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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Colonel-in-Chief

Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD

My Dear Patricias:

2012 was another busy year for our Regiment and with the 100th Anniversary only a year away, I know all Patricias have been committed to their preparations for 2014. Through Regimental Headquarters and the PPCLI Association's Annual General Meeting, I have been thoroughly briefed on our Centennial plans as they progress. In the Regiment's 99th year, I am very proud of your unwavering dedication and look forward to the splendid celebrations of our Centenary.

In keeping with our Regimental spirit, it has been a highly productive year. The Third Battalion completed its very successful tour in Afghanistan, in support of the NATO Training Mission. I was so happy to visit them in Kabul in February under the command of Col. Peter Dawe, BGen Craig King and Maj James L'Heureux were wonderful companions on a memorable trip (my fourth!) this time in snow, to Afghanistan. The battalions not deployed were busy with training and challenging exercises in Canada and abroad. In addition to the Changes of Command in the First and Third Battalions, LFWA TC welcomed its new CO, LCol Tod Strickland and the Second Battalion welcomed a new RSM.

The First Battalion conducted two PCF cycles and a range of challenging field and computer based exercises. Of note was the battalion's support to the Combat Team Commander's course in the spring. As we begin 2013, the First Battalion is anticipating a challenging year as they begin their 'Road to High Readiness.'

The Second Battalion was also busy with training events that took them to Hawaii for the international RIMPAC exercise and to Victoria, BC, for a dynamic and complex basic Recce Course. The battalion also conducted Ex KAPYONG STEEL and Ex WARRIOR RAM. In addition, I am proud to say the Second Battalion was granted 'Freedom of the City' in Brandon, MB. Concurrent to these events, 2 PPCLI has been busy preparing to stand-up TF 2-13 for deployment to Afghanistan in the spring of 2013. This rotation of Op ATTENTION is scheduled to be the Regiment's last tour in that theatre.

The Third Battalion's participation in Ex ARCTIC RAM clearly demonstrated its airborne capability in a remote and hostile environment. The Third also showcased its professionalism on Op NANOOK in the Mackenzie Delta. Throughout 2012 the battalion ran various PCF and airborne-centric courses, enhancing and expanding



their vital airborne skills. The Third Battalion made history again this year when over 125 soldiers made the first mass parachute jump from an RCAF CC-177 Globemaster.

I am equally proud of Patricias serving in positions external to the battalions. We have members of our Regiment holding key positions across the Canadian Forces, such as Deputy Commanding General-Operations for the XVIII Airborne Corps (US) BGen Wayne Eyre; Commander 1 CMBG Col David Anderson; CMDT of the Infantry School LCol Kirk Gallinger; CFB Edmonton Base Commander LCol John Reiffenstein; and CO of LFWA TC LCol Todd Strickland, as well as numerous other key positions at other units, bases and headquarters.

We continue to serve Canada in our tradition of excellence. With the return of our Third Battalion from Afghanistan, the Regiment has had a small reprieve from operations but we've kept our training tempo high. As the majority of 2 PPCLI deploys to Kabul in spring 2013, you will all be in my thoughts and prayers and I hope to visit you in the fall of this year.





A highlight of my Regimental year was a visit to Kapyong during a private visit to Korea in September. It was a moving visit where I was hosted by the Brigadier commanding the Korean Army's 66th Division. I visited our monuments and enjoyed a fascinating and delicious lunch with the Korean officers. I was reminded again of the unique sacrifice we made during the Korean War, with a visit to our monuments which are beautifully maintained by the Koreans. They made me aware of how much they appreciate the help we gave them sixty years ago.

A busy Regimental year, I also had the pleasure of attending the PPCLI Association's Annual General Meeting in Calgary. There, I was happy to meet with many friends in the Regimental Family and I would like to extend my congratulations to the Calgary Branch of PPCLI Association for an outstanding meeting. My Regimental schedule also saw me attend the French Grey Ball at the splendid Fairmont MacDonald Hotel in Edmonton. A truly wonderful event, I wish to thank LCol John Errington for the hard work of his Patricias.

I feel most fortunate to have had so many opportunities to visit you all over the past year. Whether I am spending time with the serving component in Canada or abroad or with the PPCLI Association, I love my time spent with Patricias. Reflecting on the Regiment's long tradition of valour, dedication and professionalism in the face of adversity, your spirit continues to inspire me.

I am extremely proud to be your Colonel-in-Chief and so very grateful to share in your personal and professional endeavours. I wish all Patricias the very best and look forward to seeing you in 2013.

Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD Colonel-in-Chief



MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Colonel of the Regiment Lieutentant-General R.R. Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD (Ret'd)

This past year has been action packed for the units as usual with operations and training, as well as the continuation of the planning and preparation for the 100th Anniversary. Third Battalion completed a very successful tour in Afghanistan as part of the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission – Afghanistan (CCTM-A), and with exercises in Hawaii, the United States, northern Canada and throughout many provinces, it is fair to say that the battalions have been extremely busy.

The Association has been working very hard and has made great strides in many areas of their goals. Their support for several of the 100th Anniversary projects has been superb, and has taken on more in the way of support for our Memorial and Memorial Baton Relay programs for the 100th. The Colonel-in-Chief and I attended the Association Annual General Meeting in Calgary in May, and were both very impressed with the enthusiasm, effort and progress in so many ways in assisting – not only our retired members - but the serving members and their families and cadets as well.

Members of the PPCLI Foundation have devoted a huge amount of time and effort in the growing demands for financial support for the Regiment – not just for the 100th Anniversary but for the long term future and good of our members. Standing up a structure such as the Foundation is very demanding and time consuming, and with the exception of a part-time office manager, all are volunteers. All members of the Foundation are to be commended for this outstanding work and progress in what has been accomplished in a very short period of time. Members of our Regimental Headquarters in Edmonton have also worked extremely hard this year to keep up with the demands of regimental business. The businesslike approach to caring for our families of the Fallen, operating the Kit Shop, maintaining our wonderful Museum in Calgary, managing the Regiment's finances, etc has been very rewarding. In short, the Regiment's affairs are being very well managed by the members of RHQ and our Regimental Executive Committee and Guard, and often under difficult and trying circumstances.

I had the opportunity to review the 2701 Cadet Corps in Winnipeg and spend a day with them after their annual inspection. I also accompanied Madame Clarkson on the annual inspection of the cadet corps in Calgary. I continue to be very impressed with the quality of the cadets, the CIL



and the training undertaken by the corps, and the support provided by the Regiment. I was particularly impressed with the cadet's knowledge of the Regiment, and their pride in wearing the red and white PPCLI shoulder flash. They are an important component of the Regimental family.

In June, I attended the change of command parade for Third Battalion as Major Barry handed over command to LCol Errington, and a few weeks later, the change of command for First Battalion in which LCol Grimshaw assumed command from LCol Fletcher. I was pleased to be able to attend the change of command of 1 CMBG as Col Anderson took on the challenges of Brigade Commander.

Later in June, I attended the 2 PPCLI Freedom of the City of Brandon ceremony, and notwithstanding the downpour and cold weather, the troops on parade performed magnificently.



In August and again in December, I attended the officers' graduation (DP1.2) in Gagetown where 27 officers graduated and went off to join one of the battalions. In December, I also attended the WO graduation course. The Infantry School continues to train outstanding leaders, and the Regiment continues to be the benefactor of this training.

In September, the Colonel-in-Chief and I attended the French Grey Ball hosted by Third Battalion in Edmonton and once again, it was a huge success as we 'reach out' to the community and others who are so very helpful in many ways. During that visit, we opened the 100th Anniversary Office in the 1 PPCLI lines. Shortly after, I visited 2 PPCLI conducting live-fire and urban warfare training in Shilo and was delighted to see the focus on what has been the strength of the Regiment for many years – basics and good leadership. I visited Second Battalion again in October for a day to continue the planning for the 100th Anniversary, with a focus on the Memorial Baton Relay and the Frezenberg Commemoration.

2 PPCLI hosted Exercise Ric-a-dam-doo in Shilo in November. Almost 100 members of the Regiment participated in what was an extremely valuable and professional training opportunity for the young officers of the Regiment. 2 PPCLI did an outstanding job in hosting, ably assisted by some of our veterans who took the time to share their leadership and regimental experiences with those in attendance. I returned to Shilo for the 2 PPCLI Christmas dinner in December, followed by the At Home for the WOs & Senior NCO and the Officers.

Planning and preparation for our 100th Anniversary continued at a rapid pace during the year, with very significant progress in all aspects. Due to the fiscal climate, some adjustments to the scope and details of the various events and activities have been made, but overall, the commemorations and other major events will continue as planned. A revised Regimental Plan for our 100th Anniversary has been issued to reflect these changes. The Battalions, RHQ, the Anniversary Office and many ERE members of the Regiment, the Association and the Foundation are to be commended for the amount of time, effort and resources that have been committed to ensuring that the 100th will be a huge success.

2 PPCLI has commenced their preparations for the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission – Afghanistan (CCTM-A) beginning in the summer of 2013 and will be the last Canadian unit to participate in the mission; Third Battalion was the first. We wish all members of the Battalion the best of luck and good soldiering in this challenging operation.

I look forward to once again having the opportunity to visit the soldiers and leaders of the Regiment in 2013. Many within the units, the Association and Foundation will be working very hard on behalf of the Regiment in preparation for the 100th Anniversary in addition to their primary work. While there will be many challenges and much work to do, there is no doubt that we will have an outstanding 100th Anniversary in 2014/15.

I continue to be extremely proud to be your Colonel of the Regiment.

Lieutentant-General R.R. Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD (Ret'd) Colonel of the Regiment



MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL MAJOR

Regimental Major

Major S.G.J. Lerch, CD

This is my first message as the editor of the Patrician and I am truly honoured to serve as your Regimental Major (RM). My association with the Regiment began in 1982 when I joined the 2483 PPCLI Cadet Corps and with some deviations, I continued through the PPCLI Battle School and ultimately to my place in RHQ. Reflecting on my beginnings with the Regiment and our 100th anniversary only 17 months away, it only serves to amplify my appreciation for my appointment as the RM.

Also new to RHQ is Capt Alan Younghusband the Regimental Adjutant, whose first major task was updating the Regimental Manual. A significant undertaking, it was completed in October and is available to all through our Web Portal: www.ppcli.com. We also welcomed WO Shaun Peterson as the Regimental Warrant Officer, he is a seasoned Patricia with many years of experience to offer the Regiment.

As the RM, I am amazed at the broad spectrum of my duties. Considering my role in the very important Benevolent Fund; to connecting with the PPCLI Association; to my involvement as a Trustee in the PPCLI Foundation, my professional satisfaction has rarely been higher. That being said, my duties include much more. Among other things, I have the privilege of communicating with our Colonel-in-Chief and Colonel of the Regiment on a regular basis.

Thanks in large part to my predecessor; RHQ has been involved in several major projects in preparation for our 100th anniversary. Of note is the Regimental Web Portal, which opened to the public in October. It was a huge task and though it is a 'work-in-progress', I am confident that it will be a tremendous resource for the Regimental family. Other projects include a Regimental 100th Anniversary Coffee Table book, and a comprehensive Museum Improvement Project, both scheduled for completion in the fall of 2013.

I am quite enthusiastic about the 2012 Patrician and I am keen to create a product we can all be proud of. Having closely reviewed the 2010 and 2011 Patricians, I knew the bar was set high. Of course, I did not do it alone. The bulk of the work was done by the Cpl Lynch and other Patricias in RHQ, all of whom put in a tremendous amount of work to see this through. My thanks to them for their hard work and dedication.



I also want to acknowledge the many advertisers and contributors from across the Regimental Family. I know how busy Regimental life can be and I was quite pleased with the quality and quantity of articles submitted this year. Thank you all for your support.

Always eager to improve The Patrician, I welcome your feedback to help improve the next issue.

S.G.J. Lerch Regimental Major

100th ANNIVERSARY OFFICE







PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office Officially Opens

On 7 September 2012, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, the Colonel-in-Chief of the PPCLI, and LGen (Ret'd) Ray Crabbe, the Colonel of the Regiment, officially opened the PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office (AO). Located in the unit lines of 1 PPCLI in Edmonton, the AO is led by Maj Harpal (Manny) Mandaher and consists of a small staff dedicated to coordinating and overseeing preparations for all activities revolving around the 100th Anniversary.

For more information and to find out how to participate, please visit the Regiment's new website at www.ppcli.com or email 100.ppcli@forces.gc.ca.



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Bronze Star Medal

LCol M.J. Stalker, MSM, CD

Exceptionally meritorious service while serving as the executive officer for the deputy commander of the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Meritorious Service Medal

LCol M.J. Stalker, MSM, CD

For exceptional leadership and tactical acumen as Commanding Officer of the Canadian contingent at Regional Command South Headquarters and Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander General in Afghanistan Sep 10 – Oct 11.

Maj R.C. Turner, MSM CD (Ret'd)

For superb leadership and professionalism as the DCO of the Battle Group in Afghanistan Oct 09 – May 10.

CF Medallion for Distinguished Service

LCol W.J. Bewick, OMM, CD (Ret'd)

For outstanding professionalism and dedication as the chairperson of the Calgary Military Museums expansion construction steering committee, 1990 to 2009.

CDS Commendations

LCol S.B. Schreiber, MSM, CD (Ret'd)

For outstanding professionalism as Commanding Officer of the Immediate Reaction Unit and component command during Operation LUSTRE in Winnipeg, MB May 11.

LCol S.A. Hackett, CD

For outstanding leadership and professionalism as the principal staff officer for Afghan National Police issues within the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command, Aug 09 – Aug 10.

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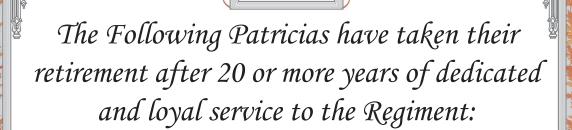
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WO L.A. Short, CD (22 yrs)

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PPCLI 100TH ANNIVERSARY

ACENTURY

The Regiment's aim is to celebrate with the nation the 100th Anniversary of the PPCLI. This implies an active sharing of the history and capabilities of the PPCLI by connecting with Canadians at every opportunity during our 100th Anniversary.

Edmonton Commemoration August 7 - 10, 2014

The Edmonton Commemoration is the largest commemoration of the 100th Anniversary and will take place at CFB Edmonton. Our aim is to bring the entire Regimental family together to honour a Century of Service to Canada, and to connect with the public at every opportunity during this event. A turnout of several thousand serving soldiers and veterans, as well as large number of the public and local and national media representatives is expected.

All Colours Trooping of the Colours, August 9, 2014 The Better 'Ole, August 7 - 10, 2014 Centennial Dinner and Dance, August 9, 2014

Ottawa Commemoration September 18 - 21, 2014

The Ottawa Commemoration will assemble the Regimental family in its birthplace to renew the century-old ties between the PPCLI and Ottawa, while reinforcing the significance of the Regiment's past, present, and future service to Canada as a whole. The weekend will include ceremonial activities, as well as acts of remembrance and social functions. These activities will be open to the public with national media coverage of key events.

Parade of Rededication, September 20, 2014 Sunset Ceremony, September 19, 2014 Landsdowne Park Memorial Unveiling, September 18, 2014 Regimental Dinner, September 20, 2014

OF SERVICE

Frezenberg Commemoration May 7 - 11, 2015

This commemoration will see representatives of the Regiment travel to Frezenberg, Belgium, where the Regiment saw its first major action of World War One. The existing memorial will be refurbished and rededicated. Battlefield tours will be conducted in conjunction with the ceremony at the memorial. A Private Returns program and travel itinerary will allow members of the the Regimental family as well as members of the public to participate in this unique opportunity to revisit these fascinating battlefields. Travelers will be responsible for their own expenses.

Memorial Baton Relay August 10 - September 18, 2014

Symbolizing the movement of soldiers to Ottawa when the Regiment was founded, the PPCLI will travel from Edmonton to Ottawa, running a Memorial Baton through selected towns and cities along the way. A mobile museum display will accompany the Baton, allowing Canadians to connect with their Regiment and learn about the rich history of the PPCLI and its service to Canada. The Baton Relay will begin at the closing of the Edmonton Commemoration and arrive in Ottawa for the start of the Ottawa Commemoration.

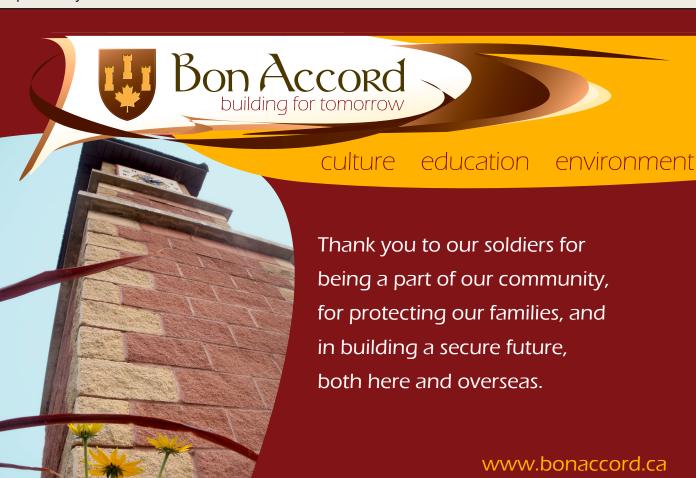
"See www.ppcli.com for latest stops and details"



REGIMENTAL GRATUITIES

The following gratuities will be provided to all new Regimental members, and serving and departing members who are in good standing and have paid their Voluntary Regimental Contributions:

- 1. On joining the Regiment, regardless of entry plan, each new member will receive a free issue cap badge and a numbered Regimental Coin;
- 2. During their career, members will receive an annual copy of The Patrician, and on promotion to Sergeant and Warrant Officer a sash will be presented by their respective chain of Command;
- 3. On honourable retirement, release or remuster, with:
- a. nine years of service or less a Regimental Certificate of Service in a vinyl diploma cover;
- b. more than nine to nineteen years of service a Regimental Certificate of Service in a VP embossed hard diploma cover and a 4 1/2" pewter statue with engraved nameplate; and
- c. twenty or more years of service A Regimental Certificate of Service in a VP embossed hard diploma cover and a 6½" pewter statue with engraved nameplate. Individuals in this category will be invited to a regional Regimental retirement dinner coordinated by the local ERE representatives with the cost being paid for by RHQ. The cost of individual transportation and lodging will be the responsibilty of the member.



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VOLUNTEER PATRICIA PROGRAM



PPCLI Association - Volunteer Patricia Program

We are our brother's keeper. Whether a wounded or injured serving soldier, a long-retired veteran, a widow or family member, the Regiment owes each a Duty of Care. This care bonds the Regiment together. It keeps the faith with those who have served in its ranks and who have contributed to the peace and security Canadians enjoy. Governments provide programs and benefits, but only comrades and effective caregivers can deliver assistance that really works. This in turn gives soldiers, retired veterans and their families the assurance that as they face challenges in their lives the Regiment will be there to help. This assurance is particularly meaningful to young soldiers who face a determined enemy.

Veterans' Care is the responsibility of all members of the Regimental family. Since 2004, the Regiment has developed a framework of support to meet both the demands of our current operational tempo and the aging of our retired members. This framework reflects the rapid developments in veterans' support within the Canadian Forces and Veterans' Affairs Canada and the Regimental response to these changes

The Association's Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP) supports retired and retiring members of the Regiment and their families who need assistance adjusting to changes in their lives and in obtaining support from professional caregivers. The VPP may also assist in the support of units and serving personnel at the request of a unit or RHQ or as a local initiative. The program has been established under Article III.1 of the Association's Constitution:

"to foster and maintain the spirit of the Regiment, circulate information regarding the Regiment amongst its members, perpetuate the close bonds of comradeship, mutual regard and esprit de corps amongst all ranks formed whilst serving in the regiment by assisting members, including serving members of the Regiment, widows and children of deceased members, when and where social assistance is not available".

For more information please go to http://vpp.ppcliassoc.ca/

CONTACTS

Here are some key contacts.

- RVC Cell at PPCLI RHQ (780) 973-4011 ext 5546
- The Centre at NDHQ 1 800 883-6904
- VAC 1 866 522-2122
- Assistance Program 1 800 268-7708
- VPP Facilitator vppfacilitator@ppcliassoc.ca

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REGIMENTAL VETERAN'S CARE

Regimental Veteran's Care Cell

Your Regimental Veteran's Care Cell (RVC) has continued its work as a point of contact, advocate and source of information on behalf of all members of the Regiment, those who have served in support of the Regiment and their families. There have been numerous changes in Benefits Packages as well as Policy changes that directly affect our serving component as well as those who have medically released or moved on from their military careers. In addition to the DND/CF programs we would like to advise all soldiers serving and retired to be aware of a great many civilian and private organizations and initiatives that exist to ensure that a high quality of support and standard of life are complemented by the official programs. The RVC will continue to stay up to date on as many of the policies and issues that you, the soldiers, have brought to our attention.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to MCpl Robson, the RVC NCO, for all his hard work and dedication while he was employed within the RVC. He has moved on to JPSU Edmonton to prepare for his retirement.

The Regimental Veteran's Care Cell can be reached by telephone (780) 973-4011 ext 5546 or 5505 or visit our website www.ppcli.com (PPCLI RVC). Feel free to drop by Regimental Headquarters and speak with us directly.

RVC RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Educational Bursaries and Grants

Sqt. George R. Miok Memorial Scholarship

This is awarded to students with superior academic achievement entering the third or fourth year of study in the Faculty of Education, preference is given to students who are serving or have served in the Canadian Armed Forces or Reserves. The selection based on academic standing.

Military Family Fund

The Canadian Forces (CF) recognizes the contribution of all military families in support of Canada, especially those loved ones of CF personnel who have died while serving.

Grief is an individual journey. Your needs and those of your family will be different and may change over time. That's why as long as you and your family need support from the CF community, we will be there to assist.

While access to some services may depend on your relationship to the deceased, wide-ranging support to assist your unique situation is available to you regardless of the circumstances of death.

<u>Afghanistan Mission Memorial Award (Scholarship)</u>

These awards recognize the sacrifice of Canadians within the theatre of combat, in peacekeeping and in diplomatic service in Afghanistan. These full tuition undergraduate awards are available to students whose parent or legal guardian was a member of Canadian Forces staff or Canada's federal diplomatic corps (i.e. department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade) and was killed as a result of an operational mission in Afghanistan (as of 2001/2002) or in training for such a mission. These awards are open to full-time or part-time undergraduate students in their first degree. To be eligible to receive the award, a student must also have graduated from high school and undertake the first year of study prior to the age of 21. These awards are renewable to a maximum of 120 credit hours provided that the student remains in good standing (minimum 2.0 c.g.p.a.)

Support Organizations

Amputee Coalition of Canada

The Amputee Coalition of Canada was created to improve quality of life of persons with limb loss in their communities by providing education and opportunities to gain skills, lessons and coping techniques that increase confidence, connectedness, and sense of belonging. Through the ACC, persons with limb loss are educated on how to best engage in social and physical activities following amputation and how to incorporate these activities into their lives. The ACC relies on structured and validated programs, with the involvement of persons with amputation, to encourage a culture of support, networking, and active participation in life following limb loss.

Hope Heels

Hope Heels is a charitable organization that helps individuals with mental health disabilities to be involved in the training of a service dogs to mitigate their disability. Our specialized programming combines the benefits of animal assisted therapy and service dogs into one innovative application. In the process of training, the trainer (the person with the disability) learns skills needed to help them work beyond the bounds of their disability and when they need help, their service dog is there.

We work with people with mental health disabilities to help them train their own service dog. We have expertise in the areas of depression, anxiety and post traumatic stress disorder/operational stress injury.

Wounded Warrior

Helps Canadian Forces members who have been wounded or injured in their service to Canada since 1990, we help find solutions for current and former members of the Canadian Forces where gaps have left them in need by providing access programs for all members of the Canadian Forces who have been wounded or injured.

Healing Waters

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Canada (PHWFFC or Project Healing Waters Canada), serves military personnel who have been wounded, injured or disabled, to aid their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying and by using and enjoying these skills on fishing outings and as lifelong **recreation**.

For more information contact PPCLI RVC by telephone (780) 973-4011 ext 5546 or 5505 or visit our website www.ppcli.com (PPCLI RVC)

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by Cpl Darcy (Lav) Lavallee, CD

We walked the road of many "K's". a road of hell some would say. A part of life for some day, when I need to carry my body of clay. The start of the walk preceded our way as the few steps we took the night sky brighten our day. My friends in front, beside and behind carried on like we had spare time. Morale was great up and beyond for what we did to fight on. The longer it went people were down to feel the pain of defeat on the ground. As I looked at everyone and as they looked at me to feel the pain of despair on there knees. Every now and then a stop was prepared, so we can relax and go that extra mile. The last step we made to the line was like when you were a baby and walked for the first time.



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REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Another Busy Year in RHQ

Cpl D.L. (Lav) Lavallee, CD RHQ Data Clerk

Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) staff started another busy year 2012 from coming off our Christmas leave break.

It all began with the building of the 2011 Patrician and publishing it by Regimental Day. Even though the majority of submissions met the timeline of Dec, there was the usual delay based on photo quality and in some cases articles in need of attention.

February saw RHQ support the Heroes Hockey Challenge in Calgary with the Flames Alumni. RHQ was behind the scenes lending assistance to this event that raised funds to support our, wounded, their families and families of our fallen. Heroes Hockey Challenge is planned again in Abbotsford, BC in April 2013 that will include Vancouver Canuck Alumni. I would like to acknowledge Cpl Robb for his part on taking photos and uploading them to our Facebook, PPCLI website and sending them out to our Regimental family.



Cpl Lavallee at work ensuring quality control on Regimental Gratuities.

The PPCLI Museum and Archives in Calgary continued with ongoing operations along with our volunteers to ensure our Museum is an important source of information and research for visitors. Our archives supported a number of recent History Channel projects dealing primarily on the Battle of Kapyong and in support of the upcoming Museum Improvement Project that will see our Gallery closed for renovations between April and November of 2013.

As RHQ is tasked with the Public Affairs for the Regiment, we have improved our PPCLI web site and connectivity between all branches of the Regiment. Mr Robert Curtin was hired to rejuvenate the PPCLI web site and data base which will allow all to access tax receipts and update their own contact information while allowing for access to Regimental news and publications.

Changes to RHQ staff and structure started with the retirement of our Communication NCO, Cpl Daryl Willetts. Cpl Willets was the soldier responsible for initiating major changes to The Patrician layouts that has been noticed across the Regiment. Cpl Darren Lynch has since moved into his position and as made leaps and bounds to learn on CS5 (Adobe Creative Suite) to maintain and improve the look and layout of this 2012 Patrician.

Changes in the senior staff positions in RHQ included the 100th Anniversary Office open with Maj Mandaher moving over from the RM's chair to head-up the planning office for our centennial in 2014. Regimental Adjutant Capt Dumas posted to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) and Regimental Warrant officer WO Shultz as CSM B Coy, 1 PPCLI.

New staff taking their positions: RM - Maj Lerch, RAdjt - Capt Younghusband, and RWO - WO Peterson. It's always a learning curve for new staff taking in the information of RHQ's way of life and leaving behind the grunt work of a Patricia Soldier.

It's hard for me to say this but, the RAdjt Capt Younghusband did a great job on getting the Regimental Manual in Oct. Please feel free to have the RAdjt to give you a reference in any chapter of the manual.



PPCLI Museum & Archives

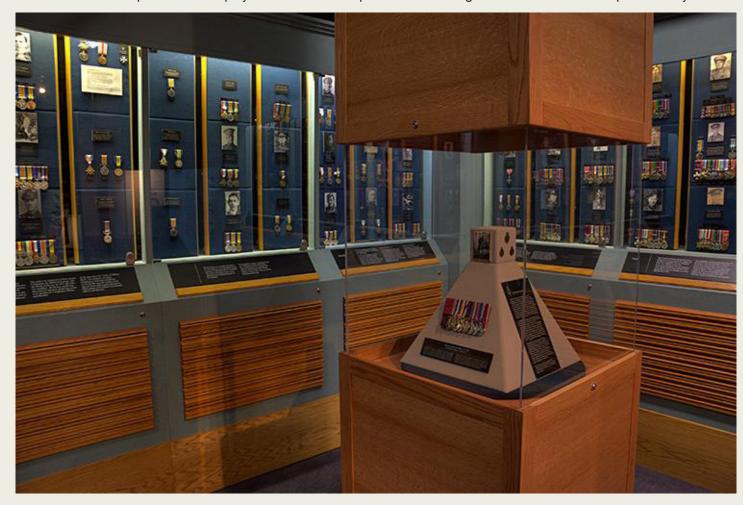
WO Jason C. Yardley, CD Museum General Manager

Greetings fellow Patricias! The past year has seen a surge in activity with the majority aimed at preparations for the forthcoming renovation to our gallery. To begin, the museum staff would like to sincerely express our thanks to all of our donors for your continued support. It has been from your generous donations that have been a great boon and continue to enrich our collections. We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers for their selfless commitment to the preservation of our history. We recognize their valuable contributions through the donation of their time and expertise; without of which, much of what we have accomplished would not have been possible.

As you aware, the CF has been going through a period of change. Much ado has been made of "transformation", and the Museum has been no exception. In addition to their normal routine, museum staff has been contriving ways of temporarily stowing gallery artefacts, as we lose space during construction. Concurrent to this has been the remodeling of the archives. A revitalization of the archives has been long overdue and it is essential to perpetuate the Regiment's history and enter the Digital Age.

Notwithstanding the alarums and excursions that accompany a centennial celebration, the museum staff continues to deliver laudable and comprehensive tours to local and international visitors. Similarly, praise was sung by a few of our distinguished guests this past year: LFQA Comd - BGen Giguère, CFCWO – CPO1 Cleroux and an unexpected visit by Minister Kenney and Premier Redford on Remembrance Day.

Behind-the-scenes, Sgt Mavin and the collections department have been assiduously producing first-class exhibits for a diverse number of off-site clients. When the Calgary branch of the PPCLI Association hosted their AGM in April, the collections team produced a display to showcase the spectrum of the Regiment's service over the past century.





Accompanying this was the opportunity to update our Colonel-in-Chief on the progress of the impending renovations. We were delighted by her impressions of the project and considering Mme. Clarkson's family connection with our founder, we welcomed her insight into the Regiment's past. Further, the collections team has been responsible for reinvigorating Regimental catechism with comprehensive displays being produced for LFWATC as well as an anticipated display for CFLRS sometime in the New Year. The collections team has also been busy on the custodial side of the house with accessioning and preserving incoming artefacts. One notable donation that caught our attention this year was the medals group of one of the originals, #645 L/Cpl Thomas Flintoft who served with No.2 Company. We would like to graciously thank Professor Jonathan Vance of the University of Western Ontario for helping to facilitate this acquisition. Also of note, the collections temporarily said farewell to our Bren Gun Carrier as it gets a face lift, in preparation for its new home in the gallery.

Equally busy this year, Sgt Goulet and the archives team have been providing research support for the gallery project as well as entertaining a multitude of requests. His team has been active rummaging through untold numbers of boxes, carefully scrutinizing and screening images that will be used in the centennial celebrations. Additionally, the archival team has also been undergoing a transformation of their own. Having reached their capacity with no room for expansion, the museum successfully negotiated a new residence, which should be installed early within the New Year. Besides the transformational side, the archives continue to provide noteworthy support to a plethora of requests. Examples of such include: Jon Ted Wynne and the King's Players ongoing research into the relationship between the Regiment and the City of Winnipeg, countless RFI's about former members; specifically those who served during WWI and the Morn Hill/ Winchester Project surrounding the Regiment's transitional time in Hampshire, prior to departing for the front lines in late Fall of 1914.

The Museum and its staff continue to work hard to preserve the history of all Patricias: past, present and future. We're all very anxious to commence the scheduled work to remodel the gallery, however, we are soliciting your assistance in ensuring that we accurately portray our endeavours. Therefore, we are appealing to all those who passes anything from their time in Cypress, the Balkans – Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo, and finally the Regiment's latest operations in Afghanistan. We look forward to hosting you all in the New Year, and encourage you to visit your Museum.



Great West Kenworth Ltd retrieves Bren Gun Carrier for refurbishment as part of the Museum Improvement Project.



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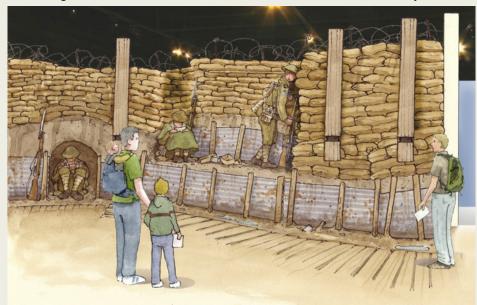
Museum Improvement Project

Maj Slade Lerch CD, Regimental Major

The PPCLI Museum and Archives in Calgary has been an important component of the Regiment since 1958 when it opened in Curry Barracks. Located in the bottom floor of building B-10, it remained there in until 1989, when after significant fund-raising, it was moved to The Museum of the Regiments (MOTR). The MOTR featured the histories of Alberta-based Regiments and included the King's Own Calgary Regiment, The Calgary Highlanders and Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian).

In 2009 the MOTR expanded to become The Military Museums (TMM), the largest tri-service museum in Western Canada and the second largest military museum in Canada next to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. In addition to the four 'Founding Members' from the MOTR, TMM added Air Force and Navy museums and a Founders Gallery and Library and

Archives.



As a 'Founding Member' of TMM, the PPCLI Museum and Archives is second to none. However, after more than 20 years, displays in the Gallery have become worn-out and the Regiment's history has moved forward significantly. With the approach of our centennial, the Regiment decided it was time to renovate the gallery to better reflect our history. In 2010, funding was sought and in 2011, the Regiment signed a contract with The Phoenix Consultancy for what is known as the Museum Improvement Project (MIP).

The MIP is a 3 Phase operation and the third phase, Construction and Implementation began in August 2012.

With no current impact on the Gallery, the contractor has been busy designing and researching options for our gallery, working hard to ensure we have the best Regimental museum in the country. The MIP will benefit all sections of the PPCLI Museum and Archives: the collection, archives and most notable, the Gallery. Though some displays will remain 'as is' others will be removed, while others are updated and recycled. Of note will be the enhancement to the Afghanistan display. In order to give visitors a better understanding of the mission in Afghanistan, The Phoenix Consultancy will build a LAV III and add it to the current display. Though a real LAV would have been preferable and maybe even possible, it was deemed unviable due to weight restrictions.

Unfortunately, Phase 3 of the MIP requires that our museum close for several months this year, (likely from April to November) but in the end, it will be well worth the effort.







On completion, there will be a 'soft-opening' in November and a Grand Re-Opening scheduled for December 2013.

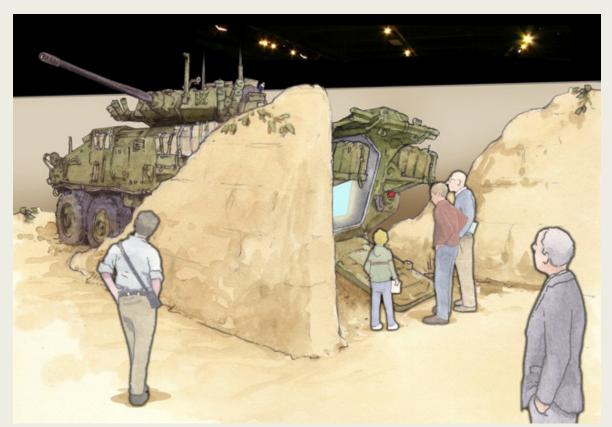
All members of the Regimental Family are encouraged to visit the PPCLI Museum and Archives, before and after the MIP completion. What is currently an outstanding Gallery will become a world-class Gallery. Our displays and artefacts will educate and enlighten even the most dedicated of Regimental history buffs.

Opposite Page Top: World War I trench scene with the addition of a firing step and general upgrade.

Opposite Page Bottom: Leonforte, Sicily, 1943.

This Page Top: IJssel River crossing April 1945.

This Page Bottom: Afghanistan display with the addition of a LAV III.





"The Ten Percent"

Capt A.M. Younghusband, CD Regimental Adjutant & Heritage Officer

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Museum and Archives has received a number of generous donations this year and would like to thank all those who provided items for accessioning. Of great interest was a donation from Mr. James Wright of #645 Thomas Flintoft's medals group to the Regimental Museum. Thomas Flintoft was born 14 February 1883 in Waterdown, ON which makes him one of the 10% of the Originals of Canadian birth. The previous military experience which qualified him for acceptance into the Patricia's was with the 91st Highlanders of Hamilton, later known as the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada.

Lance Corporal Flintoft's service with the PPCLI during the Great War, started with his enlistment with the Regiment on 20 August 1914. While serving in Europe, he was wounded on 5 February 1915 in the area east of St. Eloi, and again on 4 May 1915 during the occupation of the trench position along Bellewaerde Ridge. He was later killed during the Battle of Sanctuary Wood on 2 June 1916. Regimental records also indicate that he received a Mention in Dispatches though we have yet to find his citation. LCpl Flintoft's name is inscribed in Menin Gate along with 54,000 other allied soldiers who have no known grave. As part of our dedication to the memory of our fallen Patricias, his name is also etched into the tablets of our Regimental Hall of Honour in Calgary, AB.

Photo of Flintoft Medals group:



(Left to Right): The British War Medal, The Victory Medal, 1914-15 Star, and The Memorial Cross (Top).

Note: All Medals shown with 1914-15 Star Ribbon affixed, as recieved upon donation.

The PPCLI Museum and Archives exist for the purpose of providing a non-profit, educational service to members of the Regiment, the Association and the community at large by preserving artefacts, documents, photographs and other historical, artistic and scientific items which directly reflect the history of the Regiment.

The PPCLI Museum and Archives is an independent, accredited Canadian Forces Museum that is a resident in The Military Museums, a tri-service military facility located at 4520 Crowchild Trail SW in Calgary AB. Its hours of operations are 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on weekdays and 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM on weekends. Donations of artifacts or honourariums can be made by contacting the Museum General Manager at gm.museum@ppcli.com.

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PPCLI DRUM LINE

The Drum Line of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry WO D.T. Kennedy, CD, Drum Major



As the 100th anniversary approaches, old PPCLI traditions are being revived and modernized by today's soldiers. The Regimental Drum Line is one such tradition which has been given renewed life and vitality.

The PPCLI Drum Line was part of the PPCLI Regimental band that originally formed after the amalgamation of the Queen's Own Rifles with the PPCLI in the late 1960's. Drummers were given the opportunity to perform short drum performances as a solo act and thus the Drum Line was born.

Later, when the PPCLI Regimental band was disbanded the Drum Line remained. Drum Lines went on to be a source of Regimental pride by putting on performances across the country. Drum Lines have performed at many distinguished events, most notably the Nova Scotia International Tattoo, the Engineers' 100th anniversary, the Grey Cup Parade, and the Calgary Stampede Parade.

The Drum Line performs what is called "stick drill". It is performed under a florescent black light using drum sticks that are painted florescent orange, and is best seen in pitch darkness. Since its inception, stick drill has never been produced as a written piece of music. Rather, it has been passed down from Drum Line to Drum Line over the years like a military legend.



The Patricias involved in the stick drill are highly dedicated soldiers who have volunteered their own time within the PPCLI battalions. Stick drill embodies the esprit-de-corps, discipline, teamwork, split second precision and vigilance of the infantry.

Over the years the Drum Lines have varied in size and types of performances and all. Three battalions have produced a Drum Line at various times. The Regiment's focus on Afghanistan over the last decade has seen Drum Lines either disbanded or put on hiatus due to operational commitments.

With the build up to the Regiment's 100th anniversary, Drum Lines have been resurrected to promote and foster regimental pride as well as an instrument to promote the regiment. All three battalions will stand up and develop three distinct Drum Lines to perform across the country. This will culminate with all three coming together in 2014 for the Regimental celebrations.

The Regiment has put forth a great deal of time, effort, and financing to modernize our Drum Lines. New uniforms, drums, wolf skins, and black-light equipment has been purchased to bring the Drum Lines into the 21st century. With the focus of the 100th anniversary, the Drum Lines will be ready to perform proudly for the next 100 years.



1 PPCLI Drum Line Performs at the Men's Christmas Dinner 2012.



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Founding of the Regiment

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Mobilization began on August 11th and eight days later, it was completed as old soldiers flocked to Ottawa from every part of Canada. Out of 1,098 all ranks, 1,049 had seen previous service in South Africa or in the forces of the British Empire. In addition personnel from the Royal Navy and Marines and all but one unit in the British Army was represented in the ranks of the new Regiment.

LCol Francis D. Farquhar, DSO, an officer of the Coldstream Guards who was Military Secretary to His Royal Highness, The Duke of Connaught, The Governor- General of Canada, was selected to command the new battalion.

LCol Farguhar suggested that the Regiment

bear the name of the Duke's youngest daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia of Connaught. The request was made to the Princess, who graciously consented to the Regiment bearing her name. The Light Infantry came about because Captain Gault, a veteran of the South African war, liked the "Irregular Feel" it gave the Regiment.

The full title of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was too long for everyday use, and the new unit became known as "PPCLI," with "PPs" or "Pip Pips," the most common variants. The Regiment was best known to the general public as "Princess Pats" or merely the "Pats," but this partial abbreviation is discouraged within the Regiment, which now prefers to be known as the "Patricias."

The Regiment's first formal parade was held on 23 August 1914 at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. It was here that Princess Patricia presented her Regiment with a Camp Colour which she designed and worked by hand. The Ric-A-Dam-Doo, as it later became known, was affixed to a staff cut from a Maple tree growing at Rideau Hall. This Camp Colour was to be carried with the Regiment to France and, after the second battle of Ypres, was officially recognized as our Regimental Colour.

Reverse of post card image shown above. Source: PPCLI Collections





A convoy of troopships and destroyers left the Clyde on a sunny June day in 1943. The first Canadian division was finally entering the war, the destination unknown. All troops had been issued with tropical gear and all inoculations were completed. After sailing past the coast of Ireland and out into the Atlantic, the convoy backtracked to Gibraltar where our ship, the Llangibby Castle, became one of the three hundred ships converging on Sicily—battleships, cruisers, monitors, destroyers stood ready to support the invasion. We listened over the loud speakers to messages from General Montgomery welcoming us into the Eighth Army and our own divisional and brigade commanders outlining the general battle plan. We spent these days going over and over the landing procedures and the plan once we were ashore. I drew extra maps of the landing area so every section leader would have one. Those weeks on the troopships were hectic and busy, but at night I would stand by the rail and watch the phosphorus in the sea and look out at the dark shapes of the accompanying ships. I would think what a great adventure it was and what a change from my life in Winnipeg.

We were a group of special friends who had been together for three years from the early days at Fort Osborne barracks in Winnipeg to the years of training in the south of England. Practically all the junior officers had either come from R.M.C. or the McGill C.O.T.C. Beamish and I had been transferred from the Winnipeg Rifles. No junior officer was over twenty three; in three years we had all become close friends. I still clearly see their faces and hear their voices—there has been no time in my life that has meant so much. Birtie, D'Arcy, Bucko, Steve, Stu, Corky, Bobby, Rowan, Sammy, Greg, Colin and others—some of us lived on, some did not. When I am alone, I think of these dear friends and weep, and after all these years the memory is as fresh as ever.

Besides the friends I have already mentioned there were other very special friends in my section and platoon. Olie Lord, a fisherman from Prince Rupert and a corporal who had stints in the Glass House (Britain's toughest military prison), was one of the best soldiers in the regiment; he joined the Princess Patricia's in 1939. When I first joined the B Company, my platoon corporal, Olie Lord, scared the hell out of me. I don't think he cared for officers. As soon as he was recommended for promotion, he went 'over the hill' (A.W.O.L.) and ended up in all sorts trouble, but he was good and tough and had the respect of all the men in the company. I was surprised with the little things he did; he once gave me a book on Raphael, I



don't think he cared much for art, but he knew I was interested and he was fascinated with my little sketchbook. Another time, during a very tough exercise on the Sussex Downs, we were resting during a long all-night route march (six miles to the hour), it was about three in the morning and Olie arrived with fresh bread and sliced Spanish onions. Nothing has ever tasted as good since. Olie Lord was killed in Italy and posthumously decorated; some say he should have received the Victoria Cross. I see his big nose and pock-marked face still. There were many like Olie in the regiment.

The convoy moved slowly along the coast of North Africa, Tunisian villages with their mosques and minarets were plainly visible and the sea was filled with shipping as far as the eye could see—spitfires in their camouflaged desert colours, victory rolled low over the troopships. The slower convoy carried our two i/c—Major Ware and a number from the support company with the battalion's anti-tank guns. The ship was torpedoed, the guns were lost but all ranks were saved. Each day the sun burned down on the metal decks. There were strict orders about sun-bathing and anyone with sunburns was charged with self-inflicted wounds.

The morning of July 9th, the invasion fleet was rounding Malta, and there was no sign of the enemy. It seemed this vast Armada had not been detected by hostile air forces.

That morning the weather changed. Strong winds produced whitecaps and from the crests spindrift scudded across the heaving surface of the heavy sea. It was thought the landing would be aborted as there was no way a landing craft would survive in the heavy seas—barrage balloons would break from small vessels and even ships had difficulty holding their positions. By afternoon we passed Malta and Goza and were moving directly to Sicily. By night the wind subsided, a new moon trailed across a clear sky and the ships ploughed steadily through the darkness. In the end, the storm that day served us well; the general alert of the German commander-in-chief had not gone out until late in the afternoon on July 9th. The enemy defences could see the rough sea and, apparently, it seemed certain to them that no one would attempt to land in such weather (I was vomited on—from behind by a seasick soldier due to the bad weather—as I sat in the landing craft that night).



We had our last meal aboard at twenty-one hundred hours. Our table was made up of my closest friends; D'Arcy (we had joined the regiment together three years earlier), Steve, and Mickey Birch who had come from the Royal Ulster Rifles (he would assist me in the interrogation of prisoners, as he was fluent in Italian). I can honestly say there was no concern that in a few hours we would be crossing beaches not knowing the future; we were all excited and for me finally getting started in the real war would eventually make it all end, so I could return home to Marion.

We all longed for someone or something. D'Arcy loved fresh-baked rolls. Mickey spoke of a girl he loved from Yorkshire, Steve calm and unemotional would have loved a scotch and soda (the ship was dry, no liquor [spirits] at all). Mickey loved and recited Rupert Brooke's poem The Great Lover that explores all things he loves in life, and for me it was Marion (D'Arcy and Steve knew Marion well). I also thought of canoe trips in the Lake of the Woods, the quality of spring in the Winnipeg, riding a Harley Davidson motorcycle, landing with my English Norton, and being a child gathering conkers in Rayners Lane, the farm holiday in Lewis and with the breath of cows and the sweet scent of hay, bon fires. We all thought of many things.

Then there was last-minute packing and organizing our gear. We all wanted to go ashore with only what was necessary—gas capes, shell dressings, binoculars, map case, revolver, grenade (which I hated), flashlight, camera, headache pills (for migraine headaches) and important personal mementoes (for me, Marion's picture tucked in my bush-jacket pocket). We wore shorts, puttees and heavy boots.

We checked our platoons and sections and then the whole battalion squeezed into the ship's lounge and the colonel again outlined our plans and wished us luck and reminded us to "keep our heads down." We sang the regimental songs and Major Paquet (Pokey Joe) led us in "Alouette, gentile Alouette" in his wonderful French-Canadian accent—D'Arcy and I would have normally have sung Underneath the Arches and Who who who's your lady friend.

We had our last chance to get our letters home; it would be sometime before mail would be posted, after we were in action. I wrote to Marion saying "now I would be home soon, as I felt the sooner the war started, the sooner I would be home"—I had no doubts. Marion received my letter and letters from D'Arcy and Steve. Steve wrote that he "...and Gordo were going to do a little fighting." And D'Arcy wrote "if all goes well" he would be home. The next morning Steve was severely wounded after doing a little fighting, and a week later D'Arcy was killed, and I was blown up by a shell.



We spent those last hours aboard checking our platoons and sections over and over, reviewing our serial boat procedures; we were all assigned to specific landing crafts that we had to move through the darkened decks. Just before going to boat stations for embarkation in the landing craft, D'Arcy and I watched the bombing of Pachino. We assembled for loading into the landing craft. Hawsers lowered us into the heavy sea. One of the cables broke loose and smashed into the signaler's back radio. We were finally off the ship and heading for the beaches. For the first four miles destroyers guided us in. It was very rough and some of the men were seasick. Three miles out gunboats took over from the destroyers to escort us to the beach (one commanded by Tom Ladner, a Vancouver friend). There was a lot of noise from the air bombing and the navy barrage. Some enemy defences were firing out to sea-tracers drifted past on our way in. Steve's landing craft was sunk, but all hands were picked up by a gunboat and were later landed on the beach. As we approached the darkened shore, the navy sub-lieutenant gave the order "prepare to land" With a jolt the craft hit the sand; we all scrambled out of it and were up to our waists in water. All I remember was running across the soft sand and through the wire as fast as I could. There was no opposition in this area. It was still dark and we moved inland and consolidated our position in a small farmhouse where a frightened Sicilian greeted us. A child was outside with a live bird on a string, the way a child would lead a puppy. It was all very unreal. It was now getting light and we moved further inland to our rendezvous point as quickly as possible. About this time, Steve and his platoon were landed by the navy gunboat. Unfortunately, he ran into strong Italian defenders and was severely wounded. He was, that same day evacuated to Malta and hospitalized. On my way to battalion headquarters, I met up with D'Arcy. We rested in another farmhouse, which turned out to be a bakery where the dear man, who had once lived in Chicago, gave us fresh bread from the large ovens and 'vino,' which filled our captured, Italian-metal water bottles. This was the beginning and the end for many of us.

Many friends I grew up with were in the boy scouts with me at All Saints Church in Winnipeg and later in the war serving in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Princess Patricia's. Those who survived led good lives: Bob Robertson, nuclear physicist; Colin McDougall, a writer and a principle at McGill and a Governor General's award recipient; and Duff Roblin a provincial Premier of Manitoba. Bucko Watson, Bill Saul, Cammy Ware were all distinguished senior officers in postwar service. Fraser Eadie was President of Ford Canada and an honorary colonel in Canada's Parachute Battalion. Steve Lynch a banker and John Walsh a lawyer (and my oldest and closest friend), and Mickey Birch, now living in London, and publishing great books and loving wine. Then there is Rowan Coleman. We first met in Winnipeg when we were junior officers; he was the most distinguished Patricia and most loved, not just for his valour but for his gentle kindness. We have come together over the years forming a friendship that is beyond words. There is D'Arcy, Corky, Birtie, and others who have never grown old.

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Cpl Joseph Miller was born in Listowel Ontario, in June of 1932. Growing up he lived his formative years at the end of the Great Depression and through World War Two. At age 15 he found employment at the Western Foundry in Wingham Ontario and after a few years decided to look for adventure as a crew member of a ship on the Great Lakes. By 1951 he had enrolled in Princess Patricia's Canadian light Infantry.

Joe or "Snowball" (his childhood nickname) was a paratrooper with 1 PPCLI and deployed to Korea in 1952. After serving a year overseas, Joe decided that the Army and specifically the Patricias were for him. By 1956 he was a Corporal, a Small Arms Instructor and awaiting his promotion message to sergeant.

In June of 1956, forest fires had been raging in northern Alberta for weeks. The Alberta government and Alberta Forestry Division put out a request for assistance from military support. Among others in the military contribution, were 100 Patricias (including Joe), were dispatched to the Edson area. Using the McLeod River as a natural Fire-Break, they set up camp on the north side of the river. The troops strung safety lines across the river to assist in fording of men and equipment to fight the raging fires. On the morning of 6 June 1956, Joe and three other Patricias were in a boat crossing the river when the motor quit and the boat capsized in the strong current. Only three troops were able to grab for the safety line, and Cpl Joe Miller was swept away in the strong currents. An immediate and extensive search and rescue effort was launched but it would be almost a month before his body was found and could be laid to rest with full honours at Fairview Cemetery in Listowel Ontario.

In 2008, the Alberta Government unveiled a Wildland Firefighter Memorial in Hinton, AB. It recognizes the firefighters that lost their lives while fighting fires in the province. Cpl Joseph Miller is honored at this memorial.

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Deceased Patricia Brothers Reunited After Sixty Years

Capt Rick Dumas, Adjutant, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Photos: Mr. Edward Sem, Regional Assistant to Senator Yonah Martin



As PPCLI Regimental Adjutant, Capt Rick Dumas, MMM, CD reads the Minister of National Defence's letter, the vigil party remains steadfast, including left to right of the podium, Regimental WO Dave Shultz, SMV, CD, MWO (Ret'd) Alex Sim, CD and Cpl (Ret'd) Claude Petit, CM, SOM. Seated, left to right is daughter, Debbie Hearsey, grandson Solomon, Senator Yonah Martin, Consul General, Mr Yeon Ho Choi and Mr Yongjn Jeon, International Affairs Officer for Korea's MPVA. The master of ceremony, LCol (Ret'd) Bud MacLeod, CD is behind the RCMP officer.

Since 1975, the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs (MPVA), Republic of Korea (ROK) has provided Korean War veterans with a chance to revisit Korea. Since then, approximately 28,500 vets have taken advantage of that annual pilgrimage. This year was most unique as Canada said good-bye to a Patricia who proudly served his country during "the forgotten war". Two deceased brothers, having served together with 2 PPCLI, while having fought in the Korean War, would be reunited after more than 60 years. Archibald (Archie) Hearsey has gone back to Korea to his eternal resting place with his brother who fell there so long ago. On 21 April, Archie's ashes departed Canada for Korea to be put to rest alongside his older brother, Joseph Hearsey, at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan (formerly known as Pusan). The one-of-a-kind departure ceremony was conducted at the Vancouver International Airport. The story was first conveyed to Korea's MPVA by Canadian Senator Yonah Martin which in turn drove a fundraising campaign enabling daughter, Debbie Hearsey to transport the urn, fulfilling Archie's last will and testament.

The tribute and farewell service took place at a boarding gate within the international terminal. LCol (Ret'd) Bud MacLeod who served with Archie as a young platoon commander, was the master of ceremony. Senator Yonah Martin, whose parents survived the Korean War, delivered an eloquent and poignant eulogy honouring Private Archie Hearsey, afterwards reading a letter of condolence and appreciation prepared by Minister of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Steven Blaney. PPCLI Regimental Adjutant, Capt Richard Dumas read a similar message by The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence. Both letters were delivered to daughter Debbie Hearsey in the presence of Archie's grandson, Solomon. After the Benediction was read, and The Last Post, Lament and Reveille were played, there were more presentations. MWO (Ret'd) Alex Sim, a veteran of Normandy and Kapyong, also having served with Archie in Korea and Germany, passed the urn onto Debbie. Cpl (Ret'd) Claude Petit, a Patricia, wounded in Korea and who is currently the Chairman of the National Aboriginal Veterans Association, presented the Canadian flag and medals to Debbie. These two gentlemen in addition to PPCLI Regimental WO Dave Shultz, stood vigil during the entire ceremony.

The impressive Korean delegation comprised of Consul General, Mr Yeon Ho Choi and Mr Yongjn Jeon, International Affairs Officer for Korea's MPVA. At the table, flanked by the Canadian and ROK flags, were Archie's portrait, urn, PPCLI cap badge, jump wings, Korean War service and NATO service (Germany) medals and a Canadian Flag, sent by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. About 70 Canadian Korean War Veterans and their family members were in attendance.

The arrival of the Veteran delegation and Archie's ashes were greeted with sensational fanfare and national honour at the Incheon International Airport nearly 14 hours after the Vancouver ceremony. The ceremony was attended by about 200 Canadian and Korean officials, veterans and their families, including the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr Park Sung Choon. The military funeral took place at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan, 25 April. It was on the 61st Anniversary of The Battle of Kapyong that Archie was buried with his brother.

Pte Archie Hearsey joined 2 PPCLI in Calgary, 7 September 1950 and trained in Calgary, Wainwright and Fort Lewis, Washington before sailing on the Joe P. Martinez for Korea. He had already fought at the epic Battle of Kapyong before his brother, Joseph quit his job in order to join that same battalion. Joseph joined the Canadian Army, 6 January 1951, and 2 PPCLI, July 1951, out of concern for his younger brother's safety. He was killed in action, 13 October 1951 while fighting with 2 PPCLI, just four months after joining the Battalion. As the story goes, the two brothers hadn't met until Joseph was wounded. Joseph was subsequently buried at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery, 27 October 1951. The last Archie saw of Joseph was when he was being carried from the hill, body wrapped in a blanket. Archie came home to Canada and served as a paratrooper by 1952. He would later serve in Germany with the Regiment, 1953-1955, honourably releasing afterwards. Archie died last year in Canada after battling a lung condition for 25 years. His remains were brought to Korea by his only daughter Debbie Hearsey as per his wishes. Archie is finally home in a way, rejoining his brother and Patricia comrades, in addition to the remaining 378 Canadians, buried at Busan. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, as do all Korean War Veterans, owe Senator Yonah Martin a debt of gratitude for her role during this pilgrimage. We will remember them, all of them. VP



As Senator Yonah Martin reads the moving eulogy, those honouring Archie Hearsey can observe his portrait, urn, accoutrements and medals, front and centre.

The University Companies - McGill in the Great War 1914-1918 Col (Ret'd) Jim Kempling



McGill University played a unique role in the Great War. Many students and alumni of course enlisted in the first wave of patriotic fervor that swept the nation in 1914. McGill's unique role emerged in the spring of 1915 after the first wave of heavy Canadian casualties at Ypres. The Canadian Divisions had been badly mauled and six thousand reinforcements were needed every three months. But Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry were not part of that reinforcement scheme. As the first Canadian regiment in action, the Patricia's had been serving as part of a British Brigade. Although reinforcements trickled in to the Patricia's, the priority for Canada was keeping the First Division up to strength and getting a Third Division ready for deployment. Faced with a desperate shortage of troops, Hamilton Gault, the founder of the regiment and a wealthy Montreal businessman, reached out to his friends at home for support. In early 1915, the government had authorized the formation of a company at McGill University as part of the 38th Battalion being formed in Ottawa. With news of the devastating losses to the Patricia's at Frezenberg, three prominent McGill graduates, George MacDonald, George Currie and Percival Molson, suggested that the University companies be used to reinforce the Patricia's. All were prominent and wealthy Montreal businessmen well known to Gault. Molson was also a celebrated athlete having competed in hockey, football and track and field.

The first two companies joined the new Canadian Officers Training Corps concentrating at Niagara-on-the-Lake for training. In short order, they were on their way to France. The first company joined the Regiment at Armentieres in late July and the second arrived little more than a month later. Fortunately, the summer of 1915 was relatively guiet. As those recovering from injury returned and the new arrivals were absorbed, a very different regiment emerged. In total 1300 men from five University Companies joined the Regiment between July 1915 and June 1916. The program initiated at McGill reached out to other Canadian Universities and affiliated colleges across the country to attract recruits. As a group, they were younger, better educated and more likely to be Canadian born than the originals. A full eighteen percent would ultimately become officers with most of those being commissioned from the ranks. Most would serve as soldiers in the ranks throughout the war. Those historians who suggest that such reinforcement was a waste of talent show a profound lack of understanding about what is required for leadership in combat. In an era, when only 15% of males between 15 and 20 were in school, attendance at university had more to do with family position than innate talent. The training provided to those who were commissioned before joining their regiments was often sadly lacking. Most learned the essentials of leadership after they had joined their regiment in the field, learning from those more experienced in how to survive trench warfare. Writing to his wife in September 1915, Agar Adamson described the new arrivals: "I find a great change in the Regiment and the new N.C.O.s of the two McGill Companies are sadly wanting in experience and in some cases may be a positive danger." [45] By January 1916, after some time in the trenches had given the regiment an opportunity to assess the leadership merits of the new arrivals, the Regiment was being asked to find a hundred NCOs who might be commissioned to fill the needs of other regiments. One of those was the young Jimmy de Lalanne who rose through the ranks to become a sergeant before being sent to the 60th Battalion as an officer in May 1916. At Vimy and Passchendaele in 1917, men from the university companies were leading the attacking companies and McDonald, Currie and Molson had all been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in action. On their return to Canada after the war, Major George McDonald and Major George Currie went on to form the accounting firm McDonald Currie that later became one of the founding groups on Price Waterhouse Coopers.[46] Captain Percival Molson was killed in action in July 1917. Percival Molson Memorial Stadium at McGill is named in his honour.

Wreath of Laurel

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The Wreath of Laurel was placed on the original Colour by the Colonel-in-Chief, then HRH Princess Patricia of Connaught, at her farewell parade at Bramshott Camp. Liphook, England, on February 21, 1919.

At this time the Colonel-in-Chief, paid tribute to the fallen Commanding Officers, Lt Cols Farguhar, Buller and Stewart. She also paid special recognition to the services rendered by the founder, Lt Col A Hamilton Gault, and to the men of the Regiment who fought so valiantly. The Colonel-in-Chief said in part "The services of the Regiment since its arrival in France at the end of 1914, when it was incorporated in the British 27th Division, have been at all times honourable and worthy of the finest traditions of our [nation]... and I will now beg him (the Founder) to allow me to place on the Colour a Wreath of Laurel as a token of my deep admiration for and pride in, all who have served in my Regiment since 1914".



This is the only occasion in the history of the armies of the British Commonwealth that a wreath has been awarded to a Regimental Colour.

A replica of the Wreath of Laurel was presented to each Battalion by Lady Patricia Ramsay during our Jubilee year. These replicas perpetuate the original Wreath of Laurel and will be carried on the Regimental Colours of both Battalions to commemorate the valiant service of those who served the Regiment during 1914-1918.

In Memory of Private Terry Street Poem by Pte Macstravic



"WHILE SOME MEN TALK AND GIVE IN TO FEAR WE LEFT OUR HOMES AND ALL WE HELD DEAR TO COME AND FIGHT AND MEET OUR DEATH AND REMIND THE WORLD LEST YOU FORGET THAT HONOUR AND COURAGE ARE NOT JUST WORDS BUT WAYS OF LIFE WE PROUDLY SERVED". "SO THINK LONG AND HARD AS YOU WALK BY ABOUT THE THINGS FOR WHICH WE DIED BECAUSE ON THIS GROUND WARRIORS STOOD BOUGHT AND PAID FOR WITH OUR BLOOD WHEN DAYS ARE DARK AND YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH THINK OF WHAT WE GAVE AND REMEMBER US".

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Poem carved into boards, recovered from FOB Masum Ghar, Afghanistan.







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100th Anniversary WWI Pewter Plaque, #2014-WWI



100th Anniversary WWII Pewter Plaque, #2014-WW2



100th Anniversary Korea Pewter Plaque, # 2014-KOREA

Beautifully hand-crafted 10" X 12" pewter Regimental Hat-badges make an excellent centerpiece to any Regimental display at home or in the office. Made by Sgt (Ret'd) (Marty) Martindale, these plaques were sought out by Regimental Headquarters for exclusive sale through the Kit Shop as part of the select 100th Anniversary merchandising campaign. Using a process dating back to 3200 BC, mold castings are made from materials extracted from Manitoba. The mold masters are carved, sculpted and hand tooled into wood, plaster or clay and once completed an impression is made in the sand mixture known as the "cope". The result is a cast replica of the original piece ready to be cleaned up and prepared for sale. The sand mold cope is only used once and is destroyed. The sand is reused over and over and like most things, gets better with age. Though the same mold master is used repeatedly each piece comes out with it's own markings. These are minute flaws that occur with this age-old process. These markings are important as they become the "fingerprint" of each piece.





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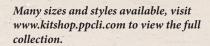
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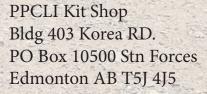








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Capt. Rick Dumas, Adjutant, Loyal Edmonton Regiment

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As captured below, Second World War PPCLI veteran, Major "Hap" Stutt is handcuffed to German Waffen-SS General Kurt Meyer, one of the youngest and most decorated German divisional commanders of WW II. Meyer wreaked havoc in Poland, France, the "Low Countries", the Balkans, Greece, Russia, and Normandy, to include Caen and the Falaise Pocket. The picture was taken shortly after Meyer had been sentenced to death for the alleged execution of Canadian prisoners, on five counts by soldiers serving in his division. His death sentence was commuted. Instead, he was transported to Canada to serve out 10 years in prison. Later, upon completion of his sentence, he returned to West Germany where he became a "beer baron".

As it turns out, Kurt Meyer took steps to assist his former German troops with Canadian Legion-type organizations and to reconcile his past with Cold War Germany and in particular, Canada. He provided beer for many Canadian Army functions at their messes. Kapyong veteran, Alec Sim in around the time he may have been better off resting up for a Trooping of the Colours, during the 1950s while stationed in Germany, took several senior NCOs to Kurt Meyers residence, just to get a few facts right while tossing in some professional development. Plans went better, smoother thanks to a Polizei escort. Alec was also a Normandy veteran.



"Hap" Stutt saluting as he marches out, "the guilty bastard".

"Hap" was CO to PPCLI Regimental Depot, July 1966-October 1968 and father to PPCLI LCol W.H.J. Stutt (Retd) who may be remembered for ram- rodding Wainwright for a couple of years as CO PPCLI Battle School, June 1988-July 1991. MWO (Ret'd) Alec Sim, after service in the Second World War, Korea, and Cold War Germany, retired at Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School in Chillwack, B.C, shortly after unification of the CA, RCN and RCAF. Our Regimental heritage is very rich and varied and well worth preserving. Patricias can contribute through joining the PPCLI Association or by contributing to the PPCLI Archives and Museum, as did LCol Stutt (Ret'd).

Faces of Freedom Hunting Trip – North Carolina Sgt Jay Bickerton, 2 PPCLI

In December 2012, I had the opportunity to attend the Faces of Freedom hunt in North Carolina. Accompanied by Cpl Gord Swanson (2 PPCLI) as well as Chris Heald and Rob Bruce of the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, our wranglers, we set out for the American south.

Faces of Freedom is a US based organization that brings together wounded Canadian and American veterans to hunt waterfowl under seasoned hunters. It is headed by Colonel Mike Steele, USA (ret). Col Steele was the Commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) (The Rakkasans) and was instrumental in having the four Canadians killed on Op Apollo added to the 101st's Memorial at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Our US counterparts were; 1Lt Dane S, 82nd Airborne Division and Gy Sgt Shawn H, S Sgt Lance H and Cpl Charlie H, all USMC. All these men were experienced waterfowl hunters and definitely showed Gord and I a thing or two.

Over the next four days, we hunted ducks, dove, bear and deer. On each of these days, the countless volunteers from the local Delta Waterfowl chapter set us up for success. These fine men treated us like royalty. As humbling as it was, you could see they really meant it when they said, "thank you for your service." The friendships formed between us are strong and we communicate with each other almost daily.

On our last night, the people of Bayboro came out in force and threw us a farewell supper. It was a wonderful and moving experience to be toasted and treated like stars by a community that was recently hit by Hurricane Sandy.

Getting dropped off at Raleigh International Airport was a melancholy experience. Christmas was right around the corner, but we had made such good friends on our trip. After a few bumps in the road, we arrived back in Winnipeg, a day late thanks to the airline.



HONOURING THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

In recognition of the noble service and sacrifice Canadian and American Forces personnel have made in Afghanistan and around the world, the Manitoba Wildlife

Federation (MWF) and Delta Waterfowl, in conjunction with presenting sponsor, Cabela's Canada, are proud to introduce the Faces of Freedom – Wounded Veterans' Hunt.

The goal of the Faces of Freedom – Wounded Veterans' Hunt is to express gratitude and respect for our soldiers and let them know they are not forgotten. Bringing Canadian and American veterans together to share in the joy of the outdoors provides an opportunity for friendship, healing and adjustment to civilian life. In 2011 the first annual hunt was conducted in Manitoba, Canada and this year the U.S. and Canadian soldiers travelled to North Carolina, USA.









FIRST BATTALION

EX PATRICIA MERCENARY

Capt Jeff Alpaugh, Administration Officer, A Company

From 22 to 28 May 2012, Alpha Company (A Coy), the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (1 PPCLI) deployed to Land Force Western Area Training Centre (LFWA TC) Wainwright to participate in Ex PATRICIA MERCENARY (Ex PM), a force-on-force exercise against a troop from Canadian Special Operation Forces Command (CANSOFCOM). This was a unique challenge for A Coy in multiple, complex operations against a highly professional and skilled force. The scope of the exercise was broad as the concept was a free-flowing where A Coy's actions changed and directed the situation. The scenario saw 1 Platoon (1 Pl), as part of A Coy, leading the battalion (Bn) into West Isle in support of local governance. Their key enemy was a 25 – 30 man insurgent Special Operations Force (SOF) whose mission was to destroy, delay, and circumvent security development within the Area of Operation (AO). Some of the operations conducted by A Coy over the six-day exercise included: cordon and search, hasty and deliberate attack, hasty and deliberate defence, vehicle check points, key leader engagements, patrolling, and support to human aid distribution.

Ex PM was designed as a stepping stone for A Coy to develop and adjust mechanized platoon level Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in preparation for and support of high readiness training. In order to realistically test their Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP), A Coy and CANSOFCOM required a thinking, modern unit to fight against. This was achieved through the force-on-force exercise concept, and the result was an effective, high-tempo training event.



Commanders receive Fragmentary Orders in the Command Post LAV.

A Coy secures La Gorra village, taking advantage of the LAV III's range and firepower.







Cpl Perez conducts a Relief-in-Place with Cpl Antonio.

The exercise was scheduled in the middle of 1 PPCLI's Primary Combat Function (PCF) training cycle and A Coy was filling a significant number of taskings, the entire coy condensed into a single platoon. This meant that the platoon had not worked together prior to the exercise, though the A Coy soldiers rapidly adapted and as a company, quickly developed SOPs and rehearsed wherever possible. By the end of the first day, the company performed as though they had been working together for months.

The platoon was faced with the task of stabilizing the region and providing security to different villages. Through a series of Key Leader Engagements (KLE), detailed battle procedure rehearsals, and enemy scenario development, A Coy was thrust into numerous force-on-force engagements with the CANSOFCOM unit. The end of the exercise took an unexpected twist when A Coy united with CANSOFCOM to complete a direct-action mission against a Current Operating Environment Force (COEFOR) organization. Tasks included insertion of the CANSOFCOM unit, providing inner and outer cordon, and extracting displaced persons, refugees, and evacuees.

Overall highlights of the exercise for the 1 PPCLI soldiers was training in a competitive environment, learning a great deal about SOF tactics, and feeling a greater sense of pride for serving in the Regiment and CF.



A Coy awaits orders for their combined operation with CANSOFCOM.



FIRST BATTALION

Ex FLOATING GRIZZLY

C Company



Soldiers from Charlie Comapny (C Coy), 1 PPCLI found themselves canoeing down the North Saskatchewan River during Ex FLOATING GRIZZLY. The exercise was designed to bolster company cohesion and to increase the soldiers' water-survival skills. Prior to deployment in the second week of July, each participant confirmed their competence in the water with the CF Swim Test. Subsequently, basic canoe instruction and practice was provided at beautiful Hermitage Park in east Edmonton. Finally, advanced canoe recovery techniques were reviewed in the CFB Edmonton Pool.

On 9 July 2012 C Coy deployed to Aylmer Campground west of Rocky Mountain House where they established camp and commenced teambuilding activities. Soldiers had the chance to candidly speak to the OC, Maj Pellerin, and CSM, MWO Crane, both of whom were new to the company. The main effort of the exercise was clearly and very effectively met on the first night as everyone in gathered around the fire-pit and exchanged anecdotes and shared stories. As intended, new privates and experienced soldiers recently posted to the company from 3 PPCLI were fully integrated into C Coy and indeed, into 1 PPCLI.

The 108 kilometer (km) section of the river travelled by C Coy was broken into three legs of 21 km; 42 km and 35 km respectively. Packets were organized by platoon with two soldiers per canoe. The first leg was relatively calm and a good introduction for the company to become acquainted with the feel of the river. The river was wide and offered the opportunity for those adept at manipulating their canoe to avoid the pockets of rapids that intermittently broke the

smooth surface of the water. For the more adventurous paddlers, however, the rapids were a welcome challenge.

On the second day of canoeing several soldiers from the company lashed their canoes together side-by-side and let the current take the flotilla down river. The makeshift pontoon boat proved stable in the level 2 rapids. On the final day of paddling, however, level 3 rapids capsized the very same craft with ease and the soldiers had ample opportunity to put their new canoe recovery skills to use as rapids tipped each and every canoe at least once.

At the end of the exercise C Coy emerged a more integrated and cohesive sub-unit. Morale and camaraderie was high which will greatly contribute to the success of the company in future endeavors.





Ex PATRICIA RELOAD & PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN

Capt St-Hilaire, Maint O, Admin Company

Providing Service with a Smile on Exercises PATRICIA RELOAD and PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN

Mid-August marked the first deployment of the newly reformed 1 PPCLI. The expression 'newly reformed' exemplifies the number of position changes throughout the battalion during the past annual posting season. As part of the revamped battalion, Administration Company (Admin Coy) had an influx of new personnel, from officers to corporals and privates. Having recently received handovers, and returning from summer leave, the company took to the field in Wainwright twice to shake out, meld as a team, and develop at various levels.

Admin Coy was busy from the outset to ensuring the preparations for Ex PATRICIA RELOAD and Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN were in place. These included ensuring the appropriate stores and equipment for camp set-up; day-to-day support; and ranges were in place. Maintenance of LAVs, command posts, and mobile repair team vehicles took priority in June and July to ensure the rifle companies had the necessary equipment to conduct effective training in August and September. Coordination between different organizations including contracted services, Base Wainwright, and 1 Service Battalion was necessary for external support such as low-bed and recovery assistance; heaters; light stands; and propane. Additionally, Transport Platoon coordinated road move preparations and issued deployment orders.

Although exercise preparations were the focus for supporting personnel, Admin Coy was busy during the execution phases as well. Driver and technician vehicle maintenance paid dividends as road moves for each exercise were conducted with few breakdowns. While on exercise, Maintenance Platoon facilitated the majority of repairs with a high percentage of serviceable vehicles. Weapons and Electronic-Optronic technicians were attached to each range for quick technical expertise during the day and then they concentrated on equipment repairs in the evening while back in camp. Decentralized mobile repair teams looked after their respective companies, working tirelessly to ensure their vehicles remained in good working condition.

Transport Platoon ensured soldier and equipment movement occurred as efficiently as possible. Given their limited resources at times, the platoon quickly adapted and adjusted their plans. As a result of these unforeseen changes, the platoon had to, on occasion, centralize vehicles, triage the companies' requirements and prioritize tasks. We can proudly say that transport personnel were definitely up to the challenge and successfully overcame all obstacles.

The Quartermaster shop was no exception to the rapid pace of work required to support the battalion in the field. The most prominent task for the platoon was camp set-up which included establishing the kitchen and messing area and issuing equipment. Their ongoing tasks through the exercises, particularly on PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN, included local

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purchasing; providing ammo; laundry; and support to the company quartermaster sergeants (CQMS). Regimental Quartermaster staff also provided equipment for the launcher contest (which Admin Coy won). The kitchen staff provided excellent meals throughout, culminating in an outstanding supper at the battalion smoker on Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN. The meal featured a pork roast along with an assortment of seafood steak, and a variety of desserts.

Tremendous 'behind-the-scenes' efforts were put in to support both exercises ensuring the companies could focus on individual and collective training. This set the conditions for success as the battalion rolled into company deployments to Wainwright and Suffield, the Fall PCF cycle, and prepares to embark on further high readiness training in 2013.



End exercise 'smoker' pig on a spit.





Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN '12

C Company

Marking an end to the summer months for the soldiers of First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, C Coy deployed with the Battalion to CFB Wainwright to participate in Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN, a two week exercise tailored to refine section and platoon level TTP. This exercise provided C Coy with the opportunity to shake-out and continue to build on their skills learned from Ex PATRICIA RELOAD. As the first week progressed, C Coy successfully completed section dismounted live-fire ranges as well as zeroing the company's LAVs for mechanized ranges. The sections and platoons took advantage of the time between ranges to rehearse mounted drills and movement with their LAVs, auspiciously preparing themselves for the upcoming ranges.

Following the completion of dismounted ranges, C Coy took full advantage of their maintenance day. With LAV crews servicing their cars, attending briefings from the attached Forward Observation Officer (FOO) and preparing kit for the upcoming training das, the soldiers diligently applied themselves to the tasks at hand.

Launching into the second week of the exercise, C Coy continued to reinforce TTPs up to company level. The first part of the week was spent on company level rehearsals of concept (ROC) drills and mechanized formations, the efforts paid off with the successful advance to contact and hasty attack that the company dashed through flawlessly. With the exercise reaching its culminating point, C Coy sections progressed through a live-fire mechanized section range with little difficulty, maintaining the quiet professional demeanor for which C Coy is renowned.



Photo Captions: Top Right, Lt Pal (33) Conducting battle procedure during level 3 dismounted. Bottom Right, Sgt De Vries (32) AAR post dismounted attack.



EIRST BATTALION



Alpha Company Holding the Line

On 09 Oct 2012, A Coy combat team deployed to Wainwright to be part of the Contemporary Operating Environment Force (COEFOR) for Ex MAPLE RESOVE 1201. Going up against two battle groups from 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (CMBG), A Coy combat team was composed of a mechanised company minus from 1 PPCLI, a light platoon from 3 PPCLI, a tank troop and a reconnaissance section from the LdSH (RC), a FOO party from 1 RCHA, and a section of engineers from 1 CER. With this robust combat team A Coy was tasked to replicate a mechanised battle group of the Port-o-Prince Guard, an elite regiment of the West Isle Defence Force, poised to delay and halt the advance of the two Canadian battle groups invading our precious land.

One of the challenges was to replicate a 'near-peer' enemy when in the past few years the CF has been fighting an enemy with less tools and fire-power at his disposal. Getting back to the defensive basics was another challenge A Coy combat team faced. Delaying the enemy without being decisively engaged, using control measures to counter-act 5 CMBG's jamming capabilities, using run-ups, and enforcing proper defensive routines were all things we had to get back up-to-speed on, quickly in order to challenge to our French-Canadian counter-parts. In short order, through hard work and dedication, the combat team rose to the challenge.

The delaying battle was conducted over the first three days of the exercise and was mainly fought by the covering-force lead by the A Coy LAV Captain. His team had an excellent start considering they were going against brigade size reconnaissance elements followed by quite a few combat teams with only one LAV, one tank, and a section of G-wagons replicating an anti-armour section. Using the terrain of Wainwright's badlands to their advantage, the covering-force kept mobile and used copious amounts of indirect fire to disrupt the advancing enemy and make him think he was facing a much larger force.

Once the covering-force had been used to its full potential, which was a day of delay, the two platoons were sited in successive defensive position to lure in the main enemy attacks and which were then counter-attached from the flanks by the tank troop and suppressed with artillery in order to facilitate the disengagement of the platoon in contact. A Coy executed this CONOPS with minimal losses over the next two days before disengaging for maintenance and preparations for the main defensive battle.

In between the delay battle and the main defensive battle, A Coy counted on C Coy of 1R22eR to keep 5 CMBG's forces occupied with transitional phases of war. C Coy 1 R22eR replicated a guerrilla/militia style force similar to the enemy in Afghanistan. In the end the, primary training audience was subjected to conventional and insurgent forces, providing excellent value to their high readiness preparation.

Unfortunately, in the end we lost and the main defensive battle was short due to 5 CMBG's use of terrain and concentration of forces. We held our ground using the same tactics we used during the delay battle but it was time for us to go down fighting.

As company second in command this was my first major exercise and a very informative one. Having to coordinate the battle and resupply of a combat team during the defensive is definitely not something that we see often in our training and operations. All elements of the team had to come up with imaginative solutions to logistical problems to keep the LAVs, tanks, G-wagons and especially the troops in the battle, four very different elements with four very different requirements.

Overall, the battle went well for A Coy. After a week of fighting with some lulls in the tempo we were overwhelmed in a defensive battle where the combat team went down fighting. But we have not had our last word; A Coy will return to West Isle in a couple of months and have our revenge, this time as the Canadian liberators during the next Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 2013.



French Grey Chunkin' Contest

Admin Company



The deployment of 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry to Wainwright, Alberta for a three week mechanized exercise, Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN, ended with much more than an average smoker. Admin Coy challenged the rest of the battalion to an inter-company fruit-launching competition, 'The French Grey Chunkin' Contest,' to challenge their teamwork and creativity during the September exercise.

A predetermined list of equipment was provided at the last moment so as to limit the amount of preparation each company would have. However, this did not prevent Signals Platoon from building a prototype trebuchet weeks before!

The day of the challenge, Company Quartermasters drew the equipment from the Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant (RQMS) to find such items as mod-tent purlins, A-frames, rope and wood. The range was built to zero each company's contraptions and then test their distance and accuracy. The targets featured some interpretations of well-known Admin Coy entities, proving that supporters can have a Patricia sense of humour as well.

The company creations displayed a wide range of strategy and teamwork, from A Coy's simple but effective slingshot to Combat Support (Cbt Sp) Coy's ambitious but questionable weight-loaded trebuchet. Cbt Sp Coy's contraption clearly won the admiration of the medics, who spent most of the competition watching their "Chucker" operations closely.

In the end, it was Admin Coy's elegant combination of engineering dominance and cooperation which won over the completely impartial judges' favour to win. To operate their machine, they required a length of rope to be pulled in a tug-of-war fashion by several feet of EME, Log and Infantry soldiers together. It was a heart-warming finish to a challenging exercise, which resulted in all of the companies and cap badges merging closer together. On conclusion of the 'Chunkin' Contest' there was a much enjoyed dinner which included a roast pig.





FIRST BATTALION

SNIPER PLATOON

2012 was a successful year of training and development for the 1 PPCLI Sniper Platoon. The year began with Ex ARCTIC RAM where the snipers put their operational skills into practice in a new environment while supporting 1 CMBG operations. After a brief time at home the Snipers began preparing for a new influx of 'on the job training' snipers as well as a 1 CMBG sniper gun-camp in Wainwright.

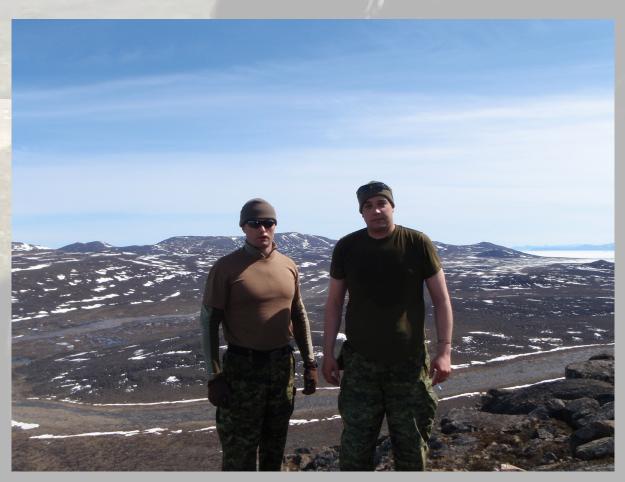


In May, the battalion snipers conducted the year's sniper pre-selection course while others tested new sniper technology and equipment at Combat Training Center (CTC) in CFB Gagetown. The remainder of the year's training was primarily dedicated to the Canadian International Sniper Concentration held annually at CTC. Preparations included a challenging three week exercise at CFB Dundurn. Additionally, a sniper detachment provided support to Ex RIMPAC in Hawaii and also trained with the Calgary Police Service. Sniper platoon was fortunate in that soldiers graduated from the Sniper Detachment Commanders course and the Advanced Sniper course.





The coming year promises to be busy with plans for perfecting high-angle engagements in the Baffin Islands along with Brigade and Battalion training events. 'On Job Training' will also be available for those with the interest and aptitude for Sniping.





FIRST BATTALION

Ex MOUNTAIN MAN 2012

Lt B.W. Gaucher 4 PL Comd, Unit OPI MM12

The annual Mountain Man Competition held by 1 CMBG, took place on 30 August 2012, in Edmonton's River Valley. This year, every major unit in the Brigade sent participants to compete. The race, comprised of a 31.6km ruck run, a 3.2km canoe portage, a 10km paddle, and 5.6km run to the finish. Throughout the race, participants carried a 15kg rucksack, and in during the portage, added a 90-100lbs canoe for a 3.2km portage.

For the members of 1 PPCLI who participated this year, the training calendar didn't leave much time to prepare. As Ex ARCTIC RAMMountain Man 2012 finished, preparations were underway to design a rigorous training regime that would get participants to the level of fitness required to be competitive. In the preceding months, despite being tasked out, sent on exercise, or reorganized into other companies, everyone prepared themselves for the race, striving to bring themselves to the highest level of fitness. Not even Ex PATRICIA RELOAD, finishing a mere six days before the competition, could slow down 1 PPCLI soldiers.

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Capt Clarke, Adjt, 1 PPCLI is helped pulling his rucksack off, having just crossed the finish line in style.

Most of the training was done early in the morning, and orchestrated by MCpl Schiller, of Cbt Sp Coy. Canoes were

provided by 1 CMBG to allow members to prepare for what would be one of the most gruelling components of the race. This year, the team conducted a shortened portage before canoeing the North Saskatchewan River between Hawrelak and Gold Bar Park.

Race day began at Hawrelak Park with a speech by the Commander of 1 CMBG. Competitors collected and donned their rucksacks, and with the starter pistol firing at 0500hrs the race was afoot. Darkness covered the

first third of the route, and headlamps bobbed and weaved through the River Valley trail system until first light revealed the path. Water stations, medics on bikes and volunteers lined the trails, offering assistance, water, and fruit to the competitors throughout the race. Although passing the finish line on the first out-leg of the route gave some runners the inspiration they needed to pick up the pace, it was a reminder to others that it would be a long day before they would return.

By the time participants reached the start point again to collect their canoes, the longest portion of the race was over, but the hardest was about to begin. The 3.2km portage required members to pick up their canoes, set them on their rucksacks, and carry them to the launch point. As competitors closed in on the canoe point, volunteers called



Capt St Hillaire, Maint O, 1 PPCLI balances his canoe on the run during the first kilometre of the portage portion of the race.





LCol Grimshaw, CO, 1 PPCLI kicks off from the canoe launch point and gets ready to head down the Fort Saskatchewan River after completing the first half of the race.

out bib numbers and carrying canoes back-and-forth to ensure they were ready when the runners arrived. General Duty personnel lifted the canoe onto the competitor's shoulders just once; should it fall or be set down thereafter, it was their responsibility to don it again. How the canoe was rigged was almost as important as how much training one had carrying it, but there were plenty of street signs and low-hanging tree branches throughout the portage course to allow competitors a much-needed rest.

More volunteers swarmed competitors at the canoe launch point, ensuring there was no delay or backlog as runners stretched their legs before zipping up their life preservers and setting forth onto the water. The trip down the North Saskatchewan River was fraught with headwinds, threatening to spin your canoe any which way, but everyone kept the pace up and gave their legs a bit of time off. Upon reaching Capilano Park, competitors left their canoes and put their rucks on for the last time.

All those hills and weight had started to take their toll many kilometres ago, and although over familiar terrain, the last 5.6km of the race seemed more difficult the second time around. However, every competitor drudged over each hill again, admittedly with less speed and gusto, and each footfall brought them closer to the finish line. Once there, a final burst of energy brought them across that line at a run, almost without fail, as the last reserves of their vigour were sapped away. The race may have taken everything they had, but its rewards more than compensated for it. What started at 0500hrs that morning had finished some six, seven, or eight hours later, with awards, accolades, and recognition given at a final ceremony.

The Mountain Man competition was extremely challenging, offering a high benchmark for fitness for first-time competitors as well as those coming back for a second or third time. Although the composition of the team precluded 1 PPCLI from participating as a Major Unit for the aggregate score competition, individual members did extremely well in the final standings of the race. MCpI Wagner, A Coy, placed 12th overall with a time of 5:38:29, the highest of any 1 PPCLI competitor. The second fastest for 1 PPCLI, Capt Alpaugh, Recce PI, had a time of 6:22:34, and the third fastest, Capt Clarke, Adjt, had a time of 6:26:11. Overall, every participant from 1 PPCLI represented the Battalion and the Regiment quite well.



FIRST BATTALION

2012 CrossFit Vancouver "Nutts Cup"



On 11 August 2012, members of the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (1 PPCLI) attended the annual "Nutts Cup" in Vancouver, BC. The "Nutts Cup" has its origin with the late Lt Andrew Nuttall, who was the commander of 12 Platoon, Delta Company 1 PPCLI during the Task Force (TF) 3-09 deployment. Lt Nuttall was killed by an improvised explosive device (IED), while conducting operations with his platoon on 23 December 2009, outside the village of Nakhoney, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

Prior to joining the military, Lt Nuttall was a CrossFit trainer who worked alongside Mr. Craig Patterson, the owner of CrossFit Vancouver. Working with Mr. Patterson, Lt Nuttall created fitness programs for the Royal Westminster Regiment, and during that time he decided to join the CF. In 2008, Lt Nuttall was posted to 1 PPCLI where he was assigned to 12 Pl. He led his platoon in work-up training and deployment of TF 3-09

Affectionately known by his friends and co-workers as "Nutts," Lt Nuttall was a driving force behind bringing CrossFit to the military and the First Battalion. His passion for fitness inspired fellow members to include CrossFit into their daily routines.

Upon receiving news of Lt Nuttall's death, Mr. Patterson decided to host an annual competition in his memory. The "Nutts Cup" annual CrossFit competition is in remembrance of Lt Andrew Nuttall, and the proceeds go to the "Take a Hike" charity for children at risk. From its inception, military representation from 1 PPCLI has been present at "Nutts Cup." The competition has grown over the last three years with the 2012 competition being the largest thus far, including teams from all over BC and western Canada.





Appropriately, competition day began with the singing of O Canada, and opening remarks from Mr. Patterson. The competition itself followed with various CrossFit workouts throughout the day and culminated in the top eight teams having to complete the "Nutts" Work Out of the Day (WOD) to determine the winner of the "Nutts Cup." The "Nutts" WOD is a combination of the following CrossFit exercises: 10 handstand push-ups; 15 reps of 250 pound deadlift; 25 box jumps, 30 inch box; 50 Pull-ups; 100 wallball shots, 20 pound ball, 10 feet height; 200 'double-under' rope skips; and a 550m partner-carry run. Each team consists of one female and two male competitors who complete the various exercises to earn a total score for ranking.

Throughout the day there were several stands set-up, ranging from mojitos to Paleo Diet foods. All members of 1 PPCLI were treated to lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall at an intimate sit down meal on Granville Island. Upon return to CrossFit Vancouver, the final competition began for the "Nutts Cup." It started with a bugler playing the Last Post followed by two minutes of silence and Reveille. With the formalities complete, the top eight teams completed the "Nutts" WOD. The 1 PPLCI team participated in the WOD but was not part of the actual competition. Once the competition finished, the trophy was presented to the CrossFit Calgary team which included a former member of the battalion, MCpl Burke (ret'd), from B Company. All participants attended a post competition celebration with the members of 1 PPCLI.

CrossFit Vancouver was extremely accommodating to 1 PPCLI members and was very grateful for the Battalion's participation. They encourage the First Battalion and other units to continue to participate in future "Nutts Cup" competitions as it is an important part of remembering and honouring Lt Nuttall, his family, and his friends.



FIRST BATTALION

EX PATRICIA DRIFTER

Capt Jeff Alpaugh, LAV Captain, A Company Spartan Race: Super Spartan, Mont Tremblant, 2012 "You'll Know At The Finish!"



The 1 PPCLI Spartan Race team just prior to the race.

On Saturday, 9 June 2012, 14 soldiers from the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (1 PPCLI) competed in the Spartan Race event: Super Spartan, in Mont Tremblant, Quebec. It was a unique opportunity for the soldiers to compete in a civilian-run event that catered to and celebrated military style of all-around fitness. There was a strong feeling of energy and esprit-de-corps amongst the racers which came from knowing that this event would truly test of all their hard training.

Spartan Race holds obstacle foot race events of varying difficulty and distances. The different classes of races are: the Spartan Sprint (5km), the Super Spartan (12km), the Spartan Beast (20km), and the Ultra Beast (42km). In the Spartan Race obstacles can be both extreme and bizarre. The inspiration for obstacles comes from varied sources; however the US Navy SEALs and American Gladiators are two main contributors. ESPN has described the Spartan Race as a "true test of will." Spartan Race does not provide a course map, allow a course walk through, or explain the obstacles that will be present. The first Spartan Race event was held in 2010 and had approximately 500 competitors; currently Spartan Races attract thousands of athletes. The Spartan Race 'mission' is to promote training and an active lifestyle. Spartan Race is partnered with SEALFIT, and other organizations geared towards promoting military style all around fitness.

The event itself was quite a spectacle. Many spectators and supporters were present, numerous fitness companies ranging from supplements to clothing featured extravagant booths, and there were many games for all to enjoy. To add to the energetic atmosphere, a DJ played fast-paced motivational music throughout the event. All the 1 PPCLI racers started in the first and most competitive heat. The race began with competitors chanting "I AM SPARTAN" as the music ramped up. Once the starting pistol fired racers jumped over a fire and began ascending a demanding hill. The first 6km of the race was all uphill and at a very steep grade, over extremely rough terrain. The 1 PPCLI members particularly excelled at the barbed wire crawl which was over 100m long for the first portion; all told, there were four barbed wire crawls. Other notable obstacles were the six and eight 8 foot walls, sandbag and stone carries, various rope climbs, weighted pulleys, cargo nets, barrel run, water crossing, tunnel crawls, the wheel-barrow, and gladiators with pugil sticks blocking the finish line. Covered in mud and thoroughly exhausted, all members of the 1 PPCLI team completed the race.





Cpl Brett Wellicome digs deep during the sand bag carry obstacle.



Cpl Brad Cady threads the needle between gladiators just before the finish line.



Cpl Capiak (left) and Cpl Johns (right) sport their well-earned Spartan Race T-Shirts and Medals as they enjoy the post-race festivities.



Cpl Josh Meilleur achieved the best time of all the 1 PPCLI racers with a time of 1:32:24 and he finished 36th of approximately 2,500 competitors.



Cpl Tsvikovski participates in one of the Spartan Games set up for racers and spectators in order to develop the warrior spirit: The Pugil Battle.

At the beginning of the 2011 season, the Spartan Race announced it had partnered with the Homes for Troops charity organization. 'Homes for Troops' is dedicated to providing homes specially designed for soldiers who have been severely wounded in the line of duty. In the UK Spartan Race supports 'Help for our Heroes', and in Canada, the Canadian Forces' Soldier On' program. Spartan Race believes military members personify the spirit of the Spartan Race as they consistently demonstrate perseverance and courage in order to complete their mission in the face of challenge and adversity.

Members of the team wore Patricia T-shirts for the race and many civilians approached the team and thanked the soldiers for their service. This gave the 1 PPCLI soldiers an excellent opportunity to interact with supportive civilians and share some of their military experiences. Also throughout the race spectators often yelled support such as "Go Army Go!" and "C'mon Patricias!" Members of the team were grateful for the opportunity and reported that the trip was a morale raising experience.

Overall highlights of the trip for the 1 PPCLI soldiers was racing in competitive environment, learning more about and developing the warrior spirit through all-around fitness, and developing esprit-de-corps with soldiers from across the battalion.



FIRST BATTALION

1 PPCLI Men's Christmas Dinner

Capt S.C. Molloy, Combat Support Company Photos by Sqt W.C. Gauchier, CD



"LCol" Ashton Marsh seated next to "Pte" N.J.E. Grimshaw after the traditional exchange of tunics between the CO and youngest Private.

Each year in December the First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry takes pause to reflect on the hard work and sacrifices each member has made over the previous year. Owing to the exercises, taskings and other demands placed on the battalion, The Annual Men's Christmas Dinner is one of the few times during the year where the majority of personnel are able to gather and in 2012 it occurred on the 14 December. It is a unique event that offers the chance for soldiers to enjoy one another's company, have a few drinks and take some much needed time to relax before leaving to spend holidays with family and friends.

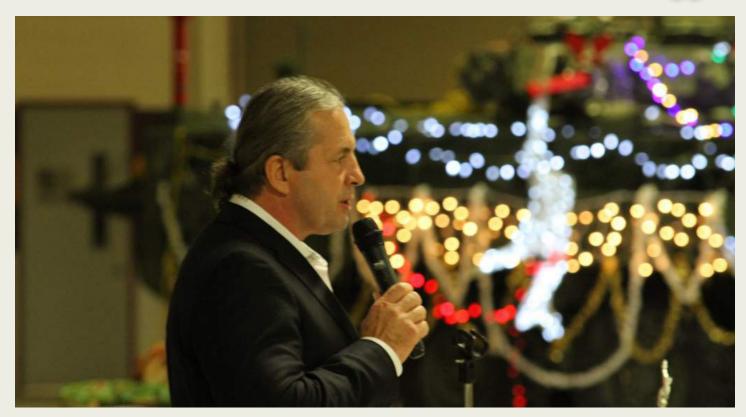
As per tradition, the day begins with a series of group photos which will provide a record of the composition of the battalion for future members. Shortly after was the introduction of a new element in the day's festivities: The Annual Company Slideshow Presentation. Each company was responsible for producing a slideshow that represented their hard work and accomplishments over the past year. With beer distributed and music blaring, soldiers looked on as they relived their year's labours on exercises and operations from the Arctic to Wainwright; with Bravo Company winning the award for top video.

Once the food was delivered and all the final preparations were completed, the soldiers of the First Battalion were seated, for the meal. The head table was comprised of the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel N.J.E. Grimshaw, and the Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer R.F. Keins, along with some very notable guests.

Guests of honour are, and always have been, an important part of the Christmas dinner. This year's guests included Brett "The Hitman" Hart (!), members of the E-Ville Dead Edmonton Women's Roller Derby team, Mr. Fred Goldring, head of the Edmonton PPCLI Association Branch as well as Dean and Wendy Gossen, owners of Edmonton's "Bully Food Truck". Mr. Hart, who is quickly becoming a much appreciated and respected staple at PPCLI events, gave a speech outlining his thanks and support to the battalion in its efforts at home and abroad while the Roller Girls took the time to lay a serious smackdown on Captain Luke Kittson for the enjoyment of all. Both "The Hitman" and the Roller Girls made themselves available to all for photos and autographs after the dinner, a definite morale boost right before the holidays!

Among the most notable aspects of the Men's Christmas Dinner is the exchange of tunics and rank between the youngest private in battalion with the Commanding Officer and the oldest corporal with the Regimental Sergeant Major. This year the honour fell to Private Ashton Marsh who took the opportunity to (attempt) to give the battalion an extra day off in the New Year! Meanwhile Corporal Stephen Venasse was able to relish wielding the rank of CWO as RSM Kiens relived some of his youth in the corporal's chevrons.





Brett "The Hitman" Hart addresses the soldiers and guests of 1 PPCLI, finishing with his trademark phrase.

With everyone gathered in one place, the Christmas Dinner was an excellent time to recognize the accomplishments of not only the unit, but of specific individuals as well. Awards for top performance in each rank level were awarded to Corporal K. Pearcey (top tradesman), Private B. Ste Croix, Corporal D. Laur, Master Corporal A. Gushue, Sergeant K. Ozerkevich and Lieutenant J. Sherwood. A number of promotions were also announced, ranging from corporal to major, while others were recognized with honours and commendations.

In addition to the presentations made by the CO and RSM, a number of messages from those not present were read. Letters of thanks and congratulations from the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, the Colonel-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General R.R. Crabbe (Ret'd), Colonel of the Regiment; and the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Defence, all received a warm reception from the troops. The final presentation was a quick word from our unit padre, Captain Olive, blessing the members of the unit and the meal that was about to be served.

With the soldiers seated, the officers and Sn NCOs donned aprons and began to serve the meal to the hungry troops. The Kitchen Officer (KO), WO Stephen Giroux, and his entire staff outdid themselves this year, working tirelessly to deliver a delicious traditional Christmas meal of turkey, gravy, stuffing and all the fixings to over 300 eager soldiers.

The meal complete and drinks flowing, it was time for a special presentation to the soldiers of 1 PPCLI. The lights were dimmed and the recently re-activated PPCLI Drumline, was introduced to the battalion. The line, headed by Warrant Officer David Kennedy, looked sharp dressed in full traditional British style scarlet tunics topped off by a white Wolseley (pith) helmet with French Grey pugaree. The Drumline's precision and timing was arguably the most exciting event of the entire day. Illuminated by black light in the darkened hall, the band thoroughly impressed the audience with a display of musicianship and discipline. For their efforts, they received a well-deserved standing ovation by the audience.

By noon, a final address to the Battalion was made by the CO wishing all a safe and happy holidays and dismissing them for the day. The dismissal marked the beginning of a well-earned Christmas leave and the end of another successful year for the First Battalion. While the soldiers headed home, the Sn NCOs and Officers adjourned to their respective messes to prepare for the "At-Home" portion of the evening. This year, it was the sergeants and warrants' turn to host the officers in their mess and by all reports it was a success.



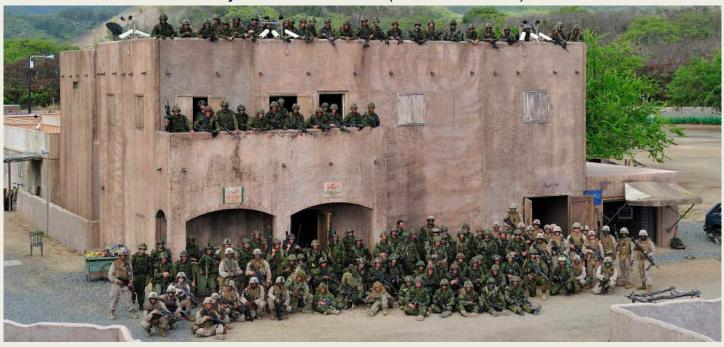
SECOND BATTALION

A COMPANY, 2 PPCLI

Capt Wong, 2IC A Company



A Coy at USMC War Memorial (Iwo Jima Monument).



2012 was an exciting year for A Company, 2 PPCLI and the finale of an eventful two year task as the Canadian Forces Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation Company, or NEO Coy, designed to facilitate the evacuation of Canadian civilians living or vacationing abroad from areas of conflict. This included more than a year of intensive training, culminating in 2012 with, Ex Rim of the Pacific (Ex RIMPAC) in the Hawaiian Islands.

Ex MAPLE RESOLVE and Ex WARRIOR RAM

Following Ex MAPLE RESOLVE in the Fall of 2011 where A Coy demonstrated incredible fighting spirit and determination as the defensive force against the soldiers of 3 RCR in a force-on-force scenario, the pers tempo continued to remain high for A Coy as they supported B and C Coy, 2 PPCLI during the Combat Team Commander's Course (CTCC) in May 2012.



Ex RIMPAC

A Coy was quickly regrouped following the Bde's deployment on Ex WARRIOR RAM in late May 2012 in order to conduct a very condensed field training exercise in Shilo (Ex KAPYONG RIMPAC) in preparation for deployment to the Pacific Rim as part the largest multinational maritime exercise in the world, known as Exercise Rim of the Pacific (Ex RIMPAC). This year's exercise (27 June – 1 August 2012) was the largest Ex RIMPAC to date hosting over 22 coalition partner nations. As part of the Canadian land component contingent, A Coy (NEO) was comprised of 124 soldiers from across 2 PPCLI with augmentation from 1 PPCLI, 3 PPCLI (snipers), 1 CER and 1 Fd Amb.



Canada Day, Pyramid Rock, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Ex RIMPAC was a fantastic training opportunity to for the coy. The exercise paired the soldiers with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force (SPMAGTF-3). It forced them to work in a

complex multinational environment, and provided an excellent venue to hone section, platoon and company war-fighting skills.

This exercise thrust the officers and soldiers of A Coy into a complex multinational environment under the tactical command of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines ("Lava Dogs"). A Coy proved their skill, adaptability and fighting spirit as they completed a variety of training: ranging from section and platoon live-fire ranges; Simmunition force-on-force in an urban environment; various insertion platforms (such as airmobile, fast roping and amphibious operations); and operating in austere environments in the lava fields of the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island. As part of the SPMAGTF-3 in an expeditionary context, one of the most unique experiences for A Coy was deploying aboard the USS Essex (an amphibious assault craft designed to conduct ship-to-shore operations for Marines preparing for combat) for a two weeks on the Pacific Ocean.

Ex RIMPAC 12 was an outstanding venue for the coy to conduct challenging training and hone their TTPs at the section, platoon and company level in a coalition environment. When put in the spotlight against other coalition forces such as the USMC and Royal Australian Regiment, A Coy showed tremendous professionalism, adaptability and skill and represented their unit and country honour.

EX KAPYONG FURY

A Coy returned to Shilo from the South Pacific and following summer leave deployed to the field once again, this time on the Bn fall exercise, Ex KAPYONG FURY. Ex KAPYONG FURY was designed to validate B and C Coys up to Level 3 live as well as validate the NEO Coy in a Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) environment as part of the NEO Bn. A Coy was responsible for planning and executing the dismounted Level 2 range.

Concurrent to the main effort, Ex KAPYONG FURY provided an excellent opportunity for A Coy to conduct NEO Coy continuation training to sharpen their skills. Additionally, the Bn exercise was an excellent venue to challenge, test and hone the company's junior leaders. This translated into a coy patrol competition where the Cpls and Ptes had the opportunity to lead their peers with the aim of developing leadership skills in a progressive, realistic scenario-based, environment. Each patrol was comprised of six men, with each soldier rotating through the command position. The patrol challenged them with a variety of stands including live-fire attacks, recce patrols and CBRN threats. The competition proved to be a resounding success among the troops, enabling the junior soldiers to learn by doing, make mistakes and develop their skills as leaders. The culmination of Ex KAPYONG FURY was a Bn NEO exercise where A Coy's CBRN skills were tested in an urban environment.

Long Year

2012 was a busy and demanding year for A Coy, but it was also one filled with excitement and unique training opportunities. Following A Coy's action-packed two years as the NEO Coy, 2 PPCLI's NEO task officially stood down 31 October. The soldiers of A Coy are now looking forward to the next bound – Op ATTENTION R3.



B COMPANY 2 PPCLI



Big missions called for big map models.

B Coy, 2 PPCLI was proud to be involved in the 2012 CTCC this spring at CFB Wainwright. Having participated in 2011 with Ex PRAIRIE THUNDER, where B Coy was attached to the 1st Battalion Scots Guards Battle Group, the company quickly applied the lessons learned and began training with A Squadron Lord Strathcona's Horse (LdSH) on Ex KAPYONG STEELE in preparation for Ex WARRIOR RAM.

The training brought the two companies together and highlighted some key operational differences, allowing both groups to adjust to new capabilities. The training with the Strathcona's allowed both companies to explore their respective vehicles and develop a better understanding of how they operate and are employed on the battlefield.

With Leopard C2s and Leopard IIs in the Squadron it was a great experience for all. Several members of the company were invited to ride in the tanks and get a feel for how they moved and fought. Cpl Culbert was one of the lucky few, who got an all-access pass to a tank and was seen out of the turret as the tank sped across the ground outside our leaguer.

The training allowed the combat-team to operate against conventional and urban objectives and enabled them to utilize the capabilities they had on hand. With the tanks ability to break ground through rough terrain, the LAVs quickly learned to follow their tracks before breaking-out and exploiting their speed on the objective, making the combat-team manoeuvrable and fast on the battle field.

As the exercise continued, B Coy's experience with mechanized operations paid dividends during a candidate's attack when, due to a 'hot mic' all comms were lost in the combat- team. B Coy relied on their drills and with a quick set of hand signals the company manoeuvred into position and executed the attack. This was a focal point of the AAR and won B Coy the praise of the candidates and course staff alike.

While the candidates of the CTCC were the primary audience the training value for B Coy cannot be understated. Sgt Maj Orr demonstrated not only quick thinking but also impressive soldier skills when he quickly identified and destroyed enemy trench sighted in defilade to the advancing depth platoon, allowing the attack to continue. This was just one example of the quick thinking and aggressive action the members of B Coy brought to the fight in support of the CTCC.





The Leopards made a nice addition to our ring of steel.



B Coy Combat Team rolling out.



B Company Formed up and ready to step off on a Combat Team attack.



C COMPANY



Charlie Company participates in a LAV gun-camp during Ex KAPYONG FURY.

From Hill 677 to Panjwaii, Charlie Company (C Coy) 2 PPCLI has proven itself, time and time again. This professionalism will be called upon once again in 2013 as preparations for Op ATTENTION captures the focus of the entire Battalion (Bn). As the final CF deployment to Afghanistan, Op ATTENTION encapsulates not only the transferring of responsibility to the Afghan National Army (ANA), but will also represent the full circle of operations for C Coy which originally deployed to South-West Asia during Op APOLLO.

Many of the opportunities that C Coy has been afforded in 2012 will enable us to execute our next mission. In April, C Coy deployed on Ex WARRIOR RAM in Wainwright, Alberta, to support the Combat Team Commanders Course (CTCC), the crown jewel of the CF training establishment. It was a privilege and an excellent training opportunity for the coy to be selected to help train the future front-line leaders of the Canadian Army. The opportunity was not lost on the company's leadership and soldiers who developed an excellent understanding of mechanized warfare at all levels. Additionally, the CTCC was an opportunity to impress the future field-grades with the Coy's aggression and fitness.

During the training C Coy worked in a combined-arms environment with the Armoured, Engineer and Artillery units of 1 CMBG, as well as course candidates from across the nation. Conducting the full-spectrum of mechanized and dismounted, hasty and deliberate operations, C Coy continuously performed to an exceptional level, regardless of the time or place.

After Ex WARRIOR RAM, C Coy honed its individual skills through a strident Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle over the summer. LAV III skill-sets were the focus of this PCF cycle, setting the conditions for a subsequent Bn exercise in the following months. In addition to the high training tempo, soldiers from C Coy participated in Ex MOUNTAIN MAN following a comprehensive and challenging training program.

In the autumn of 2012, C Coy took part in a Bn exercise, Ex KAPYONG FURY. The exercise presented the Bn with an opportunity to sharpen its mechanized skills as well as prepare for Bn level Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO). Ex KAPYONG FURY began in early September with Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS), a progressive program to re-establish basic combat skills and build towards collective training. Subsequently, pairs and section live-fire (mounted and dismounted) training took place enabling C Coy's soldiers to progress to the platoon live-fire mechanized range. The hard work and high degree of competency earned over the course of the last year ensured that the soldiers of C Coy were more than ready for this task and conducted excellent attacks.

On 16 November 2012, C Coy competed in the French Grey Cup where their teamwork and excellent physical fitness propelled them to victory. This attitude encapsulates what makes C Coy what it is: professional, fit, and unwavering.

As each member of the Coy prepares for the year ahead, the accomplishments of 2012 will help them achieve their professional goals, both individually and as a cohesive sub-unit within the Regiment.





Charlie Company LAV conducts PI Atk during exercise during Ex KAPYONG FURY.



A 7 PI LAV participates in live-fire Mech training.



Incoming and outgoing OCs conduct handover during Ex MOUNTAIN MAN.



COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

Sgt A.M. Bowes, Sect Comd, Recce PI



Basic Recce Patrolman (BRP) 1201 Instructor Sgt Bowes provides security as he swims in the Pacific Ocean.

Reconnaissance Platoon

Reconnaissance Platoon (Recce PI) conducted a Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman course (BRP) in February and March at Albert Head British Columbia. The course conducted joint training with the Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Canadian Navy, with both of which added considerable realism to the candidates' excellent training. Fleet Diving Unit-Pacific loaned the course a ship's diver along with a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) for the duration of the BRP. The course launched its first field training exercise off HMCS Saskatoon and was able to infil/exfil by way of helo-casting, fast-casting, rappelling and small boat extractions.

Recce PI was quick to transition after the completion of BRP 1201 to participate in Ex KAPYONG STEELE/WARRIOR RAM 12 and the Combat Team Commander course as the brigade (Bde) close recce element. Attached to Recce Squadron (Sqn) of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) for the exercise, both organizations were quick to establish standard operating procedures regarding close-contact handover between medium and close recce elements.

From June to August, Recce PI was tasked to provide two snipers to A Coy for Ex RIMPAC 12. These soldiers had the opportunity to utilize naval platforms to conduct amphibious and airmobile operations as well as exchange knowledge with Marine Scout Snipers and participate in their slant-angle and conventional ranges.



Candidates from BRP 1201 load onto moving RHIBs from the HMCS Cougar in preparation for fast-casting.





Candidates of BRP 1201 prepare to fast-cast from a RHIB into the Pacific Ocean.



BRP 1201 Instructor MCpl Ross demonstrates the proper way to exit water during a beach head.

Sniper Group

The Sniper Group (Gp) began the year with a joint exercise with the Winnipeg Police Emergency Response Team Snipers. Ex KAPYONG MARSHALL took place from the end of January to early March. The focus was for the snipers to practice their skills in arctic conditions.

One member from the Sniper Gp attended the Calgary Police Urban Sniper course in Suffield, Alberta. Many good lessons were learnt during the urban stalking phase, such as the construction and camouflage of urban hides. The sniper's favourite part of the course was seeing the effects when shooting through vehicle and building windows.

The Basic Sniper course was 10 weeks long and encompassed a wide variety of unique skills. Candidates were tested on an individual basis and in a practical setting. In addition to learning to shoot long distance precision rifles out to 1800 meters, candidates were also assessed on observations, judging distance and stalking exercises.

Also during the summer at 17 Wing detachment Dundurn, the Canadian International Sniper Concentration (CISC) training camp was conducted including a series of ranges and application shoots in preparation for the 12 day Sniper Concentration. Snipers from across the Bde came to Dundurn and left with the skill-sets needed to compete at an international level. The scenarios the teams were faced with replicated actual sniper encounters form metro police and military theatres of operation.

Field Support and Training

The past year has been very busy for Field Support and Training (FiST) section. With the change of commands for the CO and RSM, the posting of several notable senior NCOs and Officers, just keeping up with the departure gifts has been a challenge. Additionally, the Quarter Master Senior Instructor (QMSI) undertook comprehensive restoration project involving all the Bn presentations, honours, awards and plaques.

FiST also supported the Bn and Bde exercises in Suffield, Wainwright, Dundurn and Shilo including a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) validation exercise which prepared a sub-unit of the Bn to deploy anywhere in the world to evacuate Canadian citizens from foreign countries in crisis.

Signals Platoon

Over the last 12 months, Signals Platoon (Sigs PI) has deployed in-mass to Ex KAPYONG STEELE/WARRIOR RAM 12 and KAPYONG FURY 12 in CFB Wainwright and in CFB Shilo's training area.

Additionally, soldiers from Sigs PI provided augmentation to support a wide variety of training in 2012. Signallers were sent to support 1 CMBG for Ex ARCTIC RAM 12 the most complex Army-led exercise in the Canadian Arctic. This exercise confirmed the Canadian Army's ability to shoot, move, and communicate in harsh arctic conditions. Finally, Sigs PI supported the Bn NEO exercises, including Ex RIMPAC 12.



A Sombre Night at the Mess

Maj Darcy Wright, DCO, 2 PPCLI

It is with a heavy heart, that I have the misfortune of informing Patricias who have served in Shilo, that the mess has suffered a catastrophic blow. A stand pipe in the mess burst after our annual Kid's Christmas party, flooding the entire mess with two to three inches of water, and caving in the ceiling in the front hall and cloak rooms. A herculean effort by the subalterns of both 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and the Second Battalion; who toiled long into the night, ensured that no artefacts were destroyed. In answer to the question that is on everyone's mind: be at ease, for Charlotte was rescued unharmed and looks better than ever.





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THIRD BATTALION

It has been another exceptional and extremely busy year for the Third Battalion. We commenced the year with our soldiers returning from post-deployment leave from Op ATTENTION Roto 0 (Kabul) in April and May, which was followed by a Change of Command from Major Kevin Barry to Lieutenant Colonel John Errington. In addition to reclaiming the Brigade Mountain Man trophy in August, other highlights of the year included hosting the French Grey Ball in September and assisting 1 CMBG Brigade HQ for future deployments with Ex ATHENA RAM. We look forward to another year of hard training and outstanding soldiering.

A COMPANY (Mountain)

May marked the stand-up of A Company (Coy) with new faces and old being reorganized into a full-strength rifle company. Returning from a long tour in Afghanistan, the members of the company returned to battalion refreshed and eager to train.

The first priority after summer leave was the annual Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) cycle. Aimed at refreshing each soldier's proficiency with different weapon systems, A Cov conducted a series of live-fire ranges in Wainwright. Starting with the traditional static ranges and building up to section level-fire and movement ranges, each member of the company exercised the principles of marksmanship while being challenged with communication, teamwork and, most of all, leadership.

After completing the IBTS cycle, A Coy, assumed the role of the "Mountain Operation Company," and headed for the hills for a Basic Mountain Operations Course. This was followed by an introduction to mountain climbing; employing different methods to traverse; and rappel complex terrain in a variety of circumstances.



During the fall, A Coy began a much needed Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle with most of the company's soldiers loaded onto basic communications and recce courses. The highlight of the training was the group of NCOs and officers sent to CFLAWC in Trenton for the new Complex Terrain Instructor Course. The course taught a series of techniques, such as building high lines, rappel lanes, fixed lines, and vertical haul lines, used in complex terrain to help soldiers manoeuvre and operate. As the only infantry company designated to operate in the mountains, these skills will be employed in the near future as the company develops its unique capability.



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THIRD BATTALION

B COMPANY (Para)



Para Coy parachuting from the CC-177 Globemaster onto Drop Zone BUXTON in Edmonton, Alberta on 25 November 2012. Over 100 paratroopers, using static line and freefall parachutes, jumped from the CC-177 Globemaster as part of Jumpmaster training.

Photo by: MCpl James Ross © 2012, DND/MDN, Canada

This year saw the regular influx of new officers and men with many returning to where they began their careers years before: wearing the maroon beret. B Coy participated in no fewer than six exercises, two Arctic deployments, and three foreign parachute trips. The following is a quick synopsis of these events.

In January, Jump Coy conducted Ex PATRICIA NOMAD in Wainwright where battle standards were assessed up to section live-fire attacks. Especially important was the Basic Winter Warfare course which prepared the soldiers for Ex ARCTIC RAM out of Yellowknife, NT where B Coy was deployed for nearly a month. Of note, this was the first time paratroopers jumped in the North since 1996. Ex MAPLE FLAG was conducted from 2-22 June in CFB Cold Lake. The exercise concluded with B Coy jumping into Wainwright using Dutch pathfinders to set up a drop zone. Once on the ground we conducted a company-sized raid on their objective.



After summer leave, B Coy was involved with Op NANOOK, a training operation based out of Inuvik, NT. The primary purpose was to foster stronger links and enhanced co-operation with local authorities and to increase the Canadian Forces' capabilities to respond to emergencies in the Arctic.

August saw two foreign parachute trips, one to Germany and the other to Rhode Island, USA. There, paratroopers earned foreign parachute wings after being dispatched by foreign Jumpmasters. The next foreign jump was in Arnhem, Holland, where we were honoured to participatein the commemoration of the 68th anniversary of Op Market Garden.

For those in garrison, September and October involved running two decentralised Basic Parachute Courses and one Jump Master Course. Numerous jumpers were dispatched from the dreaded mock tower and most were later dispatched from a civilian Sky Van aircraft.

Finally, marking almost 49 years since 2 PPCLI's first jump from a C-130 B Hercules, (See article on Page 88) on 25 November, our final jump of the year was a mass drop from a CC-117. This was an historic event as it was the first time Canadian paratroopers completed a double-door mass exit from a Canadian Globemaster. Over 125 paratroopers were dispatched onto DZ BUXTON and the jump manifest was forwarded to Regimental Headquarters for addition to the Regimental Museum and Archives. Airborne spirit of those that have gone before is alive and well.

Airborne!



Paratroopers from Bravo Coy dawning their parachutes for the first Arctic parachute jump since 1996 onto DZ BECHECKO (Yellowknife, NT) in February 2012. Ex ARCTIC RAM 2012 was the most complex Army-led exercise ever undertaken in the Canadian North with over 1500 soldiers conducting training from Yellowknife up to the Gameti corridor. Photo by: MCpl Holly Cowan © 2012, DND/MDN, Canada



Sgt Dany Heppell, a military freefall parachutist and rigger posted to 3 PPCLI conducting a jump for Community Day in Yellowknife, NT onto DZ FRAME LAKE in February 2012, as part of Ex ARCTIC RAM. Photo credit: © Jason Pineau, 2012



THIRD BATTALION

C COMPANY

Upon return from Afghanistan, where the members of C Coy were faced with the daunting tasks of mentoring Afghan National Army (ANA) instructors and providing security at Camp ALAMO, the company quickly went back at work at CFB Edmonton. The first task involved running a decentralized Basic Military Officer Qualification – Land Course and provided a significant amount of leadership to instruct the next generation of army officers.

Soon after, C Coy started to shift its focus to IBTS training to prepare them as the Land Forces



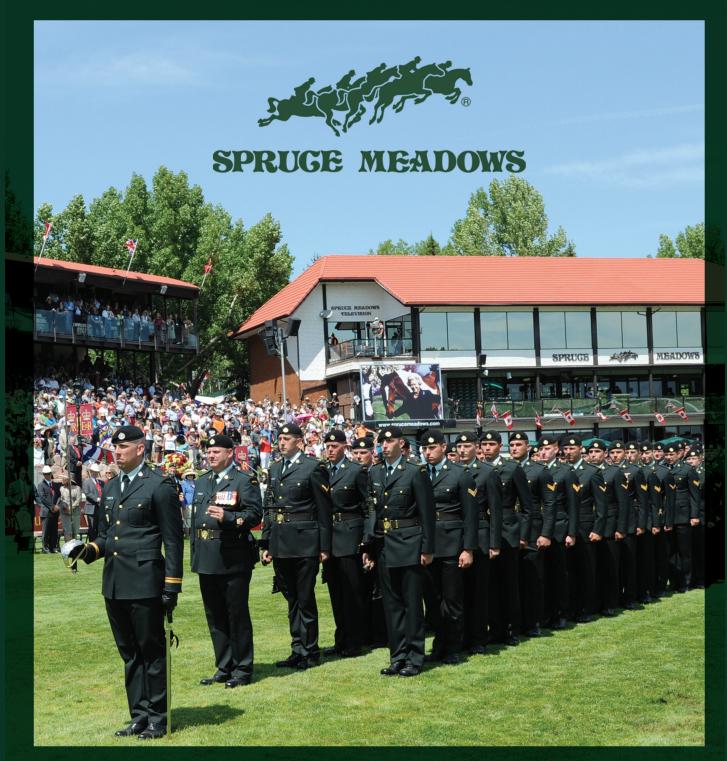
Members from C Coy during the survival exercise in November 2012.

Western Area (LFWA) Immediate Response Unit (IRU) vanguard. In addition, training was organized to prepare the company for airmobile operations. Working with CH-146 Griffons from 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, C Coy rehearsed various insertion techniques. Our confirmatory exercise 10-day deployment to CFB DUNDURN on Ex SPARTAN DAGGER in September. Along with a detachment from 408 Squadron, a troop from 1 Combat Engineering Regiment (CER), and safety staff from Combat Support Coy, C Coy performed pairs, section and platoon life-fire during night and day.

October signalled the start of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE and the need for C Coy to detach one platoon to support A Coy, 1 PPCLI to act as enemy force for 2nd Battalion, Royal 22ieme Regiment.

As Ex MAPLE RESOLVE concluded and the calendar year drew to an end, C Coy deployed once more to Whitecourt, AB for three days of survival training. Four-man groups were dispatched into the wilderness with some basic tools and knowledge and only the clothes on their back and a mission to build a temporary shelter to protect them from the elements. To add to the training, the soldiers also had to build a fire with a spark and flint, forage for their own food and learn how to navigate with an improvised compass.

With the calendar for next year already busting at the seams, C Coy eagerly await the new challenges 2013 will surely bring.



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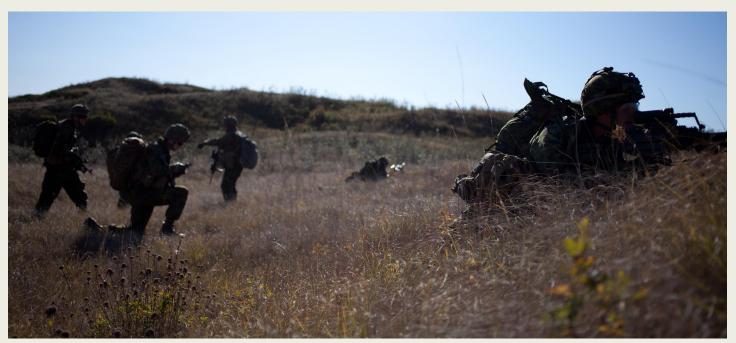
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THIRD BATTALION



Members of 3 PPCLI participate in Live-Fire training during Ex Spartan Dagger.

ADMINISTRATION COMPANY

Administration Company(Admin Coy) began 2012 delivering service support to two locations. Much of the company was involved in standing up the National Command and Support Element, to include the Maintenance Platoon, for Op ATTENTION Roto 0.

Facing numerous issues, Maintenance Platoon had their work cut out for them maintaining the Task Force vehicles. However, thanks to lots of hard work, by the time the handover was conducted with Roto 1, Camp Blackhorse had a fully functional maintenance workshop, capable of both first and second line maintenance.

Meanwhile, back in garrison, the Third Battalion's Admin Coy started off 2012 as a combined sub-unit with Combat Support (Cbt Sp) Coy, aptly named "Headquarters Company." Reduced in manpower as rear-party to TF 1-11, the company focused on supporting the battalion's Rear Party and a very active Para Coy, providing them with Riggers and Ammo Techs for their participation in Ex MAPLE FLAG 45 in Cold Lake and Wainwright, and to Op NANOOK.

During September, our tempo increased. One notable event was Ex THUNDERING RAM, the first iteration of a potentially annual motorcycle ride to increase awareness towards safe riding and to raise money for Valour Place, a local charity. Led by the Brigade Commander, 3 PPCLI was responsible for the execution of the event and many Admin Coy personnel were involved in creating a great atmosphere for the more than 50 riders who took part in the event.

2012 wrapped up with the company reconstituted from its operational deployment and preparing for its next bound of supporting 1 PPCLI as it moves to high-readiness for Task Force 1-13 while providing support to the stand-up of Op ATTENTION Roto 3.





A sniper team from 3 PPCLI Combat Support Coy at the Canadian International Sniper Concentration.

COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY

Operation ATTENTION saw the bulk of Cbt Spt personnel concentrated in Regional Military Training Centre – Capital with some members scattered across other Kabul training centres, Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif. The majority of personnel redeployed in March and went on to a well deserved post-deployment leave.

Combat Support stood back up at the end of May and immediately launched into refresher training to hone the basics of skill-at-arms. In July, the company conducted Ex SPARTAN STEALTH, a 10 day training event to develope section live-fire and patrolling skills. Concurrently, the company's Sniper Group ran pre-training for the Canadian International Sniper Concentration on behalf of 1 CMBG. Their hard work paid off when the sniper groups secured second place (MCpl Robertson and MCpl Mills) and seventh place (MCpl O'Rourke and Cpl Buckley) finishes amongst 33 teams from around the world.

In the fall, Signals Platoon ran a communications course providing much needed basic sigs qualified personnel to the Bn. In addition, they provided support to Ex ATHENA RAM, a week long computer assisted exercise. Reconnaissance Platoon conducted a Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman course in Camp Wright, Alberta.

Although a busy year, the soldiers of Combat Support are justifiably proud of their accomplishments.



THIRD BATTALION

Sports Article

Capt S.A. Wood, Bn Sports Officer

The Sporting year began as it usually does, with all 1 CMBG units participating in Ex STRONG CONTENDER. This year 3 PPCLI was competing in the minor unit category as most members were overseas on Op ATTENTION. Nonetheless, the Bn fielded teams for six events: basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, ball hockey, ice hockey and curling. Though 3 PPCLI was shorthanded, those that remained competed hard and won the minor unit title for Indoor Soccer and Ice Hockey, taking second place overall in the Minor Unit competition.

As the cold winter months came to an end, and spring brought nicer temperatures, members of the Bn Mountain Man team began their annual quest to win the 1 CMBG Mountain Man challenge. The Mountain Man is an endurance race run in the Edmonton river valley featuring hundreds of participants from 1 CMBG. It features a 31.6km run with a 15kg rucksack, followed by a 3.2km canoe portage (while still wearing the rucksack), a 10km paddle down the river in the canoe and concluded with a 5.6km run to the finish wearing their rucksack. It is a truly gruelling race, but a favourite sporting event for members of 3 PPCLI. For five months, the competitors trained every morning alternating their workout between stairs, sprints, hills and a weekly long run. All of the hard work paid off as this year the Battalion won the overall title, finishing with the top combined team score.

In addition to these two main events, the Bn was active in a number of other sporting ventures. As usual we participated in Base Intersquad sports; a large 3 PPCLI contingent was sent Grande Cache, Alberta to compete in the Canadian Death Race; and we had a strong presence on the base CISM teams. Perhaps most importantly, the annual Sr NCO – Officer ice hockey game was a hotly contested affair again this year with the officers pulling off the 9-3 victory.



The 3 PPCLI Officers posing after defeating the Sr NCO team 9-3 in the Annual Christmas Ice Hockey Game.



Members of the Base Shilo team square off against 3 PPCLI during the 2012 Ex STRONG CONTENDER tournament.



Lt Tristan Patterson of 3 PPCLI as he sets to begin the portage at the 1 CMBG Mountain Man Race 2012.



The Bottom of the Top of the World

MWO lan Long

Two months of post deployment leave from Op ATTENTION Roto 0, the goal: an eight day ascent to Mt. Everest Base Camp (EBC), abnormal for most post-tour leave blocks.

This journey in Nepal took me from 1400m to 5545m above sea level over 14 days. From the city tour of Kathmandu to an uncertain Twin Otter flight into the town of Lukla (2860m); a steep air strip on the side of a mountain, cited as being the most dangerous airport in the world.

Once on the ground I was prepared with dyamox, a drug to fight Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS), only to be taken with the onset of symptoms. Luckily I escaped the wrath of headaches and pain. Armed with my guide Bipin, who aided me through winding valleys and welcoming Sherpa towns, we made our way to Gorak Shep (5164m) meaning 'dead ravens' in Nepali; a frozen lakebed covered with sand and the last town before the EBC.

Once this final acclimatization point is reached, you drop your gear off, have lunch and make your final preparations to trek to EBC (5364m). After a restless and cold night gasping for air, you awake to climb Kala Patthar (5545m); 'black rock' in Nepali and witness the sun rise over Mt. Everest. After this stunning display you descend to Gorak Shep to brag over a hot breakfast and continue the four day descent below 4000m for some well deserved oxygen.

Many tourists hire a Sherpa to haul their gear but in true light infantry fashion I hauled my own; one man, one kit.

A true adventure and getting the opportunity to see one of the great wonders of the world was amazing. Flying the almighty 3 PPCLI flag at the Bottom of the top of the world was an experience in itself.





THE PATRICIAN 1963-1964

Parachuting from the Hercules Aircraft

After many years of parachuting from the C119 Flying Boxcar, Conversion training was started in Dec 63 to prepare the Battalion parachutists for jumping from the C130 B Hercules. The Hercules is a four engine, turbo prop, medium range transport. A maximum of 64 parachutists may be delivered from the aircraft using two jump doors located aft in the aircraft. However, with the jumpers wearing arctic clothing and carrying rucksacks and snowshoes, only 44 parachutists can be carried. It has a range from 2,500 to 3,500 miles depending on the load carried.

The Hercules can land and take off from short, rough and hastily prepared landing fields. There are four anchor line cables in the aircraft, inboard and outboard on each side. Two electrical winches are provided to retrieve static lines after the parachutists have exited. The exit doors are not angled toward the rear as they are in the C119, and to assist parachutists in clearing the doors, a jump platform is installed on the door sill. In addition, air deflectors are extended just forward of the doors to protect the jumpers from the slipstream.



Soldiers of 2 PPCLI parachute from the C-130B Hercules during parachute conversion training December 1963.

The old "mock up" of a C119 fuselage, which has done many years of service in rehearsing aircraft drills, was modified to resemble the Hercules. For some days Hamilton Gault Barracks echoed to the sound of stamped feet and shouted jump commands as the jumpers went through the new drills. When all had become proficient in the mock-up, paradrops were arranged with 435 Squadron, RCAF.

When the Hercules took off, another noticeable difference was apparent which will be appreciated by anyone who has ever ridden in the Boxcar. There was almost no vibration as the four mighty turbo-prop engines very quickly lifted the large aircraft off the ground and set it climbing at what seemed to be an impossible angle. Because of the whine of the turbines and the size of the cargo compartment, it is difficult to hear. Therefore, the jumpermasters give hand signals when shouting the jump commands. In addition, there are six sets of red-green lights for jump signals.

The Conversion Jump Phase consisted of three jumps, one daylight without equipment, one daylight and one night jump with full arctic equipment.

The jump without equipment went smoothly but high winds then forced cancellation of the training for two days. On 12 Dec 63 all conditions were "GO" and between 0700 hrs and 2330 hrs a total of 464 parachute descents were made from the one aircraft. This we believe to be a record.



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LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

EDDIES AND PATRICIA'S KINSHIP MORE THAN ARMY POLICY

Capt Rick Dumas, Adjutant, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

In October 1954, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (L EDMN R) officially became affiliated with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). The Canadian Army's policy to affiliate Militia regiments with Regular Force regiments was motivated by a need to perpetuate kinship and successes mutually earned on the battlefield. As units demobilize after wartime, memories and gratitude tend to fade. Canadian regiments often maintain similar relationships with other armies' regiments within the Commonwealth, for the very same reason. Given the close affiliation, L EDMN R is proudly recognized as the Fourth Battalion PPCLI, in cultural, ceremonial circles. An opportunity for an informal reunion presented itself at a B.C. Lions – Edmonton Eskimos football game, 22 September 2012.

Given the Eddies and Patricia's fought closely together in both World Wars, they share many of the same battle honours and traditions. There were several Eddies who rose through the ranks during the Second World War that earned a great deal of respect and esteem while serving with L EDMN R and later on with the Patricia's during the Korean War and Cold War; Jim Stone, Owen Browne and GG Brown to name a few. Eddies have a proud tradition of serving with Patricia's in Cyprus, the Balkans and Afghanistan. There are approximately 70 Eddies with time well-served in South West Asia, 3 of which made the ultimate sacrifice while serving with PPCLI. Many Eddies have also been alongside Patricia's while getting decorated.

Many Eddies and Patricia's are buried together at the Military Field of Honour, at the Beechmount Municipal Cemetery, Edmonton. The military cemetery was in part made possible with support by the Last Post Fund, in 1921-22. Its aim was and still is to maintain dignity for veterans as they make their way though the final DAG. The fund was created by an ex-soldier and still exists today under the care of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Cross of Service marking the military cemetery is identical to the many found across Europe at each Commonwealth Cemetery and serves as an eternal symbol and connection with our brothers and sisters.

This October marks the 58th Anniversary of the Eddies and Patricia's official appointments, as Affiliated Regiments. FEARS NO FOE. **VP.**



Eddies cavort with Nanook the mascot, a possible recruit for C Company, Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Yellowknife, YT. Pictured from left to right are Cpl Isley, Cpl Johnston, Sgt Yuill, Cpl Johnsen, Nanook, Cpl Schulli, Cpl Shudra and Cpl Robinson. The photo was taken while the Edmonton Eskimos had the lead, explaining the many smiles. Final score was B.C. Lions -19, Edmonton Eskimos -18; bummer! (Photo by Capt Dumas)



Photographed from left to right is Major Lerch, PPCLI Regimental Major, Shawn Nielson, President and Owner of CT Logic and Captain Dumas, Adjutant Loyal Edmonton Regiment. Mr Nielson had thoughtfully and generously provided the perfect forum for a reunion. His father is a Patricia, having served in a machine gun platoon during the 1960s. (Photo by Sgt Thombs)

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The Loyal Edmonton Regiment



Exercise Deadly Coyote MCpl Tyler Myroniuk, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Eddies nail a hard target with Carl Gustav high explosive ammunition, during" Ex DEADLY COYOTE", with scenic Wainwright in the background. Photo: MCpl Pantel

On Friday, 16 November, soldiers from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, including those from Yellowknife, NWT departed Jefferson Armoury, Edmonton for CFB Wainwright. The objective of "Ex DEADLY COYOTE", a two-day live-fire range exercise was to not only to fire infantry support weapons, but to do so in a manner similar to how those weapons are employed on the battlefield. This year, we were happy to learn that our arsenal included 14 high-explosive anti-tank rounds for the "Carl-Gustav". In addition, there was plenty of ammunition for the C6 general purpose machine-gun and M203 grenade launcher. There was barely enough time to enjoy the CO's copy of Cross of Iron during the bus ride when it was time to unload weapons, kit, and stores for Saturday's shoot.

Saturday began with a quick breakfast in camp before setting off for the range. After NCOs conducted weapons handling drills and testing with the troops, OC A Coy, Maj Fawcett gave a quick and concise lecture on the employment of a firebase. Two C6 teams ran through each scenario at a time, in order to practice fire and movement within a firebase. This allowed each team to fire one belt of 7.62mm ammunition, with the gun commander positioning and moving his team. Each gun commander also indicated targets to his team and gave adjustments to make the fire as effective as possible. At the end of the practice, an assistant range safety officer debriefed each team.



Eddies light up the sky with a well-coordinated night machine-gun shoot in Wainwright, during Ex DEADLY COYOTE. Photo: MCpl Pantel

By late afternoon, each soldier had practiced their gun drills with fire and movement, employing the C6 and sustained fire (SF) kit. Master Corporals and several senior corporals cycled through as gun commanders, which proved an excellent refresher in tactics and realistic employment of the C6. As the sun sunk closer to the horizon, gun teams began registering targets for the night shoot, with the SF kit and C2 sight. The night shoot offered the additional challenge of bringing guns onto designated targets up to 1000 metres away applying the information recorded during daylight registration.

Sunday saw the Eddies firing the 84mm and M203. Practice began with teams firing training rounds with the emphasis on the soldiers who had never fired the Carl Gustav. Those who were the best shots would go on to fire an additional high explosive anti-tank round, which provided a much more interesting effect on the targets. After the last 84mm round exploded on target, the only thing left to do was to fire the M203 chalk rounds, pack up, and head back to Edmonton with a viewing of Zulu, again from the CO's DVD collection.

Those who were able to attend found it a valuable and exciting experience. As well, the weekend provided another chance for the Home Station to connect with soldiers and OC of "Charlie" Company from Yellowknife. We all look forward to working alongside them again.

"Fear no Foes"



Eddies light up the sky with a well-coordinated night machine-gun shoot in Wainwright, during Ex DEADLY COYOTE. Photo: MCPI Myroniuk



LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

VALOUR PLACE – FROM VISION TO REALITY

Capt Rick Dumas, Adjutant, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Photos by Mr Grant Cree

After just under three years, Valour Place was opened on 2 October 2012. Although it may have seemed like a miracle, it wasn't. It just didn't happen. Not many institutions could have made this happen, in the manner it did. It was with the vision, determination and leadership of Honorary Colonel Dennis Erker, Honorary to The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and his wife, Mrs Doreen Erker that it came to be. The community of Edmonton pulled together in fabulous style and tradition and over \$ 10,000,000 was raised to build Valour Place; the first of its kind in Canada. Photographed below, just before the grand opening, is Valour Place, located at 11109 111 Avenue, not far from the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton.

Given the magnitude of success, the grand opening attracted national media attention and mega star power, including His Honour, Col (Ret'd) The Honourable Donald Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, outgoing Chief of the Defence Staff General Walter Natynczyk, Deputy Premier Thomas Lukaszuk, Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel. The ceremony



Pictured in the front row, from right to left is former CO L EDMN R, LCol Mike Prendergast, HCol Dennis Erker, devoted members of the L EDMN R Association. Pictured in the second row from right to left is former RSM L EDMN R, CWO Keith Jacquard, Mrs Jacquard, HLCol John Stanton and family. Pictured in the third row are members of 49th Battalion Pipes and Drums.

was conducted under a big-top tent due to the cold rain and wind. Before the reception, VIPs and guests toured the completely well-furnished grounds. Again, many local businesses stepped up, rivalling any hotel furnishing and décor.

It was barely a year and a half before the grand opening that ground broke end-April 2011. It was long before special construction started that the sustainment plan was sorted, including long-term leases, donations, endowment income and special events.

By mid-April 2011, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment had been in gear with its first exceptional fundraiser, an organized fun walk (Walk for Valour Place), hauling in approximately \$ 40,000. Shortly after the pancake breakfast and address by the Hon. Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta, the parade commenced, Loyal Eddies leading the way. The route on foot was from Jefferson Armoury to The Prince of Wales Armoury, the Alberta Legislature and finishing at the future site of Valour Place. On completion there was a BBQ lunch and activities which were co-hosted by the Queen Mary Park Community League. With more than 800 participants, our public awareness campaign was boosted significantly. Soon after, community support would prove to be almost overwhelming. Edmonton's Reserve Force Infantry Regiment was committed to raise \$750,000 to build the front foyer of Valour Place, where its cap badge is proudly displayed, today.

As of 2 October 2012, Valour Place provides "Hope away from Home" for wounded and injured soldiers, members of the RCMP and veterans of all ages and theatres, along with their families who need accommodation in Edmonton while receiving medical treatment and rehabilitation. The 10,000 square foot facility consists of 12 barrier-free suites with all the comforts of home to include common kitchen, dining, and living areas, at no cost to the member or family. The atmosphere is very comfortable in and out of doors. The board, committee and community, military and civilian should all be very proud of their impressive accomplishment. Those interested in volunteering can do so by contacting, House Manager at info@valourplace.ca or by telephone at 780-455-7707.

"Valour is stability, not of arms and of legs, but of courage and the soul."

- MICHEL EYQUEM DE MONTAIGNE -



The ground only months after the spring thaw, is broken. As the project sign suggests, the vision is now becoming a reality.



Two supportive Patricias, Major Mark Campbell and The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, His Honour, Col (Ret'd) The Honourable Donald Ethel marvel at the accomplishment and ceremony. Maj Campbell supported the project from start to finish.



Although wet, cold and windy, over 200 guests attended the Valour Place grand opening ceremony within two hours of the picture being taken. Just the day before, sod was laid. The provincial, national, and regimental flag of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment added colour to an otherwise gloomy day.



ERE PATRICIAS

Land Force Western Area / Joint Task Force West Headquarters Capt J. MacLean

For the Patricias posted to Land Force Western Area / Joint Task Force West Headquarters (LFWA/JTFW), 2012 has brought unique challenges that come from working at Area Headquarters. Those posted to LFWA/JTFW demonstrated outstanding dedication in everything they did, not the least of which was in maintaining a mission focus. They learned that, in addition to providing a tempting target for the frustrations of lower formations, LFWA HQ accomplishes a great deal in these challenging times. Ensconced in the state-of-the-art HQ building, but dreaming of battalion life, Patricias were instrumental in shaping the force generation of soldiers from across Western Area for employment at home and oversees while concurrently deploying and redeploying soldiers on various tasks across Canada. The level of knowledge and perseverance displayed by the staff at LFWA/JTFW was, and is, remarkable.

LFWA's contingent from Operation (Op) ATTENTION redeployed in the early months of 2012, replenishing Western Area with a nearly full-force of soldiers to plan and train the contingents of Task Force 1-13 and 2-13. Training two different elements for high-readiness missions challenged Patricias from across LFWA to demonstrate their commitment to maintaining security and stability in Afghanistan or any other mission.

LFWA HQ Patricias also played critical role in mounting and executing Op LUSTRE, the response to the Manitoba floods. JTFW forward deployed a HQ element that served to integrate CF efforts and coordinate the response with high-level provincial authorities.

Additionally, LFWA/JTFW Patricias deployed on Op NANOOK 12 in August to develop and enhance the Canadian Forces' ability to conduct joint and whole of government operations in Canada's North. Working with partners from other governmental departments and NATO allies, we conducted training across the Arctic highlighting our ability to respond to emergencies in the North.

LFWA/JTFW Patricias operated in slightly warmer climates this year as part of Op CONNECTION, with participation at Spruce Meadows and the opening of the Alberta Legislature for its 100th year. The 100th anniversary of the Calgary Stampede drew a large contingent from our HQ and included a substantial representation from the Regiment. While a great deal of focus was placed on expeditionary operations, our domestic response capability was paramount, and our success was due in no small part to the dedication and operational focus of the Patricias in the headquarters.

LFWA/JTFW Patricias are proud to support the Regimental family and look forward to future operations.

VP







LCol Tod Strickland takes command from LCol Steve Kelsey during the LFWA TC Change of Command Parade.

Land Force Western Area Training Centre

Headquarters/Training Support Company

HQ Coy has seen a number of important changes this year. LCol Tod Strickland assumed command of Land Force Western Area Training Centre (LFWA TC) from the outgoing CO, LCol Stephen Kelsey, on 13 June 2012. In addition, the new QMSI, MWO Brandon Delyea, arrived on 25 July 2012 and the DCO, Major Cole MacKay, returned from a six-month tour in South Sudan with the UN. Finally, the interim Adjutant, Captain Neil Fancey, was able to hand over his duties to newly posted Captain Rob Lowe.

Continuing the trend, Training Support Company (TSC) also saw a number of key appointments change. OC TSC, Major Errol MacEachern (LdSH(RC)) was posted to Canadian Manoeuver Training Center (CMTC) in May 2012, handing over command to his 2IC, Captain Andrew Stocker. In July, Captain Stocker was in turn able to hand command to Major Darren Bromley (LdSH(RC)), resuming his duties as Coy 2IC. Most importantly, MWO Paul Penney (RCA) handed the Company Sergeant Major's drill cane over to the recently posted WO Chris Thorne.

Besides their official functions, HQ and TSC also found time to participate in some fun activities. Ex KOOTENAY EXPRESS saw members from HQ and all five coys deploy to the Kootenay River, for a five day canoe adventure training exercise. However, the capstone to the year's activities was the first serial of Ex NIAGARA FRONTIER, a week long professional development exercise in Southern Ontario that combined battlefield tours of the major battles of the War of 1812 under the guidance of one of Canada's leading experts, Major John Grodzinski, with night-time social activities.



ERE PATRICIAS

A COMPANY

Alpha Coy, the Advanced Training Coy at LFWA TC, had a busy year in 2012 training the next generation of Patricia Junior NCOs. Conducting four Primary Leadership Qualification (Inf) courses in 2012, we've equipped the Regiment with over 100 new MCpls – ready for the challenges of small unit combat leadership and operational deployments. On the officer side, the Patricias were represented by Major Dale MacPherson and Captains Grant Plowman, Shawn Veinot, John Miller, and Rohan Mielken. Nevertheless, the backbone of A Coy remained the trusted Patricia NCOs, including WO Darrel Sherington, Sgts Rob Manzara, Jeremy Hand, and Shaun Stratford, and MCpls Josh Vezina, Dave Kidd, and Kevin Mudryk. Last, but not least, Cpl Martino Skinulis, held the fort as the most junior Patricia in the company.

Although individual training was busy, it hasn't been all work and no play in A Coy! In addition to the standard career courses, a number received their wings – thanks to 3 PPCLI for the opportunity! A number of members also participated on Ex NIAGARA FRONTIER and Ex KOOTENAY EXPRESS, the former a battlefield tour on the Niagara peninsula exploring the War of 1812 while the latter was an adventure training exercise consisting of a week of canoeing class 3 rapids on the Kootenay River in the Rockies. There are also several Patricias employed with Delta Coy in Edmonton, running the Centre of Excellence (COE) for Close Quarters Combat Instructor (CQCI), including Captain Bryce Rollins and Warrant Officer Jason Keen.



Sgt Neil Thompson helps the Minister of National Defence understand the challenges of living and working at Wainwright, all in a polite manner – of course.



Sgt Corey MacEachern teaches candidates on DP1 Infantry: "Alright, now lean-in and pull the pin!"



Sgt Forbes maintains his composure when mentoring recruits at the range.



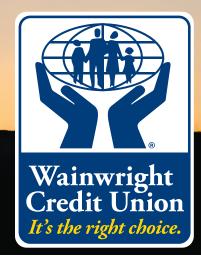
Capt Rohan Mielken doing what he does best, whopping the Sr NCOs at the Christmas Hockey Game.

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B COMPANY

2012 marked an eventful year for the Patricia's in B Coy, conducting over 14 courses over through the year; including RegF and PRes DP1 Infantry, Basic Military Qualification Land, Basic Sniper, and some DP1 and DP2 PRes Armoured courses. The summer also saw significant changes within B Coy HQ, as Major Dennis Sansom assumed command of the Coy from Major Doug Oliphant, and Master Warrant Officer Dan Denkowycz took over the role of the Company Sergeant-Major from Master Warrant Officer Richard Cooper. Finally, Captain Neil Fancey took over from Captain Andrew Stocker as Company 2IC. Naturally, these changes occurred during the busy summer Primary Reserve Individual Training period, when in the matter of a couple months B Coy successfully trained 306 candidates.

During the autumn period, B Coy ran the first RegF DP1 Infantry course in over a year. This presented some challenges, as the Training Plan has changed significantly; altering the way the course is run. However, this did not stop 1 PPCLI's Captain Mark Castelli and Warrant Officer Cory Surgeson from running a successful course, Hindenberg Line, which graduated 14 Dec 12 and joined the ranks of 1 PPCLI. A second course under the direction of Lieutenant Scott Yule (2 PPCLI) and Warrant Officer Derek Rose also started, with graduation planned for 18 Jan 13. Hill 70 Platoon is designated to augment the ranks of 2 PPCLI.

C COMPANY

Demonstrating the ability to hold ground on LFWA TC's key principles of relevancy, currency, and effectiveness, the eight permanent staff Patricias of C Coy in Shilo achieved terrific feats in 2012. C Coy's Patricias played an instrumental role in the development of untrained soldiers and leadership candidates through the expert tutelage of field-craft and leadership principles during 6 x BMQ (L)s, 3 x PLQ-Army (Module 2)s, 2 x PLQ-Army (Modules 2-4) s, and 1 x PLQ (Inf) course. Yet, as busy as the Patricias of C Coy were, they still managed to have a tremendous amount of fun. Whether it be leading live-fire ranges during the Coy and Unit's IBTS week or racing against the coy's artillerymen during 10 km CO runs, the PPCLI always proved extremely capable and competent.



Comd LFWA presents coins to Capt Taypotat and WO Quinn for running an outstanding 2012 Bold Eagle Programme.



Lt Scott Yule leads DP 1 Infantry on a 10km CO's Run... good times!



Filthy Staff Swine!: The Patricias of 1 CMBG

(as quoted from the Brigade staff of 2006)

2012 was an extremely busy year for those fortunate Patricias exiled to grinder know as HQ 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG). The influx of Patricias into the Brigade HQ in 2012 was impressive and could have easily been misunderstood as a beautifully executed Coup. Nonetheless, after the smoke cleared, we controlled many of the key nodes within Building 400. It commenced with the 1 CMBG Change of Command which was held at CFB Edmonton on 25 June 2012 with the incoming Commander, Colonel David J. Anderson.

With the Senior Patricia at the Helm, Maj Wayne Niven held his chair as the G3 for 1 CMBG and the remaining slate of misfits whom completed the roster were Capt Croucher, Capt Hudson, Capt Scott, WO Uhl, Sgt Needham, Cpl Primmer and Cpl Nikoloyuk.

From Ex ARCTIC RAM to WARRIOR RAM, the Brigade relied on its staff to keep the units aligned



and pushing forward. Ex ARCTIC RAM 12 was an historic exercise lead by 1 CMBG and featured our Regiment. It was Canada's largest and most complex CF exercise in the North as part of Canada's ongoing efforts to assert our sovereignty in our North, and to reintroduce soldiers to Arctic operations. Another 1 CMBG initiative saw the ramping up of Ex THUNDERING RAM which was a huge success. Approximately 50 riders from Edmonton Garrison participated in a group motorcycle ride from CFB Edmonton and CFB Shilo to Wainwright Alberta. The purpose of the ride was to raise money for Valour House and promote bike safety among motorcycle enthusiasts within the Brigade

As for those now better seasoned with some quality time concluded at Brigade HQ, we wish them all the best in their new positions. LCol Grimshaw as CO 1 PPCLI, Capt Clarke to 1 PPCLI, Capt Bisson on Op JADE, Capt Petersen to 3 PPCLI, and Capt Graver to The North Saskatchewan Regiment (N Sask R). Our advice to them is kind of like the breaking up of a relationship. You really need to take time to recover from your breakup. The amount of time spent on the recovery phase will depend on your emotional attachment, how long you were together, and why you broke up in the first place. While some will seem to recover overnight, others may take months or years to get over it. Regardless, it was time to move on.

The 2012 tempo has affirmed that working at 1 CMBG HQ is like riding a bike: it is impossible to maintain your balance if you dare stop to take a breath. Priorities initiated in 2012 and leading into the New Year include the staff and command efforts to support both Task-Force 1-13 (IRU) and 2-13 (Op Attention).

On behalf of the Commander and the remainder of the Patricia's at 1 CMBG HQ, our thanks and best wishes go out to all those soldiers in the Regiment, (the core of our strength) whom continue to generate the finest fighting battalions in the world.

Semper Vigilans - "Ever Vigilant".

Capt John Croucher



ERE PATRICIAS



JOINT TASK FORCE PACIFIC

Hello and Greetings from the West Coast.

Patricias are present throughout British Columbia, from Victoria on Vancouver Island to the provincial interior of Kamloops.

The Patricias provide strong representation as part of 39 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG), both in its Reserve Infantry Units across British Columbia and in the Brigade Headquarters at Jericho Garrison in Vancouver. In fact, every Reserve Infantry unit in BC has a Patricia: Capt Rod Dearing in Kamloops with the Rocky Mountain Rangers; Capt Bill Annand and WO James Dunn at the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada; WO Trevor Avey with Royal Westminster Regiment; and Capt Tim Walshaw and WO Todd McKee at the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). All these Patricias work diligently to increase the capacities of their respective units.

At 39 CBG HQ one can find Capt Rob Pettigrew, when not on prolonged African safaris (also known as Op SOPARNO in the Sudan) and Capt Dan Spielman, provided he's not at his alternate office located in a residential neighbourhood of Chilliwack. Keeping everything going, and making sure the Patricia officers are at their place of duty, is WO Dave Pickett. Providing Regimental guidance is LCol Mason Stalker, Chief of Staff, who joined the 39 CBG team this past summer. Another significant regimental connection is found with Comd 39 CBG, Colonel Rob Roy MacKenzie, who served with the regiment in 1990s.

39 CBG Patricias work largely behind the scenes, but play major roles in establishing and conducting numerous training events around BC and the US. From patrol exercises in Chilliwack, field-firing ranges in the Chilcotin, to a brigade concentration in Boise, Idaho, the Patricias have put their blood, sweat and tears to ensure that exciting and developmental training events were achieved.







Victoria also has a strong Patricia flavour with LCol Pat Quealey, Major Dave Proctor, Capts Rob Dodds and Brian Semenko serving at Joint Task Force Pacific/Maritime Forces Pacific, and Major John Bagnall as the Base Operations Officer for CFB Esquimalt. where collectively they provide an 'army' perspective to the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). Pat, Dave and Rob fulfill the key command and operations positions for the JTFP Incident Reconnaissance Group, which is ready to spearhead the CF DOMOPs response in BC. Significant highlights have seen deployments (some of us actually got out of the office) to the Lower Fraser Valley for the Spring Freshet 2012, ensuring the



Trans-Canada Highway and Canadian Pacific Railway is kept open by conducting avalanche control on Op PALACI, and providing coordination for Patricias conducting joint training - 2 PPCLI and 3 PPCLI with the conduct of Basic Recce courses; and planning for the CF JOINTEX in May 2013. For the latter events, stellar support has been provided MWO Bill Murphy and WO Jeff Treloar of CFB Esquimalt Range Control. Patricias are also contributing to the leadership and skills development of the next generation of CF members, which sees Capt Wayne Sauve and Sgts Kim Arnold and Dan Martin with Regional Cadet Unit Pacific.

This year we saw three Patricias leave the 'Pats West': Capt (now Major!) Slade Lerch, who left to take over the position of Regimental Major; Capt Chris Scott went to 1 CMBG as the G3 Individual Training; and Capt Chris Lindsay departed to support the cadets of Saskatchewan.

We cannot forget the retired Patricas who, once a Patricia, still serve Canada and the CF. Majors Tyrone Green and Dave Vernon in 39 CBG, LCol Tim Byers, Capt Scott MacDonald, RSM Dave Ames, Sgt Mike Bell at 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group. And to show that the reverse is true, we have a new officer joining the Regiment: Capt Joanna Robb was rebadged from The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's) to PPCLI by LCol Quealey, and has departed Victoria to join 2 PPCLI.

We welcome any and all Patricias from points East of the Rockies to keep in touch and look us up if you are visiting.



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NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Capt A. Bone, CFLS

Within the National Capital Region (NCR), there are approximately 40 Patricias who are employed outside of the Regiment in External Regimental Employment (ERE) positions. The majority are employed in staff positions within higher-level operational and strategic Headquarters (HQ). In 2012, the Regiment was again well represented in several key areas in the NCR.

LGen Semianiw completed his tour as Commander Canada Command and transitioned to Veterans Affairs Canada. MGen Day redeployed from Op ATTENTION, where he was the Deputy Commanding General for the NATO training mission and assumed a senior position as the Director General International Security Policy. BGen King remains with the Vice Chief of Defence as the Chief of Staff, BGen Overton continues his important work as Assistant Chief of Military Personnel, BGen Brennan was promoted and



moved from Deputy Commander Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) to Director General Capability and Structures Integration and CWO Leger remained in DGMC leading senior CWO career management. Additionally, Patricias held several other important positions within the Strategic Joint Staff, Army Staff, and Director of Land Requirements to name a few.

As has been the case since 2006, the Regiment has also had a significant presence within the operational commands. More specifically, Patricias were employed in Canadian Expeditionary Force Command (CEFCOM) and Canada Command (CANCOM), responsible for the force employment of all operations in both the domestic and international domains. However, as part of ongoing Canadian Forces (CF) transformation, these commands were recently restructured into a single command called the Canadian Joint Operational Command (CJOC). This transformation was extremely intensive for all involved in the planning and implementation; however, with a successful stand-up of CJOC in September 2012, the hard work of several members of the Regiment and many others has resulted in a more streamlined and efficient operational structure.

CANSOFCOM was not amalgamated into the new CJOC structure, and consequently, remains a direct report to the Chief of the Defence Staff. A significant employer of Patricias in the NCR since its inception in 2006, CANSOFCOM continues to employ personnel from the Regiment in several key positions while offering a unique capability to the CF and the GoC.

It is no coincidence that most officers and an increasing number of senior NCOs from the Regiment will, at some point in their careers, spend time in the NCR. The exposure to high-level organizations is an important part of an individual's professional development. Although significantly different than working at the tactical level, employment in the NCR can offer challenges that are equally as rewarding.

Despite the high tempo within the NCR, Patricias from the region were able to gather for a few social events this year. One of the most popular gatherings is the Fall 2012 social that is aligned with the Regimental Executive Committee meeting in the NCR. This year was no exception; Patricias were able to meet with old friends from outside the NCR, share a drink and catch up on Regimental news from the other regions.

In conclusion, 2012 was a very busy year for those Patricias posted to the NCR. With continuing CF transformation, intensifying budget pressures and future operating environments yet to be defined, the NCR will continue to present challenging but rewarding opportunities in 2013.



CFLRS Capt M. Bain, CFLRS

Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) is the first impression a new recruit receives of the Canadian Forces; the school is tasked with providing basic training for officer cadets and recruits, as well as the Primary Leadership Qualification (PLQ) and other basic leadership courses. Currently there are 11 members of the Regiment posted to CFLRS. Ranging from the rank of master corporal to captain, these members serve in a wide range of capacities.

When a Patricia NCM first arrives at CFLRS they typically are employed as an instructor on either a Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) in Recruit Division or Basic Military Officer Qualification (BMOQ) in Leadership Division.



Depending upon the rank, instructors are employed in numerous positions including section 2ICs, Section Commanders, Platoon 2ICs, and Platoon Commanders. When a NCO arrives at CFLRS they are initially employed in Recruit Division. Warrant Officers are employed as Platoon Commanders, and sergeants and master corporals are employed as Section Commanders and Section 2ICs. After spending some time as staff on a BMQ or BMOQ, instructors are moved to specialty cells, or other leadership positions in the school. Weapons, Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN), first aid, and drill, are all specialty cells where members can be employed.

When a Patricia officer arrives at CFLRS they are employed as a platoon commander in Leadership Division. From there, they are employed in a wide range of administrative and command roles. Currently, Regimental officers are employed as Company Commanders in Recruit Division, where they have five BMQ platoons under there command; as Platoon Commanders in Leadership Division where they command one BMOQ platoon; and in the creation and writing of the training plan for the Canadian Forces Junior Officer Development Course, the replacement for the OPMEs.

Second language training is a necessity if one is to survive in Quebec. CFLRS is a truly bilingual unit, and operating in one's second language is the norm. Many members have had the opportunity to take second language training throughout the work week and thus have been able to improve their profiles. Others take the opportunity to practice with their peers and quickly notice vast improvements since arriving at the school. Regardless of position, there is always an opportunity to practice reading, writing, and speaking in French.

During the past year, serving members have had several social events. To mark Regimental Day, the Patricias gathered for dinner and bowling. In the spring, a friendly challenge was extended to our brethren from the Royal Canadian Regiment in a game of soft ball. Several other BBQs, luncheons, and visits to local establishments have kept the members in touch; a task which is difficult to accomplish due to busy and conflicting schedules. Most recently, CFLRS Patricias said farewell to Sergeant Shaw, who is retiring after 20 years of service to the Regiment. On another note, we are proud to announce that Master Corporal Bruneau from CFLRS was selected to be a guard at the cenotaph in Ottawa during the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

For 2013 there are numerous plans for social events and the revitalization of our Regimental presence at CFLRS is in the planning process. Throughout CFLRS there are numerous displays and photos from all three services, various regiments, squadrons, and ships. The intent for this coming year is to create a display showcasing our Regiment's proud history. The display is will include numerous paintings and artefacts describing our Regiment's history from its creation in 1914 to the most recent operations in Afghanistan. In doing so, when new recruits and officer cadets arrive, they will immediately know who we are as a Regiment and where their PPCLI instructors come from. The serving members of the Regiment continue to set the standard at CFLRS inspiring fellow instructors, and future soldiers and officers of the Regiment.



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French Grey Battalion 2012-2013

Capt C.R. Hartwick, Adjutant

It appears the Regiment is strategically placing French Grey Battalion (FGB) members around the Atlantic Area in order to gain complete PPCLI control over the region. Realistically, the following individuals are in these positions because of their leadership, high degree of professionalism and work ethic. This year BGen G.D. Corbould was at the helm of the Combat Training Center (CTC) prior to being selected as the DComd of the 101st Airborne Division and promoted to BGen. CWO E.R. Seymour was also promoted this year. CO of CFB/ASU Gagetown G1 Branch is still LCol S.D. Joudrey, and LCol M.B. Patrick is CO of LFAA Training Center. The CO of the FGB and Commandant of the Infantry School is LCol K.A. Gallinger. MWO J.R. McNabb took over the position of DSM of the Infantry School this year and is remaining as the FGB RSM. Also posted to the area were a number of other Patricias, including Maj S.G.G. LeBlanc to the Infantry School and Maj T.M. Leifso to the Tactics School. Even two of the three Top Instructors at the school were Patricias. Our influence in the area is so strong that the Infantry School's Vandoo RSM has been seen sporting a PPCLI PT shirt on occasion.

This year's Regimental Day was celebrated with a Broom-i-Loo game of epic proportion. Between the heavy hits, snow filled helmet cages, and NCO snow ball barrages, Capt Marcel Schuurhuis captured the victory for the Officer team by scoring the only point of the game. After the game LCol Gallinger presented the Infantry School's RSM, CWO T.R.S. Garand, with a PPCLI PT shirt, which he put on without hesitation. It just goes to show that under all the beards and spandex there is a Patricia inside each Vandoo just waiting to come out.

Throughout the summer the Patricia Room at the Infantry School underwent a facelift. MWO J.R. McNabb, WO T.R. McCann, and Cpl S.T. Daigle devoted many hours of their own time to the project. The room now rejuvenated is a place within the Infantry School where students and staff can go to be inspired and enjoy some of the scenes of Patricia achievements from the Regiment's proud history.



(Left to Right) LCol K.A. Gallinger, Capt C.R. Hartwick, and MCpl G.A. VanOlm. 2011-12 Infantry School Top Instructor Awards being presented by Cmdt of Infantry School to Capt C.R. Hartwick and MCpl (then Cpl) G.A. VanOlm.



(Left to Right) Capt B.D. Schmidt, WO Q.B. Mullin, other three unknown. A friendly take-down during the Broom-i-Loo.



Tom and Angela Reid surrounded by Patricias in Amherst, Nova Scotia, on 11 November 2012.

Over the weekend of 7-9 September, the FGB hosted the PPCLI Association's Atlantic Branch at CFB Gagetown for their Annual General Meeting (AGM). On Friday night, there was a Meet & Greet where FGB members reconnected with the Branch brethren. The next morning, the Atlantic Branch conducted their AGM in the PPCLI Room. That afternoon, FGB Patricias presented Infantry Corps technology static displays which included the LAV LORIT, the C16 and the Maverick MUAV. That evening there was a Mixed Dining-In. We retired to the lounge after dinner, where the association members showed off their dance moves through to the early hours of the morning, with many of the FGB members' spouses. Needless to say, a great time was had by all.

Every year on 11 November, all members of the FGB are faced with a difficult task of remembering those who have fallen before us. Being away from the Battalions brings an extra challenge to it as many of us are separated from our comrades with whom we have shared tough times. One way to remember the fallen is by supporting their family members, so again this year a group of Patricias volunteered to spend Remembrance Day with the parents of Cpl Christopher Reid, who was killed in Afghanistan on 3 August 2006. Tom and Angela Reid were full of appreciation and pride when they saw how many Patricias came to support them in Amherst, Nova Scotia. It was great to see the Reids again and it was an excellent way of reminding Tom and Angela that they will always be a part of the Regimental family.

Lastly, good luck to those leaving the Regiment. CWO R.W. McNaughton and WO F.J. Keeley, we wish you all the best in your retirements and the same to WO A.J. Hostler who transferred to the Primary Reserve Force.



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Ex Patricia's Serving in the 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (4 CRPG) CWO Dave Ames, GSM 4 CRPG HQ

Well it was Feb 2002 since retiring from the PPCLI (1st Bn) and I have never written an article for the Patrician. I suppose it takes retirement and some persuasion to bring this on. I have been working as the Group Sergeant Major (GSM) with 4 CRPG HQ since 2003 and as some or most of you may not realise, there are a few of us (retired Patricias) still serving in one capacity or another. At present we have 11 former Patricias working very hard with the Canadian Rangers of Western Canada (including a former Royal Green Jacket). We still keep in touch with the units of LFWA by providing some interesting and challenging "Survival Training" which some soldiers have already experienced. We continue to train our Canadian Rangers in order that they have an awareness of who you folks are and what it is you do. Our Canadian Rangers come from all walks of life; we have Trappers, Fishermen, Bush Pilots, Doctors, Loggers and much more. I know our Rangers enjoy assisting regular and reserve soldiers with their expertise and knowledge of living out on the land during all seasons (especially in the winter). We have many more interesting training events coming up, and your units will be provided the opportunity to send some soldiers to participate on our Patrols via snowmobile or ATV and sometimes on horseback (a nice change of pace). Hopefully we'll see you with us in the near future.



Canadian Ranger Norm Denecheze, Capt Wade Jones, and WO Dan Hyrhoryshen.



MCpl Kirk Routledge cooking.





MCpl Jennifer McIntyre being promoted WSE to Sgt.

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CANADIAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS REGIMENT

MWO M.L. Gauley, CSC CSM, CSOR

Modern Canadian special operations forces have had a strong representation of Patricias within their ranks and leadership from the inception of Joint Task Force Two (JTF2) in 1993 to the development of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) in 2006. CANSOFCOM includes JTF2, the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR), the Canadian Joint Incident Response Unit (CJIRU) and 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron (427 SOAS). Today, the PPCLI continues to be well represented within these units, as well as Command Headquarters, with the preponderance of Patricias affiliated within the CSOR.



CSOR will always have a historical tie to the PPCLI. The founding Commander of CSOR and his RSM were Patricias,

as were the first two Commanders of CANSOFCOM during the same period. This influence and kinship will continue within CSOR, with the PPCLI continuing to embed its character from Canada's infantry regiment known as the 'First in the Field' into the Special Operations Regiment. Patricias currently make up over 30% of the Special Forces Course (SFC) qualified operators in the Regiment, which draws from all environments of the CF as well as all branches of the Combat Arms; a significant representation. Patricias also form a large proportion of the supporting positions at CSOR with key positions held in RHQ and Special Operations Combat Support Company.

2012 was a milestone year in the six year history of CSOR. With mixed emotions, many Patricias left the PPCLI Regimental ORBAT to join a new occupation in the CF, known as; 00369 Special Forces Operator. This occupation's design has Patricia DNA all over it due to the influence of four CSOR Patricia Sergeant Majors as well as a detachment of CSOR Patricias at NDHQ who blueprinted and implemented the concept. With this new occupational field in the CF, the career management of the Special Forces Operators in CSOR will no longer be blurred with the career management of the PPCLI; a responsibility that has been handled by career managers since 2006, and for which CSOR will always be appreciative.

TRAINING

Training in CSOR during the last year has taken our operators to Europe, South-East Asia, and the Caribbean and spanned both American continents, from the arctic to the jungle. A team was sent to Columbia in the spring to attend Fuerzas Comando 2012, the International Special Forces (SF) Competition of the Americas. Established in 2004, this SF skills competition and senior leader seminar is conducted annually by a host nation in Central or South America, or the Caribbean. The competition is aimed at strengthening regional and multinational cooperation, and enhancing the training, readiness and interoperability of Special Forces in the region. The CSOR team placed 8th overall, it was the first time in the history of the competition that a team competing for the first time placed within the top ten.

The skill sets within CSOR continue to push tactical thresholds. Some of the skills require internal competition and selection, such as the Special Operations Joint-Terminal Attack Controllers (SOJTAC), Scout-Sniper, Assault Engineer, Assault Climber and Scout Swimmer. The Special Operations Parachute Course (SOPC) is common training for the operators in the Regiment and enhances the projection of SF Teams and Task Forces to missions in Canada and abroad.

OPERATIONS

With expeditionary operations being the primary focus of the Regiment, the past 12 months has seen CSOR SF Teams deployed to several African countries in addition to our continuing commitment to Op ATTENTION in Afghanistan and Op ACKEE in Jamaica. The term 'Warrior Diplomats' is ingrained in the CSOR Regimental Ethos, and it is embraced by



the operators who assist, advise, teach and mentor host nation forces wherever the Canadian Government requires the operators to serve. The Team Rooms and the Regimental Stand-Easy, referred to as "The Devil's Den', are becoming adorned with artefacts and mementos typical of a unit that is consistently deployed around the globe. Additionally, the Regiment maintains a posture of high-readiness for domestic support of the Immediate Reaction Task Force (IRTF).

FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE

A CSOR tradition is the maintenance of personal connections with the original Forcemen of the 'Devils Brigade'. The First Special Service Force (FSSF) was activated on the 9th of July 1942 and trained at Fort William Henry Harrison near Helena, Montana. The force participated in the Italian Campaign and saw additional action in southern France. Members of the Regiment routinely escort the Forcemen to events as well as pay visits to them when travelling across Canada. The Forcemen provide the operators of the Regiment with a perspective of special operations as they experienced in WWII. Menton Days is an annual event that marks the disbandment of the Force in Menton, France, on the 5th of December 1944.

The historical ties between the FSSF and CSOR were maintained and strengthened in 2012. Members of the Regiment participated in the FSSF Reunion in Washington, D.C., as well as Menton Days in Ft Lewis, Washington. Since the mid 1990's, the PPCLI proudly represented Canada at the event, but in 2006 the battle honours of the Force were presented to CSOR. Since that time CSOR has humbly and thankfully honoured the commitment to continue representing the CF at the annual Menton gathering. As the custodians of the FSSF Battle Honours on the Canadian side of the border, CSOR continues to strengthen its ties with its counter-parts on the American side. Exchanges, visits and joint-operations continued throughout 2012 with the various groups of the United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne) in the USA and abroad.

CSOR HOME STATION

Patricias outside of western Canada might seem to be a rarity, but with the creation of CSOR, the PPCLI has established a firm footprint in Petawawa. The Petawawa Patricias have easily grown accustomed to the pace of life in the Ottawa Valley. The active lifestyle of the area suits all unit members here, with many of them engaging in outdoor fitness, an abundance of world class water sports, hunting, fishing, climbing, skiing, etc. With Ottawa close-by and Montreal and Toronto being equal distance from Petawawa, the weekends see the CSOR Patricia families extending their reach and adventures. New York City is a little further down the road and plenty of families enjoy the glamour and excitement of Times Square.

CANSOFCOM added another unit to the ORBAT in 2012. The stand-up of the Canadian Special Operations Training Center (CSOTC) took place in June at CFB Petawawa, with the first commander being a Patricia. This center provides common-to-all training to all members of CANSOFCOM in the areas of SOF leadership, insertion and extraction, and environmental training. This unit's current RSM is from the PPCLI as well as a founding Squadron Commander and Squadron Sergeant Major; another testament to the influence of the PPCLI to the units of CANSOFCOM.

CSOR OUTREACH

CSOR has a continuing outreach to the FSSF to honour their legacy. Unit members also participate annually in the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Beechwood National Military Cemetery in Ottawa, as well as a visit to the Rideau Veteran's home in Ottawa to embrace the service of the old guard. Members also contribute to youth by volunteering with the Army Cadet program at the PPCLI Cadet Corp in Calgary and an annual attendance at the Rocky Mountain Army Cadet Summer Training Center Graduation Ceremony in Cochrane, AB.

CONCLUSION

With the 100th anniversary of the PPCLI getting closer, there is chatter in the Team Rooms and Special



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Operations Company (SOC) lines about which venues the CSOR Patricias will attend. Some will remain in the local area at that time due to their readiness posture which will enable them to attend the celebrations in Ottawa while others are already planning to participate in the celebrations in Edmonton. Working closer with the PPCLI is envisioned in the future, which will be welcomed by the many Patricias here in Petawawa. Reconnecting with our old units and friends is always a pleasure, we Patricias now serving with CSOR respect and admire the work of the battalions, and have not forgotten our roots. With the close-out of 2012, a number of Patricias were removed from the Infantry's books and entered into the books of the new Special Forces Operator Occupation, however, the motto 'Always a Patricia' will forever remain with the Patricias who serve in CSOR.



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BRAGG PATRICIAS

BGen Wayne Eyre, Maj Jim Fournier, and Maj JT Williams

In 1918, the U.S. Army Chief of Field Artillery, Gen William J. Snow, seeking an area with suitable terrain, adequate water, rail facilities and a climate for year-round training, decided the region currently known as Fort Bragg / Fayetteville, North Carolina met all of the desired criteria. Consequently, Camp Bragg came into existence on 4 September 1918, and was named for a native North Carolinian Civil War hero, Gen Braxton Bragg. Prior to its establishment as a military reservation, the Camp Bragg area was a desolate and sparsely populated region; this coupled with the huge forests of Longleaf pines that covered the soft sandy ground, made it the ideal location to train and station soldiers.



(L-R) Maj JT Williams, BGen Wayne Eyre, Maj Jim Fournier in front of 'Iron Mike' at Fort Bragg, NC. The 'Iron Mike'statue has been a land mark of Fort Bragg since 1960. It depicts a "steely-eyed" World War II-era Airborne trooper with a Thompson submachine gun at the ready. The statue was not named for any one man or unit, but rather dedicated to all paratroopers; past, present and future.



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Fort Bragg is no longer this desolate and sparsely populated region. Today it known as the "Home of the Airborne and Special Operations," and nine two star and higher Army and Joint commands, to include: U.S. Army Forces Command, U.S. Army Reserve Command, XVIII Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division, Joint Special Operations Command, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and U.S. Army Special Forces Command. To put it further in perspective, it has over 150 battalion level commands, and with its approximately 68,000 troops equate to the size of our entire Canadian Forces' Regular Component. Of significance for us, for the first time in Fort Bragg's history, it is also the home for three Patricias on exchange duty: BGen Wayne Eyre, Maj JT Williams, and Maj James Fournier.

BGen Eyre arrived at Fort Bragg in June 2012, after previously commanding 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and then attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He assumed the billet of Deputy Commanding General - Operations for the XVIII Airborne Corps from BGen Christian Juneau, who moved on to the heart of Patricia country to command Land Force Western Area.

Also arriving in the summer of 2012 was Maj Jim Fournier, who has served numerous times with the Regiment throughout his career. He was a Company Clerk with A Company (Para), 3 PPCLI from April 2001 to June 2002 and deployed during Op Apollo, where he was commissioned by Col Pat Stogran. Most recently Maj Fournier was detached from 1 Service Battalion to 3 PPCLI and deployed for Op Attention as Officer Commanding the Contract Management Cell. He is currently the Canadian Army Logistics Exchange Officer with XVIII Airborne Corps G4 Plans.

As part of America's Contingency Corps, BGen Eyre and Maj Fournier work on a myriad of issues to help ensure its readiness to respond to crises around the globe, including Joint Forcible Entry operations and preparation of the Global Response Force. A highlight in 2012 was the Corps Headquarters deployment to Korea for Exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian, where BGen Eyre and a number of participating 1 Canadian Division staff (including fellow Patricia LCol Paul Chura) had the opportunity of a lifetime to tour the Kapyong battlefield and walk the defensive positions where our Regimental predecessors fought so bravely.

After spending one year at Fort McPherson, Georgia, Maj JT Williams in 2011 moved with U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), the largest U.S. Army Command, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Its mission is to prepare conventional forces to provide a sustained flow of trained and ready land power to U.S. Combatant Commanders throughout the world, and is responsible for manning, equipping, training and readiness oversight for more than 560,000 soldiers. While serving with FORSCOM, Maj JT Williams is part of FORSCOM

G-3/5/7. Specifically, Maj Williams is the FORSCOM G-3/5/7 Foreign Training Action Officer. The duties and responsibilities of this exchange officer position have evolved in-line with the U.S. Army's focus on joint, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational operations. As the Foreign Training Officer, Maj Williams coordinates multinational participation in FORSCOM training events; support to Geographic Combatant Commanders' Theater Security Cooperation Campaign Plan, and Department of the Army's Multinational Strategy and Programs.

Fort Bragg, known affectionately here as the 'center of the military universe,' is proving to be a true 'exotic foreign posting'. It is a tremendous learning opportunity for the three Patricias here who are gaining experiences at levels not possible in Canada. We are no longer throwing our static lines at the jumpmaster, and are exposing our hosts to such cultural delicacies as Moose Milk, Broom-I-Loo, and Tim Horton's NATO standard 'Double-Double'. Overall, it is a superb posting, with unique challenges and experiences that deepen the relationship with our closest ally and is tremendously professionally rewarding.



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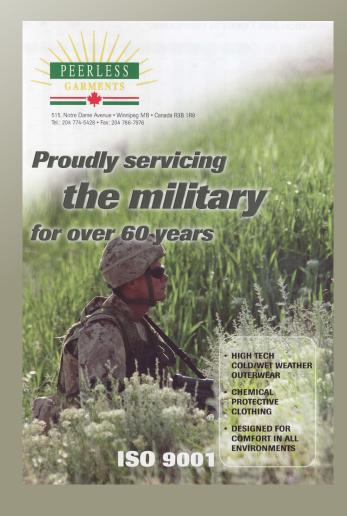


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THE RIFLES



1 RIFLES Deployment on Omid Haft.

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Battalion Activities

The 7th February 2012 marked the fifth anniversary of the formation of The Rifles and five years of almost continuous engagement on operations in Afghanistan and Iraq by one or more of our battalions at a time. 2012 was also the 200th Anniversary of The Battle of Salamanca, the common battle honour of the forming regiments of The Rifles. As a result it has been a busy 18 months since our last newsletter made more so by the demands of the Jubilee year and the Olympics.

Following a welcome 10 month pause during the summer and winter of 2010, we entered another period in which the Regiment was fully committed to operations in Afghanistan. The 1 RIFLES Battle Group deployed on Op HERRICK 14 to Helmand Province as part of 3 Commando Brigade at the beginning of April 2011; taking with them approximately 60 volunteer Riflemen from 6 RIFLES. Throughout their tour they were in the thick of it as the Taleban gradually increased the tempo of their insurgency following an extended winter and harvest period.

Notable, amongst the operations mounted, was Op Omid Haft which helped clear the Alikozai area in the Kopak region of Narh-e-Saraj. A Company took the lead on this operation, which focussed on taking into account the needs and desires of the local nationals and expanding the security bubble so persuading the local population to reject the insurgency.

In autumn 2011, 1 RIFLES handed over this area of operations to 5 RIFLES, under the Command of Lt Col Fighting Vehicles on operations in the province. Typical of 5 RIFLES operations was Operation Kapcha Zhrandagaray, during which around one hundred British troops from 5 RIFLES teamed up with 200 warriors from the 2nd Kandak of the Afghan National Army (ANA) and patrolmen from the Afghan National Police (ANP) to drive the insurgency from Kopak, in the Nahr-e Saraj district. The operation targeted a 16km2 area that had seen little influence from the authorities so far and which had been heavily fought-over as during the preceding summer.



Tom Copinger-Symes. During their tour they were the only battalion to deploy the extremely capable WARRIOR Infantry

The clearance operation saw Afghan bomb disposal experts discover and destroy 10 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and allowed engineers to build five new checkpoints for

Afghan police to hold the territory.

At the same time, 2 RIFLES deployed in the role of Brigade Advisory group working alongside and developing the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF). Under the command of Lt Col Bill Wright, they were responsible for training, advising and mentoring indigenous Afghan National Security Forces. This is a very important and challenging task, designed to deliver the Afghans their own inherent military and police capability by 2015. CO 2 RIFLES and his team were closely involved in formulating the doctrinal base and shaping the British Army's approach to this role.

In between conducting operations and training with the Afghan National Army 2 RIFLES found time to train the Afghan Army's first bugle platoon.

2 and 5 RIFLES were both part 20 Armoured Brigade commanded by a Rifleman Brigadier Patrick Sanders. Like their predecessors; they were reinforced by volunteer Riflemen though in this case from 7 RIFLES.

In spring of 2012, 3 RIFLES took over from 2 RIFLES as the Brigade Advisory Group. During their tour they faced the developing challenge of the "green on blue" threat with an equanimity and steadfastness that won them the best unit award at the Sun Military awards in Dec 2012. They returned in Nov 2012, to the singular honour, for an English regiment, of being granted the Freedom of Edinburgh which they exercised as part of their homecoming parade on 3 Nov 12.

After a particularly arduous and protracted deployment on both Op HERRICK 10 and 11, 4 RIFLES have enjoyed a quieter year or two under the command of Lt Col Nick Thornton. However in the Field Army this is a relative concept as they have still deployed consecutive Company Groups as the Falkland Islands Reinforcement Company and have also conducted Exercise ASKARI THUNDER in Kenya. 4 RIFLES then took over as Spearhead lead element and acted as the Army's lead experimental organisation for the Future Infantry Systems Trial developing new equipment for the Riflemen. They started Mission Specific Training (MST) in 2012 ahead of deployment on Op HERRICK 18 in April 2013. Under the command of Lt-Col Tom Bewick, who took over in Nov 12, they are, at the time of writing, in the final phases of their training for their role mentoring and training the Afghan Army.



1 RIFLES Omid Haft - Expanding the security bubble.



5 RIFLES Clearance of Kopak.



Afghan National Army bugle platoon in training by 2 RIFLES.



3 RIFLES Freedom of Edinburgh parade.



5 RIFLES beach volley ball security duty!

3 RIFLES on mentoring operations.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Olympics and Paralympics May - Sep 2012

It has been a summer of ceremonial and security support to an amazing season of events in the UK. All Rifles battalions, apart from 3 RIFLES deployed in Afghanistan, participated in the Olympic security operations, some at exceedingly short notice. The public have been most complimentary about the bearing, turn out and cheerful good manners of the Riflemen who achieved ringside seats at some notable events. The luckiest amongst them were 5 RIFLES who drew duties at the ladies beach volleyball event on Horse Guards Parade.

200th Anniversary of the Battle of Salamanca

A battlefield tour numbering some 130 serving and retired Riflemen visited Salamanca and the surrounding battle sites to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle, which is a shared battle honour of our forming regiments.

The tour and celebrations culminated in a ceremony granting the Freedom of the City of Salamanca to The Rifles. Some idea of the importance of this distinction is the fact that the previous recipient was Pope John Paul II in 1982.

Swift and Bold at the Royal Albert Hall

The celebrations of the various anniversaries continued and on 28 Oct 12 the massed Bands and Bugles of The Rifles, supported by guest artists Wynne Evans, The Gurkha Pipes and our Fijian choir took over the Royal Albert Hall for an outstanding evening of entertainment which was attended by Prince Phillip, five of our Royal colonels and about 4,000 members of the regimental family.



The Gurkha Pipes play with the Massed Bands and Bugles of The Rifles.

Remembrance Sunday

For the first time since our formation in 2007, The Rifles had their own marching contingent at the Cenotaph parade in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday. The contingent consisted of 45 Riflemen, who were joined by the mother and sister of Rfn Martin Kinggett (KIA 25 Feb 2010 in Afghanistan)

and the two sisters of Lt Andrew Chesterman (KIA 8 Aug 2012 in Afghanistan). It was a glorious autumn day in the .middle of London where the two minute silence was only broken by gentle birdsong..



The Rifles contingent on the Freedom of Salamanca parade.

The Rifles Casualty Capability

Mercifully we have suffered fewer casualties on our 2011/12 Herrick tours, however recent fatalities still take the total number of those KIA in the five years since formation to 62. Eight of those fell in Iraq but the remaining 54 have died either in Afghanistan or subsequently as a result of wounds. The total number of NOTICAS has been well over 300; of these 30 are amputees, 2 are permanently blinded and approximately 20 more have incurred life changing injuries. Although the latent problems of PTSD have yet to reveal themselves in quantity, we are alert to this longer term demand on our regimental care and are planning accordingly.

The Rifles Casualty Capability (RCC) aims to ensure that all wounded Riflemen are given every opportunity to realise their full potential whether within the Army or in civilian life and if the latter, are given assistance towards their transition out of the Army and beyond. As part of a Land Forces trial, Lt Col (Retd) Mike Smith, the Rifles Casualty Officer, co-ordinates the RCC and has been in post since January 2010. He has been working closely with the emerging Army Recovery Capability to ensure the Regiment is able to influence Army thinking on casualty care. Part of his remit also covers the enduring requirement to provide support to the families of the wounded and to the families of the fallen. He is doing an outstanding job and we are looking to incorporate his role into the core capability of the central RHQ hub. As part of this regimental support, the Care for Casualties Appeal has now raised in excess of £2,500,000 in just over 2 years and our thanks go to all who have so generously supported us.







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PPCLI ASSOCIATIONS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Penteny, CD



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Proposed PPCLI centenary memorial village at Griesbach.

2012 was another successful, if busy year for the PPCLI Association. Throughout the year we have been engaged at the national level with the Regimental Guard, the REC and the Foundation in refining plans for 100th Anniversary.

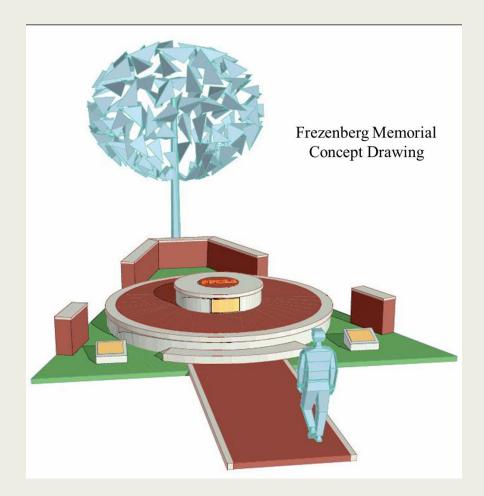
Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Calgary this past May was unique. Along with our Colonel-in-Chief, Madame Clarkson, and the Colonel of the Regiment, LGen Crabbe, the Regimental Guard was present and held its own meeting and the PPCLI Foundation held its AGM concurrently. Added to that was the presence of the Commanding Officers of the three battalions and their Regimental Sergeants Major who provided our membership with detailed briefings of every aspect of the upcoming 100th Anniversary activities. It truly was a gathering of the Regimental Family, ably hosted by the Calgary Branch. Thanks to Joe Schulz and his band of Calgary Branch volunteers for a job well done!

The Association's principal commitment to the 100th Anniversary is successful delivery of our four 100th Anniversary projects. The project to update Hamilton Gault Memorial Park at Garrison Edmonton has undergone a transformation over the past year. The focus has changed from Hamilton Gault Memorial Park to Patricia Park in the Village at Greisbach, (formerly Greisbach and Hamilton Gault Barrracks). We are working in partnership with Canada Lands Corporation and the City of Edmonton to enhance what they have already put in place at Patricia Park. The picture below illustrates the concept that is being pursued. This project is progressing very well and we hope to have Phase 1 completed in time for Remembrance Day in 2013.

You may note that the Memorial element of this project is based on the Frezenberg Memorial. We have enjoyed good progress on that project too. The concept for repairing and upgrading the Frezenberg Memorial has been approved and we are transitioning to the detailed design phase. The concept drawing is shown on Page 123.

A full-scale prototype of the Memorial Baton will be ready for viewing at our AGM in Medicine Hat in June 2013. Production will follow shortly thereafter. The planning to update the Regimental Cairn in Lansdowne Park in Ottawa also continues. This planning should be finalized in early 2013 when we have negotiated a specific site at the revitalized Lansdowne Park with the City of Ottawa.





The Association has continued to improve our communication efforts this past year with our website (http://www.ppcliassoc.ca/) being the principle means of internal and external communication. Membership in Routine Orders, the private side of the site, has continued to increase, albeit slowly. Routine Orders provides additional information and networking opportunities that are not available on the public site. Externally, we are continuing, at the Branch level, to connect with the serving component whenever we can. In this edition of the Patrician you will see a number of articles about the Association and our programs in addition to the regular Branch articles. Please take the time to read these. You will learn that the Association is actively supporting the Regiment as a full partner with the serving component and the PPCLI Foundation.

Candidly, the greatest challenge the Association faces is a declining membership as a result of our older members passing on. The Association is always in search of new members. New members bring new ideas and the energy to bring them to fruition. We recognize of course that whether or not one decides to join the Association is a personal choice. Consider that the paradigm in the Association is completely different from what you will have experienced while serving. In the Association everyone is a volunteer. There is no chain of command. Members of Council and I are elected by the membership, we take our direction from the membership and we are accountable to the membership. As a member, you have a say in what Association is and what it should do.

The Association's principal challenge from now until the 100th is to raise the funds to support our 100th Anniversary projects. We need your ideas and energy to meet that challenge and yes, we would welcome any financial contribution that you would like to offer. The memorials that the Association are working on for the 100th Anniversary are not Association ones, they are Regimental memorials.





2013 PPCLI Student Bursaries

Applications are available: www.ppcliassoc.ca or call 780-842-1363 x 5284

The 2013 PPCLI Association Student Bursaries are better than ever. This year \$6000 will be awarded.

Don't miss out on your chance to fund your education. Bursaries are available for serving, former and retired members, cadets, spouses, children, grandchildren.

Application deadline is 15 July 2013. The selection committee will sit prior to 10 August and recipients notified shortly thereafter. Applicants that cannot meet the 15 July deadline should contact the Association Secretary to look at the options.

Send applications to: PPCLI Association Secretary

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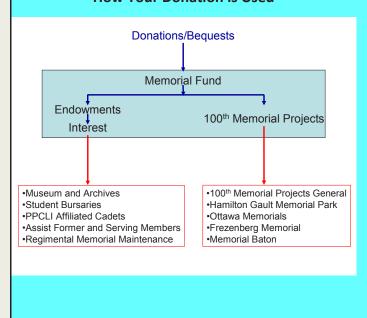
Teresa Settingiano Recipient 2012 Gault Bursary for \$1000



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You can also make a donation by cash or cheque through the Treasurer of any Branch of the PPCLI Association.



HAMILTON GAULT MEMORIAL FUND STUDENT BURSARY REPORT 2012

There were eight applicants this year and five bursaries were awarded; two bursaries of \$1,250.00, and three bursaries of \$1000, for a total disbursement of \$5500. This amount will increase to \$6000 for 2013 as the HGMF is committed to expanding this worthwhile objective.

The selection committee was composed of three members of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Board of Trustees, one PPCLI Association representative and a serving component representative.

The following individuals were awarded a PPCLI Association Student Bursary from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund:

"Kristina Seefeldt – granddaughter of Captain (Ret'd) Rudy Raidt, Kristina is embarked on an ambitious journey in anthropology that will take her through her B.A all the way to a Doctorate. She is a strong supporter of the community, volunteering at the Strathcona County museum and a local senior citizen's home. Awarded a Gault bursary for the second year in a row.

Rebecca Lietch. Rebecca is awarded a Gault bursary for the first time this year. She has enrolled in Waterloo University in Second year Arts program and is the granddaughter of the late Col Greg. Lietch.



Ms. Chloe Pridham - daughter of Glenn Wood (Ret'd), Chloe is in her second year of Environmental studies at Waterloo. She was an Air Cadet and remains a strong supporter of the Legion Branch 375 in Richmond Hill, Ontario. She has been awarded bursary in the name of Dr. Jack Cathie for the second year in a row.



David Mansbridge – son of a Paul (Ret'd) and Diane Mansbridge, David is enrolled at the University of Lethbridge and is working towards completing a B.A/B. Ed combined degree with a major in Kinesiology and a declared minor in Mathematics. He has been awarded the Lady Patricia Bursary this year.



Teresa Settingiano. Teresa is awarded a Gault for the first time this year. She is enrolling at the University of Alberta, St Jean Campus and intends to pursue French. A native of Edmonton, Teresa is a strong supporter of the military.



Vancouver Branch

2012 was another quiet year for the Branch. We had our Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, 18 March 18 before our annual Regimental Day Luncheon at the Seaforth Armory. There were fifteen members present plus one guest. Capt. Bill Annand stopped in to give us an update on the Seaforth move to Jericho and approximately how long they expect to be out of the building. We are fortunate in that our cabinets and other items will be stored under the WO & Sgts. Mess protection. The President will be taking custody of Lady Patricia's portrait and our candelabras, so we will have them readily available for future events.

After the AGM we had a half-hour for socializing and then went into the Luncheon. We had twenty members and fourteen guests present. LCol. John Appleby [ret'd], our main speaker gave another update on the different programs in the city for our returning soldiers and especially the housing facility for wounded veterans and their families. We congratulated two of our members Noel S. Butcher and Stan Chaykowksy who had turned 90 in recent months.

On Sunday, 19 August we had our annual BBQ at the home of Val Tutte and 10 members and four guests were present and though our numbers were small everyone had a great time and the weather cooperated.

On Sunday, 9 December we had our annual Christmas Party at Jenny Urquharts. Due to several members having to cancel at the last minute because of health problems or family matters we only had 11 members attend, but everyone had a pleasant time.

Unfortunately, we had a couple of members drop out due to age, mobility problems and we did not have any new members join this year which is a first for us. Hopefully things will improve in 2013, though we may be going to just having our annual Regimental Luncheon and AGM and no other events. It is getting harder and harder to get the numbers to make any event profitable or break even. Time will tell.

Edmonton Branch

As 2012 came to a close, we sat back and reflected on yet another good year for our Branch. The year proved to be busy and productive for our 93 regular, 24 Associate and our 32 Honorary Associate members (Edmonton City Police Pipes and Drums). We are firmly embedded in our new surroundings as the Kingsway Legion relocated from downtown at 143 Ave and 50th St

The Branch was again very locally active and prominent in a number of venues both local and in the surrounding communities. Remembrance Day saw our members take in 7 different Remembrance Day parades in and around Edmonton as well as attending some school ceremonies. The Branch and the Regiment were also at Remembrances Day observances in places as far away as Smithers, BC, Saskatoon, Nipwawin, Sask, Dauphin, Man, Montreal, Barrhead, Wetaskiwin, and Red Deer. The branch was represented again at the 1st and 3rd Bns Men's Xmas dinner as well as their change of command parades. Several members attended the Edmonton Chapter of the KVA for their Christmas dinner and annual parade in July. We are proud to have 17 Korean War Veterans of which seven served at Kap Yong.

Ex Bold Eagle 22 in Wainwright was again attended by members of the Branch. Our Christmas party was well attended and the members were gracious once again for their donations and gifts to the food bank and Santa's Anonymous.

Branch members were in attendance at the 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corp year end parade. Additionally, some of our members keep themselves busy with other ex-military organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion, the Airborne Social Club, the OB's Club, the KVA, to name a few. Two of our members are Cadet Liaison Officers with 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps and the Army Cadets. Attendance at our monthly meetings remains high with as many as 40-45% of members regularly attending.

The Branch was deeply saddened with the passing of Whitey Ebenizer Whitehead, one of our members who joined the 2nd Bn in 1959. Our membership not only dwells in and around Edmonton, but we have members residing in Saskatchewan, China, Japan, British Columbia, Wetaskiwin, Spruce Grove, Peace River, Manitoba, Bawlf, Montreal, St Paul, Red Deer, Barrhead, Lethbridge etc, to name a few. We have a few snowbirds who go south to Mexico and Arizona for the winter. Unfortunately we had a number of members whose first free year of membership given after leaving the



service in 2011 did not continue their membership for 2012, though we able to recruit three new members and one associate member who joined at the end of 2012.

The Branch donated another \$1000 to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park Fund, one of the 100th Anniversary Association projects and the Branch also presented a cheque to the cadet Corps on behalf of the PPCLI Association.

Several members attended the 2012 AGM in Calgary and a number plan to attend the 2013 AGM in Medicine Hat to be hosted by the Cypress Hills Branch. Most however, are waiting for 'the big one' in August 2014 here in Edmonton. We are anxiously looking forward to the 100th which is now just under 16 months away!!!

Hope to see some of you in Medicine Hat in June and ALL OF YOU in August 2014 in Edmonton

Our regular members for 2012:

George Arndt, Warren Bard, Herman Barkemeyer, Richard Barnhart, David Basham, Eugene Bekar, Bill Dickson, Charles Colpitts, Jim Goodwin, Art Brochu, Dick Buxton Jnr, Stephen Chorney, Bob Craig, Gord Descoteaux, George Dewindt, James Dunn (Reg Force) Mark Eckley, Al Estey, Ralph Funk, Fred Goldring, David Gorman, Ted Giraldeau, Ed Haines, Bob Hidson, Vern Shave, Lloyd Holden, Ken Jobin, Stan Kellington, Herb Kenny, Dan Magnan, Earl Mansfield, Darrel Marsh, Don McBride, Gary Ramstad, Bert Reed, Barry Remanda, Oscar Lacombe, Otto Piecha, Larry Schwenneker, Bill Shybunka, Fred Schiweck, Bob Storrier, Bill Thiele, Jim Thurston, Bruce Topham, Sam Vangunst, Bill Lee, Patrick Jones, Jim Vigue, Rico von Gernet, Brian Wood, Ken Lyons, GB Smith, Ed Morley, Orvis Schneider, Ken Nette, Neil McKerracher, John Kolanchey, Mike Lotoski, Lyle McIvor, Peter Oleksyn, Len Poirier, Maurice Polowick, Paul Robison, Joe Schechtel, Karl Gotthardt, Bob Harris, John Demerchant, Donald Cook, Steve Penzes, Norm Pryce, Doug Lawrence, Earl Pryce, John Haines, Don Brodie, Russ Hannon, Arthur Potts, Kim Whitaker, Norm Hrywkiw, Claude Petit, Clayton Stobbs, Ted Walton, Whitey (Ebinizer) Whitehead, John Slater, Chris (CC) Smith, Brian Magas, Dan Masson, Ron Galpin, Rocky Ror, Ben Weatherbie and Ken Perry.

Wainwright Branch

Well another year has come full circle. The Association carried on with its usual activities with a belated annual donation to the Edgerton PPCLI Army Cadets Corps, Paul Mansbridge (Past President) and Kyle Jensen (Vice President) attended and where given a warm welcome to the event and parade.

We are also still working hard on two 100th Anniversary projects. The first is "Patricia Park" at the Village at Griesbach in Edmonton. The second is the addition of a "Patricia Wall" to be located in the old Wainwright train station. The first project will be completed as part of the Edmonton commemoration in August 2014 while the second will be unveiled as part of the Memorial Baton Run during its stop in Wainwright. So far we have not found any one to run with the Torch but we did find a few members with a golf cart that would gladly drive it to its next stop.

Other events attended were the badging ceremony of the newest PPCLI members out of the LFWA WATC cadre by the old guard here in Wainwright. We also had the honour of presenting the trophy for the most improved candidate. Which we have no problem supplying the old guard on that perspective. Some of our old guard may intimidate the younger generation of Patricia's so our brief about the Association has been flowered up a bit to make it more herbal for the newer generation. We have the greatest area to work out of here. As this is where the NCM's of the next generation of the Regiment are forged.

We have been riddled with ways to attract new members to the group as with most of the other Associations across Canada, and constantly come up with good ideals but after we think the process through we still hit the void. But we are still working our way through this issue.

Kyle Jensen VP President Wainwright Branch PPCLI Association





Proposed PPCLI centenary memorial village at Griesbach.



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Manitoba NW Ontario Branch

By Stu Weeks

Our Branch AGM was held Sunday 22 January 2012. We have a new V/P: Don Collins stepped up to fill the position. Maureen Blake agreed to stay on as Secretary for another year and D'Arcy Best agreed to continue as Treasurer. Thanks to Mike Czuboka, Taffy Gray, Len King and Past President Bud Hawkins for accepting positions as Directors of our Branch.

Our affiliated 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps moved from the old Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall to the Ecole Romeo Dallaire School, 81 Quail Ridge Road in Crestview (St James) area of Winnipeg. This will give the youth of Winnipeg's west end a cadet corps close to home.

We celebrated Regimental Day, Sunday 11 March 2012, this was an informal gathering of the Patricia Family – serving members, partners and friends

At the National AGM in Calgary 24 to 27 May, our Colonel in Chief, Madame Clarkson presented Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medals to 8 members, including our own D'Arcy Best!

On the 2 June, 2701 PPCLI Cadets had their 50th Annual Ceremonial Review. Our Colonel of the Regiment, Lt Gen (Ret'd) Ray Crabbe was the Reviewing Officer. Following the review, Capt. Melanie Turko turned over command of the Corps to Capt. Rick Sellwood.

I am pleased to say, that Manitoba now has its own Highway of Heroes. On Friday, 8 June, Military, RCMP personnel, Dignitaries and Veterans gathered at two locations on the Trans-Canada highway and the Province unveiled two billboards, one outside Winnipeg and the other outside Brandon.

Our Branch barbeque, held 19 August, was a big success thanks to Maureen Blake, Bud Hawkins and D'Arcy Best. 32 members and guests, including Matt Brown from the Fraser Valley branch, enjoyed a catered meal with lots of good food. vOur Past President, Bud Hawkins, was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for all his hard work from our Branch.

The Branch Luncheon on Sunday 19 October was enjoyed by all and Lt Col Wright and RSM D'Andrade from 2 PPCLI stopped by on their way to Ottawa and brought us up to date on battalion activities. We were also pleased to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment, and Gen (Ret'd) Vince Kennedy and their wives. Both addressed the group and brought us up to date on the 100th Anniversary planning. Our two Kapyong veterans; Walter Brazil and Michael Czuboka, and their spouses, were also in attendance.

Our Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints' Church on 11 November was hampered by a 30 cm snowfall but we were joined by our 2701 PPCLI Cadets and two members of 2 PPCLI. This year a cadet Snr NCO carried our Branch Flag, with Bud Hawkins carrying the Canadian Flag. We hope to make this as a "Tradition" through the following years.

Our last event of 2012 was a great way to end the year: on 12 December we joined 2 PPCLI for the Men's Christmas Dinner, followed by the WO and Snr NCOs at-home to the Officers. The espirt-de-corps was amazing. Thank you for the invitation Lt Col Wright.

2012 saw our branch welcome a new member; Derek Anderson of Thunder Bay served with the Regiment from 2005 to 2010, including a tour of Afghanistan in 2008 and previously he had been attached to PPCLI for a tour in Bosnia in 1997.

We were saddened by the loss of Elwood N. Birss in January and John Sutherland CD in May.

Everyone in our branch is looking forward to the 100th Anniversary which for us begins with the Manitoba Social in September 2013.





South West Ontario Branch

The Branch has continued its membership drive and was successful in recruiting Bruce Frampton and Scott Brush as new members for 2013. Welcome aboard! The Branch celebrated Regimental Day 2012 at Betty's restaurant in Niagara Falls and about 20 members attended the event. The next one is planned for 17 March 2013. Henry Klausnitzer did an outstanding job of organizing a separate Regimental Day event at the Bryon Legion in London on 17 March 2012 with 10 Patricias participating. Do you recognize any of them?



London Area Patricias

The Branch has continued its fundraising efforts and to date has donated almost \$1200 to the Frezenberg Memorial Restoration. Our primary fundraiser continues to be the sale of Patricia labelled VQA wines from Château des Charmes. For 2012, we sold 47 out of 50 cases of wine. The wines for 2013 have been selected; an Unoaked 2010 VQA Chardonnay and a 2010 VQA Cabernet blend. The wines can now be shipped to Ontario, BC, Alberta and Manitoba. Our hope is that with your support, sales will exceed 100 cases for 2103. Château des Charmes will be the official supplier of Regimental Wine for our 100th Anniversary celebrations. The 2014 selection will in all likelihood be expanded to include higher end wines and Sparkling wines. Remember that \$2 from every bottle sold goes towards our 100th Anniversary fundraising efforts.

The 2013 wines are now available for purchase and can be ordered using the enclosed order form.

The Branch is gearing up for the 100th Anniversary and will be an active supporter of the Memorial Baton Run as it progresses through Southern Ontario on its way to Ottawa in September 2014. We continue to recruit new members and all serving members within Southern Ontario are urged to participate in Branch activities. Our 2103 AGM will take place in Niagara Falls on 27/28 April 2013 and will include a tour of Château des Charmes winery with the opportunity of having input into the wine selection for 2014. I encourage all available Patricias to attend.

Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia!

Paul Hale President SW Ontario Association PaulHale3VP@yahoo.ca



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THE SACRED SPACE: A Different Remembrance Day for the Ottawa Branch By Don Dalziel, President Ottawa Branch

For the past 32 years, the Ottawa Branch has organized a Remembrance Day ceremony for Ottawa-area Patricias. The Remembrance Service was always held in a reception hall adjacent to the Regimental Memorial Cairn at Lansdowne Park, and a wreath was laid outside at the Cairn. This year was different.

In late May, in preparation for the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park, the Cairn was removed from its location under the North Grandstand of the Frank Clair Stadium. It is now shrink-wrapped, resting in a secure storage facility specially built within the Aberdeen Pavilion, where it will remain during the construction. Hopefully, their timetable will mesh with our plans for the Ottawa Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary, and the enhanced memorial with the Cairn as the centrepiece will be relocated to the new Plaza planned for the area in front of the Aberdeen Pavilion. This will be very close to the place that Princess Patricia actually presented her Camp Colour in August 1914. The renewed Cairn, in its new location, will be consecrated again as a Memorial to the more than 2000 Patricias who have died in the service of Canada and as a Monument to all Patricias who have served.

In the meantime, looking for an appropriate location to hold our ceremony, the Branch Executive worked on a number of options, and it was decided to attempt



Ottawa Remembrance Day – The Sacred Space, Wreaths and Poppies.

The two wreaths laid during the Remembrance Service, one PPCLI Ottawa (left) and the other made by the Laval Liberty High School students, rest against the stone in the Sacred Space, Beechwood National Cemetery. After the Service, participants dropped their Poppies on the on the stone as the left the Sacred Space.

to move to Beechwood Cemetery. Beechwood is the home of the National Military Cemetery and in 2009 became the National Cemetery of Canada. In 2008, the Beechwood National Memorial Centre was opened. Its centrepiece is the Sacred Space, a nine-sided multi-faith worship facility designed in consultation with many faith leaders, and remarkably endorsed by all. The Hall of Colours, where it is anticipated that all regiments and services will Lay Up their Colours, is also in the Centre.

The Executive Director, Mr. Roger Boult, and all the staff at Beechwood were very accommodating and most helpful in assisting us in making the arrangements. There is a very large stone in the middle of the Sacred Space, and absent the Cairn, we decided to lay our wreath there. Gerry Wharton volunteered his authentic WWI helmet and bayonet, together a Regimental pennant and a spray of Marguerite, and we created our own figurative place of remembrance.

On Remembrance Day, over 225 members, friends and families participated in the program. For the fourth year, a number of the staff and students of Laval Liberty High School joined with us and laid their wreath alongside ours. (A graduate of the school, Sgt Christos Karigiannis, was killed in Afghanistan while serving with 3 PPCLI. Working with 3 PPCLI, the school has developed a very active and successful leadership program named in honour of Sgt Karigiannis and Capt Mathew Dawe). They are a great group of youths, and their presence has added significantly to our ceremony.

Padre John Fletcher led the Remembrance Service, and a group of talented seniors who have become our resident choir, appropriately named Aged in Harmony, took advantage of the wonderful acoustics of the Sacred Space. Mrs. Rita Lalonde-Bloom, Harry Bloom's widow, and BGen Craig King laid our wreath. The Laval Liberty students also laid their own wreath. After our service, the wreaths and poppies that had been left were placed at the Monument in the National Military Cemetery.

Although our Remembrance Day did not have the symbolism of a service at the place the Regiment was formed, our Service of Remembrance in Sacred Space at Beechwood was actually most memorable. We hope to be able to repeat next year.



Kingston Branch

While the focus of the "Limestone City" Branch this year has been on the planning and preparations for the Regimental Centenary, we have also been able add some new members to our ranks.

Following several months of initial planning and discussion, we held a very successful and well attended Branch meeting in September, during which the membership gave a vote of confidence to go ahead with our activity plan. We were very fortunate to have Dave Pentney, Jay Lapeyre and Ron Bragdon in attendance from the National Executive: together they provided the membership with a comprehensive view of 100th Anniversary planning at the National level. With this perspective, the importance of our grass roots fund-raising efforts was made quite clear to us.

Recently, we met with the 2 PPCLI team conducting the national reconnaissance for the Memorial Baton Relay (MBR), which will pass through Kingston at some point in its progress across the country in 2014. While planning is still in the stages, we were able to assure the team that the Kingston Branch is ready to do whatever it can to help make the run a success in this part of Ontario.

We now have three major streams of activity in the Branch. The first of these is our fundraising: we have a team working on putting together a PPCLI Happy Hour and Silent Auction event to be held in Fort Frontenac in the late winter/early spring of 2013; Jay Lapeyre is organizing an inter-branch golf tournament with the Ottawa Branch, and finally all members are being asked to contribute to an internal donation scheme: "100 for the 100th". This scheme, which sees each member donating 100 dollars to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund as their situations permit, is already well on its way to producing its first thousand dollars.

The second stream is our Branch 100th project: the PPCLI Memorial in City Park, Kingston. This project will see a maple tree (recollecting the maple tree at the Frezenberg site) and a modest stone monument suitably located in City Park, the historic British garrison drill ground and the site of memorials to the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the RCAF and the local CEF battalion. The engraving on the monument will commemorate the association between the City and the Regiment, formed by the presence of countless Patricias in Kingston over the last 100 years, whether as students, as college staff, as instructors, as staff officers and non-commissioned members or retirees. Many graduates of the former Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers School, as well those from the Intelligence School and the Signal School have also served with the Regiment. Staff talks with the City of Kingston have proceeded very well, and we are now progressing to obtaining estimates from monument companies in Kingston. The plan is to unveil the monument on Sunday 10 August 2014, or possibly synchronized with eth arrival of the MBR.

The final stream will be our Branch's support to National initiatives in general, and in particular to the MBR when it visits Kingston. We are proud to be able to help out in any way we can.

Dave Banks President Kingston Branch





Atlantic Branch

Our year officially started with the Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 07 September 2012, with a Meet and Greet at the Officers Mess in Gagetown where all members had an outstanding time renewing old friendships and telling war stories to the young officer and NCOs of the French Grey Battalion (FGB) over a few refreshments. I must acknowledge the hard work and support from 3 ASG with rooms for all Association members and the support from our brother Patricias of the FGB, with a special thanks to CO of the FGB LCol Gallinger, Adjt FGB Capt Dan Hogan, and RSM FGB MWO John McNabb. Without their support and hard work, the AGM would not have been the success it turned out to be.

On 08 September, at the General Meeting, the President Donn Miles welcomed members and acknowledged the special guests: Col Minnus, LCol Joudrey, LCol Gallinger, MWO McNabb, Bert Scott (Past National President), and Tom and Angela Reid (Silver Cross Parents).

The meeting began with Bert Scott speaking about the 100th Anniversary, and the future of the PPCLI Association and the way-ahead for branches of the Association. Following a presentation by Bill Minnis on the Frezenberg Project supported by the Atlantic Branch, LCol Gallinger, Commandant of the Infantry School, gave best wishes and regards from the Regiment, including a brief on what the Battalions have done in the past year, including major operations, exercises, and what was on the horizon in the next 12 months. Election of Executive Committee saw Tim Penney get voted in as President, Bud Gilfoy as Vice President, and Brenda Forbes as Secretary/Treasurer. Donn Miles was thanked by all members for his tenure as President of the PPCLI Association Atlantic Branch.

The afternoon activities kicked-off with weapons, vehicle demonstrations by members of the Infantry School. Association members also had the pleasure of doing some shooting at the Small Arms Trainer with the woman reigning as the best shots. After the fun and games were over, most members returned to their rooms to relax before the dinner at the Officers





Mess.

We gathered for a few drinks before dinner, and then sat down to an outstanding meal. The night started with the drawing for prizes. LCol Joudrey gave a heart-warming, down-to-earth speech that touched many present. What an outstanding night the young officer and NCOs of the FGB and members of the Association had, filling the dance floor carrying-on well past midnight. The only reason Angela Reid stopped dancing was because the DJ packed up and went home.

On Sunday, members gathered at the cenotaph in front of building J7 where Padre Bruce Murray, the honorary Patricia, once again gave a sermon to honour our fallen



comrades. This was followed by BGen G.D. Corbould, MSM, CD Commander of the Combat Training Center and Tim Penney, laying a wreath in remembrance of our fallen. After the ceremony, there were photos and fair-wells once again. It was an outstanding weekend for retired and serving members alike to gather and be proud to be a Patricia.

Tim Penney
President
PPCLI Association Atlantic Branch



PPCLI FOUNDATION - FOR THE SOLDIER



Two Years and Growing

The Foundation is established as a valued partner within the Regimental family, one that has and continues to extend the reach of the Regiment into a much broader community. With the 100th Anniversary rapidly approaching, the Foundation is a key player in gathering support from outside of the Regimental family, support and funding from corporations, governments, and individuals. This support will be leveraged to support our goal of an endowment of \$5 million by 11 November 2018, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in World War I. The Foundation is managing a growing number of fundraising events, e.g. Heroes Hockey Challenge (www.heroeshockeychallenge.com) and Canadian House of Heroes, a joint venture with the Canadian Football League Alumni Association (www.canadianhouseofheroes.com). These events will grow in scope and number as our capacity to manage them increases with volunteer and other support.

Briefly, here is an overview of the Foundation:



PPCLI Foundation Overview

- Created by Deed of Trust 27
 August 2010 Independent
 and Autonomous
- CRA granted Charitable Status
 3 March 2011 as a Public
 Foundation
- Colonel-in-Chief is Patron
- Seven Vice-Patrons
 - Lieutenant-Governors of BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba
 - Honorary Colonel of the Army
 - Colonel of the Regiment
 - Honorary Colonel of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment

- 5. Up to 19 Trustees (15
 appointed or elected at
 present) 2 appointed by
 Regimental Executive
 Committee and 1 by PPCLI
 Guard
- Board of Trustees meets Quarterly
- Constating Documents, Business Plan, Annual Report, Audited Financials, and Trustee Manual are public documents downloadable from website:
 - www.ppclifoundation.ca
- 8. On-line Donations can be made on website

Financially, during its first 18 months since receiving charitable status the total revenue from individual donations, memberships, corporate and government contributions and events is \$336,400. Expenses, including fundraising event costs of \$122,000, totaled \$194,200, leaving net revenue of \$142,200. The Foundation has a policy of maintaining its administrative overheads to less than 20% of revenues and we are on track to-date. Of the net revenue of \$142,200, \$89,500 has been distributed: \$52,000 to the PPCLI Regimental Fund; \$20,000 to the Amputee Coalition of Canada; \$10,000 to the Calgary Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC); \$5,000 to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund; and \$2,500 to the British Columbia Regiment Trust. A further \$12,500 has been approved for distribution in 2012 to MFRCs in Edmonton, Shilo and Calgary.





Plans for the Next Period

Now that we have mastered the organizational and management challenges, our Heroes Hockey Challenge (HHC) events are proving to be highly successful. In April 2013 we will conduct a Gala Dinner and a Hockey Game in Abbotsford, BC, the fourth and fifth of the HHC events. The game will be played on Sunday, 7 April between the Hockey Legends and the HHC Warriors. These two events are expected to raise \$80,000 to support our work. The Organizing Committee is being aided by the Fraser Valley Branch of the Association, which will use the event to contribute to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund for the 100th Anniversary Memorial projects. For information about HHC, visit the website, www.heroeshockeychallenge.com.







HHC 2012 Calgary and Vancouver

Plans are also being made to conduct Canadian House of Heroes (CHoH) events in conjunction with the 101st Grey Cup in Regina, 21-24 November 2013. CHoH is a joint venture between the Canadian Football League Alumni Association and the Foundation to raise funds to support former football players and serving and former soldiers in need. Details about the events can be found on the website www.canadianhouseofheroes. com.

Other fundraising events are being planned, such as our 3rd Annual Veterans' Tribute Night at Ranchman's Cookhouse and Dancehall in Calgary in November 2013, so check our website from time to time for the latest information: www.ppclifoundation.ca.





A Word about the 100th Anniversary

The Right Honourable Don Ethel, Governor General of Alberta addresses the 2012 Heroes Hockey Challenge Gala guests.

As the Regiment's external fundraising arm we are committed to raise funds to assist in the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary. The funds and other forms of support the Foundation is gathering are related largely to overhead costs of the events and to the venues in Edmonton, Ottawa, Belgium and places in between. These efforts will be a major focus over the course of the next two years. Funds raised in excess of needs to support the various events will be used by the Foundation for its longer term goals of supporting our soldiers and their families.

Doing Your Part

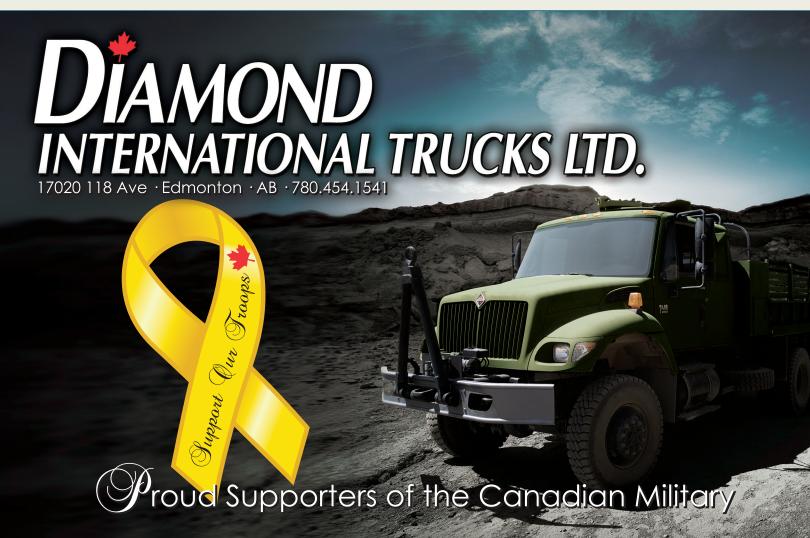
There are lots of options for you to help the Foundation meet its goals. You can make an on-line donation or you can make a deferred gift through a number of ways. But what we would really like to see is your active involvement in the work of the Foundation by becoming a Regimental Member. Members are the heart and soul of the Foundation. Members provide Trustees with the guidance and feedback they need to ensure the Foundation meets the needs of the Regiment and its veterans as fully and effectively as it can. Whether you are serving or retired, membership offers you the opportunity to help those who have given their best and need your help today and in the future. Membership brings with it the benefit of participation in the affairs of the Regiment and the Foundation. As a member you will be asked to recommend ways that the Foundation can assist our veterans and their families and to further other interests of the Regiment, and to enjoy the results of these efforts as they are achieved. Through attendance at Annual General Meetings, you can renew your comradeship with old friends and establish new relationships, both within and outside the Regiment. Your membership will be recognized on the Foundation's website and in our publications.

Membership costs just \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year. Annual memberships and periodic donations will be accumulated and members given advanced recognition according to their accumulated donations. All memberships will be recognized by a Foundation logo lapel pin. For an initial donation of \$1,000 or more, paid up lifetime memberships for both the donor and spouse will be awarded. Whether you are serving or retired, membership gives you the opportunity to help your buddies who have given their best and need your help today.

For information on the Foundation and how you can become a member visit our website at www.ppclifoundation.ca. We are also on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.







Edmonton, Alberta



2012 was fairly quiet. The Corps participated in a number of activities, welcomed new staff and said good-bye to a long standing member of the unit. Cadet Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Eugen Kolesnik made sure that his final time as Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of the unit was memorable starting with being selected as the North West Alberta Zone Honor Cadet in February. He followed this up with his selection as the Parade Commander for the Army Cadet League's inaugural Vimy Parade in April. Not only was CWO Kolesnik recognized, but the cadets who paraded that day were also outstanding. The unit was one of the only seven units in attendance that were proud to have no cadets fall out during the hour long parade in which the Honorable Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta presided as the Reviewing Officer.

The unit's Marksmanship team smashed through what had seemed to be an impenetrable ceiling by finally moving from 2nd to 1st place in the province. This sent them to Quebec City for the National Championship under the outstanding leadership and coaching of Civilian Instructor (CI) Charles Bernatchez, whom after only three years of coaching under his belt, became the first CI coach to take a team to Nationals in Alberta. While at the competition, the team continued to prove themselves as remarkable, putting forth a total of three perfect targets shot during the competition (20% of the total perfect targets shot). Something no Alberta team has ever achieved. Two of these targets were shot by Cadet Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Srosh Hassan, and the third by Cadet Corporal (Cpl) Dalton Bourque. CI Bernatchez was also interviewed regarding his coaching methods and the teams' superior esprit-de-corps that was so apparent to members of the competition staff.

June brought the end of the 2011-2012 training year but not before the unit participated in a couple of key activities. CWO Kolesnik, MWO Hassan, and the Commanding Officer (CO), Captain Stephanie Russell, participated in the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee taking place at the Alberta Legislature. While performing their duties there, a number of other cadets were providing assistance and enjoying the various displays for the 3 PPCLI Family Day under the direction of our dedicated liaison, Captain David Ortt. July and August marked the start of summer camps and once again the Corps was fortunate to have cadets attend camp across the country. The newly appointed RSM, CWO Hassan, went to Connaught as part of the National Rifle Team and competed in the Bisley competition. She was joined by our outgoing Administration Officer and an ex-RSM, Officer Cadet (OCdt) Taha Hassan. Also in Connaught were a number of others attending the Marksmanship courses in the hopes of also attending Bisley at some point in the future. We also had cadets in Whitehorse for Expedition training, Cold Lake for Sports and Fitness, Banff for Pipes and Drums and Vernon for Basic and General Training.

During the summer, staff members were hard at work making innovative changes to the administration of the training program and the unit in general. Lots of hard work, advertising, and branding by CI Bernatchez helped kick start the new training year in September with a focus on increasing standards and pushing the unit farther ahead. To further demonstrate this new mindset, within weeks of the new training year starting, the unit sent a team to the Army Cadet Challenge. For its first time participating, the unit managed to achieve a respectable 4th place, from 32 teams, and motivation to take 1st next year. We were also pleased to send a male team to the Zone Biathlon competition as well as participate in a Paratrooper Day at 3 PPCLI which qualified a new group of cadets to wear the maroon beret and PPCLI cap brass. Captain Russell also ensured that her record for having the loudest scream while jumping off the mock tower was still firmly in place.

Although the training year has just recently begun, we have already completed our introductory bivouac exercise, FTX Patricia the Kid, and in doing so, initiated a new staff member into the fold. Trooper Stephen Taborowski from the Lord Strathcona Horse (LdSH) in Edmonton has been volunteering since the previous spring, but it was his first training exercise with us. He proved himself well in the field, even donning a gilly suit for the night activity and sneaking up on one of the patrolling sections. We also were fortunate to get a visit in November by the new Regional Support Unit Prairie Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol) Rob Kamphuis. During his visit, he presented three deserving cadets with the CO's Commemorative Coin. CWO Hassan, Cadet Master Corporal (MCpl) Justus deRuiter and Cpl Matthew Harland have all brought great credit to themselves and the unit. We look forward to the 2013 calendar year and with it some more training exercises such as our navigation exercise, Amazing Patricia and our adventure training exercise, Wild Patricia. Furthermore, we are pleased to have been selected for the first time to act as a host unit for a cadet corp from another province. On top of these activities, we are also looking forward to participating in the Airborne reunion in Edmonton this June while also planning and fundraising for our trip to Europe in 2014 to visit various PPCLI battle honors from WW1 and WW2.





It must be noted that none of the opportunities we have completed, or planned to complete, would be possible without support from some key groups. Parents, cadets, and staff as a start, but also 3 PPCLI, the PPCLI Association, both the Edmonton branch and Alberta zone, as well as the Edmonton branch of the Airborne Association. In 2013 and 2014, before we depart for Europe, the unit will be focusing on the history of the Paratrooper and the role that an Airborne cadet corps plays in keeping the memory and the legacy o these brave men alive and moving forward. Thank you to all Jumpers, past, present and future for the contributions you have made, and the inspiration you continue to be.

By Captain Stephanie Russell, CD Commanding Officer

Calgary, Alberta





It was a banner year for sure for the Cadets and staff of 2554 PPCLI Cadet Corps in Calgary. The year started off with first-aid training and NCO development in January, followed quickly by Cadet Sabrina Buziak representing us at the provincial biathlon championships, rifle team practices, and team selections in February. February also saw the cadets out in the field for their winter field training exercise (FTX). Cold weather was fought off with numerous repetitions of pitching and striking the five man arctic tent. The FTX was followed with a special tour of the STARS air ambulance hanger in Calgary. The Rifle team placed third overall in their competition and Cadet Master Corporal Myles Billay advanced to the provincial championships.

Things kicked up a notch in April with 1 PPCLI hosting the Cadets for a weekend. It is no understatement that this weekend has been the Cadet's favorite for the past couple of years. 1 PPCLI were excellent hosts and thanks to our liaison Capt. Shawn Veinot Cadets had a packed weekend of experiences they will always remember. A tour of the battalion lines started things off right with a display by the snipers, a tour of the LAV III's and a display of infantry weapons. Next up the LAV's transported eager Cadets to the training area where they had a chance to descend the rappel tower and learn about operations in built up areas. Despite a cold biting wind, several cadets took in multiple descents of the tower. The afternoon was spent on the range with the C7A1 with some cadets showing impressive groupings. The next day the cadets raided the kit shop buying up anything and everything with a PPCLI logo or cap badge. The weekend ended with a special presentation, a large wooden VP sign that used to hang in AF16 in CFB Calgary was presented back to the Battalion, the Cadet Corps having had possession of it since the Battalion left for Edmonton. Once again a very heartfelt thanks to all the soldiers who made the weekend such a great experience.

Our May FTX found the cadets hiking with full kit in the Ghost wilderness area and setting-up half shelters for the night. The hike took them though some nasty blow down but they all persevered and made it through. Soon after some special recognition came to Mr. Bruce Nickel who was presented the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, in part due to ten years of volunteering with the Corps after his service in the PPCLI.

The highlight of the year certainly came next with the Annual Ceremonial Review parade on 26 May. The parade was planned in conjunction with the PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting. With lots of support by the Calgary Branch of the Association the parade was held outside the AGM location. The Corps was certainly honored to have both the Colonel in Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment as Reviewing Officers for the parade. It was an experience to remember for many a cadet and a once in a lifetime opportunity. The cadets performed well on parade and many were honored with awards for their performance in the training year.

Many cadets were able to attend summer training and quite a few did us proud by winning top Cadet in their platoons over the summer.





We came back in September to another increase in numbers with strength peaking at sixty cadets enrolled. We quickly began the task of training the new cadets and our fall field exercise in October was for many their first real challenge. Biathlon and rifle team practices started early this year, and the results paid off, with three cadets selected to represent us at the provincial biathlon championships. Rifle team practices almost every week have increased the marksmanship proficiency of the Corps with new cadets qualifying for crossed rifles badges nearly every practice.

November saw the Corps remembering the fallen at two ceremonies in Calgary, at the Military Museums and at CP Rail Headquarters in downtown Calgary. Our "Living Regimental History" event followed soon after, with the Calgary branch of the Association supporting us again with veterans eager to share their stories.

2554 Cadets continue to show their pride through their affiliation with this famed Regiment, and all cadets who earn their cap badge wear it with pride. We are looking forward to another successful year as part of the Patricia family.





Winnipeg, Manitoba





2012 is 2701 RCACC 50th Anniversary

2701 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCAC), 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA), was formed on 1 January 1962 with the aim to recruit eligible boys from South West Winnipeg who were not in any of the city cadet corps. The Corps was sponsored by the 2 RCHA, then stationed at Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg, and became affiliated with the same unit. The corps was designated as No. 2701 2 RCHA Cadet Corps, and Captain E.C. Wylie was appointed its first Chief Instructor. He continued this appointment until October 1964.

In March 1964 with the rotation of 2 RCHA to Germany, the CO of 3 RCHA accepted the sponsorship of the Corps and the Cadet Corps changed its affiliation to 3 RCHA.

Later, with the relocation of 3 RCHA to CFB Shilo, the Corps changed its sponsorship and affiliation to 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI). This took place on the 24th of August 1970. The designation of the Corps was then changed to 2701 2 PPCLI Cadet Corps.

In August 1984 with the rotation of 2 PPCLI to Germany, the Commanding Officer of 3rd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment (3 RCR) accepted the affiliation of the Cadet Corps. This affiliation reverted back in September 1988, when 3 RCR and 2 PPCLI again rotated in and out of Kapyong Barracks. While the cadet corps has not always been affiliated with 2 PPCLI, it has nonetheless received tremendous support from the Battalion over the years.



On November 24, 2012, a parade was held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the corps. Additionally, there was a presentation by the Army Cadet League to recognize the St. James Legion #4 as our new sponsor. Finally, a Cadet Instructor Cadre Lifetime Achievement award was presented to the family of Capt. Allan Yorke, CD. Capt. Yorke was the Commanding Officer of the cadet corps from 1964 to 1979, and then again from 1983 to 1990.

Over the 50 year history of the cadet corps, many changes have taken place, with this past year being no exception. The biggest adjustment was the move from our long-time home at Kapyong barracks to our current location at Ecole Romeo Dallaire. It was quite a transition, and there were a few bumps along the way, but we have now settled into our new home quite nicely, and are proud to say that we have been able to maintain the training

program to our usual high standard.

Among the various training and activities over the last year, there were a number of successful field training exercises (FTX). The most recent FTX was scheduled as a fall navigation exercise in early October, but the uncharacteristic six inches of snow that fell just prior to the exercise made it more like a winter exercise. But the cadets and staff took it all in stride and even held a giant snowball making contest.

We are grateful for all of the support we have received from the Second Battalion, our new sponsor, and several others during yet another year of great change, and we look forward to continued success.

Photos – drumline, inspection, RSM, Ron Anderson(RO) and Rick presenting, LAA for Yorke

Victoria, British Columbia



The 2483 PPCLI cadets just before they head off on a 3 day, 27 km hike on the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail.



Sgt Martin our Area Cadet Advisor from the RSCU (PAC) presents MCpl Zack Schmit with the Vern Cole Award for being the most proficient junior NCO.



After being presented with the award CWO Myers said he was more thrilled about receiving the Award from Capt Atwell and MWO Davies than the actual meaning of the Award itself!

2012 was another outstanding year for the 2483 PPCLI Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. Our most significant change for 2012 was our new home at the former guard house at Work Point Barracks. We have been so fortunate to secure this new building and owe much gratitude and thanks to Jack Bates and Bruce Dickey, both members of the Vancouver Island PPCLI Association, for their lead on this facility. We also would like to thank the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations for renting this building to us as DND sold off the guard house in 1994. Alongside the guard house we also use the Naval Officers' Training Centre at Work Point for classrooms and use of their gym. We very much appreciate the Navy's support in ensuring the Patricia cadet corps still has a home at Work Point.

It is hard to believe but in 2008 this cadet corps only had 12 cadets, three Cadet Instructor Cadre officers and very low morale. In 2012, we reached 50 cadets, seven CIC officers, two Naval Regular Forces Advisors, and a phenomenal parent's sponsoring committee. Our corps has been so successful only because we have established an incredible team and we all appreciate and value what each of us brings to our cadet corps family. If you were to ask one of our cadets what they love about our cadet corps – the first thing they would tell you is that we are a family and secondly we have fun.

We also have an incredible PPCLI Military Band (we are pretty sure that we are the only exclusively PPCLI military band in Canada – unless someone can prove otherwise!) WO Tyler Calhoon-Cardinal was selected and attended the BC Honour Band for his amazing Level 5 oboe skills. This was the first time we have ever sent a cadet from our corps to Honour Band. We also have a stellar marksmanship team and sent WO Cody Wilcox to Bisley, England in 2012 to shoot on the National Rifle Team. We participated in the Vancouver Island Orienteering competition and won outright the last five years in a row. We also joined forces with two other cadet corps and entered into the drill competition. We actually won the competition but were challenged by a sea cadet corps on a technicality and ended up placing second. But we know who really won!

Besides all our team competitions we did a tonne of extra activities at the corps level. For example, we ran in the Times Colonist 10 km run, hiked the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail, we hosted an Air Cadet Squadron on an Interprovincial Cadet Exchange, we had amazing adventure FTX's, some crazy hockey sports nights, overall we just had lots of fun. In closing, I would like to thank all the cadets, staff, sponsoring committee and our local Vancouver Island PPCLI Association for a very successful 2012.

PATRICIA'S

Capt Madeleine Dahl Commanding Officer 2483 PPCLI RCACC

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories



We currently have 55 Cadets parading with the corps and we were busy as usual in 2012. We've had so many great events during the year from our regular Wednesday nights, sports nights, movies nights, fitness nights, marksmanship three times a week, weekend exercises, and regional activities.



Over the summer one of our staff members Constable Nick LeBlanc received the RCMP G Divisions Beckwith Trophy from the Commanding Officer Chief Superintendent Wade Blake for all of his hard work and dedication to the youth he works with and supports.



A small group of 2837 Cadets had the opportunity to check out the Biv site in the Yellowknife Sand Pits during Exercise Artic Ram 2012. C/MWO Harrison Baile checks out his first LAV.



C/MCpl Taylor Bachelder was one of the many cadets on hand for an Hounour Guard for the Governor General His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston.



2837 Cadets and Staff at the Annual Ceremonial Review June 2nd, 2012.
This ceremony marked the end of our local training year. 2837 Cadets went on from here to summer camps all over Canada and the UK.



FTX INDOC was an opportunity for new Cadets to learn about camping in a Biv site, eating rations, and ruck marches. The returning cadets took the opportunity to brush up on their bush-craft and leadership skills while leading the eager new recruits.



Cadets from 2837 Army and 825 Air have done a 12 hour vigil on the 10th of November at the cenotaph in Yellowknife for over 30 years. This year the Cadets had speakers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and RCMP who have all serve on a tour. The cadets also took part in a candle lighting ceremony in the Field of Honour in the Yellowknife cemetery.



2837 Seasonal Mess Dinner December 15, 2012. This was an opportunity for the cadets and their families to experience a military Mess Dinner. The cadets were excited to meet the guest of honour Brigadier General Guy Hamel, Commander Joint Task Force North, and to interact with the other guests.

Last Post

Name	Service	Date	Location
Buck, Rob	Reg Force	16 Feb 11	Victoria BC
Birss, Elwood	WWII	1 Jan 12	Winnipeg MB
Nicholson, Edmond	WWII, Korea	3 Jan 12	North Bay ON
Raw, Glen Emerson	Reg Force	4 Jan 12	Innisfail AB
Frost, Robert	Korea, Reg Force	18 Jan 12	Victoria BC
Hansen, Edward	WWII, Korea, Reg Force	29 Jan 12	Victoria BC
Meckbach, Sam	Reg Force	31 Jan 12	Esquimalt BC
Dickie, John L.	Reg Force	18 Feb 12	Shawnigan Lake
Novokowsky, Bernard	Reg Force	28 Feb 12	Calgary AB
McNeill, Malcom	WWII, Korea	2 Mar 12	Edmonton AB
Dentry, Edward	Reg Force	2 Mar 12	Maple Ridge BC
Mitchell, PatrickMGen (Retd)	Korea, Reg Force	4 Mar 12	Victoria BC
O'Neil, Jack	Reg Force	16 Mar 12	Oshawa ON
Duval, Gordon	Korea	3 Apr 12	Winnipeg MB
Elzear Whitehead	Reg Force	4 Apr 12	High River AB
Gallinger, William	Korea, Reg Force	11 May 12	Ottawa ON
Sutherland, John	Reg Force	27 May 12	Brandon MB
Ripley, David	Korea	7 Jun 12	Toronto ON
Ede, George	Reg Force	9 Jun 12	Victoria BC
Brandon, James	Korea, Reg Force	16 Jun 12	Kingston ON
Aylesworth, Leonard	Reg Force	23 Jun 12	Victoria BC
Davies, Frank	Reg Force	30 Jun 12	Ottawa ON
Hensrud, Darrell	Reg Force	30 Jun 12	Chilliwack BC
Hudson, Norman	WWII	30 Jun 12	Winnipeg MB
Goudie, Cpl William	Reg Force	9 Jul 12	Edmonton AB
Drury, Roy	WWII	9 Jul 12	Hamilton ON
Lamouche, Kenneth	Reg Force	10 Jul 12	Hinton AB
Desjarlais, Leonard	Korea, Reg Force	11 Jul 12	Victoria BC
Ross, George	WWII	24 Jul 12	Winnipeg MB
Steele, Arthur	Korea	27 Jul 12	Calgary AB
Marks, Keith	Reg Force	3 Aug 12	Ottawa ON
Taylor, Raymond	WWII	3 Aug 12	Winnipeg MB
Anderson JP	Reg Force	10 Aug 12	Whitehorse YT
Marano, Nello	WWII	13 Aug 12	Calgary AB
Edwards, Christopher	Reg Force	21 Aug 12	Niagara Falls ON
Pelkey, Bernard	Reg Force	28 Aug 12	Enderby BC
Kibbins, Michael	WWII	28 Aug 12	Winnipeg MB
Reaume, Francis	Reg Force	6 Sep 12	Calgary AB
White, Ronald	Korea, Reg Force	8 Sep 12	Vernon BC
Paterson, Philip	Reg Force	12 Sep 12	Darmouth NS

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Stangowitz, John	Korea	13 Sep 12	Calgary AB
Coates, Alan	WWII	15 Sep 12	Winnipeg MB
Maydaniuk, Stephen	Reg Force	17 Sep 12	Winnipeg MB
Harbord-Harbord, Patrick	Reg Force	26 Sep 12	Victoria BC
Stabner, Ernest	Korea, Reg Force	5 Oct 12	Eriksdale MB
Hennicke, Peter	Reg Force	5 Oct 12	Courtenay BC
Dunlop, Charlie	WWII, Reg Force	7 Oct 12	Abbotsford BC
Lauzon, George	Reg Force	14 Oct 12	Victoria BC
Oakley, Declan	Korea	27 Oct 12	Ottawa ON
Marlow, John	Reg Force	9 Nov 12	Winnipeg MB
Huestis, Robert	WWII	20 Nov 12	Darmouth NS
Kleven, Oliver	WWII	26 Nov 12	Winnipeg MB
Filppula, Ben	Reg Force	26 Nov 12	Calgary AB
Clark, Reginald	WWII	28 Nov 12	Winnipeg MB
Cook, Maurice	Korea	4 Dec 12	Portage la Prairie MB
Smeall, Ogle	WWII	4 Dec 12	Winnipeg MB
Pennell, Donald	WWII, Korea	6 Dec 12	North Bay ON

