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## A SHORT HISTORY OF PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL

What is now known as Princess Patricia's Canadian Red Cross Hospital, had its origin at Ramsgate in January, 1917, when the No. 4 C.C.S. opened up the St. Lawrence College in that much raided town, as a special convalescent hospital for Canadians. When, on June 1st, 1917, the above Unit went to France, the hospital was taken over by LCol A.J. Mackenzie as OC, and Major G.B. Peat as Adjutant; the requisite staff to make up the establishment of a six hundred-bed hospital being drawn from the C.A.M.C. Depot. Not long after taking over, Colonel Mackenzie was granted an establishment, the Unit thereafter being known as the P.P.C.R.C. Special Hospital. (Princess Patricia's Canadian Red Cross Hospital).

In August, of the same year, it was deemed advisable to evacuate all the hospitals in the Ramsgate and Broadstairs area, and on the 29th of that month 500 patients were sent to Epsom, the balance going to Monks Horton on September 4th; the personnel of the Unit being distributed to various hospitals, until such time as a new home could be found.

It was not until January, 1918, that a home was found, when, about the 15th of that month, a party, consisting of a part of the staff of the Ramsgate Unit and a part of the Uxbridge Unit, took over Cooden Camp, and the fitting up of the huts as hospital wards was at once proceeded with. Shortly after this, LCol T.C.D. Bedell and Major R.H. Sutherland being appointed Commandant and Adjutant respectively, and the establishment raised to a "2250 bed capacity" hospital with the called-for increase in personnel.

Since being taken over by the Canadians great improvements have been made, and this is especially noticeable in the approach to the hospital, and around the numerous huts that go to make up the camp. What with laying down of grass and the making of attractive flower beds, the camp is hardly recognizable to those who knew Cooden in the times when the Canadians 'were not.' The work has been done entirely by the personnel, assisted by patients who were fit for the work, and is very favourably commented upon by all visitors.

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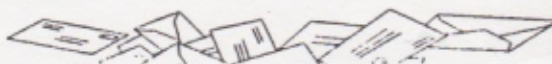
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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

As this issue goes to press, the final touches are being put on the Annual General Meeting of the Association at Stoney Creek, Ontario during the week-end of 22-24 May, 1992. All indications point to a well organized and well attended affair according to Anne Stringer, Secretary of the South West Ontario Branch which is hosting the event.

In my view there are a couple of important matters affecting the Association and the serving members of the Regiment which will be aired at the May AGM. Firstly, I am frequently asked what is going on in the Battalions, 2 Commando and at the Battle School. One way of keeping track is to read the PATRICIAN, the annual Regimental journal published by the Regular component. This excellent publication should be available to (and read by) all Patricias and we will discuss how this might be done at our meeting. It may mean a five or six dollar increase to Association annual dues but would be a bargain at that rate!

The Museum is the second issue affecting all of us. The Association's first major contribution to the new Museum was the funding of the Hall of Honour. Anyone who has seen this outstanding memorial is impressed by the overwhelming and dignified way in which the PPCLI has commemorated those comrades who died in the service of the Regiment and peace.

The Regiment needs financial help for the next phase of Museum development and there are two ways the Association can help. One is to take on another segment (or exhibit modules), roughly on the scale of the Hall of Honour. This would probably involve Branches once more. The other way is to encourage the purchase of "Building Blocks" by individuals or small groups. The \$250.00 purchase price is fully tax receiptable and is an excellent vehicle for recognition of a friend, section, platoon or company. It is also a means of commemorating comrades or relatives because inscribed brass plaques are mounted on the Museum wall as part of the project.

The Regiment is facing some challenging times ahead as the Army restructures following the Minister of National Defence announcements in September, 1991. More recently, the Minister of Finance in his February Budget stated that a complete withdrawal of all our troops from Europe (NATO) will occur over the next two or three years. A reduction in manpower is inevitable and a shift towards more integration with the Militia is a certainty. All of these will call for a professional and positive approach on all sides. The Association's support will be

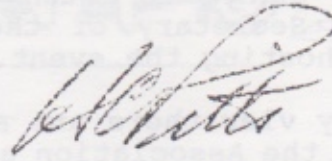
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more important than ever as we move towards the Regiment's 80th Anniversary in 1994.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Stoney Creek and, if not there, at Regimental and Association events in the months ahead.

Best Wishes to all.





# FROM THE

# EDITOR'S DUGOUT



The new year bears good news to all members of the Regiment. The design contract for the PPCLI Gallery has been signed and construction was started in early January. The intention is to complete the gallery in five phases by the end of 1993. The first phase consisting of the entrance, Medals and Weapons Display cases, Colour case, Hall of Honour and the Lost Trails exhibits were completed on 17 March. Phase two is now underway with a completion date set for mid summer. However, do not let me lead you to believe all is well, the Regiment still requires the Association's help by the way of fundraising to assist in this great venture. We are now entering an exciting time for our Regiment with the work having started on our museum. Please be an ongoing part of that excitement, purchase a Building Block or make a donation to the PPCLI Museum. Every bit helps, and every donation is tax receipted.

As the spring weather draws closer, the calendar begins to fill with upcoming Regimental and Association events. I will attempt to keep you posted on such news.

CALENDER OF EVENTS		
DATE	LOCATION	CEREMONY
13 Mar 92	Winnipeg, MN	Heritage Committee Meeting
14 Mar 92	Winnipeg, MN	Regimental Guard Meeting
15 Mar 92	Garrison Church, Winnipeg, MN	Laying Up of Colours
25 Apr 92	Battle School Wainwright, AB	Regimental Executive Meeting
9 May 92	Confederation Square, Ottawa, Ontario	Unveiling of Hamilton Gault Statue
22-24 May 92	Stoney Creek, ON	Annual General Meeting PPCLI Association
1-2 Jun 92	Cash Casino Place Calgary, AB	PPCLI Association Casino
25 Jun 92	Kapyong Barracks Winnipeg, MN	Change of Command Parade - 2 PPCLI

1 Jul 92	Centennial Stadium University of Victoria	Trooping for 3 PPCLI
2 Jul 92	Work Point Barracks Victoria, B.C.	All Ranks BBQ - 3 PPCLI
3 Jul 92	Work Point Barracks Victoria, B.C.	Change of Command Parade - 3 PPCLI
5-6 Aug 92	CTC Gagetown	Offrs Badging Ceremony and Graduation
2 Sep 92	CTC Gagetown	50th Anniversary of Infantry Corps
TBA/Oct	Calgary Home Station	Regimental Guard Meeting
TBA/Nov	Ottawa	Regimental Executive Meeting
8 May 93	1 PPCLI, Calgary, AB	Trooping

Please note that dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances and if travel plans are being made to attend an event it is wise to consult with the Association Branch in that area prior to departure.

The Association Annual General Meeting will be held in Stoney Creek, Ontario, hosted by the South Western Ontario Branch. The Branch has been working very hard to put on a good show and an excellent turnout is expected. More details of the meeting are enclosed.

On the Regimental side of the house, all Battalions are in preparation to assault the summer exercise in Wainwright, Alberta and on completion will begin to ready themselves for the parade square. The ceremonies planned by all units this summer are a must to attend. See you there!

The Okanagan/Thompson Branch have graciously volunteered to host the AGM for 1993. Confirmation and dates will be passed at the AGM in Stoney Creek this year.

Murphy's Law  
of  
Combat Operations

If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush. A sucking chest wound is nature's way of telling you to slow down.

## Happenings at the Museum - WWII Exhibit

As you will read on other pages, the Museum Project is slowly taking shape - much too slowly unfortunately. But, I will not bore you with those details; instead, I like to take you behind the scene in fact to World War II.

World War II was the great, central, cataclysmic event of the twentieth century. Virtually every facet of Canadian society, every neighbourhood and every household, was affected by the conflict. The call to arms by the motherland brought into the armed forces of Canada, thousands of men and women who were not professional soldiers, but ordinary citizens. Individuals from diverse backgrounds who shared the common experience of a reserve economic depression, theirs is a story unlike any other before or twice. Many rushed to the recruiters before there was any real understanding of the cost of war or the permanent in part of personal loss. Young men and women, inexperienced, unaccustomed to the rigors of military life, innocent of combat itself, learned to fight a modern war of almost unimaginable destructiveness only to return to a society as transformed by the war as they were.

Many histories have been written focused mainly on campaigns, tactics, and strategy. Even Regimental histories do not do better - the non-commissioned, common soldiers - privates, corporals, and sergeants - have been lost in an anonymous mass, as historians avoided or ignored the challenge of understanding and portraying these ordinary soldiers.

The Regimental Museum seeks to strip the anonymity from these thousands of individuals by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the social and military history of the ordinary soldier of the Regiment. From the beginning, the museum realized it was in a unique position to tell the story of the home front or of one particular locale.

A clear mission statement, a thoughtful and creative research plan, careful and selective collecting, clever interpretive planning, and state-of-the-art exhibits are not ends in themselves, but only tools for approaching one of the most significant events in our nation's history from the point of view of those who experienced it most directly.

Part of the story is social history, the story of ordinary Canadians quickly trained and hastily sent overseas, of farmers, mechanics, school teachers, postmen, clerks, and even students becoming armourers, clerks, cooks, and plain old infantry soldiers in the European, Mediterranean, Pacific, and China-Burma-India theatres. It is the story of the work they did, often around the clock, meeting the unrelenting demands of man and machines.

And part of the story, too, is military history, the story of specific actions, of individuals caught making the ultimate sacrifice. Such personal accounts as we have collected and still need to collect are by no means limited to combat stories. Many of the accounts are of course, anecdotal, and we are not advocating mounting an exhibit around them. For one thing, there are distinct problems with relying on personal reminiscences, which have to be verified against other references and research. But, used properly within the context of our broaden social and military history approach, they can serve to remind the visitor that men and women - an anxious wife waiting at home, a grieved colonel mourning his men, a young kid isolated by the death of all those around him, a dedicated quarter master doing what he can to make the war easier for his fellow Patricians - real people make history, not military hardware and machinery, nor even facts and figures.

We know many people who have said since 1945, "The war set me straight. I was kind of a silly jerk, drinking, raising hell...nothing bothered me. The war settled me down and when I came back I was ready to make something of myself".

This is a fascinating story, history of dislocation, of courage, of transformation, a story of vast significance, a story well worth telling.

If anyone out there has an anecdote to tell, please let us know. We may well build an exhibit around it.

Curator

R. Raidt

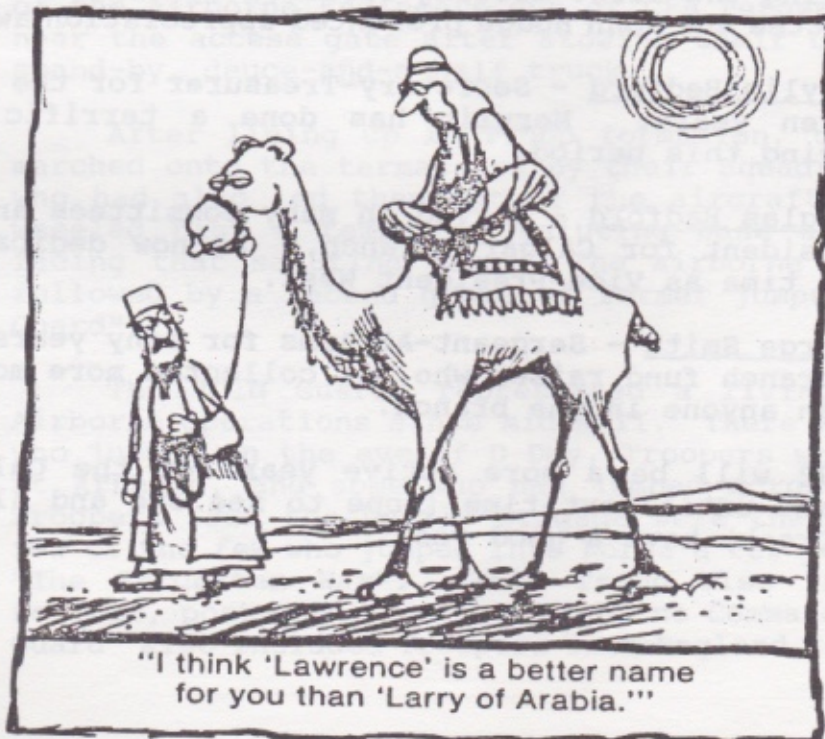
## PPCLI NEWS

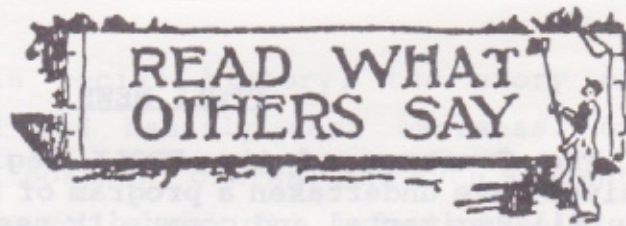
The Trustees of the PPCLI Regimental Museum and Archives have undertaken a program of renovation designed to fulfil Regimental and community needs into the twenty-first century.

As we are all aware, Her Majesty Elizabeth II, officially dedicated the Museum of the Regiments last year. It was indeed a regal occasion as we well remember. Regrettably, not all galleries were able to open at that time and two are still not complete, including ours. However, there is progress. I am pleased to inform the Friends of the Society that Phase I of the PPCLI Gallery will be completed and open to the public on 17 March 1992. Phase I includes the entrance, the small arms display, and an exciting medal exhibit.

Still to come are four more phases. Planning for those exhibits is well underway and subject to our fund raising endeavours, one or two more phases could well be undertaken this year. Adhering to the current museum development practices, it is intended that these new exhibits utilize state-of-the-art technology that is appropriate to learning and to public involvement.

The Trustees and staff are looking forward to welcoming you to the PPCLI Gallery on or after March 17, 1992.





### CALGARY BRANCH

By George A. Arthurson, CD

It gives me great pleasure to greet all my comrades for the first time as President of the Calgary Branch. My thanks to all members of the Calgary Branch for your confidence in me and for electing me as your President for 1992. You also elected a very competent committee who is dedicated in getting things done. Our objective throughout 1992 will be to increase the attendance and membership of our branch.

1991 was not a very active year for the branch. Other new associations came into being and our membership dropped to 110 paid members. This also created problems in attendance at our monthly meetings. The last meeting in June 91 was followed by a cook-out (BBQ) with only 40 members in attendance. Due to the lack of interest our annual banquet and dance was cancelled in the fall.

Last year was a sad year in the passing of such comrades as Senator Stan Waters, Lou England, Jim Pritchard, Owen Gardner and Phil Bayetchko. They will be remembered.

During the first meeting for 1992 saw the election of committee and John Hodge presented appreciation awards to:

Merylin Bedford - Secretary-Treasurer for the past seven years. Merylin has done a terrific job during this period.

Douglas Bedford - Served on many committees and as President for Calgary Branch. Is now dedicating his time as Vice-President West.

George Smith - Sergeant-At-Arms for many years and a branch fund raiser who has collected more monies than anyone in the branch.

1992 will be a more active year for the Calgary Branch and until next time (hope to see one and all at Stoney Creek) have a good year.

## FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

By Mel Canfield

Friday afternoon, 11 Oct 91 was a beautiful, warm, fall day in the Fraser Valley, particularly in the Chilliwack area. The large access gates along the North side of the Municipal Airport were open. Singles, couples and groups were spilling out of a variety of vehicles as they pulled into the adjoining parking lot. The greetings and mingling were typical of former military; in style, comment and volume.

The occasion was the beginning of the second "Borne-West Prop-Blast", a reunion of Airborne personnel at CFB Chilliwack.

At about 1545 hours a call went up and all eyes turned west to see a camouflaged C-130 aircraft approaching on a direct line for the airfield. It was coming on at a steady pace and fairly low altitude. It cleared the end of the field, and as it passed by the on-lookers around the access gate, the clam-shell doors opened and out exited a stick of paratroopers.

The Herc did two long turns to the right and made a second pass over the field and dropped a second stick of paratroopers. The crowd cheered the troopers as they drifted to the ground in almost perfect "Staff Jump" conditions.

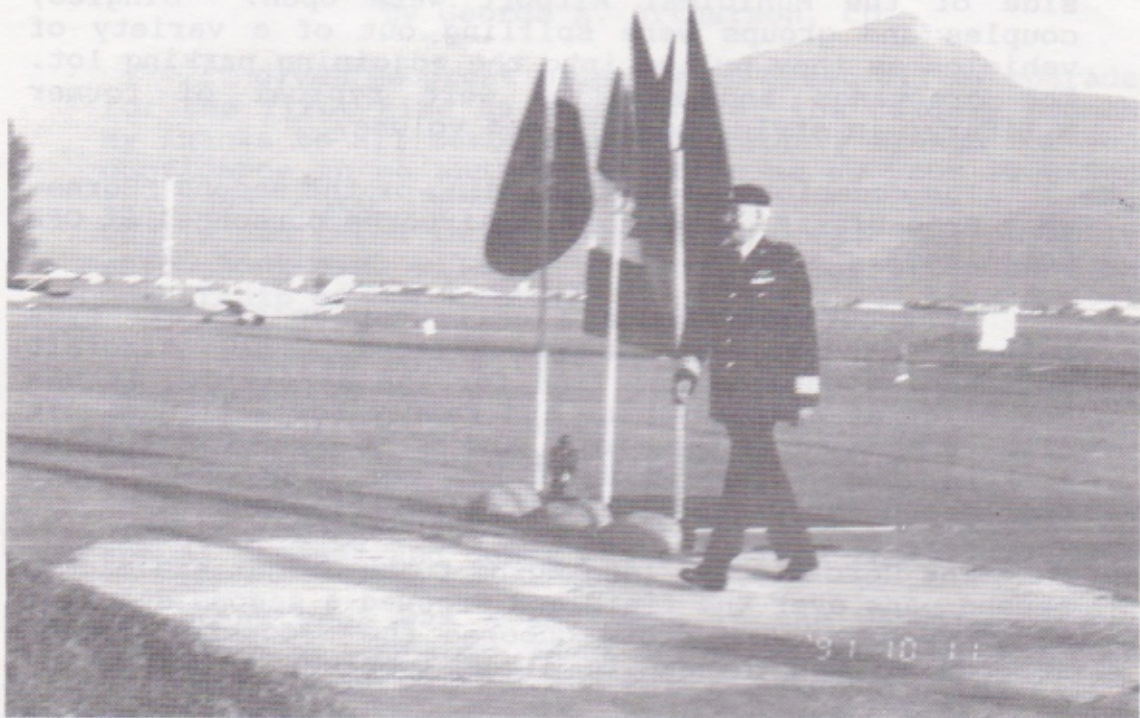
On completion of the drop, the 50 or so paratroopers of the Airborne Engineers out of CFB Petawawa assembled near the access gate after stowing their chutes in the stand-by, deuce-and-a-half truck.

After lining up in Troop formation, the Engineers marched onto the tarmac led by their Squadron Commander who had also led them out of the aircraft. The troop wheeled past a temporary saluting base and formed up facing that saluting base. The Airborne Sappers were followed by a second group of former jumpers, the "Old Guard".

The "Old Guard" represented a living history of Airborne operations since mid WWII. There were Troopers who jumped on the eve of D Day, Troopers who had jumped at Arnheim, and some who had jumped across the Rhine. Troopers from the Devils Brigade were there and even a few of the few who jumped into Korea a few years later in "The Forgotten War". This Troop also included some retired, post-war, Canadian Airborne Commando. The "Old Guard" also included Troopers from England, (6th AB Div),

and the USA, (82nd and 101st AB Divs, and the 187 RCT, the ones who had jumped into Korea).

When the two Troops were formed up in line, the parade was taken over by Col Don Rochester (Retd). Himself a living legend in post-war Canadian Airborne circles, and for whom the Chilliwack Drop Zone was named.



MGen Pitts marching from the saluting base on the tarmac of the Chilliwack Municipal Airport (otherwise known as DZ Rochester). This followed the march off of the Airborne Sappers and the "Old Guard" paratroopers after the Airborne RCE Troop jump, and inspection of the two groups by Mgen Pitts.

Col Rochester in turn handed the parade over to MGen Herb Pitts, MC, CD., Colonel of the Regiment of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, who was the Reviewing Officer for the occasion. MGen Pitts reviewed both Troops, spending quite a bit of time talking to members of the "Old Guard". As MGen Pitts said, "There are a lot of people here I have served with over the years, so this is almost like coming home".

After the troops marched off, the rest of the weekend program followed according to plan with a Meet and Greet Friday evening on the base. Saturday led off with a round of golf, followed in the evening with a banquet and dance, also on the base. A Memorial Service parade was held Sunday morning at the Base Cenotaph prior to farewells in the afternoon.



The first "Prop Blast" was held in 1989 and is planned to be repeated every second year over the Thanksgiving weekend.



Colonel Rochester turning over the Parade to MGen Pitts.

#### FRASER VALLEY LUNCHEON

TIME/DATE; 1200 hrs Sat 12 Oct 91

PLACE; The Red Room, RCE Officer's Mess,  
CFB Chilliwack, Vedder Crossing,  
B.C.

OCCASION; A luncheon for the Fraser Valley  
Branch of the PPCLI Association

HONOURED GUESTS; Honourary Colonel of the Regiment,  
MGen Herb Pitts, MC, CD and Mrs.  
Pitts.

PURPOSE; To meet and visit with the Honourary  
Colonel of the Regiment and his  
Lady, and to have MGen Pitts present  
a charter to the newest branch of  
the Association.

The Fraser Valley Branch of the PPCLI Association held its founding meeting during the evening of 8 May 1991 at Br 280 of the Royal Canadian Legion in Vedder Crossing, B.C., a short distance from the gates of CFB Chilliwack.

Over the intervening months, the original group developed itself into a viable branch and the members eagerly sought their Association flag and Charter as recognition.

When MGen Pitts was invited to be the guest of honour at the Second Borne-West Prop-Blast over Thanksgiving weekend at CFB Chilliwack, the Branch President, Mel Canfield and Capt Keith Flowers, Regimental Adjutant and Secretary-Treasurer of the PPCLI Association consulted by phone and made the necessary arrangements.

The outcome of these consultations, and with the excellent assistance of LCol Wayne Dehnke, (BAdmO of CFB Chilliwack), brought about a very pleasant luncheon of mostly couples for the occasion.



The Honourary Colonel presents the PPCLI Association Charter to the President of the new Fraser Valley Branch. Pictured left to right: Adeal Canfield, MGen Herb Pitts, Mel Canfield, and Mrs. Marianne Pitts.

The Honourary Colonel was very gracious in his remarks as he signed and presented the Charter and welcomed the new branch into the PPCLI Association family.

Following the luncheon, MGen and Mrs. Pitts mingled and chatted with the branch members. In many cases renewing connections from over their many years of service to the Regiment.

It was a good lunch and a fine visit for everyone. The members of the Fraser Valley Branch look forward to similar occasions in the future.



The Honourary Colonel is given a "warm" welcome by one of the Airborne "Old Guard". Left to right: MGen Herb "Startled" Pitts, John C. Turner and Mel Canfield.



SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

By John Gibson

Plans for the A.G.M. are progressing very well and response to date is very good, although a few small changes had to be made.

Friday, May 22 1992 - Meet and Greet at Optimist Hall.

Saturday, May 23 1992 - Photograph at 1630 hours sharp, at Battlefield Park. Also there will be a tour of Battlefield House from 1300 to 1500 hours Saturday at a slight charge.

Sunday, May 24 1992 - Brunch will be at 1300 hours to allow for short service at Cenotaph.

It should be noted that dress for both Patricias and their ladies at Meet and Greet, meetings and tour will be casual.

Dress for Saturday and Sunday's photographs, Dinner and Dance, Church Service, will be blazers, grey pants, berets and medals, or suit for Patricias. Dress or suit for ladies. Transportation will be provided to events, if you do not wish to drive. On Feb 2, 1992, Patricias and their partners were invited to an afternoon social from the K.V. Uijongbu Club in Mississauga. A great idea, and a most enjoyable afternoon. We thank them for the invitation.

Congratulations go out to Ben and Vera Kelter, their Wedding Day was January 4 1992, we wish them many years of happiness. Sorry that we must close on a sad note as another Patricia has fallen. On November 23 1991, Norm Tinney of Desoronto, Ontario passed away. He served in Italy, being wounded at Ortona. Norm was not a member of the Association but was planning to attend in May.

See you at the A.G.M.

In Comradeship



TORONTO BRANCH

By James Reid

MEMORIAL STONE ERECTED IN SICILY, JULY 10 1991

Sydney Frost, a former officer with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, returned to Sicily to take part in what must have been one of the highlights of his life, a project he had been working on for a number of years, that is, a memorial stone in honour of the 48th Anniversary of the landing of the First Canadian Division in Sicily, that took place July 10, 1943.

I do not presume to be a writer nor do I wish to take anything away from one who is much better at it than I. Colonel Frost has already written a book on the Italian campaign, "Once a Patricia", but for many years has been worried about how "D-Day" and the war in France and Germany, completely dominated the news of World War II. It is only now, 48 years later that Canadians are finding out that there was also another war going on, and we were part of that war.

Colonel Frost has sent me a copy of an article he wrote for the RCMCI Newsletter published in December 1991, and it is with his kind permission that it is used for this article.

I have long harboured a deep resentment about the way the First Canadian Corps and its achievements in Italy have been ignored in Canada. Each year D-Day in Normandy is observed not only in Canada, but in all the Allied nations who took part in the invasion. Yet they deliberately ignore another D-Day which has a special significance that can never be claimed for the Normandy invasion. That "other D-Day" is July 10, 1943, when the First Canadian Division, as part of the Eighth Army, and the Americans, assaulted the beaches of Sicily. It was significant because it meant the Allies had finally landed in Europe to stay, and it marked the beginning of the end of Hitler's Festung Europa (facts that most people in Canada except the soldiers of the First Division, attribute to Normandy).

I enlisted Gerry Merrithew to get the Canadian government to help me with the project. While he was very sympathetic to my cause (he commanded the Carlton and York Regiment in peacetime) he pointed out that it has long been government policy not to erect memorials overseas in connection with WWII. Instead, two commemorative buildings were built on Wellington Street in Ottawa where DVA has been located since 1947.

This meant that if I wanted to pursue the matter I would have to organize it and arrange the financing. I visited the Mayor of Ispica, Sicily, during my tour in 1990, and proposed that the towns of Ispica and Pachino erect a monument on the beaches of Sicily. He was enthusiastic but concerned about the cost of acquiring the land, designing and erecting and maintaining the monument.

"My argument is that War makes rattling good history, but Peace is poor reading."

Thomas Hardy - 1840-1928

The Italian Government was only involved when dealing with memorials keeping the remains of Italian war dead. Memorials for Canadian soldiers came under the jurisdiction of local town councils in Italy and Sicily.

Through my contacts with the Italian community in Toronto, I entered into lengthy and often frustrating negotiations with the various Mayors of Ispica (who seemed to change every few months) and other interested parties in Ispica.

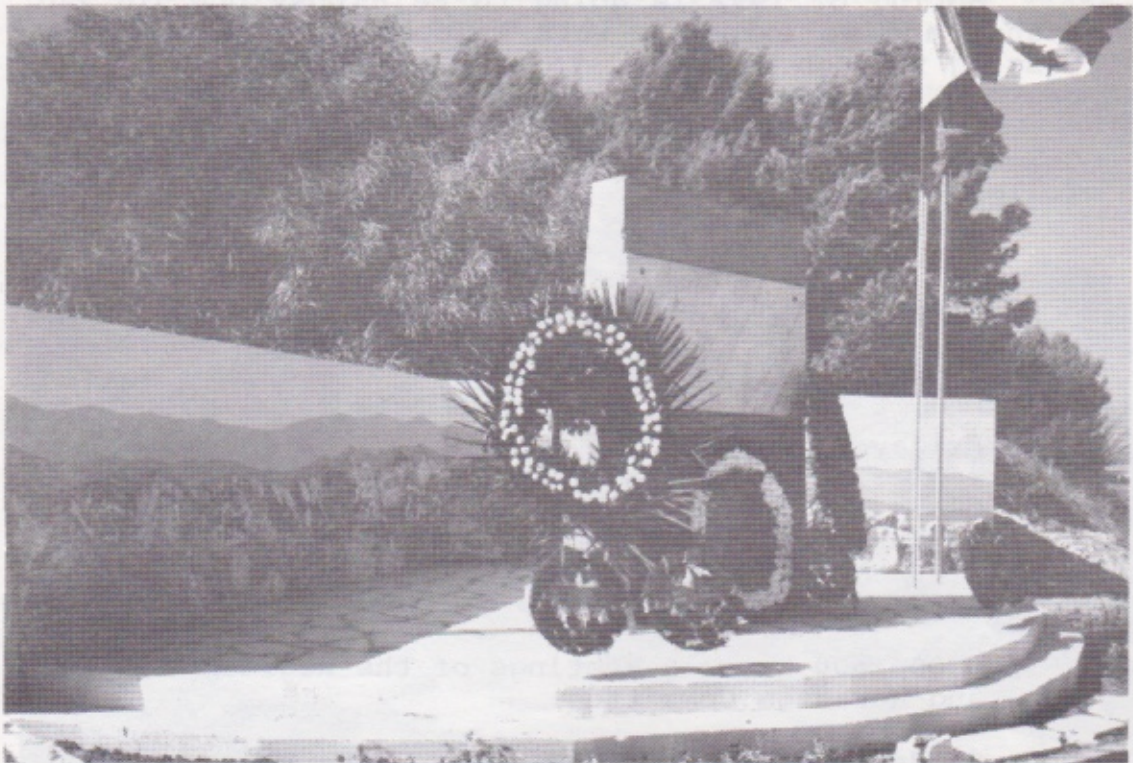
At the last moment, I received word from Sicily that the entire cost of the project - the land, the monument, the engraving (including the Coat of Arms of the Canadian Forces) and the maintenance, would be supplied by Ispica and Pachino and interested citizens and organizations of those two towns. I was asked to supply a design for the monument and the wording for the inscription: (see following page).

On Sunday, September 22, Canadian veterans arrived for the dedication ceremony. We all received medals from the towns of Ispica and Pachino and I received a targa (plaque) in recognition of having been the first democratic Mayor of Ispica. (1)

C. Sydney Frost Jr. CD, QC

- (1) The Department of Veterans Affairs Canada pilgrimage September 17-28 to visit battle sites and war graves in Italy and Sicily, fifty-three veterans participated, including the DVA Minister Gerry Merrithew, Colonel Frost was not part of this delegation but met them for the dedication ceremony. John O. Clarke was our representative from the Toronto Branch.

JMR.



July 10th, 1943

On this day, Canada's soldiers  
of the First Division  
Landed on these shores.

From little towns  
in a faraway land  
they came in the cause of freedom,  
Erected to their memory  
by the citizens of  
Pachino and Ispica

MANITOBA/NORTH WESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

By C.S. Weeks

Spring of 1992 is going to be a busy one for our Branch and we extend a warm welcome to any Patricias passing through Winnipeg, to stop in and join us.

Regimental Day Celebrations and the Lay-Up of Old Colours took place March 12-15. Our events were as follows:

Thursday 12 March

2000-2030 hours - Museum update - WO's and Sgts Mess Kapyong Barracks. Presentation by Major Borchert and Captain Flowers.

Friday 13 March

0830-1400 hours - Broom-i-loo in the field east of the drill hall.

Saturday 14 March

0900-1600 hours - Meetings of the Regimental Guard and Heritage Committee.

Sunday 15 March

1000 hours - Laying Up of Old Colours - St. Andrews Chapel, Kapyong Barracks.

In April, 2 PPCLI will be in the field, so there will be no Kapyong activities at the barracks. Our Secretary Bob Cumming will be hosting his Annual Kapyong Social. This is a mixed function and we hope to have a video on Kapyong.

We should have a good turn out at the Annual Meeting May 22-24 in Stoney Creek, Ontario from our Branch. Looking forward to meeting all our friends from the other branches. See you there!

The presentation of the Korea Volunteer Service Medals will take place in conjunction with the Change of Command Parade scheduled for June 25th. The plan is to have the Colonel of the Regiment present the medals on the dress rehearsal, Wednesday June 24th. All Korea Veterans interested in taking part, even if you have already received the medal and have it court mounted, please notify Bob Cumming, 38 Springwood Drive, Winnipeg, R2N 1B5 or (204) 256-9733. Notification must be received by June 10th so we can give numbers to RSM Franc.



The 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps 30th Anniversary, Annual Inspection will be held June 6th, 1992 at 1415 in the Korea Hall (Drill Hall) Kapyong Barracks. Come and see why our 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps have won the PPCLI Association Trophy for the Most Proficient PPCLI Cadet Corps for the last three years.



2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps Band and Man/NW Ont Br. Church Parade, Winnipeg Cenotaph Nov 10, 91

The 25th of June will be a day of mixed feelings when we must say farewell to LCol J.M. Lapyere, CD and RSM G.P. Franc, CD. We can never thank these two fine Patricias enough for their support, guidance and hospitality. A measurement of the results of their influence on our branch can be attributed to, by the increase in our branch membership. We always have the CO and RSM at our meetings, and if they are in the field, the DCO and QMSI attend in their place. They will be missed, but not forgotten. THANK YOU SIR'S!!

The Sixth Annual Golf Tournament is confirmed for 21 August at the Assiniboine Golf Club. BBQ to follow. Contact Stu Weeks (204) 253-9700.

The monthly meetings of the Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch will be held on March 25, April 22 and May 27th. Meetings are held in the 2 PPCLI WO's and Sgts Mess, Kapyong Barracks, Kenaston and Grant, Winnipeg and start at 2000 hours. Visitors are always welcome.

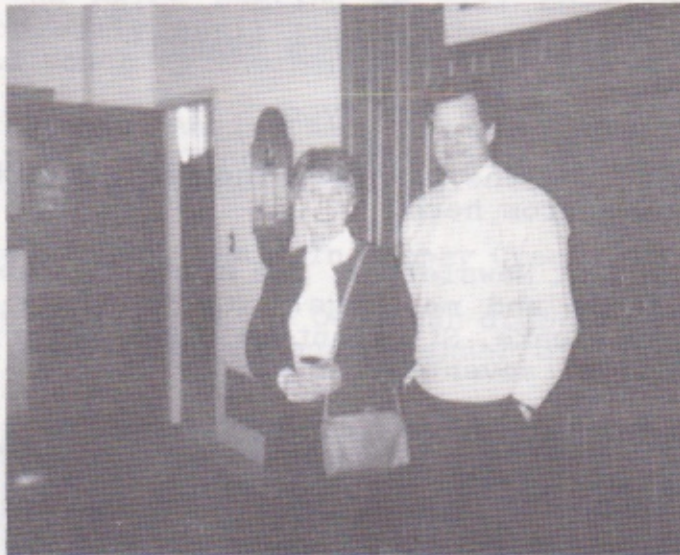
## ATLANTIC BRANCH

By Don Landry

The Atlantic Branch of the PPCLI Association is alive and active in Eastern Canada. The Branch held its Annual General Meeting on 14 March in Fredericton. At the meeting a new slate of officers was voted on, however, in the end there were no changes from the previous year. Don Landry will remain as President as will Vice Presidents, Gene Zwicker in New Brunswick and Robbie Robertson in Nova Scotia. It was finalized at the meeting that Jamie Reid will be the official delegate for the Atlantic Branch at the Annual General Meeting in Stoney Creek, Ontario this May.



Gene Zwicker, Major Grant McMally and Merle Hunter discussing the Museum at the Atlantic Branch Meeting.



Mrs. Edith Reid and LCol (Retd) Bob Dallison socializing after the meeting.

The Atlantic Branch, although not large in number, continues to be a focal point for retired Patricias in Atlantic Canada. The Branch will be donating \$250.00 for the purchase of a Building Block to the Museum in Calgary. Membership is on the increase and the Branch continues to meet twice a year despite the problems created by having its members dispersed over such a large geographical area. The meeting on 14 March coincided with the French Grey Battalion's celebration of Regimental Day. Members of the Association attended a dinner and dance at CFB Gaagetown with the other Patricias in the area. A good time was had by all and the Branch members are looking forward to their next meeting in the fall.



LCol Tymchuk and Jamie Reid

## OKANAGAN THOMPSON BRANCH

By Tom Tyson

Greetings from the Okanagan-Thompson Branch, there is not much news from here.

Since the last Newsletter, the Branch has held their monthly luncheons and meetings. On February 14th we celebrated with a cake, St Valentine's Day along with the young Pat Collins' seventieth birthday.



"70 Years Young" Pat Collins.

March 17th we celebrate the Seventy-Eighth Birthday of the Patricia's with a luncheon and meeting, then the cake at the Royal Knight Restaurant at 12:00 noon in Vernon.

The City of Vernon is celebrating their Centennial Birthday this year. The Branch is planning to go in their parade on May the 16th.

We have three members who transferred from the coast. Past National President Larry Harrington and his wife Peggy and also Tommy Tompkins. New members are Roy Leavitt, Herschel Misener and Betty Farnell is an associate member. We have 36 regular and 15 associate members.

At the March meeting we will be planning a work party for early April to work around the area of the Cairn and touch up the benches.

Our Tenth Anniversary is in 1993 and we are presently in the planning stages. We will more to follow in the fall Newsletter.

Hope to see you all in Stoney Creek, Ontario in May.

Anyone visiting the Okanagan drop in and visit. All Branches have received our Calendar of Events.



#### THE HEROIC "PRINCESS PATRICIA'S."

A touch of the plain and the prairie,  
A bit of the Motherland, too;  
A strain of the fur trapper wary,  
A blend of the old and the new.  
A bit of the pioneer splendour  
That opened the wilderness flats,  
A touch of the home-lover tender  
You'll find in the boys they call "Pat's."

The glory and strength of the maple,  
The courage that's born of the wheat,  
The pride of the stock that is staple,  
The bronze of the midsummer heat,  
A mixture of wisdom and daring,  
The best of a new land, and that's  
The regiment gallantly bearing  
The neat little title of "Pat's."

A bit of the man who has neighboured  
With mountains, and forests, and streams,  
A touch of the man who has laboured  
To model and fashion his dreams,  
The strength of an age of clean living,  
Of right-minded fatherly chats,  
The best that a land could be giving  
Is there in the breasts of the "Pat's."

OTTAWA BRANCH

NOVEMBER 11th REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 1991

The November 11th ceremony took place at the Civic Centre Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park. There was an excellent turnout from both the Branch and from serving Patricia's in the Ottawa area. We were also glad to have present, LGen (Retd) Charlie Belzile, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps. The senior serving Patricia present, LGen Kent Foster, previously Commander Mobile Command and now ADM Personnel at NDHQ, gave a brief update to those present and was followed by Col John Bremner, speaking on the latest activities of the Regiment.

The Remembrance Service followed with those present finding the relocation of the Cairn and the still present debris distracting. We are grateful that the memorial is undamaged and is reinstalled in a prominent location. We had been assured that the construction and cleanup about the area would be complete by November 11th. Due to the efforts of the Civic Centre officials, the memorial was in place and a reasonable area cleared for the ceremony.

We were treated to an address by Rev. Father Belanger on the reasons "to remember". It is clear that everyone present will remember. We were pleased to have the Military Attaches from the Netherlands and Korea laying wreathes along with with the Regiment in honour of those who have fallen. The past Colonel of the Regiment, Col Suds Sutherland, laid a wreath on behalf of all Patricia's. A reception followed in the Civic Centre with Rita Mann and her volunteers laying out an excellent buffet, with coffee provided by Capital Foods and wine provided by Andres Wines.

BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUPPER

The Branch Annual General Meeting is confirmed for 1830 hours on the 6th of May 1992, at 1081 Ambleside Place. The same format as the successful 1991 gathering will be followed with the AGM preceding a PotLuck supper. The Branch welcomes all Patricia's who might be in the area from other locations to attend.

## HAMILTON GAULT STATUE UNVEILING

The proposal to erect and dedicate a statue of our founder, Brigadier A Hamilton Gault, at Confederation Square facing the National War Memorial, is slated for 1100 hours on 9 May 1992. The Gault family have donated the funds necessary for this statue and The National Capital Commission is donating the land. Mrs. Jean Pigott, Chairman of the National Capital Commission will unveil the statue. We expect a large turnout of local Patricia's.

## 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - PPCLI ASSOCIATION

The 44th AGM of the Regimental Association will take place at Stoney Creek, Ontario 22 - 24 May 1992, hosted by the Southwest Ontario Branch of the Association. We expect there will be a good turnout from Ottawa Patricia's to take part in what appears to be an excellent programme.

## BRANCH AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Our Branch membership has a potential base of some 200 persons excluding spouses. Our most recent address list contains 112 names, but only 52 are noted as current members, which is disappointing when compared to the much better paidup membership lists of most other branches.

## PATRICIA SUPPORT FOR SAVING THE ABERDEEN PAVILION (ALSO KNOWN AS THE CATTLE CASTLE)

The accompanying sketch shows the Aberdeen Pavilion, which is located in Lansdowne Park, Ottawa. This building was the first home of the PPCLI in 1914, as it provided the offices, quarters, messhall and stores, in the Regiment's first days. The Regimental Museum has a number of photographs showing the Regiment on parade in front of this building in the latter days of August, 1914 as it undertook its first parades and prepared to go to Europe.

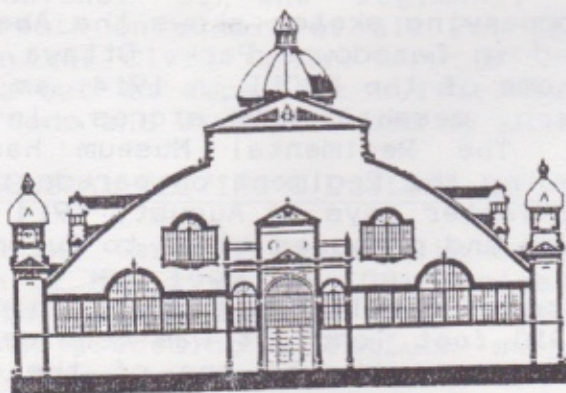
The Aberdeen Pavilion was built in 1898 and is 130 feet wide and 310 feet long. It was considered a marvel of the Victorian era, as it was one of the first buildings constructed using steel trusses and covered with pressed metal. Although other similar exhibition halls were constructed across Canada in the same style, there appear to be none others remaining. The building's first military use was to house the Lord Strathcona's Horse as they prepared to go to the Boer War. This was followed by the PPCLI and later other Canadian troops going, first to World War I, and later, to World War II.

Through procrastination and failure to provide upkeep funds by the City of Ottawa, the building, declared a National Historic Site in 1983 by the Federal Government, now requires considerable restoration and overdue maintenance. As a result there are a number of people who believe it should be demolished. In view of its historical significance to the Regiment, Ottawa Branch appeals to all Patricia's to write to both their local Member of Parliament, and to the Mayor of Ottawa asking that the Aberdeen Pavilion be saved. As we make extensive efforts to create our own Regimental Museum in Calgary, it would be a tragedy to see, at the same time, another part of our heritage destroyed by the failure of a few shortsighted individuals.

Write or telephone your local Member of Parliament, demanding that the Aberdeen Pavilion be saved, and also send the same message to:

Mayor Jacqueline Holzman  
City of Ottawa  
111 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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THE CATTLE CASTLE / LE PALAIS SOVIN

(The Aberdeen Pavilion/le pavillon Aberdeen)

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**PRINCESS PATRICIA'S  
CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY  
NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO BUILD OUR MUSEUM**

Individuals or groups donating \$250.00 or more will have an engraved, brass plaque, representing a building block, affixed to the wall in the museum to record their donations.

**Tax receipts will be issued to all donors.**

In addition, a certificate, suitable for framing and signed by the Colonel of the Regiment, will be given to each person or group who buys a building block. The wall will form an attractive facet of the gallery and will serve as a permanent reminder of those who participated in this exciting venture of the Museum Development Program.

Donors may have their building blocks engraved with the inscription of their choice.  
Why not purchase yours now and watch us grow.

Please make your donation payable to the PPCLI Museum.

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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry  
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Calgary, Alberta T2E 1T8**

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In Memoriam

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	Bradley J.R. 4 Feb 92 Vancouver, B.C.
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