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513728 CPL VICTOR FRANCIS GIANELLI, MM

COVER PHOTO

Cpl Gianelli's heritage was of Italian/Canadian blood and he was living in Toronto during the time of hostilities in WW I. Gianelli joined the P.P.C.L.I. in the field on 18 August, 1917 as a reinforcement from the Canadian Army Service Corps. He was wounded on 30 September, 1918 and was discharged on demobilization on 20 March, 1919. The Regimental history records that he was awarded the Military Medal for unspecified actions during the Battle of Jigsaw Wood (Scarpe) in August, 1918. He is unique in the Regiment because he was chosen as the model for the statue pictured on the cover. Why were two versions of the statue created? Here's the story.

Artist John Tweed was commissioned by our Regiment's founder, Colonel Hamilton Gault, to create a statue of a typical soldier from the Patricias, "standing easy". The model chosen by the Company Commanders was Cpl V.F. Gianelli, MM. The statue was to be a wedding gift from the Regiment to the Colonel-in-Chief, HRH Princess Patricia of Connaught and Commander, later Admiral, Sir Alexander Ramsay, GCVO, KCB, DSO. After the marriage on 27 February, 1919, Lady Patricia relinquished all Royal titles at her own request and became Lady Patricia Ramsay, the title she is most fondly referred by in the Regiment.

For his part, Cpl Gianelli dutifully modelled as he had been ordered to. The artist Tweed wished to capture a true feeling of relaxation in the statue, hence he instructed Gianelli to position his hands on top of the rifle muzzle. This was strictly against regulations and Gianelli told the artist so! Tweed disregarded the advice and completed the piece by convincing Gianelli that the artistic licence would be pleasing to Colonel Gault.

Later in 1919, Tweed related in a letter to Gianelli that Colonel Hamilton Gault's reaction to the completed statue was simply, "the hands must be changed or both you and Gianelli will be shot at dawn for breaking rules". Accordingly, the statue was redone to satisfy both regulations and Colonel Gault.

Both versions of the statue are now in the Regimental Museum and archives. The "correct" version being on display in the Regimental Museum Gallery and the "artistic" piece held in archives. As for Cpl Gianelli, he died peacefully in Toronto, 4 September, 1984, at the age of 86 after a successful career as a businessman.

Cpl Gianelli's legacy lives on in the Regiment through the photographs and letters obtained in 1995 from Mr. Gordon Swayze in Toronto, who had found them when cleaning out an attic. He delivered the packet of correspondence and memories to MGen Herb Pitts, who in turn personally presented them to the Regimental Museum.

Additionally, in September of this year, the Museum was able to obtain Cpl Gianelli's original MM and Service Medals from WO Paul Ayerst in Camp Wainwright. Paul had purchased the medals for his private collection some time ago. The statutes, letters, photos, and medals will soon form part a new display at the Regimental Museum.

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Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

Greetings to all members of the PPCLI Association. It was good to see such a strong turnout in Winnipeg last summer, and Norah and I appreciated the chance to chat with so many friends. We all owe the Manitoba and NW Ontario Branch a vote of gratitude for hosting the 48th Annual General Meeting and for the effort they put into planning and organizing the Kapyong 45th Anniversary Celebration. The weekend was such a success that some folks are already thinking of the 50th and how it can be made even better.

The Third Battalion has completed its move from Chilliwack to Edmonton and its transition from a "10/90" battalion to a light battalion. First Battalion is to move next summer and construction of the new barracks in Edmonton is progressing well. Plans are underway for a Regimental Farewell to Calgary in June 1997 which should include exercising the freedom of the City, a trooping and a retreat ceremony. More details will follow.

I am optimistic that the budget reductions, base closings and unit relocations in the Canadian Forces have now stabilized so that the army can plan for its future with more confidence. I would have bet a year ago that the Somalia Inquiry would also now be behind us but, regrettably, such is not the case. It continues on with, seemingly, an ever widening focus. I think it now is impacting morale at the unit level, but we will survive that by focussing on our strength at the same level. We continue to attract fit and bright recruits and we are the regiment of choice for officer candidates.

Despite the numbing media exploitations of the Inquiry some good may still result. Ugly events did happen in Somalia and, following a public airing, the army will draw its lessons and should be stronger for the experience. All of us in this Regiment endorse the adage that you can delegate authority but not responsibility. It is reassuring to know that the majority of Canadians also expect leaders to be accountable. Increasingly there is a realization that the combining of the Canadian Forces command structure with the Defence Department civilian bureaucracy in 1972 has done much more to undermine effective leadership than did the unification of the three services. Some re-separation of the military and civilian channels and responsibility within the Department of Defence could be a significant recommendation of the Commissioners.

We have recently learned that 2 PPCLI is warned for service in the NATO Implementation Force in Bosnia. The Battle Group, reinforced by a Company of 3 PPCLI, an LDSH recce squadron and an engineer squadron, will commence a six month deployment this December. Bosnia presents a very unstable political and military environment, but the unit is well led, well trained and will acquit itself proudly.

Best wishes to all. Have a very good autumn.

President's Report

I hope that this message finds you all in the best of health and that you all had an enjoyable summer.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to the President and members of the Manitoba/NW Ontario Branch as well as all members of the 2nd Battalion for the outstanding job they did on the 45th Battle of Kapyong celebration. It was really heart warming to see friends that I have not seen in years and also to watch the 2nd Battalion perform with perfection. There was one thing I hated — waking up and or taking showers and the fire alarms going off. Oh well!

RHQ is slowly hearing from the Branches, as to what option they would like for the Book of Memorial. Remember I have to let the REC know at the meeting in November. Speaking on the Book of Memorial it is with great sadness that I have to report that two of our well known comrades have passed away. They are Frank Brignell and Gooch White. I know the lord above is taking good care of them.

On a more brighter note, we now have a lady working on raising funds for the Patrician. Her name is Pamela Borland and from all reports she is doing an excellent job. Also in September I had the opportunity of presenting Tom Reed with his Certificate of Merit. Tom, I wish our Association had more members like you.

The Guard meeting was long, but very interesting. It was generally agreed RHQ be moved to Edmonton and, for the time being, the museum will remain in Calgary supported by a detached Museum Section of RHQ.

I will be holding the HGMF Board of Trustees meeting in November in conjunction with the REC meeting and once the minutes are typed I will be sending them out to the Council Members for approval.

We now have the dates of our next Casino — the 17 and 18 of February 1997. If you are in the area and wish to help, please feel free to give me a call and I will put you to work.

I said at the AGM I would let you know at this time the dates of our next AGM. Claude Petit and I have spoken and have a tentative date, but the biggest difficulty I have is the closure of CFB Calgary which I am involved with. Once I have the confirmed dates Claude and I can let you know the dates of the AGM. Sorry about this.

Until the next time I hope that you all have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. "May you always walk on the path of friendship."



Editor's Observation Post

You will have noted that the enclosures are many with this Newsletter. We have of course passed along the minutes of the 48th AGM, as required by the Constitution. Additionally an upto-date Nominal Roll of Association Members has been included to allow old comrades to track each other. If you should wish to contact anyone on the Nominal Roll, please call (403-974-2862) or write RHQ to make any corrections to this list or obtain further details of the whereabouts of any individual so listed.

Also enclosed is the Regimental Annual Report, designed to keep members of the Regiment — especially those on Extra Regimental Employment (ERE) — informed of annual changes and the latest amendments to postings, etc. This of course means that the Newsletter will be distributed to all serving members of the Regiment with the rank of Sergeant and above as well as all dues paying members of the Association. The Regiment will absorb the extra cost associated with the increased distribution, and in doing so will provide both serving and Association members a forum to read or air Regimental news.

Another important enclosure is the application form for the Hamilton Gault/Jack Cathie Student Bursary Programme. The form is self-explanatory and readers should note that the scope of applicants has been expanded by the Regimental Executive Committee to include spouses. In 1996, twenty-four applications were received and ten bursaries of \$500.00 each were awarded. It is anticipated that at least twelve similar bursaries will be awarded in 1997, thus all readers are encouraged to apply.

Regarding the contents of the Newsletter itself, the editor would like to commend the Victoria Branch for their efforts and dedication in seizing the initiative to preserve our Regimental Band music. Branches and individuals are encouraged to contribute to this effort by completing the form enclosed. This is the most concrete endeavour taken on by any Branch in aid of the Regimental Heritage Committee since its inception. Accordingly, the Regiment supports it wholeheartedly.

In speaking of worthwhile endeavours, please note the advertisement for the video history of "Vimy - The Birth of a Nation" as illustrated in this issue. This video is broadcast quality and designed to air on television in three one hour episodes. From a Regimental perspective, it portrays the Patricias and their WW I history in a most complimentary light. It is the First Battalion Drum Line which opens the film and a great deal of the archival material in the video is from our museum, including photographs, maps and music. The Regimental Heritage Committee has backed this project almost from its beginning and we feel we are now part of a potentially award winning documentary. Tragically, the producer/director of the film, Mr. Peter Hollingsworth Johnson, passed away suddenly in early September, shortly after film's completion. Peter was working on a video history of the Regiment's WW I service at the time of his death, thus we have all suffered a loss with his passing.

It is appropriate in making my editorial comments to send sincere thanks to those who have supported this Newsletter through their submissions and news articles. While it may be that we are separated by geography across this nation and several countries overseas, the Association continues to be a strong catalyst in maintaining the bonds of the true spirit of the Regiment. Accordingly, those who contribute to the Newsletter represent the highest ideal of this spirit.

From all at the Secretariat and Regimental Headquarters, we wish you the best of the upcoming Christmas Holiday Season and the New Year.



Korean Student Bursaries

Annually the Regiment, through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, offers two bursary plans: the first to deserving applicants from the Regimental Family as defined in the Application Form for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and Jack Cathie Student Bursaries (a copy of which you should find enclosed in this Newsletter); and the second is the Korean Student Bursary Programme.

The Korean Bursary Programme has been in effect since 1976. Under the Terms of Reference of the Programme, the Regiment provides \$1,500.00 Cdn each year. These funds are channelled from RHQ through the Canadian Military Attaché in Seoul for award to deserving students in the Second District of North Meeon of Kapyong Gun County, Republic of Korea. The bursaries are presented at the Kapyong Memorial by the Attaché or by representatives of a Korean Veterans Group which may be visiting Korea at that time.

In 1996, the six student recipients of the bursaries sent thank you letters to the Canadian Attaché Colonel R.E. Acreman. Colonel Acreman has forwarded Fax copies of the letters to RHQ. Copies of these letters in English are reprinted as follows. To: Dominator,

How are you?

I'm Min-Ae Lee, who got the scholarship from you. And here, we got the almost summer which is flavory of the "Acacia".

Around the school, there are many trees with green. And we can see the farmer's "small sweat drop".

I've heard that there exists a "Time lag" between there and here. So I wonder how the weather is over there.

In the first place, I thank you for giving me the scholarship. I really respect that. As the sprout is rising to be the big tree, I'm going to do my best. Surely, I don't want to be bigger just by using all the fertilizer for everybody, but I want to get better all together with understanding others.

Nowadays, we got a very good season for reading on the bench with the flavour of acacia. Soon, I'm sure that we'll have the time that cicadas sing under the hot sunbeams.

I'll try to do my best with my appreciation.

God bless you. Lee, Min Ae 31 June, 1996

To: War fighters,

How are you? I'm Lee, Sun-young, who got the Canadian Scholarship in 3rd grade of Kapyong Puk middle school.

I started to write a letter for I wanted to express my feeling at that time to you. In the first place, I thank you for fighting in Korea War and sending us scholarships, though this is not your mother country.

I couldn't get this scholarship in first time in third grade. I think this scholarship is not for having good job, but for wishing me to do good job. But, I could get self-confidence in this time. Such as, "yes I can". This is just noting that ...

I think I cannot see you after I go to high school. But, I can leave this school with a good memory that you gave me the love and the heart.

And you know what? I could give my parents self-confidence too. They didn't always want to talk about their sons and daughters before. But now they are always saying "My daughter is a scholarship student".

Though I was not a good student nor did well to parents, I could get a bright lamp, the self-confidence, because you gave me a scholarship.

Thank you with all my heart. I wish I could meet you again. And take care and have all accomplishment that you want.

Kapyong Puk middle school always thank your big support.

Good Bye - Lee, Sun Yong

To: War Fighters

I'm Choi, In-Ja in 3rd grade.

To begin with thank you for giving me a scholarship — though I'm not so good at class — I'll do my best for getting a good result.

After I received the scholarship, I'm excited whenever I bear the "Canada". And I'm interested in Canada. So sometimes I look for Canada on the map in my bome, and I try to read books about Canada. And finally I decided that I would go to Canada after I go to Undergraduate School in Korea.

My bome is located in a very small country. And My family consists of 5 members, Dad, Mom, 2 older brothers, and me.

My Daddy has some cows. Though we are not rich, the smiles of happiness do not stop. So I like my home, my family and my country. Plus, I always thank my parents for giving me birth.

My parents felt happier than I was at the fact I got the scholarship. So I showed them my scholarship, in saying "This scholarship is not for me, but for your help". Do you want to know the result? They gave me some money to spend freely.

I've never felt the happiness like today. You know what? I did a good job for my parents in the first time in my life.

Thank you, and I'll go to high school with doing my best.

Good Bye Choi, In-Ja 21 Apr, 1996

The letter to War Fighters!

How are you?

Nowadays, It's too bot in Korea that my eyes can be closed of itself even though I just sit down.

What about your country?

Ab, I forgot, My name is Kirn, Min-Jung, 2nd Grade in my school.

Even though I'm not a 1st Grade, freshman, I'm feeling myself that I cannot do anything by myself. So, I think of myself as just chicken.

I'm living with scent of the acacia and the sprout shaking her head.

The night of my country is full of beauty.

So many stars, which are looked like coming down, is shining as the lonely lighthouse do.

So, when I was watching the stars in the night, I could not recognize how many times left.

Someone asked me if I had self-confidence or not. Whenever I heard that kind of question, I felt shy. But, You know, I got the scholarship in the name of a scholarship student.

I know the meaning of scholarship. Perhaps that means "I need to study more hard."

I can promise you that I try to get the best result at the next time.

I need to say good bye with thanks.

Plus, I want to say that I be a nice and pure girl, and I'll do my best.

God bless you, and take care.

Kin, Min-jung, 2nd Grade

To: Canadian War fighters who took part in the Korea War.

How are you?

I'm one of the students who got the scholarship in the monument ceremony. My name is Park, Jusun. I live in Kapyong, my hometown. Here, we got very clean rivers with green mountains. So in the morning, the singing birds make me fresh, and give me motivation. And my home school, where you sent the scholarship, KAPYONG PUK middle school is one of the energetic school in spite of the small size.

Now, I need to say the thanks. I really appreciate that scholarships. Cause, I've never thought that I could be such a scholarship. It was a kind of burden for me and you know it was a good motivation. By this, I'll get along not to throw away your belief, and I'll be able to get some effect.

And, the next thing is a KOREA WAR. I don't know that so well, because I was not born at that time. But I know that this beautiful country was wet with my ancestors' blood and tears. Now, I can imagine your faces with sobriety, when I think that it was you heroes who prevent our country from the dark. Probably I cannot forget the gratitude of you. But, now my country is rich enough. So, I wish I would refund.

God bless you.

Park, Ju-sun

To: War fighters!

I'm Park, Dong-chul who did get the 'Canadian' scholarship on 21 Apr 96.

I was very happy that my name was listed on the 'scholarship list'.

In fact, I'm listed at the last on that list.

When I got that, I was excited the fact that there were so many foreigners.

But, as time goes on, I could get over that excitement.

And, someone came to me and gave me a patch on which there was a 'Canadian flag'.

After VIPs' greetings, we all climbed into the stone monument for participation of the Korea War.

When I got the award, I could feel the happiest one from my heart. And here and there are so many flowers such as forsythias. You know, it is making the beauty of our county better than any other season.

The biggest issues in here are the ex-presidents bribe problem and the students gagsters problem. Nowadays, what North Korea did proclamation made citizen to worry, but the South Korea can deal with this problem easily. It's a proof that we are developed.

Now, we got the examination, so we are preparing that here PUK middle school.

I really thank you for giving me the scholarship. I'll develop myself to be the better.

God will bless you.

I need to say good bye.

Park, Dong-chul



Bursary Presentation: Korean Students at War Memorial



P.P.C.L.I. Music Heritage Project

In September of 1994 the P.P.C.L.I. Regimental Band was struck from strength as part of the general downsizing of the Canadian Forces. The heritage and traditions of this unit, which was first formed in 1919, have been preserved largely through its music.

Our band was the first Canadian Military Band to play at the Wembley Exhibition in Great Britain. In 1953, they performed at the British Empire Games in Vancouver. In 1957, the band played at the Royal Tournament in Britain in front of our Colonel-in-Chief. Although absorbed into the Regiment as stretcher-bearers during the Second World War, the musicians of the band borrowed instruments to maintain their skills. By doing so, they served the Regiment proudly in the VE Day celebrations in Holland.

The P.P.C.L.I. band has represented the Regiment and the Country by playing in numerous tattoos and ceremonies across the nation as well as abroad. They have journeyed through Europe, Australia, Cyprus, the Gaza Strip and the United States entertaining troops and civilians through concerts and performances. Until their disbandment, our band led the world-famous Calgary Stampede Parade each year. Such a record should not be forgotten.

A concerned group from the Victoria Branch of the Association has determined that this heritage will be maintained through the production of a Compact Disk and cassette of Regimental Band Music as it was recorded in previous albums. This is a costly project. Although fully half the funds have been raised by the Victoria Branch alone, more donations are necessary to complete the project. Accordingly, the Regiment, alongside the Association, has agreed to support this heritage effort wholeheartedly.

We therefore invite individuals and groups to show their support for this venture by making a contribution to the "Music Heritage Project". All donations are welcome and will be recognized by a tax receipt. Those who give a minimum of \$25.00 will receive an exclusive "Drummer Boy Lapel Pin". Any contributions of \$50.00 or more will receive a free Compact Disk or cassette and a lapel pin. The "Drummer Boy Lapel Pin" can only be acquired through making a donation to the Music Heritage Project. It will not be otherwise sold or given away!

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Jack Munroe and Bobby Burns

Ed.'s comment: The following article is taken from the "Red Lake District News" July, 1975. It relates briefly the life story of Jack Munroe, highlighting his service with the Regiment.

A copy of Jack Munroe's book "Mopping Up", is held in the Regimental Archives although it has not been in print for over 70 years. The book recounts Jack's wartime experiences as seen through the eyes of his dog, Bobby Burns.

Bobby Burns was a collie who accompanied Jack overseas and served in the Regiment as a mascot. Romantically perhaps, Bobby Burns has been linked through his service as the inspiration to the "Lassie" series of books written later in the century by Eric Knight, who also served as a Patricia reinforcement toward the later stages of WW I.

There is of course no evidence that Jack Munroe and Eric Knight ever met each other. It is perhaps only coincidental that both men served in the P.P.C.L.I. and each related their adventures through their pet collies. Such a coincidence is nevertheless remarkable and the following story is therefore reprinted to outline Jack Munroe's contribution to the Regiment and the Country.

The romanticism of the story has been most recently illustrated through the eyes of artist Jan Sovak whose lithograph depiction of "a familiar dog" has been created for the Museum of the Regiments. Copies of these limited edition prints are available through the Museum.



A depiction of a moment after the fighting at Frezenberg on 8 May, 1915. The two wounded soldiers are com-forting each other as they wait for help. Finally, the sight of a familiar dog brings new hope to the men as they know help can't be far behind. (Print by Jan Sovak)

John A. Munroe, the legendary miner who turned prizefighter and gained fame and fortune by knocking out the World Heavyweight Boxing Champion in 1903, started life in a humble home in Cape Breton. He was born at Man of War Point, Kemp Head, Boularderie, near Baddeck, Cape Breton, Province of Nova Scotia in 1875, and left home in his early teens to work in a mine in Nevada, and soon moved to Butte, Montana where he attended High School and become a star on their football team which defeated the San Francisco High School Football Team in 1895.

Munroe started taking boxing lessons from the famous boxing trainer Jack O'Brien in San Francisco and won the American Amateur Boxing Championship in 1900 and turned professional shortly after to fight a 20 round bout with a challenger named Griffen, but lost the decision and returned to Butte, Montana where he got work in a copper mine as a miner.

It was before Christmas in 1903 that the newspapers announced that the World Heavy Weight Champion Jim Jeffries and Seconder Bob Fitzsimmons would visit Butte, Montana for exhibition boxing bouts and anyone staying four rounds with the Champion would win \$250. Munroe took the challenge and knocked him out in the first round. It was the first time that Jeffries had been knocked out and this amazing feat of strength suddenly boosted Munroe up from a \$3 a day miner to a \$3,000 a week vaudeville show named "THE ROAD TO RUIN" in which he would take on all comers in exhibition boxing bouts and be a star of the show billed as THE TERRIBLE MINER.

Munroe's first exhibition boxing bout took place 11 days after knocking out the World Champion; Munroe knocked out Peter Maher, a former British Heavyweight Champion in four rounds and a month later knocked out another Heavyweight challenger, Al Limerick, in four rounds, and two weeks later Munroe beat Tom Sharky in six rounds.

The World Heavyweight Jim Jeffries challenged Munroe to a return bout to defend his title and the fight took place at the San Francisco Ball Park in front of 2100 fans on August 26, 1904. Jeffries, who had been training hard, was in excellent shape and beat Munroe so badly that the fight was stopped in the second round because Munroe was a mass of bleeding bruises and lacerations. Many of his fans dubbed him "Old Ironsides" for taking such a terrible beating still standing on his own two feet. Munroe soon recovered and beat Kid McCoy in 10 rounds and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in 15 rounds, and shortly after he fought Jack Johnson to a six round draw.

It was during this period that Munroe met another Canadian Prizefighter in California named Jack Hammell, who was fighting billed as "WHIRLWIND JACK". Hammell became Munroe's seconder in a number of challenge bouts and they then returned to Canada. Silver had been discovered at Cobolt, Ontario which was then in the throes of a mining boom, and they went there and started staking, buying and selling mining claims. A new silver discovery was made at Elk Lake in 1907; Munroe and Hammell were early in the rush and made very substantial profits on the sale of their mining claims. Munroe was elected Reeve of James Municipality in July 1909 and became widely known as The Mayor of Elk Lake, which was situated in the newly formed James Township. He organized their first Fire Brigade and supervised the building of their first bridge across the Montreal River.

Gold was discovered in the Porcupine district in 1909 and both Munroe and Hammell were in the Gold Rush that soon developed. Munroe built a log cabin on Night Hawk Lake on the Porcupine River and lived there until he moved to Red Lake in 1926. He was in the Gold Rush to Kirkland Lake in 1912, and was the first man from the Porcupine District to join the newly formed Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry Regiment when it formed on the outbreak of the First World War in



Jack Munroe and Bobby Burns circa 1916.

August 1914 when Major Hamilton Gault of Montreal offered to raise and equip an Infantry Regiment at his own expense. The Government excepted his offer and the charter to form the new Regiment was granted on August 10, 1914. Over 3,000 men came forward to volunteer for this new Regiment which Her Royal Highness, Princess Patricia of Connaught, the daughter of Governor General, had given her name. This Regiment was the first Canadian Unit to land and see action in France in 1914 and Private Tack Munroe was the first Canadian soldier off the boat in France. He was wounded in the right arm in 1915 and spent a year in the hospital in England before returning to Canada. He had won a battlefield commission and wrote a book on his wartime experiences named "MOPPING UP" through the eyes of Bobby Burns, Regimental Mascot. Bobby Burns was a beautiful Collie dog which had been presented to him on a visit to Mexico city in 1901 by a member of staff of the President of Mexico and had been with him when he joined the Regiment in Ottawa, and was immediately made Regimental Mascot with an inscribed collar which read BOBBY BURNS, P.P.C.L.I. MASCOT.

After returning to Canada, Munroe and Bobby Burns were presented with a medal by the Toronto Humane Society, Bobby Burns sitting proudly beside his master at the banquet for 100 guests. Munroe's book was considered a great animal story.

Munroe joined the Red Lake Gold Rush in March 1926. He flew in with Jack V. Elliot Air Service in an open cockpit Curtiss Jenny Aircraft at the rate of one dollar a pound for passenger and baggage. He sent a six man crew ahead and they staked 87 claims under contract. Munroe built a log cabin in Red Lake and lived here until 1936. He was a familiar sight in local mining camps and was often accompanied by his attractive wife.

He secured an option to purchase the McKenzie IS Claims of the McNeely Red Lake Holdings Ltd. and assigned the option to the Coniagas Mines Ltd of Cobolt, Ontario in 1931. They completed 3,000 feet of diamond drilling in 1932 and terminated the option. George Quinn of Cochrane, Ontario, through Munroe's influence, secured an option on the property in 1933 and he and a group of his financial associates formed The McKenzie Red Lake Gold Mines Limited, who started gold production in 1935 and produced nearly 25 million dollars of gold paying three million dollars in dividends to the shareholders before the mine closed in 1965.

Munroe moved to Toronto in 1937 and died in 1941 aged 67 years, one of Canada's greatest Prizefighters and Native Sons.



ATLANTIC BRANCH

(By Richard Muise, CD)

Members of the Atlantic branch gathered in the Kensington, P.E.I. Legion for a very successful fall social hosted by Fred and Joyce Bridges on September 13, 1996. The weekend started with a Meet and

Greet Friday evening. Saturday morning everyone gathered for our regular meeting, followed by a seafood chowder lunch. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent visiting the Veteran Museum and touring Kensington Towers and Water Gardens.



The evening started with a Happy Hour followed by a Lobster supper. LCol (Ret'd) D. Hopping, CD gave a very interesting talk on life in the military past and present. Toast to the Queen by Bev Earl, Jamie Reid toasted the Regiment, President Rick Muise thanked all for attending. Most members travelled a great distance. A dance in the Legion

> Lounge to a country and western band finished off the evening.

> A service at the local Cenotaph Sunday morning, followed by a farewell lunch, finished off a very enjoyable weekend.

OTTAWA BRANCH

(By BGen C.B. Snider)

Since the last newsletter, there have been a few changes in Ottawa Branch. Harry Bloom has joined the Executive as Vice-President and Dave Snowball has joined as Member-at-Large. They were welcomed to the Executive of the Branch, which remained unchanged except for their appointments. We look forward to their contributions to the Branch and Association as a whole.

Our membership roll continues to grow as we find former members hidden throughout the Ottawa Valley and down the St. Lawrence past Montreal. It is indeed perplexing why so many Patricias, after leaving the Regular Force, fail to show up or join their local branch (at least this is so in Ottawa). In particular, we know of many former Regulars who are in the area, but who fail to show. And more particular, the more senior the rank, the less often we see them (and this includes some very senior officers). This sets a very poor example.

A number of branch members attended the AGM and Kapyong festivities and events in Winnipeg, and all came away very impressed with the organization and running of the weekend. Our congratulations go to Winnipeg Branch, and to Second Battalion for a job well done. They join several other branches and units in setting the traditional high standard for others to emulate.

We are gearing up to start our "official" year, with the first function being the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day service at the Regimental cairn in Lansdowne Park. This allows association and serving members, along with former affiliated members, to meet and greet and become caught up on Regimental happenings while we pay our respects to those who are no longer able to be with us. All Patricias, whether members or not, and especially those who are visiting in the area are welcome to attend. Activities start at 1300 on the 11th.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Brigadier Ronald Coleman of Westmount, and formerly of the Montreal Branch. He was a great Patricia who, in addition to distinguishing himself in battle winning a DSO and MC, had contributed greatly in the reorganization of the Association in the post Second World War years despite holding the demanding appointment of Registrar of McGill University. He was unfailingly courteous and helpful to all who called upon him for assistance. Some of our members travelled to his funeral in Montreal. We shall all miss him.

Ottawa Branch members send their best wishes to Patricias everywhere. Keep your chins up and don't believe everything you see or hear in the media.

TORONTO BRANCH

(By James M. Reid)

This has been rather a quiet year for the Toronto Branch. I was able to attend the 45th reunion of the 2nd Battalion in Winnipeg in June and also took part in the AGM, also held at Kapyong Barracks. I met a few of the old timers — Lloyd Dreamer, Jack Slater, Norm McCowan. Not too may of the WW2 types left or at least they stay at home. The Trooping of the Colours was held on June 29th and it was a very hot day. I could imagine one would never know what they were going through. I asked one of them how he felt on parade, the answer was, "it was hell". There certainly was a good turnout of Korean vets. I knew a few of them but not too many.

Old Fort Osborne, or what is left of it, looked forlorn and out of place when we drove by on our way to Kapyong Barracks. I had expected to attend an unveiling of a plaque, but that had to be cancelled. Apparently some construction was taking place in the area; the event will take place in 1997.

Bob Middleton is still in Sunnybrook Hospital. His brother Dave visits nearly every week and I was up to see him a couple of times this past summer. I phoned Dave not long ago and he told me that Bob now uses a wheelchair but is bright and cheerful as ever and always asks for a few members of the Patricias. Unfortunately most have long gone. A phone call from Larry Todd, Calgary (H16430) asked about Bob Middleton. I had not seen Larry since 1942 when the Regiment was in Hampton Park. He was a company clerk at the time.

I left on holidays Sept. 28th for a trip to Italy and had a wonderful time. We landed in Rome on the 29th after a short stop in Amsterdam, a stay of one day then we left for Venice. I had missed seeing these places when I was there during WW2. Now instead of a Sergeant yelling at us, it was the quiet voice of a minister of the United Church, Reverend Bill Fritz from Barrie, Ont. It was wonderful travelling with a group. They were from all over Canada and as far west as Vancouver and Victoria.

The prices in Italy are far higher than in Canada — breakfast in Sicily 18,000 lira, lunch 10,000 lira and a dinner in Rome 68,000 lira, about \$96,00 Cdn. 15,000 lira to send a post card in San Marino, other places about 1350 lira, about \$1.35.

I found the country looked prosperous, the roads first rate and the hotels we stayed at were all first class. One of the last ones, one in Sorrento, the Sorrento Palace, was just that, like a real palace. On the way home we visited the Abbey of Monte Casino, now restored, where I could look down on the area the Patricias went through in May 1944. We missed seeing the cemetery. Three of us would have liked to visit it, but the tour guide was anxious to get to Rome as we were running a bit late.

I took about 110 pictures and I can only hope and pray that they all turn out. Some of the places I wanted to take pictures of were a bit far away; one would need a telephoto lens. Other places it was raining. However we shall see what develops.

Happy the man, and happy he alone, Who can call to-day his own — He who, secure within, can say; "to-morrow do thy worst, for I have lived to-day."

Horace 65-8 B.C.

Our branch has a new member, Arman Nubile, 26 - 6779 Glen Erin Dr., Mississauga, Ont., 1950 to Apr. 4, 1952. We welcome him to the Association and hope to meet him soon.

I have not heard from too many of our members of late. They have either been busy or on holidays, and soon the snow-birds will be on their way south. I guess it is nice to go away for a few months but it is also great to get back to Canada and find out what a wonderful country we have. I for one have always appreciated it and each time I leave I am always glad to get home.

Not much news of the Regiment these days. I thought there would be a stack of correspondence from the secretary. The only news I have heard so far is that HQ will be moving to Edmonton in 1997 and the museum will stay as is in Calgary. This will cause a bit of a problem. How will the Regiment justify keeping men at the museum and who will pay for it?

Just received a copy of the Beaver magazine and there is an article in it about Hamilton Gault. "First in the Field: Gault of the Patricia's" by Jeffery Williams, Vanwell Publishing Ltd., St. Catharines, Ont. The write-up is by Ian McCulloch. Probably not much new about Hamilton Gault for you that have followed his career over the years, but there are still bound to be a few tidbits to make it interesting.

The other book of interest is "Our Bravest and our Best", by Arthur Bishop, son of Billy Bishop, the stories of Canada's Victoria Cross Winners. Most of these stories have been published before, but having them all in one book will be very convenient.

The editor of the Beaver magazine, published in Winnipeg, is Christopher Dafoe, nephew of Van Dafoe, a member of the Patricia's in WW2. I wrote to Christopher a few years ago to confirm that.

It is time to say good-bye again — any errors or omissions you can blame on the editor. The dues for 1997 will be the same as this year, \$17.00 — \$5.00 for our branch and \$12.00 for HQ Calgary. If anything else of importance turns up I will let you know. All the best.

VANCOUVER BRANCH

(By Garry Jantzen)

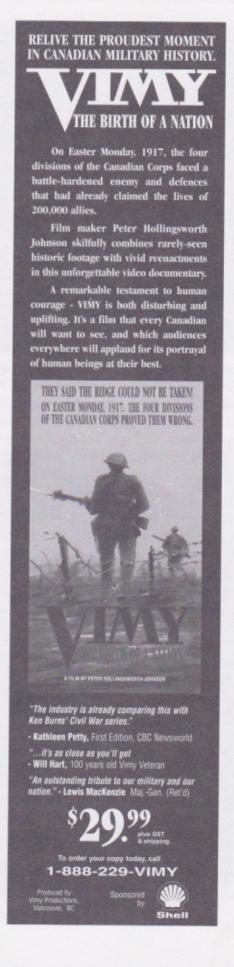
NEWS FROM LOTUS LAND

We held our annual B.B.Q. on 8 September, hosted magnificently by Ken and Val Tutte. There were 24 members present. The weather was excellent as usual. A brief meeting was held and a motion to contribute \$600.00 was passed to build a cabinet to hold our memorabilia and flags. To this time we have also received \$700.00 in donations. The cabinet is to be installed at the Seaforth Armouries — "General Anderson Room". Gord Henderson also gave a short talk on the Kapyong reunion in Winnipeg.

We will be holding a Christmas luncheon at Bessborough Armouries on 8 December at 2025 W. 11 Avenue Vancouver. Anyone planning to be in town at this time and who would like to join us, we would be delighted to see you. Please contact no later than 1 November.

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P.S. Please be advised of the death of Dick de Faye on 15 September 1996.



SOUTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

(By Anne Stringer)

Dear Comrades and Ladies:

Our branch has been saddened again by the loss of Reg NU. S.B. 801 730 Linton Meeking on 11 Jun 1996 at North Bay and Reg NU. B 801 517 Lyal Gillespie on 14 July 1996 at Peterborough. We will remember them.

Our branch meeting, election, dinner dance and memorial service was held in St. Catharines May 24 - 26, 1996. It went very well. We did not make a profit cash-wise, but our branch made a profit of four new members, James Rowley (WW2), Douglas Keeton (Korea), Joan Murray and Joan LaLonde. Our branch has 77 members, some are associate.

President Jack Murray, 1st Vice President Hub LaLonde, 2nd Vice President Bruce Paxton, Sec. Treasurer Anne Stringer, Sgt At Arms Robert Caughill. Directors Frank Stringer, Ben Kelter and Donald Osborn. When Ben and Vera Kelter arrived home from our branch's May weekend, they had the sad news that Ben had lost his eldest daughter 25 May 1996 of a heart attack.

With much appreciation to all who worked so hard to make 48th A.G.M. a memorable time in Winnipeg. Frank and I wish to personally thank the troops for their help with the wheelchair, and looking after Frank at "The Trooping of the Col-

ours" when the heat got too much for him, and making sure he was cooled down enough to be in the old guard parade.

Our meeting, B.B.Q. and memorial service was held in Peterborough at Elaine Gillespie's property 7 - 8 Sep. It was a rainy day, so we had to hold it indoors 'til around 3:30 pm when it stopped raining for a little while. We had 20 in attendance and made a small profit.

Sunday we all travelled another 40 miles further east, where we held a memorial service with the Madoc Legion for Gary Gurney to try and fulfill his wishes that did not happen when he passed away.

All members attending our meeting agreed that our branch purchase a building block in memory of the following fallen members. Donation \$250.00 for the block. Joe Robinson, Adam Wilson, Ted Cutbill, Allen Thomas, Wilf Maden, Ed Badgley, Harry Burnison, Gary Gurney, Linton Meeking, Lyal Gillespie and Mary Kelter. Our branch will still donate \$25.00 to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund with the death of a member. Accepted by all members attending our meeting that our branch make a donation of \$200.00 for a hole in the Golf Tournament held in Camp Borden 13 Sep 1996 in aid of the Korea Veterans Wall Of Remembrance. It will be hole 18 called "Hook". This makes a total of \$300.00 our branch has donated to the wall.

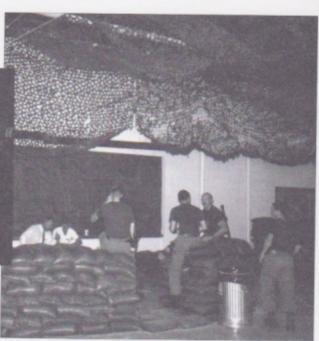
A little early, but wish each and everyone Season's Greetings. Good health and best wishes.



Trooping the Colors — Winnipeg, June 29, 1996



Better Ole Winnipeg '96: Hub, Herb, Joan, Jack, Joan.



Working Hard: Winnipeg, June 1996.



St. Catherines, May 26, 1996: The Past and the Future, Bill Chrysler and his son.



St. Catherines Memorial Service, May 26, 1996: Ted Sutherland, Rev. Mitchell, John Murray, Hub Lalonde, Bugler, Frank Stringer.



Southwest Ontario Branch, May 25, 1996 Dinner Dance.



Sunday, May 26, 1996: The end of a perfect weekend.

MANITOBA/NW ONTARIO BRANCH

(By D'Arcy Best)

The main event for our branch this year was the 45th Kapyong Anniversary. Over 200 members of the Old Guard, including close to 50 Kapyong Vets, from as far away as Victoria, Halifax, Florida and Texas joined hundreds of family members and friends in Winnipeg for the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. For a few, this was the first contact with the Regiment since the Korean War. And they were not disappointed. The three day event, celebrated by the Second Battalion on the last weekend in June, was a terrific success and those who were here will long remember it as "the Kapyong Reunion".

The weekend began Friday afternoon with the Association's Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately, this coincided with the opening of the Better 'Ole, putting many members in the painful position of having to decide which was the more important. Many of them were still in the Better 'Ole wrestling with this problem when the AGM ended.

Friday evening was the occasion of a fantastic military display featuring a Guard of Honour for the Colonel-in-Chief, the Sky Hawks parachute team, a precision drill team, static displays of modern and vintage military vehicles and equipment (including a working Sherman tank from the Fort Garry Horse) and demonstrations of rappelling, unarmed combat and other military skills. The display was followed by a Sunset Ceremony performed by the Air Command Band, Second Battalion's Corps of Drums, Winnipeg Police Pipes and Drums and local Militia bands, and featuring a performance of the 1812 Overture accompanied by the firing of howitzers.

The Main Event took place Saturday morning with the Second Battalion Trooping the Colour. The day began ominously with black clouds and thundershowers but, just in time, the skies cleared and the sun came out. Hasn't it been said the sun always shines on the Second Battalion? Unfortunately, by the time the Guards marched on, it had become almost unbearably hot and humid. However, in spite of the discomfort, the troops came through as they always do and performed a Trooping second to none. Following the Trooping, the Old Guard fell in, over two hundred strong, and marched past under command of Gord Henderson, who was Colonel Jim Stone's Battle Adjutant at the Battle of Kapyong. The Old Guard were led by the flags of Canada, South Korea, USA and the Association, carried by Kapyong Vets and escorted by two other Kapyong Vets carrying No. 4 Rifles at the slope. The first division of the Old Guard consisted entirely of Kapyong Vets, approximately forty strong, commanded by Andy Foulds. The remainder of the Old Guard marched with No. 2 Division, commanded by Doug Bedford, National President of the Association. Bringing up the rear, our motorized element consisting of airport shuttle cars and golf carts carried those who were unable to march.

Saturday evening began with a delicious Korean supper prepared and served by members of Winnipeg's Korean community and included a terrific preview of the entertainment to be provided by the Korean Pavilion during Winnipeg's Folklorama later this summer. The Korean supper was followed by a Classic Rock concert performed by three live bands. The concert seemed to be well attended by the serving soldiers and their gals but most members of the Old Guard who didn't retire to 'B' Echelon could only be found deep in the Better 'Ole.

On Sunday afternoon, the Kapyong Barracks gates were opened wide and the public was treated to an Open House featuring static and active displays of military vehicles, hardware and techniques. The APC rides and inclined rope slide (Death Slide) proved to be very popular with the kids.

The Open House concluded with a few presentations and awards by the Commanding Officer to members of the Second Battalion and to others who had assisted in organizing the weekend events. Association members Pamela Borland and D'Arcy Best were commended for their efforts in fund raising and promotion and each presented with a signed original print depicting the Kapyong defence. Finally, at 1600 hours, the long awaited Car Raffle. The 1996 Hyundai Accent Hatchback, donated by Sargent Hyundai of Winnipeg and raffled by the Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch of the Association, was won by Jean Swark of Winnipeg. Jean's brother Bill, who served with PPCLI early in World War II before transferring to the Special Service Force, is buried in a cemetery near Cassino.

The weekend concluded with Second Battalion's Change of Command Ceremony, where Lieutenant-Colonel J.M. Turner, CD, handed over to Lieutenant-Colonel D.A. Fraser, CD. Coming as it did at the end of a very full and emotionally charged weekend, it was somewhat of an anti-climax to the troops and spectators, but it was done very professionally and Colonel Turner can be satisfied he has

turned over a battalion second to none. We wish him success in his new job as G3 at 1st Division Headquarters in Kingston, Ontario.

Although our car raffle did not raise as much money as we had hoped, we were all pleased the car was won by a member of the Patricia Family and we did clear \$6,787 after expenses. We donated \$455 of the proceeds to the Winnipeg Children's Hospital Research Foundation and turned the remaining \$6,332 over to Second Battalion to help offset the costs of the Kapyong 45th Anniversary. This money did not come easily. It was the result of the long hours spent by many members of the Association selling tickets at various shopping malls and other venues.

Much of our time since the Kapyong weekend has been taken up with golf, with three tournaments hosted by the Association, the Second Battalions's Junior Ranks Club, and the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess. Now we are getting ready for our winter sports (shivering, shovelling snow and pushing cars). We will not be parading with Second Battalion on November 11th as they will be in Wainwright training for their possible deployment in Bosnia, but we will be having our annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on November 10th.

We have recruited 13 new members this year but this increase has been partially offset by the deaths of Jimmy Tew, Rick Hillyard, Mary Vaughan, Bob Rochon and Joe Stanley. We will miss them all but the loss of Mary Vaughan was particularly significant in that, as the widow of Jimmy Vaughan, our last "Original", she was our only living link with the First World War. We also seem to have lost three 1995 members who have not paid their dues this year. This leaves us with 112 members in good standing, six more than last year.

While we are on the subject of membership, does anyone know the whereabouts of D.J. (Doug) Walsh? His last Newsletter was returned by the Post Office and we do not know whether he has moved without a forwarding address or has passed away. Doug served with the Regiment in Italy (H16395, LCpl) and was at one time President of the Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch. He lived in Ste Anne, Manitoba, before moving to Langley, BC, a couple of years ago. His last known address was 103-9045 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley, BC. That's all from The Peg. See you in Saskatoon in '97. Always a Patricia.

EDMONTON BRANCH

(By Patricia Munro)

Greetings from the Edmonton Branch PPCLI to all Patricia's.

Prior to adjourning for the summer months, undoubtedly the highlight for our Branch was "The Commemoration of Frezenberg", with 84 members and their guests enjoying dinner and good fellowship. We were delighted to welcome Patricias from other branches: namely, the Jim Coutts from Victoria, the Bill Whites and the MacFarlanes from Calgary, the Ed McMahons from Ottawa and the Stirling McAuleys from P.E.I.!!

To add a further dimension to the festivities, a local drama group prepared a thought provoking skit, using tapes to tell the story, and a re-enactment of the WW1 battle in May, 1915. A young drama student from the Grant MacEwan College played the role of the young soldier. "Through the magic of drama, he shared his fears, anger and glory. In a brief interlude of war, he bares his soul as he tries to find the words to tell his wife about a life that she cannot understand. History comes to life as he struggles with the demons of war, in a day in the trenches of Frezenberg. And so, A "YOUNG MAN'S BATTLE CRY" honoured the men who fought at Frezenberg. History records of the approximate 700 men who went into that battle, 150 answered roll call.



Peter Huck (Through The Looking Glass Productions Inc., Leanne Ryan and Karin Hirwell)

Further highlights ... the piping of Jimmy Coutts of Victoria, John Jackson and his bugle. The presentation of Appreciation Awards to Bert Reed, Jack Slater, "Muzz" Kosak, John Jackson, "Tex" McCannel, Patricia Munro. Many thanks go to Joe Dunn and his Social Committee, Bert Rajotte, Mary-Ann Rajotte, Una Travis and Sylvia Ellison who did a superb job with the usual raffle of donated articles.

Edmonton Branch PPCLI is growing "like topsy". With a count of 34, two Airborne Guests, and Speaker John Belec from the Last Post Fund, we anticipate that we may have to change venue to accommodate the additional members. As our President stated, "Growth is good!" The PR is great, the dedicated efforts of the Phone-Fan out group of eight to ten people in no small measure are responsible for this growth.

At the Annual Inspection Parade of 1809 The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Cadet Corps, held recently at John Paul Elementary School in Millwoods, a number of cadets were recognized for their outstanding contribution to the Corps. The corps is affiliated with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and is sponsored by the Kingsway Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.



Among the trophies presented was the "PPCLI Association Capt. Kozar Trophy" awarded on an annual basis to the cadet who best exemplifies the qualities of dedicated citizenship through his or her commitment to the service of others. The trophy was awarded for the second time to Sergeant Roberta Holtner for her outstanding contribution to the Corps. Her references indicated that Roberta's performance "has always been of the highest standard and that her dedication to her unit, its pride and heritage second to none".

Shown after the presentation are R-L Dr. Frank Kozar, former Commanding Officer of the Corps and now Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 20th Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, Sergeant Roberta Holtner of 1809 the Loyal Edmonton Regiment Cadet Corps and Lieutenant Colonel G. McLean, Commanding Officer, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

With the Edmonton Garrison taking on the appearance of a satellite Edmonton and with the influx of personnel with their families, a few ceremonies have taken place, and considerable press resulting in the Edmonton Journal. Change of Command Parade, June 26/96 at CFB Edmonton from LCol Turner to LCol Moher. Representing our Branch — Jack Slater, John Jackson, Joe Dunn, Una Travis, Patricia Munro. Eight Edmonton Patricia's attended the AGM in Winnipeg, 29th and 30th June/96, Neil McKerracher "subbing" for Pres. Wayne. Jack Slater reported on the Second Battalion Change of Command from LCol Turner to LCol D.A. Fraser, at Kapyong Barracks, Winnipeg.

We may find in the long run that tinned rations are a deadlier weapon than the machine-gun.

- George Orwell

EDMONTON APPRECIATION AWARDS MAY 17, 1996



COMMEMORATION OF BATTLE OF FREZENBERG MAY 1915



Head Table, L-R: Patricia Munro, Lloyd & Marie Holden, Wayne & Sheila Taylor, Don & Enid Manuel, Ida & Neil McKerracher.



OKANAGAN/THOMPSON BRANCH

(By Jerry Richard)

This newsletter opens on a sad note. In the past year we have lost two of our old-time Patricias, Bob Frolek from Kamloops and Don McDonell from Vernon. They will be missed by all of us. Bob was a dedicated outdoorsman and enjoyed many hours hunting and fishing in the Kamloops area. Don will be remembered for his contribution of time and effort in the many work parties in the branch, particularly in the construction of the Memorial Cairn in the Vernon Army Camp in 1989. This cairn, along with the parklike setting of maple trees and benches, was erected through the efforts of Branch members led by Tom Tyson, and is definitely a thing of beauty. All of us appreciated the work of PPCLI cadets serving at the cadet camp who voluntarily took it upon themselves to clean the plaque and the surrounding area. This work was performed after parade from 2100 hrs until they broke off due to darkness.

The branch was well represented at the AGM and all of the activities during the Kapyong celebration in June, particularly the display of the team of parachutists and the playing of the 1812 overture by the massed bands, along with the sound effects provided by the local Artillery with their 105s. The weekend was truly a fitting Kapyong remembrance.

The weather co-operated as members enjoyed our annual barbeque at Okanagan Lake on 12 August. All Patricias are welcome at this event, which takes place on the Saturday of the second weekend in August every year.



Annual BBQ at Richard's lot: Ken Lingren, Bill Davis, Chris Yerburgh, Tom Mason, Tommy Thompson, Lois Thompson and Peg Harrington (back to camera).

Our President Tom Tyson is currently undergoing a program of radiation treatment aimed at the defeat of the cancer that has been troubling him over the past few years. All Patricias wish him a successful conclusion to his efforts.

By popular demand, all Branch meetings will be held at Branch 25, Royal Canadian Legion in Vernon, to include a luncheon at 12:00 noon. Our calendar of events for 1997 is as follows:

Saturday 18 January
Saturday 15 February
Monday 17 March - Regimental Day
Friday 15 April - Kapyong Day
Friday 9 May - Frezenberg Remembrance
Saturday 17 June - Branch Annual General Meeting
Saturday 9 August Annual Barbeque at Richard's Northland Main
Saturday 20 September - San Fortunato Remembrance
Saturday 18 October
Tuesday 11 November - Remembrance Day

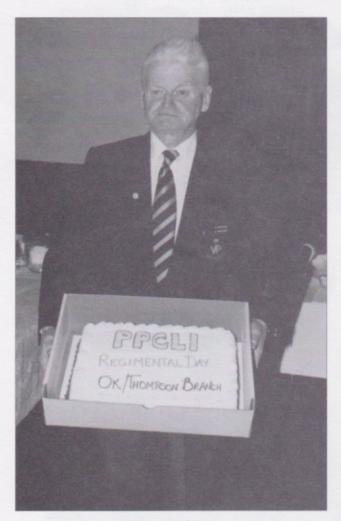
Stand down in December



Kapyong Day: George Cook reading the Citation, Bob Casement.



The Okanagan/Thompson Branch on Parade.



Regimental Day: Jerry Richard holding the cake.



CALGARY BRANCH

(by Bob Zubkowski)

Fellow Patricians:

Here it is after a so-so summer, we at the Calgary Branch gathered 26 September to commence our fall/winter meetings. As we face the next few months, our efforts will be two-fold: one, to prepare for the closure of CFB Calgary, which causes us to lose the WO and Sgt's Mess as our meeting place, and two, the farewell of First Battalion next June. However, we are looking forward with confidence and hope that the spirit of the Regiment will prevail. Our first meeting was again well attended and much was discussed including issues addressed elsewhere in this report. By the time this report is read the Branch will have celebrated its Oktoberfest in grand form. The next Branch meetings will be October 24 and November 28 at the WO and Sgt's Mess and anyone in the Calgary area is welcome to attend — the first drink is on the house.

Looking back over the past months since our last report, we are pleased to say that we had another successful year so far. Our spring barbecue was again well attended and we were able to welcome many friends and guests. We were especially honoured to have the Commanding Officers and their ladies in attendance. All attested that the Association is critical to the well-being of the whole Regiment and also the support given by the Calgary Branch is recognized and much appreciated.

Our members continue to volunteer at the Regimental Museum and clearly provide a valuable service. We are all concerned, however, as to the future of the Museum; yet we are confident that a decision will soon be made to everyone's satisfaction. Too much work and money has been put into it just to have it dismantled and indeed destroyed. All our efforts must be directed to enhance what we have rather than serve some short-term whim.

Some of our members, along with members of the Edmonton Branch, were able to join the newly formed Wainwright Branch at its inaugural. By all accounts a good time was had by all. We wish the Branch well for the future.

During the KVA Convention held August last here in Calgary, we were able to meet with numerous Patricias — what better place to meet than the Regimental Museum! For many, it was their first visit to the Museum and certainly for many, their first trip back since Korea. Judging by the many comments received, the hard work done by so many was much appreciated. To all our Branch members on the KVA Committee — a job well done!

As we close out the year, some thoughts must be expressed. Certainly, words alone are inadequate to describe the heights to which our serving members of the Regiment have risen — notwithstanding the Somalia inquiry or other events which may yet unfold and may cast a shadow over Patricias. It behoves us in the Association to support our serving brothers, but we must demand loyalty of service, the highest standard of ethics and, which goes without saying, solid leadership.

1996 must not pass lest we remember those Patricias who have passed away. We were greatly saddened by the loss of so many, in particular, from the Calgary Branch. We said good-bye to: John (Doc) Miles, Jimmy Hood, Bill Stutt, Len Skalicky, Keith Weidendorf, Hank Haas, and Chuck Newman-Jones. Our most sincere sympathy went out to the families.

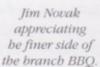
In closing, the Executive of the Calgary Branch wishes all its members and their families, and all Patricias throughout this great land, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your blessings be plenty and we look forward to seeing all of you once again in 1997.



President Bob Zubkowski presents the Chairman Entertainment Committee, George Artherson, with the Association's Certificate of Appreciation.

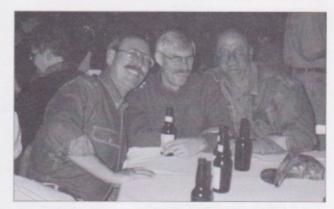


The old dogs
learning new tricks:
Connie Riches
teaching John Friedt
and Terry Kent
the latest steps.
Ed Borchert in the
background
calling the time.





The wives enjoying relaxing moments between dances.



The musketeers at the spring BBQ and dance. From left to right: Neal Bynkoski, Bruce Fairburn and Bob Mysbrall.

FRASER VALLEY BRANCH

(By Mel Canfield)

Starting on a sober note, we said farewell to another one of our members this past season. Earl McMaster died of a heart attack on Sunday, 17 March 1996. Apparently he died while the rest of us were celebrating Lady Patricia's birthday in the Cpl's lounge on the Base. We didn't hear about it until the next day. WE WILL REMEMBER HIM!

We got through April with only the loss of RSM Ted Ruck as our secretary. As the new RSM of 3 Bn, Ted just got too busy in the Bn's move from Chilliwack to Edmonton to do the secretary's job. We all thank Ted for his support while he was with us. He was a valued member of the Branch and we wish he and his wife Judy well in their new job.

Fortunately Felix Carriere volunteered to fill the position vacated by Ted. Felix volunteered on the condition that Grouch help Felix "listen" in taking the minutes since Felix has poor hearing. Grouch agreed and even volunteered to listen in French for Felix. They should make quite a team.

Since our Branch meeting for May coincided with the WOs & Sgts annual gathering in Fairmont, it was voted to declare our April meeting our AGM and elections. This was agreed to unanimously. The elections were easy since the current slate of officers agreed to stand for another year. This was also accepted unanimously.

The slate is:
President - Mel Canfield
Vice President - Bob Shine
Treasurer - Harold Grouette
Sgt At Arms - Bill Wilkinson
Secretary - Felix Carriere

On the 12 Jun 1996 we held our wind-up meeting for the season, as usual in the RCL, Br 280, our second home. We were joined by a "Cpl's Guard" from 3 Bn from the CO, LCol John Turner on down. That was about all that was left of 3 Bn, the rest having already moved to Edmonton.

Ted Ruck, in his capacity as the new RSM, made a presentation to the Branch on behalf of 3 Bn. It was a black and white pencil drawing of the front gate of their former barracks at Work Point. This presentation was in recognition of our Branch's support of 3 Bn during their time in CFB Chilliwack. This well crafted picture was enthusiastically received by the members since nearly all members of the Branch had served at Work Point at some time and had fond memories of the Barracks.

The President responded to the presentation and wished the members of 3 Bn well on their move. He also asked LCol Turner how he saw the Bn's task changing in their new location. The CO gave a brief talk on how he saw the Bn evolving and what he thought heir new tasking would look like. It certainly sounded challenging for all ranks.

The President responded to LCol Turner's talk by expressing full confidence that the Bn would continue in the usual Patricia tradition, both of meeting their new challenges and doing so in the regimental tradition of excellence, particularly under the determined leadership of LCol Turner. The balance of the evening was spent socializing with the Bn members present.

Later in June, several Branch members made the trip to Winnipeg to see the Trooping celebrations honouring the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. Second Bn put on a superlative, professional show to the delight of all who witnessed it. I'm sure there will be other descriptive accounts elsewhere in the Newsletter.

In late August a few of us took in the Korea Veterans AGM and attendant celebrations in Calgary. The main events were held in one of the large hotels near the airport. The culminating parade and march past was held in front of "The Museum Of The Regiments", across from Currie Barracks. This was the largest parade of Korea Veterans since the Korean War. There were Canadians from across the country, coast to coast. There were Americans from many of the states. There were Brits over from England. The parade included Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen. It was a fine gathering in beautiful Calgary weather.

And so we enter another season of association activities. A little poorer because of losses on the one hand and a little richer for additional memories on the other hand.

Thank goodness for our memories.

VICTORIA BRANCH

(By John Tolley)

The Victoria branch has had a successful summer of '96. We had two well-attended functions, the first being the Frezenberg day dinner held at Jack Lees Chinese Village restaurant. Doug Bell gave a discourse on the battle of Frezenberg straight from the regimental history, and a good time was had by all. The second event was our annual barb-que and picnic, held in partnership with the Korean Veterans Association. This took place at the Victoria Horseshoe Club, which incidently proved to be an excellent facility. We naturally organized a horseshoe tournament which was won by John Crawford and Marg MacIntosh. Members also tried their hand at the bocce game that was available, and Frank Chevrier and Morgan Desjarlais proved to be the best at this popular Italian sport, narrowly beating Don Worswold and Kathy Sevenski 10 to 9. Jack deBruijne kindly donated a trophy for the horseshoe event.

Several members of the association and many local serving Patricias were on hand to say good-bye to Len Kopan from the Work Point barber shop. Len retired on September the 26th and moved to White Rock the next day. It was amazing to see how many serving Patricia's had managed to hang on in "Fantasy Island" even though the 3rd Bn was long gone. Len was in residence just one week short of 28 years, and the barber shop will now be demolished as soon as DND finds the funds.

Our branch was recently fortunate enough to receive a generous donation of money from Ken

Sevenski. Ken lives a nomadic life around the world from oil rig to oil rig although his actual mailing address is in Thailand, so we don't see him very often. He served three years with the Regiment in the early '70s and is thus one of the all too few from than generation who

keep up their regimental contacts. Ken incidently attributes his success in life to the attitude and discipline he learned on the parade square at Work Point Barracks. A nice thought.

Readers may be interested to know that one of our members, recently returned from the UK, reports that the British Government has sold off all 50,000 of its military married quarters. They were bought for 3 billion \$Can by a consortium headed by a Japanese company. Service personnel and veterans groups, particularly Burma vets and former POWs of the Japanese, fought strongly against the sale, but to no avail. The British Defence Minister said it was a good deal, and would free up funds for married quarters improvements. That of course remains to be seen.

During the summer we have learned of the deaths of three local comrades, Art Church, Rollie Hayes and Hank Haas. Although they were not active in the association, we remember them as fellow Patricia's.

A project close to the hearts of many of our members is near fruition. The compact disc project of PPCLI band recordings should be available by Christmas. All the band music presently available is on vinyl records and will deteriorate over a period of time. Bruce Dickey has made a considerable effort in obtaining the best vinyl sound to transfer to CD. The \$6,000 costs involved have been greatly helped by generous contributions from Bruce himself, Doug Bell and Bob Peacock. It is a fact that audio and visual regimental history in its present form will not stand the test of time. Those 8mm trooping films will be unusable in another





WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

(By Wally Komadina)

The Wainwright Branch was established in January 1996. To date we have twenty-seven members. We hope to increase that number by next January. We are very grateful for the support and assistance provided by LCol Mike Austdal, the Officers, and Sr NCOs of the Battle School. They have been instrumental in getting this Branch off and running.

On the weekend 19 to 21 April we had a group of visitors from Calgary and Edmonton Branch: Doug Bedford, John Richardson, Baj Franklin, Bob Zubkowski, Wayne Taylor, John Sulderitsch, just to name a few. Following a Meet and Greet at the WOs' and Sgts' Mess on Friday evening, most of the older and wiser visitors retired to their bunk beds in one of the Quonset huts. Some of the vounger and more energetic types decided to revisit the old watering holes (The Park and the Wainwright Hotel). Needless to say, when the bugler sounded reveille at 0600 hrs there were some very unhappy campers. Saturday morning we gathered at the Battle School HQ, Lieutenant-Colonel Austdal gave us a very informative briefing on the role of the Battle School in the Land Forces Western Area, Saturday afternoon was spent at the Wainwright Museum located in the old train station. That evening we got together at the Battle School Recruit Lounge for a few drinks and lots of stories. We hope that our visitors enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed having them here.

On 11 May we held a barbeque at Buffalo Park Hall. Unfortunately, I was out of town at that time so I don't have all the details. But, judging from the bar profits I received on my return, everyone must have had a very good time. Many thanks to Eugene Desjardins for running the bar, John Blades for being a true blue CQ and coming up with more than just a few extra goods, Norm Pryce for doing just about everything, Dave Casey for promotions and posters, and several others for their help. Thank you. We may call again.

We did not have any other meetings or functions during the summer. Ed Bakker, Bill Gray and Larry Lemieus were very busy keeping the oil companies happy. Don Ritheler was farming, poaching and doing whatever else he does in Hardisty. Myself, Bert Scott, and several other more athletic members could be found on the Wainwright Golf Course. Our still-serving members from the Battle School had a very busy schedule training soldiers for the Army of the West. But nobody worked as hard as Roger Scully. A gentleman farmer, Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, and Range Control Sergeant are just some of the jobs/positions that Roger holds.

Some of our members left the Wainwright area this summer. We'd like to say good bye and good luck to LCol Corry, CWO Descoteaux and WO Blades.



Wayne Taylor, President Edmonton Association.



Bob Zubkowski, President Calgary Association.

I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.

- Ulysses S. Grant



May 3, 1996: Ed Bakker and 9601 Kapyong Platoon Most Improved, Pte MacAulay, Charlottetown, P.E.I.



May 31, 1996: Mr. Komadina, Col Mober (CO 3PP), It Raymond (Pl Comd), Korea Pl.



June 27, 1996: President and 9603 Ypres Platoon Most Improved, Pte Woodhouse CWT, Sardis, B.C.

He Never Left His Post

(A vignette ghost story from the archives of the Regimental Museum)

A wagon load of wounded soldiers — some British, some Patricias — were being transported at night from Bellewarde Ridge to Ypres. When the wagon neared "Hell Fire Corner", a sentry appeared from nowhere frantically waving his arms. The driver stopped the horses and went forward to the soldier, but to his surprise the sentry had vanished. Below where he had been standing was a huge crater that the wagon would have fallen into had the driver continued. The sentry had obviously saved the lives of the wounded soldiers proceeding on the darkened road. Having been warned the driver was able to make a safe detour and completed the remainder of the journey safely.

Later in Ypres, when the driver was advising others of the danger on the road, it was learned that the crater was blown thirty minutes before the wagon arrived. The sentry there had been killed instantly and was not yet replaced. But it seems even in death he never left his post.

In Memoriam

NAME	SERVICE	DATE	PLACE
Blakeney, Frederick E.	WW II, Reg F	19 Mar 96	Kentville, NS
Bodnar, Joseph	Reg F	16 Apr 96	Kamloops, BC
Brignell, Frank	Reg F	14 Oct 96	Calgary, AB
Butz, Henry	Korea	24 Jun 96	Saskatoon, SK
Clark, Lester J.	WW II	8 Feb 96	Qualicum Beach, BC
Coleman, R.C. BGen, DSO, MC	WW II	Sep 96	Montreal, QC
Compeau, Louis Pierre	WW II	1 Jun 96	Winnipeg, MB
de Faye, Dick	-	15 Sep 96	Vancouver, BC
Demone, Allister R.	Reg F	14 Feb 96	Bridgewater, NS
Dobbs, Ken	_	Jul 96	Langley, BC
Dubois, Lawrence	WW II	25 May 96	Portage La Prairie, MB
Forbes, Victor	WW II	12 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Gillespie, Lyal	-	14 Jul 96	Peterborough, ON
Gladstone, J.W.	WW II	6 Apr 96	Killarney, MB
Gosney, William	Reg F	23 May 96	Surrey, BC
Granger, Herbert G.	WW II	1 Sep 96	Winnipeg, MB
Horodychuk, Everett S.	WW II	3 May 96	Rocanville, SK
Hrabi, Sigmond	WW II	17 Jan 96	Winnipeg, MB
Hunt, Leonard J.	WW II	31 May 96	Perth, ON
Isbister, Percy V.	Reg F	24 May 96	Vedder Crossing, BC
Kruch, Rudy	WW II	1995	Winnipeg, MB
Krumbergs, John	Korea	18 Jun 96	Ottawa, ON
Kushko, Wally R.	WW II	11 May 96	Surrey, BC
Lekivetz, Robert M.	Reg F	1995	Esquimalt, BC
MacKinnon, Duncan	WW II	9 May 96	Dryden, ON
Majore, John Joseph	Reg F	21 Apr 96	Regina, SK
McDonell, Donald		1996	Vernon, BC
Meeking, Linton	_	11 Jun 96	North Bay, ON
Nault, Ores (Jerry)	WW II	10 Nov 95	Winnipeg, MB
Newman-Jones, Charles L.	Reg F	25 Jul 96	Fort Saskatchewan, AB
Polinsky, E.J.	-	25 Apr 96	Victoria, BC
Rochon, Jean-Pierre	CF	19 Jul 96	Winnipeg, MB
Smith, Gerald R.	Reg F	12 Jun 96	Port Alberni, BC
Souch, William M.	WW II	7 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Stewart, Andrew M.	WW II	4 Jun 96	Russell, MB
Stanley, Joseph M.	Korea	3 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Stewart, George C.	WW II	13 Aug 96	Winnipeg, MB
Van Durme, Raymond	Korea, Reg F	Dec 95	Calgary, AB

In Remembrance Poetry

The Princess Pats

"Out of the original regiment only twenty remain" No need to call the roll today: No need to read the scroll today: No need to look for friends you knew among the first command, Small use - you know the rest of it -The worst of it - the best of it -Where fate has written each address -"Somewhere in No Man's Land" Somewhere in No Man's Land today, You'll find the first command today, From Neuve Chapelle to Vimy Ridge, Wherever they were sent: Their share? A triple store of it. They did their bit, and more of it, So here's to twenty who returned where 1400 went.

Veterans why are you standing there?

It's been a long time since you were asked to do your part.

You went through it over there, you heard the loud fanfare,

Yet comrade, still I know you had the heart.

Long dreary aisles of crosses row on row, Where sleep unnumbered dead for Freedom's glory, Thousands who died with their faces to the foe On Battlefields of the France so grim and gory.

Your pal of yesteryear still sleeps serene Mid Flanders' poppies of the scarlet hue. Can it be thoughts of him that keep your memory green Or the time he gave you his last fond adieu?

That something that seems to well up in your heart Brings back more strongly each and every year, It seems to say: "Old pal you did your part". It cements the comradeship we hold so dear.

Do you ever have that lump come in your throat, When round the cenotaph you stand with comrades still, The wreath, the silence, and the long last bugle note It seals a bond of comradeship, a bond, that time won't kill

Good Lord pour out Thy blessings on our youth Our memories of France keep fresh and green God save the Queen for Freedom, Love and Truth And keep our comradeship ever clean.

Ah! Years have gone and pulses slower throb, Revile sounds again for younger men. We would not stand aside and criticize or sob God is on our side forever Lads — Amen.

Poem by Howard "Dusty" Hoover

Prayer Before Battle

When 'neath the rumble of the guns,
I lead my men against the Huns,
'Tis then I feel so all alone and weak and scared,
And oft I wonder how I dared
Accept the task of leading men.

I wonder, worry, fret and then I pray
Oh God! Who promised oft
To humble men, a listening ear,
Now, in my spirit's trouble state
Draw near, dear God, draw near, draw near.

Make me more willing to obey, Help me to merit my command, And, if this be my fatal day, Reach out, Oh God, Thy Guiding Hand, And lead me down that deep, dark vale.

These men of mine must never know How much afraid I really am, Help me to lead them in the fight So they will say, "He was a man".

> By Major Alex R Campbell written one night while in the lines waiting to do battle with the enemy

Lest We Forget

And young men fell not moving, not rising, only lying on blood soaked ground So proud, so bold and yet they die Their story of like still untold Now beneath a silent earth. Scarred with battle they lie And Loved ones cry, For what they have lost And Mankind says: "Lest we Forget Those Brave young men Who died for something not really understood Let us remember with pride, Those brave young men" As we remember. A thousand more will die Not really knowing why Only wondering when it will be over Like those brave young men we remember — just today.

Wisdom & Humour

God is always on the side of the big battalions.

– Marshal Henri de la Tour D'Auwergne Turenne

It is the merit of a general to impart good news, and conceal the truth.

— Sophocles

Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.

- Napoleon Bonaparte

A chief is a man who assumes responsibility.

He says, "I was beaten." He does not say, "My men were beaten."

– Antoine de Saint-Exapéry

I believe in compulsory cannibalism. If people were forced to eat what they killed there would be no more war.

– Abbie Hoffman

A single death is a tragedy, a million deaths is a statistic.

– Joseph Stalin

They were never defeated, they were only killed.

– Saying about the French Foreign Legion

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.

- Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

Maybe I Shouldn't Have Said That!!

My dynamite will sooner lead to peace than a thousand world conventions. As soon as men will find that in one instant whole armies can be utterly destroyed, they surely will abide by golden peace.

- Alfred Bernbard Nobel

I do not consider Hitler to be as bad as he is depicted.

He is showing an ability that is amazing and he seems to be gaining his victories without much bloodshed.

– Mabatma Gandbi, May 1940

I tell you Wellington is a bad general, the English are bad soldiers; we will settle this matter by lunch time.

- Napoleon Bonaparte, the morning of the Battle of Waterloo

Later in the day, Napoleon remarks –

This man Wellington is so stupid he does not know when he is beaten and goes on fighting.

It is significant that despite the claims of air enthusiasts no battle ship has yet been sunk by bombs.

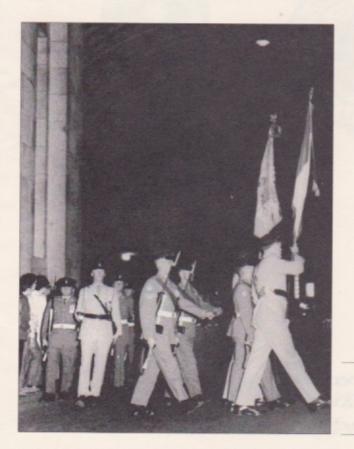
– Caption to a photograph of the U.S.S. Arizona in the Army-Navy football game program, November 29, 1941

Only Some Names

ONLY SOME NAMES ON A PANELLED WALL
IN A MINDFUL YPRES THAT DID NOT FALL;
NAMES OF STAUNCH MEN WHO FIRMLY STOOD
AND PROTECTED THE CHANNEL WITH THEIR HEARTS' BLOOD;
MEN OF AN EMPIRE BUILT TO LAST —
BUILDING A PRESENT OVER A PAST;
AN INSULAR PAST THAT HAD CARRIED WIDE
THE FLAG OF FREEDOM ON EVERY TIDE.
WELL MAY WE PONDER THE YPRES WALL
WITH ITS MENIN GATE AND ITS COLUMNS TALL —
THE UNBURIED BRITISH WHO STOOD AND DIED
AND THE FORCES OF
POWER-LUST DEFIED.
ONLY SOME NAMES AT THE MENIN GATE —
ONLY SOME NAMES, BUT THOSE NAMES ARE GREAT.

MENIN GATE, YPRES

557 names of P.P.C.L.I. soldiers are included on a panel 60 feet high and 10 feet wide, which lists over 56,000 British Commonwealth soldiers presumed dead, but whose bodies were never found.



The inscription over the two main arches of the Gate is:

"TO THE ARMIES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE WHO STOOD HERE FROM 1914 TO 1918 AND TO THOSE OF THEIR DEAD WHO HAVE NO KNOWN GRAVE".

The inscription inside the Gate reads:

"IN MEIOREM DEI GLORIAM
SALIENT BUT TO WHOM THE
FORTUNE OF WAR
DENIED THE KNOWN AND
HONOURED BURIAL
GIVEN TO THEIR COMRADES IN DEATH
THEY SHALL RECEIVE A CROWN OF
GLORY THAT FADETH NOT AWAY"

The Colours of the Second Battalion are paraded through the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium during a ceremony in that city 1970.

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