# Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association



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#### FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Our Regiment is fully committed operationally. 1st Bn Battle Group is in Afghanistan. 2nd Bn, less A Coy, deployed with 1st Bn as our Provincial Reconstruction Team, is just about to return to Shilo from Whistler where it deployed on Olympic security duties in mid January. 3rd Bn has an Operational and Mentoring Team to the Afghan Army deployed, and numerous individual members filling appointments in 1st Bn. 3rd Bn, having just returned from a winter exercise in Wainwright, is starting preparations for its coming deployment in 2011. Additionally we have our members in Special Operations Command deployed on operations. Not to forget for a minute the numerous individual members we have deployed in Afghanistan and elsewhere filling a number of appointments and doing a wide variety of duties.

Whenever we deploy The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, 4th Bn PPCLI, provides a significant number of members to our Battlegroups. Sadly, we have recently lost two of their members along with others wounded. The constant strong support of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and its members is important to our continuing ability as a Regiment to meet our operational tasks.

We can all take great pride in the contribution to Canada to our proud history that our members serving today have made and continue to make and to the poor long-suffering Afghan people too.

In closing, I am happy to report that our Colonel in Chief and Patron continues to regain her strength after her medical problems in December and January. She assures me that she is on the road to full recovery and is very much looking forward to attending our Annual General Meeting in May.

Best regards to all. I look forward to seeing you in Winnipeg.

Larry Gollner

#### Change of Appointment Colonel of the Regiment

On behalf of the President of the Regimental Guard, Major-General Semianiw, I am pleased to inform you that the Minister of National Defence has approved the appointment of Lieutenant-General R.R. Crabbe, CMM, MSC, CD (retired) as Colonel of the Regiment for Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

The Change of Appointment Ceremony between Brigadier-General J.E.L. Gollner (retired) and Lieutenant-General R.R. Crabbe (retired) is tentatively scheduled to occur on Monday, 17 May 2010, at Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Manitoba.

Maj Bird, Regt Major

#### STUDENT BURSARY APPLICATIONS

Applications for PPCLI Student Bursaries must be received by the Association Secretary at: PPCLI Association Box 335, St Albert Main St Albert AB T8N 1N3

by 15 July. Forms may be obtained on the Regimental Website (www.ppcli.com), by calling the RHQ Orderly Room, (780) 973-4011, Extension 5450 or by email at associationsectres@yahoo.ca

#### MEMBERSHIP

The count for the 2009 year was 816, of which some have passed on. Let's not let that deter our efforts into recruiting or getting some members back in the fold. The goal for 2010 is 900, but let's top that. Recruiting new or getting back old members is an ongoing exercise for us or the Assn will slowly die. Let's make a concentrated effort. Our best source for recruiters are our present members. Maybe the branches could award the "bounty hunters" who get new or returning members to join with some sort of a reward. Put up the poster!

Fred Goldring Membership Chairman

#### PPCLI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The next PPCLI Association Newsletter will be distributed in early November 2010. The deadline for submissions is *Friday*. 8 October.

The Newsletter will contain editorials, announcements of upcoming Association and Regimental activities, personal and historical notes and current affairs of interest to members. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be enclosed. We will also include Branch activity calendars for the coming year and any other information Branches may have for the benefit of their own and other members.

We encourage individual members to contribute personal anecdotes and photographs.

#### 100th ANNIVERSARY NOTES

Major Sean Moran and MWO Jim Butters continue to work in Regimental HQ as the 100th Desk team to advance the planning for the 100th Anniversary. They have been looking at Regimental Executive Committee planning, integration with the R22eR planning and other topics. There will be a briefing at the Association AGM in Winnipeg in May 2010.

At the same time, the results of the survey on the 100th that was started at the AGM in Edmonton last year are available at www.ppcli100th.wordpress.com website under the Posts page. Thanks to everyone across the country who took the time to fill those in. That website also has some recent information on exchange officers and their interest in the 100th Anniversary events.

Additionally, there is an Association Facebook group that is used to spread the 100th story to those in the wider regimental diaspora and it numbers about 800 members. In the next year the 100th team will be stepping up the public awareness of the 100th Anniversary, so that we can eventually draw the largest possible groups to the triad of major events.

Vince Kennedy

#### BRANCH NEWS

#### **Edmonton Branch**

Fred Goldring

Here it is almost spring once again. We weathered the storms here and look forward to the golf courses. That's old news for you guys out on the coast! Our snow birds are on their way back. Some things never change because they do not get broken as are things within our branch. The Executive for now is still the same. Very few people want to be in the chairs or most are happy with what is going on. Our membership has dropped a bit from 84 to 74 as there are still ten members who have not sent in their dues for 2010. With associates we are up to 121. Will no doubt see some of you at the AGM in Winnipeg and possibly at the change of Col of the Regt in Shilo on May 17th. A full report on the Branches' 2009 activities will appear in the upcoming Patrician.

### Fraser Valley BC Branch

Marc Gagne

Winter left us early this year and the warm weather in January and February was most welcome – with the exception of the Olympic Organizing Committee. They went through hell trying to keep snow on the mountains!

The Fraser Valley Association Christmas party was well attended with members and their spouses. General Pitts and his lovely wife Maryanne were the club's distinguished guests.

We are happy to report that our membership has not decreased this year, we gained two new members. Although we have approached a few retired and ex-patricias' living in the local area, we are still hoping that they will soon join the branch. One big change to our branch is our meetings have been moved to a luncheon format. We now meet on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30am at the Vedder Legion near the former CFB Chilliwack. We welcome all guests so if you are visiting the area come and join us!

#### Vancouver Branch

Thema Holland

President: Thomas [Tom] J. Holland Vice-President: Glenn S. Palmer Secretary/Treasurer: Thelma A. Holland

We have 4 Directors:

Dan Ipsen

Mary [Garry] Jantzen

Robert [Bob] McDonald

Melvin [Mel] Thistlethwaitenew

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Annual General Meeting: Sunday, March 28th 2010 at Seaforth Armory, WO's & Sgts. Mess 11:00pm.

Patricia Regimental Day: Sunday, March 28th 2010 In the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armory. \$20.00 per person. Anyone visiting the Vancouver area at the time is more than welcome to attend. Please contact the Secretary for catering purposes.

Annual BBQ: 3rd or 4th Sunday August 2010. Details will be worked out at the Branch AGM. Cost \$20.00 per person. Anyone visiting the area is more than welcome to attend. Please phone Secretary to confirm for catering purposes.

Christmas Party: 1st or 2nd Sunday of December 2010 at 3:00pm. To be confirmed at the Branch AGM. All visitors to the area more than welcome to attend. Please contact Secretary.

Any further details on the Branch Activity can be obtained at any time by contacting the Branch Secretary.

#### THE MAIL BAG

#### Old Patricia Photos

Fred Goldring has a large collection of photos, depot, jump courses at Rivers, Jnr NCO courses at Wainwright etc, also colored photos of the 6 guards for the trooping of the 1st in Germany 1964. If you want a copy of such, contact Fred and a copy will be made available for a nominal cost. Also, if you have any copies of depot or junior or jump course photos, contact Fred Goldring.

#### LOST TRAILS

Anybody know the whereabouts of the following individuals?

Ed Merritt - joined 1959 2nd Bn, 1st Bn Germany 63-66 and CAR,

Ron Newell - went CFR while in Germany 1963-66 Ron Thompson, Dave Anderson, Earl Peterson, Wayne Tuttle, Ed Jessie, Ron Budd, John Morriseau, all joined in 1958 Frezenberg Platoon and went to 2nd Bn,

Lt Carpenter 1st Bn Germany 63 - 66,

Burns - 1st Bn Germany 63-66 was in the band.

John Cranston - A Coy 2nd Bn late 50's and early 60's

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Mitch MacKnie is looking for his buddy Ralph Ridley. If you know where to contact Ralph, send information to Mitch at mmacknie@cogeco.ca.

#### A Public War

we hear from them, about them. public, private intel. we know too much for our own good. we know far too little. a telephone call on a sat. phone an email a FB message a FP post on his wall videos on UTube, FB, him on his dangerous stroll tagged somewhere tropical tagged somewhere deadly bullet holes just above his head where he crouches reloads his C9 in a field of grape vines and the drying hut a call on his mobile from Australia (HLTA), his voice torn into lower octaves, lonely, guilty at putting his mother, father, all of us through it again, not saying he's afraid then the posts from mothers, "where are you son? we need to hear from you. please call" on almost every soldiers' FB walls

and the newspapers online, every coward crouched in coziness, lobbing hand grenades of opinion

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and the vultures on the home front circling to pick your heart out, rip your family apart blue-eyed, little girl-voiced, secret keeper, mistress of shame.

the old, "don't worry, I'll look after them while you're away" cliché

and you've gone to war certain of your mission certain there'd be something to come home to but every time you come home from Ex. on your work-up you come home to something worse than war because in war they only want to kill the faceless, nameless enemy

not you. and you come home to deceit, lies. secrets. cuts deeper than any bayonet, any scalpel, any blade. and the IEDs of betrayal are laid for you in every corner, every bed, every cupboard,

even in your truck, her hydro bill left on the passenger side floor,

the receipt for his \$70 bouquet to her on your desk, and you, the war, your work, are blamed for everything over and over and over.

from "http://warpoet.ca"



### LAST POST

Name	Service	Date	Place
Rhae G. Lewis	Widow of Melvin Lewis	9 Jun 2009	West St Paul MB
Elmo Stanley Trasolini	WWII	28 Sep 2009	Langley BC
Norbert Thomas Eagle, CD	QORC & PPCLI	29 Sep 2009	Yellowknife NT
Richard King Parker	WWII	30 Sep 2009	Victoria BC
Harold Snelgrove, EM, CD, OStJ	WWII (Perth Regt), PPCLI 1946-67	22 Oct 2009	St Catharines ON
Robert McCreary	WWII (PPCLI & RCAF)	23 Oct 2009	Winnipeg MB
Robert John Carrick	Korea, Regular Force	26 Oct 2009	Calgary AB
Lt Justin Garret Boyes	3 PPCLI	28 Oct 2009	Afghanistan
Spr Steven Marshall	1 CER attached to 1PPCLI BG	30 Oct 2009	Afghanistan
Douglas Howard Jennings, CD	Pre WWII (RCAMC), WWII, Regular (1932 to mid 70s)	7 Nov 2009	Victoria BC
Alex Sokolowski	WWII	11 Nov 2009	Teulon MB
Mike Timko, CD	Regular (2PPCLI Med Sgt in 1970s)	13 Nov 2009	North Battleford SK
Kathleen Wanda Morrison	Widow of Lloyd (Boots) Morrison	14 Nov 2009	Victoria BC
John Pearson	WWII, Korea	Nov 2009	Richmond BC
J.P.G. H. (Harry) Price	Korea	14 Nov 2009	Ottawa ON
Karl Weldon Childs	Regular Force	20 Nov 2009	Beaverdam NB
Verner Albert Davis	Korea	22 Nov 2009	Kingston ON
Vernen Duerksen	Korea	23 Nov 2009	Burnaby BC
Joe Mahe		4 Dec 09	Calgary AB
Doreen Elizabeth Davey	Wife of Chuck Davey	6 Dec 2009	St Catharines ON
John David Cody	Korea	10 Dec 2009	Ottawa ON
Emelio Daniel Alexander Ranni	Regular Force (PPCLI, RCOC)	15 Dec 2009	Victoria BC
John (Jack) Albert Leonard	WWII (PPCLI & PLDG)	16 Dec 2009	Victoria BC
Lt Andrew Richard Nuttall	1 PPCLI	23 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
Robert Anthony Hubert	Korea, Regular Force	23 Dec 2009	Calgary AB
Kenneth Kabel	Korea, Regular Force	23 Dec 2009	Winnipeg MB
Francis James (Frank) Huard	Regular Force	26 Dec 2009	Peterborough ON
Pte Garrett William Chidley	2 PPCLI	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
Cpl Zachery W. McCormack	LER (4 PPCLI)	30 Dec 2009	Afghanistan
Donald Stewart Styan	Regular Force	30 Dec 2009	Victoria BC
Abraham Dannes William Nickel	Korea (2 & 3 PPCLI)	6 Jan 2010	Maple Creek SK
JW (Jim) Taylor, CD	WWII, Regular Force (PPCLI & QORC)	5 Jan 2010	Calgary AB
Gordon Roy Legarie	Regular Force (PPCLI and CAR)	9 Jan 2010	Sherwood Park AB
Sgt John Wayne Faught	1 PPCLI	16 Jan 2010	Afghanistan
Ronald James Nadeau	Korea, Regular Force	16 Jan 2010	Kanata ON
Leonard A Quinlan, CD	Regular Force (QORC 1954-69, RCR 1969-70, PPCLI 1970-77)	25 Jan 2010	Portage la Prairie MB
Angus R.W. Grant	Regular Force (PPCLI & 2 Cdn Gds)	27 Jan 2010	Ottawa ON
Art Hanley	Regular Force	1 Feb 2010	Oliver BC
Cpl Joshua Caleb Baker	Regular (1PPCLI), Reserve (L Edm R)	12 Feb 2010	Afghanistan
Ron (Chester) Low	Regular Force (1 PPCLI)	15 Feb 2010	Calgary AB
Donald L. Duggan, CD, ESM	Regular Force (MP Sgt with 1 PPCLI)	16 Feb 2010	Qualicum Beach BC
Victor James Ramsbottom, CD	WWII (1 Can Para), Regular Force (PPCLI, QORC, 3 Mech Cdo)	17 Feb 2010	Okotoks AB
Heid Bowes	Wife of Jerry Bowes	24 Feb 2010	Calgary AB
Gerald Archibald O'Hagan	Regular Force	19 Feb 2010	Chilliwack BC
Elmer J. Blanchard	Regular Force (QORC & PPCLI)	3 Mar 2010	Grand Beach MB
Edward (Ted) Slaney Hilditch, CD	Regular Force (2 PPCLI RQMS 1975/76)	8 Mar 2010	Winnipeg MB
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"We will remember them"