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Trooping, 1969

The week-end of the 13th and 14th of September saw the First Battalion Troop their Regimental Colour in Currie Barracks. The ceremony was carried out in true Patricia fashion. The steadiness of the troops, their turnout of dress, their dressing when marching past, all added up to a performance of true excellence.

The week-end began on Thursday, the 11th, when the Officers dined with the Colonel of the Regiment and Mrs Gault, and the Sergeants entertained their wives at a mixed dinner.

Friday the 12th saw many Patricias, serving and retired, arrive in Calgary from various points across Canada. To attempt to mention or list **their** names would be impossible. For fear of missing some of them we will refrain from what would be an incomplete list.

At 2pm the Battalion held it's Dress Rehearsal, with Mrs DB Gault, the widow of our Founder, taking the salute.

Immediately following the rehearsal Mrs Gault paid us the signal honour of officially opening the Regimental Museum.

Friday evening was spent in the various Messes welcoming and entertaining our Regimental guests. Many old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships forged.

Saturday, the 13th, commenced at 10 a.m. with a Ceremonial Change of Command Parade by our Cadet Corps. The reviewing officer on this occasion was Lieutenant Colonel J.H. (Pinky) Carvasso, Victoria Branch of the FPCLI Association.

At 2 p.m. the Ceremony of Trooping the Colour commenced before approximately 3500 guests and spectators. On the arrival of the Reviewing Officer, Major General C.B. Ware, DCO, CD, a quarter guard and the Corps of Drums from our Cadet Corps were "turned out" Resplendent in scarlets they were justifiably proud to parade for their Colonel of the Regiment.

The Trooping was performed to perfection under an overcast sky. Following the ceremony the weather took a turn for the worse with strong, gale force winds and an appreciable drop in temperature. This change forced the All Ranks Reception to be cut short. During the evening Trooping Balls were held by the Messes and Junior Ranks Club.

Sunday was taken up with a meeting of the Association General Committee, the 22nd Annual General Meeting, the Association luncheon in the Officers' Mess and the 64th Regimental Executive Committee Meeting.

In the evening a 100 man Guard of Honour marched the Old Colours of the Second Battalion to St George's Protestant Chapel. The Colours lay on the altar while a Divine Service was conducted by Padre K (Kels) Minchin, CD, following which they were marched to the Regimental Museum where they were Laid-up for all time.

Another Trooping week-end was completed, another opportunity to renew our allegiance to our Regiment was fulfilled. As the Colonel of the Regiment stated, in his address to the General Meeting of the Association, "the Battalion is in good hands". To this may be added "The Regimental Esprit was never at a keener level".

London, Ont, August 24 - A letter that was missed in the last issue has come to hand and is hereby reported with due apologies. CAPT DM (DENNIS) LANGLEY, retired, 754 Valletta Street, reports that life is treating he and his family well. He mentions seeing CAPT HB (HOWIE) MCGREGOR who has now replaced CAPT DIT (DIT) ROE in Palestine. Dennis also reports the arrival, in London, of MAJ RJ (BOB) FROST, retired, as the manager of the local Eaton's store. Dennis and Rita send regards to all Patricias.

Calgary, September 1 - MR N (NICK) KISKO, SM 6999, has forwarded an Xmas Card he received in 1958 from the late MISS JENNEY MCGREGOR MORRIS, our London Mother. Some time ago Nick donated a snapshot album depicting his association with Jenney. The Xmas card now joins the album.

St John, NB, September 1 - MR AR JONES, 1st University Coy, 410954, writes, "there are not many ex PPCLI in this area that I know of WW I vintage". Perhaps the Newsletter will help us to find more former Patricias, of all 'vintages', in the Maritimes.

Vancouver, September 2 - The following has been received from WO I RE (RALPH) FERRIS, "I retired in June '69 and at present am managing a truck Depot. Working with me are KEN TUTTE, retired (formerly 1 Bn) MEL PARSONS, (formerly 2 Bn), AL TAPLIN, (formerly 2 Bn) and Jack Robinson the son of CPL ROBINSON (Transport 2 Bn, now deceased). As our business increases, so will Ex-Patricias. BARNEY SUAIS is waiting now to start with the firm. Best regards to all our old friends and our home is open to old friends visiting Vancouver". Ralph can be contacted through the Tilden Truck Rental Centre. This appears to be a physical endeavour at keeping the Patricia family together.

Port Coquitlam, September 3 - MR W (WILL) GUILLE, 475387, 4 University Coy, wrote expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the Association Annual General Meeting on the 14th of September. He stated he is leaving for England on that date. Unfortunately he had to write on the 11th to say the trip was off due to illness. Perhaps he will be able to make the trip in the near future.

Oakville, September 5 - CWO JE (DUKE) STONE returned to Canada, from his appointment as RSM of the Second Battalion, on the 10th of August. He has bought a home in Oakville and is employed on Instructional Staff (Militia) working out of Ortona Barracks. He sends regards to all and makes himself available for any Patricia task in his area. This is appreciated. Thanks Duke.

Ottawa, September 8 - MAJ GA (GLEN) HOLMES reports on the Handover Parade for the CDS which was composed of 100 each of sailors, soldiers and airmen. Undoubtedly a splendid sight. He also sends the address for MAJ D (DON) ARDELIAN as being 1530B Heron Road, Ottawa 8.

Edmonton, September 8 - MR EO (ED) ROHAC, employed in the Court House claims the Patricias are outnumbered but many of the "old" Judges remember the Regiment from both wars.

Edmonton, September 8 - CAPT WN (NEIL) MCKERRACHER now in CAPT WILF BARRY'S chair as SO 3 (Trg) for Edmonton Militia Garrison. Neil spent 9 weeks this summer in Wainwright. How was the fishing and hunting? He recently helped CPL JIMMY NOLAN, Canadian Airborne Regiment, move to his 3 acre VLA holding.

Surrey, England, September 9 - MR PERCY BOXALL has written, "Regret that we will be unable to be represented at the "Trooping the Colour" Ceremony on Saturday. Please convey our best wishes to those taking part in the Trooping, and to all present at the celebrations. We wish we could be with them. I must thank you also for the "Patrician" and the newsletter received recently. Both were very interesting to me, and I feel sure will be much appreciated by our members. I am sending my copy of the newsletter to the REV A. STANLEY, with whom I have recently regained contact, so he will probably return the form at the end, to you. On Sunday Sept 7th, MRS HANCOX from Victoria (WIFE OF GEORGE) visited us for a few hours, and we found lots to talk about. George was unable to take the trip this time, but we hope to see him another year. We also had a visit from MR & MRS JORGENSON a short time ago, they were visiting from Gibson, B.C. Mr Einer Jorgenson was a member of our branch here before he left to reside in B.C. On the 20th of August enroute from London to Scotland by train I met a MR ANDERSON (rank unknown) who was going to Glasgow. He is a serving member of PPCLI and was on leave from Germany, so we spent a pleasant hour together. MR JOE NELLER will celebrate his 89th birthday on 7 May 1970".

Percy points out a mistake, which we will forever be obliged to him for, that the United Kingdom Branch Report on page 149 of "The Patrician", 1968 shows Mr Verstraett

as the Burgermeister of Ypres. The burgermeister is Mr Dehem. This misnomer is regretted and we apologize to Mr Dehem.

Toronto, September 9 - CAPT CH (CHARLIE) LOCK has forwarded an other ranks walking out stick and chrome-plated No 4 rifle bayonet and scabbard, each of which is now on display in the Museum.

Temagami, Ont, September 9 - A letter has been received from MR R.B. (ROBERT) SIMMS, until now a lost Patricia (475324, 4th University Coy). Perhaps there is a reader who remembers him and would care to drop a line to Box 25, Temagami, Ontario.

Surrey, BC, September 9 - Two letters have been received from MR NGM LOUGHEED, MM, 487313. The first was to tell us he would be travelling to Calgary for the Trooping. The second, on the 9th, advised us that he had run into car trouble near Kamloops and was forced to turn back. Perhaps lady luck will be more obliging the next time.

Winnipeg, September 10 - MAJ JM (JAMIE) REID reports he is firmly established in Training Command Headquarters and sends his regards to all Patricias.

Sutton, Ontario, September 10 - MR GW (SAM) HUGHES, 51206, writes of an experience where he moved from the ramparts near the Cloth Hall, Ypres, paused at an Estaminet with a friend, BILL HENLEY, and returned to the ramparts with a pail of wine for the boys. Three other Patricias Sam had been with a half hour earlier were not as fortunate. They were killed by shrapnel. He has forwarded a picture of their grave marker bearing the names 805 J SWEENEY, 759 J COETZE and 23561 D O'KEEFE with the date May 9, 1915.

Ottawa, September 10 - From MAJ JE (TED) MCKAY, Ottawa Branch. "This Newsletter is an excellent development. Thanks for mention of the Ottawa Branch Scrap Book. The Branch will be 50 years old come next December and barring some disaster the scrap book will be complete for the 50 years. It is designed for the addition of freshly uncovered items of interest for any year.

Ottawa, September 10 - MR JAW STEELE, 411014, writes of a trip he and PH (HOWARD) FERGUSON made, "Last week I drove to Almonte and visited my sister and brother-in-law HAL B. KIRKLAND 411030. They visited in Vancouver in the spring and spent August on an island near Petawawa, visiting my cousin. Last Tuesday, Howard Ferguson asked me to go to Smiths Falls with him to get his Coronet fixed up. At the garage, they could find nothing serious the matter with his Coronet and I found that he had really come to banter with the salesman about a new car. However, the salesman wanted too much so Fergie said he didn't like the new car anyway. In Smiths falls we visited GEO. E.R. MILNE MCG 231. George's son is a good singer and is to be in a show at the O'Keefe centre in Toronto shortly. Then we visited W.FLOYD WILSON 246525, 21 Russell Street, Smiths falls who is in the Corps of Commissionaires and works at the Hershey Chocolate plant. Next we visited FRANK B. MARQUETTE 344086 who works occasionally at the same work. All are well and in comfortable circumstances. Then I induced Fergie to come home by way of Merrickville and call on E. RUSSELL DONALDSON (Lieut). Russell's brother J. Roy served in the C.A.M.C. was my roommate for the first two years at college and Fergie my roommate the last year. Russell is the local J.P. Roy came over as they live quite close to each other and we had a great get together. I told them Fergie was going to run for mayor of Smiths falls and doing a great deal of canvassing".

Vancouver, September 10 - MR EF (ED) PORTESS, 149 SE Marine Drive, Vancouver 15, states some of the names in the Newsletter bring back fond memories. Perhaps some of our readers remember Ed and would take a moment to drop him a line.

Winnipeg, September 12 - In the last Newsletter we asked for assistance in locating some Patricias whose mail had been returned to us by the Post Office. From MR EW JOHNSON, M 16427, we have a new address for MR AJ KING which is 263 Beverly Street, Winnipeg 10.

White Rock, BC, September 12 - BILL MILLER, 677, sends the following item for the Newsletter. "August 8th, 1969. MR AND MRS ADAM WILLIAMS of 6229 Angus Drive, Vancouver held a Garden Party at their home today, and kindly invited all first war "buddies" living in this area to join them on this occasion, wives were also invited, the weather was ideal (a real British Columbia day). We had a lot to talk about, nice refreshments, and all those Goodies, thanks Mrs Williams. Who were they?? MGM LOUGHEED from Crescent Beach, BC, WM GUILÉ, Port Coquitlam, BC, BILL YOUNG, BILL POPEY, GEORGE GRANGER, AL CAUSIER, and GEORGE LEE all from Vancouver. (It was nice to see George, one of our original snipers No 4 Coy).

As you can see I am now living in Prince George. I moved here in February this year as I was transferred by the civil service here. I am the District Administrative Officer for the department of Indian Affairs and am enjoying the work. I also have the army Cadet corps here, it is a very active corps with a membership of 57 boys, the corps is affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Rangers, as you can see I am putting past experience into use though I have left the Regular Service. Say hello to any of those you see whom I know and keep the Newsletter coming as I really enjoy it."

Edmonton, September 15 - MAJ WHJ (BILL) STUTT, retired, has written to express regrets at not being able to attend the Trooping. After a period of hospitalization he is back to his old hobby of fishing. We had the privilege of spending a half hour or so with him on the 16th of October just before he went to work. He is still "Mr Patricia" at heart although he shows an effervescent enthusiasm for his new employment in the realm of Life Insurance.

Rivers, Manitoba, September 16 - CAPT RA (BUCK) ROGERS reports that Patricias are still firm on the ground in Rivers with RICK CAESAR, OC; BILL BOLL, CI; BUCK ROGERS, Adm Offr; DOUG BIRD, Serial Offr; KEN NETTE, Serial Offr in November; MWO ROGERS, SSM; SGT GILES, Serial Sgt; CPL CLAVETTE, Section Instr. Buck sends his best wishes to all Patricias.

Etobicoke, Ontario, September 17 - In the last issue of the Newsletter we acknowledged a letter in regard three Patton brothers that served with the Regiment during the First World War. Pat has now forwarded the Discharge Certificate he also referred to in his letter. It is indeed an outstanding document showing the strong penmanship of our Founder. Pat's letter continues, "have completely lost touch with my surviving best pals in # 8 Platoon who came back with the Regiment for demobilization Mar 20, 1919 - 261053 CORP C.M. (DON) STITT. He was with the T&N.O. Railway out of North Bay - and 769219 CORP G.M. (GORD) BROWN. Gord was with Eatons in Toronto for sometime after discharge - but -? Could you ask in the next Newsletter if anyone knows where they are or if still living?" Can anyone help? Pat's address is Apt 1101 Fairview Towers, 210 Markland Drive, Etobicoke, Ont.

Stroud, Ontario, September 18 - MR F BLAND, 242, writes from RR# 2, Stroud, and asks about T Myers, Saskatchewan. "I was with #1 Coy and delivered rations to #1 Coy in Mons at 3 AM the morning of the Armistice, before the Armistice the Battalion was moved just outside Mons to a place called Jemappes and the QUARTER MASTER SERGEANT JOHN GUY DICKIE told me to get billets for the boys, the best place I found was in a Brewery which the Germans had kept operating, but after the armistice the boys didn't want Base-ments in the Brewery, so quite a number of them came out with small kegs of beer and found billets with the civilians. We had a good rum ration that night, and I had to help LT GEO BARCLAY to find the boys to give them their rum. From Saskatoon I see the name of T. MYERS on their Ex. I wondered if it is the Tommy Myers who was a Sergeant in #1 Coy. The village of Stroud where I live is just 7 miles from Barrie, but I have not seen any of the Pats around Barrie. While I think of it, I was driving to my cotage which is now my home about 1 AM in the morning, and I picked up two hitchhikers both turned out to be Pats who had been overseas and one of them was EX QUARTER MASTER SERGEANT MEECHAM, who I knew very well, and he paid me a visit the next day".



Fort MacLeod, Germany, September 18 - CAPT CH (CHARLIE) JUREK has written in his appointment as Adjutant, Second Battalion. Congratulations are in order on the new appointment and the arrival of a daughter.

Victoria, September 18 - The following letter, from MR GE (GEORGE) HARRISON, 1660, No 4 Coy, is reprinted in it's entirety for reasons which will be apparent. This editor considers it a story to be told without interruption;

"Dear Captain Cole, I have just finished reading your second Newsletter and would ask you to accept my warmest congratulations on the result of what, I am sure, must have been hard work. It awakened scores of memories. On reading a letter from Mr. Dunphy of the Ottawa Branch, I was reminded that I was largely instrumental in forming that Branch - the first in Canada, of which I became President. Just before the return of the Regiment I was attached to the, then, "Militia Headquarters" and after the Association was formed the Executive members were invited to a meeting at the Mayor's office with a view to arranging a Civic welcome for the Regiment on its return. At that meeting the Quarter-Master General (Gen Biggar) was present and was questioned by the Mayor as to how long he could keep the Regiment intact; his answer was: "two, three, four days, a week if necessary". On this understanding we proceeded to arrange a weeks entertainment, having booklets printed giving details for each day. I was able to obtain transportation for 30 other ranks from Montreal who had been discharged previously.

I was also detailed to approach the State Secretary (the late Martin Burrell) with a view to granting the Civil Servants a half-holiday and after consulting the members of the Privy Council - a meeting of which body was in progress - the answer came back that they could not see why the "Patricias" should be given any preferential treatment. I, however, pointed out that the idea of a Civic welcome was conceived solely by the Civic Council. Permission was granted. The Regiment, after Hamilton Gault reported to the Mayor, marched to our mobilization Centre - Lansdowne Park where our Founder prepared to address all ranks to tell them what arrangements had been made for their entertainment but, before he could get started he was tapped on the shoulder by the GOC of the District (Gen. Vic Williams) who said "demobilize right away". It was not imagination when I saw a tear glisten in our Founder's eye!!!

In 1921 or 2 I was elected President of the newly formed Winnipeg Branch and acted here in Victoria for several years in a similar capacity.

I think I should relate an incident that occurred while we were stationed at Point Levis Camp in 1914 and my arm heavy with one stripe. Sitting in the tent one Sunday afternoon I was told to report to the R.S.M. at the Sergeants Mess, on reporting I was asked by the R.S.M. (Fraser) if I would play the piano for them every night; I readily assented; the arrangement was - all the beer I could drink and, in addition, 50¢ per night. I got the beer, but sad to relate, I am still waiting to collect the 50¢! With sincere regards and best wishes, yours sincerely"

Toronto, September 19 - MR RM (ROBERT) BROWN, 240 Cranbrook Ave, "Notice PERCY KLAEHN, and TOM MYERS on Saskatoon Ex: Is that T. Myers who was cook #1 Coy - (1917-18). I served with both of them. Lewis Gun #2 Platoon visited P. Klaehn while I was on a trip out west 1966. First time we had met since 1919. Sorry to hear of passing of W.R. CONIBEAR (Ottawa). Notice FLOYD WILSON, WALLACE WILSON, ED DUGGAN, W.G. ROBERTS, B.M. (MONTY) WITT, 207th Bn, which was my original Bn. .... I have not been well since Oct 1966, consequently I go to Sunnybrook Hospital every two months for a check up. Call or T.T. HARRIS (Joc) who is there permanently. .... Attended luncheon March 17<sup>th</sup> at Military Institute, occasion Princess Pat's birthday, 23 present, also Annual Dinner 31st May, 45-50 present. JACK MCLAREN entertained with Kit inspection, and we did sing 3 or 4 verses of Rig-a-dam-doo, even if we had no one to play piano, DUNPHY from Ottawa got going on it later".

Oakville, Ontario, September 22 - MR GA (GERALD) JOHNSON, 834, No 2 Coy, writes that on the 23rd of May next he will be 87 years of age. It is indeed a pleasure to hear from him and to learn that, not only is he an "Original", but he served in the South African war from 1900 - 1902.

Valcartier, September 22 - LT RG (BOB) PELLEY reports that he and CAPT DM (DAVE) CARPENTER are settled in to 3 R22eR. Dave has located a home reasonably close to BFC Valcartier. Bob writes that he is being married on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October to, "little French Canadian girl I met while on the French course". Bob passes his, and Dave's, hello to all Patricias and a welcome to any who may wish to drop in when in the Quebec City area. From us to Bob, all the best of good fortune for himself, and his bride, in the future.

Calgary, September 23 - This editor, and family, had the pleasure of an over-night visit from CAPT WE (BILL) GRIESBACH and his family as they passed through Calgary on their journey from Edmonton to a new posting in Cornwallis, NS. With a PMQ waiting Bill is looking forward to this posting and the challenge of, once again, working with recruits. All the best to Bill, Audrey and the girls.

Victoria, September 23 - MR F (FRED) SARGENT, 826439, acknowledges his safe return to Victoria after his Calgary visit. It was a great pleasure to have him here over the Trooping week-end. Fred has answered the call for assistance from our first Newsletter and forwarded a Mons Medallion which originally belonged to his father. Many thanks Fred.

Ottawa, September 24 - MR RD (DICK) WHITMORE, 1005, an Original, has forwarded three postcards dated November, 1914. They depict Patricias on parade either immediately before or after a route march; No 3 Company on the march and the third shows the pipe band leading No 3 Coy. These cards will be placed in the album, "Officers and Men of the Regiment 1914-19", which is on view in the Museum.

Toronto, September 25 - CAPT CH (CHARLIE) LOCK reports on a farewell "bash" held for CAPT H. (HOWIE) MCGREGOR prior to his departure for Palestine. Present at the affair was MAJ PM (PADDY) PYNE, who we have attempted to locate for some time now. His address is 335 Van Horne Ave, Toronto. Charlie reports CAPT DIT (DIT) ROE contacted him from Ottawa on 23 September. Dit has turned over to Howie; returned to Canada; been de briefed and undoubtedly is now reclining in Edmonton on 60 days leave. We understand he then goes to Wainwright as Administrative Officer. Charlie also passed the sad news that WJ (WILF) IMBEAU passed away this past Spring in Ottawa. To this editor, Wilf was well known and was a co-worker for a number of years in Camp Borden. I am sure there are many serving and recently retired Patricias that will remember him.

Houston, Texas, September 26 - "Best of luck to all Patricias", is the message from CAPT WS (WALTER) DEWAR, Second World War, retired.

Surrey, England, September 27 - MRS HF (JULIET) WOOD, widow of the late LCOL HF (HERB) WOOD, has requested future copies of the Newsletter. It is our pleasure to do so.

Winnipeg, September 29 - From MR EJ (BROWNIE) BROWN, Second World War, "I do enjoy reading the Newsletter although I do not remember half the names in it but I still like to hear how the boys are doing. I am sorry I missed the Regiment in Edmonton when I went there on my leave as I was told they were there. Better luck next time". To Brownie, and all our readers, you will always be welcome at the Home Station.

CFB Portage La Prairie, September 29 - SGT MJ (SCOTTY) SCOTT, GIS Sr NCO, with part of his duties to act as Drill Instructor on all 'wings' Graduation Parades writes, "Recently I had the very great pleasure to be on parade when CAPT RD (BOB) GILLAN received his wings and of course, in true Patricia style, he walked away with the top honours for his course, 6707, just to show the Air Force how it's done Patricia style. I know him of course from his cadet days and as 2Lt and Lt in the 2nd Bn. I understand he went on to Buffaloes for Mobcom". Bob Gillan is plying his trade with 429 Squadron, Edmonton.

Chilliwack, September 29 - HS (HARRY) CHATRY, recently retired M/O, has dropped a line giving his new address as 50350 Yale Road East, Chilliwack, BC. It sounds like he is settling in and in the process of purchasing a home.

Calgary, September 30 - The following is a request for help from your Editor. In the last issue of the Newsletter we reported; "ERIC W HARRIS, 487380, reports he has been nurse and cook for his ailing wife for more than a year. At 78 years young he is doing quite well". Eric has expressed disappointment that no has been in touch with him for quite some time. Perhaps there is someone, in or around Toronto, that could give him a call or, from outside the Toronto area, perhaps an old buddy could drop a line in the mail. Eric joined the Regiment from the 5th University Company, was wounded twice and subsequently struck off strength on the 31st of January, 1917. His address is Apt 607, 2950 Lawrence Ave East, Scarborough 732, Ont.

Kingston, October 1 - A telephone call has been received from CAPT GB (GEORGE) LILLEY and CAPT RJ (RICK) GILLIS. They share the same office in CFB Kingston. It is good to hear from them and know that both are well. Rick advises us that he is being retired on the 1st of November and has found employment and will reside in Montreal.

Ottawa, October 4 - MR TS (TOMMY) HEASLIP has forwarded some interesting information relevant to the PPCLI reinforcements that came from the 156th Battalion. Tom's initiation to soldiering commenced in 1913 in Ottawa when he joined The Duke of Cornwall's Own Rifles in which he was commissioned in 1916. He joined PPCLI, in the field, as a reinforcement from the 156th Bn on the 18th of May, 1918. Tom retired from the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission in 1958. He reminds us that MR ER (GEORGE) MILNE, McG 231, 150 Brockville St, Smith Falls, Ontario, is confined to his home and enjoys visits from Patricias. Perhaps someone passing through Smith Falls would drop in and see George.

Temagami, Ontario, October 6 - MR ROBERT SIMMS, 475 324, 4th University Coy, has forwarded a number of pictures, circa 1919, a wooden plaque bearing the original cap badge and a Mons Medalion. Memorable acquisitions for the Regimental Museum. He refers to the article in "The Patrician", 1968, Mirth and Mud, "I went overseas with JACK MC LAREN and FRED FENWICK in 1915, also knew TJ LILLEY very well and most of the original seven, and well remember their first show put on in Steenvoorde in June, 1916".

St Hubert, Quebec, October 7 - MAJ GD (GARRY) HUNT reports attending a cocktail party for MRS DB GAULT, hosted by BRIG RC (ROWAN) COLEMAN and the Montreal Branch of the Association. Also in attendance were COL EMK MACGREGOR, MAJ CW HEWSON, MAJ WW SCHULER, (RCAMC), JOHN MOORE, (RCASC formerly 2 PFCLI in Korea and Canada) and their wives. Garry goes on to say, "WO Danny Bordeleau (formerly PPCLI, recently transferred to C Int C) and myself competed in the Quebec Orienteering Championships last week as members of the St Hubert team. The other two team members were RCR so it was a real infantry team. We took first place in the Yellow (intermediate) team event and second place in the Red (experienced) relay event. We have now applied to attend the Canadian championships later this month".

Burnaby, BC, October 8 - MR BG (BARNEY) SUAIS has forwarded the address of a "lost" Patricia, LT J (JIM) STANTON. Perhaps some old friends would drop him a line. Mr J Stanton, Curator of History, Vancouver Centennial Museum, Vancouver, BC.

St Jean, Quebec, October 8 - CAPT WM (MORT) SMITH reports a growing number of Patricias serving in "La Belle Province". Mort has taken up duty at the College Militaire Royal St Jean after a tour of duty in Tanzania. He states, "Recent visitors were MAJ GLEN HOLMES, MAJ DON ARDELIAN and MAJ BOB DALLISON. On occasional visits to RMC I run into CAPT JIM KEMPLING and MAJ LEN HOWARD."

Surrey, BC, October 9 - MR NGM LOUGHEED regretfully reports the passing of another 'old comrade', E VICTOR LYDON, 487439, 5th University Company, on the 8th of September, in Montreal. Vic's brother has written to Mr Lougheed as follows. "Victor was given a very nice funeral from the Calvary United Church at Sutton, Quebec, where he and his wife, Hazel, had worshipped since they went down from Montreal nine years ago. The Royal Canadian Legion, Sutton Branch, acted as pall bearers and gave him a final salute at the grave side 'And so he passed over and the trumpets sounded for him on the other side'." There is a story to be told about a watch that Victor wore during the First World War. On the 15th of September, 1916, he was struck by four machine gun bullets, three of which were deflected off a steel cover that was attached, for protection, over the face of the watch, the fourth entered his leg just above the knee. An act of God, or a miracle, who can say?

Medicine Hat, October 15 - MR GM (GEORGE) TORRIE, MM, 105482, acknowledges a desire for future copies of the Newsletter and asks, "where are the old Colours now? I was one of the guard when we landed in Halifax. There was LT JOHNNIE MCCLUNG carrying the colours, SGT DAVE MCKAY, the other Sgt's name I did not know, and myself. As far as I know I am the only 1st War Patricia in the Hat". George as well as all our readers, is assured that the original Colour, the Ric-a-dam-doo, is lodged in the Regimental Museum here in Currie Barracks.

Victoria, October 29 - A letter has been received from MR PN (PETE) PEDERSON, 489831, 6th University Company, in which he states, "I have had a suspicion that I am coming apart at the seams. Now I am pretty sure of it". Pete was seen by your editor in the QOR of C Sgts' Mess on the 25th of October and can report that Pete's "seams" are as solid as ever and he is in good spirits. He continues, "As we the "Old Patricias" grow older..... the Regiment means more and more to us". It is the hope of this editor, that as long as he is able and as long as the Newsletter can be published, he will keep sending Regimental news to Patricias of all age and vintage. It will be reward enough to him to know that he has achieved this much in the attempt to keep the Patricia family together.

Vancouver, October 31 - Word has been received from MAJ GE (GORD) HENDERSON indicating that he is settling into Vancouver on his retirement. He has found employment with Gairdner & Company, Investment Dealers and resides at 602 Barnham Road, West Vancouver, BC.

Lake Worth, Florida, November 1 - A letter has been received from 489827, MR WT LAURIE, 6th University Company. This is the first contact that this office has had. He writes, "My PPCLI No is 489827 but I left after Vimy Ridge. My brother was with them till the war ended". Presumably the brother is 487338 Laurie DCM, 5th University. He continues "Are there any of the originals left. I knew quite a few. No 10 was in hospital with me". A copy of "The Patrician", 1968 has been sent to Laurie. Perhaps he will be able to locate some old buddies.

Camp Borden, November 5 - It is welcome back to the Regiment again to MWO JF DOYLE at present at the Combat Arms School. Warrant joins us from the Black Watch having previously been Signals Sergeant with our Third Battalion in Korea.

Saskatoon, November 17 - A letter has been received from DR S WOROBETZ giving a report on the Saskatchewan Branch Annual banquet, held this year in Melfort. It is hoped next year's gathering will be in Regina.

CFB Rivers, November 19 - CAPT KA (KEN) NITTE has assumed the duties of Administrative Officer from CAPT RA (BUCK) RODGERS at the Airborne School. Ken advises that the Airborne School has acquired a supply of enamel para wings at \$5.00 each. Anyone interested should contact him at Airborne School, CFB Rivers, Obodo, Manitoba.

Ottawa, November 19 - MAJ JH (JOHN) MEISNER advises us that his retirement date is the 30th of December, 1970. He is planning on retiring in Ottawa.

Calgary, November 21 - MAJ GK (KEITH) CORBOULD departs from the Home Station on the 1st of December for a one year sojourn at the Australian Staff College. We all wish him the very best.

Oakville, Ontario, November 23 - MR WR (RAY) STEPHENS has written and comments on the passing of two former Patricia musicians listed in "The Patrician", 1968, GWHF BUTLER and RH SUMNER. Ray states, "Both of these were TOS long before I joined the Regimental Band in 1936. They were outstanding British musicians brought into the band in the late 20's and Bob Sumner was in the Advance Party to Great Britain in 1939 shortly after the war began". "The Patrician", 1968, shows both these men as being TOS on the 1st of September, 1939. This information was obtained from Volume IV of our Regimental History which shows all pre - world war II members as TOS 1 Sep 39. A ledger in the Regimental Archives uncovers the following information.  
Butler; enlisted, 9 Jun 23; previous service, 24 years; discharged to pension 9 Jun 45.  
Sumner; enlisted, 6 Feb 26; previous service, 9 years; no record of discharge.  
Stephens; enlisted, 21 May 36; previous service, nil; discharged, 7 Feb 46.

Calgary, December 1 - Since the last Newsletter there have been many goings and comings of personnel in the First Battalion. We will attempt to record those that are of prime interest to our readers in general.

#### Goings

Maj RG (Roy) Wilkes - CFOCS Chilliwack	Capt DAB (Dave) Williams - Exchange Officer
Maj KR (Kent) Foster - NDC Kingston	returned to his
Pte DR Thomson - CFOCS Chilliwack as an	unit, the Rifle
Officer Candidate assisted by the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund	Brigade
Lt KRR (Roy) Goodall - RC Sigs - to Ottawa	Sgt LH (Murph) Murphy - 2 PPCLI
Lt IH (Ian) Gray - 2 PPCLI	Lt AW (Tony) Anderson - 2 PPCLI
	MWO LA (Luke) McCabe - RCASC - retired
	Capt PA (Paul) Ronksley - "I" Staff Calgary

#### Comings

Sgt RA (Brig) Brignall	Capt AGS (Tony) Ferguson
MWO HA (Herb) Johnson	Maj JC (John) Hunter
Sgt JW (Doc) Miles	Lt DL (Dan) Davies
Lt JG Walker	Sgt GJ (Bill) White
Sgt E Allen	Sgt DE (Dave) McNiven
WO WE (Bill) Davies	WO DC Osborn
Capt GM (Gerry) Kerr - RC Sigs	Sgt JT (Jim) Cowling
Capt RJ (Richard) Rimmer - Exchange Officer	Sgt LA (Lou) Haley
Sgt JA (Jim) Rose	Sgt NG (Norm) Dunsmore
WO GS Debney	WO DJ (Flukey) Loucks
MWO GA (Bud) Folster	Sgt RR (Bob) Lewis
Capt CC (Chris) Smith	Sgt NG (George) Atchinson
Sgt G (Gordie) Thorne	MWO JH (John) Richardson



Congratulations to the following on being promoted to the ranks shown.

Capt Fw (Fred) Thornton

Capt DA (Don) Hill

WO Lyons A

WO McNiven DE

Sgt Allison MC

Sgt Anderson FP

Sgt MacDonald RHB

Sgt Batiuk P

Sgt Bridger C

Sgt DeLaronde CC

Sgt Lafont GH

Sgt Richardson LJ

Sgt Rithaler D

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The Future of the Newsletter

It is anticipated by this Editor that the Newsletter will be mailed on the first day of March, June, September and December of each year.

It can only proceed if you, the reader, support it. Up to now the response has been good, however there are many more Patricias that could, and should, be heard from.

In order to maintain the Newsletter it is necessary we solicit contributions to assist in paying for the postage necessary to mail it out.

If it is your desire to assist then we would gratefully acknowledge any donations, of money or stamps, you would care to forward.

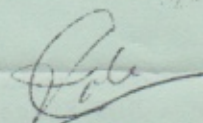
Your assistance can also be in the form of a line or two of news for each issue.

Finally, we ask again that you rout out all known serving or former Patricias in your area. We will do everything within our power to personally acknowledge each and every letter received. When times are hectic, or the work-load such that our staff cannot handle personal acknowledgements, then please accept the appearance of your letter in the Regimental Newsletter, as an acknowledgement.

With the foregoing completed another Newsletter is ready for "bed".

It remains only to wish each and everyone of our readers a Very Merry Christmas and may the new decade of the 70's be prosperous and filled with good fortune for all.

Regards from the Home Station.



V.D. Cole  
Captain  
Regimental Adjutant

LATE NEWS

Ottawa, November 17 - The Ottawa Branch held a successful dinner on the 12th of November at No 9 Transport Company Officers' Mess. COLONEL GG ( GEORGE ) BROWN was the guest speaker. GLEN BANNERMAN proposed the toast to the Regiment. The responses were given by; ART STEELE, for World War I; IAN ROE for WW II; JIM STONE for the Korean conflict; BILL STIRLING for the present serving members. The Secretary Treasurer KERRY DUNPHY, reports that a stalwart supporter of the Ottawa Branch, BILL DAWSON, will be retiring from the Ottawa scene shortly after the New Year.

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