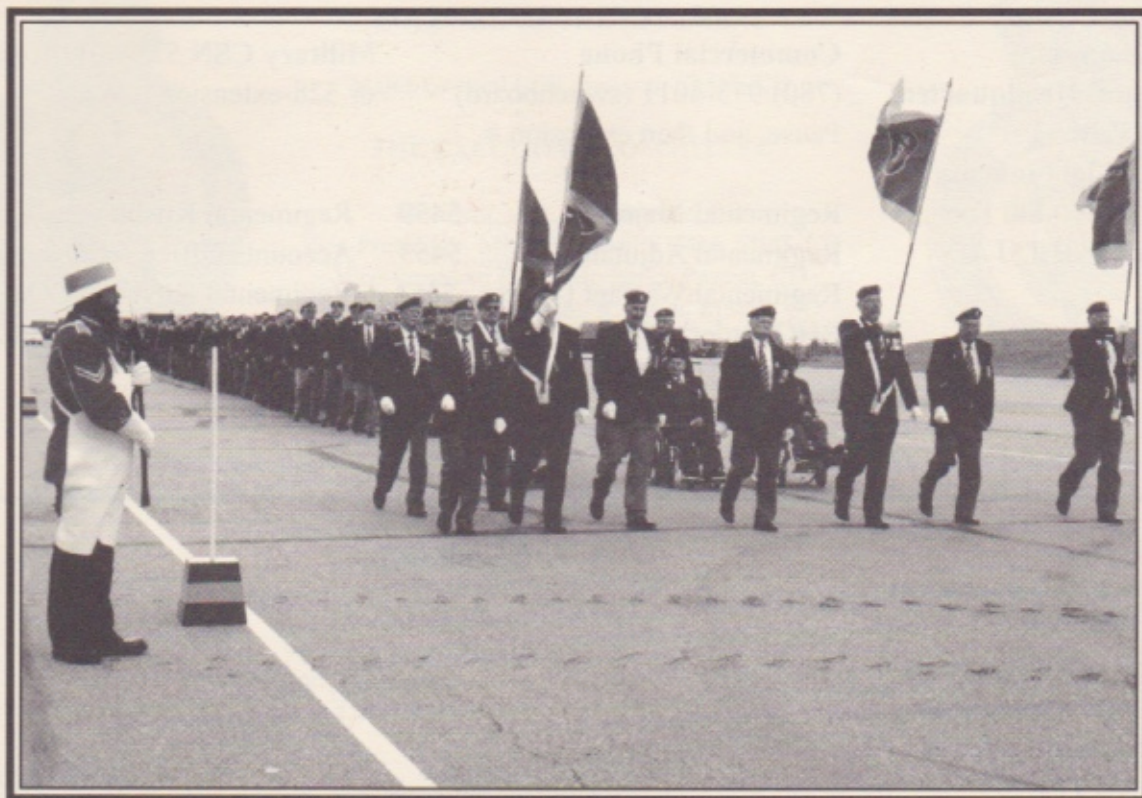


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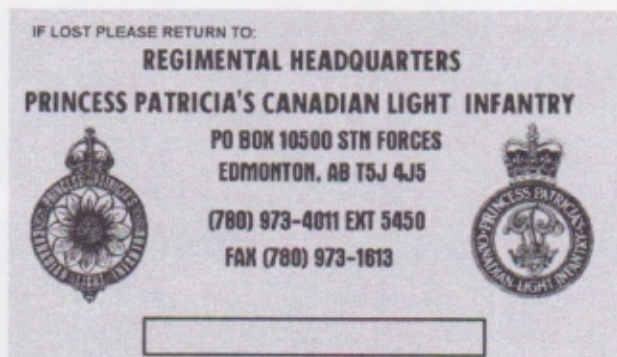
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New Membership Card

Front Cover Picture: *The Old Guard, 85th Anniversary Celebration, Edmonton AB*

ARE YOU IN THE PICTURE ?



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Editor's Observation Post

By: Captain John Shorten, CD

This issue contains news, historical recollections, and photos from many of the Branches and individuals from across the country. I, as the Editor, would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who have taken the time to make a contribution. It has been a memorable year, highlighted by the 25th Anniversary of Lady Patricia as Colonel-in-Chief, held in conjunction with the 85th Anniversary celebration of our fine Regiment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Capt Steve Newman, for all his support during my hand-over and I look forward to continuing with the same dedication and service to the Association.

85th Anniversary Celebration

Lady Patricia celebrated her 25th Anniversary as Colonel-in-Chief in fine style by visiting the Maritime Provinces, Ontario, Alberta, and B.C. . This major event was held in Edmonton 2-4 July as the Regiment celebrated its 85th Anniversary. The military Tattoo and Trooping the Colours were well attended. Inclement weather caused the only concerns to the program by delaying work on the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held in Edmonton 03 July 99. After four years Doug Bedford stepped down as President, and Jac de Bruijne was elected into that post. Doug will be remembered for his dedicated work with the Association's charity casino; revamping the PPCLI Student Bursary selection process, and his strong encouragement and support for the activities of the Heritage Committee. Well done Doug!

1 PPCLI to Kosovo

The operational task for Kosovo was received just before the 85th celebration and 1 PPCLI dispatched its advanced party and a company of soldiers on Canada Day. With a touch of irony, 85 years earlier the Regiment was formed because of problems in the Balkans and was attached to a British Brigade. Now in 1999, the Regiment found itself heading to the Balkans attached to a British Brigade including an old regiment from the WW1 brigade.

New Headstone for Victoria Cross Winner

The Regiment has three Victoria Cross winners of which only one has a known grave which happens to be located in Canada. George Harry Mullin's grave was given a new headstone through the efforts of Regimental Headquarters. The headstone comes complete with a Victoria Cross and the marguerite capbadge, making it a one of a kind.

The Regiment Remembers

It was with great regret that the Regiment announced the death of Major-General C.B. Ware, DSO, CD (Retd) on 22 January 1999 in Victoria, B.C.. MGen Ware was the Colonel of the Regiment from 13 September 1959 to 21 April 1977. The funeral services took place on Thursday 28 January 1999 at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. Several other memorial services were held across the country.

Past Regimental Adjutant

Capt Steve Newman has stood down as the RAdjt after a short two year tenure for personal reasons. He is currently serving in the Domestic Operations cell in Victoria, B.C.. He sends his kind regards to all and wishes to thank the many unsung heroes who kept the Association moving along, particularly the Branch secretaries. Best wishes in your new post and in any future endeavors.

The Future

There are several significant events to occur over the next few years within the Regiment. 1 PPCLI will be returning from Kosovo in Dec 99, and 3 PPCLI will be deploying to Bosnia in Feb 2000, possibly to be replaced by 2 PPCLI. Next summer our current Colonel of the Regiment, MGen C.W. Hewson CMM, CD (Retd), will be stepping down and at the same time 1 PPCLI will be receiving their new colours. The next AGM will be held in early June 2000 in Victoria, B.C.. Finally, the Regiment will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Kapyong in 2001, in Winnipeg.

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

MGen C.W. Hewson, CMM, CD

We celebrate this year two important Regimental anniversaries: the 25th anniversary of the appointment of Countess Mountbatten as our Colonel in Chief and the 85th anniversary of our founding. This is an occasion to once again reflect on the proud heritage of this unique Regiment. We also rejoice, again, at our good fortune in having a Colonel in Chief with such an abiding interest in her Regiment and in the welfare of its members. It is always heartening at Regimental reunions to see so many comrades and to get caught up on news. The 85th Anniversary in Edmonton was another such an occasion! We thank the Edmonton Branch for their efforts in hosting a fine weekend. Despite the sudden deployment of the First Battalion on NATO duty and the uncooperative weather, all who attended enjoyed the first annual golf tournament, a fine (but damp) Retreat Ceremony and the spectacular Trooping of all four Regimental Colours.

While we all noted with interest the mention of John de Chastelain as a potential Governor General most of us were unaware of Madame Clarkson's connection to the Regiment. Indeed her husband John Ralston Saul is the son of a distinguished Regimental officer, colonel William 'Pinky' Saul who served with the Patricias in the 50's and 60's in a variety of posts and locations. It was this connection which led to the Governor General to request that our Regiment form the Guard of Honour at her installation and which led to her selection of the Museum of the Regiments as the venue for her first public levy in mid October.

After two years of concentrated training the Regiment is now into a cycle of operational deployments. First Battalion deployed to Kosovo in July. Third Battalion is scheduled to deploy to Bosnia early in 2000 to be replaced in mid-year by Second Battalion. These deployments are not without cost to families and certainly are not without risk to our soldiers but their contribution to stability in this historically unstable region is significant. We take pride in the performance of all Patricia's and for their safe return.

On behalf of Norah and myself, I extend to all Patricia's at home and abroad, retired and serving, our best wishes for a festive holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year. We look forward to seeing you all in the new millennium.

President's Report

Jac de Bruijne, CD

Greetings to all members of the Patricia family, and yes, thanks for your support before and during the 1999 Annual General Meeting. I will endeavor to be worthy of your trust and work on your behalf to the best of my ability during my term in office.

Welcome to the new members of the Executive Committee: National Vice-President Don Ethell, OMM, CD, Vice-President (East) Bruce Paxton and our new secretary Captain John Shorten, CD. Many thanks to the outgoing members Past President Doug Bedford, CD, Vice-President (East) Ted Sutherland, CD, and Secretary Captain Steve Newman, CD. A special thanks to my predecessor Doug Bedford for his invaluable advise during the handover. Well done Doug!

Kudos also to the President and members of the Edmonton Branch for their great effort organizing the 1999 AGM in conjunction with the eighty-fifth anniversary and reunion. If attendance is the measurement of success, this reunion must rank with the best. It again demonstrated that our veterans will travel far and wide to renew old friendships.

The Kosovo crisis had a significant impact on preparations for the Trooping of the Colours. Practice for this event was reduced to only a few days, this to accommodate the operational timetable. Nevertheless a good show was put on by all four battalions on this very blustery summer day.

My main objective during my term in office is to see an increase in membership, and I will work closely with the membership committee to commence a vigorous campaign to recruit additional members throughout the nation. I encourage all Branches to assist in this endeavor.

For the year 2000, the Victoria Branch is hosting the AGM in early June. The exact date and locale will be announced later.

Best wishes to you and your families for Christmas, and may the New Year bring all of you good health, happiness and comradeship.

85 Years of Proud Service

By: Major Morris W. Brause, CD

This year PPCLI celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the Founding of our Regiment with the Motto "The Proud Heritage Continues". The major celebrations took place in Edmonton at the Home Station with a Golf Tournament on 1 July; a Tattoo and Sunset Ceremony at Clarke Stadium in downtown Edmonton on the evening of 2 July; on 3 July there was a Trooping the Colours, where for the first time in the history of our Regiment, all four battalions Colours were on parade, followed by an all ranks dinner and dance; and a ceremony on 4 July to mark the commencement of work on the new Hamilton Gault Memorial Park, located in Garrison Edmonton. All of these events have been well covered, however, I would like to highlight the excellent efforts that the Association members achieved across the Country in the celebration of our 85th Anniversary and in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Countess Mountbatten of Burma as our Colonel-in-Chief and Patron for the PPCLI Association.



Past President of the PPCLI Association, Doug Bedford, escorts Lady Patricia at the All Ranks Dinner and Dance

In the Maritimes, the Association Branch assisted the French Grey Battalion in Gagetown with the hosting of an excellent all ranks cocktail party. This was followed by our Colonel-in-Chief's first visit to PEI, where

the Atlantic Branch organized an excellent lobster and seafood BBQ. The evening was very relaxed where both Lady Patricia and Lord Brabourne were able to mingle and relax with so many of the members and spouses of the Atlantic Branch.

Lady Patricia and Lord Brabourne then headed for central Canada where they had an opportunity to visit with members of the Ottawa and Kingston Branches. In Ottawa the Branch organized a delightful evening of cocktails and hor-d'oeuvres at the WO & Sgts Mess in the Armouries. Numerous serving and retired members enjoyed an evening of socializing with their CINC. After that quick visit, the CINC and Lord Brabourne traveled to the newest Branch of the Association in Kingston where the members organized an excellent BBQ. At that function, Lady Patricia was able to present the Branch with their Charter.

On 1 July, as Lady Patricia arrived in Edmonton, the Edmonton Branch of the Association was conducting the first annual Golf Tournament. An exceptionally well run event, which proved very popular, where the Edmonton Branch not only provided an excellent tournament, but also raised some funds for the PPCLI Gallery. The Edmonton Branch also worked for months with RHQ in planning the hotel and RV accommodations and in the planning and operating of the registration and information centre for the 85th Anniversary. The Edmonton Branch also successfully supported the Association AGM. All members of the Regiment were very impressed with the dedication and assistance provided by the Association members of the Edmonton Branch and we would like to publicly acknowledge their outstanding support.

On the trip to Calgary, the Calgary Branch of the Association assisted in hosting the CINC at the opening of the new display in the PPCLI Gallery, which was opened in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Countess Mountbatten as our CINC. A beautiful bronze relief "The Peacekeepers" was unveiled in her honour. Special recognition goes to an association member, Mr. Rod Middleton, who designed the new diorama and who worked with the Museum staff in the construction of this new display. It is also worthy to note that the Calgary Branch of the Association continues to provide outstanding support to our Museum by yearly conducting the Casino, which provides 1/3 of the operating money for the PPCLI Gallery.

Finally, the CINC headed for the West Coast and enjoyed a relaxing visit with Association and

serving members in Vancouver and Victoria. In Vancouver, she witnessed the official dedication of a bronze artist statue on a public bench in Vancouver, which is covered in this newsletter. She then enjoyed a cold buffet meal and evening of visiting with Association members at the Seaforth Armouries. The next day, she took the ferry over to Victoria, visited Butchart Gardens and then rested at the LGov's residence. The next day she visited with Beth Ware, had an excellent tour of the Navy Base at Esquimalt and then enjoyed supper and cocktails with the Victoria Branch Association members and serving members at the Naden Wardroom. She also had an opportunity to visit with two of her former COR, MGen (Retd) Herb Pitts and BGen (Retd) Stu Graham. Col (Retd) Jim Stone, CO 2 PPCLI during the Battle of Kapyong, was also able to join them for the dinner and cocktail party at the Wardroom.

Overall, our CINC had a tremendous visit with her Association members and serving members across Canada. A major factor in the success of our celebrations was the valuable input and planning conducted by the PPCLI Association. Well Done!



**Old Guard on March Past
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Remembering MGen "Cammie" Ware

By: Capt D.I.T. Roe, (Ret'd)

I first met Cammie Ware in June 1943, aboard a liberty ship named the St Essault. At that time he was the 2IC of the PPCLI. I was a Sgt in the Saskatoon Light Infantry, and reluctantly, one of the two designated Troop Ship Sergeant-Majors. We had just entered the Mediterranean Sea and were East of Gilbralter. On Sunday morning, 04 July, we were assembled on the main aft deck for a church service, after which we were told that we were going to participate in an invasion of Sicily. As the troops broke off from the service and went about their normal routines, the talk was all speculation about where and how this invasion would take place.



At approximately 2100 hrs that evening we heard a loud explosion nearby, only to find out that a neighboring ship in the convoy, named the City of Venice, had been torpedoed. As of group of us stood by the rail and watched the chaos of the ship, still steaming ahead and in the process of launching lifeboats, an order from the CO arrived. The order was given to turn off all lights and enforce no smoking on the deck. Just as the order was being carried out we were struck a mighty blow from a torpedo as well.

I immediately proceeded to my Boat Station which was on the top deck. The rest of the troops were rapidly arriving and forming up in three ranks, as they had been practicing daily for the past 24 days since leaving England. As the lifeboats were being lowered down

to the water, I and a Sgt from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment started to cut the ropes retaining the scrambling net which would enable the troops to climb down the side of the ship into the life boats. At that moment four seamen, without a word to us, cast off the lines and started moving rapidly away from the ship. I remember turning to Major Ware, who was also the OC of our particular boat, and asking him what we should do next? He very calmly replied, "Get the troops down to the lower deck and go over the side into the water. The Navy will pick us up." We very rapidly, under strict control, did exactly as the Major ordered. In a very short time some Royal Navy Minesweepers came along and picked us up.

We were taken to Algiers and put ashore but not before the ship's captain asked to speak to all of us. He said he had never witnessed finer discipline than that displayed by the Canadian soldiers in the process of abandoning a ship. I came in contact with MGen Ware many times over the subsequent years, particularly after I joined the Patricia's. He always made time, especially for old comrades, to say hello and chat for a bit. In my view, he was the true example of an Officer and a Gentleman.



Colonel of the Regiment, MGen Bill Hewson, with Beth Ware, say their final farewell 28 Jan 99.

George Harry Mullin, VC, MM

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

15 August 1891 - 5 April 1963



Re-Consecration of the Grave during the 85th Anniversary of the *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry*

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry have celebrated their 85th year of service to Canada. In a year that saw the PPCLI marking the Countess Mountbatten of Burma's 25th Anniversary as their Colonel-in-Chief, and a large gathering of Patricias in Edmonton for Trooping the Colours, the Regiment also paused in the small Saskatchewan town of Moosomin located on the provincial boundary with Manitoba. In the soldier's plot of the Moosomin South Cemetery lies one of the Regiment's three Victoria Cross winners. His name is George Harry Mullin. His grave has been re-consecrated with a new headstone bearing for the first time the template of the Victoria Cross and the original Marguerite cap badge of the Regiment.

Mullin was born in Portland, Oregon 15 August 1891. Two years later the family moved to the Moosomin area where Harry grew up and farmed until his death in 1963. When the First World War broke out

in August 1914, he promptly joined the Militia 16th Light Horse. Wanting to get into the fight, Mullin went to Winnipeg where he enlisted in the 32nd Battalion, CEF on 14 December 1914. He transferred to the PPCLI Reinforcements in England and crossed to France, 23 February 1915.

Private Mullin joined the PPCLI on 1 March 1915 in the St Eloi Sector, just a day after the Regiment had launched the first successful large scale Canadian trench raid of the war. Mullin survived the epic fight at the Battle of Frezenberg, 8 May 1915, when the Regiment suffered five hundred casualties and less than 150 men, many of them wounded, came out of the line at the end of the day. He was not so fortunate a year later on 2 June 1916 when the Patricia's were defending Sanctuary Wood, against a massive German assault. Mullin was shot in the head and groin. Evacuated to England for recovery, he later returned to the Regiment on the battlefields of the Somme, 13 October 1916. His younger brother, Roy had been killed a few days earlier during the fighting at Courcellette 15 September 1916 with the PPCLI and he is listed on the Vimy Ridge Memorial to the Missing.

Under the lee of Vimy Ridge, Mullin was awarded the Military Medal for his actions in patrolling and a small trench raid on 8 December 1916. In the early morning hours, Lieutenant A. McDougall led a patrol of ten men including Mullin who guided the party. Crawling within six feet, the raiding party surprised the German two-man sentry post. Fighting back, both Germans were killed but not before severely wounding Lieutenant McDougall in both legs with a grenade. Mullin shot one sentry, and then helped carry McDougall back to the Patricia's line. He was promoted to Corporal in March 1917 and given a battlefield promotion to Sergeant during the historic assault on Vimy Ridge, 9 April 1917.

It was during the desperate fighting at Passchendaele that Mullin won the Victoria Cross. The PPCLI were committed to the assault on Meetcheele Ridge, 30 October 1917. Suffering severe casualties as they pushed through the mud and across open ground, the Regiment's assault floundered under the murderous artillery and machine gun fire. One pill box in particular blocked the advance. Lieutenant Hugh McKenzie, a Patricia officer seconded to the Canadian Machine Gun Corps, saw his old company leaderless and being decimated by the pill box. He organized an assault and personally took the most dangerous path. He was killed just short of the pill box when shot in the head as he moved from shell hole to shell hole. Mullin moved forward by himself on a separate route. First wiping out a sniper post, he then killed the two machine gunners and compelled the ten man pill box garrison to surrender. His overcoat was riddled with bullets but he never suffered a scratch. McKenzie was awarded the Victoria Cross

posthumously, while Mullin was sent to England on leave in late December and while there he received the Victoria Cross from King George V. Mullin remained in England to undergo officer training. He was commissioned as a Patricia officer in August 1918.

The war ended before further service at the front and he returned to Moosomin in July 1919. He joined the Non-Permanent Force, first as a Captain with the 2nd Reserve Battalion and then a Major in the 4th Battalion (South Saskatchewan Regiment) in 1920. In 1934 he was appointed the Sergeant-at-Arms in the Saskatchewan Legislature and he served with the 110th Field Battery in 1936. At the outbreak of World War II, Mullin re-enlisted as a Captain in the Veteran's Guard until 1946. He then returned to his post in the Saskatchewan Legislature. Just hours after he retiring from his post of Legislature Sergeant-at-Arms, George Harry Mullin VC, MM, passed away at the age of 71, 5 April 1963.



Of the 1,318 Patricia's killed in the First World War, 629 have no known grave. Among their number are two of the Regiment's Victoria Cross winners. Lieutenant Hugh McKenzie, killed in the same action as Mullin's valour at Meetcheele Ridge, Passchendaele is found on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Sergeant Robert Spall, killed when he sacrificed his life to extract his platoon out of harms way in August 1918 at Parvillers, France, is found on the Vimy Ridge Memorial along with Mullin's brother. Roy. Only George Harry Mullin has a known grave with the original PPCLI cap badge, the Marguerite, and a Victoria Cross etched into the headstone.



London Gazette, January 12, 1918.

*Sergeant George Harry Mullin, V.C., PPCLI
January 1918.*

For most conspicuous bravery in the attack on the Meetcheele Ridge, Passchendaele, on the morning of 30 October, 1917, when single-handed he captured a commanding 'pillbox,' which had withstood the heavy bombardment and was causing heavy casualties to our forces and holding up the attack. He rushed a snipers' post in front and destroyed the garrison with bombs, and crawling on the top of the 'pillbox,' he shot the two machine gunners with his revolver. Sergeant Mullin then rushed to another entrance and compelled the garrison to surrender. His gallantry and fearlessness were witnessed by many, and although rapid fire was directed upon him and his clothes were riddled with bullets he never faltered in his purpose, and he not only helped save the situation but he also indirectly saved many lives.

Your Ancient Scribe



On Tuesday, 06 July 99, British Royalty quietly slipped in and out of North Vancouver to commemorate "Your Ancient Scribe", who is better known as Walter MacKay Draycott, well-known and revered Lynn Valley pioneer. Of course, the Royalty referred to was our Colonel-in-Chief, who was welcomed to the site by Don Parr-Pearson, members of the Vancouver Branch, Don Bell, and the Mayor of the District of North Vancouver. The occasion was to dedicate a plaque, recently mounted beside the bronze statue of Walter Draycott, which acknowledges his service in WWI with the PPCLI.

This was the culmination of a project which, unfortunately, did not come off without its share of problems. After realizing that the statue had no indication of his previous service with the Regiment, Don took it upon himself to rectify this oversight. Unbeknownst to him, this would result in many sleepless nights dealing with municipal bureaucracy. Initially, given permission to have the plaque made, Don included the recognition due to the District of North Vancouver Council and MLA Dan Jarvis. However, upon delivering the plaque to the District Office for approval, he was advised that approval could not be given based on changes in wording from the original. After considerable time and effort spent dealing with District Staff and the Mayor, permission was granted subject to a letter of apology submitted by Don. Work was completed 30 June 99. On behalf of the Regiment, I would like to thank Don for all his hard work and perseverance. VP!

WHEN A LIE IS NOT A LIE IN CYPRUS

By Bruce Paxton, Vice-President East

The UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus started in March of 1964. For us peacekeepers there was a lot to learn initially. There was no clear cut dividing line between the belligerents, other than in the capital of Nicosia where the infamous Green Line had been established. There were essentially few uniformed troops; many of the villages were mixed; and if one could not detect the difference between Greek and Turkish, it was often difficult to tell who was who. It was therefore very important to understand the mind set and personalities of major players in the conflict.

The British Brigadier General at the HQ in Nicosia, where I worked, attended meetings with the hierarchy of the opposing sides on an almost daily basis in the early stages. Upon his return to the HQ he would share whatever he had learned with as many of the staff as possible. At one meeting he advised: "I only learned one thing today, that is, 'If a Turkish Cypriot tells you an obvious lie, he does not expect you to believe it!'"

Not two weeks later, the Turkish Cypriots in Famagusta took about 15 Greek Cypriots hostage. Naturally they denied having done so. A British Major, John Mackay, whom I worked with, was the LO at the Turkish Cypriot HQ. As soon as word broke about the hostage taking,

Major Mackay went to the 'Kuchukery' to see his Turkish opposite named Mireh. Despite Johns urging, Mireh and his cohorts kept insisting that they had not taken any hostages. Finally, after midnight, John went off to get some sleep. Early in the morning, the Turkish Cypriot radio station announced that they indeed had taken hostages the day before and listed their demands for the release of the hostages.

John heard the radio announcement while having his breakfast and immediately went to the 'Kuchukery' and met Mirah. John said, "You were lying to me all day yesterday weren't you!". Mirah replied, "You really didn't believe me, did you?" John replied, "No, I suppose I didn't." Mireh then said, "Well it really wasn't a lie then was it!" The moral of the story is, "If the stone falls on the egg, alas for the egg. If the egg falls on the stone, alas for the egg." (Greek Cypriot Proverb)



WALTER ELLIOTT HARRINGTON - PIAT TREATMENT FOR PANTHERS-

During the afternoon and evening of 14 Dec 45, German counter attacks on the 1st Canadian Division bridgehead over the canals Naviglio, increased in frequency and fury. It was therefore decided to enlarge the bridgehead to include the area MR 3239 through which most of the counter attacks were coming. As our troops were operating largely without support and as the enemy were using guns, tanks and infantry on a lavish scale, the operation was a hazardous one but one which, if successful, would bring instant relief to the tired bridgehead troops.



At about 2300 hrs, D Company, PPCLI, was ordered to attack and capture a group of houses at MR 394393. This was probably the key to the whole area, and it was felt almost certain that it was held by a strong enemy force. Lt Walter Harrington, commanding 16 platoon, was ordered by his company commander to patrol the objective with the task of determining the strength and disposition of the enemy.

Lt Harrington with Cpl Ray Corbett, (Hamilton, ON), and machine-gunner A. Cosford (Winnipeg, MB), were in the lead of the platoon when contact was made with an enemy machine gun post and an enemy Panther tank. "We caught Jerry asleep and things were going pretty well when we ran smack on top of a camouflaged Panther with two Jerries in a slit trench immediately in front of the tank. Behind them was a house." (Walter Harrington, *The Maple Leaf*, 01 Jan 1945) After taking out the machine gun position with his Tommy gun, Lt Harrington ordered his platoon to retreat and take cover. With Cpl Corbett and Cosford, he crawled up to the

house and the tank which was hidden in a haystack. Two Nazis in a slit trench suddenly opened up on them, to subsequently find themselves taken out by Cosford's Bren gun. Taking a PIAT, Lt Harrington crawled around to the rear of the tank and fired two rounds into its rear from thirty feet away. After a momentary pause, the tank caught fire and its five Austrian occupants scrambled out. While in the process of looking for more survivors, Cpl Corbett found himself being thrown to the ground as the tank's ammunition succumbed to the heat and fire. A second platoon of the Pats swept up to the house that was occupied by the Germans. LCpl Bill Adleman (Montreal, Que) who spoke German, called out to the trapped Germans to surrender. He had scarcely finished his demand when 11 Panzer Grenadiers tumbled out to make the encounter a complete success and increased the prisoners bag to 16.

Having obtained the desired information as to the enemy disposition, Lt Harrington organized the withdrawal of his platoon. From this complete tank crew of prisoners, much valuable information was obtained both generally and with reference to the immediate battle and enemy disposition. This officer, by his individual efforts in which he displayed a gallantry, determination and initiative of the most outstanding order, thus succeeded in destroying an enemy strong hold and gaining significant enemy intelligence. His outstanding example of courage and leadership proved to be a substantial contribution to his company's success, earning the admiration and gratitude of all, as well as a D.S.O.



PILGRIMAGE TO KOREA

By: Major Rod Middleton, CD (Ret'd)

It was December 1950, as our troop ship, the Pvt Joe P. Martinez, neared the southern shore of Korea on a dreary, drizzly day. We stood lining the rails, wondering what lay ahead of us on our first trip to the mysterious Orient. The mystique was soon to disappear when we got our first whiff of the place. A strong smell of sewage struck our nostrils. Welcome to the land of "Honey Wagons", night soil, soft coal fires and the stench of too many poor people crammed into the refugee filled and overcrowded city. Such are my memories of my arrival with the Second Battalion of the Patricias on that long ago, dreary December day.

teenage boys and girls who will assist the older veterans. Veterans Affairs staff members are there to make all the arrangements, and a contingent of Regular Force members to act as sentries and flag bearers. Rounding out the contingent was World War II Victoria Cross winner "Smokie" Smith, an Armed Forces Chaplain and piper, members of the Senate and Parliament and staff members of both the Legion and Airforce magazines.

Our Regiment is there in good numbers. The Regular Force is represented by WO Boulter and Sgt Williston of 2PPCLI Winnipeg, and Sgt Jeffery and Cpl Bowe from NDHQ Ottawa. Korea veterans are Cpl Hub Lalonde 1PPCLI from Niagara Falls, Pte. Len Desjarlais,



DESJARLAIS, COURTENAY, LALONDE,
LARSON, PETIT, MIDDLETON

October 1998. A 747 of Japan Airlines rolls up to the terminal at Kimpo Airport. We have been whisked from Narita Airport near Tokyo in a short two and a half hour flight to the capital city of Seoul. I am travelling with a contingent of Canadian veterans of the Korean War. Led by the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Honorable Fred J. Mifflin, PC, CD, MP, our entourage includes representatives of all the combat arms and services from the Army, former members of the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force. There are representatives of the Merchant Navy, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Army Navy Air Force Veterans Association, Korea Veterans Association, press and public relations personnel, our Internet team to beam our events home, a group of fine young men from the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, and a group of wonderful

3PPCLI from Victoria, and Maj. Rod Middleton, 2PPCLI from Calgary. Other Patricias are part of the contingent, PPCLI Cadet CWO Benjamin Lees of Edmonton, Claude Petit representing the Aboriginal Veterans Association, Sgt Bill Larson, Canadian Provost Corps who served with 2nd Bn in Korea, and Major Bill Watt, Canadian Intelligence Corps, who had served as a platoon commander with 3rd Bn. Another 3rd Bn Patricia showed up in the person of Vince Courtenay, from Detroit, Michigan who was in Korea on business.

On Wednesday the 6th we made our visit to the Yokohama Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery. We conducted two ceremonies here, the first at the plot that bears the graves of those Canadians who were hospitalized following their wounding in Korea and who subsequently died of their wounds. I laid a wreath



at the foot of the cross of sacrifice, ably assisted by Hub Lalonde, Len Desjarlais and Cadet CWO Lees. We then paid our individual respects to the graves of comrades we had known. Our second ceremony was conducted at the plot that holds the remains of the Canadian prisoners who were captured at Hong Kong by the Japanese at Christmas 1941.

I was really looking forward to my return to Korea. We checked into the Radisson Seoul Plaza Hotel, located right in the centre of the city.

Friday 9 October we boarded our buses for what was a most interesting day the ROK National. The Minister laid a wreath to the fallen at their impressive monument, placed incense in a large brass urn, paused and bowed to pay his respects on our behalf to the 160,000 Korean war dead whose plots lie around us.

Sunday 11 October we travelled early in the day to Kapyong. The road trip was through the now heavily forested hilly country that was completely foreign to my eyes. Gone were the barren hills that we knew, stripped of their stunted growth by wood hungry peasants for their wood fires. We stopped at a roadside rest area where our piper entertained the local travellers, much to their delight. Our buses carried a large Canadian flag on the front and banners on the sides announcing our status as Korean war veterans and people would wave and old soldiers salute as we passed.

We formed up on the main street of Naechon and marched to the small memorial park where we met with a large group of Korean veterans. Lining the walk to the impressive memorial was an armed Honour Guard from the First ROK Division, smartly turned out in camouflage combats and steel helmets. We carried out our wreath laying ceremony following an address by the

Minister of Veterans Affairs. We then embussed and made the short trip to the Commonwealth Memorial at Kapyong. Here in a beautiful park like setting we would repeat our wreath laying and I would have the opportunity to read the United States Presidential Unit Citation, kindly provided me by WO Boulter of 2PPCLI. In a separate ceremony at the adjacent PPCLI Memorial I laid a wreath assisted by Lalonde and Desjarlais. We were joined by all former or serving members of the Regiment. The Kapyong feature, Hill 677 was not recognizable to me, for it is now covered with trees. It stood off to the west of our position, its history now cloaked in the silence of the forest. After a fine picnic lunch we boarded our buses for the trip back to Seoul.

Arriving at the UN Cemetery in Pusan we were again honoured with a ROK Guard of Honour lining the approach to this, most magnificent cemetery. For myself and others this would prove to be the most emotional event of our pilgrimage, for here lay the greatest number of our Canadian dead, 378 small Canadian flags marking each grave. Canada's Ambassador to South Korea, Arthur Parent, and Veterans Affairs Minister Fred Mifflin, laid wreaths at the Memorial, and the Minister delivered a moving address, following which we laid our wreaths. The last ceremony of our pilgrimage was at the Memorial to The Missing, where the names of sixteen Canadians are inscribed including four Patricias. Our Youth Group sang Amazing Grace, accompanied by the piper and bugler. We then set out to find the graves of soldiers we had known to pay in our own private way, our respects for our fallen comrades. It was a day to remember.

All in all the experience as a whole was wonderful. It was a privilege and an honour to represent 2PPCLI and the Regiment. I will be forever grateful.



2ND BN IN GERMANY (1953 – 1955) THE OFFICER'S MESS FIRST MIXED MESS DINNER

By Capt E.M. Canfield, CD, (Retd)

Second battalion arrived at Fort McLeod in October 1953. It was a changed group of men and officers from the days under LCol "Big Jim" Stone. We had lost the people who had been in for just the Special Force tour of duty. The officers and men comprising the Bn now were people who, for the most part, wanted to make a career in the Army. We had a new CO, LCol S.C. Waters, an officer who had been in the combined US/Cdn Special Service Force where he had earned a US Silver Star for his exploits near the end of WWII.

Wives and family groups arrived only after the husband located suitable housing on the economy as PMQ's were non-existent. As a result of families being spread out, language barriers, food shopping difficulties, and just plain adapting to a new culture, our Messes became a focal point for socializing. The Family Days became so popular that someone got the idea that perhaps we should have a Mixed Mess Dinner. In planning for the event it became evident that there were more officers, in particular subalterns, than there was ladies. The solution was that the subalterns would simply double-team as escorts to the ladies, especially to the Senior Officer's wives. In due course the eventful evening arrived. I was teamed up with Jerry Vickers, a PI Comd in D Coy. When we looked at the seating board we found the lady we were escorting was Connie Brown, the wife of our new Ops O, Maj G.G. Brown.

"GG" was one of our more formidable officers in the Bn and he gave you the impression that he ate unwitting subalterns for breakfast. So it became important to determine where he sat in relation to Jerry and I. Suffice to say that we were in clear view and would have to be on our best behaviour. Herr Fromert, our very courtly and formal Mess Manager, finally announced that dinner was ready so the CO and Mrs Waters led the way into the dining room.

The formal dinner went quite well. Jerry and I were very careful and conscious of our duty to provide entertaining escorts for Connie, and to engage some of the other ladies in conversation who were sitting nearby. Jerry and I found a number of occasions to lean across in front of Connie to talk conspiratorially. I'm sure she was aware of our somewhat blatant behaviour but was too polite to comment.

Finally the meal was over, the Port was passed and poured, and the PMC called on Mister Vice for the first of our formal toasts. This was the moment when Jerry and I almost went down in Regimental history. As

we rose, wine glasses in hand, pushing our chairs back, there was a gasp from Connie still sitting between us. I briefly glanced down to see what was wrong. Connie was clutching her dress at the cleavage point with her free hand and trying to balance her wine glass in her other hand. She hissed at Jerry and me that; "You two are both standing on my dress! Get off it! So I can stand up!" What had happened was, as we shifted our feet and chairs to rise for the toast, both Jerry and I inadvertently stood on the hem of her gown. As Connie tried to stand she almost popped out of her bodice! Fortunately she took rapid and effective action to save her dress, her dignity and probably Jerry's and my future careers!

We all quickly recovered and disengaged from Connie's gown so she could stand with the rest of us for the toast. I don't believe many people were even aware of what happened, or almost happened! As we went through the motions of that toast and the subsequent ones, my mind was racing with very clear images of what our fate would have been if Connie's ability to take protective measures for herself hadn't been so prompt and effective!



The Edmonton - based Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund, in partnership with the Canadian Millennium Partnership Program, will produce a book that captures the heritage of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry regiment since its founding in 1914. One of Canada's earliest recognized permanent - force military units, the Regiment's History is woven through major wars and Canada's Peacekeeping Missions. Through archival research, and interviews with serving and past serving members, the book will document the contribution of at least 50,000 Canadians, some 1,800 of whom have given their lives in service to their country. In particular, the book will present the Regiment's history since the Korean war, a period not covered in previous literature. By bringing the complete history of the Regiment to light, the book will be a resource to members of the Canadian military and students of Canadian History.

Hamilton Gault Memorial Park

In order to perpetuate the name of its founder and once again to establish a Home Station, the Regiment officially dedicated the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park as the final activity of the 85th Anniversary celebrations on the 4th of July 1999. This public access park is located in front of Regimental Headquarters and First Battalion's lines and will serve as the premier venue for the regimental activities such as Frezenburg and Regimental Day ceremonies.



In keeping with being the last privately raised and funded Regiment in the Canadian army, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park is being constructed through generous donations of many private individuals/institutions including Mr. Leslie Gault, Mr. M. Henry Gault, Mr. L. Jones, the Edmonton Community Foundation, the Jackman Foundation, Namao Centre IGA Garden Market, Inland Group, Holes Greenhouses and Gardens Ltd., St. Albert Pre-cast, H O Concrete Supplies Ltd. and nine branches of the PPCLI Association. Construction was undertaken by Trade Services Section and Pioneer Platoon of 1 PPCLI, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, Garrison Edmonton Heavy Equipment section, RES Q Consultants Ltd., and Sonema Concrete Services Ltd. Following two weeks of rain, ground breaking occurred 26th of May 1999 with final pouring of cement on the 16th of September 1999. The installation of electricals, completed by Cpl Mike Vail the 15th of October, marked the end of Phase 2.

Phase 3 of the Park will commence Spring 2000 and will involve the installation of the Gault archway (created by the Mat Techs - 1 PPCLI), landscaping, and the move of the bronze statue of Hamilton Gault from Wainwright Alberta. Sculpted and cast by the Canadian - born Donn Begg, this is the third memorial statue commissioned to honour Hamilton Gault. The work is one -

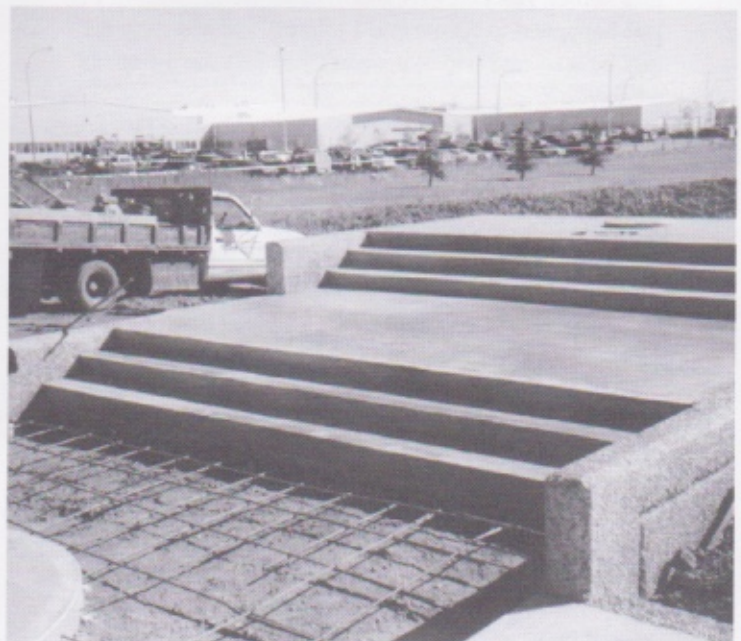
and - one third times life size, being eight feet eleven inches in height and weighing 880 pounds.

Funding for Phase 3 is actively being pursued through Regimental Headquarters. Please contact (780) 973-4011 ext. 5453 if you are interested in contributing to this project.

The final stage of the Park, Phase 4, includes the placement of a cairn to commemorate those who have sacrificed their lives in the name of the Regiment, both in war and in the service of peace. The Regiment hopes to have this Phase completed in 2001.



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The Jump Boots

By: Sgt Donald Kerr (Ret'd)

It was Korea in the late spring of 1951 and it was time for R&R, Rest and Recuperation. I was in "B" Company, the First Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and had been in the line for months, most of it in the snow. Now it was time to party, six days in Tokyo with one of my best buddies.

The First Battalion was airborne but we were there as infantry. The army took our jump pay away the day we embarked on the troopship, General Hugh J. Gaffey in Seattle, but they let us keep our red berets. Some of us still had jump boots, beautiful oxblood red boots, but not me. Several years before, just before we completed our jump school in Rivers, Manitoba, the service was so hard up they took jump boots off issue. That meant that if you wanted jump boots you had to order them from the States or buy a pair from a hard-up fellow soldier. I got mine the latter way. However, when leaving Calgary for Korea I was also hard up and sold them to a recruit. That meant back to the black boots and puttees.

Anyway, with a week of partying ahead I wanted to look good with a pair of red boots plus we knew we would have to remove our boots anytime we went into anyone's house or even a hotel. Rolling your puttees back on every time would be a pain. Up jumped a soldier named Dockendorff and offered me the loan of his, just happened to fit me and I told myself what a good guy he was, and hoped it wasn't just because I was his sergeant.

It was a few days after returning from this fabulous leave that we held a payday in the line. There was a sudden barrage of mortars that came in and guess who got hit? Dockendorff, the owner of the "boots". Blood everywhere, a shot of morphine and he feels great and as they load him in a jeep ambulance he is yelling that he is going home and "Sarge you can keep my jump boots".

Anyway, a week or so later I don't know whose idea it was but someone, probably the Colonel, got this great idea for a fighting patrol. Somehow my platoon got picked. I didn't remember there having been a fighting patrol the whole time we had been there, but there probably had been some. None of us were real excited about it, to say the least. I decided since I had just returned from R&R and I still had Dockendorff's jump boots that I would wear them, if I was going out I might as well go in style.

We were to cross about a half-mile of dried out rice paddy and then climb this hill and "sweep" the Chinese trenches for prisoners. All after midnight! I had

a problem imagining what it would be like dropping down into these trenches in the dark, how deep would they be, would we start shooting at each other? They brought in a British Bofors and its crew to fire us in. A Bofors was an anti-aircraft gun that fired five rounds automatic and was used a lot in the Second World War. It was set on an adjoining hill for several nights before our action and pounded away on these trenches that we were going to visit. They were using tracer shells and we watched it for several days and joked that we hoped they didn't get the Chinese mad. We set off after dark, approximately thirty of us, with our Lieutenant, Al Bull, myself (the platoon sergeant), three corporals and some real good guys. We had two radio operators, a real young kid and a more mature corporal on loan from headquarters platoon, name of Schwenneker.

Corporal Schwenneker kept saying before we left that he was the only one who knew for sure where he was going the next day. He was to leave for some advanced training in Pusan the next day and the Canadian Cemetery was also in Pusan. He kept saying over and over that he was going to Pusan either way.

We had what was known as artificial moonlight right across Korea. It was provided by searchlights situated on distant hills that made a glow so it wasn't pitch dark, still you had to look awful close to see the hand in front of your face. As we single filed across the paddies the Bofors was booming in automatic fire ahead and above us. When we reached the base of the hill we held an "O" Group to decide which way to proceed up the mountain. We had some difficulty getting together on the route. It was so dark we figured the only way was to proceed up to just in front of the Bofors explosions. The plan was for us to radio the call, "switch to Betty target", the Bofors were to land several hundred yards to our right and we were to sweep the trenches. The name "Betty" was picked because it was the name of the wife of our Lieutenant. We thought it might be lucky. It wasn't!

We all fanned out facing the Chinese trenches with the Bofors rounds coming right over our heads. We were so close we could feel the heat from the explosions. The Lieutenant and I were at centre with the one section to the right, one to the left, and one behind, all laying on our bellies facing up the hill. The Lieutenant called out to radio "switch targets" and immediately everything lit up as five rounds landed right on us. One of the operators radioed stop the Bofors! Too late, another five rounds landed and killed both radiomen and almost everyone on the right section. The younger operator took a hit right through his radio and his screams were awful.

A soldier in front of me that I remember only as "Izzy" stood straight up and said he wanted a cigarette, saying he couldn't see anything. I had to grab him and hold him down and try to sweet-talk him out of standing up. Finally, we got everyone calmed down and organized for defence from an attack from above but thank God those Chinese must have been so far down in their bunkers that they didn't know we were there.

After several minutes and some hasty head counts we decided that we had to get off that mountain. Everyone that wasn't badly wounded had to carry either a body or a wounded man down off the hill. I half carried and half-dragged Izzy all the way back to our hill and all the way we talked and I told him to just hang on. He kept saying over and over that he couldn't see but he wanted a smoke. One of our corporals was a big tall guy, I can't remember his name, might have been Collins, took up the tail end of our group, sure that the Chinese would be on us at any minute. He carried most of the weapons left by the dead and wounded. Somehow we got across to our lines with everyone, both dead and alive. All accounted for and all our weapons safe.

Those of us that were all right returned to our bunkers in shock. Someone told me that Izzy had died just after we got him back. It haunts me some because I don't recognize his name on the list of dead from that action. The problem is that I don't know his surname, I just know that he was well liked by everyone. Did I mention that Izzy was black? He was from Nova Scotia and I often wonder how they broke it to his parents. I am real sorry to say that Corporal Schwenneker made it to Pusan as he knew he would.

We sat around for about an hour drinking coffee. We were told that our other platoons were listening on the radios when we were hit and some got their weapons and went after those gunners. I still don't know if they forgot to increase their range when they switched targets or is it possible we were laying right on "Betty target". Anyway, they moved out of there before there was any trouble.

While sitting there with our coffee someone asked my why I was rubbing the back of my right leg. I said I must have been hit by a clump of dirt, as there was a big swelling about half way between my buttock and my knee. After dropping my pants I found there was a little break in the skin in the centre of the lump and right there I figured I better go to the regimental aid post. A medic looked at it and put me into an ambulance. At the first field casualty clearing station another medic put me into another ambulance. Same thing happened at the rear field casualty clearing station and I was on my way to Normash, Norwegian Mobile Surgical Hospital. After waiting there four or five hours and watching U.S. helicopter and ambulances bringing in lots of wounded American soldiers, they took me into surgery and removed a piece of shrapnel and the next thing I was on

an ambulance plane to Japan.

One thing I didn't mention was when I went to our regional aid post, the Colonel was waiting to talk to me. "What happened out there Sergeant?" he said. "The Bofors landed ten rounds on us, sir" I said. His face dropped and he said, "That's not what happened. You must be in shock. It was Chinese electrically operated mines." I said, "We know what it was and furthermore, when we called 'Stop the Bofors', the last five rounds were on the way but immediately the gun stopped firing." He nearly turned purple and said, "Don't you ever say that" and stomped away. I wish now that I could remember the Colonel's name so I could check my list to see if he got his medal. Believe me, nobody deserved one, as it was a mess.

In Japan, it was an eerie feeling to be back in civilization and hardly even thinking about our poor dead buddies. It seemed like a completely different world to be laying in sparkling clean sheets knowing the rest of our guys were still in the line, the lucky ones that is.

As I was wheeled into the ward, guess who was the first of our guys to greet me? Dockendorff! He was just being discharged. I still had his jump boots and guess what? He wanted them! That meant that when I got out it would be back to the old black boots and puttees - if I could find any!

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Ten Amazing Facts About the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry You Never Knew

1. Only 10% of the "Original" Patricia's were of Canadian birth. More than three thousand applicants were processed by the recruiting stations in Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. Only 1098 men were accepted and the first soldiers arrived in Ottawa from Toronto three days after the Regimental charter was signed by the Government on 10 August 1914.
2. The original PPCLI cap badge was the marguerite flower and chosen after Gault's wife's name, Marguerite. The founder of the Regiment tried to have the badge altered during his acrimonious divorce in 1918. It was later replaced in 1934 with the personal cypher and coronet of HRH Princess Patricia.
3. The Patricia's first mascot was a collie named "Bob" who belonged to Jack Munro, a former prizefighter and sports hero. Bob went to England and France with the Regiment. When Munro was badly wounded in June 1915 they both returned to Canada where "Bob" was awarded a Toronto Humane Society medal for his war time contribution.
4. A Patricia was awarded a medal by the Germans during WWI. Private Henry Cochrane was captured during the Battle of Sanctuary Wood in June 1916. As a prisoner of war, he was employed on parole to a local business near Munich. He rescued a three year old German girl from drowning and was awarded the Bavarian Cross of Military Merit Third Class.
5. The author of the "Lassie" series was a Patricia, Eric Knight.
6. Young PPCLI subalterns attempted to smuggle the Patricia Colour to England during the Second World War so that the actions of the Original Ric-A-Dam-Doo could be emulated. Unfortunately they were caught and the Colours remained in Canada during the war years.
7. The PPCLI are the only Canadian unit to provide the Queen's Guard at Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and Kensington Palace in peacetime.
8. The PPCLI defeated a cavalry charge in 1923 through the power of the newspaper. On summer exercise, the Patricia's watched as a Militia cavalry brigade charged their position. As one man, the Patricia's stood up and pulled sheets of newspapers from their tunics and waved them at the horses. It was the greatest victory of infantry over cavalry since the Crimea War as the horses threw their riders and stampeded everywhere.
9. The Patricia's conducted the first Canadian trench raid of the war on 28 February 1915 when a 100 man party stormed across No-Man's Land into the German trench system at St Eloi. They captured several prisoners and destroyed the trench line. The Patricia's lost five killed and two missing with another ten men wounded during the action.
10. The first Patricia to die was Private Harry Little. He died of heart failure on a troop train that had just left Edmonton for Ottawa, 14 August 1914.



S.W. ONTARIO BRANCH

By: Bruce Paxton

Greetings to all members of the Patricia Family. Our Branch sends its congratulations to the newly elected members of the National Committee. We also send our thanks to the outgoing executive for their support and hard work during their tenure in office, especially our own Ted Sutherland the outgoing VP East.

Our Branch had a very successful Annual General Meeting weekend in May with a good turnout of members, good fellowship and a nice dinner attended by some 70 members and guests. Our Guest Speaker was a retired 'Sapper', LCol John Sinclair RCE, who spoke about the Patricia family and the many Patricia's he had served with, especially when with FMC Headquarters in St Hubert during the FLQ crisis. Plans are already underway for our next AGM in May of next year 2000, again in St Catherines.

On the 5th of June 1999 a number of our members attended the Interment Ceremony for General Cameron Ware in London Ontario. The Eulogy was given by the Colonel of the Regiment as part of a very moving ceremony as we said farewell to a great soldier. Besides Serving and former Patricia's being in attendance there was a former R22eR and a former RCR in attendance. Thanks to the R22eR we recieved some photos of the ceremony which have been forwarded to the Museum.

In July a number of our members were able to attend the Anniversary Celebrations in Edmonton and brought back good reports on everything except the weather. No doubt the almost unbearably hot weather from this neck of the woods had not properly prepared them. Our Branch last year purchased a Korean veterans Association Commemorative Plate. This was taken to Edmonton by Bob McGinn for presentation to the Museum. In addition our Branch was pleased to be able to support the establishment of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park in Base Edmonton by purchasing a Bench.

We are sorry to be informed of the closure of the Toronto Branch of the Association. Southwest Ontario Branch extends a warm welcome to any and all former members to join our ranks.

Our Secretary has been busy this fall conducting interviews of former Patricia's for the Regimental history project, we all look forward to its printing.

Frank Stringer has undergone surgery and is at

Manitoba and North Western Ontario Branch

By: D'Arcy Best

Our Annual Dinner on October 17 turned out to be a "Night of the Deputies". First, Second Battalion's CO and RSM, absent on duty, were represented by DCO Major Barry and Mrs. Gisele Southern, and QMSI Larry and Mrs. Carla Surrige. Then, the PMC was unable to attend and delegated the Entertainment Chairman, WO Rick Dumas, in his stead. Finally, President Jerry Franc had to work late, leaving Vice-President Stu Weeks and his wife Bev to host the affair. However, the 'second string' managed very well as 37 members and guests enjoyed a fine dinner with old friends in the 2PPCLI WOs and Sgts Mess.

For nearly a decade Second Battalion's Colours have not been present during the Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church as some members of the clergy and the congregation objected to the presence of armed soldiers in the church and our tradition requires the Colours to be properly escorted. This year, however, the church agreed to accept the Colours, properly escorted, and on Sunday, November 8th, they were uncased and marched smartly into the church, and Association members and their spouses, accompanied by Second Battalion's CO, RSM and Reconnaissance Platoon, joined the congregation in the pews.

The Act of Remembrance is obviously still alive within the Patricia Family. Korea Hall (Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall) could barely accommodate the Second Battalion, Association and Cadets on Parade and the bleachers were overflowing with family members and friends at the Annual Remembrance Service at Kapyong Barracks on November 11th. A highlight of the service was a moving rendition of "In Flanders Fields" by Corporal Stacey Bouck of the Royal Regina Rifles, a Reservist on Second Battalion's BOR Staff. It is worth mentioning here that Corporal Bouck was Captain Jim Decoste's driver and was badly injured in the crash, which took his life in Croatia in 1993. Following the service in the Drill Hall, Association members, the Battalion's Senior Officers, RSM and QMSI assembled at the Kapyong Monument in front of the Officers' Mess where Padre Steve Merriman conducted another brief ceremony and a wreath was placed by Andy Schaen and Lieutenant-Colonel Overton.

Our Annual Meeting on November 25th resulted in me being elected Branch President, replacing Jerry Franc who declined to run for another term. Stu Weeks was re-elected Vice-President and Bob Cumming became our new Secretary-Treasurer.

What better way to celebrate Christmas? On the 17th of December, 16 Branch Members joined the Second Battalion Junior Ranks in the Kapyong Barracks Drill Hall

for a fabulous Christmas Dinner served in the traditional manner by the Officers and Senior NCOs. Most of us were able to handle the regulation "two per man" but the huge portions of turkey with all the trimmings dished up by the cheerful catering staff was a little overwhelming. The Regimental Birthday on March 17th was our first 'official' function in 1999. In spite of the killer wind-chill, a few of our hardier Branch members showed up to watch Second Battalion members commit Regimental Fratricide on VP Square. Following the Officers and Snr NCOs Broom-i-loo game and the presentations in the Drill Hall, we moved to the WOs and Sgts mess where the Officers were presented with the Horse's Butt and the Association Gas Mask.

More often than not in recent years, Second Battalion have been in the field on Kap'Yong Day. This year, however, 15 of us were able to join them in Shilo where we were treated to an unbelievable lunch of shrimp stir-fry. We were then taken on a tour of static displays and watched a platoon from A Coy attack a well-prepared position resolutely defended by the Coy Clerk and two EME Maintainers. Later in the afternoon, out in the dunes, the Battalion formed up for the traditional Memorial Service, in Hollow Square the Old Guard on the right and Cadets on the left. The Citation was read by Kap'Yong Vet Bob Cumming, and two other Kap'Yong Vets, Walter Brazil and Ed Higham, were on parade with the Old Guard. Following the parade, we were treated to a steak dinner and the regulation "two per man."

On June 21st, a small group of Branch Members traveled with a 50-man Guard from Second Battalion to the town of Moosomin, Saskatchewan, to take part in the dedication of a new headstone on the grave of George Harry Mullin, VC, MM. Mullin's grave was originally marked with the standard veteran's headstone, but recently a new stone inscribed with a Victoria Cross and the Marguerite hat badge was obtained and set in place. This new stone is unique, as Mullin is the Regiment's only Victoria Cross recipient having a known grave.

We had a beautiful day for our 13th Annual Golf Tournament at River Oaks on August 13th but did not get nearly as many participants as we had last year. Second Battalion golfers were involved in two golf tournaments the previous day and, having been busy all summer with the 85 Anniversary, Pan Am Games and other commitments, the Battalion was commencing block leave. However, we did get a few from the WOs and Sgts Mess and the Junior Ranks Club and, as usual, they went home with most of the trophies.

Upcoming events include our monthly 'Association Nights' on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except December, July and August); Annual Dinner, October 23; Remembrance Day Parade with Second Battalion, November 11; Memorial Service at All Saints Church, November 14; Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner sometime in December; Branch Annual Meeting, January 26; Regimental Birthday Social, March 19; and

Kapyong Day with Second Battalion around April 24/25. Most of our meetings and social activities take place in the 2PPCLI WOs & Sgts Mess at Kapyong Barracks.

Drop in and see us sometime.

"Always a Patricia"

Okanagan/Thompson Branch

By: Tom Tyson

Greetings from the Okanagan/Thompson Branch, where most of the members are golden ager's. At this time we have fifty-three personnel on strength. It's hard to keep the membership up with some passing on and others finding it difficult to get out to the branch meetings. We welcome any Patricia's moving out this way to join us.

Despite the odd sprinkle, all enjoyed the food and comradeship at a BBQ held at Tom and Gladys Mason's house on 14 August 99. Luncheon and meeting held on 18 September and 16 October 99, with subsequent meetings to follow. Members attended the cenotaph of their choice for Remembrance Day and then we will stand down for two months. Next meeting will commence on 22 January 00, at the RCL #25.

We held an election of officers in May, with the following appointments: President - Tom Tyson, Vice-President - Bill Davis, Secretary/Treasurer - Jerry Richard, Directorys - (Kamloops) John Fossett, (Kelowna and South) Mel Lashuk, (Sgt-at Arms) Mike Lawless, (Publicity Director) Walter Jans. The tenure will be from May 1999 until December 2000.

There was a good turn out from our branch at the 85th Anniversary Celebrations. The weather was not the kindest, however, we found that all was very well done. Thanks to the Edmonton Branch and the Regiment for all their hard work. No luck getting a hole-in-one at their golf tournament, however, our team managed to come fifth.

Was pleasantly surprised to have recieved the Association's Certificate of Merit, presented by Lady Patricia, and the Colonel of the Regiment.

Edmonton Branch

By: Patricia Munroe

With more than a year of co-operative planning and implementing by the Edmonton Garison and our local Branch PPCLI, the 85th Anniversary of the Regiment was a tremendous sucess, bringing together young and old Patricia's active and retired, from across Canada and the United States. The huge facility (on Edmonton's northern boundary) lent itself as a perfect setting for the gathering despite some inclement weather,

all events were well attended. The 1000 persons who attended the Saturday evening dinner and dance were proof that the Patricia's know how to enjoy themselves. The commoradary and caring was a joy to see as friendships were renewed or forged. To further mark the occasion, we celebrated with Lady Patricia and here family the 25th anniversary as our Colonel in Chief. We wish her continued good health and trust she will be spending many more such occasions with her Patricia's in Canada. Reports of the various activities were recorded as successful, the First Annual Golf Tournament at Lancaster Park with barbeque was, to all accounts, well recieved with 131 entries with the prizes donated by the local organizations. A portion of the fees were donated to the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary. Well done to Don Manuel, Bert Radjotte and members of Regimental Headquarters.

John and Shirley Kolanchey and Patricia Munro were privileged to lunch with Lady Patricia and her party at the Mewburn Veteran's Centre, where she visited and shook hands with all the veterans residing there. Her graciousness and warmth was manifested in the smiles and handclasps exchanged between her and the resident veterans and staff of the Mewburn. John has been instrumental in keeping in touch with Patricia's at the Mewburn, and has encouraged present Korean Vets and friends to join the volunteers who assist with special events. John was recently the recipient of an award for his dedication.

During the 85th Anniversary the "Better 'Ole" was a welcome haven following the wet and windy Regimental Trooping. It was wonderful to hear the exchange of stories and experiences, not losing sight of our reason for being there, and not forgetting those who gave their lives for our freedom. As the daughter of an 'Old Original, 1914-1918 PPCLI #689', my personal gratitude is recorded at this time, along with all others who experienced similar reasons for remembering. The weekend culminated in a thoughtful and special ceremony on Sunday morning when Lady Patricia, Major-General C.W. Hewson and other dignitaries, civilians and Regimental, dedicated the Hamilton Gault Memorial Park across from the entrance to the G.G. Brown building. A cairn will be placed on the site at a later date.

The nominal role records our membership at 69 persons paid in 1999 to date. The Edmonton Branch recently welcome to our ranks, Darren Lee Anderson, George Edgar Gerhart, Clarence Cottom and Thomas Walton. With several having indicated their interest in joining this coming year, we will continue to grow in interest and friendship.

Victoria Branch

By: Mr. John M. Tolley

Victoria Branch faces the new millenium with almost 100 members and Bill Westfall as President. In addition to our regular meetings at the Bay Street Armouries we have had three successful functions during the year. We celebrated the Regimental Birthday with a dinner at the Langford Legion on March the 19th. Harry Groom being the President of that Branch gave us a good deal on the costs. Larry Davies and Doug Maclean put it all together. Approximately 70 members and guests were on hand at the Naden Wardroom to welcome the Colonel in Chief to Victoria on the 6th of July. She was officially welcomed by the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, Admiral Buck, and by the National and Victoria Branch President of the PPCLI Association. Bill Westfall made the arrangements for this event, and the Wardroom catering staff did a superb job, maybe the Admiral's presence was a factor?

Unlike last year, our annual picnic in conjunction with the KVA was blessed with good weather on the 10th of July. As usual it was held at the Victoria Horseshoe club and although about 40 of our members turned out, a like number were there from the KVA and they beat us at the horseshoe game.

The city of the newly-wed and the nearly dead (Victoria) look forward to seeing as many Patricia's as possible when we host the National Association meeting in 2000. Finally, incase any one is wondering how we are copying with the Chinese boat people at Work Point. You

Vancouver Branch

By: Don Urquart

Greetings again to all members of the PPCLI Association.

For many of us who attended the 85th Anniversary Celebrations of the Regiment in Edmonton from the 1st to the 4th of July, it was a great opportunity for us to meet with old comrades and friends of the Patricia Family from many years back, to hoist a few drinks and talk about old times. Although the weather was rather cold for some of the activities, it was a great success.

I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association in company with Tom and Thelma Holland, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of our Branch, where we represented all the Members of the Vancouver Branch. Lady Patricia attended as well, making Presentations to some long time members of the National Body for their years of dedication and also spoke to many of those in attendance.

On Tuesday, July 6th, Lady Patricia visited the

Vancouver Branch. During the afternoon we, (Pres. & wife/ Vice-Pres. & Sec.-Tres) accompanied her to Lynn Valley in North Vancouver where Don Parr-Pearson was waiting with a delegation at Pioneer Park. Here Lady Patricia was "introduced" to the Statue of Walter MacKay Draycott, a pioneer of Lynn Valley and a PPCLI veteran of WWI. With many thanks to Don (and some generous donations by members) a new plaque has been mounted on the bench where Walter's statue sits, recalling the fact that he was a Patricia. Don worked on this project by himself for over two years and deserves full marks for his efforts. After Lady Patricia met the Mayor of North Vancouver, other dignitaries and had pictures taken with Walter we retired to the Lynn Valley Legion for sandwiches and tea. At this time Lady Patricia filled out an application for membership into their Legion (a first). Many thanks to the executive and members for receiving our Colonel-in-Chief so graciously.

That evening, Lady Patricia joined us the Seaforth Armoury for a "Meet and Greet" with members of the Branch and special guest. A delegation of Burma Star Association members, of which she is their Patron, also joined us for the evening.

After meeting with all of the assembled guests, she unveiled a portrait of herself painted by one of our members, Neil Villiers. Neil is a former Officer of the Regiment. He then presented her with a beautifully framed print of his painting. We thank Neil for presenting the original painting to the PPCLI Association Vancouver Branch. Copies are available for purchase, if you contact our Secretary. A fully framed photo costs \$50.00 and prints are \$10.00.

Lady Patricia then presented a set of three gold Victoria Cross Coins to Mr. George Gear, Grandson of George Harry Mullin, VC, MM, a Patricia of WWI. The presentation was to acknowledge that Mr. Gear has presented his grandfathers original medals to the Regimental Museum. Mr. Gear's mother and wife were in attendance as well.

A presentation was also made to Lady Patricia by the Burma Star Members. After which we enjoyed a delightful Buffet and gab fest. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to those of you who worked so hard to make it the success that it was.

On July 12, my wife Jenny and I in company with Neil Villiers and his wife Marilyn represented the Association as guests of Lady Patricia for lunch onboard the M.S. Veendam prior to her leaving on a cruise to Alaska with her Husband Lord Braburne.

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was dear to them, endured hardness, and
faced danger so that others might
live in peace and freedom.*

*Not all soldiers die in battle or glory,
but they too served the Regiment.
Let those who come after see to it
that their names be not forgotten.*

In Memoriam

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Frederick J. Hornsby	WWII	November 20, 1998	Winnipeg, MB
Clarence D. Moore	Korea	December 9, 1998	Burnaby, BC
John Basaraba	WWII	December 21, 1998	Calgary, AB
Clifford L. Chapman	Korea	December 23, 1998	Calgary, AB
Peter R. Jasieniuk	WWII	December 28, 1998	Speess, SK
Aurthur McFarland	Reg F	December 31, 1998	Sussex, NB
Bob Muir	Korea/Reg F	January 7, 1999	Smith Falls, ON
Gordon Davies	Reg F	January 11, 1999	Victoria, BC
Roy C. Blacklock	Korea	January 15, 1999	Hamilton, ON
Wayne Manson	WWII	January 16, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
C.B. Ware, DSO, CD	WWII/Reg F	January 22, 1999	Victoria, BC
Howard G. Carter	WWII	January 24, 1999	Thunder Bay, ON
Wilbert Elk	Reg F	January 29, 1999	Brandon, MB
Ronald W. Hamilton	WWII	February 5, 1999	Truro, NS
George Simm	WWII	February 5, 1999	Calgary, AB
Glen A. Dyck	Reg F	February 12, 1999	Gladstone, MB
Herb Gray	WWII	February 15, 1999	Virden, MB
Joseph A. Osborne	Reg F	February 15, 1999	Saint John, NB
Christian Olsen	WWII/Reg F	February 18, 1999	Dunnville, ON
Jack R. Halliday	WWII	February 24, 1999	Pas, MB
R.A. Roberts	WWII/Reg F	February 24, 1999	High River, AB
Arthur H. Kemsley, CD	WWII/Korea/Reg F	February 27, 1999	West Vancouver, BC
George Greeves Sim	WWII	February 27, 1999	Calgary, AB
Maxwell Bronnum	WWII	March 9, 1999	Kamloops, BC
Michael Hillcoff	WWII	March 9, 1999	Dauphin, MB
Edward A. Heeks	Reg F	March 13, 1999	Edmonton, AB
Walter Kuzyk	WWII	March 14, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Robert Hayes	Korea	March 14, 1999	St. Catherines, ON
William Patrick Cox	WWII	March 16, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Frederick Richard Mastin	Korea	March 18, 1999	Pine Falls, MB
Paul Campbell	WWII/Korea	March 28, 1999	Stoney Creek, ON
G.W. Mackus	WWII	April 2, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Axel Kruse	WWII	April 7, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Lewis C. Newman	WWII	April 11, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Anthony Joseph Hall	WWII	April 11, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Frank Price	Reg F	April 11, 1999	Victoria, BC
David A. Murray	Korea	April 17, 1999	Kelowna, BC
Charles E. Locey	WWII	April 18, 1999	Cornwall, ON
William C. Moore	WWII	April 20, 1999	Stonewall, MB
Charles S. Robertson	WWII/Korea/Reg F	April 23, 1999	Lanigan, SK
Frederick G. Case	WWII	April 28, 1999	Roblin, MB

Gordon S. Thompson	Reg F	April 30, 1999	Victoria, BC
Fred Mueller	Reg F	May 1, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Basil Jennens	WWII/Reg F	May 1, 1999	Kelowna, BC
Ross C. Flynn	WWII	May 2, 1999	Burlington, ON
E.W. Adames	WWII	May 2, 1999	Lumsden, SK
William White	WWII/Reg F	May 19, 1999	Maple Ridge, BC
Manuel Bollenbach	WWII	May 28, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Art G. de Keruzec	WWII	May 31, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
John R. Boldt	Korea/Reg F	June 8, 1999	Calgary, AB
Reginald Goodyear Charles, Sr.	WWII	June 22, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Mel J. Hidlebaugh	WWII	July 6, 1999	Stonwall, MB
Nicholas Albert Horbaty	Reg F	July 14, 1999	New Westminster, BC
Gordon Delridge	Korea	July 16, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
George James Black	Korea	July 20, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
William A. (Bill) Stewart	Korea	July 23, 1999	Regina, SK
William Francis Perrier	WWII/Korea/Reg F	July 24, 1999	SK
George Antonio Noiseux	WWII	August 4, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
A. Stuart Ennis-Smith, CD	Pre-war/WWII/Reg F	August 19, 1999	Burlington, ON
William Roblin	WWII	August 21, 1999	Atikokan, ON
Kristinn Johannes Isfeld	WWII	August 25, 1999	Sandy Hook, MB
Sydney Allan.	WWII	September 18, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Walter Dougals Jones	WWII	September 20, 1999	St. Vital, MB
James W. Mason	WWII	September 21, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
William J. Harding		October 1, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Kenneth Edward Glass	WWII/Reg F	October 16, 1999	Winnipeg, MB
Joe Stutt	WWII/Korea/Reg F	October 25, 1999	Vancouver, BC
Frank Blacquire	WWII/Korea	November 20, 1999	Charlottetown, PEI
R. Charbonneau	WWII	December 16, 1999	New Westminster, BC
William Powell	Korea	December 21, 1999	Montreal, QC



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