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## THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG

KOREA, 24/25 APRIL 1951



The Battle of Kapyong was a United Nations defensive action fought against Chinese communists in the Republic of Korea (ROK). This battle was part of the largest operation of the War, the Communist Chinese Spring Offensive of 1951. Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI) was a major participant in the Battle of Kapyong.

The Chinese objective was the ROK capital of Seoul and they achieved initial success in two different sectors. The eastern attack, after breaking through the UN front lines, moved down the Kapyong river valley northeast of Seoul. It was here that 2PPCLI and Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR) dug-in to stop the Chinese advance. At 0400 hrs on 24 April, the Chinese 118th Division struck the Australians with a series of attacks. After eleven hours of fighting, the massive numerical superiority of the Chinese forces made itself felt and the Australians, along with the US 72nd Tank Battalion, were forced to withdraw. This left 2PPCLI alone to face the Chinese assault. By 2200 hrs, a hail of tracer bullets lit up the night sky, accompanied by the bugle calls used by the Chinese to signal the start of their attacks. 2PPCLI was totally cut off but withstood wave after wave of Chinese soldiers swarming forward out of the darkness. As ammunition began to run short, some Patricia's resorted to using empty rifles as clubs and the commander of "D" company was forced to call in an artillery barrage on his own position to keep it from being overrun. The morning of the 25th found 2PPCLI still holding its ground. Following an air drop of more ammunition and support from American troops advancing from the south, the Chinese were forced to retreat having sustained heavy casualties. The most conservative estimates place Chinese casualties at several hundred. Canadian losses were ten killed and twenty-three wounded. Had the soldiers of 2PPCLI, 3 RAR and the US 72nd Tank Battalion not stopped this Chinese advance, it is quite likely the city of Seoul would have fallen soon after.

The gallant stands of Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment merited special recognition from the US President. President Truman conferred The Presidential Unit Citation on both battalions and Coy A of the US 72nd Tank Battalion that provided support during the Battle. 2PPCLI is the only Canadian unit ever to receive this award.

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## *A COMMENT ON MEMBERSHIP*

It is my pleasure to write as Vice President and also to express my appreciation to the membership for allowing me to fill this position. I must also congratulate our past president D'Arcy Best for his splendid work during his tenure as president. I have also had the pleasure to meet with our new president, Doug Bedford, and have assured him that we could work together to assure that the future growth of the association will continue.

As president, Doug has asked that I assume the responsibility as "Chairperson for Membership", heading a committee that includes Vice President West, Jac Debruijne, CD and Vice President East, Ted Sutherland, who both I am sure, will do their utmost to emphasize the importance of recruiting new members as the number one priority. Toward this end, correspondence has been exchanged with the Commanding officers of the three Battalions reminding them of the importance of the Association to the Regiment. They will be provided with the names and locations of the branches.

I would request that all Branches within the association appoint a Branch Membership Member who will, in cooperation with the National Membership Committee undertake to contact all of serving and previous serving personnel in their respective areas. We should be promoting the Association as a vehicle to maintain continued ties with others who have served.

Remember the AGM will be held in Winnipeg Man. Jun 27 - 29 1996. Plan to attend and participate.

Yours in Association  
Lloyd James Holden





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## MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

I am pleased at this opportunity to again extend best wishes to all members of the PPCLI Association. And I am delighted to extend a special welcome to members of the newly formed Wainwright Branch.

Norah and I were pleased to participate with the Ottawa Branch on 11 November at the Patricia Cairn in Lansdowne Park. The simple but appropriate ceremony is a long-standing tradition which is always well supported by the Branch and by ERE Patricia's serving in Ottawa. Our plan to spend Christmas in Bosnia with the Second Battalion fell through when, following the Dayton Accord, the units tasking was cancelled. Nevertheless, the Second Battalion's Freedom of the City parade took place as planned on 13 October, and despite miserable weather, was supported by the stalwarts of the Winnipeg Branch. We were fortunate to be able to celebrate March 17 with the Victoria Branch following my visit to 3 PPCLI in Fort Lewis, Washington. While in Victoria we visited briefly with General Cammie and Beth Ware. Both were in good spirits and happy to receive news of the Regiment.

After two remarkably successful years in its 10/90 role, the third Battalion is to assume a new role in the summer of 1996 when it reforms as a light battalion. It will relocate to Edmonton and incorporate the Parachute Company. Equipped on light scales it will be capable of mounting an airborne combat team or an airmobile battle group. Reinforcements are being provided to the Third Battalion from First and Second Battalions and the Battle School has responded well to the need to augment all three battalions.

Like many of you I am numbed by the continued repercussions of the Somalia Inquiry and its exploitation by a media hungry for sensational news. Phase two of the inquiry will enable the good work performed in Somalia by Canadians, in the distribution of food and medical aid and in the reconstruction of hospitals and schools to be highlighted. There will, however, also be some ugly information which will no doubt receive media attention. Morale in the Canadian Forces, already fragile through the pressure of downsizing, will be further weakened. In contrast to the general state of the Canadian Forces I have found morale in the Regiment to be high and I expect it to continue so. The units are gainfully employed and well led. They have a sense of purpose and direction. They are also strengthened by eighty-one years of valiant

history. In the final analysis that Regimental spirit which was our strength at Frezenberg, Kapyong and during other crises will continue to be our strength in 1996.

Plans are well advanced for the 48th Annual General Meeting and the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong on 28 - 30 June. See you in Winnipeg.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First off, I hope that you all had a good Christmas and that the New Year is starting off as you all hoped it would.

D'Arcy is working diligently on the 45th Anniversary of the Battle Kapyong along with all the other members of the Winnipeg Branch and from talking to him and with RHQ I know its going to be an excellent event. By the way, D'Arcy is retiring at the end of March. D'Arcy, sincere best wishes from us all.

The Book of Memorial is moving right along, both myself and Major McComber have the final plans just about complete (Major McComber doing most of the work) and will be sending out TWO options to the Branch Presidents to choose from. By the AGM in June/July we should be able to give you the design that we will be using.

Major-General Ashton has now retired and living in Calgary. He is working on the committee to bring the World's Expo to Calgary in the year 2005.

Our Patron was in Calgary the week of March 25-27 as a guest of honour of the Canadian Red Cross. I had the opportunity of speaking with Lady Patricia and she is looking forward to seeing you all in Winnipeg.

I will be attending an REC Meeting in Wainwright at the end of April and whatever transpires from that meeting with regards to the Association I will ensure that the Branch Presidents get that information.

Finally, just a reminder to the Branch Secretaries, please send your outstanding dues to Captain Lewis as it does cost money to run the Association. Will see you all in Winnipeg!

— Doug Bedford



## **Editor's Observation Post**

Our cover photo has aptly focused on the Battle of Kapyong and in remembering the 45th Anniversary of this distinguished action by 2PPCLI, we all hope to be with the Second Battalion in Winnipeg this summer. Similarly, this edition of the Newsletter features other remembrances of the Korean War beginning with Hub Gray's most intriguing account of an unusual patrol action he led while a Platoon Commander with 2PPCLI. Hub hopes that his article will inspire former members of 12 Platoon to contact him and provide corroborating details to the bizarre and inexplicable scene that was encountered by the Platoon, North of Cumcochyi, Korea in May of 1951.

In addition, we are advertising two Korean War books: Robert Hepenstall's, "Find The Dragon": The Canadian Army in Korea, 1950-1953"; and Robert Peacock's, "Kim Chi, Asahi and Rum". Both of these books are available through the Regimental Kit Shop, or may be ordered direct from the publishers in accordance with the order forms enclosed. In continuing our Korean theme, we would call your attention to the poster, provided by Roly Soper, on the back cover, which gives the details of the KVA convention to be held in Calgary 23-25 August, 1996.

We are also grateful to Bob Zubkowski (new president of the Calgary Branch) for penning two entertaining articles on WW I Patricias. It is our hope that Bob's efforts will allow us to create a Historical Section of the Newsletter which will feature previously untold stories from the Regimental Archives. Bob's experience as former archives NCO makes him one of the top history experts of the Regiment and his willingness to assist with the Newsletter is sincerely appreciated.

Several responses received following the publication of our last Newsletter also deserve acknowledgement. Roy Rushton, Westville, NS, was kind enough to provide accurate details on the murder of twenty Canadian Soldiers at the Abbaye D'Ardenne in Normandy as spoken of in Bill Palfrey's, "50 Year Remembrance, VE Day in Europe", page 5 of the Autumn edition. Roy provided the text of the Bayeux tablets commemorating the murdered soldiers from the D-Day invasion force and noted that SS Brigadeefuehrer Kurt Meyer, commander of the German soldiers who murdered the Canadians, served eight years in Canadian and German prisons for the crimes before his own death in 1961.

Ray Stevens, Oakville, ON, wrote to provide additional details for our Autumn Edition Cover Photo. He commented that the lead drummer in the Bloemendaal march past of the PPCLI Band was Jock

Mackie. Ray relates, "There never was such a bugler or drummer as Jock. When the Regiment suffered such great casualties at Ortona, Italy, they pulled out for burial services, and as was the custom, a trumpeter from one of the staff bands played the Last Post; however, Jock, said that it was his Regiment and he would do the bugler's duty. The trumpet player who told me, said Jock's eyes were red and bloodshot from the battle and he played the last post with tears running down his cheeks". Thank you Ray for that personal insight.

As summer nears, Regimental activity promises to increase. At the 45th Anniversary of Kapyong events sponsored by 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg, there will be a visit by Lady Patricia to the AGM, and battalion activities. Later, the Colonel-in-Chief as a guest of Major-General Ray Crabbe, Commander of the Atlantic Army, will fly to Halifax to be a VIP Guest of Honour at the Nova Scotia Tattoo. From there she intends to tour PEI and Newfoundland - two provinces from where many of her soldiers have their roots, but areas she has never had the opportunity to visit before now.

Operationally, it appears that one of our Battalions will soon be warned for UN duty in Haiti. Such duty is likely to commence in the Autumn of 1996 and continue through the Spring of 1997. To date, however, no formal announcement has been made. On the command side, both the Second and Third Battalions will change COs. LCol John Turner of 2PPCLI will turn over duties to LCol Dave Fraser, moving from Alberta District HQ in Calgary; and LCol Bill Turner of 3PPCLI will hand over to LCol Kevin Moher, presently serving in the Atlantic Army in Halifax. The new RSM in 3PPCLI is CWO Ted Ruck, who moved into the Job in February, after CWO Paul Ballam's retirement. CWO Ron Cooke will retain his position as RSM in 2 PPCLI; and the CO of IPPCLI, LCol Walter Semianiw, along with his RSM, CWO Bill Forde will continue to soldier on in Calgary for at least one more year as will LCol Mike Austdal and CWO Gord Descoteaux at the Battle School.

Administratively, readers should note that RHQ has joined the INTERNET with a "Home Page" at // [www.nucleus.com/~ppcli](http://www.nucleus.com/~ppcli). Cyber space users can place orders to the Kit Shop; obtain history briefs; send E Mail; or correspond in any other way the "web" allows. You are invited to comment on this service and/or provide suggestions on information or additional services you would like to see.

For those who cannot make it to the AGM and the Kapyong 45th Celebrations, we shall have detailed accounts for the Autumn edition. Until then, have a safe and healthy summer.



## **“Find The Dragon: The Canadian Army in Korea, 1950-1953”**

“Hepenstall’s book on Korea is far from being a traditional military history. It is a sometimes brutally frank memorial to the soldiers who served in the war and it is based more on the individual experiences of others than on what happened to the author in Korea.

Although the book has a historical frame in chronology and major events, it is far more a series of impressions. The emphasis is on the soldier in the line and some of the material will shock those never in the services.

I would like to read a long review of this book by a writer who was there, such as infantry officers Peter Worthington of the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry and Harry Pope of the Royal 22nd Regiment. Nonetheless, I felt this book is one of the most unusual Campaign accounts by a participant that I have ever read.”

— Douglas Fisher, Canadian Legion Magazine

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*Korea — Moving Out*



## Lt. Carew Martin

by  
Bob Zubkowski

Over the years listening to my dad, senior Patricias or even fellow Patricias from my generation, the same story seems to come up when someone passes on when you least expect it. "When your number's up..."

Although we think about it and, it does have some merit, I never thought that this would hold true for someone who was to take a warning, or who, fate had something different in mind for. When I came across this story told by Hugh Niven I realized that life does play very unique tricks on us all.

Carew Martin first reported to the PPCLI in Dickebusch on March 20th, 1915 when they were in the trenches at St. Eloi and Hugh Niven was Transport Officer at the time. The CO instructed him to take Martin up to his company in the trenches after dark. There was, as usual, a fair amount of rifle fire whistling around after they left to go to the front line and as the party neared the trenches Martin was hit in the arm. Niven took him back to Major Keenan, the MO at Shelly Farm from where Martin was evacuated to hospital without seeing the front line.

Martin rejoined the regiment at Armentieres on August 4th, 1915 and as Niven, now Adjutant, was the only officer who knew him, he once more had the job of taking Martin up to his Company in the trenches. They went off with the ration wagons and met the carrying party about 1000 yards from the trenches. While rations were being sorted out the Germans turned some machine guns on them. The party was large, four teams of horses, drivers, Quartermasters and four carrying parties. The only person hit was Martin, in the leg. They bandaged him up and put him on one of the limbered wagons and back to HQ. Once more Martin was sent to Hospital and off to England. He had not yet seen the front line and was twice wounded!

In December 1915 the Patricia's were notified that Martin was to rejoin them, so the CO and Hugh Niven went into conference and decided

that Martin was most unlucky and if he wanted to stay alive they had better get him a job away from bullets.

Martin was very good looking, beautifully dressed, well educated and son of Archer Martin, Chief Justice of British Columbia.

They got him a job as A.D.C. to the General in Command of a Canadian Division. When Martin arrived the CO informed him that he was to go to Division as A.D.C. to the General.

Three weeks later, ten miles behind the front line, he went out to look into a disturbance in the transport lines and a drunk-crazed private shot and wounded him. So ended Carew Martin's military service.

Three times wounded and never saw the front lines. Sounds impossible but these are the facts. Carew always remained a Patricia although he never served a day with the Regiment.

I wonder how many of us get a warning during our life, but don't even realize it, after all, "When your number's up..."





**KOREA. PATROL REPORT, LT HUB GRAY, ZK 4348, 12PL,  
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NORTH OF THE BURNED OUT RAIL STATION OF CUMCOCHYI, MAY 1951**

We were occupying Line Golden, D Coy in reserve. Virtually every day a patrol would foray into enemy territory. On occasion there were company and battalion thrusts, the latter having both armour and air support. These actions kept the enemy away from our FDL. On this 12 pl patrol, I took four photos; attached. We boarded US Army Patton tanks which took us to Cumcochy, we then continued forward on foot.

About an hour and a half later, roughly seven miles from our FDL, we were advancing along a trail through the middle of a broad valley, when we spotted an enemy force exposed some distance in front. We deployed, whether for defence

I had never seen the enemy so well equipped. Recent prisoners had one rifle to three men, three days rations with instructions to take weapons from us and food in Seoul. This lot had powerful binoculars, a variety of automatic weapons, pistols, grenades, compass, light mortar and were well supplied with ammunition. It was a morbidly curious sight. A soldier inquired could they liberate souvenirs, I concurred. He stepped forward to retrieve a pair of binoculars from an officer, they remained attached to the body. The soldier pulled harder, the binoculars came free in his grip but adhered to them were the front of the uniform along with the officers crumbling ribs. Thereupon there erupted from the empty shell of



of offence, yet as we changed formation something strange occurred, the enemy remained motionless, as if frozen in time. Was this a trap? We advanced cautiously. It became evident they were squatting on their haunches, positioned upright in four columns of 14 to a row. The group consisted of two officers, a few NCO's and the troops. They were all dead.

the corpse a dark cloud of bugs... Maggots! Our soldier was frightened, he leaped backwards with a start flailing at the probing maggots. Having devoured the entire innards of the corpse the bugs descended en masse upon a warm body! Some of us laughed, momentarily. One or two had retrieved other items such as family photos, searching terminated. Though they were the enemy we were suddenly compassionate for the terrible injustice that had been inflicted upon these unfortunate human beings. The sight of 56 decaying corpses, as if positioned in silent obedience to a prayer, became a source of nausea. The photos of loved ones, including children, impacted on all of us in a personal way.



Having taken the ABC Warfare course, I believed these troops had been exposed to nerve gas by an uncaring government. A trial run? The Chinese drugged their troops before committing them to battle. Were these pitiful souls heavily drugged prior to being committed to the calamity that consumed them? They would have had to be restrained in some manner to remain "orderly" through an ordeal that inflicted a virtually silent annihilation. Is it possible these unfortunate victims were South Korean prisoners of war attired in the uniform of the enemy? Possibly, but we will never know. It has been suggested to me that the reported condition of the bodies exposed though days of 80 - 90 degree heat, would imply being in position for up to a month.

Thank God Northern Armies did not stoop to use this weapon upon us! One anticipates an "experiment" of this nature would normally be clouded in the greatest of secrecy, located in a remote area far from the fighting zone. Why was it conducted so close to our FDL? What level of authority authorized unleashing this horror? Who



possessed the weapon, China or the NK's? Why were they left exposed in the open for so long? Because of the fear of lingering contaminants? Or as a proclamation to whom? Enemy artillery support was sparse, they possessed virtually no air cover hence we did not wear steel helmets for protection of fragmentation. In their unsuccessful Spring offensive of 1951, they attacked with 600,000 troops, suffering horrific casualties. Had a weakened enemy seriously prepared for the execution of instantaneous mass death to reinvent their crum-







bled offensive? Peace talks were developing. This incident was committed very near the UN's front lines and particularly close to 2nd Bn PPCLI.

On returning to our lines I delivered a detailed report to D Coy acting CO, Captain Wally Mills. In Calgary, at the Museum of the Regiments, I recently went through the War diary of 2nd Bn in Korea. I was mystified as to why there is not a reference to this 12 platoon patrol.



This event has been engraved on my memory, for many years I experienced waves of nausea when dwelling upon it. Historians may ponder the potential implications of the enemies intent for some time.

I hope that former soldiers of 12 pl, who were present that day will contact me providing written confirmation, as they remember it. These will be filed in the records of the Regimental History of 2nd Bn PPCLI, in Korea. As this patrol is not recorded in the War Diary, it is necessary to have corroborating written statements.

I look forward to hearing from those who were there, I shall reply to all correspondence.

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## 865 PRIVATE TRACY RICHARDSON

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When war was declared on the 4th of August 1914 everyone was in a hurry to get in the fray, after all it would be over before Christmas. The recruiting poster for the Patricias appeared on 11 August 1914, with the following information: This unit will be equipped as soon as possible, and placed at the disposal of the Imperial Authorities.

Preference will be given to ex-regulars of the Canadian or Imperial Forces; or men who saw service in South Africa.

QUALIFICATIONS: (1) Physically fit.  
(2) Age limit, 40.  
(3) "Good" certificates of discharge for ex-soldiers.

CONDITIONS- Enlistment for one year or the war. Pay Canadian rate.

Three thousand men rallied to the recruiting offices to join what was to become one of the most famous regiments in history. Of the 1089 that were chosen 1049 had seen previous service, and possessed 771 decorations or medals. Of these 456 had seen war service. Every Regular British Army unit was represented, except one, and even the Royal navy was present. The average age was 35. With a mixture like this there was more than a share of unique individuals, and one of these was Tracy Richardson.

Tracy Richardson was 21 years old when he headed for South America on a holiday, and became a soldier of fortune by accident. The 21 year old Richardson bought a money belt, took his \$2000.00 in gold and headed south from New Orleans on a Norwegian fruit steamer for Bluefields, Nicaragua. While in passage he met three men who told him that there was a revolution going on in Nicaragua and that they were going to join it. When they arrived they were put ashore in barges and while their belongings were being inspected at customs Tracy and his friend went to the hotel El Tropical and over the next two days listened to stories of war that was enough to set a couple of youngsters crazy.

On Monday morning when they went to the customs house they were horrified to find out that their baggage was put on an outbound steamer instead of being sent to the hotel. Richardson had only his money belt - everything else was gone. Rather than go back to New Orleans the party went to General Juan Estrada, head of the revolution against President Zelaya.

After being accepted for service, Tracy received his first machine gun training on the seven millimetre colt, which consisted of little more than loading the belt, firing, and minor gun repairs. The war ended shortly after the fall of Managua, and Tracy, with the rest of the soldiers of fortune were paid five thousand dollars in gold, relaxed and enjoyed the peace. After a month of wine women and song Tracy headed back to the USA vowing that his war days were over for good.

In 1911 his money began to run out and Tracy sailed on another fruit boat from Mobile to Puerto Cortes, Honduras. He went to General Lee Christmas who asked him three questions: ever soldier, know how to use a machine gun, do you play poker? By answering yes to all three, he left the room a Colonel in the Honduras Army with two gun crews and two guns. After fighting through Honduras the war ended in Tegucigalpa when elections were held and Bonilla became president. Richardson along with Bill Harris then decided to explore Mosquito Indian Country, on the border between Honduras and Nicaragua and after this adventure head back to the States.

Back in the States Richardson ran into another fighter from the Nicaragua days, Sam Dreben. The two of them were preparing to run guns to Venezuela when the party they were supporting fell to pieces. What was a man to do? Head for Mexico of course where they were in need of machine gunners for the revolution. Sam and Tracy left the Headquarters of General Juarez as Colonels, on a salary of five hundred dollars gold a month and a bonus for every battle in which they fought. The two of them fought in the battle of Rellano which was one of the bloodiest battles in the war. Richardson was sent to Mexico city to take a written message to General Huerta the President. While Tracy waited in Mexico City, American forces invaded Vera Cruz. Americans were fair game in



Mexico City because of the invasion. Richardson could only get out of the City by a train going to Vera Cruz and he could only get on the train by borrowing a British passport from a British business man. Arriving in Vera Cruz he went to work for General Fuston, U.S. Army, as a scout. By July no war with Mexico came about so Richardson headed for El Paso. Here he was told he was indicted by the Grand jury for helping Mexican prisoners escape from the army prison camp at Fort Bliss.

The war in Europe had just started so Tracy went to the French consul to enlist in the Foreign Legion. When he arrived in New York, the French Consulate told him that he would have to pay his own way over to join the Legion because he was not a Frenchman. Britain had entered the war by this time, so Richardson bought a ticket for Montreal to join the Canadian Army.

In the paper he had seen the recruiting add for the Patricias who were camped at Levis. Colonel Farquhar took him on when he found out that

Richardson knew machine guns. Later while in the trenches of Flanders, Brigadier Snow told Colonel Farquhar to put Richardson in for the Victoria Cross, but Colonel Farquhar was killed shortly after the order. Richardson was wounded three times during the battle of Frezenberg. He was discharged shortly after but Joined the Royal Flying corps and later the US Signal corps. In 1919 Tracy was released and pursued several civilian jobs.

In 1941 Richardson was back in uniform - this time his own country's again. First as an intelligence officer, later an air inspector, and finally base commander with the Second Air Force in Colorado. After a short stint in the Aleutian Islands, he was discharged from the army as a Lieutenant-Colonel on 31 January, 1946.

Tracy Richardson had fought six years of wars, untold battles, received honours from seven nations and was wounded 16 times. He spent his last three years selling household appliances door to door in Missouri. He died 22 April, 1949 in Springfield Missouri at the age of 60.

## KIM CHI, ASAHI AND RUM

by  
ROBERT S. PEACOCK

"The Canadian soldier is probably one of the most patient, tolerant, and loyal individuals in the world. He will accept the strictest discipline once he understands the reason for it; he will en-

sure extremes of discomfort and hardship once he knows they are an unavoidable part of his duties."

*(From Kim Chi, Asahi and Rum, by Robert S. Peacock who served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment as a platoon commander in Korea in 1952 - 1953)*

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## Battle Honours — Citations

General Orders No. 52

Battle Honours - As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (Sec. 1, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (Sec. III, WD Bul. II, 1942), citations of the following units is confirmed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2, Army Regulations, 260-15, in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honour and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

3D BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

2D BATTALION, PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY

Company A, 72D HEAVY TANK BATTALION (UNITED STATES)

are cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties in action against the armed enemy near Kapyong, Korea, on the 24th and 25th of April, 1951. The enemy had broken through the main line of resistance and penetrated to the area north of Kapyong. The units listed above were

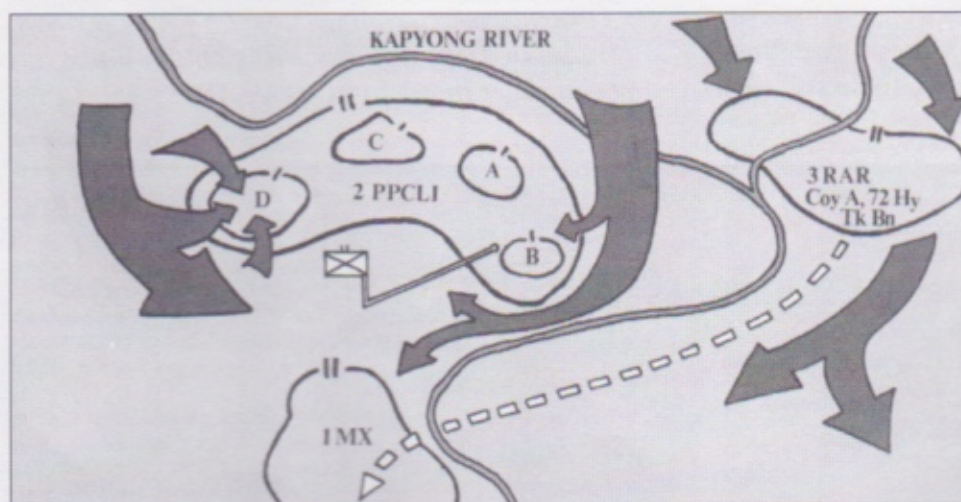
deployed to stem the assault. Early on the 24th of April, the 3D BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

moved to the right flank of the sector and took up defensive positions north of the Pukhon River. The 2D BATTALION, PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY defended in the vicinity of Hill 677 on the left flank. COMPANY A, 72D HEAVY TANK BATTALION, supported all units to the full extent of its capacity and in addition, kept the main roads open and assisted in evacuating the wounded. Troops from a retreating division passed through the sector which enabled enemy troops to infiltrate with the withdrawing

forces. The enemy attacked savagely under the clangor of bugles and trumpets. The forward elements were completely surrounded going through the first day and into the second. Again and again the enemy threw waves of troops at the gallant defenders, and many times succeeded in penetrating the outer defence, but each time the courageous, indomitable and determined soldiers repulsed the fanatical attacks.



*The Chinese assault on D Coy at Kapyong*





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Department OF THE ARMY

Washington, 25, D.C., 19 July 1951

Ammunition ran low and there was no time for food. Critical supplies were dropped by air to the encircled troops, but still they stood their ground in resolute defiance of the enemy. With serene and indefatigable persistence, the gallant soldiers held their defensive positions and took heavy tolls of the enemy. In some instances when the enemy penetrated the defences, the commanders directed friendly artillery fire on their own positions in repelling the thrusts. Toward the close of the second day, the 25th of April the enemy breakthrough had been stopped. The seriousness of the breakthrough on the central front had been changed from defeat to victory by the gallant stand of these heroic and courageous soldiers. The 3D BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT; 2D BATTALION, PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY, and COMPANY A, 72 HEAVY TANK BATTALION, displayed such gallantry, determination and esprit de corps in accomplishing their mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set them apart and above other units participating in the campaign, and by their achievements they have brought distinguished credit on themselves, their homelands, and all freedom-loving nations.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE Army:

J. LAWTON COLLINS  
Chief of Staff, United States Army

OFFICIAL:

WM. E. BERGIN  
Major General, USA  
Acting The Adjutant General



*LCol Jim Stone CO 2PPCLI receives his orders.*





*Air photo  
panorama of  
Hill 677 at  
Kapyong.*

*2 PPCLI  
soldiers  
moving into  
line.*



*A Brengun  
group from  
2PPCLI during  
live fire  
training.*





*A 2 PPCLI  
Section inasty  
defence.*



*A Brengun group "bootch."*

*A rocket launcher group during range practice.*





**FRASER VALLEY BRANCH***(By Mel Canfield)*

The Fraser Valley Branch is moving along quite well in spite of the unfortunate news we have all had to deal with last fall. I'm referring to the closure of CFB Chilliwack and the loss of 3Bn in their relocation to Edmonton/Namao.

As in so many things, our loss is Edmonton's gain. An additional plus is for the troops; who will, in effect, end up with more money in their pockets by getting away from the provincial sales tax, more expensive gas, rents, etc. I remember very well being posted from 1 Bn in Victoria to the Regimental Depot in Edmonton in the early 60's and what a difference it made to our pay cheque. We will miss 3 Bn and we wish them well in their move, and change in deployment.

The Branch celebrated the Regimental Birthday in quiet fashion. We gathered in the Cpl's Lounge on the Base in the afternoon. We spent a pleasant afternoon reminiscing and exchanging stories. A number of the stories told revolved around the people the Association has lost over the past few months, a remarkable number. It seems that every meeting for the last number of months there has been another name, (or more), to add to the list of Fallen Comrades. I guess we're just moving into that particular age bracket.

Dit Roe was observing that, of the personnel of A Coy, 2 Bn, in Germany, in part of the "53 - 55" period, all the officers and Snr NCO's are gone with the exception of himself. What a disturbing thought! WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!

In spite of that gloomy context, it was a pleasant afternoon with a lot of laughs, thanks in large part to "Grouch" Grouette, his knowledge of so many people in the Regiment and his ability to tell a story so well.

If only we could get his stories down of tape! There would be two difficulties to overcome that I see; (1) how to "sanitise" them, (for language), and (2) how to ensure immunity from prosecution. The latter would be the lesser of the two problems because I'm sure the Statute of Limitations has run out on pretty well all of his past activities. The ones that provide much of the humour in his stories!

**SOUTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH***(By Anne Stringer)*

Dear Patricias and Ladies;

The festive season has come and gone, we hope everyone had a great time, and now looking forward to warmer days.

With much regrets, our Branch has lost another long standing member Garry Gurney of Eldorado, he passed away from a sudden heart attack last November, he was in 2nd Battalion from 1948 to 1952.

WE WILL REMEMBER HIM.

Health wise some of our members had Surgery, they are recuperating nicely.

George Cameron to have Surgery on March 4, John Gibson is loosing his sight in one eye, and just had a call from Bud Schman of Cambridge that he has had to turn his drivers licence, as he is loosing his sight in both eyes, also his wife Anne has started with Rheumatoid Arteritis. My better half Frank has lost the use of one Kidney and the other one is coping. Let us hope the good lord will perform some miracles.

And now on a happier note our Branch May weekend will be 24, 25, 26, in St. Catherines at the Imperial Vets Hall. We will be having our Elections on this weekend.

Due to a family function MGen Bill and Norah will not be able to attend our Branch weekend, they sent their regrets. Frank and I are waiting for a phone call to announce the arrival of our fourth Great Grandchild.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy summer and an enjoyable time at the A.G.M.

Our Branch made a donation to the Korea Wall of Remembrance. On the cover of the last Association Newsletter the drummer in the front row left side looking at the picture is Alfred Street of Bramalea centre is Smitty from Peterborough.

Best Wishes To All  
Anne



**CALGARY BRANCH***( By Bob Zubkowski )*

Since the last newsletter in the fall of 1995 the Calgary Branch of the Association has had a busy few months. One of the main topics is the closure of the base. This for the Calgary branch, has more than it's share of questions to be answered. Starting with, will the museum remain, and will we as a branch, be called upon to provide more assistance in the daily workings of the museum? Another problem that the branch is tackling is a new location to hold our meetings. To date we have four submissions and will vote on this issue at our March meeting.

October 20th and 21st were the two days of the casino, members of the Calgary branch volunteered their time to raise just over \$17,600. Remembrance day was well attended by the members both at the Jubilee Auditorium and at the Museum of The Regiments. Our fall barbecue was a great success due to the hard work of Mr. George Arthurson our entertainment chairman and his staff. George has provided us with good food, fine entertainment and some wonderful prizes that were donated by members of the association. Many thanks to Mr. Jim Novak for the microwave oven. While our president was at the AGM he made contact with the president of the Edmonton branch and talked about the two branches getting together. We are trying to make this happen in April in Wainwright, welcoming the new branch there into the family. If this comes off the next Newsletter will have a report and some interesting photos.

Over the Christmas season the branch received Holiday greetings from Lady Patricia and letters from Jack Fisher in New Jersey and Jim Dalton in Australia. January brought with it the request from the Museum of the Regiments for assistance in working bingo. Thanks to the members who volunteered.

The branch was also fortunate to have found their table cloth which has affixed the crests of units with which its members have served. We don't have them all yet, so if you have a spare bring it in. Also two banners. One with the list of members who have past away and the other with past presidents.

The branch donated \$250.00 to the P.P.C.L.I. Cadet Corps 2554 in Calgary. The money will be used to purchase a new Corps flag which will be presented on their 40th anniversary in June 1996.

February saw the new executive of the branch officially take over. The policy of the new executive is to increase membership while stepping up the activities of the branch over the next two years. One of our first duties will be to present a stained glass window to the Museum of the Regiments on behalf of the association.

The Calgary Branch extends condolences to the family and friends of those Patricias who died since the last newsletter.

We will have a lot to tell you come the fall. But if you are in Calgary, please let us know and stop by for a visit. The Calgary Branch meets the last Thursday of every month from September till June. We will holding our spring barbecue and dance on Saturday June 1st so phone or write for your tickets if you will be in town. Have a safe warm summer!





**OTTAWA BRANCH***(By BGen C.B. Snider)***GREETINGS TO ALL PATRICIA'S FROM OTTAWA BRANCH**

The past year has seen the regular events of the Ottawa Branch proceeding as planned. The major event of the year, as always, was the 11th of November Remembrance Ceremony at Lansdowne Park. The 1995 service was led by Lieutenant-Colonel Canon William Fairlie following a report to those assembled from Major-General Bill Hewson, Colonel of the Regiment. Master Warrant Officer Brown, on behalf of the serving members, read Psalm 139. Colonel Oh-Hyun Joh, Military Attach from the Republic of Korea, Colonel Hageman, Military Attach, and Mr. AH Huitzing, Deputy Head of Mission, The Netherlands, joined the Colonel of the Regiment in laying wreaths at the Patricia Cairn to commemorate the fallen and the departed.

Those present for the ceremonies included a good turnout from the Regular Force Patricias as well as many Association Members. Mayor Jacqueline Holzman represented the City of Ottawa. Refreshments were provided by Rita Mann, Deloras Noonan and others.

The Patricias of Ottawa are delighted that Canon Fairlie, on his retirement from the Regular Forces, has been appointed to Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa where he will continue his long association with the military and with the Ottawa Branch of the Association.

The 17th of March 1996 dinner was held at the NDHQ WO's and Sgt's Mess. Turnout was good. We were honoured to have Major-General Brian Vernon representing the Regiment and to have him bring us up to date on the Regiment. Dave Peacock, our Branch Secretary made all the arrangements which was greatly appreciated by those present.

A special event for the Ottawa area calendar was the presence of Lady Patricia, our Colonel-in-Chief at a reception held at the Army Ottawa Officers Mess on Thursday 28 March. Major Pat Dillon accompanied the Colonel-in-Chief as Aide during her visit to Ottawa. Lady Patricia was on a cross-

Canada tour performing duties on behalf of the Red Cross. We were fortunate that she was able to make time to meet the Association and serving members during her busy schedule. An excellent turnout of Patricias enjoyed meeting her along with the British High Commissioner and Mrs Anthony Goodenough, who were hosts for Lady Patricia while she was in Ottawa along with Major-General Bill and Norah Hewson.

The Ottawa Branch wraps up the year with our Branch AGM to be held on the 6th of May at the NDHQ WO's and Sgt's Mess. The annual report, coming events, election of officers and the 1996 Association meetings and 2 PPCLI Trooping in Winnipeg to mark the 45th Kapyong Anniversary top the agenda. A buffet meal will be served. All Patricias in the area or passing through are invited to attend.

Our best Regimental regards to all Patricia's.



*Lansdowne Park — Aug 1914*



**TORONTO BRANCH***(By James Reid)*

Passed away at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Margaret J. Jotchan, wife of LCol T. Denis Jotchan, PPCLI 1940/1942 S.O.S. to 1st Cdn Army HQ. Member of the Toronto Assoc'n.

Since the last Newsletter we have gained a few new members. It is with great pleasure that we welcome them to our Toronto branch of the Assoc'n. Major General Lewis W. MacKenzie, Bracebridge, Ont.; Mrs. John O. Clarke, Scarborough; and Robert Mott, Guelph, Ont. Thank you for your support to maintain and promote the traditions and well-being of the Regiment.

I had a phone call from one of the members of the Edmonton branch, Jack Slater. He was in Toronto for a short visit. I will be seeing Jack at the A.G.M. in Winnipeg, on June 27/28/29th. Some of you might remember his cousin, "Beef" Slater, Jack served in Italy and Holland in WW2 and has visited the latter place a few times.

Bob Middleton is still in Sunnybrook "K" Wing, he looked much better on my last visit than on previous ones. Bob's wife Mary and his brother Dave, visit at least once a week, the hospital is starting to agree with Bob, he is a favourite with staff and attends art classes. Move over Toulouse-Lautrec.

A phone call from Ches Helgason. He told me that he was recovering from a bout of pneumonia and is feeling much better. Ches has had some rough times over the years since he was wounded in 1943. I visited him while he was in hospital in North London, January 1944. Forty-eight years later my wife and I attended Ches and Joyce's 50th wedding Anniversary. We hope to join them on their Diamond Anniversary.

The AGM 1996 Meeting will take place on the morning of June 28th. The Council Meeting will be on the evening of June 27th and the Trooping of the Colours on the morning of the 29th - letter from D.W. Bedford, President, PPCLI Assoc'n, dated January 29th 1996. I will be attending the meeting.

Noted in the Toronto Star, Monday, Feb 5th 1996 - Armoury opened to Shelter the Homeless - "We're happy to help out," said Captain Mike Attrux of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, one of the soldiers staffing the warm-up area. The Patricias are always there when one needs them!

Jack Slater told me that he had loaned the picture to the Assoc'n that is depicted on the front of the last Newsletter, and also mentioned some of those in the picture, Mike McBride, Jock MacKie, John Jackson and Wally Smith, Jock died a few years ago and the rest are still with us, Wally lives in Peterborough, Ont.

Common sense is the most widely shared commodity in the world, for every man is convinced that he is will supplied with it.

Rene Descarte 1596-1650

When the military man approaches, the world locks up its spoons and packs off its womankind.

George Bernard Shaw 1856-1950

I have mentioned this before, but it is time to mention it again, the twelve dollars of the seventeen you send in goes to the Assoc'n HQ. Charitable work is carried out by them through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. Each branch of the Assoc'n carry out their own charity work, according to the size of the group, for this our own group only receives five dollars. This amount enables us to buy stamps, stationary, and to do photo copies and a few other small items, you can see what that leaves for any kind of charity work, nil. We do however have a special fund in National Trust which we use for funerals and a few gifts to those in hospital or nursing homes. The fund was raised in 1954 and is called the 40th Anniversary Fund. A concert was put on by the remaining members of the "Dumbells" in Massey Hall, it was a huge success and over \$5,000.00 was raised. That fund has up to the present taken care of all our charity expenses and we still have half of it left.

At present our assoc'n has three WWI Patricias. I never hear from any of them but I



keep sending out notices and Christmas card and none have been returned, so I am presuming that they are still with us. We also have two members in hospital, Bob Middleton in Sunnybrook and Carl Erlindson in Extendicare/Scarborough. Carl joined the Patricias in Feb. 1940, wounded in Sicily, Jul. 1943 and was S.O.S. May 4th 1945, after the War he worked at Maple Leaf Gardens until his retirement. I should mention that Extendicare/Scarborough is not a hospital but a nursing home.

Wives are young men's mistresses, Companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.

Francis Bacon 1561-1626

The news I have been waiting for arrived in this mornings mail, it is about Regimental Day. It will be held on Friday, 15 March 1996 at Fort York Armoury. The reason for celebrating the event two days early is two fold; firstly it coincides with the visit of the NCO Career Manager, in this case his 2IC, WO Zalasni, and it also occurs as a Friday Happy Hour rather than a Sunday event.

The event is being hosted by MWO McNaughton who is presently serving with the Toronto Scottish Regiment. The event therefore will be conducted at Fort York Armoury in the Toronto Scottish WO's and Sgt's Mess. In keeping with regimental tradition, the event will be informal and dress can be either civilian attire, dress of the day, or sports gear for those hardy warriors who wish to participate in Broom-I-Loo. Timings are as follows; a. RV in the Mess 1530hrs: b. Group Photo 1600hrs: c. Broom-I-Loo 1615hrs: d. Regt. greetings 1645hrs: e. Happy Hour until 2000hrs. Sandwiches and light fare will be provided for a nominal fee of five dollars per individual payable at the door.

If you wish to attend please let me know, there will be a large turn-out of Patricia's serving in the Toronto area, it will be a great opportunity to show them that the Toronto branch is alive and well.

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James M. Reid,  
President  
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(Toronto branch)

Write or phone. I am always in.

JMR.

For the ill-informed, the Fort York Armoury is at 660 Lakeshore Blvd, West, at Strachan, parking on the west end, the Bathurst car stops in front of the south door. Merci





**VANCOUVER BRANCH***(By Bill Swift)*

On Saturday, September 23, 1995, the Vancouver Branch hosted a garden party/reception for our Colonel-in-Chief, the Rt. Honourable Countess Mountbatten of Burma at the residence of the president Arthur Kemsley, in West Vancouver.

Pipers Mel Parsons and George Martin piped the Colonel-in-Chief in on her arrival and piped her away on her departure.

Patricia Burden (nee Sutherland) presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Countess Mountbatten on behalf of all Vancouver Branch members to wish her a safe journey home.

Guests accompanying the Colonel-in-Chief included Lord Brabourne, her niece Miss India Hicks, the Colonel-of-the-Regiment Maj-Gen. Hewson, Brig-Gen and Mrs. Bell-Irving, former Lt. Gov. of BC., the Regimental Major Maj John McComber and the Regimental Adjt, Capt Bill Lewis.

The occasion provided members and their families a unique opportunity to meet informally with the Colonel-in-Chief. Her charming manner, and the beautiful sunny Vancouver weather made for a most relaxed family gathering which was enjoyed by all.

On January 6th the Branch held an annual general meeting to effect a slate of officers. This became necessary on the resignation of the president Art Kemsley due to ill health.

**Members elected to office were:**

Bill Swift - President  
Don Parr-Pearson - Vice President  
Don Boyce - Secretary-Treasurer

**Directors**

Tom Holland, Charlie Ball, (Mrs.) Garry Jantzen, John Moore

A vote of thanks was read into the minutes with respect to the outgoing executive - in particular Art Kemsley, the retiring president, and Joe

Stutt who held the office of secretary treasurer. Both these gentlemen earned our respect and sincere appreciation for their dedication and attention to detail in their respective appointments which they both held for six consecutive years. I thank you both and as the saying goes yours will be a tough act to follow.

Our first priority was to make plans to celebrate the eighty-second birthday of the Regiment. For the first time in quite awhile we were able to celebrate it on the actual date - March 17th - with a formal luncheon in the Seaforth Armouries - thanks to the cooperation and generosity of Lt. Col. Rod Bell-Irving, Commanding Officer of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. On this occasion we were privileged to have E.A. (Smokey) Smith, V.C. and his wife Ester as our guests of honour. Also in attendance and representing the Seaforth Association was David Ferguson.

We were particularly fortunate to have Colonel W.G.B. Sutherland, Chief of Staff Land Forces Western Area HQ as our guest speaker. Colonel Sutherland spoke on the revamping and relocation of regular army units in the West, particularly as it affected PPCLI. It was an extremely well delivered and detailed presentation, but disturbing - not exactly what we wanted to hear - but certainly what we needed to know. It did evoke a lively question and answer session which Colonel Sutherland handled efficiently and honestly. Upon thanking him on behalf of the Association, I couldn't help congratulating him on his courage and candour!

Our immediate goal in 1996 is to find a permanent home for the Association, preferably in the Seaforth Armouries. Initial discussions have been very positive. If approved it is proposed to have display cabinet built by our master carver Jim Shaw, to house Association colours, silverware and memorabilia, for permanent display. Members have also expressed a willingness to donate - or loan, personal treasures with Regimental and historic significance which could then be displayed for the benefit of a much wider audience.

September 8th has been selected as the date for our annual barbecue to be held at the home of Ken and Val Tutte. We would be pleased to wel-



come visitors from other Branches. At a cost of only \$10.00 we will guarantee beautiful Vancouver weather, good food (chicken or steak) and great comradeship - Regimental fashion. Call any Association members whom you know if you plan to attend in order that we can assure an ample sufficiency of all the necessities!

One of our loyal serving members and the official piper for the Association will be leaving us and returning to his native Newfoundland - Mel Parsons has served the Association in practically every executive position over the past ten years. The birthday luncheon provided an opportunity to formally recognize his years of service - particularly in the field of piping. Mel has performed on numerous social occasions but is probably best recognized for his readiness to be present and play the lament for departed comrades. It was a privilege to present him with a Regimental Plaque which

will be suitably inscribed. For all the Laments and other occasions he has performed on behalf of the Association we sincerely "lament" his leaving. We truly wish him well - and many more years of piping!!

### In Memoriam

**Samuel McFall:** Born December 25, 1908 in Ireland, T.O.S. December 14, 1939. S.O.S. September 25, 1945. Sam originally immigrated to Saskatchewan in 1925. He retired in the rank of C.Q.M.S. Died February 13, 1996.

**William Edward Wyman:** Born February 26, 1928 in Ottawa, Ontario. T.O.S. Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders in 1944 at age 16 years. Joined 1st Battalion PPCLI in 1946 S.O.S. 1964. Retired in the rank of Sergeant. Died December 9, 1995.



### The original Colour

Designed and hand sewn by Princess Patricia, the original colour known affectionately as the Ric-a-dam-doo was carried by the



Regiment throughout the First World War. It became a rallying point when necessary, and emerged from the trenches in the manner of any veteran battle scarred and old before its time. The Ric-a-dam-doo bears the cipher of Princess Patricia and replicas are still used today as camp colours. Today the original rests in a glass case in the Regimental Museum as the Regiment's most prized symbol of victory, honour and tradition.





**VICTORIA BRANCH***(by Chick Goodman)*

Sadly we must report the demolition of Work Point Building 1055, better known as the WO and Sergeant's Mess. For many years it was the meeting place of the Victoria Branch of our association. It actually closed in June 1994 and since then the branch has been looking for a suitable home. Initially we used the Work Point Boat Club building. Initially it looked to be a suitable home, but we were "hounded out" after one of the "Boat People" found a cigarette butt in an unauthorized ashtray (a urinal?). We didn't think it was worth fighting about and looked around for a friendlier home.

The branch now meets at the Bay Street Armoury on the last Friday of each month. However, if we have a special function there is no meeting in that month, and of course there are no meetings during the summer months.

The old Sergeant's mess was probably the last major politically incorrect mainstay in Victoria. It's members included police chiefs, garbage men, water bomber pilots and of course old soldiers. A person could learn more about anything at the bar than by cruising the Information Highway! We were sorry to see it demolished.

But, if anyone is planning a nostalgic visit to Work Point we suggest a visit to "Len's" barber shop. It is a minor bastion of political incorrectness, it also serves the worst coffee in NATO.

We celebrated Princess Patricia's 110th birthday at a "tea" party held in the Canadian Scottish Officers Mess on March 17. We were honoured to have Gen. and Mrs. Hewson present. The toast was proposed by Dick Macintosh.



*Mrs. M. Faye (C. Faye), our Sgt. at arms with Gen. Hewson.*





**WAINWRIGHT BRANCH***(By Wally Komadina)*

For most Patricias, Wainwright has been known as a "second home". Every time we had to pack our rucksacks and leave our homes to enjoy outdoor living, long wet nights and many friendly mosquitos, we swore NEVER to come back.

Well some of us did come back, and some of us even retired here. In fact, there are more retired Patricia RSM's in Wainwright than there are anywhere else, including Victoria! So it seemed strange that the Patricia's "second home" did not have a branch of the Association.



*LCol Austdal & Mr. Scott Mens Dinner 15 Mar 96*

During the Countess Mountbatten's visit to Wainwright in the summer of 1994, she challenged then Battle School RSM, Bert Scott, to start a branch of the PPCLI Association. It has taken a while, but we are pleased to announce that the Wainwright Branch has finally been formed. Our first meeting was held in the Wainwright WO's and Sgt's Mess, 7 November 1995. Twenty-five serving and retired Patricia's were in attendance. Bert Scott chaired the meeting and outlined the reasons for establishing a branch in Wainwright. Elections of officers were held and Bert Scott, Ed Bakker and Wally Komadina were voted into the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Austdal, who presently commands the Battle School, attended the meeting and pledged assistance and support for the Wainwright Branch. Indeed, we were very pleased to see several serving officers, RSM's,

MWO's, WO's and Sgt's show interest in the Association.

On 29 January 1996 we received a letter from Association President, Mr Doug Bedford, informing us that the formation of the Wainwright Branch had been approved- and of course- to "please send money"!

We held our second meeting on 6 February. To date we have 15 paid members and another 20 who have indicated that they will join.

We will hold a mixed Meet and Greet on 9 April and we have planned a barbeque for 11 May, to commemorate Frezenberg Day. Don Rithaler has promised to provide "the beef". Hopefully, some members from the Edmonton Branch will be able to join us.

The Town of Wainwright has not changed very much. The clock is still in the middle of Main Street. Any year now, the town council may approve the second traffic light to be erected. However, an overpass has been built over the railroad tracks so we no longer have to wait 10 to 15 minutes as the trains go by. The old train station has been converted into a museum and restaurant - well worth a visit if you are in the area. A small portion of the museum was officially dedicated to the Patricias by Lady Patricia in 1991.

Camp Wainwright is finally seeing some major changes. Many of the old buildings are being removed and new ones are being built. If you are nostalgic and miss the "good life", hurry back. In a couple of years, there may be nothing left from the "old days" except the rain and the mosquitos!



*Mens Christmas Dinner 15 Dec 95  
RSM BSL, Mr Descoteaux, President Wainwright Assoc.  
Mr. Scott, & Sec. Treas. Mr. Komadina*



## **Edmonton Branch**

*(By Patricia Munro)*

Greetings from the Edmonton Branch to all Patricias.

Our Branch continues to meet the 4th Friday of every month in the Royal Canadian Legion, Norwood Branch. We welcome all visiting PPCLI to our meetings (from 11:30 hrs with lunch, socializing, and business).



*Lewis & Mrs. Evans, The Lacombes*

The membership of the Branch continues to increase with welcomes this year to Col W.G.S. (Bill) Sutherland, Ralph Hawkins, James Lukion, Arthur Potts Jr, Bodo Unger, Bill Shybunka, Bill Harris, John Sulderitch and Lewis Evans.

The new executive voted in by the Branch includes Wayne Taylor (Pres); Don Manuel (VPres); Jack Slater (Past Pres); Patricia Munro (Sec); Lloyd Holden (Treas); Neil Mckerracher; (Historian; and Joe Dunn (Social).

In September, "Ole" Vold reported a successful reunion at the KVA in Columbus, Nebraska with three attendees from Edmonton. November saw the beginning of planning by the Branch for the 85th Anniversary and Reunion which is scheduled to be held in Edmonton in 1999. Also the members turned out to lay a wreath at the indoor Sports Complex for Remembrance Day. Christmas activities included a lunch/meeting where Don Gower (son of Cpl Lewis Gower, WW I) gave an interesting talk as he recollected his experiences at the front from Nov '43 to Apr '44 - "Christmas in Italy"

Col Bill Sutherland graced one of our meetings to speak of his varied and interesting career since graduating from the ROTP programme. Also, he provided some of the detail on the move of the units from Calgary to Edmonton over the next couple of years. We look forward to further input from him at a later meeting.



*L-R: Jack Slater, Una Travis, Shirley Kolanchey, & Bill Lee*



*L-R: Ole Vold & John Sulderitsch*





*L-R: Bert Rajotte, Don Manuel, Cris Smith & Roy Ellison*

The funeral service for the late Maj W.H.J. Stutt was attended by a number of local Patricias. Military honours, a piper, and a bugler were included in the ceremony. Friends and acquaintances from all over ensured that the best respects were given to Bill Stutt. His son (LCol Hap Stutt) was able to fly home from NATO duty in Mons, Belgium to be with family at this important time. Brother Joe Stutt travelled from Vancouver - as did Art Kemsley - to participate in the funeral. Pall bearers included the Regimental Major and Regimental Adjutant and the Calgary Branch was represented by President, Rudy Raidt. A reception was held at the Griesbach Officers Mess following the internment.



*Sylvia Ellison*



*Connie & Fred Rumsey*



*Bill Rajotte & Oscar Lacombe*





*L-R: Micket McCannel, Wayne Taylor & Tex McCannel*

Currently plans are under way for the Branch to commemorate Frezenberg Day, and most recently over a dozen of our Edmonton members were able to travel to Wainwright Battle School to help inaugurate the Wainwright Branch. A suitably engraved gavel was presented to mark the occasion.

We are also pleased to report that a number of Branch members will attend the AGM in Winnipeg this June.

Finally, an article is included which gives the details of a ceremony held in Calgary to honour Army Cadets which had been acknowledged for outstanding achievement. Two of these cadets are from Edmonton.



*L-R: Chris Smith, Roy Ellison & Gerry Vida*



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