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BRIGADIER-GENERAL R. STUART GRAHAM, CD

Brigadier-General Graham was commissioned as a Lieutenant in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry upon graduation from Royal Military College in 1940 after which he proceeded overseas as a reinforcement officer for his Regiment then located in England.

He served in a number of Regimental and Staff positions with his Regiment and Division in England, Sicily, Italy and North-West Europe. Returning to England in June 1944, he attended the Staff College at Camberley and then returned to Italy again in January 1945. At the end of the war in Europe he was serving as Brigade Major of the 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the 5th Canadian Armoured Division in Holland.

Volunteering for the Canadian Army Pacific Force (6th Canadian Infantry Division) he returned to Canada in June 1945 on promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel to command the 2nd Battalion PPCLI for service with that Force. Later appointed Executive Officer, 2nd Canadian Infantry Regiment, he proceeded to the United States Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for indoctrination into US Army Staff and Planning Procedures. The war ended while he was there and he completed the course before returning to Canada in October 1945.

Appointments at Fort Churchill, Manitoba, Staff Officer Post-War Planning and Organization at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa followed and then in January 1949, he became the Canadian Army Liaison Officer to the United States Army Infantry Centre and Weapons Development Board at Fort Benning, Georgia. He returned to Canada to assume command of the Officer Training Company at the Canadian Infantry School at Camp Borden, Ontario in October 1951. In January 1952, he was posted to the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group, then in Germany, as Brigade Major. On return to Canada in December of that year he assumed the appointment of Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General at Headquarters Camp Borden. He returned to Regimental Duty in 1954 when he was appointed Senior Major of the 2nd Battalion, The Canadian Guards (formerly 3rd Battalion PPCLI) at Camp Petawawa. He was promoted again to Lieutenant-Colonel in June 1955 to join the Directing Staff of the Canadian Army Staff College in Kingston, Ontario. He returned to Camp Petawawa in July 1958 to take over command of the 1st Battalion Canadian Guards, and proceeded with that unit to Germany in August 1959 until August 1961.

Returning to National Defence Headquarters in 1961 as the Army Member of the Joint Planning Staff he served in that position until selected to attend the National Defence College in Kingston in 1963/64. He was then posted to the United Nations Military Observer Group India/Pakistan for one year before returning to Canada on promotion to Colonel to join the newly created Canadian Forces Training Command in Winnipeg as Director of Plans and later as Comptroller. In 1968 he was promoted to Brigadier-General and became the Chief of Staff of that Command from 1968 to 1971. He then returned to National Defence Headquarters for his final appointment as Director General of Organization and Manpower until he retired from the Service in June 1974. Brigadier-General Graham assumed the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment PPCLI on 15 October, 1987.

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FROM THE



EDITOR'S DUGOUT

The writing of this editorial has been in many ways a labour of love. I have tried to get across some philosophy or what I think the nature of this Association should be. As well, I tried to put together a practical guide on how this Association might be run--considering that our members live across half the globe, I must say, a not altogether unsuccessful venture. Some will say my effort has been too bare and short of background. In response, I believe there are enough members with various philosophies, but not enough of them possess the basic and practical aspects of association management. However, only the members will judge that.

I believe too, that the members are the key to a successful Association. Association management, whether elected or appointed, govern by consent of the membership. The willingness of the membership to pay the Association fees, like government, is always a constraint.

A successful Association, like a democracy, is based on good information and the free flow of ideas. For information to be useful, it must run up and down the Association's spectrum. It must provide a forum for ideas to be discussed and, more importantly, the Association must provide its membership with the opportunity to be involved directly in its governance within the larger Regimental family. I believe that is the case; but, both the philosophy and the practice of association government rest on the idea that members provide direction. Each member has one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Adopted resolutions or motions from the general assembly serve as instructions to Council to undertake action. Having said all that, however, some members still complain of the lack of information from the Secretariat. We do our best to publish as much as possible in the two editions of the Newsletter. We can do no more, unless members wish to have a third edition, but that costs money and demands manpower, which the Association does not have. Therefore, if anyone has better ideas, let's have them. But, as Plato said, "Strive for excellence--excellent ideas are rare".

Your Editor,

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Patricias:

For some time now you will have read in this Newsletter of the plans and proposals to open our Regimental Museum as part of our 75th Anniversary Celebrations in Calgary in August 1989.

I am pleased to report to you that plans for that event are progressing well with architectural concepts and drawings proceeding, and a fund raising campaign kicking off this month amongst corporate donors. The Patricia Museum will be incorporated as a separate entity in the Museum of the Regiments, including separate displays for the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian), The King's Own Calgary Regiment and The Calgary Highlanders. Under the umbrella of the Calgary Military Museums Society, funds will be raised from federal, provincial and civil levels of government and together with funds from corporate and private sponsors, sufficient funding will be available to convert the Sir Sam Steele School, which is located across from the main entrance to Currie Barracks, to a first class museum facility.

The role that our Association has taken in the past to raise funds for the museum was somewhat lacking in that a definite objective was never clear. That objective has now been clarified and the task that lies ahead for us is to raise sufficient funds to provide a main feature of the Regimental Museum--the Hall of Honour.

It is envisaged that the Hall of Honour will be the focal point of our museum and will bear on suitably inscribed tablets, the names of all Patricias who gave their lives in the service of sovereign and country in World War I, World War II, Korea and United Nations duty.

While the actual design has not been drawn up yet nor have any costs associated with this project been arrived at, the challenge to our Association to have this memorial completed by August 1989 remains. I will keep you advised on our progress.

Should you have any ideas on the project please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Rod Middleton,
National President

REPORT FROM BRANCHES

REPORT FROM OKANAGAN-THOMPSON BRANCH

By Bob Casement

The highlight of our year was the visit to Vernon of our Colonel-in-Chief, The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma, on 17 October, escorted by Major Paul Ronksley and accompanied by her eldest daughter, Joanna, The Baroness Hubert du Breuil. Thirty members of the Patricia family were introduced to our visitors at the Brigadier Murphy Armoury and were able to have an informal chat with them over a cup of tea. The Silver Star Chapter I.O.D.E. arranged a lovely Okanagan Tea featuring Okanagan apples in various confections. Prior to the tea we were able to show Lady Patricia the PPCLI Memorial being constructed as our 75th Anniversary project. That evening seven of our members (Don Ardelain, Bob and Pat Casement, Vince and Maggie Lilley, John and Margaret Sanford) attended a formal fund-raising dinner at Kelowna for the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra at which our Colonel-in-Chief was the guest speaker.

MEMBERSHIP

This was the first year since our formation in 1984 that we did not have an increase in membership. A special effort is being made in 1988 to increase our paid-up membership from thirty-five to forty or more.

MEETINGS

The 4th Annual General Meeting and formal dinner was held at the Officers' Mess, Vernon Military Camp, on Sunday 28 June 1987. This was the most successful one to date with an attendance of forty-two. Thanks to the effort of Tom Tyson we had an exceptionally good turn-out of Korea Veterans.

A Special General Meeting was held in the Officers' Mess at the J.C. Vickers Armoury on the afternoon of Sunday 22 November 1987. Our sincere thanks to Mike Melnechuck and his assistants Ray McIsaac, Max Bronnum, Gordon Croucher in administering this meeting and for the excellent refreshments provided.

REGIMENTAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This was an informal gathering of Patricia family for lunch at the Vernon Coldstream Motor Hotel on 17 March 1987 with twenty-two attending. A glass or two was consumed during Happy Hour which allowed for old acquaintances to be renewed and the telling of tall tales. Chuck and Betty Farnell did an excellent job in registering members and collecting annual dues and donations for the PPCLI Memorial. Much interest was shown in the display of old PPCLI photographs and also in the drawings brought along by Bill Davis.

PPCLI MEMORIAL

REPORT FROM BRANCHES

We are on budget and ahead of schedule with our 75th Anniversary Project. To date we have completed; planting of maple trees, construction of culvert, walkway and memorial base have been dug out and filled with gravel, large sign "PATRICIA WAY" constructed and ready to hang, bronze plaque constructed by Victoria foundry, local coloured stone collected and stored at site.

ON BUDGET - ON TIME

PATRICIA MEMORIAL - VERNON MILITARY CAMP



OKANAGAN-THOMPSON BRANCH--75TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

Work party planting maple trees April 1987. Left to right are: Bob Casement, Ken Hanson, Chuck Farnell, Wayne Swanson, Wally Swanson, Don McDonell, Vince Lilley, Art Schmidt, Al Neill, Bill Davis and Tom Tyson

To be completed in 1988; pour cement walkway and memorial base, construct archway and hand sign "PATRICIA WAY", construct stone memorial and install bronze plaque and two flag holders.

INFORMATION ON MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to our new members Jerry Richard (Vernon) and Gordon Croucher who transferred from the Vancouver Branch and is now living in Kamloops. We are pleased to report that Chuck Farnell, Bob Frolek and Al Neill are recovering nicely and are religiously doing their daily walks. Our congratulations to Don Ardelain who was elected Alderman for the Municipality of Colstream.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the sudden death of Ean Butler of a heart attack. A memorial service was held in the Pleasant Valley Funeral Home, Vernon, on Saturday, 6 February, 1988 at 1400 hours.

REPORT FROM THE VANCOUVER BRANCH

The 41st Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, December 6th, 1987. After the general reports and the report by the outgoing President, Larry Harrington, elections were held with the following results:

President - Les Basham

Vice-President - W. Mitchell


Secretary - N. Butcher

Treasurer - D. Roe

The Branch is looking towards an active year and anyone visiting Vancouver is welcome to call on the membership.

**IF YOU
FIND MISTAKES**

IN THIS PUBLICATION,
PLEASE CONSIDER
THAT THEY ARE
THERE FOR
A PURPOSE.
WE PUBLISH
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE, AND
SOME PEOPLE
ARE ALWAYS
LOOKING FOR MISTAKES!!!



REPORT FROM THE CALGARY BRANCH

By Dick Whittington

The Annual General Elections for Calgary Branch have been postponed until the March 1988 meeting. This was occasioned by the fact that a great number of our members would be absent attending the activities of the XV Olympic Winter Games.

The Branch Annual Dinner was held at the Danish Canadian Club on November 21, 1987 which was well attended.

Thanks to Frank Brignell for "spearheading" the ticket campaign for the 50/50 Draw, which grossed \$3,000.00. After expenses the sum of \$1,300.00 was donated to Regimental Headquarters for the Museum Fund in addition to the \$1,000.00 donated to the Museum Fund in February 1987.

John Hodge has volunteered as Chairman of the Nomination Committee for the 1988 executive.

Due to the close co-operation required to co-ordinate all aspects for the 75th Anniversary it has been decided that those elected to the executive will serve a two year term.

At the kind invitation of the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, PPCLI, Lieutenant-Colonel V.W. Kennedy, CD, four of our members spent an enjoyable few hours serving Christmas Dinner to the members of the Men's Mess and afterward to attend at the Officers' Mess for a couple of pleasant hours. Our four members namely Andy Kraley, G.F. (Smithy) Smith, J.D. Pritchard and L.A. (Dick) Whittington thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you all.

REPORT FROM THE EDMONTON BRANCH

On 29 January, 1988, the Branch held an extraordinary meeting to elect a new Executive and discuss the business of the Branch. The following new Executive was elected:

President - Ken Campbell
Vice-President - Paul Robson
Secretary/Treasurer - Ron King

In addition to the elections, the Branch discussed new directions and goals, including activities supported by the membership. The character of the Branch reflects the support of its members. The new Executive is optimistic in meeting the aspiration of its members during the next two years.

REPORT FROM THE MANITOBA/NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

By Norm McCowan

Our Sports Chairman held a successful golf tournament. Even with a continual down-pour of rain, the Patricias (ex) played the complete course--no one had to worry about washing golf balls. Sid McKay was the big winner and received the President's Cup.

The Annual Dinner and Dance was a success and quite a few members from out of town attended.

Donations were made to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and the Des Robinson Memorial Library Fund; also our annual donation to the Children's Hospital Research Foundation in memory of Princess Patricia. She with her father the Duke of Connaught were present at the official opening of the first Children's Hospital in Winnipeg--even before she became our Colonel-in-Chief.

At our Annual General Meeting in January, our members re-elected D'Arcy Best as Secretary-Treasurer and myself as President. Dick Heaver is our new Vice-President.

Our February meeting was the occasion for a presentation to the 3 RCR Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. As a token of our appreciation for the courtesies they have extended to us over the last four years. It was accepted on behalf of the Mess by the PMC, Master Warrant Officer Doug Allison.

Remember our monthly meeting -- the 4th Wednesday of the month at Kapyong Sgts' Mess in Winnipeg.

REPORT FROM THE TORONTO BRANCH

By James Reid

Greetings to all Patricias. We have a small group here with still some 13 Honourary Life Members on our nominal roll. We enjoyed our get-together with the serving members on March, 17th, at Moss Park Armouries. It was a great day for us. To all of you in the Toronto area, we will be holding our Annual Dinner at the Canadian Forces Staff College on May 7th with our Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General Stu Graham as our guest. It will be like meeting an old friend--I had seen him last some 46 years ago at Hampton Park, in Sussex. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Please contact me or Colonel Merv McMurray at the College.

REPORT FROM THE ATLANTIC BRANCH

By Jamie Reid

Contrary to popular belief, the Atlantic Branch is going strong. This year to date we have held two functions; both were well attended. Our Spring get-together was an organizational one to plan for the future. Colonel Barry Ashton, Senior Serving Patricia New Brunswick, Deputy Commander, Canadian Forces Base Gagetown was in attendance and spoke of where, what and why the Patricias were up to and assured the group of support from all serving Patricias at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown. Naturally, liquid refreshments kept the affair in a fluid situation.

In the Fall, we had a very successful steak fry with members from as far away as Nova Scotia in attendance. This 'do' included a ticket draw of a "Weekend for two" at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton. Much needed funds were raised and will be put to good use. Steak and wine was served to all and was superbly cooked by John Paul Mulhall who was 'drafted' after Jim MacDonald used the excuse of looking after his Father Peter. Peter, a visitor from Ontario was a welcome guest and an instant 'hit' with the ladies.

It is with sadness that we report the death of one of our members-- George Horncastle of Fredericton. He passed away in October of last year. George served with the 1st Battalion in Canada and Korea in the late 40s and 50s. Through the efforts of Hap Stutt - Secretary/Treasurer, a funeral party of 8 Patricias from Canadian Forces Base Gagetown served as pallbearers. Our sympathy goes out to the family of George.

This about wraps up our story, but you can be sure you will hear more from the East Coast as time goes on.

"Atkins", said the sergeant angrily, "why haven't you shaved this morning?"

"Ain't I shaved?" asked Atkins, in apparent surprise.

"No, you're not," insisted the sergeant; "and I want to know why."

"Well, you see, sergeant," replied the soldier, "there was a dozen of us using the same mirror, and I must have shaved some other man."

REPORT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM BRANCH

By H.W. Lindsay

The annual dinner to commemorate "Frezenberg Day" was held at Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London, SW 1, on 6 May, 1987.

The company comprised forty members and guests. Once again we had the honour of having with us, the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, The Right Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CD, JP, DL, who gave us a most interesting account of her recent visit to the Regiment in Canada.

Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar, MR, F.R.I.C.S., DL, our Patron and son of Lady Patricia Ramsay was also present with his wife, The Right Honourable Lady Saltoun.

After dinner, we were entertained with a World War Two film, shot in Godstone, where the first Battalion was stationed for some months. It brought back several nostalgic memories to those of us who were there at the time.

In our efforts to contact new members, we have located, Mr. Len Davies, who served in the Italian Campaign of World War Two. We look forward to seeing him at our gathering next year.

We also have to report the loss of Lieutenant-Colonel W.J. MacDougald, DSO, a World War Two veteran, and Lieutenant-Colonel T.L.C. Pierce-Goulding, an honorary member who served with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

Suitable tributes were sent by the Branch.

During the Christmas dinner a young Frenchman was seated next to a fine looking young woman who was wearing a gown which displayed her beautiful legs.

"I came near not being here tonight," she said. "I was vaccinated a few day ago and it gives me considerable annoyance."

The young foreigner gazed at the white legs of the speaker. "Is that so?" he replied. "Where were you vaccinated?"

The girl smiled demurely as she said, "In Toronto."

OUR FIRST 75 YEARS

By Captain S.M. Sawyer (Regimental 75th Anniversary Coordinator)

In August 1914, our Regiment was founded by a man who cared deeply about his fellow man; Andrew Hamilton Gault. His indomitable spirit and his legendary feats are well chronicled in our Regimental History, but he left us with a living legacy; The Regimental Family. Our family includes those currently wearing the uniform and those who continue to serve the Regiment through their membership in the PPCLI Association. Some of our "sons" have lost contact with the Regiment for reasons of their own, and in 1989, we hope to welcome them back to the family.

Celebrations to mark the 75th Anniversary of our founding are planned throughout 1989, beginning on the 17th of March and ending on the 11th of November. But why, you may ask, are we making such a big deal about the 75th Anniversary? The answer, I believe, was best expressed by Rod Middleton, President of the PPCLI Association, in last year's Patrician: "1989 is, in all likelihood, the last opportunity that we will have to gather, in one place, representatives from every generation of the Regimental Family".

Patricia's everywhere will begin observance of our 75th Anniversary by celebrating Regimental Day on the 17th of March 1989. Activities will be regional in nature and should be highlighted by the traditional Broom-i-loo games. The battalions will observe the anniversaries of the Battles of Frezenberg and Kapyong in May and April respectively. Other regional events will be confirmed in the near future and will be publicized as plans become firm.

The National Reunion Weekend in Calgary has been planned for 10-13 August 1989 and will be co-hosted by 1 PPCLI and the PPCLI Association. The intention is to gather together and reunite as many serving and retired members of the Regiment as is possible. Membership in the Association is not mandatory. Anyone who has ever served the Regiment in any capacity is more than welcome.

Travel and accommodation are usually the first concerns everyone has when planning holidays. Rest assured that Regimental Headquarters has been working on your behalf to get the best deals available. For soldiers tasked for events such as the Trooping, travel will be by Service Air and accommodations will be in military quarters. For the majority of our out-of-town guests, RHQ will obtain a reduced rate on commercial airlines and a reduced rate in local hotels. Economy accommodation will be available for both singles and couples in the University of Calgary student residences. For those who require RV facilities, a park will be established at Bishop Carroll High School which is located outside the Currie Barracks Main Gate. Details will be forthcoming once the industries firm up their 1989 prices.

Once in Calgary, you will need to know where to go and what to do once you get here. A reception centre will be set up at the University of Calgary, where you will be able to obtain the location of your accommodation

plus a detailed itinerary including information on where and when to meet the buses to transport you between each event.

The first event in which most people will be interested is the opening of the "Better 'Ole". Building AF-16 in Currie Barracks will be transformed into a series of trenches designed to reflect different periods of our wartime history. The "Better 'Ole" will open at 1600 hours 10 August and will close at 2000 hours 13 August. During this period, all other bar facilities in Currie Barracks will be closed in order to prevent the disintegration of our "Family Reunion" into segregated areas. The "Better 'Ole" will provide a meeting place for all members of the Regiment to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

The opening of the new museum facility at 1000 hours 11 August will be one of the most important events of the weekend. Those who have had the opportunity to see the present museum will know that we have a great collection of priceless artifacts which are presently housed in a building which does not meet museum standards for their preservation. The Regimental Museum will be in what is now the Sir Sam Steele School in the Currie PMQ area.

Following the museum opening, you will have the opportunity to tour the facility before attending a luncheon on the museum grounds. You won't have time to be idle though, because you will be transported to the Sarcee Training Area at 1400 hours to view a military display put on by members of the First Battalion. The details of this display have yet to be finalized but rest assured that you will be treated to a thoroughly professional show.

At 1900 hours, 11 August, the PPCLI Association will host their members at a dinner and concert to be held in the Calgary Convention Centre. The concert will be a variety of performances by the Regimental Band, the Corps of Drums and a few surprise acts that Rod Middleton is working on. We have invited the Royal Green Jackets Peninsula Band as well as the Edmonton City Police Band to participate in this event and hopefully they will be able to attend.

The next day, 12 August, begins at 1200 hours, when you will be transported to the University of Calgary to attend a luncheon. Following lunch, we will expect everyone to be seated in the Speed Skating Oval by 1400 hours to view the Regimental Trooping of the Colours. Guards will be provided by 1, 2 and 3 PPCLI, and 2 Airborne Commando. The Colours of all units will be on parade as well as our Regimental Band, the Units' Corps of Drums, the Old Guard and hopefully the Royal Green Jackets Band and the Edmonton City Police Band.

There will be an All Ranks Dinner and Dance at 1900 hours. The location has yet to be confirmed but you will definitely be kept informed as our plans take shape. Our plans include a buffet dinner with dancing to a live band and a disc jockey.

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On Sunday the 13th August, we will transport you from Calgary to Lake Louise where a memorial service will be held at Chateau Lake Louise. Not many are aware of the fact that Canada's National Parks were originally formed to honour those who gave their lives to Canada's cause during the First World War. It is only fitting then, that our memorial service be held in one of the most beautiful spots in our first National Park. Following the service, we will be entertained by our military bands while we enjoy a picnic lunch.

The weekend will have finally drawn to a close and we will part having made new friends; renewed old acquaintances and having had a good time at our "Family Reunion".

On the ninth of September 1989, a ceremony will be held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to celebrate the 75th Anniversaries of both the PPCLI and the R22eR. Both Regiments will have contingents in this unique celebration. The anniversary year will end by the observance of Remembrance Day wherever there are Patricias. For those too young to remember, it will be a time to think about all members of our Regiment who have gone before us; soldiers whose efforts and sacrifices ensured that the PPCLI earned a significant place in Canadian military history.

The problem facing planners is the inability to know how to re-establish contact with Patricias whose whereabouts are unknown to the Regiment. If you know someone who once served the Regiment either as a Patricia or as one who supported the Patricias, but who presently is out of contact with us, please pass the word about our celebrations and encourage them to attend everything they are able. In this way, we hope to attract the maximum number of Patricias to all our events.

Should anyone require any more information, please do not hesitate to phone Captain Steve Sawyer in Calgary at local 7939. For those not on CSN line, phone (403) 240-7939. During the month of September, a toll free number will be established in Calgary and will be well publicized so that you can pass it on to anyone you meet who was either a member of or who served with the Regiment.

As the inheritors of our founder's legacy, it is up to each and every one of us to ensure that his spirit pervades every event of the celebration of Our First 75 Years.

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Soldiering On

HE'D told me his life story in about 30 words. I was in Toronto's Wellesley Hospital for a minor operation, but even at 58 a hernia correction can be tricky. The old fellow, another hernia victim, who shared my semiprivate room, could give me at least 20 years. He was stoical about his chances. We were "prepped" together, and the following morning he was wheeled away first. The day after surgery he was still on oxygen. He lay there colorless: a little, wrinkled old man just hanging on, and I didn't even know who he was.

At about noon a visitor came. He was tall, but stooped, bald, pallid and equally old. He looked down at my sleeping neighbor. With great care he bent and straightened the sheets, then sat beside the bed. An hour passed. Then another. Eventually the old fellow stirred, and focused on his visitor. They touched hands. Neither said a word. They just looked at each other. Another hour passed. The silent visitor rose and left. He walked tall now, shoulders squared. "Military man," I thought.

The old fellow had perked up. He said, almost to himself, "He's my oldest friend." Then a long pause. "My son married his daughter." Another long pause. "Was best man at my wedding. I was his." Then silence.

"Known him since I was 18. I was in the Princess Pat's. We met on the Somme."

My thoughts filled with the mud, the barbed wire and bursting bombs. The agony and frustration; all that I'd read of that first Great War. The old fellow looked over at me, his eyes bright. "He was my stretcher-bearer," he said.

- Donald F. MacKay

Museum Reports



"Fact or Fiction? Myth or Mistake?" Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Museum

Captain H.T. Kenny

You can't be in London for long without going to the Zoo. . . the nicest people go straight to the animals they love the most, and stay there. So when Christopher Robin goes to the Zoo, he goes to where the Bears are, and he whispers something to the third keeper from the left, and doors are unlocked, and we wander through dark passages and up steep stairs, until at last we come to the special cage, and the cage is opened, and out trots something brown and furry, and with a happy cry of "Oh, Bear!" Christopher Robin rushes into its arms. Now the bear's name is Winnie, which shows what a good name for bears it is.

*Winnie-the-Pooh
A.A. Milne*

At the Regimental Museum of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) a charming myth has existed for a number of years. According to tradition, Winnie-the Pooh was a "Patricia" long before he found his way into story books; he (or properly she) was an American black bear left at the London Zoo in England when the Regiment left to fight in France in 1914.

Although it has resurfaced every ten years or so, each generation has eventually agreed that there is no evidence to support the story. The truth has echoed in the Museum corridors, reluctant to be heard outside. In 1981, however, the London Zoo erected a monument which recognized the association for the Regiment and the bear Winnie who gave her name to Winnie-the-Pooh. The Museum found itself in the awkward position of not being able to confirm or deny the story.

We made an exhaustive search of archives. Ship manifests, personal letters, nominal roles, official histories and photographic collections all revealed the same thing — nothing! Few original members of the Regiment remain (a twenty year old soldier in the 1914 war would now be 93) but those that were contacted were unanimous in saying, "there might have been a bear, but I never heard about it." The London Zoo provided us with copies of their records, the acquisition and death certificates for the bear, and a number of

newspaper articles. Changes had been made to the acquisition certificate which reflected the fact that the bear was originally deposited in 1914 but not taken on permanently until the end of the First World War; it was then signed over by Captain Harry Colebourn, Canadian Army Veterinary Corp. Fellow of the Zoological Society. The original owners seem to have been from the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade, which did not include the Patricias.

Although not impossible to reconcile with this new information, the story was becoming yet more clumsy. Hypothetically, the Patricias could have left their bear with the Second Infantry Brigade as they prepared to embark for France; because that Brigade already had a bear, its Veterinary Officer would be experienced. The Second Brigade could then, in turn, have donated the bear to the zoo. Unsuccessful attempts were made to locate descendants of Captain Colebourn.

In light of this situation the Museum was neither willing to claim the bear nor allow the story to drop. It was decided that a display, entitled "Fact or Fiction? Myth or Mistake?" would be arranged in the Museum describing the inconclusive story. Publicity was generated in conjunction with the display and created new leads. One correspondent claimed to have worked directly with the Regiment's Founder during the Second World War.

He quoted the Founder as having told stories of the bear on several occasions. One could not hang his hat on this type of evidence. An irate correspondent wrote us to criticize our falsified attempts to destroy a beautiful children's story by associating it with Regiments, wars and growling black bears. She quoted the Encyclopaedia Britannica which stated that the name was taken from a brown teddy bear, hence, in her opinion, not from an *Ursus americanus*.

Concrete evidence emerged from Winnipeg. It demonstrated that the bear was not ours. Fred Colebourn, the son of Captain Harry Colebourn, produced photographs and a diary which told his father's story during the First World War. In 1914 Captain Colebourn, a Veterinary Surgeon, was heading from Winnipeg by train to Valcartier, Quebec to join his Regiment. He bought a bear in White River, Ontario, from a hunter who had killed the cub's mother. The bear was called Winnipeg. Winnie for short, and accompanied Colebourn to England. Knowing that he could not take the bear to France, Colebourn eventually left her at the London Zoo.

In broad terms, the story still has some rough edges. The following questions are still unanswered today: Captain Colebourn is said to have formally presented a plaque to the London Zoo in 1919 recognizing Winnie as his own. Why has this plaque disappeared? If the bear was ascribed to Captain Colebourne in 1919, why then, as early as 1921, were London papers claiming that the bear belonged to the PPCLI? What circumstances surrounded the changes made on the acquisition certificate? Although the date shown is 1919, Captain Colebourne is shown as a Fellow of the Zoological Society, a position he did not hold until sometime later.

One final installment remains in the present story. In May, while conducting research at Hatch Court in Somerset,



Captain Harry Colebourn with Winnie

England, the estate of our Regiment's late Founder, I found that the Pooh tradition was even more firmly entrenched in England than in Canada. Indeed, I discovered that Winnie was not the only character of A.A. Milne with a real counterpart. "John with the Great Big Wellington Boots" was well known by Commander and Mrs. Nation, the owners of Hatch Court, and Christopher Robin Milne, I was told, lived near Dartmouth in

the adjacent county of Devon. I found that the people around Hatch Court were reluctant to accept the "new story" about Winnie and in fact I was forced to concede that every doubt had not been removed. Despite the tight schedule I had with my planned research, we decided to take a trip to speak with Christopher Robin Milne, the son of A.A. Milne. We had hoped that perhaps some memoirs of A.A. Milne existed which might shed light on the story.

Unfortunately, during our visit it became clear that no such memoirs were known to exist and that Christopher Milne, now in his sixties, was wary of a lifetime of storybook associations. His recollections, however, were fresh and there was little doubt in his mind that the bear belonged to the PPCLI; indeed there was no doubt at all until we sowed it. One is forced to conclude, therefore, that regardless of historical fact, Winnie at the London Zoo has traditionally been associated with the PPCLI.

Considerably more research would be necessary to paint every detail of Winnie's career in the Canadian Army and with the London Zoo. The story of Captain Colebourn is well documented and conclusive. Still, no matter how tenuous, some association has existed between the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and Winnie-the-Pooh; this association has stood the test of time. Perhaps we should take to heart the closing words of *The House at Pooh Corner*, "wherever they go, and whatever happens to them on the way, in that enchanted place on the top of the Forest a little boy and his Bear will always be playing."

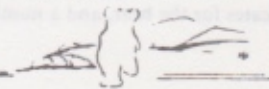
Captain H.T. Kenny is presently attending the University of Calgary, Astrophysical Department.

Bear Cub by
Lorne McKean
commemorating WINNIE

friendly and famous
American Black Bear
mascot of Princess Pat's
Canadian Regiment
who came to the Zoo
in 1914 while her
regiment went on
to fight in France
and who lived here
known and loved
by many children
until her death in 1934



She gave her name to
WINNIE THE POOH
and
A.A. Milne and
Ernest Shepard gave
Winnie the Pooh to the world



WHAT OTHER'S ARE SAYING

The following letter was prompted by the article "RIC-A-DAM-DOO A BRIEF HISTORY" by Miss Meghan Bérubé, which appeared in Volume XIX, No 2 of the Newsletter dated 31 October 1987.

The Editor,

I read with interest the brief history of the RIC-A-DAM-DOO in the October 1987 issue of the Newsletter by Miss Meghan Bérubé. She has presented a good summary of its history and an interesting speculation as to the origin of the name.

The first time I remember seeing the RIC-A-DAM-DOO was in 1946. I was then second-in-command of the Regiment in Calgary which was the new home station. One of my duties was to go to Winnipeg to arrange the move of regimental property which had been stored there during the war years.

This was not a difficult task. Only two major items required a decision. One was what to do with all the stuffed animal heads in the Officers' Mess in Fort Osborne Barracks, and the other was how to move the RIC-A-DAM-DOO.

The first problem I solved by donating the stuffed heads to resident units in the FOB mess and the second I settled by taking the RIC-A-DAM-DOO back to Calgary with me in a compartment on the train. I confess that the origin of the name was not something I thought about in those years of regimental service or in subsequent years in the Regular Force. It was not until I had been retired for a number of years that I started to wonder.

I have asked such people as Cam Ware, Pat Crofton, Stu Graham and others but no one can say with any degree of certainty where the name originated. Pat Crofton in turn asked the late Bob Gemmell who said he thought there might be some connection with a ribald drinking song he remembered some WWI veterans singing. He was not able to offer anything more conclusive.

You may ask why those of us who knew Hammy Gault never asked him the question? For myself I can only reply "I don't know, the question never seemed to arise". We apparently just accepted that the RIC-A-DAM-DOO was the RIC-A-DAM-DOO.

The RIC-A-DAM-DOO is probably the most treasured possession of our Regiment. It really is disgraceful that we cannot tell anyone why it is so named. To remedy this shortcoming I suggest the Association mount a campaign to unearth the source of the name. It seems to me that the combined efforts of the Association and the Regiment should be able to produce the answer.

It also seems appropriate that the solution should be found before the celebration of the 75th Anniversary.

Will the Association accept the challenge?

Signed,

W. de N Watson

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The following letter was received by the Secretariat too late to be published in the Fall 87 Newsletter. It is reprinted below as the proposal mentioned has merit and would be of interest to many who served with the Regiment in Holland.

Dear Sir:

Some 42 years ago during World War II, we crossed the Yssel river in the Netherlands.

Some hundred years ago Napoleon crossed the same river at the same place.

These events are now history. The Burgomaster of this area has shown great interest in a PPCLI pilgrimage which should be held in 1990. My wife and I were received very warmly by the Burgomaster last week in Twello. He assured us that he and the people of the area would be very happy to show their gratitude to former members of the PPCLI. He also assured us of his cooperation for such a pilgrimage.

The people of the area are quite interested in the history of their area. They show a genuine interest in the soldiers that liberated them from the Nazis. These people would have the thrill of their lives to see us parade down the main street of the villages that we liberated in 1945. Veteran Pats would have a thrill to re-enact the crossing of the Yssel River. The PPCLI were the first to cross that river and they paved the way to liberation to those unfortunate Dutch people. The Dutch people want to show us their gratitude.

I strongly recommend that we arrange for a monument to be set up on a site near the Yssel where we crossed.

Reasonable airfare could be arranged by an acquaintance of ours, a former member of the Dutch underground, who now has a travel agency in Toronto. Free lodging by the local people would keep costs down. My wife and I are glad to help, we spend a lot of time in Holland.

It would be great to see as many Pats as possible take part in such a pilgrimage for a week or more of remembering and celebrating, here in the area of Deventer Voorst, Whilp, Twello, etc. I will be here in Holland until September and would be glad to approach the Burgomaster for an official invitation should you or anyone be interested in pursuing this last chance for a great remembrance pilgrimage. My wife speaks the language fluently and would like to be of any help possible.

I would appreciate your reply and comments etc.

Yours sincerely,

L.V. Rains

Replies and comments should be forwarded to Mr. Rains through the Secretariat.

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A Social and Literary History of the British Army Since 1660
by G.W. Stephen Brodsky

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Although there have been countless studies of military history, this book is remarkable for its extensive use of literature to illustrate historical military developments. Brodsky contends that three factors--constitutional, commercial, and technological--in turn, have caused Britain to raise large citizen forces. Because Britain traditionally has been an unmilitary state which has not maintained large standing armies, this ethos of "amateurism" merged with the "professionalism" of the Regular Army. He argues that it is this unique influence of "amateurism" which historically has been central to the British profession of arms and vital to its spirit of service. A wide range of prose and poetry illustrates that spirit and the military cultural experience in which it evolved in Great Britain from the Restoration through World War II. In an overview of later developments, including the Falklands War, Brodsky enunciates the challenge facing the traditional ethos in the nuclear age. Analyzing the effect of the literary idiom, he questions the future direction of representative literature.

Brodsky's study of war and the warrior as represented in poetry and prose will broaden both literary appreciation and an understanding of the dimensions of the military profession. It will be especially appreciated by students and educators at military colleges and officer training academies as well as by researchers interested in military history, military psychology, and the impact of war on literature.

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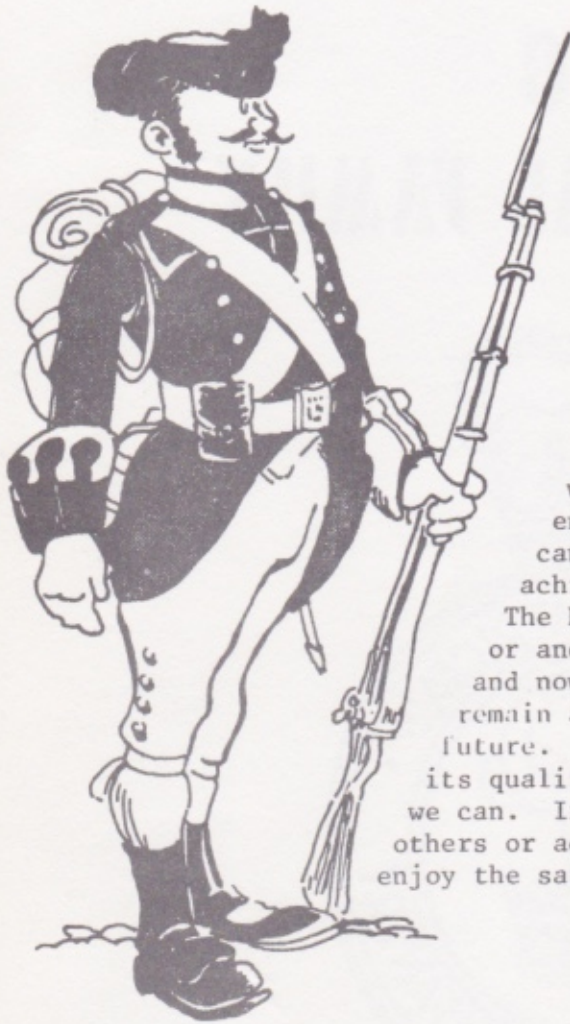
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*Do not stand at my grave and weep;
 I am not there. I do not sleep.
 I am a thousand winds that blow.
 I am the diamond glints on snow.
 I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
 I am the gentle autumn's rain.
 When you awaken in the morning's hush,
 I am the swift uplifting rush
 Of quiet birds in circled flight.
 I am the soft stars that shine at night
 Do not stand at my grave and cry;
 I am not there. I did not die.*

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