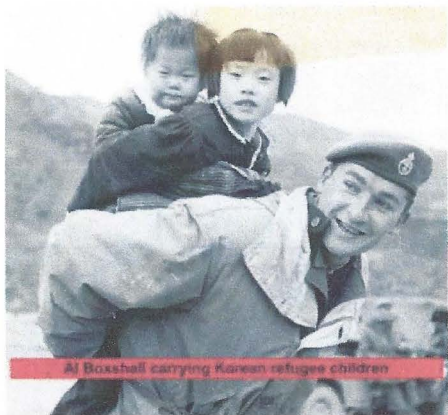


Power of Patricias answering the call over social media (submitted by Herb Kenny)

The wife of Al Boxshall, Candice, contacted Herb Kenny and asked if he could assist in a small matter. She had received Al's Honorary Citizenship to the City of Gapyeong in the mail and wanted to have fellow Patricias present when he received it. A blast on all PPCLI Facebook pages asking for residents in and around Grande Prairie to contact Candice was made. We had several reach out but only a few could attend. In secret, they gathered at Grande Prairie Legion and made the presentation. As Patricias do, they came with other gifts; Daryl Barter gave him a Patricia hat, Go cup and licence plate; Derek Allen, a Dirty Patricia tee shirt. This shows that we as Patricias always answer the call to help out our fellow Pats. An E-member Peter Lepinsk, was on hand to present the award to Al.

Here is short bio of Al Boxshall (courtesy of Candice Boxshall):

Al Boxshall was born in Winnipeg MB 1926 and raised in Cartwright MB. At age of 15, he ran away from home and enlisted in Canadian Forestry Corps for WWII. He was sent to England and Scotland for 2 years before being shipped home at age of 17 but not discharged; they kept him in Winnipeg as an instructor. He got out for a few years to truck and log in Swereda River BC. He moved back home to Winnipeg MB in August 1950 and enlisted with 2 PPCLI to go to Korea. He landed in Pusan Dec 1950 where he did 6 weeks of intensive training under Colonel Jim Stone before going into the Battle of Gapyeong -April 1951. On his return to Winnipeg, July 1952, he transferred to Royal Canadian Service Corps (RCSC) and served a total of 12 years with them of which the last 10 years were in Churchill MB. In addition to his recent honour, in June 2022, Al received the Ambassador For Peace Medal in Niagara Falls minted and awarded by the South Korean government.



PPCLI Exhibits at CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum (Submitted by Jack Bates)

Within the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum's building N39 at NADEN, in Esquimalt, the PPCLI has cabinet display space along with the QOR of C. Both regiments garrisoned Work Point Barracks; B Company PPCLI from 1920 to 1939, 1 PPCLI from 1957 to 1963 and 3 PPCLI from 1970 to 1994. 2 QOR of C was at Gordon Head Camp from 1955 to

1957, 1 QOR of C was stationed at Work Point Barracks from 1963 to 1970 and then redesignated 3 PPCLI.

The Base Museum as you see it today was opened in 1994, and by 1998, the PPCLI had a regimental showcase initiated by the late Major General Herb Pitts, adjacent to one by the QOR of C. The PPCLI exhibit is maintained by museum staff and members of the Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association. The branch holds copies of the PATRICIAN, numerous other Regimental, Association and Airborne publications, Regimental music editions, 2483 Cadet ACR videos, and welcomes PPCLI memorabilia and artifacts suitable for display within the museum.



Coincidental with this article, at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, this year, a commemorative plaque dedicated to Major General H. Pitts, was placed on the RMC Wall of Honour, the inscription reads: Soldier, Leader, Volunteer. A copy of this award's particulars and his biography will be placed in the museum in the near future.

Just completed in the adjoining building N37, is a Korean War exhibit, highlighting and commemorating 2 PPCLI, its valiant stand at Hill 677 during the BATTLE of KAPYONG on April 24 and 25, 1951, and the individual heroics of Lt. Mike Levy who called in Danger Close artillery fire on his own position, which halted the enemy attack. The exhibit contains numerous books, photographs, artifacts and a collection of newspaper articles as well as Korea Veterans Association items contributed by the Ed Hansen family, Murray Edwards, and the late Dougal Salmon. This exhibit, also displaying a mannequin uniformed for that time period, is an ongoing “work in progress.”



The Victoria Branch of the PPCLI Association, meeting monthly at RCL Branch # 292 on Gorge Road, placed and maintains a uniformed mannequin of a PPCLI paratrooper inside the entrance to the Legion.



VICTORIA BRANCH - MUSEUM REPORT

Submitted by Jack Bates

Following up on the history of the PPCLI exhibit within the CFB Esquimalt Naval and Military Museum dating back to 1998, credit is given to Herb Pitts, Don Ross, Chic Goodman and Bruce Dickey for initiating the display, Ed Widenmaier for his years of attention along with Bruce, Jack Bates and Gerry Nugent. Also, thank you to those who have contributed items to furnish the displays, mainly former members of 1 and 3 PPCLI from Work Point, and the Airborne Regiment.

This summer, the exhibit, along with the KOREA display, will be upgraded with assistance from summer students employed by the Base Museum, and input from members of the Victoria Branch of the Association.

A recent acquisition is that of a memorial window placed in St. Barbara's Protestant Chapel in Work Point Barracks, on March 30, 1994, in memory of twenty – two 3rd Battalion members. When 3 PPCLI departed for Chilliwack on June 30, 1994, the leaded stained glass 9" by 15" memorial window featuring VP with Regimental Colours, remained in the chapel at Work Point.

The window was eventually removed during renovations for repurposing of the building and was discovered by Major Madeleine Dahl, former Commanding Officer of 2483 PPCLI Cadet Corps, at Work Point. Major Dahl had the window framed for protection and turned it over to the Victoria Branch of the Association. It will be housed in the PPCLI exhibit, along with a copy of the dedication program, pending a possible more suitable home.

