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Our 100th Year Celebrations Come to an End!

The Regimental centennial year is ending. Over the past twelve months serving, association, families and friends of the Regiment have enjoyed events and presentations to celebrate the last century. Let us all enjoy those memories and keep them for recollection at the next regimental event.



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FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Ray Crabbe

This will be my last report to the Association as Colonel of the Regiment. Let me at the outset express my sincere gratitude for the outstanding support and assistance provided by the Association over the past five years as your Honourary Chair and as Colonel of the Regiment. It has been a huge honour to serve in both capacities.

Having attended the Annual General Meeting in Chilliwack – so ably hosted by the Fraser Valley Branch – I am more impressed than ever with the tremendous progress made by the Association in its assistance and support to the retired and serving components of the Regiment.

I have mentioned in several forums the superb work done by the Association in support of the 100th Anniversary activities, not only with the memorial program but with the fundraising to support these legacy projects. The support to the Memorial Baton Relay by the Branches assisted greatly in solidifying the support from Canadians across Canada and showcasing the Regiment so very well. Many members of the Association took on projects related to the 100th and without these efforts many of the projects simply would not have been accomplished. This support occurred when the membership of the Association grew by over 400 members or nearly 50% - a remarkable achievement.

I was most impressed with the tremendous efforts and work to align the governance of the Association with the changes in legislation related to the not for profit status of the organization. I was personally involved in other organizations in this matter, and can attest to the detailed work required to get it done. While not always an 'attractive' aspect of managing the Association, it was an essential and critical requirement. Kudos to Don Dalziel for leading the charge on this.

As most are aware, the regimental Museum in Calgary underwent a major upgrade in conjunction with the 100th and again the Association was a key player in this. The continuing financial and volunteer support for the operation of the Museum is a cornerstone of the successful operation of the most outward demonstration of our history and heritage.

In early April 2015, a planning session was held in Ottawa to examine the strategic way ahead for the Regiment including the Association and Foundation. The thrust of the session was how the Serving Component, Association and Foundation can best work together toward a common mission and vision, thereby ensuring the future well-being of the Regiment. The Association was a key contributor to the session and will continue to play a very important role in the Regiment's future and the implementation of the results of this milestone planning session. The results of the session will be published widely for all to view.

I would like to thank the National Council for their dogged determination and outstanding stewardship over the past five years. Their support to me and the Regiment has been nothing short of outstanding and is deeply appreciated. Thanks as well to the Association in the area of social media, the Newsletter and in finding ways to communicate so widely within the Regiment at large. I wish Mike Austdal as our newly elected President and the other members of the executive all the very best.

As I hang up the uniform once again, I am pleased and grateful that our retired component of the Regiment is as strong as it has been for some time. Thanks to all who have contributed to this outstanding accomplishment. I look forward to a close and continuing relationship with the Association.

FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Mike Austdal

This my first message as the new President and I would like to publicly acknowledge Dave Pentney, the past executive, committee chairs and branch presidents for their efforts and dedication. I would also like to welcome the new Board of Directors. Detailed biographies are the subject of a separate article in this edition so I won't go into any detail. Thanks also to the Fraser Valley branch for hosting the recent 2015 AGM and we look forward to next year when the newly named Victoria Branch will host us in 2016.

Well we made it! The 100th Anniversary celebrations are officially complete. It was great work by the Regimental family in the planning and execution of the many complex events. My aim is to maintain and build upon the relationships that have been developed with the serving component and the Foundation.

While the Association is one of three formal structures in the Regimental family, communication internally and externally is all important and the use of social media is a key component in that communication strategy.

As a refresher I would like to reiterate our objectives, which include:

- Foster and maintain the spirit of the Regiment;
- Perpetuate the close comradeship, mutual regard and *esprit de corps* formed amongst all ranks while serving in the Regiment and after retiring;
- Promote public awareness and perpetuate understanding of the Regiment, its heritage and tradition of Service to the Nation and to Communities;
- Stimulate public support for the Regiment;
- Assist members, including serving members of the Regiment, and widows and children of deceased members, when and where other assistance is not otherwise available;
- Establish co-operative relationships with other selected veterans' or charitable organizations sharing comparable and compatible purposes and Objects; and
- Provide educational bursaries to selected deserving persons.

The Association has four key programs:

- **Veterans and Family Support.** This program will include the Voluntary Patricia Program (VPP) to assist members, including serving members of the Regiment, and widows and children of deceased members, when and where other assistance is not otherwise available by helping them find the appropriate support they need. This program will also incorporate the object of establishing cooperative relationships with other selected veterans' organizations or charitable organizations sharing comparable and compatible purposes and objects;
- **Regimental Heritage.** This program will include support to the Regimental Museum and Memorial maintenance in order to foster and maintain the spirit of the Regiment, promote public awareness and perpetuate understanding of the Regiment, its heritage and tradition of Service to the Nation and to Communities and stimulate public support for the Regiment;
- **Bursaries.** This will continue as a stand-alone program to provide educational bursaries to selected deserving persons; and
- **Cadet Support.** This program will formalize the Association's support to PPCLI affiliated Cadet Corps This program will include the administration of the PPCLI Association Cadet Corps Trophy competition and ensuring that limited financial support is directed to the Cadet Corps most in need. As a note, congratulations to the 2254 Calgary cadet corps for winning this completion for the second time in a row.

I look forward to the next few years as we face new challenges and successes.



PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY



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Fred Goldring, CD



Jerry G Hart, CD



Your New Board of Directors

President - Michael (Mike) Austdal, CD



Mike Austdal began his career in 1973, studying at College Militaire Royal de St. Jean. He earned his Bachelor degree and joined 1 PPCLI in Calgary in 1978 as a platoon commander.

From 1978 until 1982 he served with the 1 PPCLI as a platoon commander, armoured defence platoon commander, company 2 i/c and for a short but memorable time as company commander.

During subsequent command tours, he served as DCO 2 Commando, Delta Company Commander 2 PPCLI, CO 2 Commando, DCO 1 PPCLI, Sector Commander in Rwanda and CO PPCLI Battle School. In addition he was a NATO planner for the Balkans for SACEUR in the late nineties. He completed his 30 years of service with a tour at NDHQ on the NATO desk.

After retiring in 2003, he became a chef at the Cordon Bleu school of cooking and a sommelier through Algonquin College. In 2005 he accepted a job with Cubic as Senior Analyst in Wainwright, AB and continues fulltime employment supporting the Canadian Army readiness using live simulation. He recently stood down as the Secretary for the Association and was the lead for construction of Patricia Park in Edmonton. He is also President of the Wainwright branch of the Association. He lives on a 10 acre hobby farm north of Wainwright along with his partner Shelley and five dogs, raising sheep and chickens.

Vice President – Paul Hale, CD



Paul began his military career as a reservist in 1970 and transferred to the Regular Force in 1976. He completed 30 years of service with the Regiment including two tours with 3 PPCLI (1976 – 1981 and 1987 – 1991). He was Adjutant of the PPCLI Battle School from 1981 to 1984. He completed eight overseas deployments in Cyprus, Angola, South Africa, the Balkans and Afghanistan. Upon retiring from the Regular Force in 2006 he transferred back to the reserve until being forced to retire upon reaching compulsory retirement age in 2014. He is currently the South West Ontario Branch President and was National Vice-President East. He was actively involved in the 100th Anniversary celebrations and is pursuing a number of additional projects on behalf of the Association.

Directors

Matt Brown, CD



Matt Brown began his military career with a reserve unit, the Essex & Kent Scottish in Windsor Ontario. After four years he enlisted in the regular force, completing his depot training with the PPCLI in Edmonton and Wainwright. During his years with 1PPCLI and 2PPCLI he served in Edmonton, West Germany, Cyprus and Winnipeg. He also participated in operations in Quebec during the FLQ Crisis.

In 1973 he decided to re-muster to the Military Police. After his basic military police training course he remained with 2PPCLI for another two years. Matt then moved to CFB North Bay and ended his military career at CFB Chilliwack.

In late 1981 he began another career as a Corrections Officer in Correctional Service of Canada. He served in various positions until his retirement in 2002.

Since his retirement he has devoted much of his time to travelling with his wife in their RV. He also has dedicated his time in support of veteran related programs; such as the Heroes Hockey Challenge, Editor of the PPCLI Association Newsletter and has held various positions on the Executive of the Fraser Valley, BC Branch of the PPCLI Association.

Arthur (Art) Chase, MMM, CD



Art hails from Minto, New Brunswick and began his military career on 17 August 1977. After completing basic and trades training he was posted to 3 PPCLI in Esquimalt BC. Art has served in all three Battalions; 3 VP 78-80, 2 CDO 80-86, PPCLI Battle School 86-90, 2 VP 90-93, Infantry School Gagetown 93-96, 1 VP 96-2003, CMTC 2003- 2006, RMC Army Tech Warrant Officers course (Master Gunner) 2006-2007, CMTC G3 WES 2007-2008, Appointed RSM of LFWA Training Centre 2008-2011, AJAG office in Edmonton as the Military Discipline Advisor 2011-2013.

Art's Operational tours include; Cyprus x3, Bosnia x3, and Kosovo. He was invested as a Member in the Order of Military Merit in 2001. Art's last tour of duty was as the AJAG CWO. He retired in December 2013, after 36 years of service with the Patricias. He lives in Edmonton and has bought

what he calls the "Regimental Condo", which is located in Griesbach, on Gault Blvd overlooking Patricia Lake and Patricia Memorial Park.

Art is married to Sgt (Ret'd) Jackie Chase and they enjoy their spare time RVing. Since retiring, he has worked with/for Commissionaires, CUBIC, Calian, and Cenovus.

Jim Croll, CD



Jim Croll joined the Military in 1970 as a reservist with The Royal Montreal Regiment and served with them until transferring to the Regular Force in 1980 when he joined 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg. He was posted to Comox from 1982 to 1984 with Base Security and returned to 2 PPCLI in Germany from 1984 to 1987. In late 1987, Jim medically remustered to Aero Engine and was posted to Trenton Ontario until his release in fall of 1990. He rejoined in the summer of 1991 as a Reservist in Calgary AB wearing the Patricia Hat Badge again until 1993 when he remustered to Supply Technician with the 18th Air Defence Regiment (Total Force Unit) in Lethbridge AB. Jim transferred back to the

Regular Force in 1997 as a Vehicle Technician and was medically Released in 2002.

Jim was President of the Calgary Branch from 2007 - 2012. In addition he is the Membership Coordinator for the Calgary Branch since 2011 and Past President. He has been the Association Casino Chairman since 2011 and the Association Treasurer since 2012.

Fred Goldring, CD



Fred served in the Canadian Army for 33 years. He initially served with the Patricia's from 1958 to 1969. He then transferred to the Royal Canadian Signals Corp from 1970 until 1990. His last two years of service were spent with the Air Force until his retirement in 1992.

He has is currently President/Treasurer for the Edmonton Branch PPCLI Assn from 2003 - present. He was also Secretary for Edmonton Branch PPCLI Assn. Fred was actively involved in the 90th PPCLI Anniversary 95th and 100th PPCLI Anniversary celebrations.

He is also the current Secretary/Treasurer for the Edmonton Chapter of Military Collectors Club of Canada and Cadet Liaison officer 2551 PPCLI Cadet Corps and Alberta Army Cadet League. Fred retired in 1992 and lives in Edmonton with wife Karen.

Jerry G Hart, CD



Jerry G Hart is retired and lives 6 months in Alberta, and 6 months in Arizona, USA. He was in the Canadian Armed Forces for 20 years as well as Instructor at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology Polytechnic (SAIT) for 15 years.

While in the CAF, Jerry G Hart served with 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg, 2 and 3 Airborne Commando in Petawawa Ontario. He also took a trade reassignment in 1983 to Aircraft Refinishing Technician, which later became Aircraft Structures.

Upon leaving the CAF in 1996, Jerry G Hart was contracted by SAIT in April 1997 to write course outlines, and curriculum, for their new Aircraft Structures course, as a team member with two

others. Upon completion the project in less time than allotted he was offered a probationary instructor position and was quickly hired as a full time Instructor. He retired in May 2012. He currently lives with his wife, Denise, in Airdrie Alberta

Jay Lapeyre, CD, MSc



Jay has served in the Regiment in uniform for three decades - at least twice in all three Battalions; 2CDO (1968-71) and the Regimental Battle School (1974-77). He has served in the Middle East and two tours in India/Pakistan and Staff appointments at Army Headquarters, G1 at FMC Div HQ 1983 and Dean/DS at the old Army Staff College 1992-1995. He has been privileged to command soldiers from Recce Detachment to Battalion (2VP-1990-1992).

Retiring in 1995 to take a permanent position at the Joint Army Training Centre, he served the Canadian Army for another twelve years as Exercise Developer and OPFOR Commander on Formation and Staff College training events. He has worked as a part timer from 2008-2013.

He has been a member of Council as a Branch President and National Vice President during the past seven years. Jay has a vested interest in setting up the Heritage position on the new governance model to ensure we work with RHQ in maintaining our interests and responsibilities in the Heritage issues in the future life of the PPCLI Association.

James (Jim) Patrick MacMillan-Murphy



Jim is a native of Torbay Newfoundland & Labrador. He is a medically release veteran who is very active in the veterans and disability communities.

He served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1973 to 1983. He served with the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and 2 Commando, Canadian Airborne Regiment. His operational tours included United Nations Force in Cyprus and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

He went on to serve in the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires for 30 years, serving in both the Ottawa and the Vancouver Island Divisions. He received numerous commendations and was the security supervisor for a number of federal sites in the greater Victoria area.

Jim is very active in the veteran's community on Vancouver Island, including Secretary and VPP Contact for the Vancouver Island Branch of the PPCLI Association, The Royal Canadian Legion (Esquimalt 172), President of The Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association (BC Chapter) and the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping (MCpl Mark Isfeld Memorial Chapter). He is a member of The Imperial and Charitable Order of Constantine the Great and of Saint Helen, in the United States. He and his wife Karen, reside in Esquimalt, BC.

Dougal (Doug) Salmon, CD



Dougal Salmon started his military career as a member of RCSCC Cayuga in Wainwright, Alberta. He enrolled in the Toronto Scottish (Primary Reserve) in 1966 and reached the rank of Sergeant before joining the Regular Force as an Infantryman in 1969.

After Infantry training, he was posted to 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg. In 1973 he was selected for commissioning and was posted to 3 PPCLI Victoria upon completion of Officer training. He completed a tour in Cyprus with 3 PPCLI and was subsequently posted to Germany with 3 Mechanized Commando in 1976. In 1979 he was posted to Vancouver as Regular Support Staff with the Royal Westminster Regiment. He was posted back to 3 PPCLI where he served as Assistant Operations Officer, and both 2IC and OC of Combat Support Company. He completed subsequent postings in Ottawa, Detachment Commander at the Victoria Recruiting Center,

Camp Wainwright and CFB Chilliwack.

In 1996, Doug was posted to Pacific Region Cadets until he retired from the Regular Force in 2004. He then served as a Reserve Officer with the Cadet Instructors Cadre until July 2013 when he retired from the CF. Dougal was elected as the President of the Vancouver Island Branch of the PPCLI Association in October 2014.

Bert Scott, CD

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Geo-Memorials

Three lakes in northern Saskatchewan have been named after soldiers from the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who died in Afghanistan. The geo-memorial recognizes the sacrifices of individuals who were born or spent time in Saskatchewan and who gave their lives in service.

Goddard Lake has been named after Capt. Nichola Goddard, who died in a firefight in May 2006.

Anderson Lake recognizes Cpl. Jordan Anderson, who was killed by an improvised explosive device while he was on patrol in the Panjwaii district in July 2007.

Greff Lake bears the name of Master Cpl. Byron Greff, who was killed in Kabul in October 2011 when the armoured bus he was in was rammed by a car packed with explosives.

Final Centennial Events

The centennial year events program ended with the Returns tours' which visited locations and people of significant importance to the regimental family. The returns tours included a week in the UK and a week in Belgium/France. The following articles report and summarize these visits.

Private Returns Tour UK Week 29 April – 6 May 2015

Paul Hale

The first week of the Private Returns Tour to the United Kingdom got off to a very good start when the majority of us met at Pearson International Airport on Wednesday, 29 April. There were a total of 28 individuals who signed up for the week. The majority were directly connected to the Regiment; however, there were four individuals who wanted to learn about the Regiment and its history. Everyone quickly bonded and soon we were on the flight from Toronto to London. We landed in London on the 30th, at about 9 am on Day 2 and then had a busy day with a visit to the Tower of London. We finally arrived at the hotel just after 5 pm. The meet & greet was a little subdued since we were suffering from jetlag.

Day 3 (Friday, 1 May) was busy with a whirlwind bus tour of London, lunch at the London Club and a tour of the Imperial War Museum.



Private Returns group photo at the Canadian War Memorial in Green Park near Buckingham Palace

Day 4 (Saturday, 2 May) started off with a private tour of Westminster Abbey where we were met by the Very Reverend John Hall, Dean of Westminster Abbey. Having a private tour of the Abbey was incredible. In the afternoon we had tea with Lady Patricia at Canada House. Lady Patricia was in outstanding form and privately chatted with everyone on the tour. We owe a special thanks to BGen Matthew Overton for organizing the tea and allowing us to use Canada House. It was very moving when the Private Returns "Choir" broke into a chorus of "Has Anyone Seen the Colonel" upon Lady Patricia's departure.



Paul Hale presenting a 100th Anniversary Pewter badge crafted by Sgt (Ret'd) Bill Martindale to Lady Patricia

Day 5 (Sunday, 3 May) was another outstanding day. The tour group was granted the privilege of visiting the Royal Burial Grounds at Frogmore by Her Majesty the Queen. We had a private tour of Frogmore House where Lady Patricia's father, Lord Mountbatten, was born. We then visited the Royal Burial Grounds passing by Queen Victoria's Mausoleum before we held a short service at Princess Patricia's grave. We then carried on to Brookwood Cemetery where 22 Patricias are buried. The day ended with our arrival in Winchester.

Day 6 was spent touring the Rifles Museum where we also had an excellent presentation on how the Rifles RHQ is organized. The Rifles RHQ is quite different from ours in that it is staffed by civil servants (mainly retired military) who provide outstanding support to the serving component, the wounded, families of the fallen and retired members. In fact, they even assist with recruiting officers for the Rifle Battalions. To be honest, our system could learn a bit from them. The tour of Morin Hill and surrounding training area where the Regiment was integrated into the 80th Brigade and completed its final training just prior to deployment to France and Flanders was historic. Our tour guide, David Key provided us with an outstanding overview of the difficult conditions faced by all due to constant rain and lack of infrastructure at the Camp. There were numerous individuals who stated in their memoirs that the conditions at the Morin Hill were as bad if not worse than the mud they experienced in Flanders.

Day 7 (Tuesday, 5 May) involved a bus trip to Hatch Beaumont where we were hosted by John Townson, Godson of Hammie Gault, and his sister Jane (Townson) Ogers. We conducted a service at the Hatch Beaumont Church in honour of Hammie Gault and his wife Dorothy. The address by MGen (Ret'd) Bob Stewart in honour of Hammie was heartfelt and provided everyone with an excellent overview of our Founder and what he accomplished during his life and service to both Canada and the United Kingdom. Hammie was a man of many talents and a true leader.



MGen Stewart unveils the 100th Anniversary Plaque

After the Church service, we toured a portion of Hatch Court and the museum which commemorates the founding of the Regiment and the lives of Hamilton and Dorothy Gault. We were then hosted to an excellent luncheon by John and Jane Townson. At the end of the luncheon, Ray Romses presented the Townsons with a couple of bottles of Regimental Wine as a token of our appreciation.



Ray Romses and Vince Kennedy thank John and Jane Townson for their outstanding hospitality and support to preserving our Regimental History.

We then returned to Winchester and packed our bags so that we would be ready to travel to Ipers on May 6th, where we would link up with 52 others for part two of the Private Returns Tour.

In summary, it was a very busy and informative six days during which we retraced a small portion of the ground covered by the Originals prior to their deployment to France as part of 80th Brigade. The opportunity to visit both Princess Patricia's and Hamilton Gault's graves was incredible. To have tea with Lady Patricia at Canada House was outstanding. In fact, every portion of the visit was memorable. All of this would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ray Paquin and Vince and Wendy Kennedy. The time, effort and attention to detail that they put into organizing the first week of the Private Returns Tour was obvious and greatly appreciated by all.



Private Returns Tour Battlefields 6 -12 May 2015

Paul Hale

52 individuals left Canada on Monday, 4 May for the last part of the Private returns tour. I cannot comment on what fun and sights they saw in Paris, since I was still in the United Kingdom. However on Wednesday, 6 May, 28 of us from the UK portion of the tour joined forces with everyone at the Novotel in Ieper, Belgium. In many ways it was a smaller 100th Anniversary reunion. We quickly took over the bar and had a great Meet and Greet. Thursday, 7 May started off with a quick breakfast and then a historical scene setting brief on World War One by Doug Delaney and Terry Loveridge. Doug and Terry would be our Battlefield historians for the next six days. The briefings were very well done and we soon headed off to visit St Julien, Passchendaele, the Brooding Soldier, Tyne Cot and Voormezele Cemetery Enclosure No. 3 where LCol Farquhar, Buller and a number of other Patricias are buried.



Doug Delaney orienting everyone to the ground at Passchendaele

The evening was free and many headed off to Menin Gate and the numerous other evening attractions within Ieper.

Friday, 8 May was the signature day of the tour. We started very early with a private Regimental service at Voormezele Cemetery Enclosure No. 3. The Memorial Baton Relay departed the cemetery for Bellewarde Woods while we attended breakfast at the Zonnebeck Community Centre. During breakfast there was an excellent lecture by Carl Kletke and presentation of the Regimental War Diary from the Battle of Frezenberg by an officer in period uniform. We then moved by bus to the Frezenberg battle area, and walked the front lines of the PPCLI positions to the Frezenberg Memorial. The rededication of the Memorial was outstanding.

As the 2PPCLI guard marched on parade all the spectators started to sing the Regimental March Past. The service was extremely well done and involved the arrival of the Memorial Baton as they completed the last leg of a relay that started in Edmonton on 10 August 2014. The 100th Anniversary Memorial plaque was unveiled by Madame Adrienne, LGen Crabbe (COR), MGen Day (Senior Serving Patricia) and David Pentney (Association Past President).



Sentries guard the Frezenberg Memorial with the replica Ric-a-dam-doo on parade. The white signs in the background indicate the area occupied by the Regiment on 8 May 1915



The Old Guard, lead by MGen (Ret'd) Bob Stewart, marched past the Frezenberg Memorial

After the service was completed, we returned to Ieper in advance of 2 PPCLI exercising the Freedom of the City. The parade was followed by the performance of 2 PPCLI Drum Line where, for the first time in public, they performed with flaming drum sticks. Their 7 minute show was impressive; a video has been uploaded to Facebook. The day finished off with 2 PPCLI augmenting the Menin Gate service. Of special note were the Patricia cadets who were front and centre and also laid a wreath that evening. It was a historic day.

Private Returns Tour Battlefields 6-12 May 2015



2 PPCLI Drum Line



2 PPCLI Colours and Guards at Menin Gate

Saturday, 9 May was another busy day with battlefield tours of the Somme, Beaumont Hamel, Lochnager Crater, Pozieres Ridge, Courcellette and Adanac Cemetery. The amount of history that we covered and the battles fought cannot be done justice in this short article.



The resting place of two unknown Patricias at Adanac Cemetery

Sunday, 10 May was centered on the study of Vimy Ridge and surrounding area. We visited Mount St Eloi, four different cemeteries including the German Cemetery at Neuville-St-Vaast where 44,000 soldiers are buried. The tour of Vimy Ridge was excellent, in particular the tunnels. What can you say when you stand in what was the Battalion Command Post and think about the orders that Agar Adamson gave just before the Regiment participated in the capture of Vimy Ridge? The afternoon finished with a service on Vimy Ridge and group photographs of everyone who participated in the final portion of the 100th Anniversary celebrations.



Returns Tour participants

Monday, 11 May was our last day of Battlefield tours. In eight hours we covered the same ground that the Regiment did during the last 100 days of World War One. Of course we had the advantage that we were on a bus when they had to fight their way across the ground and were on foot. We visited Canal du Nord, Cambrai, Valenciennes and finally ended our day at Mons. Again, there were so many things that we saw that you cannot do justice to them in this short article.



Pte George Price, the last Canadian soldier killed in action during World War One

On Tuesday, 12 May the Private Returns Tour was officially over and we headed off in multiple directions. Some straight back to Canada and some stayed in Europe for a few extra days. The friendships that we renewed and the history we covered over the past week was incredible. Many people made the trip a great success, in particular Doug Delaney and Terry Loveridge who provided the background of the various battles. It was easy to imagine the hardships and terror that was faced by many as we listened to both Doug and Terry. They made the battles come alive and gave us all a much better understanding of the challenges that all soldiers faced during World War One.

At the going down of the Sun and in the Morning we will remember them.

A letter from a PPCLI Cadet participant in the Battlefield Tour following his return to Canada.

Dear Mr. Poitras

Imagine being the age of 16, boarding a train or a ship on which you have never been on. All that you have is a small bag with your possessions. Once you arrive, you are told that you have 6 months of training before heading over to Europe to fight a war with people whom you don't even know. This was the story of many young boys from across Canada during the First World War.

For me, writing this in the 21st century. I had a very similar experience to those who fought in the First World War. I was one of only a few cadets selected to partake in a trip to the old world. My regiment, the P.P.C.L.I turned 100 in 2015 and this was my reasoning for this trip. Today there is no war in Western Europe however while enroute for this trip, I did feel similar emotions to those that may have fought in the so called "Great War". While travelling I felt a sense of both confusion and seclusion. Even though I am eighteen, I cannot imagine how lost some of the soldiers felt while boarding their trains. For the majority of the time, they did not even know where they were going, luckily I did manage to find my group and we successfully arrived in Europe on May 5, 2015.

From this point we embarked on the trip of a life time in the countries of both France and Belgium. Throughout the course of the 9 day trip, we would visit many places of significance in the events of the First World War.. Our visit to Paris was exactly as I expected. We visited sights which I had only heard or seen pictures of. The part of the trip which really stood out however was our time spent in the Ypres area. This small Belgian town was certainly a place of significance throughout the First World War. The town was host to one of the first gas attacks and in fact all of Belgium was basically a buffer against the Germans during the war.

Today the town has rebuilt over the course of the past 100 years. While there, I was given the ability to partake in the Menin Gate service, a service which has taken place every night since 1929. It is done to remember the fallen of both past and present. Laying a wreath whilst bagpipes played was even more haunting than I would have expected.

This trip certainly brought the events of the First World War to life as I imagine it did for others on the trip. Particularly touching was seeing the veterans, many of whom had parents or grandparents which fought in the war. For many of the veterans, I feel as if their connection to the war was even more prevalent.

The cemeteries which we visited, several on each day, were a reminder to the substantial amount of loss on both sides during the First World War. The losses of the First World War are so much greater than those of any modern war. The combination of old style tactics and a massive war machine proved to be devastating during this war. In the First World War, boys were literally sent over the trenches to die within seconds.

In conclusion I cannot state enough how valuable this trip was. The things which I learned and that which I saw will certainly stick with me for the rest of my life. I would like to thank both you and those behind the curtains who helped me attend this trip. The cadet program has allowed me to achieve so much and this trip is certainly a highlight of my cadet career.

As the Association continues to finalize the end of year reports on the events and costs. The following report highlight what was accomplished by our members' organizing and completing the Frezenberg Memorial.

100th Anniversary Frezenberg Memorial - A Four Year Refurbishment Process

The Concept: The Atlantic Branch of the PPCLI Association with the lead of Dave Snowball and assisted by Bill Minnis commenced a dialogue with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in the fall 2011 to enter into an agreement that resulted in their organization in essence act as our Project Manager on the ground in Belgium for a fixed fee.

The first step in developing a supporting plan to effect a concept of what was achievable was the definition of the Legal Geometer which was provided by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) in May 2011. This document was forwarded to RHQ (PPCLI) for safe keeping as we could not find one in our records.

Unfortunately, the untimely passing of David Snowball in late December 2011 resulted in Bill Minnis taking on the lead in January 2012. Bill Minnis aided by Major Kris Callaert and Dave Pentney put a set of sketches together during the period March to the end April 2012 that resulted in an approval of the concept of design by end of August 2012. The cost estimate and design less bronze works were agreed and signed by the end of December. Once again a health issues to individuals resulted in Jay Lapeyre assuming the lead to monitor the completion of the Project in July 2013. The remainder of 2013 was the design of the bronze work, specifically the Marguerite Hat Badge and the 100th Anniversary Plaque were approved and completed with costing by the end of 2013. The remaining Interpretive Plaque was designed and approved from the period March to end 2014. The contribution of Dr Doug Deleney (accurate historical representation) and Paul Hale (supervisor, manager and point of contact) were instrumental in achieving a first class result in the finished product.

CWGC: The supervisor Richard Saynor and Tony Edwards (Works Supervisor) were extremely effective in maintaining contact and passing timely reports so that we could maintain effective information passage to gain timely approvals at every level. They were officially recognized for their extra work on our behalf.

Costing: The Budget for this Project was set at \$75K.



Frezenberg Memorial before refurbishment



Dismantling the Memorial



Rebuilding the Memorial

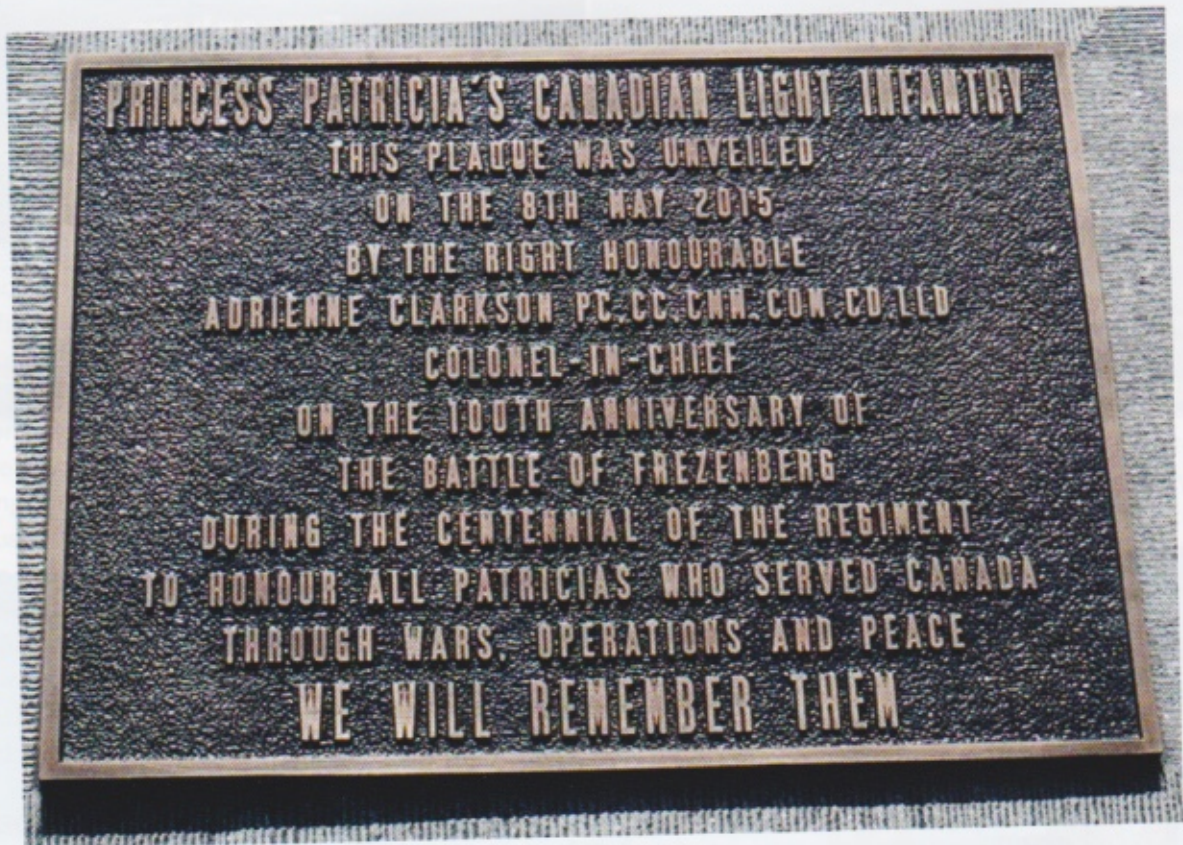


The new Information Panel



Dedication of the Refurbished Frezenberg Memorial

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The new bronze plaque installed at the Frezenberg Memorial

70th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands

Four veteran Patricia's were nominated by the PPCLI Regimental Association to participate in the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands in May 2015. Charles "Chic" Goodman, George Wilkinson, Lloyd Swick and Doug Armstrong are all World War II veterans who were involved in the campaign to push the Germans out of occupied Holland in 1944-45.

This article provides an account of their journey back to the Netherlands which they helped free 70 years ago this month. More than 7,600 Canadians gave their lives in the liberation of this country and honouring their sacrifice and the service of those remaining vets was the prime motivation behind this trip. A special bond exists between the Dutch people and Canadians because of our help in their liberation, and this was very evident by the warm welcome we received. Many of the towns they visited had Canadian flags hanging from windows and roof tops. The official Canadian delegation contained 60 vets and an equal number of caregivers. The vets ranged in age from the youngest at 88 to George Wilkinson at 97.



The veterans were accompanied on their flight to Holland by Mrs. Harper. They first traveled to Groesbeek Cemetery for a Remembrance Ceremony sponsored by the government of Canada. There are 2,330 Canadians buried here. Mrs. Harper spoke about the special relationship between Canada and the Netherlands.

They next attended a Commemorative Ceremony sponsored by "Welcome Again Veterans" (a Dutch group) at Holten Canadian War Cemetery, where 1,393 soldiers are buried. As we drove through the village, signs proclaimed "Welcome Veterans". Prime Minister Harper and King Willem-Alexander spoke. A poem by Holten school children "The Train Whistle" was read by three children. A Spitfire flew over after our moment of silence and then a helicopter flew low and dropped red poppies over the crowd. The Victoria Children's' Choir sang and bands played. The theme of the ceremony was for the Holten school children who adopt a grave and come to the cemetery during the year for special ceremonies. A memorable speech was given "to the children", which had been translated and handed out as we entered. At the end of the speech, the children were reminded to stop in front of a grave, read the name and to stand quietly and to think of the sacrifice made by that young soldier. Then each class went to a designated section and placed a bouquet of yellow roses in front of each headstone. It was very emotional watching the children and thinking of the commitment of the Dutch people to keep this tradition going for 70 years. After the ceremony the veterans went to Woody's Restaurant where the Prime Minister, Mrs. Harper and the dignitaries were waiting to greet each of us in a receiving line. As we drove away, after lunch, the entire restaurant staff stood outside to wave good-by.



Chic Goodman was invited to go to Westerbork Kamp (his unit, the South Saskatchewan Regiment, liberated the camp) and to be on a panel with Mrs. Harper, Minister O'Toole and two survivors.

We were met by the Director of the Museum, Derrick Mulder, his assistant Wendy and the two survivors. There were also Canadian Cadets and high school students present. Westerbork was the site of a large transit and work camp. Over 100,000 Jews, gypsies and resistance members were taken to Westerbork. Beginning July 12, 1942, trains left the camp for Auschwitz and other death camps. Westerbork was liberated by the South Saskatchewan Regiment on April 12, 1945, and 876 prisoners were set free.



Also on 5 May there was a Wageningen Liberation Parade. Wageningen is famous as the city where the German forces in the Netherlands formerly surrendered to the commander of the 1st Canadian Corps, Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes on May 5, 1945. Exactly 70 years later we arrived in the city to

find it filled with restored military vehicles, serving soldiers, cadets, thousands of parade watchers, marching bands and of course, veterans from several countries. Each veteran was provided with a colour coded card which told them which vehicle they would be riding in. George Wilkinson is in the vehicle on the far right in this picture

On 8 May the veterans traveled by bus to the Reichswald Forest Commonwealth Cemetery, located just inside the German border near the town of Kleve. A total of 7,594 Commonwealth servicemen are buried or commemorated in this quiet, tree-fringed cemetery. More than 700 Canadians, mostly airmen, rest here. The ceremony we attended here was a private one, with no members of the public present.

Every five years since 1985 a National Street Parade and Liberation Festival has occurred in Apeldoorn. The parade is led by Canadian veterans in military vehicles interspersed with marching bands. George Wilkinson found himself in another army vehicle together with his old buddy Bill Stoker, the youngest member of our delegation at 88. They hadn't seen each other before this trip for some 40 years. As the parade wound through the streets of Apeldoorn they were again met by large crowds of flag waving people, young and old.



The veterans found this a very rewarding and memorable trip and are very grateful to Veterans Affairs who organized the trip with special care in mind for the elderly veterans, some of whom were confined to wheelchairs. The sight of thousands of appreciative Dutch people and others who lined the parade routes or who greeted us individually and shook the hands of the veterans was an overwhelming experience. Thanks also goes out to the PPCLI Association who put forth the names of our four veterans



PPCLI Foundation: An Emotional Heroes Hockey Challenge Connects with Fans

By Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Kent Foster, President, PPCLI Foundation

The Heroes Hockey Challenge game and gala Garrison Ball, held 27 March 2015, were emotional events which connected with Toronto area fans.

The game, with the Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni facing the Canadian Forces Warriors, began with a puck drop made by a Silver Cross family, Shawna and Justine Faught, sister and niece of Sergeant John Faught. They were accompanied by Brigadier-General Dave Patterson (Deputy Commander 4th Division) and Veteran Affairs Minister Erin O'Toole. Kevin Cameron, Chief of Staff of the 4th Division managed and iced an outstanding Canadian Warriors team. Approximately 1600 fans attended the game which was held in the Mattamy Athletic Centre (the former Maple Leaf Gardens).

Guests of honour included: Scott Moir, Olympic gold medalist; Paul Franklin, Amputee Coalition of Canada; Kaitlyn Lawes; Lewis Mackenzie; Dennis Moore (Korean veteran); and Johnny Bower, a WW II veteran. Joining in were Hockey Hall of Famers and four Stanley Cup winners.

The net proceeds from the game will be split 50-50 with Wounded Warriors Canada (WWC). Trustee Dave Fraser was the resident Foundation member who worked with HHC Founder Glenn Cumyn, and our partner Scott Maxwell of WWC. Kent Foster served as Foundation chair.

Frezenberg Youth Education Program Sends 11 Cadets

Funds were raised by the PPCLI Foundation to send 11 Canadian Army cadets and two leaders to the recent Frezenberg Commemoration events. They participated, along with Patricias, in the dedication of a renovated memorial to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice 100 years ago. The cadets were selected from across Canada and participated in battlefield tours. As well, volunteer historians Terry Loveridge and Douglas Delaney from Kingston, ON were on hand to illuminate the events of 1915, the sacrifice and the broad context of World War I.

Trustees Elected for 2015-2018 Term

At the 2015 Annual General Meeting held in Chilliwack, BC on April 17, 2015, four Trustees who were first elected in 2011 were re-elected for another three-year term. Dennis Anderson, Phillip Crawley, Marilyn Elliott (Treasurer) and Kent Foster (President) were elected Trustees for 2015-2018.

Save the date for the 2016 AGM to be held on Friday, 27 May 2016 at The Military Museums in Calgary, Alberta and by teleconference.

Gifting Benefited Many

At the 2015 AGM, it was reported that financially, our net revenue in 2014 exceeded 2013 by 260%, resulting in net proceeds of more than \$400,000 which represents 57% of our total over four years of operation.

The PPCLI Foundation gifted \$375,000 in 2014, and we ended 2014 with more than \$155,000 in cash on deposit. Our gifting provided funding for the PPCLI Regimental Fund, Military Family Resource Centres, Amputee Coalition of Canada, Wounded Warriors Canada, and the 100th Anniversary Memorials program being funded through the



Association through the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund.

Contributors Thanked for Their Generosity

Beyond the services and financial support we raised from industry and individuals for the 100th Anniversary, the Foundation raised some \$300,000 from public and private grants and contribution programs. In-kind contributions are not included in the financial statements but are an important component of the support generated by the Foundation. We are grateful to all of these contributors for their generosity.

Family of Late Dr. Shaun Brown Donates Extensive Collection to PPCLI Regimental Library

Marilyn Elliott, Foundation Treasurer, and her family donated to the PPCLI Regimental Library an extensive collection of books held by her late husband, Dr. Shaun Brown (son of former Colonel of the Regiment, George Brown). Dr. Brown, who had a PhD in military history, had amassed a large collection of historical books from his studies and teaching.

The military books were donated to the Library by the three children of Marilyn and Shaun with the hope that these books will bring reading pleasure to Patricias for many years to come.

Special Events on the Horizon

Looking to the future, special events on the horizon include: the Patricia Park Personal Legacy Stone campaign; Heroes Hockey Challenge in Fall 2015, 2016 and 2017; the Summit Buller Mountain climb; gala dinners such as the Battle of the Somme and Vimy Ridge; and Veterans Tribute Night. There will be a casino in late 2016 being run by the For the Soldier Institute.

In closing, thank you for your continued support in 2015 and onwards.

South West Ontario Wine Fundraiser

The wine fundraiser initiated by the South West Ontario Branch in partnership with Château des Charmes has done very well. To date over 5,000 bottles of wine have been purchased and over \$7,000 has been donated to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. There are about 700 bottles of red, 600 bottles of white and 50 bottles of Sparkling Wine left for purchase. Please place an order so that you can enjoy some Regimental Wine this summer.

The wine can be ordered direct from Château des Charmes by contacting Michele Bosc at 905-262-2541 ext 226 or by email michele@chateaudescharmes.com

An Amazing Trip to the Frezenberg Commemoration

by Stu Weeks

To me, this trip to France and Belgium was the highlight of our Regiment's 100th Anniversary. We departed Toronto airport on 3rd of May 2015 as strangers. On arrival at the Charles De Gaulle airport in Paris, we were caught by surprise, as the French army patrols moved through the airport fully armed.

On our bus tour of Paris, we stopped at the Military Hospital, where once again, the gates and grounds were manned by French Marines.

We moved by bus to Ieper which became our base for a few days. We were divided into two bus groups and strangers quickly became friends. Our Historians, Terry Loveridge and Doug Delaney, were a wealth of knowledge and their side bars were terrific.

Our first stop was Mount Sorrel (my recruit platoon) was quite emotional for me – almost 60 years later I was standing where the originals had fought and died for this Battle Honour. The tours of the cemeteries was very informative. To see the number of soldiers, some 15 and 16 years old, and the number of casualties from each unit buried side by side was an eye opener.

Voormezele Cemetery #3 (Our Regimental Cemetery) contained the graves of Col Farquhar and Col Buller. The early morning ceremony, with soldiers of 2PPCLI standing behind each Patricia grave was exceptional. After breakfast, our trip to the Frezenberg Memorial took place. We parked at Bellewaarde Ridge and walked to the refurbished Monument where bleachers had been set up.

Four 2PPCLI soldiers in WW1 uniforms and rifles at rest were at the Memorial. A soldier held the replica of the Ric-A-Dam-Doo beside the Monument. The Guards from 2PPCLI, with the Colours, and the Edmonton Police Pipes and Drums marched on. The Old Guard fell in after the Dedication. When Bob Stewart gave "Old Guard to the Originals Eyes Right" there was not a dry eye on Parade.

2PPCLI exercised the Freedom of the City of Ieper and later there was the Drumline presentation and Menin Gate service. The Menin Gate service was excellent and 2 of our cadets laid wreaths.

2PPCLI's Drumline was magnificent. When the drummers knelt down, the bass drummer placed his drum on the heels of the kneeling drummers. He lit his drum sticks on fire and preformed his routine. The routine brought the crowd to its feet.

The trip was fantastic and an eye opener for me. It brought the Originals to life rather than just figures in a book. We had excellent weather and were able to see the ground they fought on without the rain and mud. It made me wonder how a man, every day for years (if he survived), could get up and out of the trenches and advance across open ground so close to the enemy.

The trip was far too short for me, but worth every penny. At our farewell dinner, Nora Hewson and Wendy Kennedy started us singing "Has Anyone Seen the Colonel?". The cadets and student had never heard it sung and were very impressed. The cadets and the student enjoyed themselves, and learned lots about the Regiment and the suffering of the soldiers in WW1. The cadets letters to Vince Kennedy and the Foundation showed how deeply they were moved.

I would like to thank the former COR Ray Crabbe and Vice Chair Vince Kennedy for the magnificent tour which was a fitting end to the 100th Anniversary.

BRANCH REPORTS

EDMONTON BRANCH

by Fred Goldring

Well, it is April 30th and we are well into the spring/summer. Our winter and spring were not the greatest. The snowbirds are all back. Golf clubs and carts are out and the snow shovels and blowers are in storage.

It has almost been a year since the 100th Anniversary Celebrations with the Frezenberg Memorial just being commemorated short while back. We are all anxiously waiting for the 2014 Patrician. Despite some Canada Post problems, all got their 100 anniversary coin and Newsletter.

Several of our members travelled to Chilliwack for the 2015 AGM. April in Chilliwack with all the blooming flowers and Edmonton just clear of the snow and the grass just barely turning green, what a difference!! A good time was had by all. We have two members on the Board of Directors or Executive as it used to be called. Art Chase is a Director and Fred Goldring is the new National Secretary.

Branch wise Herb Kenny is the new Vice President. Membership is at 123 members with 19 Associate members and 31 Honorary Associate members, the Edmonton City Police Pipes and Drums. We have several members not continue their memberships after the 100th but have gained just as many back.

We mourned the passing of member Chris (CC) Smith earlier this spring.

We still meet every 4th Saturday of the month except July, August and December at the Kingsway Legion 143 Ave and 50th St. If any other Branch members, E-Mail members or serving members are in the area, drop in.

FRASER VALLEY BC BRANCH

by John Loxterkamp

Fraser Valley PPCLI Association has 50 members with about a dozen who attend regularly. We held our Christmas Dinner on 04Dec2014 with 28 members attending including special guests MGen (Ret'd) Herb Pitts and his wife Marion. It was a pleasant afternoon, with a wonderful Christmas Dinner prepared by Jeff and staff in the Down Home Kitchen at the Vedder Legion.

January to April 2015 was busily spent in preparation for the 67th AGM held at the PRTC on the former Base Chilliwack. The AGM attendance was down significantly from past years but this was anticipated due to the 100th activities. Forty-two were registered and attended the dinner on Saturday evening. We were very pleased that the

Colonel of the Regiment LGen Ray Crabbe was in attendance. This AGM was the first time the meeting was held electronically via conference phone. Association members gathered in 5 areas, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, Edmonton and Chilliwack. This method of AGM will have a significant effect on reducing costs and may be the forum for the future. From our point of view the weekend was very successful. I would like to thank Matt Brown for his outstanding efforts in putting this AGM weekend together. Without Matt's dedication of time and attention to detail the weekend could have gone quite differently. Thank you Matt, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Fraser Valley Branch will have to change its SOP's in the near future to ensure its continuance in the Association.



Matt Brown, Sandy Dehnke & Shirley Hensrue at AGM Registration Desk

Some ideas to be discussed are, reducing the number of 'meetings', hosting socials for significant occasions such as the Regimental Birthday and Christmas, and more 'beer calls' at different locations/times throughout the Lower Mainland where working Patricia's can attend. New ideas and new methods of conducting business must be considered to hold the PPCLI family together.

A new Facebook page has been developed by me called PPCLI Association, British Columbia with auto links to Twitter. Hopefully all BC members (others welcome!) will check this page regularly to see what is happening in our province and across the country. Events will be posted here as well as on the PPCLI Association page and the P.P.C.L.I. Association page.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST ONTARIO BRANCH

by Stu Weeks

We started off 2015 with our AGM which included elections. Our executive is as follows:

President: Len King – elected 11 September 2014

V/President: Don Collins

Secretary: Maureen Blake

Treasurer: Stu Weeks

VPP: Ed Borchert

Directors: Taffy Gray, Mike Czuboka, Ed Brochert and Jim Zelazny

On the 30th of May 2015, members of our branch attended the Annual Ceremonial Review of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps. The cadet drumline and parade was very good. Taffy Gray presented the Best Bands member award.

On the 3rd of June 2015 members of our branch attended the ACR of 553 Tommy Prince MM Cadet Corps. The Reviewing Officer was our Branch President Len King. The cadet parade was excellent. Most of the cadets will be going to summer camp.

On 11th of June a good number of our branch members travelled to Shilo for a busy day. The day started with the Building Naming Ceremony at 9:15.

The Colonel Stone Building is home to the Officers and Soldiers of 2PPCLI. It is where the Battalion's 3 Rifle Companies, Combat support, Administration Coy and Battalion Head Quarters are located. Much of the day to day business of the Battalion is conducted in the Col Stone Building, which has put it at the forefront of Garrison life for all soldiers of the unit. The Stone family was represented by Col Stone's son Mike.

The Warrant Officer First Class Grimes Building is the Battalion Maintenance facility. This building gives 2PPCLI maintenance capacity second only to the Brigade Maintenance facilities.

The Private W.R Mitchell Building is where the Battalion keeps its fleet of Light Armoured Vehicles (LAV).

Much of 2PPCLI's combat effectiveness hinges on its operational fleet of LAVs and, as a result, this building is at the heart of the Battalion's fighting capabilities

At 1300 hours, three Change of Command Appointments were made:

The Colonel of the Regiment, from L/Gen RR Crabbe CMM, MSC,CD (Retired) to M/Gen WB Vernon CD (Retired)

The Commanding Officer of 2PPCLI from L/Col RT Ritchie MSM, CD to L/Col WK Niven MSM, CD

The Regimental Sargent Major 2PPCLI from CWO TB D'Andrade MMM, CD to CWO JM Smith MMM, CD

Two 86 member Guards, with RCAF band, performed the March Past and the Advance in Review Order with perfection.

Our Branch's next event will be on 29th of August 2015, at the Assiniboine Golf Club in Winnipeg. The Assiniboine Golf Club has planted a sugar maple tree in honour of the Regiment's 100th Anniversary and all Patricias who were members of the golf club over the years. This project was initiated and became a reality under our member Paul Ryan. *Come out at 2:00 pm for the plaque dedication and comradeship in the club house afterwards. Thanks Paul for your work on this project.*

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

By Ray Moskowec

The Branch has come along quite well from its humble resurrection at the 2014 AGM. We have 12 paid up members, a new set of Bylaws and many inroads to other Patricias with the Province of Saskatchewan. The networking is coming along fine and we are very optimistic for the future.

Electronic elections were held in December, 2014 and the following were elected for a 2 year term. Raymond Moskowec, President; Ivan Finstad, Vice President; Grant Greenall, Secretary-Treasurer; Jerry Heit, Director and Julien McNulty, Director. The core group of members are from the central part of Saskatchewan mainly around DUNDURN, Saskatchewan, how-ever, communications by electronic (email and soon social media) methods, snail mail and a newsletter will ensure that the members are included and informed of Regimental and Association news. Some official participation by the Saskatchewan Association Branch was in support of Cadets (Drill Competition Judge) in Saskatoon and presentation of the 100th PPCLI coin to some of its members. It was hoped to participate in the celebration of the Lady Patricia's March 17th birthday with 3 PPCLI who were training in DUNDURN, how-ever, with some members being "Snowbirds" and some meeting work commitments, the representation was handled by the Vice President, MWO Ivan Finstad, Detachment DUNDURN Sergeant Major, and I believe his recovery took 3 days.

The future is bright for the Sask. Branch with planning of fundraising events, a meet and greet function, continued recruitment and retention, possibly some high profile appearances at various Veteran functions and maintenance of the initiative gained to date, will keep the members busy in the name of the Regiment.

SOUTH WESTERN ONTARIO BRANCH

By Paul Hale

The South West Branch is still going strong as of 30 April we have 102 paid up members. Our newest members are Juliana Cook, Harold Carr, Wayne Comeau, Steve Kelly, Robert Mullin and Brent Schriener. Our new goal is to grow the Branch to 125 members.

We held three separate March 17th celebration across Southern Ontario at Betty's restaurant in Niagara Falls, the RHLI Club in Hamilton and at a local Legion in London. All of them were all well attended and a special thank is owed to George and Barb Ledwon, Doug Furchner and Henry Klausnitzer respectively for organizing each of the events.





Here are the London Patricia's

We have one remaining project to complete for the 100th and that is the dedication of a plaque at the Adamson Estate in Port Credit, Mississauga. Thanks to outstanding support from the PPCLI Foundation and the City of Mississauga, the plaque should be unveiled on 10 August.

Domaine Adamson Estate (Ferme Grove Farm)

This plaque was dedicated by Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) on 7 September 2014 during the 100th Anniversary of service to Canada and presented to the City of Mississauga. It is in honour of Lieutenant-Colonel Agar Adamson, DSO and his wife Ann Mabel Cavetira. Lt Col Adamson was an original officer of the PPCLI who commanded the Regiment for almost two years during the First World War, including the battles of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order and twice Mentioned in Despatches.

Mabel followed her husband to Europe in October 1914 and remained there until the end of the War. She established the Belgian Canal Boat Fund for the relief of the civilian population immediately behind the firing lines. From 1916 onwards Mabel lived in Furnes, Belgium, which was within 20 km of the front lines.


The main building of the Adamson Estate was built in a Flemish style to commemorate Agar and Mabel's joint service during the First World War. The Adamson Estate was initially referred to as Grove Farm.

Cette plaque a été inaugurée par la Princesse Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) le 7 septembre 2014 dans le cadre des célébrations de ses 100 ans de service envers le Canada, et remise à la ville de Mississauga. Elle rend hommage au lieutenant-colonel Agar Adamson, DSO, et à son épouse Ann Mabel Cavetira.


Le Lt Col Adamson fut l'un des premiers officiers du PPCLI. Il commanda le régiment pendant près de deux ans lors de la Première Guerre mondiale, notamment durant les batailles de la crête de Vimy et de Passchendaele. Il reçut l'Ordre du service distingué en plus d'être cité à l'ordre du jour à deux reprises.

Mabel suivit son mari en Europe en octobre 1914 et y demeura jusqu'à la fin de la Guerre. Elle mit sur pied le Belgian Canal Boat Fund, un fonds venant en aide à la population civile directement derrière les lignes de feu. À partir de 1916, Mabel résida à Furnes, en Belgique, à moins de 20 km des lignes de front.



Le principal bâtiment du domaine Adamson est d'architecture flamande, commémorant le service conjoint d'Agar et de Mabel durant la Première Guerre mondiale. Le domaine s'appelait autrefois la Ferme Grove.



Ann Mabel Cavetira & Agar Adamson, DSO



Lt Col / Lord Agar Adamson, DSO

2014-09-07
 100th Anniversary of Service to Canada
 100th Anniversary of the PPCLI
 100th Anniversary of the First World War

Canada

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 6 Jun in St Catharines and we will go over plans for the upcoming year. Some of the issues that will be discussed are the possibility of Patricia Vanity Plates for the Province of Ontario, placing a Patricia marker on Jack Munroe's Grave in Acton and hosting the Association National AGM in 2017. The Branch has an active site on Facebook which you can check out PPCLI Association Ontario Branches for further info.



Finally, our wine fundraiser continues with Château des Charmes. To date we have sold over 5,000 bottles of wine and raised almost \$8,000. You will find an order form in the newsletter.

VICTORIA BRANCH



We are no longer the Vancouver Island Branch our name change was approved at the PPCLI Association National AGM in April

We have had a busy fall and winter. Steve Sawyer stepped down as President in September due to other commitments. Dougal Salmon was elected as Branch President in October

In November we had a ceremony at the BC Legislature recognizing the PPCLI and our 100th Anniversary. It was reported on in detail in the 100th Anniversary Newsletter
AGM

We held our Branch AGM on the 15th of February at the Pro Pats Legion. It was well attended. Ed Widenmaier

provided a great Patricia cake. Herb Pitts, former Colonel of the Regiment, presented George Wilkinson with his 90th birthday certificate from RHQ. A bit late we suppose as George is now 96. And yes he is still driving!

REGIMENTAL DAY

We had a very successful gathering at the Six Mile Pub for the Regimental Day on 17 March. We had over 45 in attendance. Facebook helped in getting those who are not members of the Association out. Dick Cowling even drove down from Comox



PPCLI DISPLAY CFB ESQUIMALT NAVAL AND MILITARY MUSEUM

The PPCLI display currently located in the Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum at Naden, in Esquimalt continues to grow. Contributions have been made by many PPCLI Association members. The display represents the Regiment very well with a local sense of history and draws many congratulations from visitors interested in local military history.

With the continuing dedicated efforts of the museum committee of the Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association led by Ed Widenmaier, Bruce Dickey and Jack Bates, items are still being collected and displayed

On 4 July 2015 CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum will celebrate their 30th Anniversary with an open house.

The Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association will participate in the celebration and the PPCLI portion of the Base Museum will be enhanced by additional portable displays and video presentations of Regimental activities and various memorable events including parades and Trooping's of the Colors.

For any Patricia's visiting Victoria you would enjoy a visit to the museum to see our display

Long Puttees Wrapping Demonstration

At the request of the Regimental Major Slade Lerch the Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association staged a demonstration of how PPCLI Other Ranks wrapped their long puttees in the "reverse spiral" or "inverted V" method. The PPCLI wore long puttees during WWI and up until the start of WW II. George Wilkinson, the sole surviving member of "B" Company at Work Point Barracks from 1936 – 1939 was the demonstrator and photos and a video were produced and forwarded to Regimental HQ for their historical archive. Association members Dougal Salmon, Bruce Dickey and Jack Bates coordinated the demonstration. This unique method of wrapping long puttees was only practiced by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and it will now be included in the uniform dress for various historical re-enactments and museum activities



Our President Dougal Salmon attended the PPCLI Association National AGM in Chilliwack on 17 and 18 April. He along with our Secretary, Jim Macmillan-Murphy, were elected to the new National Board of Directors for a four year term. Dougal will also be taking over the position of Vice President West from George Arndt and will be responsible to the Board for the Cadet Portfolio

Two of our members, George Wilkinson and Chic Goodman will be attending the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands from 30 Apr to 10 May. DVA is sponsoring the trip and paying all expenses. A nicer tour than they had the first time they were there!

We have our monthly meeting and beer call at the Pro Pats Legion on Gorge Road on the second Tuesday of every month. If you are visiting Victoria then please come down and see us.



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100th Anniversary ORDER FORM

Princess Patricia's
Canadian Light Infantry Association
Southwest Ontario Branch



PPCLI CHARDONNAY	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$25.90	_____	_____
6 bottle case \$77.70	_____	_____
12 bottle case \$155.40	_____	_____
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	_____

This unaged Chardonnay is fresh and crisp with notes of apple, grilled pineapple and a little nuttiness

PPCLI CABERNET SAUVIGNON	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$29.90	_____	_____
6 bottle case \$89.70	_____	_____
12 bottle case \$179.40	_____	_____
	TOTAL	_____

This wine is vibrant with mouth-watering black cherry, dark chocolate and warm spice notes wrapped in toasty vanilla. Classic old world style Cab Sauv. It's ready to drink now but will continue to evolve in the bottle over the next few years.

PPCLI MIXED WINE CASE	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$27.90 (Chardonnay, Cabernet)	_____	_____
6 bottle case \$80.85 (3 Chardonnay, 3 Cabernet)	_____	_____
12 bottle case \$167.40 (6 Chardonnay, 6 Cabernet)	_____	_____
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	_____

PPCLI MIXED SPARKLING CASE	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$59.90 (Brut Sparkling, Rosé Sparkling)	_____	_____
6 bottle case \$179.70 (3 Brut Sparkling, 3 Rosé Sparkling)	_____	_____
12 bottle case \$359.40 (6 Brut Sparkling, 6 Rosé Sparkling)	_____	_____
	TOTAL	_____

PPCLI BRUT SPARKLING	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$53.90	_____	_____
6 bottle case \$161.70	_____	_____
12 bottle case \$323.40	_____	_____
(Shipping extra)		
	TOTAL	_____

PPCLI ROSÉ SPARKLING	QUANTITY	SUB TOTAL
2 bottle pack \$65.90	_____	_____
6 bottle case \$197.70	_____	_____
12 bottle case \$395.40	_____	_____
	TOTAL	_____

SOLD OUT

These sparkling wines are a classic blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir made in the traditional method and bottle aged on the lees for a minimum of two to three years.

On the nose this Brut Sparkling will remind you of lemongrass, lime and toasted bread. The creamy texture is punctuated by the fine, persistent bubbles.

The flavours of this Rosé Sparkling will remind you of ripe strawberries but the wine is dry and refreshing with lots of tiny bubbles.

Please fill out contact information and submit your order by fax, phone or e-mail. (Must be at least 19 years of age to order)
Fax: Michele Bosc: 905.262.5548
Tel: 905.262.4219 x226 / 800.263.2541 x226
e-mail: michele@chateaudescharmes.com

A Château des Charmes representative will contact you soon to confirm your payment method. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

Cost of delivery is based on weight and postal code and will be quoted at the time of order confirmation.

Name _____
Address _____ Postal Code _____
City _____ Province _____
Tel. _____ e-mail _____

I am 19 years of age or _____
Signature _____

Ship to: If different from above (Receiver must be 19 years of age or over)

Name _____ Postal Code _____
Address _____
City _____ Province _____
Tel. _____ e-mail _____

WAINWRIGHT BRANCH

The Wainwright Branch has been fairly active since last reporting. Our Annual General Meeting was held on 1 Dec 14 and some new executive were elected/volunteered. The new executive is as follows:

President - Mike Austdal

VP - Don Hoffart

Treasurer - George Jackson

Secretary – Al McNamara

Past President - Paul Mansbridge

Museum - Kyle Jensen

Social - Al Whitehall

Fundraising - Brian Nelson.

VPP - Al Whitehall

Welcome to all new executive and a huge thank you to all outgoing for a job well done.

We have been involved in the Wainwright community as we volunteer for the Legion Steak Fry, and providing Security for the Alberta Provincial Men's Curling Championship, as well as our Br Pres Mike Austdal has been busy providing informative briefings to all the local Cadet Corps.

One of the Branch highlights was attending the March 17th festivities, including a field Mess Dinner, hosted by the 1st Bn, who happened to be in Wainwright on Exercise. Twenty-two members and guests of the branch were invited with 600 of their brothers from the Regiment hosted at the Tommy Prince Drill Hall. The meal was recreated from a 1915 menu and was as you would expect, hay box style. Great job by the KO and his staff.

The branch also supported the attendance at the dinner by Mabel Eschuk and her husband Eddie. Mabel is the daughter of one of our originals Percy M. Armishaw (810) and hails from Mannville, AB. She presented to the CO of the 1st, LCol Mason Stalker, several artifacts of her father's, including a ring and a couple of pins along with some photographs and framed papers of attestation and discharge. She received a standing ovation from the soldiers. The evening ended with the drumline, toasts and the march past. A great evening.....thank you 1st Battalion.



Mabel Eschuk and husband Eddie being presented a Regimental Coin by LCol Mason Stalker CO 1 PPCLI

100th Anniversary

ORBITAL FORM



Some of the artifacts donated by Mabel Eschuk

The Branch has purchased a Legacy Stone, in honour of Percy Armishaw, to be placed at Patricia Park this spring.

The Branch is also involved in providing the "Old Guard" for the 3 Cdn Div Training Centre Developmental Period 1 (TQ 3), participating in the inspection as well as with the presentation of awards to the deserving candidates.





On 8 May the Branch was invited to attend, with all serving Patricias of 3 Cdn Div TC and CMTC in Camp Wainwright, a toast commemorating the Battle of Frezenburg. Fittingly this was held at the Hamilton Gault Statue.



Did you know!



In 1947 the Canadian Army experimented with their own Special Air Service.

It lasted two years - it was disbanded in 1949.

for more information visit:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Special_Air_Service_Company



LAST POST

Tom	Graham	63	3VP 70s	Nov	2014	Thunder Bay
Gordon	Loewen	81	Korea	Nov	2014	Thunder Bay
Bill	Willbond		QOR, CAR, VP	Nov	2014	Victoria
Gilles	Payette	52	CAR, VP	Nov	2014	Edmonton
John J	Barnicki	90	WWII	Nov	2014	Winnipeg
Morely	Roney	92	WWII	Nov	2014	Brandon
Gerald Bud	Hawkins	69	1VP 63-66 (Germany)	Nov	2014	Winnipeg
Don	Sthamann	82	2VP 57-60	Nov	2014	Saskatoon
Coulas	Zigmund	92	WWII	Nov	2014	Cambridge Bay
Jerry	Dirks	77	1VP 55-58	Nov	2014	Rosetown
Glen	Parmeter	92	WWII	Oct	2014	Parksville
Albert	Richards		WWII	Oct	2014	Victoria
Gary	Revett	53	VP 80 & 90s	Nov	2014	Ladysmith
Claude	Poulin	65	1VP 60s	Dec	2014	Welland ON
Allen	McNeill	45	2VP 89-2003	Dec	2014	Winnipeg
Geoffrey	Burroughs	96	WWII	Dec	2014	Kelowna
Jerome	Brophy	81	Korea	Nov	2014	Port Hawkesbury NS
Ed	Maclean	79	2VP 50s	Dec	2014	New Brunswick
Wilford	Jackson	88	1VP Korea	Dec	2014	Calgary
Victor	Deets	87	1VP Korea	Dec	2014	Calgary
Clayton	Hodder	77	QOR/1VP 57-82	Jan	2015	Calgary
Claude	Allard	67	Late 60s 3 yrs	Jan	2015	Winnipeg
George	Cook	87	2VP Korea	Jan	2015	Kelowna
Jesse	Tait	34	2VP 2002-2008	Jan	2015	Sudbury
Ernie	Paisley	71	1VP 61-64	Jan	2015	Thunder Bay
Les	Norby	84	1VP Korea & Germany	Jan	2015	Delmaney, SK
Paul	Bleoo	84	2VP Korea	Jan	2015	Ottawa
Clifford	Alkerton	84	1vp Korea 2VP	Jan	2015	Hamilton
Ken W	Berg	82	Korea	Feb	2015	Vancouver
Ed	Hinko	74	2VP 59-62	Feb	2015	Redwater, AB
Sanford	MacGregor		2VP Korea	Feb	2015	Toronto
Calvin B	Martin	74	2VP 58-61	Feb	2015	Ontario
Lucky	Lochmenetz	94	3VP Korea	Feb	2015	Simcoe, ON
Fred	Unger	79	Korea	Feb	2015	Watrous, SK
Alan	Hardacre	65	3VP Baden & Victoria 70s	Feb	2015	Newmarket, ON
Mark	Salesse	45	Sgt SAR Tech (former 2VP)	Feb	2015	Baniff
Steve	Lawrence		1VP Korea	Feb	2015	London, ON
Chris (CC)	Smith	77	2VP, 1VP, CAR 56-91	Mar	2015	St Albert
Glen S	Palmer		1VP Korea	Apr	2015	Burnaby
Joseph D	Carter	72	61-68	Mar	2015	Calgary
Lawrence E	Grams	92	WWII-Italy & NEW	Apr	2015	Courtney BC
Joe	Piche	81	1VP Korea 51-52	Apr	2015	Calgary

We will remember them