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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Rudy Raidt, MMM, CD

As I sat to write my President's Message for this fall's Newsletter, I reflected on my one year as President of the PPCLI Association and the changes that have taken place, and indeed, will take place during the coming year. Planning for the future is no easy challenge, as my colleagues and I know. However, we have every reason to be optimistic about what lies ahead.

One element of successfully sustaining an organization, whether it is your own Branch or the Association, is being aware that change is occurring; it takes place continually and we must be prepared to deal with it. We have all heard discussions within and without the Association that if the Association doesn't do this or that, we will be shutting the door as an organization. Well I can only say one thing to all these doom messengers: "Watch Out!" I have heard all sorts of ideas from all sorts of members, but did they volunteer to chair a committee or be part of one? No. Yes, it is our duty to keep our Association a going concern and those of us, who reaped the benefit in the past, must hand it to future generations of Patricias. To do otherwise would be doing a disservice to all those who have gone before us, especially: A. Hamilton Gault, W.G. Colquhoun, R.P. Clark, J.A. deLalanne, R.C. Coleman, H.G. Munro, E.J. Dodd, W.B.S. Sutherland, and C.V. Lilley.

This year, the Association embarked upon an ambitious program: the Volunteer Patricia Program. Based on the initiative by the Ottawa Branch, the program was unanimously approved at the AGM and it will provide a far-reaching support program for the whole Regiment. Yes, it is ambitious, but the working group led by Larry Gollner and ably assisted by John Hunter, will provide a strategic focus on the Association and ensure inclusiveness for all Patricias. It is imperative that every member will support the program and offer his or her hand to every Patricia who seeks assistance through this program.

Your Finance Committee has worked hard over the last 18 months. We now have an Investment Policy in place that will ensure that the investment portfolio is managed in the best interest of the Association. The current value is \$164,000 with an invested capital of \$150,000. It is our hope that our members will continue to support the "Annual Donation" campaign. Our aim is to add another \$25,000 to the capital this year. I appeal to all those members who have yet to any donation. Remember, our original intent was (back in 1999/2000) for every member to make a donation of 25 dollars per annum for a five-year period, or, a total of \$125 per member. Based on our current membership of 850 we should have by now a total of \$106,250. Unfortunately, instead of every member participating, only 165 have made the decision to support us. However, it is those 165 members that made a difference and our donations total, at the time of this writing, \$55,450. I am pleased to add that many of those 165 donated in excess of \$125. My sincerest thanks! But let's keep going and have another go at it.

We have had a good AGM in conjunction with the 90th Anniversary of the Regiment. Many friendships were renewed and new ones formed. That is after all the essence of any reunion. The business of the AGM was thoroughly discussed and major decisions were taken. The Council meeting was equally business-like. All major issues were discussed in detail, including major Association governance issues, changes to bylaws and a far-reaching Association budget. With the adoption of the budget there will be an increase of the membership fee to \$20 per year. This increase became necessary in order to meet the ever-increasing administrative costs of operating the Association.

We will continue to publish the Newsletter and Spring Bulletin and each member will receive the Patricia. The latter is, of course, the binding force beyond compare and an unending source of information and enjoyment - this regimental tradition is an inspiration to all Patricias - let's keep it that way.

My first year as President of the Association has gone by quickly. It will be a pleasure and honour to serve you the second year of my term. The opportunity to serve our membership I consider a privilege. To my fellow Council members, your input and discussions on issues have been interesting and thoughtful. Thank you for the skills, knowledge and professionalism you brought and continue to bring to Council.

I would be remiss were I not to express my thanks and appreciation to the staff of Regimental Headquarters. Without their unremitting toil on our behalf, the Association would be much less than it is. We owe them a profound debt of gratitude.

Now onto the threshold of another busy year. What new challenges await us? I am confident that with the team we now have in place we can face any challenge in the future.

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

MGen (Retd) Robert I. Stewart, CMM, CD

The Right And Proper Thing To Do - The Volunteer Patricia Program

The Regiment has always voiced the motto "Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia". In this issue you will see an article and a separate brochure that deals with the Association's initiative to put in place a program to help retired members in need. This is the right and proper thing for the Association to undertake and is long overdue. It is consistent with our motto and our continuing obligation to support members of our Regimental family.

The Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP) was approved by the last Association AGM and



thanks to the special efforts of Major (Retd) John Hunter it is now underway. Although it is a National Association program, it is dependant on the active involvement of all Branches. It needs volunteer coordinators and individuals to act as mentors for those that request assistance. I am certain that you will gain a strong feeling of satisfaction from your involvement in the program.

In many ways this initiative is of the same importance to our Association as the creation of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund in 1964. The success of the VP Program will emphasize our belief in the Regimental family and illustrate our compassion for our members. It must be a success. I ask all Branches and Association members to get behind the effort to ensure the program achieves its objectives.

Support the VPP and Volunteer to Help!!

VP.

AGM APPROVES DUES INCREASE

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the PPCLI Association in Edmonton on 26 Jun 2004, members approved a \$5.00 increase in National Dues. This means that, effective January 1, 2005, Annual Dues will include National Dues of \$20.00 per member *plus Branch Dues*. Other items approved at the AGM include:

New Membership Cards. It was agreed that use of the gold laminated "permanent" membership cards will be discontinued and we will go back to the old system of issuing new cards each year as members pay their annual membership fees. The new cards, showing an expiry date and signed by Branch Secretaries, will be issued as members pay their 2005 dues.

PPCLI Association 60th Anniversary Reunion. The Regiment has decided to skip the 95th Anniversary celebrations in 2009 because of current and anticipated heavy operational commitments of the battalions and to focus on financial planning of the 100th Anniversary in 2014. Therefore, it was agreed that the PPCLI Association would celebrate its 60th Anniversary with a Reunion in Calgary in 2007.

Future AGMs. Wainwright was selected as the location of the 2005 AGM and Kingston for 2006. The 2007 AGM will be held in Calgary in conjunction with the Association's 60th Anniversary celebration.

Certificates of Merit. Maj-Gen (Retd) R.I. Stewart, Colonel of the Regiment, presented PPCLI Association Certificates of Merit and lapel pins to Ken Villager, Calgary Branch and Lloyd Jones, Saskatchewan Branch.

WAINWRIGHT TO HOST 2005 AGM

The 2005 Annual General Meeting and associated events will take place in Wainwright, Alberta from June 16 to 19. The Council and General Meetings will be held in Worthington Branch #29, Royal Canadian Legion.

Complete details will be provided in the Spring Bulletin to be published in March 2005. Meanwhile, why not book your accommodation? The following facilities are recommended:

Motels

Days Motel: 2101 - 14th Avenue. Single \$70.00, double \$75.00. Free breakfast, indoor pool. Phone (780) 842-3297, Fax (780) 842-3297.

West Motor Inn: 1814 - 14th Avenue. Single \$55.00, double \$65.00. Free breakfast. Phone (780) 842-4434, Toll Free 1-888-842-3837. **NOTE:** Military Rates - ID required.

R & R Inn And Suites: 1809 - 14th Avenue. Single \$64.00, double \$74.00. Free breakfast. Phone (780) 842-2277, Toll Free 1-888-842-4667.

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Middlemass RV and Trailer Park: 1805 - 15th Street. 28 stalls. Electricity and water \$18.00 per night. Sewage disposal at entrance. Phone (780) 842-3541.

Wainwright Golf Course: 1502 - 2nd Street. 13 stalls. Electric hook-up \$15.00 per night. On-site sewage disposal, showers and washrooms. Phone {780} 842-3046, Fax (780) 842-3045.

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VOLUNTEER PATRICIA PROGRAM (VPP)

By John Hunter, VPP Facilitator

The Volunteer Patricia Program is off and running. In addition to the brochure you have received with your newsletter today, you can visit the ppcli.com website and get up to date information on the program and what it is doing to help our comrades. The brochure sums up the program in two short pages and the Handbook on the website in 60-odd longer ones. Please read the brochure to find out what we do. But in addition, I thought a few notes on who and how we do it might be useful.

So who does what? We are a very spread-out, old comrades organization. We consist of prewar, wartime, Korean, Cold War and recent peace-making vets. We place a great deal of importance on what our service has meant to us and we value our connections to our comrades and to our Regiment. The VP Program puts these sentiments into action. But how do you get a geographically spread out and demographically diverse organization such as ours to focus on a particular goal? Well, we have taken a leaf from our constitution.

There are national issues and there are local issues. Most local issues centre around communities and

individuals while national interests focus on policies and processes. Just as in Canada, some regions are better able to look after their members than others. So the structure we have settled on to start the program is something similar. Branches have a better hold on members living in their region, whether those members belong to the Association or not. They also have better insights into regional care agencies, including district offices of federal departments, in their area. They are best able to find local solutions that work. On the other hand, the Association needs a central policy and quality control capability to ensure we use our resources as effectively as we can. It must interact with many agencies at the national level as well. Finally, it must provide a backup of expertise to assist branches and cover areas of the country that have no branch representation. And that is what we have created: a branch level contact structure with a national backup that looks after matters such as policies, processes, finance, public affairs, liaison and monitors and improves our program.

How do we do it? We expect to receive referrals from all sorts of places: families, friends, units, other caregivers and not least, by direct contact with members who need our help. From whatever direction these contacts come, they will be directed to the nearest Branch Contact point, or where none exists, to the VPP Facilitator in Ottawa. These volunteers will deal with most calls or mail requesting information or implying a personal problem.

The immediate challenge facing the volunteer is to determine how severe a situation he or she is facing. This requires a simple screening process for receiving and responding to calls (emails and post being simpler by definition). The screening process ensures that the caller or writer who is simply requesting information is provided with prompt and effective service, and that callers or writers who may need Extended Services are identified and referred to the best professional able to help them. The screening process has three basic elements:

- **Listening:** Establishing communications with the member and hearing his or her story
- **Assessing:** Determining how best the member's problem should be handled and by whom
- **Referring:** Referring the member to the most appropriate program and caregiver

We are essentially in the referral business: getting the right professional and the right program our members need. But it is not just a simple phone number service. Problems may be hidden and hard to detect. The individual may already have tried and failed to get support, or the department or agency may lack the resources to help. This is where we come in to make things happen and we will soon be asking for volunteers to provide this kind of help as VP Mentors. When we expand into Extended Services, the risks we face will be higher, but the rewards will be greater.

The VPP is open to all who have ever served with the Regiment. Mention it to your friends who may not be Association members and ask them to pass the word along.

We need your help. Volunteers are needed at both the

branch and national levels. You will deal directly with members of the Regimental family, helping them find and implement solutions to their questions and problems. To find out more about volunteering, go to www.ppcli.com and follow the VPP links to the Handbook. Look in Section 4, or contact your Branch President.

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Soldiers of the Second Battalion said farewell to the citizens of Winnipeg June 18 to 20 during the ceremonial weekend marking their official goodbye to the city they have called home for 34 years.

A Sunset Ceremony performed Friday evening at the historic Forks location in downtown Winnipeg drew over 1,000 spectators. The next day, Second Battalion exercised its right to the Freedom of the City, and on Sunday, paraded for the last time at Kapyong Barracks with family, friends and members of the Old Guard in attendance. This final parade also marked the Regiment's 90th Anniversary and Second Battalion's change of command from Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Day to Lieutenant-Colonel Stu Sharpe.

The first phase of the Sunday ceremonies at Kapyong Barracks was a Tattoo, opening with the Old Guard marching on accompanied by the 2 PPCLI Corps of Drums. Then, during a performance by the Pipes and Drums of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders the sky opened up and a torrential downpour sent the spectators scrambling for cover. To their credit, the Camerons carried on without missing a beat.

When the rain abated the spectators returned to the sound of the 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps Drum Line and watched an unarmed combat demo by young soldiers fresh off basic training. The Tattoo concluded with performances by the 1 Canadian Air Division Band and the Flag Party of the PPCLI Association's Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch.

Following the Tattoo, Lieutenant-Colonel Day marched

on the Battalion to the music of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Band and the Change of Command Ceremony then took place, supervised by Colonel Tim Grant, Commander 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade and witnessed by Major-General (Retd) R.I. Stewart, Colonel of the Regiment.

The ceremony concluded with the Battalion marching off, led by the new Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Stu Sharpe, followed by a roll past of eight LAV (Light Armoured Vehicle) IIIs.

This was the last parade to be held at Kapyong Barracks as the Second Battalion moves to Shilo, Manitoba to begin a new chapter in their history.

Thus ends an era.

PPCLI CELEBRATE 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Edmonton was the place to be during the weekend of June 25 to 27 when Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry celebrated the 90th Anniversary of their founding.

Official activities kicked off Friday night with a Meet and Greet Supper in the Better 'Ole followed by a magnificent Sunset Ceremony at the St. Albert Rugby Club. The Royal Canadian Artillery Band and the PPCLI Cadets Pipe Band from Estevan, Saskatchewan provided music for the Sunset Ceremony. These cadets wear the Hunting Stewart tartan, the same as that worn by the PPCLI Pipe Band in World War One. The Sunset Ceremony also featured drill and free-fall parachuting demonstrations and concluded with the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums presenting the Colonel of the Regiment with a bass drum the Regiment had left behind in Belgium at the end of World War One.

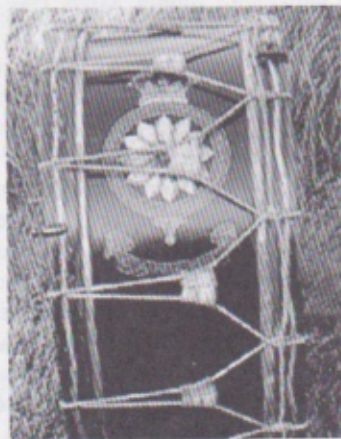
Saturday's activities included a Freedom of the City parade by First Battalion, the PPCLI Association's Annual General Meeting and a Regimental Dinner and Dance in the Better 'Ole.

LOST DRUM COMES HOME

After almost 86 years a piece of the Regiment's past, a World War One bass drum, has finally come home.

During the 1960s, the Edmonton Police Pipes and Drums renewed the Regiment's association with the pipes, playing at numerous Troopings and other Regimental events, and in 1972, the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums were authorized to wear the PPCLI cap badge on the crest of their sporrans.

Recently, a family in Belgium advised the PPCLI that



they had in their possession an original bass drum from the Regiment that had been left behind in World War One. Apparently the Regimental Pipe Band had forgotten the drum in a café on the night of November 11, 1918, the day the war ended. The café owner gave the drum to an antique dealer who, unable to sell it, kept it in his family.

The antique dealer's daughter graciously offered to return the drum to the Regiment and the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums assisted the Regiment by taking possession of the drum while on a recent tour in France and Belgium for the 60th Anniversary of D-Day and returning it to the Regiment. They presented it to Major-General (Retd) R.I. Stewart, Colonel of the Regiment, during the PPCLI Sunset Ceremony at the St. Albert Rugby Club on June 25, 2004. The drum is now on display at the Museum of the Regiments in Calgary.

By returning the drum, the Edmonton Police Service Pipes and Drums has fulfilled the promise made in August 1914 "to play the Regiment to France and back".

SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR CHEMICAL TESTING VOLUNTEERS

On February 19, 2004, the Honourable David Pratt, Minister of National Defence and the Honourable John McCallum, Minister of Veterans Affairs, announced a \$50-million recognition program for Canadian veterans involved in chemical-warfare agent experiments between the 1940s and the 1970s.

The new program, administered by the Department of National Defence (DND), offers payments to Canadian veterans who volunteered as participants in chemical-warfare experiments, beginning in the Second World War era, in Suffield, Alberta, and Ottawa. Eligible veterans are being offered a one-time payment of \$24,000 in recognition of their service, an amount comparable to previous payments to Canadian veterans. This is in addition to the pension benefits to which these veterans may be entitled.

To be eligible for this payment, the Veteran must have served in the Canadian military and volunteered to participate in chemical warfare experiments in Suffield, Alberta or Ottawa, Ontario between 1941 and the 1970's. In cases where an eligible Veteran is deceased, the payment may be made to an open estate or, in certain cases, to the primary beneficiary of a fully dispersed estate. For detailed information on eligibility, contact the DND-VAC Centre for the Support of Injured and Retired Members and Their Families toll-free at 1-800-883-6094 or e-mail recognition-application@forces.gc.ca.

In addition to the \$24,000 payment, Veterans who participated in chemical testing may be eligible for a disability pension and related benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). Currently a number of Veterans have already qualified for a VAC disability pension as a result of these disabilities. If Veterans suffer from symptoms they believe may be related to the chemical testing, they should contact VAC at 1-866-522-2122. VAC, in conjunction with

DND, will be making additional efforts to contact Veterans who apply for this payment package to make them aware of their right to apply for a pension if they believe they have a service-related disability.

LICENCE PLATE HONOURS ONTARIO VETERANS



Ontario is honouring its veterans with a licence plate featuring a red poppy with the word "VETERAN" directly underneath the poppy. The new plate is available to those who have served honourably:

- in wartime as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces or allied forces, or in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command;
- for a minimum of three years (may still be serving) in the Canadian Armed Forces; or
- on NATO service or a peacekeeping mission as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, a UN peacekeeping force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Ontario veterans can exchange their current plates or obtain the new veteran licence plate at no charge, once the Royal Canadian Legion has verified their service. To obtain the special plate, the veteran must:

- a. Complete an "Application for Veteran Plate Eligibility Certification" form available from any Ontario Drivers and Vehicles Licence Issuing Office, or online at the Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command, Web Site: www.on.legion.ca or the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's Web Site: www.mto.gov.on.ca.
- b. Attach photocopies of "Canadian Forces Certificate of Service" (or equivalent for Merchant Navy or allies), if retired; or "Canadian Forces Identification Card," plus personal service record, if still serving.
- c. Send the completed form and attachments with a \$5.00 cheque payable to "Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Provincial Command" and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

The Royal Canadian Legion
Ontario Provincial Command
89 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora, Ontario L4G 4C4

The Legion will need up to three weeks to verify the information and return an approved form. For further

information visit the Ontario Ministry of Transportation Web Site Web site: www.mto.gov.on.ca, or contact: Bob Nichols, Ministry of Transportation, (416) 327-1158 or David Ward, Minister's Office, (416) 327-1815.

MATT STOPFORD GETS COMPENSATION

By Harry Bloom, Ottawa Branch

Through the auspices of Jim Woodley, National Coordinator of the Operational Stress Injury Social Support (OSISS) Project here in Ottawa, former PPCLI Warrant Officer Matt Stopford finally received recognition and some compensation for injuries sustained on duty. On 19 Feb 2004, Brigadier-General (Retd) Joe Sharpe presented Mat with his Commander-in-Chief's Commendation for the 2 PPCLI action in the Medak Pocket, Croatia in 1993 and Lieutenant-Colonel Wrather, Director of the DND-VAC Centre, presented him with a cheque from the Accidental Dismemberment Compensation Act. Lieutenant-Colonel Grenier, OSISS Project Program Manager, presented him with his Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal; and Jim Woodley presented him with his Regimental Retirement Gift, the Drummer Boy.

While it has taken some time to get to this point, Mat was very happy with the results. There are also two sergeants and a corporal who have received or are being processed for cash compensation in the range of \$125,000 - \$250,000 and there is potential for more claims, especially with the current operational tempo of our battalions.

THREE STUDENT BURSARIES AWARDED

There were seven applicants for Student Bursaries this year and three bursaries of \$500.00 each were awarded from the PPCLI Student Bursary Fund:

Mrs Karla Woodfine of Oromocto, New Brunswick, wife of MCpl Elton Woodfine of the French Grey Battalion (Infantry School). Mrs Woodfine is a student at the University of New Brunswick and is continuing her studies in the field of Nursing.

Miss Jennifer Warrington of Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia, daughter of Warrant Officer Darryell Warrington, Extra-Regimentally Employed with the Princess Louise Fusiliers (Militia) in Halifax. Miss Warrington is a student with Dalhousie University studying in the field of Science.

Miss Amanda Leduc of Oromocto, New Brunswick, daughter of Master Warrant Officer Rene Leduc of the French Grey Battalion (Combat Training Centre). Miss Leduc is a student at the University of New Brunswick studying in the field of Nursing.

REGIMENTAL UPDATE

Regimental Guard. Colonel Pat Stogran is taking over as Regimental Colonel and Vice-President of the Guard, replacing Colonel Walter Semianiw who is deploying to Afghanistan.

1 PPCLI. The battalion held a Change of Command Parade on 29 September 2004 when Lieutenant-Colonel Shandy Vida relinquished command to Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Hope. The battalion participated in Ex PRAIRIE RAM in October, a three week long brigade training exercise. B Company is still deployed on OP ATHENA in Afghanistan and will not be back until February. Currently the battalion is preparing for the brigade training event scheduled for the spring in Wainwright. 1 PPCLI will be the High Readiness Unit next year and will be doing work up training for any possible deployments. Anti-Armour assets will be regrouped with the LdSH (RC) Regiment commencing 17 January 2005.

2 PPCLI. 2 PPCLI has moved into its new building in Shilo, Manitoba and dedication of the new Kapyong Barracks in Shilo will take place on 13 November 2004. Second Battalion was involved with Ex PRAIRIE RAM in October and will be preparing for the brigade's training event taking place in Wainwright next spring. 2 PPCLI will take over from 1 PPCLI as High Readiness Unit in late 2005/early 2006.

3 PPCLI. The 3 PPCLI Recce Platoon is still deployed on OP ATHENA in Afghanistan. The remainder of the battalion has just returned from Ex PRAIRIE RAM and will be preparing for the brigade's training event in the spring at Wainwright.

Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI). The plan for the LER from September 2004 to January 2005 includes a Basic Recce Patrolman course, a Basic Infantry Qualification course, a BOTP course for new officer candidates within the unit and participation in one Task Force North exercise in November.

French Grey Battalion (Infantry School, Combat Training Centre, Gagetown). Phase 4 Infantry Officer Training has been completed, with 11 new Patricia graduates off to their new battalions. Lieutenant-Colonel Ian Creighton has assumed command of Atlantic Area Training Centre and Major Mike Patrick is the senior Patricia at the Infantry School. The school will be conducting an Advanced Recce Course and CAP (Common Army Phase – Phase II in the old days) this fall with an Advanced Anti-Armour Course to be conducted in the spring of 2005.

ASSOCIATION 2005 SPRING BULLETIN

The PPCLI Association Spring Bulletin is published as a supplement to the Association Newsletter. It contains updated National and Branch addresses, information on the next AGM and other upcoming events, updates to Branch Calendars, changes in Branch Officers and other reminders to Branches and members. As the 2005 Spring Bulletin is to be distributed in March, articles must be submitted to the Editor by *February 15*.

Get the last word in: Apologize

QOR of C REUNION 2005 IN CALGARY

The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada will mark their 145th Anniversary with a Regimental Reunion in Calgary on the weekend of 3-5 June 2005. All venues and accommodation will be on the campus of the University of Calgary. For further info and Registration Forms, contact:

Don Ethell, Coordinator
QOR of C Reunion 2005
c/o Mark Staffing Services
730,734 – 7th Ave SW
Calgary AB T2P 3P8
Tel: (403) 263-5120 Ext 317
E-mail: qor2005@markstaffing.com

or visit the reunion website: www.qor.com/reunion.

*The Members of Council and the
Staff of the Association Secretariat
wish You and Yours*

“A Happy Holiday Season”

BRANCH NEWS

Fraser Valley Branch

By Mark Benjamin

Greetings to all from out here in sunny Chilliwack, home of the Fraser Valley Branch. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, except June, July and August, at 1900 hrs in the Royal Canadian Legion #280 Vedder Crossing in Chilliwack. At our meeting on October 7 we elected the following Branch Officers: President Mark Benjamin, Vice-President/Treasurer Harold Grouette and Secretary Joey Ellis.

Over the past summer we have had two members, Fed and Peggy Hart and Noel Pitre, leave our branch and move to Ontario. We also had Padre Tassinari join our branch. The Branch now has 38 members but our door is always open for any new members wishing to join our branch for a little bit of camaraderie.

Branch Calendar

Thursday, November 11: **Remembrance Day Service** with Vedder Crossing Branch, Royal Canadian Legion. To be arranged.

Thursday, December 9: **Annual Xmas Party** at CFB Chilliwack ASU Mess, 1800hrs.

Thursday, March 17, 2005: **Regimental Day**. To be arranged.

On behalf of the Branch Members it is a pleasure to wish everyone a safe and happy Xmas and New Year, and may we all look forward to renewing acquaintances in 2005.

When weeding the garden, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch

By D'Arcy Best

At our Annual General Meeting on January 28 we re-elected President Len King and Vice-President Cliff Fox, and the former Secretary-Treasurer's office was split between Secretary Fred Breurkens and Treasurer D'Arcy Best.

The Manitoba & North Western Ontario Branch meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at the Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg, at 7:30 PM. Most of these meetings are informal 'bull sessions', however, the January meeting is the Branch Annual General Meeting.

Branch Calendar

Remembrance Day Service: Friday, November 11, 10:25 AM. We will join Charleswood Branch, Royal Canadian Legion for an indoor Remembrance Service at Oak Park High School, Charleswood Road and Rannock Avenue, Winnipeg. Charleswood Legion Clubrooms will be open to our members following the service.

Remembrance Service, All Saints Church: Sunday, November 14, 2005, 10:50 AM.

Branch Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, January 26, 2005, Charleswood Legion, 7:30 PM.

Ladies Day: Sunday, March 19, 2004, Charleswood Legion, 2:00 PM (To be confirmed).

Annual Dinner: Saturday, October 15, 2005, Charleswood Legion. Cocktails 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM (To be confirmed).

Ottawa Branch

By Harry Bloom

It was almost as if spring and summer ran into each other as the time just seemed to fly by. Here in Ottawa, the Nation's Capital, it seemed we had just celebrated Regimental Day with a nice dinner attended by a good number of Association and Serving Members when we were right into the 90th get-together in Edmonton. All Ottawa members who attended the 90th celebration enjoyed themselves and we, collectively, would like to thank the Edmonton Branch and the serving members of the Regiment for putting on a good show.

While some of us were in Edmonton, our Rear Party took up the slack and participated in a number of events that coincided with the visit to Ottawa of Mrs. Beryl Ralston Saul, wife of the late Colonel W.J. (Bill) Saul, AKA Pinky, and father of His Excellency John Ralston Saul, husband of the current Governor General Colonel Saul was a member of the Winnipeg Rifles during World War 2 and served throughout the war with the Rifles and then joined the PPCLI during the post war era. He died in 1968 while serving at NATO HQ as our attaché.

Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and her husband His Excellency John Ralston Saul hosted a dinner in honour of Mr. Saul's mother. Three

Patricia's and their wives were invited to this function: Colonel Pat Stogron and his wife Trish, David Snowball and his wife Lynn and Lloyd Swick and his daughter Patricia.

On 28 June, the Ottawa Branch and the local serving Patricias held a luncheon at the Ottawa Army Officers' Mess to celebrate the 90th Regimental Birthday. The guests of honour were His Excellency John Ralston Saul and his mother Mrs. Beryl Ralston Saul. Bill Hewson acted as host for the event and Chris Snider, who had known Mrs. Saul previously, was her escort. Col Peter Kenward was the senior serving Patricia in attendance. There was an excellent turnout of both serving and retired members of the Regiment including three generations of Swicks. During the luncheon, Bill Hewson made two presentations: the Regimental Achievement Award to Maj Jerry Walsh and a retirement gift from the local serving Patricia's to Col Peter Kenward.

After brief welcoming remarks from Bill Hewson, His Excellency expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to meet members of his father's Regiment, including some who had served with him. Cpl Dwayne Delaney responded to Mr Saul's comments. In all respects a very successful Regimental gathering – Happy 90th!

Also on 28 June, following the luncheon at the Army Officer's Mess, the Governor General hosted a tea at Government House for retired and serving Patricia's. The following Association members attended this function: Larry Diebel, Bill Love, Grace Muir, Dolores Noonan, Bill Plouffe, Chris Snider and David Snowball. Mrs. Beryl Saul attended as well and had a further opportunity to meet and talk at length with more Patricia's. She expressed her delight at the opportunity to re-acquaint herself with her late husbands Regiment.

His Excellency, John Ralston Saul has accepted an invitation to become a Member-at-Large of the PPCLI Association and action is on going to present him with his membership card in the near future.

While the year was moving along, the Wall of Honour project was moving along as well. While we as a Regiment were pretty secure that our statue of Hamilton Gault would not be moved, the "Wall of Heroes" will now be located in a rotunda just north of Hammie and to the right of the War Memorial. This location should not detract from our statue.

For the Ottawa Branch our next event is the annual Remembrance Day service at Lansdowne Park and we hope to have an even better turnout than last year.

Southwest Ontario Branch

By Bruce Paxton

This Branch does not have a great deal to write on about upcoming events at this time. Suffice to say that we are again planning to hold a Regimental Birthday Brunch in March of next year and of course we will be again holding our Annual Meeting in St Catharines at the Howard Johnson Hotel in May. These items will both be covered in more detail in our Branch Newsletter in the new year.

We have two members, Doug and Pauline Armstrong, going to Italy with the Veterans Affairs group sometime in

October. Doug will be acting as a Representative for the Patricia Veterans while on the trip. We will have him report on their adventures in the next Newsletter.

We wish everyone Health and Happiness in the coming year. VP.

Vancouver Branch

Branch Calendar

Annual Christmas Party: Sunday, December 12 2004 at 3:00 PM at the home of Jenny and Don Urquhart in Richmond.

Branch Annual General Meeting: To be held the 23rd of January 2004 depending on our next Executive Meeting and the availability of our meeting place, the WOs & Sgts Mess of the Seaforth Armoury. We will be having elections for the coming two years unless the present slate indicates a willingness to do another term, which we will decide at the Annual Executive Meeting at the end of October.

Patricia Regimental Day Luncheon: to be held on the Sunday closest to March 17th. We hope to hold it at our regular venue, the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armoury.

Annual BBQ: Usually held at the home of Val and Ken Tutte in Richmond on the last weekend in August. Will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

Any further details on Branch Activities can be obtained at any time by contacting the Branch Secretary, Thelma Holland, at [604] 941-4023, or e-mail Tholan@aol.com.

Vancouver Island Branch

By Larry Gollner



Glen Adams receives Commander-in-Chief's Commendation from MGen (Retd) R.I. Stewart, Colonel of the Regiment

Please note the new name of our branch. With RHQ approval, we are now the "**Vancouver Island Branch**". With so many members now at various locations around the Island, it's appropriate that our name should be more

inclusive, rather than just Victoria.

During the Victoria Branch meeting on 9 May 2004, MGen (Retd) R.I. Stewart, CMM, CD, Colonel of the Regiment, presented Cpl (Retd) Glen Adams, CD, of Nanaimo, BC with the Commander in Chief's Unit Commendation.

Cpl Adams, attached to 2 PPCLI from the Lorne Scots Regiment after prior service with 3 PPCLI in Cyprus, was a member of 2 PPCLI Reconnaissance Platoon during the action in the Medak Pocket in 1993. He was medically discharged in 1994 and now resides in Nanaimo.

Wainwright

By Bert Scott

The Wainwright Branch meets on the last Monday of the month at 1900 hrs except July, August, September and December in the Worthington Branch #29, Royal Canadian Legion, Wainwright.

Branch Calendar

Tuesday, 11 November: **Remembrance Day**, Legion, 1030 hrs.

December (TBA): **Annual Branch Dinner**.

Monday, 31 January 2005: **Branch Meeting (AGM Planning)**, Legion, 1900 hrs.

Monday, 28 February: **Branch Meeting (AGM Planning)**, Legion, 1900 hrs.

Thursday, 17 March: **Regimental Day**. TBA.

Monday, 28 March: **Branch Meeting (AGM Planning)**, Legion, 1900 hrs.

Monday, 25 April: **Branch Meeting (AGM Planning)**, Legion, 1900 hrs.

Monday, 30 May: **Branch Meeting (AGM Planning)**, Legion, 1900 hrs.

16-19 June: **Annual General Meeting**, Branch #29, Royal Canadian Legion.

We are looking forward to hosting the 57th Annual General Meeting in Wainwright in June 2005. Registration Forms and info on timings and social activities will be included in the PPCLI Association Spring Bulletin.

MAIL BAG

Looking for stories

It's Troy MacInnis here, seeing if the Patricia's can help an "old Pat" out. It's not money or anything like that, but because you guys are the ultimate resource for my project, I would appreciate any help you can give me.

I want to gather stories from soldiers that have served whenever/wherever with either the PPCLI or 2 Cdo (within the Airborne Regiment), 1 Can Para, ex PPCLI in the Cdn SAS, Korea Post WW2/Korea The CAR in Edmonton or Pet any Patricia's from any era about any good times/funny memories, photos of those times of their own experiences during their time in the Regiment. They could be from the Colonel of the Regiment, all the way to the "no-hook"

private. Once I get as many stories as I can, with good taste (or at least a little cleaned up — you get the picture), I plan to compile them into a book. Anywhere we can find some good ones would help. (e.g.-the PPCLI association, all 3 battalions, the Parachute Centre, the Airborne association even the PPCLI chat rooms), basically wherever we can reach them.

Depending on the response, I can't promise everyone's stuff will be used at this point (although I would if I could), but I'm sure every soldier has many memories/stories that others can appreciate. So as a starting point, I'd love any responses from any PPCLI/2Cdo troops, past or present.

This is my way of giving back to the place I called my home, my family for many years, and a way for the troops to get a laugh out of each other, even if they don't know them personally (because we can all relate to another soldier's tales).

So long for now, and let me know how this sounds. Feel free to call me (780) 487-9909 or email grimace9@telus.net with any questions.

Thank you, VP!!!

Troy "Grimace" MacInnis, CD

18303 80 Ave. NW

Edmonton, Alberta

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Do you know this man?

I am researching the names of an old PPCLI picture taken July 1942 of "B" Company. I have the names of 124 of 125 soldiers. The soldier whose name I am seeking is in the 3rd row. On his right is Stan Chicosky, on his left is W. Spillchuck, above him is W.G.



Longmuir, below him is M.Bollenbach. My uncle is also in the picture so I would like to solve the mystery of the unnamed soldier and complete the picture. I would be grateful for any help you could give in identifying the soldier.

John Yates

7606 Stave Lake St

Mission BC

V2V 4G4

Tel: (604) 820-2793

LIGHTEN UP

The Lord came to Noah in the year 2004. The earth was wicked and over-populated. The Lord instructed Noah to build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans. "Here's the blueprint", said

the Lord. "Hurry. In six months I start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping and no ark. "Noah," He roared. "Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah. "Things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim I have violated the zoning laws by building the Ark in my yard and the height limitation being exceeded. We had to go to the Development Appeal Board for a decision.

"Then Transport Canada and the Department of Highways and Hydro wanted a bond posted for the future costs of moving power, trolley and other overhead obstructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I argued the sea would be coming to us but they would hear nothing of this.

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the spotted owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls. No go!

"I gathered the animals but then I got sued by an animal rights group. They insisted I was confining wild animals against their will. As well, they argued the accommodation was too restrictive and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in so confined a space.

"Environment Canada decided that I could not build the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood.

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. The trades union wants me to hire only Union trades-people with Ark building experience.

"To make matters worse, the Canada Revenue Agency seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally as well as with endangered species. So, forgive me but it would take at least ten years to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared and the sun began to shine. A rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder. "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?" he asked.

"No," said the Lord. "The Government beat me to it"

Some people are like Slinkies --not really good for anything, but you can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Further along the lunch line was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples.

LAST POST

Those whom this list commemorates served King and Queen, Country and Regiment.

*At duty's strident call, they left all that was dear to them, endured hardship and
faced danger so others might live in peace and freedom.*

Not all soldiers die in battle or glory, but they too served the Regiment.

Let those who follow ensure their names are not forgotten.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Harold Frost	Korea	January 27, 2004	Grand Anse NS
John Dixon Cuyler Holland	WWII	February 22, 2004	White Rock BC
James Day	WWII	February 25, 2004	St Laurent MB
Kenneth Maynard Treganowan	Korea	February 29, 2004	Edmonton AB
Frederick McDonald Pryor	WWII	March 9, 2004	
William Harold Denne, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	March 10, 2004	Hants Border NS
Bernard Patrick O'Connell	WWII	March 13, 2004	Halifax NS
Albert Paul Zillman	WWII	March 18, 2004	Stonewall MB
G (Gerry) Blume, CD	Regular Force	March 19, 2004	Edmonton AB
Vernon David Cole, MM, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	March 22, 2004	Calgary AB
Charles Clark Cowell	WWII	April 10, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Duncan Kennedy (Ken) McAdam	WWII	April 12, 2004	Duncan BC
Clinton H. Sheffield	Korea, Regular Force	April 15, 2004	Calgary AB
Lloyd Jack Bush	WWII, Regular Force	April 19, 2004	Chilliwack BC
Michael John Melton	Korea	April 20, 2004	Calgary AB
Billy Vick	Korea	April 24, 2004	Ottawa ON
Joseph Marcel (Mike) Landry	Regular Force	May 6 2004	Brockville ON
J (Jim) White, CD	Regular Force (C Pro C)	May 15, 2004	Parksville BC
Garth (Garry) B. Lynch, CD	Korea, Regular Force	May 21, 2004	Langley BC
Fredrick Stephen Dodd, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	May 25, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Samuel Mintenko	WWII	June 3, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Henry Michel	Regular Force	June 8, 2004	Fort Simpson BC
Gary R. Woodward, CD	Regular Force	June 12, 2004	Brandon BC
Sergeant David Lamont, CD	Regular Force	June 16, 2004	Carlton Place ON
Edward R. Prince	Regular Force	June 19, 2004	Scanterbury MB
Nick Oshanski, CD	WWII, Korea	June 22, 2004	Winnipeg MB
James Henry Cousins	WWII, Korea	June 26, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Frederic Young	Korea, Regular Force	July 5, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Jack Acikahte (Agecutay), CD	Regular Force	July 10, 2004	College Park MD USA
Kenneth M.M. Provan	Korea	July 19, 2004	Victoria BC
Keith Flowers, CD	Regular Force	July 28, 2004	Strathroy ON
John Delmar McNab	Korea	August 8, 2004	Winnipeg MB
George Jarvis, CD	Regular Force	August 13, 2004	Winnipeg MB
George H. White	Korea	August 18, 2004	Hudson QC
Robert (Buck) Davis, CD	Korea, Regular Force	August 23, 2004	Princeton BC
Russell Henry Perkins	WWII	August 23, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Paul Lundrigan	Regular Force	August 23, 2004	Winnipeg MB
Douglas W. Burns, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	September 4, 2004	Victoria BC
Norman Miles Cousens	WWII	September 15, 2004	Victoria BC
Cpl Stephen Joseph de Montbrun	3PPCLI (Serving)	September 16, 2004	St Albert AB
Wendell Maurice Robinson	Regular Force	September 18, 2004	Bear River NS
Theodore Gunter Renner	Regular Force	September 18, 2004	Calgary AB
Victor James Mahoud	Korea	September 18, 2004	Vancouver BC
R.T. (Bob) Greyeyes, CD	Regular Force	September 24, 2004	Orleans ON
Gordon H. Sellar, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	October 2004	Kingston ON
Norman Rivard, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	October 9, 2004	Surrey BC
Private Martin McGillivray	2PPCLI (Serving)	October 10, 2004	The Pas MB
Walter (Wally) H. Jans, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	October 20, 2004	Vernon BC
Frank M. Cox	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	October 21, 2004	Edmonton AB
Joseph T. Peebles, CD	Regular Force	October 24, 2004	Calgary AB

"We will remember them"

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