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Honorary President

Colonel of the Regiment

MGen W.B. Vernon, CD

Major-General W.B. (Brian) Vernon and his wife are natives of Windsor, ON. His military service began in 1958 in the Militia as a NCO. While attending university, he was commissioned following courses with the Canadian Officer Training Corps. After a year with Chrysler Corporation as a System Analyst, Major-General Vernon joined the Regular Army as a Direct Entry Officer in 1965.

As an officer in the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment of Canada), Major-General Vernon saw regimental duty in Europe, the Middle East and Eastern Canada. After that time, he served principally in operational staff and command roles. The former included appointments as the Operations Officer of the Canadian Airborne Regiment (1973-73), Brigade Major of the Special Service Force (1977-78) and Chief of Staff Land Forces Command (1992-93). He commanded the Second Airborne Command (1975-77) and the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (1979-81). He was the Deputy Commander of 1 CBG (1985-88) and commanded the Brigade from 1989-91. His final command appointment was Area Commander Land Forces Central Area, which he held from 1993 until 1995. He retired from the military in September 1996 after a posting to Ottawa, ON as Chief of Personnel Service.

Major-General Vernon is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College (1970-71) and the National Defence College (1984-85). In addition, he was a member of the Directing Staff of the Australian Army Command and Staff College (1981-83).

Major-General Vernon and his wife Jill have three sons; the eldest two, Michael and David, served as captains in Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Michael would go on to serve as the Commanding Officer of the Calgary Highlanders, while David would serve as Commanding Officer of the Royal Westminster Regiment. Upon retirement, Major-General Vernon and his wife moved to the West Coast. The Vernons' hobbies include sports, history, sketching and other crafts.

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Message from the President

President of the Association

Mr Michael Austdal, CD

It has now been six months since I took over as the President. In all honesty, it has been more active than I had anticipated, given that July and August were intended to be a summer break. We have been able to complete two Directors' and one Council of Presidents teleconferences.

In July, we completed a successful 2015 student bursary program, giving out \$13,000 to 12 very strong candidates. We hope to increase this program again next year to \$15,000 if at all possible. This program allows all serving and retired Patricia's to help fund the education for themselves, their children or grandchildren. This program has come a long way in the last 10 years.

In addition, over the summer, we also had a part in the successful fundraising program to renovate Sgt Kevin and Kim Nanson's home. The Association concentrated on a couple of items that could not be completed under the DND funding rules. I would like to thank Paul Hale for his efforts on behalf of the Nanson's and the Association.

This year's Cadet programme is well underway with a couple of changes. We are encouraging those Corps that would like funding, to submit a letter outlining their requirements and our very finite budget will then be allocated to those Corps with the greatest need. We have also continued our annual Best PPCLI Cadet Corp program.

In September, the Association was a gold sponsor of the 2nd Annual Wounded Warrior Gala in Edmonton. We provided \$3000, and enjoyed an excellent meal, topped by an excellent key note speaker with our own LCol (Ret'd) Dan Drew. A group of 20 Association, serving and LER members were able to attend. This is a great organization that specializes in niche programs for our wounded warrior's that cannot be provided by DND or VAC.

The Association continues to transition from our old structure to the new one with the inevitable bumps along the way. One of the major challenges is trying to reinvent our online database so that it meets all of our membership and Revenue Canada reporting requirements in an all singing all dancing database. This is becoming a greater challenge than anticipated and I would like to thank CJ Wallace and Don Dalziel for their efforts.

Our final line of operation is with regard to de-conflicting fundraising efforts between the Foundation and the Association. I will elaborate on this issue in future messages.

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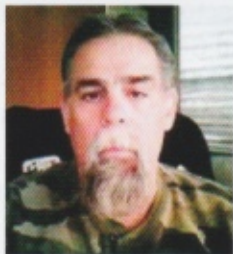
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Hyena Road – The Movie

Hyena Road, named after a highway (Route Fosters) in Afghanistan built by Canadian Forces, opened in theatres across the country last month.

Director Paul Gross, who directed *Passchendaele*, wanted to create a film that told an accurate story of what it's like for the Canadian military when serving overseas. Some scenes in the movie were filmed in Jordan, while the actors trained and filmed in CFB Shilo, Man. to get realistic training.

They were trained by active military members, trained by snipers, and had ex-military in the crew watching their every move. According to one of the actors, speaking with active and former members of the military gave him a reality check about what people go through when they decide to sign up for the Canadian Forces.

Hyena Road does a reasonable job of being both Canadian Sniper and a subtle indictment of the hubris that leads Westerners to think they can “manage” the Middle East.

To his credit, director and co-star Gross approaches the movie with an entertainment-first philosophy, opening with a full-out skirmish. In a scene that could indeed have come from the American hit, our Canadian boy Ryan (Rossif Sutherland) has a suspicious character in his sights apparently planting an IED in the road. Once the “unfriendly” is dispatched, however, a full-scale mob of Taliban emerges from nowhere, leaving Ryan and his handful of comrades-in-arms fleeing to a nearby village where their fate seems sealed. (Being trained Western soldiers, they take out a good many Taliban en-route, but the advance, like something out of a zombie movie, isn't even slowed down).

And then a miracle happens. A serenely quiet village elder (Neamat Arghandabi) approaches the Taliban soldiers, says a few words, and our good Canucks are allowed to leave unharmed.

Enter Paul Gross as Pete, an amiably arrogant intelligence officer who quickly deduces that Ryan's company has had an encounter with “The Ghost,” a non-Taliban mujahedin whose exploits against the Soviets give him special status among the Afghans.

The mental wheels turn. And Pete – who sees their entire mission as a chess game involving keeping warlords at cross-purposes – becomes obsessed with bringing The Ghost over to their side, by morally dubious means if necessary.

It's not a spoiler to say that Pete's belief that he has it all figured out is illusory. As for Ryan, the news that his romance with an officer (Christine Horne) is about to make him a father, has rendered him even less dependable as someone who will, say, allow village girls to be kidnapped right in front of his (telescopic) eyes.

Parts of the plot seem improbable (the sniper WO having an affair with the CP Capt; both from the same unit), and parts would arguably have played out the same, in the absence of the Canadians. In addition, a fire mission including 105mm and 155mm guns show impacts that appeared to be effects of 500lb bombs.

Still, the conflict between acting strategically from the comfort of a military base, and acting morally on the ground, plays well in *Hyena Road*. Sutherland is a properly grizzled veteran; whose eyes convey humanity. And Gross is mainly required to act confident and cocky, which is nicely in his wheelhouse.

Although the film down plays the nationality of these soldiers or what units they belong to, the subtle placement of PPCLI hat badges indicate to the knowledgeable viewer the units depicted are from a PPCLI Battlegroup.





Soldier On

Downhill skiing, Fly fishing, Golfing, Trekking, Cycling, Invictus Games ...got your attention yet? What do all these activities have in common? They are all supported by the Soldier On program.

Soldier On is a Canadian Armed Forces program that supports serving members and veterans to overcome their physical or mental health illness or injury through physical activity and sport. It's a very important, highly visible and integral component of the Department of National Defence's commitment and priority towards providing a comprehensive approach to care for ill and injured members.

From the beginnings in 2007, Soldier On has supported more than 1,400 ill and injured members to:

- acquire sporting or recreational equipment that supports their active lifestyle such as bicycles, golf equipment, alpine ski packages, fishing gear, kayaks, etc.; and
- participate in group structured activities delivered by world class instructors that range from alpine skiing to fishing to multi-activity camps.

Although Soldier On activities are primarily focused on sport or other physically challenging activities, promoting an active lifestyle is only part of the mission.

Soldier On not only supplies members with equipment and coaches to meet their needs, they also provide members with a safe environment to challenge themselves to get inspired in ways that they may not have thought possible.



This re-introduction to an confidence in their abilities and meet peers with similar challenges. Many ill and injured members credit Soldier On with helping them to adapt to their new normal, realize their full potential and Soldier On in life. So who is eligible? All serving members and veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces who acquired a permanent physical or mental health illness or injury while enrolled in the CAF, whether or not it is attributable to service are eligible. Visit our website at www.soldieron.ca to register with us and check out future events. Or call 780-973-4011x3004. Come on ! Move up to the line of departure (LOD) and get ready to Soldier On.



PPCLI Association Casino

On behalf of the PPCLI Association, I would like to say thank you to the Members of the Calgary Branch who once again this year and worked our 2015 Casino on the 19 & 20 April. This year's Casino netted the Association \$72,697.75.

Thank you to the following people that worked the Casino, Joe & Sharron Schulz, Rudy Raidt, Faron & Shar Brown, Dennis Anderson, Tom Reid, Barry & Carol Ashton, Don & Nancy Lewis, Jim Croll, Rod Hunter, Ted Macleod, Andre Thibodeau, Chesley & Michelle Gordon, Al Simard, Bradley Lewis, Carl Graham, Sam & Gabrielle Simpson, Philip Fisher, Ray & Carol Romses, Fred Blackmore, George Arthurson,

Once again, Thank you all for volunteering on behalf of the PPCLI Association. Our next Casino date is in 2016 in the Jul, Aug, Sept Quarter.

Jim Croll
PPCLI Association Treasurer
Casino Chairman

Support the PPCLI Association and Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund 2016 Fundraising Campaign

The PPCLI Association was founded in 1947 and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) was established in 1964 as the charitable arm of the Association. The HGMF operates as an endowment fund which:

- Provides financial assistance or specially adapted residential modifications for veterans with war injuries/disabilities;
- Offers student bursaries for serving or former Patricias and their families;
- Provides financial assistance to affiliated PPCLI Cadet Corps;
- Develop and maintains Regimental memorials;
- Supports the PPCLI Regimental Museum and Archives; and
- Provides referrals and facilitates access to appropriate social, medical and legal agencies for serving and former Patricias.

2011 - 2014 were exceptional years, when the HGMF provided \$575,000 in financial support of multiple 100th Anniversary activities, the Regiment and numerous individuals. A breakdown of the funds distributed are as follows:

100 th Anniversary-	
Production of the Memorial Baton	\$ 14,000
Restoration of the Frezenberg Memorial	\$ 65,000
Restoration of Lansdowne Memorial, Ottawa	\$ 45,000

Construction of Patricia Park, Edmonton	\$ 315,000*
Production of the 100 th Anniversary Painting	\$ 11,500
Repair of plaques in Ottawa churches	\$ 3,500
Sub-total	\$ 454,000

* This includes \$165,000 in Federal, Provincial and Municipal grants, \$32,000 from the PPCLI Foundation, \$27,000 from the Regiment and \$10,000 from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI).

Support to Veterans	
Wounded Warriors	\$ 3,000

33 Student Bursaries	
2011 (7)	\$ 5,000
2012 (5)	\$ 5,500
2013 (11)	\$ 11,000
2014 (10)	\$ 11,000
Sub-total	\$ 32,500

PPCLI Cadet Corps	
2011	\$ 4,500
2012	\$ 4,500
2013	\$ 4,500
2014	\$ 6,000

Subsidized Cadet travel to 100 th Anniversary activities in Belgium	\$ 6,000
Sub-total	\$ 25,500

Regimental Museum	\$ 60,000
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In 2015, the HGMF plans to distribute \$58,000 as follows

Assistance to Sgt Nanson and family for residential modifications	\$16,000
Wounded Warriors	\$ 3,000
12 Student Bursaries	\$13,000
PPCLI Cadet Corps	\$ 6,000
Regimental Museum	\$ 20,000

From the bottom of our hearts and more than you will ever know we thank everyone and the association and all members in helping to bring us home. After 2.5 years we will move back as a family and Kevin will have everything he needs to live an independent and fulfilling life with his children. We had lost all hope but then the Patricia's stood up...THANK YOU!!

(Kim Nanson 19 October 2015)

We are just beginning to understand the ever increasing needs of our Veterans and Families and need to establish a healthy reserve fund for this new requirement.

For 2016, the HGMF intends to increase student bursaries and the support provided to PPCLI Cadet Corps. A new initiative is the provision of PPCLI hat badges and flashes to new cadets within the 11 PPCLI affiliated Cadet Corps.

In support of this initiative, Regimental Headquarters has agreed to provide the hat badge and flashes at cost. Each Cadet Corps accepts an average of 15 cadets per year for a total of 165 cadets. The cost to badge one cadet is about \$15 or \$2,475 per year for the average enrollment.

The HGMF has a proven track record of helping others, be it by student bursaries, support to Cadets Corps, preserving Regimental history or assisting in home renovations.

For the serving component, the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) takes place every fall. It is requested that you consider making your donation to the HGMF. You can do this by directing your GCWCC donation to the HGMF, Charitable Tax number 888786646 RR0001.

For all others, please donate to the HGMF by using Canada Helps
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Every donation to the HGMF allows us to increase our support to members of the Regimental family. Please give generously.

Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia.

Paul Hale
Fundraising Chairman
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Adamson Estate Plaque Dedication 10 August 2015

By: Paul Hale

On 10 August 2105, the South West Ontario Branch of the Association, in conjunction with the PPCLI Foundation and the City of Mississauga, dedicated a memorial plaque at the Adamson Estate in Port Credit. The project was actually conceived in June 2013 when the Branch was tasked to organize its portion of the Memorial Baton Relay activities.

The Adamson Estate, originally named Grove Farm, is located at 850 Enola Ave, Mississauga Ontario. The history of the estate goes back to 1809 when the Cawthra family were granted 200 acres on the shores of Lake Ontario. In 1899, Mabel Cawthra married Agar Adamson and they often spent their summers at the Estate. Agar Adamson twice served in the Boer War and requested a commission in the British Army after the Boer War. Unfortunately for him, but fortunately for the Patricias, his request was denied.

At the start of World War One, Agar joined the Patricias as a Captain and soon departed for Europe. Mabel followed her husband to Europe in October 1914 and remained there until the end of the war. She was not content to sit by the sidelines and quickly established the Belgian Canal Boat Fund for the relief of the civilian population displaced by the war. From 1916 onwards, Mabel lived in Furnes, Belgium, which was within 20 kms of the front lines. Agar rose in rank and commanded the Regiment for almost two years, including the Battles of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and twice Mentioned in Dispatches.

In 1919, Mabel Cawthra Adamson had a new home built on Grove Farm in a Flemish style to commemorate hers and Agar's joint service in Belgium during World War One. The Adamson family continued to live on the estate until the 1970s. In the 70s, the family wanted to subdivide and sell the estate for commercial development. However the City of Mississauga would not approve the proposal and eventually took possession of the property. It was at this time that it was renamed from Grove Farm to the Adamson Estate.



The dedication of the above plaque took place in the presence of about 40 people. In attendance were Agar and Mabel's grandsons, Jeremy and Christopher Adamson and their families, including Madeleine Adamson, a great granddaughter, Councillor Jim Tovey represented the City of Mississauga, Fred Buckley who was instrumental in securing permission to place the plaque at the Adamson Estate, Martin Kenneally and John Hunter from the PPCLI Foundation and students and staff of the Blyth Academy which currently use the Adamson Estate as one of their campuses and members of the South West Ontario Branch of the Association.



(left to right) Wanda Nowakowska, Jeremy Adamson, Paul Hale, Madeleine Adamson, Martin Kenneally and Christopher Adamson at the unveiling

The dedication and plaque unveiling went extremely well. Jeremy Adamson's comments about growing up at Grove Farm and how in hindsight he was very pleased that the City of Mississauga has taken possession of the estate were thought provoking. As Jeremy stated, it was due to the city's foresight that a portion of the Adamson history was preserved and not turned into another urban development.

This project was well worth the effort and reinforces that the Patricias are more than just a western Regiment. The Regiment has connections to communities all across Canada.

Are you interested in reading the Minutes for the 2015 AGM?

They are available on line at <http://community.ppcliassoc.ca/Details/Content.aspx?id=2321>



2016 PPCLI Student Bursaries

Applications are available: www.ppcliassoc.ca or call 780-472-3374

The 2016 PPCLI Association Student Bursaries get better every year. This year we hope to award about \$15,000.

Don't miss out on your chance to fund your education. Bursaries are available for serving, former and retired members, cadets, spouses, children, grandchildren.

Application deadline is 15 July 2016. The selection committee will sit prior to 10 August and recipients notified shortly thereafter. Applicants that cannot meet the 15 July deadline should contact the Bursary Chair (Art Chase) to look at the options.

Send applications to: PPCLI Student Bursary Chairman (artchase@telus.net)

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BRANCH REPORTS

Edmonton Branch

By Herb Kenny

We here in Edmonton are thankful for the several months. The summer months were good followed by a decent fall. Soon many of our members will be heading south and overseas for the winter months. The remainder of us are hoping to have a pleasant and mild winter.

In the past months several of our members took part in many events. On the 10 Aug a celebration was held for the 101 Anniversary Patricia Park, (an annual event) a good turnout of Patricia's from as far as Japan came. All took part in a prayer and toast to the fallen. There was a representation at Operation Bold Eagle in Wainwright in August. The KVA parade at the Alberta Legislative was attend not only by branch members but also PPCLI cadets. Several parades at both Bn's on Garrison were attended. The association was also had representation at the Wounded Warriors Gala.

We are in planning stages for our two main events to close out 2015. The Nov 11th Remembrance Day parade at Patricia Park and the Christmas dinner.

We unfortunately had too many celebrations of life for our member and their spouses this past year.

Our membership at present is 114 members, 26 Associates and 31 Honorary Associates.

A reminder at all Patricia's in the Edmonton area and those passing through we hold our meeting at 1100hrs 4th Sat of the month at the Kingsway Legion, 143 Ave 50 St.

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia.

Fraser Valley BC Branch

The past year has been a busy one for the FVBC Branch. Following our Christmas Dinner we immediately went into organizing mode for the Association's Annual General Meeting. The AGM in April was concluded without a hitch. Kudos go to John Loxterkamp and Matt Brown for their time and organizing abilities to ensure we had a successful Association AGM.

On October 1st the branch held our annual branch general meeting for elections. We would like to welcome James (Jim) Morton as our new Branch President, Dietmar Wagner as Vice President, Mark Gagne as Secretary and Dennis Johnson as VPP Rep.

After much discussion, the branch decided to change how we operate. After a review of practices by other branches across the country, FVBC Br has decided to have only four mandatory formal meetings a year. They are the Annual General Meeting in October, Christmas Dinner in December, Regimental Day in March (as close to 17th as possible) and our summer BBQ picnic in June. The new schedule does not preclude a special meeting, occasion or event.

Since many of us still like to get together on a monthly basis; the branch will host an 'unofficial or casual unrecorded' luncheon on the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 am at the Vedder Legion Branch 280 in Chilliwack BC. In addition, we will host occasional 'Beer Calls' around the Vancouver suburbs and the Fraser Valley to meet those Patricias that cannot get to a meeting or luncheon in Chilliwack. These beer calls will provide fellowship and a reminder of their connection to the regimental family while introducing the Association.

We would like to note the passing of a long time member of our branch. John Tattrie was a well-known member of the branch that moved to Saskatchewan a few years ago. He continued his membership with our branch and remained in contact with many of his friends from the Regiment and the Correctional Service of Canada. His smile was contagious and will be missed.

South West Ontario

As of 1 November we have 114 paid up members in the Branch. Regrettably, we lost three long standing members of the Branch this year. Doug Armstrong, a WW 2 veteran passed away on 28 June, his wife Pauline had previously passed away on 23 November 2014. On 12 September, the Armstrong family hosted an excellent celebration of life for Doug and Pauline and donated \$10,000 in memory of their parents. The funds were donated to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and designated for Veterans and their families. Don Hibbs, a Kapyong veteran passed away on 31 July. Edison MacDonald a Korean Veteran who had also completed four UN tours passed away on 18 October.

The Branch Annual General Meeting and Mixed Dining In were a great success. During the AGM, the Branch agreed to donate \$1,000 to 2835 RC Army Cadet Corp in Niagara Falls in support of their fundraiser to send cadets to attend the 100th Vimy Ridge Anniversary. Regimental Achievement awards were presented to John Hunter and Bruce Stock. Martin Kenneally received his Regimental Achievement award at the Adamson Estate plaque dedication. WO Kevin Mead, who served for 22 years and his wife Kimberley Merchant were presented with Regimental Retirement gifts on behalf of the Regiment.



WO (Ret'd) Kevin Mead looks on as Kimberly Merchant receives flowers

In acknowledgement of her support to Kevin during his career.



Bruce Stock receiving a Regimental Achievement Award for work on communication plans during the 100th.

John Hunter accepts a Regimental Achievement Award for his work in securing government grants in support of the 100th.



Martin is really thinking "I am going to get you for this Paul" as he accepts his Regimental Award for his work on the 100th Anniversary.

The South West Ontario Branch is doing very well and will continue to grow. We have established a firm foot hold of Patricias in Southern Ontario. The Branch is looking forward to hosting the 2017 National Annual General Meeting. Location to be confirmed but we are leaning towards Niagara on the Lake with a couple of wine tours to follow the AGM. Details to follow.

Have a great Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

Mid-Island Branch

Members of the PPCLI Association Mid-Island branch, celebrated the Regiments 100 Anniversary by donating cedar wood benches to senior's residences on Vancouver Island.

The wooden benches' were hand crafted by association member Fred Raven and are fitted with a 100 Anniversary commemorative plate.



Above left: Photo of bench dedicated to the senior's residence.



Middle left: Association Members pose for photo at the Port Alberni dedication, members are; L to R. Kazimierz Jednorog, Fred Raven, Peter Siersen, Tom Hale, Collins Harrow, Roy Buchanan.
Seated: L to R. Doug Bamford, Association President and Frank Graves, Association Vice President.



Bottom Left: Association Members in attendance at the dedication ceremonies in Parksville.
L to R. Collins Harrow, Peter Siersen, Tom Hale, Doug Bamford, Association President Frank Graves.
Seated L to R. Lodge Manager, and Fred Raven.

Bench dedication ceremonies were held in several communities on the Island such as; Nanaimo, Chemanius, Courtenay, Duncan, Campbell River, Port Alberni, and Ladysmith. The benches were well received by all the communities, and in some City's such as Campbell River, Courtenay, Chemanius the ceremonies were attended by the Mayors of those City's.

It should be noted that all of the dedication ceremonies were always well attended by wives of Association Members.

Victoria Branch

We again have had a busy fall with several meetings and activities.

Flat Screen TV

The Branch was able to assist our sponsored Cadet Corps, 2483 PPCLI Esquimalt in purchasing a 32-inch flat screen TV with a DVD player for their training use. The TV will also be used by our museum committee for museum displays. A win/win for both the Cadet Corps and the Branch. The video equipment will be available to the Association for special events.

Herb Pitts Alumni Leadership Award Luncheon at Royal Roads University



The Branch President and four cadets from our sponsored Cadet Corps, 2483 PPCLI Esquimalt were invited to attend this luncheon at Herb's request. A great honour, Herb and Marianne Pitts with their son and daughter, cadets and association representatives.



Cadets talking with Herb Pitts at the Luncheon.

Presentation of Regimental 90th Certificate to Murray Edwards from the Colonel or the Regiment

On Friday 23 October the Colonel of the Regiment presented Murray Edwards with his long overdue 90th Certificate from the Regiment at Broadmead Lodge. A number of the Victoria Branch and friends were able to attend. Murray is 95 years old and will be 96 in January. He is one of two members of our branch who are veterans of the Battle of Kapyong



Murray being presented with his certificate by the COR



Left to Right - Murray with Peter Chance a WWII veteran and friend of Murrays, the COR, and Victoria Branch Association members Bruce Dickey, Dougal Salmon, Jack Bates and Ed Widenmaier

Next Year

We will again be holding our Branch AGM at the Pro Pats Legion on Saturday 13 February 2016

We will also again celebrate the Regimental Day, 17 March 2106 at the Six Mile Pub

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year!

Wainwright Branch

As summer approaches, along with the warm weather and holidays, events kind of slow down. We do endeavor to try to keep everyone informed of all the happenings in the Regimental family and try to provide some entertainment and comradery.

As training of our new soldiers goes on at 3 Cdn Div Trg Centre so does the participation at the Graduation Parades to present awards to deserving recruits.

A golf and social event was held at the Wainwright Golf course on 13 Sep there were 17 participants



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THE EDMONTON CREW

from Wainwright, Edmonton and Shilo. The golf was started with everyone at the first tee box with a shot of chilled dark rum to toast the Regiment and lubricate the old joints. The weather held and we had an enjoyable day of golf.

Afterwards most participants retired to the Dog and Suds Sports Bar for wings, beer, 50/50 draw and Regimental trivia. For some the socializing went on until closing (Herb, Mike, Gord and Al), with a long stagger home(Al).

As summer comes to a close we will soon be getting back into our regular meeting and social evenings.

All the best from your old home away from home...

Association AGM 2016

The National PPCLI Association AGM will be hosted by the Victoria Branch and held in **Victoria at the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom** on the weekend of **29 and 30 April 2016**

Thirty rooms have been block booked for the nights of 28, 29 and 30 April. The nightly rate is \$60 plus taxes. There is some flexibility to add extra nights in beautiful Victoria either before or after the AGM. Meals will be available at \$6.50 for breakfast, \$12.40 for full lunch, \$ 5.00 for a light lunch and \$12.40 for dinner and are separate from the cost of the room.

Each room has a queen size bed, bathroom with tub and shower, colour TV, fridge and microwave. Larger rooms are available upon request but obviously will cost more. If you are lucky you will have a nice view of the Ocean.

There will be a meet and greet on Friday the 29th and we are still firming up the function for Saturday the 30th. We are hoping to have a BBQ instead of a formal dinner

More details and the AGM Registration Package will be sent out to all branches in November and posted on the Association website.

A Blast from the Past.....

Here are a couple of pages from "The Patrician" Issue No. 4 January 1938 Esquimalt BC.

The following Benedicts have been placed on the Married Establishment. Of course, we wouldn't know, but one is told that this is a good thing. Good luck to them all!

Pte. (A/Sergt.) Byatt, W.T.	L/C. Polinsky, E.J.
Cpl. (Cook) Teskey W.	L/C. Bradshaw, R.R.
L/C. Roberts, L.O.	Pte. Edwards, J.J.

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The Army 1st. Class Certificate of Education, or partial passes have been awarded to the following. We congratulate them.

Cpl. Featherstone, H.	granted First.	17-3-37.
Cpl. Cook, J.L.	Map Reading.	17-3-37.
L/C. Neil, T.	Map Reading.	Oct.-37.
Pte. Glendenning G.W.	Mathematics "A".	17-3-37.
Pte. Robbins, V.L.	Map Reading	17-3-37.
	Geography	17-3-37.
	Mathematics "A"	Oct.-37. (100%)
Pte. Robbins V.L., for Army Special.	French	Oct.-37.

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In our last issue there was much talk of Small Arms School. Now that results have been published, we can congratulate the following personnel of "B" Company, to whom certificates have been awarded:-

"A" Wing:-

Lieut. J.L. Wiswell. (Qual.)

Cpl. Hall, F. (Q.1.)
Cpl. Lovelass, M.E. (Q.1.)
L/C. Montgomery, C.C. (Q.1.)
L/C. Ross, F.S. (Q.1.)
Cpl. (O.R.) Watts, N.M. ("Distinguished")

"B" Wing:-

Lieut. A.E.T. Paquet (Qual.)

Sergt./I. Falconer, J.S. (Q.2.)
L/C. Polinsky, E.J. (Q.2.)
L/C. Roberts, L.O. (Q.2.)
L/C. Larson, K.L. (Q.1.)

"C" Wing:-

Cpl. Featherstone N. (Q.1.) L/C. Hatch, D.I. (Q.1.)

Pte. Horne, A.G.	On transfer to the R.C.A.S.C.
Pte. Sandy, A.L.	" " " " R.C.N.
Pte. Robins, C.L.A.	" " " " R.C.A.P.C.
Pte. Gillespy, H.L.	" " " " R.C.A.M.C.
Pte. Barnes, W.E.	Time expired. (To China).
Pte. Newberry, A.O.	Discharge by purchase.

In addition, we feel keenly the loss of Capt. G.B. Walls, S. Sergt. A.T. Smith, and Sergt. "Bob" Quinn, who have been transferred to Winnipeg Station. We all hope they are both happy and successful in their new home.

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At a recent course held here, the following were qualified as H.T. Drivers :-

Lieut. A.H. Fraser.	Lieut. J.L. Viswell.
L/C. Neil, T.	L/C. Roberts, D.O.
Pte. Henry, H.J.A.M.	Pte. Kelly, J.K.
Pte. Shane, B.A.	Pte. Stephen, N.

Yea, verily, the Infantry is getting mechanized. Time marches on!

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ESQUIMALT SPORT-HIGHLIGHTS.

(BY GRANTLAND BUNDOCK)

Well, fans, the '37-'38 season is going into the final half and, although the Garrison were not amongst the leaders in the first half, they are serious challengers for the second-half honours in both Rugby and Football.

First of all let's look at the Soccer situation. If you remember, the last time we went to press, your Commentator told you that little was known about the team, and we expected to see a number of new players. Well, such was not the case: the only new player was Pte. Clarke, R.C.O.C., who has played three sterling games at goal for us.

One important event which has taken place for the betterment of the team is the arrival of J.M.S.I. A. Speirs, P.P.C.L.I., on transfer from Calgary. Of course, all people in the Soccer world at Esquimalt will remember him as one of the best centre-halves of his day to play in the capital city.

He is now managing the Garrison team and a vast improvement is already obvious. Since his taking over, the team has won one game, lost one, and drawn one, and have advanced into the finals of the Price Memorial Cup. It can be seen that the team is now playing in harmony and with a good system. Also, the

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Catton Fred 94	WW 2	May 2015	Tillsonburg, Ont
Einarson John E	2 VP service unknown	May 2015	Ottawa
Gardener Lloyd 83	3 VP Korea	May 2015	Chilliwack
Hilton Bert	WW 2	May 2015	Winnipeg
Stein Ken 83	2 VP Korea	May 2015	Winnipeg
Botting Gerry 87	2 VP Korea Kap Yong	June 2015	Ottawa
Courrone Louis Joseph 82	50's and 60's	June 2015	Okotoks
Ewasiuk Peter 87	Korea	June 2015	Brandon, Man
Harris Bob 82	2 VP 50 - 70	June 2015	Spruce Grove
Rajotte Bert 85	2 VP	June 2015	Sherwood Park
Salmond Micky G 25	3 VP 09 -2013	June 2015	Bittern Lake, Alberta
MacLean Doug	Korea, Reg Force 1,2,3 Bns 2 CDO	July 2015	Sooke, BC
Cathie Jack 94	Joined 1936	Aug 2015	Maple Ridge, BC
Ferguson James 85	Korea	Aug 2015	Comox area
Hurst George	rebadge QOR	Aug 2015	Victoria
Jalbert Andy 95	WW 2	Aug 2015	Burnaby, BC
Lee Gerald 90	1, 2VP CAR	Aug 2015	Vernon, Bc
Towstego Steve 85	2 VP Korea	Aug 2015	Calgary
Bayers Ernest F 99	WW 2	Sep 2015	Brandon
Connors Arden 89	2 VP Korea Kap Yong	Sep 2015	Northumberland On
Danser Jim 51	Reg Force 80's	Sep 2015	Meadow Lake, Sask
Desjardins Regis 83	50 - 53 served in Korea	Sep 2015	Edmonton
Harris Norman W 77	mid 50's 2 VP Germany	Sep 2015	Kitchener, Ont
Hay Victor	WW 2	Sep 2015	Parksville, BC
Hibbs Don 84	2 VP Kapyong	Sep 2015	Simcoe, Ont
Macgregor Bill 53	RF Germany 2 VP 2 CDO Bosnia	Sep 2015	Ottawa
Mailhot Joseph RC 67	Late 60's 2 VP Germany	Sep 2015	Chilliwack area
Mitchell Everett 89	service WW 2 or later	Sep 2015	Stoney Creek, Ont
Strauss Leo H 92	WW 2 Italy M105643	Sep 2015	Langley, BC
Taber Rick 47	B Coy 1 VP late 80's	Sep 2015	Athabasca, AB
Trewala Ted 56	late 70's 80's	Sep 2015	Calgary
Hannom Russell 87	Korea 1 2 3 VP	Sep 2015	Edmonton
Kliewer Ken H 89	3 VP Korea 1st 2nd Cda Germany	Sep 2015	Calgary
Schiweck Fred 82	1 VP Reg Force joined in mid 50's	Sep 2015	Edmonton
Banning Lorne Cpl 84	2 VP Kap Yong Korea	Oct 2015	Ottawa
MacDonald Edison 81	Tx from RCR in 1955 Former mbr	Oct 2015	St Catherines, Ont
McDougall Noel 71	63-66 1 VP Germany	Oct 2015	Lloydminster, Sask
Milligan John W 94	WW 2	Oct 2015	Winnipeg
Pearcey Charles 86	Korea	Oct 2015	St Johns, Nfld
Shannon John 71	VP and QOR 23 years	Oct 2015	Victoria
Steadman Rocky 82	2 VP Korea Reg Force 25 yrs	Oct 2015	Calgary
Sydorko Joseph B 93	WW 2	Oct 2015	Winnipeg
Tattrie John 70's	1 VP 63-66 2 VP 66-69	Oct 2015	Sturgis, Sask
Harper Burton 94	Korea	Oct 2015	Ottawa