

Fall 2021 PPCLI Association Newsletter



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

My Dear Patricias,

I would like to begin this piece by mourning the sudden loss of our President, Dougal Salmon. Dougal contributed significantly to his Regiment and community, particularly to the youth through his longtime service to the cadet movement. He will be missed.

I was pleased to see that Ted Giraldeau has stepped forward to take over as President. I first met Ted when he accompanied Lady Patricia to meet me and General Stewart at my home in 2005. I know he will continue to provide knowledgeable and intelligent service to the Regiment.

You all know that I'm a firm believer in effective communication. I was pleased to see that Jake Flanders has taken on the role of Director of Communications. He will be responsible for modernizing and improving our web site and social media platforms. It is important to have effective communication means to promote the Association to our own members and the public.

I am also encouraged by the continued good work of the other Directors and the Branches across the country. Despite the important health restrictions aimed at keeping us all safe, Association members have found ways to continue to move projects along and

to support one another. It is heartening to see the Regimental Family pull together during this health crisis. Your resilience and support for one another is notable.

COVID-19 is still with us and will be for rather a long while yet. We all want it to be over but wishing will not make it so. Please be vigilant and look after others and yourselves. We live in a generous and caring society and we must look after each other. You are all in service to Canada and that means service to others. It also means self-sacrifice: putting others ahead of yourself and helping to save lives. That is what you do as soldiers and that is what soldiers, trained, disciplined and dutiful can do for their country.

We will meet again when travel is really safe. God bless you all.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrienne Clarkson", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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 again has had a year unlike most years – the unexpected loss of the newly elected President Dougal Salmon shook us most, and the response internal to the Association was excellent – not only in providing support to Mrs. Helen Salmon but in determining a simple method to re-organize and carry on. Thanks to all who assisted.

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 final obligations to anyone who has served. If anyone knows of a local loss – e-mail Herb Kenny, who besides being the President of the Edmonton Branch, is also the Membership Chair and our obituary focal point. Herb is at a new e-mail address: hkenny1@gmail.com

The Association continues to plan for the full re-commencement of training for the people who inhabit the Peer Support function in the Association – the Volunteer Patricia Program. There will be a bit to catch up after Ensign COVID-19 is trampled.

On other fronts, the Association continues its steadfast approach to helping many and trying to help more. It also tracks an ambitious memorial program. In 2023 the Association and others will sponsor the 80th Anniversary of the Sicilian and Italian campaigns for the Regiment - with the Sydney Frost Memorial Tour. The tour will be promoted starting later this fall.

This year marked another fateful turn – the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kap'nyong. I say fateful, because the veterans of Korea – all who served in that war, are getting to be very few, and since many of the veterans there had also been in the Second War, the whole age cohort is getting well into their 90s. This years' service at Meadowdale is noted in this Newsletter.

Kap'young remains a beacon of achievement. For the Patricia's it culminated in holding off, on the night of 24/25 April and in a position where the companies and several platoons were largely isolated from each other, a sequential attack by Chinese divisions. Kap'young was a junction of two rivers with great hills surrounding. The Australians on the right flank had been forced to recede down the valley that swirled behind 2 PPCLI. It was another generation's Frezenberg, or Villa Rogatti, in a land stranger and terrain as tough as Flanders or Italy, and with an enemy just as determined to break through. The Patricia's did not break. This reminded us again of the character of Patricia's regiment, and while the losses were modest, yet another enemy was held back by determined soldiers who fought for their lives and, perforce, for the Korea we know today.

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 HGFMF. The challenge is to ensure that the overall understanding that powers all our decisions, is to assist others of our PPCLI community, be it in their social needs, individual pursuits or in their last days, or later, comfort for those left behind. By the time you have this newsletter, the Transformation Team Chair, Erik Liebert, will have released a plan to both seek professional accounting advice and to determine a process by which the regimental family can develop a single document that prescribes our charitable purposes so that all agreed charitable efforts can be managed by a single PPCLI charitable entity.

Wendy and I salute the women and men of this Association and the Patricia family – for remembering the contribution of all the others who have gone before us, and for the community that we represent.

VP!

The National Presidents' Message

Patricias,

The Fall Newsletter provides me with my first opportunity to address you all collectively since becoming the National President at the end of August. The circumstances by which I came to be President were tragically unusual. The passing of Dougal Salmon rattled us all and served as a stark reminder that our time and ability to be upright and smiling is limited. Dougal's wife, Helen, told me that Dougal passed the way he wanted to: at home, quickly and without suffering. We should all be so fortunate when our own time comes. Dougal will be missed.

I did not come into this role with any great vision for where I should try to take the Association. I believe that this vision should come from the membership. Myself and the others who willingly sit on the Board of Directors are here to serve the membership. It is all of you who should set the vision as to what you want the Association to be. It is all of you who should make

the Association into what you want it to be. Tell us what you want the Association to be and we'll help get you there by providing the resources and setting the conditions for success. I know that this is contrary to what leaders should do – leaders should create a vision and lead people in achieving this goal. However, I believe that the membership should determine the Association's purpose and support those who are willing to guide (some would say lead) the membership in achieving that goal.

Having said that, there is one area that I personally would like to see continue as an integral part of the Association's *raison d'être*, especially during stressful times such as we have seen in the last 20 months. One of the reasons Hamilton Gault established the Association in 1947 was so former soldiers could still come together to support one another and remain connected to the Regimental Family. In these difficult times brought on by the challenges of COVID-19, watching the painful withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the distressing news of alleged misconduct by senior military leaders, members of the Association can rally around each other and provide support and comradeship to those in need. I'd like to ask all of you to look after yourselves and each other. Do regular buddy checks. Touch base with others even if it's done remotely or by email. Have each others' backs. By looking after ourselves and our buddies, we can then carry that concern outwards to our communities. This is where I think an important element of the Association can best be displayed – at the local Branch and community level – where members (and non-members) live and work and, sometimes need a supportive hand. We should all be there for each other.

That said, I would like to update you on one major project (amongst others) ongoing at the National level. A Transformation Team consisting of representatives of the HGMF, PPCLI Foundation, and the Patricia Fund are working towards creating a single charitable organization that would serve the needs of the entire Regimental Family. I sit on the team as an observer for the Association and assist by providing input to ensure Association interests are considered when possible solutions are developed. We are at the stage where we must decide what the Regimental Family wants to do in terms of charitable work, i.e. what are our charitable objectives. Once determined, we can engage professionals (a tax lawyer and chartered accountant) to develop the best organizational structure to adopt in order to achieve these objects. This may be through consolidating the current organizations into a new charity, merging one or two of the existing charities into the other, or perhaps maintaining the status quo. We must also decide whether to include all three charitable organizations now or stage the process into phases with the PPCLI Foundation and HGMF in the first phase and the Patricia Fund in the second phase. This has yet to be determined. My biggest takeaway from the process so far, is that this is complicated and slow work which must be done correctly to ensure the end charitable organization has been legally established. We do not want to run afoul of the CRA who is the ultimate authority in granting charitable status to a new organization. This is why we need professional help as this is outside the working experience, knowledge and skillsets of the representatives on the team. Progress is being made, albeit slowly. Rest assured that the Association's interests are being safeguarded and considered at all steps of the process.

Before closing, I want to acknowledge the hard work of Jake Flanders who put this newsletter together. This is Jake's first newsletter since taking over as Director of Communications and has put together a good product. I thank him and all the contributors for their work and effort. VP.

Ted Giraldeau
National President

Regimental Major

Regimental Family,

I would like to take this brief opportunity to express my appreciation for the ongoing work the Association continues to do through its charitable campaigns and efforts to promote the bonds of our Regiment. Major Lerch left the office with nothing but praise for the work accomplished by the Association and his experience will be greatly missed by members of RHQ. As I have been in the job only a short few months, I wanted to make it known that I am very thankful for all the outreach and support from so many of the Association members and their words of encouragement. I continue to make myself available for discussion to foster our relationship and promote the Regimental Family network.

In my short tenure here, RHQ continues to operate in a complex environment layered with our many projects and initiatives. We have started work on *The Patrician 2021* early in an effort to foster new ideas and mitigate any potential future impacts caused by the pandemic. We are always looking for articles and photos that help to create a memory or bring back some old ones.

Our other larger projects include continuing our work to support the Regimental Editorial Board (REB). Dr. Robert Engen has produced the first draft of our regimental history covering the years 1957 to 2000 and the REB will be reviewing in the months that follow. The Military Museum continues to work closely with staff and the public to promote our history. Our team is busy cataloguing and archiving our works to preserve the memories of our past as well as our present so they are not lost to time and available for future generations to explore.

There are many more items and projects that are accomplished on a weekly basis that keep the staff of RHQ busy, the efforts of my staff and all of those involved in promoting our legacy are greatly appreciated. I look forward to continuing to work together to promote the PPCLI brand and culture in the future.

Regimentally,
Major Cory Foley, CD
Regimental Major

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund



Most of you are aware that the formal separation between the PPCLI Association and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) took place last May. This formal separation was necessary in order to establish an arms-length relationship between the HGMF (a registered charitable organization) and the PPCLI Association (a not-for-profit corporation).

Previously the Directors of the PPCLI Association also acted as the Board of Trustees of the HGMF. Now there are two separate boards: the HGMF Board of Trustees (BoT) and the PPCLI Association Board of Directors (BoD). The HGMF has formally assumed responsibility for all charitable activities; however, the PPCLI Association has a key role in assisting in delivery of the bursary program and support to cadets, acting as an agent for the HGMF through a set of formal Memorandums of Understanding.

So, what does all this mean to you? Unless you are a member of the HGMF BoT or the PPCLI Association BoD, this should be transparent to you. The programs that you are familiar with will continue to be effectively delivered while protecting the charitable status of the HGMF.

The HGMF has been active this quarter, sponsoring the Atlantic Soldier-On Golf Tournament and, in a joint effort with the PPCLI Association, conducting the student bursary adjudication with a total of \$25,000 being disbursed to successful applicants. The HGMF website is now live, providing easy access to information the HGMF programs and activities. Greg Ferguson of the SW Ontario Branch of the Association has led a project to create a memorial recognize the grave of Jack Munroe, one of the Originals. The HGMF assisted with the fundraising and the goal has now been met, allowing this project to come to fruition. The HGMF has also agreed to fund 10% of the estimated \$250,000 refurbishment of the St. Bartholomew's Stained Glass Window. Fundraising for this is ongoing and closing in on the \$25,000 target. The 107th Anniversary Bike Ride was held on Sunday, 8 August with 21 participants raising a total of

\$14,734 – roughly double that raised last year. After a two-year break due to the pandemic, the HGMF plans to once again engage the 11 PPCLI affiliated cadet corps in the conduct the Cadet Corps Trophy Competition.

Advanced planning is underway for a two-part battlefield tour to mark the 80th anniversary of the Sicily and Italian campaigns. The first part of this tour is planned to take place 16-21 May 2023, focussing on the Sicily campaign. The second part, planned to take place 19-30 May 2023 will focus on the Italian campaign. Registration will likely be open in November this year.



Dave Pentney
Chair
Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

107th Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride

Last year Greg Bell from the Ottawa Branch proposed that we conduct a fundraiser in support of the Regimental Anniversary. Three riders took part and raised \$7,360 for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. This year 21 participants took part in the 107th Regimental Anniversary Virtual Bike Ride and collectively we raised \$15,686.97. Jim Fitzgerald was our international participant from Brazil. While our youngest rider was James Henry, the COR's grandson who raised just over \$1,700.

As part of the Bike Ride we sold Regimental Cycling Gear. Below is a photo of the jersey. On the back was a photo of Bill Chrysler helping a wounded soldier to a first aid station. Bill could not confirm the exact date the photo was taken. But he does remember trying to hide his face since his mother did not know he was in Korea.



We are planning a 108th Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride for Sunday 7 August 2022. Any physical activity will be acceptable and I hope that we have at least 50 participants next year. We are also looking at partnering with the Veterans Association Food Banks in Calgary and Edmonton. Get involved and help raise funds for the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund so that we can increase our support to Veterans and Families.

Paul Hale
HGFMF
Fundraising Chair

80th Anniversary Battlefield Tour Sicily and Italy, May 2023

Sydney Frost 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 subsequent actions as the Regiment 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 the evening of May 16th, you depart Canada and fly to Rome arriving on the 17th. There will be a short tour of Rome on the 18th with a flight to Sicily in the afternoon. You will visit the beaches where the Regiment landed on 10 July 1943, D-Day museum in Catania, Leonforte, Mt Assoro, Agira Canadian War Cemetery and Mt Etna. We will dedicate our first memorial plaque at Leonforte in honour of the Regiment's action on 21-22 July 1943, where the Regiment liberated the town and reinforced the Loyal Edmonton Regiment who had been surrounded by the Germans. On May 21st you will fly back to Rome and link up in Cassino with those who are doing Part Two of the Battlefield Tour.

Part Two 19 – 30 May 2023

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

On the 23rd we plan to unveil our second memorial plaque at the Hitler Line. On 23 May 1944, the PPCLI attacked as the far right Battalion in a Divisional attack on the Hitler Line. By the end of the day, 77 men were left standing. The Patricia's suffered 58 killed, 162 wounded and 27 taken as prisoners of war.

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

On the 27th you will visit various battlefields along the Gothic Line, Corriano Ridge Commonwealth Cemetery and San Fortunato. We will unveil the final memorial 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 plan to visit commonwealth cemeteries at Villanova, Cessena and Ravenna. After a remarkably busy day you finally arrive in the vicinity of Venice. You will tour Venice on the 29th and fly back to Canada on the 30th.

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

A Short History of the PPCLI Association

No one knows for certain when Patricias started to gather in informal groups, but we do know that it started shortly after the first men were wounded. Men who were sent home to Canada and released because of their wounds corresponded with those still at the front and those in hospitals. Once home they sought their comrades, forming loose groups that met on a regular basis discussing the war, their wounds and how best to try and fit into the regular world again. Rank was not important but being a brother Patricia meant the world.

They did not forget those in conflict and kept touch by letter and what they could find in the papers. A dress code was created in order to distinguish Patricias from other veteran groups.

Blazer and tie, an arm band worn on the right sleeve and a beret with a Patricia crest, this was followed by a formal name, “The Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Service Club.”

The members of the Patricia Service Clubs remained connected with serving members, attending the Annual Battle of Frezenberg memorial. They took part in, Trooping of the Colours, Regimental sports days and other Regimental events.

With the outbreak of World War Two, Patricia Service Clubs saw the Regiment off to war including sons of First World War Patricias who now wore the Regimental red and white shoulder patch. They took a very active role in providing comfort to Patricias deployed overseas.

In early 1946, BGen Hammy Gault, Founder of the Regiment held the first meeting in Montreal to discuss organizing Patricia Service Clubs into a formal Association. On 24 October 1947, the PPCLI Association was formed and on 1 September 1953, it was officially incorporated.

Over the years, the PPCLI Association has kept abreast of changing times, aiding Patricias no matter where they were deployed. They established a Volunteer Patricia Program in each branch designed to assist those returning to civilian life, and those with PTSD. Operation Small Pack was started to support those who were injured and sent to Germany. Each small pack contained the basics required for personal grooming and clothing. In 2008 the Association was presented The Canadian Forces Medallion for distinguished service in support of the Regiment and the Canadian Forces. In June 2017, the PPCLI Association launched a Mental Health and Suicide Awareness program, resulting in over 180 individuals being trained on Mental Health First Aid and assistance provided to well over one hundred veterans and their families.

On the 75th Regimental Anniversary Rod Middleton presented a Gavel and Base to be used at PPCLI Association Annual General Meetings. The following individuals have served as National President since the PPCLI Association was incorporated in September 1953;

1953 – 1958 * BGen Hamilton Gault, DSO, ED, CD
1958 – 1960 * BGen WG Colquhoun, CBE, MC
1960 – 1963 * LCol RP Clarke, DSO
1963 – 1965 * BGen JA de Lalanne, CBE, MC, ED
1965 – 1970 * BGen RC Coleman, DSO, MC
1970 – 1973 * BGen JA de Lalanne, CBE, MC, ED
1973 – 1974 * Maj HG Munro, CD
1974 – 1977 * Mr EJ Dood, CD
1977 – 1980 * Col WBS Sutherland, CD
1980 – 1984 * LCol CV Lilley, MC, OMM, CD
1984 – 1989 * Maj RM Middleton, CD
1989 – 1990 * Col LE Basham, CD
1990 – 1991 * Maj WE Harrington, MC, CD
1991 – 1995 * Mr DJ Best, CD
1995 – 1999 * Mr DW Bedford, CD
1999 – 2003 * Mr J De Bruijne, CD

2003 – 2007 * Mr R Raidt, MMM, CD
 2007 – 2011 * Mr B Scott, CD
 2011 – 2015 * Mr DJ Pentney, CD
 2015 – 2017 * Mr AM Austdal, CD
 2017 – 2021 * Mr PA Hale, CD
 1 May – 9 August 2021 * Mr DAB Salmon, CD
 2021 * Mr EA Giraldeau, CD



THE BATTLE OF KAP'YONG
70TH ANNIVERSARY
by Susan E. Evans

It was about mid-afternoon (April 23) that the rumour of the collapsing front acquired meaning. From my arrival until then both the main Kap'yong Valley and the subsidiary valley cutting across the front had been empty of people. Then, suddenly, down the road through the subsidiary valley came hordes of men, running, walking, interspersed with military vehicles — totally disorganized mobs. They were elements of the 6th Republic of Korea (ROK) Division which were supposed to



be ten miles forward engaging the Chinese. But they were not engaging the Chinese. They were fleeing! I was witnessing a rout. The valley was filled with men. Some left the road and fled over the forward edges of "A" Company positions. Some killed themselves on the various booby traps we had laid, and that component of my defensive layout became worthless . . . between 1530 hours and 1800 hours all of "A" Coy speeded up its defence preparations and digging as it watched, helpless to intervene, while approximately 4000-5000 troops fled in disorganized panic across and through the forward edges of our positions. But we knew then that we were no longer 10-12 miles behind the line; we were the front line.

Captain Owen R. Browne

*Captain Owen R. Browne, Acting OC,
A Company, watching for Chinese.*



In July 1950, when Canada pledged ground forces to the Korean conflict as part of the United Nations (UN) forces, its military establishment was meagre. The decision to send troops demanded the recruitment of a Special Force. The Second Battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI) was formed on August 15 to be part of this Special Force. Most of the recruits were military novices, although there was a sprinkling of WWII veterans. 2PPCLI was to be sent immediately to Korea, the belief being that unit and formation training would not be required as the unit would only be tasked with garrison duties. On November 25, under the command of Lt. Colonel (Big Jim) J.R. Stone, DSO, MC, the 1,383-man battalion sailed from Seattle for Pusan, Korea.

Upon disembarking, Lt. Col. Stone was ordered to commit his troops to battle within 72 hours. He refused. An action which no doubt saved many Patricia's lives. Stone, invested with the authority of the Canadian Government, was to determine when his battalion was ready for battle. He requested an additional eight weeks to train his men in mountain warfare and small unit tactics.



“Big Jim” Stone

I was told that in eight weeks we wouldn't even be on the peninsula because the Chinese were coming on pretty hard. So, I said, “I am quite prepared, if necessary, to hold a bridgehead on the Naktong River, but I am not otherwise prepared to go into action.” Well, they started to get ornery, but I had a piece of paper which said that Canadian troops could not be committed [to action] unless I said so. So, I did what's known as ‘Waving the Paper’ and I said, “Well, you had better read this, sir, before we get into any argument.”

Lt. Colonel Jim Stone

Colonel James Riley Stone, CM, OSO, MC, CO was one of the most colourful figures of the Korean war. He possessed a photographic memory and was a voracious reader. In action, Stone was clearly decisive. A strict disciplinarian, he also had a lighter side. He knew by heart many of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. He loved to sing them after mess dinners and would corral his officers until well into the early hours of the morning playing poker.

The advanced individual training, or guerilla hunt, with a live enemy was followed by a series of battalion exercises designed by Stone to polish his unit. On February 17, the battalion was judged ready for combat and moved forward to a concentration near Changhowon. Lt. Col. Stone reported to the 27th British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade (BCIB) HQ, and 2PPCLI became the first Canadian Infantry Battalion to be involved in the Korean conflict.

Two months later, the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) launched its Spring Offensive – the largest battle of the Korean War. They began moving south, past the 38th Parallel. Their objective: the retaking of Seoul.



On April 22, an hour after dark, the CCF launched a massive counterattack across the entire UN front with the critical attack toward Kap'yong Valley, a direct route to Seoul. Under heavy pressure, the 9th U.S. Corps withdrew, leaving two regiments of the 6th ROK Division to block the enemy drive. This created a massive gap stretching 10 miles wide across the UN lines. Like a flood, the Chinese hordes poured into the void. Thousands of enemy soldiers were advancing in columns six abreast – an arrogant blitzkrieg thrusting forward at the double, not even pausing when strafed or bombed.

On the morning of April 23, the Patricias were shocked to learn the front was collapsing. The 27th BCIB was ordered to establish defensive positions about three miles upriver from the town of Kap'yong, which lies northeast of Seoul. Many ROK soldiers had given their lives in a

vain attempt to stem the Chinese onslaught. Their courage gave the 27th Brigade the necessary time to occupy a blocking position in the Koreans' rear.

After struggling north against the tide of panicked refugees, 2PPCLI was assigned the defence of Hill 677 on the river's west bank, the major feature dominating the valley. Covered in scrubby woods, cut by gullies and about one and half miles wide, Hill 677 could not be defended by deploying companies so they could mutually support each other. Lt. Col. Stone took a recon to view the hill from the enemy's point of view. "I then decided which way the attack would come and deployed the battalion accordingly. The companies were in position just before it got dark and we got battalion HQ up in this little re-entrant just at dark."

Third Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), supported by A Coy of the US 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, dug in on the across the river on Hill 504. The British 1st Middlesex Regiment set up to the south in the valley behind the Canadian position supported by the 16th New Zealand Field Regiment (NZFR) artillery.

The evening was quiet, the sky clear, a waning gibbous moon was rising. Around midnight the dark sky burst open with flares. The silence was shattered with the clangor of bugles and trumpets, rifle fire, machine guns, mortars and artillery. The Chinese savagely struck the Australians across the valley. It was soon evident that Hill 504, which was low-lying and easily attacked on wide fronts, would be overrun. The Chinese swarmed in massive numbers, in consecutive waves, each wave running up to the trenches of 3RAR and the Sherman tanks. They threw grenades into them, fired a few rounds, then let the next wave take over. Combat became close quarters, with bayonets fixed and point-blank shooting.

At the same time, the British were engaged in the main valley and were in danger of being surrounded. At 0200 hours, April 24, the NZFR withdrew from its position at Naech'on to a supporting position west of Kap'yong. The British followed at 0400 hours, pulling out of the valley and drawing closer to Brigade HQ.

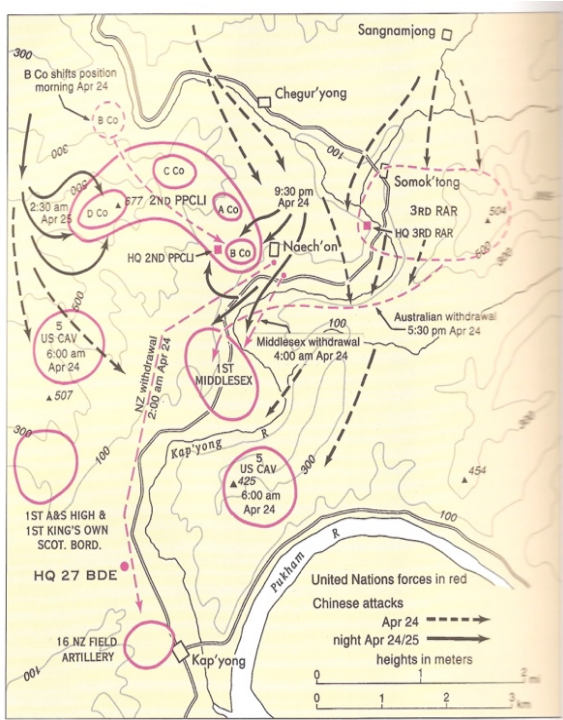
3RAR fought for 16 hours against overwhelming waves of Chinese assaults. In the late afternoon, unable to hold their position, the Australians conducted a successful fighting withdrawal to positions behind the Patricias. They suffered 32 killed, 59 wounded and three missing (taken prisoner).

Now, the only infantrymen left to stop the Chinese advance through the Kap'yong Valley was 2PPCLI on Hill 677. To protect his right flank, Stone shifted B Coy to the right of A Coy so it could overlook the valley.

The remainder of April 24, the battle ground remained ominously quiet.

At 2130 hours, B Coy began taking light mortar and machine-gun fire. A few minutes later, about 400 Chinese were observed concentrating for an attack on the company position. Mortar and artillery fire was immediately directed on the enemy, but it failed to deter an attack against the company's forward platoon. Soon overrun, the platoon was forced to scramble back to the main company position, where the CCF and Canadians locked in a fierce firefight. The

attack on B Coy was followed by a sweep behind the position and up a re-entrant into Battalion HQ. Fortunately, B Coy became aware of the move and was able to warn Battalion HQ and the CCF attack was shredded by machine-gun fire.



With fixed bayonets we charge to Platoon HQ, for we do not know where the hell the enemy is located. Mitchell has suffered a grenade wound in the chest. In the midst of the platoon's withdrawal, Mitchell stands his ground, faces the enemy firing his Bren Light machine gun from the hip, allowing his comrades to successfully retire to company HQ.

Pte. R.J. Lamey

It was, however, on the left flank that the critical battle developed. At 0130 hours April 25, the Chinese launched another mass attack into the D Coy position, overrunning a machine gun post and forcing a section out of its position. Soon all platoons of D Coy were engaged and hard-pressed. With the Chinese in among the defenders, Lt. Mike Levy and Captain Wally Mills called for an extended air burst artillery

salvo on their own position. For 20 minutes D Coy's position was bombarded by heavy shelling that decimated the exposed Chinese soldiers while the Canadians hunkered in their slit trenches. About 2,300 artillery rounds were fired on the company position and enemy approach paths.

The Chinese are so aggressive they are taking heavy casualties. I do not have time to think, I am reacting to their attacking formations. I am proud of my men. Although greatly outnumbered and outgunned they are holding the enemy. The artillery support is awesome, without it we could not sustain ourselves.

Lt. Mike Levy

At 0400 hours, Signals officer Coombe reported that Lt. Col. Stone was sitting by the 300 radio set with a rifle across his knees, shaking with determination, and growling as only Stone can growl, "Let the Bastards Come!"

At first light, April 25, the Chinese pressure eased. The main battle was over. The Patricias had managed to hold off the Chinese forces and by doing so saved Seoul and countless UN lives. At the height of the attack, the supply routes had been cut off. The men were battered and exhausted, low on supplies. If the pressure kept up food and ammo would be urgently required. Big Jim Stone radioed for an air drop of supplies on their position. U.S. Air Force C-119 "Flying Boxcars" came to the rescue. Supplies and ammo were dropped virtually on the Patricia's position, enabling the men to reload and recover. The CCF were reduced to small attacks during this time. The 72nd Tank Battalion and Middlesex Regiment helped the Patricias

clear remaining enemy forces from Hill 677 and the surrounding valley. Respite finally came later that night when the Americans relieved the Patricias who moved back to reserve positions with the remainder of the 27th BCIC brigade.

Despite the battle's ferocity, 2PPCLI suffered only 10 men killed and 23 wounded out of 700 men. The number of Chinese killed or wounded is unknown as they took their dead and wounded with them in the night.



Some soldiers downplayed the importance of the battle because casualties were so low. However, others saw casualties in the light of the close family feeling that pervaded the battalion, including Colonel Stone:

The Battle of Kap' Yong was really not such a great battle as battles go. The stories of hordes and hordes of Chinese may be true, they may be slightly exaggerated. Usually, when old soldiers talk about battles and glorious victories they say, "Well, on that day we lost fifty thousand men." Well, the great thing about the Battle of Kap' Yong [is that] we lost about 10 or 12 killed, I think, and some 25 wounded. When you achieve your objectives and you suffer very few casualties, then you've fought a very fine battle and you've achieved a very great victory.

Big Jim Stone speaking to the 1973 reunion in Vancouver

At Thermopolae, the Greeks erected a tablet commemorating the stand of Leonidos and his three hundred Spartans. Big Jim Stone's Patricias stood and fought in the same tradition. That they lived to fight again should not obscure the nature of their stand, nor the courage they showed in standing. In tribute, a stone cairn honouring 2PPCLI stands in the Canadian Korean War Memorial Garden situated in Naech'on, northeast of Kap' Yong-gun, just below Hill 677.



Canadian Korean War Memorial Garden



In recognition of “extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of combat duties in action,” a US Presidential Citation was awarded to 2PPCLI, 3RAR and Company A, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion for their actions at Kapyong on April 24/25, 1951. This was the first citation award given to a Canadian unit. Only one other has been awarded.

The official photographer was sent to Pusan the morning of April 23 to cover new ship arrivals. There are no known photographs of the actual Battle of Kap’yong.



This painting, by Lt. Col. Owen R. Browne, is the only depiction of the battle by a soldier who faced the action personally. The painting now hangs in HQ offices, Edmonton.

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BIOGRAPHY SUSAN E. EVANS

Susan E. Evans is a highly creative communications specialist with over 25 years experience in multi-media production and presentation. Her writing, design and publishing career has encompassed a wide range of business and non-fiction pieces including newsletters, promotional, public relations and advertising materials, reports, and corporate copy. She was Publications and Consultation Coordinator for the B.C. Ministry of Environment. She has a Masters degree in medical anthropology.

Ms. Evans has had three articles published in “Cultural Reflections” a University of Victoria peer reviewed publication and had a column entitled “Culture Shock” in *The Villager* newspaper, Lumby, B.C. Susan was also the runner-up contractor to produce the PPCLI 100th Anniversary Coffee Table book.

Ms. Evans was raised as a daughter of the 2nd Battalion PPCLI. Her father was Lt. Col. Owen R. Browne who, as Captain, was the Acting OC in A Company on Hill 677 at the Battle of Kap’yong.

The following poem is authored by Korea Veteran Mike Czuboka. Mike's wit has stayed with him into his 90th year. It was forwarded by Perry Batchelor earlier this Fall.

MY LIFE WITH MY WALKER AT YEAR 90!

by Michael Czuboka, B.A., B.Ed. (Brandon U) & M.A., M.Ed. (U of Manitoba),
Alumnus, 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (1950-1954);



In this my 90th year, four score and 10, at 90, in my recent necessarily caged for health life,

Only my Walker is my constant companion, a powerful mechanical stallion,

My Walker brings me four wheels, a blue steel frame, soft seat and much affection,

She loves me. She follows me everywhere, scolds me about my shrinking girth,

I am given much good food, but no appetite and no mirth, or many memories après birth ,

I do recall Korea's Patricia's, and the Battle of Kapyong, where the Chinese tried to kill us, en masse.

They were mowed down by us like freshly mowed grass. Alas! But we did not invite them, Sorry!

I love my family which tries to sustain me. Okay, I do remember them as well as Walkers,

I am classical Tchaikovsky, Mozart, music from operas but very little music by the rockers,

*Walker is not a talker about my music or other innards, She resides within my soul's locker.
Olay!*

Southwest Ontario

In May, Southwest Ontario held a virtual AGM. Greg Ferguson stayed on for another term as President along with John McGregor as 1st Vice. Bill Johnson stepped down as 2nd Vice and we would like to acknowledge Bill's support over the years and his continued source of advice and guidance. Doug Furchner has stepped into the role of 2nd Vice and Laurie Hebblethwaite has become our Sgt at Arms. George Ledwon continues to maintain our finances and Jim Witteveen is our VPP Coordinator. Last but, by no means least I would be remiss if I didn't give a huge shout out to Tracey, who serves as our Secretary. I would be lost without her support and guidance.

Due to the fluctuating situation with the pandemic, we had some ups and downs with trying to coordinate gatherings with our members. But as Patricias are known to do, we found a way to gather. A big shout out to those who hosted events and those who took the time to travel and share the fellowship of our regimental family.

In August for the 107th Anniversary, we had a number of smaller gatherings. Thanks to Ian White and the crew on the Eastern flank for coordinating a gathering. Thanks goes out to Bill Johnson for hosting the first annual Tour de Chippewa and all others for hosting gatherings of Patricias.

This year the Southwest Ontario Branch undertook another coin fundraiser with the funds raised going to the HGMF. This was specifically to fund a project for a memorial for one of our Originals, Jack Munroe. The coin fundraiser raised \$4500 towards the project and we would like to thank everyone who purchased a coin. The next phase was to have an online fundraiser.

I am very pleased to say that thanks to the generous contributions of our Patricia Family and the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion we have exceeded our expectations. The excess funds will go towards the maintenance of Regimental Memorials around the world.

Unfortunately, we have decided to forego our annual Christmas Dinner due to the uncertainty of the situation but are making plans for next year to gather in large numbers again.

Stay tuned for the unveiling of the memorial to Jack Munroe planned for early in 2022.

Greg Ferguson
President
PPCLI Association
Southwest Ontario Branch
Once a Patricia, Always a Patricia



Proposed Jack Munroe Memorial

Kingston Branch

The Kingston Patricias are starting to slowly recover from the pandemic to a new normal, with a number of ZOOM beer calls and one in-person event - a socially distanced golf tourney. Besides our Virtual Branch AGM, we held a virtual drink call in memory of General Hewson, then later on our Regimental Day with varied Patricia paraphernalia and beverages displayed.

For the 107th Fundraiser, the Kingston Branch held a golf tourney fundraiser at the nearby Camden Braes Golf Club with twenty members of varying abilities and handicaps out for a great sunny day of camaraderie and a few war stories. The group then congregated on the Club patio for a beer, prizes, and more story-telling. We plan on continuing our emergence from pandemic times with a cautious safety enforced Christmas dinner Sunday evening, 6 December. So, if in Kingston area please join us that night.

Marv Makulowich
President Kingston Branch

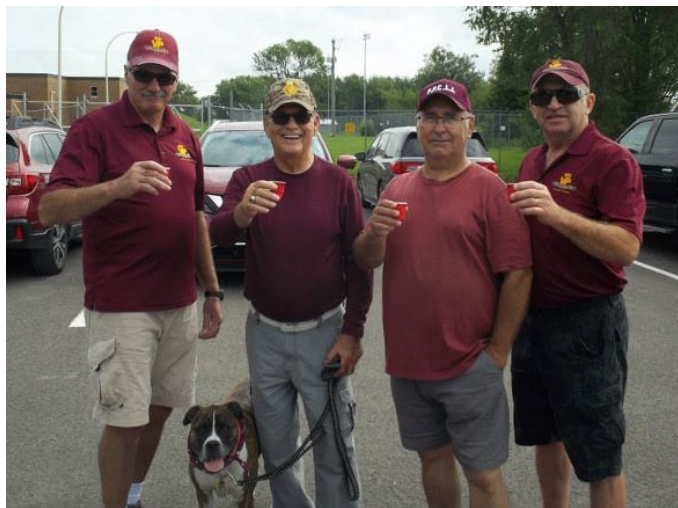


107th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Sgt Roy Rushton Branch Atlantic

The year started out with COVID-19 restrictions preventing the Atlantic Branch from holding gatherings until mid-summer. The Atlantic Branch was also scheduled to host the PPCLI Association National AGM in Dieppe, NB (30 Apr to 01 May 2021); however, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the physical AGM was cancelled and a Virtual AGM was conducted on Zoom (01 May 2021). By mid summer, COVID-19 restrictions had eased enough for the Branch to start holding gatherings again.

The Atlantic Branch was invited to provide a 4-person golf team to participate in the Soldier On golf tournament at Royal Oaks Golf course in Moncton, NB on 29 Jul 2021. The Branch team finished at 2 over par with the winning team finishing at 17 under par. On behalf of the Atlantic Branch, I would like to thank Jake Bell for the invitation and the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund (HGMF) for providing the funding to sponsor a hole for this event. The following Atlantic Branch members participated in this Soldier On event: Glen Ryan, Jerry Cawley, James Cawley, and the 4th member of the team was a no show. The total money raised for this Soldier On event was \$60,000.



PPCLI Association 107th Anniversary Fundraiser participants from the Atlantic Branch: Glen Ryan, Jerry Cawley, Mike House, and Stephen Bartlett

A small group of Atlantic Branch members participated in the PPCLI Association 107th Anniversary Fundraiser on 08 Aug 2021 by conducting a hike for 107 minutes. The Branch participants (Glen Ryan, Stephen Bartlett, Mike House, Jerry Cawley, and James Cawley) donated \$350.00 to the HGMF. Our final gathering for the summer was on 10 Aug 2021, to celebrate the Regimental Birthday. The next AGM for the Atlantic Branch will be held in Gagetown during the 3rd week of September 2022, provided COVID-19 restrictions will allow for a physical AGM.

Glen Ryan
President



PPCLI Association 107th Anniversary Fundraiser participants from the Atlantic Branch: Glen Ryan, James Cawley, Jerry Cawley, and Mike House

The following article was provided by Korean War Veteran Harold Patterson:

Harold Patterson (we the 1st battalion) arrived in Korea, from aboard the troop ship USS Marine Adder, on the eve of Halloween Oct 30/1951. This was a few months after the Kapyong battle, but we did walk into a serious situation as was described in the following news report;

D Company went almost directly from Incheon to the front lines, taking a train out of Incheon, and then trucking to the front. The motley group of former 1st Battalion paratroopers, some wearing their Dennison jump jackets and cherry berets, were supported by 3rd Battalion reinforcements who wore khaki berets, as well as by battle hardened 2nd Battalion holdovers, took over from the 2nd Battalion's C Company on Hill 159.

After a night and day of continuously escalating incoming mortars and shells they were attacked by the enemy on the night of November 5, 1951.

Their forward sections were overrun, and the attacks came in successive waves. They held the position, at a cost of three Patricia's killed and 15 wounded.

"WE HELD THE LINE"!!!!!!



Regimental Birthday celebrations

Manitoba and North West Ontario Branch

After not being able to get together since March of 2020, on Saturday the 23rd of October at 18:00 hours a decent amount of retired Patricias and supporters met for a beverage at Underdogs Sports Bar in Winnipeg. Plenty of stories were told and some of them may even have been mostly true. The Branch thanks CannaConnect who sponsored the event.

Not only did we raise a few pints and eat a few wings, but thanks to the hard work in organizing an outstanding Silent Auction by Paul Muise, Vice President of our Branch; and the beautiful Handmade Quilt by Lillian Bailey, we also raised some good cash. All of the monies raised will go towards the Kapyong Memorial.

The Branch continues to make headway on this project. To date we have received written support from the Colonel of the Regiment, RHQ, 2 PPCLI, the Regimental Guard and the Council of Presidents PPCLI Association. Further to this cash raised we received a bequest from Len and Kathleen Quinlan. We have established an account specifically for the project and we know we are a long way off from having something installed on Kenaston Boulevard. In the meantime, we continue to fund raise, plan and meet with Treaty One and look forward to the day when we will have the Memorial installed and dedicated at the former home of 2 PPCLI. Stay well and hope to see many of you at the March get together, fingers crossed.



Handmade PPCLI Quilt by Lillian Bailey



CannaConnect sponsored get together in Winnipeg on the 23rd of October

Here are a few photos of our Altona and District Cenotaph located in Altona, Manitoba. We recently had to relocate the Cenotaph. We held a Re-dedication Service at 19:00 hrs on the 26th of September 2021.

The ceremony included a fly past by the RCAF, the RCAF Band, a Cenotaph Guard mounted by 2 PPCLI as well as a Quarter-Guard made up of members of 38 Brigade and HMCS Chippawa.

Perry Batchelor
President
PPCLI Association
Manitoba and North West Ontario Branch



2 PPCLI Drumline



Representatives from the Manitoba North West Ontario PPCLI Association and the Royal Canadian Legion at the Closing Ceremony



Several Dignitaries, Clergy as well as Silver Cross Mother Shirley Seggie with her husband Jim

One of the fallen inscribed on the Cenotaph Pte John Driedger he was a Patricia. The story of his wartime journey is as follows.



H21112 Private John Henry Driedger of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was killed in action on 7 December 1943 and is buried at the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery, Italy. John was born on 21 October 1922 in Altona, Manitoba. He was of Dutch descent and was raised on the farm near Altona, Manitoba where he attended school until the age of thirteen. As well as working as a farmer he also worked as a labourer for the confectionary store owned by J.A. Funk in Altona.

John Driedger joined the Canadian Army in Winnipeg, Manitoba on 2 March 1942 and was taken on strength to No.10 District Depot, Cameron Highlanders of Canada Wing. Pte Driedger completed his basic training at No.100 Canadian Army Basic Training Centre in Portage la Prairie. While undergoing training he was admitted to the Training Centre Hospital on 19 March and was discharged back to training on 4 April 1942. He then went on to his infantry course at A15 Canadian Infantry Training Centre in Winnipeg and Shilo, Manitoba. On completion he was appointed Lance Corporal on 21 July 1942.

L/Cpl Driedger transferred to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as a reinforcement on 12 October 1942. In order to go overseas he reverted to Private at his own request. Pte Driedger deployed overseas arriving in England on 22 January 1943 and was posted to the 1st Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit. On 4 June 1943 he joined the Patricias in England as they were preparing for Operation Husky. By the end of the month the regiment set sail for the invasion of Sicily, assaulting the beaches on 10 July 1943. He fought with the Patricia's advancing north through Grammichele, Piazza Armerina, and Valguarnera. The Patricias fought in the taking of the town of Leonforte on 23 July 1943. Pte Driedger fought along the highway to Agira and during the Battle of Agira. He also participated in the assault on

Monte Seggio. With the Sicilian fighting over, the Patricias rested and reorganized for the assault on the mainland of Italy. Pte Driedger fought in the northern advance to Potenza. The regiment then advanced towards Campobasso. On 28 October 1943 the Patricias had secured the town.

The Canadians were moved over to the Adriatic side to take over from the British 78th Division for the crossing of the Moro River. On the 4th of December the Patricias relieved the 6th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in defensive position overlooking the Moro River Valley. Across the river was their next objective; Villa Rogatti. This enemy position was well defended with a large number of machine gun positions and a threat of armour reinforcements. The battalion attack would see a two company attack with a third ready to exploit and the fourth in reserve. H-hour was midnight on the 5th of December with Bravo Company leading the attack across the Moro River. No sooner than crossing the river and starting up the slope they came under machine gun fire from the front and right flank. Using their Bren guns and 2" mortars they put in an attack on the nearest enemy positions taking out several machine gun positions. After four hours of fighting 'B' Company gained the edge of the town but were still under intense small arms fire from fortified buildings. By the light of morning the company had secured their portion of the objective. Meanwhile Alpha Company moved up to attack the northern part of Villa Rogatti.

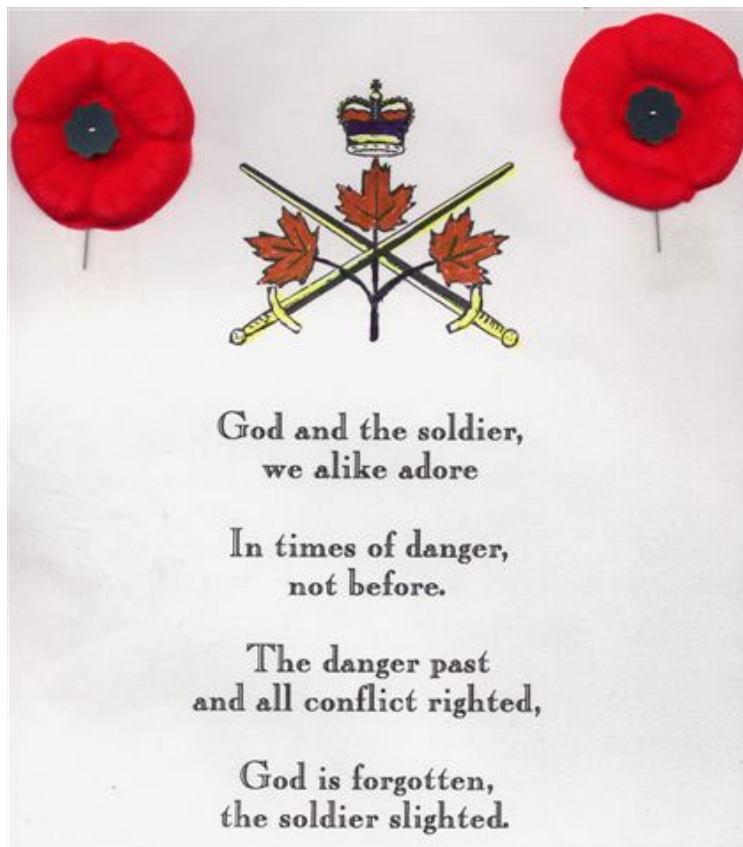
After a short fight the company secured their objective. The enemy came to life later in the morning throwing down mortars and artillery as well as small arms fire on the two forward companies who were running low on ammunition. The first counter attack was broken up just as the first British tanks arrived on the scene. Charlie Company crossed the river during the assault and by noon occupied the centre of town. The enemy counter attacked in the early afternoon with infantry and nine Mark IV Tanks supported by artillery. One platoon was overrun by German armour but would not allow the enemy any further advance. Five separate attacks fell on Bravo Company with the Patricia holding after each attack. By last light patrols were sent out to establish where the enemy was, it was reported that the enemy still held defensive positions and had given up little ground.

The Patricias lost eight killed, 52 wounded and eight missing. Pte Driedger was killed during this action. He was originally buried on the southeast bank of the Moro River near Villa Rogatti and after the war was reburied at the Canadian war cemetery. Pte Driedger was awarded the 1939-45 Star, Italy Star, War Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with Clasp. He was the son of Helen Driedger of Altona, Manitoba. Pte Driedger was the brother of Peter H. Driedger, Gertrude Driedger of Altona and Laura Bergen of Plum Coulee, Manitoba.

Driedger Lake, Manitoba (map sheet 64K/7) 58° 16' 31"N 100° 44' 33"W, located southeast of Lac Brochet was named in his honour on 10 April 1972.



The new location of the Altona and District Cenotaph



Saskatchewan Branch

The Saskatchewan Branch continues along during the past 18 months in this day & age in a small, but mighty way.

As per the usual, the current pandemic situation has thrown around the well laid plans of Mice & Men for the Saskatchewan Branch as it has for others in our country. Gatherings for traditional, social and ceremonial events were curtailed to a great extent and the fact that our members are scattered all over this huge rectangular Province, they just stayed within their arcs of fire, and just acknowledged, adapted and carried on as good Patricias do. Our Branch was fortunate to not lose anyone to the COVID-19 virus that we are aware of.

President Ray Moskowec was able to attend all the Patricia's internments/Celebration of Life representing the Regiment and Canadian Forces, whereas the Royal Canadian Legions are not doing honour guards due to COVID-19.

Other regular events such as the meeting with the Brigade's Sniper Course (Regt's Birthday - August 10), Remembrance Day Services, Beer calls and such have been on hiatus for now. The President, (Ray Moskowec), Vice President, (Gerry Heit) and Secretary-Treasurer, (Darcy Parker) did meet to toast and celebrate the Regt's Birthday on August 10, 2021 at the ANAVETS in Saskatoon, SK. The three Pats did their duty in meeting the traditional duties and then commenced to celebrate and participate in the draws (Meat & Pull tickets). All three were winners, with Darcy being the big winner of Meat & \$250.00. He did buy one round of drinks though. Happy Birthday Patricias!

The ongoing venture that started in 2017 of collecting, storing and distributing donated furnishings for homeless and needy veterans by the SK Branch Association continues to plug along. To date, the veterans & families assisted in 2021 is (12). This goes with the numbers assisted previously being (8) in 2020; (7) in 2019; and (11 with 1 family being in Edmonton) in 2018. This venture does not cost the SK Branch financially but is privately funded by some members of the Association. Not all veterans that have been assisted are Patricias, but had ties to the Regt. Besides our mandate says "veterans" and the Association volunteers do not look at the Services or Branch. VAC definition of a veteran is: "Anyone who has completed basic training and is honorably released".

A "shout-out" to the Patricias from the Fraser Valley Br. who had dismantled or decommissioned some of their mementos and donated them to the Wilson Museum in Dundurn, SK. It now has a very good Patricia display. Thank you, Julien & Sandra. Our Association continues to "Buddy" check and be aware of others in our Area. Take care.

Ray Moskowec
Saskatchewan Branch President

Edmonton Branch News Letter Fall 2021

We're back but still have restrictions! We as a branch were able to hold meetings in July, August, September and October thus far into 2021. Each of the meetings had great turnouts with all the COVID-19 restrictions members still want to gather. Our members that do gather have been vaccinated, it's a condition of the Legion where we hold our meetings.

In our Aug meeting we held our AGM for the branch not much as changed. All members of the executive remained the same. Another important part of the AGM was the decision to donate \$2000.00 again this year to the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. Half to Student Bursary (2022) in name of Mr. Bill Lee one of our Korean Veteran who passed early this year.

Despite COVID-19 we were able to gather on 10 August for the 107 Birthday at Patricia Park. Another annual event the PPCLI Campout this year had record numbers again attend.

We had a member of the branch a Korean Veteran Mr. Lyle McIvor celebrated his 90th birthday on 24th March 2021. He was presented with a Certificate signed by the CiC and COR. He also got a Dirty Patricia t-shirt depicting to 70th Anniversary of Kapyong. The picture on the back of the shirt has him in it, which made the event even more special. It was to celebrate during a year when didn't have much to celebrate. During one of your meeting two branch members were presented with Association Certificate of Merit. Fred Goldring for his long and dedicated service to the Association and branch. Herb Kenny for his work within the Association and for work at Patricia Parks.

We as a Branch are hoping to gather at Patricia Park on the 11th of November for Remembrance Day and will any luck this year a Dinner in December to celebrate the Christmas season. Pictures to follow in Spring newsletter.

All of us at the Edmonton Branch, will continue to watch with the rest of the world to see what is next. Stay safe, and keep in contact with each other, via social media emails or even an actual phone call.

A reminder to all Patricias 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 Street, 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



Cheque presentation to the Kipnes Center



Cheque presentation to the Kingsway Legion



Lyle McIvor gets the PPCLI Certificate of Merit presented to him by Herb Kenny



Lyle McIvor showing the back of his 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong t-shirt that he received from the Edmonton Branch



Cheque presentation to Valour Place



Patricia Park on the 107th Birthday of the Regiment



Fred Goldring receiving the PPCLI Certificate of Merit presented by Herb Kenny



Herb Kenny receives a PPCLI Certificate of Merit presented by Quentin Innes



PPCLI Campout 2021

PPCLI Association Casino and Calgary Branch

The last Casino was in March 2020 and due to COVID-19 all provincial Casinos were cancelled after that time. They have just started up again in Alberta, but it may be a while before we see our next Association Casino. As gaming starts up again, they will be rescheduling those groups from the 2nd quarter of 2020 thru to the 2nd Quarter 2022 from the last email I received from gaming. Having said this, the Association may not see a Casino until late 2022.

Donations made in Calgary for 2021 include; \$5,000 was presented to The Friends of the Belcher in support of Veterans, \$5,000 to the Veterans Association Food Bank in Calgary and \$2,500 to the Forest Lawn Legion.

In Edmonton donations were made with; \$5,000 to the Kipnes Centre in support of Veterans, \$5,000 to Valour Place, as well as \$2,500 to the Kingsway Legion.

Other Donations were; \$5,000 to the HGMF towards bursaries and \$939 for donation of Cap Badges and Shoulder Titles to the PPCLI Cadet Corps. Presently the Casino Fund has a balance of \$46,828.

Jim Croll
Treasurer and Casino Chair for the PPCLI Association



Jim Croll presenting a cheque to Col Retired Chuck Hamel, Chair Society Executive Board



Jim Croll presenting a cheque to the Veterans Association Food Bank

Fraser Valley Branch

This year, the Fraser Valley Branch of the PPCLI Association, like many others is finding its way to a new normal, coining a COVID-19 cliché. We've started to meet in person again, off again, and on again since June and now officially and regularly since September. With the help of our gracious hosts at Branch 280 of the Royal Canadian Legion, and a fully vaccinated membership (those in attendance), we've been able to meet face to face at an appropriate physical distance of course! Since Spring, our branch has marked its time with three *events*: a memorial, a barbeque and a celebration of life.

On 16 April 2021, historian Guy Black came storming through on a 300 km trek from Tofino to Langley to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong. He began the walk on 07 April taking 10 days to complete. What shouldn't be lost on anyone is that the distance covered by Mr Black is equivalent to walking from Busan, South Korea (where 2 PPCLI disembarked) to Kapyong. A ceremony was held at the new Gapyeong [modernized spelling] Stone Monument, located at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum, in Langley, BC. It was organized by the Korean War Veterans Association and Gapyeong County and was emceed by Michael Chang, the honorary ambassador for Gapyeong County in Canada. In attendance were; the Mayor of Langley City Val van den Broek, Senator Yonah Martin, the Korean Consul General Byung Won Chung, PPCLI representative and speaker WO John McCready, with Dennis Johnson and Julien McNulty representing the PPCLI Association. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Guy Black by Julien McNulty on behalf of the PPCLI association.

On 15 August, we held our annual Summer Barbeque. Gloria and Darren Hartley put on an outstanding spread, along with their signature succulent ribs. It was wonderful to spend a great afternoon outside with the membership.

On a sad note, long time branch member Stanley Baird passed away. A celebration of life was held on 18 September. He was 97. Stanley was a veteran of three wars: WW2, Korean War, and the Cold War. He also served in Germany, Gaza, Egypt. Of particular note, Stanley was one of the first medics to earn his parachutist wings.

Submitted by Julien McNulty
Fraser Valley Branch



*L to R: WO John McCready, Guy Black, Julien McNulty (VP Assn, FV Branch President),
Dennis Johnson (VP Assn, FV Branch Past President)*



Barbeque, Fraser Valley Branch, 15 August, 2021

Mid-Island Branch



Greetings to all fellow Patricias, from the members of the Mid-Island Branch of the Association.

As a result of the COVID-19 situation, we have not been able to meet as a branch for quite some time. As a result, we do not have much to say about our branch meetings, other than we did have a couple of meetings when we were allowed to.

However, as you can see by the photos, our Branch did take a small part in the 70th Anniversary Kapyong Memorial Walk, completed by Mr. Guy Black. Guy lives on the mainland and is a member of the British Columbia Military Historical Society. The walk started at the Kapyong Memorial Cairn in Tofino, BC and ended at the Gapyeong Stone at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum in Langley BC, where Guy was met by Julien McNulty and members of the Fraser Valley Branch.



With COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings, I along with my son-in-law Craig Murray met with Guy Black (yellow jacket) at the Cairn. A brief ceremony took place with Mr. Woo Seok Lee the President of the Korean War Veterans Association of Western Canada and two Korean Veterans in attendance.

As we have been, CB'd for what seems forever, this was an exciting event. I hope that in the VERY near future, we will be able to meet as a branch again!

On behalf of all the members of the Mid-Island Branch I, hope everyone stays well!

Cheers, Jed

K. Jednorog
Branch President
Mid-Island Branch
PPCLI Association

Victoria Branch Report



Meeting/Lunch 14 October 2021

It has been an interesting stretch with Covid but we have been able to meet in person at the Trafalgar/Pro Patria Branch 292 of the Legion here in Victoria. Full vaccination is now

required for everyone to participate. The Legion has been very supportive, and we are extremely grateful.

Of course, it was a huge shock when Dougal Salmon, the National President, and the Victoria Branch President, passed away. Although we have lost a true leader, we are still meeting and getting the day-to-day tasks accomplished. Since Dougal's passing, we have met three times and will continue to do so monthly. Our membership stands at 48.

This Remembrance Day some of our members will be at the BC Afghanistan Memorial in Victoria. The ceremony was started by Dougal Salmon and by acknowledging Dougal by laying a wreath at this ceremony, we will also honour all those who remember.



Dougal Salmon (RIP) at the Afghanistan Memorial in Victoria

The Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony in downtown Victoria takes place at 11am and the Canadian Scottish Regiment pay respects to the Afghan Fallen as they march past the Memorial enroute to their Regimental Memorial later. So, it was agreed to host this ceremony earlier in the day and to keep it short, dignified and intimate. Jane Nuttall, mother of Lieutenant Andrew (Nutts) Nuttall (RIP) will be there to assist in laying the first wreath. Andrew was a Platoon Commander in 1 VP. He was killed while on foot patrol on 23 December 2009 in Panjwaii. Jane's husband Richard (who passed away in the past year) was instrumental in the creation of the memorial.

Our 2483 PPCLI Cadets will also be laying a wreath as will Bob Plecas, retired BC Deputy Minister (who helped us get the property for the Memorial) on behalf of the Sovereign Order of St John.

Our Branch wishes all of our Association members, PPCLI serving component and Veterans across Canada a good Remembrance Day and of course a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Terri Orser
Victoria Branch President

**Pictures from Harry Groom's Celebration of Life
Held on 17 October 2021**



*Company Sergeant Major (Ret'd) "Harry" Joseph Charles Edward Groom, CD (RIP)
Served for 27 years with the Queens Own Rifles and 3 PPCLI*

He passed away in August of this year



Patricia Veterans attend Harry Groom's Celebration of Life



Patricia and Korean War Veterans attend Harry Groom's Celebration of Life



Queen's Own Rifles Veterans attend Harry Groom's Celebration of Life

2483 PPCLI Army Cadets have Successfully Kicked off their 2021/2022 Training Year!

This past summer many cadets from our corps participated in one or two-week day courses in a variety of topics; marksmanship, sport & fitness, drill, and general training. The cadets reported back that they learned a lot, had fun, and enjoyed meeting other cadets from local corps/squadrons.

Due to the pandemic, we started September training virtually and were very pleased to see that many of our cadets were still willing to come back even though we had been operating online for the past 1.5 years. We even hosted a new recruit virtual information session and had 13 families in attendance.

Finally, in October we received permission to return to in-person training at Work Point Barracks. The corps has 45 cadets and a full contingent of staff and volunteers, and we are so happy to be back in our home and together again!

On October 30 & 31, we will be conducting a senior cadet instructional technique & marksmanship training weekend. We will refresh our skills and to try out our six new electronic marksmanship simulators - basically shooting a daisy air rifle without the pellets! When the cadet shoots a laser hits the target and the shot is relayed onto a laptop screen using special marksmanship software.

On Nov 20 & 21, we will conduct a field training exercise, training at Albert Head in Metchosin. The cadets will learn how to set up half-shelters, how to light a campfire and cook military rations, map & compass skills, etc.

The corps has managed very well over the duration of the pandemic and is still maintaining a flexible approach towards training and scheduling. Our goals are to ensure that cadet activities are fun and that everyone is engaged with learning and developing their skills. It's not the old cadet program we are used to, but the pandemic has created a new opportunity for us to reset, recharge and forge ahead. VP

Major Madeleine Dahl
Commanding Officer
2483 PPCLI RCACC

2483 PPCLI Cadet Corps “Most Outstanding Cadet of the Year” Trophy

The 2483 PPCLI “Most Outstanding Cadet of the Year” Trophy has been modified by creating a new base to allow for additional recipient’s name shields to be added. This coveted trophy was first presented to the Cadet Corps at Work Point Barracks in 1959 (the shield for that year reads “unknown”) by the PPCLI Association, Victoria Branch, and is held in very high esteem by all recipients of this award. Members of the Association contributed to the cost of the project and the work was done by member Gerry Nugent. The trophy will be returned to Major Madeleine Dahl, the Commanding Officer of the Cadet Corps, for safe keeping until its next award time.





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Ronald W Johnson, 71 – PPCLI – Calgary AB

Eugene Bekar, 87 – Korea – Feb 2021 – Smithers BC

Pierre LaChapelle, 77 - 2 PPCLI - Mar 2021 - Ottawa ON

John White, 85 - 2 PPCLI - Mar 2021 - St. Paul AB

Danial Kirkpatrick - 2 PPCLI - Mar 2021 - Winnipeg MB

Paul Lockhart, 69 – 1 PPCLI – April 2021 – Truro NS

Sean Lafreniere - 3 PPCLI - April 2021 - Sudbury ON

Lou Moniston – WWII – April 2021

Gerald Halayka, 79 - 1 PPCLI - April 2021 - Prince Albert SK

Gord Hryhoryshen, 91 – Korea - April 2021 - Victoria BC

Edward Diggle, 47 – 3 PPCLI – April 2021 – Barrie ON

Michael W Lotoski, 91 - Korea - April 2021 - St. Paul AB

Arthur G Neufeld, 94 – WWII – April 2021 - Regina SK

Goerge Irlans, 88 – Korea – April 2021 – Montreal QC

Blair W Vulc, 65 - 1 PPCLI – April 2021 - Moose Jaw SK

Douglas Fletcher, 92 – 1 PPCLI – April 2021 – Vernon BC

Charles V Hillsden, 98 – WWII – April 2021 – Navin MB

James Lighthouse, 65 – 2 PPCLI – April 2021 – Kamloops BC

Alexander M Ritchie, 90 – PPCLI – May 2021 - Victoria BC

Paul G Marten, 59 - 3 PPCLI – May 2021 - Pembroke ON

James D MacDonnell, 51 - 1 PPCLI - May 2021 - Inverness NS

Robert W Walker, 50 – 1 PPCLI – May 2021 - Angus ON

Stewart C Murray, 89 – 3 PPCLI – June 2021 – Victoria BC
Donald Robertson, 95 – 3 PPCLI – June 2021 – Victoria BC
James C Pruden, 79 – 2 PPCLI – June 2021 – Saskatoon SK
Gary Anderson, 74 – PPCLI – June 2021 – Edmonton AB
Allen G Johnson, 80 – 2 PPCLI – June 2021 – Ladysmith BC
Peter Batiuk, 84 – 2 PPCLI – July 2021 – Calgary AB
Ernest Fenton, 94 – PPCLI – July 2021 – Edmonton AB
Edgar R Gilby – 2 PPCLI – July 2021 – Hamilton ON
Wilfred Rochon, 95 – PPCLI – July 2021 - Tecumesh ON
Danial G Scully, 64 – PPCLI – July 2021 - Kingston ON
Sma'Knis AB Doucette, 93 – Korea – July 2021 - Eskasoni NS
Stanley C Baird, 97 – PPCLI – July 2021 – Surrey BC
Terrance F Gray, 78 – PPCLI – July 2021 – Winnipeg MB
Harold R Shelley, 83 – 1 PPCLI – July 2021 – Vernon BC
Jody Sarginson, 68 – 1, 2, 3 PPCLI – July 2021 – Victoria BC
Don Boyce – 1, 2 PPCLI – July 2021 – Chilliwack BC
Hilliard B Gardypie, 80 – 1 PPCLI – Aug 2021 - Rosthern SK
Jack R Smith, 89 – Korea – Aug 2021 – Burlington ON
Der Van, 83 – PPCLI Band – Aug 2021 – Victoria BC
Dougal Salmon, 72 – 3 PPCLI – Aug 2021 – Victoria BC
Robert Robitaille, 66 – 2 PPCLI- Aug 2021 – Toronto ON
Peter E Kolde, 83 – 3 PPCLI – Aug 2021 – Calgary AB
Joseph CE Groom, 87 – QOR/3 PPCLI – Aug 2021 – Victoria BC
Edwards A Kingston, 84 – 2 PPCLI – Sept 2021 – Pembroke ON
Charles A Gibson, 86 – 2 PPCLI – Sept 2021 – Victoria BC
James Mcdiarmid – 2 PPCLI – Sept 2021 – Edmonton AB
Brian E Furlong, 75 – PPCLI – Sept 2021 – St. Johns NF
Charles L Scott-Brown, 98 – WWII – Sept 2021 – Toronto ON
Roy S Donnelly, 87 – 1 PPCLI – Sept 2021 – Ottawa ON
Marcel H Greyeyes, 79 – 1 PPCLI – Sept 2021 - Rosthern SK
Paul Sandor, 91 – Korea – Sept 2021 – Kipling SK
Herbert Francis, 71 – PPCLI – Oct 2021 - St. Johns NF

Frank J Morton, 80 – PPCLI – Oct 2021 – Digby NS

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Rodney Deschambault, 48 – PPCLI – Oct 2021 – Regina SK

Joseph A Collins, 83 – QOR/PPCLI – Oct 2021 – Red Deer AB

Arthur Alexander Rintoul, 90 – Korea – Nov 2021 – Victoria BC

Dougal Salmon CD



Dougal Austin Beetham Salmon was born February 27, 1949 in Edmonton Alberta, the only child of Grant Ewart Salmon and Mary (Molly) Salmon nee Beetham.

Dougal and his mother lived in Edmonton while his father served with the PPCLI in Korea. The military was in his blood from an early date. His maternal grandfather served in the Boer war. His father's career with the military started with the Toronto Scottish with whom he served during WWII. After repatriation he joined the PPCLI and served in Korea. Upon his return to Canada, Grant was posted to Wainwright, Alberta where Dougal spent his formative years thank largely to Molly, who was the Base Commander's private secretary, and insisted that Grant not be posted. In due time Molly realized that Dougal needed his horizon's expanded and

allowed Grant to accept a posting to Downsview (Toronto), Ontario where they lived in Oakville.

Dougal joined the Toronto Scottish in 1966 and served with them, reaching the rank of Sergeant, until he joined the Regular Force in 1969. He served as an Infantryman with 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg until 1973. In 1973 Dougal was selected for Officer Training and upon completion was posted to 3PPCLI in Esquimalt. Dougal completed a winter tour in Cyprus performing Peacekeeping duties as a platoon commander from the fall of 1974 to the spring of 1975.

Upon his return to Canada, he was posted to 3 Mechanized Commando Germany as a platoon commander. He was promoted to Captain and was the Transport Officer performing those associated duties such as driver training and certification as well as planning and moving the Battalion by road and rail.

His next posting had him performing the duties of a Regular Force Support Officer in the Royal Westminister Regiment in New Westminister. His subsequent posting brought him home to 3PPCLI in Esquimalt as the Assistant Operation Officer, the Second in Command and Officer Commanding Combat Support Company which consisted of 265 all ranks.

In 1985 he was posted to Ottawa and was employed with the Intelligence Branch as the Training Officer for Military Attachés. This posting with the Directorate for Imagery Exploitation lasted until 1990. The next posting returned Dougal to Victoria to serve as a Military Career Counsellor in the Recruiting Center where he took over as the Detachment Commander responsible for 17 all ranks and all aspects of the center including planning, recruiting, operations and budget. 1993 - 1994 found Dougal back in his childhood home of Wainwright where he served as the Personnel Services Officer responsible for 5,000 bed spaces and the scheduling of their use. His other responsibilities included all kitchens and food services as well as all non-public fund activities such as clubs and even the buffalo herd. He spent the following year until 1995 as the Base Accommodation Officer at CFB Chilliwack.

1996 – 1998 Dougal was posted to Victoria to Pacific Region Cadets as the Staff Officer responsible for all Army Cadet Activities in British Columbia. His staff included Regular Force and the Cadet Instructor Cadre. He was responsible for the successful transition of support from Chilliwack to Edmonton for the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Center. 1998 – Dougal took on the position of the Common Training Officer for all BC Cadets. Duties included organizing training and competitions for biathlon and marksmanship at the local and provincial level and when required organizing and running national competitions. He was also responsible for certifying and supervising all Range Safety Officers for all BC Cadet Officers. He was also responsible for all First Aid Training and certification for both Officers and Cadets.

2004 – 2013 Dougal retired from the Regular Force in 2004 and after a weekend off resumed his duties as the Common Training Officer as a Cadet Instructor Cadre Officer. He continued to perform these duties until his retirement in July 2013.

After a couple of years of trying to improve his golf game, Dougal got involved with the Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association around 2004 which led to his involvement with the PPCLI Association. He became President of the Victoria Branch in October 2014. He then assumed the mantle of the National President of the Association on 1 May 2021.