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MESSAGE FROM OUR COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

I was delighted to receive the message from my Regiment while celebrating our Regimental Day. As well, the flowers that arrived for my birthday from all of you were an absolute joy and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and I am looking forward to visiting with so many of you in May..

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Lieutenant-Colonel J.E.L. Gollner, OMM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer W.A. Colbourne, MMM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer E.K. Witt, MMM, CD

1 PPCLI TROOPING AND RETREAT

The First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has announced that a Trooping the Colour will be conducted at Currie Barracks on 5 May 81. In conjunction with this there will be a Retreat Ceremony at Heritage Park on 7 May 81 and a Track and Field meet at Currie Barracks on 9 May 81. Our Colonel-in-Chief, The Countess Mount batten of Burma, will be the Reviewing Officer.

Several social events will take place over this period and attendance will be by invitation only; however, the Retreat and Trooping will be open to all serving members and ex-members. Anyone wishing to attend either event should advise the Invitation Committee, indicating total numbers for each event. All replies are requested as soon as possible.

The Invitation Committee can be contacted at the following address:

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Canadian Forces Base Calgary

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Phone: 246-7443

FROM THE EDITORS'S DESK'Lost' Members

The September 1980 issue of the Newsletter mentioned that any 'lost' members whose address remains unknown after one year (April 1980) is to be stricken off. As a result of this 'ruling', 83 names are now struck off the mailing list as irretrievable.

The following names have surfaced as a result of the September 1980 issue of the Newsletter.

Mr C. Gibson

Mr G. Hill

Mr J. Kelly

Mr C. Neufeld

Mr G. Robertson

Mr C. Scott-Brown

Mr M.A. Thomsic

Maj (Ret'd) N. Topham

WO (Ret'd) D.S. Warrilow

MWO (Ret'd) D.C. Yendall

The Korean Student Bursary

In November of 1980, the Regimental Executive approved the expenditure of \$1,000 to be expended from the Regimental Fund in support of the Korean Student Bursary as a result of a proposal put forth by Major B.M. Munro of Victoria, BC.

In 1979 Mr Choon-Ja-Jo of Seoul, Korea was killed in an auto accident, leaving behind his widow and two young sons. Mr Choon-Ja-Jo had been one of A Company's "house boys" during Second Battalion's tour in Korea and as was the case in a number of instances, maintained contact over the years.

It was discovered that Mrs Choon-Ja-Jo was having some difficulty educating her two sons and the Regiment was invited through Major Munro to provide some assistance.

In January a cheque was forwarded through the Korean Embassy in Ottawa and assistance is being provided by the Korean Student Bursary Fund for these two fatherless boys.

The Fund continues to be well supported by individual donations and it is through the generosity of individual members, both serving and retired, that these scholarships are provided.

The three bursaries provided by the Regiment will be presented again on 25 April by the Canadian Military Liaison Officer in Korea, LCol S.W. Spencer, CD. These bursaries will be presented at a special ceremony honouring the Battle of Kapyong, held annually at the village school.

Donations to the Bursary Fund are always welcome and enable the Regiment to continue this meaningful project. Donations can be forwarded to:

The Korean Student Bursary Fund
c/o Regimental Headquarters
Princess Patricia's Canadian
Light Infantry
Currie Barracks
Calgary, Alberta
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Brigadier J.A. deLalanne, CBE, MC, OstJ, ED

On Friday, 16 January 1981, an interesting ceremony was conducted in Calgary with the official opening of the Brigadier J.A. deLalanne Lodge for senior citizens on Kensington Avenue NW.

The lodge was built by #264 Branch, The Royal Canadian Legion, to accommodate senior citizens with specially designed suites to accommodate the disabled.

The naming of the lodge honours a distinguished member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a much admired, highly respected Patricia, Brigadier deLalanne, who is presently serving in the position of Dominion Grand President. General deLalanne has spent a life time in the service of his country, the Canadian Army and our Regiment.

Messages of congratulation and good wishes were received from the Minister of National Defence, The Royal Canadian Legion, our Regimental Association and the serving members of our Regiment.

The Regiment was represented at the official opening by our Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General G.G. Brown, OstJ, CD, and the Regimental Major.

H E L P!

Your Museum and Archives

Wanted to complete the collection of Regimental publications:

- "PPCLI Quarterly Review" - 1923, 1924, 1925 and later
- "The Patrician" - 1939 Vol 5, No. 1, 2, 3
- 1953 Vol 6, No. 2
- 1954 Vol 7, No. 1, 2
- 1956 Vol 9, No. 1, 2

You can contribute to the development of your Museum through donation of old uniforms, badges, books, manuals, maps, photographs and all types of military souvenirs.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS NOTES

Regimental Dress Changes

In accordance with NDHQ approval and by decision of the Regimental Executive, the historic and traditional red and white PPCLI title will be worn on the CF service dress jacket beginning 17 March 1981. No change is authorized before that date.

The title, as currently worn on the work dress jacket, will be sewn to the sleeve at the shoulder seam.

The green and gold title will continue to be worn on the slip-ons worn with all shirt-sleeve orders of both service dress and work dress.

In all cases, the applicable PPCLI title is worn in lieu of the CANADA badge.

Titles are available from the Regimental Kit Shop and battalion outlets.

Hamilton Gault Barracks - Historic Site Marker

The Hamilton Gault Barracks was opened in 1957, named after the Founder at the instigation of Major-General C. Vokes, then GOC Western Command, and was the Home Station of the Regiment until 1968. In 1964, the Jubilee Wives Club donated a Memorial Arch at the gate to the Barracks. Over a period of time, this Arch became irreparably damaged and was eventually removed. However, the Barracks remains and is now inhabited by militia units and other elements of CFB Edmonton, but there is no central sign or marker to indicate its name or history.

Accordingly the Regimental Council with the Support of the Association has initiated the erection of a permanent historic site marker near the Barracks entrance. This marker will record the name and history of the Barracks in perpetuity. The Edmonton Branch of the Association has agreed to superintend the project and LCol Don Manuel, CO of the Canadian Airborne Centre at Edmonton, has agreed to assist them with liaison with the Base authorities.

The marker is to consist of a single rough boulder of granite (or similar rock) with a smooth face to take a bronze inscription plaque. The boulder construction was chosen as best symbolizing the character of the Founder.

The Council has set a budget ceiling of \$2,500 for the project, to be provided by individual contributions and supplemented by a levy against the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. There is also a possibility of a Provincial grant to offset part of the cost, although this is not guaranteed and in any case would be provided only after completion.

It is recognized that many Patricias will want to contribute towards this significant memorial to both the Regiment and the Founder and so the opportunity is provided.

Any contribution will be above the regular annual Regimental contribution or Association dues and should be payable to "The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund". Official receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for all such contributions received. No contribution is too small and all are most welcome.

Your help in support of this most significant Regimental project is most sincerely appreciated.

Annual Regimental Contributions

It is that time of the year again!

Serving members who are Extra-Regimentally Employed (ERE) will receive a letter and return pro-forma requesting contributions for 1981 together with this Newsletter. Contributions from members serving in major units will be solicited and collected under unit arrangements.

However, while the letter is reasonably self-explanatory, it might be of interest to all ranks and retired members to explain in a little more detail the activities for which our individual contributions are the primary support. This should help clear up any questions as to why an annual contribution is required and what the money is needed for.

There are two primary financial vehicles through which most Regimental affairs are conducted: The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and the Association Regimental Fund. Both are administered under the aegis of the Association and are not, therefore, Non-Public Funds. Both are registered as charitable organizations with the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs under provision of the Income Tax Act. In addition, the Officers' Retirement Fund and the Association Operating Account are completely separate, independent accounts and the former is entirely self-sustaining.

Generally speaking, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund provides for those activities which could be classed as "charitable" or "cultural". These include the provision of bursaries, the Korean Student bursaries (the fund for which is a sub-account of the HGMF), the Museum and the provision and maintenance of Regimental full dress, primarily for the Band. The Regimental Fund provides for general Regimental operations such as the Kit Shop, the Patrician and other publications, and RHQ operations.

Based on previous experience, some typical expenses forecast for 1981 are:

a. Hamilton Gault Bursaries: few applications in recent years, but about \$2,000 should be available as required.

b. Korean Student Bursaries: a fixed annual expenditure of \$450 plus. This year an additional two bursaries as explained elsewhere in this Newsletter.

c. Museum: Depending on funds available -
 - Improved lighting \$1,500 - \$3,000
 - display cases, all types \$2,000 - \$10,000
 - conservation materials, etc \$1,000

d. Hamilton Gault Bks Marker: \$2,500 (also explained elsewhere in this Newsletter)

e. Full Dress Uniforms: There is no public financial support for this until just recently, and what there is, will not completely cover costs. Briefly, we require a continuing expenditure of about \$5,000 per year for which we can maintain existing uniforms and buy 3 or 4 new ones per year. New uniforms cost \$550 each, plus about \$200 each for Wolseley helmets plus additional costs for accoutrements. The latter will cost about \$700 this year.

f. Printing and Publications: Costs here can vary extremely depending on requirements and how much paper, etc., can be obtained officially or scrounged. Forecast is

- Museum leaflets	\$ 500
- New Soldiers Manual	\$1,200
- Newsletter (paper)	\$2,000
- Regt history précis (Ex Ric-a-Dam-Doo)	\$ 700
- official stationery, Hon and Titular Patricia's scrolls, official Christmas cards, etc	\$ 500
- Patrician - new cover	\$ 500
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	\$5,400

g. Special Projects: Each year one or two projects are undertaken which require some capitalization, although eventually costs may be recovered through Kit Shop sales. The drummer statuettes, record albums and portraits are past examples. Two such projects are forecast this year:

- historic uniforms paintings series and reprints	\$6,000
- Col of the Regt portrait and reproduction	\$ 800

h. Kit Shop: The Kit Shop is self-sustaining, but does require significant capitalization for major orders of both new and replacement stock, which although recovered through sales eventually, requires considerable initial cash in the bank. Examples of minimum orders we place are:

- buttons and flashes, 5000 each (\$1,000)
- belt buckles, 250 (\$1,000)
- ties, 150 (\$1,000)
- statuettes, 100 (\$2,500)
- flags, 50 (\$ 300)
- plaque castings, 100 (\$1,000)
- swords, 10 (\$2,500)
- other operating expenses include the Steward's car allowance of \$40 per month.

j. General Operations: There are many minor operating expenses. Some of the larger expenses forecasted are:

- postage \$2,000
- floral tributes and memorials \$ 500
- long distance telephone not paid by the public \$ 500
- repairs and maintenance to non-public office equipment \$ 500

The above list is not intended to be either a financial statement nor a comprehensive budget, but simply to illustrate the major activities and financial requirements expected this year. While some expenditures will eventually be recovered through Kit Shop sales, some \$20,000 will be non-recoverable expenses!

We at RHQ do whatever we can to keep costs down. Our TD budget is built into the 1 PPCLI budget. We draw, scrounge, borrow and occasionally purloin whatever we can. (Our IBM Selectric typewriter was scrounged.) We have had some success obtaining donations and grants towards Museum development. But clearly there are limits!

The Regimental capital is small and insufficient to generate the necessary operating revenue. Therefore, members' contributions are essential to our continued operation. Your money is well used and we attempt to get the most mileage from it. And, the cynics can be assured that none of it finds its way into the RHQ coffee fund or the RM's retirement fund!

In summary, all ranks can be assured that our annual individual contribution is not only well spent but essential to the continued functioning of our Regiment. Contributions are voluntary; however, if we do not support our Regiment, it is not likely that anyone else will.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

From Capt(Ret'd) Charlie Lock
3576 Mountainview Pl, Kamloops, BC V2B 7B4

Another 11 Nov has passed, and again an excellent turnout of Patricia's, serving and retired, parading with units, or service organizations, or attending as individuals.

Major (Ret'd) Roy Wilkes and good wife Mona passed through this city in late Oct and stopped off and had a cup of tea and a catch-up on news items. This reporter, whilst in the big city of Vancouver in late Oct, met Major (Ret'd) Arthur Kemsley on the street, again a quick catch-up on Regimental friends. It would seem that a "BIG" weekend was planned for several Vancouver Patricia's to travel to Victoria to help Major (Ret'd) Buzz Mainprize celebrate the BIG 65, entering the age of Senior Citizen.

Sgt R.E. (Bob) Lowry, the Station Warrant Officer at CFS Kamloops, has taken his release. Bob had over 25 years with the Patricia's; retirement plans are not firmed up yet and for the moment he will stay in Kamloops. Taking his place as Station Warrant Officer is another Patricia Sgt Brian Fulton.

LCol (Ret'd) W.C. (Robbie) Robertson, former Commanding Officer of The Rocky Mountain Rangers, was off to Ottawa to see the Governor-General during the last week in Nov.

The Kamloops Patricia's extend the 'warmest' of Seasons Greetings to all members of the Regimental Family.

From The Venerable William Wright, 3 Dec 80
Church of St Bartholomew, Ottawa, Ont

On behalf of the Wardens and Congregation of this church I would like to thank you and the other members of your Regiment for your gifts. The P.P.C.L.I crest is now mounted on the pew behind the Vice-Regal pew and the picture with its inscription is on the wall by the entrance to the church from the parish hall. Though geographically we are now quite far apart there is a close link between your Regiment and this Parish which goes back to time of your earliest history. These gifts are a reminder of this fact.

Editor's Note: Some years ago an article appeared in the Regimental Newsletter outlining the Regiment's association with St Bartholomew's Church in Ottawa - also known as "The Governor-General's Church". On a visit last year to Ottawa, it was discovered that the Patricia pew had no distinctive identification and that there was no photograph of Col Francis Farquhar and Col H.F. Buller, who are remembered in the beautiful stained glass window over the altar. The Regimental Major visited the church in late November of 1980 and presented the rector with a heraldic plaque to identify the Patricia Pew and a framed photograph of LCol Farquhar and LCol Buller which hangs in the Narthex marking the Regiment's association with St Bartholomew's dating back to August of 1914.

From 410954 A.R. Jones, Jan 81
1st University Company

Mr Jones writes to advise us of the address of one of our lost members, 410944 P.H. Ashby of Campbell River, BC. Ninety years of age and still going strong. Mr Jones has been ill himself of late and the best wishes of all ranks are extended for his continued recuperation.

From 1005 R.D. Whitmore, Jan 81
Ottawa, Ontario

A note of thanks was received from Mr Dick Whitmore of Ottawa, who celebrated his 90th birthday 23 Nov 80. Dick lives alone in his small house in Ottawa, but does not lack for company. This Editor has had the pleasure of spending a pleasant hour with Dick in Ottawa in November and personally extending best wishes on behalf of all ranks.

From Capt R.J. Blekaitis, Jan 81
2 Cdo, Petawawa, Ont K8H 2X3

Everything is going fine here in the East. The Regiment is getting ready for winter deployments both in Petawawa and a 12 plane formation into Shilo 22 Jan 81. Unfortunately, I'm manning my mahogany-bomber, delivering babies, and holding the fort so I'll miss out on all the fun. 2nd Airborne Commando is planning to have an ambitious "Patricia Birthday" on the 11th of March 1981 instead of the 17th, due to aircraft availability for the birthday jump. After that -- CYPRUS...

Major Peterson, along with all the other Patricia's in the area send their regards to all you "Army of the West" types. AIRBORNE!!!

From D.A. (Don) Massie, 27 Jan 81
Box 1443, Grand Forks, BC V0H 1H0

I wish to thank you for sending the medal ribbon to me.

My visit to the Regimental Museum was also most pleasant and very enjoyable, not having seen it previously. I did not have any idea of its extent or format. Now that I have seen it, I've been telling others about it so don't be surprised if others from BC pay you a visit.

From C.R. Tudway, 1 Feb 81

RR 1, Comox, BC V9N 5N1

Howard Clegg
Suite 202
Quadra Gardens
1742 Beaufort Ave
Comox, BC V9N 4B6

would like to be placed on the mailing list for the Regimental Letter.

I recently found out he had returned from England and is living nearby. His regimental number was K85346. We were recruits together on Mont Sorel squad at Work Point from October, 1939 until we left for Fort Osborne, Winnipeg, and Cove, England, in 1939. Clegg served with D Coy until approximately September, 1940, when he was seconded to the English Ministry of Information as a war correspondent. He was also the author of a book entitled "A Canuck in England", published by George H. Harrop and Co., 1942.

Yours regimentally,

From Peter McLennan, 26 Feb 81

Cul-na-ha, Erbusaig, by Kyle of Lochalsh, Ross-shire, Scotland

I was sorry to miss you last November in Calgary. I am sorrier still that it looks as though we may not be able to be in Calgary at Trooping time. I had hoped to accept 2Bn's invitation to the 30th Anniversary and then carry on to Calgary before going to Vancouver Island. The enclosed copy will explain all. Really, June and I couldn't pass this up, particularly as there are options on the return which we are still investigating with Korean Airlines. I am sure that we will get to Japan, possibly not to Tokyo, but to the South and to Hong Kong. Whether or not we will get to Taipei and Manila remains to be seen.

We hope later on this year to be in Canada and to have a chance to visit and see you and so many old friends.

Some years ago, I gave to the Regimental museum two or three things, including a map I carried in the Chorwon area while sniper sergeant. Could you please find it and airmail it back to me quick? I'll need it in my visit to the area, to guide me. I also want to find the name of a village, to name a house - the custom here - after all, Les Grimes' house is "Kapyong".

I think it rather funny that this past year I had a telephone call, and the voice said, "How about a quick run down to Ui-Jong-Bu" (as I told you) - Ed Wyman, from Kyle, 1 1/2 miles away! Now, it will happen, not, unfortunately, with Ed.

I was very pleased with and impressed by the lay-out of the Regimental Museum. Congratulations. I hope to be in touch when I find out a bit more about the schedule, and shall send it on "for information only".

The very best to you all from myself and June.

From CWO W.A. Colbourne, MMM, CD, 24 Mar 81

CFLA, Borden, Ont LOM 1CO

For Regimental Day this year we had a gathering of some fifty-one Patricia's (present and past) in the South Side Curling Club, organized by Master Warrant Officer Stan Stothard.

The festivities started with the Base Commander, Brigadier-General J.H. Roddick, CD, in company with the Base Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer J.A. Heyman, MMM, CD, cutting a very beautiful regimental cake and all tipping our glasses in a toast to the Regiment. From there the afternoon and evening progressed into some very amusing but proud tales of our experiences and treasured memories of our days on Regimental duty.

The majority of our gathering consisted of people on course and quite a number of personnel who have gone the LOTRP route, to name a couple, Cpl Murray (now Dental Corps) ex-2 PPCLI from 70 to 75, and Cpl Turcotte, my old driver from my days in the Third Battalion. Retired members present were: ex-Cpl Guy Laveigne, ex-WO Jerry Schoop, ex-Capt Doug Acton, ex-WO Jim Campagna and a Mr Graham McMinn (rank unknown).

As well Major Kasanda, now Commandant of CFSPER here in Borden but 2 PPCLI from 52 to 55, who by the way, would like to renew his association with the Regiment, and Major Ross Mooney, my boss, Provost Marshall in Cyprus during 2 PPCLI's tour 72/73, dropped in to taste the moose milk and renew old acquaintances.

All in all it was a super day and it was not difficult to pick present and past Patricia's out from the crowds the next day. We all resembled very much wilted sick reports.

Hope this finds everyone in the Regiment well and hearty. Pat, myself and girls are fine but look forward to getting back for a visit with the Regiment.

From Major C.A.H. "Art" Kemsley, 16 Mar 81
Vancouver, BC

Along with a generous donation to the Postage Fund, Maj Art Kemsley sends best wishes to all Patricia's and advises that the Vancouver Branch had a fine turnout and celebrated our Regimental Day with a dinner at Jericho Beach on Saturday 14 March.

From LCol A.J.R.H. Neadow, CD, 25 Nov 80
CTC Gagetown, NB EOG 2PO

Just a short note to say "hello" and to give you some idea what is happening here. As you know we have managed to get the Atlantic Branch of the Association launched. At the moment I am giving the Branch Executive, Jamie Reid in particular, whatever support they require and if asked, would judge the Atlantic Branch has been launched somewhat tenuously on its rather uncertain future. It will depend on Jamie and his gang as to how well the Branch fares in the future. The meeting was held on 23 Aug which was a difficult time for local Patricia's as it is the mid-summer leave period. Timing was based on when the retired members could attend. I chose to lose Patricia's as opposed to prospective members. I was surprised by the strong support that was given to the fledgling branch by the younger members of our Regiment. I was encouraged by their enthusiasm.

From Major Alex Morrison, CD
RMC Kingston, Ont (excerpt from "Especially for SENIORS")

A Profile on 475329 J.W. McLaren, 4th University Company

Jack McLaren, at 85, lives in a comfortable white house with a huge picture window overlooking the broad Maitland River, about four miles east of Goderich, at Ben Miller. Up a short flight of stairs from his living room is his studio, where he still paints for five hours a day.

He is one of five artists chosen by the Ontario Society of Artists to be honoured. All have been members of the Society for 50 years or more. Each will submit a painting to be auctioned at a dinner at the Hotel Toronto October 29, and each painting will be started in bidding at its usual "gallery price". After that, the bidding will go up.

Mr McLaren's "Mont Tremblant", his entry in the auction, will be started at \$1,000. The price his paintings continue to demand is proof enough that his powers have not diminished over the years. A glance around his studio reveals many works of remarkable versatility - abstracts, a portrait, pictures of landscapes executed with vigor and a clean sweeping power. They are not pictures that give any inkling that the painter is 85 years old and, in a sense, he is not, for he has a young mind.

August 11 is his birthday.

"This year, I had just about the best of birthdays," he says. "I had my family and grandchildren here, and I went to see the Blyth Summer Theatre's production of 'The Life that Jack Built'. It was a play about my own life. Afterwards, the cast came back to my house and we partied until three o'clock in the morning. I was tired the next day, but what a wonderful birthday it was."

Although Mr McLaren considers himself a painter, many Canadians think of him for another reason. He was the man who, through an unlikely set of circumstances, brought about the famous Dumbells, who entertained Canadian troops at the front line during World War I. The Dumbells became so famous that they travelled Canada until 1929 - eleven years after the end of the war - playing to hamlets, towns and cities, and drawing crowds wherever they went.

Mr McLaren's connection with the Dumbells was not, at first, a direct one. It began before the war, at James Mavor's holiday home in Muskoka. Mr Mavor, grandfather of Mavor Moore, loved entertainments and Jack McLaren, not much more than a boy, fitted right in. He wrote skits and sketches and enjoyed playing character parts. People on holiday came from miles around to see the Mavor productions which were often lighted by lamps from the boats from the lake.

Along came World War I. Brigadier A. Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD, started the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry with an outright gift of \$100,000 from his own pocket to the federal government. Jack McLaren joined the Princess Pats as a foot soldier and went overseas under the command of Colonel Gault. It was no pleasant war. At Passchendaele, McLaren was one of six men sent out to bring in a wounded man.

"I had never touched rum before. I always gave my ration away. But that day I drank my tot of rum. At Passchendaele there was no front line - only shell holes. We found our man. He'd had a leg blown off. We got him back safely. It was no war of glory."

One day, McLaren suddenly received an order to report to the Colonel - most unusual in the case of a private soldier.

"I thought I must have done something terrible," he says. "When I got there, the Colonel had a letter on his desk from James Mavor, who said I was very good at entertaining, and my ability might cheer the troops, or words to that effect. The Colonel asked me to form an entertainment company to perform right at the front lines."

McLaren formed the Princess Patricia Comedy Company - the PPCC, as it became known. The group was pretty well unique. Up to then, most soldiers had had to wait for entertainment until they could get leave and go to the rear. But the PPCC performed four kilometres behind the front lines, close enough to hear the shells, and close enough that everyone could see them, even if they had only a few hours from the lines.

The PPCC performed skits and sketches that portrayed the soldier's life and problems, but always with the saving element of humour. And the Company was received with enormous enthusiasm. It played to packed houses.

"We had to set up pickets to keep the crowds under control," says McLaren.

In due course, Canadian Corps headquarters heard about this unusual company of actors who were revitalizing the troops. The PPCC was asked to perform throughout all the battalions of the Corps.

"We refused, because we felt a greater loyalty to Colonel Gault and the Princess Pats. So Canadian Corps formed its own company around a remarkably talented female impersonator named Ross Hamilton. It became the Dumbells."

Only once, to celebrate the armistice, did the Dumbells and the PPCC put on a joint show. That was at Mons, and it was an unlikely and not too popular production, "HMS Pinafore", instead of the lively and sometimes earthy skits and sketches to which the troops were accustomed, McLaren managed to write into the score a special part for himself - he was an American newspaperman visiting the British fleet.

After the war, McLaren joined the Dumbells and toured Canada with them until 1923, when he resumed his painting.

McLaren was born a Scot, in Edinburgh, but the family emigrated to Canada when he was seven, and settled at Toronto Junction. He attended Humberstone Collegiate and later returned to Scotland to study at the Edinburgh College of Art for four years.

Over the years, he has made many friends, for that is the kind of man he is; forthright, easy to meet, possessing an ever-twinkling sense of humour. He was about as close to being a member of the Group of Seven as one can be without being in that magic circle. He was a member of the Toronto Arts and Letters Club - still is - and lunched regularly there with the Group of Seven.

He still paints with oils on board, as they did. He sketches on the board, applies a coating of shellac and then the paint.

Two years ago, McLaren's wife died. He used to call her Jill, though her real name was Lil. She came from Lindsay. About the same time, he had a stroke.

Today, he is physically frail, but he walks very erect, though slowly.

There is an exercise bicycle in his studio, and he won't give up work.

"You have to keep going," he says. "I drink a tot of rum each morning before I begin work, and I have another tot after I finish work. Other than that, I do not drink. Grandma Moses painted until she was 101. I shall paint until I am 102."

Editor's Note: The Regiment is indeed fortunate to hold a number of Mr McLaren's battlefield sketches and water colours depicting scenes from WWI, on display at the Home Station.

Excerpt from CFB Calgary "Round-up"

PPCLI Re-instate Cloth Shoulder Title - March 17, 1981

The 17th of March is a day eagerly anticipated by all Patricia's. Traditionally the Regiment celebrates the birthday of Lady Patricia Ramsey, the first Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment and the person in whose honour this Regiment was named. Of particular significance this year was the fact that on 17 March the Regiment reinstated wear of the red and white cloth shoulder title which had identified our unique Regiment for most of its 67 year history.

The Regiment which was hastily raised in August 1914 at the outbreak of World War I did not have time to procure many of the uniform accoutrements which were then worn by Canadian and Commonwealth units. Metal shoulder titles specifically could not be produced in time. As an expedient, the first Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Farquhar, DSO, designed a cloth shoulder title for wear. The shoulder title was simplistic in design; the capital letters P.P.C.L.I. sewn in white on a background of red. These titles could be produced quickly and at minimum cost, most of the originals being sewn by hand. In fact, for the major part of the First War no commercial supplier was used, the titles being prepared by various Ladies' volunteer organizations in Ottawa and the surrounding area. For this reason a standard shoulder title was not introduced until after the war and many variations in shade and design can be seen in official photographs of the First War.

The cloth shoulder title was nonetheless unique and quickly distinguished in battle. Red and white, the traditional colours of the Infantry Corps, took on new significance. As the Regiment's reputation for courage and tenacity in battle grew, so did the notoriety of the red and white flash. No longer did it signify a hastily raised and by implication an unprofessional regiment but rather a badge of honour, worthy of respect. For within a year of its charter being signed, the Regiment had participated in some of the bloodiest fighting ever known to man and stood firm, despite crippling losses, at the Battle of Frezenberg (8 May, 1915). Even a casual glance at Woolen's painting of Frezenberg clearly shows the red and white title. It is perhaps this distinctiveness in battle which has so endeared the red and white flash to the hearts of all Patricia's and led to the adoption by other British and Commonwealth units of similar shoulder titles.

The Coldstream Guards, one of England's oldest and most famous regiments, adopted cloth shoulder titles for wear during World War I. In part, the reason was Lieutenant-Colonel Farquhar's past association with that regiment, but one cannot deny its distinctive look. By the beginning of World War II, cloth shoulder titles had been adopted for wear by units throughout the Commonwealth.

Since its introduction in 1914 the red and white PPCLI shoulder title has seen service on most continents and in dozens of countries. It has been worn with pride in battle, on peace keeping missions and ceremonial parades. It has become for the Regiment and all who know it, a demonstrable sign of its courage in battle, dedication to Queen and Country and proud heritage. Its absence over the past 14 years from our dress uniform has been disconcerting and its reinstatement a vindication. It will once again be worn with pride by all serving Patricia's as a sign and reminder that the principles and values forged in the crucible of World War I and won at such terrible cost are still valid today.

KIT SHOP NEWS

Now available. Folio of 12 full colour prints of historic Regimental uniforms from original water colours by world renowned military artist, Robert J. Marrion. This project has been in preparation for 18 months and has just now been completed. The prints, especially designed for framing, are 8 x 10 and are 9 x 12 overall. The prints are most suitable for home, office, messes, clubs and canteens, or special presentation.

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REGIMENTAL KIT SHOP

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
<u>PART 1 - REGIMENTAL DRESS AND ACCOUTREMENTS</u>			
Ascot, Regimental	\$ 7.90	ea	
Badge, cap, officers	\$ 3.00	ea	
Badge, cap, ORs	\$ 3.00	ea	
Badge, collar, Officer	\$ 3.00	pr	
Badge, collar, ORs	\$ 3.00	pr	
Badge, beret, Association	\$ 1.50	ea	
Badge, para, bullion/red (mess dress)	\$ 7.50	ea	without silver leaf
Badge, para, bullion/red (mess dress)	\$ 8.50	ea	with silver leaf
Badges, rank, officers, bullion on scarlet (stars & crowns)	\$ 9.40	pr	for old mess kit
Band, puggaree, Wolseley helmet	\$ 2.00	ea	
Bands, trouser, retaining elastic	\$ 1.00	ea	card w/2 pr
Beret, dress, rifle green	\$25.00	ea	by Herbert Johnson on order
Belt, Regimental, 1" green w/silver buckle	\$ 5.00	ea	
Buckle, Regimental, ceremonial without keepers	\$ 8.00	ea	
Buckle, keepers	\$ 1.00	ea	
Button, VP, 30 ligne (tunic)	\$.25	ea	
Button, VP, 26 ligne (pocket)	\$.25	ea	
Button, VP, 20 ligne (cap)	\$.25	ea	
Cap, forage, Sr officers	\$40.50	ea	special order, state size req'd
Cap, forage, Jr officers	\$40.50	ea	special order, state size req'd
Cap, forage, ORs	\$10.00	ea	
Coin, Regimental	\$ 1.25		
Crest, blazer, officers	\$ 4.00	ea	
Crest, blazer, WOs & Sgts	\$ 4.00	ea	
Crest, blazer, Jr Ranks	\$ 4.00	ea	
Crest, blazer, Association	\$ 4.00	ea	
Cummerbund, French grey	\$19.00	ea	by La Fleche Bros
Gloves, black, unlined snap at wrist	\$18.50	pr	
Shoulder titles, green/gold	\$.20	ea	
Shoulder titles, red/white	\$.30	ea	
Tie, Regimental	\$ 7.90	ea	New stock, reduced price
Tie, Informal (VP motif)	\$ 8.75	ea	New stock, reduced price
Tie, OCP	\$ 9.50	ea	
Spurs, box (offrs mess dress, old)	\$ 4.50	pr	limited stock

The following items are available on a special order basis; prices not listed may be obtained on request. Where prices are quoted, a limited stock is available.

Sword, officer	approx \$267.00	ea	on order
Slings, officers	approx \$ 65.00	ea	on order
Knots, sword, gold wire	\$ 46.00	ea	in stock
Cases, sword	approx \$ 70.00	ea	out of stock - by special order
Shooting sticks		ea	by special order
Sashes, Sgts	\$ 11.25	ea	
Sashes, WOs		ea	on order
Medals Miniature UNFICYP	\$ 12.00	ea	others by special order
<u>PART 2 - REGIMENTAL SUPPLIES</u>			
Cards, Exmas, Drummer w/envelope	\$.65	ea	
Cards, Invitation, VP w/envelope	\$.20	ea	
Cards, hasty-note (Drummer) w/envelope	\$.30	ea	
Flag, camp, plain	\$ 34.00	ea	
Flag, camp, 1st Battalion	\$ 34.00	ea	plus numeral
Flag, camp, 2nd Battalion	\$ 34.00	ea	plus numerals
Flag, camp, 3rd Battalion	\$ 34.00	ea	plus numerals
Flag, CO, 1st Battalion	\$ 31.25	ea	
Flag, CO, 2nd Battalion	\$ 31.25	ea	
Flag, CO, 3rd Battalion	\$ 31.25	ea	
Flag, desk, 6" x 9", w/15" stand	\$ 4.00	ea	
Pennant, car, CO 1st Battalion	on request	ea	
Pennant, car, CO 2nd Battalion	on request	ea	
Pennant, car, CO 3rd Battalion	on request	ea	
Plaque, cap badge, bronze		ea	on order
Plaque, heraldic shield	\$ 34.00	ea	
Plaque, Colours of 1st Battalion	\$ 24.00	ea	photo of Colours on walnut plaque
Ribbon, Regimental (1 metre)	\$ 1.00	ea	
Stationery, VP letterhead, blank second page, w/envelope	\$ 4.75	pkg(20)	
Statuette, Drummer, pewter	\$ 36.00	ea	
Studs, mess dress	\$ 5.75	set	
<u>PART 3 - SOUVENIRS AND MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Ashtray, VP, glass 4"	\$ 1.50	ea	
Badge, automobile	\$ 14.50	ea	
Binder, Regimental Newsletter, green, 8½" x 14"	\$ 2.00	ea	
Brooch, ladies, cap badge, gilt	\$ 32.50	ea	
Brooch, ladies, cap badge, silver	\$ 30.00	ea	
Clipboard, Regimental, maroon vinyl 8½" x 14"	\$ 8.75	ea	
Cufflinks, sterling, w/cap badge	\$ 52.50	pr	

Decal, cap badge, gold/silver 18"	\$ 2.00	ea	
Decal, cap badge, gold/silver 6" x 9"	\$ 1.25	ea	
Decal, side drum, Battle Honours	\$10.75	ea	
Decal, shoulder title red/white	\$.25	ea	
Decal, VP & coronet, 7"	\$ 1.00	ea	
Decal, cap badge, shield 3"	\$ 1.50	ea	
Ice Bucket, Regimental, side drum	\$20.75	ea	
Key ring, leather w/enamel Regimental device	\$ 3.00	ea	price reduced
Lighter, Zippo, slim, VP	\$ 6.80	ea	
Lighter, Zippo, medium, cap badge	\$ 6.00	ea	
Matches, book, VP	\$ 2.25	box(50)	
Pen, ball point, VP, blue (Parker)	\$ 5.00	ea	price reduced
Pen, ball point, PPCLI, maroon (Penpal)	\$ 1.75	ea	
Pin, lapel, officer, collar badge, sterling and gilt	\$30.00	ea	
Pin, lapel, collar badge, antique sterling	\$18.25	ea	
Pin, lapel & tietac, cap badge, gilt/enamel	\$21.50	set	
Pin, lapel & tietac, cap badge, sterling/enamel	\$12.50	set	
Pin, lapel, para wings, sterling	\$15.00	ea	
Pin, lapel, para wings, antique silver	\$15.00	ea	
Pin, lapel, cap badge, sterling	\$19.00	ea	
Recording, Jubilee (1974), single	\$ 6.00	ea	
Recording, 1978 (2-record album)	\$12.25	ea	
Ring, cap badge, silver (Birks)	\$72.50	ea	special order-state size
Spoon, w/cap badge, silver (Birks Regency plate)	\$25.50	ea	on order
Spoon, w/marguerite badge, silver (Birks Regency plate)	\$25.50	ea	on order
Sweat shirt, maroon, Regimental	\$11.25	ea	
Sweat shirt, grey, crested	\$14.00	ea	
T-shirt, crew neck, maroon, gold, blue or blue	\$ 6.00.	ea	in sizes S, M, L
T-shirt, children, maroon, blue, or gold	\$ 4.50	ea	in sizes S, M, L
Golf shirt, short sleeve, polyester/ cotton, blue, white or yellow w/regimental crest over pocket	\$14.00	ea	in sizes S, M, L
Charm, cap badge, sterling silver	\$18.50	ea	
Beer mugs, glass w/Regt badge	\$ 5.00	ea	
Pendant, ladies, miniature cap badge, sterling/enamel w/sterling chain	\$31.00	ea	
<u>PART 4 - PUBLICATIONS AND PICTURES</u>			
Book, Regimental History Vol III, 1919-57, by G.R. Stevens	\$ 8.00	ea	

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As above, autographed by the author and numbered	\$15.00	ea
Book, Regimental History, Vol IV Rolls 1939-45, by Maj R.B. Mainprize	\$ 4.00	

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2. All payments should be made payable to "PPCLI Association Regimental Fund"

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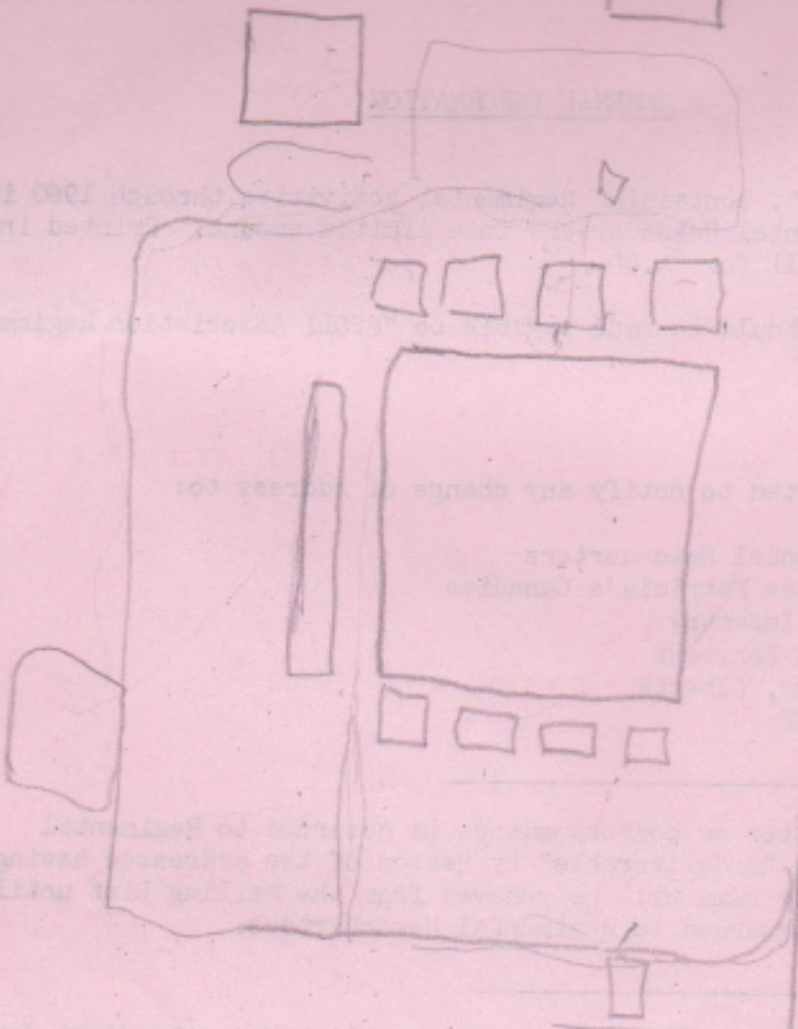
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5. The Regimental Newsletter is normally published on the first day of March, June, September and December.

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