



FRONT COVER

"The Agony of Ypres"

This cover depicts the sketching by Barnard Partridge of a Canadian during the gas attack on April 22, 1914. The sketching is from an article written by Major D.G. Goodspeed in the Star Weekly, Toronto, dated February 20, 1965.



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PRINCESS PATRICIA'S

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All are proud of the accomplishments of the Association during this past year. This success is a tribute to the leadership of our Branch Presidents. Through their spirit and enthusiasm, hard work and dedication, I urge you all to continue your drive.

FROM
THE

EDITOR'S
DUGOUT



It seems only yesterday since this Editor was called upon to write the Editorial Page, and much has happened. The Regiment seems to be busting at its seams and the Association is not far behind. All the elaborate plans made for the future are taking shape.

The 75th Diamond Jubilee Membership Plan is in place and we have (to date) received close to 50 contributions. A marvelous achievement! We shall be attempting to reach all of our members by sending everyone, either through the Branches or individually, the Application Form with an overview of the financial requirements attached. There should be no doubt as to our goals and objectives for 1980.

It is unfortunate that all Branches seem to hold their Annual Dinners on March 17th. This makes it impossible for your Editor to visit you. We still hope to visit you all this year, but give us a chance to do so. Let us know of your regular scheduled meetings and we shall adjust our schedule to yours. It is important to know so we can in turn advise the Colonel of the Regiment and the Vice Patrons.

The last Annual General Meeting has been notably successful and a very great step forward taken. Many compliments were received and we hope that the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, 26 May, 1984, at Winnipeg, will further enhance our progress and bring us closer together yet. On this note we must congratulate the Toronto Branch for "re-joining" us. We have offered that Branch every assistance available.

Don't forget the EXTRAVANZA 84 with the Second Battalion during 24 - 28 May. Interested members should either contact the Second Battalion or the Winnipeg Branch.

1984 Membership Fees are now due! Let us have all dues in no later than 31 May, 1984. May I close with a quote by Robert Burns

"O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see oursel's as others see us!"

A Regiment's affairs, however little, are important to the Regiment itself.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

All are proud of the accomplishments of the Association during this past year. This success is a tribute to the leadership of our Branch Presidents. Through their esprit and enthusiasm, hard work and dedication, we have achieved a complete turn around in 1984. I urge you all to continue your hard work, especially with the recruiting drive.

Some of us were privileged to meet with the Colonel-in-Chief last year, and her interest in the Association was a great encouragement. Indeed, at her urging, we amended the Constitution to include wives and widows as Associate members.

I am encouraged by the efforts of all Patricia's to maintain a sense of Regimental brotherhood and concern for each other, whether retired or serving. The work of the Association in this regard continues to be very important. Our 75th Diamond Jubilee Membership Plan is but one activity that, since its inception, seems to flourish and has been opened to all Patricias - a great step forward.

I urge you all to take up the call and meet in Winnipeg, during the weekend 24 - 28 May, 1984. As most of you know our Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Second Battalion's EXTRAVAGANZA 84. Details have already been published and distributed to all Branches.

C.V. Lilley, President

COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

1984 has been a year of outstanding progress in all phases of Regimental life, highlighted by the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, which saw her travelling from Victoria in the West, to Gagetown and Halifax in the East. The visit to her Patricia's across this land was a truly magnificent event and will be remembered by us for along time to come.

The Association has reached a level of great potential and I expect the President and his Executive to move forward and implement the decision taken at the Annual General Meeting in November. Unquestionably, the Association has become a driving force of its own within the Regiment and this is as it should be. The responsibilities of the Association are different but are, nevertheless, part of the goals and objectives of the Regiment as a whole. It is to that end that I urge all of you to work.

During my visits to various units and detachments of the Regiment since my appointment as your Colonel of the Regiment, I have been impressed by the high quality of present-day Patricia's. It may be argued that these young men lack the expertise but what I was able to see would make any old "sweat" proud. Our officers are equal to the challenge and I am proud to say that the Regiment is in good hands and has a distinct claim to the title of the premier Regiment.

As already stated in the last Newsletter, it is my intention to visit you at least once during my tenure. All I ask is to give me some lead-time to permit me to plan my schedule.

I have also noted with great sadness the passing of many Patricia's. To the widows and families my wife and I offer our most sincere sympathy in their great loss. We shall always be grateful for their staunch support to the Regiment.

75TH DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMBERS

In the last issue we unintentionally omitted some members who had contributed their \$100.00 to this plan. This omission is deeply regretted. Fully pedged members of the 75th Diamond Jubilee Plan as of 15 February are:

Mr. J. Hayward	Mr. D.E. Coyne	Brigadier J.A. de Lalanne
Mr. N.L. McCowan	Mr. J.L. Giles	Mr. J.C. Turner
Mr. D.F. Parrott	Mr. R.C. Watt	LCol C.V. Lilley
Mr. W.J.B. Forsyth	Mr. E.J. Polinsky	MGen G.G. Brown
Mr. A. Danylenko	Mr. J.W. Vaughan	Mr. M. Melnechuk
Mr. F. Carriere	Mr. E. Lekevitz	LCol H.H. Snelgrove
Mr. E. Hansen	Mr. D.C. Smith	Col J.R. Stone
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Mr. J.H. Richardsons	Mr. T.E. Rockbourne	Mr. G.J. White
Mr. A.R. Peel	Mr. A.H. Carignan	Mr. K. Zoboski
Mr. E.J. Sinclair	Mr. D. Middleton	Mr. Justice J.H. Potts
Mr. E.W. (Ted) Cutbill	Col. L.W. McKenzie	Mr. H.W. Sharpe
Mr. R.J. Hartman	Mr. R. McCartney	Mr. T.D. Jotcham

PAID-UP MEMBERS

The following members have paid their membership fee for the next five years (1988 inclusive)

Mr. C. Anderson	Mr. W. Reilly
Mr. A.W. Currie	Mr. E.R. Baulmer
Mr. B.A. Fraser	Mr. A.H. Buchanan
Mr. W. Kuzyk	Mr. C. Kelly
Mr. C.E. Powell	Mr. R.S. Lougheed
	Mr. N.M. Nowasad
Mr. A. Schaan	Mr. W. Derrick
Mr. T. Pelkey	Mr. L. Lyndon
	Mr. Walter Ogilvie

Advertiser (an undertaker): "All right, Major, I'll take space in the "Patrician". What shall I put?

"Your tale can be told in four words".

"Indeed? What words are those?"

"Eventually! Why not now?"

RECIPIENTS OF CERTIFICATE
OF
APPRECIATION

The Executive was pleased to approve for presentation a Certificate of Appreciation for the following members:

- Mr. G.D. Hurlbert, Ottawa
- Mr. D.W. Wilson, Ottawa
- Mr. J.W. Vaughan, Winnipeg
- Mr. B.A.J. Franklin, Calgary
- Mr. L.H. Holten, Calgary
- Mr. C.L. England, Calgary

The Certificate of Appreciation is presented to members of the Association who by thier example have shown themselves worthy of recognition by their fellow members.

CALGARY CADET CORPS WINS TROPHY

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce the winner of the PPCLI Association Cadet Trophy for the Training Year 1982/83. It is No. 2554 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (PPCLI) from Calgary, Alberta. The Corps is co-sponsored by the First Battalion and is commanded by Captain J. de Vuyst.

The Trophy was originally sponsored by the Winnipeg Branch. The aim is to foster a competitive spirit amongst the affiliated Cadet Corps. All Corps had a very successful year and are to be congratulated for a job well done. The Trophy was presented to the Corps in February and an informal reception followed.

Editor's Note: Due to changes in the Inspection Format, AIRCOM Detachment was late in getting the report to us. consequently, the late presentation.

Regiment prepares to celebrate royally

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry machine was finely tuned and fully fueled when it tumbled onto the bleak beaches of France four days before Christmas, 1914.

And three years of battle-testing and shore watch in England primed the stout lads for real bullets and blood when they stormed the coast of Sicily 29 years later.

Princess Pat's finest aren't accustomed to being caught unawares. Which might explain why, for a long stretch of lead time, preparation for the regiment's next major blowout is matched only by the 1988 Winter Olympics.

As of Aug. 10, 1989, the regiment, which honors Princess Victoria Patricia Helena Elizabeth of Connaught and Strathearn, will be 75.

Maj. Harry Elliott of Canadian Forces Base Calgary, the regiment's home station, is charged with helping to usher in the big day. He's already started poking around, sending out feelers to media, government and private sources who may be interested in chipping in a buck or two.

Among other aims, Elliott wants to outfit some 500 military personnel in full dress regalia for the fandango. The Queen, in her fiscal wisdom, has declined to foot the bill for the costly duds, so it's up to Elliott and his crew to finance his plan.

Just how he'll swing it, Elliott isn't yet sure. At least he has time to think.

Five hundred Wolsley helmets, scarlet serge tunics with French grey collars and cuffs, cummerbunds, and dark blue worsted trousers with a scarlet



TOM KEYSER

stripe will set the organizers back about \$250,000.

Based on early returns, Elliott seems up to it. He's already talked CBC into a documentary to mark the big day, and is angling for production of a Commonwealth postage stamp.

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WORK WANTED

OUR ARCHIVES

"Documenting heritage" describes the activities of two individuals both highly qualified, who we were able to hire under the jointly (federally and provincially) funded National Emergency Employment and Development (NEED) program. It describes also the role of any archive, including ours, that has the responsibility of preserving documentary materials, diaries, newspapers, ledgers of organizational changes, official records of various levels of DND, maps, or private papers and family letters irrespective of language. Our intent or object for the future is to mount an exhibition to show the variety of our records and their research value, eg, a representative group of documents will be arranged in panels according to designated time spans to give the viewer an interpretive view of the history of the Regiment.

Much work has yet to be done; however, we are confident that over the next five years we will be able to complete our project of itemizing every article and document held in the Archives. We are also aware that if we are to succeed in this endeavour we must teach the value of preserving documents which are otherwise lost to future generation of Patricia's. Our concluding message to you is:

"We cannot create archival material - we can only preserve the records which others have created and collected. With your cooperation records of the past can be permanently preserved. The preservation of your regimental heritage depends on you."

BOOKS WANTED

In our continued endeavour to improve the quality and enlarge the volume of our Regimental Archives Library, we are looking to purchase the following books:

Canada in the Great War (Toronto, 1918) published in six volumes and written by a number of authors. Contains two chapters devoted to the Regiment and several pictures of Patricia personalities.

Official History of The Canadian Forces in the Great War 1914-19.

Volume I, by Colonel A. Forescue Dugid.

Canadian Expeditionary Force 1914-1919 (Ottawa, 1962) by Colonel G.W.L. Nicholson (A Patricia Officer)

Canada's Soldiers (Toronto, 1954, 1964, 1919) by G.F.G. Stanley.

The Private War of Jacket Coates (Toronto, 1966) by H.F. Wood.
Details the exploits of Pte. Coates in Korea.

Tales of a Forgotten Theatre (Winnipeg, 1969) by LCol 'Doc' Corrigan,
a most amusing collection of stories about an 'anonymous' unit in
Italy written by The PPCLI Medical Officer, alias "Pooh".

PPCLI Quarterly Reviews, first published 1923. Require all early
issues.

The Patrician, first printed 1933, require issues published from
1933 to 1939 and 1948 - 54 inclusive.

PPCLI History, 1914 - 1918 (Vols 1 and 2 combined, less Nominal Roll)
published in May, 1968, one or more copies are urgently required.
This is the best work on the history of the Regiment and facilitates
research. We have only one copy at RHQ which was borrowed the usual way!



CALLING ALL KOREAN VETERANS

We are in desperate need of items of any kind depicting the service of the Regiment in Korea. Despite its significance, the Regimental Museum has few, if any, articles from that theatre of war. While the Second Battalion may have received all the glory, the First and Third Battalion served in action with equal gallantry and their casualty lists speak for themselves. Without favouring one battalion over the other, we require articles from members of any one of these units reflecting the good and bad times. Uniforms, weapons, maps, pictures, souvenirs, personal diaries, etc, are the articles we are looking for to build a long overdue exhibit in the Museum.

If anyone of our readers has those articles or knows of someone who has any of the items mentioned and is willing to donate them, please let us know. We are, of course, also willing to buy them if necessary. All articles donated to the Museum are eligible for a tax receipt at a fair market value. All articles under \$500.00 value will be appraised by us and those over will be done by local collectors to meet the Income Tax regulations.

HELP!

Does anyone out there know the whereabouts of the original Charter incorporating the PPCLI Association? Our efforts to locate it have been futile so far. Judging by the comments received it probably is in someone's basement or attic (yes, it's true). Any tips will be considered confidential. Sounds like the popular crime-stopper program. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer any reward.

Our second cry goes out in search to locate the original Charter of the Regiment. With our old timers quickly passing on, we are desperately short of time and, in this case, too, have reached a dead end. Again, any assistance in this matter is most welcome.

We consider the situation desperate and highly embarrassing. We appreciate the fact that the Regiment moved about, but both documents should have been treated in the same category as the Ric-A-Dam-Doo. However, that's another story - they are our history.

The loss of LCol F.D. Farguhar, DSO

-The Battle at St. Eloi-

It seems only yesterday, but sixty-nine years ago, on the Western front, the spring of 1915 was to be the baptism of the Regiment. Having missed the First Battle of Ypres some two months before, the Regiment entered the trenches for the first time. They occupied the right (Vierstraat) sector of the defensive line—the 27th Division replaced the 32nd French Division in The St. Eloi-Vierstraat area as part of a general relieve of the XVI French Corps by The II British Corps.

The trenches were mere ditches protected by a few sand bags loosely thrown up for a parapet. They had been neglected by the French, were too wide for security, and being unrevetted and undrained they were continually falling in under the constant rains. "Trench foot" disease was the order of the day. The state of the trenches in front of the St. Eloi section, which the Regiment occupied in January, 1915, was worse than in front of Vierstraat. "Shelly Farm", so christened by LCol Farguhar, was not only used to accommodate battalion headquarters but was frequently used as the assembly point for a series of raids (reconnaissance in force).

The struggle around St. Eloi lasted for months and the Regiment's last days at St. Eloi were very bitter. It suffered many casualties in holding the line, and as a crowning misfortune lost its Commanding Officer. On the night 19/20 March, and after The Patricia's had been relieved, Colonel Farguhar was hit by a chance bullet while showing the incoming commanding officer the defensive line. He was carried safely back past Shelly Farm, which the Regiment will always associate with his name; but the wound was mortal, and he died before morning at the dressing station in Voor Mezeele. The funeral took place in black darkness, with the roads of approach and neighbouring fields under constant fire.

It is not a vain repetition to say that Francis Farguhar, together with The Founder, brought into being Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. His choice was to lead them in the field rather than to accept higher rank and command in his own former Regiment. His example abides in regimental tradition as something living and very influential. The profound loss was not confined to those who mourned a beloved commander. March 20, 1915, remains a day to remember in the Regiment, and we can only end this article with Military lines:

"Servant of God, well done, well hast thou fought, the better fight."

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATIONCALGARY BRANCH

Since last report, the Calgary Branch has increased to 132 members. It is hoped that this number will increase considerably during 1984. It is reported that between 200 and 300 ex-Patricias live in the Calgary area and a concerted effort to bring in new members will be carried out.

New members welcomed over the past few months are:

- a. Tom Pelkey;
- b. Stan Lafond;
- c. Barry Richardson;
- d. Wes Rauchman; and
- e. Howie Gagnon.

Welcome back to the fold, comrades.

On 26 November 1984, the Calgary Branch hosted the Annual Dine and Dance. There was 183 members and guests in attendance and was a great success. We were pleased to have the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, CD, and our National President Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Lilley, MC, OMM, CD, with us.

Our sincere thanks to Karen Davis, lovely wife of Bob Davis, for the paper tole picture of the RIC-A-DAM-DOO which she made and kindly donated to the Association for the door prize. Thanks, Karen.

A hearty vote of thanks, as well, to Tom Reid, Doug Bedford, and George Smith for a job well done in the planning and preparation of this event.

On Sunday, November 27, 1983, the National Meeting of the PPCLI Association was held in the PPCLI Home Station WOs' and Sgts' Mess. We were very pleased to welcome the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel W.B.S. Sutherland, CD, and our National President Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Lilley, MC, OMM, CD. We were also pleased to welcome the Commanding Officers of all three battalions; Lieutenant-Colonels J.S.H. Kempling, CD (First Bn), B.W. Ashton, CD (Second Bn), and M.H. McMurray, CD (Third Bn), as well as Brigadier-General J.L. Sharpe, CD Commander 1 Canadian Brigade Group.

This was a very informative meeting. Much has been accomplished over the past year but there remains quite a number of challenges ahead in 1984.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to three members of our Branch for their outstanding contribution to the Association over the past years.

Congratulations to Lou Holten, Baj Franklin, and Lou England for a job well done.

At the October 24, 1983, meeting of the Branch, John Richardson, who represented the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, on the DVA sponsored pilgrimage to Korea, gave a very interesting and detailed briefing of this sojourn which he attended from October 12 through October 22, 1983.

Remembrance Day ceremonies were observed by many of our Branch. Ken Villiger laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch and Branch Colours were carried proudly by George Smith.

The President and members of this Branch would like to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Earl Jeffery and family on the untimely passing of Earl Richard (Jeff) Jeffery.

The Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Branch was held at the PPCLI Home Station WOs' and Sgts' Mess on 26 January 1984. The President, Ed McDow, presented a very detailed and comprehensive Annual Report. A highlight of the efforts by the Executive was the preparation and presentation of the Branch Constitution. This was adopted almost unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks to Ed McDow, Tom Reid, and Kaz Zoboski for their untiring efforts to make our Branch and Association grow in a positive way.

An election of Officers was held and our new Executive for 1984 are:

- a. J.R. Parker - President;
- b. M.E. Moulaison - Vice President
- c. B.A.J. Franklin - Secretary/Treasurer.

Our best wishes to them.

At the conclusion of the election of Officers, Major H.F. Elliott, CD, gave a very informative resume of future events of the Regiment.

The Regimental Adjutant, Captain R. Raidt, CD, gave a film strip presentation on Regimental History. Captain Raidt stressed the difficulties being encountered in the Regimental Museum due to the deterioration of some artifacts caused by poor atmospheric conditions and lack of space.

Thank you, gentlemen, for your informative remarks.

We are always pleased to hear of and from old comrades. Our older members will be interested to hear of an old comrade, Frank Loveless.

Frank is a member of the Victoria Branch. He was a member of "B" Coy, Esquimalt Station, prior to 1939. Nice to hear from you after all these years, Frank.

As pointed out by the Regimental Adjutant, Captain R. Raidt, some concern is expressed by our Branch with regard to the Regimental Museum. Due to the fact that we have access to the Museum more so than any other Branch, we feel much responsibility for what happens to the artifacts contained therein. As you know, the museum is housed in a building designed as a men's barracks and due to atmospheric condition in this building, some artifacts have begun to deteriorate. Some have already gone beyond the point of restoration or repair. Every effort is made by the Curator and his staff to alleviate the situation. Without funding or proper accommodation little can be done to correct this situation. As this institution is the heritage of all Patricias, whether serving or retired, it is hoped that all Branches will view this situation with deep concern and actively assist in the preservation of what is known as one of the best Regimental Museums in North America.

From Mike Dillon on the Oil Rig "Bow Drill 3"

Excerpts from his letter to President of the Calgary Branch:
" In September I left the "Peoples Oil Company" and joined Husky Oil. I was assigned to the Husky 1 Bow Valley East Coast Project and originally sent to Halifax. Within a week I was re-assigned to St. John's, Newfoundland. I am now an off-shore drilling engineer working on the semi-submersible drilling rig "Bow Drill 3". Not the sort of place you would expect to find an infanteer but the work is interesting...

I am not sure how I go about retaining my Regimental Association from here. Maybe you could let me know. I was wondering if you wouldn't mind doing one other thing. I met a drilling superintendent working for Petro Canada who had a brother serving in the Regiment in WW II. His brother "Rod McDonald" was killed in Italy somewhere near Ortona..."

If there are any Patricia's serving in the Halifax/St. John's area they are asked to contact Mike. His address is 131 Rennie's Mill Road, St. John's, Newfoundland, A1B 2P2

Editor's Note: Unfortunately, we could not help Mike in determining if Rod McDonald was with the Regiment at Ortona. Both Vol III and IV provide no record of an individual with that name.

RECEIVED FROM THE SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

From: EVERT WHELEN, President (Sask)

I have been reminded that it has been some time since our last letter. So I had better get on the ball.

On October 23, 1983 Mr. & Mrs. S. Hurford, Mr. & Mrs. A. Church and myself spent an afternoon with "Doc" Morphy and his charming wife at Melfort. Was most pleased that Mr. L. Jones could make it as well.

"Doc" of course, has lost none of his wit and is a living history book of the Regt. in WWI.

I wish to thank Mr. & Mrs. Morphy for their wonderful hospitality and good health in the future.

On 27 Nov 1983, S. Hurford, A. Church and myself attended the National Meeting at Currie Barracks WO's & Sgts' Mess in Calgary. This meeting was most informative; gained an insight as to goals and steady growth of the membership. We also were informed of the future activities of the three battalions. Was also delighted to personally meet old friends after 26 years.

Regarding memberships, I am pleased to see ours increasing some, but we could do a lot better. Inform any members who have not renewed their membership to do so.

For the 17 March 1984 reunion. It will be held at the Pines Motor Hotel, Prince Albert. Times and other details will be forthcoming in the New Year.

I have just heard of the passing of Major Neatby DCM, MC in Saskatoon. Major Neatby farmed in the Birch Hills area between the two wars, - which is my home town.

Now in closing, I would like to remind all members that membership fees are now due in the New Year.

Hope this finds you all well.

The following was part of the Branch Newsletter received. We thought it important enough to re-publish it.

From: H.W. KENNEDY (Ret'd S/Sgt. # SK10145)
#9-2120 Lorne St., Regina, Sask, S4P 2M5

"Hi there Jim, well I surely hope all went very well for Xmas and will be even better for you for the New Year. Have a happy one.

Well for a few days now I've been thinking and reading all the info I've been sent, due to the PPCLI Association in this province and other

provinces. They're really wonderful. Names of guys I well remember during the time I wore the PPCLI flashes and badges. And so I feel like writing a letter.

I came to the PPCLI in 1947; I went into the service in 1940, and it was in 1947 that I went regular force and was never released until 1966. Yes Jim, it was my decision and I made a career in Military service. So what did I do and where was I sent and so on.

I taught PT in Harvey Hall in Calgary, plus drill and weapons. Went to schools in Borden, Ontario; Snr NCO's Course and a PT Course. After that I went to Korea with HQ Company and D Company, 1st Battalion. Came back from there, oh yes, I'm a qualified jumper too. I was sent to Military College at Royal Roads, Victoria, B.C. and that was a real highlight in my military career 1952-1955.

Of course I was fit so I was sent to PT School in Borden; passed and went into the PT Cadre. I never realized at that time, anything about follow up sheets. Well I took a lot of courses including Battle Course in PT while I was overseas. I went to Egypt for one year, PT Cadre but still a PATRICIA on the Gaza Strip. PT and sports was my job. Another highlight in my career.

Worked in the big Gym in Edmonton too. Had time in Trinidad and Tobago to Cadet Services exchange, it was called, and this was another highlight.

No Jim, I'm not conceited, of course not. I'm extremely proud of the fact that I made my Military career with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Yes, I could go on and on Jim, but I guess a lot more will come out. What you'll do with the contents of page one I don't know; some might be interested (newsletter).

I am including a cheque for \$10.00 for the 1984 dues and newsletter.

I also would like my name put on the list to go to Prince Albert in March of 1984.

Sincerely and truly,

H.W. Kennedy (Jack)"

"A large headquarters which is not full of young rebels in nothing but a museum - Raupnel"

MANITOBA BRANCH

Our Annual Dinner & Dance was held on November 26th with well over a hundred in attendance. Our guest of honour was J. W. "Jimmy" Vaughan a life member of our Branch. Even though he is crowding ninety he can still lead a sing-song with a loud clear voice and can carry a tune without accompaniment. We honoured him at our January meeting with a framed Certificate of Merit, the first to be presented by our Branch.

Our members are looking forward to renewing acquaintances from the rest of Canada during the May 84 extravaganza in Winnipeg. Now is the time to plan for 89.

TORONTO BRANCH

"This Branch of ours reminds me of an old hunting dog sleeping in the sun, dreaming of past glories and, now and then, erupting into action. Your friendly Editor."

This past month the Toronto Branch has come to life in no uncertain way. The 1983 dues are rolling in and some formal reports from the Branch can be expected soon. The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. John Clarke, has established contact with the Association Head Office and we are confident that the Toronto Branch will actively participate in the affairs of the Association and pursue its aims with renewed vigor.

The present Executive Committee of the Toronto Branch is as follows:

President: Mr. James Reid; and

Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. John O. Clarke.

OTTAWA BRANCH

"Please find enclosed our 1984 Membership List together with our cheque for \$150.00 (\$5.00 per member).

I would also like to take this opportunity to forward material which relates to the Memorial Service held at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, where the stone commemorating the founding of our Regiment is located.

The ceremony convened and directed by Kerry John Dunphy was a most moving and inspirational moment for those Patricia's fortunate to be there. The day was suitably austere as we paused to remember past comrades. The thoughts of our Chaplains and Kerry's endearing oratorical style gave us a chance to reflect and renew our regimental pride. Most eyes were moist and we watched Harry Cotton's granddaughter together with Gordon Hurlbert, a WWI Patricia, lay the wreath at the Patricia Monument. It was an event that will be long remembered by Ottawa Branch Patricias.

After the ceremony both serving and retired members of the Patricia family warmly applauded the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to two of our life members, Gordon Hurlbert and Wally Wilson.

We are looking forward with anticipation to March 17th when we plan to celebrate in the traditional manner at the Connaught Ranges followed by an All-Ranks Dinner in the evening.

Warmest regards to all,

W.T. Love

The following letter was received from a Mrs. Olga Rains of Peterborough, Ontario:

" I am writing to you, in the hope that you can help me locate two World War II Veterans.

They served with the PPCLI and Liberated Holland. It will soon be 40 years ago that these handsome courages young soldiers liberated my country.

The people in Holland are already planning different reunions. While in Holland recently I was approached by someone who asked me if I could find the following two soldiers.

H- 16507 Gibson G.J.
H- 17692 Stevenson O.

Could you advise me what else I can do to locate these men. Where can I write for a mailing list from the members".

Please direct any information to Mrs. Rains. Her address is 969 George Street, N., Peterborough, Ontario, K9H 3S9

BOTTOM IS UP

- The De Haviland Gazette published in England, quotes without comment from an admiralty circular:

"It is necessary for technical reasons that these warheads should be stored with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top. In order that there may be no doubt which is the bottom for storage purposes, it will be seen that the bottom of each head has been labelled with the word 'top'."

Return to Korea heart-tugging experience

As Published in The Citizen, Ottawa, 12 May 1983

Former Citizen staff writer Patrick Best accompanied Canadian veterans to some of the battle sites of the Korean War. Here is his account of the trip which was paid for by the South Korean government.

SEOUL — A group of Canadians who served with United Nations forces in the Korean War recently made a memory-filled return to the scene of battle.

It was an emotional reunion with repeated reminders of brushes with death, of wartime camaraderie and of fellow soldiers who died in battle.

In Kapyong, near the scene of 1951's heroic action by Canadian troops, hundreds of children stood waving Korean and Canadian flags, and holding eye-catching placards, in glowing tribute to "our warrior heroes."

"Something like this really gets to you," said Charles Ball, brushing tears from his eyes.

"No one could possibly understand what it all means unless he experienced a feeling like this."

Ball, 55, served as a corporal in the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) when Chinese troops were on the offensive in this part of Korea. He is now a police officer in Vancouver.

There was hardly a dry eye in the ranks of this medal-bedecked contingent of vets as they stood at attention for the Canadian and South Korean national anthems.

Charles (Ossie) Osborne of Stirling, Ont., said: "This is one of the most moving moments of my life. It reminds me of the old message, 'We are all God's children.'" Osborne served as a corporal in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps in the Korean theatre for 13 months.

Seventeen Canadian veterans and their families flew to Korea, where they were guests of the Korea Veterans Association for one week.

They had fought in the war with such units as the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Royal Canadian Regiment, the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and the Royal Canadian Medical Corps.

They travelled to battle scenes of 30 years ago and to the Commonwealth Memorial, at Kapyong, for an impressive wreath-laying ceremony that included veterans from Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

At Kapyong Buk Middle School, with the 600-student body and teaching staff out in full force, Lt-Col John Bishop, defence attache at the Canadian embassy in Seoul, presented three bursaries, totalling \$450, on behalf of the PPCLI units who served in Korea. He fought in the Kapyong battle as a member of the 2nd Battalion.

Not far away, the group stopped while a wreath was laid at a monument to the memory of PPCLI men killed in action.

The Korean journey had particular meaning for Regina's Robert Fleming, who was wounded in action in the Injin River area, north of Seoul, while serving with the PPCLI's 1st Battalion.

He recalls being hit by shellfire after moving back into a slit trench as "North Korean Communist snipers launched a heavy night attack on our unit's position."

Fleming, now a captain in the Regina fire department, was accompanied by his wife, Evelyn, and two daughters, Catherine and Robin, on his first return visit to Korea since the end of hostilities.

Does he harbor any regrets as he looks back over the years? "No, I would do it over again. It was a worthwhile cause."

But there were also recurring thoughts of the futility of it all.

Thirty years after the signing of the armistice agreement between North and South Korea, the peninsula remains as divided as ever. Indeed, a formal peace treaty has yet to be signed.

"Sometimes I get a feeling of disillusionment when I think of what has resulted from the bitter fighting, the deaths and the untold injuries," said Gordon Croucher of Surrey, B.C. "The two sides seem to be locked into endless bickering."

"But it is consoling, yes touching, to see that the children of this country, once hungry and neglected due to the demands of war, are now showing so much health and vigor in their day to day lives."

What does it all mean to Catherine Fleming, a 24-year-old Regina school teacher who accompanied her father to the scene of battles past?

"I have often heard my father tell stories about his Korean days, many of them not so good," said Catherine.

"I came along on the trip so that I could share some of that experience with him."

"It's hard to realize that true peace still does not exist, although thousands of young men lost their lives and others, like my father, were wounded while trying to achieve this goal."

"This does not really hit home until you come here."

But perhaps the final word should be left to Kim Sun Young, a 22-year-old Korean woman who "read all about the Canadian fighting men in my school books."

"It is like a sort of reassurance to see these veterans in 1983," said Kim, whose father fought in the Korean War at the age of 14. "It is good to know that we have their continuing support and friendship."



Editor's Note:

The following article appeared in the Canadian Army Journal, July, 1953. Little needs to be added as the article speaks for itself.

THE
VANISHING INFANTRYMAN

By
One of Them

It is 1963. The scene is Petawawa, or Calgary or Valcartier where the Royal Canadian Underground Light Infantry are drawn up on their parade ground to await the inspection of their Colonel-in-Chief who is visiting them for the first time in twenty years. The parade ground has grown dilapidated through lack of use and there are many pot-holes in its surface while flowers and weeds can be seen growing through the cracks in it. The pot-holes make the going a little tricky for the "old boy" and as they approach the right flank the CO is speaking.

CO: "I must apologize for the condition of the parade ground sir, but an infantry battalion is such a highly specialized unit now that we don't get much time for drill anymore."

CC: "Yes, I daresay, my boy. In my day it was just a simple matter of grabbing the old bundook and up and at 'em. But surely even today somebody's got to dig the b ———s out, don't they?"

CO: "Aaaaaaaah ... well yes I guess so, sir, though we don't have anyone who does that any more. Now here is Battalion HQ. As you can see it is made up of chaps from various specialist corps since most of their work is of a technical nature. All the clerks are members of the RCASC - rank structure you know, and even the Adjutant is in the newly formed Staff Corps. The RSM is about to be transferred to either Provost or the Service Corps in the near future. You see discipline is now handled almost exclusively by the Provost and since his ammunition duties in the field are merely a continuation of the RCASC supply system, the two corps are deciding who will get the vacancy to fill."

CC: "RSM in the Provost or RCASC? Never heard anything like it in my life, especially for an infantry battalion. Who will run the other WOs and NCOs, particularly the CSMs? Fantastic!"

CO: "Oh the CSMs will go to the same corps as the RSM, sir, and so will the Sergeants. The RQMS and the complete Q staff are in Ordnance now. You see, accounting methods became much too complex for the ordinary infantryman. As for the other NCOs..."

CC: "Remarkable, my boy. Can't get over it. Suppose it's all very necessary these days though. What about people like drivers and signallers? That always used to be a popular job in my time."

CO: "Here is HQ Company and as you can see, the Signal Platoon is all in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. At one time it used to be an excellent training ground for officers and NCOs of the battalion. Today it's all very difficult and the Signals have taken over the complete platoon in order to ensure proper efficiency and standardization . . . oooooops! I am sorry, sir. That was a very deep hole, wasn't it?"

CC: "Quite all right, my dear fellow. Now what about these drivers?"

CO: "I guess our infantry drivers were never very highly thought of, sir, though we liked them. In any case, all transport is in the hands of the Service Corps, the complete MT section including the Transport Officer. In fact, if you observe the various flashes you will note that there are no men from the regiment in this company any more."

CC: "Remarkable, remarkable I say. In the old days it was often the custom to post good infantrymen to HQ Company to give them a bit of a rest from life in a slit trench. Used to get some pretty ropery cooks and drivers I suppose, but it served its purpose well. When I was a platoon commander in the old battalion and got my promotion to Captain, I was made QM. It gave me a rest for a while and the experience served me in good stead when I commanded a battalion and a brigade. I knew what was involved in the old Q racket - helped administration no end. Intelligence Officer was another grand job. What will happen to it now?"

CO: "The task of collecting, collating and disseminating information is vastly complex and quite beyond the mental capacity of an ordinary infantry officer - so we are told. The IO and his section are members of the Intelligence Corps now. Why, a simple infantry officer has a full-time job keeping track of just one moth-eaten chinagraph pencil without having to keep all the colours. As for the QM, as I mentioned before, sir, he is in Ordnance now ... Ah, here is Support Company."

CC: "Of course, good old Support Company - always used to be rebels in my day. Had a devil of a time getting them to dress alike and in the field they made their own regulations. A great company it was and the riflemen used to like being posted to one of the specialist platoons for a change. Pioneers wore beards then. Looked magnificent, they did."

REGIMENTAL KIT SHOP PRICE LIST

This Kit Shop Price List is effective 30 September 1983 and supercedes all previous lists. Regimental policy dictates that all orders will be pre-paid and the purchaser will bear the costs of postage and handling.

Prices quoted are for Serving and Retired Patricians' only. A separate list is maintained for sales to collectors and civilians.

Prices are subject to change and price lists will be distributed to reflect major changes.

All cheques are to be made payable to the PPCLI Regimental Kit Shop.

DRESS ACCOUTREMENTS

Ascot, Regimental	\$ 8.25	Ball Cap, w Regt Crest	
Badge, Association Cloth	3.30	Black Maroon	\$ 6.00
Badge, Offr/OR	3.25	Binder, Newsletter	2.20
Badge, Collar, Offr/OR	3.00	Cards, Christmas, Drummer Boy	80
Band, Trousers, Elastic (2 pr)	1.50	Cards, Individual, Sm Lg	25
Belt, CF Green w buckle Regt	6.85	Cards, Hasty Note	35
Beret, Pakistani, Green	8.75	Clipboards, Maroon, VP	15.15
Buckles, Regt. Ceremonial	10.25	Decal, Cap Badge, 6" x 9"	1.40
Buckles, Regt. Old Type	8.00	Decal, Red White, Shoulder Title	25
Buttons, Anodized VP	.30	Decal, VP & Coronet, 7"	1.50
Caps, Forage, Jr Offr	40.50	Decal, Cap Badge, 18"	2.25
Caps, Forage, Sr Offr	40.50	Decal, Battle Honours	32.85
Caps, Forage, OR	10.00	Flag, Commanding Officer	38.75
Coin, Regimental	1.40	Flag, Camp	37.50
Crest, Blazer, Association	2.25	Picture, Battle Dress, 1945	2.50
Crest, Blazer, Offr	2.30	Picture, Frezenberg, Matt 8" x 10"	1.00
Crest, Blazer, WO & Sr NCO	2.25	Picture, Frezenberg, Glossy	6.75
Crest, Blazer, OR	2.30	Picture, Frezenberg, Matt 11" x 14"	1.50
Crest, Jacket, Cap Badge	2.25	Picture, Sanctuary Wood, Matt 8" x 10"	1.00
Cummerbund, French Grey	18.75	Picture, Sanctuary Wood, Matt 11" x 14"	1.50
Gloves, Black, Unlined (w/snap)	23.95	Picture, Sanctuary Wood, Glossy	14.60
Gold Braid (per metre)	2.50	Picture, Ypres, Matt 8" x 10"	1.00
Keepers, Buckle, Regt	2.90	Picture, Ypres, Matt 11" x 14"	1.50
Lapel Pin, Badge, Miniature	31.85	Picture, Ypres, Glossy 8" x 10"	6.25
Lapel Pin, Badge, Min. (Marguerite)	25.30	Picture, Ypres, Glossy 11" x 14"	14.60
Lapel Pin, Badge, Offr, Collar	33.00	Picture, Countess Mountbatten of	
Lapel Pin, VP, Screw type	23.95	Burma, Colonel-in-Chief, 8" x 10"	1.60
Medal, Miniature — Cyprus	12.00	Picture, Lady Patricia Ramsay 8" x 10"	\$ 1.00
Medal, Miniature — CD Bar	5.50	Picture, Hamilton Gault 8" x 10" Matt	1.00
Medal, Miniature — CD	7.50	Picture, Hamilton Gault 8" x 10" Gloss	6.75
Medal, Miniature — Golan	12.50	Picture, Hamilton Gault 11" x 14"	13.50
Medal, Miniature — Centennial	10.00	Picture, Kapyong, 13" x 21" Matt	8.10
Medal, Miniature — Jubilee	10.00	Picture, RIC-A-DAM-DOO 8" x 10" Matt	1.00
Rank, Offr, Crown, Mess Kit	9.40	Picture, RIC-A-DAM-DOO 8" x 10" Gloss	6.75
Rank, Offr, Pips, Mess Kit	9.40	Print Set, Marrion, 12 PPCLI Dress	25.00
Rank, CWO, Scarlet, Mess Kit	25.00	Picture, MGen G. G. Brown	2.85
Rank, CWO, CF Mess Kit	25.00	Place Mats, Regt	6.25
Sash, Sergeant, Small	24.75	Recording LP, Jubilee, PPCLI Band	8.10
Sash, Sergeant, Large	37.25	Recording, Double LP, PPCLI Band	12.25
Sash, WO	43.75	Recording, PPCLI Band in Concert	13.50
Sash, Offr, Patrol	61.00	Ribbon, Cyprus, Miniature (per in)	10
Shoulder Title, CF Green Gold	20	Ribbon, Regimental (per in)	1.35
Shoulder Title, WD Green Gold	.25	Sweat Pants, Grey Maroon	14.85
Shoulder Title, Red White	30	Sweat Top, Grey Maroon	15.70
Spurs, Offr	27.50	Sweat Top, Maroon, w hood	21.50
Sword, w case	300.00	T-Shirt, Adult, Maroon Gold Blue	7.00
Sword Belt slings	81.25	T-Shirt, Child, Maroon Gold Blue	6.75
Sword Case	56.60	Shirt, Golf, Gold White Blue	17.95
Sword Knot	33.75	Shirt, Golf, w Pocket, Blue	17.95
Tie, Regt, Informal VP	9.50	Stationary, VP (pk of 20 w envelopes)	7.95
Tie, Regt, Wide, Rayon	10.35		
Wings, Para, Miniature, Silver	20.60		
Wings, Mess Dress CF	12.50		
Wings, Mess Dress, Red Gold	8.25		
Wings, Pin, Silver Maple Leaf, Lg	75		

REGIMENTAL READING MATERIAL

Book, History, Vol III, PPCLI 1919-57	8.00
Book, History, Vol III, Autographed	15.00
Book, History, Vol IV, PPCLI	5.40
Book, Thomas George Prince	3.00
Book, History, Kapyong Remembered	2.50
Book, PPCLI 1914 - 1919	4.25

NOTES:

* — Miniature medals are not normally held in stock but can be special ordered.

** — Prices quoted for swords and rings are approximate

REGIMENTAL KIT SHOP PRICE LIST

GIFTWARE/SOUVENIRS

Ashtray, Regt Crest	1 65
Badge, Auto	31 90
Badge, Brooch, Silver, Regt Crest	48 40
Badge, Brooch, Gold, Regt Crest	38 50
Badge, Charm, Regt Crest, Mini	29 50
Badge, Charm, Regt Crest	5 50
Desk Flag, Regt	4 35
Ice Bucket, Drum	33 00
Key Ring, VP & Coronet	3 30
Lighter, Zippo, VP Slim	9 00
Lighter, Zippo, VP Medium	7 75
Matches, VP (flat of 50)	2 50
Mugs, Beer, Regt Crest	6 75
Mugs, Copper, Cap Badge	26 95
Necklace, Regt Crest	43 55
Pens, Ballpoint, VP	5 00
Pens, Fountain, VP Maroon	2 00
Penholder, Cap Badge, Lazer Engraved	27 50
Pen Single Desk Set, Offr OR	31 90
Plaque, Shield, Heraldic	36 75
Plaque, Bronze, Cap Badge	33 00
Pendant, Cap Badge, Gold 83	20 90
Soldier, Model Kit	30 50
Spoon, Silver 83	5 50
Spoon, Silver, Mini Cap Badge	30 40
Spoon, Silver, Marguerite	30 40
Ring, Silver/Gold, Man s/Ladies	100 00

BAND DRESS, ACCOUTREMENTS

Band Chevron, 1 hook	\$ 1 55
Band Chevron, 2 hooks	2 55
Band Chevron, 3 hooks	3 55
Band Chevron, 4 hooks	4 60
Band Pugarees	2 00
Rank Badge, Band WO	4 05
Rank Badge, Band MWO	5 60
Rank Badge, Band CWO	7 10
Band, Bandsman	3 05
Band, Drummer	3 05



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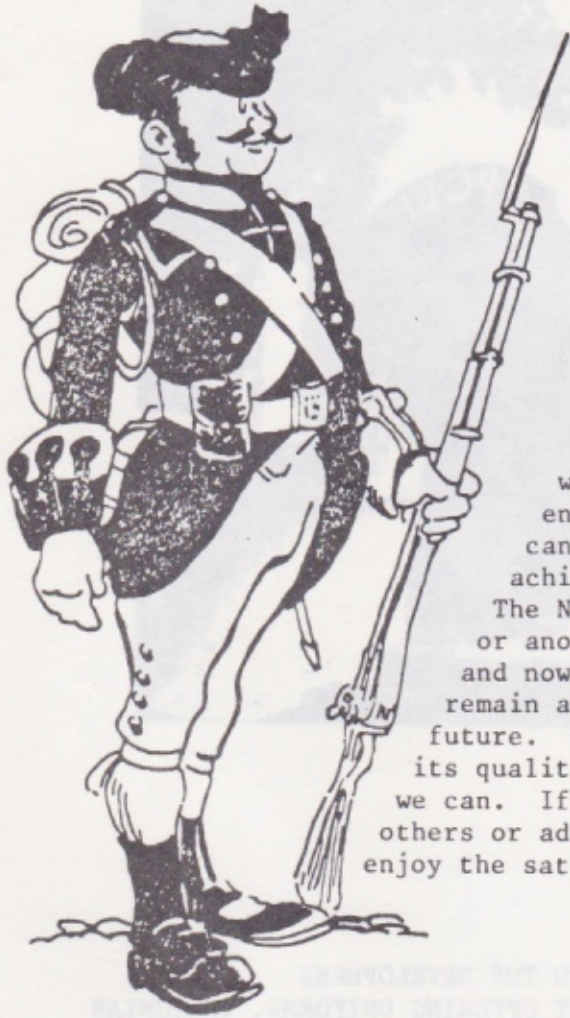
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In Memoriam

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	Bainbridge, J.W.	Calgary, Alberta
Regular Force	Brandon, Carl	Langley, B.C., Apr 17, 1983
W.W. II, Korea	LCol Brown, Owen	Victoria, B.C. Dec 25, 1983
	Bullard, L.	Calgary, Alberta
	Camponi, C.L.	
	Clifton	
	Dalzell, A.	
	Davidson, W.	
Korea, Regular Force	Delroy, G.A.F. (George)	Calgary, Alberta Feb 18, 1984
	Erfurt, A.	
W.W. II	Finnie, William	Winnipeg, Man., Dec 28, 1983
	Gibson, W.J.	
	Gill, A.E.	
	Gill, J.	
	Henderson, D.	
	Heslop, Richard B.	Ottawa, Ont., 29 Jan 84
Korea, Regular Force	Jeffrey, Ed R.	Calgary, Alberta
W.W. II	Kay, A.W.	
W.W. II	Keenie, Peter	Winnipeg, Man., Dec 5, 1983
W.W. II	Maloney, W.W.	
	Paget, B.	
W.W. I	Riley, Bill	Victoria, B.C., Feb 19, 1984
W.W. II	Shimming, William F.	Winnipeg, Man., Dec 8, 1983
	Spiers, C.D.	Calgary, Alberta
	Titsing, T.M.	Calgary, Alberta
	Westwood, H.	Calgary, Alberta
Korea, Regular Force	Wilkes, Roy, Major	Wainwright, Alberta, Feb 18, 1984

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

THE LAST PAGE...



... of this edition of the Newsletter. If you enjoyed reading this national Newsletter of the PPCLI Association, you might consider contributing an article or item of interest. If you have been worried or enraged by one of the articles in this issue, you might take the same course of action ... or reward the Editor with an irate letter. As the Newsletter enters its 15th year of publication, we can look back with pride on some of our achievements. We have had our faults as well. The Newsletter used to be published, at one time or another, quarterly, then frequently "thirdly", and now, as you all know bi-annually. It will remain a bi-annual publication for the foreseeable future. We shall continue to attempt to improve its quality and, with your help, we are confident we can. If you take the time to support the ideas of others or advance your own, you could well enjoy the satisfaction of having

THE LAST WORD

THE
PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY
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