



PPCLI Association Newsletter

Fall 2020



Holding Kapyong by Ted Zuber

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The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD. Colonel-in-Chief

My Dear Patricias:

This has been an incredibly challenging year due to COVID-19 and its impact on everyone. The requirement to significantly reduce attendance at Remembrance Day ceremonies is just one example. We as a Regiment and Canada citizens are facing an unprecedented crisis. We must continue to look after each other and ourselves, especially when Mental Health issues are impacting so many. Look out for your friends and neighbours who might need help. Be sure to check on people that you have not talked to in a while. As a Regiment, we are a family and a family always stays together when things get tough.

I was extremely impressed with the PPCLI Association's rapid adaptation to COVID 19 and it's conduct of a Virtual Annual General Meeting which approved free three-year National Memberships for families of the fallen and updated the Association's objects and purposes. It was terrific to be in contact with everybody virtually and we accomplished a great deal. We must continue to attract members to the Association because our strength will be in numbers.

I was saddened to hear about the recent vandalism at Patricia Park. However, once again Herb Kenny and the Edmonton Branch have stepped up and ensured that that stolen plaques were replaced prior to Remembrance Day.

Despite the COVID-19 challenges, the PPCLI Association has continued to support Veterans and their families. The awarding to 17 Hamilton Gault Education Bursaries is an example of how we continue to assist Regimental family members. I have been advised that the PPCLI Association is pursuing virtual options for Mental Health and Peer Support.

All of us want to be with our families but it is not always possible. I miss my visits to deployed soldiers over the Christmas and New Years season. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that many of you will connect with friends and family by making maximum use of the multiple virtual systems that can be used from home.

Yours faithfully,

Adrienne Clarkson
Colonel-in-Chief Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Brigadier General Vince W. Kennedy, OMM, MSM, CD. Colonel of the Regiment

The PPCLI Association had a year unlike most years – in fact, they were, as always, caught up in a year unlike most years for all of humanity – almost 8 billion of us have seen fire, flood, drought, contagion, pollution and garbage woes, small wars and big wars - prosecuted by the mighty and the few. When a Canadian veteran and his family or circle of friends looks out at the entire 2020, it must be that, despite all that gloom and doom, we Canucks of the Norths had another year to cherish our Canadian identity and general cooperativeness, and the luck of being the northern third of North America. We may not yet have stopped Ms Covid in her tracks, but we have done better than many.

The Annual General Meeting in May turned into a very well-disciplined Zoom meeting, was short and sweet. The Association took another long step ahead and began to offer gratis Memorial Memberships for the families of lost Patricia's in line with what we offer separating soldiers. Across the year we have recorded more deaths in our retired community than any other year I recall. I think this is not just the ageing of our last WWII and Korea vets, but also better identification and reporting. Until just recently we were fortunate to have Sherri Petersen Casey looking after the consolidation of obits/notices – she had taken over from Fred Goldring. Sherri had to give that up just recently, and Herb Kenny has now taken that on. The chain of knowledge that is fed by the initial inputs of anyone who knows of a local Patricia having passed is quite long and important. It encapsulates some of our last obligations to anyone who has served. If anyone stumbles on a local loss – e-mail Herb hkenny@shaw.ca At the same time, we are looking for a volunteer to take on this duty, since Herb is extremely busy supporting the Association in many other ways.

On other fronts, the Association continues its steadfast approach to helping many and trying to help more. The Patricia's work on creating our framework of Peer Support has caught notice within the community of retired associations and the VAC sponsors of national efforts. It also got a good mention in the Legion magazine this fall. All of this has not stopped all suicides and self-harm of course, each occurrence a tragic one, but we are sure that it helps. There has been improved support to cadets principally through the interest of Dougal Salmon in BC, the Kit Shop/RHQ and local sponsors. The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund hands out an increasingly generous set of bursaries, and many of these are now named after various Patricia's or friends – for example this last year – former President and Korea veteran Jack Debruijne, or the author of Fifteen Days Christie Blatchford. The Association supported with direct donations some half dozen other charitable groups who help veterans and families.

Every member of the Association can be proud that they are in a well-organized and managed club that makes a difference for many.

Important also are the changes being wrought by CRA and other forces – and the Association’s response in terms of updating its objectives and creating a stand-alone Board of Trustees for the HGMF. The challenge is to ensure that the overall understanding which powers all our decisions is to assist others of our PPCLI community, be it in their individual pursuits or in their last days, or later, comfort for those left behind.

All this said, Wendy and I salute the women and men of this Association and the Patricia family – for every kind act, soft word and caring outreach, for every smidgen of generosity of spirit or laughter - you have all helped make an extraordinary year more bearable. You who do these things are the mortar that holds the family together.

Bring on 2021! It cannot beat 2020. . . but as one wise man said so wisely: Anything can follow anything else. Hope is with us.

VP!



Paul Hale, CD President PPCLI Association

It has been a stressful time for all and even more so for those who will not be with family and loved ones over the Christmas holidays due to COVID 19. Reach out, check on a fellow Patricia, veteran, or family in need. Now is the time to show leadership, compassion, and a willingness to help others.

This newsletter is focused on informing you on what has happened since May and highlighting the actions of 2 PPCLI, 70 years ago during the Battle of Kapyong. The virtual AGM went very well with 48 participants. I am pleased to say that Corporate Canada accepted the updated mission and objectives for the PPCLI Association, and we have approved a free 3 year National Memorial Membership for families who have lost someone while serving with the Regiment or after release or retirement.

Mental Health and Peer Support

The PPCLI Association continues to lead the way within the military association community. We are working with Project Trauma Support and the Operational Stress Injury Branch of the RC Legion to develop Virtual Peer Support Advocate training. The second workshop on 12 December will consist of a six-hour training session that covers the principles, ethics and do's and don'ts of Peer Support. At the same time, the Mental Health Commission is developing a Virtual Mental Health First Aid Course. Both of these will be useful tools to assist individuals struggling with Mental Health issues.

We cannot let our guard down. We have lost too many members of the Regiment to suicide this year. I urge you to take the Virtual training in the New Year, learn a bit more about Mental Health issues and Suicide Awareness. We must support each other and reach out to those who are suffering and fighting their personal demons. The loss of one individual to suicide is one too many.

Patricia Park Vandalism

You should have heard of the recent vandalism at Patricia Park in Edmonton. On 29 September, three plaques were stolen from our Regimental Memorial. Fortunately, the thief did not take the time capsule. The time capsule was secured by Herb Kenny and will be part of a future display at the Regimental Museum. The stolen plaques were replaced on 9 November at a cost of \$6,060.40. I am pleased to advise that VAC provided a grant of \$3,000 and a further \$2,200 was donated to HGMF. We may receive \$860 from Edmonton Salutes for the final portion of the costs. I wish to thank Herb Kenny for the outstanding work he did to secure the time capsule, coordinating the installation of the replacement plaques, submitting police reports and everything that he and his Branch have done to ensure that Patricia Park is well maintained.

Foundation Amalgamation with PPCLI Association

You will find a short article by Dave Pentney and Don Dalzeil on page 9 reference what the Ways Team has accomplished to date. The final report will be presented to the Regimental Steering Committee (RSC) in December. The RSC will review the recommendations and select the option which they believe best supports the Regiment. This will then be communicated to all members of the PPCLI Association by a series of Zoom meetings. Dave and Don will brief on how the Ways Teams approached the issues and what they considered in developing their recommendations. This will be a topic of significant discussion at our AGM in May 2021.

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

One of the major observations from the Ways Teams was the lack of separation between the PPCLI Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF). Specifically, the governance of the HGMF, a charitable fund where the Board of Trustees (BoT) is comprised of members of the Board of Directors (BoD) of the PPCLI Association – a non-profit organization, incurs some risk in its charitable status. This overlap of governance obscures the distinction of the HGMF as an arms-length charity and, irrespective of the restructure option decided, should be addressed by the RSC and PPCLI Association.



We are addressing this by actively recruiting individuals who are not PPCLI Association Directors. These nominations will be put forward for election at the HGMF AGM scheduled for 1 May 2021. Other changes are the creation of a HGMF logo, renaming student bursaries to HGMF Educational Bursaries, and renaming Top PPCLI Association Cadet Corps trophy to Hamilton Gault Top Cadet Corps. Finally, we will create MOUs between the HGMF and PPCLI Association with respect to program delivery and administration relating to Mental Health and Peer Support, Bursaries and Cadets.

Charitable Programs

The Calgary Casino was cancelled due to COVID 19 and the next one will most likely be in late 2021 or early 2022. Unfortunately, as a result, we had to reduce our support to other agencies. Our planned charitable support between the Casino and HGMF for 2020 and 2021 is:

| Programs | 2020 | 2021 |
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| HGMF Educational Bursaries | 21,000 | 21,000 |
| Mental Health and Peer Support | | 10,000 |
| PPCLI Cadets | 2,071 | 7,500 |
| Col Belchner Centre | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Kipnes Centre | 5,000 | |
| Valour Place | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Calgary Veterans Association Food Bank | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Edm Veterans Association Food Bank | | TBC |
| Regimental Museum | 5,796 | 10,000 |
| Memorial Maintenance | 6,700 | 500 |
| Total | \$52,567 | \$66,000 |

Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride

In July, Greg Bell of the Ottawa Branch proposed a 106th Anniversary Bike Ride to raise funds for the HGMF. The idea was to bike 106 kms on August 10th with the goal of raising \$10,600. Greg, Capt Elijah Macaluso, a serving Patricia attached to the Rocky Mountain Rangers in Kamloops and myself, took up the challenge. We biked in Ottawa, Kamloops, and Brampton. Collectively we raised \$7,659.60 for the HGMF. The plan is to repeat the bike ride annually on the Sunday closest to 10 August. Hopefully, Branches will have riders they will sponsor and use the opportunity to host a local BBQ or social gathering. This has the potential to be an excellent fundraiser for the HGMF and our ongoing support to the Veterans community.

2021 AGM

At this time, it is difficult to predict what will be the format for the 2021 AGM. Currently, we are planning for a physical AGM in Moncton on 1 May. However, we will make the Go/No Go decision on 31 January 2021. At the upcoming AGM, we will update Association Bylaws and elect a new President, Vice President, and new members to the BoD. Jay Lapeyre, Steve Bartlett, and I will resign as Directors. We have been actively recruiting individuals to join the BoD. If any current member of the PPCLI Association wishes to put their name forward to become a member of BoD, please contact me. Currently, the following individuals have agreed to let their names stand for election.

Jay Bickerton – Manitoba / NW Ont
Terry Loveridge – Kingston
Jennifer Pouliot – Ottawa

Mark Campbell – Edmonton
Dave McArdle – Atlantic

The HGMF will hold its AGM in the same timeframe, and as previously discussed a new BoT will be elected. Currently the following have agreed to let their names stand as new trustees.

Dave Pentney – Ottawa
Quentin Innis – Edmonton
Paul Hale – SW Ontario

Jammie Hammond – Victoria
Stan Stapleford – Edmonton

My becoming a member of the HGMF BoT is contingent on my resignation as a Director and as President of the PPCLI Association. If you are interested in becoming a HGMF Trustee, please contact me.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge a number of individuals who have done exceptional volunteer work for the Association

Don Dalziel, Dave Pentney and John Logan for their work in support of the Ways Team.

Dougal Salmon for his work in support of Cadets and as Vice President.

Jim Croll for his work as Treasurer and Calgary Casino Chair.

Herb Kenny for continuous work on behalf of the Regiment and oversight of Patricia Park.

Tim Penney for overseeing HGMF Educational Bursaries.

Pete Leger for oversight of the Volunteer Patricia Program and support to Veterans.

Sherri Casey Peterson for her continuous support to Veterans, their families and work on the Last Post.

Terri Orser for her work as Secretary and for putting together the newsletter.

There are many others who also volunteer in support of the PPCLI Association, Greg Ferguson, Mike Austdal, Jed Jednorog, Perry Batchelor, Wendy Kennedy, Tracey Ferguson, and Diana Cardoni to name just a few more.

Paul Hale

Once A Patricia, Always A Patricia

Ways Team Update

Background. The “Ways Team” was constituted in March 2020. By way of background, the PPCLI Foundation, at its 2019 Annual General Meeting, determined that it was no longer sustainable. As a result of this declaration, the Regimental Steering Committee (RSC) initiated planning for a restructure of the Post-Service Component comprising the Foundation, Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) and established the creation of a Ways Team to manage the process. Concurrently, the RSC issued an updated Regimental Strategy that included two elements that were relevant to the work of the Ways Team: a definition of the term Regimental Family; and a restatement of the Regiment’s Vision, Mission and Objectives.

Composition of the Ways Team. BGen (Ret’d) Craig King is the Chair of the Ways Team. The PPCLI Foundation is represented by Harold Leduc and Matt Boire and the PPCLI Association and the HGMF are represented by Don Dalziel and Dave Pentney. Legal advice is being provided by John Logan, a former Patricia and currently the Deputy Attorney General for the Province of New Brunswick. The R/Adj, Capt. Mark Lolacher, is the Secretary.

Mission and Methodology. A mission analysis was completed by the Ways Team. The Ways Team mission was identified as:

“The Ways Team will complete an options analysis to support a decision to restructure the Post-Service Component of the PPCLI, comprising the Foundation, Association, and HGMF, by 31 December 2020 in order to enhance its effectiveness and impact.”

The methodology for the restructure planning reflects a four-phase process that comprises:

- Phase 1 – Orientation (February – March 2020);
- Phase 2 – Consultation (April – July 2020);
- Phase 3 – Options Analysis (August – October 2020); and
- Phase 4 – Reporting November – December 2020).

Terminology. The Ways Team determine that “Veterans’ Component was a more accurate term to use than Post-Service Component. This is the term that will be used through the rest of this update.

Current Status. The Ways Team has completed Phase 3 – Options Analysis. There are three broad options.

Option 1 is a modified status quo with the Veterans’ Components operating with their current structures, but with a governance mechanism that would enhance their coordination and effectiveness.

Option 2 would see consolidating all three components into a single, member based charitable trust.

Option 3 envisions retention of the PPCLI Association in its current form with the PPCLI Foundation and the HGMF merging to form a single charitable trust.

Next Steps. The Ways Team is finalizing its option analysis report for delivery to the RSC. Copies will be made available either directly to the three components or through the RSC. Subsequently the RSC

will recommend an option to the three components for their consideration. As independent entities, each of the Veterans' Components has the option of accepting or rejecting the RSC's recommendation. Assuming they all agree, then another process will be established to implement that recommendation. It is expected that this will take some time to do as there a number of regulatory steps that must be followed to first establish the new entity, then to merge the other entities into it.

Conclusion. As the Association/HGMF representatives on the Ways Team, we assure you that there are no "hidden agendas" behind the work that we have been engaged in so far. All of the members of the team have been open minded and cooperative throughout. We encourage the PPCLI Association membership to keep an open mind as we proceed through this process.

Don Dalziel and Dave Pentney

Regimental Major

Regimental brothers and sisters,

It is an honour to contribute to the PPCLI Association's newsletter. As RM and a long-serving Patricia, I cannot understate my appreciation for the dedication of the retired component. I am in awe of the work done by the Association on behalf of the Regimental Family, especially when most of you should be relaxing and enjoying your post-service life! On behalf of the serving component, I offer our most sincere thanks.

Despite the impacts of COVID-19, work in your RHQ has pushed ahead. As many of you already know the RHQ staff live to protect, preserve and promote our regiment's history, customs and traditions. With that in mind I am happy to inform you that the next volume (Vol VI) of our official history is in progress. This volume covers from 1957-2000 and we have entered into a contract with renowned Canadian author, Dr. Robert Engen, to have this work completed. Dr. Engen has begun his research and in coming months will be sending drafts of his work to the Regimental Editorial Board (REB) for review. Needless to say, the REB is stacked with Association members who play a central role.

As Dr. Engen is still in the research phase, I encourage any Association member who has something to add (story or picture?) to submit it to RHQ for consideration. In the event your contribution isn't used in the book, it will be included to our archives for future generations and projects. You can upload your stories and photos to the 'Your Stories' feature at www.ppcli.com, or e-mail them to the Regimental Archivist at: ppcli.archivist@gmail.com.

For those looking to share your experience with future generations in another way, we are always looking for artefacts for our museum collection. If you want to 'thin-out' your 'stores' please consider contacting the museum manager, Sgt Nate Blackmore for more information. ppcli.museumgm@gmail.com.

Finally, my thanks to Paul Hale for giving me the opportunity to address this group.

Regimentally,

Major Slade Lerch, MMM, CD

VP

Ode to Corporal Bob Robitaille on the Mortar Line

Armoured tracks loaded, weapons, high explosives, excited well drilled crews
The cool March morning began this fated day, this day on a German firing range
Rumbling in armour to the mortar line, in a hurry; the first to engage, to let loose

3 RCR; the Mortar Platoon; old hands plus students first timers out with the 81'
Infantry Soldiers, Royal Canadians, all chosen man, keen to be the first to fire
Every trooper is willing flesh, on a NATO mission, simple soldiers to the one

Commands shouted, lads responding, NCO's cursing, "10 rounds action! Ammo counts"
Bombs gently placed, barrels swabbed, aiming stakes aligned, sights adjusted, anticipation
Military bearing; the flurry of activity, organized, no confusion, targets confirmed and amounts

Gear and weapons at the ready, fuzes and charges set, troops are antsy, permission awaits
"Stand by!" The order was given, "bed in those creatures, time to feed the 'beast!'"
Feet on base plates, sights in hand, Line Corporal commands; first mission, bombs away

Like an oiled machine the mortar line works, fires, all know their places and their cues
Number three mortar will do the adjusting, "get more ammo" students hungry to fire, to rule
"Charge four, Super Quick, Stand by"; "ready" a soldier struggles." get that bomb in the tube."

Number two soldier; arm in a cast, the tail fin is sticking, first time jitters the boy is tense,
A cold barrel makes a tail end bind, quick adjustments...then all heads down low
Pin is pulled, increments checked, bomb inserted "watch the Corporal don't be nervous"

With bomb in barrel, now all is aligned, the order "Fire" with cast on arm number two releases
The bomb slides down, troops bow down low, they dread the mortar's loud crack and flame
Line Corporal's handheld high, "Stand by!" all watching, eyes peeled, fingers in ears

No crack, no bomb in the air, instead, a blast, a blinding flash, grey smoke and flames
The explosion is deafening, blinding, dazing, a whine in ears, there is smoke and confusion
Muffled screams and yelling, even laughter, number three mortar is no longer, just remains

No more number three mortar, bodies lay smoldering, dead eyes wide open, pieces missing
Battered bombs blown all around, smoking and hissing, each ten deadly and burning pounds
There is no panic, people hesitate, but do not panic, wounded and dead will need tending

Corporal Robitaille sits in his track, he smokes and watches, he loves the action; then it happens
Taking in the ghastly scene, the horror, now he flicks his butt away, he does not hesitate, he acts!
No regard, no fear for self, with his dowsing weapon he is on the firing line, he is fighting flames,

Extinguisher in hand he advances, tending to most danger first, moving about bombs and bodies
Some run, some seek shelter, all are scared; but not the good Corporal, there is no fright
Kicking at bombs, aiming and shooting his extinguisher like a machine gun, seeking no safety

The Corporal has put out the fires, he alone has smothered the danger, nothing more burns
 The wounded; treated and taken away, five wounded, two dead; the body count this day
 Painfully troops must stay in position to guard our dead, a soldiers' worst honour to earn

No mention of this selfless act, no words of heroics, his mettle tested and proved on the mortar line
 No banners no medals, no mention in dispatches, his heroism unsung; pure guts...unrecognized
 That day, that brave man, the lives he saved, no thanks ever given for those deeds; that is a crime
 At camp, no grieving, no padre, just misery, even now prepare; NATO demands all be organized
 We remember the fatal, fateful day and Corporal Robitaille; the unsung hero on that fiery mortar line

Chuck Reece
 Memories of a Brave Soul
 March 13, 1978

2020 Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Educational Bursary Report

The HGMF Bursary program was allocated \$21,000 for 2020. Each of the bursaries was named after a Regimental figure or action and the successful recipient received a biography about the individual or event to help them understand the Regimental significance. This year's top bursary was named in the honour of Pte Alex Temple, an Original whose medals were recently donated to Regimental Museum. I would like to thank the Branch Presidents and the Regimental Major Slade Lerch for getting the word out and making this year a success with 48 applications. The competition was tough and the selection board had a difficult time in choosing the successful recipients.

The selection committee members were:

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| Tim Penney | George Arndt | Herb Kenny | Mike Schneider |
| Ken Zack | Jim Croll | Kevin Raper | |

Recipients:

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| Gillian | Cameron | Pte Alex Temple | \$ 2,000.00 | Gillian is the granddaughter of Albert M Pitcher a Patricia. She is attending University of Alberta third year of Bachelor of Science. |
| Cella | Nadeau | Christie Blatchford | \$ 1,500.00 | Cella is the daughter of Michael J Nadeau a Patricia. She is attending Trent University. First year Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry. |
| Devon | Paris | BGen Keith Corbould, CD | \$ 1,500.00 | Devon son of Cecil Parris a Patricia. He is attending University at St. Francis Xavier Antigonish. fourth year English (Honors). |
| Katherine | Reiffenstein | Maj and Mrs Rod Middleton | \$ 1,500.00 | Katherine is the daughter of Mr. Reiffenstein a Patricia. She is attending University of Waterloo first year Faculty of Engineering. |
| Hayley | Hammond | Lt Gordon Smith | \$ 1,500.00 | Hayley is the wife of Darby Hammond a serving Patricia. She is attending University of Victoria fourth year Nursing. |

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| Jared | Weber | Cpl Donald Hastings | \$ 1,500.00 | Jared is the son of Markus Weber a Patricia. He is attending Carleton University first year Bachelor of Arts (Business Major) |
| Jami | Thompson | Pte Roy Harrison | \$ 1,500.00 | Jami is the daughter of Rodney Tilson a Patricia. She is attending University of Lethbridge 5 th year Education. |
| Mireille | Wilson | Pte Ross Patrick | \$ 1,000.00 | Mireille is the CWO of 2551 PPCLI Royal Canadian Army Cadets. She is attending Simon Fraser University first year Political Science. |
| Brittany | Bruce | MWO Shawn Robson | \$ 1,000.00 | Brittany is the daughter of Malcolm Bruce a Patricia. She is attending Wilfrid Laurier University second year Social Work. |
| Lindsay | Jone | Cpl Curtis Qualtier | \$ 1,000.00 | Lindsay is the granddaughter of Joe Schviz a Patricia. She is attending University of Calgary first year Science/Education. |
| Amanda | Sherman | Sgt Roy Rushton Branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Amanda is daughter of Jody Hartling a Patricia. She is attending University of Alberta first year Rehabilitation Medicine (Occupational Therapy) |
| Melina | Lavallee | SW Ont branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Melina is the daughter of Darcy Lavallee a Patricia. She is attending MacEwan University first year Business. |
| Madelaine | Ricard | Kingston Branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Madelaine is daughter of Claude Ricarda Patricia. She is attending University of Manitoba third year Forensic Anthropologist. |
| Anna | Klick | Ottawa Branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Anna is the daughter of Ben Klick a Patricia. She is attending MacEwan University fourth year Mathematics and Statistics. |
| Melissa | Bandi | Calgary branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Melissa is the wife of Philip DeGuerre a serving Patricia. She is attending University of Alberta second year Education. |
| Aurora | Huber | Edmonton Branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Aurora is the daughter of Sheldon Quinn a servicing Patricia. She is attending Mount Royal University Calgary last year of Bachelor of Business Administration and double major in Human Resources and General Management and minor in Psychology. |
| Sammi | Rea | Wainwright Branch | \$ 1,000.00 | Bertrand Rea is the granddaughter of a Patricia. She is attending University of Manitoba first year Faculty of Science. |

Tim Penney
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund
Educational Bursary Chair



Haley Hammond, wife of Darby Hammond a member of 1 PPCLI receives the \$1,500 Lt Gordon Smith Bursary from Dougal Salmon, National Vice President and President Victoria Branch with the assistance of Jammie Hammond, Haley's father-in-law.

Lt Gordon Smith, a Patricia was WIA in Sicily and was a renowned artist who passed away on 18 January 2020 at the age of 100.

Tim Penney, HGMF Educational Bursary Chair and Herb Kenny, President Edmonton Branch present the \$1,000 Sgt Roy Rushton Bursary to Amada Sherman.

Roy jumped into Normandy on 5 June 1944, fought at the Battle of the Bulge and carried shrapnel and a bullet in his body for the rest of his life. He was also a Kapyong Vet. Roy passed away on 17 June 2018 at the age of 100.



80th Anniversary Battlefield Tour of Sicily and Italy 16 – 30 May 2023

We are planning a Battlefield Tour to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Landings in Sicily on 10 July 1943 and those who fought through Sicily and Italy until they were transferred to North West Europe in March 1945.

The Tour will be in two parts

Part One 16 – 21 May 2023

On May 16th we depart Canada and fly to Rome with arrival on the 17th. There be a short tour of Rome on the 18th with departure for Sicily in the afternoon. Over the next three days we will visit the beaches where the Regiment landed, D-Day museum in Catania, Leonforte, Mt Assoro, Agira Canadian War Cemetery and Mt Etna. We intend to dedicate a plaque at Leonforte in honour of the Regiment's actions on 21-22 July 1943. On May 21st we will fly back to Rome and link up with those who join us for Part Two of the Battlefield Tour in Cassino.

Part Two 19 – 30 May 2023

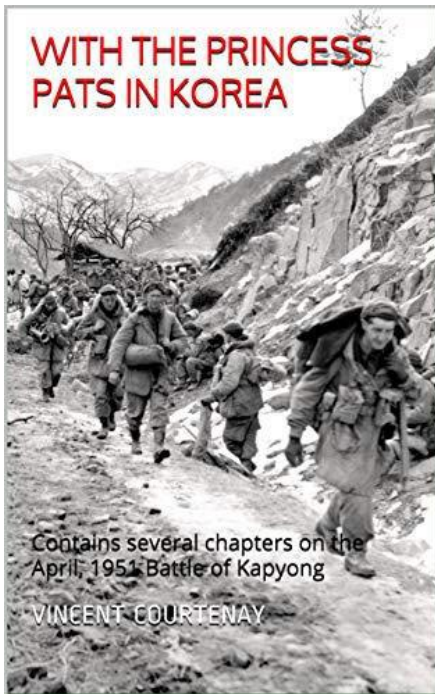
For those only attending Part Two, you will depart Canada on May 19th arriving in Rome on the 20th. You will do a quick tour on Rome in the 21st and then drive to Cassino where you will link up with those from Part One. On the 22nd we will visit the Monte Cassino Abbey, the Commonwealth War Grave Cemetery, and the Gustav Line.

On the 23rd we plan to unveil at plaque at the Hitler Line, visit the Melfa Crossing where Jack Mahony of the Westminster Regiment was awarded the Victoria Cross. On the 24th we drive to Ortona. We will visit Villa Rogatti where Cammy Ware was awarded the DSO, unveil a plaque in honour of the Patricias and tour Ortona. On the 26th we move to Rimini, visiting the Gradara Cemetery and San Marino.

On the 27th we will visit various battlefields along the Gothic Line, Corriano Ridge Commonwealth Cemetery and San Fortunato. We will hopefully unveil a plaque at Osteria Nuova on the Gothic Line. On the 28th we tour the River Battles where the Regiment fought from November to December 1944. We will visit commonwealth cemeteries at Villanova, Cessena and Ravenna. We also plan to unveil plaques at a couple of crossing sites. After a remarkably busy two days you finally arrive in the Venice area. We will tour Venice on the 29th and fly back to Canada on the 30th.

It is difficult to accurately predict the costs for this trip, but it will most likely be in the \$5,000 - \$6,000 range. Currently we are planning to use Special Travels International who supported the 2015 Battlefield Tours as part our 100th Anniversary. Stay tuned for further details.

With the Princess Pats in Korea



With the Princess Pats in Korea written in the form of a novel yet is a very detailed factual history of 2 PPCLI's service in the Korea War. Raised from volunteers to fight in Korea in August 1950, the Pats sailed for Korea just three months later in November and were on the ground in Pusan in December. The narrative follows several actual soldiers through all of the initial early engagements with the enemy, through to the epic Battle of Kapyong, in April, 1951.

Throughout, the author, Vince Courtenay succinctly describes how the unit and the British Brigade it was assigned to, fits into the overall American command structure. This is done especially well during the chapters devoted to the Battle of Kapyong. It details the action and bravery of soldiers serving in units from Australia, New Zealand, Britain, India, the United States and South Korea. While most accounts of the battle focus only on either the Princess Pats, or the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment, this one gives credit to the Middlesex Regiment for its role in the battle, and to the 72nd U.S. Heavy Tank Company, which supported the 27th Commonwealth Brigade and fought

with distinction at Gapyeong. Other American units, whose colossal artillery strength stopped the enemy cold, also are overlooked in most histories of the battle, although the battle would not have been won without their participation. The units include the 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, which was also attached to the brigade, and some of the most outstanding artillery regiments in the world: The U.S. 213th Armored Field Artillery Battalion (the Utah Battalion), the U.S. 17th Field Artillery Battalion (8-inch 'Persuaders') and the U.S. 61st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm howitzers).

Vince, a veteran journalist who served in Korea as a young infantry soldier with the Patricias, has delved into a great body of documentation. Many who read this, will, for the first time, get an understanding of what the members of 2 PPCLI achieved, and what was going on all around them during those harsh days in action. As in all wars, the infantry soldier usually only knows what is taking place within rifle shot distance, and in Korea, one horrid, rugged hill looked much like another. The book also takes a look at Japan, as it follows a young soldier to Tokyo on rest and recuperation leave and explores his loneliness and how his heart goes out to the first young Japanese girl he meets. Then, of course, all that must be left behind him when he flies from enticing, enchanting Japan to the horrid hills in Korea - yet like the war, it will be in his heart forever. Most of the soldiers from the 2nd Battalion have now passed away. This tribute to them should be of interest to their many descendants. Most who served never spoke about the war with their family members. Most family members have expressed how they regret not knowing what their close kin did in their young years, fighting in a war that nobody much at home understood when it was happening, and cared not at all about it when it was over. For more than half a century, the Korean War was forgotten. Now, with the final survivors in their late 80's or their 90's, historians seek out their stories with grim urgency, although, alas, many still will refuse to recount them.

**You can order a copy from Amazon.ca
Paperback \$18.50 and kindle version \$5.40**

22 – 25 April 1951 – Battle of Kapyong.

The Battle of Kapyong is a fundamental part of 2 PPCLI's history, for it shows the cunning, strength and force of will that 2 PPCLI exemplifies. This battle not only stopped the Chinese advanced toward Seoul, but it set an example for all soldiers in the Regiment.

The Battle of Kapyong took place 22 - 25 April 1951, in the Kapyong Valley, South Korea. The battle included UN forces which consisted of: 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI), 3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR) and 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion (72 HTB), supported by the 16th Regiment of the Royal New Zealand Artillery (16 Regt, RNZA), with 1st Battalion Middlessex Regiment of the United Kingdom (1 MX) held in reserve. The UN Forces were opposed by the Chinese 118th Division of the People's Volunteer Army (PVA).

Under the command of LCol Jim Stone, 2 PPCLI was tasked with establishing a defensive position on Hill 677 on the west side of the Kapyong Valley. Their intent was to halt the PVA's advance towards Seoul to enable a South Korean withdrawal.

On 22 April, the PVA attacked 3 RAR who had established a hasty defensive position on Hill 504 on the east side of the valley. While the Australians were taking the brunt of the initial assault, 2 PPCLI took advantage of this time to dig-in and prepared their defensive positions. 3 RAR put up a valiant fight and repelled the PVA for two days until 24 April, when facing a large enemy force, they conducted a fighting withdrawal back to a defensive position in the rear of the brigade.

Once the PVA had taken Hill 504, they turned their eyes on Hill 677. On 24 April at 22:00 hrs, they assaulted the right flank of 2 PPCLI. The assault was met with coordinated heavy machine-gun and mortar fire which initially deterred the PVA's advance. The PVA eventually overran the forward right platoon which withdrew to their company main defensive position. The PVA's advance was halted here when B Company repelled the second wave of the attack.



Their initial assault halted, the PVA sent a company worth of troops to attack Battalion Headquarters. Mortar Pl anticipating the attack, held their fire and waited until the PVA were within 180 m then opened fire, striking the enemy hard and inflicting significant casualties.

Wave after wave of Chinese soldiers tried to overrun the Canadian positions, most of the time attacking at night using machine guns, mortars and grenades. 2 PPCLI's ingenious use of terrain had made it difficult for the enemy to know their position as well as to assault effectively. This meant the enemy could not deliver machine gun nor mortar fire with the desired effect.

On the morning of 25 April, the PVA infiltrated and partially surrounded D company. Lt Mike Levy (10 Pl Comd) knowing how well his troops were dug-in, requested multiple artillery barrages on his platoon position. D Company bore through the artillery barrage unscathed and when the barrage ceased, they emerged from their trenches and repelled the enemy forces that remained.



The PVA attempted a number of minor attacks that were unsuccessful. Expecting the PVA to conduct a stronger offensive, LCol Stone requested an air drop of supplies which they used to bolster their defensive position. The PVA did not conduct a further offensive, and with the support of 72 HTB, 2 PPCLI cleared the area.

In the end, the PVA, ill-supplied and having suffered heavy casualties due to the fighting, withdrew in the afternoon of 25 April. The PVA suffered around 1000 KIA during the battle with many more wounded, while 2 PPCLI took 10 killed and 23 wounded. In total 16 Regt, RNZA fired 18,500 rounds of artillery in support of this operation. For their valiant effort 2 PPCLI, 3 RAR and 72 HTB were awarded the United States' Army Presidential Citation.

Colonel Jim Stone, CM, DSO, MC, CD

By MWO(Mr Gnr) [Mark Adkins](#)

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong (23-25 April 1951) here is a brief synopsis of Col James “Big Jim” Riley Stone, CM, DSO, MC, CD the first Commanding Officer (CO) of 2 PPCLI, and CO during the battle.

Jim Stone was born 8 February 1908 in Winterbourne, Gloucestershire, England. He immigrated to Canada in 1927 living as a farmer and forest ranger in Peace River Alberta. In 1939 when World War II was declared he enrolled as a Private in “The Edmonton Regiment” (they were renamed “The Loyal Edmonton Regiment” on 7 July 1943. A natural leader he was fast-tracked to become a Lance Corporal and by August 1941 he was a Company Sergeant Major. He was commissioned in October 1941 becoming the CO of the LER in 1944 till the end of the war in 1945. It was with the LER that he was awarded the Military Cross (MC) during the Battle of Ortona (20-28 Dec 1943) where he was OC D Coy, and Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his leadership in the Gothic Line Battle (30 Aug – 6 Sep 1944) and a Bar to the DSO as CO. When the Second World War ended LCol Stone remained connected with the Canadian Army taking command of The Rocky Mountain Rangers, a reserve unit in BC.

At the end of the Second World War, Korea was divided at the 38th Parallel with the North supported by the USSR and the South by the USA. When on 25 June 1950, the North Korean People’s Army crossed the 38th Parallel heading south it started a civil war and the United Nations drafted United Nations Security Council Resolution 82 which brought Canada into the conflict. It was decided to create a Special Force which involved creating 2nd Battalions of the Regular Force Units. Brigadier John “Rocky” Rockingham, CB, CBE, DSO, ED, CD wanted LCol Stone to be the CO of the newly formed unit as they would have to be trained and he knew that LCol Stone experience and knowledge would be invaluable. He made the right choice as seen by the unit’s actions at the Battle of Kapyong where he was awarded a second Bar to his DSO for Leadership under fire.

Tragically on 26 April 1951 (one day after the famous battle) he was told that his two-year-old daughter Moira had undergone surgery for cancer of the eye and had lost her eye and was dying. She became blind and eventually succumbed to cancer and passed away in 1956 at the age of seven.

After Korea, he was promoted to Colonel and was appointed Provost Marshal of the Canadian Army (head of the Military Police). It was as the Provost Marshal that he founded the Military Police Fund for Blind Children which to this day continues to raise money for this worthy cause. In 1995 Colonel Stone was made a Member of the Order of Canada (C.M) in recognition of his work with the charity. His citation reads “A true humanitarian and one of Canada's few remaining highly decorated soldiers from World War Two and the Korean conflict, he founded the Military Police Fund for Blind Children in 1957, bringing happiness to these very special youngsters. Under his guidance and life-long patronage, the Canada-wide fund expanded its activities over the years to Europe and the Middle East, providing medical equipment as well as educational and recreational assistance, otherwise unavailable to the children.” In 2002 he moved to The Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead Long-Term Care where he spent the next three years. He passed away on 24 Nov 2005, aged 97.

Bill and Jay Chrysler
From “The Forgotten War” — a love story.

by Dan Bjarnason

This might be a good time to remember the Forgotten War.



2 PPCLI on patrol, just before Kapyong (photo by Hub Gray)

Almost Seventy years ago, on April 24th, 1951, Canada’s first troops in the Korean War, a special volunteer force went into its first battle, on a lonely hilltop near a nowhere village called Kapyong.



Kapyong valley / photo by Ivan Duguay

Surrounded and alone, the 700 soldiers of the 2 PPCLI held out against thousands of Chinese. If their hill had fallen, the Chinese could have captured the capital, only a few miles away. But it did not fall. The Canadians held out. Here is what some of them looked like shortly after the fighting.



Out of the war came this iconic Canadian photograph: 20-year-old machine-gunner Bill Chrysler (on the right) seen here at Kapyong helping a wounded buddy Morris Piche.

Bill deliberately made few friends in his unit. “I made it a habit never to get too close to anyone,” he reflects. “I couldn’t bear to lose a friend ... to protect my feelings I didn’t want to get too friendly.”



So, almost 70 years later, was the whole meat-grinder of a war that no one remembers, worth remembering? Did the 520 Canadians who died in the Korean hills over the next two years get killed for anything worth dying for? Today North Korea is a land of famine, terror, gulags and firing squads. Compare it with the South:



A look from the sky. North Korea is where the lights are out:

And some numbers:

- Life expectancy: In the North 69 years; in the South 80.
- Infant mortality: In the North 26%; in the South 4 (not a typo).
- Gross Domestic Product per capita: North \$1,800; South \$33,000

A smoking ruin seven decades ago, this is Seoul today.



And today, while the rest of the world reels from the Corona Virus, South Korea is among a handful of countries containing the outbreak. The secret: move early and move fast. As the website of *euobserver* puts it: “South Korea, a country with 51 million citizens, was able to limit the number of cases to 10,000, while Italy, with 60 million inhabitants, has hit 180,000 infection cases ...

“Anyone could get tested in car parks, a kind of ‘drive-in’ test, after which they were told whether they should go to hospital, quarantine, or home if healthy. In addition, sanitizers were made available everywhere in public places, while everyone was urged to wear mouth masks.” And amidst all this, the South Koreans held a national election, just as scheduled.



The war in Korea ended up producing a prosperous democracy. So, if most wars probably are not worth fighting, the forgotten Korean War would be an exception.

As for Bill Chrysler, the machine-gunner who helped his wounded buddy at Kapyong — well, the war changed his life for the better. He ended up meeting and then wooing and then marrying a lovely young Korean, Jay.



Bill and Jay Chrysler

And they remain today as loving a couple as ever, almost seven decades later.

Work Point Barracks Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess

JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT IN THE MORNING OF SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 1973, FIRE BROKE OUT IN 3 PPCLI WARRANT OFFICERS' AND SERGEANT'S MESS AT WORK POINT BARRACKS IN ESQUIMALT.

BARRACKS MESS ABLAZE

Fire engulfed the warrant officers' and sergeant's mess at Work Point Barracks early today, destroying battle mementos and sending up flames clearly visible miles away. Men and equipment from three firehalls, - Esquimalt, Belmont park and HMC Dockyard were still battling the blaze at 2 a.m. Heat from the blaze triggered alarms in the guardroom at the main gate of the barracks, home of the third battalion of the princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry regiment, and at the Naden firehall.

There were no reports of injuries. The blaze was believed to have started in the lounge area of the mess, which was unoccupied at the time. At the peak of the fire, flames shot 50 feet high from the old frame – construction, H – shaped building. Nearby barracks were described as being “not in danger.” Much of the barracks valuables – such as silverware, regimental trophies, pictures, and similar articles – were believed to have been destroyed in the blaze. Officials said much of this material is of “priceless historical value,” forming a part of the old Queen’s Own Rifles and the PPCLI traditions.

TIMES COLONIST - February 3, 1973

MESS RAZED

Priceless regimental trophies, including silverware and paintings, were destroyed today, when flames swept through the warrant officers’ and sergeant’s mess of the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, at Work Point Barracks. The mess, normally occupied at weekends by up to 100 men, was unoccupied today. The PPCLI left Monday for Alberta to take part in field maneuvers. The fire was believed to have started in the lounge area of the old frame – construction building. Firemen described the building as a total loss but were unable to give an estimate of damage cost.



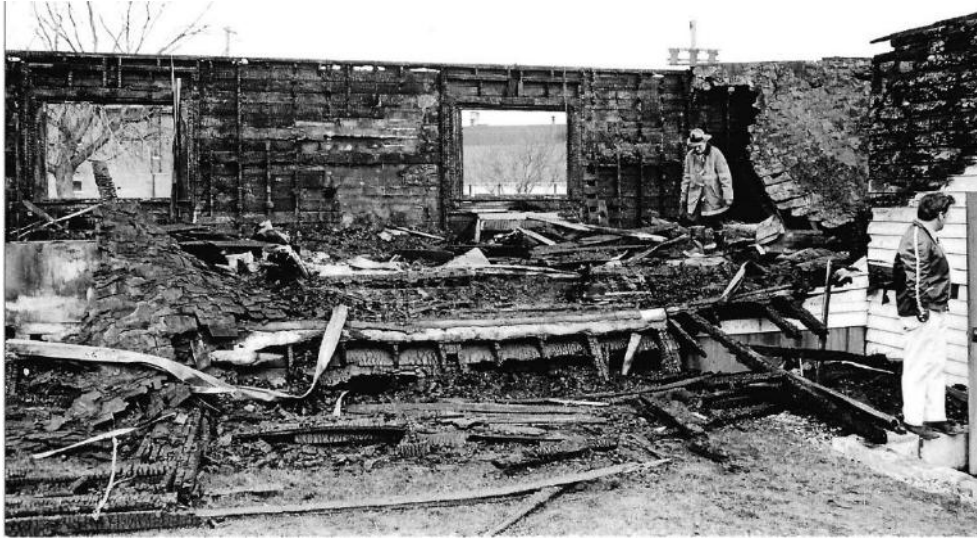
PATS MOMENTOS NOT IN FIRE

MESS EQUIPMENT DESTROYED – Initial reports of historically valuable regimental mementos being destroyed in the fire that swept the warrant officers’ and sergeant’s mess at Work Point Barracks early Saturday were in error, a Canadian Forces spokesman said later today. The spokesman said the mess contained two ceremonial swords, some inter – regimental trophies, wall plaques with crests of other regiments and some silverware, including two trays. Total value “might be a couple of hundred dollars,” he said.

The fire, which broke out just before 1 a.m., was put out by Canadian Forces and Esquimalt fire trucks. The mess was unoccupied at the time as the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry, is on exercise in Alberta.

The spokesman said the cause of the fire is not known, but a board of inquiry would probably be convened Monday. A similar fire that destroyed the junior ranks mess at CFB

Esquimalt in 1971 was found to be arson. No estimate of the damage was available, but the H – shaped wooden building now is just a shell, he said.



COLONIST - February 4, 1973 (20) Work Point Fire – The Morning After

ARSON RULED OUT IN MESS FIRE

Arson has been ruled out as a possible cause of the Saturday morning fire that destroyed the warrant officers’ and sergeant’s mess at Work Point Barracks. “There are no thoughts that the fire might be the result of arson,” Captain Harry Addison, duty officer on the night of the fire, said today.

A fire that destroyed the junior ranks mess at CFB Esquimalt in 1971 was later discovered to be arson. Addison said at the time of the fire the building was closed and few personnel were around because the regiment had left earlier in the week for military exercises in Alberta.

A military board of inquiry will begin its investigations Tuesday, Addison said. Earlier reports that valuable regimental trophies had been lost in the fire were amended today by CFB’s regional information officer, Maj. Vic Keating. Keating said today that he doubted “if there was anything irreplaceable in the mess” at the time of the fire. It had been a couple of years since the major was last in the building and he had relied on the memory of a mess sergeant Saturday when giving an account of what mementos it contained.

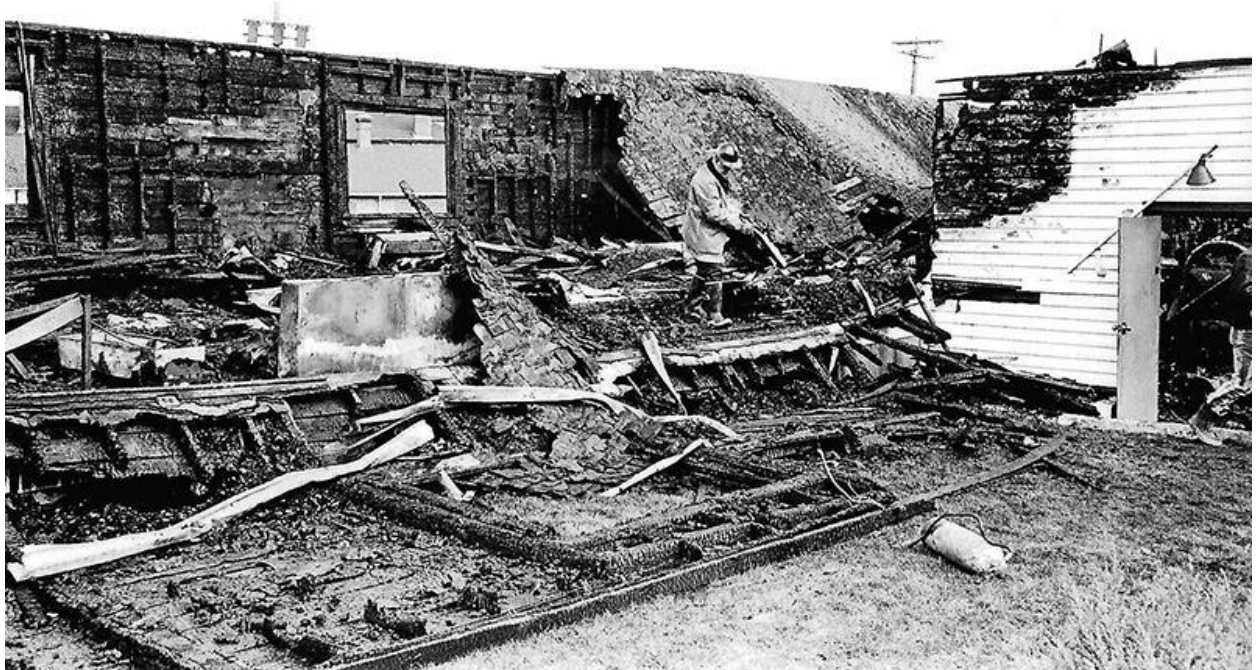
TIMES COLONIST - February 5, 1973

ELECTRICAL FAULT LIKELY CAUSE

An electrical fault in the kitchen was the most likely cause of the fire early Saturday that destroyed the warrant officers’ and sergeant’s mess at Work Point Barracks, a Canadian Forces spokesman said Monday. “There is no reason to suspect arson at this stage of the investigation,” said Capt. Harry Addison.

From the evidence available Monday, it appeared the fire was caused by an electrical fault in the kitchen. Fire spread upwards in the attic and outwards from there, he said. The building which, built in 1943, had no baffles in the attic to stop the fire from spreading, he said.

Addison said there was no one in the building at the time the fire broke out shortly before 1 a.m. The barman had been last to leave at about 12:10 a.m. An investigation is in progress, but a board of inquiry has not been convened at this stage, said Addison.





It is told that members of the Pioneer Platoon saw the opportunity to deploy their skills and salvaged the cast iron heating registers from the fire. Also, it is told, that a number of others on site salvaged other items of collectable or memorabilia value from the depths of the ashes resulting from the fire. Quite a challenge due to the intensity of the blaze and other dangers which materialized after the fire was extinguished.

The fire was responded to by DND firefighters from the Dockyard, Belmont Park and also the Township of Esquimalt in additional support. The Esquimalt Fire Department incident report revealed that # 1 Pumper Truck with five men attended the fire and were on site for four hours as "Assistance to Naval Fire Service." The pumper truck had to be vigilant as downed electrical wires and telephone cables were a danger and had to be dealt with as the situation became a threat to the firefighters and their equipment.

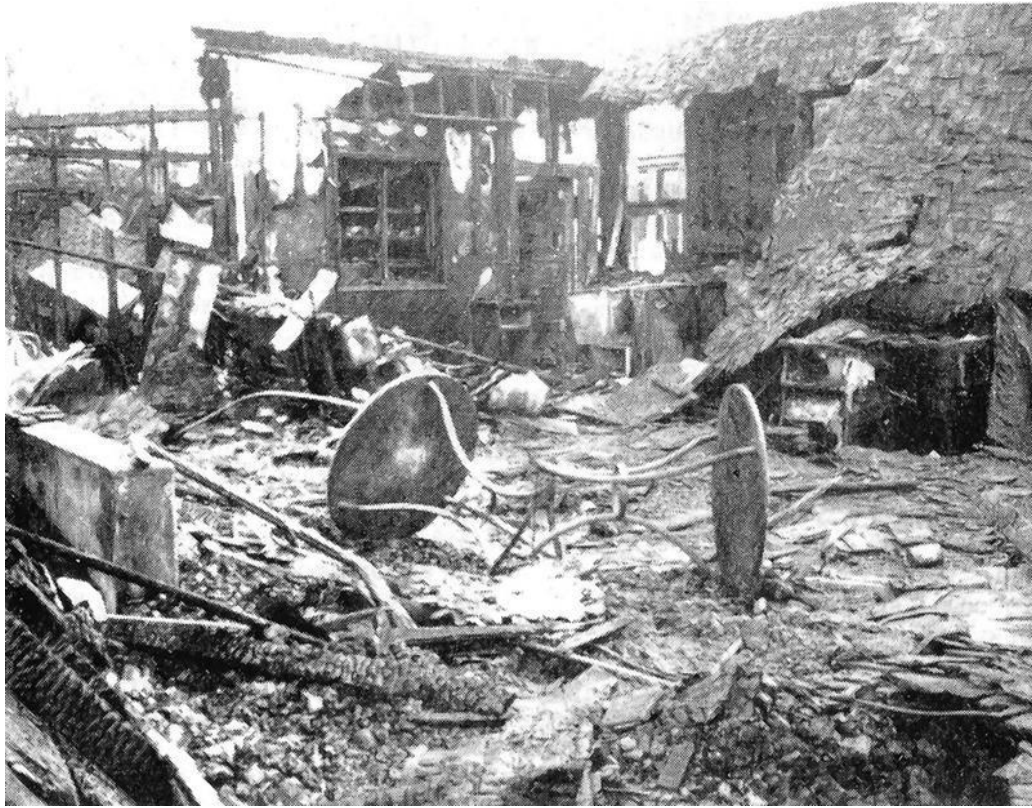
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WARRANT OFFICERS' / SERGEANT'S MESS

by Sgt. F.M. Varga

As we said in opening, it was a good year. Many old members have left us while many new ones have joined the Mess and we hope they will enjoy the coming year as much as we have enjoyed the last one. Shortly after midnight, in the early hours of the 3rd of February, 1973, fire swept through, and completely destroyed the 3 PPCLI WO and Snr NCO's Mess. Building and contents, are shown in the attached photos.



“THE MAIN ENTRANCE. Many Came Through This Door. Some Left Shortly, Others Remained to Shape Regimental History.”



“THE BAR. View as Seen From The Games Room. The “Window” in The Centre is All That Remains of The New Cooler Installed Just Before The Fire.”

It is hoped that this understanding will be expressed in a concrete form. Any assistance, of any type, would be most welcome. Photos, old weapons, memorabilia, cash, furniture presentations, all will be needed. Correspondence should be addressed to:

The PMC
WO/SGT'S Mess
3 PPCLI
Work Point Barracks
Victoria, B.C.
Canada

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PPCLI ASSOCIATION – Victoria Branch

The Victoria Branch lost its normal monthly meeting place when the Third Battalion's Sergeant's Mess was destroyed by fire. However, Lieutenant Colonel PA Roy has been more than kind in offering the Branch a number of alternative locations. Of these the upper lounge of the Junior Ranks Club was selected, and it is "business as usual" on the last Friday of each month for the information of any Patricia's visiting the Victoria area.

The Executive for 1973 is:

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| Vice President | Iles Ingram |
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FLOODS, FIRES, SESAME STREET, AND THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

by Gregory G. Bell CD

OPERATION SNOWGOOSE ROTATION 49, began for my colleagues and I in February 1988 landing as a part of the Advance party for the 3 PPCLI BG deployment in support of the United Nations Forces in Cyprus (UNFICYP). I formed part of 3 Platoon, Alpha Company (identified as 'Urban Company' in Theatre, or call-sign 13). Our area of responsibility was a rotation between Maple House (central), Ledra Palace Ready Reserve Platoon (HQ), Mojave Section Houses (West) and lastly Frezenberg House (East), within the City of Nicosia. The 3rd Battalion was also the first into an Operational Theatre utilizing the newly acquired C7, C9, C6 and associated other weapons and EIS. **This article is written from one Rifleman's point of view, from a 32 year old memory, and with assistance from pictorial and Google Map aids, *The Sentinel*, and *The Ric-A-Dam-Doo* publications.** As such I acknowledge the article may have some mistaken facts.



Figure 1-Courtesy of 'The Ric-A-Dam-Doo', 3 PPCLI Cyprus, Vol 4., No.9, p. 5

Pictured above L-R are Ptes Clause, Holsworth, Pickett, Bond, Spencer, Bell (writer) and Stirlor

Our Platoon commenced duty at Maple House (approximate location 35°10'25.0"N 33°21'27.3"E) after in-clearance, handover commenced with 5 RALC which went well, although there were some 'hiccups' at BBC Main Gate, which was addressed through political and Regiment channels. The duty of BBC Main Gate security was the responsibility of Maple House inhabitants and provided access security to visitors at BBC.



Figure 2 - Photo courtesy of Greg Bell

Pictured above is L-R (front to back) MCpl Young, Ptes Grandmaison, Gaudet, (then Sgt) Dumas, Ptes Bell, Stirler, Acheson, Bond and Brunskill at Maple House.

The first issue we dealt with within Urban Coy, was the winter melt of snow from the Troodos Mountains (this will not be the only time you'll read about the Troodos Mountains in this article). The Spring melt fed ensuing waters into the Pedieos River. The Mojave Section Houses had the duty of foot patrols through-out our urban sector, of which went without issue until the Spring melt commenced. In one area, where Urban Company Patricia's from Mojave had to cross the river as a part of their patrol duty, was the infamous foot bridge traversing a normally dry or low Pedieos River bed (approximate location 35°10'39.9"N 33°20'56.9"E, +/- 1 km). It was on one patrol where a young reservist attached to our Battalion, traversed the foot bridge at the time of an onslaught of water, which as I understood it, took the bridge from under his feet. I recall the bushes in the middle of the river pointed out to me which apparently saved the reservist's life, as he clung to them. Unfortunately one casualty of that water battle was his C7, which was swept away. Days and many weeks after, Engineers were called in to dredge and excavate that entire area; however, the C7 was never recovered during the tour. Welcome to Cyprus and Mother Nature!

Besides joking about the desire to take a Grizzly and take down the Markou Drakou statue at Paphos Gate, the tour was relatively "routine" up to that point for 3 Platoon Urban Company. While at Ledra Palace as reserve/ready reaction platoon in May 1988, we were deployed to do battle, a battle again with Mother Nature, as the Dancon sector in the Troodos Mountains was ablaze. I was a Grizzly driver for 3 Platoon as we launched to fight the fires. The drive up the Troodos Mountains on roads barely wide for a goat cart was an interesting task, when half way up, I recall we met a British Box Ambulance (Amb) descending. With some hesitancy we pushed through (on the outside edge) to allow the Box Amb safer passage. When we arrived at destination, I found out from the rest of the troops that they had the back hatches open and ready to bail in case the carrier took a dive off the cliff edge. I guess I would have been the sacrificial lamb in that manoeuvre.

During our Ledra Palace stay, we were again activated, but in a more combat role as the Turks had built up the old Beaver Lodge with sandbags in excess of their negotiated allotment. I recall the rehearsals in advance of going into the Beaver Lodge area (I believe roughly located at 35°10'40.3"N 33°22'14.1"E). I was once again a Grizzly driver for the task. We rolled in with our

Grizzly's prepared for trigger time and paused nearby while a 5/4 Truck carrying the sandbag "Assaulters" entered the Beaver Lodge compound and successfully slashed sandbags. Prior to this, while staged on a nearby street, we heard the recce relay from WO Darrel Connick (RIP) over the radio and I recall Darrel relaying that the Turks were moving forward with Anti-Armour weaponry, things were tense, but exciting at the same time. I also recall a young local Greek Cypriot boy providing water to the troops as we waited for our marching orders either way. We all cautiously laughed at each other when we discovered the boy was filling the water glass up from a local outdoor tap. Mission accomplished with Beaver Lodge - no trigger time, and for me, no throne time from the water either.

July 31st 1988, 3 Platoon manned and occupied Frezenberg House (approximate location 35°10'37.1"N 33°22'06.4"E) and its associated OP's. I cannot recall the OP I was assigned to along with Will Brunskill that morning, but I know it was on the Rural/Urban Company border area for 3 PPCLI near the old city wall (approximately 35°10'40.0"N 33°22'15.4"E). I recall returning to Frezenberg House for breakfast after starting morning duty at the OP. I had just finished up breakfast heading back to gear-up to return to the OP, and while near our CP room, all hell broke loose on the radio, combined with the notification by Lonnie Grandmaison. My section commander (then Sgt) Rick Dumas grabbed me and informed me there was a shooting. We locked and loaded, and hustled down towards a blind spot between OPs on the "Eight minute walk" [a patrolling trail used in that area of the Buffer Zone (BZ) where no vehicle traffic could traverse (normally)]. I recall turning one hard right corner as Turkish troops kindly pointed out the direction to go. Once we rounded that tight corner (~20 feet between each side of the BZ) I observed "Goodie" (Dale Gaudet) in kneeling position taking up defensive posture observing mainly the Turkish OP's as others assisted **Greek Cypriot National Guard Sgt Evagoras Evagorou**, who sustained two gunshot wounds, one in his left forearm, and the other in his abdomen. After securing the perimeter I aided Lonnie Grandmaison, Terry Stirlor, Shane White (all three first on the scene) and others as they sat Sgt Evagorou up, so they could patch up the wound in his back. His forearm was already tended to. As I helped lift Evagorou, he looked me right in the eyes obviously in considerable pain. Concurrently (then Sgt) Dumas and the chain of command was coordinating to get clearance to bring over a Greek Cypriot Doctor who was waiting on the Greek side of the BZ on stand-by. I am unclear if the CP was having no luck with communicating with the Turk side, or the Turk side denied giving permission for anyone entering the BZ. Either way Rick and the chain of command made the decision (with or without the Turkish permission) to escort the Doctor over the wall, heavily guarded by our troops to tend to Evagorou. We finished our casualty aid and conducted a foot med-



evac for Evagorou on stretcher, along with the Doctor, back over the Greek-Cypriot wall to seek hospital attention.



Sadly Sgt Evagorou did not survive his wounds despite our efforts, and I recall the Greek Cypriot media having a field day at our expense. Our Platoon and Company ended up conducting scene security over the next hours and days so the Australian Federal Police (UNCivPol) contingent conducted their homicide investigation. Within a week of this incident the Engineers came in and turned the “Eight Minute Walk” into a ‘30 second drive’ as I deemed it. Our Section took blue/white painted rocks, and named the route “**Sesame Street**”. The Battalion hierarchy soon changed the name, to “Patricia Way” (or vice versa). I’ll always remember the new road as **Sesame Street**. Besides the images permanently engrained in my mind like it was yesterday, I took away for the first time, the odour of spilled blood in a hot climate, an iron-filled nasal sensory that never left me, and one that I would re-visit again in 2010 in Kabul, Afghanistan. My Late brother’s birthday was also July 31st – so this will be forever part of my life. This one incident, along with the other adventures, did make us a tighter Band of Brothers for sure.

As an update, there was a Facebook posting on the *Canadian Armed Forces Operations* page in the summer of 2020, where a stone marker for “Patricia Way” (dedicated by Lady Patricia Brabourne in 1991), was relocated and restored by our British army counterparts and one of our last Canadian Peacekeepers on the island. That encryption reads “*PATRICIA WAY/Dedicated By/THE RIGHT HONOURABLE/COUNTESS MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA CD JP DL/COLONEL-IN-CHIEF/PRINCESS PATRICIA’S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY/8 May 1991*”. *Search Facebook for “Patricia Way” in quotes, and you will find the posts.*

Sadly, during this tour, we lost Pte Trottier (RIP) non-combat related, during our 2x10 qualifications.

The remainder of the Tour was fairly ‘uneventful’ (from my point of view), participating in some UN and Battalion competitions, including attending a ‘dog and pony’ show with the British at Blue Beret Camp complete with one of our Grizzlies. I took British families on a spin in the Grizzly on the airfield, afterwards showing the British Army how to drive a Grizzly and in turn I learned to drive a Ferret Scout Car. I think to top ‘this adventure’ off, was the United Nations’ Peacekeepers winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1988. We always joked about splitting the monetary reward, and there were lots of rumours about a specific recognition of the prize (e.g. a clasp on the UNFICYP Medal). Years later, the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM) was born, to recognize all Canadian peacekeepers since 1947 of their efforts¹.

¹ Source: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/medals-decorations/details/129>

REFLECTIONS: THE LIFE AND WORK OF JACK MCLAREN

475329 Jack McLaren joined the Patricias in the field on 29 January 1917 as a reinforcement from 4th McGill University Company. He was wounded in action on 27 August 1917 and struck off strength on 17 February 1919. After World War One he became a renowned artist.

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Editor's Note: Sometimes a writer's work comes full circle. When members of the Huron County Historical Society reached out to me to see if the Bayfield Breeze would like to highlight an exhibit of artist Jack McLaren's life and work, scuttled (temporarily) by the COVID-19 pandemic, I knew it was a project I could whole heartedly support.

In 1990, as a Star I wrote a his career as a stage during Light Infantry "Dumbells" as known. The an auction of Street United Fortunately, I as part of my transcribe one with a bit of readers this



reporter for the Goderich Signal-feature on McLaren highlighting painter as well as his time on the WWI with the Princess Patricia Comedy Company or they affectionately became story was written in advance of his works held to benefit North Church (now Lakeshore United). had kept the newspaper clipping portfolio and I am delighted to of the articles (there were five), updating, here to share with our week.

At that time, three decades ago, I had the good fortune to talk to Goderich resident Ed Stiles (1916-2003) and Rev. Robert Ball who both knew the artist personally. Ball, now a resident of Peterborough, has also helped the HCHS with their current project.



In 1923, Jack McLaren joined the Toronto Arts and Letters Club and became well acquainted with the members of the Group of Seven. This work by Jack McLaren of the Bayfield Town Hall is owned by Phil and Ilse Gemeinhardt, of Bayfield.

It has been said that no one style seems enough to capture the interest of Jack McLaren, the artist. His paintings each have distinct difference, yet all are bold in their stroke and subject. “When I was young, I wanted to draw all the time,” McLaren once said in an interview. “I wish you could have seen my schoolbooks. All the margins were just filled with drawings.”

After completing high school in Toronto, McLaren returned to his native Scotland, to pursue his studies at the Edinburgh College of Art; the school that King Edward VII and Alexander Graham Bell had attended earlier.

While in the army he spent a great deal of whatever spare time he had painting scenes from the front line in France. Those paintings are now part of the Princess Pat’s Light Infantry archives.

“He painted enormous pieces of the war,” said Rev. Robert Ball, McLaren’s minister and friend. “His paintings would cover a wall the height of a regular sized room.”



In 1962 the McLaren's moved from Toronto to Benmiller after their home was sold for food control uses following the ravages of Hurricane Hazel. This work by McLaren depicts the River Hotel in Bayfield. It is owned by Phil and Ilse Gemeinhardt.

Ed Stiles (1916-2003), a long-time friend of McLaren, once asked him how he could paint while he was in the trenches, and later how he could remember the colors which seemed so real in his paintings. "He devised a number code for his colors. While he was in the trenches, he would do sketches in his notebook, and place numbers on the sketches which would correspond to certain colors," explained Stiles.

It was in the early 1920s that McLaren was able to actively pursue his goal of having an art career. This pursuit introduced him to a number of interesting and talented people – including all the members of the Group of Seven.

"I knew them all very well. They were all members of the Arts and Letters Club where we met for lunch every day for 17 years. Lauren Harris was my favorite – a great man. He lived just around the corner from us in Forest Hill Village before he went to Vancouver to do his great mountain paintings.

"The Group of Seven had a profound effect on my paintings. Their style was uniquely Canadian. After a certain time, they followed some European styles but the characteristics that made them great remained. There is no question that they had an influence on my painting, I may not be aware of it, but I absorbed a lot of their thoughts and ideas," explained McLaren.

And it could be said that McLaren also had a profound effect on the career of the Group of Seven. It was due to McLaren's urging that Sam McLaughlin, founder of General Motors of Canada Ltd, agreed to start a collection of the Group of Seven's painting and have a gallery built for their works. McLaughlin's collection was the foundation for the McMichael Collection of the Group of Seven which is now on display at Kleinburg, ON.

When McLaren and his wife, Lillian (Jill), retired to Benmiller in 1962, he was able to take up his painting full-time. He painted for several hours daily right up until a few months before his death. Even the stroke he suffered in 1980 did not slow him down a great deal.

“I get so engrossed in my work that I forget all about my ailments. I have to sit on a cushion in the studio now because my rear-end gets sore after sitting for four to five hours. While I am up there, I have no interruptions and take no calls. Work is good therapy,” McLaren once said.

McLaren’s artistic interests included far more than the battlefields of Europe. Using oils on mahogany plywood boards, he painted landscapes around Benmiller and scenes around his home in Toronto. He created murals on such topics as the destruction of the world, and the history of Benmiller.

In later years, instead of going on sketching jaunts he painted from slides shot by his son, John.

In 1982, the Blyth Festival featured his work in their art gallery. The exhibit was opened by former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Pauline McGibbon.

McLaren, who died in 1988, left the balance of his paintings to North Street United Church (now Lakeshore United) in Goderich to be auctioned to raise money for the church. (These works were shown at the Blyth Festival Art Gallery in April of 1990 prior to the sale.)



In 1980, Jack McLaren was stricken by a mild stroke that affected the left side of his body, but he continued to paint. This work by McLaren of a landscape is owned by Shawn and Kelly Henshall.

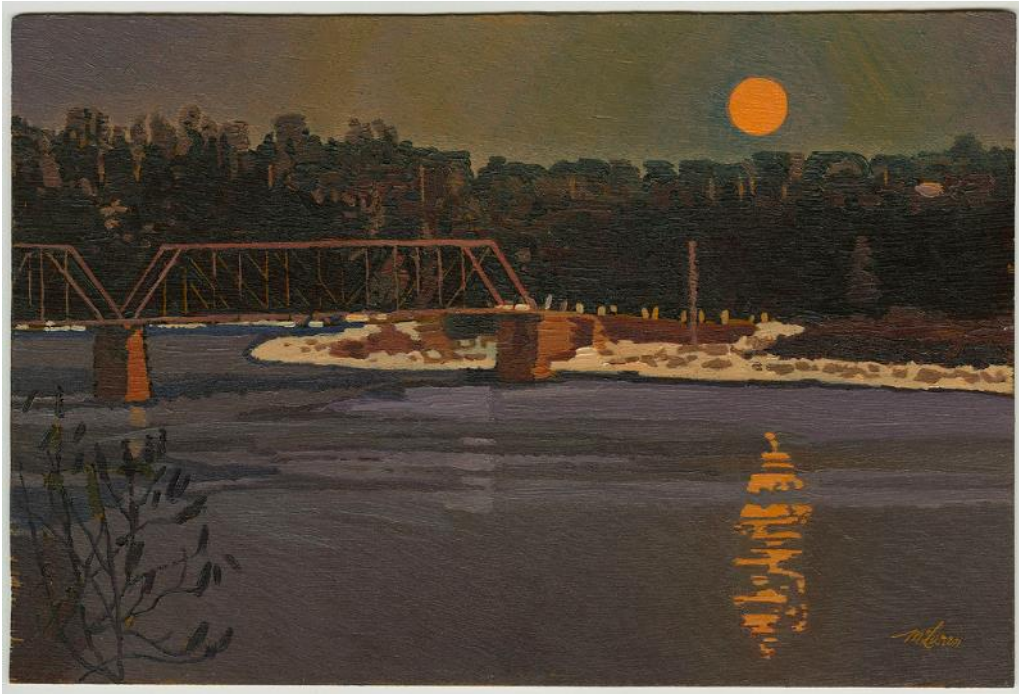
Rev. Ball noted that about half of the works to be auctioned were signed. “Some have a description of what they are and his name written on the back, although they are not signed. I have a painting of his in my home which he did not sign until after I selected it, that was just Jack’s way.

“Jack has probably painted thousands of pieces, for he was always at it. His son was once talking to a gentleman in a corporate office in New York City, when he noticed a painting displayed on the office wall. The painting had no name, and he asked the man how he had obtained it. The man explained that he had purchased it at an auction. Jack’s son asked him if he would sell it and he said that he would not. The man then asked him why he was so interested in it and he answered, ‘It’s my father’s work.’ Jack’s family has no idea where all the paintings are,” said Ball.

“I judge my paintings by what other people say to me about them and then that’s what I think of them,” McLaren once said. Judging from the comments of local residents, Jack must be pretty proud.



Throughout the course of his life, McLaren made a number of famous acquaintances: Sir Frederick Banting; the poet EJ Pratt; photographer Yousuf Karsh; and all the members of the Group of Seven. This work by McLaren is of Fall trees in the Laurentians and is owned by Karen Lehnen.



In 1918, the comedy troupe that Jack McLaren was a member of gave a royal command performance at London's Apollo Theatre. This McLaren work, titled, "Moonlight on the Maitland River, 1968" is owned by Elizabeth Vandebroek.

Exhibit delayed due to Covid-19

Artist Jack McLaren (1895-1988) once said that there are few people in Goderich who do not have one of his paintings. For those who do not, or even for those who do, the Huron County Historical Society (HCHS) has partnered with the Huron County Museum to showcase over 100 original works by the prolific painter.

The exhibition entitled, "Reflections: The Life and Works of J.W. (Jack) McLaren" was to have opened at the museum mid-April and run through the summer months but has been put on hold due to COVID-19.

"What was to be the subject of a small project of the Huron County Historical Society turned into a collaboration with the Huron County Museum. Jack's family, friends and dozens of community members willingly offered up their stories and the loan of their paintings," said Mary Gregg, with the HCHS.

"Also, we were very fortunate to have the exceptional expertise of Huron County Museum staff," Gregg added. "As well, Michael Gregg, a former Bayfield resident, helped enormously with research and securing loans from the University of Toronto and Ryerson University Libraries, the Arts and Letters Club, the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry Museum, and the National Gallery of Canada, to name but a few."

According to the exhibit synopsis, McLaren fought with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in WWI, and entertained troops at Ypres Salient, Vimy Ridge and many other

locations on the Western Front with the PPCLI Comedy Company and Third Division Dumbells Comedy Troupe.

He was also an associate of the Group of Seven at the Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, and a talented artist and writer who enjoyed successful careers as a commercial and editorial illustrator, caricaturist, advertising and promotion executive, and painter throughout much of the 20th century.

McLaren, and his wife, Lillian, moved to Huron County in the early 1960s, where he continued to be prolific in both the visual and theatrical fields. He was elected president of the HCHS in 1968. McLaren's legacy included an endowment providing drama and visual arts awards for Goderich District Collegiate Institute students, as well as scholarships for graduating students enrolling in postsecondary visual and dramatic arts programs.

According to Senior Curator of the Huron County Museum, Elizabeth French-Gibson, there is no set date for the exhibition as the museum has not been provided with a reopening date. However, when the time is right, the show will go on. In the meantime, organizers hope to keep the show alive in people's minds and build some excitement in advance of the opening by sharing some of the exhibit collection with the Bayfield Breeze.



In 1927, Jack McLaren became a member of the Ontario Society of Artists. This image by McLaren is of a threshing machine as depicted at an event held in Blyth in 1973. It is owned by Janis and Peter Bisback.



McLaren once appeared as a guest on an episode of popular Canadian game show, "Front Page Challenge". This painting by McLaren of a buggy on a country road is owned by Mary Gregg and Jim Wallace.



The Blyth Festival featured Jack McLaren's life in a play entitled, "The Life that Jack Built" it debuted in 1980. This still life by McLaren is owned by Susan and David Gloucher.



In 1921, the Dumbells reached the peak of their career performing to packed houses during a season on Broadway. This McLaren painting of a fishing fleet, at Bayfield, on Lake Huron, is from the Huron County Museum collection.



Jack McLaren died in 1988 at the age of 83. This painting by McLaren depicts the Little Inn of Bayfield and belongs to the Bayfield Historical Society collection.



In 1923, McLaren opened his own studio on Bloor Street in Yonge, Toronto. This was the start of this advertising agency which became known as McLaren and McCaul Ltd. after John McCaul joined the company. This image is an advertisement from those years from the collection of Kelly and Shawn Henshall.



An advertisement from McLaren's advertising years with McLaren and McCaul from the collection of Kelly and Shawn Henshall. Kelly Henshall is Jack McLaren's great granddaughter. Her husband Shawn is currently finishing his book on the painter which will be published later this year by Friesen Press, Canada's oldest publishing house. The book is entitled, "The Forgotten Legend".

Victoria Branch

The Victoria Branch is struggling like all other Branches with COVID-19 restrictions. We continue to meet on the second Thursday of each Month at the Pro Pats/Trafalgar Legion on the Gorge, but attendance is sparse. We usually get around six of our diehards.



We are in the final stages of preparing our mannequin for the entrance to the Pro Pats/Trafalgar Legion. The jump jacket belonged to Colonel John Bremner and the boots are on loan from the Regimental Museum.

We held our third Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Afghan Memorial on November 11th. We practiced social distancing and had around 15 in attendance. The Canadian Scottish Association kindly provided a piper and bugler. Ed Widenmaier one of our stalwart members was able to attend.





Afghanistan Memorial, Victoria BC

Fraser Valley Branch

As with many PPCLI associations our monthly meetings have been “hit and miss” over the past few months. We were able to gather for the Regimental Birthday celebration in March. Our next meeting was in June and plans were made for the annual summer BBQ.

Gloria and Darren Hartley hosted the BBQ which was held on 23 August. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and, although the turnout was small, those who attended had a very enjoyable time. Once again Darren prepared a very delicious BBQ of ribs and chicken. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to do the usual “potluck” for salads, appetizers, desserts, etc. so all this part of the menu was purchased. President Julien was not able to attend due to work commitments. Past President Dennis Johnson extended thanks to the Hartleys for once again opening their lovely home and garden to us.

Due to work commitments President Julien was not attend the November meeting. Past president Dennis Johnson kindly filled in and we had an “informal meeting” on November 5th, with 7 members in attendance. Main item on the agenda was the plans for our annual Christmas luncheon. After much discussion it was decided and agreed that because of the many COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Christmas Luncheon will be cancelled.

Our membership has grown by several new members over the past year. Fortunately, we have had no reports of any of our members taken ill because of the virus.

The better part of 2020 has certainly been a challenge in many ways, and it appears that we will continue to have to adjust to many more ongoing challenges and restrictions over the next months. It will certainly be a very different Christmas for everyone!

Keep strong, keep healthy and keep in touch with family and friends and our senior members over the next months.

Edmonton Branch

Dam that sucked. We were hit with the COVID 19 so hard it was like getting kicked with a frozen Mukluk. (most of you know where) We cancelled most of our gatherings up until our September's meeting. We went from having 40 plus to only 18 at our meeting, as we are an aging group our health is of up most importance. All other events we usually host were scaled back due to COVID 19. At our September meeting we again donated \$2,000.00 to the HGMF.

Despite COVID 19 we did get a few events, 10 August was the 106th Birthday gathering at Patricia Park. We had good showing. The PPCLI Campout this year had record numbers. Due to all those who could not travel outside Alberta. A great time was had by all. We had lots of rain, but campfires and golf game were still held. Despite social distancing, all had good time.



PPCLI CAMPOUT 2020



Kevin Crone Bob Zubkoski and his Sweetie at Campout 2020



Tim Penney Winner of PPCLI Campout Golf game 2020

Lyle Saumer Wins big at golf during PPCLI Campout 2020



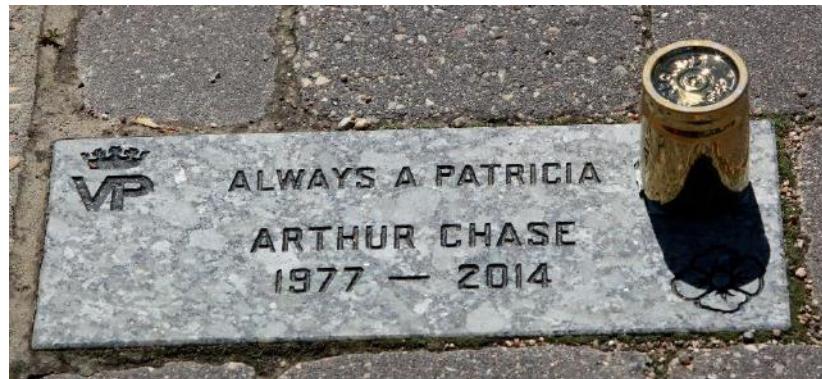
Rob Gallagher win most honest score during PPCLI Campout Golf





John Kolanchey, a branch member and Korea Veteran celebrated his 90th birthday on 22 Nov 2020. A great occasion during a year when we have not had a lot to celebrate.

We held a celebration of life for one of our members, Art Chase at Patricia Park. It was well attended. A first for the branch. We also lost William (Bill) Lee and Ed Morley both Korean Veteran and Bruce Rowland. There was also many other Patricia's this year that have passed away. We will remember them all.



All of us in our Edmonton Branch, and the rest of the world are watching to see what is next. Stay safe, and keep in contact with each other, we got this!

A reminder to all Patricia's in the Edmonton area and those passing through, we hold our meetings at 1100hrs, the 4th Saturday of the month at the Kingsway Legion Branch #175. The Legion is located at 14339 50th St, Edmonton AB T5A 0S9.

Also, please check out PPCLI Association Alberta and Saskatchewan Facebook page for upcoming events in and around Edmonton.

Once a Patricia Always a Patricia!
Herb Kenny
Edmonton Branch President

Saskatchewan Branch



Remembrance Day 2020

South West Ontario Branch

As with the remainder of the country, we have been hammered by the events surrounding the Global Pandemic.

In early March we reluctantly cancelled our planned Regimental Day events based on the feedback from our executive about the safety of our members. This decision was reinforced by the provincial lockdown on March 13th. This was in very short order followed by the decision to cancel our AGM for the branch which aligns with Frezenberg Day in early May. Over the course of the summer, we encouraged our members to maintain contact with each other and perform regular “buddy checks”.

With the decrease of infection levels during the summer months, the London area gang hosted a get together for us on a beautiful Sunday to celebrate our regiment’s birthday. We gathered in Port Stanley at the legion and raised a glass to the finest regiment on the planet.



In true Patricia fashion, the tales were long, and each person tried to outdo the other. Huge shout out to all who made the trek and Laura, Pookie, Rich, Henry and Junior for conducting ample recee’s to ensure the site would be secure.

As we moved into the fall, the numbers again began to climb, and it again became difficult to gather. Huge shout out to Paul for helping to organize and facilitate Zoom gatherings for our members to at least be reminded how ugly we are.



On October 22, the one and only Arnold Parris and I were honoured to present Rick Dodds with a Quilt of Valour. This had been long in completing as Rick could not attend last year's Christmas Dinner.

On November 8 we had another Zoom event to raise a toast to our fallen. Again, it was great to gather and swap war stories.



With most Remembrance Day events cancelled or scaled back, we all had to find a way to remember. Some of us were fortunate to gather in small groups and recognize the fallen with our comrades.

As always, we also ensure to raise a toast to the fallen.



That's it for Southwest Ontario.

Remember to continue to perform buddy checks and look after each other. As I always say, after Battle School COVID is a walk in the park.

Be Well.
Greg VP

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Ottawa Branch

Remembrance Day – PPCLI Memorial Lansdown Park

Annually for the past 40 years, the Ottawa Branch has hosted a Remembrance Day service for Ottawa-area Patricia's, serving and retired, and their families and friends. For the first 32 years, the service was conducted at the Regimental Memorial, or Cairn as it was then called, which had been installed by the Branch as a 60th Anniversary project. The Cairn is an engraved block of Laurentian Red granite, originally located in a sunken garden under the North Grandstand, within metres of the actual location of the formation of PPCLI in Lansdowne Park in August 1914.

Early in 2012, as a result of the long-planned major renovation to Lansdowne Park, the Cairn was very carefully lifted, wrapped, and placed in storage in the Aberdeen Pavilion, the central exhibition building now and in 1914. Due to the construction, the Branch found a new home for the Remembrance Day service, in the Sacred Space at the Beechwood National Cemetery, also the location of the Beechwood National Military Cemetery.

As a 100th Anniversary project, the Regimental Memorial was relocated and re-installed, this time on a two-metre block of polished Indian granite, located in a place of honour in front of the Aberdeen Pavilion. A laser-etched extract from Bill Bewick's painting of the presentation of her Camp Colour by HRH Princess Patricia was placed on the front of the new plinth, and some of the Regimental story was engraved on all sides. It was unveiled jointly by the Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, Colonel-in-Chief, PPCLI and His Worship Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa.

Although the new Memorial was in place by Remembrance Day 2014, the Branch continued to hold the 11 November service in the very appropriate (and warm) Sacred Space at Beechwood, with a second, smaller observance and wreath-laying at the Lansdowne Park Memorial. It was planned to follow this pattern again this year, but of course these were completely upset by the restrictions imposed as a result of COVID-19.

Therefore, instead of the 150-200 who usually turned out for the service, only three Members went to Lansdowne this year, and the service was Zoomed to all who were able to sign on. Don Dalziel, Greg Bell, and Jen Pouliot (accompanied by her daughter and our photographer, Nicole) went to Lansdowne, and the Zoom meeting was hosted by Pete Leger. BGen (Ret'd) Vince Kennedy, Colonel of the Regiment, participated from Stratford, and read all 103 names of the Last Post, and the Act of Remembrance. In addition to being a Patricia, Jen Pouliot is a recipient of the Memorial Cross (aka Silver Cross), so it was entirely appropriate that she lay our wreath this year.

Some lessons were learned this year – among them juggling an iPhone between participants, using an iPhone touch screen with cold fingers, passing Zoom hosting, and framing shots – but hopefully we will be able to put these in the bank and return to a (new?) normal for our Remembrance Day next year.



Observed by Jen Pouliot and videoed by Greg Bell, Don Dalziel conducts the ceremony at the Regimental Memorial in Lansdowne Park. Princess Patricia presented the Ric-A-Dam-Doo to her Regiment in front of the grandstand about 100m to Don's left.



Greg Bell and Jen Pouliot observe the Moment of Silence after laying the Wreath at the Regimental Memorial in front of the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa.

Sgt Roy Rushton Branch Atlantic

Like all of Canada, our Branch has been quiet and slower than normal, in regard to gatherings and activities due to COVID-19. Our AGM had taken place via Zoom, on 19 Sept 20 with, lower than normal attendees, but still enough for a quorum. Communications via telephone and emails continue to check on the well being of our Patricia's. Unfortunately, like always, too many of our friend's comrades have passed away during this past year.

Initial planning for the 2021 National AGM has been initiated but has been, put on hold, as we, or no one else will know what will happen with this pandemic for the remainder of this year on next, or even if the now cancelled aircrafts will be flying this way in the spring.

By January 2021, we will put out a survey on the PPCLI Association site, asking your attendance and opinion about physically holding the National AGM in 2021. If we do not have enough people willing, able, or just overall concerned on attending this gathering, then the recommendation will be put forward to hold the gathering by electronic means again next year.

For your information and an initial warning, here is a draft for a 2021 National AGM.

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Keep safe and hope to see you in the near future.

Stephen Bartlett

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“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”

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| Calvin Bombay 59 | 2 PPCLI | April 2020 | Rainy River First Nations ON |
| Thomas Emslie 26 | PPCLI | April 2020 | |
| Barry Jackson 89 | 2 PPCLI | May 2020 | Keady ON |
| Allan Lynch 89 | Korea, PPCLI | May 2020 | St. Catharines ON |
| Anrin Melnychuk 97 | WW1 | Feb 2020 | Humboldt SK |
| Nick Smerechynski 96 | WW1 | May 2020 | Winnipeg MB |
| Ernest Vardy 87 | 1 PPCLI | May 2020 | Wainwright AB |
| Melvin Wedge 91 | Korea | May 2020 | Sussex NB |
| Francis Hamilton 73 | PPCLI | May 2020 | Penticton BC |
| Robert Beggs 79 | 2 PPCLI | May 2020 | Ottawa ON |
| Sidney Matthews 90 | Korea, PPCLI | Jun 2020 | Clareville NL |
| Charle Weeks 85 | PPCLI | Jun 2020 | New Glasgow NS |
| Harold Daley 88 | Korea | May 2020 | London ON |
| Jim Bridges 88 | Korea | Jun 2020 | Victoria BC |
| John Fodchuk 91 | Korea | Jun 2020 | Vancouver BC |
| Art Chase 61 | 1,2,3 PPCLI | Jun 2020 | Edmonton AB |
| Ed Morley 89 | Korea | Jun 2020 | Edmonton AB |
| Burton Densmore | 2 PPCLI | Jun 2020 | Kamloops BC |
| Martin Rancourt 56 | 3 PPCLI | July 2020 | Martenville SK |
| Gerald Linhan 94 | Korea | July 2020 | St. Joseph's NL |
| Geral Lovett 74 | 3 PPCLI | May 2020 | Victoria BC |
| Michael Kirby 67 | 3 PPCLI | July 2020 | Ingersoll ON |
| Kenneth Robertson 92 | Korea | July 2020 | Victoria BC |
| Gary Hurst 76 | 3 PPCLI | July 2020 | Calgary AB |
| Glenn Gary Alexander 65 | 2PPCLI | July 2020 | Winnipeg MB |
| Andrew Surkon 88 | PPCLI | July 2020 | Salmon Arm BC |
| George Clarke 84 | 3 PPCLI | July 2020 | Lethbridge AB |
| William Martina 52 | 2 PPCLI | Aug 2020 | Ailsa Craig ON |
| William Lee 90 | Korea | Aug 2020 | Edmonton AB |
| William Flannagan 82 | 1 & 2 PPCLI | Aug 2020 | Edmonton AB |
| Kenneth Cordell 87 | PPCLI | Aug 2020 | Winnipeg MB |
| Robert Carriere 87 | Korea | Aug 2020 | Winnipeg MB |
| Fredrick Morse 87 | Korea | Aug 2020 | Hamilton ON |
| Joseph Walsh 56 | 2 PPCLI | Sept 2020 | Grande Prairie AB |
| William Kennedy 77 | PPCLI | Sept 2020 | Hamilton ON |
| Daryl Christensen 55 | 3 PPCLI | Sept 2020 | Oakville ON |

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| Lloyd Jones 95 | PPCLI | Sept 2020 | Regina SK |
| David Callaghan 60 | PPCLI | Oct 2020 | North River ON |
| Bruce Rowland 80 | 1 PPCLI | Oct 2020 | Creston BC |
| Thomas Reid 84 | 1 PPCLI | Oct 2020 | Calgary AB |
| Douglas Forge 73 | PPCLI | Oct 2020 | Edmonton AB |
| Ted Lewis | PPCLI | Oct 2020 | Calgary AB |
| Lloyd Hackel 73 | PPCLI | Oct 2020 | Moose Jaw SK |
| Lawrence Crowfoot (Zieffle) 59 | 3 PPCLI | Jun 2020 | Calgary AB |
| William Elliot 86 | PPCLI | Oct 2020 | Creston BC |
| Ernest Lester Barret 93 | Korea, PPCLI | Nov 2020 | Richmond-Hill ON |
| Col W.C. (Robbie) Robertson, MC, OMM, CD | WW2 / Korea | Nov 2020 | Kamloops BC |
| Raymond Leslie Parker | 2 PPCLI | Nov 2020 | Kemptville, ON |
| Steven John Stanley, 57 | PPCLI | Nov 2020 | Grand Prairie, AB |
| Joseph (Joe) Bolongo, 93 | Kapyong, PPCLI | Nov 2020 | London, ON |
| Melvin Calvin Hunter, 93 | Kapyong, 2 PPCLI | Dec 2020 | Fredericton, NB |