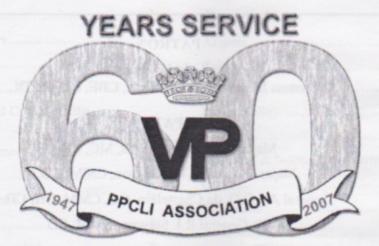
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rudy Raidt, MMM, CD

The Annual Report provides members with a scorecard to measure the activities of an organization in a given year. For a true measurement, it is not enough to simply outline the quantity of activity; there must be a clear linkage between the activities and why they were undertaken. While the state of the Association does not keep me awake at night, it might be worthwhile to verify current trends. We had many discussions of how the Association can proactively respond to trends in order to be relevant to you, the member, well into the future. After all, if we learn from the past, we can avoid making the same mistakes in the future. But what does the future hold? One thing for sure we are not getting younger, and our younger Patricias live in a totally different environment. I see two trends in this environment sector that will challenge the Association: First - economic. Members are looking for a greater return on their investment in association membership. Second social. A highly mobile society is leading to the disintegration of traditional neighbourhoods communities, putting a strain on personal relationships and enhancing the appeal of web-based "virtual" experiences as a form of fellowship.

We made progress, I believe, to reverse the trends noted above. Beginning with the VP Program and certainly with "Operation Small Pack", the Association took the initiative in a most positive way. I feel that a new page has been turned, but this is only the beginning. We will continue to look for sustainable funding, permanent Association staffing, to serving members effectively, address the lack of input from members, and last but not least, where to place our focus in the future.

But it is not only Council who will remain focused on the trends noted above. It is up to every member to focus his or her energy on the business of the Association. Be an active member. Don't sit at home. Get out and make your branch a beehive of social activity. And, equally important, be a recruiter! There are thousands of Patricias from coast to coast who are not members and who are not supporting the Regimental family. Whatever happened to the motto: "Once a Patricia, always a Patricia"? I'll leave it up to you to decide.

The news from Afghanistan has had an effect not only on the serving members of the Regiment, but on the Association as well. Little did we know that 'Operation Small Pack' would make such an impact Forces wide. It became clear (rather quickly) that every soldier wounded in the theatre and repatriated to the US Hospital at Landstuhl, Germany, had special needs. Once those needs were identified, the Association took the initiative and Operation Small Pack was launched. I understand that the Canadian Forces will adopt the program! If this is indeed so, then it seems to me, the Association has done its part and established the parameters for special attention to our wounded Patricias now and in future operations. A thank

you to all of contributed to 'Operation Small Pack' in time and money. As of 15 September a total of \$18,424.00 has been received. An extraordinary effort by all involved!

At Landstuhl, Germany, the presentation of a plaque and a donation of \$2,930 (US\$2,500) were made on 26 August 2006, to the Fisher House on behalf of the Association. The Fisher House is the house where our soldiers and their families stayed (a home away from home) before returning to Canada. Patricia Grimshaw (daughter of Lou Grimshaw) represented the Association. Thank you, Patricia, for all your hard work over the last several months. (See "Operation Small Pack", Page 8).

The Annual General Meeting at Kingston was well attended and proved most successful. While there were no changes to the Executive Committee (elections are next year), we saw Larry Gollner stepping down as VPP Director. John Hunter was kind enough to take on the challenges as Committee Chair. We like to thank Larry Gollner once again for his sterling work on the VP Program and being the driving force behind Op Small Pack. Without his energy and enthusiasm, much less would have been accomplished. His favourite saying was: "It is no use having the capacity if you haven't got the will to use it." We wish him luck in his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and look forward to receiving his guidance on Regimental matters.

As reported by Larry Gollner, the VP Program is slowly being implemented. Training of Branch VPP Representatives has begun this fall. We hope to have at least two members per Branch trained to meet the needs of returning soldiers or those already retired but in need of assistance.

Joe Schulz, the President of the Calgary Branch, presented the general outline of the program for the 60th Anniversary. The program was well received and we look forward to hosting many Patricias in Calgary next year, on the weekend of 31 August - 2 September. Details are included in this Newsletter.

On a personal note, I should like to thank the current Council members and all Council members that I had the privilege of working with over the last 24 years. I have been inspired, challenged and energized by the intelligent, humorous and insightful conversations around the table. I would also like to thank the Past Presidents who I had the honour to serve with. Each of you has contributed to the building of the strong Association that exists today and your continued support of the Association is to be commended.

This will be my last message as President. A new President will write the next report. My chapter of service is concluded and a new page will be turned. After nearly 25 years of active service for the Association, it is time to close the book and say "Au revoir". It has been fun. Thank you for the wonderful support over those years.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 60th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

R. Raidt, President

BGEN GOLLNER APPOINTED COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Brigadier-General (Retd) J.E.L. Gollner, OMM, CD has been appointed by the Minister of National Defence as Colonel of the Regiment, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, effective August 30, 2006. He succeeds Major-General Robert I. Stewart, CMM, CD who has held the post for the past three years.

BGen Gollner joined the PPCLI in 1956 as a Private. He became an NCO in 2nd Bn in 1957, an Officer Cadet in 1958, and was commissioned and posted back to Second Battalion in 1959. He was then posted to 1st Bn and spent some time Germany. He was sent to the United Kingdom on an exchange posting with 3rd Bn, Royal Green Jackets, in 1965. He became the General Staff Officer (Operations), HQ 3 CIBG, in Gagetown in 1967. BGen Gollner attended the Canadian Army Command and General Staff College in 1968. On graduation in 1969 he returned to 2nd Bn in Germany. He stayed on in Germany with 3 Canadian Mechanized Commando when 2nd Bn moved to Winnipeg in 1970. BGen Gollner was posted to NDHQ Directorate of Infantry (DInf Tactics Section) in 1972.

BGen Gollner returned to the 2nd Bn in 1975 as Deputy Commanding Officer, and the following year was appointed Commanding Officer. He was posted to NDHQ to the DInf (Weapons and Equipment Section) in 1978. While in this appointment, he served as Chair of the NATO Infantry Panel and NATO Small Arms Commission. BGen Gollner was posted to Army HQ Montreal as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Intelligence on promotion in 1981. He then attended the National Defence College in 1982. BGen Gollner became the Director of Infantry (DInf) in 1983. While DInf, he served as Army Secretary on both the Military Cooperation Committee and Permanent Joint Board Defence. He was appointed the Chief of Staff and CO Regional Support Staff Pacific in 1985. He was then posted back to NDHO as Director General Reserves & Cadets in 1987. BGen Gollner commanded Northern Area from 1989 to 1991. He retired in 1993, having completed an in-depth review of the Army Reserves' combat effectiveness.

Since leaving the Army, BGen Gollner has been actively pursuing his own business interests. His volunteer activities have included Chair of the Victoria Branch of the Alzheimer's Society of BC, Chair of the VAC/Health Cda Falls Prevention Commission, President of the Vancouver Island Branch of the PPCLI Association, Director of the Volunteer Patricia Programme and National Vice President of the Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans' Association.

BGen Gollner married Christine Ann Mackenzie in 1962. They have three grown children and six grandchildren, and split their time between their home in Cobble Hill and their cottage on Denman Island.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Brigadier-General (Retd) J.E.L. Gollner, OMM, CD

On 30 August I assumed my duties as Colonel of the Regiment, taking over from my life long friend and comrade, MGen Robert Stewart, CMM, CD. Our hand over was overseen by our Colonel in Chief following the welcome home parade for 1st Bn's main body. Some members of the battalion had arrived home just a few hours before marching onto the square.

Our Colonel in Chief was joined by the Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, the Chief of Defence Staff, Chief of Land Staff, and regimentally by Generals De Chastelain, Pitts, and Hewson, former Colonels of the Regiment, to welcome the battalion home. All joined our Colonel in Chief, MGen Stewart, and me presenting campaign medals to members of the battalion.

1st Bn, including B Coy of the 2nd Bn, had a tough but successful tour. The Battlegroup based on 1st Bn sustained a number of casualties in heavy fighting with the Taliban in and around Kandahar. Notwithstanding the casualties they took, the Battlegroup held true to its mission, successfully forestalling the Taliban from re-establishing control over Kandahar Province. Our soldiers have performed bravely and admirably in Afghanistan. They have emerged from the shadows cast by those that went before them in the World Wars and Korea. They can now stand in the sun heads up and proud of their own achievements.

Earlier in August, BGen David Fraser, currently commanding the NATO Brigade in Kandahar province, and formerly CO 2nd Bn and Commander of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG), was recognized for both his tactical ability and ability to work with our allies by being awarded the VIMY Award. (Editor's Note: Instituted by the Conference of Defence Associations Institute in 1991, the Vimy Award recognizes one Canadian annually who has made a significant and outstanding contribution to the defence and security of our nation and the preservation of our democratic values.)

During BGen Fraser's own handover parade of 1 CMBG on the 30th of August, he was awarded the United Sates Legion of Merit for previous service with the joint United States-Canada Military Cooperation Committee. He returned to Afghanistan the following day to launch Operation Medusa against the Taliban.

After the Edmonton parades I travelled with our Colonel in Chief and her grand daughter, Miss Eleutheral Du Breuil, to Shilo to visit 2nd Bn. While there, the Colonel in Chief presented campaign medals to members of the battalion. Before the parade the 2nd Bn provided a unique mode of travel for the Colonel in Chief – a golf cart ably driven by the CO as he showed Lady Patricia the 2nd Bn's new home. Hopefully the 2nd Bn's unit photographer will provide photographic coverage of this activity. While with the 2nd Bn, the Colonel in Chief met with a strong contingent from the Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association and a number of the

Korean Veterans Association. After her visit to 2nd Bn Lady Patricia began her journey home.

Currently, we have numerous wounded members recovering in hospitals or receiving treatment as out patients across the country. We also have families of our Regimental family grieving the loss of their loved ones. We must all strive to ensure that wherever we are we reach out to these families and individuals and offer them a helping hand.

Several years ago our Association initiated its Volunteer Patricia Programme. This programme is particularly well suited to help our wounded and the grieving families. The Association needs all of our active support and active involvement if we are to do what we know needs doing. Our soldiers told me how pleased they were to see our Association actively supporting their efforts in Afghanistan. Whether it was Christmas goodies, small packs for the evacuated wounded, our efforts to pay the TV and telephone costs for the wounded while they were in hospital, or our donation on their behalf to Fisher House, our soldiers know that our Association is behind them and in support. This is all good news. The Association deserves a collective well done for its creative efforts to support our serving members. We need, however, to continue building the bonds of our Regimental family and to remember that our work is not yet finished by any measure.

Remember, not only do we have our wounded and families to support, we still have a company from 2nd Bn serving as part of the 1 RCR Battlegroup in Afghanistan. Additionally, we must ensure that our more elderly members are receiving their proper support, too. It is time for you to step up and lend us a helping hand. The Association and your Branch need your active involvement because we, as an Association, have plenty of good work that needs doing.

AGM HIGHLIGHTS

The 2006 Annual General Meeting of the PPCLI Association was held in Kingston, Ontario on June 24th. Here are the highlights:

Operation Small Pack. VPP Director Larry Gollner reported that approximately \$25,000 in donations has been received for Operation Small Pack, including \$4,500 from Casino revenue. \$2,500 (US) was approved for donation to Fisher House, an American organization providing a "home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and Veterans Administration medical centers. Since our involvement in Afghanistan, Fisher House in Landstuhl, Germany has provided accommodation for many Canadians visiting wounded family members.

Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP). Larry Gollner announced that he is stepping down as Director of VPP and John Hunter of the Ottawa Brach was appointed to succeed him.

PPCLI Association 60th Anniversary. Calgary Branch President Joe Schulz provided an update on plans for the Associations 60th Anniversary activities during the weekend 31 Aug - 3 Sep 2007. Full details are included in this Newsletter.

100th Anniversary of the Regiment. Vince Kennedy, Co-Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Planning Committee, updated members on plans for the Regiment's 100th Anniversary activities in 2014 and 2015. Southwest Ontario Branch President Bruce Paxton introduced a proposal for the PPCLI Association, as a 100th Anniversary project, to purchase and install plaques, one in each Province, along the Canada Trail. The proposal has been included in the latest draft of the 100th Anniversary National Plan.

Casino Operations. President Raidt reported our next Casino is planned for 3 - 4 December 2006. He added that this may be our last Casino as there is some doubt about our eligibility under current Alberta Gaming Commission rules. However, negotiation with the Commission will continue. Since 1984, our Casino operations have raised \$650,000 for the museum.

Mosaic Mural Project. Major Ted Giraldeau, Director of the PPCLI Gallery of the Calgary Military Museum (formerly the Museum of the Regiments) described the Museum's new Mosaic Mural Project and members approved a recommendation to the Board of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund that \$4,000 be donated for production of a panel depicting Hamilton Gault.

Future AGMs. The 2007 AGM will be in Calgary in conjunction with the Association's 60th Anniversary celebration, August 31 to September 3; the 2008 meeting in Victoria and 2009 in Edmonton.

VOLUNTEER PATRICIA PROGRAM (VPP)

By John Hunter

The Volunteer Patricia Program has now been in place for two years. During its first year, time was spent organizing and getting the word out. Our support was generally limited to providing information to retired members of the Regiment and their survivors. We further restricted ourselves to active members of the Association. We found, though, that cases referred to us ranged across the board, from stress casualties in younger veterans to complex pension issues. We looked forward to expanding these services to soldiers about to retire and to those veterans of the Regiment who were not members of the Association.

Two things changed all that: The arrival of the New Veterans' Charter (NVC) and Operation Orion. The NVC pretty well tossed our concept of veterans' care on its ear. We chose to wait the outcome of the program before going further. At the same time, the Regiment and the Association were well represented on the veteran' policy advisory group by Larry Gollner and Don Ethell. The NVC brings new

initiatives and benefits, but it is also a more comprehensive approach to care that involves client service teams and caregivers at the local level. This includes members of volunteer groups such as the Association where we can help a VAC client. To build our capability to play an effective role in these teams, we are undertaking a short three day course at the end of October in Edmonton for representatives of branches in Alberta and the Manitoba/NW Ontario Branch. Joe Schultz and John Burke of the Calgary Branch and Bill Miller from Wainwright have already attended the DND Operational Stress Injury Social Support Peer Helper Volunteer course in Calgary at the end of August.



Operations in Afghanistan and the casualties we are incurring there pose a particular challenge. We are a national regiment. The survivors of those lost in action can reside anywhere in the country or beyond, while those wounded may be hospitalized and undergo rehabilitation anywhere. DND and VAC support, together with the assistance provided by unit Assisting Officers, is excellent. But it can only go so far as distance and time eat away at the resources available to help these soldiers and their families. To improve our capability to provide effective follow-on support, the Regiment has recently assigned WO Peter Palmer as the first Regimental Veterans' Care Warrant Officer in RHQ. His job is to put in place and implement a sound follow-up program for casualty support that engages all the resources of the Regiment across the country. All branches can expect to participate in this program as it roots and grows.

OPERATION SMALL PACK

By John Hunter

In early 2006 the Association Council approved the solicitation of donations in the event that a need arose to support units of the Regiment in operations. Shortly thereafter, 1 PPCLI identified a requirement to Joe Schultz, President of the Calgary Branch, to provide emergency clothing and personal materials for soldiers medically

evacuated from the theatre to hospitals in Germany and Canada. This became known as Operation Small Pack and 124 donors provided \$24,000 towards this initiative.



30 Small Packs were assembled by RHQ kit shop staff. 25 were sent to the theatre and five remain in reserve. Later, Council agreed to fund the costs of hospital telephone and television charges beyond the 14 days' paid by messes. The Association also donated \$2,500 to the Robert Fisher House in Landstuhl, Germany. Families stay at the house when they visit casualties in the military hospital in Germany and where the House has been extremely hospitable to our families. In June, Council also agreed to establish a reserve of \$5,000 for emergency financial support to soldiers and families. As of 15 September 2006, approximately \$18,000 remains unspent.

As casualties continue to mount, the Association is examining ways to use these funds to assist soldiers and their families adjust to some pretty trying circumstances. DND and VAC are providing excellent support, but there are still ways that the Association can lend a hand. We also stand ready to provide assistance to Second Battalion elements serving in Afghanistan.

A great vote of thanks to all of you who contributed to the Small Pack project.

SIX STUDENT BURSARIES AWARDED

There were ten applications for Student Bursaries this year and six bursaries of \$500.00 each were awarded under the PPCLI Association Student Bursary Program, including two in the name of Jack Cathie:

Miss Kirsten Hess von Kruedener, daughter of the late Major Hess von Kruedener who was killed earlier this year at his United Nations Observation Post in Lebanon. Miss von Kruedener is a second year Humanities student at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Miss Elysse Knight, great-grand daughter of the late Major Harry Mullin, VC, MM. Elysse is in first year Public Relations at Mount Royal College. Miss Emma-Leigh Knight, great-granddaughter of the late Major Harry Mullin, VC, MM. Emma-Leigh is in her second year of General Studies at the University of Calgary.

Miss Ashley Fitt, granddaughter of retired MWO Bill Miller of the Wainwright Branch of the PPCLI Association. Ashley is in fourth year Education at the University of Alberta.

Miss Patricia Whitebone, daughter of recently retired MWO Darby Whitebone. Miss Whitebone is in first year Music at Grant MacEwan College. Her bursary was awarded in the name of Jack Cathie.

Mrs. Janna Mackenzie, wife of a retired Patricia. Janna is in third year Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. Her bursary was awarded in the name of Jack Cathie.

The Adjudication Board was comprised of National Vice President Bill Sutherland, Vice President (West) Bert Scott and Calgary Branch President Joe Schulz.

CALGARY BRANCH TO HOST ASSOCIATION'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

When: 29 August - 2 September 2007.

Where: Calgary, Alberta: (See enclosed Registration Form)
Why: Why not? This will be our first Anniversary
Celebration for the Association. We are also preparing for
our Regiment's 100th Anniversary in 2014 so we are asking
each our Association Members to find a Patricia who is not
a member and invite him or her to this celebration.

We are enclosing two registration forms – one for you and one for your invited guest. Registration forms can also be found on our PPCLI Web Site: www.ppcli.com.

Inquiries should be directed to Bob Zubkowski, (403) 249-8107, e-mail bzubkow@shaw.ca; or Joe Schulz, (403) 246-4132, e-mail jmwschulz@shaw.ca. Let's make this a celebration our Regiment can be proud of.

Calgary Branch is requesting maximum participation by our Association Members to make this work. Register early and bring a friend.

See you all in 2007!

60TH ANNIVERSARY KIT SHOP

The Calgary Branch has established a Kit Shop for the 60th Anniversary Reunion, selling Association and 60th Anniversary ball caps, shirts of various styles, jackets and, believe it or not, a cookbook! A complete list and order form are enclosed with this Newsletter.

To ensure that they don't overstock, they will be ordering limited quantities based on orders they receive. They will ship orders C.O.D. by UPS or hold them for pick up at the Reunion. The deadline for orders is Midnight, 29 Jun 2007. Allow 60 days for delivery.

OPERATIONAL STRESS INJURY SOCIAL SUPPORT (OSISS) PROGRAM

By Don Ethell

I serve as the unpaid volunteer Chairman of the Joint DND/VAC OSISS Advisory Committee. Since our formation in 2004 we have met three times a year to provide guidance and direction to the OSISS co-managers and to those authorities in DND and VAC involved in the very successful OSISS program.

The OSISS Program was established in May 2001 by DND. Soon after, VAC expressed a desire to cooperate with the program and by the fall of 2001, it had been decided that the program should be a joint initiative between DND and VAC. Although the OSISS mandate extends well beyond the peers support component, the partnership with VAC is limited to the peer support component. While the overall Program is managed by DND, VAC exercise comanagement of the peer support component and is included in all key decisions.

The OSISS Advisory Committee, comprised of DND and VAC senior managers as well as other stakeholders, was formed to bring key stakeholders together to provide advice to the OSISS management team and to provide an effective feedback mechanism on issues relevant to the program, which emanate from both DND and VAC.

The strength of the OSISS Program lies with the 17 Peer Support Coordinators (PSCs), who are all ex-WOs or NCOs, and six Family PSCs (wives of sufferers) spread across Canada assisting the 2,000 plus OSI sufferers, be they recent veterans or serving members, and their families.

The OSISS Program is supported by both DND and VAC at the highest level – we all work to alleviate the mental suffering of our fellow-soldiers. The job of the PSCs, all of whom are closely monitored Post Traumatic Stress Disorder sufferers, is to "listen, assess and refer". In many cases they have prevented many a soldier from harming him or herself.

NEW VETERANS' CHARTER BENEFITS

An excellent booklet is now available from Veterans' Affairs Canada (VAC) covering the Services and Benefits provided under the New Veterans' Charter. You can pick up the booklet at any VAC office or download it from www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=Forces/Nvc\/ infoKits/serviceBenefits. The detailed regulations are also available on the VAC website.

Members should be aware that the NVC is for ALL veterans post-Korea including those who have applied for consideration (and been denied consideration) before the launch of the NVC in April of 2006. They should (must!) apply again! The NVC rules and benefits have changed, to the benefit of many our colleagues from the Cold War era, and of course our serving members and their families.

PATRICIA PERSONALITIES

Lloyd Swick: A Caring Canadian

(Ottawa Sun, 25 April 2006)

"Okay, have you got enough?" asks Maj. (Ret) Lloyd Swick of Ottawa, a humble veteran who didn't want to be the centre of attention in a story about community volunteers.

Earlier yesterday, Swick, 83, was one of eight Ottawaarea residents presented with a Caring Canadian Award by Governor-General Michaelle Jean during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

The award was established by former Governor-General Romeo LeBlanc to recognize unsung heroes who make a difference in the lives of others, yet expect nothing in return – including media attention.

Swick, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, has been a volunteer at the Ottawa Hospital's palliative care unit, The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, and the Peter D. Clark Centre, where he lifts spirits by playing the piano.

Jack Slater: WWII Patricia

By Paul Robison

H17295 John Edward 'Jack' Slater was born in Winnipeg on 16 Jun 1921 and joined the PPCLI (Active Service Force) on 29 May 1940. Interestingly, his attesting officer was a WW1 PPCLI Officer, Lt Col M.R. Ten Broeke, MC and Bar.

Jack trained as a driver mechanic while in Canada but never did drive a truck until after the war. In fact, he didn't even go through basic infantry training until he'd been rebadged as a Calgary Highlander and posted to a reinforcement unit in England in Jan 1943. The Army, even then, worked in wondrous ways!

After a short spell in hospital Jack was re-badged back to PPCLI and in Jan 1944 was posted to a holding unit in Italy arriving as a member of the first convoy to Naples. He was finally TOS the PPCLI in the field in May (shortly after the Hitler Line battles) and some four years after joining the unit in the first place. He mentions the Army was so short of infantry that tradesmen were re-tested, failed (I gather almost to a man) and sent as reinforcements to front-line units. Jack was with the PPCLI as it fought through the remainder of its battles in Italy, then in early 1945 through France to Belgium and eventually into Holland by April.

At war's end he became the NCO IC a German dump and then finally got into transport, although to do so he had to again give up his corporal stripes (in fact he was a LCpl or Cpl seven times during the war!) but in so doing regained his trades pay which provided him with a gross salary increase of \$.05/day!

He returned to Winnipeg shortly thereafter and entered the road construction business. After 20 years he came to Edmonton to become a driver for dairies until retirement in 1986.

During the early 1980s Jack joined the Edmonton

Branch of the PPCLI Association where he remained a stalwart member, including a stint as President. He often represented the Branch at Association AGMs.

Jack fought cancer during his latter years, succumbing to the disease on Saturday, 14 October 2006.

Dr. Stephen Worobetz, MC

By Michael Czuboka

Dr. Stephen Worobetz, OC, MC, SOM, MD, LLD, FRCS(C) was born in Krydor, Saskatchewan on December 26, 1914. His parents were Ukrainian immigrants. After obtaining a B.Sc. degree from the University of Saskatchewan, he attended the University of Manitoba and graduated as a medical doctor in 1940. Dr. Worobetz served as the Medical Officer for the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry during WWII. While in Italy with the Patricias he was awarded the Military Cross.

After World War II Dr. Worobetz practised medicine in Saskatoon and studied to be a general surgeon in Winnipeg and Philadelphia. In 1970 he was appointed the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, a post he held for six years, and then he returned to his medical practice until his retirement in 1982. In 1993, he was made an Officer of the Order of Canada and in 1999 was awarded the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

During his lifetime he was active in many organizations, including the PPCLI Association, the Royal Canadian Legion, the Ukrainian Professional and Business Club, the Ukrainian Catholic Council, and the Canadian Club of Saskatoon. He was a past president of St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Stephen Worobetz died in Saskatoon, February 2, 2006.

Des Morrison Finally Gets His Medal

By Chuck Wilson

I was in Australia visiting a comrade, Des Morrison, from our years in Germany. It seems Des made contact with the Regimental Association and received my phone number. After several phone calls I thought I would pay him a visit.

As well as making contact with Des Morrison the Regimental Adjutant informed Des he was entitled to the NATO Medal. Des told them to mail it, but was informed that they preferred to have someone present it to him. Through the efficient movement of Regimental machinery it was found that Major E.L. Haverstock was on exchange to the 3 Bn RAR. It was set up then that Major Haverstock was to present Des with the medal at his home in Nanango, Queensland, on a Saturday in August 2006.

There was quite a crowd gathered on the Morrison patio where the presentation ceremony was to take place. When Major Haverstock arrived I could never have been prouder of the Regiment as I was in distant Australia. The Major was accompanied by his charming wife as well as their son and daughter. Not only was the family charming and well turned out, but the politeness and courtesy of the children made me say to myself, "Yes they are Canadian." What a

credit to the Regiment to have such a correct family represent us and our ideals in distant lands.



L to R: Chuck Wilson, Major E.L. Haverstock, Des Morrison

Another point that was brought out was the obvious respect the Regiment has for all who served in her. Here was a man who left the Regiment after only serving three years, and the Regiment deemed it only proper to have a Major pin on his chest a medal, earned over 50 years past. Not to mention the fact that a comrade of passing years would make such a long trip out of love of the Regiment.

THE RM'S FAREWELL TO ARMS

By Major Ted Giraldeau (With apologies to Ernest Hemmingway)

Fellow Patricias - it is with mixed emotions that I announce my plan to retire. While at the time of writing, I have yet to formally submit my "release" memo to the Commanding Officer, I plan to do so within the next couple of weeks and will be out of the Army by December. For those of you who have not heard, I am getting appointed by the Governor-in-Council (read Parliament) to the Veterans' Review and Appeal Board (VRAB). The VRAB is an independent Board with full and exclusive jurisdiction to review and hear appeals of pension decisions made by Veterans Affairs. The Board may affirm, vary or reverse decisions, or refer decisions back to the Minister for reconsideration. While I have thoroughly enjoyed my 27 plus years of service in the Army and Regiment, I see this appointment as an excellent way to continue my service to the troops and to the country. I may be out of uniform soon, but you can rest assured that I will always have the best interests of the soldiers, past and present, in my mind. While I cannot guarantee that every review and appeal I hear will be ruled in the applicant's favour, you can be assured that each and every one will be conducted in a fair and unbiased manner by someone who sincerely cares. And I do. Hopefully, this attitude has been apparent throughout my career.

I would like to thank everyone who has had a hand in making my time in the Army a most enjoyable experience. I would not change a bit of it. I leave with no regrets, lifelong friends, unforgettable memories, and a sense of satisfaction for having contributed to a worthwhile cause and profession. I'm proud to have been a soldier; I'll always be a Patricia; and I'm not embarrassed to call myself a patriot.

If I can leave one final comment, it would be a reminder that the Regiment is truly the sum of its parts. We – you, and I, and everyone fortunate to serve or to have served in it – are the Regiment. The Regiment's success and failures are our success and failures and of those who came before us and those who will succeed us. Everyone has a hand in making the Regiment what it is and will be. "The Regiment is us." Take care of yourselves.

BRANCH NEWS

Atlantic Branch

By Bill Minnis

Atlantic Branch met for it's AGM with The French Grey Battalion in CFB Gagetown. We were superbly hosted, thanks to LCol Ian Creighton, CO French Grey Battalion; his DCO, Maj Dave Beyer; and RSM, MWO Tim Penney.

A highlight was the opportunity to take part in the Vendors Day of the International Sniper Competition being conducted at the School of Infantry. While a bit rusty in some cases (no names, no pack drills) – our members had the opportunity to fire eleven models of sniper rifles – vendors were impressed by the marksmanship of several members. Included were the current FC rifle (used so effectively in Afghanistan by our Regimental snipers), as well as the new CF model. A great day indeed.

At our Sunday memorial service, the names of all Patricias fallen in action this year were read, and a wreath laid in memoriam.

Bill Minnis will continue as Branch President and Errol Monkley as Secretary Treasurer. Provincial Vice Presidents are George Springer (NB), Doug Gallant (PEI) and Jim McNutt (NS). Bud Gilfoy has agreed to take on the job of recruiting recently retired members of the Regiment.

We were honoured to have our new Colonel of the Regiment join us for the weekend and all appreciated the opportunity to be updated on Regimental matters by General Gollner.

Several new members attended – it was great to see recently retired Bud Gilfoy and his bride join us. Bob Dallison also came out of hiding to join us for a beer – good to see him (and the membership renewal is in the mail!).

We plan to conduct next year's AGM in Camp Aldershot from 14 to 16 September 2007.

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Calgary Branch

By Joe Schulz

The summer was great and it is time to get back and do some Patricia stuff and I guess most of us we wonder why. Thinking back of all those members of our Regiment that lost their lives this year, you know that as of 1 October we lost 18. Now I know why we do this Patricia stuff.

We met again at Rayner's in August and had our annual RV and BBQ. We had members from as far as Wales, and C.J. Wallace brought some members of CAV (Canadian Army Veterans) Motorcycle Club. A Memorial Service was held in the bunker and our Bag Piper Ken Smith did a good job except Bruce Nickel ran out of air. Good job done by all. Thanks, Sandi and Jack.

Then in September we started to meet again for both the Branch meetings and the 60th Anniversary. Our first Branch meeting was held on Saturday, 30 September at the Forest Lawn Legion and this was our annual Meet and Greet or was it the 17th March? Many Regimental songs were sung, many toasts were drunk and new friends were made. We had about 50 members and four non-members and we hope that they had a good time and will become members.

Two of our members had the opportunity to attend a three day course on OSI (Operational Stress Injury). We can thank Jim Woodley for allowing us to attend. We will be receiving a few briefings from the Peer Support Coordinator of OSI in Calgary and I feel that these will be worth while briefings for all of us. The last thing we are preparing for is another Casino from 3 - 4 December. Come to our beautiful city and drop some of your hard earned money and support our museum. Thanks Rudy, Tom and all the volunteers that make this happen.

Don't forget the 60th Anniversary. Invite a friend and lets prepare for our 100 Regimental Birthday in 2014. See you all next year.

Edmonton Branch

By Fred Goldring

Another year is about to close on us. We have had a good summer with a couple of parades with the Battalions in Edmonton as well as Lady Patricia Brabourne's and her granddaughter Ella's visit which was well attended by Association members and guests in and around the area. A photo will be in the Patrician in the New Year.

Our boys are all home safe and sound for now. Our thoughts have gone out to the families who have lost loved ones – a speedy recovery to those injured and also to our Association members who have passed on. Father Time and Mother, our parents are taking their toll.

We have two new members and our ranks have swelled to 77 Ordinary Members and 23 Associate Members, an increase of 22% in the last year. We still meet at 1100 hrs at the Kingsway Legion on the 4th Saturday of each month except for this December when it will be on the 16th. That is when we have our annual Christmas dinner. If you are going to be in the area let me know and we'll put out a plate

for you at a very nominal cost. We also look forward once again to the 1st and 3rd Bns' Christmas dinners.

Some of our members are already making plans for the Association's 60th Anniversary in Calgary next year. It will no doubt prove to be a fine endeavour.

The Edmonton Branch extends warmest festive season greetings to all and all the best in 2007.

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 in June, July and August. The meetings are held at 1900 hrs in the Royal Canadian Legion #280 Vedder Crossing in Chilliwack. At our meeting on Sep 6 we elected the following Branch Officers: President Harold Grouette, Vice-President Mark Twiname, Treasurer Liz Brown, Secretary Bernice Fourgere and VPP Contact Matt Brown.



Tom Walton sharing a moment with Bob Shine at the Annual Barbecue

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov 11: Remembrance Day Service with Vedder Crossing Branch, RCL. TBA.

Wednesday, Dec 13: Annual Xmas Party at Best Western in Chilliwack, 1800 hrs.

Saturday, Mar 17, 2007: Regimental Day. TBA.

Our second annual barbecue was held at the home of Mark and Lorrie Benjamin on May 19 with a strong attendance of the membership but looking to get bigger next year. The Branch now has of 39 members but our door is always open for any new members wishing to join our branch for a little bit of camaraderie.

With Great sadness we had the passing of our devoted and long-time members Ken Wisehart, Hope Chatry and Bob Shine.

On behalf of the members of the branch it is a pleasure to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to renewing acquaintances in 2007.

Make happy those who are near and those who are far will come.

Kingston Branch

By Dave Pentney

Kingston Branch had the honour of hosting the 59th Annual General Meeting of the PPCLI Association 22 - 25 Jun 2006. As Host Branch, we coordinated the venue for the AGM itself and coordinated four social events; a no-host Happy Hour at the Tir nan Og Pub on Thursday, 22 Jun; a Meet and Greet at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess on Friday, 23 Jun; the Association Dinner at the CFB Kingston WOs' and Sgts' Mess on Saturday 24 Jun; and a farewell brunch at Schooner's Restaurant on Sunday, 25 Jun 06. We also hosted a golf tournament at Glen Lawrence Golf Club on Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately, a number of the Kingston Branch members were not able to attend most of the AGM events because they were involved in supporting the Staff College FINAL DRIVE exercise. We had over 70 people attend the opening reception and the dinner. 51 Association members from Branches across the country and Members-at-Large participated in the various events.

We were fortunate in that a Regimental Guard meeting was held in Kingston on Friday 23 Jun 06. As a result we were able to have the Colonel of the Regiment available to participate in the AGM activities and a number of Guard members were able to join us for the reception that evening.

On behalf of those who attended the AGM, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for those members of the Kingston Branch who kindly offered their time and talents to make the AGM a successful event. Art Neadow took the lead in organizing the Association Dinner, Ray Paquin organized the Brunch and assisted with registration, and Jay Lapeyre organized the golf tournament. Lou Grimshaw deserves a special thank you. Lou took on the tedious task of keeping track of registration information and funds, putting the registration packages together and was the one who looked after registration during the event. Lou also stepped into the breach to finalize the dinner arrangements when Art had to withdraw for health reasons.

One of the benefits of hosting the AGM is that it served as a catalyst for increasing our membership. While our numbers remain relatively modest at 25, that represents a 20 % increase over this time last year. The additional numbers will allow us to be more active and effective.

LCol Bryan Bailey is a member of our Branch as well as the serving Regimental representative in Kingston. The fact that he has a foot in both camps helps to keep both serving and former members of the Regiment informed of Regimental affairs and enables members of the Kingston Branch to join the serving members for Regimental gatherings. The latest such gathering took place on 28 September 2006 and was well attended by both serving members and the Association.

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

Quoting one is plagiarism; quoting many is research.

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch

By D'Arcy Best

At the Annual Meeting of the Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch in January, the following were elected: President Gerald (Bud) Hawkins, Vice-President Don (Boots) Collins, Secretary Maureen Blake, Treasurer D'Arcy Best and Directors Roy Bailey, Bob Cumming, Cliff Fox, Susan Holfeuer, Archie Moore and Stu Weeks.

August 18th was a perfect day for golf – sunny, temperature in the mid-twenties with a light breeze. The only thing missing was players. With Second Battalion in the midst of a rotation to and from Afghanistan and memorial service preparations, and assorted health problems plaguing Association members, only 10 guys and one gal made it out to River Oaks for our 20th Annual Golf Tournament.



Kneeling, L to R: Andy Gallant, Mike Power, Bud Hawkins. Standing, L to R: Bill Rideout, Shane Pollock, Paul Ryan, Dick Heaver, Scott Greene, Bob Komosky, Shelley Muir. Missing: Stu Weeks.

This year, for a change, top honours went to Association Members. Bill Rideout was the tournament's top golfer, winning the President's Cup for Tournament Low Gross, and Paul Ryan was awarded the Alf Rooke Trophy for Association Members Low Gross. The Norman L.G. McCowan Trophy for Tournament Low Net went to Andy Gallant, and Jerry (Bud) Hawkins received the L.A. (Len) Quinlan Trophy for Association Members Low Net.

On September 1, a bunch of us travelled to Shilo to greet the Countess Mountbatten and our new Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Gollner, during their visit to the Second Battalion. The occasion was highlighted by the presentation of medals by the Countess to the members of B Company, recently returned from Afghanistan, followed by an All Ranks barbecue.

On October 14, 31 members and friends gathered in the Tank Room of the Charleswood Legion to attend our Annual Dinner prepared and served by the Charleswood Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The food was excellent and the evening was topped off with a thrilling performance by the Drum Line of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps,

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch Calendar

Remembrance Day Service: Saturday, November 11. We will join Charleswood Branch, Royal Canadian Legion for an indoor Remembrance Service at Oak Park High School, Charleswood Road and Rannock Avenue, Winnipeg. Be seated by 10:25 AM. Appropriate dress is blazer or suit, jacket and tie, beret (if you have) and medals. Charleswood Legion Clubrooms will be open to our members following the service.

Remembrance Service: Sunday, November 12. At All Saints Church, Broadway and Osborne Street, Winnipeg. Be seated by 1050 hrs.

Second Battalion Christmas Dinner, Shilo: December. Date and other details to be arranged.

Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) for an evening 'beer and bull' session at the Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, at 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg. Members usually start arriving around 1900 hrs. Dress is casual.

Ottawa Branch

By Harry Bloom

The Ottawa Branch had a very quiet period from last fall right into the late spring/early summer of 2006. The 17th of March gathering was held at lunch at the new mess facilities of Connaught Ranges. We had a good turnout and even had a team for Broom-i-Loo but no opposition. Therefore we remain undefeated.



March 17 at Connaught Ranges

The AGM was held on Frezenberg Day, 8 May, again at Connaught Ranges and a new Executive was elected as follows:

President - Harry Bloom Vice-President - Don Dalziel Secretary - Bill Plouffe

Treasurer - Vacant, duties being carried out by Harry Bloom Member at Large - Don Reiben.

The AGM hosted by Kingston Branch was enjoyed by all and again it was nice to meet so many old friends and acquaintances. The summer, unfortunately, also saw the repatriation of our soldiers who had been killed in action. A number of them were buried in the Canadian Military

Cemetery (Beechwood) here in Ottawa. A number of branch members attended these sad events and we will continue to do so whenever an Infantryman is to be buried here at Beechwood. This fall also saw the death of Jean "Jump boots" Pariseau after a long illness. We will remember them.



The "Undefeated" Broom-i-Loo Team

Our next event will be the "Gathering of the Clan" on 11 November for the Ottawa Branch's Annual Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental Cairn at Lansdowne Park.

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Branch Calendar:

Christmas Party: To be held Sunday, 3rd of December 2006 at 3:00 pm at the home of Jenny and Don Urquhart.

Annual General Meeting: To be held on Sunday, January 28th 2007 at the WO's and Sgts Mess in Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Armoury, if available. Elections will be held for the Executive and Directors.

Patricia Regimental Day Luncheon: Sunday March 18th 2007 at 12 pm in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armoury, if available.

Annual BBQ: Usually held at the home of Val Tutte in Richmond on the last Sunday of August at 3 pm. Anyone visiting in the area at that time is more than welcome, please phone the Secretary if you would like to attend, for catering purposes.

Any further details on the Branch Activities can be obtained at any time by contacting the Branch Secretary at (604) 941-4023 or (604) 818-4163.

Vancouver Island Branch

By Larry Gollner

The Vancouver Island Branch continues to operate at a comfortable pace befitting our surroundings. We supplement our regular meetings with monthly informal lunches and the annual dinner on March 17th. Additionally those addicted to that ancient Scottish game, golf, gather monthly to pursue but not necessarily improve their game. These activities have encouraged modest but steady growth in our membership numbers. The new members joining fill the blank files created by those who have made their last parade.

In the early part of the year the Branch became very active with Op Small Pack and the Colonel Jim Stone Memorial. Our Branch, our friends and comrades raised a significant sum for both projects. The Colonel Stone Memorial is in the Lodge at Broadmead. Our Branch actively supports this veteran's long term care facility in a number of ways. We sponsor a golf hole for the Lodge's annual tournament, make an annual donation, and have a good number of our members playing in the tournament.

Our VPP activities continue under the able direction of Liz Davies. During the coming winter we expect to have some Branch members trained by the CF in post traumatic stress recognition. In line with VPP activities in the spring we were fortunate to have Ms Bridget Preston, Manager of the Vancouver Island VAC District office, brief our Branch.

She gave us a comprehensive briefing on the New Veteran's Charter and its relationship with the older Pension Act that remains in place. After her briefing she handled a number of members' cases privately.

My appointment, on 30 August, as the Colonel of the Regiment required my resignation as President of our Branch. Fred Raven, our Branch Vice President, has smoothly taken over as acting president until we have our Branch elections at our AGM in January. Candidates for the Branch positions of president and treasurer are now actively campaigning. A tight election campaign is predicted. In the background for those volunteers who are hesitant to step forward a press gang is being trained.

During my tenure as Branch president, the Branch and I have been ably supported by my friend of many years, Larry Davies. Larry makes things happen. Our Branch has relied on his support for many years. Larry is supported, in turn, by John Tolley and Fred Raven. These three members make our Branch what it is, a happy organization where members of our Regimental family can and do gather.

MAIL BAG

An E-Mail from Afghanistan. Via Paul Robison, 22 Jun 2006:

As a member of a Foundation Board supporting a local Militia Regiment, South Alberta Light Horse, which has members currently serving in Afghanistan, I periodically receive a copy of an e-mail from one of the soldiers. I've received permission to pass these on and sometimes do so if I feel they would be of interest to others. Hope you find the below of such interest. I certainly do especially in that it contains information not usually found elsewhere:

Hello all.

I finally have a few moments to send a proper email. My Ambulance crew has been sent to the PRT (Provincial Reconstruction Team) camp for a break.

It isn't turning out to be the break I thought it would be. I have been out 5 times in the past week. Once was for the bus that was blown up several days ago and a couple of days ago I went to take a Mullah (religious leader) that had been hit by a truck to the hospital. He had 2 open tib-fib fractures (bottom of both legs were shattered), fractured pelvis, and a head injury. He had no palpable pulse and a blood pressure of 44/22 but he was still alive and talking! I didn't realize from the time I got the call to the time I got back to camp was 4 hours. 4 hours in 44 degree weather wearing about 40 lbs of protective gear.

I have lost almost 15 lbs since coming here. I had a huge headache from being dehydrated. You just can't get enough water in to replace what you lose. Oh ya, I had to climb 6 flights of stairs with all that gear on plus carry the oxygen tank before finding out the patient was in another building! Thank goodness I don't smoke anymore! In the end he didn't survive and now the locals are saying that we "kidnapped him and killed him". We can't win.

Other than that I go on patrols thru the city as either a "show of force" or we go looking for info from locals. I went on one patrol to UNICEF, WHO, World Food Programme, and a bunch of other places but no one would talk to us. Apparently there are 600 Taliban in the city and no one wants to been seen talking to us.

I am going to do another Village Medical Outreach in a few days. This one I have to go by air to get to. I am most definitely looking forward to that.

I am spending more time now in Kandahar city than I did at the beginning of the tour. This must be one of the saddest places on earth. Children living in garbage dumps, women begging in the streets. They bath and use for cooking water that we wouldn't even step in. It is just awful.

Once again I feel privileged and honoured to play a small part in helping these people on the road to a better life. Although I miss my children and husband, I know they are safe, well fed, and healthy. It is only right that these people get the same chance to live in peace. When I had the Mullah's son in the back of my amb, I took the opportunity to reinforce the importance of education and especially education his sister's and future daughters.

One of my greatest pleasures here is when I am out patrolling, when the women and young girls see me for the first time. They are always shocked to see me as a female carrying a weapon and not hiding my face. I like being a bit of a role model for them.

That is it for this week. Take care all. Louise Abdou, Afghanistan.

The Search continues. From Fred Goldring, Edmonton, 4 Oct 2006:

Hey fellow Patricians out there, I am still looking for old photos of depot platoons from 1953-68, as well as jump courses at Rivers until 1968, Jr NCO courses in Wainwright, and others.

My last plea for photos did not go unanswered. I was contacted by quite a few of you and secured a number of depot photos, etc. To complete the 1st Bn tour in Germany from 1963-66, I would love a coloured photo of Number 2 Guard on the Trooping as well as the names of any one over there during that tour. Additionally, I would like the names of people on the 2nd Bn's 1966-69 tour and of course, any group photos. And my latest project – the 1st Bn's tour from 1955-57. A great source of photos was the ones taken in the bars in and around Deilinghofen, Hemer, Apricke, etc.

This is all in aid of a centennial project for the Regiment in 2014. I want to put together a pictorial history of our regiment, post Korea to 1970. (Korea has a great record of that period.) I need your help, folks. What I have so far is great and the people who have seen it think it is a wonderful thing to see the old faces etc.

So if you have any group photos, for example: Snr NCOs/Officers messes in Germany 1955-57; Victoria 1958-62, any trooping photos, Jr NCO Courses, Jump Courses, nominal rolls or Battalions, Companies, etc., please contact

me at (780) 476-5472 or fkgldrng@telusplanet.net and talk to me. I will pay for shipping and handling and any costs incurred to borrow and return the photos or whatever you have.

Unfortunately, our museum has very little of what I have mentioned above. We need to preserve the Regiment's past with pictures, nominal rolls, etc., and not loose our legacy. Please take the time to look now and not let it be thrown out in the garbage by your relatives or next of kin when it is time to go the Battalion of Patricias in the wild blue yonder. Please do not sit on or hoard a bit of our pictorial history that others would like to see and enjoy being a part of. We may be gone but not forgotten because there will be a pictorial record of our legacy for all to see in the museum, where this collection of photos and names will go after the 100th Anniversary Reunion in 2014. Plans are being made to display a portion of it at the 95th.

Please.... Please, and thank you. Fred Goldring.

LOST TRAILS

Bob Bergen: Nicole Chartier is looking for her father. He was with 1 Bn in Calgary in the early 80's and posted to Germany in 1983. He was a corporal. She believes he was discharged in Germany and later returned to Canada. Anyone with info please contact Joe Schulz, (403) 246-4132 or e-mail jmwschulz@shaw.ca.

Jack (or John) Fisher: He was with the PPCLI Band in Calgary and was a geologist. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please have him e-mail Irene Swoboda (Rowan) at higharcticharper@hotmail.com.

David John Ball: Lou Grimshaw is trying to help a man looking for a lost family member. David Ball was from Simcoe, Ontario and served with 3 PPCLI in Korea, Contact Lou Grimshaw, 612 Fay St, Kingston ON, K7L 4V1, Tel: (613) 549-2500, e-mail lougrim@kingston.net.

Reginald John Compton: Vic Ramsbottom is trying to help a young chap named David Compton in finding info on his father, SH205787 Cpl Reginald John Compton, who died somewhere in southern Manitoba in November 1980. He served with the Cdn Army from 28 Apr 55 to 11 Sep 67 in Canada and Continental Europe (presumably Germany). He is thought to have served with 1 PPCLI in Victoria. Anyone who can provide info please contact Vic Ramsbottom at victor.ramsbottom@telus.net.

Sam Dorling: Sam left Calgary to fight in Korea and has since passed away. His son, Mark Dorling, would like to find some vet who remembers him to share memories. Contact Mark at dorling@sunshinecable.com.

Why is it that men can react to broken bones as 'just a sprain' and deep wounds as 'just a scratch', but when they get the sniffles they are deathly ill 'with the flu' and have to be bedridden for weeks?

CLOSING NOTES

Association Shirts. Now available in two colours – maroon and off-white with the VP and Coronet embroidered in gold. See the Kitshop web page for pictures.

Regimental Stamps. Now available through the Regimental Adjutant (thanks to Mr. Eugene Bourassa) in three patterns: PPCLI Association 60th Anniversary Crest (as displayed on Newsletter cover), PPCLI Hat Badge, and PPCLI Red and White Shoulder Flash. Contact Captain R.J. McConechy, Regimental Adjutant, to order,.

LIGHTEN UP

There was a little boy named Johnny who used to hang out at the local corner market. The owner didn't know what Johnny's problem was, but the boys would constantly tease him. They would always comment that he was two bricks shy of a load, or two pickles short of a barrel. To prove it, sometimes they would offer Johnny his choice between a nickel and a dime and John would always take the nickel—they said because it was bigger.

One day after John grabbed the nickel, the store owner took him aside and said, "Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. They think you don't know the dime is worth more than the nickel. Are you grabbing the nickel because it's bigger, or what?"

Slowly, Johnny turned toward the store owner and a big grin appeared on his face. "Well," he said. "If I took the dime, they'd stop doing it, and so far I have saved \$20!"

Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. They loaded up Jack's station wagon and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farm house and asked the attractive lady of the house if they could spend the night.

"I'm recently widowed," she explained. "And I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Not to worry," Jack said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn."

Nine months later, Jack got a letter from the widow's attorney. He called up his friend Bob and said, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow at the farm we stayed at?"

"Yes, I do."

"Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and have sex with her?"

"Yes, I have to admit that I did."

"Did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turns red and he said, "Yeah, I'm afraid I did."

"Well, thanks! She just died and left me everything!"

A wise old gentleman retired and purchased a modest home near a junior high school. He spent the first few weeks of his retirement in peace and contentment.

Then a new school year began. The very next afternoon three young boys full of youthful after-school enthusiasm came down his street beating merrily on every trash can they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally the wise old man decided it was time to take some action.

The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists as they banged their way down the street. Stopping them, he said, "You kids are a lot of fun. I like to see you express your exuberance like that. I used to do the same thing when I was your age. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing."

The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the trash cans. A few days later, the wily retiree approached them again as they drummed their way down the street. "Look" he said. "I haven't received my Old Age Security cheque yet, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?"

"A lousy quarter?" the drum leader exclaimed. "If you think we're going to waste our time beating these cans around for a quarter, you're nuts! No way, Mister. We quit!"

And the old man enjoyed peace and serenity for the rest of his days.

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?"

The man below says: "Yes. You're in a hot air balloon, hovering 30 feet above this field."

"You must work in Information Technology," says the balloonist.

"I do," replies the man. "How did you know?"

"Well," says the balloonist. "Everything you have told me is technically correct, but it's no use to anyone."

The man below says, "You must work in business."

"I do," replies the balloonist. "But how did you know?"
"Well", says the man. "You don't know where you are,
or where you're going, but you expect me to be able to help.
You're in the same position you were before we met, but
now it's my fault."

The Members of Council and the Staff
of the Association Secretariat wish
all Patricias and their Families
"A Happy Holiday Season"

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Name	Service	Date	Place					
Herbert E. Walker	Korea, Regular Force	4 Jan 2005	Riverview NB					
Mike Chimko, CD v	WWII, Regular Force	18 Jan 2005	Victoria BC					
Walter MacMillan	Korea	15 Apr 2005	Bowmanville ON					
Herbert E. Hipwood	Pre WWII, WWII	20 Jun 2005	Victoria BC					
James Ronald Eadie	WWII	24 Jun 2005	Portage la Prairie MB					
Samuel Melvin	she up her in the second	10 Aug 2005	Lindsay ON					
Jack Currence	Regular Force 1955-58	26 Aug 2006	Benalto AB					
Manfred Rodel	2 PPCLI (Dates unknown)	Aug 2005	Squamish BC					
Roderick McLeod	WWII	6 Sep 2005	Shawnigan Lake BC					
William C. Kinnear	Korea (2 PPCLI)	13 Sep 2005	Ponoka AB					
Vern Pippus	WWII, Korea	17 Sep 2005	Turner Valley AB					
T. Clyde Kitteringham	Pre WWII PF, WWII	23 Sep 2005	Swift Current SK					
-Cecil Buck	WWII	12 Nov 2005	Digby NS					
Victor Gauley	WWII	26 Nov 2005	Hawkesbury ON					
Murray A. Jackson	Korea	13 Dec 2005	Burlington ON					
Gordon Atkinson	WWII, Regular Force	13 Jan 2006	Montreal PQ					
Russell Blaine Hatter, CD	Regular Force	17 Feb 2006	Winnipeg MB					
James Gregory Harrison Honey, CD	Korea, Regular Force	1 Mar 2006	Kingston ON					
Cpl Paul James Davis	Regular Force (2 PPCLI)	2 Mar 2006	Afghanistan					
MCpl Timothy James Wilson	Regular Force (2 PPCLI)	5 March 2006	Afghanistan					
Thomas William Smith	Korea, Regular Force	7 Mar 2006	Richmond BC					
Francis (Frank) Bernard Dorsey	WWII (Brit Army), Regular Force	12 Mar 2006	North Vancouver BC					
William Podolsky	WWII	18 Mar 2006	Winnipeg MB					
Gary Bernard Smith	Regular Force (QORC & PPCLI)	19 Mar 2006	Victoria BC					
Donald Fraser MacLeod, CD	Regular Force	20 Mar 2006	Calgary AB					
Pte Robert Costall	Regular Force (1 PPCLI - KIA)	29 Mar 2006	Afghanistan					
James Robert Spaulding	WWII	29 Mar 2006	Dryden ON					
George Everett DeWinter, CD	Regular Force	31 Mar 2006	Legal AB					
Earl Dodds	Korea (3 PPCLI), Regular Force	3 Apr 2006	Calgary AB					
Gerald P. Chisholm, CD	Regular Force (Cdn Gds & PPCLI)	9 Apr 2006	Oromocto NB					
Conrad Cuthbert Stevenson	Korea	13 Apr 2006	Winnipeg MB					
-Robert N. Morgan	WWII	15 Apr 2006	Calgary AB					
Leif Brundin	Korea (2 PPCLI), Regular Force	16 Apr 2006	Qualicum Beach BC					
William Hamilton	Korea, Regular Force	25 Apr 2006	Winnipeg MB					
John Robert Thompson	Regular Force	26 Apr 2006	Winnipeg MB					
Nagzie (Nash) Harb, CD	Regular Force (RHC, CAR, PPCLI)	27 Apr 2006	Truro NS					
Donald Keith Kilgore V	Korea (2 PPCLI)	16 Apr 2006	London ON					
Roderick John Courtney, CD ✓	Regular Force (2 PPCLI)	3 May 2006	Stonewall MB					
Orville Carter	Regular Force (Early 1950s)	4 May 2006	Winnipeg MB					
Arthur Wayne Fauteaux, CD	Regular Force (1960-84)	4 May 2006	Comox BC					
Robert C. Newman, CD	Regular Force (QORC, PPCLI, CAR)	11 May 2006	Woodstock ON					
James (Buster) Jeffrey	WWII	16 May 2006	Winnipeg MB					
Capt Nichola Kathleen Sarah Goddard	Regular Force (1 RCHA, KIA with 1 PPCLI Battle Group)	17 May 2006	Afghanistan					
Sparling, John Robert	Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI)	18 May 2006	Ottawa ON					
Arthur Lorne Tupper	Korea, Regular Force	26 May 2006	Edmonton AB					
Thomas Mann Tyson, CD	Korea, Regular Force	7 Jun 2006	Vernon BC					
Roger Paquette, CD	Korea, Regular (PPCLI & RCAF)	13 Jun 2006	Ottawa ON					
Donald Parr-Pearson, CD	Regular Force	14 Jun 2006	Vancouver BC					
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Victor Nuytten	WWII	20 Jun 2006	Winnipeg MB
Cecil Bonner, CD	Korea, Regular Force	1 Jul 2006	Sidney Mines NS
William Leslie Fisher, CD ✓	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	1 Jul 2006	Victoria BC
Robert Shine, CD	Korea, Regular Force	3 Jul 2006	Chilliwack BC
Wheeler, Edward (Mitch)	Regular Force (QORC & PPCLI)	6 Jul 2006	Calgary AB
Cpl Anthony Joseph Boneca	Lake Superior Scottish (Militia) (KIA	9 Jul 2006	Afghanistan
Cpi Antiony Joseph Boneca	with 1 PPCLI Battle Group)		
Robert James MacKay, CD	Regular Force (C Pro C)	9 Jul 2006	Winnipeg MB
Ken Gordon Tutte, BEM, CD	WWII, Korea, Regular Force	11 Jul 2006	Richmond BC
Harry R. Inglis	WWII, Korea	11 Jul 2006	Port Alice BC
James Lalonde, CD ✓	Korea, Regular Force	12 Jul 2006	Duncan BC
Raymond Anderson, CD ✓	WWII (1 Can Para Bn), Korea,	14 Jul 2006	Winnipeg MB
	Regular		
Lois Rutherford	Wife of Paul Rutherford	15 Jul 2006	Calgary AB
Frank Pederson 🗸	Regular Force (PPCLI Band 1954-73))	21 Jul 2006	Calgary AB
Cpl Francisco Gomez ▼	Regular Force	22 Jul 2006	Afghanistan
Cpl Jason Patrick Warren	Black Watch (RHC) (Militia) serving	22 Jul 2006	Afghanistan
	with 1 PPCLI Battle Group	25 1 1 2000	Yahanan
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James Roger Brindley	Regular Force	2 Aug 2006	
Cpl Christopher Jonathan Reid	Regular Force	3 Aug 2006	Afghanistan Afghanistan
Sgt Vaughn Ingram ✓	Regular Force	3 Aug 2005	Afghanistan
Cpl Bryce Jeffrey Keller	Regular Force	3 Aug 2006	Afghanistan
Pte Kevin Dallaire	Regular force	3 Aug 2006	Afghanistan
MCpl Raymond Arndt	Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI)	5 Aug 2006	Afghanistan
MCpl Jeffrey Scott Walsh	Regular Force	9 Aug 2006	Winnipeg MB
Norman Lloyd George McCowan	Pre WWII, WWII	14 Aug 2006	Winnipeg MB
Lloyd George Bauer	Korea	21 Aug 2006	Afghanistan
Cpl David Braun	Regular Force	22 Aug 2006	Abbotsford BC
Gordon Johnson, OMM, CD	Regular Force (PPCLI & RCASC)	26 Aug 2006	Innisfail AB
Robert (Bob) R. Lewis, CD	Korea (RCEME), Regular (PPCLI)	1 Sep 2006	Victoria BC
Donald Cessford	Pre-WWII PF, WWII	3 Sep 2006 4 Sep 2006	Ottawa ON
Frank Karbowiak, CD v	Regular Force	14 Sep 2006	Victoria BC
Donald Sidney Worsfold	Korea (2 PPCLI), RCN 1953-75		Winnipeg MB
James Robertson Forgie	Korea (2 PPCLI)	15 Sep 2006 16 Sep 2006	Calgary AB
Mike (Mitch) Zurawell, CD	Korea, Regular Force (1950-70)	18 Sep 2006	Afghanistan
Pte David Robert James Byers	Regular Force	18 Sep 2006	Afghanistan
Cpl Shane Keating	Regular force	18 Sep 2006	Afghanistan
Cpl Keith Morley	Regular force	24 Sep 2006	Ottawa ON
Jean-Baptiste Pariseau, DHist, OC, CD	Regular Force	8 Oct 2006	Ottawa ON
J.B. (Barney) O'Rourke, CD	Regular Force (2 PPCLI QM 1960-62)	14 Oct 2006	Victoria BC
Stephen Peter Radlein	Regular Force	14 Oct 2006	Edmonton AB
John (Jack) Edward Slater	WWII Regular Force (PPCLI and QORC)	17 Oct 2006	Victoria BC
J, Lyall Hunter, CD	Regular Force (PPCLI and QORC)	25 Oct 2006	Winnipeg MB
John Wesley Collinson ✓	Regular Force (1955-05)	23 OCT 2000	Willinbeg MD