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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

Colonel-in-Chief

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

My Dear Patricias:

As 2013 draws to a close, I am thrilled at the prospects 2014 holds for our Regiment. The conclusion of our mission in Afghanistan; preparation for high-readiness; and of course, our 100th Anniversary promise to make the next year exciting and challenging. Planning for our centennial commemorations has been ongoing since I became Colonel-in-Chief, and I am delighted to have been involved as the plans have developed. This summer, as we begin the official commemoration, I look forward to attending many of the events the Regiment has planned.

There have already been some wonderful preliminary events to help set the stage for our Centenary. Of note, was the Ottawa launch of our centennial book, *The Patricias: A Century of Service*. I was honoured to speak at the book launch and happy to see so many Patricias there. I am delighted with this book. I believe it does a superb job of telling the Regiment's story of service and sacrifice over the last 100 years with a brilliant and readable combination of pictures and text. I am very proud that every soldier is named and ranked in the pictures: this is a truly meaningful and accurate history of our Regiment.

In addition to the extensive work on our centenary, our Regiment has also provided a significant contribution to the last rotation of Op ATTENTION. As we begin to close the chapter on our time in Afghanistan, those deployed and your families have been in my thoughts and prayers, as are all of those who have served overseas.

At home, 1 PPCLI was involved with an extensive series of exercises for their 'Road to High Readiness' and in July, 'Task Force 1-13' was prepared for deployment. The first battalion also helped Canadians this summer during the floods in southern Alberta. In the fall, 1 PPCLI was back in the field, on Ex PATRICIA OUTFRIDER and once again supported the Combat Team Commander's Course. Shortly after their return from the field, 1 PPCLI conducted the inaugural Remembrance Day Parade at Patricia Park. Though 1 PPCLI has been extremely busy with training and domestic operations, they have done a splendid job



of planning the Edmonton Commemoration.

The second battalion was also busy balancing training and supporting the deployment and re-deployment of many of their Patricias on Op ATTENTION. In the fall, 2 PPCLI completed Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR, a comprehensive live-fire and patrolling exercise. In addition to routine battalion training and operations, 2 PPCLI was planning the Memorial Baton Relay. The scope of the MBR can not be understated. With stops in 20 towns and cities between Edmonton to Ottawa, the MBR will be an amazing opportunity for the Regiment to reach out to Canadians.

3 PPCLI started the year supporting 1 PPCLI, on their R2HR. This included the design, planning and execution of Ex PROMETHEAN RAM, the largest live-fire exercise in recent memory, a truly impressive accomplishment. Other training included extensive airborne and mountain operations across Canada and the US. In the summer, 3 PPCLI also responded to Alberta's request for military support, when they

deployed from Canmore to Medicine Hat, during the summer floods. 2014 promises to be another busy year for 3 PPCLI as they begin their own R2HR while continuing to prepare for the Ottawa Commemoration.

I am very proud of the work our battalions have done over the past year, but I must take this opportunity to recognize those Patricias who are serving outside the field units. Currently, there are two Patricia generals, in high-profile positions with the US Army: BGen Wayne Eyre, who is preparing to deploy to Afghanistan with the US XVIII Airborne Corps and BGen Dave Corbould who is currently serving in Afghanistan, and due to return to home soon. We also have several senior Patricia officers serving in various headquarters and exchange positions in the UK and Europe. There are so many others posted in Canada and abroad to schools, headquarters and bases, and I am equally proud of each one of you.

In the course of my duties, I was fortunate to visit the French Grey Battalion in Gagetown on Regimental Day. Hosted by LCol Kirk Gallinger, Gen Crabbe and I participated in Regimental functions and met with many maritime Patricias. I always enjoy Regimental Day, especially when I am with the Regimental Family. This year was special as I had the privilege of dropping the ball for the Ceremonial Face-Off for the traditional Broom-i-loo game. You will all be happy to know that the Colonel of the Regiment Ray Crabbe performed with grace and valour! Following Broom-i-loo there was some socializing and later, a mixed dining in where I was enjoyed meeting with many of the spouses.

A few months later, in June I again met with some of the Regimental Family when I attended the PPCLI Association's Annual General Meeting hosted by the Cyprus Hill Branch. It was wonderful to see so many old friends and the Branch did a terrific job of organizing the event.

I feel fortunate to have had so many opportunities this year to enjoy time with my Patricias. As 2013 concludes I am proud of the

Regiment's accomplishments in the past 12 months and I look to 2014 with enthusiasm. As you all know our Regiment has been planning for the 100th Anniversary for several years. I am confident that we are very well prepared. I urge every Patricia, serving and retired to attend one of the many commemorations across the country. Whether it is in Edmonton, Ottawa or one of the numerous stops on the Memorial Baton relay, I believe every Patricia deserves to share in these activities.

I am proud of your service and dedication. On operations, training or planning our Centennial, your professionalism always impresses me. I hold all my Patricias in the highest regard. I hope to meet as many of you as possible during our Centennial year. Above all, I am grateful to serve as your Colonel-in-Chief.

Yours faithfully,



Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Left to Right: WO Troy McCann, WO Jason Miller, MWO John McNabb, Madame Clarkson, LCol Gallinger, Capt Kyle Ramsey The ceremonial face off.



MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Colonel of the Regiment

Lieutenant-General R.R. Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD (Ret'd)

Once again, the year has slipped by far too quickly, but with a great deal accomplished regimentally in so many ways. Most importantly, the units continue to be extremely busy with demanding training and operations – as well as planning and preparing for the 100th Anniversary. Second Battalion soldiers continue to serve extremely well as part of the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission – Afghanistan. The Patricias were the first into Afghanistan at the start of that mission, and will close out the operation when the Second Battalion soldiers return home in March 2014. I had the opportunity to visit several training activities and continue to be very impressed with the very high standard of soldierly skills and leadership – long standing attributes of the Regiment.

The Association has continued its outstanding work in many ways. The Colonel in Chief and I attended the Annual General Meeting in Medicine Hat, AB in June and were extremely pleased with the support toward the 100th Anniversary. The efforts of the Association are very evident in the completion of the PPCLI Memorial in Patricia Park (Edmonton), the Batons for the Memorial Baton Relay and the progress on the other memorial projects for the 100th. Of particular note was the recognition of Captain Hub Gray – A Kapyong Vet – by Valour Canada in Calgary in November. Hub was named a 'Monumental Canadian' for his action as a Patricia during the Korean War and his continuing contribution to the Regiment as a member of the Association.

The PPCLI Foundation has made great strides in not only raising funds for the 100th Anniversary, but also for establishing long term relations with hundreds of organizations that will bode well for the future. The Foundation's management and execution of The Heroes Hockey Challenge in Abbotsford BC was a huge success in this regard and planning is already underway for a similar event in Edmonton in May 2014. The Foundation has been extremely active right across Canada in developing a solid basis for its future. This has been accomplished through the efforts of very dedicated work by former Patricias, ably assisted by Regimental Headquarters and others. Given



that the Foundation was established just over 3 years ago, the progress and accomplishments are nothing short of outstanding.

Regimental Headquarters continues to do an outstanding job looking after our Regimental business. The major renovation project to our Museum in Calgary will result in a complete facelift and updating of the basis of perpetuating our history. While a lot of the work performed by RHQ goes on behind the scenes, it is truly remarkable what this small staff is able to do on behalf of the Regiment.

In March, Madame Clarkson and I visited the French Grey Battalion in Gagetown and participated in the Regimental Day activities. In June, LCol Mike Wright handed over command of 2nd Battalion to LCol Bob Ritchie in Shilo. In August I returned to Gagetown for the graduation activities of newly commissioned Patricia officers. In September, I attended the sold-out French Grey Ball in Edmonton; thanks to a lot of hard work by many, this has truly

become a major social event in the city and a very important way for the Regiment to connect with Canadians.

The CO and RSM of the 2nd Battalion and I attended a service in Regina dedicated to all Saskatchewan Patricias who had fallen in Afghanistan. This was a very moving ceremony that included families of our Fallen. A ceremony to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Medak Pocket operation was hosted in Shilo by 2nd Battalion. Many of the Patricias who participated in that operation attended, including the Commanding Officer at the time, LCol Jim Calvin. I again had the opportunity to visit 2nd Battalion training in Shilo in October and despite the cold weather, the soldiers once again performed magnificently under trying conditions. Finally, I attended the annual 2nd Battalion Christmas Dinner with the soldiers of 2nd Battalion and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to spend a day with them prior to their departure for some well-earned holidays.

Planning for the 100th Anniversary has advanced significantly in every way since last year. Several planning meetings have been held attended by the serving component, the Association and the Foundation. Overall, we are on track with all planned activities and while much work remains to be done, we are well on the way to meeting all our intended activities to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

In November, Bryan Adams released the video tribute to the Regiment, featuring wives of soldiers from the Regiment. The mother of Sgt Karigiannis (killed while serving with 3 PPCLI in June 2007 in Afghanistan) was this year's Silver Cross Mother. Cpl Falt from 3 PPCLI served as one of the sentinels for the national ceremony, and a member of our PPCLI Cadet Corps attended as a national representative for Canadian youth. The Regiment was featured in national broadcasts in conjunction with our 100th Anniversary. 1 PPCLI held a public Remembrance Day service at the newly erected PPCLI Memorial at Patricia Park in Edmonton. All these events helped tremendously to inform Canadians about the Regiment, and to set the stage to showcase our 100 years of service to Canada in 2014.

We are indeed extremely fortunate to have so many Patricias and friends working very hard to make our centennial one that we will be very proud of and one that all members of the Regimental family can enjoy. I very much look forward to sharing in these events with all members of the Regiment.



Lieutenant-General R.R. Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD (Ret'd)
Colonel of the Regiment
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



MESSAGE FROM THE REGIMENTAL MAJOR

Regimental Major

Major S.G.J. Lerch, CD

2013 has proven to be an eventful year. Patricias from across the Regiment have been extremely busy with exercises, courses and preparations for the 100th. 1 PPCLI has been 'in the breach' on their 'Road to High Readiness' (R2HR) while planning the Edmonton Commemoration. The second battalion sent the last major contingent of Patricias to Afghanistan while greatly contributing to 1 CMBG's training plan and planning the extensive Memorial Baton Relay. 3 PPCLI was also busy with planning and executing the largest live-fire in recent memory and is now beginning its own R2HR while planning the Ottawa Commemoration.

In addition to routine operations, Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) was finalizing the Museum Improvement Project, which included extensive gallery renovations and upgrades to our archives and collections. Along with the Regimental Editorial Board, RHQ also worked on the centennial book: The Patricias: A Century of Service to include two book launch events, in Calgary and Ottawa. Both events were highly successful.

A key event of 2013 was the unveiling of the memorial in 'Patricia Park' at Griesbach Village. Patricia Park is modeled after our Frezenberg Memorial in Belgium, and is a striking commemoration to our Regiment's service and sacrifice. The PPCLI Association did commendable work from the development of the idea to the unveiling on 11 November.

2014 promises to be even busier for the Regimental Family but the years of planning and diligence will make the Centennial a truly memorable event. As this edition goes to print, major 100th activities have started to unfold: the Centennial Art Show and the re-opening of the museum gallery are among the first. These will be quickly followed by a Regina Pats Commemorative Hockey Game in February. To launch the main effort to promote the 100th, 1 PPCLI will exercise its Freedom of the City of Edmonton, tying it to the PPCLI Foundation's Hero's Hockey Challenge. Our 100th activities will reach a crescendo in August and September. You will not want to miss the first class activities planned from Edmonton



to Ottawa!

Before letting you read all about these activities and more in this year's Patrician, I wish to take a moment to make some acknowledgments.

In RHQ, we had to say good bye to some of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank WO Paul Cook, Sgts George Goulet and Chris Mavin, and Cpls Darren Lynch and Joseph Robb, for their hard work and dedication to the Regiment. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Finally, producing a publication worthy to bear the Regiment's name would not be possible without the extensive support of Patricias from across the Regimental Family and the generosity of our corporate sponsors. Thank you all for making my job fulfilling and an absolute honour.



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The Regiment established a Regional Representative structure in 2006 to improve career management, succession planning, and casualty support. The Regional Representatives are members of the Regimental Executive Committee and serve as the link between Patricias and the rest of the Regiment. Regional Representatives also serve as the link between Extra Regimentally Employed (ERE) Patricias and Regimental Headquarters in matters concerning Regimental Gratuities, Regimental Dues, for submitting updated information on promotions, honours and awards to Regimental Headquarters for inclusion in The Patrician, and passing on minutes from REC meetings.



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Meritorious Service Cross

MGen M.D. Day, OMM, MSC, CD

Brigadier-General Day excelled as commander of the Canadian contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, while simultaneously occupying key leadership positions within the NATO command structure. In addition to overseeing the successful stand-up of the Canadian contingent, he was critical in shaping the mission's overall approach during a time of major strategic transformation. Brigadier-General Day's leadership and vision had a profound impact on the Afghan National Security Forces' transition to self-sufficiency.

Apr 2011 - May 2012

Meritorious Service Medal

Col P.S. Dawe, MSM, CD

For exceptional leadership as deputy command of the Canadian contribution to the NATO training mission in Afghanistan, Apr 2011 to Feb 2012

LCol J.W. Errington, MSM, CD

For superb leadership as Commander of a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan.

Oct 2010 - Mar 2011

Maj J.A. MacKeen, MSM, CD

As the chief of staff of the Consolidated Fielding Centre from May 2011 to February 2012, Major MacKeen excelled while entrusted with increased responsibilities, and was central to the fielding of 41 new Afghan National Army units. Providing superb leadership to Canadian, coalition and Afghanistan personnel, he developed processes that touched on all aspects of operations while providing outstanding mentorship to an Afghan colonel. Major MacKeen's efforts dramatically improved the centre's operational effectiveness and enhanced Canada's reputation within NATO.

CWO G.R. Cavanagh, MMM, MSM, CD

As Task Force Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Cavanagh had a profound impact on the Canadian contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. He developed strong relationships with other nations, maintained a detailed understanding of the morale, welfare and leadership climate, and created a common sense of purpose within the widely dispersed task force. Chief Warrant Officer Cavanagh's performance and leadership were critical to the success of this renaissance mission. Mar 2011 - Feb 2012

MCpl M.P. Robson, MSM, CD

Master Corporal Robson consistently demonstrated outstanding professionalism in his role as the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Veterans Care non-commissioned officer from 2006 to 2011. With great tact, he helped ease the suffering of injured soldiers and their families by providing them with constant and compassionate support. Through his mentorship and encouragement, numerous soldiers successfully returned to work. Despite the stress of this task, Master Corporal Robson remained unwavering in his dedication to those he served, bringing great credit to the Canadian Forces.

CDS Commendations

LCol R.T. Strickland, CD

For outstanding leadership and initiative as ACOS National within Joint Task Force Afghanistan HQ. Sep 2010 - Jul 2011

Sgt B. Budd, CD

For exemplary actions and leadership while providing first aid to a critically injured civilian following a car and motorcycle accident near Kaslo, BC, 29 Jun 2012

Cpl H. Biddle

For courage and exemplary sense of duty when attempting to rescue a man with a severe gunshot wound to his chest in Edmonton, AB, 3 Jun 2011

Cpl R. Ostashower

For his quick actions and professionalism in responding to a civilian casualty injured in a car accident in Edmonton, AB, 9 Jun 2011.

Commonwealth and Foreign Decorations

Decoration Conferred by The President of The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan:

Baryaal Darajaah Yak (Successfulness 1st Grade) -

MGen M.D. Day, OMM, MSC, CD

Decorations conferred by the President of the United States of America:

Legion of Merit - *MGen M.D. Day, OMM, MSC, CD*

Meritorious Service Medal - *Maj J.T. Williams, CD*



REGIMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Regimental Commendations

Sergeant M.J.S. Amyot

Sergeant M.S. McLean

Master Corporal M.M.G. Hall

Master Corporal M.D. Ridyard

Master Corporal C.L. Schneikart

Corporal S.R. Head

Corporal C.S. Mills

Corporal P.C.S. O'Neil

Corporal C.L. Pace

Corporal D. Wilson

Corporal J.A. Robb

Regimental Achievement Award

Warrant Officer G.C. Fraser

Warrant Officer J.D. Polegato

Sergeant N.J. Gallant

Sergeant C.A. Tuff

Sergeant M.J. Yaschuk

Master Corporal F.T. Tio-Tio

Master Seamen K.L. Au

Corporal N. Boucher

Corporal A.M.L. Formosa

Corporal S.C. Hughes

Corporal M.H. Kuehn

Corporal J.J. Melnyk

Corporal P.C.S. Millar

Corporal M. Petruk

Private J.J. R. Soucie

Regimental Certificate of Appreciation

Captain R.A. Cooper

Petty Officer Second Class R. Jutras

Mrs. Elaine Gillespie

PROMOTIONS



Promoted from LCol to Col

Col W.H. Fletcher

Promoted from Maj to LCol

LCol J.M. Doucet
LCol C.J. Frederickson
LCol K. McLoughlin
LCol W.K. Niven
LCol L.W. Rutland
LCol A.J. Vivian

Promoted from Capt to Maj

Maj H.L. Atwell
Maj A.J. Bone
Maj S.M. Davies
Maj C.D. Lunney
Maj G. Mundy
Maj K.C.G.F. von Finckenstein

Promoted from Lt to Capt

Capt L.W. Borody
Capt R.R. Bowers
Capt G.D. Cheeseman
Capt P. Chorley
Capt J. Cressal
Capt J. Graham
Capt K.D. MacLeod
Capt C.R. Parker
Capt T. Patterson
Capt R.N. Pridmore
Capt A. Richards

Promoted from MWO to CWO

CWO P.M. Francis
CWO D.J. Hessel

Promoted from WO to MWO

MWO E. Silva
MWO M.A. Favasoli
MWO C. Parris
MWO E. Vollick
MWO D. Bouchie
MWO W. King
MWO B.J. MacDonald

Promoted from Sgt to WO

WO K.D. Lincez
WO J.M. Lafleche
WO A.M. Bowes
WO R.H. Schulz
WO R.J. McLeod
WO J.E. Forth
WO S.C. Dickin
WO K.G. Smith
WO J.C. Wong
WO E. Aburto
WO J.C.N. Weiss
WO T.M.E. Harvey
WO J.W. Wiczorek
WO S.M. Hynes
WO S.W. McFarlane
WO P.D. Gustafson
WO M.J. Bard
WO G.G. Davis
WO P. Filis
WO M.J. Yaschuk
WO M.T. Cook
WO M.R. Frank
WO R.C. Lemay
WO M. Frere

Promoted from MCpl to Sgt

Sgt C.C. Horan
Sgt P.D. de Guerre
Sgt S.D. Copeland
Sgt R.C. Ruesen
Sgt K.I. Mudryk
Sgt S.M. Gerow
Sgt J.E. Mathers
Sgt T.G. Mason
Sgt M.G. Gay
Sgt A.W. Sinkwich
Sgt G.W. Stirrett
Sgt C.M. Pacholuk
Sgt W.E.L. Geldart
Sgt P.A. Vandoremalen
Sgt P. Kusche
Sgt D.R.C. Taylor
Sgt S.L. Ness
Sgt R.J. Nepinak
Sgt C.R. Hopaluk
Sgt R.G. Davis
Sgt C.T. Letendre
Sgt C.S. Hawman
Sgt S.P. Lavallee
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Sgt C.T. Vickerman
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Sgt P. Nadasdy
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Sgt J.D. O'Rourke
Sgt A. Oswald
Sgt L. Chirino-Diaz
Sgt B. Bruneay
Sgt K. Mooney
Sgt R.K. Masih
Sgt L. Larson



RETIREMENTS



The Following Patricias have taken their retirement after 20 or more years of dedicated and loyal service to the Regiment:

BGen C.R. King, OMM, MSC, CD, MBE (30 yrs)

WO S.A. Jessop, CD (31 yrs)

LCol E.F. Reumiller, CD (35 yrs)

WO R.J. Fribance, CD (27 yrs)

LCol B. Bailey, CD (28 yrs)

WO D.R.J. Davis, CD (26 yrs)

LCol M.M. Kenneally, CD (27 yrs)

WO G.J. Moores, CD (26 yrs)

Capt R.A. Dearing, MSC, CD (27 yrs)

WO D.J. Pickett, CD (23 yrs)

CWO R.W. McNaughton, MMM, CD (41 yrs)

WO D.M. Verge, MMV, CD (22 yrs)

CWO A.R. Chase, MMM, SSM, CD (36 yrs)

Sgt C.R.G. Charette, CD (22 yrs)

CWO W.D. Brown, MMM, MSM, CD (33 yrs)

Sgt M. O'Brien, CD (21 yrs)

CWO G.F. Payette, CD (30 yrs)

MCpl R.N. MacDonald, CD (25 yrs)

MWO K.I.C. Crone, CD (38 yrs)

MCpl D.J. Strazza, CD (21 yrs)

MWO K.R. Kehoe, CD (35 yrs)

Cpl B.I. Wynn, CD (24 yrs)

MWO B.M. Toupin, CD (33 yrs)

MWO R.A. Cooper, CD (26 yrs)

WO W.F. Black, CD (36 yrs)

WO D.R.J. Johnson, CD (35 yrs)



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A black and white photograph of a large commercial airplane, likely a Boeing 737, on a runway. The plane is viewed from the front, slightly to the side, and its landing gear is visible. The runway is wet, reflecting the plane's lights. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a cloudy sky. A red arrow points from the left edge of the image towards the text.

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Commemorating a Century of Service

Captain D. Peabody, Deputy Director, PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office

100 years. 39 Battle Honours. Countless selfless and heroic acts. A Century of Service to Canada and Canadians. The Patricias.

To commemorate a century of service, the PPCLI will conduct numerous activities during 2014 and 2015. 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.

The three main events will be connected by a Memorial Baton Relay. The three events and Memorial Baton Relay dates are:

- The Edmonton Commemoration 7-10 August 2014
- Memorial Baton Relay 10 August – 18 September 2014
- The Ottawa Commemoration 18-21 September 2014
- The Frezenberg Commemoration 7-11 May 2015

As well, there will be several supporting events occurring leading up to the 100th Anniversary. These are:

- The Centennial Art Show, Forging a Nation: Canada Goes to War, featuring art from the Canadian War Museum, the Regimental Museum, and Patricia artists. The Art Show opens in Calgary on 21 January 2014.
- The refurbishing of the Regimental Museum at the Military Museums in Calgary. The newly renovated PPCLI gallery opens on 21 January 2014.
- Commemorative PPCLI envelope issue on 17 March 2014 by Canada Post.
- The Freedom of the City Parade in Edmonton, 23 May 2014. The PPCLI will exercise its Freedom of the City and conduct a march through downtown Edmonton.
- The Freedom of the City Parade in Winnipeg, 27 June 2014. Members of 2 PPCLI will exercise their Freedom of the City and conduct a march through downtown Winnipeg.

EDMONTON COMMEMORATION 7-10 AUGUST 2014

The Edmonton Commemoration (EC), the lead event in the triad of major 100th Anniversary activities, will take place in Edmonton 7-10 August 2014. The aim of

the EC is to bring the Patricia family together in one place to celebrate our 100th Anniversary in unison.

Events & Activities

The EC will comprise seven events, each designed to showcase a distinct aspect of regimental service while allowing for socializing by members of the regimental family. Secondary events, such as Association Meetings, private meetings with the Colonel-In-Chief or the Colonel of the Regiment and selective competitions will also take place.

The major events are:

Better 'Ole - 7-10 August. A Regimental Better 'Ole, similar to a beer garden, provides a continuous venue for all members of the Regiment to socialize. Held at Edmonton Garrison and open to the public, it will be the kick-off site for the Official Opening of the 100th Anniversary by the Colonel-in-Chief and the site for the closure of the EC. It will feature live entertainment in a historically-themed pub style atmosphere. Several thousand are expected to attend each day.

Soldier's Lunch - 8 August. There will be a Soldier's Lunch with the Colonel-in-Chief for all Master-Corporals, Corporals and Privates in the Regular Force and who are attending the EC. This event replicates the dinner held in honour of Lady Patricia's wedding in 1919.

Military Display - 9 August. The Trooping will coincide with a military display open to the public and followed by a public reception. The Canadian Armed Forces Skyhawks skydiving team will perform. There will be displays of military equipment and capabilities, vehicle rides, and entertainment for children.

Trooping the Colours - 9 August. This is the focal event of the EC. An All Colours Trooping the Colours by guards from all three Patricia Battalions will be conducted with a senior reviewing officer and the Colonel-in-Chief in attendance. This grand parade will demonstrate the skill, discipline, and precision of an Infantry Regiment. This tradition dates back to the 17th century when the Regimental Colour was a rallying point on the battlefield and the Colour was trooped prior to battle for all the soldiers to see to ensure they recognized their standard. The dress

rehearsal for this event will feature a distinguished person as the Reviewing Officer.

Centennial Dinner and Dance - 9 August. This formal gala dinner event will be held at the Northlands facility, and will be subsidized by the Regiment as required to reduce costs for attendees. The evening will feature a first-class meal, entertainment from the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, and a DJ and dancing.

Dedication Service at Patricia Park - 10 August. This ceremonial event will see the official dedication of Patricia Park, and will include a dedication to the Fallen and the installation of a time capsule in the PPCLI Memorial.

EC Closure - 10 August. This will consist of a farewell luncheon and toast to the Regiment at the Better 'Ole. Before the official close of the EC, the Memorial Baton Relay will be launched. The Better 'Ole will remain open into the night.

MEMORIAL BATON RELAY AND CENTENNIAL DISPLAY TEAM

The Memorial Baton Relay (MBR) will be run from Edmonton to Ottawa 10 August to 18 September and will connect the Edmonton and Ottawa commemorations. In addition, the Baton will be transported to Frezenberg and incorporated into the Frezenberg Commemoration. This will include a short

relay in the Frezenberg area.

The Baton will carry the Honour Roll of the Regiment, which lists all Regimental fallen since 1914. The Memorial Baton will also represent the movement of recruits across Canada to join the Regiment for WWI. While the run will be important, the planned stops en route will provide an outstanding opportunity to connect with Canadians. Sites of Regimental significance will be visited en route.

The Baton will be accompanied by a Centennial Display Team, consisting of Regimental equipment, vehicles, and artifacts. This display will be set up for the public to attend at each stop along the way.

MEMORIAL BATON SCHEDULE

Western Canada: 10-30 August 2014

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Edmonton, AB	10-11 August
Wainwright, AB	13-14 August
Calgary, AB	15-16 August
Suffield, AB	17 August
Medicine Hat, AB	18 August
Regina, SK	20-22 August
Moosomin, SK	23 August
Brandon, MB	24-25 August
Shilo, MB	26 August
Winnipeg, MB	28-30 August

Eastern Canada: 31 August – 18 September 2014

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
GTA (CNE – duplicate Baton), ON	16-17 August
Thunder Bay, ON	31 August
Elk Lake, ON	1 September
Espanola, ON	2 September
London, ON	4 September
Brantford, ON	8 September
GTA, ON	5-9 September
Highway of Heroes	10 September
Trenton, ON	10-11 September
Kingston, ON	12-13 September
Montreal, PQ	15 September
Mont St. Hilaire, PQ	16 September
Ottawa, ON	18 September





OTTAWA COMMEMORATION 18-21 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Ottawa Commemoration (OC) will celebrate the Regiment's close ties to the city and as the birthplace of the Regiment. It will also recognize the deep roots that the Regiment has with Ottawa and will demonstrate our national character.

The aim of the OC is to assemble the Regimental family in the birthplace of the PPCLI in order to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of our founding and to rededicate ourselves to the service of Canada.

Events & Activities

Events will be related to the historical aspects of the founding of the Regiment and the Regiment's historic ties to the city of Ottawa.

Tree Planting - 18 September. A ceremony will be conducted at Rideau Hall to plant a new maple tree intended to replace the one used in 1914 for the staff of the first Camp Colour presented to the Regiment by Lady Patricia Ramsay. A light lunch will follow at Rideau Hall or at the Better 'Ole.

Lansdowne Park Commemoration Gathering - 18 September. Final arrangements will be dependent on the progress of the Lansdowne Park redevelopment. The central activities will be the arrival of the Memorial Baton from Edmonton, and the dedication and consecration of an expanded and relocated Regimental memorial. These will be supported by a Better 'Ole at the Cartier Square Drill Hall.

Joint Parade & Sunset Ceremony - 19 September. This will involve guards and Colour parties from the PPCLI and the R22eR, supported by the R22eR band and other professional bands. This is planned for Parliament Hill. The Governor General has been requested to be the Reviewing Officer. The Sunset Ceremony is based on military tradition where the night watch would prove their weapons prior to assuming their duties.

Parade of Rededication - 20 September. This is the focal activity of the OC and will recapture the march of the Originals from Lansdowne Park for departure to Europe. The Regiment will march from Lansdowne Park to City Hall for the Freedom of the City Ceremony and then on to the National War Memorial and the Hamilton Gault Statue. As the culminating event of this

public parade, the PPCLI will pledge itself to another 100 years of service to Canada. The parade will be followed by a reception to which the public will be invited. The Prime Minister has been requested to be the Reviewing Officer.

Regimental Dinner - 20 September. A dinner for all members of the Regimental family, friends, and invited dignitaries & guests. This is planned for the Museum of Civilization in Hull as coordinated with the NCR Regional Rep and the Ottawa Branch.

Drumhead Ceremony - 21 September. A Service of Remembrance will be conducted at the National Military Cemetery (Beechwood Cemetery). A catered luncheon back at the Better 'Ole will be held to close out the OC commemoration.

FREZENBERG COMMEMORATION 7-11 May 2015

The Frezenberg Commemoration (FC) will take place in Ypres, Belgium 7-11 May 2015. The aim is to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg. Frezenberg was the site of the PPCLI's first major engagement on 8 May 1915. The focal event will be the Frezenberg ceremony 8 May, including the dedication of the refurbished Frezenberg memorial near Ypres. Studies of selected PPCLI WWI battlefields will be included. An historian from the Director of History and Heritage will assist with the historical aspects of this event.

This event will be attended by representatives of the Regiment as well as those Patricias participating on the Private Returns program (Battle Week). It is planned that the latter will arrive at Frezenberg for the entire period of the FC and take part in all events. In addition, it is planned that selected members of the PPCLI cadet corps and Canadian youth will attend the FC.

Events and Activities

Events will be related to the historical aspects of the Battle of Frezenberg and other selected WWI battles. Major events include the following:

Historical Briefing and Tour – Ypres area. This will be conducted to set the stage for follow-on activities.

Frezenberg Ceremony. This will be the focal event of the FC and will take place 100 years to the day of the battle. The ceremony will be open to the public and will

commence at 0900 hrs and follow the sequence shown below. The ceremony will include a remembrance of the battle and the dedication of the restored memorial. The sequence of events will be as follows:

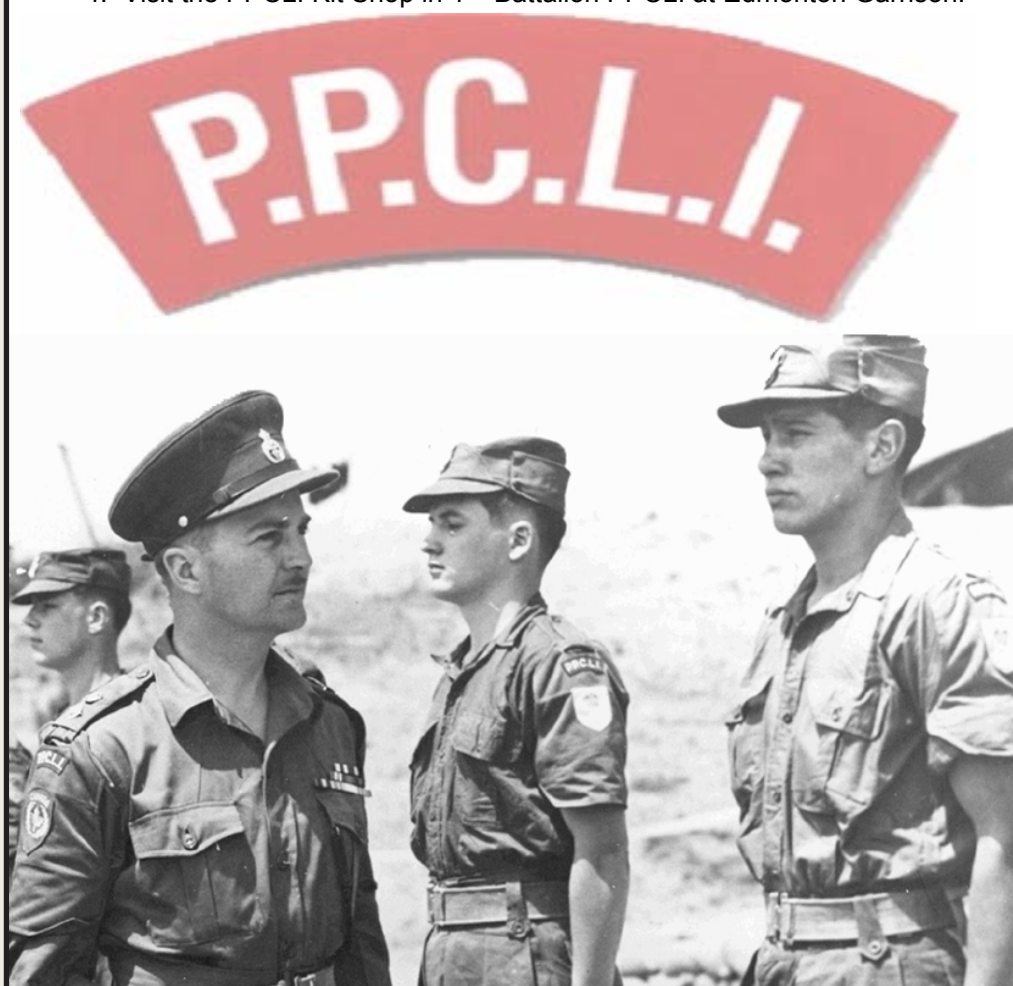
Freedom of the City of Ypres. The Regiment intends to exercise its Freedom of the City of Ypres and participate in the Menin Gate ceremony at Ypres.

Battlefield Tours. A battlefield tour of the Somme, Vimy Ridge, and Canal du Nord will take place with a focus on the Regiment's participation in these battles. This will culminate with a reception in the Arras area.

For information on the complete Private Returns itinerary please see the Special Travel International website at: www.sticanada.com

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

1. Online: www.kitshop.ppcli.com
2. Download the registration form at www.ppcli.com and mail it to:
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4. Visit the PPCLI Kit Shop in 1st Battalion PPCLI at Edmonton Garrison.





Another Year In RHQ

Corporal N.W. Weir

2013 proved to have many challenges for Regimental Headquarters, but over all success was beyond measurable.

After Christmas holidays, we were busy fine-tuning the *Patrician 2012*, and getting that published according to deadlines. We rely on submissions from all across the PPCLI family: from our cadets, extra regimentally employed (ERE) Patricia's, Museum and Archives, battalions, and much more.

Along with the publication of the *Patrician*, came the PPCLI Centennial book. The book is called "The Patricias: A Century of Service" by David J. Bercuson. It summarizes the founding of the Regiment in the summer of 1914 through to the spring of 2014. The Regimental Major (Maj Lerch), being a member of the editorial board had a hand in supporting the production of the book, which is available to purchase in the PPCLI kitshop.

Also Published, was an up-to-date version of the New Soldier's Manual. This manual was distributed to all members of the Regiment. The intent is to provide new soldiers with core information on the history of the PPCLI. Anything from the founding, to biographies, international missions,

history and traditions can be found here, among other information. The job well done can be contributed to the RAJt (Capt Younghusband), Cpl Lynch, and the Communications NCO (Cpl Cherney).

April came fast and we found ourselves supporting the Heroes Hockey Challenge for the 2^{ed} consecutive year. This year many of the participants were from across the Regiment with the exception of a few from 39 BG. The event is held to help fundraise money for our wounded, their families, as well as families of the fallen.

Several trips were made down to our museum in Calgary. The main focus was reconstruction of the PPCLI museum layout. But many other smaller projects occurred. Prior to Christmas leave, every single weapon in our vault was recorded and documented. With over 800 weapons to account for, it proved challenging, all whilst dealing with the RWO and his frequent 'gas drills'.

RHQ said good bye to Cpl Darren Lynch, and welcomed Cpl Shane Cherney as the new Communications NCO. A daunting task for many, but Cpl Cherney quickly familiarized himself with various Adobe Software and Patrician layout to uphold the

new standard set in recent years. Cpl Joseph Robb, former Webmaster, has also moved on. In his remaining months, he was responsible for completing all the vector graphics that are the new standard for the regiment. Cpl Nick Weir also joined the ranks. He assumed the role of Regimental Clerk while Cpl Lavallee moved onto other projects within RHQ.





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

On joining the Regiment, regardless of entry plan, each new member will receive a free issue cap badge and a numbered Regimental Coin.



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.



On honourable retirement, release or remuster, with:



Nine years of service or less - a Regimental Certificate of Service in a vinyl diploma cover.



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.



Twenty or more years of service - A Regimental Certificate of Service in a VP embossed hard diploma cover and a 6 1/2" 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 responsibility of the member.

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 Armed Forces and Veterans' Affairs Canada and the Regimental response to these changes

The PPCLI 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 was 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/>

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

Our Websites

PPCLI Association Public Website..... <http://PPCLIAssoc.ca>
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Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia!



REGIMENTAL VETERAN'S CARE

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/CAF 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 a high quality of support and standard of life are complemented by the official programs. The RVC will 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 Sgt Mark Brownell, the RVC OIC, for his hard work and dedication while employed in the RVC. He has moved to ASU Edmonton to where he will continue his service to CAF.

Educational Bursaries and Grants

Sgt. 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 CAF or Reserves. The selection based on academic standing.

Military Family Fund

The CAF recognizes the contribution of all military families in support of Canada, especially those loved ones of CAF 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.

Canadian Hero Scholarship Program

Children and spouses of Canadian soldiers who are killed in active duty are eligible for Canadian Hero Fund scholarships. These scholarships help the children of fallen soldiers pursue a post secondary education and provide spouses of fallen soldiers the necessary support for professional retraining, which will help reestablish financial stability within the family.

The Canadian Hero Fund is currently accepting scholarship applications. Please note that applications are limited to children and

spouses of Canadian soldiers killed in active duty and are not available to other family members at this time.

Support Organizations

Amputee Coalition of Canada (ACC)

The ACC 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 CAF 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 CAF where gaps have left them in need by providing access to relevant programs.

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.

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

PPCLI BENEVOLENT FUND 2013

WO Paul Cook

Although the CAF, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Royal Canadian Legion have created a series of programs and financial packages to cover a wide array of personal emergencies, there are still areas where none of these agencies or programs have the ability to adequately support an individual in time of personal crisis or tragedy. Some examples include:

- ~Death in a family that is not the next of kin, but has caused significant trauma to that member that he/she requires emergency funds to travel to the funeral;
- ~An injury to a member, where long-term hospitalization away from the immediate family, or next of kin, causes unusual hardship and/or financial concerns;
- ~Amenities support to a member in the hospital that are not covered by the members mess, unit or medical plan;
- ~Unique arrangements for a funeral that may go beyond what the Military will cover, but are deemed reasonable because of unusual circumstances;
- ~Financial assistance for members of the Regiment to pay regular visits to an injured member of the Regiment during long-term hospitalization;
- ~Financial assistance for dependants who require costly medical treatment, where the members medical plan will not cover all the costs; and
- ~Where the listed references provide financial support for specific areas, the Fund may provide an initial short-term loan until the funds of the applicable program are approved and disseminated.

The Regiment has created its own benevolent fund. The **PPCLI Benevolent Fund**, providing a means to support Regimental or Association members where other agencies do not cover, or inadequately cover, the needs of our members. The objectives of the PPCLI Benevolent Fund are as follows:

- ~To foster, maintain and promote the welfare of all members of the Regiment;
- ~To enhance the esprit-de-corps in the Regiment; and
- ~To promote the welfare of the dependants of members of the Regiment.

The following categories will be funded:

Loans Hardship loans will be provided by the PPCLI Benevolent Fund Board of Trustees based on need, availability of funds and the recipients ability to pay back the funds without causing undue financial hardship;

Grants Hardship grants will be provided based on need and availability of funds; and

Condolence Cards, Scrolls and Letters Regimental Headquarters, on behalf of all members of the Regiment, will forward letters and/ or cards of condolence to members or dependants in the case of death of a member or retired member. Scrolls, marking the service of a member to the Regiment, will be forwarded to a member. The Association has a condolence card that will be forwarded to an association member or dependant in the case of death of an Association member or dependant.

The following individuals qualify for consideration of support from the PPCLI Benevolent Fund:

Serving Members All Officers, Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Members of PPCLI serving in the Regular Force;

Dependants Dependants of currently serving members, and those who have died while serving;

Association Members Members of the PPCLI Association; and

Dependants of the members of the PPCLI Association

Requests and supporting documentation are to be submitted to the Regimental Major and will be handled in a confidential manner. When an application form is submitted by an individual, or on behalf of an individual, the following information must be included:

- ~What particular benefit is requested;
- ~Details surrounding the request and an indication why it should receive favorable consideration by the Board of Trustees;
- ~Supporting documentation, if any, for the request (letters from Physicians, Priests, Ministers, Commanding Officer, PPCLI Association National or Branch Executives, etc);
- ~Urgency of the request and an indication of when the funds are required; and
- ~Other organizations, financial institutions or charitable agencies that have been or maybe approached to provide support as well as any other pertinent information that may assist the Board of Trustees in their consideration of the request.

The Benevolent Fund financially assisted PPCLI soldiers in 2013, giving out grants and loans totaling \$16,000.00.



FALLEN PATRICIA MEMORIALIZED



This was written in response to the sudden death of one of our own. RIP Corporal Charles Matiru

I tried to write something but I just can't put it together about him. If I could share anything it would just be the lesson we have learned here.

PTSD is a painful, ugly weight burdening far more souls than we know. As soldiers we pride ourselves on being hard. We are hard because we must prevail over those who attack us. Our enemies must succumb to our ferocity and will. We must react so forcefully and violently that they instantly regret firing the first round in anger. Their second round must be in fear, and their third round in retreat.

For this to happen we need to know that every man has their head in the game and will not hesitate during combat to do what is necessary to survive. To do what is necessary to keep our friends alive. A split second hesitation often means the difference between life and death.

The slightest hint of doubt that a fellow soldier can react in this matter is perceived by those active in combat operations as weakness. There is no room for doubt or hesitation when in combat.

This immense pressure is what I believe keeps soldiers who think they may be suffering with PTSD

from reaching out. The worst thing a soldier can do in the theatre of operations is let his friends down. The sheer amount of preparation in the field and bonding time spent with your comrades makes the thought of showing weakness insurmountable. We would rather die than show weakness. Instead, some of those that need help bear the weight on their own.

Recently, I lost a very close friend who could no longer bear the burden PTSD tortured him with over seven years. During this time he continued to deploy on combat operations and hid his pain from his friends by limiting and cutting off contact

with them. He would not show weakness to us. If I could speak with him again I would tell him that we were here for him to help. That I would rather have him ask for help than die, that his life was worth more than the pride of being hard, that he was a terrific soldier and has never let me, or any of us down. That he could recover, that I still trust him at my six.

If you have served in combat operations you likely know of someone with PTSD. You also likely know someone who has not asked for help, but needs it. Today get a hold of that friend and help them out. Make it easier for them to deal with the burden of PTSD; shoulder some of the weight; tell them what you need to tell them.

Don't leave your friend to be crushed by the burden of PTSD.

Sincerely,
Cpl. Jason Engelland (Ret'd)
1 PPCLI A Coy
Red Devils

9 Liner

Captain C.J. Waugh

Standing at the back of the role 3, me and my new buddy Wayne
Shitty way to make a friend we look at each other and say "not again"
The amb's roll into position as the chopper makes its flight
The only good that will come from this is that the soldier is out of the fight

The bird touches down, and the medics do their thing
The sand whips your face, and you really feel it sting
That feeling's nothing like what the troops will suffer
The Medics did their work and gave them morphine as a buffer

Chorus

There's a nine liner everybody move
There's a nine liner better get you in your groove
The Docs they are ready, everybody's in their place,
there's a Nine liner, see the strain on every body's face

Sometimes it's bloody awful, the wounds are serious
Lots of people helping, the caring and the curious
Me Wayne the Adjutant and the Company CQ
We all hope like hell that we won't have too much to do

Some arrive on stretchers, others walk with help
Some scream with pain, some know their name, it's the hand they're dealt
Worst is when they don't get here but they make that quick left turn
Because that's the route to the mortuary, it makes your stomach churn

Some are saved, some they can't but the feeling's all the same
It eats away at your spirits and sticks inside your brain
The CQ gathers up the kit and hauls it all away
But the names, the faces and the wounds, are in your head to stay

Sometimes its early morning, sometimes it's late at night
Soldiers formed in open ranks and no one breathes a sigh
The LAV rolls into position and the bearers feel the angst
The pipes ring out once again as he's marched between the ranks





PPCLI Museum & Archives

Warrant Officer J.C. Yardley, Museum General Manager

2013 was a monumental year for the staff and volunteers at the PPCLI Museum & Archives. Accentuated by the looming rejuvenation of our gallery, our year was distinguished by a series of substantial gains in accessibility to our collections and archival storage areas. 2013 also saw the initiation of our new digital archiving system, called Access to Memory (AtoM). The aim is that AtoM will eventually support one of our mandated goals of providing greater access to the public about the Regiment's history. The year also welcomed some new members to our team, our Archivists – Mrs. Mitra Shakibanejad and Mr. Jim Bowman. Regrettably, staff had to say farewell to one of our team members, Sgt George Goulet. Sgt Goulet has withdrawn from his duties at the museum, in order to pursue his education, in preparation for his transition to civilian life. We would like to sincerely thank him for all his service and are wishing him and his family success in all future endeavours.

The museum's year launched with a transformation of the archival storage areas. Following a series of careful deliberations with TMM, we received an additional 1000ft sq of space, bringing our total footprint to 1350ft sq. Complementing this expansion was the acquisition of rolling storage which brings a much needed boost to our cataloguing capacities, and set the conditions for future expansion of archival collections and fonds. Thanks to a generous donation from Greatwest Kenworth Ltd, of Calgary, we were also able to contract a professional archivist. Mitra Shakibanejad joined the team in March, and quickly established a strategic plan for revamping our archives. Unfortunately, her tenure as the archivist was cut short and the implementation of her plan became the responsibility of Mr Jim Bowman. In addition to arranging the archives, staffs have begun work preserving video materials, commencing with the modernization of their current formats from VHS, Beta and 8mm into enhanced digital formats such as Blue-Ray.

Elsewhere in the museum, staffs have been remedying artwork while administering to some exciting new developments in the Collections. For years, the Regiment's artwork has warranted a careful study to determine what, if any, preventive measures are required for the continued preservation of historical and significant pieces. Amid the examination, we discovered that the

Canadians at Ypres, better known as the Frezenberg painting, needed restoration, to repair a 16" scratch to the lower, left-hand corner of this national treasure. Recruiting the services of local artist, Mr John Sayer, Frezenberg was refreshed and the result was astonishing. Years of varnish, dust and grime were removed and the final product is a crisp and clean depiction of our Regiment's stand at Frezenberg.

Besides the restorative efforts to our artifacts, the Collections have been busy with a make-over of their own. After months of analysis and consulting with suppliers, Sgt Mavin laid out a blueprint to resolve the challenge surrounding the storage of our artwork. The outcome, in my opinion, is a system that maximizes space while facilitating greater access. Additionally, Sgt Mavin and Cpl Mullett were busy welcoming new donations to our repertoire. One remarkable donation included a collection of medals from the daughter of LCol Gregor Barclay, a WWI Patricia.

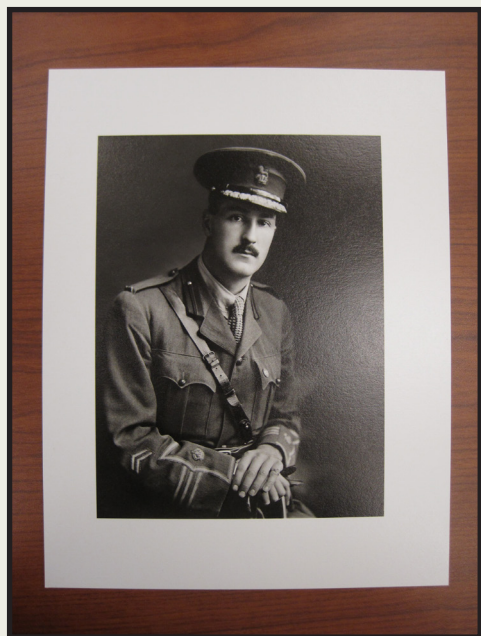
The lion's share of our year has been dedicated to the revamping of the Gallery. Under the supervision of Mr. Don Smith and his team from the Phoenix Consultancy Group, the Gallery has undergone a metamorphosis. Remodelling began in April, and has continued for eight months under Don's meticulous eye. The process has been a delight to survey and a source of pride for those involved. Don's conscientious approach has accurately captured the spirit and significance of the Regiment's contributions to Canada over the past century. We would like to thank Don and his team for their outstanding work on this project! The fruits of our labour are on display for the public to see, and we hope you will visit the PPCLI Museum and Archives sometime soon!

Finally, I would be remissed if I did not thank our volunteers. Whether it is accessioning, hosting or assisting with the educational programming; their selfless contributions are critical to our success. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to your generosity and look forward to working with you in our Centennial year. Lastly, the museum staff would like to invite all Patricians to become a volunteer, specifically a donor to the museum's inventory. We are seeking artefacts to cover some gaps in the Regiment's history, specifically: from Cyprus to Afghanistan. If you are interested donating, please contact the RADjt – Capt. A Younghusband

1-780-973-4011 Ext. 5453 or the
Museum General Manager – WO JC Yardley
1-403-410-2340 Ext. 2680

On 03 June 2013, Mrs Joan M. Barclay-Drummond, daughter of LCol (Ret'd) Gregor Barclay, donated her father's medals group along with several other artefacts to the PPCLI Museum & Archives during a visit to Calgary. The medals group consisted of (L-R): The 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal, the Victory Medal, the George V Coronation Medal, the George VI Coronation Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal and the Czechoslovakian War Cross 1918. The Czechoslovakian War Cross 1918 was *"issued to veterans of the Allied powers who had played a large role in World War I and were considered contributors to the*

formation of the Czechoslovak state." Initial research indicates that her father joined the PPCLI as a Capt with the University Overseas Company at McGill. LCol Barclay was a barrister by trade, which led to his employment as the Assistant Judge Advocate General, 1916-18. He went on to practice law in Montréal, and later was appointed to the bench of the Québec Court of Appeals, 1934-1954. Mrs Barclay-Drummond mentioned that her father and the founder, BGen (Ret'd) Hamilton-Gault were good friends and that they spent time together at Gen Gault's cottage in Saint-Bruno, QC.



B&W picture of LCol Gregor Barclay while employed as the Assistant Judge Advocate General, c. 1916-18.

Mrs Barclay-Drummond also took the time to share some of her childhood stories of arriving and living at Currie Barracks. It was interesting to hear about what life was like during that time and helped us all paint mental images of what the Barracks, and Calgary for that matter, was like during the early 20th Century.



At the end of her visit, we graciously thanked Mrs Barclay-Drummond for her generous and considerable donation of one of the Regiment's more decorated yet least talked about officers. She indicated that if she finds anything else of her father's, she would donate it to the Regiment.



LCol (Ret'd) Gregor Barclay's medals group as donated by his daughter, Mrs Joan M. Barclay-Drummond.



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

Volunteers

Mrs. Joyce Parsons
Mr. Joe Schultz
Mr. George Couture
Mr. Harry Edwards

Mr. Dennis Wright
Mr. James Morgan
Mr. Doug Bedford
Mr. Ken Villager

Donations

WO P.R. Cook - Gallery artifacts
Sgt (Ret'd) S.A. Forth - Gallery artifacts
Capt S. Maerz - Gallery artifacts
Maj S.G.S Lerch - Gallery artifacts
Mr. Rob Paterson - Gallery artifacts
Capt A.M. Younghusband - Gallery artifacts
WO S.A. Peterson - Gallery artifacts
Mr. H. Popkie - Korean archival material
Mrs. Fernell - Letters circa WWII
Mr. Bill Wilkinson - CAF pamphlets
Capt J. Jasper - Cold War item
WO (Ret'd) Rolfe Hartmann - Uniforms, Pams and Pictures

Mr. Dennis Evans - Archival materials
Mrs. Pauline Zakaluk - Archival materials
Mrs. Cynthia Walsh - Archival materials
Mr. Glenn Desley - Archival materials
Capt (Ret'd) G Fleming - Archival materials
Mr. Garry Youghusband - Archival material
Mr. T. MacLeod - Rifle Butt with a carved Marguerite
MGen (Ret'd) Pitts - Korean artifacts, mess ware
MWO (Ret'd) G. Larsen - Lee-Enfield No.1 Mk III
Mr. D. Zuber - A replica Korean, Zuber painting
Mrs. Drummond - LCol Barclay's medals collection



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PPCLI Museum Re-Opens in January 2014

Mr. Grant Cree, Director of Public Relations and Marketing

Following several months of extensive refurbishing, the PPCLI Regimental Museum gallery will officially reopen on 21 January 2014 during a ceremony at The Military Museums (TMM) in Calgary. The event will also include the Centennial Art Show, Forging a Nation: Canada Goes to War, featuring a series of displays from the Canadian War Museum, the Regimental Museum, and PPCLI artists. Both activities are part of several supporting events leading up to our 100th Anniversary next year.

The refurbishment process began in the fall of 2010 when the Regimental Executive Committee (REC) held a meeting, and Maj. Harpal Mandaher (then Regimental Major) presented the idea of renovating the gallery in time for the 100th Anniversary. It was crucial to include a segment on PPCLI in Afghanistan, and the REC approved the initiative. After that, funding was set up with outstanding support from Ms. Karen Storwick, the Director of Marketing for the PPCLI 100th Anniversary Office.

This is a major renovation project that will have most displays redone or replaced. The gallery will be organized in chronological sequence, with each story being told through a variety of dioramas and graphic panels. Artifacts will also be showcased, and the end result will be a series of professionally created exhibits that guide visitors through 100 years of PPCLI service

to Canada.

Historical accuracy – even in the smallest details – will help bring these vignettes to life, and Mr. Don Smith of the Phoenix Consultancy was instrumental in attaining this goal. A dedicated supporter of the Regiment, Don

has worked closely with RHQ and Museum staff since 2011 to get things done right.

Construction and implementation began in August 2012 and Phoenix Consultancy continues to work diligently to ensure we have the best Regimental museum in the country. For example, one display includes a detailed, full-scale replica of a LAV III to give visitors an understanding of field operations in Afghanistan.

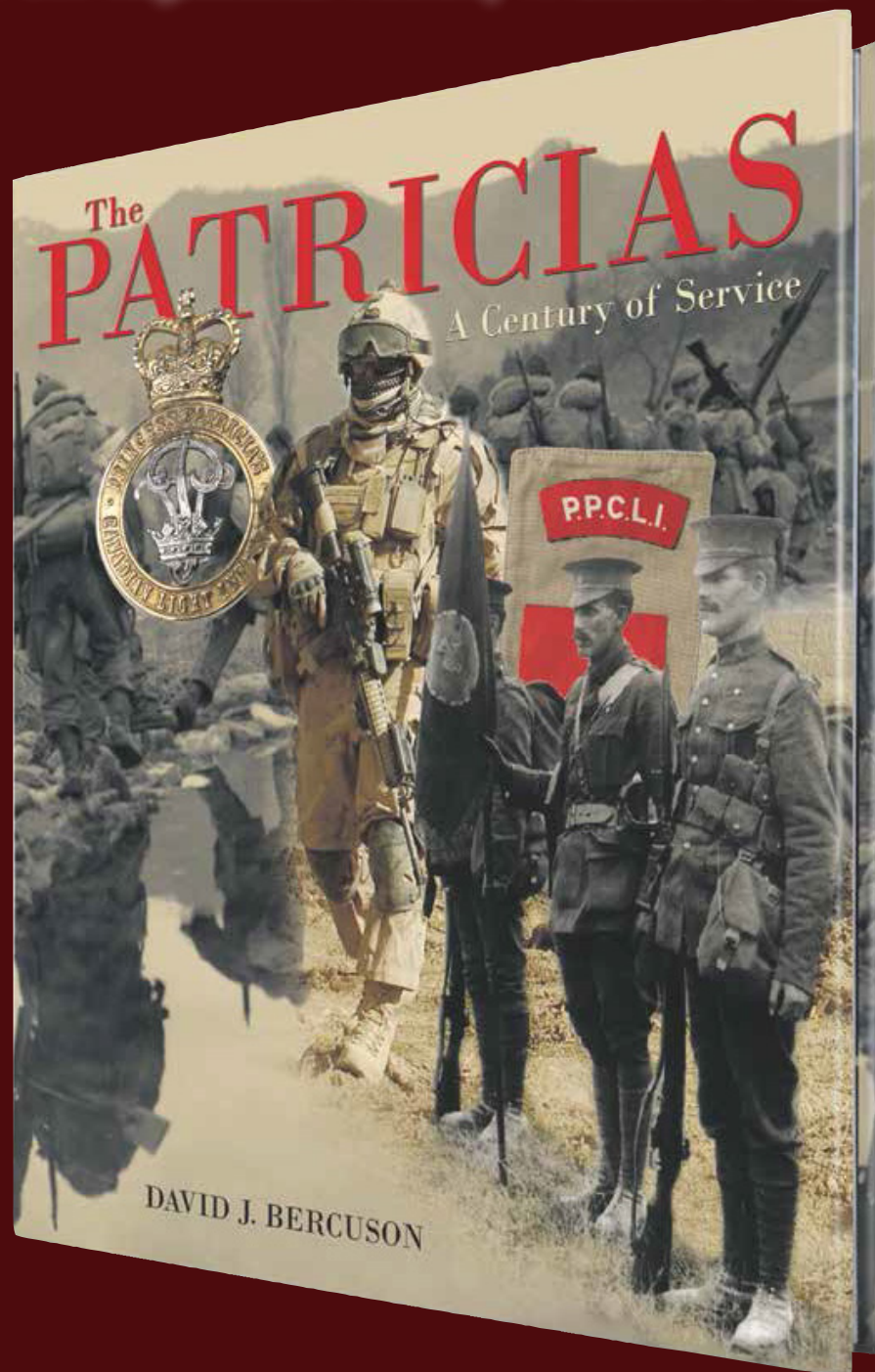
The Museum was closed from April 2013 to January 2014, but we're confident it will be worth the time and effort.

All members of the Regimental Family are encouraged to visit the PPCLI Museum and Archives in what promises to be a world-class military gallery. Our displays and artifacts will educate and enlighten even the most dedicated Regimental history buffs.



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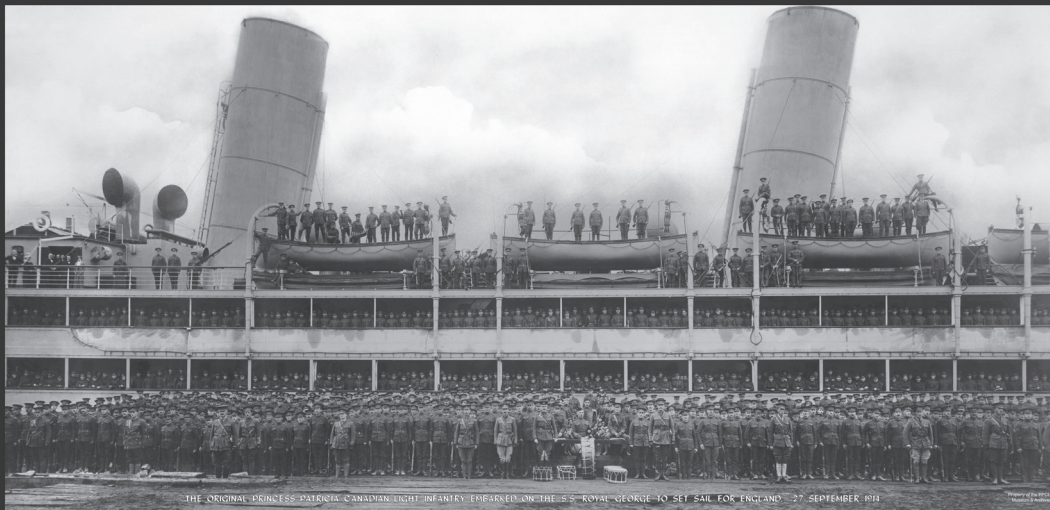
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Founded at the outbreak of war, forged in combat, and formidable throughout its storied history, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry had been integral to every 20th century war and military conflict in which Canada has participated. From the First World War to the war in Afghanistan, The Patricia's A Century of Service documents an extraordinary record of service.

Written by military historian David J. Bercuson, the author of a comprehensive history of the Regiment, The Patricia's honours the bravery of those whose commitment to serve Canada has helped to shape the nation.



A rare photo of the "Originals" of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry mustering for departure to England. This is a digitally enhanced Print of the Regiment embarking on the S.S. Royal George on September 27th 1914.

46" x 22" stretched on a wood frame
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100th Anniversary Decal

Model: 2014-decal
Celebrate our Centennial year with our 100th Anniversary sticker. This sticker is made with Low gloss varnish plus UV lamination to withstand most outside environments.



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Model: 0011flask
This 6oz pewter Hip flask is an excellent addition to anyone's collection. The lid is made to replicate our VP button along with a Cap Badge on the front of the flask. All markings show authenticity.



100th Pen
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100th Anniversary Magnet

Model: magnet100th
Celebrate our Centennial year with our 100th Anniversary magnet.
Size: (LxW)=4 1/4 x 2 3/4



PPCLI DRUM LINE

The Drum Major's Sword

Warrant Officer D.T. Kennedy, Drum Major

Many if not all of our military ceremonial traditions come from our British roots and that of the British Army. The Drum Major's sword is one of those traditions.

Canadian Drum Major's are issued and officers must purchase the 1897 British Commonwealth Pattern Infantry Sword for ceremonial occasions. Today's swords are nickel plated and etched with Her Majesty's ER II Royal Cypher and Crown. This is not just another piece of equipment to begrudgingly put on and take for granted, but rather a piece of history to take pride in. It served a very significant purpose hundreds of years ago.

For centuries the sword carried by the Drum Major was his personal weapon used to defend himself, his drummers, and most importantly his Regimental Colours. It was the duty of the Drum Major and drummers to form a square and protect the Colours. While the pipers were inside the square playing-on, the men defended the Regimental Colours. Hence, Pipe Majors today do not generally wear a sword. The sword had also been the personal weapon of drummers since the sixteenth century, though that tradition has not been carried forward in the modern age.

Engraved on the scabbard of the Drum Major's sword are the names of previous Drum Majors, listed in chronological order. When they pass their responsibility on to the next Drum Major, their name is engraved onto the scabbard. The current 1 PPCLI Drum Major's scabbard has the names of Drum Majors dating back to 1984. When not carried on parade by the Drum Major, the sword is secured in a glass case on display in the unit lines for its members to appreciate.



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Application deadline is 15 July 2014. The selection committee will sit prior to 10 August 2014 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

PO Box 210, Denwood, AB T0B 1B0



Rebecca Leitch
Recipient 2013
Lady Patricia
Bursary
for \$2000



EPS PIPES AND DRUMS

Perpetuation of Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums Affiliation

Captain R.R.J. Dumas, Adjt L EDMN R (4 PPCLI)

Photos by: Mr Grant Cree, Editor The Western Sentinel



Guard Commander, Capt Rob Clarke escorts His Honour as he reviews the guard, to the immediate front of spectators and commemorative art piece, prior to the ceremony commencing. The RCA Band supported by 41 CBG Reservist musicians played on.

On 26 September 2013, out-going Mayor Stephen Mandel officially unveiled a military commemorative art piece at City Hall, celebrating the lengthy and meaningful relationship between the military and the City of Edmonton. Many VIP guests were in attendance at the ceremony to mark the occasion. The First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) provided the Guard of Honour welcoming the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, His Honour, Colonel (Ret'd) The Honourable Donald S. Ethell.

On 8 November 2012, the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Pipes and Drums celebrated its official 50th Anniversary at City Hall. It was gifted with a brand new mace. It wasn't long before EPS Drum Major, Marv Lang had affixed the regimental badges of the PPCLI, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (L EDMN R) and The Canadian Airborne Regiment (Cdn AB Regt), to his new mace. After all, those regimental badges are proudly worn on many items of bandsman dress and kit. What was missing was the time-honoured tradition of housing the honour rolls of our fallen within the head of the Drum Major's mace. It was at the indoor portion of the City Hall ceremony on 26 Sep, that that honour would be bestowed upon the EPS Pipes and Drums after many decades of loyal affiliation. As the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Mayor Mandel and EPS Chief Knecht watched on, Col Anderson, Commander 1 CMBG, LCol Chodan, CO L EDMN R and MGen (Ret'd) Pitts, representing the Cdn AB Regt, presented the respective honour rolls to the EPS Pipes and Drums on behalf of PPCLI, L EDMN R and Canada's paratroopers.

For approximately 40 years the band has proudly worn L EDMN R's badge, when in 1990 they performed before Royalty at The L EDMN R's 75th Anniversary ceremony and on 27 October 2007, they supported a ceremony at old Griesbach Barracks, honouring two WWII veterans, naming streets after them. One of them was Pte Alex Decoteau, also a former member of the EPS who was killed by a sniper's bullet at Passchendaele,



City Hall Chaplain, John Dowds seals the head of the Drum Major's mace once the last Honour Roll has been placed inside, under Drum Major Marv Lang's supervision and care. This gesture of trust and respect was conducted at the same location as the annual Remembrance Day services at City Hall.

Belgium, 1916.

On 12 August 1914, 12 men of the Edmonton Caledonian Pipe Band, some of whom were police officers with the EPS, joined the fledgling PPCLI. After having marched the Regiment over to the battlefields of WWI, the bandsmen served with honour and distinction, earning many honours and awards, to include the famed Pipe Major Colville. Prior to demobilization in 1919, the men played at Princess Patricia's wedding. Years later, given the Patricia's would garrison in Edmonton that close and unprecedented relationship resumed. The EPS Pipes and Drums have proudly worn their badge for several decades.

Officer of the newly formed Cdn AB Regt invited the band to perform at its very first official parade. Not long after that, a long lasting and meaningful kinship was developed.

The EPS Pipes and Drums have proudly worn the Regimental badges for several decades. As such, it's the only non-military pipe band in the British Commonwealth to have the distinct honour of being affiliated with and wearing the badges of three military regiments – PPCLI, The LER and the Cdn AB Regt. By wearing those badges, it acknowledges the meaningful and lengthy affiliation. Not only further strengthening those bonds, but perpetuating the sacrifice of these fine regiments, bestowing the honour of housing the Regiments' Honour Rolls inside the head of that mace has educated and touched many Edmontonians. As a token of their esteem, EPS presented an EPS Pipes and Drums 50th Anniversary Commemorative Sword to the three regiments.



LCol Chris Chodan and Honorary Col, Col Dennis Erker accept the ceremonial sword from Chief Knecht and Mayor Mandel.



FIRST BATTALION



A Company

Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN

During March 2013, Alpha Company (A Coy), 1 PPCLI deployed to CFB Wainwright to participate in Ex PATRICIA UNFORGIVEN. The intent of the exercise was to conduct a familiarization of previous dry training up to level 5 (Cbt Tm), and re-establish what “right looks like.” Though conditions were arduous throughout, A Coy met all challenges head-on with grit and determination. Under live-fire conditions, A Coy conducted day/night Mechanized Platoon attacks, effectively destroying the objectives and targets. As part of TF REGULATORS and in preparation for Ex PROMETHEAN RAM, A Coy worked well as a part of a Combat Team, conducting numerous attacks, demonstrating a level of professionalism that can only be achieved through persistence and continued progression. Upon completion of the Exercise, A Coy returned to CFB Edmonton for a week of R&R so we could focus on the next big: Ex PROMETHEAN RAM.

Ex PROMETHEAN RAM

Beginning 3 April to 3 May 2013, A Coy, 1 PPCLI deployed again to CFB Wainwright to participate in Ex PROMETHEAN RAM. This was the first live-fire exercise (of this magnitude) that was conducted where once we “stepped into the box, we didn’t leave it until it was over.” A Coy embraced the different missions that challenged us. From hasty and deliberate attacks, ambushes, urban and austere defensive positions, to patrolling and cordoning Built Up Areas, A Coy worked with Attachments like Psy Ops and CIMIC to perfect our doctrinal approach to fighting as a square

combat team. A Coy was professional and timely to accomplish assigned tasks particular to each scenario. The use of live ammunition in this context required A Coy to have complete command and control over movement and arcs, down to the individual soldier, in order to effectively engage the enemy, while avoiding friendly casualties. This developed a greater appreciation for weapons handling drills and by the end of Ex PROMETHEAN RAM, A Coy was proficient with attacks and ambushes both mounted and dismounted, along with an experienced level of skill with traditional trench warfare.

Ex MAPLE RESOLVE

On 8 to 30 May 2013, 1 PPCLI conducted Ex MAPLE RESOLVE deployed to CFB Wainwright. This exercise provided a unique opportunity to employ the Weapons Effects Simulation (WES), which uses GPS, laser sensors and computer monitoring to incorporate real time exercise reactions on the battlefield. Building upon lessons learned from Ex PROMETHEAN RAM, A Coy was fortunate enough to train under ‘force-on-force’ conditions. This large scale war game of “laser tag” forced soldiers to react quickly and efficiently to casualties, vehicle immobilizations and indirect fire to mention a few. This adds a sense of realism to training, unavailable to past generations. Scenarios ranged from attacks on small villages; challenging the coy’s capabilities of fighting in a three dimensional battlefield, assaults on bridges, reinforcing the importance of logistical assets, and defensive position objectives that included holding and attacking



defensive objectives. Some of the benefits of using the WES system were that commanders were able to monitor troops on the ground back at camp, while the individual soldier is given control to take casualty care into their own hands. With this information, during an After Action Review (AAR), A Coy was able to see our accomplishments and areas of improvement immediately. The training proved valuable, and once again A Coy achieved the commander's intent with high regard.

again. Working with the RCMP and other civilian assets re-enforced the importance of community and co-operation, something that A Coy took in full stride, mindful and proud to help our fellow countrymen. Rescuing a few individuals and ensuring the evacuation of High River was successful, the coy fulfilled the requests from our command. This further established strong relations between the community and the CAF, both being grateful for each other's exhaustive efforts.

Op LENTUS

From 21 to 27 June 2013, A Coy worked alongside the RCMP in the disaster affected area of High River, AB. This entailed A Coy going door to door around the community of High River, ensuring all evacuees had vacated the immediate area. Deploying on only a few hours' notice, 1 PPCLI reacted immediately to the call for boots on the ground. Staging out of a local school, A Coy prepared for the domestic operation by employing our LAV's as search and rescue vehicles. Able to adapt quickly to the new requirements asked of us by our commanders, the coy proved to be an exceedingly diverse organization yet



Stoppage drills on the sandwich maker



FIRST BATTALION

1 PPCLI Habitat for Humanity Build

Captain L.W. Borody

Serving to close out an extremely busy spring, which included Ex PROMETHAN RAM, Ex MAPLE RESOLVE and OP LENTUS, the 1st Bn lent a helping hand to those less fortunate. The Bn volunteered to build with Habitat for Humanity (HfH), over three days in July, (4th, 5th and 9th) to give back to the community in a fun and exciting team building event. HfH Edmonton is building homes for 64 families, at Neufeld Landing, making it the largest build ever for the organization and for North America. This project will allow many families in Edmonton who cannot afford housing to live in an affordable house and gain equity for their future.

With the company divided up among days, A Coy and Admin Coy started the first day of construction. With everyone equipped with a hardhat, steel toed boots, safety glasses and the ever familiar safety brief, crews started to work!

With four buildings in various stages of construction there was plenty of work to go around. After sourcing tools and a quick lesson for those unfamiliar in the operation of air nailers and other power tools, the work began. A Coy started with framing the main floor of the fourth building and made quick work of it, as the prefabricated framed walls were



Framing the main floor



Recce Pl in their element – digging and filling in holes

easy to put in and nail down, just like a giant 3D puzzle. Admin Coy was split over three other buildings, where they found themselves preparing studs for the framing, drilling out floor vents, setting up electrical boxes, working with trim and ensuring the site was ready for the tradesmen to arrive and finalize everything.

After a morning of hard work, everyone broke for lunch provided by HfH, then went back to finish off the jobs in the afternoon. By the end of the first day much progress had been made, including the framing for the first floor of one building and the preparation of another for follow up by contractors.

Friday the 5th of July was the grand opening of Neufeld Landings, so construction was put-off for the morning as the focus was shifted to the guests and presenters who officially opened the site. Many of the visitors stopped and thanked us not just for their hard work with HfH, but also for the help that 1 PPCLI provided to Southern Alberta during the floods of the previous week. A BBQ followed, and then construction became the priority again.

With Combat Support Coy taking the lead for this day, work was back on track and the building progressed quickly. Recce Pl opted to take a task moving gravel in one of the basements, while Sgt Nowlan took the lead in center framing a basement. Recce Pl filled the basement with gravel to allow concrete to be poured, and Sgt Nowlan's crew finished the center framing. It proved to be another great day, with all those involved doing hands-on work while enjoying fantastic weather.

The final day of construction saw B and C Coy with a handful of personnel from across the Bn come together to do the final push. This day saw the floor for a second story go up, continuing the work A Coy had started, framing of closets, and to the amusement of most of the people on the site, LCol Grimshaw was given the mission critical task of moving gravel with a wheel barrel, a task which he 'tore the ass out of'!

The three days which 1 PPCLI spent building at the Neufeld Landing were highly productive. We helped give back to our community, got to do hands-on labour and increased the esprit-de-corps of each sub-unit before a well deserved break over summer leave.



Sgt Nowlan's Crew framing



FIRST BATTALION

Ex Promethean Ram (3-29 April 2013)

Second Lieutenant W.S.J. Sim, 5 Pl Comd, B Coy

Captain G.D. Cheeseman, 6 Pl Comd, B Coy

On 3 April 2013, soldiers from 1 PPCLI deployed to CFB Wainwright to participate in Exercise PROMETHEAN RAM (Ex PR) as part of 1 CMBG's effort to train Task Force 1-13 (TF 1-13) soldiers in a



Cpl Button and Cpl Carlson, 5 Pl, B Coy, preparing ammunition for a live fire range

complex live-fire environment. Ex PR was divided into two distinct phases. The first phase, from 2-16 April 2013, was composed of a series of dry rehearsals and live-fire ranges designed to train soldiers to level 6 dry. Successful completion of this phase qualified soldiers for the next portion of Ex PR, where they were tested under intricate live-fire scenarios.

PHASE 1 – Coy Dry Training

Upon arriving at LFWA TC on 3 April, the Battle Group (BG) set up at the Peregrine 4 bivouac site with each company and supporting unit establishing their own campsites and began conducting sub-unit training, primarily focusing on platoon manoeuvres and advance to contact in preparation for Enhanced Level 3 Live-Fire Range by day and night. Each platoon completed level 3 dry verification and married up with soldiers from 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER) to coordinate Standard Operating

Procedures (SOPs) for breaching obstacles prior to the actual range.

The Level 3 Live-Fire Range, organized by Cbt Sp Coy, had several enemy trench positions supported by AFVs and simple obstacles. It provided a realistic scenario that required quick thinking from the leaders and skilled manoeuvring of the LAVs to negotiate the complex and snowy terrain. Unfortunately, many of the vehicles got stuck but the soldiers expertly and quickly cross-loaded the vehicles and continued with their assault.

On completion of Level 3 Live-Fire Range, 1 CMBG went through Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) refresher training where they were re-qualified up to Individual Standard level 2. During this time, soldiers were given a thorough review of the self-decontamination process and an opportunity to confirm not only their skills but the effectiveness of their equipment in the gas hut.

Following CBRN training, the Battalion had a well deserved maintenance day. During this time, each company held a comprehensive marry-up with other element commanders to coordinate Combat Team (Cbt Tm) SOPs. It was an excellent opportunity to discuss different ideas and concepts while ensuring that everyone was on the same page prior to level 5 and 6 dry rehearsals.

Between 11 and 12 April, 3 Cbt Tms, from



B Coy LAV's

1 CMBG completed level 5 dry training. By taking the two days to carry out Cbt Tm dry training, each sub-unit gained a better understanding of Combat Team formations and tactics. Each serial was also accompanied by the 1 PPCLI CO, LCol Grimshaw and at the end of each mission, a detailed After-Action-Review (AAR) was held in order to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

The final portion of the dry training involved the entire TF 1-13 BG working together to on 3 consecutive Cbt Tm attacks. Including A Squadron Lord Strathcona Horse (LdSH RC's), 1 Field Troop 1 CER, and A Battery 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA), the BG moved swiftly through the three objectives, regrouping and marrying up on the move in order to clear all objectives no later than 1700 hrs. With the mission complete at 1300hrs, this highly dynamic phase of the exercise confirmed the BG's agility, mobility and interoperability.

Following the offensive phase, the Cbt Tms' leadership had the opportunity to site their defensive positions in a BG context, a phase of war often overlooked during our time in Afghanistan. The final phase of the BG's dry training was a blackout road move to P-4, with Military Police- and Recce-controlled Travel Check Points, followed by a night-time rolling replenishment by Admin Coy. This phase allowed Admin Coy the opportunity to work on their TTPs and SOPs, improving the 'rolling replen's' overall efficiency.

The final day of this phase of Ex PR was marked with a Battalion Smoker where soldiers gathered in P-4 for a night of celebration. As soldiers huddled around the wood pile, there were several promotions the CO and a representative lit the campfire, officially initiating the event. The next day the Battalion completed its final preparation before to entering a live-fire BG trace prepared by 3 PPCLI and transitioned into the second phase of the exercise.

PHASE 2 – BG Live-Fire

NMB 18 0200 Apr 13.

Orders passed, 1 PPCLI BG waited patiently to begin Op GLADIUS, phase II of Ex PR.

Most soldiers had steeled themselves for the nine day live-fire trace that would challenge their mental and physical toughness, and their tactical acumen. Added to the mix were unpredictable weather patterns, strict ROEs, live ammo, and portents of a CBRN threat, unheard of in over a decade of training in Wainwright. Ready for battle, the unknown risks added an edge that fuelled everyone's alertness. In the scenario West Isle Forces, the enemy, were threatening friendly forces and civilians west of Battle River in the country of East



A sub-unit moving into position within a battle group leaguer

'Battalion Smoker!'





FIRST BATTALION

Isle. The 1 PPCLI BG was to advance south from a northern waiting area, eliminating enemy and securing vital ground before entering into West Isle across MacDonald Bridge.

The first Objective: Obj SILVER, fell to C Coy; A Coy quickly followed and performed a 'soft knock' on Obj SAVILLE FARM. B Coy secured the MacDonald Bridge with elements attached from 1 CER while forward Recce elements gathered intelligence on the enemy position. The enemy east of the Battle River included a High Value Target who was known to be a 'trigger man' for a CBRN weapon.



Forced rest

all EIS down to their boiling vessels and cleaned and inspected everything. All in all, the procedure was an eye-opener for those concerned regarding the work involved to get a Cbt Tm back in the fight after exposure to contaminants. That evening, B Coy fell into a BG defensive position IVO Tower Hill as depth.

Over the next several days, various tasks were assigned to the BG. Sub-units either led or participated in dismounted patrolling that included raids, ambushes, and clearance patrols. Other tasks assigned were Expedient Route-Opening Capability (EROC) with Engineers, Relief in Place (RIP), convoy operations, and mounted route clearances. Throughout, the training audience was challenged with casualty evacuations, PW handling, and camouflage and concealment.

Also conducted throughout were AARs led by LCol Errington, the CO of 3 PPCLI. These generally followed major offensives, but were held not less than once daily. As Safety Staff, 3 PPCLI were also double-hatted as observers and they played a major part in honing the conventional skills of the BG. A 'tactical pause' was observed during these briefs where commanders were invited to disseminate lessons learned. The AARs provided valuable feedback for subsequent operations.

Towards the end of Ex PR, the enemy was greatly attrited and were withdrawing with

Prior to Op GLADIUS, the Bde Comd, Col Anderson made it no secret that he was to "put the 'cloud' in Major MacLeod." When A Coy surreptitiously donated their CBRN suits to B Coy, it was even more evident that Obj Gold, near Vertical Village, was going to be in "MOPP High!" Perhaps this led to premature donning of gas masks when the area was smoked out, but no sooner had the smoke cleared before B Coy were hit hard with 16 CS hand grenades in conjunction with another application of smoke.

Decontamination Pl of 1 Service Battalion was ready. Having prepared and rehearsed prior to the arrival of the Cbt Tm, they decontaminated the B Cbt Tm's vehicles and personnel over a 12-hour period. Members of B Coy patiently awaited their showers for individual decontamination. Vehicle crews in 'dirty' vehicles stripped



Digging in the defensive

depleted morale. Further intelligence reports indicated, however, that a major command and control node was staged in the area of Gunner Hill. An enemy Radio Re-Broadcast (RRB) was located and B Coy selected for special operations, this time for an airmobile insertion supported by 408 Squadron.

At 0100 hrs on 25 April, the first of 16 chucks lifted B Coy into their 25 km trek into hostile territory. Well-guided by Recce assets on landing, they swiftly occupied a Coy IRV and immediately deployed engineers to assess Cattalo Bridge to determine a plausible crossing site for friendly armoured support.

B Coy's raid on Gunner Hill (Objective Zinc) eliminated the enemy and gathered the necessary intelligence.

With an equal number of casualties and PWs, they extricated themselves from the position and occupied a hasty defense near Cattalo Bridge before it was blown by the enemy. Behind enemy lines and lacking resources, they received rations and ammo by C130 and established a new defensive position overlooking a likely enemy approach. Here they remained for the next 24 hours before the bridge was reconstructed and the BG moved through on their advance to Objective Zinc II.

The final attack employed an impressive amount of firepower in the firebase. Poised on Gunner Hill, tanks co-located with B Coy LAV IIIs pummelled the enemy while A and C Coy fought through the objective. The firebase LAVs were cleverly rotated in firing cycles under the LAV Capt, Capt Ed Marsh, and produced a devastating effect on the enemy vehicles. On consolidation, Ex PROMETHEAN RAM concluded. Ex PR achieved many objectives, the least of which was confidence in individual battle standards and a

confidence in each others' abilities. Obviously, training is geared to ingrain muscle memory and teach new skills, but soldiers had live ammo from the moment they entered 'the box' and did not clear their weapons until the final day of the ex. The level of trust garnered from conducting 'business as usual' with this added risk raised individual accountability and, as no other training could, promoted camaraderie and faith in the team.



Recce moves by Griffin



Supply drops were greatly appreciated





FIRST BATTALION

Ex Patricia Outrider

Charlie Company 1 PPCLI

For Charlie Company, the first half of 2013 was spent conducting the Road to High Readiness for Task Force (TF) 1-13 Regulators. After months of training, the company was performing complex kinetic operations with the agility and aggression that had come to be expected from the impressively skilled sub-unit. The primary focus during these exercises was fighting in a mechanized context within a combat team. The vehicle crews became highly proficient with mobility, gunnery and information gathering. C Coy overcame every challenge placed before them and demonstrated that they were ready for the next step. The intent of TF 1-13 D+90 training was to give the battalion the opportunity to hone their dismounted skills as well as push their LAV crews to the next level.

The focus of Ex PATRICIA OUTRIDER was refreshing dismounted tactics, techniques and practices during a live-fire platoon raid. Unique to this operation were additional enablers to augment the platoon's capabilities. The planning phase allowed for the attachment of a company weapons detachment consisting of C16s supported by a sniper team, indirect fire assets, aviation support and engineers. The integration of these resources into the platoon created a force capable of subjecting the enemy to a large amount of violence.

Ex PATRICIA OUTRIDER provided the platoon LAV sergeants the chance to command their vehicles in an interesting live scenario through difficult terrain. They were given the flexibility to manoeuvre the vehicles and to navigate steep grades and ridges to reach their objective. Simultaneously the crews encountered multiple enemy targets. All crew members, some of whom had only recently been qualified, learned to operate under trying conditions while communicating effectively so as to successfully complete their mission.

With the kinetic ranges completed, C Coy had the privilege of acting as the enemy force for the remainder of the battalion. Assuming this role gave the coy the opportunity to implement less conventional methods of warfare, review defensive doctrine, and observe combat team tactics from the enemy's perspective. Although they fought tenaciously, C Coy was crushed, repeatedly, by the overwhelming force and cunning of the TF Regulators Battle Group.

The underlying theme to this exercise was exposing soldiers to increasingly complicated scenarios to enhance their skills. That intent was realized and the coy now functions at an even greater capacity than before. Echoing the sentiment felt by its soldiers earlier this year: C Coy eagerly awaits the chance to launch into a theatre where they can demonstrate to the rest of the CAF, and the world, what they are capable of!

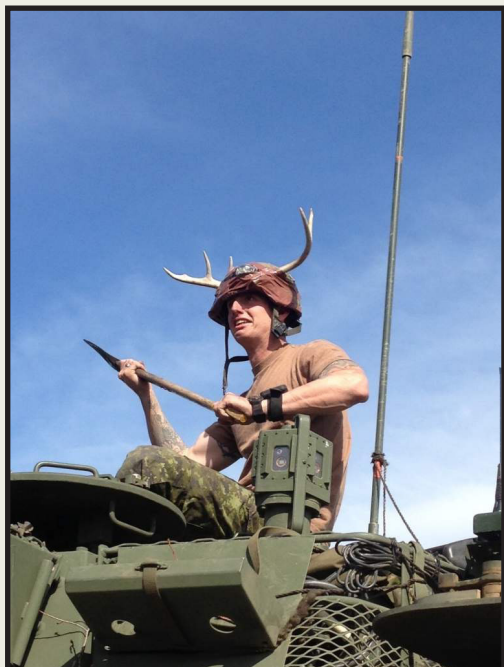


Soldiers from Charlie Company 1 PPCLI patrol while acting as Opposing Forces (OPFOR)

Ex Promethean Ram and Ex Maple Resolve

Charlie Company 1 PPCLI

Charlie Company has come to the end of the Road to High Readiness (R2HR). What began in January culminated in early June with the conclusion of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. The highly realistic training that Charlie Coy has been exposed to created a professional fighting force capable of enforcing the country's national defence strategy domestically and abroad. Two exercises led to this state of readiness: Ex PROMETHEAN RAM, in April, allowed for the utilization of weapon systems and vehicles organic to a mechanized coy in live-fire training; and Ex MAPLE RESOLVE which created an immersive environment with conventional enemy forces in a Contemporary Operating Environment (COE) and unconventional forces reacting to the coy's plans. Both exercises solidified Charlie Coy's ability to work with other sub-units and enablers to accomplish the mission.



C Coy soldier ready for battle!

Ex PROMETHEAN RAM gave soldiers and leaders the opportunity to conduct Combat Team live-fire training a battle group context. This FTX enabled us to enhance our interoperability with the other elements of the combat team. Fighting alongside our tanks and directing artillery resulted in devastating effects on the enemy positions and made short work of every cardboard and wooden adversary that stood against C Coy. Though the exercise was offensive in nature, the company conducted defensive operations to hone skills that have not been our primary focus in recent exercises and operations.

During Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, C Coy switched gears and focused on complex challenges, based on potential scenarios in operations overseas. The integration of force-on-force elements and civilian actors gave the training a sense of realism that further challenged our soldiers. The live enemy force demanded tactical vigilance and operational flexibility. Fortunately, the company's impressive teamwork, a skill that had been refined over months of training, enhanced our ability to overcome these challenges.

Charlie Coy proved time and time again that they are agile and responsive to change. The strains of dealing with civilians, non-governmental organizations, casualties, and local security forces prompted us to demonstrate greater diversity in the manner they operated. These scenarios provided a very challenging experience when compared to the offensive manoeuvres the company was accustomed to during the previous exercises.

The R2HR is accurately named and the soldiers of Charlie Coy are mentally and physically prepared to put our skills into action. At the end of a long road away from home Charlie Coy will have the opportunity to spend some quality time with their loved ones. We eagerly await the chance to launch into theatres old or new, and show the rest of the Brigade, Regiment, and the world, what Charlie Company 1 PPCLI is capable of.



Has anyone seen the Colonel?



FIRST BATTALION

Ex Strong Contender

Captain L.W. Borody

“The First and the Finest!” Members of the First Battalion Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (1 PPCLI) have even more to show for their hard work and dedication. Ex STRONG CONTENDER, 1 CMBG’s annual sports competition took place at CFB Edmonton from 15-17 January 2013, provided a fun and competitive venue for athletes to test their mettle against fellow soldiers. The unit has not been in the top position since the early 90’s, but for members of the four participating teams it was no surprise to see 1 PPCLI emerge as the Aggregate Champion this year.

The months preceding competition were filled with a multitude of courses and taskings for many members, making it challenging to manage the teams and fill the rosters. Ensuring the teams were adequately numbered for the months preceding the tournament was a test for players and coaches. Players and coaches did a fine job balancing their training for Ex STRONG CONTENDER with their dedication towards their battalion duties. Given the difficulty in maintaining the teams and practicing before the game day, some expected that this year 1 PPCLI would be

left off the podium. However, members understood that their effort would determine success. Despite Ex STRONG CONTENDER lasting only a week, the months that led up to it were filled with practices and team meetings. In this sense, it was a much longer operation than reflected in the calendar.

Although both the ice hockey and ball hockey teams had difficult starts, the hope for victory swelled with the opening day wins of the soccer and basketball teams. While soccer and basketball continued forging their paths to victory, day two was a turning point for the ice hockey team as they swept through their competition

with little resistance. The ball hockey team remained competitive, but was knocked out of the tournament by the end of day two. On the final day of competition, it was do-or-die for the three remaining teams of 1 PPCLI. Ice hockey led the way with an early morning win propelling them into the gold medal game. Shortly after the ice hockey’s win, the victories earned by the soccer and basketball teams landed them in their respective finals as well. With excitement at a fever pitch, members of the First Battalion watched on. The end result was ice hockey team fought earned a silver medal, the soccer team blew past the competition to



1 PPCLI winning banners

Ex STRONG CONTENDER is a highly anticipated annual event in 1 CMBG, bringing the diverse units together to compete in four organized sports tournaments. With an understanding of the importance of teamwork, physical fitness, and overcoming adversity, the exercise aims not only uphold these core values, but further build upon them. Several times over the course of Ex STRONG CONTENDER, 1 PPCLI teams dealt with adversity and overcame odds. While the official purpose of the annual exercise is to foster the competitive spirit and teamwork, Battalion pride was a key motivating factor.



win top spot and the basketball team, in the final game of Ex STRONG CONTENDER, handily outpaced their opponents to bring home gold.

On 20 March 2013, the First Battalion proudly stood on parade to watch the banner for overall aggregate champion of Ex STRONG CONTENDER 2013 be presented. This momentous event brought further pride to an already cohesive unit. The banners for the champion teams and second place finishing team were also presented. The basketball and soccer teams received banners for their championship, while the ice hockey team received the banner for their second place finish. Afterwards, to much applause, key members of all four teams stepped forward and proudly received the award together. Speaking of the perseverance and determination that the players and supporters of the 1 PPCLI team showed during the exercise, LCol Grimshaw proudly presented and displayed the banner for overall aggregate champion to the battalion. It is a rare occurrence for honours like these to be presented to the unit. As coloured

and decorated of a Regiment and battalion that the Patricia's and First Battalion are, it is always a pleasure to see first-hand, the efforts made during exercise or deployment amounted to not just success, but ultimate victory.

In an infantry battalion, team sports epitomize the work required to succeed at a high level. The effort required to win at team sports is substantial, but to develop and maintain a winning squad is truly a feat. We in the military



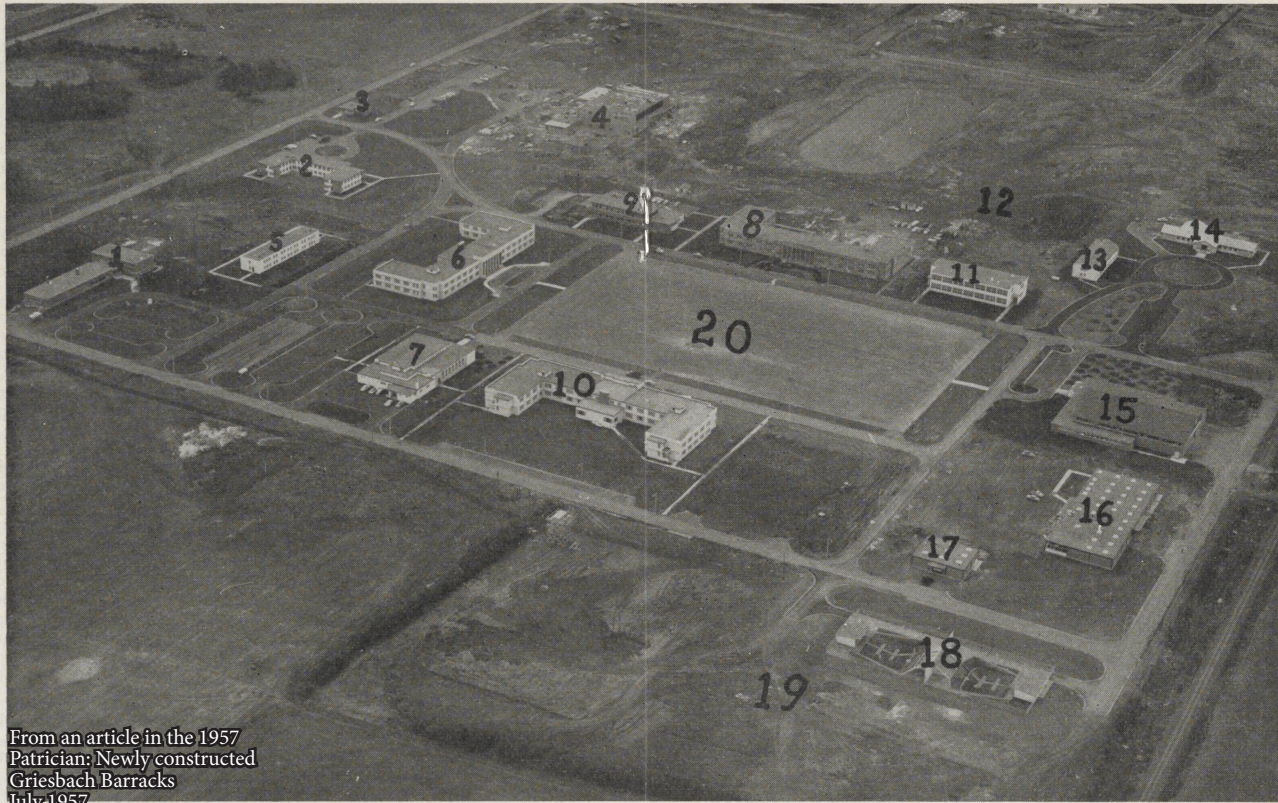
uphold the core values of duty, honour, integrity and respect. The values that are instilled to the Battalion were displayed by the tenacity and aggressive play of our teams in the competition. A combination of excellent physical fitness, teamwork and strong leadership were key to 1 PPCLI's success and will remain so, in the future. With the will and determination shown this year, more banners will no doubt be raised at 1 PPCLI.

To all the units in 1 CMBG, thank you for the great competition and we look forward to seeing you on the field, court and ice next year!



FIRST BATTALION

The Patrician 1957



From an article in the 1957 Patrician: Newly constructed Griesbach Barracks July 1957

NEW HOME STATION
PPCLI BARRACKS, GRIESBACH, ALBERTA
July 1957

Key to Buildings

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| 1. Sergeants' Mess | 5. Sergeants' Quarters | 11. Lecture Building | 17. Quartermaster Stores (Depot) |
| 2. Administration Building | 6. Barrack Block (Depot) | 12. Sports Fields | 18. 25 Yard Ranges |
| 3. Guard Room | 7. Men's Mess | 13. Officers' Quarters | 19. Outdoor Training Area |
| 4. Recreation Building (not completed) | 8. Barrack Block (Bn) | 14. Officers' Mess | 20. Parade Square |
| | 9. Junior Ranks Club | 15. Drill Hall | |
| | 10. Barrack Block (Bn) | 16. Quartermaster Stores (Bn) | |



"Well if you knows of a better 'ole, go to it.!" by Capt Bruce Bairnsfather was one of the most famous cartoons of WWI. Believed to have been first published in the Bystander 1915, it depicts 2 British soldiers in a typical setting on the Western Front: In a shell hole, under fire. Over the years, this iconic cartoon has become connected to traditional gathering places for soldiers at reunions and commemorations and in the Patricia's, no commemoration would be complete without a "Better 'Ole" A central meeting point, it is here that soldiers re-unite in a familiar setting, drink and tell stories of days-gone-by. For the PPCLI 100th Commemorations, there will be a "Better 'Ole" in the Lecture Training Facility in Edmonton 7-10 Aug. The Ottawa Commemoration will have a Commemorative Gathering in the Cartier Square Drill Hall in Ottawa 18-21 Sep."

Sniper Platoon

17th Annual CISC

The Canadian International Sniper Concentration (CISC) is a yearly event in CFB Gagetown, NB. It is a great opportunity for Canadian snipers to compete with and learn from others across the international sniper community. This year, representing international teams, were snipers from the United Kingdom's Royal Marines, Australian SAS, the Royal Australian Regiment, the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, the Irish Defence Force, the Swedish Army, the Netherlands Marines, and The French Marines. In the mix were also several police sniper teams from Canada including Calgary PD, RCMP, Halifax PD, St John PD, and Montreal PD. Representing the Canadian Army were all three regiment's (PPCLI, RCR, R22R) and the Canadian Special Operations Regiment.

The Regiment sent two coaches and three sniper teams composed of an observer and a primary shooter to CISC and they should be very proud of their performance. While competing against tier 1 & 2 Special Forces the team from 3 PPCLI finished 1st overall. The 1 PPCLI team, competing for their first time at CISC finished in 6th place. These results speak volumes to the quality of Patricia snipers.

Before the sniper teams competed they had time to confirm their zero by day and night on all weapons. The snipers were also treated to a vendor shoot which encompassed a multitude of weapons and equipment. North American distributor's show their products, allowing the sniper community to test their products.

The first event was a snap and mover shoot. This tested the sniper's ability to engage moving and fleeting targets at various ranges. It also challenged the sniper's understanding of bullet speed, time of flight and mill dot leads under a time constraint.

The second event was two-fold to include unknown distance and multiple engagements. The unknown distance shoot tested the team's ability to produce and sector a range card and mill targets for an accurate range. Once completed the sniper teams were given a target number and had 55 seconds to locate and engage the correct target. This shoot tested the most basic sniper skills without the aid of range finders and most importantly, the communication between the shooter and the spotter. The multiple engagement shoot tested the sniper teams on quick, timed engagements using primary and secondary weapons. The sniper teams had to observe, react to quick pop-up targets and use battle 'dope' (data on previous engagements) in conjunction with



holds for range and wind.

The third event, the stalk, is the skill-set that separates a sniper from a marksman. This included a scenario and a target package matching each sniper team to a specific target. This was done by way of a picture, using facial recognition. The sniper teams then used cam and concealment to move within a manoeuvre box without being detected by an objective area or the enemy OP, where snipers were used as observers. Being spotted by the OP would result

in a fail and the team's removal from the manoeuvre box. Once the sniper teams adopted a final fire position they were expected to maintain observation on the objective. They were also expected to produce a report based on the acronym "SALUTE" and quizzed on the scenario. Once all the teams were in position given the three hour time limit they had the opportunity to shoot the correct target. To do so, the active role players were moved out of the objective, replaced with target gongs and the snipers had to engage the proper targets based on their target packages. Both 1 and 3 PPCLI received 100% which also meant a 1st round hit.

The fourth event was the urban stress shoot. The teams entered a village and engaged a series of targets with carbine, pistol and sniper rifle. This tested the sniper's ability to move and communicate as a team with quick engagements. This also tested their ability to shoot and spot from improvised positions that a sniper team would likely use in an urban conflict.

The fifth event was another double event which included the long-range .50 cal shoot and a pistol engagement. Teams were required to range targets, plot them on a range card and under a time limit, engage the targets. This challenged the sniper team's anti-material and long range anti-personnel capabilities. The pistol shoot was designed to test proficiency of the sidearm. Traditionally police teams do very well with pistols but this year, the British Royal Marines got the top score.

The 17th annual CISC was a huge success for the PPCLI. Sniper platoon's across the Regiment who are eager to send teams for the next CISC and expose some of the new snipers to advanced ranges and continue to build relationships between the Canadian Army, police services, and allied forces.

1 PPCLI Snipers



FIRST BATTALION

Recce Platoon

Corporal M.M. Tsvikovski

Reconnaissance Platoon has enjoyed another busy year with multiple exercises that challenged its members both physically and mentally. The soldiers of Recce Platoon consistently exceeded expectations and build upon their strong reputation. This summer a section from Recce Platoon participated in an exercise with CANSOFCOM, an opportunity that was welcomed by the soldiers as they tested their skills in an unconventional operation. The focus of training in August was Close Quarter Battle (CQB). The first week had each member review the placement and holds of the primary weapon, breathing techniques and emergency reloads. The following weeks had the patrolmen working with their fire-team partners in a variety of complex live-fire ranges, and CQB scenarios.



Room clearance at its finest



25m Range

In the upcoming months, the platoon will conduct a wide range of training, including airmobile operations with 408 Squadron, complex patrolling, close target reconnaissance, and assisting the Combat Team Commanders Course. This year provided a great number of training opportunities and experiences to ensure the platoon maintains its flexibility and is effective when called upon.

Signals Platoon

Captain R.J. Carroll, Sig O

Recently the Signals Branch has undergone a restructuring of the trade to include three specialty sub-occupations from the one common signals trade, the Army Communications and Information Specialist (ACISS). In addition to ACISS training, a Signaller can receive additional training in a sub-occupation such as a Line System Technologist (LST), an Information Systems Technologist (IST), or a Communication Systems Technologist (CST).

Additional training is being pushed from the School to the units in the form of on-the-job-training (OJT). This will allow the units to retain soldiers and staff instead of sending them to Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics (CFSCE).

Signallers will first receive a distance learning (DL) package which must be completed before beginning OJT. This will provide them the foundational knowledge for the six-month OJT practicum.

The soldier's chain of command is given specific



Sigs Pl. 'What they do best'

tasks for the soldier to be granted the qualification and is then expected to provide opportunities for the them to demonstrate the respective skills.

The 1 PPCLI Signals Pl has established a "training and administration" position which is filled by a MCpl who is responsible to ensure that Signallers complete their OJT. The Pl Sgts will ensure their section maintain their trade skills by creating fun and challenging exercises and scenarios that will encompass the required tasks in a manner that keeps the soldiers engaged, challenged and excited in their training. To achieve efficiencies, training is to include soldier-specific training wherever possible.

In summary, the Signals trade has undergone extensive restructuring and unit individual training has followed suit. More emphasis is being placed on the units to provide OJT rather than relying on centralized training at CFSCE. At 1 PPCLI, the Signals Pl is ready for the challenge and is ready to ensure the success of their OJT in the months ahead.



FIRST BATTALION

Southern Alberta Floods

Captain L.W. Borody

The call came in early in the morning on 21 June 2013, with the Battalion (Bn) fanouts activated and the unit re-called to the garrison. Upon arriving, details which were at first fuzzy began to solidify, as the command teams began to fill in the missing details as to why the unit had been called in. It was quickly learned that southern Alberta had declared a state of emergency due to overwhelming flooding, which had struck without any warning, causing significant devastation to southern Alberta.

By 0700hrs the Bn was preparing to deploy to High River:1 PPCLI's assigned AOR. Though not a week had passed since the Bn returned from Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, vehicles were quickly loaded with the rations, fuel and equipment required to be self-sufficient for 72 hrs. Several vehicles which were awaiting inspection needed to be reassembled - floorboards and seats were reinstalled, brake drums were replaced, and LAVs were lowered off of jack stands to be marshalled.

The reconnaissance (recce) party launched by 1000 hrs, and made its way to High River. The weather, which at first appeared great - clear blue skies and sunshine - rapidly changed as Calgary loomed near, with dark clouds forming and eventually rain pouring down on an already soaked region. Pools of standing water in farmer's fields slowly turned into puddles and then lakes the further south the Bn progressed. By the time the recce party hit High River it was quite clear that the town was in desperate need of aid.

While the CO, RSM and Ops O began to liaise with the RCMP and civilian authorities, the remainder of the Bn started the long road move to High River, heading down via the Queen Elizabeth II Highway. This road move of LAVs on a major highway attracted a lot of attention from the media and civilians as they knew the Bn was going to provide assistance to our citizens. By that evening, the entire Bn had arrived in southern Alberta. While the majority of the Bn was in High River; C Coy was attached to the Lord Strathcona's Horse Royal Canadian (LdSH RC's) - who were operating in the Kananaskis area, several kilometres east of Canmore.

During the move south, details surrounding the expected tasks in High River were issued. Over 90% of the town had been flooded at one point, and between 30-50 % of residential areas were still under water. Our primary objective would be to conduct door-to-door searches of all buildings in High River to for people needing assistance, checking for gas leaks, electrical issues and casualties. By the morning of the 22nd, the platoons had linked in with their RCMP counterparts and began to search. As the day went by the soldiers



Admin Coy at a halt in Airdrie Ab en route to High River. Cpl C. Cleaver is standing on the near LAV

began to comprehend the devastating the force of nature and the impact on the small community.

It could be argued that day one of the search was one of the more dangerous days of searching, as the only way to enter the properties was through a direct breach of the front door or window. The RCMP breached, while the soldiers assisted in the physical clearing of the properties, allowing a rapid searches. It soon became obvious that it would be a long and painful recovery for the town.

Depending on how the flooding hit the town, some houses were dry; others had evidence of water damage, while others still had flooded basements. There were still a few neighborhoods which were underwater and only accessible by boat. On the second day of searching, locksmiths were attached to each search team, allowing the teams to search the houses without damage.

While the Bn was conducting search and rescue, C Coy assisted the LdSH with the evacuation of approximately 200 civilians who were camping when the floods struck, as well as providing mobility assistance for power companies to repair infrastructure.

Those who had their lives turned upside down by the flooding were happy to see the military providing assistance. Everyone in the Bn received at least one “thank you” or “great work” from civilians who were ecstatic to see the Army respond in a time of need. In Canmore, soldiers were even rewarded for their hard work by an authentic Calgary Stampede breakfast!

As the days went by, more and more of the town was cleared. The exception was the northeast portion, which remained under 3-4m of water almost a week after the flooding had subsided. At this point the Province’s request for aid was fulfilled and redeployment began. The Bn, less the vehicle crews, began to leave on June 25th, with the road move occurring the next morning. As the convoy passed through Calgary, every vehicle which overtook the convoy showed their appreciation for our efforts.

In the end, Op Lentus was an outstanding success! With little warning the Bn deployed in support of the Province, and assisted Canadians in a time of need.



A typical scene in High River





FIRST BATTALION

Men's Christmas Dinner

Lieutenant W.S.J. Sim, 5 Pl Comd Photos by WO K.M. Heselton



On 12 December 2013, soldiers from 1 PPCLI gathered at the G.G. Brown Building to mark an end of another successful year with the Annual Men's Christmas Dinner. This year, the senior NCOs and officers demonstrated their appreciation of the troops and their hard work in support of the High Readiness training for TF 1-13, Op LENTUS, and various individual tasks that required the Bn's support by serving a special turkey dinner.

As per tradition, the Bn invited a number of distinguished guests to join the festivities and share the warmth of the Christmas season. The head table included the CO, LCol N.J.E. Grimshaw, the RSM, CWO R.F. Keins, the Brigade Padre, Maj S.J. Defer, the youngest private, Pte C.L. Lisowski, and the oldest corporal, Cpl C.P. Venasse.

The chain of command took the opportunity before the CO's address to recognize specific individuals for their outstanding performance over the past year. The Proficiency Awards for the top performers at each rank were presented to Pte M.A. Stapleford, Cpl D.K. Kirkness, Cpl C.P. Armstrong (Top Trades NCM), Sgt W. Henry, and Lt W.S.J. Sim.

In addition, several well-deserving members were promoted to the ranks ranging from MCpl to Capt. Others received a certificate for their top

placement during this year's PCF cycles.

Following the honours and awards, the head table commenced with the traditional exchange of tunics and Christmas Messages from the Colonel-in-Chief, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and the Colonel of the Regiment, LGen (Ret'd) R.R. Crabbe. Dinner was served following Grace and the Toast to the Fallen. This year's meal was prepared by the Bn Cooks under the supervision of the Kitchen Officer, WO S. Giroux.

Following the 'new' CO's remarks, the dinner was concluded with the 1 PPCLI Drum Line's extraordinary performance under dimmed lights. Overall, 1 PPCLI Men's Christmas Dinner 2013 was a success and it was an excellent way to end the year.



Maj McMichael, with blue gloves, prepares to feed the troops

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SECOND BATTALION



On the eve of the 100th anniversary of our Regiment, the Second Battalion has found itself actively engaged along many lines of operation. Firstly, throughout the year the Second Battalion had the privilege of supporting Canada's last deployment to Afghanistan on Op ATTENTION, mounting, training and deploying 223 soldiers and over 500 individual augmentees from across the CAF. From the mounting of the Task Force, beginning in January 2013, to the beginning waves of soldiers redeploying, the Battalion has continued to support Canada's missions in true "Second to None" spirit. In doing this the Battalion conducted numerous courses and three exercises (Ex KAPYONG FLURRY, EX SHONA BA SHONA 1 & 2) in direct support of Task Force training.

2 PPCLI has also been busy on its second line of operations: Preparation for the 100th Anniversary. As the organizing unit for both the Memorial Baton Relay (MBR) and the Frezenberg commemorations (FC) the Battalion leadership has kept extremely busy. This year also saw several large ceremonial celebrations to include the regular Kapyong Day parade, the 20th Anniversary of Medak parade and the Change of Command parade in which LCol Michael Wright handed over command of the Battalion to LCol Bob Ritchie.

Finally this fall 2 PPCLI deployed to the field for Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR which saw the soldiers actively engaged in numerous ranges to include live-fire platoon attack and defensive ranges. A highlight of this exercise saw the Chief of the Defence Staff visit the Battalion in the field to witness a company attack and to talk to the soldiers. The Second Battalion finished off the year with the normal rounds of Christmas cheer and is well posed to receive the final soldiers' home from Op ATTENTION and to celebrate the centennial in true Second Battalion style.

"Second to None"

A Company

A Coy, had an exciting and busy year, executing several exercises and supporting the training of the last rotation of Op ATTENTION. Meeting the challenges of implementing new weapons systems into training, and the significant changes to leadership within the company, A Coy has once again demonstrated outstanding dedication and ingenuity in meeting our assigned missions.

Beginning in February, A Coy took on Ex KAPYONG FLURRY in the arduously cold Shilo training area. Ranges included the PWT 1-4 on the service rifle, and the new 9mm quick reaction draw, which enabled shooters to develop at close proximity, quick reaction to possible threats. Training culminated with a pairs-range where soldiers practiced urban operations skills under the expert tutelage of A Coy's own Sgt Patterson.

Quickly transitioning into Ex SHONA BA SHONA 1&2 in the spring, A Coy continued to build individual and collective soldier skills for deployment to Afghanistan. This exercise utilized a level 2 and 3 convoy ranges to validate the deploying force, confirming their ability to negotiate Afghan National Police (ANP) check points, reaction to Suicide Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Devices (SVBIED) and casualties. They also fought through a live counter ambush range, reacting to an IED and battlefield inoculation.

Following a well deserved summer leave, the first, Automatic Grenade Launcher System (AGLS) course was conducted by A Coy, qualifying several NCOs to operate and train others on this lethal new weapon system. Evidence of this success was evident in October during Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR, when the system was deployed with the firebase on section and platoon live-fire ranges. This exercise consisted of mechanized and dismounted manoeuvre, allowing sections and platoons the opportunity to hone their skills under quite challenging conditions.

During the year, A Coy welcomed several new recruits from DP1 Infantry into 2 PPCLI. In addition to the much needed boost to the soldiers of the company, A Coy also welcomed Maj Robert Barker as the new Officer Commanding, having assumed command from Maj Steve Davies, as well as MWO Daniel Bouchie as the new Company Sergeant Major having assumed the appointment from MWO Michael Jackson. The final change in the company headquarters came when Capt Neil Fancey assumed the role of the 2IC from Capt Ben Wong. Platoon leadership consisted of Lt Jesse Kettles with WO Scott McFarlane 1 Pl, Lt Chris Tymchuk with WO Aaron Bowes 2 Pl, and Lt Brandon Edge with WO Zachary Norman 3 Pl.



Soldiers of QRF Pl assist ANP soldiers following a SVBIED strike on their checkpoint



The AGLS engages from the firebase as the assault sweep through the objective



SECOND BATTALION

C Company



C Coy Soldiers of TMT-2

Soldiers from 2 PPCLI filled the majority of mentoring positions in the Training Mentor Team 2 (TMT-2) with the Consolidated Fielding Centre (CFC), NATO Training Mission Afghanistan (NTM-A), Roto 3. As part of the last Canadian mission in Afghanistan, the Patricia's were excellent mentors.



Mentor of TMT-2 in action

The primary task performed was developing Afghan National Army (ANA) training teams, who in turn were responsible for training and fielding ANA Kandaks (battalions). The main effort of TMT 2 revolved around the training the ANA's 6th Mobile Strike Force (6 MSF), a mechanized infantry battalion comprised of the best trained soldiers in the ANA.

Throughout the tour, the Patricia's achieved mission success, validating upwards of 1000 Afghan soldiers, ensuring they had the right equipment and training to get the job done. 6 MSF and other units validated by TMT 2 have now moved on to conducting operations throughout Afghanistan so as to further stabilize the nation.



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SECOND BATTALION

Headquarters Company

HQ Coy, a temporary amalgamation of Administration Coy and Combat Support Coy, was stood up in early spring this year in support of Task Force 2-13's deployment. One of the new Coy's first tasks was to assist in the training of a large number of augmentees from across Canada in Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) and Mission Specific Training. HQ Coy participated in exercises KAPYONG FLURRY and SHONA BA SHONA 1 & 2, where Task Force 2-13 personnel completed personal weapons training, and several iterations of simulated convoy escort in an urban setting.



Commander 1 CMBG, Col Anderson inspects HQ Coy at the Change of Command Parade.

other Battle of Medak veterans who were formally recognized for their sacrifices as well as extraordinary achievements. At the post parade reception, HQ Coy's Kitchen Officer, WO Donald Matheson, prepared an excellent assortment of foods and beverages while Cpl Brittany Laramie of the Operations and Training Cell produced a true work of art – a cake decorated with a commemoration of the United Nations Mission to the Balkans. Not to be outdone, MWO Doug Pettie's Maintenance Platoon produced an excellent reproduction of a United Nations ILTIS and M-113 for the event, while still managing to significantly lower the Battalion's Vehicle Off Road (VOR) rate.



Maintenance Platoon's restored United Nations ILTIS

The June deployment for Task Force 2-13 was preceded by a well-attended Change of Command Parade which welcomed LCol Bob Ritchie, the Battalion's new CO. This parade also welcomed the return of Admin Coy's OC, Maj Lonnie Campbell, missing in action for the past year while on second language training. Also returning to Second Battalion after a long hiatus was MWO Shane Pollock, now serving as the Company Sergeant-Major. Following the Change of Command Parade, HQ Coy began the planning and execution of the Fall Primary Combat Function (PCF) Training Cycle, which saw Transport Platoon run several driver wheel courses and Signals Platoon execute a much needed Crew Commander's Course.

In September, with PCF courses in full swing, HQ Coy had the privilege of participating in the 20th Anniversary of the Battle of Medak Parade. The Coy proudly saluted Colonel (Ret'd) Jim Calvin and

October of this year also saw HQ Coy participate in Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR in support of A Coy, deploying the Sniper Group, Transport, Maintenance, Quartermaster and Signals platoons. Some of the Battalion's clerks also deployed on the exercise, lured from their warm offices by the prospect of observing and participating in excellent training. The Battalion deployed to Hunt Tower in mid-October, and HQ Coy built an austere Bivouac that would sustain the Battalion for the next month.

At the start of the exercise, HQ Coy ran the gateway C7 and Grenade Ranges for A Coy, and then completed their own IBTS training which culminated with pairs field firing, with grenades. This dynamic and aggressive training was much appreciated by our non-combat arms personnel including the cooks, maintainers, and clerks. The Sniper Cell also completed an afternoon of All Arms Call for Fire, supported by the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA). The remainder of the exercise saw HQ Coy building and running the Level 3 live-fire hasty attack range and the spectacular Level 3 live defensive range,

also supported by the 1st Regiment, RCHA. On the final day of the exercise, HQ Coy coordinated A Coy's training at the CFB Shilo urban operation site.



HQ Coy prepares to score a touchdown during the French Grey Cup.



The 2 PPCLI Bivouac Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR

Ex KAPYONG

WARRIOR was visited by members of the Korean Veterans Association, the Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Crabbe, and the Commander of 1 CMBG, Col David Anderson. The CDS, General Tom Lawson, and CAF Chief Warrant Officer, Kevin West, also visited Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR and observed A Coy's urban training and held a 'town hall' with 2 PPCLI soldiers.

HQ Coy remained highly active in November, taking the lead in planning and supporting Ex CEREBRAL RAM in Edmonton, a table top and computer assisted training exercise for 1 CMBG HQ. At this time HQ Coy welcomed home the first two waves of personnel from Task Force 2-13, permitting the eventual reconstitution of Cbt Sp Coy, and the reversion of HQ Coy to Admin Coy.



Mr Peter Ewasiuk (left foreground), President of the Korean Veteran's Association and Mr Tom Cathro (right foreground), an association member, visit the Ex KAPYONG WARRIOR UMS



CONGRATULATIONS



THIRD BATTALION

A Company

Early 2013, A Coy along with the 3 PPCLI leadership laid the planning foundation for Ex PROMETHEAN RAM. This exercise was a Battle Group (BG) live-fire training event at CFB Wainwright, in which the 3rd Bn would be the architect of a complex tactical problem for 1 PPCLI (the primary training audience – PTA). The scenario set out for 1 PPCLI was a huge undertaking involving well over 100 movement boxes, allowing complete flexibility for the PTA commanders, while presenting challenging tactical problems. A and B Coys were employed as safety staff, providing enough pers for a coy of mechanized infantry. Working long hours throughout the icy, cold March and early April of Wainwright, 1 PPCLI completed three BG attacks, with a series of combat team attacks, many involving complex obstacle plans. The dedication and professionalism of the 3 PPCLI

safety and support staff coupled with the excellent work from 1 CER, the LdSH, 408 Sqn and other supporting arms, directly contributed to the success of the exercise.

Ex MAPLE RESOLVE followed in April and May. It was similar to Ex PROMETHEAN RAM in scope and magnitude, but used the Weapons Effects System (WES) to for force-on-force training for 1 PPCLI. Working closely with Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center (CMTC), 3 PPCLI worked as Observer Controller Trainers (OCTs). OCTs provided an unbiased view, while controlling the battlefield events, and often used effects to simulate artillery and chemical attacks. The A Coy leadership then followed behind A Combat Team from 1 PPCLI through a number of well prepared defensive positions prepared by the enemy force: the Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD) and 3 Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR).

A Force-on-Force, fee-play scenario made for much more realistic interactions between opposing forces as the enemy acted and reacted based on 1VP's actions.

June brought severe flooding in Southern Alberta and as a result, A Coy deployed to assist as part of Op LENTUS. Initially sent to Canmore, A Coy helped the local authorities by controlling damaged roadways and patrolling evacuated areas. As the water surged East, A Coy followed and deployed to Medicine Hat to link up with the remainder of the Bn. They arrived before the water crested and worked with the city authorities and Combat Engineers to build a dyke in downtown Medicine Hat. A Coy's efforts were successful and the downtown core was spared from flooding.

Following summer leave, A Coy returned to its roots as 3 PPCLI's Mountain Company, sending a number of soldiers on Mountain Operations courses. These qualifications were the coy's first priority in order to prepare for Ex SPARTAN SEMPER FI in August. Some went down to Bridgeport, California to attend the Assault Climber, Mountain Leader, Animal Packer or Mountain Comms courses. Others went to Calgary



A Coy Receiving safety instruction from the MWTC Mountain Leaders prior to practicing top rope climbing during the Basic Mobility Phase



MCpl Mount leading his 4-man det as part of 1 Pl during A Coy's movement



Highline crossing across a 120 foot gorge. Installations were supervised by the USMC Mountain Leaders

and Nordegg to take the Advanced Mountain Operations (AMO) and Basic Mountain Operations (BMO) courses. These courses were all aimed at building A Coy's expertise and competence with regards to working in a mountainous environment.

Ex SPARTAN SEMPER FI was conducted at the USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) in Bridgeport, California. It consisted of 3 phases: a 12-day basic mobility, a 6-day FTX, and 5 days of off-site training. The 4-week exercise was fully tactical and focused on movement and operating in mountainous terrain, while remaining self sustaining at the coy level.

Being resupplied by mule train and procuring water from natural sources presented many challenges throughout the FTX. But in the end, A Coy was successful in doing both. There were many lessons learned throughout the exercise. A Coy proved themselves as a highly versatile Mountain Company by inserting two Companies of US Marines via cliff assault, securing numerous landing zones and by conducting several platoon and company raids. After the successful completion of the FTX, A Coy took advantage of their location and conducted off-site training. Focused on improving A Coy effectiveness within the mountains, they conducted a BMO style course for those who were not qualified. Several days of rock climbing in the South Lake Tahoe area and a multi-day expedition prepared a contingent of A Coy to climb Mount Hamilton Gault in the fall of 2014 for the PPCLI 100th anniversary.

Looking forward, A Coy hopes to maintain the excellent relationship that was formed with the USMCMWTC and conduct other exercises in Bridgeport. In February, A Coy will be heading to the arctic with the rest of the Bn to conduct Ex ARTIC RAM and looks forward to all the challenges that 2014 will hold.



A Coy company photo during Ex SPARTAN SEMPER FI.



THIRD BATTALION

B Company

As the year draws to a close, Bravo Company (Para), 3 PPCLI can certainly look back with a strong sense of accomplishment at all that has been achieved over the past year.

Following months of low-level training, including several jumps from CH-146 Griffons, Para Company headed to Wainwright to build ranges for Ex PROMETHEAN RAM. This exercise, was a gateway requirement for the 1 PPCLI Battle Group (TF 1-13), and required the construction of numerous complex ranges to ensure the First Battalion's soldiers would be ready for a deployment overseas. Once the ranges were built, sandbags and wire obstacles emplaced, B Coy proved several of the newly-built ranges. As such, the soldiers traded their parachutes for LAV IIIs and familiarized themselves with the principles of mechanized attacks.



Bravo Company boarding a CC-130J Hercules for a jump into Wainwright

Shortly after, Para Coy withdrew from Wainwright for a week to enjoy their annual Spring Break and some much needed R&R. Upon return, the Company's soldiers were tasked out as safety staff for the Bde's live-fire exercise, closing off routes and otherwise providing support. For many soldiers, the highlight of Ex PROMETHEAN RAM was the CC-130J jump back into DZ BUXTON in CFB Edmonton at the end of the exercise.

In May, following several weeks of assisting TF 2-13 run through convoy drills, B Coy returned to the field to participate in Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. Under the direction of Maj Torry White, and with the assistance of the Colombian Air Force, the 3 PPCLI Parachute Company Group jumped into DZ RIFLE RIDGE in CFB Wainwright. They carried out a successful ambush, and exfiltrated with the help of the United States Air Force. Working closely alongside a German Pathfinder Platoon, the mission was a great success.

Throughout June Para Company was busy, fulfilling annual tasks such as Ex COELIS, the hike to Siffleur Falls, and the Airborne Reunion. For this event, the Company was joined by a large number of Canadian paratroopers who braved the high winds to jump from Griffons onto DZ Buxton in front of a crowd of veterans, family and friends.

Several weeks later, Para Coy moved to CFB Cold Lake to for Ex MAPLE FLAG where the paratroopers conducted a number of challenging parachute descents, including a low-altitude jump (at 850ft) and an intentional water landing into DZ KRAKEN. In addition, several soldiers were fortunate to jump with a contingent of Belgian Paratroopers, thus earning their Belgian jump wings.

With one day remaining in Ex Maple Flag, Para Coy was called back to Edmonton for Op LENTUS, the domestic operation for the flooding in Southern Alberta. From 22 – 25



Bravo Company exiting a CC-130J Hercules via 'Double-Door Smash'

June, the Company was deployed to Medicine Hat, Alberta to assist in flood relief efforts alongside city workers and a small army of volunteers. As a result of their hard work, the men were successful in preventing much of the city from becoming engulfed by the rising floodwaters. For their excellent work, several members were recognized by the Commander of 1 CMBG for their contributions to the operation. Following a week of training, that introduced a large number of new paratroopers into the Company, Para Company conducted Ex PEGASUS



The incoming and outgoing OCs (Maj James Thamer and Maj Torry White) patrolling during Ex MAPLE FLAG

INTRUDER on the night of 22 August. Following a helicopter parachute insertion, the soldiers conducted section-level raids with Simunition on multiple targets in the CFB Edmonton training area. This served as an outstanding patrolling refresher, as well as an opportunity to give the new troops additional soldiering experience.

Taking advantage of the last of the 'summer' weather, Para Company deployed to Wainwright for Ex PEGASUS RAIDER at the end of September. This was an excellent opportunity to work as a 'company group' with enablers such as Recce Pl, engineers, and medics. Following a particularly rough landing into DZ RIFLE RIDGE, Para Company conducted simultaneous platoon raids; an aerial resupply; and a company raid. This was the final Coy Ex of the year, and it concluded fittingly with a group of tired, wet paratroopers jumping back into DZ BUXTON.

Finally, we cannot forget Para Company's athletic achievements this year. The soldiers dominated Battalion football at the annual French Grey Cup in February and September, and won the inter-battalion soccer competition in September. As usual, the Company had several members perform strongly in Ex MOUNTAIN MAN. Additionally, Para Company's own Cpl Andrew Tardiff was named the Canadian Armed Forces Male Athlete of the Year in recognition of his exceptional contributions to both CAF soccer and grassroots soccer organizations.



Cpl Appleby performs his DZ Drills on DZ BUXTON



THIRD BATTALION

C Company

The past year has been tumultuous for the company. An inauspicious start, C Coy closed its doors in January to strengthen A and B Companies as the Battalion bid farewell to many of the soldiers. Former C Coy soldiers acquitted themselves quite well as the Battalion supported the Brigade's training in the spring and many NCOs deployed with A Company to Bridgeport, California for a USMC mountain warfare exercise.

Fortunately, the cessation of operations was short and in July 3 PPCLI commenced cross-posting personnel back into C Coy. Starting with a trickle of key staff, the company's ranks quickly swelled with the arrival of new soldiers from LFWA TC in Wainwright and Shilo. With the Company stand-up scheduled for late September, there was plenty of work to be done. It was going to take a lot of hard work, but was attainable. From the Battle of Frezenberg to our commitment in Afghanistan, Patricia's have time and again done what is necessary to accomplish the mission. Throughout our Regiment's history, we have demonstrated considerable determination, durability, work-ethic and teamwork. As the recently graduated privates returned to Battalion from their summer leave, these traits became evident as they began to develop within the Company. Under the guidance of CQMS WO Jeremy Abrahamse, the soldiers put in long hours preparing their equipment for future operations. During this time, the new soldiers began to familiarize themselves with the Battalion and recognized the work needed to build a company.

Through morning PT and day-to-day interactions, soldiers in C Company began to get to know



C Coy soldiers and NCOs working hard to hone their skills on the range

each other. Company sports brought tough competition, but it allowed the soldiers to develop into a cohesive team. Whether it was a rough game of "touch" football or soccer, the Company began to band together as a group and developed bonds that would carry over into training. These interactions allowed the Company to learn to maximize its strengths as a group. Though these lessons were learned in a sports setting, they were highly transferrable within a professional setting. C Company looks forward to testing this in the months to come.

October began at full speed with soldiers from A and C Companies conducting a three day range exercise.

The first two days began with PWT 1 to 3 ranges for the C7 and C9. Also included was a night range with MNVGs and PAQ-4s. This gave the new soldiers an introduction to the full spectrum of the personal night fighting equipment. The final day consisted of advanced firing techniques led by WO Tom Harvey and Sgt Eric Hennie. These techniques gave soldiers the skills that will be needed on future exercises. Finally, the week ended on a high note with beer, burgers, and discussions of the Company's bright future. The future is looking very promising for C Company.

The Company participated in Ex SPARTAN FORGE, a 12-day gun camp/patrolling exercise at CFB Dundurn, SK. This exercise allowed the Company to further develop as a team and to prove ourselves as an integral part of the Bn. Continued development of basic infantry skills; shooting, moving, communicating, and

medicating built the Company's reputation within the Bn. By focusing on these skills and integrating them as part of our Company's core competencies, we will ensure that our soldiers have the capabilities to complete any mission.

C Company has much to look forward. Its future looks as promising as those of the new soldiers within its ranks. Future exercises will include Ex ARCTIC RAM in February 2014 in Kugaaruk, NU, which will focus on Platoon ranges and dismounted, arctic capabilities. This exercise will give our soldiers a first-hand experience at surviving and operating in one of Canada's harshest climates. C Company will be tasked as the Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) Vanguard Company for the Battalion in the winter and will further develop its capability in this area with future exercises. Though there are many future tasks/exercises for the Company to undertake, one can guarantee that we will rise to the occasion and perform to the same standard as soldiers past who served the Regiment.



Cpl Goodwill pushing hard at morning PT with the Prowler



C Coy soldiers enjoying the Coy Stand-Up Smoker



THIRD BATTALION

Recce Platoon

SUMMER SURVIVAL CHALLENGE 2013

Captain K.A. Davis, Quartermaster

Four days and three nights in the Czech Republic normally involves hotels, guided bus tours, and pub crawls. The experience this summer, however, was something wildly different for a crew of soldiers that spent their days and nights trudging the Moravian countryside and sleeping under the stars.

Each summer for nearly a decade, the Military Command Training Academy of the Czech Armed Forces has hosted an international outdoor championship titled the “Summer Survival Challenge.” This year, Canadian Army Competitions decided it was finally time to size up the Czechs and accepted the invite.

Representing Canada for the first time was a team of three competitors and two support staff from the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Competitors were selected that were extremely fit and possessed extensive training in areas of navigation, field-craft and mountaineering. Prior to the competition, the team engaged in two weeks of intense refresher training to brush-up on their skills and to meld as a cohesive unit before stepping off for Europe. In the end, however, it would be their ability to adapt and improvise on the fly that would enable them to overcome the various mental and physical challenges imposed throughout the event. Running 29 September through 3 October 2013, the competition consisted of navigation by day and night (with crude maps and aerial photos) through the hillsides and rural villages to find waypoints, punctuated by undisclosed, timed challenges that tested the physicality, teamwork, and mental agility of the competitors. Teams were unassisted throughout, adding an element of survival as teams raced through the challenge with only the supplies and equipment they could carry, breaking only for brief periods to rest.

To give you a more complete picture, here was the breakdown of individual disciplines:

Sewer crawl: Teams raced for time to leopard-crawl through a narrow, 50-meter-long sewer tunnel, followed by a rope-ladder climb, zip-line and plunge into water, combat swim, and rope-net crawl.



Obstacle Course: Teams located and overcame a conventional military obstacle course.

Tethered Log Carry: Teams sprinted with a weighted log, loosely tethered to a guidewire, through a forest course, over, under, and around obstacles for time.

Biathlon: Teams raced through the tree-line with a pellet rifle and handful of pellets to complete various shooting stands, involving inclined shooting and shooting from a canoe.

High Ropes Course: Teams muscled through a suspended obstacle course of beams, ropelines, swings and cam nets, without harnesses and without touching ground.

Gang-Plank: Putting physics to the test, teams balanced a 12-foot beam over the edge of a precipice, counterbalancing with their own weight while one team member braved the plank to reach and tag a suspended object.



Outlook Tower: Teams raced up an eight-storey radio tower, attached to a guideline and fast-rappelled to the ground before sprinted back to the start line for time.

Assault Boat: Teams traversed a single rope line overhanging a lake, dropped into an assault boat, and hand-paddled across a small lake, for time and without fully entering the water.

Tarzan Jump: Team members raced in sequence up a series of tree-ladders to a platform towering high in the tree canopy. On the count of three, competitors swan-dived into an epic freefall, rescued by a belay line on their journey back to Earth.



Capturing Baldovec Fortress: 50 feet of vertical climb up a series of spaced logs, requiring all hands on deck to muscle the team up to the top of the wooden tower before zip lining, grenade tossing, and rappelling back to the ground.

Crate Column: Teams constructed and braced a tower of stacked milk crates to allow one agile member to grasp and ascend a rope dangling at 20 feet.



Finishing in 8th position of the 13 teams, the 3 PPCLI competitors contended extremely well for a first run-in with this unique and challenging event. Although the team left the competition hungry for a second chance at certain disciplines, their effort to push through the competition amongst highly practiced rivals was, in itself, nothing short of outstanding. While the future of Canadian participation in the event is unclear, this year's experience has produced some valuable lessons learned for any subsequent competitors that are fortunate enough to participate. Moreover, the challenge is now posed back to Canadian Army Competitions: could a similar survival and adventure training competition be hosted by Canada?



For more info on the competition, visit the Military Command Training Academy website at: <http://survival.vavyskov.cz/en/>



THIRD BATTALION

Combat Support Company

Combat Support Company has continued to fulfill its main role of enabling the Battalion to achieve its operational and training goals. Over the past year all three of the company's platoons have been spread across 3rd Cdn Div and the Canadian Army supporting training and building competencies.

Throughout the winter and spring months the coy supported a myriad of Battalion and Brigade training events to include: Ex PROMETHIAN RAM, a live-fire exercise focussed on the 1 PPCLI Battle Group, Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, a dry-fire event at the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) and Ex MAPLE FLAG, which saw Coy freefall jumpers train with members of the Brazilian armed forces.

In an effort to build light infantry capabilities within 1 CMBG the company conducted a number of specialised courses. Two iterations of the Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman course were run in January and October. These courses saw candidates operate in a joint environment with support from the RCAF and RCN. These were challenging courses given the inherent intricacies involved with planning joint operations. In the end, the training for candidates and staff was considerable given our limited opportunity to work with the other elements of the CAF. Cbt Sp Coy also took the lead in staffing a Basic Sniper Course at Canadian Forces Detachment (CFD) Dundurn on behalf of the 3rd Cdn Div Training Centre from July to September. This course increased the number of sniper qualified soldiers available to 1 CMBG, and created a more robust capacity within 3 PPCLI.



Basic Sniper 0057 Graduates – Cpl T. Knox, Cpl R. Norseworthy, Cpl J. Soucie, Cpl M. Kuehn (Top Candidate), Cpl M. Savard, Cpl M. Marcotte, Cpl D. Gilbert (1VP) and Cpl T. Guylas (1VP).
Instructors (from L-R) – MCpl V. Valcic, MCpl B. Prince, MCpl C. Koostra, Cpl A. Whitehouse, Sgt J. Tuepah, MCpl A. Jones and Sgt R. Covelli.

September saw the Bn field a team of four personnel to take part in the Special Physical Multicontest “Summer Survival 2013”, a military skills competition hosted by the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic. Cbt Sp provided two soldiers from Recce Platoon for this international event. The soldiers performed well over the four day contest, and were excellent representatives of the Battalion and the Regiment.

September also produced a top shelf international result for the Battalion's Sniper Platoon members at the Canadian International Sniper Concentration. 3 PPCLI snipers placed first overall in this multinational event, which included participation from some of our allies' preeminent fighting forces.

In October, the Coy deployed on Ex SPARTAN FORGE, with the Bn to for gateway training at CFD Dundurn. While on this short gun camp, the Coy was responsible for the conduct of Ex SPARTAN HOPLON, a 24 hour patrol competition that served as the selecting event for the Bn's entrance into the Canadian Patrol Concentration 2013.

The latter months of 2013 saw further preparations for deployment on Ex ARCTIC RAM in February 2014, a testing ground for the Bn's response capability in the far North. This exercise will challenge the Coy's ability to provide communications and relay timely information while operating near Kugaaruk, Nunavut on the shores of Pelly Bay.

As the role of light infantry in a mechanised army continues to be debated and tailored, Cbt Sp Coy has continued to adapt and provide viable instruments for the CAF to utilise and employ. The envelope will continue to be pushed by the Coy in developing our command, control and collection capabilities within a light infantry force.

In support of rifle company exercises, all three platoons deployed detachment and section sized elements at various times: A Coy mountain operation training on Ex SEMPER FI in Bridgeport California and B Coy airborne operations training on Ex PEGAGSUS INTRUDER and Ex PEGAGUS RAIDER. A number of smaller low level exercises further refined our own skills and developed the inter-operability between rifle companies and the combat enablers from within Cbt Sp. Maintaining the coy's internal ability to support these training tasks required our members to enhance their own aptitudes and expand on baselines. In an effort to produce a flexible and deployable light infantry, we saw soldiers take part in and receive an array of qualifications including: Military Freefall Parachutist, Patrol Pathfinder, Static Line Square Parachutist, Advanced Mountain Operations, Patrolling Advanced, and Helicopter Insertion Instructor.

Op LENTUS in June 2013, saw the Coy deploy to southern Alberta as part of flood relief efforts to affected communities throughout that region of the province. The company was primarily assigned tasks in and around Medicine Hat and took great pride in assisting the people of that region during this emergency.

Administration Company

The Administration Company (Admin Coy) machine at the 3rd Battalion this year was firing on all cylinders. The main events were the brigade winter exercise in Wainwright, Ex PROMETHIAN RAM, deploying on a domestic response to the Alberta floods on Op LENTUS and deploying on the fall battalion exercise to Dundurn, Ex SPARTAN FORGE. However, as we all know, these events were just another day in the marathon of work conducted by the battalion's combat service support company.

This year Admin Coy was led by Maj Dennis "Moose" Maringer and MWO Billy Bolen, Coy 2IC Captain Doug Russell and CQMS WO Brett Perry. Within Admin Coy was Logistics, Transport, and Maintenance Platoon (Pl).

Logistics Pl's provision of heat and warm food were well received on the brigade winter exercise, Ex PROMETHIAN RAM. Shortly after they supported the brigade's response to the Alberta Floods when they deployed to Medicine Hat. Acquiring needed supplies to minimize damage in the city, Logistics Pl coordinated with CFB Suffield and the local municipality to effectively sustain the prolonged and difficult operation.

In between Logistics Pl supporting the numerous coy exercises and training, the platoon made time for some personal achievements of its own. Sgt Penard, the senior rigger, finished 4th in the brigade MOUNTAIN MAN competition and first place for the 3rd battalion competition. The annual "Black Box" cooking competition saw the cooks come second in the military skills portion and won the unofficial People's Choice award for tastiest food.



ETQMS, MWO Shawn Hughes, told to "stay in bed today" by the platoon during Ex PROMETHIAN RAM.

Transport Pl was pulled between, sentry duties, range staff, camp resupply and general transport duties during the brigade winter exercise. Also called out to the Alberta floods in Medicine Hat, Transport Pl transported empty sandbags, filled the sandbags and then moved them to the power plant; a true testament to the platoon's dedication to getting the job done.

Transport Pl supported A Coy in Bridgeport California and learned valuable skills transporting supplies internationally. Whether it is running ranges and navigation courses for company training or deploying the battalion to Dundurn, Transport Pl's varied skills and can-do attitude has been well utilized throughout the year.

The sub 40 degrees Celsius weather made it difficult for much of the equipment to function during the brigade winter exercise, but it didn't stop Maintenance Pl's hard work in getting it fixed. Heaters were repaired around the clock, kitchen trailers and stoves were maintained, the shower's water and gas fittings were fixed and most of the camp was electrically wired by the pl. This doesn't include fixing weapons and vehicles that also tend to not work well in such extreme temperatures.

During the floods, Maintenance deployed to Calgary, Medicine Hat and Suffield. The Pl's attitude of "adapt and overcome" was fitting as they fixed any vehicle or piece of equipment required, including 1 Field Ambulance's priority vehicle, earning the Pl a well deserved unit commendation. In the fall, Maintenance Pl also sent two teams to the annual repair and recovery competition. The platoon's teams placed 1st in vehicle repair and 2nd in ancillary repair.

Finally, on 19 April, the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering trade regain its Royal designation changing the trade name to Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME).

In a dynamic and operationally busy battalion, Admin Coy must be capable of getting the job done correctly and efficiently. It is safe to say the Coy accomplished this mandate over the past year and will continue to strive for excellence in the year to come while supporting 3 PPCLI.



Sgt Sebastien Pinard, senior rigger, competing in Mountain Man 2013.



THIRD BATTALION

Men's Christmas Dinner

Lieutenant D.B. Boyes, 8 Pl Comd, C Coy

With 2013 commemorating the Year of the Korean War Veteran and the centennial anniversary of the PPCLI around the corner, it seemed only appropriate that this year's Men's Christmas Dinner would reflect these significant times. Determined to revitalize our regimental traditions, CSM Billy Bolen was resolute to embrace the rich history of the Regiment as well as honour the Patricias who served in the Korean War.

MWO Bolen designed this year's Men's Christmas Dinner as a nostalgic throwback to our past. Dress of the day was combats with all ranks dining with KFS and drinking moose milk from their canteen cups. As a throwback to British tradition that transitioned into the Canadian ranks, officers served the troops their dinner and all ranks sat down to dine together. Korean War veterans, L/Cpl (Ret'd) Bill Lee and Pte (Ret'd) Claude Petit were in attendance as guests of honour.

The venue was thoroughly decorated to represent wartime Christmases in austere field



Head Table: L/Cpl Bill Lee - 2nd BN Kapyong Veteran and members of the PPCLI Branch Edmonton Assn.
Pte Durnford - Youngest PTE/RSM
Pte Claude Petit - 3rd BN Korean (who was underage at the time) and members of the PPCLI Branch Edmonton Assn.

conditions. This field "mess", orchestrated within the confines of the maintenance bay, was constructed of cam netting with machine gun nests setup to ensure security. On each table rested a series of elaborate centrepieces commemorating each of the Regiment's battle honours and a chronological collage depicting the development of the Regiment - from its initial founding in 1914 through to its achievements in Afghanistan - lined the cam net tent. The traditional role reversal and tunic exchange between the youngest serving soldier and the CO was made further resonant through the use of PPCLI tunics from the Korean era.

The 2013 Men's Christmas Dinner was a fitting conclusion to the Year of the Korean War Veteran and start of the ceremonies to commemorate PPCLI's 100th Anniversary. The event provided a rare opportunity to connect serving Patricia's with those who fought before them and reflect on past accomplishments and future endeavors. These festivities bolstered the camaraderie of the battalion whilst helping younger members - officers included - to embrace their shared origin, development, achievements and collective history.



Head table layout

Other Guests In Attendance:

MWO (Ret'd) Marty Clavette

-Marty joined the CF in 1956 and spent 16 years with 2 PPCLI (1956 to 1972) and with the Airborne Regiment from 1969 to 1977.

-Marty was in Rivers, Manitoba Jump School from 1966 to 1970.

-Marty was with 1 Commando from 1969 to 1972 and he transferred to Van Doos in 1972.

-He was with the Airborne School from 1977 to 1988.

Capt (Ret'd) Bill Dickson

-Enlisted in the PPCLI in New Westminster, BC, in June 1957

-Was sent to Edmonton to become a member of the first Recruit Platoon to go into the new Hamilton Gault Barracks prior to the arrival of the 2nd Bn

-Completed his Basic Parachute course serial #339 in December 1960, at the Canadian Joint Air Training Centre at Rivers, Manitoba on C-119 Flying Boxcar aircraft.

-He was posted back to Edmonton in July 1973 to the Canadian Airborne Regiment until August 1977. Commissioning in later years, he terminated his career in Europe as a member of the Arms Control Verification Unit, having served a total of 20 years outside Canada.

Sgt (Ret'd) Fred Goldring

-Joined July 1958 Griesbach Barracks Frezenberg Recruit Platoon, posted to 2nd Bn

-Served 3 years with 2nd Bn in Edmonton

-Youngest military parachutist, 18, in Canada at the time of its operational roll.

-Posted 1st Bn Germany 63-66

-Posted 2nd Bn Edmonton/Germany 66 - 69

-Re-mustered RCSC in 1970. RC Sigs later became Communication and Electronics Branch of CF.

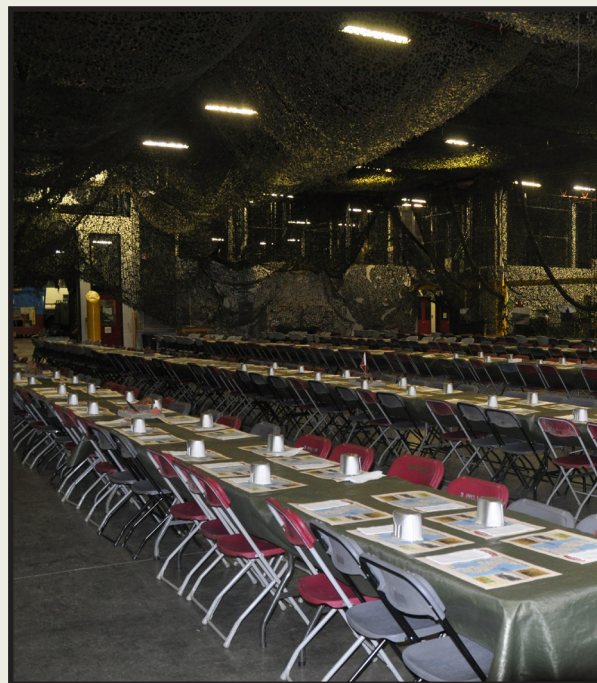
-Postings Edmonton, Kamloops, Petawawa, (Cyprus 76-77, Golan Heights 80-81) Toronto, (Kingston), St Johns Nfld

-Went RCAF 1985

-Retired in 1990 as a Sgt



Table Center Piece



Dinning Room



Mess entrance



THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

Battle of Ortona and Proclamations of Friendship

Captain R.R.J. Dumas, Adjt L EDMN R (4 PPCLI)

The 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Ortona and Proclamations of Friendship.

For Canadians, the Battle of Ortona in 1943 was the bloodiest battle of the Italian Campaign. The once picturesque ancient village off the Adriatic coast was reduced to rubble. Canadian and crack German paratroopers fought hard, in bitter, house-to-house fighting during harsh, wet and cold winter conditions. Booby-traps, land mines and snipers were a constant threat as every building gained, brought about a further cost in blood. By Christmas Day, there was no relief for the Loyal Edmontons. Soldiers were rotated back to the rear for a hot, traditional Christmas dinner. Sadly, some were shot down during their attempt.

The people of Ortona also suffered terribly. Most of the 10,000 inhabitants were gone with large numbers of able-bodied males having been used as slave labour by the Reich or fascist controlled Italy – remaining civilians fleeing to surrounding mountains and nearby railway tunnels. Those staying behind were in homes and public buildings, hiding in cellars, etc until the fighting died down.

After eight days of hard going and tough fighting, the Germans finally withdrew from Ortona. From 22-28 December 1943, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (L EDMN R) had 172 casualties, including 63 killed – the most of any unit fighting in the battle. 1,375 Canadians were killed in the fighting leading up to and around Ortona, almost a quarter of all Canadians killed in the Italian campaign. Ortona is one of the Battle Honours on the Regiment's Colours.

After several months of collaboration between The L EDMN R and the Cities of Edmonton and Ortona, the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Ortona would be marked at each locale, 6 December 2013. The City of Edmonton, The L EDMN R and a delegation representing Ortona, publicly celebrated the milestone anniversary at Edmonton City Hall by way of an official never-done-before Proclamation of Friendship between the Cities of Edmonton and



Photo by Mr G. Cree. Regimental drummers having already piled the drums, the Colour party readies to drape the colours, serving as a military alter.

Ortona, which included a Regimental Drum Head Service.

With National Anthems played, drums piled and colours layed, the service commenced. City Hall Chaplain, John Dowds led in prayer with speeches and presentations to follow. Oddly enough, it was appropriate that this solemn event was conducted in a very festive Christmas-decorated venue. It was at that time of year that the actual battle took place.

In attendance, there were a four Eddies veterans of the battle, amongst several other veterans and serving members. Each City and The L EDMN R received a flag and copy of the proclamation. The Regiment later presented its



Photo by Mr G. Cree. His worship, Mayor Don Iveson shakes hands with L EDMN R veterans of the Battle of Ortona, left to right – Maurice White and Sandy McLaren, MM.

gifts to the soldiers at the Soldier's Christmas Dinner on 14 December.

A similar event was held in Ortona, at Teatro Vittoria, built by the fascists in 1929. It was most appropriate given it was chosen during the war as a popular social club for allied troops and became known as The Red Patch Club; a reference to the First Canadian Division badge.

After the indoor ceremony, there was a procession to the Canadian "Price of Peace" Memorial within Piazza Plebiscito, dedicated to the city, in 1999. The central square had been turned into a critical killing ground at the height of the fighting. The monument depicts a soldier tending to a wounded comrade. Following Last Post at the "Price of Peace" Memorial, flowers were laid. Taking part in the flower laying was Francesca Lasorda, a 92 year old who eked out a living by doing laundry for soldiers having liberated Ortona. Never failing, she ensures fresh cut flowers adorn the monument.

Since the Second World War, many combat veterans and serving members of The L EDMN R have participated in pilgrimages to Ortona, often at personal expense and always most-welcomed by its citizenry. Typically, Italian Campaign Veterans' contributions have been largely overshadowed by Normandy and Vimy celebrations over the decades.

This year, the Mayors and City Councils of Ortona and Edmonton were proud to include the Regiment in participating with its 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Ortona Ceremony and by extension – exercising mutual Proclamations of Friendship between Edmonton and Ortona.

The Proclamations of Friendship acknowledged the emotional bonds and relationship between two cities at war and their common-to-all sacrifices during wartime, acknowledged the suffering experienced by Ortona's civilian population, have acknowledged and perpetuate our veterans' sacrifices and legacy - most meaningful to the surviving families who have endured the effects of related human losses or those having lived with surviving veterans adversely effected by the experience, as a prisoner of war or casualty.



On stage at Teatro Vittoria, Proclamations of Friendship are being exchanged with Ortona Mayor, Dr Vincenzo D'Ottavio at the microphone. Behind him to our right is Mr Marv Neumann, Chairman Edmonton Salutes, representing the City of Edmonton. Seated in the front row, representing The L EDMN R is Adjutant, Capt. R.R.J. Dumas and RSM, CWO B. Deegan



The "Price of Peace" Memorial, from left to right – Capt R.R.J.Dumas, Francesca Lasorda, CWO Deegan, Mayor D'Ottavio, Mr Neumann and his wife – Deb and the 'junior mayor' –part of a youth training program



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3rd Canadian Division Headquarters

2013 has marked another full and event filled year for the Patricia's supporting the Army of the West from the lofty heights of the 3rd Canadian Division (Cdn Div) Headquarters. Perhaps the most obvious event of the year was the re-emergence of the 3rd Cdn Div out of what was formerly Land Force Western Area. This change has seen a renewed emphasis on the history of the 3rd Cdn Div. During WWI the PPCLI fought under the 3rd Cdn Div flag so it was great to see the renewed interest in our shared history.

The year really started where we left off in 2012 with the HQ Patricia's playing a critical role in mounting two task forces: TF 1-13 and TF 2-13 and then deploying TF 2-13 to Afghanistan on Op ATTENTION. Right as the deployment of TF 2-13 really began the HQ became embroiled in the annual posting season, which saw a number of Patricia's gleefully heading back to 1 CMBG and the Battalions as well as a number of additional Patricia's posted in to replace them. The transition of the HQ staff did not however dissuade Mother Nature from her plans for Southern Alberta.

The flooding in Southern Alberta saw the Patricia's within the 3rd Cdn Div HQ put on their second hats as members of the Joint Task Force West HQ to provide the necessary command and control for Op LENTUS. Those Patricia's who spend their time in the Joint Operations Centre ensured that the provincial authorities were ably assisted by ensuring that the CAF efforts were well integrated and coordinated.

Concurrent to all the above activity there was a core of Patricia's who were instrumental in the planning and organizing of the annual reserve concentration Ex WESTERN DEFENDER. The level of planning and coordination conducted by these Patricia's in close cooperation with their Regimental brothers and sisters spread across the reserves ensured a successful set of exercises at the end of August.

With another year's end rapidly approaching, the Patricia's at the 3rd Cdn Div HQ continue to work dedicatedly at providing support to all the current and future operations, especially those concerning our 100th Anniversary.





ERE PATRICIAS



3rd Canadian Division Training Center

Alpha Company

2013 was another outstanding year for the Patricias of A Coy. There were several exciting changes to the leadership training curriculum taught at the 3 Cdn Div TC, including changes to the Primary Leadership Qualification Army (PLQ-A) and Infantry (PLQ-Inf) courses, as well as the addition of a new course, Development Period (DP) 2 Advanced Small Arms.

Concurrent to every PLQ-A at the training centre, there was a PLQ-Inf course running alongside it. A total of four PLQ-Inf courses were completed, with many Patricias completing this next important stage of their training and returning to their units to share their new-found knowledge and experience. I am proud to say that numerous Patricias were singled out this year for exceptional leadership on course, with the most recent being Cpl Phil Millar from 3 PPCLI who was not only the top candidate on PLQ-Inf 0016, but was also nominated by his peers to win the Corporal Corey Graham Award.

2013 has also come with a number of changes in appointments for the Patricias of A Coy. Before deploying to Sudan, Maj MacPherson handed over command of A Coy to Maj Nixon of 2 RCR. As well, the Coy 2IC, Capt Plowman deployed to Egypt. All of the Patricias in the company wish them well and hope for their safe return to Canada.

Once again, the Patricias of A Coy rose to the challenge of a very busy training year and have shown the same tenacity and determination that has made our Regiment famous.

Bravo Company

2013 was a terrific year for the Patricias of B Coy, which trained five DP 1 Infantryman courses, and graduated the bulk of the new infantrymen to the Regiment. The company also conducted a Basic Sniper course in Dundurn, Saskatchewan. At add to our tempo, many of our instructors were involved with Primary Reserve (PRes) DP 1 Infantry training. To put it into perspective, B Coy produced approximately 190 new Patricias for the Regiment this year.

As always, the Basic Sniper course was a success, with WO Rose as the Course WO and other instructors from the training centre and on graduation



there were 6 new snipers for the Regiment. Aside from running courses, B Coy was also busy planning the Pilot DP 1 Infantry course to be run in-house at 1 PPCLI in the fall, 2014. WO Jamieson continues to work hard on this interesting challenge.

In 2013, B Coy welcomed a new CSM and Company Quarter Master Sergeant (CQMS) to the company, MWO Tony Orr and WO John Brogaard,



Targets Up!

respectively, both from 2 PPCLI. These seasoned NCOs have been a welcome addition to the company. Patricia instructors have done a fine job training the new infantry soldiers for the Regiment and will continue their high standard of instruction.

The Patricias of B Coy are excited for the arrival of the Regiment's 100th Anniversary and are proud to be part of the 3rd Cdn Div TC, where we have the opportunity to impact the training of new soldiers to the Regiment, a duty we do not take lightly.

Charlie Company (Shilo)

Home to eight permanent staff Patricias, C Coy (Shilo) was the place to be in 2013! These instructors were responsible for training the next generation of soldiers and junior leadership during six courses, which included a DP1 Inf course. Providing support to the instructors was WO Joe Ukleja, the CQMS, and Sgt Smith, the Coy Transport NCO. Of interest to many, WO Ukleja was featured in his very own three-part mini-series, which was posted to the unit's Facebook page. His mini-series was of such success that it gained over 20,000 views in two months, and provided viewers with an in-depth look at coy operations from the perspective of an experienced WO. Within the training cadre of the company, led by Capt Waugh, Patricia instructors upheld the unit's motto by leading the way during live-fire ranges, section attacks, and field training exercises. Additionally, the excellent level of support and professionalism the coy received from the PPCLI battalions greatly assisted us in accomplishing our mission. The Patricias in C Coy will continue to enjoy training soldiers with their artillery comrades, playing hockey, and hosting the unit command teams for a round of golf in Shilo!

Delta Company (Edmonton)

2013 started off with a flurry activity for the Patricias of D Coy, with two Basic Military Qualification-Land courses and a number of Close Quarter Combat Basic serials delivered to DP 1 candidates. Again, the members of the Regiment demonstrated a high quality of instruction throughout and graduated a solid bunch of leaders into the CAF. But it did not stop there. With a new fleet of vehicles entering the CAF, D Coy Patricias quickly found themselves teaching young soldiers how to drive during numerous driver wheeled courses.



During the summer, the coy ran a PRes Basic Military Officers Qualification (BMQ) – Land and a PRes PLQ-A in Edmonton, with field portions in Wainwright. This summer, we said farewell to Sgt Horan and WO Keen and welcomed WO Parsons and Sgt Forbes to the team.

The final four months of the year had the D Coy Patricias running more driver wheeled courses under the watchful eyes of Sgt Forbes, while Capt Rollins and MCpl Anderson conducted a Close Quarter Combat Instructor course, and WO Parsons took on the title of Course Officer for a PLQ-A in Wainwright. Finally, we are proud to announce that MCpl Vickerman was awarded a Commander Joint Operational Command commendation.



LCol R.T. Strickland, CO, addresses new recruits



ERE PATRICIAS

1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group

Captain J.C. Croucher

In the shadows of a late summer evening, Col Anderson executed a precision assault on Brigade HQ that resulted in an enhanced Patricia representation in almost every section. This was of course with the exception of the G4 shop, which I am sure was part of his plan. When the dust settled and the wounded were cared for, I am sure many brigade units were left scratching their heads as to what had transpired. Using this enhanced level of tenure achieved and in true Patricia style, it was a year not soon to be forgotten. The brigade HQ and its units benefited immensely from the opportunities created and supported within the myriad of training commitments during 2013. Without argument, from JOINTEX to Ex MAPLE RESOLVE to Ex HADES RAM, success remained the common theme achieved throughout. Once again, the bar continues to be

elevated by the soldiers of Western Canada. Not to be forgotten were the efforts and success involved with both TF 1-13 and TF 2-13. Unfortunately, highlighting the true power and capability of HQ 1 CMBG and the brigade units came during Op LENTUS, the Alberta Floods. Reaction, a quick deployment and the heroic efforts of all those involved, 1 CMBG soldiers were part of something that saved millions of dollars and countless Canadian lives.

After a great year and our heads held high, we said our farewells to LCol Niven (CJOC), Sgt Needham (1 PPCLI), and Cpl Primer (Ret'd). We also extended our welcome to LCol Adair (COS), Maj L'Heureux (G3), Maj MacLeod (G1), Capt Shuman (G5-2), Capt Ortt (PA), Capt Summerfield (PA), and Sgt Miller (G3 Tasks).



Front Row Left to Right: Maj JA L'Heureux, Cpl PS Nikoloyuk, Capt IV Shuman, LCol JT Adair, Capt JC Croucher, Col DJ Anderson.
Back Row Left to Right: Capt CE Summerfield, Capt JA Hudson, Capt CA Scott, Sgt JM Miller, Maj GP MacLeod

Canadian Forces Base Suffield

Major C.D. Lunney

Between supporting technological advancements at DRDC, facilitating our British coalition partners train at BATUS and ensuring the Alberta energy industry 12,000 oil and gas wells and the Suffield Grazing Cooperative's 3,000 head of cattle don't impact training and operations on the SBlock, 2013 was another busy and hectic year for CFB Suffield Patricias.

The 2013 posting season saw some notable changes to the CFB Suffield Patricia Guard. Cpl "Chief" Bergseth departed for Edmonton and 1 PPCLI after a notable and long tenure with Range Control. Cpl Friesen (RCR) was rebadged and welcomed to the PPCLI during the Regimental celebrations in March 13. LCol Sean Hackett was posted in from 1st Cdn Division in CFB Kingston to take command of CFB Suffield as the Base Commander and Maj. Chris Lunney arrived from CJOC in Ottawa to assume the position of Base Operations Officer.

CFB Suffield Patricias organized some notable Regimental events in 2013. First, were our Regimental Birthday celebrations in March. Regimental activities were held on Base and in Medicine Hat with great attendance. At that time, the Cypress Hills Branch Association Patricias warmly welcomed Johnny Ballard to their ranks. Though we never had the opportunity

to play Broom-i-loo this year, a game is being planned with the BATUS permanent staff for next year. Second, the great success of PPCLI Annual General Meeting held in Medicine Hat between 7-9 June 2013 was due in great part to Dan Palmer and the Cypress Hills Association Branch. Dan and the Association received tremendous praise for organizing and executing this major Regimental activity. Well done gentlemen!

Finally, the theme for the month of November was "Suffield Remembers". To this end, CFB Suffield Patricias were busy restoring and attending to the 40 memorial crosses erected to commemorate those Canadian and British soldiers who have lost their lives while training at in CFB Suffield. Two Patricia soldiers rest amongst them; MCpl Rick Wheeler (1992) and Cpl Neil MacKinnon (1995). It is more than just our duty which commands us to ensure to the upkeep of these memorials, it is a moral obligation and bond of trust to those fallen individuals, and their families. As part of this year's Remembrance Day parades, the Suffield serving Patricias gathered to pay our respects at the markers of our fallen comrades.

Though it's been busy year, the small group of Suffield Patricias, both serving and retired, has proven again to be an amazing crew dedicated to

preserving and maintaining our Regimental ties and spirit. As the 100th Anniversary celebrations in Edmonton and Ottawa approach in 2014, we're collectively looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and fire team partners. We've already ordered extra our helmets and belt buckles in preparation for long yarns and numerous stories to be told in the Better 'Ole!

Regimentally, your Suffield Patricias





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West Coast Patricias

Captain R.C. Dodds

It has been a year since you last heard from the West Coast Patricias so it is time to pass on what has been happening out here lately.

We are scattered around BC, covering off spots in Victoria, Vancouver, and Kamloops. Patricias are serving with Cadets, the Army Reserve and working with, for and around the Navy.

Regional Cadet Support Unit Pacific, based out of the old 3VP Senior NCO shacks in Work Point, has a healthy PPCLI representation being capably served by Capt Wayne Sauve, Sgt Kim Arnold and Sgt Dan Martin. Their primary job is to oversee the operation of the Army Cadet program in BC, which has 52 Cadet Corps with 2200 members. Though they are extremely busy, the program is very rewarding and entails conducting and participating in activities such as mountain biking, sea kayaking, hiking, canoeing, white water rafting, horseback riding, camping, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, rifle ranges and leadership training. These positions are essential in providing the "Army" to the Army Cadet program and are invaluable to the Cadets.

At 39 Canadian Brigade Group, LCol Mason Stalker is manning the fort at the Brigade HQ at Jericho Garrison in Vancouver along with Capt Dan Spielman, Capt Adam Davey, WO Trevor Patterson and Sgt Devon Branje. Each of the four Infantry units in the Brigade



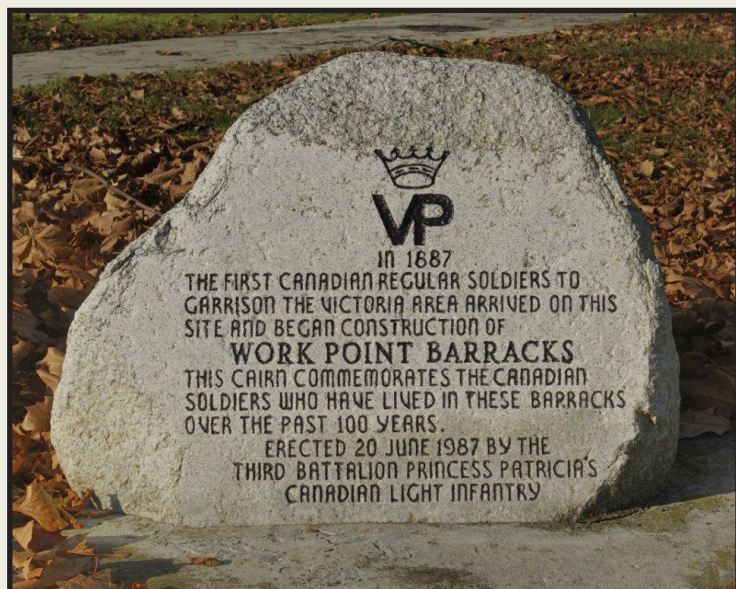
Left to Right-WO Patterson, LCol Stalker, Capt Spielman, Sgt Branje

is represented by a Patricia RSS team as Adjutant and Ops WO keeping unit administration and training in check. In Kamloops with the Rocky Mountain Rangers are Capt Sam Molloy and WO Mike Nohels. With the Royal Westminster Regiment are Capt Rob Pettigrew and WO Trevor Avey. Capt Bill Annand and WO James Dunn make up the team in Vancouver with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, and Capt Tim Walshaw and WO Olaf Furuness round out the team in Victoria with the Canadian Scottish Regiment. Also in Vancouver attending school is 2Lt Paul Sprenger.

CFB Esquimalt has Maj John Bagnall ensuring the running of Base Esquimalt as the Operations Officer while MWO Bill Murphy and WO Jeff Treloar have complete control of all the training areas including beautiful Albert Head for any Land training that needs to be done. Recent visitors include 3 PPCLI's Recce course that was out here escaping the snows of Alberta. Cpl Jason Cockroft works out of Base Information Services keeping the computers working for all.

Joint Task Force Pacific/Maritime Forces Pacific HQ is regimentally represented by LCol Pat Quealey, Maj David Proctor, Capt Brian Semenko and Capt Rob Dodds. Our day to day jobs are a long way from the "normal" of battalion, and see us as being the go-to people if anything Army or "joint" raises its head out here in addition to supporting Royal Canadian Navy operations and training.

Notable activities have seen LCol Quealey and Capt Dodds heading West and North to Joint Task Force-Alaska in Anchorage, for staff talks in



PPCLI Cairn at Workpoint



LCol Quealey and Capt Dodds in Alaska

preparation for an earthquake exercise in 2014. Other events have seen us supporting 3 PPCLI for their recce courses, conducting a Major Air Disaster (MAJAD) exercise for BC and coordinating and assisting the Army portion of JOINTEX 13 which saw Pathfinders conducting water inserts and 3 R22eR assaulting the beach off Rocky Point.

By the time you read this we will have said goodbye to LCol Stalker, LCol Quealey, Capt Semenko,



Left to Right: WO Treloar, Maj Proctor, Capt Walshaw, Capt Sauve, Capt Dodds, WO Furness, MWO Murphy, LCol Quealey

MWO Murphy and Sgt Arnold and hello to their replacements. People and names change but a strong presence of the PPCLI remains in BC.

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French Grey Battalion

Captain P.S.R. Brown

Another training and regimental activity packed year has come and gone for the soldiers and officers of the French Grey Battalion (FGB). From having the Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment in-house to help celebrate Regimental Day in March, to all the various training courses that local Patricias have had a

hand in running at the Infantry School. Regimentally speaking, having the CinC and COR present for the Regimental Day activities was the highlight of the year. A formal all-ranks mixed dining-in was held at the Snr NCO Mess where the CinC was able to mingle with her Patricias and share a fine dinner, with not only the COR, but also Tom and Angela Reid, parents of fallen Patricia Cpl Christopher Reid, who was killed in Afghanistan on 3 August 2006.

With the formal activities behind us, the FGB was able to fire things up in true Patricia fashion with the traditional Officers versus NCO Broom-i-loo game. On a field which went from snow covered to mud soup, the officers' team took to the field alongside of LGen (Ret'd) Crabbe, the team's heavy hitter. It was a close fought and hard won game of the highest calibre of Patricia traditions, with the officers coming out on top and the NCOs taking the horse's rear-end for the entire year once again.

June saw a formal change of command parade where LCol Kirk Gallinger handed over command of the Infantry School to RCR LCol Cayle Oberwarth. The change of positions for LCol Gallinger only saw him move across the street to CTC HQ as the DComd, and remain as the CO of the FGB. This APS also saw the Infantry School and the FGB lose another familiar face, that of MWO John McNabb, who moved from DSM of the Infantry School to Det Aldershot. At that



point the FGB RSM and Infantry School DSM torches were passed over to MWO Mike Hamilton who had just been posted in from 2 PPCLI. CWO Ed Seymour also assumed the appointment of CTC HQ Sergeant-Major.

Several Patricias participated in Adventure Training in Newfoundland's Gros Morne National Park. For

his second consecutive year, Capt Chris Hartwick led a team across the Long Range Traverse. Now on his second language course, Capt Hartwick is trying to close the gap on Capt Andy Mitton for most days spent on SLT. However, still in the lead as the "good-go" Patricia of the East is Capt Adam Petrin for most cocktails consumed while attending Urban Ops converses around the world.

Other Patricias from the School are also getting around internationally. In the spring, WO Dan McLean was sent to New Zealand to instruct on the New Zealand Army's Platoon Commanders course. He came back with a few ideas that he was able to



LCol Gallinger, RSM Terry Garand and Capt M. Litzenger
Cmdt of the Infantry School presenting Capt Litzenger with the Officer
Instructor of the Year for 2012 at the Men's Christmas Dinner



Patricias of the FGB: The Officer and NCO Broom-i-loo teams before the match with the CinC and COR.
Center, green jacket: Madame Clarkson, CinC.
Center, kneeling beside CinC in grey pants: LGen (Ret'd) Crabbe, COR.

put into action as the SME of the IODP 1.1 cell at the Infantry School. Capt Pete Kruger also went a little Kiwi this summer as an instructor on the New Zealand Reconnaissance and Surveillance Commanders course.

FGB Patricias were once again invited to the PPCLI Association Atlantic Branch's AGM, in Gagetown on 13 to 15 September. A Meet and Greet was held on the Friday evening where the Association members were got re-acquainted with familiar faces from last year's AGM. The actual AGM was on Saturday morning in the PPCLI room at the Infantry School before the Association members hosted a

formal dinner. Although it was a bit tamer than last year's dance-off, the occasion to connect with and hear the stories of the association members throughout the evening was an opportunity to again see, "Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia."

Patricias at the Infantry School are exerting a large influence again this year. The Infantry School's Top Instructor of the year for 2012 was Capt Mark Litzenberger, and the Top Officer and NCO instructors from the 2013 summer trimester were also Patricias; Capt Pat Brown and MCpl Andrew Skelhorn.

Remembrance Day saw Patricias throughout the area to remember our fallen comrades, including a contingent that headed to

Springhill Nova Scotia, to be with Tom and Angela Reid.

With all that occurred this past year, FGB Patricias have not forgotten to get their tunics into the tailors to have their red shoulder titles sewn on. Atlantic Patricias have been looking for any excuse to "shoulder flash" all of our comrades-in-arms out East, and we are eagerly looking forward to the 100th anniversary celebrations in 2014!



Grey pants, the COR, on top of Cpl Seth Congdon and unknown officer. The COR in the middle of the action, taking down Cpl Congdon, the NCO's heavy hitter.



A group of Infantry School members prior to stepping off on a 4 day back country Newfoundland adventure in Gros Morne National Park.
Third from left: Capt Chris Hartwick (PPCLI), Fourth from left: Capt Ben Johnson (3 RAR), Fifth from left: Capt Dan Hogan (PPCLI) Front: Cpl Chris Chartier (PPCLI)



National Capital Region Patricias

The decisions emanating from Ottawa enhance the well-being of the CAF and its personnel (really). Our Regiment provides a small but essential portion of this decision-making apparatus, from the heights of the CDS Office, all the way down to the floor at numerous Commands, Directorates and Armouries.

This past year continued to be characterized by movement, particularly at our highest ranks. LGen Semianiw, Senior Serving Patricia, continued to travel between Ottawa and Charlottetown while on secondment to Veteran's Affairs. MGen Mike Day took up the post of both President of the Regimental Guard and Chief of Force Development (CFD). BGen Craig King handed over the presidency upon his retirement; following a Regimental career capped by his work on the 100th Anniversary, he moved into Chief of Military Personnel (CMP) to provide a Patricia presence, although now in civilian clothes. BGen Matt Overton left CMP to take up a post at CDLS (London), while BGen Shane Brennan was the exception to the rule of movement, resting firm at CFD. At the Colonel level, Col Ian Creighton left the forces after an outstanding career, finishing off at the Canadian Joint Operations Command HQ. Colonel Mike Minor continued to fulfill the role of Regimental Colonel as his "part-time job" all the while Commanding the Counter-IED Task Force. Movement at the LCol level and below would fill several pages of this edition of the Patrician, therefore special mention will only be made of those officers who left the NCR for Command billets: LCol Dan Blanc and LCol Chris Henderson, both to Petawawa, and LCol Bob Ritchie, to 2 PPCLI. Of note, the NCR team broke even with the arrival of outgoing 2 PPCLI CO LCol Mike Wright – he took on the "almost as fun" role of Executive Assistant to the CDS, where he no longer has the inconvenience of "going to the field."

On the NCM side, it was another busy year for the NCR team. As the annual posting season drew to

a close, we saw the departure of two newly promoted PPCLI Chief Warrant Officers; CWO Paul Francis gave up his chair as the Career Manager to take up the RSM position at the 3rd Bn, while CWO Kevin Lewis departed for Edmonton to become the Ops Svcs Branch RSM as a part of the 3 CDSG HQ. MWO Willy MacDonald successfully completed SLT and moved into MWO Jim Smith's position at CFD, while MWO Smith took over the vacated Career Manager seat. WO Tobias Barter continued to work on new kit for our soldiers at DLR, while our newest arrival in the NCR was Sgt Clayton Nevell, working with the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa. Finally, we can't forget the NCO who really runs the show in Ottawa – the Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa) Chief Warrant Assistant, MWO Pat Forest, without whom changes of command parades and foreign dignitary visits would have been much less flashy.

Overall, the NCR Patricias continue to provide valuable representation at "The Centre" on a daily basis, but what we are most looking forward to is seeing our Regimental comrades next fall at one of the three major 100th Anniversary Commemoration events; the Ottawa Commemoration. See you at the Better Ole`!



NCR Patricia, WO Tobias Barter, shows off his PPCLI Shoulder Titles at The Ottawa Senators Military Appreciation Day, 3 Nov 2013.

Canadian Armed Forces Leadership and Recruit School Patricias

It was another busy year for the Patricias posted to Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) and the Collège Militaire Royal de Saint Jean (CMR). Apart from the usual instruction of basic training to both officer candidates and recruits, 2013 saw a complete review of both the recruit and officer courses' training plans. Given the highly sought-after training, experience and professionalism of our members, the school leaned heavily on its Patricias to advise on these projects. This same recognition of their dependability was observed in the advancement of all of our Patricia officers into senior captain positions within the school. Cpts Mike Bain and Greg O'Neil were advanced to divisional 2IC positions, Capt J.P. Wright continued in his position of a recruit company commander, and Capt HuiSung Kwon moved up to a 2IC position in a recruit company. Of note, Capt O'Neil was recognized for his outstanding dedication to duty with the awarding of the Canadian Defense

Academy (CDA) Commander's Coin; his running up to receive the award in true PPCLI fashion caused quite the stir apparently. On the NCO side, Sgt Evan Duff advanced from section commander to recruit platoon 2IC, MCpl Bradley Bruneau became a section commander for basic officer courses, and Sgt. Joshua Reid left the training divisions to fill the key role of a school standards representative.

As the annual posting season drew to a close, 2013 saw many shifts in the Patricia manning in the Montreal area. WO Trenton Chouinard was posted on exchange to 1 R22eR, Sgt Tommy Wilkins was posted to 1 PPCLI, and Sgt Clayton MacIsaac accepted an occupational transfer to electrical distribution technician. Conversely, many new faces arrived to take up posts at the school and the college. WO Cory Harik; Sgts Michael McLean, Jeffery Manz and Kurtis Williams; and MCpl Stephan Moss all found positions in the training divisions. Additionally, WO Daniel

Holly was posted to CMR as an advisor and mentor to a squadron of officer cadets.

In all, at the close of the year, the Montreal region had 14 Patricias representing the Regiment's highest standards of performance, dedication and professionalism. When asked which regiment they wanted to serve in, nearly every one of them proudly proclaimed that their sole hope in joining the Forces was to someday become a Patricia!



Patricias in the Field. Although normally scattered around the school, 31 May 2013 was a unique coincidence when a number of our Patricias happened to be training in the same location.

From left to right: MCpl Moss, WO Chouinard, MCpl Bruneau, Capt O'Neil, Sgt Reid, Sgt Duff and Sgt Wilkins



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The Patricia's: First in Last Out (2002-2014)

Operation ATTENTION Roto 3, 15 June 2013 - 31 March 2014

Captain L. Kittson

Since the beginning of Op APOLLO in 2002, with the 3rd Bn PPCLI Battle Group (BG) to the final rotation of Op ATTENTION, spearheaded by 2 PPCLI, the Soldiers and Officers of our Regiment have displayed professionalism, dedication, patience, and above all, excellence in Afghanistan.

Operation ATTENTION, centered in Kabul, is the Canadian Armed Forces' contribution to the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) Training Mission in Afghanistan, otherwise known as the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission – Afghanistan (CCTM-A). CCTM-A's mandate is to advise Afghan trainers and leaders at training institutions throughout Kabul and its surrounding area. The operation also includes CAF staff officers and support personnel who serve in camps and headquarters located in the Kabul area. Operation ATTENTION falls under the NATO training mission umbrella, whose mandate it is, is to prepare the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) to assume responsibility for their own security.

Today, the PPCLI tradition of excellence in Afghanistan continues as the soldiers of the Regiment not only fill key advisor positions, but are also overseeing training across every facet of a modern military. Though we have a presence all over Kabul, the majority of our soldiers are located in three American Camps (BLACKHORSE, EGGERS and PHOENIX) and one British Camp (SOUTER).

Those who are tasked to Camp BLACKHORSE work in the Consolidated Fielding Center (CFC), which is the Afghan National Army's (ANA) fielding establishment. The CFC initiates and implements training by gathering personnel and assigning them equipment. This is followed by intense training as a Kandak (Battalion) individually and collectively before undergoing exercises to validate their competency. Once validated, the Kandak is dispatched to the ANA Corps. A normal training cycle lasts from 4-9 weeks, depending on the type of Kandak. For the first 2 weeks, soldiers are trained on equipment, while officers and senior NCOs receive leadership training, with an emphasis on Kandak operations planning. Collective training continues with a focus on tactical skills to ensure they can deploy to the ANA Corps.

Patricias at Camp EGGERS are mainly involved with mentoring and advising the Afghan Ministry of Defence



MCpl Joe Wilson, a member of the Roto 3 QRF assists a member of the Armee de Terre from France, as they take aim with a C9 machine gun during a coalition training session at KMTC, 3 Aug 2013

and the Afghan Ministry of Interior's leadership in training and planning in cooperation with ANSF leadership. Started on Op ATTENTION's Roto 0 and continued through to Roto 3, Canadian advisors assisted the Afghan National Police (ANP) to consolidate 33 Training Centers down to 13 enduring sites.

The Patricias at the National Command and Support Element (NCSE) could be found in a number of camps to include PHOENIX, SOUTER, BLACKHORSE, and BAGRIM AIR FIELD. Personnel involved with this organization aid all aspects of theatre operations, which

can range from command and control, movements and force protection to visits and personnel administration. The NCSE is an essential function that enables and supports the training mission.

With the third and final rotation of Op ATTENTION, there are three main objectives the Task Force (TF) is determined to fulfill. The first is training and advising. This is the Roto 3 mentors' primary focus. Many of the mentors assumed command of Kandak instruction mid-training, having to adapt to the already implemented training cycle from Roto 2. As the Kandaks complete their training, many of the Patricias will be assigned other duties while others will return home, their mission complete.

For the majority of the TF, Roto 3 is about the transition and termination of the mission, our second objective. With Canada scheduled to be out of theatre in late March, a lot of work must be done. All Canadian vehicles, equipment and personnel must be packed and shipped back to Canada while minimizing our footprint. This is no small feat with concurrent training and advising.

Finally, our third objective is protecting the Canadian legacy. The Patricias of Roto 3 are continually upholding the excellence that other countries expect: professional mentorship, good attitudes, and completing our mission. The Patricias will end the final Rotation of Op ATTENTION on a high note and will carry on our legacy through the stories they will tell back home, and with the friendships developed in theatre.

Though Canada's assistance, we have given the Afghans the opportunity, the skills, and the resources to build their future.

Members of the QRF, setting up targets prior to the coalition training session at KMTC, 3 Aug 2013



Battalion Activities

As a result of the drawdown in Afghanistan, 1 Rifles were stood down in the middle of the year from their planned Herrick Tour. Instead they have provided a small training team to Mali where they took over from the Royal Irish in September. Over the next 6 months, the team's role is to deliver intensive 10-week training slots to Malian units, designed to develop skills and tactics from individual to battle group level. The training also gives the Malians a clear practical understanding of the standards of ethical conduct required of troops engaged in combat and counter-insurgency operations. In spite of being stood down they have had a busy year. Highlights included company deployments to Kenya and two sniper pairs from 1 RIFLES sniper platoon taking top prizes in the Tri Service sniper competition on Salisbury Plain. Shooting against their opposite numbers in



1 RIFLES Pre training for the Mali task

the RAF and Royal Marines, as well as the rest of the Army, 1 RIFLES won best pair, second place pair, best No1 and 2nd best No2.

2 RIFLES have had a busy training year deploying contingents to Kenya, Canada, Saudi Arabia and to Germany where they joined forces with 5 RIFLES to take part in Ex Bavarian Charger. At home, Ballykinler has seen investment to improve its infrastructure and much activity on the sporting fields.

In the first half of 2013, 3 RIFLES have concentrated on recovery from their Herrick 16 Tour, reviewing it to learn lessons and refocusing on basic field soldiering. The emphasis has been on developing young leaders, growing conceptual understanding of our profession, sport and forging friends for life. Highlights have included a JNCOs Cadre and a Ruby tour of the USA. As the year draws to a close they are back on operations providing the Falklands reinforcement company.

4 RIFLES deployed to Afghanistan in March, as part of 1 Mechanized Brigade, commanded by Brig Rupert Jones formerly CO of 4 RIFLES. Acting in an advisory role to the Afghan



4 Rifles Training in snow for their summer tour in Afghanistan!



4 RIFLES briefly back to Sangin



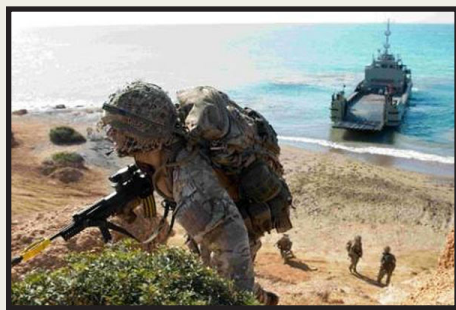
Army their task was to assist the progressive establishment of the ANA as an independent and self-sufficient force with sole responsibility for an increasing area of operations. Amongst some notable operations were forays into the Sangin and Nar e Saraj districts to back up Afghan Army led operations. Snipers from the battalion have done good work throughout the tour both in their own right and training Afghan Army snipers. Mercifully the battalion has escaped without a single fatality on this deployment although there have been a number of minor WIA.

5 RIFLES have returned to their Armoured Infantry role in earnest, with cadres followed by work up exercises in the snow in March and subsequently at BATUS as part of the QDG battle group. 5 RIFLES Battle Group completed its Foundation Training year with a Field Training Exercise, Exercise Bavarian Charger in Bavaria from 12 May – 8 Jun 13.



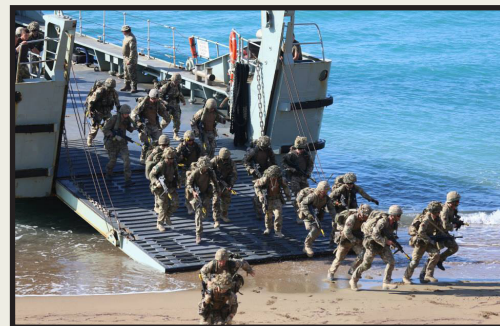
5 RIFLES Bavarian Charger

The Battle Group comprised of over 1,000 personnel. In addition to 5 RIFLES Riflemen, the Battle Group included B Coy 2 RIFLES from Ballykinler, a Close Air Defence Battery from the UK and Guns, Sappers and B Coy 1 PWRR, from Germany. The Live Firing was conducted at Joint Manoeuvre Training Command in Grafenwoer, which provided an excellent opportunity to develop Armour/Infantry integration due to the US ranges excellent infrastructure. On completion of the Live Firing, the Battle Group



6 RIFLES on exercise in Cyprus

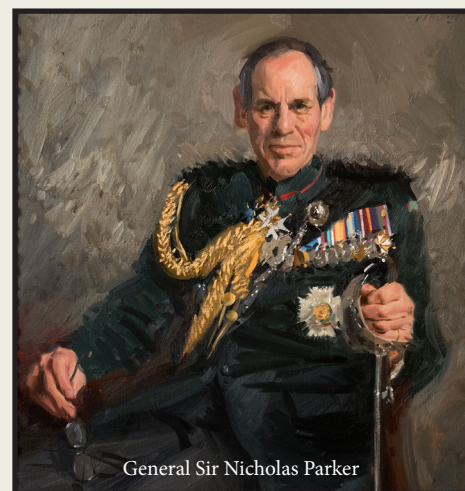
were fitted with simulated weapons systems and pitted against the 1/4 Infantry of the US Army, who proved testing opponents as they have been the local opposition down there for two years and know the ground intimately.



The highlight of 6 RIFLES training year was a 2 week exercise in Cyprus with an amphibious landing. 7 RIFLES have been involved in providing reinforcements for Op Herrick as well as running an intensive recruiting campaign to meet their part in the projected target for a Reserve force of 30,000. They spent their annual camp in Denmark with the Danish Home Guard on Exercise Viking Star.

Recruiting

With the privatisation of recruiting, in the shape of the Recruiting Public Private (RPP) partnership, we have had a nervous year watching for the anticipated dire consequences of closing some of our most productive recruiting offices (South Shields is a particular example) and the removal of any RIFLES presence from any recruiting office north of a line from Doncaster to Shrewsbury. As a result of anticipating a crash in our recruiting and taking remedial action, The Rifles have weathered the initial storm in reasonable shape. However we continue to look for new ways of both maintaining contact with potential recruits and making sure our profile, in the North East in particular, is maintained. Old comrades of our forming regiments have a role to play in both keeping our profile high in the public's perception and encouraging friends and family members to choose The Rifles. In spite of the redundancy programme we still need all the young men with Rifleman like qualities we can get.



General Sir Nicholas Parker



Change of Colonel Commandant

General Sir Nicholas Parker retired as the first RIFLES Colonel Commandant this year and he is succeeded by Lt General Nick Carter. General Parker's great contribution to the establishment of the regiment was marked by the commissioning of a portrait by Andrew Festing, PRP MBE, also a Rifleman, which was unveiled at the Regimental Dinner in July.

Remembrance Sunday 2013

For the second year running and on another glorious autumn day, The Rifles had a marching contingent at the Cenotaph parade in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday. The contingent consisted of 40 Riflemen, who were joined by the mother of Lt Daniel Clack (KIA 12 Aug 11 in Afghanistan) and Corporal Ricky Fergusson MC.

The Rifles Casualty Capability

We continue to do much to support our veterans, who are leaving the Army support cocoon, to take their place in the civilian system. 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. Lt Col (Retd) Mike Smith, the Rifles Casualty Officer, who co-ordinates the RCC, continues to work closely with the Army Recovery Capability and other Service charities 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.

Our veterans have also taken on a wide variety of adventurous and sporting challenges notable amongst

them being Kyle Baker, who was taken ill whilst sailing from Rio to Cape Town on the Jubilee Sailing trust vessel The Lord Nelson and ended up marooned on Tristan Da Cunha whilst his condition was stabilised. C/Sjt Danny Spender, a double amputee, narrowly failed to complete the gruelling 125 mile Devises to Westminster canoe race which has 77 portages.

Other sporting achievers include Lance Corporal Tyler Christopher who is a member of the Great Britain(GB) ice sled hockey team, which just missed selection for the Winter Para Olympics in Sochi, and Rifleman Justin Davies who has been selected for the GB hand cycle development squad looking towards the Brazil Para Olympics in 2016.



Lt-Col Mike Smith, RCO and Corporal Ricky Fergusson MC on Remembrance Sunday London



Danny Spender on the Devises to Westminster Canoe Race

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A Message from the RAR to the PPCLI

Brigadier C. Field, Regimental Colonel, The Royal Australian Regiment ~ July 2013

The Royal Australian Regiment (RAR) sends greeting to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) on the occasion of your 99th birthday, 10th August 2013. The RAR honours the PPCLI's global service and we are proud of our connection with your soldiers. In particular, 3 RAR shares with 2 PPCLI the legacy of the Battle of Kapyong, 24 and 25 April 1951. As both of our Regiments know, Kapyong was a momentous event when our soldiers fought in support of each other in order to defeat an overwhelming enemy force. To this day, 3 RAR and 2 PPCLI share the honour of wearing the United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation-Kapyong:

"...cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties in action against the armed enemy near Kapyong, Korea...deployed to stem the assault...3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, moved to the right flank of the sector and took up defensive positions north of the Pukham River...2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, defended in the vicinity of Hill 677 on the left flank...the enemy attacked savagely under the clangour of bugles and trumpets...the forward elements were completely surrounded going through the first day and into the second..."

"...3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment...2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry...displayed such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing their missions under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set them apart and above other units participating in the campaign, and by their achievements they brought distinguished credit on themselves, their homelands, and all freedom-loving nations."

As an allied regiment with a shared history, the RAR offers the PPCLI an update on the Australian Army's modernisation program: Plan BEERSHEBA. This plan was endorsed by the Australian Government in November 2011. Plan BEERSHEBA, is aimed at enhancing the Australian Army's foundation warfighting skills. A 36-month Force Generation Cycle ensures that Australia's three 'like' Multi-role Combat Brigades, specialist capabilities, part time military components and civilian workforce consistently train and operate together as a 'total force'.

During this cycle, the Australian Army's conventional deployable combat forces move through three 12 month phases. These three phases are: Reset; Readying; and Ready. The length of the Force Generation Cycle is driven by an assessment that 12 months is the maximum period a force can be deployed before it needs to be returned to Australia for recuperation, repair and refurbishment. This period is not absolute and it can be modified should the need arise.





Here are seven Plan BEERSHEBA facts that influence the RAR:

1. Plan BEERSHEBA is introducing new capabilities into Australian Army. These capabilities include new abbreviations:
 - a. Standard Infantry Battalions (SIB), based on 1 RAR, 3 RAR, 5 RAR, 6 RAR, 7 RAR, and 8/9 RAR.
 - b. Amphibious Ready Element (ARE), based on 2 RAR.
 - c. Armoured Cavalry Regiments (ACR), based on regrouping 1st Armoured Regiment, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry), and B Squadron 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment.
 - d. Multi-role Combat Brigades (MCB), based on 1st Brigade, 3rd Brigade and 7th Brigade.
2. Plan BEERSHEBA will create six identical Infantry Battalions of three rifle companies each. These dismounted battalions, or SIB, will be distributed evenly between the three MCB. The need for the standardisation in infantry battalions is based on the Australian Army's requirement to generate sustainable capabilities from a deliberate force generation cycle.
3. The seventh Infantry Battalion (2 RAR) has been selected as the Australian Army's specialist amphibious unit, the Amphibious Ready Element (ARE), and as such will differ in organisation, equipment and capability to the other regular Battalions. The need for this capability was highlighted by the recent rapid deployment of Army force elements to East Timor (1999 and 2006), the Solomon Islands (2003) and tsunami relief operations in Sumatra (2005).
4. 5 RAR and 7 RAR will adopt the Unit Establishment for a SIB in Jan 2014. M113AS4 presently allocated to 5 RAR and 7 RAR will be reallocated to Royal Australian Armoured Corps, as part of the raising of Army's three ACRs.
5. The three ACR integrate an M1A1 tank squadron, a LAV-25 cavalry squadron and an M113AS4 armoured personnel carrier squadron. Each armoured personnel carrier squadron can lift the fighting elements of an SIB or ARE. The ACR battlegroups with SIB and ARE, and other combined arms, to fight in accordance with Australia's strategic guidance.
6. Each of the Australian Army's existing manoeuvre Brigades, 1st Brigade (Darwin and Adelaide / mechanised), 3rd Brigade (Townsville / light), and 7th Brigade (Brisbane / motorised) will evolve from their current functional structures to include the following standardised units: a Brigade Headquarters, an ACR, two SIBs, an M777 Light Weight Towed Howitzer Artillery Regiment, a Combat Engineer Regiment, a Combat Service Support Battalion and a Combat Signals Regiment.
7. Plan BEERSHEBA will also assist the Australian Army to realise a number of projects in the next ten to fifteen years. These projects will digitise the Army (LAND 200) and replace its trucks (LAND 121) and armoured fighting vehicles (LAND 400). In addition, an enhanced amphibious capability (JOINT PROJECT 2048) will be realised for the Australian Defence Force.

Implementing these changes will not be without its challenges. However, there is a sound conceptual basis for Plan BEERSHEBA. Commonality of force structure, the 'total force' concept, digitisation and the development of training areas proximate to MCB locations will increase the modularity and interoperability of Australia's force. In concert with these changes, the experience and high calibre of our people and the flexibility of the force generation cycle are the basis of an agile and adaptable Australian Army.

Finally, Plan BEERSHEBA will also ensure the RAR and the Australian Army continues to provide appropriate support to international missions. In that aim, we know we are aligned with the PPCLI. To the PPCLI, thank you for your service and keep up your important work for Canada.

Brigadier C. Field, CSC
Regimental Colonel
The Royal Australian Regiment

President of the PPCLI Association

Dave Pentney, National President

2013 has been another busy year for the Association as we march in partnership with the serving component and the PPCLI Foundation towards our 100th Anniversary.

As you are aware, the Association's major contributions to the 100th Anniversary are our four Memorial Projects. The Memorial in Patricia Park, a replica of the Frezenberg Memorial, was inaugurated on Remembrance Day with a parade of the First Battalion and approximately 500 spectators. This marks the completion of the first phase of this project. We hope to have the second phase, the Memorial Wall element, completed in time for the Edmonton Commemoration; however, we are currently about \$90K short of the amount needed to complete it.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is assisting us with the Frezenberg Memorial restoration and installation of new elements. Work will begin in the spring of 2014. We have raised roughly \$30k of the \$65k required to fully fund this project; however, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Board of Trustees have agreed to use the Memorial Fund to meet any shortfall on this specific project.

The upgrading of the Regimental Cairn at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa is in the final design stage, pending the specific site being allocated in the redeveloped park. Associated with this project is the commissioning of a painting that features the presentation of the Ric-A-Dam-Doo to the Regiment by Princess Patricia. Funds for both elements of this project are in-hand.

Our final project is the Memorial Baton that will be carried during the Memorial Baton Relay. Two batons will be produced and have been funded.

You may recall that we agreed some years ago that the Association would endeavour to raise a total of \$250k for the 100th. Well, we have exceeded that by a long shot, but our fund raising efforts continue, particularly to complete Memorial Wall at Patricia Park and the restoration of the Frezenberg Memorial. Donations to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund for these projects would be gratefully accepted. You can do so by going to the Association webpage at www.ppcliassoc.ca.

Another initiative that the Association has agreed to undertake is to ensure that at least one senior cadet from each of the 11 PPCLI affiliated cadet corps has the opportunity to attend the Edmonton Commemoration. Detailed planning is underway to facilitate this. Funding is to be determined.

The other major activity that the Association is engaged in is our transition from our current Constitution and By-Laws to the Articles of Continuance and new By-laws required under the Not For Profit Act. I can assure you that this is not nearly as much fun as dealing with some of the 100th Anniversary challenges, but it is equally, if not more important from an Association perspective. If we do not get this right the Association, as a not for profit corporation, could be dissolved by this time next year. We are looking for your input over the next few months so we can table the final version at the 2014 AGM.

The new By-laws will be distributed with the Spring Bulletin. There will be no opportunity to discuss or amend these documents at the 2014 AGM. That dialogue must occur over the coming months. If you have any concerns, please advise your Branch President accordingly.

We have continued with our membership drive and have seen a small increase in Association members. Being an Association member will reduce your fees for the dinner at the Edmonton Commemoration and the events at Ottawa. The cost of an e-membership is \$15 or \$30 if you wish to receive a copy of the Patrician. However I urge you to join any of the 14 Branches of the Association.

There is no doubt in my mind that 2014 will be a most successful one for the Regiment as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The serving component, the Foundation and the Association each bring different strengths and capabilities to the common cause of supporting the soldier, his/her family and the Regiment. That has been clearly demonstrated through the detailed work each has contributed towards our 100th Anniversary. I look forward to celebrating with you in the Better 'Ole.

Edmonton Branch

Freg Goldring, President

As the year 2013 comes to a close, we realize that is less than seven months till the 100th. The year proved to be busy and productive for our 91 regular members, 24 Associate members and 32 Honourary Associate members (Edmonton City Police Pipes and Drums).

The Branch was again very active and prominent in a number of venues and events in Edmonton and in surrounding communities. Some of the events we had the pleasure in attending this past year included; the 2013 PPCLI Association AGM in Medicine Hat, 2551 PPCLI RCACC year end review and the Bold Eagle 22 Graduation Parade in Wainwright.

Remembrance Day saw our members take part in various events, to include the 1st Battalion's parade at the new Patricia Memorial in Griesbach next to Patricia Lake. Several members attended services at schools in and around Edmonton while other members attended Remembrances Day observances in places as far away as Smithers BC, Saskatoon, Nipawin Sask, Dauphin Man, Montreal, Barrhead, Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, and Lethbridge.

Many of our members keep themselves busy as they also belong to other ex-military organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion, the Airborne Social Club, the OB's Club and the KVA, to name a few. Several of our members attended the Edmonton Chapter of the KVA for their inaugural Korea Veterans Day Parade in July. We are privileged to have 17 Korean War veterans amongst our membership with 7 of them being Kap'young veterans.

I am pleased to announce that we did not lose any of members to the RSM in sky this year, he was good to us in 2013. We were able to recruit 6 new members and one associate member. Our membership not only dwells in and around Edmonton, St Paul, Red Deer,

Barrhead, Bawlf, Lethbridge, Cochrane, Wetaskiwin, Spruce Grove, to name a few, but we have members in Saskatchewan, China, Japan, British Columbia, Manitoba, Montreal, etc, just to name a few. Attendance at our monthly meetings remains high with as many as 50% of members who live within commuting distance of Edmonton regularly attending.

Hope to see a lot of you here in August for the Regiments Celebration of our 100th Anniversary.

Our regular members for 2013:

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

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Kingston Branch

Dave Banks, President

Since our last update, events have progressed significantly as our Branch prepares for the 100th. Never underestimate the power of the few.

Last update we mentioned three lines of effort being undertaken by the Branch for 2013. The first of these, fund raising, was kicked off by a truly outstanding event conceived, planned and staged by LCol Ed Staniewski. This was the very successful “PPCLI Hot Stove Night.”

On the night of 22 March 2013, through his tireless efforts, Ed brought together a strong representation of his fellow NHL Alumni (a number of whom had participated in the visit program to our soldiers in Afghanistan); Wounded Warriors; the Stanley and Memorial Cups, and the Calder Memorial Trophy; several senior serving and retired VIPs including MGen John Vance and General (Ret'd) Walter Natynczyk; numerous corporate sponsor groups, as well as serving and retired members.

Thanks to the Commandant of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College for helping to make this event possible. Due to the hard work of Ed Staniewski, Shaun and Virginia Tymchuk and Major Eric Thorson, and the Fort Frontenac Mess staff, and the generosity of our sponsors and guests, the evening was in all respects an amazing success. Through various activities we raised in excess of eight thousand dollars.

This sum, far exceeding our expectations, allowed us to support the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and fully fund our own 100th Anniversary Memorial Tree Project in City Park, Kingston. Equally important, if not as spectacular, was the “Hundred for the 100th” internal donation campaign, which produced over two thousand dollars from Branch members for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

Our second line of effort, the PPCLI

100th Anniversary Memorial Tree Project, has also progressed thanks largely to the excellent cooperation and support of the staffs of the City of Kingston and of Kingston Monuments Ltd. Following a year of work with City staff and the local City councillor, on 10 September 2013, City Council unanimously approved the establishment of the PPCLI Tree, and its accompanying commemorative stone, in City Park. The tree and stone will be formally dedicated on Saturday, 13 September 2014. The ceremony will include the presence and participation of the Memorial Baton Relay (MBR) team, with its display team and the Regimental Drum Line, as part of the MBR's progress across Canada.

This brings us to our final line of effort: support to the Regiment's national centennial activities. Our task has been to support the MBR. The “Hot Stove Night” allowed the Branch to contribute significantly towards the production of the batons themselves, and our combined Associate/Serving team have been working closely with 2 PPCLI to ensure the success of the Cobourg to Kingston portion of the MBR odyssey. While much work and planning remains to be done, things look good for a very successful MBR visit.



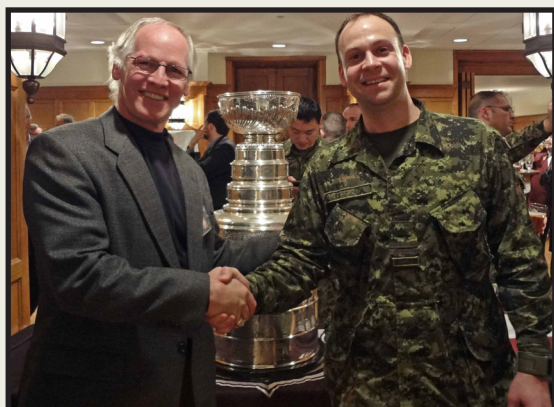
The newly rededicated Legion Branch in Collins Bay, Kingston.

Wheels are turning faster now, and the tempo is rising as we head towards next year's events. Kingston Branch wishes good luck and all success to other Patricias-both serving and associate-as you work toward your 100th Anniversary projects.

On 1 November 2013 the Patricia community in the Kingston region took part in a moving and significant ceremony at Branch 631 of the Royal Canadian Legion in the Collins Bay area of Kingston. Thanks to the initiative and remarkable effort of the Branch President, Mr. Gordon Rittwage, the former Amherstview Branch was officially redesignated the "Captain Matthew J. Dawe Memorial Branch 631". Alongside the Dawe family and Patricias both serving and associate, Base Commander and Base CWO CFB Kingston, Commandant and CWO of the Royal Military College of Canada, and numerous other community members, military and civil and supported by the Canadian Army Veterans motorcycle club were all in attendance for the ceremony.



Sean Wyatt and Terry Wilson with the Stanley Cup at the PPCLI Hot Stove Night, 22 March 2013, in the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess



Two-time Stanley Cup winner Mark Napier with AOC student Capt Carson



Plaque honouring Capt Matt Dawe in main lobby of Legion Branch 631

A remodeled front lobby of the Branch with an impressive plaque depicting Capt Matt Dawe and telling his story, as well as new signs announcing the Branch title, now grace the Branch building. Gord Rittwage sees this

act of rededication as part of an important and much-needed movement to make the Legion relevant to the current generation of soldiers, both serving and retired veterans: in this he has our full support.



Patti, Kirsten and Mike English basking in the glory of the Stanley Cup

Ottawa Branch

Don Dalziel, President

There are PPCLI Memorials in two Ottawa churches, all closely linked with the founding of the Regiment. One Memorial is in Ste-Anne Catholic Church (St. Clement's Parish), and there are several in the Church of St Bartholomew—The Guards' Chapel, also known as St Bart's.

Unlike St Bart's, the Memorial at Ste-Annes has moved from church to church with its sponsoring congregation. In 1926, it was presented to the Convent of the Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, which was located across the Canal from Lansdowne. The Catholic soldiers worshiped in the Chapel of the Convent. The group organizing the Memorial included Lady Buller, mother of Lt Col Buller, Col Hamilton Gault, Col Agar Adamson, and the widows of four other soldiers, all Originals. When the Sisters moved and Convent was sold, the Memorial disappeared from view for a while, and eventually settled in St Clement's Church in Sandy Hill, an Ottawa neighbourhood. When St Clement's in turn was closed, the Memorial moved with the St Clement's Parish to Ste-Anne Church, on Old St. Patrick St. Its three brass plaques are now being refurbished, and soon will be remounted, on a wall just inside the entrance.

The second church, St Bart's, is located on MacKay St. just across the road from the Rideau Hall grounds. The church has always had close ties to the Vice-Regal family in residence, and Prince Arthur, Duke of Connaught, father of Princess Patricia, worshipped there with his family. As a result of their Vice-Regal ties, St Bart's also has a close relationship with the Governor-General's Foot Guards, an Ottawa Regiment, and is known as the Guards' Chapel. Two sets of Foot Guards Colours are Laid Up in St. Bart's.

Perhaps one of the most significant connections between the PPCLI and St Bart's is not memorialized in a plaque or even a line in Regimental histories, but rather comes from the church history. After she had completed the Camp Colour,

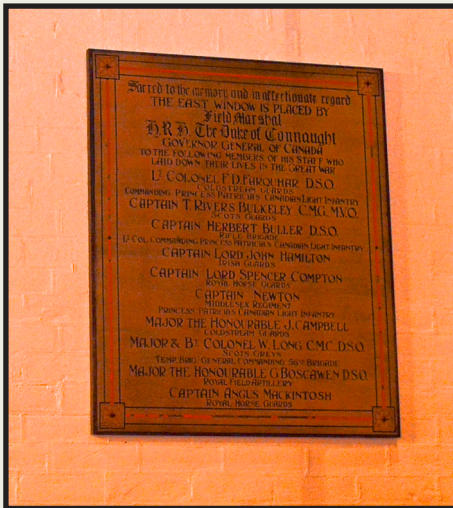
which later became known as the Ric-a-Dam-Doo, Princess Patricia took her handiwork to St. Bart's. She laid it on the Altar, which is still in use, and the Rector blessed the flag and all who would serve under it. Princess Patricia then took it to Lansdowne Park where she presented it to the first Commanding Officer, Lt Col Francis Farquhar, at the end of the Church Parade on Sunday, 23 August 1914.

There are several Patricia memorials in St Bart's: the well-known East Window, often simply referred to as the Ottawa Window, and its associated brass plaque; the plaque commemorating the connection with Princess Patricia; and the Patricia Pew.

The East Window was commissioned by the Duke of Connaught in memory of the members of his personal military staff who died in WWI. It was unveiled by Edward, Prince of Wales, during a visit to Canada in 1919. The window is famous in the world of stained glass, and is still very unique because of the bright colours and the representation of the figures. The left panel depicts Lt Col Farquhar, identified as a fallen warrior by the broken spear on his shoulder, being lead to Heaven by St Raphael and St Gabriel. The centre and right panes shows seven other warrior



East Window and the Altar. The East Window was commissioned by the Duke of Connaught in memory of the ten officers of his Rideau Hall staff killed in WWI. Three were Patricias. The window depicts Lt Col Farquhar, second from left with a broken spear, being escorted to Heaven by Warrior Saints. The Ric-a-Dam-Doo was blessed on this Altar before Princess Patricia presented it to her Regiment at Lansdowne Park in August 1914.



East Window Memorial Plaque. The plaque accompanying the East Window lists the ten officers of the Governor General's staff who were killed in WWI. The three Patricias were Lt Col Farquhar, Capt Herbert Buller and Capt Denzil Newton. A new plaque will be placed to its left and it will be rededicated during the Ottawa Commemoration

saints, including St Michael, St. Sebastian, and St Jeanne d'Arc.

The accompanying descriptive brass plaque, which lists 10 names, all members of the Governor-General's staff, is near the front of the chapel, on the left side. Three of the 10 are Patricia's: Lt Col Francis Farquhar, the first Commanding Officer, who died of wounds on 20 March 1915, at St Eloi; Capt Herbert Buller, the first Adjutant and second Commanding Officer, who was killed at Mount Sorrel/Sanctuary Wood on 2 June 1916; and Capt Denzil

Newton, who had the misfortune to be the first Patricia officer killed, on 8 January 1915, in Vierstraat.

At night, he was returning to his lines from the enemy side and

was shot when he did not hear his sentry's challenge. Before he died, he absolved the sentry of any blame. The second Memorial is a large brass plaque on the right-side wall near the entrance to the Chapel. It is dedicated to Lady Patricia Ramsay, "who as H.R.H. The Princess Patricia, worshipped here . . ." It was unveiled by the Countess Mountbatten of Burma.

The third Memorial is the Patricia Pew. It is the pew located immediately behind the Vice-Regal chairs on the right side, at the front. Customarily reserved for members of the Household staff, it was designated the Patricia Pew by the Duke of Devonshire, who succeeded the Duke of Connaught as Governor-General. A



Princess Patricia's Memorial Plaque. This heavy brass wall plaque commemorating Princess Patricia's close affiliation with St Bart's is on a wall near the entrance to the Chapel. It was unveiled by Countess Mountbatten of Burma.



The Patricia Pew. The pew immediately behind the Vice-Regal chairs was designated the Patricia Pew by the Duke of Devonshire. It is marked by a Regimental plaque with a small commemorative brass plaque at the entrance.

Regimental plaque, together with a small descriptive brass plaque was placed on the pew in 1980.

These PPCLI Ottawa Church Memorials are very closely linked to the formation of the Regiment in Ottawa. Both churches will be an important part of the City Tours being offered during the Ottawa Commemorations in September 2014, and the Memorials will be rededicated by the Colonel-in-Chief during the Ottawa Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary.

Manitoba Northwest Ontario Branch

Stu Weeks, President

Regimental Day was held on Sunday 17 March 2013. This is a great social event to just sit back and enjoy time with friends. Thanks to Maureen, Bud and Bev for your work in making this a success. Wait until you see the 100th Anniversary cake in March of 2014!

On 9 May 2013, at 1600 hours, we kicked off the ticket sales for the Manitoba Gala. The event was at City Hall with Mayor Sam Katz. The first two tickets were sold to Mayor Katz by C/RSM Hilary Lecocq of 2701 PPCLI RCACC and Megan McLellan representing students in our youth program for the Frezenberg trip in 2015. Many thanks to the COR, LGen Crabbe and BGen Vince Kennedy for their assistance and guidance in getting the Manitoba fund raising for youth underway.

On Wednesday 29 May 2013, 553 Sgt Tommy Prince MM RCACC had their A 13th Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR) with 20 cadets were on parade. The Reviewing Officer was BGen J.G. Milne CD, Director General Reserves and Cadets. BGen Milne, as all who were in attendance, was very impressed with the cadets' drill and deportment. Our branch donation of \$250 was presented to the corps.



1 in 1000 draw C/Cpl Hanna Ocadchy and Lt Alex Lord with Stu Weeks

On Saturday 1st June 2013, 2701 PPCLI RCACC held their 51st ACR. Don Collins, our branch V/P, presented our annual donation of \$250 to Capt Sellwood. With Don were Cliff Fox and Taffy Gray. Thank you for representing our branch and Cliff for engraving the cadet trophies.

In past years, we presented 2701 with a \$500 donation. With the Legion sponsorship, 2701 has their rent covered, and agreed to the \$250 split as 553 cadet corps needs funds. Our branch is able to help both PPCLI corps and stay within our budget.

Our annual BBQ on Sunday 23 June was a great success. The rain cancelled our Bocce Ball Tournament, but the catered meal and the close quarters made for an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to Maureen for the organization and thank you to all who attended.

The 1 in 1000 Raffle draw was on Sunday 11 August at 2:00 pm at the Charleswood Legion. We were privileged to have Lt Alex Lord and C/Cpl Hanna Ocadchy from 553 Tommy Prince MM RCACC present for the draw. C/Cpl Ocadchy drew the winning ticket #285 sold to Mr. Dexter Harvey of Petersfield MB. Mr. Harvey has elected to take the cash prize of \$2000. The winning ticket was sold by Len and Maureen Johnson.



Dexter Harvey winner of the 1 in 1000 Raffle with Stu Weeks

Thank you to Rick Desjardins for taking on this project and all the headaches that came with it. Job well done Rick! Thanks to all the ticket sellers and ticket purchasers. Your support is greatly appreciated

Our Annual Luncheon was Sunday 29 September. Twenty six members and guests attended. The COR and Mrs Crabbe were the guests of honour. Maj Darcy Wright and CSM Don Askland from 2 PPCLI attended and brought us up to date on the Battalion's activities. We had one of the 100th Anniversary Posters plasticized. It is mounted and ready to hang. On the first day of ticket sales, we more than covered the mounting costs. Every Patricia that sees it wants to hold the winning ticket!

We paraded at All Saints' Anglican Church (the Garrison Church when the Regiment was formed and posted to Winnipeg) on Sunday 10 November. The Colour Party consisted of C/Sgt V. Cassamajor, C/Sgt C Oshanski from 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps and Past President, Bud Hawkins. Unfortunately we lost a WW2 Patricia this year. Dr. Morley Sirett passed away 7 November 2013. Morley was a member of All Saints' and his granddaughter always brought him to Remembrance Sunday service – his favorite because he was with other Patricias.

We have three new members this year. Kate Buxton of Winnipeg, wife of long-time member Rod Buxton. Brandon Delyea of Carberry MB. Brandon is a MWO who is still serving. He joined the forces in 1990. Welcome aboard Brandon! Jennifer McCall of Winnipeg. Jennifer had a distinguished career with 2701 PPCLI cadets as a MWO and was Aide de Camp to our Lt Governor. She is now serving as an officer with the Cadet Instructors Cadre (CIC). Jennifer is the granddaughter of Earl Hayes and Mary Dewick. Thanks you Mary for bringing Jennifer into the fold.

We were saddened by the loss of 3 branch members this year. D'Arcy Best passed away in January, Wally Brazil in April and Jack Larocque in September.

The Memorial Baton Rely (MBR) is the last 100th Anniversary project. The MBR will be part of our branch's 100th anniversary project, the dedication of our memorial bench, and highlights the Regiment's 100 years of service to Canada. We will have the MBR in Winnipeg from 27-30 August 2014. We would like to have as many branch members and Norm Mayo's group of Patricias pass the baton from the Great Memorial Stone to the COR at our Memorial Bench site. Watch the branch newsletter for more information.

As 2013, the Year of the Korean Veteran comes to a close, our branch thanks you all for your service and the Legacy of Honour you have brought to our Regimental history.

All members of the Manitoba and Northwest Ontario branch wish all Patricias and their families a safe and Happy Holiday season and all look forward to a great 100th year.



Hammy and 2 PPCLI Drum Major at Manitoba Social

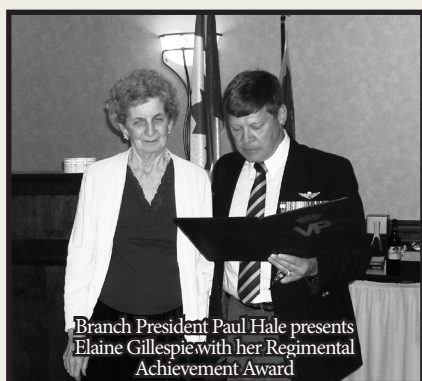
South West Ontario Branch

Paul Hale, President

The Branch has done well over the past year. We have seen our paid membership increase from 53 in 2012 to 71 in 2013 and we are well on our way of reaching 100 members for the 100th. Our Annual General Meeting was held in St Catharines on 4/5 May 2013 with 34 people attending. It was a busy weekend with the AGM, Dinner and a tour of Château des Charmes winery. Romeo Daley was our guest speaker at the dinner and he spoke about his visit to Korea in April 2013 to help mark the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

Elaine Gillespie was recognized for her outstanding work as Branch Secretary over the past 11 years with the presentation of an Association Achievement award.

The Branch is now fully engaged in planning for the following 100th activities in Southern Ontario between June – September 2014.



Branch President Paul Hale presents Elaine Gillespie with her Regimental Achievement Award

6 – 8 June 2014

The Hamilton Military Tattoo has agreed to highlight the Regiment's 100th Anniversary as one of the themes during the Tattoo. The Branch, ERE Patricias and the 2 PPCLI Drum Line will all participate. This activity will be organized by Mark Fisher and John McGregor.

16 – 17 August 2014

A portion of the Memorial Baton Relay (MBR) Team will be in Toronto for the Warrior's Day Parade at the CNE. The MBR and a composite PPCLI marching guard will lead the parade. Current plans include a flyover from the Great War Flying Museum as the MBR marches through the Princess Gates. In addition, we hope to have the Colonel-in-Chief on the reviewing stand along with other senior Patricias. There will also be a 100th PPCLI anniversary booth incorporated into the Canadian Armed Forces Display at the CNE. Doug Furchner will be leading the charge on this event.

2 September 2014

CWO Brian McKenelly who recently retired from the Regular Forces and is currently RSM for the 2nd Irish Regiment will be responsible for the MBR as they visit Espanola. While in Espanola, the MBR will visit the grave sites of Pte David Byers and Pte Glenn Arnold who were both KIA in Afghanistan. They will also host a Community Outreach with the Centennial Display Team.

3 September 2014

The MBR will stop at Elk Lake which was founded by Jack Munroe, an original member of the Regiment, who was wounded in action on 5 June 1915 and struck off strength five days later. This visit is at the request of the community.

4 September 2014

The MBR will arrive in London where Henry Klaunsnitzer,

Bruce Stock and team will organize events including a major fundraiser for the Regiment. The MBR will stop at MGen Cameron Ware's grave and 7 other Patricias buried at the Woodland Cemetery. The MBR will finish at Victoria Park in the downtown London core for a community outreach. 5 September 2014.

The MBR will arrive in the Greater Toronto area where they will immediately start with visits to Sunnybrook Hospital and the Tony Stacey Centre to see our veterans. There will also be a number of community outreaches to various schools within the GTA.

6 September 2014

Our signature event for the Greater Toronto Area will be at Queen's Park. The day will begin with the MBR running from Cpl Anisworth Dyer's grave at the Necropolis Cemetery along the final portion of the Highway of Heroes to Queen's Park. Cpl Dyer was KIA on April 18, 2002 in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Plans are still in the development stage but there will be a reception and community outreach at Queen's Park involving the C-in-C, COR, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature and others. If plans are successful, the Skyhawks will conduct a parachuting display as the Centennial Display Team and 2 PPCLI drum line entertain the public. The day will conclude with a major fundraiser for the Regiment and PPCLI Foundation.

7 September 2014

The MBR and Association will start the day at the Trinity United Church in Port Credit where LCol Agar Adamson's ashes are interred in the family crypt. After a short service and dedication of a 100th Anniversary plaque, the MBR will run to the Adamson Estate. Here we will host a community outreach and BBQ to include the dedication of a second 100th Anniversary plaque in honour of Agar and Mabel Adamson.

8/9 September 2014

This will be an intensive two days in Brampton involving outreach to local schools and cadet corps. On the 8th, the MBR, Association, KVA and Korean Community will conduct a service at the National Korean War Memorial at Meadowvale Cemetery, followed by a run to Gage Park in downtown Brampton for a final community outreach event. 10 September 2014.

The MBR and Association will conduct a service at MacKinnon and Bowes to acknowledge the important support they provided to the Regiment. A military convoy carrying the Roll of Honour will then move from MacKinnon and Bowes to the Ontario Coroner's Office and retrace the Highway of Heroes in reverse order ending at the Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial in Trenton.

As you can see it will be a challenging and busy period for the South-Western Ontario Branch of the Association and the Memorial Baton Relay team while they are in Southern Ontario. However with detailed planning and great teamwork everything should go off quite well. All of the above events are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Hope to see some of you at the various events.

Once a Patricia – Always a Patricia!

Fraser Valley BC Branch

Matt Brown, President

The Fraser Valley BC Branch has had a very busy time over the past year. Our efforts were focused on fund raising events to support three ventures. First, to support the Association's campaign to fund 2014 Anniversary projects. Secondly, to fund a branch memorial project for 2014 and third, raise funds for the Heroes Hockey Challenge in Abbotsford, BC in May 2013.

We were successful in all three ventures. After hosting fund raising dinners, silent auctions, garage sales and soliciting donations we were able to donate in excess of \$4000 to the Association's Anniversary fund.

Our branch project for 2014 was to design, build and install a memorial bench at the Legion Cemetery in South Chilliwack. After a number of revisions in design and



The plaque embedded into the Memorial Bench



Branch President Matt Brown and John Loxterkamp unveil Memorial Bench



The Memorial Bench is tested by Marc Gagne

research for a manufacturer; we were able to have the Memorial Bench installed. The dedication ceremony was on the Regiment Birthday, August 10th, 2013. With the assistance of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 280, the Branch Colour Party and volunteers made the Dedication Ceremony a true success. The branch project was completed within the budget of \$2,000.

Our final project was the Heroes Hockey Challenge (HHC) managed by the PPCLI Foundation. The Fraser Valley Branch became an integral part of the organizational team for the HHC. The branch provided volunteers to fill the General Manager, Chief of Staff, Administration Manager, as well as a multitude of volunteers for general operations and transportation. In addition, we conducted a silent auction which raised \$3800 for the HHC. The management team for the HHC have to be applauded for their dedication. Their work started six month before the event and all members worked 8 to 10 hours a day for five to six days a week.

Our branch ventures were not possible without the efforts of the following members who put in many hours; John Loxterkamp, Matt Brown, Marc Gagne, Wayne Dehnke, Sandy Dehnke, Liz Brown, Tom Walton, Walter Webster and Mark Twinname. Additionally, all our ventures would not be possible without the cooperation of Vedder Golden Branch 280 of the Royal Canadian Legion. This includes the many volunteer members of the Legion that offered their time, knowledge and skills to make our events successful.

Vancouver Branch

Tom Holland, President

Another quiet year for Branch events. We finally lost the use of the Seaforth Armory due to renovations, though it should be available again in 2015. Our Branch AGM and Luncheon was scheduled for March 17 2013 at the Bessborough Armory, but due to poor response from the members we canceled the luncheon two days before the event. We rescheduled the Branch AGM to April 28 2013 at Jenny Urquhart's home and 12 Members attended.

On August 18th we had our annual BBQ at Sandra and Dan Ipsen's home. Luckily their complex has a nice size recreation room and area for BBQ. We agreed at the Branch AGM it was time to give Val Tutte and family a well-deserved rest after hosting for so many years. We had a very pleasant time with 9 members and 4 guests present. We were pleased to have Helga and Don Boyce visit, as well as Alison Thistlethwaite's Mom and Val Tutte's daughter Peggy. Mel cooked up some mean steaks with Dan's help. Unfortunately membership is dwindling. We had a couple more members

drop out due to age, mobility problems, and Ruth Lewis passed away in the spring. It is getting harder and harder to get the numbers out to make any event profitable or break even. Hopefully things will improve with the 100th anniversary bringing attention to the Regiment and Association.

Several members were able to put the 100th Anniversary Poster into Legions before Remembrance Day. And with the help of Dan Ipsen, Tom & I assisted Val Tutte in putting a full display in her Seniors Rec. Center in Richmond for Remembrance Day.

We are planning on having a Xmas Party at Jenny Urquhart's on Sunday, December 8th to finish the year. Hopefully we will see a good turnout of members, friends and family.

We look forward to meeting a lot of old friends at the various events taking place throughout 2014-2015.

Hastings Lake Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, September 14th 2013 several dignitaries met on Mount Seymour to attend a Dedication Ceremony of Hastings Lake. The event was led by Guy Black, an honorary member of the Korean Veterans Association, who had made it his mission to get recognition for our Korean War Veterans. Also in attendance was Hon. Andrew Saxton, MP; Hon. Jane Shin, MLA; Consul General Kie Cheon Lee, Republic of Korea; Lt. Col. James Barrett, CD; Mr. Tim Jones, O.B.C. North Shore Rescue Team Leader; CWO Tom Holland, CD (Ret'd), President of Vancouver Branch of PPCLI Assoc. and Hon. Capt Gordon Barrett, Padre of 15 Field Regiment (RCA).

A small mountain lake was officially named after Donald Perkins Hastings in 2005; Donald died in South Korea on October 15 1952 while on patrol in no man's land with the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Donald was the only North Vancouver resident killed in Korea and his body was never recovered, he has no known grave. In 2004 the idea to commemorate Donald came about and it began with a long search to find his family. Donald's brother was found but he was frail, partially blind and in poor health. His brother's wife assisted Guy and provided information about Donald's life. Subsequently, an application was made to the British Columbia government to name an unknown, isolated lake on Mount

Seymour after Donald. One year later, in 2005 Hastings Lake was officially designated. Eight years later and with the vital support of North Shore Rescue, Talon Helicopters, and Guy Black the journey to remember Corporal Donald Hastings was completed.

The weekend chosen for the dedication was not supported by the weather. On the Saturday the group sat on the mountain waiting for the fog to clear in Richmond so the helicopters could take them to the lake. After about five hours they called it off as they were losing daylight. The next day, after a hurried round - up of the parties involved another attempt was made. A rescue helicopter supplied by Tim Jones (their training ride) made it in from Hope. Global Reporter Geoff Hastings and a cameraman, the Padre, Tim Jones and Tom went in on the first lift. A few minutes before landing the pilot informed them they had 10 minutes and that this would be the only flight as the weather was closing in on the mountain. He quickly dropped them and backed off to hover on the other side of the lake so they could complete the ceremony. They got footage of the flags being laid on the rock where the plaque had been placed in 2012; the Padre's benediction and Tom's recitation of the dedication before lifting off again. All the dignitaries who were unable to get into the site gave their comments in the parking lot. But those who saw the footage on Global News that night were very impressed with the efforts of those involved.



The Building of a Legacy: Patricia Park at Greisbach Village

In 2008 as the PPCLI Association debated which projects that it would support and take the lead on for both funding and leadership, the idea of a memorial to our "First Hundred Years" took hold. The then serving RM, Maj Manny Mandaher, recognized an opportunity to incorporate a project in what was to become the Village at Greisbach which was being developed by Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) and already included a number of legacy components, including storyboards, street names and Patricia Lake. After a number of meetings it became clear that CLC had the expertise and track record to help the Association succeed in this endeavour. In short order both the Association Council and Regimental Executive Committee approved the change in venue. Now that we were off of federal property and within Edmonton city limits, sources of funding became available. With the City of Edmonton on board it was full steam ahead.

The concept was to use the amphitheatre located on the edge of Patricia Lake and incorporate several elements: **Memorial**

On May 8th, the PPCLI were attacked at Frezenberg and Bellewaerde Ridges. After withstanding a heavy artillery assault the Patricia's repulsed the German attack mainly with the use of small arms and rifle fire. By the end of the final German assault, the Patricia's were reduced to 4 officers and 150 men. Facing unbelievably greater numbers, the Canadians once again, had held the line. The German offensive of the 2nd Ypres had ended.

This memorial is a tribute to the honour and bravery of the PPCLI at Frezenberg. It is a replica of the original monument to the Patricia's, which is located near their last stand at Bellewaerde. The original monument is inscribed "Here 8th May 1915, the Originals of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry commanded by their founder Major A Hamilton Gault held firm and counted not the cost."

Four Trees

Canada's first soldiers died in Afghanistan in April 2002 when a "friendly fire" incident killed four and wounded eight Patricia's. The four trees that surround the Memorial Plaza represent not only the four Edmonton soldiers but all those killed and injured in Afghanistan and are a tribute to their sacrifice and courage; and a symbol of the continuing sacrifice of the Regiment today, 100 years later.

Time Capsule

A time capsule containing Regimental artefacts and items of

significance and be placed in a specifically designed cavity in the Patricia Park memorial with the intent that it will be retrieved from the memorial and opened on August 10, 2064 on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Regiment. The artefacts will represent the first 100 years of service by the Regiment.

Battle Honours Pedestals

Battle Honours are the right given by the Canadian Crown to the Regiment to mark on its colours the name of the battles or operations in which they stood out. The PPCLI has received 39 battle honours, 22 have been authorized for use on the colours. Those 22 are represented in the Park.

Memorial Wall

This memorial was designed to replicate the Wall of Honour found in Regimental museum at The Military Museums in Calgary and it commemorates those who have sacrificed their lives while serving with the PPCLI over the past 100 years.

Personal Legacy Memorials

Personal Legacy Memorials (PLMs) or VP Blocks are a new addition to the Patricia Park design and will be available for purchase by any former or serving member of the Regiment or the CAF, or any company, group or individual who is a friend of the Regiment and wishes to be known as such. PLMs are intended to be a legacy for Patricia's and a symbol of honour and support for others.

Each block may be purchased by a donor and will consist of a 6" by 9" block of barre granite 2 - 3 inches thick. Blocks will be placed in the Patricia Park and replace existing pavers on a one-for-one basis. These dimensions and placement will be dependent upon detailed site design and integration and donors may select the text to be engraved on their block. Details on how to purchase one of the PLMs will be available by the end of February 2014 on the PPCLI Foundation website: www.ppclifoundation.ca.

The Way Forward

Currently Phase 1A of the Memorial has been completed and the First Battalion marked the occasion by celebrating Remembrance Day on location. Funding is in place to finish the Battle Honour pedestals and the Regiment, Foundation and Association have committed to finishing the Memorial wall and the first phase of the PLMs in time for the dedication ceremonies on the 10th of August 2014. PLMs will be available for purchase on an ongoing basis thereafter.

This memorial will be a lasting legacy for serving and retired members of the Regiment. It will commemorate

their service and act as a focal point for the Remembrance of that service and sacrifice. Throughout the year the memorial will provide a tranquil and pleasant location for the local community to pass a moment in memory of the fallen and to enjoy the ambience of the surroundings.



South West Ontario Branch Regimental Wine Fundraiser

The South West Ontario Branch has continued its fundraising efforts and to date has donated \$1900 from wine sales to the Frezenberg Memorial Restoration. So far this year we have sold almost 100 cases of wine. The 2013 wines are an Unoaked 2010 VQA Chardonnay and a 2010 VQA Cabernet blend and they can be shipped to Ontario, BC, Alberta and Manitoba. Château des Charmes is the official supplier of Regimental Wine labelled during our 100th Anniversary celebrations. We have just added a Brut and Rose Sparkling Wine to our fundraiser. \$2 from every bottle of Wine and \$3 from each bottle of Sparkling Wine sold goes towards 100th Anniversary fundraising.

The 2013 wines are now available for purchase and can be ordered using the enclosed order form. They will make a great present for Christmas or any other special occasion. What better way to ring in 2014 than with a bottle of Sparkling Wine.

Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia

Paul Hale
President
SW Ontario Association
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PPCLI CHARDONNAY	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$25.90	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$77.70	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$155.40	-----	-----
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	-----

This Chardonnay is fresh and crisp with notes of apple, grilled pineapple and a little nuttiness

PPCLI CABERNET	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$25.90	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$77.70	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$155.40	-----	-----
	TOTAL	-----

*A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot.
Aged a few months in French oak barrels added complexity and a hint of spice. Medium bodied with a bouquet of strawberry and cassis.*

PPCLI MIXED WINE CASE	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$25.90 (Chardonnay, Cabernet)	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$77.70 (3 Chardonnay, 3 Cabernet)	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$155.40 (6 Chardonnay, 6 Cabernet)	-----	-----
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	-----

PPCLI MIXED SPARKLING CASE	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$59.90 (Brut Sparkling, Rosé Sparkling)	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$179.70 (3 Brut Sparkling, 3 Rosé Sparkling)	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$359.40 (6 Brut Sparkling, 6 Rosé Sparkling)	-----	-----
	TOTAL	-----

PPCLI BRUT SPARKLING	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$53.90	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$161.70	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$323.40	-----	-----
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	-----

PPCLI ROSÉ SPARKLING	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$65.90	-----	-----
6 bottle case \$197.70	-----	-----
12 bottle case \$395.40	-----	-----
	TOTAL	-----

These sparkling wines are a classic blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir made in the traditional method and bottle aged on the lees for a minimum of two to three years.

On the nose this Brut Sparkling will remind you of lemon, lime and toasted bread. The creamy texture is punctuated by the fine, persistent bubbles.

The flavours of this Rosé Spakling will remind you of ripe strawberries but the wine is dry and refreshing with lots of tiny bubbles.

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PPCLI Association 2013 Student Bursary Awards



Cliff Turtle: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary

\$11,000 in bursaries awarded in 2013

There were 16 applicants this year and 10 bursaries were awarded; one bursary of \$2,000.00, and nine bursaries of \$1,000. 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 three serving component representatives. The following individuals were awarded a PPCLI Association Student Bursary from the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund:

(Left), Cliff is the son of a retired Patricia and is pursuing studies at the National University of Ireland. He volunteers extensively and his goal is to follow a career in teaching.

(Not Pictured) Rebecca Leitch: Awarded \$2,000 Lady Patricia Bursary
Rebecca is the granddaughter of a Patricia and is our top recipient this year. She is into her third year of Psychology at the University of Waterloo. Her goal is to complete a Masters degree and at sometime in the future her doctorate. She would like to establish a practice as a registered Psychologist.

(Below), Karis was accepted in to the Clinical Psychology Master's and Ph.D. program at Western Michigan University. Her primary professional goal following graduation with a Ph.D. is to become a capable and self-assured practicing psychologist. Specifically, she would like to work with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder caused by combat or deployment stress.



Karis Callaway: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary

(Below Right), Dean is the son of a serving Patricia and is pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of New Brunswick and hopes to be the first in his family to complete a university degree.



Dean House: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary



Katelyn Corbin: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary (Above), Daughter of a Patricia, Katelyn is currently heading into her third year of a History major and English minor at Providence University College. She is also a member of the Women's Volleyball team at Providence. Her goal is to become a teacher.

(Below), Kayley is the daughter of a retired Patricia and is entering her second year in the Masters of Divinity program in Wolfville, NS.



Kayley Sanders: Awarded \$1,000 Dr. Jack Cathie Bursary



Nadine Geddert: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary (Above), Nadine is the spouse of a serving Patricia. She is currently pursuing a career in law enforcement, has served with 3 PPCLI as part of the OMLT during Task force 3-09.

(Not Pictured), Kyle Rooney: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary

Kyle is serving with the BC Dragoons in Kelowna, BC and is in his fourth year of a major in economics and a minor in geography.

(Not Pictured), David Mansbridge: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary

Son of a retired Patricia, David continues his studies in Education after completing a successful 4 year degree in Kinesiology. He is majoring in Physical Education with a minor in Mathematics. His goal is to become a teacher.

(Below), Peter is the son of a retired Patricia and is currently pursuing a Master of Law degree at the University of British Columbia.



Peter Giraldeau: Awarded \$1,000 Hamilton Gault Bursary



2551 PPCLI Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

Edmonton, Alberta

Captain S. Russell

Another year has gone by for 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps in Edmonton. Another year filled with new challenges, adventure, and awards. In January 2013, Cadet CWO Srosh Hassan was announced as the recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal awarded by the Army Cadet League of Alberta. In February, the CO, Capt Stephanie Russell, was also awarded the medal from Regional Cadet Support Unit Prairie for her work with cadets over the years. Both Capt Russell and CWO Hassan were also awarded Honour Officer and Honour Cadet awards from the NW Zone of the Alberta Army Cadet League in February.

March brought with it a new challenge in the form of hosting a French-Canadian Air Squadron. 30 cadets and 3 staff members from Escadron 921 L'Ancienne-Lorette came to Edmonton for 4 days of activities and tours. Events included a day at 3 PPCLI for weapons displays, the para simulator room and snow shelter building. We also took them to the West Edmonton Mall, the Military Museums in Calgary, and the Banff Hot Springs. We couldn't let them leave without attending the Star Wars Exhibit at the Telus World of Science Centre as well as some good old-fashioned tubing.

May marked the unit's return to Mt. Robson for the annual Wild Patricia Adventure Training Ex held every May long weekend. After going to Camrose for a couple of years, we were pleased that enough funds were raised to allow us to return to Mt. Robson and introduce a new group of cadets to White Water Rafting and the Berg Lake Trail. Cadets rafted 13kms before embarking the next day on a 22km hike up Berg Lake Trail. Cadets who were trying out for the Siffleur Falls hike did an additional 10kms with near vertical inclines.

It paid off when 3 cadets and 1 staff member became the first cadet group to hike Normandy peak at Ex Coelis Mountain with the 3 PPCLI Para Coy. C/Sgts Manna, and deRuiter and C/Cpl Moberly, along with Civilian Instructor (CI) Bernatchez, got up in the early dawn of June 6th to begin their hike. It was an incredible experience for all. On their return, they quickly put on their uniforms and participated in the anniversary ceremonies. Their stories



of the hike, standing at the peak and signing the book at the top along with 3 PPCLI quickly spread to other cadets in the unit resulting in many starting to work on increasing their

fitness levels so that they too can attempt the climb.



June also brought the end of the formal training year. Cadets were recognized for their outstanding performance at the Annual Ceremonial Parade and Review.

Although the formal training year was complete, many cadets attended summer camps, or

participated in local activities representing the unit. C/LCpl deRuiter was awarded Top Cadet in his Platoon while attending the General Training course in Vernon. All cadets represented the unit extremely well at the activities they participated in.

As the summer wound down, we were delighted to receive news that CWO Hassan was selected as the General Walsh Memorial Sword Recipient, recognizing her as Canada's most outstanding Army Cadet. She was awarded her sword by BGen (Ret'd) Romses, Colonel-Commandant of the Royal RCAC in a ceremony in Edmonton on October 7, 2013. This is the first time the award has gone to a cadet in Alberta. CWO Hassan will join the Top Air Cadet and Top Sea Cadet in Ottawa as part of the Governor General's party at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies. October also brought word that CI Bernatchez was awarded the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award for his work with cadets. The ceremony was on 18 November 2013 in Edmonton.

2551 PPCLI is growing in numbers and its future is bright. Plans are underway to be as active as possible in any and all of the Regiment's 100th anniversary events. We continue our planning to take the cadets to Europe for tours of Patricia battlefields. While we work on the funding for that, we continue to ensure the history of the PPCLI and specifically of Paratroopers continues to be a big part of our corps' identity.

The ongoing dedication of staff and cadets, and support of their families motivates us to new heights. The financial support of the PPCLI and Airborne Associations, the Norwood Legion Branch #178, the Army Cadet League of Alberta, the Parent's Association, and the private donations from retired Patricias and Airborne help us keep the memory of these brave men alive. Thank you to all the Patricia jumpers, past, present and future for the contributions you have made, and the inspiration you continue to be.



2837 PPCLI Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
Officer Cadet D. Robichaud



We have 45 cadets currently parading with the Corps and 2013 was a very busy and exciting year for us. From our regular Wednesday nights, to the various other activities including sports nights, movies nights, fitness nights, marksmanship, weekend exercises, and regional and national activities there is never dull moment with 2837 PPCLI.



Our Biathlon team traveled to Whitehorse to compete in the regional biathlon competition. Two of our cadets from 2837 (Joshua Lee and Michelle Lee) were selected to compete at Nationals in Valcartier, Quebec.



FTX BIVTEC was our fall training exercise. This allows new cadets to learn about camping in a Biv site, eating rations, and ruck marches. Those cadets that were returning took the opportunity to brush up on their bush-craft and leadership skills while leading the eager new recruits.



A small group of 2837 Cadets went to represent the Corps at CFB Edmonton for the 2013 Army Cadet Challenge and had the opportunity to compete against other Corps in the region. They competed, and came out victorious as the champions for the 2013 Army Cadet Challenge. This was the first time that 2837 had ever competed in this competition.



Our Marksmanship team under the direction of their coach CI Mike Jennings practiced and worked hard all year, sometimes practicing 3 to 5 times a week, to make it all the way to the Regional and National competitions. Cadets from 2837 won a variety of individual awards as well as finished as the Top Army Team and the Top Team Nationally.



2837 Cadets and Staff at the Annual Ceremonial Review. This ceremony marks the end of our local training year. 2837 Cadets went on from here to summer camps all over Canada and abroad.



Special Fundraising Events Positioning PPCLI Foundation for Sustainability

Major-General (Ret'd) Barry Ashton, President

Special fundraising events such as Heroes Hockey Challenge (HHC) and Canadian House of Heroes are positioning the PPCLI Foundation to be sustainable in the long term.

The 2013 HHC, which included a gala dinner and hockey game with Warriors (former and present soldiers) facing off against NHL Alumni, raised over \$60,000 to support programs. Throughout 2013, there have been numerous fundraising endeavors including an Armistice Ball and Veterans Symposium in Regina, Saskatchewan focusing on Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome which raised more than \$10,000.

The Foundation was pleased to be able to support initiatives in 2013 such as the purchase of the Memorial Cross awarded to the mother of Sergeant Robert Spall, Victoria Cross; the provision of markers for 30 Patricias who fell in Sicily in 1943; and attendance at a ceremony commemorating our Afghanistan fallen at the Saskatchewan War Memorial.

Who We Serve

By way of background, the PPCLI Foundation is an autonomous, independent and charitable entity which provides needed support to soldiers and former soldiers who endure the scars of battle long after they have left the field. Our goal is to enhance existing support services and to facilitate new and innovative solutions.

The Foundation acquires, accepts, solicits or receives legacies, gifts, grants, bequests, endowments and donations of any kind to support the soldiers, the wounded and their families and families of the fallen.

The Foundation Today

The Foundation has become established as a valued partner within the Regimental family, one that has and continues to extend the reach of the Regiment into a broader community.

With the 100th Anniversary of the Regiment in 2014, the Foundation is a key player in gathering support and funding from outside of the Regimental family from corporations, governments, and individuals. Funds raised will be leveraged to grow our ambitious goal of an endowment of \$5 million by 11



At the Association AGM Dave Pentney, PPCLI Association President, receives a cheque for \$10,000 from Barry Ashton, President, PPCLI Foundation. Looking on is Matt Brown, President of the Fraser Valley Branch of the Association. The presentation to the HGMF for the Centennial Memorial project was made from the proceeds of HHC 2013 in Abbotsford.

November 2018, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in World War I.

In a review of its strategy in August 2013, especially for the period after the completion of the 100th Anniversary, the Foundation's Trustees concluded that our long-term sustainability should be based largely on fundraising through special events. Events such as HHC enable us to differentiate the Foundation from the competition in the charitable non-profit sector and offer the potential to provide the backbone of our financial stability and sustainability. In this way we believe that the Foundation can continue to grow and thrive, thereby continuing to provide support "For the Soldier."

As we move forward and financial sustainability is realized, we will want to rely less on volunteers, although these volunteers will continue to fill key leadership and support roles within the Foundation. We will be seeking to identify and recruit some key staff to lead and coordinate our fundraising and volunteer efforts. Priorities will be attached to identifying sources of funding which will permit this, without erosion of our ability to provide funding for eligible donees. (It is estimated that \$75,000 to \$100,000 annually is required.) We will be aiming to build upon the individual and



At the Armistice Ball in Regina, SK, BGen (Ret'd) Cliff Walker, President of the Royal United Services Institute of Regina (left) with The Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan (centre) presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the PPCLI Foundation. Accepting on behalf of the Foundation was MGen (Ret'd) John L. Sharpe (right). (Photo credit: Taryn Snell, d3 Imaging Inc.)

collective partnerships developed to-date, developing new ones whenever the opportunity arises.

The Foundation is managing a growing number of fundraising events, e.g. HHC, Canadian House of Heroes, a joint venture with the Canadian Football League Alumni Association, and other special events.

A recent event included the Armistice Ball in support of our troops held in Regina, SK on 10 November 2013, which raised \$10,000 for the Foundation. In front of the largest audience in years, BGen (Ret'd) Cliff Walker, President of the host Royal United Services Institute of Regina, presented a cheque to Foundation representative, MGen (Ret'd) John L. Sharpe. Among the speakers, it was noted that Bill Hutchinson, Member of the Saskatchewan Legislature, spoke favourably of the PPCLI Foundation and its work.

The Ball was preceded by a Veterans Symposium titled, "Care of our Wounded Warriors." Corporals Mark Fuchko and Ryan Forest, both of Calgary, recounted their Afghanistan war experiences which were well received and provided context for the symposium. These events will grow in scope and number as our capacity to manage increases with volunteer and other support.

Heroes Hockey Challenge

Our HHC events are proving to be highly successful.

In April 2013, we conducted a gala dinner and a hockey game in Abbotsford, BC. These events



Paul Franklin, Vice-President of the Amputee Coalition of Canada, receives a cheque at the start of the 2013 HHC game. Third from left is LGen (Ret'd) Kent Foster, Executive Vice-President, and third from right is MGen (Ret'd) Barry Ashton. On the far left is Glenn Cumyn, HHC Founder, along with Ross Tocher and Greg Dureault, founding sponsors.

raised \$60,000 to support our work, bringing the total net proceeds from 2012 and 2013 events to \$145,000. The Organizing Committee was assisted by the Fraser Valley Branch of the Association. In recognition of this support, \$10,000 was contributed to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and designated for use in the 100th Anniversary Memorial projects. For information about the upcoming 2014 HHC, visit the website at www.heroeshockeychallenge.com.



Canadian House of Heroes

Plans are also being made to conduct Canadian House of Heroes events in conjunction with the 102nd Grey Cup in Vancouver, 20-23

November 2014. This 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.



New Afghanistan Memorial: The 73rd Anniversary of the Battle of Britain was commemorated and a new Afghanistan plaque was unveiled at the Saskatchewan War Memorial on 14 September 2013.

Saskatchewan War Memorial

The 73rd Anniversary of the Battle of Britain was commemorated and a new Afghanistan plaque was unveiled at the Saskatchewan War Memorial on 14 September 2013. In attendance was the Colonel of the Regiment, the Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major of 2nd Battalion, myself as the President of the Foundation and numerous others. The ceremony, near

the Province's Legislature Building, was presided over by Saskatchewan's Lieutenant Governor and Vice Patron of the PPCLI Foundation, The Honorable Vaughn Solomon Schofield. The Afghanistan plaque

commemorates the names of 17 Saskatchewan citizens who paid the supreme sacrifice, 12 of them Patricias.

Operation Husky

Operation Husky is an endeavor by Canada Company and others to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the battle for Sicily, honoring those who fought and those who fell.

The Foundation was proud to contribute \$4,500 on behalf of the Regiment to provide markers for 30 Patricias who fell on Sicily in 1943. Further details on Operation Husky may be found at www.operationhusky2013.ca.



Operation Husky, an endeavor by Canada Company and others, honored those who fell in the battle for Sicily. The above marker, funded by the Foundation, was planted to mark Pte. Leo John Cousins, PPCLI, who fell at Leonforte

Spall Memorial Cross

The Foundation is also proud to have supported the purchase of the Memorial Cross awarded to the mother of Sergeant Robert Spall, Victoria Cross, with a contribution of \$2,000 towards the \$8,000 purchase price on eBay. Spall, a Patricia, died near Parvillers, France on 13 August 1918 following the Amiens



Memorial Cross Belonging to Mother of Sergeant Robert Spall, VC

offensive. He sacrificed his life while directing his men to safety during a strong counter-attack. Congratulations to David Jackson for initiating the campaign to purchase the cross

and to the more than 100 who contributed. The Cross will reside, along with Sergeant Spall's Victoria Cross, in the PPCLI Museum within The Military Museums in Calgary, AB.

How You Can Help

There are many options for you to enable the Foundation to meet its goals. You can make an on-line donation or you can make a deferred gift in 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 Member.

Members are the heart and soul of the Foundation. They 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 is obtained by making a donation of as little as \$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 members will receive a Foundation logo lapel pin. For an initial donation of \$1,000 or more, complete 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 fellow soldiers who have given their best and need your help today.

Contact Us Today

For more information, visit www.ppclifoundation.ca. We are also on Facebook, Linked In and Twitter.

Become a Member today. Memberships can be purchased or donations can be made on our website, or by completing the form on the next page, and sending it in today. Your financial assistance is for the Soldier, the Wounded, the Fallen and their Families.

Thank you for your support.



CWO Todd D'Andrade (left), LCol Mike Wright (left centre) and Maj. Slade Lerch (right) receive a cheque for \$15,000 from LGen (Ret'd) Kent Foster (centre). This contribution to the PPCLI Regimental Fund was made from the proceeds of HHC 2013. In 2013, more than \$41,000 was contributed to the Regimental Fund by the PPCLI Foundation. The cheque was presented at the Association AGM in Medicine Hat.

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PPCLI Foundation's Financial Results Since Inception

Briefly, here is an overview of the Foundation's financial results since its inception:

	2011	2012	2013*	Total
Revenue	\$99,673	\$250,087	\$340,000	\$689,760
Expenses	41,683	158,643	166,000	366,326
Net Revenue	57,990	91,444	174,000	323,434
Gifts to Eligible Donees				
PPCLI Regimental Fund	12,000	40,000	41,379	93,379
Military Family Resource Centres	5,000	13,318	-	18,318
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund	-	5,000	15,000	20,000
Amputee Coalition of Canada	-	20,000	12,126	32,126
CPCSA Hospital Comforts Fund	-	-	3,000	3,000
Others	-	2,500	4,500	7,000
Total Gifts to Eligible Donees	17,000	80,818	76,005	173,823
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses After Gifts to Eligible Donees	\$40,990	\$10,626	\$97,995	\$149,611
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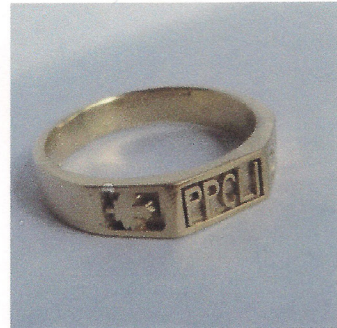
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Korea Remembered

Mr. L. Swick

On 25 June, 1950, North Korean troops, led by Soviet-supplied tanks, swept across the 38 parallel lines to launch the Korean War. At that time, 63 years ago, I was a professional soldier with the PPCLI and so got swept into the mess. Family farewells took place in a gloomy drill hall, which took on a charged and emotional atmosphere that conveyed life's uncertainties in a way I have never forgotten.

We sailed from the Port of Seattle in one of the old 10,000-ton liberty ships, Private Joe P. Martinez. We were on our way to replace 2 PPCLI, which had fought with such valour at Kap'yeong. Bunks were stacked four tiers high and this was home for the lower-ranked soldiers for some three weeks of crossing, with the putrid smells of unwashed bodies and seasick soldiers. We reached Yokohama and were greeted with an American band playing "If I Knew You Were Coming, I'd Have Baked a Cake." Shortly thereafter, and on a different ship, we sailed through the Yellow Sea to Inchon, a port that had been leveled by the North Koreans. We were transported to the front by railway cars equipped with pygmy-sized seats, and at the time I laughed as I thought of the contrasting luxury of the Canadian National Railway lounge cars, where I'd served as a waiter in my youth. And, of course, we had our box meals.

At some point we were detrained, lorry mounted and moved towards the rear areas of the war zone. The reality of war was displayed in: stench, destroyed communications and other infrastructures, homeless families, poverty, and children alone and lost in the turmoil and without home, family, or hope. These sights were coupled with the Canadian military casualties being evacuated along this same route. The first stretcher that passed me carried the body of a Sergeant-Major whom I knew well.



A briefing by the Brigade Commander, General Rockingham, on the tactics of the enemy and their wily use of the Korean Hills was then followed by two weeks of battle training. We moved into the front line mid-October, 1951. The company was commanded by Major Jeff Williams, who was later transferred to Brigade Headquarters. When I took over the company, its position was to the left of Hill 355, also known as Little Gibraltar, which was held by an American regiment. One night we were stymied when we saw streams of small red lights descending the reverse slope of 355. Later discovered that the Americans had to pull out lest they be completely demolished by an overwhelming Chinese force. Those little red lights were the burning cigarettes of the Americans in "full retreat," like the Old Cavalry song. The next day, Colonel Wilson Smith visited my position, and we reconnoitred a retreat route for "A" Company, should we have to forfeit our position because of a strong enemy offensive with its massive ground force.

Our position was along a line of defence called Jamestown. We were into WWI trench warfare, thus spent much time improving battle dugouts, laying minefields, and wiring in our positions. Great effort also went into making our bunkers homey and safe from blasts. Under these static conditions, the domination of no-man's-land became a priority that demanded constant night patrolling and the prudent deployment of the Battalion's sniper section led by friend Sam Urquhart.

Life in the front line carried long hours of "standing to" under harsh weather. The constant shelling left a treeless landscape that exposed the troops to the cold, devastating Siberian winds. Bunker life meant living in dirt, breathing in the smell of the fertilized fields, bearing with the cold dampness, and sharing life with rats, snakes, and spiders. The rats would run along the roof joints supporting the bunker. On one occasion



James Wyman



Homeward bound: November 1952

as I lay on my cot staring upwards, I fired a pistol round at one of the intruders. The repercussion from the shots brought down loads of dust and dirt and thus I never repeated that tactic. As for the snakes, they were the harmless type but would find warmth in your blankets.

At one point some cats were sent up to A Company for rat control. Cats are of an independent nature and they obviously didn't like the assignment, because the next day they took off. It was decision-making time for me—should they be charged with desertion or treason.

The one reward for the front-line soldier and one that he looked forward to was the daily 2-ounce rum ration.

When a country is being ravaged by war, family dynamics continue. I had a houseboy who, like many youth, had latched on to the military for the sake of their food and their keep. His name was Lee Bom Woo. One morning I found this note tacked to the outside entrance of my bunker. "To Captain Swick, from Lee Bom Woo: today I go to my house, I live to the house maybe 10 days, Today, I go to Seoul only, and sleep, tomorrow I go to my house. I go to have not play time." Thus, you see how family dynamics continue through national turmoil and devastation. On a happier theme, imagine a kid age eight or nine having the ability in English to compose and write such a note. Feel certain that later in life, because of his early training in the English language, Lee found a prominent position in the corporate world.

After about three month as OC of A Company I was appointed Chief Instructor to the Canadian junior NCO [non-commissioned officer] school in the village of Uijongbu. I had a cadre of battle-experienced instructors. The young candidates were taught and exercised in battle tactics. Many lectures were centered on the qualities of leadership.

After the NCO School assignment, I was designated conducting officer for the returning to Canada of A and C Companies. Our last parade in Korea was bidding farewell to our comrades at the Pusan Cemetery.

Some called the Korean undertaking a UN police action. Considering that almost 27 000 Canadians served there and some 700 died there, to my mind, it was a war. But war or not, its impact for many lived on, as in the case of James Wyman.

A Veterans Affairs Canada poster carried a picture of a young soldier in Korea standing by his jeep—James Wyman, a young, innocent, loyal, well-trained, and brave soldier who was my driver. I did want to see James again.

We met and, as old soldiers, spent the afternoon along the remembrance trail: bunker life with rodents also seeking

shelter; wiring defensive positions; daylight improvements of positions; the wiliness of our Chinese adversaries and their propaganda; the joy of the daily rum; the tough Korean porters; homeless Korean children; the fatigue; enemy shelling; stand-to morning and night; the scariness of patrolling; the eerie loneliness of sentry duties at night.

We laughed and joked about the experiences until his face became drawn and he said that he was still affected by the memories of the ferocity of a particular Chinese raid upon his position. He related how the Chinese were upon the position without warning. Still the company managed to fight off the attack. He lost many buddies that night, losses that still caused him to have nightmares some 50 years later.

Two years after our visit, I attended the funeral of James Wyman. I believe the psychological battering caused by war hangs on for many veterans and takes its toll.

Our Government has marked 2013 as the year of the Canadian Korean War Veteran. Thus, I use the event to pay particular tribute to the Korean porters who served at our side. Successful military operations are totally dependent upon sound logistics. Koreans supplied a great deal of such support. Korean porters could carry 25-to-30 kilos up and down the most difficult of terrain and under all types of conditions. Means of carriage came in the form of an A-frame rucksack. Loads were lashed to the A-frame. Forty or so porters would make up a normal train of carriers that would bring the supplies into the forward-line positions. A strong affinity existed between a regiment and its carriers; the porters were an invaluable part of the Allied war effort.

And as we celebrate this anniversary we congratulate the South Korean people for their fortitude to emerge from a devastating war to become one of today's most powerful trading nations on the global scene. Can you imagine the design and layout today of the market area as shown in the photo?



South Korean Porters using A-Frame rucksacks



Lee Bom Woo and his younger helper

A Patricia With Energy to Spare

From before 2010, Lloyd Swick of Ottawa (Retired, Calgary Highlander in World War II, then PPCLI in Korea and afterwards), had had it in his mind that for all the memorials around Ottawa, that there was not one to the animals who had given their labour, skills and often lives in the service of Canadians at war.



Many other countries had had the wisdom to create such memorials – but not Canada. And Lloyd decided to do something about it.

In 2009 during a Remembrance ceremony, Lloyd remembered a painting of a horse at war at his high school. His dad had been an army vet, and spoke of the sacrifices animals had made, and how they had reacted to the horrors of war as men did. He also knew that when his PPCLI sailed to England in 1914, that there were many horses in the lower decks that were going off to war with the unit – including two of the Founder's favourites (Sandy and Steve), and that few ever came back. Lloyd had been a Lieutenant in the PPCLI in the Korean War, and he knew that if you worked hard enough at anything, you could get it done. He and supporters (Lauren Harper would be the Honourary Patron of the effort) presented the idea



for a memorial to the National Capital Commission in 2010. Winning acceptance of the idea, he set out to gather a team and design, fundraise and make it happen. At about 89 years of

age, he brought an immense amount of energy to the process.

The memorial became reality and was unveiled on November 3, 2012, declared that day as Animals in War Day by His Worship Jim Watson of Ottawa. It is in Confederation Park, across from the Lord Elgin Hotel – near the South African War Memorial and close to the National Aboriginal Veterans Memorial. The design – centered on a medical service dog, has plaques noting the overall contribution of animals, of mules, horses and dogs. David Clendining of Ottawa was the artist.

Lloyd has a sculpture of a medical service dog on his lawn in suburban Ottawa. His home gushes with regimental touches – the first thing to catch your eye on entry is a series of four preliminary sketches by Molly Boback which she did in prepping for her 75th Anniversary Trooping painting (which is still in the Museum). Lloyd has been honoured by in 2005 for his selfless volunteerism in palliative care facilities and retirement homes, looking after veterans and the sick. He still regularly talks to youth groups and cadets about war, remembrance, sacrifice and leadership. He is apparently undaunted by age himself, and seems not to tire from his great exertions.

On the day after the one year anniversary of the unveiling of Lloyd's labour of love to animals, he attended the book launch of *The Patricias: A Century of Service*, in which he is featured on page 74. Great job, Lloyd Swick - you have added to our regiment's lustre.



LCol H.C. Buller, DSO

PPCLI Commanding Officer 21 March 1915 – 4 May 1915 (wounded) and
7 December 1915 – 2 June 1916 (KIA)

Warrant Officer S. Peterson

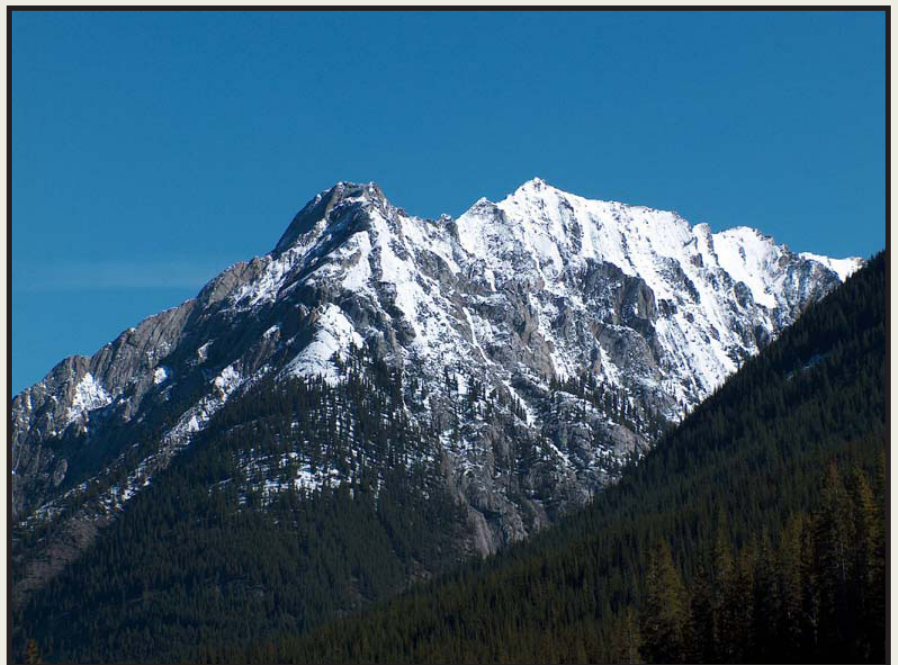
Herbert Cecil Buller was born in England in 1881, the son of a British Admiral. He joined the Rifle Brigade in 1900 and was promoted Captain in 1910. In August 1914, he was one of three British regular officers appointed to the Regiment from the personal staff of the Governor General (The Duke of Connaught). He was initially appointed Adjutant to oversee the critical process of recruiting and selecting the original battalion.

Following the death of Colonel Farquhar at St. Eloi, Buller assumed command of the Regiment. He commanded during the opening phase of the Second Battle of Ypres until he was wounded on May 4th, 1915. Despite the loss of one eye, he returned to duty before the end of the year and commanded the Regiment through the first half of 1916. He was killed during the Battle of Mount Sorrel on June 2nd while leading his men in action. Herbert Buller was awarded the Distinguished Service Order for his action during the Second Battle of Ypres and was twice mentioned in despatches.

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Mount Buller is connected to the long Kananaskis Range located just north of

Kananaskis Lakes in the center of Kananaskis Country, a provincial park which encompasses over 4,000 square kilometers of foothills and mountains bordering Banff National Park in the central Canadian Rockies. Mount Buller was officially named in 1922 after a WWI Vet, Lt Col Buller, DSO, typical of peaks in this section of Kananaskis. The first ascent to the summit was made in 1956 by Fraser, Hicks and Gorril.

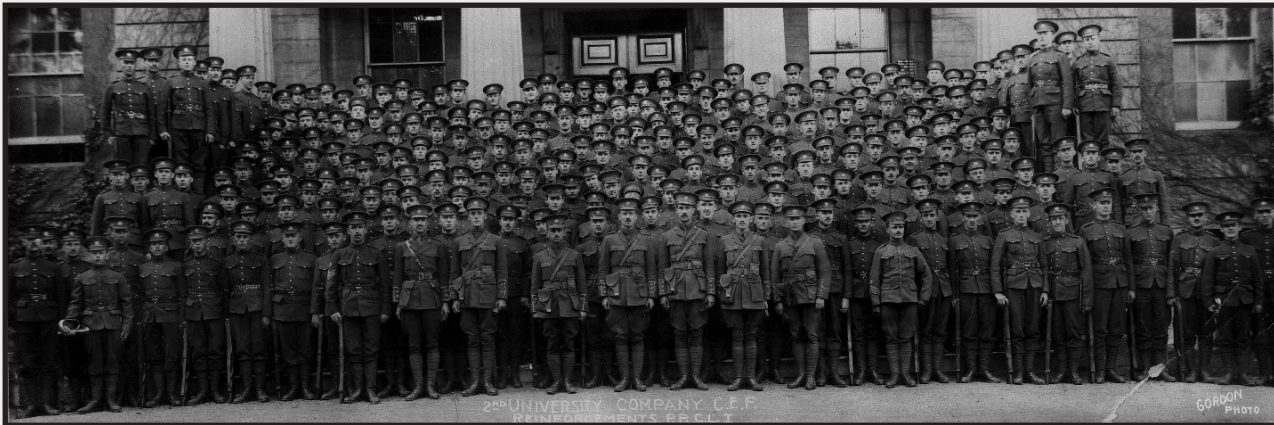


After Frezenberg

Colonel (Ret'd) J.S.H. Kempling

Although Frezenberg is little remembered in the general population, in the Regiment it has remained the most celebrated of all regimental Battle Honours. Every new soldier joining the regiment will visit the museum and see a panoramic model of Bellewaerde Ridge complete with light and sound as the story of the battle unfolds. "Holding up the whole damn line" has become the mantra of the Patricia soldier. The story of the wounded RSM Fraser waving the Ric-a-dam-doo to rally the troops in the line has been embodied in the change of command ceremony. An outgoing commanding officer will pass the Regimental Colour to the RSM who will in-turn pass it to the incoming commanding officer symbolizing the trust the Regiment places in its soldiers. The experience

field at the beginning of March 1915. The Originals continued to play an important role in the Regiment until the early stages of World War Two. Hugh Niven who commanded the remnants of the battalion as a Lieutenant on May 8th would serve as Commanding Officer from 1932 to 1937. Shorty Colquhoun who was taken prisoner at St Eloi was in command when the regiment went overseas in 1939. Along with Hamilton Gault, all would have a profound influence on the Regiment. Even 60 years after the battle, survivors would attend regimental history sessions to re-tell the tale. In the 60s, cadets at the Royal Military College assigned to the Patricia's would be introduced to the Regiment by Arthur Potts who was wounded on May 4th as a private soldier. His home was a virtual



2nd University Company at McGill

of Frezenberg also burnt into the Regimental approach to training the importance of being able to step into the place of a fallen commander. Commissioning from the ranks has moved from a necessity to an essential part of the Regimental ethos. Today, every company commander and commanding officer sees it as part of their duty to identify promising soldiers who are suitable for commissioning. Examine the file of a Patricia general officer today and you are as likely to find someone who started as a private as you are a graduate of the Royal Military College. Bellewaerde Ridge marks not the death of the Originals but rather the initial birth pangs of a Regiment.

Historians have recorded the action as "the Death of the Originals" or speak of the "ghosts of Bellewaerde Ridge". Perhaps it is useful to put such characterizations in context. All commanding officers and RSMs throughout the war were originals with the exception of Pearson who joined the battalion in the

miniature museum. He was later commissioned from the ranks and ultimately went on to become a Major General.

It is equally misleading to think of Frezenberg as the stand of the originals alone. Four hundred eighteen soldiers who were on strength of the regiment at the time of the battle joined in the spring of 1915 and more than two hundred had joined within two months before the battle. Five of the twelve men who joined the battalion on April 30th just days before the battle would be counted among the dead.

Nevertheless, by the end of the Frezenberg battles the Patricia's were in desperate condition. In May alone the battalion had 461 men struck off strength. Of these 219 had been killed and most of the remainder injured to the extent that they were unlikely to return to duty. A small number had been taken prisoner and survived until the end of the war. The task of rebuilding fell to LCol Raymond Pelly who had assumed command shortly after the Frezenberg action.

He was the third British officer and former member of the Governor General's staff to command the Patricia's.

The Patricia's, of course, were not alone in their desperate need for reinforcements. The Canadian Divisions had also been badly mauled. In April 1915, 6000 reinforcements were needed every three months. 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.

In response, the Patricia's reached out to their powerful friends at home for support. In early 1915, the government had authorized the formation of a company at McGill University for 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 Hamilton Gault. Molson was also well known as an 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, both had been assembled and were on their way to France. The First University 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 quiet. As those recovering from injury returned and the new arrivals were absorbed, a very different regiment emerged. Some 1300 men from five University Companies joined the Regiment between July 1915 and October 1916. As a group, they were younger, better educated and much 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.

Those who might suggest that such reinforcement was a waste of talent show a profound lack of understanding about what is required for leadership in combat. In a group of six young men who joined together in Vancouver, three would become officers, one a Sergeant and two would remain privates. Two would not survive the war and only one would appear on the Regiment's final parade in the spring of 1919. Although over two hundred men from the University Companies were commissioned most would serve as soldiers in the ranks throughout the

war. 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. Experienced NCOs mentored the new arrivals and taught them the essentials of trench warfare. Writing to his wife in September 1915, Agar Adamson painted this image: "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."

By January 1916, time in the trenches had given the Regiment an opportunity to assess the leadership merits of the new arrivals. The Regiment was asked to find a hundred NCOs who might be commissioned to fill the needs of other regiments. Although some came from the University Companies, many others were drawn from the ranks of the originals.

Frezenberg then represents the beginning of a marked change in the nature of the Patricia's from a very British regiment to a regiment that reflected the nation as a whole. The birth of a regiment like any birth has a gestation period. Although we celebrate that August day in 1914 when the regiment first paraded as our birthday, it was really not until after the blood bath of

Frezenberg and the subsequent recovery that the essential character of the regiment emerged. Regiments, after all, are not shaped on parade squares – they are shaped by battle.



The Vancouver Six

The PPCLI Centennial March

At 11 am on the 21st of October 2013, a chilly West Coast Monday morning, the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy was formed up in Building 33 to mark what was to become a unique milestone in the musical history of the Regiment. Two Patricias - MGen (Ret'd) Bob Stewart and Maj (Ret'd) Lou Barbeau - were on hand to award a Regimental Achievement Award for Excellence to PO 2nd Class Robyn Jutras. In 2011 the Regiment initiated a competition for martial music writers to write a Centennial Quick March for the PPCLI. In 2012, PO2 Jutras composed and arranged the march that was chosen unanimously by the Selection Team out of four compliant submissions.

So, on that Monday morning, Lt(N) Clarke introduced the Patricia visitors to the Band. MGen Stewart spoke about this significant contribution to the history of the PPCLI, and presented PO Jutras with an inscribed copy (perhaps the first awarded) of the newly minted *The Patricias: A Century of Service*, as well as a Regimental Marguerite Lapel Pin. Maj Barbeau then read out the details of the Achievement Award and presented that excellent document to her. PO Jutras was thrilled: "It wasn't just winning a competition. Now my music is taking place next to all the accomplishments and history of the PPCLI. It's pretty cool." The Band then played the March, having mastered it well. As is often said, there was probably not a dry eye in old Building 33.

The PPCLI Centennial March has been added to the bank of approved CAF marches in the care of the Canadian Forces Director of Music in Ottawa. It is now one of the several marches affiliated to the PPCLI, others being our PPCLI Regimental March (Has Anyone Seen the Colonel - Medley), our modern Regimental Slow March (Lilli Marlene), our original Regimental Slow March (Garb of Old Gaul), Lady Patricia March, and our individual battalion marches.

The PPCLI Centennial March has already been recorded by the RCA Band in Edmonton and will be heard throughout the centennial period in 2014-2015. It should be featured (as well as those other marches) on the intended centennial music CD release, scheduled for summer 2014 (through the Kit Shop, of course). Watch for it - the music will be great!



Manitoba Gala - 4 Oct 2013

Brigadier General (Ret'd) V. Kennedy

At Canada Inns Destination Centre Polo Park in Winnipeg, on Friday 4th October a social was held to raise money to support the youth program in the Frezenberg Commemoration for the 100th. The Winnipeg and area commercial establishments were very supportive - thanks greatly to them all: Advance Electronics, Bear Creek Gallery, Boston Pizza, Boutique la Femme, Bison Transport, Burron Lumber, the Canister, Canad Inns, Arlene Crabbe, Darwin Crabbe, Hotel Fort Garry, Inn at the Forks, Jerry's Hair Salon and Day Spa, Kite and Kaboodle, Lorenza Fashions, MacNally Robinson, Marty's Diamond and Gold Exchange, Nygård International, Peerless Garments, Piazza de Nardi, Qualico, PPCLI Kit Shop Province of Manitoba, Mayor Ross Thompson Stonewall, Remax, Roman Swiderek, Safeway Canada, Shaw Cable, Tan FX Tanning Studios, Timothy's Coffee, Toad Hall, True North Sports, Urban Tactical, Winnipeg Football Club, Winnipeg Police Credit Union and Wow! Hospitality Concepts. Thank you from all Patricias! And thank you as well to the Manitoba Social Committee, 2 PPCLI, Manitoba & NW Branch of the PPCLI Association, and all of the volunteers that made the night a fun one.



Manitoba Social poster group - featuring Sgt. D. Ketchum

Canadian Military Heritage Society - PPCLI

It's a crisp October morning and we've been up since 5am making our way to our position. It's now 8:30 am and Sgt. Williams calls to our section to "Fall in!" It's time to conduct a last minute inspection of our rifles and kit in preparation for the day ahead. As the Sgt. is finishing up, we hear a sound off in the distance which begins as a soft roar and then builds in intensity! We now realize that the time has come to put our 6 months of preparation to the test. It's time to for the PPCLI to "Stand To" and face the 500+ students for another Fanshawe Pioneer Village World War One Education Day!



On more than one occasion people will asked us "Why do we re-enact?" After all, it requires many hours of research, an extremely large amount of money, unwavering dedication to not only learning our history, but also learning how to physically portray a real military unit with proper dignity and respect during parade and simulated combat exercises. We all have our personal reasons, but first and foremost, is a passion for accurately portraying and keeping Canadian military history alive. Not only for ourselves, but for the greater public.

As a result of this collective passion, the Canadian Military Heritage Society (CMHS) was formed by a group of self-funded volunteers as a not for profit organization. Each member supplies their own kit and volunteers their free time. The CMHS is comprised of a number of re-enacting groups covering different aspects of Canadian military history. One of these includes a World War One unit who portray Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Why the Patricia's?



It all began in early 90's when a few CMHS members were invited to Newville, Pennsylvania to participate in a WW1 tactical weekend sponsored by the Great War Association. The Newville PA site is comprised of over 2 km of opposing trench works on 100 acres. Every year, in the spring and fall, the GWA hosts WW1 living history weekends where upwards of 400 re-enactors, portraying Allied and German forces, camp historically in tents or shelters and participate in over 24 hours of field exercises including trench raids, co-ordinated battalion attacks and most importantly, a memorial parade.

After that first event, the initial participants decided what better regiment for Canadians to portray than the 'first in field,' the Patricia's. We were the first Canadian unit to join the GWA.

Now our WW1 unit has over 20 uniformed members portraying the many facets of a WW1 infantry Battalion. Riflemen, machine gunners, medical personnel, signals, NCOs and an officer are all historically portrayed. We still go to Newville twice a year but also participate in the annual 'Great War Fly In' every September in Brampton, Ontario and a WW1 Education Day at Fanshawe Pioneer Village in London, Ontario.

The education day started in September of 2009 and supports the grade 10 history curriculum by creating a hands on learning environment where students can learn about a soldier's life and the sacrifice's made during WW1. To date over 3500 students have participated in the program and interest continues to mount as we approach Centenary of the Great War.

The PPCLI reenacting unit of the CMHS is dedicated to maintaining a respectful and as accurate as possible, historical representation of a unit that is so important to the fabric of the Canadian military heritage. Hopefully, our honouring of the past pays honour to the present.



Christmas in Korea

Warrant Officer S. Peterson

The first picture you see here is of three members of the same family in Korea. On the left is Cpl Jim Selmon, in the middle is Sgt Alex Sim and on the right is Pte Jim Sim. Two are brothers and Cpl Selmon is a cousin. This picture was taken in the area of Miryang Korea which was a training area used by 2 PPCLI before they moved up into the line 17 Feb 1951. It shows the three men laughing and joking about the Christmas mail they had received from home with pictures of their children.

The newer picture is of WO S Peterson and Alex Sim at the Heroes Hockey Challenge in Abbotsford BC, April 2013. Alex Sim had just picked this calendar up from Sgt Lowes who was at the HHC with the Regimental Kit shop and noticed this picture of him and his relatives. Another note about this retired Sgt and Vet is that he is also a Normandy landing Vet, having served with the Regina Rifles. A number of Kapyong vets attended this event and have booked tables for Centennial dinner at the 100th.



Commanding Officers

Warrant Officer S. Peterson

Six officers held the formal appointment of Commanding Officer during world war one. Various times during the war, command of the Patricia's fell on the shoulders of more junior officers as a result of casualties. During early part of the Frezenberg battle in May 1915, Maj Hamilton Gault was in command. LCol Buller had been wounded at the outset of the action on May 4th. By the end of the battle on May 8th, Lt Hugh Niven was in command of the survivors, as Gault and all of the more senior officers had been killed or wounded. On September 28th, 1918 at Canal du Nord, when LCol Charles Stewart was killed, Capt James Edgar assumed command. He was an original who joined the regiment in August 1914 as a private. He was replaced the following day when Capt George Little, another original returned to duty. Little remained in command until the end of the battle. On October 2, 1918, Alfred Pearson, another original who had joined as a private, was promoted acting LCol to assume command until the end of the war. Finally, on November 22, 1914, LCol Hamilton Gault, the gallant old soldier who had founded the Regiment and lost a leg at Sanctuary Wood returned to take his Regiment home.



Lone Patricia in Schoonselhof Cemetery in Antwerp, Flanders

Major K. Callaerts- Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Center

The beautiful city of Antwerp in Flanders, Belgium, is the beating heart of the country in almost all contemporary aspects. When visiting this bristling metropolis, it is easy to forget the city also has enormous historic importance. Part of this history can be discovered on its biggest cemetery: Schoonselhof.

When strolling through the Commonwealth War Cemetery part of the burial ground, one encounters on Plot IIa, Nbr 77 the grave of a PPCLI soldier who died just North of Passchendaele on 14 or 15 Nov 1917. To my knowledge, he is the only Patricia that is buried here, over 100 km from the place he fell. How did Pte Grenville Hopkins end up in Antwerp, so far from his fellow Patricias who fell alongside him during the fierce battle?

The answer can be found on both the Schoonselhof cemetery website, as in the book *"Passchendaele 1917 – The story of the Fallen and Tyne Cot cemetery"* by Franky Bostyn. The website is only in Dutch (Flemish), but I'll do my best to tell you the story.

Private Grenville C. Hopkins was born in Manitoba on 18 Jan 1896 and enlisted in the Canadian Army on 25 Apr 1917. After his training he joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, in full preparation for the Battle of Passchendaele, on 11 Sep 1917. He did not see the end of the battle as he fell just North of Passchendaele on the evening of 14 Nov 1917. He was buried together with Private Macewen between the ruins of the church, and the nearest German bunker, in a grave marked by a rifle with bayonet.

After the war, the debate about repatriation of the dead was most emotional. It was Fabian Ware, the first CO of the Graves Registration Commission, predecessor of the CWGC, who recommended not to repatriate any remains because it would be financially and logistically impossible. On top of that, it would benefit the rich families, and would thus breach the "equality in death" of the

Brothers in Arms. The discussion raged even more intense in Canada, because of the sheer impossibility for most people back then, to visit the graves of the Fallen. For some, an illegal repatriation looked like the only solution. Some French and Belgians thought it a lucrative business and stole some remains from, amongst others, Voormezele Enclosure N° 3.

The grave of Pte L.J. Macewen and Pte Grenville C. Hopkins was discovered in 1920, and both were re-buried, under an individual tombstones, in Tyne Cot cemetery, Plot 56, Row A. The family of Grenville asked for permission to repatriate his remains to Canada in January 1921, but their request was denied, as were all such requests. During the night of 17-18 May 1921, Pte Hopkins' body was exhumed illegally and transported to a mortuary in Antwerp, to be put on a ship bound for Canada. The theft was discovered the next morning, and the remains were tracked down in Antwerp, were confiscated, and re-buried on Schoonselhof cemetery.

If you ever visit Antwerp, make time to go for a stroll on Schoonselhof cemetery, which is a beautiful park and contains many special graves and monuments. Then pay a visit to the grave of a fellow Patricia, whom ended up on this graveyard, as if to underscore a historic emotional debate. One that has since been largely forgotten, but still has consequences for so many Canadian families, who are denied the opportunity to visit the graves of their Fallen.

Lest we Forget.



Private Grenville C. Hopkins/ separated from his Brothers – but not forgotten

Imjin Classic 2013

Captain R.R.J. Dumas, Adjt L EDMN R (4 PPCLI)

On 4 December 2012, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Prime Minister Hwang-sik Kim jointly declared 2013 as the “Year of Korea” in Canada and the “Year of Canada” in Korea, celebrating 50 years of friendship and highly successful diplomatic relations.

This year also coincides with the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement. On 8 January 2013, Minister of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Steven Blaney announced that 2013 would also mark the “Year of the Korean War Veteran”. The special media event was held at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum where the Minister was joined by Senator Yonah Martin, representatives from the Royal Canadian Legion, the Korea Veterans Association of Canada, and Korean Veterans.

The war began, 25 June 1950 with 2 PPCLI having sailed into Korea by that December; active fighting ceased 27 July 1953, with the signing of the Korean Armistice Agreement. During that period, of the 26,791 Canadians that served, 1,558 were wounded, 516 were killed and 33 were taken as prisoners of war. Between the signing of the Armistice and the end of 1955, approximately another 7,000 Canadians served in that hostile theatre of operations. Canadian troops remained in the turbulent peninsula until 1957 as The Cold War brewed on.

An idea is born – During a Canada Day celebration at a U.N. compound in Seoul several years ago, members of the Geckos Hockey Club by chance stumbled across a long forgotten, black and white photo of soldiers of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade playing hockey on the frozen backwater of the Imjin River, 1953.

The first game was in January 1952. The site was referred to as the Imjin Gardens and included dressing tents and a hot dog stand. It was likely the very first match ever, in Korea- another first for Canadians. The competing teams were from 1 PPCLI and a composite team from 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, players from the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Royal 22e Regiment, never too far from The Guns (artillery). Suffice to say, the Patricia's rocked. Not long afterwards, that February, officers were paraded to swear allegiance to the new young sovereign, Queen Elizabeth II; a point worth mentioning having just celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary. The Guns' twenty-one gun salute would have been heard far and wide across the area of operation.

So who were The Geckos? They were a bunch of energetic expatriates that sorely missed Canada and

all things Canadian; above all our game - hockey. In 1998, being the entrepreneurial type, they sought out sponsorship by Geckos Tavern; another Canadian tradition. Accordingly, they took on their name. To this day, the bar still sponsors the team and the Geckos Hockey Club continues to attract players from around the world, creating memorable experiences for other hockey-loving expatriates living in Republic of Korea. Team founder, Pascal Comeau strove to come up with an idea that would pay tribute to Canada's incredible military contribution to what would be sadly referred to as the “Forgotten War”. The Imjin River Memorial Cup and its annual tournament helped provide that proud linkage, preserve our veterans' legacy while bringing together competitive hockey players living on the peninsula. It was also decided to name each winning team after the heroic Battalions and Regiments that fought to establish peace in Korea, after years of violence.

In its 13th year, the trophy made its way to Ottawa, the Rideau Canal, as a focal point to IMJIN CLASSIC 2013, 10 February, the kicker event to the Year of the Korean War Veteran and a highlight



Inside the pre-game reception area at the Government Conference Centre (GCC), is a PPCLI Korea Veteran with an Ottawa Hockey Hall of Fame history, John Leroux with Capt R.R.J. Dumas.

during Winterlude, a premier winter carnival. As a point to note, IMJIN CLASSIC 2013 is a story within its own right. It involves a process spanning two-three years involving numerous passionate persons. It couldn't have been made possible without NCC Senior Vice President, Guy

Laflamme, the driving force behind the City of Jinju's Lantern Garden found at Confederation Park during Winterlude and Senator Martin, an immense supporter of Korea veterans. A supporting cast includes Mr. Andrew Montieth regarding the adoption of the Imjin River Memorial Cup and former PPCLI Regimental Adjutant, Capt Rick Dumas, who had worked with the Senator on a number of occasions. Thanks to the national Korean community, corporate sponsorship and veterans' donations, over \$20,000 was raised. A former member of PPCLI, Mr Brad Malchuk was the official sponsor of the hockey sweaters.

When you think about it, our Korea veterans are not much different than those who have



Korea veteran Mr. George Guertin drops the puck in amidst MGen Noonan and Minister Blaney. MGen Noonan is the CF's patron to Hockey whose father was a Korea veteran with serving 3 PPCLI.

subsequently served and who have set up improvised rinks in Cyprus, the Balkans and Afghanistan. In each case, these Canadians who were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice while in the service of Canada, the United Nations and NATO, found constructive means to deal with the harsh realities and uncertainty of war, with something quite familiar – our love of hockey.

The IMJIN CLASSIC was proudly segued by Mr. Don Cherry, an Honorary Patricia, during Coaches Corner, 9 February 2013, as he proudly displayed the long lost photograph while providing insight to our contribution. The following day at 10:30 sharp the MC's comments were followed by the respective national anthems, sung by Walt

Conrad, VP of KVA Unit 7 and Natalie Hur, Assistant to the Office of the Defence Attaché of ROK. Acknowledgements

were made to special guests, Ambassador CHO Hee Yong of ROK and Mme. LEE Yang, MP Barry Devolin (Co-Chair of the Canada Korea Interparliamentary Friendship Group), NCC – Guy Laflamme (Senior Vice President), NCC – Russell Mills (Chair of NCC), NCC - Jean-François Trépanier (CEO) and MGen P.F. Wynnyk (Deputy Commander Canadian Army). Special remarks were made by Minister Steven Blaney, Walt Conrad – on behalf of Veterans of the Korean War and by Grecko, Andrew Montieth – about Imjin River Memorial Cup. The teams shook hands and went to their respective benches.



Korea War Veterans, Mr. Billy Murray and Gord Gallant of KVA Unit 7, Ottawa having already presented the Imjin Memorial Cup, pose with both teams, veterans, dignitaries and furry Winterlude pals

With the ceremonial puck-drop out of the way it was “game on” and “bring it on”!

The Parliamentary Team was stacked with members of the Geckos, several Members of Parliament league players, Minister Steven Blaney, an NHL alumnus, Doug “The Hammer” Smith and Mr. Doug Martin. The Honorary Coach for their team was Mr. Claude Charland, a veteran of the Royal 22nd Regiment and the original games. The Military Team, also known in circles as Team Patricia, was made up of 13 devoted Patricias from Ottawa, Kingston and 3 PPCLI. Their ringers included the CF Patron of Hockey and goal tender Ed Staniowski, an NHL alumnus as well. Mr. Bryon Archibald, a Korea War Veteran who skated the Imjin River was the Honorary Coach. Maj Derek Prohar was coach. The set standard for play was “pond rules”, a much faster paced game given the significantly smaller surface with 3 on 3 players. Not accustomed to “pond rules”, the intense game would prove to be a real challenge for Team Patricia, and a goalie's goal-against-average nightmare.

The 1st period of play was dominated by the Parliamentary Team. It was like Roto 0. Come the second and final 20 minute period, as per pond rules, it was no secret as to who was in charge. The Military Team came out with a vengeance, embracing the fighting spirit of our forefathers. By the 10 minute mark, Team Patricia had not only tied up the game but had placed themselves well ahead. The Parliamentary Team was now experiencing their own “Battle of Kapyong”. It was everything for them to regain their composure. Within the last 3 minutes or so, they managed to tie it up. While Senator Martin was providing a sitrep to the crowd already on edge, the “blue sweaters” pulled ahead by a single goal. Remaining calm under fire, Team Patricia held their ground by firing in one more to end the game. Much like how the fight in Korea finished 60 years ago, it was a stalemate at 12-12.

Shortly after the outdoor presentations were made and photo ops taken, participants made their way back into the historic GCC for the luncheon. VIPs and distinguished guests made final presentations and speeches over a wonderful meal. One such presentation, dedicated to the Korea veterans included a huge painting by Mr. Ross Rheaume. It featured the photograph found long ago, in Korea which was also featured on Coaches Corner, the night before. Group photos were taken to include the many Korea War veterans and



Squaring off at centre ice during a face-off is the Parliamentary Team in blue and the Military Team in red. The Imjin Memorial Cup is at the far right corner of the rink.

families, senators, parliamentarians, serving members and Geckos. Afterwards, Senator Martin led a personal tour of Parliament, with special visits to the Peace Tower which offers a terrific view of the game area and downtown Ottawa, the Memorial Chamber and Upper Chamber.

IMJIN CLASSIC 2013 was a special hockey game, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and in honour of Canadians who defended the Republic of Korea. Hockey's popularity in Korea, in addition to our veterans' valiant service is amongst Canada's lasting legacies. On that day, once again, Canadians were reminded. It was symbolic and poignant to see serving veterans of Cold War service of Germany, Cyprus, Croatia, Bosnia and Afghanistan playing their hearts out in honour of our Korea veterans; just a year ahead of the PPCLI's Centennial.



Shown prior to formal presentation to Minister Blaney, is the painting with artist, Mr. Rheume and Senator Yonah Martin, the architect of the IMJIN CLASSIC 2013. It depicts the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade's championship finals on the Imjin River in 1953. The river flows from north to south, crossing the Demilitarized Zone which to this day is very troublesome and hostile.



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Visiting Korea Sixty Years Later

Romeo and Elizabeth Daley

Romeo Daley, a Korean War Veteran and member of the Southwestern Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association, served two tours in Korea from April 1951 to October 1952. Earlier this year, he received an invitation to revisit Korea in April 2013 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and the 62nd anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. The visit was paid for by the Korean Veterans of The Republic of Korea (South Korea) and Veterans Affairs Canada.

Romeo and his wife Elizabeth flew to Vancouver on Saturday April 20. Once there, they met up with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Hon. Stephen Blaney, his father, Veterans Affairs Ombudsman Guy Parent, numerous reporters, photographers and many other dignitaries who would make the trip Korea. They attended a welcome reception and spent the night in Vancouver before flying to Korea. However, the 32 Veterans and their spouses or care givers were the stars of the visit.



Romeo with Korean Soldiers at the DMZ

This was a British Commonwealth visit with Veterans from Canada, Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, and India. During the week, they visited the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) where the cease fire was signed. It was interesting to note that the South Korean buildings were about 40 feet apart from buildings in North Korea. Both sides were well guarded by the opposing forces. During the week, the Veterans visited numerous outposts overlooking the hills where many battles were fought by the Canadians. They also toured the Korean War Memorial and Museum in Seoul, South Korea.

Over the week, the Veterans attended many services for the various Commonwealth Countries. The most touching for the Canadians was at the Kapyong Memorial where the Veterans of the Battle of Kapyong were honoured and the visit to the Commonwealth Cemetery where many of those who

died during the Korean War are buried. To quote Romeo, "This was a most difficult time when I left the cemetery after visiting many of the graves of comrades I was with in the War."



Romeo Daley pays respects to fellow soldiers buried in Busan

Near the end of the visit, Romeo and Elizabeth attended a Korean version of Romeo and Juliet which was in their native dress. It was a wonderful performance followed by a reception at the Canadian Embassy with entertainment by Hon. Stephen Blaney's father on the accordion

and the PPCLI members singing a medley of songs.

They were also treated to a "Thank You" banquet hosted by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs of the Republic of South Korea, where some members were awarded the Ambassador for Peace Medal.

The Koreans hosts were warm and welcoming and it was a very memorable week. Romeo was very glad that he had the opportunity to return to Korea and celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the end of the conflict.

Korea has changed significantly from what he saw during the war to the modern industrial nation that it is today.



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Sergeant Robert Spall Memorial Cross Fund Raising

Major S.G.J. Lerch

In Oct 2013 I was advised by a few Patricias, serving and retired, that the Memorial Cross for Sgt Spall, VC was available on E-Bay. As one of the Regiment's three Victoria Cross winners, it is an artefact of Regimental, if not national significance, and there was sincere interest in getting it for our museum. As I worked to gain support from the serving component and the Regimental Fund, MCpl (Ret'd) David Jackson opened a "Go-Fund-Me" account and began a campaign to generate funds to purchase this significant artefact.

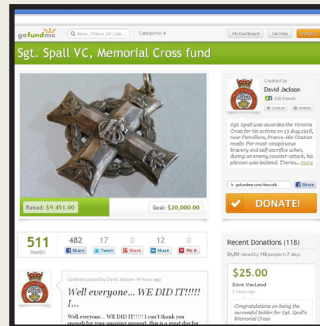
In a few short days, we generated over \$12,000 from donations across the Regimental Family: serving, retired, the Association; the Foundation (\$2k) and the Regiment (\$2k). On bidding day, Capt Sheldon Maerz, a veteran E-bayer, took the reins and in what was the 'most nervous he has ever been in an auction' got us the cross for a little more than \$8k!

Rarely have I seen such a demonstration of Regimental spirit. It was a truly a proud day for the Regiment! In short order, there were 119 donations: some were generous citizens but most were Patricias from all ranks and status: privates and corporals; NCOs and officers of all grades; serving, and retired. There were at least two double-donors (old 2 VP Recce Pl, in competition with each other of course) and 2 VP also took up a collection and made a sizable donation through their DCO. It was a humbling experience to see the initiative gain such momentum and to watch Patricias put their money where their mouth was and get the cross for the Regiment-for all of us.

Thanks to David Jackson, we rose more than enough to buy the Memorial Cross and in accordance with my promise (and CRA Policy) the remainder of the money will be kept in the Museum Fund, to be used specifically to procure items of Regimental significance. Sgt Spall's Memorial Cross is a significant addition to our museum collection and it is now in the museum. As of 21 Jan 2014 it will be on display along with all three of our Regiment's VCs.

Before I sign off, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to David Jackson, Capt Sheldon Maerz and everyone who contributed to this excellent cause. Your generosity and dedication is a vital component of the Regimental Family.

Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia!



Sergeant Robert Spall



Robert Spall was born in Ealing, England, on 5 March 1890. At the age of two, he moved with his parents to Canada and lived in Winnipeg. In August 1915 he joined the 90th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, and later was posted to the PPCLI in which he became a sergeant.

Spall earned the Victoria Cross in Parvillers, France, 12 and 13 August 1918 during an enemy counter-attack, when his platoon became

isolated. Taking a Lewis gun, he inflicted numerous casualties, then descended into the trench and directed his men into a sap seventy-five metres from the enemy. He again mounted the parapet of the trench and resumed his fire in order to further hold up the enemy. It was at this point that he was killed; Spall sacrificed his life in order to extricate his platoon from a difficult situation, and his bravery allowed his men to be saved.

Citation reads as follows,

"For most conspicuous bravery and self-sacrifice when, during an enemy counter-attack, his platoon was isolated. Thereupon Sjt. Spall took a Lewis gun and, standing on the parapet, fired upon the advancing enemy, inflicting very severe casualties. He then came down the trench directing the men into a sap seventy-five yards from the enemy. Picking up another Lewis gun, this gallant N.C.O. again climbed the parapet, and by his fire held up the enemy. It was while holding up the enemy at this point that he was killed. Sjt. Spall deliberately gave his life in order to extricate his platoon from a most difficult situation, and it was owing to his bravery that the platoon was saved."

(London Gazette, no.30975, 26 October 1918)



PPCLI Officers' Annual Luncheon Victoria 2013

Major General (Ret'd) R.I. Stewart

As a 17 year old George Wilkinson joined B Company PPCLI at Work Point Barracks on 16 Jul 1935. He went overseas with the battalion in 1939 as a Lance Corporal in Transport Platoon of HQ Company.

In April 1940 he along with Pte D. Cessford spent four months manning Lewis guns in the anti-aircraft role on the 'Sheaf Water' a collier operating in the North Sea hauling coal out of Newcastle. There German aircraft and submarines were constantly on the prowl. It was an exciting adventure and in that capacity, they had the distinction of being the first Patricia's in action against the enemy in World War II.

George was promoted to corporal later in 1940 but like so many good soldiers found himself back in the rank of private! Unfortunately he was hospitalized



MGen (Ret'd) Bob Stewart presenting a copy of 'The Patricias - A Century of Service' to LCol (Ret'd) George Wilkinson 25 October 2013

for a significant time in 1941 which resulted being '*struck off strength*' of the battalion. On return to duty he passed through a reinforcement holding unit and was not returned to the PPCLI but sent to No 2 Provost Company. He rose quickly through the ranks and was selected for officer training and on promotion to lieutenant in Feb 1943 returned to No 2 Provost Company. He landed in Normandy with No.9 Reinforcement battalion and served in No 8. Canadian Provost Company of the 4th Canadian Armoured Division.

After repatriation he surrendered his wartime commission and enlisted in the Canadian Army as a Regimental Sergeant-Major in the Canadian Provost Corps. He was repatriated to Canada on 8 May 1945 - VE Day. He was re-commissioned as a lieutenant in 1950 and subsequently served in a variety of appointments in Canada, the UK, UNFICYP (Cyprus) and UNEF (Gaza) and retired from the Army in 1967 as a lieutenant-colonel.

George at 95 still golfs at Royal Colwood Golf Course Victoria, shots are well below his age group and doesn't ride a cart!



From left to right, Smoky Green, George Wilkison, Hugh Kelly, and Ossie Newbury at the tent lines, Sarcee Camp, Ab, c. 1936

PPCLI Chalice and Paten

Captain I.G. Olive

On the 24th of September, 2013 representatives from the Regiment met with Rev Dr Elford at the Edmonton Garrison Officers' Mess. The Rev Dr Elford is the Director for Spiritual Health, Mission and Ethics at Providence Care in Kingston, On and he came to meet us to present a Chalice and Paten commemorating the service and sacrifice of Pte 304145 William Vincent. After a few words from Rev. Dr. Elford the presentation proceeded, and very fittingly under the PPCLI Crest in the main lounge where the Chalice and Paten with utmost care, dignity, and honour were graciously delivered to Padre Olive.

The Chalice and Paten were originally donated to St. Basil's Protestant Chapel at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston. St. Basil's Chapel had been used for Anglican and United Church services over the years, and this Chalice and Paten were among the sacred items used for Anglican worship services. However, with changes in the types and numbers of patients at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital over the past years, there are no longer Anglican services offered in the chapel. In consultation with the Diocese of Ontario it was decided that the sacred items used in St. Basil's Chapel find new ways to be of service for the worship of God. The inscription on the Paten reads:

"For King and Country.

PTE. William Vincent. II..304145. P.P.C.L.I Killed in Action. Vimy Ridge. April 9th 1917."

Pte Vincent enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) in November 1915 however, due to conflicting records, he became a member of either the 80th Battalion or the 155th Battalion CEF, both units were raised in Hastings County and whose history is perpetuated by the Hastings and on Prince Edward Regiment. Pte Vincent later joined the PPCLI in the field on 6 March, 1917 in the area of Bruay-la-Buissière, France while the Battalion was training for the assault on Vimy Ridge. Pte Vincent was killed in general action on 9 April 1917 at Vimy Ridge during the attack on La Folie Wood or by heavy enfilade fire from Hill 145 that followed during their consolidation after the attack.

These precious items were then presented to Maj. Lerch who received them on behalf of the Regiment. As we enter the 100th Anniversary to receive such items in memory of a fallen Patricia is a special time where we can personally connect to the past and to a member of the PPCLI. The Chalice and Paten will be placed in the Chaplain Display cabinet, and will be used on certain occasions in the life of the Regiment. One cannot express our gratitude to Rev. Dr. Neil Elford and all concerned at Providence Care in Kingston for this wonderful gesture.



Forging a Nation: Canada Goes to War

Lieutenant Colonel (Ret'd) W.J.G. Bewick, Centennial Art Project Manager

In 2014, Canadians will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the Great War, and the founding of a famous regiment.

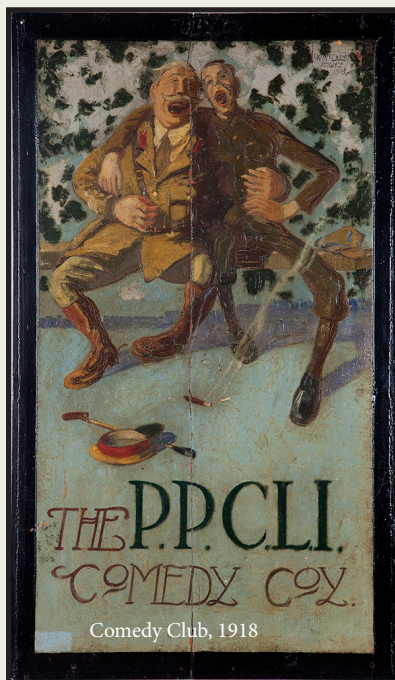
In celebration of this centennial and the formation of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, a visual retrospective titled *Forging a Nation: Canada Goes to War* will open in the New Year.

This exhibition of war art illuminates the remarkable events of the Great War through the eyes of civilian, military, Canadian and foreign artists. This show also reveals the experiences of ordinary Canadians who endured the extraordinary through their service.

The mixed media artwork chosen for exhibition underscores the exemplary service of the Canadian Army throughout the Great War, and beyond to what has become an extremely violent century in history.

The show, hosted collaboratively by the University of Calgary and the PPCLI Foundation, also recognizes Canada's unconditional service in World War II, Korea, the Cold War and Peace Operations including the conflicts in the Balkans and Afghanistan.

The year 2014 will not only mark the centennial of the start of the First World War. It will mark 100 years since the formation of many regiments which were mobilized for this conflict. The triumphs and sacrifices of the PPCLI are examples of the typical experiences



of Canadians who stepped forward to serve their nation.

The PPCLI was formed under unique arrangements specifically for service in WWI. It has continued to serve Canada, along with many other Canadian regiments, for the past 100 years. This history is being brought dramatically alive through the art and artefacts presented in this show.

A large number of outstanding artworks from national and foreign sources, including art from the Imperial War Museum in London and several important European collections have been brought together in a display occupying 4,000 square feet. As well, an extensive display of regimentally-owned art features works completed in the field by Patricia's including trench art and artefacts never before displayed in a public venue.

This art exhibition, which has been under development for the past five years, will open on 21 January 2014 in the Founders' Gallery at The Military Museums in Calgary, Alberta.

After three months in Calgary, the exhibition will be moved to Edmonton where Regimental members and their families as well as the general public can view it over the summer months. An official opening and reception is scheduled for 6 August 2014 synchronised with the PPCLI Regimental commemoration in the Edmonton area. The show will remain in Edmonton for several months.

In addition to substantial financial and staff support from the University of Calgary, the show organizers are also grateful for the financial support of the PPCLI Foundation, PPCLI Regimental Fund, PPCLI 100 Anniversary, The Alberta Foundation for the Arts, The Calgary Foundation, The Royal Canadian Legion, The Royal Alberta United Services Institute Foundation and the Calgary Poppy Fund.

This generous support enables us to present a most fitting and memorable visual tribute to the honour and sacrifice of Canadians, who served in the PPCLI and other Canadian Armed Forces units and formations in war and peace during this past century.

Please join us in viewing this extraordinary art exhibition, *Forging a Nation: Canada Goes to War*.



Coriano Ridge War Cemetery

Corrin Fraser

Soldiers who never made it home from the Second World War got a special tribute for the very first time this Remembrance Day. PPCLI war veteran, Morley Roney, from Wawanesa, Manitoba inspired hundreds of people to help create an international salute for soldiers buried in the Coriano Ridge War Cemetery in Italy.

It all started when former Manitoban Corrin Fraser, who now lives in Italy, helped Roney find the grave of his fellow soldier and friend Jimmie Griffiths, who died nearly 70 years ago. They also found the family who had been searching for Griffiths for decades. Killed just weeks after turning 18, Griffiths was the youngest member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry that was lost in Coriano.

Fraser organized Coriano Ridge War Cemetery's first-ever Remembrance Day service to honour the 427 Canadians buried there. From coast to coast, hundreds of Canadian students, organizations and individuals got involved. As messages, poppies, and flags poured in, so did information from soldiers' families. Many sent personal items to loved ones graves they've never had the chance to visit. Seven schools from Manitoba also joined the project and students poured their hearts into crafts, poems and postcards which they sent to Italy to decorate the cemetery.

LGen Jonathan Vance, Deputy Commander of Allied Joint Force Command, Naples organized a Canadian contingent to attend the service and representatives from the Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force made special deliveries for 35 of the soldiers families buried in Coriano. The graves of 49 fallen Patricias were also honoured with Regimental flags send to Italy by LCol Ritchie of 2 PPCLI in Shilo.



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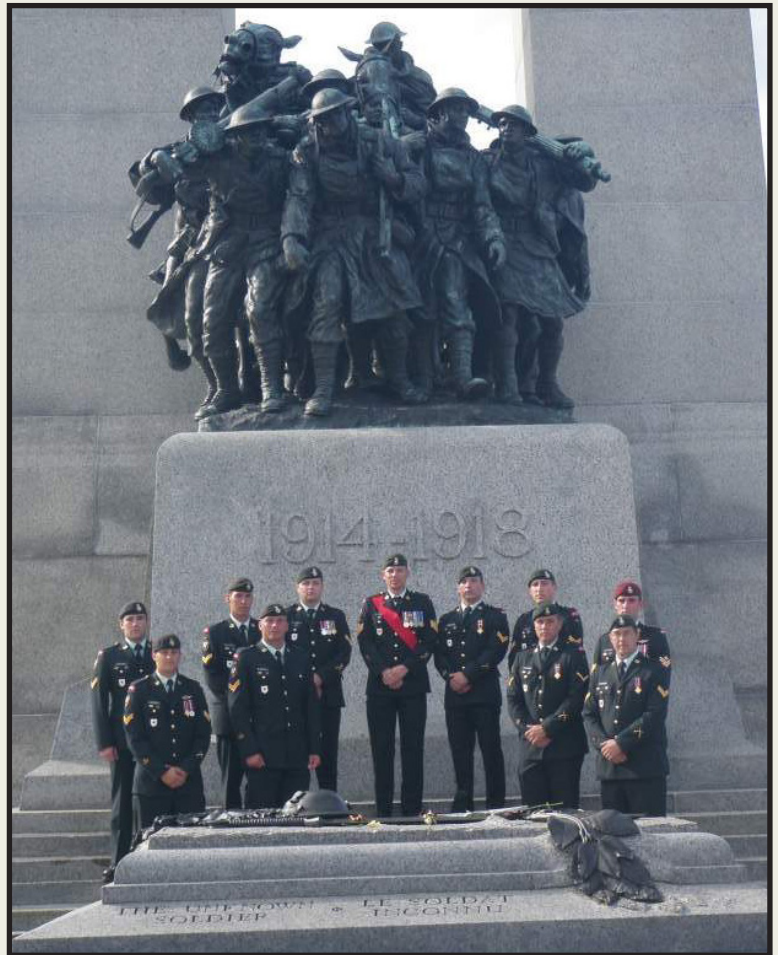


Patricias On Guard in Ottawa

From 4 to 12 Aug 2013 eleven Patricias had the honour of performing guard duty on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Ottawa. This was the first time in Regimental history that Patricias from all three battalions stood guard at the tomb. This event was made more special as we stood guard on our Regiment's 99th birthday. A further honour was bestowed when we were tasked to lower the Canadian flag on Parliament Hill, marking our Regimental birthday and the closing ceremonies of Fortissimo.

We gained a new appreciation for the preparation and training as the first four days were all drill practice and polishing boots. Of course we also had the opportunity to tour the sights of our nation's capital, visit local pubs and enjoying the local scenery.

The highlight of our stay was on the Regimental birthday when after the ceremonies we attended the reception at the east block of Parliament. While there we learned that we were the first Patricias in Canadian history to have had the honour of lowering and folding the Canadian flag at the conclusion of the ceremonies. It was a remarkable experience, and we are all intensely proud of our participation.



National Remembrance Day Service

Cpl Tyler Falt from 3 PPCLI stands guard at one corner Of the National War Memorial during the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Nov 11 in Ottawa. Based at Edmonton Garrison, he was selected to be the Canadian Army Sentry For the 2013 Sentry Program. Cpl Falt was one of six Canadian Armed Forces members chosen to be part of the sentry program this year.



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Korea Remembered (Continued)

Lee Bom
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Korean Children

from LEE BOM WOO

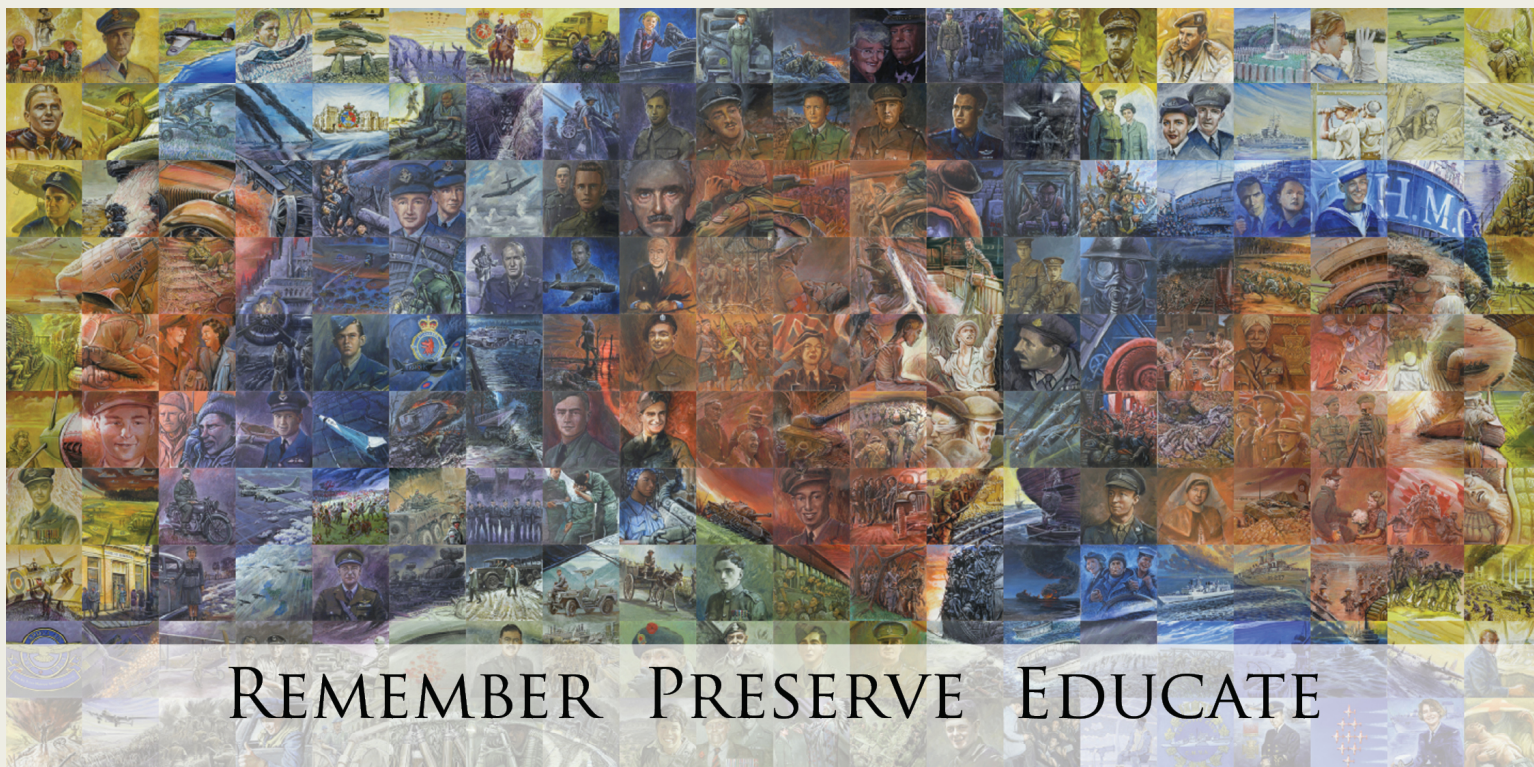
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Matiru, MCpl Charles	Reg Force	15 Jan 2013	Kingston, ON
Payment, Denis	Reg Force	1 Feb 2013	Tumbler Ridge BC
McNab, Maurice	Reg Force	1 Feb 2013	Calgary AB
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Bourassa, Joseph	Reg Force	Mar 2013	Calgary AB
Pennel, Don	Korea	Mar 12	
Katchenoski, Joseph	WWII	1 Mar 2013	Winnipeg MB
Cooper, Mike	Reg Force	4 Mar 2013	Victoria BC
Hoffman, Robert	Korea	4 Mar 2013	Abbotsford BC
McLoughlin, Sgt Douglas	Reg Force	3 Mar 2013	Edmonton AB
Murakami, Terry	Korea	11 Mar 2013	Calgary AB
McDowall, Walter	Reg Force	11 Mar 2013	Abbotsford BC
Oakley, Arthur	Korea	17 Mar 2013	Kamloops BC
Creamer, Gordon	Reg Force	18 Mar 2013	Kentville NS
Chalaturnyk, Nick	WWII	17 Mar 2013	Gardenton MB
Madigan, Edward	Korea	21 Mar 2013	Thunder Bay ON
Rains, Loyd	WWII	29 Mar 2013	London ON
Sorsdahl, Ray	Korea	31 Mar 2013	Saskatoon SK
Durham, Rob	Korea	11 Apr 2013	Jaffray BC
Walker, James	WWII	12 Apr 2013	Fairview AB
Brazil, Wally	Korea	14 Apr 2013	Winnipeg MB
Foy, Arthur	Korea	16 Apr 2013	Couchiching First Nation, ON
White, David	Reg Force	16 Apr 2013	Fernie BC
Leblanc, Joseph	Korea	17 Apr 2013	Calgary AB
Bremner, John	Reg Force	19 Apr 2013	Victoria BC
Smithson, Edward	Reg Force	17 Apr 2013	Chilliwack BC
Wilson, Gordon	Reg Force	4 May 2013	Suffield AB
Huchings, William	WWII	11 May 2013	Edmonton AB
Worthington, James	Korea	12 May 2013	Toronto ON
McNeely, Douglas	Korea	14 May 2013	Lethbridge AB
Curtis, James	WWII	7 Jun 2013	Markham ON
MacQuarrie, Donald	WWII	7 Jun 2013	Vancouver BC
Shank, Steve	Korea	24 Jun 2013	Edmonton AB
Stone, Donald	Reg Force	29 Jun 2013	Okotoks AB

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Gale, Terry	Reg Force	Jun 2013	100 Mile House BC
Brethour, Carl	WWII	27 Jun 2013	Belleville ON
Henry, Jack	Korea , Reg Force	14 Jul 2013	London ON
Lewis, Terry	Reg Force	24 Jul 2013	Calgary AB
Strand, Harold	Reg Force	29 Jun 2013	Calgary AB
Sorenson, Albert	Reg Force	11 Jun 2013	Hay River NWT
Betteridge, Bryan	Reg Force	27 Jul 2013	Didsbury AB
Nussbaumer, Edward	WWII	4 Aug 2013	Calgary AB
Dufoe, Albert	Korea	24 Aug 2013	North Bay ON
Davidge, Roy	WWII	24 Aug 2013	
Cottrell, Herb	Korea	Jul 2013	
Robertson, MCpl Recce	Reg Force	7 Aug 2013	Edmonton AB
Hartmann, Rolf	Reg Force	13 Aug 2013	Calgary AB
Morrison, Desmond	Reg Force	29 Aug 2013	Queensland AU
Northwood, Ken	WWII	30 Aug 2013	Victoria BC
Whitehead, Paul	Reg Force	5 Sep 2013	Vernon, BC
Maule, George	Korea, Reg Force	8 Sep 2013	Ponoka AB
Kreklewetz, Martin	Korea	17 Sep 2013	Ottawa ON
Crain, Basil	Reg Force	21 Sep 2013	Nackawic NB
Rudd, David	Reg Force	22 Sep 2013	Calgary AB
Martinson, John	WWII	22 Sep 2013	Prince Rupert, BC
Smith, Gerald	Korea, Reg Force	25 Sep 2013	High River AB
Larocque, Jon Claude	Reg Force	27 Sep 2013	Winnipeg, MB
Martinson, John	WWII	27 Sep 2013	Kenora, ON
Longclaws, Clifford	Reg Force	03 Oct 2013	Winnipeg, MB
Waller, Herbert	Reg Force	06 Oct 2013	Moose Jaw, SK
Eddy, Robert	WWII	12 Oct 2013	Sault St Marie, ON
Richards, Jerry	WWII	13 Oct 2013	Victoria, BC
Campbell, Ron	Reg Force	13 Oct 2013	
Hutchison, George	Korea	17 Oct 2013	Moncton, NB
McKinnon, Davis	Reg Force	27 Oct 2013	Edmonton, AB
Buckton, Jim	Reg Force	29 Oct 2013	Victoria, BC
Rothwell, James	WWII	31 Oct 2013	Stonewall, MB
Osborn, Donald	WWII, Korea, Reg Force	31 Oct 2013	Ingersoll, ON
Hilworth, Mervyn	Reg Force	20 Nov 2013	Regina, SK
Finnie, Grant	Reg Force	20 Nov 2013	Winnipeg, MB
Wasilenchuk, Peter	Reg Force	25 Nov 2013	Calgary, AB
Elliot, MCpl William	Reg Force	25 Nov 2013	Brandon, MB
Johnston, Herbert	Reg Force	27 Nov 2013	Trenton, ON
Angell, Harry	Reg Force	27 Nov 2013	Edmonton, AB
Bedard, Litton	Korea	10 Dec 2013	Pekenui, NZ
Harris, James	Korea, Reg Force	10 Dec 2013	Edmonton, AB
Neadow, Arthur	Reg Force	25 Dec 2013	Kingston, ON
Hayes, Denis	Reg Force	27 Dec 2013	Campbell River, BC
Black, Charles	Korea	28 Dec 2013	Smith Falls, ON



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