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COVER STORY

The photo on the cover shows the first Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel F.D. Farquhar, DSO and his Adjutant, Captain H.C. Buller, with the Ric-A-Dam-Doo at Lansdowne Park, 1914.

Lieutenant-Colonel Farquhar was appointed to command PPCLI on 12 August 1914. He commanded during mobilization, training, and in operations around St Eloi from January to March 1915. He died of wounds received at St Eloi on 20 March 1915.

Captain H.C. Buller was appointed Captain and Adjutant PPCLI on 12 August 1914. He was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel on 21 March 1915. He commanded the Regiment during the Second Battle of Ypres and was wounded near Ypres on 4 May 1915. He rejoined the Regiment in December 1915 and commanded throughout the spring of 1916 until killed at Sanctuary Wood during the Battle of Mont Sorrel on 2 June 1916. He was awarded the DSO and was twice Mentioned In Dispatches.

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COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT'S ADDRESS

MAJOR-GENERAL G.G. BROWN, OSTJ, CD

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Another challenging and productive year for the Regiment has gone by and the Regiment rides high. I have visited all Battalions and the Battle School and have been most impressed with the morale, training, discipline, enthusiasm, and most important, Regimental spirit which are all of the highest order.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia, continues to inspire us all with her interest, dedication and her abundant energy, as she visits with us at work and at play. In March, despite a dreadful cold, she visited her Patricia's of First Battalion on Sovereign Viking on Ellsmere Island. She saw installations at Resolute Bay, went to Little Ellsmere to visit a COMINCO mine above and below ground and followed that up by visiting all Patricia's participating on a high arctic patrol, either on the trail or in their tent groups, while the wind chill hovered at -113 degrees Fahrenheit. I was warmed by her keen interest as well as the great affection in which she is held by her Patricia's. She presided at a Retirement Dinner in Ottawa with regular and retired Patricia's, before her high arctic visit and her Second Battalion after. It was a great pleasure for me to see her recognize the service of our comrades Majors Bill Love, Dave Snowball, Fred Vokes, Dick Wallace and Captain Paddy Collins and present them with their retirement gifts. 2 PPCLI put on a first class show as her farewell to Canada. During November, she completed another first, as she participated in Exercise Ric-A-Dam-Doo, a Regimental familiarization exercise for our new officers.

This has been a banner year for promotions. Good talent and ability have been recognized with promotions to Junior NCO rank, to Senior NCO, to Warrant Officer and to Subaltern, Field Officer, and General Officer. The Regiment is providing fine leaders and gaining the recognition it deserves.

This July I will be stepping down and giving to another, the great privilege and honour of being your Colonel. This will bring to an end, thirty-seven years of continuous service to our Regiment, and a total of forty-five years of militia and active service to the Canadian Army. Almost two of those years was with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, now 4 PPCLI, in Italy and Northwest Europe during World War II. The Canadian Army has been very good to me and I shall always be most grateful for the privilege of serving. I believe the greatest and by far the most outstanding reward that I have received has been to know the Canadian Soldier, in war and peace, particularly the infantryman, the product of our Regimental system. He is a wonderful, brave, kind, tough, compassionate, caring citizen who, most of the time, holds his true feelings under a rough exterior. In other words, a superb fighting man, a Patricia.

I hope to visit all of you in the coming months and thank you personally. In the meantime, and if I don't see you, please accept my everlasting gratitude and admiration.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C.V. LILLEY, MC, OMM, CD

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I fully realize the problems that branches are having, not only in retaining but increasing their membership, and the amount of work required by members. Your efforts have not gone unrecognized and I assure you that I will give you my full support and assistance. A strong membership produces an effective membership, which makes for a happy Patricia Family. I would like to see branches increase their activities and each current member make an effort to recruit at least one new member. We could celebrate our 75th Anniversary in 1989 with greater satisfaction if the Association could top 2,000 paid members at that time. This is your challenge and I have complete faith that as Patricia's you can do it.

Unfortunately, due to inflation, it was found necessary to increase the annual dues by members to the PPCLI Association Headquarters in Currie Barracks, Calgary, from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per year. A motion to this effect was passed at the 34th Annual General Meeting.

All honorary members, honorary life members, paid up members from branches and paid up members-at-large will receive a copy of the Association Newsletter free of charge. Members wishing to receive the Patrician will be charged \$4.00 plus postage.

The Patrician is the annual journal of the serving members of the Regiment. Over the years the literary contributions from the Association and retired members have been noticeably absent. This journal is distributed to all serving members and may be obtained by others at a cost of \$4.00 plus postage. It is desirable that the Association once again have an input into this publication and to that end we encourage Branches to submit articles on their activities together with photos to RHQ prior to 1 September of each year. These articles would be published under a section allotted to the PPCLI Association and would be edited to allow all submissions to be printed. This journal should be used as a vehicle for communicating to the Regiment as a whole, the aims, activities and contributions the Association makes to the Regimental Family.

The Newsletter is to the Association what the Patrician is to the serving soldier. It is essentially an Association publication consisting of letters, submissions and information of interest primarily to Association and retired members.

During the years, RHQ has experienced considerable difficulty in producing the Newsletter quarterly, due to manpower shortages but more importantly, due to the cost of mailing. The records of active, paid up members are somewhat less than accurate. There is no system in place to constantly upgrade Branch Nominal Rolls - in fact there are no Branch Master Nominal Rolls!! Some Branches have not submitted membership lists since the mid-1970's. To complete this picture you must understand that the administration of the Association is only one small portion of the total workload assigned to the staff at RHQ.

To ease the burden and try to streamline the administration of the PPCLI Association, it is required that Branch Presidents/Secretaries submit to RHQ by 1 January of each year, the Annual Dues of \$5.00 per member together with detailed

membership lists for the up coming year. The Newsletter will be distributed based on the information contained on these lists and not on the present, very out of date cardex system. For members at large, the Information Sheets should be completed and returned to RHQ along with your Annual Dues so as to ensure receipt of the Newsletter.

Planning has commenced for our 75th Anniversary, to put on a performance even better than that of our 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1964. One of the proposals is to hold a National Convention in Ottawa, 18-21 August 1989 to coincide with other Regimental celebrations in that area. More information will be sent out when it is confirmed.

The following proposal was discussed at the November 82 National General Meeting and again at a National Executive Meeting in Vancouver in March 83. It is designed to raise funds to cover the activities surrounding the 75th Anniversary celebrations in 1989. This is a proposal only and its implementation will be made known in the September Newsletter.

The Patricia's Diamond Jubilee Association Membership Plan will be in effect from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1989.

To become a registered Patricia Diamond Jubilee Association Member, the following contributions shall be made to the Association Headquarters in Calgary:

- a. A minimum contribution of \$75.00 to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund which is Income Tax Deductible;
- b. A five-year advance payment of Association dues (\$25.00) to the Association Operating Fund. This is NOT tax deductible; and
- c. Total contribution of \$100.00 (minimum).

Installment Plan is for those members who are unable to make a one shot payment of \$100.00. The plan consists of four equal payments of \$25.00 with the final installment being paid to the association Headquarters not later than 31 March 1989. The first installment of \$25.00 will be contributed to the Association Operating Fund and the last three installments to the HGMF.

A registration book shall be kept by the Association Headquarters showing:

- a. Serial number;
- b. Name and address of donor;
- c. Amount and date received;
- d. Date receipt issued; and
- e. Date souvenir issued.

Donors names will be published in the Regimental Newsletter as contributions are received. Finalized lists will be published in the 1990 Patrician. A souvenir in commemoration of our 75th Anniversary will be issued to Patricia Diamond Jubilee Association Members.

It is proposed that Branches of the Association be allocated areas of responsibility in order to encourage membership, assist those in need, and report on activities. The areas are broken down as follows:

- Victoria Branch - All of Vancouver Island;
- Vancouver Branch - All of BC, less Vancouver Island;
- Edmonton Branch - Alberta, north of Red Deer;
- Calgary Branch - Alberta, south of and including Red Deer;
- Saskatchewan Branch - All of the province of Saskatchewan;
- Winnipeg Branch - The province of Manitoba and Ontario east up to and including, Thunder Bay;
- Ottawa Branch - Ontario, north of and including Kingston, North Bay and Peterborough;
- Toronto Branch - Ontario, south of Kingston, Peterborough and North Bay;
- Montreal Branch - All of the province of Quebec;
- Atlantic Branch - The provinces of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

This is a proposal only and Branch Executives are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions,

NEWS RELEASE

NDHQ
15 Oct 82

"OTTAWA - The Chief of the Defence Staff, General Ramsey Withers, has announced that beginning in June 1984, the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, will begin a four year tour of duty with Canadian Forces Europe in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Since 1970, 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Europe has included battalions of two of Canada's three infantry regiments, The Royal Canadian Regiment and the Royal 22e Regiment. PPCLI units have not had the opportunity to serve in Europe nor to gain operational experience in mechanized operations in the European theatre.

To correct this, the RCR and PPCLI will serve in Germany on an alternating basis."

REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT'S ADDRESS

CAPTAIN R. RAIDT, CD

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I am very honoured to be appointed Regimental Adjutant of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. I will do my best to provide a focal point for all members of our Regiment and pass on the Regimental news through this Newsletter.

In a period of rapid change such as we are experiencing now, it is more important than ever that we retain all those traditional aspects of the Regiment which give it its particular esprit, tone, and style. The spirit in which changes are accepted and the loyalty with which they are executed are absolutely essential to successful and happy soldiering. The customs and traditions which have been established in our Regiment over the years enhance our ability to meet these new challenges. Patricia's have always lived proudly by these thoughts and attitudes in the past.

Much progress has been made in fostering a true family spirit by all members of the Regiment. I pledge myself to maintaining that spirit and, if possible, to attempt to develop an ever closer relationship between all members including those who have retired and from whose wisdom and experience we can all benefit.

As one peruses the Regimental history, one finds constant quotes of congratulations and admiration from famous Commanders or anecdotes of the invincible spirit of the Patricia's. "The name of A. Hamilton Gault will be preserved among the wounded, but the heroic spirit of this officer was not subdued by his misfortune, and he continued to lead his men to glory", is one of the quotes from days gone by, but in order to gain the full impact of what this Regiment has done in the service of this beautiful country in particular, and the world in general, I challenge you to read one page each day of its history - a history full of gallantry, loyalty, camaraderie and service - one full of days grave and gay!

Today I am sure that the Regiment is as good, if not better, than it has ever been. All our fighting services are like this because they have strong foundations, strong traditions for their young men to live up to, because they have a purpose in hard toil, adventure and discipline, which those same "so many" would appreciate so much if only they would accept them.

But let us not rest on our past laurels. Our 75th Anniversary is but a few years away and the time is now for every member of the Regiment to think about that so important event. The range of activities will vary and invariably will depend on the financial ability of the Regiment to provide the means to support of each and every member of the Regiment.

Therefore, let us join hands and make an effort to work together and make the sacrifice necessary to get our Regiment back on a solid financial base. Only by committing ourselves to the spirit of the Founder can we meet our objectives and goals for the future. Far too many of us are still saying, "What has the Regiment ever done for me?" Why not ask "what have I ever done for my Regiment?"

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Ever since this letter started, there has been some doubt as to the true purpose of the Newsletter. Over the years, it has grown from a small monthly publication with extremely limited distribution, to a rushed attempt by an over-worked staff with a distribution of some 3000 copies - sometimes 2 or 3 times a year.

The fact of the matter is, mailing costs have nearly done us in, and we all must accept the fact that the problem can no longer be tolerated. Therefore, the Regimental Executive and the Association together have decided to return the Newsletter to the more traditional role and become the Voice of the PPCLI Association.

Since assuming the duties as your Editor in August last, many inquiries have been made to me as to the next publication of the Newsletter. To all the readers out there, we can only print news when we receive it from you - the contributors!! Yes, much mail is received at RHQ but unfortunately it is not always suitable for publication and in addition, the permission for publishing is rarely included. This edition, the first for some time, is the result of input from a number of areas. We hope to offer a semi-annual Newsletter, in a more attractive format and, hopefully, of more interest to our readers. The distribution will be limited to those who are paid up members of the Association, and complimentary copies to the major units. With the work involved in preparing, producing, and distributing the newsletter, it is impossible to produce four editions per year. I call upon all recipients to contribute letters, news, anecdotes, memories, etc, to the editor. We will attempt to put together a paper you can relate to, enjoy and occasionally laugh at. All suggestions are accepted in good faith. Remember, it is YOUR publication and the challenge is yours.

The 1982 Membership Fees were due on 1 January 1982. Many members are in arrears and it has been customary to provide copies of the Newsletter as a gesture of good faith in these member's renewal. The 1983 Membership Fees were due on 1 January 1983. All current members should send their dues to their respective Branches who, in turn, will submit them to RHQ. Members at large are invited to send their contributions direct to RHQ.

A renewal form has been incorporated on the last page for members at large. It is too simple!! If you don't require it yourself, pass it on to an old Patricia, one who would like to re-kindle his association, but requires a little prodding.

PATRICIA'S REMEMBERED

The Regiment is saddened by the loss of its comrades. On 14 January, 1983, Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon C. Corbould, DSO, OBE, ED, passed away in Bella Coola, BC. The Commanding Officer, 3 PPCLI, Lieutenant-Colonel C.R. Wellwood and several officers represented the Regiment at the funeral service. It is understood that some members of the Vancouver Branch were in attendance as well.

Since October, the Regiment salutes the passing of:

Mr Dick Whitmore, OBE, MSM

Mr Desmond Robinson

Mr Ray Westly Pratt

Captain (Ret'd) J.R. "Bob" Falconer

Sergeant (Ret'd) V. "Lloyd" Fenton, MM

CWO K.S. Gammon (formerly a Patricia)

Mr John J. Lavalee

Mr Abraham Ecker

The Regiment extends sympathy to the families.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Editor's Note: We can only publish the names given to us. It is incumbent upon all to inform us of any Patricias' passing.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

From the UK BRANCH we have received the following message:

"Annual Dinner arranged for 10 May at the CDLS (L) Officers' Club. Colonel-in-Chief has stated that she will attend. Should any members of the Regiment be passing through at that time, we would be more than pleased to see them." So anyone on their way through London during that time, drop by and join in the celebration.

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From the VICTORIA BRANCH we received the following report:

"At the monthly meeting of the Victoria Branch in October 82, Wit 'Nick' Nicholls gave a talk of his trip back to Godstone during May 82. Nick also played a tape of the presentation he made on behalf of the PPCLI Association to the Godstone Club of a Regimental Plaque."

The following is an extract from the SURREY MIRROR covering the visit to Godstone:

"The Canadian flag has been flying at Godstone Club to welcome a Canadian who was billeted in Godstone Club during the war.

Mr Nick Nicholls from Victoria, British Columbia, was one of the many men in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry stationed in Godstone in the early days of the last war more than 40 years ago.

Nick was a regular visitor to Godstone Club in those days and at that time the present ambulance station was used as a cookhouse and the club as the canteen.

He was billeted next door to Mr Arthur Crowhurst, now club president, and married Edith Thorby, sister of Arthur's wife, Joan. Edith is over with her husband now. The highlight of the visit for both British and Canadians was a presentation at the club on Friday.

Nick is a member of the Victoria Branch of the Regimental Association of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and he brought over a replica of the Regimental Cap Badge. It is inscribed: TO GODSTONE CLUB WITH FONDEST MEMORIES, THE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION, JUNE 1982.

Nick said: "It is a token of the esteem and regard we hold for this club."

He said the Canadians had many fond memories of those times.

"It was you who made room for us in your churches, organized and ran the canteen and dances in the barn for the benefit of the troops. It was you who greeted us in your pubs, and in this club you who skinned us at darts or shove ha'penny."

"You really made us welcome," Nick said.

"Some of our troops stayed on here after the war. I stole one of your daughters and took her to Canada and I shall always be grateful to Godstone for that."

He said that at Association meetings in Victoria they often reminisced about the war years "and it is your kindness, your generosity and your hospitality which comes shining through in our memories," Nick said.

And the presentation was the Canadian way of "doing something about it."

Mr Crowhurst, in welcoming Nick, said the Canadians had integrated: immediately into the life and activities of the village.

The Club chairman, Mr Laurie Bearcroft, accepted the crest on behalf of the club and the club secretary, Mrs Norma Hanlon, announced that the management committee had agreed to life membership of the club for both Nick and his wife, Edith.

The proceedings were recorded on video by Mr Brian Sutton and taped recordings were made by Mr Dave Bishop of Horizon Radio at St Lawrence's Hospital, Caterham for publication in the Lion's Club newspaper for the blind. Nick will take copies of these back with him to Canada."

36 Members were in attendance and it is interesting to note that 11 members were pre-WWII B Company and 3 were A Coy Patricia's! The Branch was also pleased to welcome as visitors to the meeting three Vancouverites - A.D. "Red" Wilson, Ray "Blackie" Blackburn and A.S. "Stu" Hart.

In the way of entertainment, our branch, along with the QOR of C Association VICTORIA BRANCH, held a combined Bingo night on the 18th of December, 1982. It went off quite well - not much profit, but everyone had a good time. Our next major event will be our Annual Dinner which we will hold in May.

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The report from the CALGARY BRANCH is next in line with the following:

"Another busy year started with the election of your new executive - E.A. (Ed) McDow - President; T.D. (Tom) Reid - Vice-President; and K. Zoboski - Secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing executive: L.A. (Les) White - President; Jack Nairne - Vice-President; and Len Roe - Secretary.

A drive is now on for each member to solicit one new member and hopefully our membership will increase substantially.

The office of Sgt-at-Arms was instituted at our February meeting with Jim Shinn being elected. With this office our Association Flag and accoutrements will be accorded its proper respect and dignity at all meetings and parades.

Progress in the preparation of a contracted edition of our Branch Constitution has been made by Les White. A draft copy is to be presented at our March meeting.

BAJ (Baj) Franklin and Tom Reid are carrying out research on the "Fallen Comrades Honour Roll." This will be included with our nominal roll in future.

We are looking forward to a Mixed Dining-In on the 7th of May. Commencing with cocktails, followed by a 5 course dinner and dancing, this should prove to be a gala affair.

For activities on 17th March (Regimental Birthday) approximately 25 members enjoyed a luncheon at the Mewata Armouries.

All members are reminded to complete the Regimental Information Sheet which was enclosed with Minutes of the February meeting and return to the Secretary (Kaz Zoboski) at an early date. This will ensure that you receive your invitation to the Trooping of the Colour on July 1st, 1983. This is an occasion which we all look forward to.

Pleased to hear news of old comrades - recent missives were received from Percy Ford, Tappen, BC, V0E 2X0; and Vern Duerksen, 510 South Holden, Burnaby, BC. Would the VANCOUVER BRANCH please contact Vern.

It is a pleasure to welcome new members and in this we applaud Maurice McNabb; Jack Reed; Martin Moulaison; and Arnie Meyers.

We of the Old Guard thought the following passage might well be pondered by our aspiring young officers, WO's & NCO's and Men:

'The heights by great men, reached and kept;
Were not obtained by sudden flight.
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.'

All members of the CALGARY BRANCH express our sincere thanks to the Commanding Officer, 1 PPCLI, the Regimental Adjutant, the RSM and the WO's & NCO's Mess Committee for their staunch support.

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From the OTTAWA BRANCH and the WINNIPEG BRANCH we received some general news about their activities. In Winnipeg, the members met on 26 January, 1983 to view a short film showing the arrival and reception at Government House in 1964. Apparently Norm McCowan inherited the film from the family of a past-president of the Branch.

"On Saturday, 12 November, 1982, 2 PPCLI Rear Party and the WINNIPEG BRANCH co-hosted a reception for Lady Patricia. She was very gracious, and wrote to both Major Dan MacLean and myself (Norm McCowan) thanking us for an enjoyable visit and congratulated us on the mix of serving Patricia's and Association members - all part of the Regimental Family."

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"The way to be nothing is to do nothing."

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

The Alberta Government, through the Minister of Culture, has been extremely helpful and generous to the Regimental Museum in the awarding of a \$5,200.00 cultural grant. In addition, the Regiment thanks the Number 1 and Number 285 Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion for their generous donations to the Regimental Museum. These grants will go a long way in helping us meet our Museum objectives.

Very shortly we will be getting assistance and advice from the staff at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary in the areas of conservation and display techniques. Through this assistance it is hoped to be able to provide more meaningful and attractive displays.

The Regimental Museum warmly welcomes donations of artifacts and memorabilia. Many items are personal and represent a very significant contribution of service to the Regiment by the donors. Other donations are made by families and friends of Regimental members. We cannot promise to display each and every item, in fact, some items cannot be displayed. Our display schedule will allow rotation of exhibits every six months thereby giving every visitor a chance to have seen all items in the Museum. We are particularly interested in acquiring items representing the Regiment's service in UN actions. We have a number from the Korean era but are still lacking in many other areas such as the Congo, Ghana, South East Asia, Pakistan, etc. Any items of interest would be greatly appreciated.

We welcome all comments or suggestions on the Museum displays and holdings. Only through your interest will we improve.

Museum Hours

Mon - Fri 0900 - 1530

Weekends and Holidays
by special appointment.

Group Tours may be
arranged by contacting
RHQ at 240-7525.



"Halt Fred!!!"

Written when the Canadian Regiment,
known as the "Princess Pats",
left for the front.

THE PRINCESS PAT'S

A TOUCH OF THE PLAIN AND THE PRAIRIE;	THE GLORY AND GRACE OF THE MAPLE,
A BIT OF THE MOTHERLAND TOO;	THE STRENGTH THAT IS BORN OF THE WHEAT;
A STRAIN OF THE FUR-TRAPPER WARY;	THE PRIDE OF A STOCK THAT IS STAPLE;
A BLEND OF THE OLD AND NEW;	THE BRONZE OF A MIDSUMMER HEAT;
A BIT OF THE PIONEER SPLENDOR,	A BLENDING OF WISDOM AND DARING,
THAT OPENED THE WILDERNESS FLATS;	THE BEST OF A NEW LAND AND THAT'S
A TOUCH OF THE HOME LOVER TENDER;	THE REGIMENT GALLANTRY BEARING;
YOU'LL FIND IN THE BOYS THEY CALL PAT'S.	THE NEAT LITTLE TITLE OF PAT'S.

A BIT OF THE MAN WHO HAS NEIGHORED,
WITH MOUNTAINS AND FORESTS AND STREAMS;
A TOUCH OF THE MAN WHO HAS LABOURED;
TO MODEL AND FASHION HIS DREAMS;
THE STRENGTH OF AN AGE OF CLEAN LIVING,
OF RIGHT MINDED FATHERLY CHATS;
THE BEST THAT A LAND COULD BE GIVING;
IS THERE IN THE BREASTS OF THE PAT'S.

Published in the Esquimalt Patrician
Vol. 2 Number 3 - February 1935

The prize goes to Boley Keeler with this one

When he was out in India, his regiment went out for a long route march (and it was hot in them days).

After pounding the sandy road all day the Colonel discovered that when it came to the time to return the guide had lost his bearings and the regiment was over twenty miles away from the cantonment.

Realising the men were tired the CO told them that any man who thought he could not complete the march to take three short smart paces forward. Every man in the regiment took the three short smart paces forward with the exception of one small undersized private.

The Colonel was impressed with the man's stoicism and approaching him said. "I'm glad to see I have one man who has the courage of a soldier."

The man replied ... "Courage be blowed, Sir ... I'm too darn tired to take the three short smart steps forward."

BRANCH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
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"Nature knows no pause in progress and development, and attaches her curse on all inaction."

BRANCH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (CONT'D)

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An extract from a Patricia Daily Order Part One as published in the March 1947 Regimental Newsletter:

DISCIPLINE - CARRYING OF LUNCH CONTAINERS

1. Personnel who are on Subsistence Allowance and who carry their noon meal from their homes in a lunch container, will effective immediately, ~~conceal their lunch containers in a small pack~~ which will be blancoed and slung from the right shoulder.

The above order prompted the following:

WHAT NEXT?

In future, a recent order said,
 All men who bring their daily bread,
 To eat during the noon recess,
 Must camoflauge it more or less.
 Inside a freshly blancoed pack,
 Slung across their manly back;
 So that they shall not distort nor mar,
 Military bearing on a "car".
 For no one should know, nor let it be said,
 That soldiers ever need be fed!

NEWS FROM INDIVIDUALS

From Peterborough we received a letter from Lloyd V. Rains requesting information on a geographical location:

"If you are a WWII veteran, I am sure you all remember Holland. Does anyone remember a village in Holland named Hoenderloo? It is not far from Apeldoorn. From May 30 to December 30 many Canadian units passed through it.

A Dutch friend in Holland is now trying to publish a complete chronicle of the village at that time. He is looking for photos, reports, facts or written memories.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone having anything to do with Hoenderloo. I must have been there myself, but can't recall the village."

If anyone out there can help our friend Lloyd V. Rains, you may write to him at 696 George Street, Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 3S9.

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Last fall we received a note from General Hewson, passed to us by Major Mike Goodspeed, at HQ UNFICYP, Nicosia, informing us about the reported death of a Captain S.A. Vatnsdal on 11 April 1982, published in the British Army Air Corps Journal. We quote as follows:

"At an age when most are still at school, Sherdy fought with the Canadian Contingent in Korea. He continued to serve in the Canadian Army Signals and in 1961 was attached to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Soest, West Germany. It was at this time that he took the step which was to lead to his outstanding achievements in parachuting and service to Army flying, when he joined the 1st Battalion the Parachute Regiment on transfer to the British Army, in which he served with distinction."

It seems that no one at RHQ is familiar with Captain Vatnsdal. It also seems not possible that he was attached to Patricia's in Soest in 1961 - the 1st Battalion did not arrive in Germany until 1963. Perhaps someone amongst our readership has more details and would be willing to share the information with us. Sherdy Vatnsdal seems to have been a colourful individual and outstanding soldier.

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Correspondence was received from Mr Muncaster of the BRITISH KOREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION. Attached to the correspondence were extracts from the Gloucestershire Regimental Journal about the exploits of the Regiment in Korea, 22-25 April, 1951.

We shall endeavour to find a suitable place in the Regimental Museum for displaying these.

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A letter from Dave Cyr reached us in January, 1983 in response to the last Newsletter and Patricia. Some extracts from his letter are:

"After I returned from the Korean conflict, I took my discharge, I thought I had had enough. My first big mistake. I could have gone back in after 3 months leave and gone to Germany. However, its no use crying now I was never so pleased to hear from my old barracks - our Colonel at the time was Colonel Cameron and then Wilson-Smith. RSM Gardner with his famous 'am I hurting you soldier? No Sir! I should be, your hair is so bloody long I'm standing on it! Get a haircut!' Our adjutant was Captain Staynor - a real no nonsense soldier."

Editors Note: Dave enclosed a picture of the 1st Battalion Tac HQ in Korea during 1951-52. We hope to publish some pictures in the future, once we are more financially solvent.

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100th Birthday Celebrated

#883 Sgt Walter Makay Draycott, an original member of our Regiment celebrated his 100th Birthday at his home in North Vancouver, BC on 24 February 1983. Greetings were received from the PPCLI Association as well as from all serving members of the Regiment. Major Art Kemsley presented Mr Draycott with an engraved Pewter Drummer Boy on behalf of all Patricia's.

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The following letter was received from Mr P.J. Knowles, a veteran of the Battle of Kapyong who served with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment:

"Greetings from Australia to former members of 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

My name is Pat Knowles and I served in Korea in 1951 with 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. I arrived in Korea the same time as the Patricia's (snow, wood alcohol, and all that).

To cut a long story short, I was with the Australian Battalion at the Battle of Kapyong on April 24, 1951 and the Patricia's were across the valley from us. I would like to get a hold of an account of the Canadian side of the battle. As I'm getting older, I realize I only really know the Australian side. I remember about 0230 on the 25 April, 1951, a massive battle must have started between the Patricia's and Chinese. The machine gun fire was fantastic.

Between the Canucks & Australians the Chinese didn't have too much luck those few days.

I was one of the 9 survivors of 1 platoon at Kapyong.

If any former Patricia's would like to exchange a few letters and/or if you could supply me with an account of the battle, I would pay any cost involved.

It's too bad our countries are so far apart, a guy can't exactly drop over

for a few beers and talk about old times. Thank you for your time. Hoping to hear from you. Mr P.J. Knowles, 28 Fifth Street, Granville, New South Wales, Australia, 2142.

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A letter from CWO Jimmy A. Heyman, Base Chief Warrant Officer, CFB Borden reached us early in February telling us that while attending a conference with the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, he was told about a plaque in the Tower of London, which depicted the name of ALSBURY - CANADIAN FORCES, PPCLI. The background is:

"Mr Alsbury served in the British Forces with the Royal Scots Guards as a bandsman, and served with the Canadian Forces, PPCLI Regimental Band, from 1966 to 1978, when he retired as the Band Sergeant-Major. He then took up a post as a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London from 1978 to 1982. Due to ill health of his wife, Mr Alsbury reluctantly retired from active service in the Tower of London and immigrated to the United States. Mr Alsbury's address as forwarded to us is 14324 Grand Avenue NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.

An excerpt from the GUARDIAN, dated 30 December 1982 follows:

A thoroughly British compromise has been reached in the Royal Navy's battle for its personnel to made eligible - in line with the army and the RAF - to become Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London.

The compromise is in the form of Staff Sergeant Cope (Retired) of the Royal Marines, a service on both land and sea attached to the Royal Navy but not strictly part of it.

He is the first marine to be recruited as what tourists call a Bee-feater, in the Tower's long and dark history.

Under Queen's Orders going back several centuries, army men who retire after "deserving, gallant and meritorious service" may be considered as Yeoman Warders.

When the Royal Flying Corps ceased to be part of the army and became the RAF in 1920, RAF men also became eligible. In 1946, the Royal Marines were added to the list, but were somehow never appointed to the part-security, part-ceremonial job at the Tower.

Then a junior civil servant at the Ministry of Defence sent a memo to a civil servant at the Tower, asking why the navy was excluded, much to its resentment.

Great consternation followed. The Tower's Deputy Governor (Administration) at the time, Lieutenant-Colonel John Feather, now retired, pointed out that the Tower had been a main army garrison until the Duke of Wellington's time, and that the ceremonial duties were of a military character.

"It is essentially a land-based operation," he argued. "Naval personnel would all be at sea."

But a compromise has now been reached. The present governor, Major-General Giles Mills, said: "We have taken one Marine."

"The marines are specialists in security duties for the Royal Navy, particularly on land installations, and they are the most appropriate to do duty in a land fortress, just as the army would be inappropriate to man a ship. Each service has its own sectors."

Major-General Mills denied that appointing a single marine had been in response to the interdepartmental memos, or that Staff Sergeant Cope was a token naval presence.

"He is particularly useful because after leaving the Marines, he worked in the Imperial War Museum. I have been told that previously, almost no Marines applied."

"If more marines applied and were of the calibre and rank, they would be considered. I am merely following Queen's Regulations."

There are three Supervisory and 34 Yeoman Warders of the Tower of London and turnover is only of one or two men a year.

Major-General Mills thought that the regulations and the outcome were thoroughly satisfactory, as "it seems appropriate to me - and no doubt to the wiser heads than mine who wrote the Queen's Regulations."

Soldiers & Citizens

"The difference between a soldier and a citizen is - The soldier accepts responsibility for the body politic, of which he is a member, and defending it with his life if need be ... the citizen does not."

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