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MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

As this edition of the Newsletter goes to press there are many exciting things afoot in the Regimental family. Third Battalion is about to start home from Croatia after its six month tour on UN Peacekeeping. Replacing it will be the Second Battalion which takes over operational responsibility on 04 April 1993. Second Airborne Commando is in Somalia and First Battalion, still doing the ACE Mobile Force role, is slated to go to Croatia in the Spring of 1994!

I have just returned home from a visit to Third Battalion with the Colonel-in-Chief in Croatia. We went there to present new Colours and to participate in the awarding of UN service medals to our soldiers in the theatre. Lady Patricia is very well, having recovered from a back problem late last year. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing her soldiers in their normal duty as well as on the more "ceremonial" occasions. We toured many of the checkpoints and other locations, enjoying both a junior ranks reception and an Officers/Sergeants mess dinner. The short schedule was jammed full of activities and we both came away feeling energized and full of admiration for the way our people are doing their jobs.

Third Battalion is very highly regarded in their sector of operations - and beyond. They are looked upon as the "fire brigade" and have been expected to carry out tasks that only they could do, even to the extent of operating well outside of their assigned area. They have the training, the equipment and the skill to execute a wide range of short notice tasks. Both the UN Force Commander and the Deputy Force Commander were lavish in their praise of the unit as were officers of other Contingents. As you may recall about 20% of Third Battalion is made up of Reservists and these soldiers have fitted in well. Most will return to their parent Militia units on repatriation and will bring with them some very valuable experience.

To give some perspective on the operations of Third Battalion a few words on their deployment and successes are appropriate. The unit is spread out over approximately 1600 square kilometres and exercises control of the area by checkpoints, patrolling, cordon/search and mobile blocks. They are involved in a lot of civil affairs type activities such as village return visits and protection of civilians. Their success in all these duties can, to some extent, be gauged by the vast numbers of weapons and ammunitions/explosives confiscated from opposing factions. When we departed the count was about 690 assorted small arms, mortars and anti-air weapons, 20mm AA gun and a 90mm RR. Add to this about 32,500 rounds of ammunition, grenades, mines and explosives and you have enough for a good fight!! Minor incidents occurred right up to our departure and I'm sure will until the exchange is completed with Second Battalion.

Second Battalion enters the theatre with even more Reservists than its sister Battalion. Second will be made up of about 50% Militiamen which have been training with the unit since early January at Winnipeg and at Fort Ord, California. I attended their "Farewell" parade in Winnipeg on 16 March, a bitterly cold day, and can report the unit is in excellent form and will do the Regiment proud in Croatia. They are really eager to get going and will do a great job. We celebrated the 17th of March with this unit and had the dubious(??!!) pleasure of watching the officers beat the sergeants at Broom-i-Loo. There was not a lot of merriment in one of the Messes, I'm told. It was a good outing and spirits are high - all systems GO!!

One of the other very pleasant events I attended with my wife, Marianne, was a Regimental Day luncheon in Vancouver put on by that Association Branch. Art Kemsley and Gord Henderson were the prime movers assisted by Joe Stutt, Mel Parsons, Don Parr-Pearson and others. Presidents Jack deBruyne (Victoria) and Mel Canfield (Fraser Valley) were there and added to the most enjoyable event. Altogether 64 of us sat down to a great meal and heard reports on many activities of interest. Muriel Basham was presented with a Certificate of Merit and a pin to commemorate the contribution made by Les over the many years he served the Regiment and the Association.

We are all looking forward to the Annual General Meeting planned for Vernon on 4 - 6 June this year. Reports indicate an excellent slate of activities and a good turnout. Be there - your friends will!!

Watch for the "Bunker Builder" project elsewhere in this Newsletter. I can report that the "Building Block" campaign is still active and to date has brought in more than \$62,000 to keep the work going in our Patricia Gallery in the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary. The Association interest and effort in this activity has been considerable and crucial. Thanks for your support!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Vernon for the AGM. If you can't make it there, then start planning for the first of our Five Year Reunions at Calgary from 30 June to 4 July 1994. The Colonel-in-Chief is reserving space in her Calendar. Closer to the present are the events she will be attending in Victoria and Calgary from 2 - 10 July this summer. Keep your ear to the ground! Best Wishes to all.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By D'Arcy J. Best

The big news was the recent announcement by the Prime Minister's Office of the creation of three new Canadian Military Valour Decorations, including a Canadian Victoria Cross equivalent in stature to the British Victoria Cross. This was a welcome announcement, coming just as the Association were preparing to launch an extensive letter writing campaign in support of retaining the Victoria Cross. Our campaign is no longer necessary, but we must acknowledge Chris Snider, Ottawa Branch President, for the time he spent probing the bureaucracy and secrecy at Government House and NDHQ in an attempt to determine what, if anything, was planned in response to previous efforts by veterans' organizations, and finally drafting letters which would have served as models for our branches and members.

Although Second Battalion had earlier offered to host the first five year reunion in Winnipeg, potential operational taskings have made this impractical. It has now been decided that the first of our five year reunions will be held in Calgary from 30th of June to the 4th of July, 1994. There will be a Better 'Ole, the Museum will be open, and activities will include the Associations's 46th Annual General Meeting.

These are difficult times for the serving members of our Regiment. They are caught in the conflict between downsizing and the increasing requirements to provide troops for UN Operations. Our Third Battalion, augmented by a company from the Second and a few hundred Militiamen, was despatched to Croatia in the Fall of 92, and the Second Battalion, augmented by soldiers from the First and a few hundred additional Militiamen, are on the way to relieve them. Will our First Battalion be next? And what is to happen to our Third Battalion when they get home? Are they to continue as a regular infantry battalion or are do they face restructuring?. Whatever the outcome, we can be sure our soldiers will do whatever is required of them, in first class fashion, as Patricias have always done.

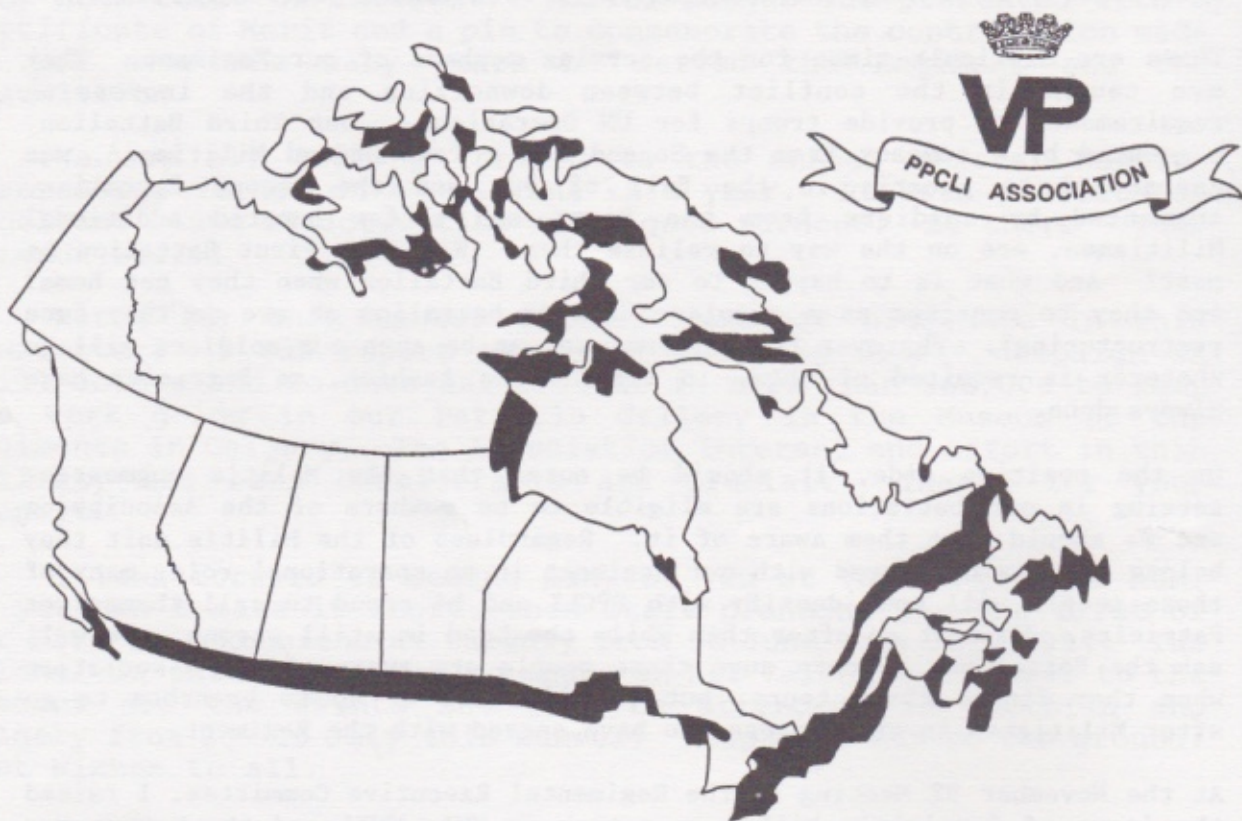
On the positive side, it should be noted that the Militia augmentees serving in our battalions are eligible to be members of the Association and we should make them aware of it. Regardless of the Militia unit they belong to, having served with our Regiment in an operational role, many of these people will now identify with PPCLI and be proud to call themselves Patricias. We must go after them while the bond is still strong. We will ask the Battalions to make sure these people are aware of the Association when they finish their tours, but it will also be up to branches to go after Militiamen in their areas who have served with the Regiment.

At the November 92 Meeting of the Regimental Executive Committee, I raised the issue of Patricia's killed in action in WWI, WWII and the Korean War being referred to by modern ranks at a Remembrance Day Service conducted by one of our battalions. I am pleased to report the REC agreed that this was incorrect and from now on our Fallen Comrades will be remembered by their proper ranks.

By the time this is published, the Regimental Heritage Committee will have met for the third time and should now have it's terms of reference, role and objectives clearly defined. We will be asking each branch of the Association appoint a coordinator to serve on a sub-committee, once we have determined what will be the duties of this sub-committee.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing many of you at the 45th Annual General Meeting in Vernon, BC, on 4th to 6th of June, 1993.

"Always a Patricia"



FROM THE EDITOR

Spring Greetings, as the Regiment begins yet another challenging and productive year. Major upcoming events are listed on the following page with the main attraction being hosted by the Okanagan/Thompson Branch. Yes, the PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting is once again upon us and will be held 04 - 06 June 1993 in Vernon, BC. More details are enclosed. A lot of work and preparation has already been done, so don't miss out.

Looking well ahead into the calendar focuses on the 80th Anniversary of the Regiment to be held in Calgary 30 June to 3 July 1994. This celebration will be executed in the traditional "Patricia fashion" and is surely to be an unforgettable highlight in our Regimental history. To open our 80th Anniversary celebration, the Col in Chief and Col of the Regiment will officially open "The World War I BUNKER" in a ribbon cutting ceremony. To commemorate this special event, the Regiment has produced an exclusive Marguerite Lapel Pin which can only be obtained through a donation to the Museum Bunker Fund. At no time will this pin be sold or given away. All names of donors will also be engraved on a donor's plaque, displayed for all to see at the entrance to the World War I Bunker.

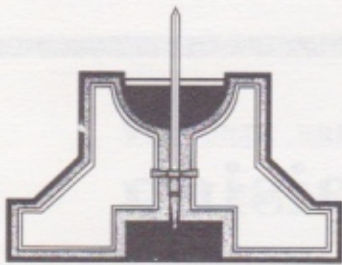
We are asking all members to attend this grand opening and to proudly display their Marguerite pin to signify their contribution to this special Anniversary project. Other highlights included in the 80th Anniversary will include a Regimental Parade, followed by an evening of music and dancing. It is anticipated that the PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting will also be held in Calgary in conjunction with the Anniversary. You can't miss this one, so get out a pencil and mark your calendars. I will keep you well informed as more details become available. See you there!!



CALENDER OF EVENTS		
DATE	LOCATION	CEREMONY
09 APRIL 1993	3PPCLI VICTORIA, BC	BATTALION WELCOME HOME PARADE AND RECEPTION
25 APRIL 1993	2PPCLI WINNIPEG, MB	KAPYONG DAY CELEBRATIONS
08 MAY 1993	ALL UNITS	FREZENBURG DAY
19 MAY 1993	BATTLE SCHOOL WAINWRIGHT, AB	REGIMENTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING/COCK 'O' WALK SHOOT
4 - 6 JUNE 1993	CAMP VERNON - VERNON, BC OKANAGAN THOMPSON BRANCH	PPCLI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
25 JUNE 1993	BATTLE SCHOOL WAINWRIGHT, AB	CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE
03 JULY 1993	3PPCLI VICTORIA, BC	SUNSET CEREMONY
03 JULY 1993	1PPCLI CALGARY, AB	FAMILY DAY
04 JULY 1993	3PPCLI VICTORIA, BC	FREEDOM OF THE CITY PARADE
06 JULY 1993	1PPCLI CALGARY, AB	MINI-TATTOO
07 JULY 1993	1PPCLI CALGARY, AB	MOUNTBATTEN PLATE POLO MATCH AND CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE
12-13 AUGUST 1993	INFANTRY SCHOOL GAGETOWN, NB	PPCLI OFFICER GRADUATION AND BADGING CEREMONY
21 SEPTEMBER 1993	ALL UNITS	CELEBRATION OF BATTLE OF SAN FORTUNATO
11-15 OCTOBER 1993	1PPCLI CALGARY, AB	EXERCISE RIC-A-DAM-DOO
11 NOVEMBER 1993	ALL UNITS	REMEMBRANCE DAY
30 JUNE - 3 JULY 94	1PPCLI CALGARY, AB	80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIMENT CELEBRATIONS

Murphy's Law
of
Combat Operations

- If you're short on everything but the enemy, you're in a combat zone.
- When in doubt, empty your magazine.
- The easy way is always mined.



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MUSEUM REFLECTIONS

By R. Raidt

In my last article I wrote of the current construction state, and challenged our WWII veterans to write or send in anecdotes of and about the Italian theatre, along with WWII memorabilia - so far without success - it seems, the Van Doos were the greater scroungers judging by the WWII memorabilia held in their museum. Please have another look in your basements. Somebody must have something. We need those items - the museum is, after all, for the public (you), not for the museum staff. Our museum has been understandably lulled (for too many years), because of its objects, into believing that its business is artifacts. The business, in fact, is human history, your history conveyed with the special vocabulary and illustrative power objects possess. Regimental history is not a department; it is the business of all associated with the museum.

While the three WWII modules have been constructed, the period 1939 to 1943 has yet to be completed. Also, yet to be completed, are the exhibits showing the formation of the Regiment, WWI, in-between the war periods, and the airborne role. Quite a bit to go yet, as you can see. The on-going fund raising campaigns have been well publicized.

The single, most fundamental issue facing museums today, and most definitely in the future, is something called MONEY - the wherewithal to do business! We know all about the Federal and Provincial deficits in this country. They are staggering, and try as they may, the finance ministers, regardless of political stripe, do not seem to be able to bring down these deficits by any appreciable degree. It doesn't take an economic genius to figure out that hard times are on the horizon. In a climate such as this, our work as a museum institution will be measured more by the degree to which we add to the economic well-being of our community than by the more intrinsic values we so often espouse, such as protecting our Regimental heritage and identity.

While funding is a big issue, it isn't the only one we face. Indeed, it is the perpetual shortage of adequate funding and more importantly, the chronic shortage of adequate staffing, that aggravates and will bring to a head several other issues that have been lurking in the background for some time. The Board of the Museum of the Regiments has yet to demonstrate that they have faced the issues squarely, that they are doing everything possible by augmenting revenues, efficiently applying available resources, do successful marketing, improve financial control and accountability, only then will the museum enjoy heightened credibility with its constituents.

I would like to end with a chinese proverb, which is my favourite when dealing with the issue of museum integration: "When the finger points to the moon, the idiot looks at the finger".

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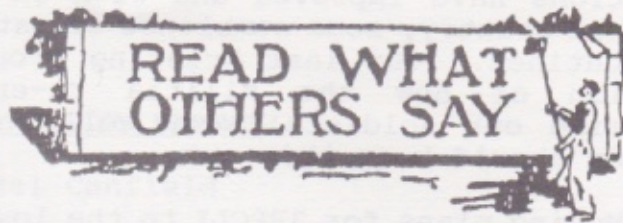
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VICTORIA BRANCH

By J. Debruyne



Warm Spring greetings from tropical Victoria to all members of the Association. A number of events have taken place since our last Newsletter and the highlight was the Departure Parade on September 13, 1992. A large number of spectators were on hand at Workpoint Barracks to bid an emotional farewell to 3PPCLI, prior to its deployment to the Balkens. Dignitaries included the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, two former Colonels, MGen (Retd) Cammy Ware, DSO, CD, and BGen (Retd) R.S. Graham, CD, and the Commander of 1 Canadian Brigade Group BGen B.W. Ashton. Col J.R. Stone (Retd) was on hand to take the salute when the 'Old Guard' marched past. We wish everyone good fortune on their mission and a safe return!



DEPARTURE PARADE

At our monthly Association meetings we received updates on the situation, in what was once known as Yugoslavia. Personnel returning for courses or leave painted a grim picture of ghost towns that have been shelled, burned and bulldozed on both sides of the 'Cease Fire' line. Everything except the hard surfaced roads was likely to be mined. On arrival the accommodation was primitive (mostly tents), and they had to be shared with mice and descriptions of monster rats abound! As of late, the living

conditions have improved and with UN leave spent away from this maligned country, some semblance of rationale is returning to every day routines. Our last briefing brought a positive note on the question of how the Militia re-enforcements are performing alongside our soldiers; very well indeed, and the after action reports should bear this out.

Moving plans for 3PPCLI to the lower mainland have been placed on hold (or delayed?) by the new Minister of Defence. The reason for moving to Chilliwack was to have better access to training areas and the availability of a larger pool of potential reserves for its 10/90 role. (10 percent Regular and 90 percent Militia).



3PPCLI OFF TO CROATIA

Branch activities included a highly successful Turkey Bingo, which was held in conjunction with the Korean Veterans and 3PPCLI WO's and Sgt's Mess (Rear Party). We received tremendous support for this annual event.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from Col Jim Ogilvie, a member our London (UK) Branch. He would be delighted to have the chance to correspond with anyone who knew his father, Lt H.B. 'Ollie' Ogilvie, MC, late of the Third University Company, that joined the Regiment in late 1915. I have checked with our only surviving member from the 'Great War', Mr. John Loy, but he does not remember ever meeting Ollie. Col Ogilvie appreciates that there cannot be many Patricia's remaining from the 1914-18 War. Can anyone help?

In Memoriam

William 'Charlie' Pollock, 13 February 1993
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FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

By Mel Canfield

In late August 1992 we said a very reluctant farewell to CWO "Sam" Simpson on his retirement and return to Calgary to live. Sam had been a very loyal supporter of the branch right from its beginning. His posting as CWO of the Officer Candidate School provided a strong link between current serving members and many of the branch members, a number of whom had served their final posting at CFOCS.

We all wish Sam and his lady a long and pleasant retirement.

At that same function we picked up another serving member, also a CWO. This one is Tom Walton who did his early training and service during the 60s as a Patricia before he transferred to the RCE. Tom is now the CWO of 1 CER who, as we all know, is serving in the same area as 3PPCLI in Croatia. Tom says he is due to retire this coming July and is going to settle here in the Fraser Valley. We look forward to Tom joining us at that time.

In November the Branch joined with Base Chilliwack and various other groups for one of the largest and best attended Remembrance Day Parades held here in recent years. A number of the "attendees" appeared to be wives and children of members serving in Croatia. It was good to see so many families present for the parade and service.

In December we had an Association Dinner at one of our better local Chinese restaurants. It was well attended and we had a fine meal. We even had a representative couple from the local, recently formed branch of the RCR Association. This visiting back and forth at each others functions has become the norm. Following dinner, a small group went back to Br 280, "our Legion", for drinks, dancing and story-telling.

We've had a couple of letters from a serving member, Capt Steve Borland, who is back with 3PPCLI and off to Croatia where he is 2IC of B Coy. It was very interesting to get news direct from "The Front", and to hear how well our guys are doing. And haven't they always, wherever they serve. Sure makes a person proud to be part of the Regiment.

Currently we are looking forward to a visit from MGen Lew MacKenzie. He is visiting Chilliwack and CFB Chilliwack during the week of 17 March. Our Branch is hosting a luncheon for him on 19 March. Since the General has commanded elements of all the regular Infantry Regiments at one time or another, we decided to share the occasion with the other Infantry Associations and individuals in the area. This would also give the General an opportunity to visit with old comrades in the area prior to his retirement.

More in the next newsletter.

Okanagan/Thompson Branch PPCLI

By: Tom Tyson
President

"HELLO" from the Okanagan/Thompson Branch.

As the date for the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, is slowly approaching. Things are getting geared up at this end. The registrations are coming in a little at a time. REMEMBER THE CUT OFF DATE IS THE 1st of MAY 1993. so please get your registrations in as soon as possible. Please bring along your MEDALS AND BERETS for the Sunday Church Service, it will be non-denominational.

Our weather is not co-operating with us this year. Still have snow on the ground and it's staying cold so the snow won't melt. We would like to spruce up the Cairn site, with new wood for the benches, new name plates and fix up the flower beds for the coming year. Hoping the weather warms up this month so we can get at it in April.

November 11th branch members laid wreaths at Kamloops, Kelowna and Vernon Cenotaphs.

January 23rd we held our first meeting of 93 at the Royal Knight Restaurant with a good turnout.

February 13th saw very few at this Valentine Day Meeting and Luncheon, as some of our members had taken off for a winter holiday to the south. Those who stayed behind and celebrated with a cake for the Birthday Boy young Pat Collins.

March 17th the Branch will celebrate Patricia's Birthday, in the banquet room of the Coldstream Hotel at 12: Noon.

March 19th Friday PPCLI mixed Luncheon WOS' and SGTS' Mess Chilliwack at 12: Noon.

April 24th Saturday, there will be a Service at the "CAIRN" at 11:am. Medals and Berets to be worn Kapyong Day, a luncheon and meeting to follow.

May 8th WW I Frezenberg, with luncheon and meeting.

June 4, 5, 6th Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 45th National Annual General Meeting of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association. At the Vernon Military Camp, Vernon, B.C..

June 26th Branch Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, with a luncheon at the Royal Knight Restaurant at 12:Noon.

July 3rd Third Battalion Sunset Ceremony, Victoria

July 4th Third Battalion Freedom of the City Victoria

July 6th First Battalion Trooping, Calgary

July 7th First Battalion Change of Command, Calgary

August 8th, Branch Annual BBQ at Jerry and Pat Richard's cabin on Okanagan Lake on Westside Road.

September 21st, Tuesday there will be a Commemorative Service for the Battle of San Fortunato in WW II.

October 30th, Meeting and Luncheon.

November 11th, Remembrance Day, there will be wreaths laid at the three Cenotaphs.

Our Membership stands at 31 Regular and 18 Associates for a total of 49 paid up members. We lost a few with those who quit and some that moved and have not sent in a new address.

There was a error on the nominal roll I sent out, Ken White address should read RR# 8 Site 7 Comp 20 Vernon, B.C.. V1T 8L6

These are the photos that were taken during the visit by the Colonel of the Regiment Major/General H.C. Pitts MC, CD along with his charming wife Marianne.



Left to Right

Bob Casement, Bill Davis, Max Bronnum, Mike Melnechuk, Tommy Thompson, John Fossett, Larry Harrington, Jerry Richard, Don McDonell, Pat Collins, George Cook seated Major/Gen. Herb Pitts And Tom Tyson between them Mike Lawless.

Last June on our return from the AGM in Stoney Creek, Ontario, my wife Irene had to go in for a heart operation, it was a five by-pass. Now she has recovered fine from the operation. Thanks to all who visited, sent cards and flowers. To Ed Borchert, Keith Flowers and their wives Susan and Mary for the stuffed dog "HONEY" who was delivered to the hospital by Ed. Many thanks from Irene to all.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Harry Embleton of Edmonton, who passed away earlier this year. Harry was one of the first to Register for the AGM. although he won't be here in person.

WE WILL REMEMBER HIM

Picture of the Ladies in October.



Left to Right. Irene Tyson, Pam Davis, Pat Casement, Joan Collins, Helen Bronnum, Peggy Harrington, Faye Lawless, Mac Melnechuk, Betty Farnell seated Marianne Pitts and Lois Thompson.

Tale of a soldier on guard duty one night in Hiro, Japan, in 1951, it was black as pitch out.
 Some one Yelled where's the Guard.
 Who the Hell wants to Know came the reply.
 The Field Officer Major --- came out of the dark.
 "SIR"
 "TYSON"
 "SIR"
 SILENCE.

With all the best hoping this newsletter reaches everyone in good health. See those who can make it to the 45th Annual General Meeting in June at the Vernon Military Camp, Vernon, B.C.. Beautiful Okanagan Valley.

This Service was to Commemorate a WWII Battle Honour the Battle of San Fortunato.
RC Padre Father Dick Sheean giving the Service.



Those gathered around the Cairn are from left to right Pat Collins, Jerry Richard, Don McDonell, Reg McKay, Tom Tyson, Tommy Thompson, Bob Casement, Ken White, bugler Don Johnson from Kamloops and RC Padre Father Dick Sheean.



The Calgary Branch

By K. Zoboski

Generally speaking, 1992 was a good year for the Calgary Branch.

Although modest, our Branch showed positive growth. The attendance at our monthly meetings was fair, support of functions conducted by the Branch good, and we finished the 1992 fiscal year in a favourable position.

Unfortunately, the picnic we had planned for June, 1992 at the Forget-Me-Not Pond, was rained out.

Ron Fraser, our Vice President, Chairman of the Ways and Means, Entertainment, etc, etc committees, demonstrated, that with a little effort, ingenuity and cooperation, things can be accomplished.

From the proceeds of various raffles, (items purchased from the Regimental Kit Shop), the Branch purchased a Building Block at the PPCLI Museum and plans on similar endeavours in the future. The Branch congratulates Ron on a job well done! Unfortunately, Ron is unable to continue in his capacity for another term.

Ron Middleton, who did such an outstanding job coordinating the 75th reunion, again had no objections to assisting in coordinating the 80th. We are positive that again this will be a first rate show and are looking forward to the celebration.

Clarence Wilson, our Sgt-at-arms, has to be congratulated for obtaining the Regimental, Canadian and Provincial flags, which have mysteriously been lost or misplaced, at a real bargain. One must wonder where he acquired his skills? One must conclude, either as CQMS or being an understudy to one. Well done, Clarence!

The elections of officers for 1993 has been postponed to February meeting because some of the candidates were unable to attend the January meeting.

We continue to hold our monthly meetings at the WO's and Sgt's Mess at the Currie Barracks on the last Thursday of the Month, (except July, August and December) and anyone who happens to be in the vicinity, is most welcome to attend.





SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

The PPCLI Association, Saskatchewan Branch records for the Year 1993 a membership of sixty-eight members and an additional three members for the Saskatchewan Branch.

The Annual Meeting/Reunion for the Year 1992 was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on the weekend of 15 March 1992. Forty-two members and six guests from outside our Branch and Province were in attendance. Under the presidency of Mr. L. Jones reports were presented, and compliments were bestowed. BGen E.M.K. McGregor (Retd) presided over the election of Officers for the Executive Committee, which are as follows:

President	L. Jones
Vice-President	C. Petit
Hon President	G. Doell
Treasurer	P. Oleksyn
Secretary	D. Oleksyn
Directors	J. Hayward (Regina)
	R. Banks (Saskatoon)
	Whelan (Prince Albert)

It was decided that the Annual Meeting/Reunion for the year 1993 will be held in the Cornet Motor Inn, 3551 2nd Avenue, West, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Expressions of thanks were made by:

Mr. H. Pelletier to the Saskatoon group for a "good" weekend. Mr. M. Campbell spoke on behalf of the Regular Force members who were in attendance to the Reunion. Special thanks were expressed to the Families of the Kraley's and Friedt's who attended from Calgary by Mr. L. Jones.

A report shall be forwarded of the Reunion from Prince Albert.

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

By Mr. Lloyd Jones

The past few months have gone by so quickly, it seems they may have disappeared. The summer - if one could refer to it as such, it almost seemed not to have happened. None the less, we must try to put together a report.

Everything seems to be at a standstill, which is not to good for the Association. I do hope that everyone is busy trying to maintain our position in the overall picture.

It was a distinct pleasure to be in Stony Creek, Ontario, during the annual meeting to be able to represent this Branch. I can assure you the Association is healthy and making plans for the future. Thankyou to the Association members in Ontario, who made our stay to enjoyable and were able to assure that the weekend was a great success.

I was in Calgary, Alberta in July and was able to visit and tour the Museum. What marvellous progress from what it was last year. Everyone who is able should make an effort to attend and view it. You will certainly enjoy the occasion. Also, I was able to visit with Andy and Marilyn Kraley. I had a most enjoyable lunch. They are looking forward to Prince Albert, next year. They also send good wishes to all.

It is amazing how quickly this year is slipping by. We will soon be making plans for our annual meeting in Prince Albert.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in Vernon, B.C. the dates being 4 - 6 June 1993. Tom Tyson assures all is now ready for the event and guaranties a beautiful weekend for everyone.

The membership picture in this Branch is good, but I am sure it could be better. There must be more old soldiers out there somewhere who are eligable and willing to join, if any contact could be made.

I do hope that anyone who has been travelling has had an enjoyable time. For those who stayed put, that too would be enjoyable. For the present, that should do - seem to be out of news.

I must thank everyone who have become an active member of this family. Only through your efforts and continuing participation will we be able to say and rightly claim...We have the "Number One" Branch in the Association. We may be viewed by some as being somewhat of a Renegade Branch, "But if it works, and it does, don't fix it". From June and myself, thankyou for another excellent year, and the best wishes for the future.

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Dear Mrs. D. Oleksyn & Fellow Patricias:

In reply to our last newsletter, I would have wrote sooner but, was waiting to hear from you.

First that lovely poster/picture I won now hangs in our main hall at the Legion here in town. It is seen by all who use the hall. I had all Patricias sign it who were at our reunion in Saskatoon as you may remember. Then I purchased a plate for it with the following words:

**PRESENTED TO CARNDUFF BRANCH NO: 216 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY, 1914 - 1989. FROM P.P.C.L.I. SASK. ASSOCIATION
17 MAR 92.**

Hope this meets with everyone's approval. When down this way please drop in and view it.

My wife and I travelled to Ottawa for the unveiling of the United Nation's Monument, the 8th of Oct 92. "National Peace-Keeping Day."

It was important for me to be there as I have two comrades buried on the Island of Cyprus. There was over three thousand veterans on parade that day. Many in their old uniforms. I saw my old Company Commander, who I had not seen in 25 years, and many more Patricias.

Our Prime Minister spoke of our fallen comrades and the long seperation our families endured. He talked on the latest medal, which UN veterans now will receive. I don't have many details in regards to it. Other then what I heard over the P.A. system. So those who want more information should ask D.V.A. as it was announced that day by the Government of Canada and the Prime Minister, or watch your Legion magazine.

Finally our town has one of our young men serving overseas with the Regiment in the UNPROFOR. He is Pte Larry Barber of HQ Company, Recce Platoon, 3PPCLI.

Naturally, we are proud of him. We have had three of our young people serve overseas this year. Our Legion Branch has seen that they received cards and presents from the Branch. ie: warm under clothes. Their letters to the Branch and photos are displayed in our local schools.

At our reunion in Prince Albert my wife and I will bring a card, and we would like to have all Association members sign it so we may send it to Larry from our Branch.

So if the weather permits, we will see you all in Prince Alberta. Find enclosed dues for 1993 plus a donation to help with postage.

Regards,

Norm & Kathy.

SOUTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH



Fellow Patricia and Lady of a Pat

A page in the book of life has ended for Lt. Col. Edward Cutbill, DSO, ED, CD at Niagara-on-the-Lake on February 2, 1993. His military life started with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry in 1934 as a Lieutenant and he was still serving as Honorary Colonel to the R.H.L.I. He served in Italy in W.W.II from 1944-1945, being honoured with the D.S.O. at the Gothic Line with the Patricias. Ted was an avid supporter of our Branch since its beginning in 1985.

In memory he will always remain.

Mrs. Bev Dunnett, a lady from Stoney Creek whose son is with 3 P.P.C.L.I. in Croatia, got quite involved asking for people to send letters to the Canadian Peacekeepers. It was through her help that our Executive got involved with purchasing and collecting books, candy, Christmas cakes, peanut butter. Captain Brian Nelson was extremely helpful in making arrangements to get our first parcel of 250 pounds, and he and Ted Sutherland took the boxes to Toronto for their trip to Croatia. We are now in the process of collecting again with the help of some of our members in the area, having received a donation of 72 bags of chocolate hearts from Allan Candy to start us off.

May 22-23, 1993 will be our Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 622 and Salvation Army in Stoney Creek.

Our Branch wishes Vernon much success with the A.G.M.

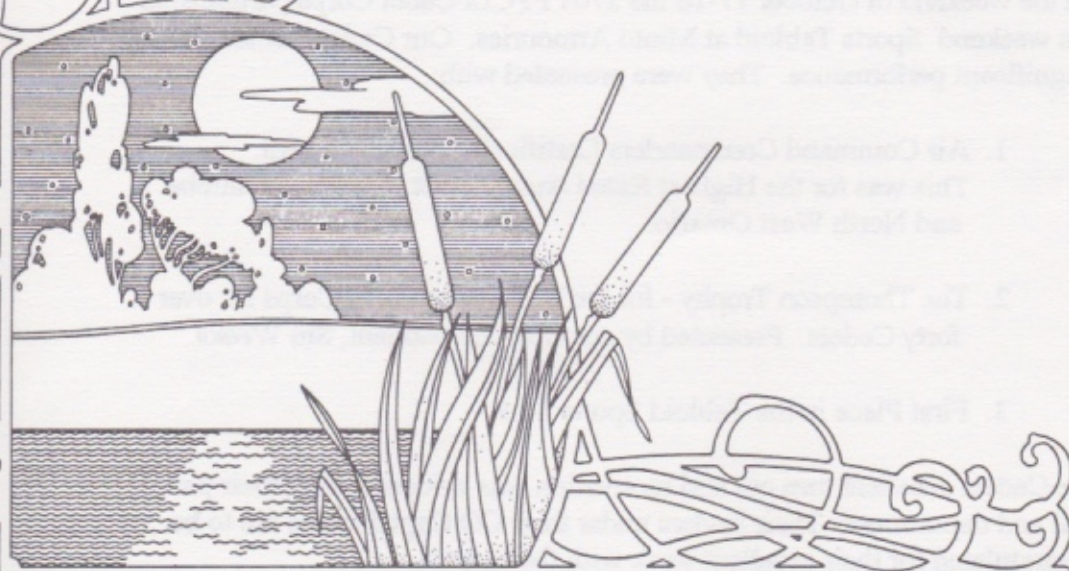
New members to our Branch for 1993 are Bill Allen, Sheldon Martin, Barney Gotuaco and Dorothy Wilson, Associate.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

PEACE KEEPERS

Just watch T.V. and you may see,
Blue berets across the seas.
And underneath a Canadian proud,
Peacekeeping on these troubled grounds.
Their military life does call,
For the United Nations must give his all.
To aid the people of these lands,
So may we ask for a helping hand.
Please hang some ribbons pale blue and white,
From tree or bush to be in sight.
For the peace keepers on their return,
See Canadian support to everyone.
Though out of minds they sometimes are,
Please let's correct this error now.

Written by
Annie Stringer





MANITOBA AND NORTH WESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

BY ART SUTTON & BOB CUMMING

The Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch was idle during July and August, but September got us "ON PARADE" with our September Meeting.

FAREWELL TO DELTA COY. 3PPCLI (C COY 2PPCLI)

On the 10th of September/92, Bob Cumming, Art Sutton and Stu Weeks were guests of Dave O'Brien at the Farewell Dinner For Delta Coy. 3PPCLI. Eleven Corporate sponsors combined to host a dinner - dance for the Officers, WO's & Snr NCO's, Men and their wives or girlfriends. The soldiers of Delta Coy. really appreciated it. Thankyou Dave. Our own 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps Drum Line was the highlite of the evenings entertainment.

2701 PPCLI CADET CORPS

On the weekend of October 17-18 the 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps participated in a weekend Sports Tabloid at Minto Armouries. Our Cadets turned in a magnificent performance. They were presented with:

1. Air Command Commanders Certificate of Achievement.
This was for the Highest Rated Army Cadet Corps in Manitoba and North West Ontario.
2. The Thompson Trophy - for the Top Major Cadet Corps for over forty Cadets. Presented by our Branch President, Stu Weeks.
3. First Place in the Tabloid Sports Meet.

The Cadets excellent turn out and motivation was evident during their parade drill and deportment. Their leaders under their CO Capt Jenkins are to be congratulated for their excellent work with the cadets.

On the first of December 1992, the Cadets held their Annual Inspection. Our National President D'arcy Best presented them with the PPCLI Association Trophy for the fourth year in a row!!



ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE 24 October 1992.

Our Annual Dinner & Dance was held in the Officer's Mess 2PPCLI. There were 70 members in attendance and a good time was had by all. As Col. Calvin was unable to attend, Major Bob Thompson, DCO, and Mrs Thompson, were our guests of Honour. RSM Mike McCarthy and Mrs McCarthy also joined us. We are very lucky to have the support of Bob and Mike with our Branch's activities. A big Thank you must go to Art Sutton for his hard work, that ensured an excellent dinner. This is the first year we had a sell out and we even made money. Thankyou also to Dave O'Brien from United Distilleries, and Master Seaman Brian Clarke of the Officers Mess for their assistance.

WREATH LAYING & CHURCH PARADE 08 NOVEMBER 1992

Our annual Wreath Laying and Church Parade was held at the Cenotaph and All Saint's Church. D'Arcy Best and Capt. Jenkins, CO 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps laid the wreath, then we marched to All Saint's Church with the Cadet Band .

REMEMBERANCE DAY PARADE 11 NOVEMBER, 1992

THE TRADITION CONTINUES.....The "OLD GUARD", 13 strong paraded with 2PPCLI for Rememberance Day Services. This year for the first time, our Association Flag flew at half-mast on the saluting base. THANK YOU RSM McCARTHY!!!

BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING 25 NOVEMBER, 1992

Prior to our elections, we had presentations from Mrs. Leslie Malcolmson, Adult Co-ordinator from the Base Family Support Center, and Mr. Rick Thain, Superintendent of Cemeteries, City of Winnipeg. Leslie was recruiting volunteers for Operation Harmony. Rick's presentation was an update on the restoration of Brookside Military Cemetery.

Following the presentations, we got down to business and held our Branch elections. The new Executive is : President, Art Sutton, V/President: Dick Heaver. Secretary: Bob Cumming: Treasurer: D'Arcy Best.
Directors: Fred Breurkens, Andy Gallant, Ed Higham, Syd Mckay, Nick Oshanski, and Andy Schaen.



OPERATION HARMONY - FAN OUT SYSTEM

Six members of the Manitoba & N. W. Ontario Branch are involved as volunteers in the Fan Out System.

WHAT IS THE FAN OUT SYSTEM??? The purpose of the FOS is to convey accurate information of general importance to significant others of deployed Military Personnel (D Coy 3PPCLI) and to counteract any media distortions, rumours, inaccurate information available to family members.

Each Volunteer received 2.5 hours of Orientation training provided by the Family Support Center Co-ordinator of Volunteers and the Adult Program Co-ordinator.

HOW DOES IT WORK??? 2Lt. Stacy Grubb, 2PPCLI Welfare Officer, passes the message(s) to Leslie Malcolmson (Adult Co-ordinator) at the FSC. Leslie then contacts each volunteer, who writes the message(s) down verbatim and repeats it back to Leslie. Then within 2 hours, each volunteer contacts the 8 deployed members contact (Parents, Wife, girlfriend or friend) by telephone, from their confidential list and passes the messages. On completion of the telephone calls the volunteer then advises Leslie that the calls have been completed.

All the volunteers have enjoyed the task so far and it is good to be able to do something for the serving members for a change.

MEN'S XMAS DINNER 10 DECEMBER 1992

The Battalion again invited the branch to participate in the Mens Annual Xmas dinner, and then join them at the Officer's Mess, who were at home to the WO's and Snr NCO's. The Old Guard Paraded with the WO's and Snr NCO's, under command of a newly promoted Sgt. to the Officer's Mess.

We in this branch are very fortunate, in that we are able to participate in the activities of 2PPCLI. For this we extend our gratituded and heartfelt thanks to the Battalion.

BRANCH MEETING 25 JANUARY, 1993

Due to Battalion training commitments, we were not able to hold our January business meeting. Instead we held a Social Evening in the WO's and Snr NCO's mess.

BRANCH MEETING 24 FEBRUARY, 1993

Our National President D'Arcy Best, gave us a report on the progress of the campaign to have the Victoria Cross reinstated in the Canadian Military Valour Decorations. Thank you to Chris Snyder for his hard work on our behalf. At this meeting our two building blocks were displayed and we have been informed that the mess is going to give us a portion of a wall to display our Charter etc. Thankyou Wo's & Snr NCO's. Art Sutton sent a letter of congratulations and best wishes to "General" & Mr. Ambassador John DeChastelaine from our branch.

REGIMENTAL DAY AND SECOND BATTALION'S FAREWELL

Regimental Day Activities were extended this year as 2PPCLI prepares to deploy to Yugoslavia.

Tuesday March 16 Freedom of the City Parade

Wednesday March 17 Broom-i-loo

KAPYONG SOCIAL MARCH 19TH

The Kapyong Social Evening was moved from April 25th to Fri day March 19th, so 2PPCLI members could join us before deployment. Bob & Iris Cumming hosted this annual event. Thank you Bob and Iris for another great evening.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT MARCH 24 BRANCH MEETING

RSM Mike McCarthy will be giving a presentation on the PPCLI Operations in Yugoslavia. Our last chance to wish 2PPCLI well.

IN MEMORIAM

Casualties were high in 1992, as we bid a sad farewell to eight of our members.

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM"



TORONTO BRANCH

By James M. Reid

"YEARS LONG GONE"

The idea of forming a club after the War probably started in 1917 while the Regiment was still in France. The first name chosen was Service Association, that name lasted until a new one was used in 1953, at that date it was Incorporated, and from then on went under the present name. The first of the Annual Frezenberg Dinners was held May 8, 1920, and has been held on the Saturday nearest that date ever since. May 7, 1994 will mark the 75th Anniversary of the Toronto Association. The oldest menu we have in our files has on it a picture of Major C.J. Stewart, Lt.Col. Agar Adamson and Captain Drummond-Hay. The dinner was held at the Prince George Hotel, Toronto, Saturday, May 9th, 1942. The menu was given to us by Clifford Naylor, Paris, Ont. The company I work for, Levesque Beaubien Geoffrion, 121 King St. W. are located on the site of the Prince George.

LOOKING BACK

In the early days of our Association, two to three hundred used to turn out for our Annual Dinner. They would come from all over Canada and the United States, there was always a large group from both Ottawa and Montreal. A few days ago I was looking at some of the pictures of these dinners, and wondered how our new anti-smoking By-Law would fit in. The pictures showed nearly everyone with either a cigar, cigarette or pipe in their mouth! We used to attend dinners in Ottawa and one year the Association put on an outstanding one in the Armouries, Hull, Que, some 400 attended and the Canadian Guard band supplied the music.

Our membership has dropped over the years, but there has also been some dramatic changes. After WWII quite a number joined the Toronto Association, then drifted away for a few years and returned. Then the Korean vets came in, they to drifted away and later returned, but not all that many. In the past few years a few of the Regular Force Patricia's who have retired from the Regiment, or served for a few years, joined up. We still have six WWI veterans with us, three in the Toronto area, one each in Pickering, Cornwall and Hamilton. We are in close contact with serving Patricia's in the area. Major-General MacKenzie, CO, Canadian Land Forces, Central Ontario, Captain Hildebrandt, with the Q.O.R. (Militia), and Sgt Brooks, at Oakville, with the Lorne Scots. Not to many at present, but they come and go. This month we also welcome a new member, Clayton Mowat, a Korean vet, was with the 2nd Battalion.

**"Ben Battle was a soldier bold,
And used to war's alarms;
But a cannon ball took off his legs,
So he laid down his Arms!"**

Faithless Nellie Gray by Thomas Hood
1799 - 1845

As we approach our anniversary year in 1994, credit should be given to those outstanding members, who over the years, have kept our Association going. "Hookey" Walker, Bert Stevens, Eric Harris, Jack McLaren, George Barclay, Norman Kays, Harold Chamberlain, Harold Lee, Victor Gianelli, Harold Reading, John O. Clarke, Ches Helgason and Dave Middleton. Except for the last three, all of them have passed on. They dedicated a lot of time and money over the years, thanks from all of us for a job well done.

A letter from Garry Bachman, Newcastle, Ontario. Garry writes that he entered in a seniors sport meet, March 1992 and broke three records in his age group, 70-75, in the shot put and discus. He also wrote that he will be trying again this coming March (1993). He won six gold medals and claims he is not with the walking wounded. Good show Garry, most of my sports activities are limited to T.V.!

By the time this news item reaches Calgary, General MacKenzie will be retired, he said he was going on March 1st.

The Annual Frezenberg Dinner of the Toronto Association will be held at the Carlton Inn (now called Days Inn), Carlton Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 2E9 on May 8, 1993 at 6:30 PM. Those wishing to attend please contact Jim Reid, 230 Berry Road, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8Y 1X6 or phone 231-8597 evenings only. The price of the tickets will be \$25.00 each, the same as last year. If we just ignore the inflation, maybe it will go away!

"Detested sport, that owes its pleasure to another's pain."

William Cowper 1731 - 1800



"Hey Bill, Bill!"



The Patricia Post



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Annual Dues

Remembrance Day, when the Branch traditionally collects your annual dues, has come and gone. Your branch has a paper strength of 110 members, of which approximately 50-55 are usually active, dues-paying members. This year, for some reason, the numbers have dropped drastically to only 34 paid up members. When you stop to consider the fact that only \$5.00 of your dues stay in the branch to help defray the costs of administration (printing and mailing this newsletter, etc.), and the November 11, March 17, and May 8 functions, you can see that your dues are important to us.

Mailing, which has previously been provided by serving members at NDHQ is now not always available due to new regulations. Because of this, the cost of postage and production has reverted to the branch. Because the branch cannot continue to absorb the cost of mailing to

non-active members, this will be the last newsletter mailed to the full membership. If you wish to receive the full newsletter in future, please mail your dues to a member of the executive as soon as possible. Not only will you get full information on upcoming events in **your** branch, but you will also receive the national newsletter from RHQ with information on events across the country.

Upcoming Events

Birthday Dinner

This year's birthday dinner will be held March 17 at the new NDHQ Wo's & Sgt's Mess.

Annual General Meeting

The National Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Vernon Branch in June of this year.

Remembrance Day

The annual Remembrance Day ceremony was held again this year at the cairn at Lansdowne Park. As is customary, there was a meet and greet before the ceremony, followed by a report on the Regiment covering the past year and the foreseeable future.

We were delighted that the Colonel of the Regiment, MGen Herb Pitts could attend the service. Other dignitaries included the Mayor of the City of Ottawa, Jacquelin Holtzman, and Military Attachés from the Republic of Korea, the Netherlands and Belgium.

Wreaths were laid at the cairn by MGen Pitts on behalf of the Regiment, and by the Attachés from Korea and the Netherlands on behalf of their Governments.

Special thanks go to Rita Mann and her helpers for the refreshments and the Bands of the Governor General's Foot Guards and the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa for providing musicians for the service.

In Memoriam

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death, November 11, of Mrs. Clara Worthington, wife of Gen Frank Worthington. General Worthington was a Patricia who became the driving force behind the founding of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. Besides being the ex-officio "mother" of the Armoured Corps, Mrs. Worthington was an active member of the Ottawa Branch of the PPCLI Association and attended many branch functions with her daughter Robin Fawcett who is still a member of our branch. For those members of Korean vintage, her son Peter was a Lieutenant with Third Battalion before succumbing to the lure of journalism.

A memorial service in her honour was held in the Ottawa Army Officer's Mess and was not only well attended by members of the Armoured Corps, but also by members of her second family, the Patricias.

Her presence will be missed by all who knew her.

National Annual General Meeting

The 1993 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held June 4-6 in Vernon, B.C. Exact dates, times and costs will be forwarded by RHQ in the main newsletter. If it is possible for you to attend, please make the effort. It is your association, and this meeting decides what it will do in the following year(s).

Regimental Museum

The Regimental Museum continues its building process. As Federal funds have not been as plentiful as originally expected, more of the cost has fallen on the members of the Regiment. A means of helping, which the Ottawa Branch strongly recommends, is the purchase of building blocks or "bricks" upon which will be engraved the names of the donors or those individuals one would wish remembered. These blocks are reasonably priced at \$250 and come with a certificate signed by the Colonel of the Regiment as well as a tax receipt. Up to eight lines of print is available on each block which will be represented by a brass plaque affixed to the wall inside the museum.

ATLANTIC BRANCH

All is well with the Patricias in the Atlantic Provinces. The Association continues to meet twice a year and the membership, although not large in number, is quite active. The annual Fall Social was held in Summerside, P.E.I. in October of 1992 and a good time was had by all. President Don Landry did an outstanding job organizing the event and the members who attended were treated to some very good Island hospitality.

The Association will be meeting in March 1993 in the Fredericton area for it's annual Meeting and a new President and Vice-President will be elected at that time. The Atlantic Branch members are spread throughout the Maritimes but many members still make the long drive to attend all of the meetings and events. The Branch is also always well represented at National levels meetings and the active members stay abreast with all of the events that occur in the Regiment.



I CAN STILL REMEMBER

When I was eighteen, I had to do two years in the army. There wasn't a war on at the time, but I was pretty sure someone would start something within twenty-four months. I thought it would make a nice change from insurance.

Not everyone had to do military service. Girls and college students were excluded, along with anyone bright enough to fail the medical or intelligent enough to be declared unstable. Out of all of England, that left about five hundred of us. Of those five hundred, half were too sick to care about doing two years in the army. I was in the second half.

I couldn't wait to get my macho uniform and laze around under the palm trees on some tropical island. I wasn't stupid. I'd seen all the posters.

After a two-hour train ride, clutching a bottle of suntan lotion, I was picked up at a remote railway station and driven to the camp in the back of an open truck. It was raining like mad. I must have been looking at the wrong posters because the camp turned out to be a cluster of wooden huts in the middle of a field. The nearest town was eighteen miles away, and there was one bus a day.



I think I spent almost the entire two years there.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

P.P.C.L.I Association

Report 30 November 1992 to 22 March 1993



Greetings to all Association Members and to our full-time units at home and abroad.

Although the Vancouver Branch lost some members during the period, we also gained a few new ones and the Branch is thriving.

The Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Branch was held in December, 1992, and the following Executive was elected:

President: Art Kemsley
Vice President: Gordon Henderson
Secretary: Al Burke
Treasurer: Joe Stutt
Director: Ken Tutte
Director: Velma Tutte
Director: Bill Swift

The Annual Luncheon was held on 14 March 1993, with the Colonel-of-the-Regiment Maj. Gen. H.C. Pitts, MC, CD, and Mrs. Pitts as Guests-of-Honour. Sixty-five members and guests attended. Toasts to the Queen, the Colonel-in-Chief, and the Regiment were proposed by Mary Jantzen, Evelyn Routledge and Ken Tutte. We were honoured that the Presidents of the Fraser Valley Branch and the Victoria Branch attended.

Mel Parsons, the Branch Pipe Major, played to welcome the Colonel-of-the-Regiment, the Lament to honour departed comrades, and 'Wi you no come back again' on the departure of General and Mrs. Pitts. Appropriate music from the tapes of the Regimental Band were played for the Toasts.

On behalf of the Vancouver Branch, Muriel Basham presented a gift of a Dogwood motif brooch to Mrs. Pitts - (Dogwood is the official British Columbia flower).



Mel Parsons, Pipe Major, Vancouver Branch, accepts a Vancouver Branch Certificate of Appreciation from MGen Pitts, Colonel of the Regiment, 14 March 1993. This is the second Certificate presented to Mel for his outstanding service to the Branch and the Association generally.



On 14 March 1993, Mrs. Muriel Basham accepted the PPCLI Association Certificate of Merit on behalf of her late husband, Leslie W. Basham, CD. The Colonel of the Regiment, MGen H.C. Pitts, made the presentation remarks lauding the work of Les Basham in formulating the Association Constitution and in setting up certain financial controls during his period as National President.



The "Treasure " pictures presented to the Vancouver Branch by an anonymous donor at the Annual Vancouver Branch luncheon on 14 March 1993 on the far right is the certificate for the Branch donation of a Building Brick!



Gordon Henderson accepts a Vancouver Branch Certificate of Appreciation from MGen H.C. Pitts, Colonel of the Regiment 14 March 1993. This is the second certificate presented to Gordon for his outstanding service to the Branch and the Association.

General Pitts gave an excellent presentation on the activities of 3 PPCLI in Croatia, and from the maps displayed the members received a comprehensive understanding about our role in that situation.

On 04 February, 1993, the Branch participated in the funeral of George W. Upton, a Patricia since 1938. Mel Parsons played the pipes at the church and at the graveside. Branch 240, Royal Canadian Legion, provided a bugler who sounded Last Post and Reveille and the Red Ensign Flag under which George fought with the Regiment in Sicily and Italy. Honourary Pall Bearers from the Vancouver Branch were Noel Butcher, Bill Swift, Felix Carriere, Sam Urquhart, Stan Chaykowski and Ken Tutte. Art Kemsley gave the eulogy together with the officiating clergyman.

On 17 February the Branch was in attendance at the funeral of Mary Upton, George's widow. The family presented certain of George's Regimental artifacts to the Branch; these were forwarded to Regimental HQ.

On 24 February the Branch was in attendance at the commemorative service for Bob Pye. Bob served with the Regiment in Canada and Korea from 1951 to 1954.

Good news!! Our old friend and comrade, Andy Foulds, is marrying Doris Denison on 17 April. All members of the Vancouver Branch wish the couple a long and happy life together.

The Vancouver Branch is working on a project to send "comforts" to our units overseas. Such comforts include books, magazines, newspapers and certain food types. A national project in this regard will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting at Vernon, B.C. in June, 1993.

On a personal note, the book "Tapestry of War - A private view of Canadians in the Great War 1914 - 1919" by Sandra Gwyn, is strongly recommended. A good portion of the story contains references to the forming of the Regiment in Ottawa in 1914, overseas service, and the return to Ottawa in 1919. It's a good read, and gives another insight into the 'Originals'.

See you in Vernon, and we wish you all a good summer.

Prepared by *Arthur Kemsley*, Vancouver Branch PPCLI Association

A SNAP SHOT IN TIME

MEMORIES OF W. RAY STEPHENS

This article has been taken from a recent letter sent to Maj Ed Borchert.

I realize that there must be an excessive amount of material in the stores of the museum and have no wish to add to that pile but feel that I should enclose two items of general interest for history sake.

The picture of White Hart Inn came only last week from an English friend who heard me mention the place. This was our Battalion H.Q. from 1940 or so. Without the band to restrict me I was quickly promoted to sergeant at the age of 24 in Godstone and H.Q. became a familiar place in more ways than one.



Sergeant-Major Gardner was the pivotal person at that time and we became very close friends after the war when I travelled on business. His passing left a big hole in my Regimental heart. Needless to say, I feel that Godstone should be mentioned in the Regimental Battle Honours (joking of course) but it was the drop off spot for enemy aircraft.

At least eight bombs or mines landed on that small village. One took away half the house in which the padre billeted but fortunately, he was performing his ablutions in the other section at the time and escaped however, a large segment of the structure sailed across the road and crashed through the roof where it completely trashed the bed of company clerk, L/Cpl Tubbs, was imbibing in the White Hart pub at the time and thereafter spent most of his time in booze.

There were at least half a dozen bomb droppings in that sleepy English village.

I helped form a small choir for the Sunday services held in the 14th century church and another company clerk, Wm Long, a concert pianist, performed organ duties. We even had an operatic tenor in a chap named Baker who brightened up the church with "Lord's Prayer".

In 1941 I was transferred as band sergeant to the first official Canadian Staff Band overseas. Also, about 15 members of the permanent force PPCLI Band went along. The director of music from Canada was another PPCLI, Lt Streeter, the Bandmaster.

As for the Annual Sports' Day Programme, this was given to me only recently by a former member of the Edmonton Regiment who went overseas with the Edmontons the same time as the Patricias.

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade.

ANNUAL SPORTS' DAY

ENGLAND, 26th JUNE, 1941, 14.00 hrs.

Brigade Commander: BRIG. A. E. POTTS, E.D.

UNITS:

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Commanding Officer: Lt.-Col. R. F. L. KELLER.

49th Edmonton Regiment.

Commanding Officer:
Lt.-Col. E. B. WILSON.

Seaforth Highlanders of Canada.

Commanding Officer:
Lt.-Col. C. C. FERRIE.

Attached to Brigade Group:

"A" Coy. 5th Field Ambulance.

Commanding Officer: Capt. W. E. GLASS.

OFFICIALS:

Referee: Brig. A. E. Potts, E.D.

Asst. Referee: Lt.-Col. R. F. L. Keller.

Starters: Maj. R. Lindsay, P.P.C.L.I.

Maj. W. Bury, Edmonton Regt.

Chief Marshal: Capt. A. E. T. Paquet, P.P.C.L.I.

Asst. Marshals: R.S.M. from P.P.C.L.I., S. M. Gardner; Edmonton Regt.,
A. Sasche; and Seaforth of Canada, T. E. Taylor.

Time Keepers: Maj. R. G. Clarke, P.P.C.L.I.

Capt. D. W. Davidson, Seaforth of Canada.

Chief Track Judges: Maj. C. B. Ware, P.P.C.L.I.

Maj. E. W. Day, Edmonton Regt.

Asst. Track Judges: Capt. Early, P.P.C.L.I.

Capt. P. Tighe, Edmonton Regt.

Capt. D. M. Clarke, Seaforth of Canada.

Chief Field Judges: Maj. G. M. Beaten, Edmonton Regt.

Asst. Field Judges: Capt. A. A. Gilchrist, Edmonton Regt.

Capt. H. P. Bell Irving, Seaforth of Canada.

Lieut. S. Cobbett, P.P.C.L.I.

Chief Recorder: Capt. D. Rosser, P.P.C.L.I.

Recorders: Cpl. Todd, P.P.C.L.I.

Cpl. Petlei, Edmonton Regt.

Cpl. Griffith-Jones, Seaforth of Canada.

VICTORIA CROSS

VALOUR AWARD REINSTATED

Ottawa (CP) - A long campaign by Canadian soldiers and veterans ended in victory Thursday, 25 February, with the government's announcement that the Victoria Cross will be reinstated as the country's highest military decoration.

It will be a Canadian Victoria Cross, not the British one - which Canada abolished in 1972 - but that doesn't bother the Royal Canadian Legion.

"We're happy," said Greg Logan, a Legion spokesman. "It's the Victoria Cross and it's been approved by the Queen."

Queen Elizabeth approved the medal, and two other military awards, earlier this month, an announcement from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's office said.

All will recognize bravery in battle.

The two other awards are, in order, the Star of Military Valor and the Medal of Military Valor.

The legion has long argued that the Victoria Cross should be returned as the highest military honour. Earlier this month, Maj-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, who led Canadian peacekeepers into Sarajevo last year, added his voice to the campaign.

The Canadian version of the Victoria Cross will be inscribed Pro Valore, the Latin

version of For Valor which graces the British medal.

Members of the Canadian Forces, allied personnel serving with Canadian units and Canadians serving with UN peacekeeping operations, will be eligible for the new award.

The Victoria Cross will be awarded "for the most conspicuous bravery, a daring or pre-eminent or extreme devotion to duty, in the presence of the enemy."

Ninety-three Canadians have received the Victoria Cross, the last one was a posthumous award to pilot Robert Gray for an attack on a Japanese destroyer in the last days of the Second World War.



In Memoriam

H17087	WWII, RF	Allard J.D.	05 May 92	Winnipeg, MB
H103218	WWII	Arnold J.	13 Nov 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Bilisky F.	25 Dec 92	Winnipeg, MB
K85295	WWII	Cummings R.G.	04 Nov 92	Nanaimo, BC
	WWII	Cutbill E.W.	02 Feb 92	Hamilton, ON
L111460	WWII	Dmytryshyn W.	26 Jul 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Eldridge F.N.	29 Dec 92	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII, Korea	Granger E.J.	02 Feb 92	Chase, BC
H77535	WWII	Herndon V.L.	19 Jul 92	Winnipeg, MB
H16675	WWII	Hoop W.	22 Feb 93	
H51914	WWII	King R.	14 Feb 93	Edmonton, AB
L65512	WWII	Lamoureux D.	22 Apr 92	Winnipeg, MB
	Korea	Long R.J.	23 Oct 92	Winnipeg, MB
L800063	RF	Long R.	23 Oct 92	Winnipeg, MB
C65112	WWII	Marcante F.P.	31 Oct 92	Niagara Falls, ON
S4205483	WWII	McKenzie R.J.	24 Aug 92	Flin Flon, MB
SH933	RF	Mitchell C.A.	30 Sep 92	Birtle, MB
	RF	Moar A.R.J.	10 Nov 92	Victoria, BC
M10952	WWII	Poulton H.D.	02 Aug 92	Edmonton, AB
SH54524	RF	Ritchie R.L.		Lumby, BC
P22289		Robinson A.G.	21 Oct 92	
	Korea	Stenseth J.M.	13 Jan 93	Regina, SK
H16791	WWII	Sutton H.L.	02 Oct 92	Victoria, BC
M4496	WWII	Swan T.	28 Jun 92	St. Paul, AB
	WWII	Tait A.	10 Nov 92	Winnipeg, MB
H16546	Korea	Tugby J.A.	11 Nov 92	Winnipeg, MB
P22321	WWII	Upton G.W.	29 Jan 93	White Rock, BC
		Upton M.L.	11 Feb 93	Surrey, BC
	WWII	Valcourt G.	24 Feb 93	Winnipeg, MB
	WWII	Wilson R.C.	17 Nov 92	Regina, SK

