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**COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT  
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE  
DECEMBER 2023**

**Patricias,**

It is with great pleasure that Carol and I take this opportunity to wish each and every member of the Regimental family the very best for a festive Holiday Season and a wonderful 2024!

In our 109-year history, soldiers of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry have spent many holidays on the front lines or on operations around the world. Keeping a connection to family and friends back home was always extremely important, but never more so than during the holidays. This year we can be thankful that our three Battalions will celebrate the festive season here in Canada. For them and all those serving members who will be home for this period it will be a well-deserved pause much appreciated by their families. To those Patricias serving elsewhere in the world and unable to be with loved ones please know that the thoughts of the Regimental Family are with you, and we are much appreciative of your commitment both to the Regiment and our country.

The past year has been another busy one between NATO overseas deployments, fighting fires in Alberta and British Columbia, and, since the fall, a much-needed reconstitution period which saw outstanding training (including a great deal of live-firing) conducted by the units. As we march into the future, 2024 will also be very busy as overseas deployments begin anew. For this reason, our Regiment's Edmonton 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations will take place 19-21 June 2024 instead of August.

In conclusion we thank each of you for your efforts throughout the year. We are truly fortunate to belong to such a fine Regiment whose serving and retired components continue to make selfless and courageous efforts to not only promote peace but support the care and well-being of our fellow soldiers and their families.

Regimentally yours,

BGen R.R. Romses, OMM, CD (Ret'd)  
Colonel of the Regiment  
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

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