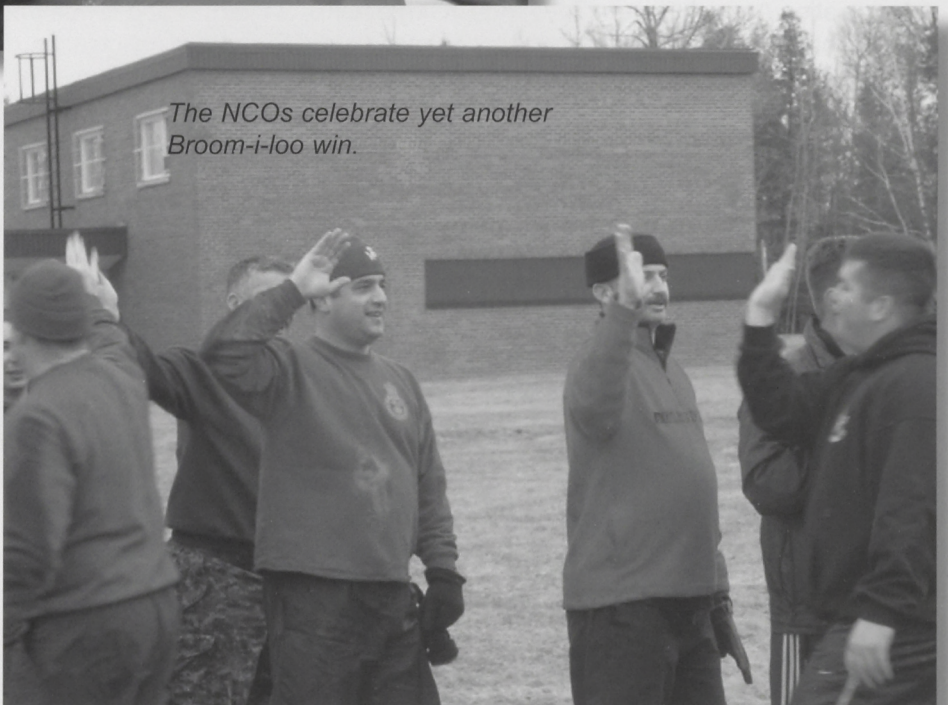
## THE FRENCH GREY BATTALION

The past year has been yet another busy time for the French Grey Battalion (FGB), with increased emphasis on individual training to grow the rank and file of the Army and the Infantry Corps. Patricians across the Atlantic Provinces have been engaged in training at varying levels; well represented across the regions in all of the provinces, with the heart based out of CFB Gagetown, particularly in Combat Training Centre Headquarters (CTC HQ), the Infantry School and the Atlantic Area Training Centre. LCol Creighton remained on as the Commanding Officer of the French Grey Battalion for "one last year" as well as commanding the Land Forces Atlantic Area Training Centre (LFAATC).

As always, the major event of the spring was the celebration of our first Colonel-in-Chief's birthday with an enthusiastic game of Broom-i-Loo, complete with a referee, George Springer, a PPCLI Association member who made the trip down from the Miramichi. The officers swore that they would revenge the loss to the NCOs in 2005, and started off much better, fielding a team of eight, an increase of two players from the previous year. Not to be outdone and highly motivated to keep the winning streak alive, the NCOs stooped to stuffing their ranks with candidates from the DP3A course. Notwithstanding a valiant attempt, the officers ran out of gas in the second half, finding it difficult to keep pace with the seemingly infinite number of NCO substitutions and, once again, suffered defeat. All in all, it was a fun-filled day and a good show of regimental camaraderie, shared with a "Guard of Honour" of Association members who wisely chose to cheer from the sidelines.



*LCol Creighton tries to rally the officers for the second half*



*The NCOs celebrate yet another Broom-i-loo win.*





# ERE

With the arrival of the summer also came the start of the posting season, though there was only a small changing of the guard, with a few new arrivals to the region. The reinforcements included Maj Kerr taking over a training coy at AATC, Maj Beyer taking over as the Chief Instructor at the Infantry School, Capt Sung crunching numbers at CTC HQ, CWO Kolotylo taking over as the CTC HQ RSM and Sgts Richards and Davis are instructing at the Infantry School. Due to operational commitments some postings were pushed back until late fall, including Capts Hamilton, Johnston, and Schamuhn, all returning from active duty in Afghanistan. The Infantry School will no doubt put these new arrivals to good use starting in January. There have been rumours that other NCOs will be following after their return from Afghanistan but only time will tell.

The FGB saw some other significant changes the region including CWO Bartlett moving to work within the Deputy Judge Advocate office in Gagetown after his return from Afghanistan. Capt Leduc (formerly MWO Leduc) was commissioned from the ranks and is now working over at AATC and could on occasion be found "checking things out", with the creation of various new simulation training aids at CTC. This past summer saw Capt Scott Leblanc make yet another change in his military career. This former Reserve Force Private who served in the Medak Pocket with the 2nd Battalion, then re-appeared as a Patricia officer after RMC, is now attempting to become a Lawyer and add some "true operational experience" to the Legal Branch. This past year also saw the Regimental family expand with the birth of WO Gord and Colleen George's first child Madden. Unfortunately, now Colleen has two children to take care of - congratulations and best of luck.

*WO George with his son Madden*



This past September the French Grey Battalion co-hosted the Atlantic Area PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) at CFB Gagetown and it was another milestone in the increasingly close relationship between the FGB and our Association. The weekend kicked off with a meet and greet, allowing for members of the FGB to mix and mingle with the Association members. On Saturday, the Association members took the opportunity to visit the Canadian International Sniper Concentration and crack off a few rounds on Vendor's Day. This and other social events were all ably supported by MWO "Sir, Don't Ask Me Where I Got This" Penney.



*MWO Penney and LCol Creighton attending a memorial parade with the PPCLI Association members*





As always, Patricias were active within the Atlantic region with annual training events and the added focus and emphasis of support to Task Force 1-07, based on 2 RCR. The staffs at the brigades, training centres and units were busy getting their soldiers trained with the Reserve unit and HQ staffs focussed on the Area Annual Concentration exercise held once again in late August and conducted in CFB Gaagetown and the surrounding local communities. As well, the Headquarters had to ensure that soldiers were ready to join the Task Force 1-07 prior to continuing within higher level collective training at Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre. Somehow amidst all of this, Sgt Brian Kenney was able to find time to attend the Urban Operations Instructor Course, and return to 1 Nova Scotia Highlanders, where these skills will surely be put to good use. The Patricia's seemed to have secretly conducted a successful takeover of the G3 Cell at LFAA HQ with Maj Bland leading the charge along with Capt MacKinnon and Sgt McNamara.

Capt Pretty is currently serving as the RSS Officer with the First Battalion of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and had the opportunity to partake in a their Regimental Pilgrimage to France and Flanders.

From Captain Michael Pretty:

During the past year I had the honour of arranging The Royal Newfoundland Regiment's Pilgrimage to France and Flanders. They returned to the fields and cities for the first time since they fought there some 90 years ago. In fact it was the 90th Anniversary of the battle of the Somme and, for the Newfoundlanders, Beaumont Hamel. Of the 810 members of the unit who started the attack 272 were killed or died of their wounds and another 478 wounded for a total of 710 casualties.

As always the Patricias in Atlantic Region have been busy supporting the field force as part of the training system and doing their small part in developing and training our soldiers and officers, always with a view as to how to best prepare them for operational duty. As the Army expands, we expect not to be less busy but more so and it is a challenge that most of us relish.



*Capt Pretty at the Courcellette Memorial in France.*





*Sgt Fleck-Lawrence conducting rappel training for members of the Infantry School during his "down time".*



*WO Thornton (Infantry School Operations Warrant Officer) maintaining order at breakfast following an early morning school run.*

*Sai Won War Cemetery Hong Kong*







## PATRICIAS AT CANADIAN FORCES COLLEGE

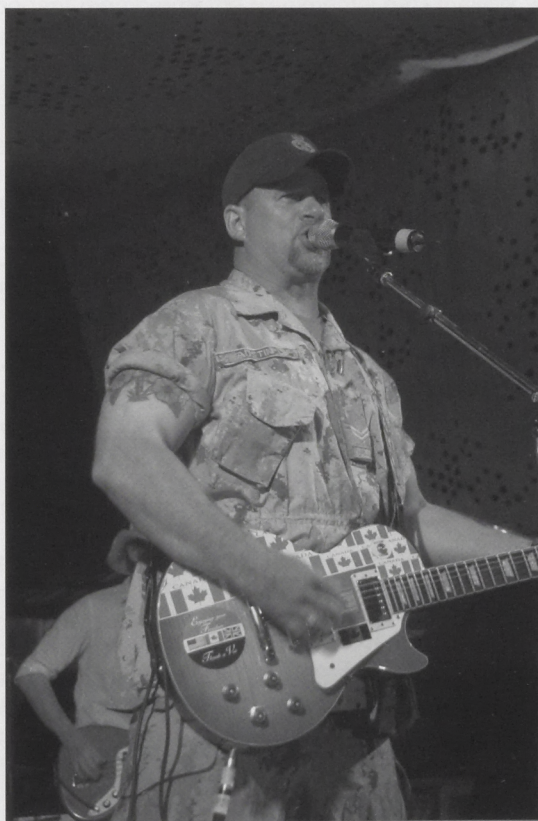
In this space last year, we covered the activities of the Patricia's serving with the "real Army" in the Greater Toronto Area: 32 Canadian Brigade Group. However, we also serve those who only wear low shoes, so we'll provide a brief update on Patricia's who graced the Canadian Forces College during the 2006 academic year. Unfortunately (or fortunately) we have no photos of them in oxfords and DEU sweaters, so use your imagination.

Before going on to the Canadian Forces College crowd, we must mention Maj Paul Hale, who recently left active duty with the PPCLI to become a Reserve officer at Joint Task Force Central Headquarters G3 shop, after completing a tour as Staff Officer to the Force Commander of ISAF in Kabul, during a very challenging time for that organization. Well done Paul, and thanks.

On the permanent staff of the College was our Commandant, BGen Walter Semianiw, who left us to become Deputy Chief of Military Personnel. Still here on staff are LCol Dave Banks in the Department of Strategic Studies Programmes and Maj Vic Sattler in the Department of Curriculum.

Graduating and passing through our gates on Joint Command and Staff Programme (JCSP) 32 were Majs Bob Ford, Kevin Morton and Cliff Reeves. Taking up the endless campaign against the Vulpeculan foe on JCSP 33 in September were Majs Mike Blackburn, John Errington, Sean Hackett and Mike Patrick.

Ascending to the dizzy heights of joint command at the operational level on the newly redesigned and refocused Advanced Military Studies Programme 9 were LCol Mike Beaudette and Shane Brennan. Finally, attempting the very summit of military education on National Strategic Studies Programme 8 was Col Matt Overton.



*Canadian Singer  
Julian Austin  
entertains the troops in  
Kandahar*





# OPERATION SMALL PACK

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 PPCLI Association SW Ontario Branch





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ever since the Patrician was started as a Regimental publication, 'way back in May of 1933', the Association, or rather the "Old PP's", reported news about old PP's activities, and since the 1950s, news covering the activities of the Association Branches. While the Patrician changed over the years (in style and format), its central role never did – to set out a faithful record of the Regiment's activities and to keep in touch with the scattered members of our Regimental family. The Association has and will continue to play a significant role in the historical record of the Regiment.

2006 has indeed been a much troubled year for our Regiment. Aside the fatal casualties, the Regiment suffered many wounded from operations in Afghanistan. The Association, through the Volunteer Patricia Program, helped and continues to help convalescing Patricians by providing financial assistance where support is not available from other sources. The Association made a substantial donation to the Fisher House at Landstuhl, Germany, where our evacuated wounded received excellent care. The Volunteer Patricia Program is a collective effort by the Association, primarily in support of our serving members. We look forward to expanding the program and services to soldiers about to retire, and to those veterans of the Regiment who need our help. The Regiment, too, has addressed the care of our wounded by assigning a Warrant Officer as the Regimental Veteran's Care Warrant Officer in Regimental Headquarters.

Operation SMALL PACK was an equally outstanding success. Through donations from across the country and proceeds from our casino operation, we were able to promptly respond. Over 20 Small Packs were sent to Afghanistan, and with the balance of funds (placed in an endowment), we can respond equally prompt in any future emergency. It remains our policy to help our serving members and their families who need a helping hand.

Part of my message this year remains the same and that is to challenge Patricians about to retire, or indeed, those who are still serving, to join the Association and thus strengthen the Regimental family. A family, however, is more than the sum of its parts. A family is a cohesive unit, inwardly connected to each of its members and ready to challenge any and all external forces. To accomplish this we need a broadly based, well informed, highly motivated membership in which all members enjoy equality of status, and have an equal opportunity to plan and participate in the Association's, if not in the Regiment's affairs. Our focus remains, therefore, on our active membership and its participation in Regimental activities. The Association is committed to and will continue to be an important member of the Regimental family. Yes, we have much accomplished over the last years, but more remains to be done.

While 2006 has been a very eventful year indeed, we look to 2007 full with anticipation and focus on the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association, to be held over the Labour Day weekend, in Calgary. The Association is rightly proud to look back 60 years – all without exception, in the service of the Regiment. We are indeed proud to have followed in the footsteps of the Patricia Clubs, formed after WW I. I am sure the Association's responsibilities have grown well beyond that envisioned by our founder Hamilton Gault on that famous weekend in September of 1947. By the time you have read this article, the Calgary Branch, as the host, will have done all that is needed to be done for a successful celebration. All readers of the Patrician are encouraged to attend this celebration in 2007. Additional details are provided in this edition of the Patrician.

Finally, as my appointment as President of the PPCLI Association comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity to thank the membership. *You are the Association.* Thank you for attending the annual meetings and volunteering for the various Association committees. Thank you for your support and contribution to the PPCLI Association over the past sixty years. Thank you to the staff at Regimental Headquarters – for the Association could not function without your sterling support. Last but not least, thanks to the members of the Regimental Guard and Regimental Executive Committee, past and present, for the trust they have shown in my ability to manage the Regimental finances during my tenure as Regimental Adjutant, and exceptional support while conducting the affairs of the Association. Each and every one of you has assisted in no small way to making my tasks enjoyable and a continual source of personal satisfaction.

My formal association with you must come to an end; however, after 25 years of working for and on behalf of the Association I find that these have been my years of renewal. I say, renewal, for the membership of the Association embodies the esprit of the Regiment so magnificently fostered by those who went before me as President. The Regiment, and indeed the Association, have been my second family.

Thank you! Merci beaucoup! Vielen Dank!  
Rudy Raidt  
President





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## ATLANTIC BRANCH

Our AGM was hosted by The French Grey Battalion at CFB Gagetown from 15 to 17 September. Our thanks go to the Commanding Officer, LCol Ian Creighton, the Regimental Sergeant Major, MWO Tim Penney and Major Dave Beyers.

Members of the French Grey Battalion joined us for the Friday meet and greet. The next day, following a short AGM, we were very fortunate indeed to be able to participate in the International Snipers Competition Vendors Event. Arranged by The French Grey Battalion, we were able to fire all the sniper weapons on display, including the current Canadian Forces rifle and its replacement. Range staffs were quite impressed by several of our members, who, while a bit creaky in adopting and leaving firing positions, nevertheless impressed all with their marksmanship. Firing a .50 calibre sniper rifle was a first for most, and the recoil and muzzle blast are not quickly forgotten! Returning to Camp, we were treated to a display of weapons and equipment hosted by Patricias of the School staff. A casual dinner was held that evening.

On Sunday, a memorial service was held at the Infantry School. Ian Creighton read the names of all Patricias who left us this year.



*Memorial Service*

*Another Stalwart - Bev Earle*

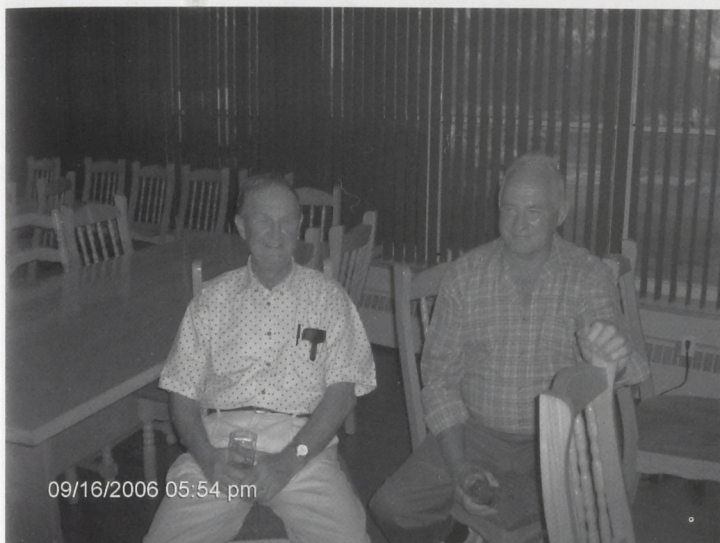


We were fortunate to have our new Colonel of the Regiment join us for the weekend. General Gollner briefed members on Regimental matters and presented the Kapyong shoulder insignia to Raymond Trevors, a new Association member. Trevor served at Kapyong and transferred to the RCAF shortly after Korea. He served a number of years unaware that he was entitled to wear the Kapyong flash. He is now properly dressed!

Yours truly will remain as president and Errol Monkley as secretary treasurer - we both wish a "relief in the line" executed next year! Vice presidents are George Springer N.B., Doug Gallant P.E.I., and Jim McNutt N.S. Bud Gilfoy is a new member of the Branch and will take on the job of recruiting former serving members.

Our 2007 AGM will be held at CFB Gagetown from 28 to 30 September 2007.





*Stalwarts - Jim McNutt and  
Marshall Whitford*



*General Gollner and Raymond Trevor*

## CALGARY BRANCH

We continue to hold monthly Happy Hours Fridays, starting at 1500 hrs at, Buffalo Bob's 126 3715 51 St. S.W. This sometimes changes locations so please check with a member of the branch if you plan to attend if you are in town. Meetings in the Calgary Branch are on Saturdays, at the Forest Lawn Legion Branch No. 275 755 - 40 St. S.E. Breakfast starts at 09:00 hrs, the meeting starts at 10:00 hrs. If you are in town please stop in and honour us with your presence. This last year the Old Guard remained in location on the executive and will definitely stand down in 2007. So by the time you read this, a new executive will be in place.

Ed Laplante was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal. Ed received the award from his local legion in Drumheller on Friday 27 January 2006. Ed has long been an active member in the local legion and was caught totally by surprise by the award. Well done Ed from all of the Calgary Branch. Each month the branch tries to have a topic that relates to all of us. "Dealing with depression" was the topic for February. A 15 minute talk was given by Joe Schulz that was enlightening and relevant for both members and spouses.

Princess Patricia's birthday was celebrated Friday night 17 March 2006 at the Forest Lawn Legion. There were some new faces in the crowd, Marty Johnston and Doug Walker. We had 40 Patricias of all ages out for the wine and cheese. We started the evening off with two minutes of silence for our fallen Patricias, followed by messages from the Colonel-In-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment. We had a great evening although we did have some bad crackers, which lead to a few, very sick people that night. (That's my story and I'm sticking to it!!)





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A trip to Reno was put on by the UN Association with many members of the Calgary Branch of the PPCLI Association taking advantage of this cheap, but great adventure. The trip had a rough start for those who ate bad crackers at the March 17th event the night before, but with a little sleep on the bus, it turned out okay. The first day was a little rough for those who are not used to traveling all day. Lenny our bus driver made plenty of stops. He gave us information on what to expect at the border and while in the US. By day two we were in the holiday mode relaxing with movies, music and visiting with others on the bus. The trip offered lots of time to gamble, shop, sight see, and relax. The rooms we stayed in each night were clean and if you are trying to lose weight you should stay home. The food was delicious and plentiful. Of all people to run in to while staying at Circus Circus in Reno was Tom McMahon. Tom works for Viking Tours and appeared out of the elevators just as the Patricias were gathering for a picture. Tom served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in the mid 70's. Everyone was tired when we arrived home but are looking forward to another trip. I would recommend this or any of the other Viking Tours to anyone wishing to go in the future.



*From left to right: Shirley - Bob Titus, Nora - Blair Singer, Vera - Al Simard, Mona, - George Arthurson, Arlene - Fred Blackmore, Shaaron - Joe Schulz, Joan - Dick Lajoie, Helena - Bob Zubkowski.*

This picture was taken by Lenny our driver and also one by Tom McMahon when we all gathered in the lobby of Circus Circus to give Fred and Arlene an anniversary card for 36 years. Congratulations you two!! A few days later on the bus Dickie Lajoie was presented an apple for his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In May the first small packs from the Association arrived in Afghanistan for those who were wounded and sent to Germany. All branches worked extremely hard to get this off the ground. The loss of so many Patricias in the Afghanistan war is a personal loss to each all of us and weighs heavy on all members of the branch. We are also proud of the accomplishments and professionalism of our fellow Patricias.

Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, fifty-one hackers gathered at Turner Valley Golf & Country Club for our Annual Golf Tournament. Although the day was cool and blustery and at times a bit damp it was still very suitable for a fun day of golf. All indications were that those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the course and the modified Texas Scramble format that was played. Once the scoring was completed and tabulations done our 2006 champions were declared. They were the team of: Homer Touchette, Frank Jarbeau, Greg Bowes & Jerry Bowes. Individual Proximity Winners were: KP hole # 7- Paul Beaugrand hole #10 - George Roach; KP hole #13 - Greg Bowes hole # 15 - Phil Allan; Long Putt #16 - Ray Herrington # 18- Peter Kneeland. Our Tournament is only viable due to the generosity of our sponsors. They are: Corporate: Novak RV LTD - Jim Novak, Canada Cement Lafarge - Frank Jarbeau, PPCLI Association, Calgary Co-op -Barry Ashton, Endurance Technologies - Peter Kneeland, Stylecraft Printing - John MacEachen, Tsu Tina Nation / Redwood Meadows - Steve Phillips, CIBC Wood Gundy



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– Gene Vennard, Individual; Doug McNeil, Tim Mc Neil, Ken Barrett, Homer Touchette, Carl Graham, Jerry Bowes, Jim White, John Sinclair, Mona Limacher and George Arthurson. Thanks to Steve (Head Pro) Darryl (Food Services) for their assistance and co-operation. Thanks to our organizing committee: Frank Jarbeau, Homer Touchette and Doug McNeil. Thanks to Mona Limacher - our excellent Tournament Photographer. This year's turn out was our largest ever and hopefully it will only continue to grow each year. Please circle the last Sunday of May on your calendar and lets plan on getting it on again next year. Thanks goes out to Jerry Bowes for being our Tournament Co-ordinator and sending in this write up.



*2006 Champions: left to right Frank Jarbeau, Greg Bowes, Homer Touchette, & Jerry Bowes.*



*The happy golfer team: left to right: Carl Graham, Gord Jackson, Ray Herrington, and Earl Wicks*

We stand down for the summer following the June meeting. This is celebrated by a Stampede breakfast, which is well attended, sometimes lasting well into the day. But the branch is still very active over the summer. Members attended the AGM in Kingston 23 – 25 June with Joe Schulz giving an update on the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association to be held in Calgary in 2007. The Calgary Branch held its annual RV and BBQ at Sanray Acres. Thanks to Jack and Sandi Rayner for the use of their acreage and putting up with the crew. Special guests this year were Bob Conniff his wife Lynda and his outlaws all from Wales. Bob served the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in the 70' and 80's. Also members of CAV, Canadian Army Veterans motorcycle club joined us for the weekend. It was nice to see many new faces and we hope to see you again next year.





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*Fellow Patricias gather at the annual RV and BBQ to enjoy a weekend of comradeship*



*The wives enjoy the weekend as much as the fellows do.*

September is kicked off with a meet and greet with many in attendance and a chance to bring out fellow Patricias who are not members of the association. This gives them a chance to check us out as well as giving branch members a chance to catch up each other's summer adventures. November is a busy moth for us. A big thank you to those who worked a shift for Poppy tagging: Neil Bynkoski, Jim White, Bruce Nickel, Ken Smith, Carl Graham, Maurice McNab, Tom Reid, Harry Edwards, George Arthurson and Mac Walker. Working with the legion on Poppy tagging allows the branch to receive two hospital parking passes for the branch members so they do not have to pay for parking at hospitals. Thank you to: Roley Soper, Barry Ashton, Bob Zubkowski, Alec Herdy, Bob Myshrall, Don McKay, Al Stangowitz, Ken Villiger, Bob White, Don Greenough and Bruce Nickel. There were 134 schools and groups this year that requested speakers. Between all the associations 9 schools were left out. At the museum there were 76 schools and groups that went through consisting of more than 2331 people, of which, some of the tours were conducted in the evenings. Thanks to: George Arthurson, Ken Villiger, Al Stangowitz, Sam Simpson who handled those crowds on behalf of the Patricias. Special thanks to Ken Villiger, Al Stangowitz who did both schools and museum tours, it is through your efforts that children of today understand the cost of freedom. Thanks to Rod Middleton for putting together a re-dedication of the Memorial Hall of Honour to commemorate the regimental losses on operations in Afghanistan and Lebanon in 2006. The short service took place Wednesday 8 November 2006 at 14:00 hrs at the Museum of the Regiments. The service was conducted by Captain L.K. Wright Protestant Chaplain 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Trumpeter Cpl. G. Lowry King's Own Calgary Regiment, Piper LCol Lynn Moffat, (Ret'd), OMM, CD, Calgary Highlanders. Remarks



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by the CO 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, LCol D.J. Anderson, MSM, CD, the Reading by Rod Middleton, remarks by Joe Schulz Calgary Branch President. Unveiling of the tablets by soldiers of 8 Platoon C Company 1 PPCLI. In attendance were members of 8 Platoon, Calgary Branch of the Association and staff of the Museum of the Regiments. A special thanks to WO Darcy Wanvig who ensured the tablets were in place for Remembrance Day.



*Members of 8 Platoon Charlie Company 1 PPCLI look on as the tablets to the fallen are unveiled.*

The new tablets in the Memorial Hall of Honour have the following names added:  
LEBANON - Maj P. Hess von Kreudener CD AFGHANISTAN - Capt. N. Goddard (1RCHA), Lt. W. Turner (20 FD BTY), Sgt. V. Ingram CD, MCpl R. Arndt (LER), MCpl J Walsh, MCpl T. Wilson, Cpl G. Arnold (2 FD AMB), Cpl A. Boneca (LSSR), Cpl D. Braun, Cpl P. Davis, Cpl A. Eykelenboom (1 FD AMB), Cpl F. Gomez CD, Cpl S. Keating, Cpl B. Keller, Cpl K. Morley, Cpl C. Reid CD, Cpl J Warren (BW RHR), Pte D Byers, Pte R Costall, Pte K Dallaire.

I had the honour to speak to the students of Trinity Christian School on Thursday 9 November. They produced a great program to pay tribute to our fallen and to those that are serving today. A young girl from grade four wrote a poem, which she read aloud to the school and later presented, to me. Here it is, I hope you like it as much as I did.

Dear Veteran

War is terrible, unkind and great,  
And many kids heard of their father's fate,  
But still you went out to bravely fight,  
Mostly in the dark of the night.

So I am writing this poem for you,  
And I will always remember what you went  
through.

It is about time we appreciate the things you  
went through,  
Large and great.  
Just to keep Canada strong and free.  
In our memory you will be

By Erika Kok





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An Operational Stress Injury (OSI) is defined as any persistent psychological difficulty resulting from operational duties performed by members of the Canadian Forces. The term OSI describes a host of problems, including anxiety, major depression, alcohol, or substance abuse and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Cyndi Greene the Peer Support Coordinator (PSC) for the Operational Stress Injury Program gave the Calgary Branch a briefing at our November meeting. The briefing was well received with many branch members covering all years of service talking with Cyndi afterwards. No we did not stop for Christmas holidays at this point! The Calgary Branch held a Casino 3 - 4 December 2006 at the Cash Casino on Blackfoot Trail. Long hours, but lots of fun working with Patricias serving and retired. We should know in a few months how we made out. I guess the challenge is to see other branches take on a casino. We finally called a halt to work by finishing off the year with a Christmas dinner hosted by Regimental Headquarters on December 15 for all those who volunteer over the year. We will also take this time to welcome the new Regimental Headquarters staff in Edmonton and at the Museum, we are looking forward to working with you in the future.

We are working hard to get the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary off the ground in Calgary in August. We ask that all members serving and retired attend to make this a great gathering of Patricias.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

### **a. BOOK KEEPING SERVICES**

Rod Hunter has just started a booking service. Book keeping for small business. Phone Rod at 277 - 5257 for more information.

### **b. BUNKER TO BUNKER BOOKS**

Bunker to Bunker books (403) 313 - 4353 has a new home at: 208 - 6100 MacLeod Trail S.W. Chinook Plaza Behind the Red Lobster one block from the C-Train. Geoff has a great selection of Patricia books including No Names, No Pack Drill. email: bunkertobunkerbooks@yahoo.com

### **c. FURNACES**

Our own Bruce Nickel has just started up his own furnace company. "Fresh Air Heating and Air Conditioning" Specializing in furnace replacements and all your heating needs. If you need furnace work or a new furnace give Bruce a call at: 369 -9228

### **d. WATER CONDITIONING**

Brad Mills also runs his own business. Sales, service and instillations of water softeners, iron filters, and reverse osmosis drinking water systems and more. Brad can be reached at BRM WATER CONDITIONING 803 -7972 or on his new web site which will be running by the end of the May, [www.thewaterman.ca](http://www.thewaterman.ca)

## **Parkland Country**







The Branch had another prosperous year, with the highlight being the host for a Wine and Cheese Party for the Colonel in Chief, Lady Patricia the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and her granddaughter, Ella. The function was also attended by representatives from the Victoria, Calgary and Wainwright Branches, as well as representatives from the First and Third Battalions, Regimental Headquarters and guests.

Our ten monthly meetings were generally well attended. MCpl Paul Franklin attended the November meeting and gave us a presentation on his experiences and what he encountered in Afghanistan. He was made an honorary member of our branch. Bert Scott and Bill Miller of the Wainwright Branch attended our January 2007 meeting and we had a surprise visit from Claude Petit of Saskatoon. Our meeting/dinners for Frezenberg day and Christmas were well attended. The Branch was represented at the annual Raynor Ranch festivities in Strathmore, the AGM in Kingston, the medals parade and change of appointment of the Colonel of the Regiment, on return of the troops from Afghanistan, the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner, and Remembrance Day in two Edmonton locations as well as three locations outside of Edmonton (Fort Saskatchewan, Morinville and Smokey Lake). Two of our members attended VPP training held in Edmonton in September.

There is always some bad with the good and we had our share. We lost 5 of our members to the Patricia Organization in heaven. Departed and sorrowfully missed, but never to be forgotten are; George DeWinter, Jack Slater, Ole Vold, Neil Neufeld and Bob MacDonald.

As the new year is well upon us, we are all looking forward to the AGM and related social events in Calgary this August/September. We hope to see a lot of you there.

Our Executive is the same again for this year after recent elections, Liz Basham is the Secretary, John Demerchant the Vice-President, with Fred Goldring the President/Treasurer. John Kolanchey continues as our Branch Chaplain and David Basham is our Sgt at Arms. Our meetings are still the fourth Saturday of each month except July, August and December at 1100 hrs at the Kingsway Legion. Drop in if you are in the area. You are more than welcome.

The Branch looks forward to yet another prosperous year and wish the same to the other Branches. Following are the names of our regular members and the names of associate members of the branch in brackets. We all wish everyone all the best in 2007 and hope to see many of you in Calgary this summer.

George Arndt	Herman Barkemeyer	Barney (Marge) Barnhart	David (Liz) Basham,
Ted (Betty) Bastien	Eugene Bekar	Marcel Beztiney	Danny Blundon
Art (Beth) Brochu	Don Brodie	Stephen Chorney	Marty Clavette
Bob (Nadia) Craig	John Demerchment	Gord Descoteaux	Mark Eckley
Ralph Funk	George Gerhart	John Gill	Fred Goldring
David Gorman	Ed Haines	Bob (Marianne) Harris	Karl (Janice) Gotthardt
John Jackson	Ken Jobin	Wayne Johnston	Stan Kellington
John (Shirley) Kolachey	Tim Kenny	Darren Krywiak	Bill (Mariko) Lee
Oscar (Terry) Lacombe	Mike (Elsie) Lotoski	Don McBride	Earl McCutcheon
Monty Moncrief	Troy (Trish) McInnis	Brian (Ruth) Magas	Darrel (Carla) Marsh
Harry Moore	Ed Morley	Lyle (Sharon) McIvor	Neil (Ida) McKerracher
Pat Monro	Ken Nette	Russ Patenteau	Otto Pieche
Len (Gladys) Poirier	Joe Pollock	Peter Radostiis	Vern Shave





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Cliff (Joanne) Pompana	Kris Reynolds	Maurice (Karen) Polowick	Orvis Schneider
Stan Shank	CC Smith	GB Smith	Jack White
Jack Reed	Paul (Donna)Robison	Lyle (Joyce) Saumer	Fred (Christine) Schiweck
Bill (Maggy) Shybunka	Bob Storrier	Bill (Pam) Sutherland	Wayne Taylor
Bruce Topham	Una Travis	Anne Vold	Ted (Jacqueline) Walton
Frank (Denise) Whitford	Stan Woodcock	Warren Bard	Bert Reed

## *Edmonton Wine and Cheese*



### **KINGSTON BRANCH**

The major event for the Kingston Branch in 2006 was the hosting of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the PPCLI Association from 22 to 25 June 2006. As Host Branch, we coordinated the venue for the AGM itself and coordinated four social events; a no-host Happy Hour at a pub in downtown Kingston on Thursday, 22 June; a meet and greet at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess on Friday, 23 June; the Association dinner at the CFB Kingston WOs' and Sgts' Mess on Saturday 24 June; and a farewell brunch at a river-side restaurant on Sunday, 25 June 2006. We also hosted a golf tournament at Glen Lawrence Golf Club on the Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately, a number of the Kingston Branch members were not able to attend most of the AGM events because they were involved in supporting the Staff College FINAL DRIVE exercise. Fifty-one members of the Association from Branches across the country as well as Association Members At Large participated in the various events.

A Regimental Guard meeting was held in Kingston on Friday 23 June 2006. As a result we were fortunate to have the Colonel of the Regiment and members of the Regimental Guard available to participate in some of the AGM activities.

We were saddened by the loss of one of our long-time members. James (Jim) G. Honey passed away on 1 March 2006. We shall remember him.



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This year the Branch has enjoyed modest growth, thanks in part to the momentum provided by hosting the AGM. We hope to continue that growth in 2007 and to continue the close relationship that we enjoy with the serving component in Kingston.

## MANITOBA & NORTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch got the year off to a good start with our Branch Annual Meeting in January where we elected or re-elected the following Executive: President Gerald (Bud) Hawkins, Vice-President Don (Boots) Collins, Secretary Maureen Blake, Treasurer D'Arcy Best and Directors Roy Bailey, Bob Cumming, Cliff Fox, Susan Holfeuer, Archie Moore and Stu Weeks.

A few of our Members visited the Second Battalion in Shilo on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The traditional Regimental Day sports were replaced by a memorial service for MCpl Tim Wilson and Cpl Paul Davis who lost their lives in Afghanistan. In the evening a few of us attended a mixed dining-in at the WOs & Sgts Mess.

On April 21, ten members attended the Second Battalion's Battle of Kapyong 55th Anniversary Ceremonies and dedication of the Korea Parade Square in Shilo. Several of us were lucky enough to remain and attend a Regimental Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants mess dinner in the evening.

August 18<sup>th</sup> was a perfect day for golf – sunny, temperature in the mid-twenties with a light breeze. The only thing missing was players. With Second Battalion in the midst of a rotation to and from Afghanistan and memorial service preparations, and assorted health problems plaguing Association members, only 10 guys and one gal made it out to River Oaks for our 20th Annual Golf Tournament. This year, for a change, top honours went to Association Members. Bill Rideout was the tournament's top golfer, winning the President's Cup for Tournament Low Gross and Paul Ryan was awarded the Alf Rooke Trophy for Association Members Low Gross. The Norman L.G. McCowan Trophy for Tournament Low Net went to Andy Gallant and Jerry (Bud) Hawkins received the L.A. (Len) Quinlan Trophy for Association Members Low Net.



*Colonel-in-Chief  
and President of the  
Manitoba Northwest  
Ontario Branch Mr  
Gerald Hawkins*

On September 1<sup>st</sup> a bunch of us travelled to Shilo to greet the Countess Mountbatten and our new Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Gollner during their visit to the Second Battalion. The occasion was highlighted by the presentation of medals by Lady Patricia to the soldiers of B Company who recently returned from Afghanistan, followed by an all ranks barbecue.

A few of the regulars did not make it to our Annual Dinner at the Charleswood Legion on October 14 but those members and guests who did attend thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We





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had an excellent meal, prepared and served by the Charleswood Legion Ladies Auxiliary, and the entertainment, provided by the PPCLI Cadet Corps Drum Line, was superb.

On November 11, a few of our Branch members attended Remembrance services with the Second Battalion at Brandon's Keystone Centre and in Winnipeg; others attended Charleswood Legion's indoor service at Oak Park High School. The following day, Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, there was a proud moment for Branch members when Don Morrison, former Pipe Major of the Winnipeg Police Pipes and Drums, piped 'The Regimental' as he led our Flag Party to the front of All Saints Church to open their annual Remembrance service.

Our final function for the year was the Second Battalion's Soldiers' Christmas Dinner on 12 December. About 16 of our Winnipeg members and a couple from Brandon made the trip to Shilo to sit down with the troops and enjoy the traditional turkey and trimmings before adjourning to the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' mess for their 'At Home' to the Officers.

The Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch meets for an informal 'Old Buddy' session on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at the Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg. Drop by sometime when you're in town.

## OTTAWA BRANCH

Unfortunately, 2006 saw the casualty figures from Afghanistan rise and a number of Patricias were killed. The Branch Executive decided that a member of the Executive would attend at every funeral held at the new Military Cemetery at Beechwood for one of our Patricias and for anyone from another Regiment, Corps or classification in order to pay our last respects to a member of the "Band of Brothers."



March 17 this year was celebrated at a luncheon held at Connaught Ranges and was well attended. We even had a broomball team on hand but regrettably no opponents. The day was complete with Roger Beauregard attempting to turn his car into the amphibious mode and cross a major water obstacle enroute to the Mess. Had he been driving a VW he might have been able to float across.

The Branch AGM was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May and a new Executive was elected. Harry Bloom and Bill Plouffe agreed to stay on for another year with Don Dalziel becoming the Vice and Don Reiben taking over as the Member at Large. Membership has remained in the mid fifties range.

As in past years, the Ottawa Branch held it's Remembrance Day service at the Regimental Cairn at Landsdowne Park. As the 11<sup>th</sup> fell on a Saturday, we had a good turnout from the younger generation (the children). The Serving Component was well represented, and





as a surprise, the National Army Contingent, which was comprised of Patricians from the three battalions arrived en masse. It was great to see these young soldiers in attendance and our veterans had a chance to speak with many of them.

2007 looks like it will be a busy year with the appointment of a new Colonel in Chief and the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our Association.

## SOUTH WEST ONTARIO BRANCH

Another year has come and gone marked both by changes in season and changes to the Regiment. The annual Branch Reunion weekend was again held at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in Saint Catherine's on 28-30 May and was a great success with some 38 attending. Our guest of honor was CWO John McGregor and his wife Sandy. He gave a very informative talk focusing on the activities of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Afganistan. This subject of course is on everyone's mind and it was good to here his perspective on what was really happening on the front lines. Elections were held for branch Office and Mark Fisher and George Led won and have taken over the reins as President and Vice president respectively. A very special note of thank you must be said to Bruce and Linda Paxton for their years of service to the Branch and to the Association at large. They will be honored next year as our principal guests at the annual reunion weekend. We have welcomed several new members to the fold this year particularly Ian White, Don Schaffel, Don Doan and others that, if I have missed, forgive this aged and somewhat faulty mind.

Our final event of the year was a luncheon with the new Colonel of the Regiment Larry and Christine Gollner. Again at the Howard Johnson's and organized by Bruce (thanks again), turn out was good with some 18 of the membership in attendance. The Colonel of the Regiment gave a very interesting speech on the current state of the Regiment but saddened us with the advanced notice that our Colonel-in-Chief was intending to retire due to health reasons. Since that time news has made this a fact. All branch members are concerned and wish her the very best in the years ahead. We hope that she will weather her final visit to the association in Calgary in the fall with ease.

On a very cold and rainy November the eleventh the Association wreath was laid by Doug Armstrong and Mark Fisher who despite the occasion were glad to get "off Parade" and to the Legion to warm up. Finally the Branch welcomes John and Ruth Hunter who have recently moved from Ottawa to Niagara on the Lake.







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*Cpl Chris Klodt and his son with CFL Hamilton Tiger-Cats Linebacker Rob Hitchcock.*

## VANCOUVER BRANCH

Our Branch AGM was held 29 January 2006, at the Seaforth Armory. Despite the weather, 10 members plus 1 visitor were present. The current Executive will be finishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their present term.

On Sunday, 19 March 2006 we met in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armory for our annual Regimental Day Luncheon. A total of 50 members, their ladies, family, friends and visitors had a very enjoyable afternoon. A very interesting presentation was given to the Branch by author Duff Sigurdson, who was accompanied by his wife Marion. He is presently working on a new book that deals with letters from Afghanistan by Canadian soldiers and is looking for anyone who would like to contribute. You can reach him through the Branch. We were honoured to have as our Guest of Honour, one of our recently returned wounded soldiers from 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Private Miguel Chavez. His wife Damarse Chipix, his brother Moses Chavez and Moses's wife accompanied him, as well as his Assisting Officer Captain Scott McDonald and his wife Christine. The Branch presented Pte Chavez with a print of a portrait of Lady Patricia and he was given a standing ovation when he departed early, as his wounds were becoming a bit overwhelming. He couldn't believe the Veterans in the Branch would be giving him a standing ovation, he felt he should be giving it to them.

In July we said good-bye to one of the stalwarts of our Branch. Don "The Donald" Parr-Pearson. A celebration of his life was held, and there was a great representation of all the organizations he was involved in, as well as family and friends. Our annual August event was preceded by a celebration of life for another stalwart Ken "Mother" Tutte. We held it in his garden, and there was a good turn out of members, friends and family. At the end of November we lost another stalwart of the Branch, Jim Shaw.



# Association

On Sunday, December 10th we held our annual Christmas party at the home of Jenny & Don Urquhart, with a total of 26 Members and their ladies present.



Thanks for the year go to: Garry Jantzen our industrious raffle ticket seller and Don Boyce bartender. Jenny and Don Urquhart for the use of their lovely home for the Christmas Event and Executive Meetings. The generosity of donations made by the Branch members. Though we lost 7 members through health problems, death and inability to contact people, we gained 9 new members, so we are holding steady.

## WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

The Wainwright Branch had its normal busy year with are normal activities of monthly meetings and gatherings, attending graduation parades as members of the Old Guard. The Old Guard has had the honour of presenting the Regimental Cap Badge to the soldiers of the graduating platoons.

*MWO John Smith (Ret'd) wins the door prize*



The Branch membership has added some new faces, from recent retirees, members Mike Austdal and Pete Hofman. Serving members who have joined us, MWO MacDonald (Dave) and MWO Kehoe (Kevin). The Branch lost one of our members to the Calgary Branch Don Hoffart, our loss - Calgary's gain. Also, MWO Neatby (Blair) was posted to Yellowknife; however, he still maintains his membership with the Wainwright Branch. The serving members of the Branch are increasing which is a good for the future of the Association, thanks to RSM McNaughton for advertising the Association and what are goals are. Hopefully more serving members will join us.



*CWO Komadina (Ret'd) presents the "Most Improved Soldier" trophy to Pte P. Oduro*





# Association

I had the opportunity to witness The GULLY Platoon in a live fire platoon attack, their final exercise before graduation. The soldiers were impressive, they were keen and their morale was high. After the live fire exercise we all gathered in the administration area at which time their Regimental cap badges was presented. All the soldiers were welcomed to the Regiment with a toast with the traditional Regimental drink. It was a great afternoon, even if it did rain like hell.

The Branch attends many graduation parades during the year and all members of the Old Guard are impressed with the future Patricias that are graduating from the Western Area Training Centre (WATC).

In closing, my time as President for the Wainwright Branch has been a great experience. I have turned over the reins to Bill Miller. I would like to thank all members of the Wainwright Branch for all your hard work and loyalty to the Association.



*Branch Christmas dinner*



*Prime Minister and MWO Bill Miller, (Ret'd)*





The year 2006 was a banner year, marking the 30th Anniversary of our Club. Vernon, B.C. was the site selected to celebrate this auspicious occasion on this, our 30<sup>th</sup> annual gathering, which was held at the Prestige Inn on 25 May 2006. Our original booking count stood at 157, inevitably, the not unexpected drop in numbers gave us a final dinner count of 142, due to upcoming medical appointments, which in this day and age cannot afford to be postponed or cancelled, not to forget last minute medical problems. Once more, it was a tremendous gathering of our proud band of brothers and sisters, to say the very least. Entertainment was provided by Nikki Reed of Legends Unlimited, enjoyed by all. An added bonus, and a pleasure, was to have Rob McConechy, our Regimental Adjutant and Rob Jones our Regimental Heritage Warrant Officer attend our dinner, at which time, Captain McConechy, on behalf of the Regiment, presented the Prez with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Certificate of Regimental Achievement, which now hangs proudly in Ed's Better 'Ole.

*Presentation of certificate to Prez  
(Linda, Prez, Capt Rob McConechy)*



*30th Dining Room shot*



There will not be a Club gathering in 2007 in deference to the PPCLI Association's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities in Calgary, 31 August to 03 September 2007. We encourage our members to attend and support the Association, an excellent opportunity to meet and renew acquaintances with old comrades, bearing in mind that we have had another rough year for Last Post listings with the loss of 11 club members.

In mid December we were pleased to have Rob & Sharon Jones visit the Piklee Post. Rob, on behalf of himself and Rob McConchey, presented a beautiful rug, complete with a full colour image of our club crest which was properly placed in front of the Better 'Ole bar.





We look forward to seeing and meeting many members of our Patricia family at the 60th in August, with sincere hopes that the year 2007 resolves the Afghanistan problems and brings our troops safely home.



*30th Dining Room shot*



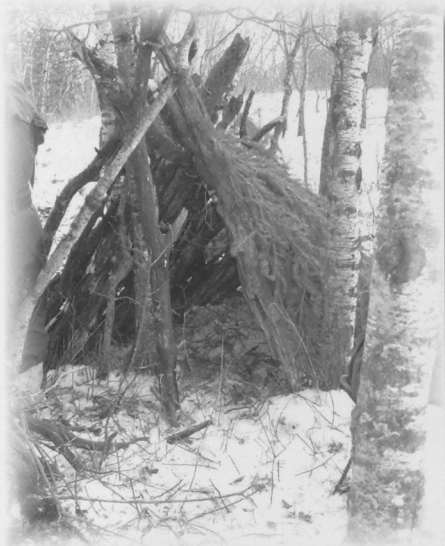
*Piklee Rug presentation: Rob Jones, Linda & Ed Hansen*







Keeping with the PPCLI tradition of high achievement is their affiliate corps, 2701 PPCLI RCACC. The Corps, located at former Kap'young Barracks in Winnipeg, Manitoba, spent this past year engaging in citizenship activities, as well as contributing to education of the cadets in their charge. The cadets of 2701 participated in the Army Cadet "Tag Day", raising funds for Winnipeg area corps. Surviving a rainy Winnipeg morning and afternoon, many 2701 members stood at several locations to collect the change of local residents. In early November, 2701 cadets volunteered for local Royal Canadian Legion Branch 100 - Charleswood's Poppy drive. And finally, cadet Corporal Dallas Buhr, spearheaded the collection of goods for five family sized hampers for Winnipeg Harvest for the 2006 Holiday season.



*Building shelters*

Since September 2005, 2701 has carried out four field training exercises, including one Winter Field Training Exercise (FTX). On these exercises, cadets learned both necessary and useful bushcraft skills. September 2005 saw 2701 cadets carrying out a hiking expedition along the Mantario Trail over 4 days. The Winter FTX, taking place at St. Charles Range, was successful in training the cadets to handle situations in cold conditions as well as survival scenarios. In the spring of 2006, 2701 carried out a Skill at Arms exercise in Shilo, Manitoba to demonstrate their acquired knowledge.



*Change of Appointment  
Left to Right  
cRSM Dominic Dasylua  
outgoing cRSM Jennifer McCall*

The past training year saw cadet RSM Jennifer McCall "age out" and pass the corps





# Cadets

over to cadet RSM Dominic Dasylyva who stepped up to the position. c/WO Mandy Burton was awarded the Major-General Howard Award for her performance at the National Star Certification Exam, where she received the highest marks in Manitoba and North/Western Ontario. As well, retired RSM McCall was the recipient of the Military Institute Hubble Award, presented by the Chief of Defence Staff, General R. Hillier.

On top of many of our cadets being accepted for summer training at Cadet camps across the country, several of our senior NCM's were accepted for advanced training and summer employment. c/WO Mandy Burton participated in the Outward Bound Scotland exchange. As well, in the fall she participated in a national expedition to the Juan de Fuca trail in British Columbia. c/WO Andrew Greeley successfully completed the Canadian Forces Basic Parachutists Course. And finally c/MWO Gagne was employed at Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre with one of the camp's Cadet Leader Course platoons, and in the fall participated in an International Expedition to the Mont Blanc region of France.

2701 also had a surprise visit by 2 PPCLI during the days leading up to the Grey Cup weekend. Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion came with a LAV III and a Bison and allowed the Cadets a chance to see the vehicles and learn a little bit about their role in today's military.







2837 PPCLI RCACC has had a very successful year to date. The unit had a near complete turn-over of staff over the summer and there has been more than enough work to go around. However, with energetic parents and cadets who really know how to step up and get it done, the Corps has seen nothing but good things for the entire 2006-2007 training year so far. We began the year with a Methods of Instruction "Power Week", designed to deliver in a concentrated package all of PO 409 (Methods of Instruction) to our cadet instructors, new and experienced alike.



PPCLI History Class

We followed that up with our first FTX, the inventively named "FTX1", where we introduced the cadets to the basics of campcraft, hiking, navigation and orienteering, foraging off the land for food, and a hot dog roast as the sun set. On the second day of FTX1, the cadets were divided into sections and issued Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to run a geocache course.

During October, we had our first Army Cadet Fitness Test and also prepared for the lead up to and the execution of the Remembrance Day ceremony. This included selling poppies on the preceding Saturdays for the local Legion, which is also our sponsor.

Through-out November, we ran a short but sweet biathlon program, in preparation for the Regional competition run by Regional Cadet Support Unit (North) in Whitehorse. As a result



Marksmanship



Fitness Night





# Cadets

of the cadets' efforts, two of them were selected for the six positions on the Northern Region Composite team, which will attend the National biathlon, also to be held in Whitehorse.

In December, we assembled regularly for practices for the upcoming Cadet Skills Competition – a regional four-event test encompassing drill, marksmanship, fitness and leadership. We also ran a very successful Christmas mess dinner for cadets, parents, staff and guests, with such dignitaries attending as the Territorial Commissioner, the Commanding Officer of Joint Task Force North, and the RCMP District Superintendent. It was a great chance for the cadets to be looking their best and be seen in the community.

Although we stood down for the Christmas break, we ran our first winter FTX "Race Day" in over six years, which was designed to challenge the seniors to be effective leaders and the juniors to be effective team members, all while operating under the pressure of competition.



*Race Day*



## 3003 PPCLI ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps of Edgerton had a very good 2005-2006 year, beginning with Family Leisure Day/Recruiting at Western Area Training Centre followed by .22 cal range practice. Our kick off exercise at the Belanger Farm was next, on this weekend the seniors teach our younger cadets how to make proper hoochie shelters and where to put them. This exercise also teaches cadets to be responsible for their own kit, how to light stoves and lanterns properly and safely, waste management, safe use of tools, buddy system, teamwork, fire safety and fire pickets. It is a very busy learning weekend.

In October, our many range practices started with the mandatory marksmanship training, the practices for .22cal and daisy air rifle. Five Cadets attended Wilderness Challenge completing the 15 Km expedition. November began with range and the .22 cal mail in shoot, in which Cadet Broc Sawchuck was declared the Provincial Tyro and received a plaque



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at the Army Cadet League Annual General Meeting in February. Cadets took part in Remembrance Day services in the Wainwright, Edgerton and Paradise Valley schools and at the Edgerton Agriculture Hall helping the Edgerton Legion # 168. Two Cadets attended Gold Star Adventure Training.



The month of December was less active with a range day and a sports day and Christmas party. January saw us at the range a lot again, doing a fitness test and blitzing Wainwright and Lloydminster for donations for our annual fundraiser, the Supper and Games Night. We also attended a Volleyball weekend in Unity. In February Capt Belanger did a Summer Camp presentation. Qualified LHQ staff taught the Alberta Hunters Education Course to Cadets who wanted it. Two Cadets wrote their National Star Certification Exam (NSCE) both passing and then attended the Focus day to get help for the up coming practical exam. The Corps competed in the Zone Drill Competition advancing to the Provincial Competition. March began with the Marksmanship Zones held in Wainwright, the Shooting team advanced to Provincials. We did a clean up Blitz for donations, for our Supper and Games Night held on 18 March. We would like to thank our cadets, staff, parents, all the businesses who donated money or prizes, and all community members who supported this event and helped make it so successful. Two Cadets did the NSCE practical exam with one passing, and the whole corps attended the Provincial Drill Competition in Edmonton. Marksmanship Provincial Competition took place in April. Decoration Day started the month of May, the cadets helped decorate veterans graves in 4 cemeteries. A testing weekend followed, to make sure that the Cadets remembered the bushcraft skills they had been taught. The training ended on May 31<sup>st</sup> with Lieutenant-Colonel M.M. Minor, CD, Commanding Officer LFWATC, as our reviewing officer for our Annual Inspection when awards and star levels handed out. June saw us doing a tour of the



*Washing up after a meal*





# Cadets

Climb Through Time Museum in Paradise Valley and doing a clean up for Chaotic Exotics and getting cadets ready for camp, 12 Cadets were accepted for summer training.

We would like to thank the following for their support over the past year: the parents, Western Area Training Center, Royal Canadian Legion # 168, Town of Edgerton, the volunteer teachers, Edgerton Fish and Game Range, Buffalo Trail #24 and special thanks to the Transport Section at CFB/ASU Wainwright.



*Lighting individual fires*







***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 are not forgotten***

WWJ (Jim) Shuler	Korea	02-Jan-06	Lisle Aux Allumettes, QC
Ken Wishart	Gunner w/ PPCLI	03-Jan-06	Chilliwack, BC
Edward G. King	WWII	04-Jan-06	Eriksdale, MB
Herb Walker	Korea	04-Jan-06	Riverview, NB
Thomas Doyle	WWII	05-Jan-06	Sherwood Park, AB
Gordon Atkinson	WWII, Korea	13-Jan-06	Montreal, QC
Douglas R. Gray	WWII	14-Jan-05	Gimli, MB
Archibald Bruce	Regular	20-Jan-06	Winnipeg, MB
Robert M. Whelan	WWII, Regular	20-Jan-06	Victoria, BC
Paul Mirus	Regular	26-Jan-06	Surrey, BC
William (Bill) Talbot	WWII	30-Jan-06	Winnipeg, MB
Dr. Stephen Worobetz	WWII	02-Feb-06	Saskatoon, SK
George Popplestone	Regular	06-Feb-06	Winnipeg, MB
Floyd P. Anderson	Regular	08-Feb-06	Medicine Hat, AB
Charles (Charley) Murray	WWII	12-Feb-06	Winnipeg, MB
Alfred V. Robbins	WWII, Regular	14-Feb-06	Halifax, NS
Vernon C. Burke	WWII, Korea	16-Feb-06	Summerside, PEI
Russell B. Tanner	Regular	17-Feb-06	Winnipeg, MB
James G.H. Honey	Korea, Regular	01-Mar-06	Kingston, ON
Cpl Paul J. Davis	B Coy 2 PPCLI	02-Mar-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
MCpl Timothy Wilson	B Coy 2 PPCLI	05-Mar-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Thomas William Smith	Korea	08-Mar-06	Richmond, BC
Gary Bernard Smith	Regular	19-Mar-06	Victoria, BC
Don F. MacLeod	Korea, Regular	20-Mar-06	Calgary, AB
Wilfred F. (Hank) Snow	Regular	26-Mar-06	Edmonton, AB
Pte Robert Costall	C Coy 1 PPCLI	28-Mar-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
James R. Spalding	WWII	29-Mar-06	Dryden, ON



James W Reekie	Regular	30-Mar-06	Calgary, AB
George E. DeWinter	Regular	31-Mar-06	Legal, AB
Earl Dodds	Korea, Regular	03-Apr-06	Calgary, AB
LT William Turner	LFWA(TF ORION)	22-Apr-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Conrad C. Stevenson	Korea	13-Apr-06	Winnipeg, MB
Robert N. Morgan	WWII	15-Apr-06	Killarney, MB
Leif Brundin	Korea, Regular	16-Apr-06	Nanaimo, BC
Donald K. Kilgore	Korea	16-Apr-06	London, ON
Reginald V. Love	WWII	24-Apr-06	Porcupine Plain, SK
William (Bill) Hamilton	Korea	25-Apr-06	Winnipeg, MB
John R. Thompson	Regular	26-Apr-06	Winnipeg, MB
Nagzie (Nash) Harb	Regular	27-Apr-06	Truro, NS
Roderick J. Courtney	Korea, Regular	03-May-06	Stonewall, MB
Orville Carter	Regular	04-May-06	Transcona, MB
Arthur W. Fateaux	Regular	04-May-06	Comox, BC
Maj R.C. Newman, CD	Regular	11-May-06	Woodstock, ON
James (Buster) Jeffrey	WWII	16-May-06	Winnipeg, MB
Capt Nichola Goddard	1 RCHA (TF ORION)	17-May-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Robert Sparling	LER (4 PPCLI)	18-May-06	Ottawa, ON
Arthur L. Tupper	Korea, Regular	26-May-06	Edmonton, AB
Tom Tyson	Korea, Regular	07-Jun-06	Vernon, BC
Roger Paquette	Korea, RCAF	13-Jun-06	Ottawa, ON
Donald Parr-Pearson	Regular	14-Jun-06	North Vancouver, BC
Victor Nuytten	WWII	20-Jun-06	Winnipeg, MB
William (Bill) Fisher	WWII, Korea, Regular	01-Jul-06	Victoria, BC
Cecil Bonner	Korea, Regular	01-Jul-06	Sydney Mines, NS
Robert (Bob) Shine	Korea, Regular Force	03-Jul-06	Chilliwack, BC
Edward (Mitch) Wheeler	Regular	06-Jul-06	Calgary, AB
Cpl Anthony Boneca	Lake Superior Scottish Regiment (TF ORION)	08-Jul-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Robert MacKay	2 PPCLI Provost Sect (TF ORION)	09-Jul-06	Winnipeg, MB
Mr. Kenneth Tutte	WWII, Korea, Regular	11-Jul-06	Richmond, BC
Capt Harry R. Inglis	WWII, Korea	11-Jul-06	Port Alice, BC
James Lalonde	Korea, Regular	12-Jul-06	Duncan, BC
Raymond Anderson	WWII, Korea, Regular	14-Jul-06	Sandy Hook, MB
Milton F. Vergie (Mick)	Regular	18-Jul-06	Truro, NS
Cpl Francisco Gomez	LdSH(RC) (TF ORION)	22-Jul-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Cpl Jason P. Warren	Black Watch (TF ORION)	22-Jul-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Maj P. Hess von-Kruedener	PPCLI (UNMO)	25-Jul-06	Khiyam, S. Lebanon
James R. Brindley	Regular Force	02-Aug-06	Elliot Lake, ON



Cpl Christopher J. Reid	C Coy 1 PPCLI	03-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Sgt Vaughn Ingram	C Coy 1 PPCLI	03-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Cpl Bryce Keller	C Coy 1 PPCLI	03-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Pte Kevin Dallaire	C Coy 1 PPCLI	03-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
MCpl Raymond Arndt	LER (4 PPCLI)	05-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
MCpl Jeffrey Walsh	2 PPCLI	09-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Cpl Andrew Eykelenboom	1 Fd Amb (TF ORION)	11-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Norman McCowan	WWII	14-Aug-06	Winnipeg, MB
Lloyd G. Bauer	Korea	21-Aug-06	Winnipeg, MB
Cpl David Braun	A Coy 2 PPCLI	23-Aug-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Gordon Johnson	Regular Force	26-Aug-06	
Robert R. Lewis	Korea, Regular	01-Sep-06	Red Deer, AB
Capt Frank Karbowskiak	Regular	04-Sep-06	Ottawa, ON
Donald S. Worsfold	Korea	14-Sep-06	Victoria, BC
James R. Forgie	Korea	15-Sep-06	Winnipeg, MB
Mike Zurawell	Korea	16-Sep-06	Calgary, AB
Pte David Byers	A Coy 2 PPCLI	18-Sep-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Cpl Shane Keating	A Coy 2 PPCLI	18-Sep-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Cpl Keith Morley	A Coy 2 PPCLI	18-Sep-06	Kandahar, Afghanistan
Maj Jean-Baptiste Pariseau	Regular Force	24-Sep-06	Ottawa, ON
Chester Musson	Korea	27-Sep-06	Windsor, ON
Donald S. Worsfold	Korea	07-Oct-06	
Frank McBride	WWII	08-Oct-06	Vancouver, BC
Jack Slater	WWII	14-Oct-06	Edmonton, AB
Peter Radlein	Regular 1PPCLI	14-Oct-06	Victoria, BC
J. Lyall Hunter	Regular	17-Oct-06	Victoria, BC
Lloyd B. Smith	Korea	23-Oct-06	Nanton, AB
John(Jack) W. Collinson	Regular	25-Oct-06	Winnipeg, MB
William (Bill) Henderson	WWII, Korea	05-Nov-06	Halifax, NS
Gordon A. Rose	?	05-Nov-06	Victoria, BC
Benedict (Ben) Fougere	Korea	10-Nov-06	Chilliwack, BC
William J. Shaw	WWII	18-Nov-06	Vancouver, BC
Thomas D. McLaren	WWII ?	19-Nov-06	Victoria, BC
John (Jack) Bennett	WWII	23-Nov-06	Winnipeg, MB
Alcide (Sid) H.J. Carignan	WWII, Korea, Regular	23-Nov-06	Moose Jaw SK
Ronald Collins	Korea	26-Nov-06	Meadow Lake, SK
Donald Rooney	Korea	28-Nov-06	Whitehorse, YT
James (Jim) E. Abram	Korea, Regular	01-Dec-06	Winnipeg, MB
Dean J. Dunlop	Regular	03-Dec-06	Ottawa, ON
Delmer (Del) R. Harrison	WWII, Korea	18-Dec-06	Vancouver, BC
Ernest A. Shone	WWII, Regular	20-Dec-06	Victoria, BC
Robert C. McDonald	WWII, Korea, Regular	28-Dec-06	Stony Plain, AB



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