



FIDELITER

A unit newsletter of the Princess Louise Fusiliers

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Commanding Officer's Forward

I would like to welcome all Fusiliers back from what has been a very successful summer. The Regiment has a very full training schedule leading up to our Southbound Trooper exercise and I expect you will all enjoy the challenge.

LCol. TG Weatherbee

From the Office of the Chief of the Land Staff (The Army Commander) - May 2002

?? The Army Purpose

Made up of Regular and Reserve (Militia) components, the Army's primary purpose is to defend the nation and, when called upon, to fight and win in war.

?? The Role of the Army Reserve

Within the Army, the Reserves (Militia) provides the framework for mobilization, the Army's connection with Canadians, and augmentation within the Canadian Forces.



As we walked back from the house [an 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade observation post] we passed through a well-entrenched platoon of heavy 4.2 mortars of the Princess Louise Fusiliers. Just beyond the mortars were their latrines, a series of 'one

holers' in front of which was strung a canvas screen which 'gave only about 30% privacy. The heads and feet of the occupants were clearly visible. As we went by, a young soldier, who was seated, suddenly saw us. He leapt to his feet, stood to attention and called out' 'Good Morning, Sir. ', After returning the compliment, Tommy Burns said quietly, "That's Regimental pride for you." - Mud and Green Fields; The Memoirs of Major General George Kitching, 1986

REGIMENTAL PARADE

Saturday 14 September 2002

??First parade – Armouries (combats) – 0800 hrs

??Freedom of the City Ceremony – Grand Parade (DEU 1A with whites and hackle) – 1400 hrs

??All-Ranks Reception – Jr Rank Mess - 1500

On Saturday 14 September 2002, the Princess Louise Fusiliers will conduct a Regimental Day to exercise the Freedom of the City of the Halifax Regional Municipality. "Freedom of the City" is a time-honoured tradition whereby a military unit is granted free access to a city or town and the unit is authorized to march through the town with bayonets fixed, flags flying and drums beating. The PLF conduct a Freedom of the City ceremony annually, marching from the Halifax Armouries to the Grand Parade. (This ceremony is usually conducted in June as part of the Regimental birthday celebrations. Barriers in the Grand Parade for the G7 Finance Ministers conference prevented the parade in June 2002.)

As this is the Regiment's only ceremonial parade in the public eye during the year, it is very important that every available unit member participate. During the ceremony, veterans and past serving members will be invited to stand with the unit during the Mayor's inspection.

The dress for morning company parades at 0800 hours on 14 Sep will be combats. All ranks are to carry their DEU 1A, time will be granted at lunch to change into parade dress (DEU 1A with whites and hackles). Note that lunch will not be provided by the unit. Whites accoutrements will be issued on Thurs 12 Sep. Officers will draw swords and belts at the same time.



Exercise SOUTHBOUND TROOPER III

The Princess Louise Fusiliers is planning Exercise SOUTHBOUND TROOPER III.

While details are still being worked out, a return to Virginia Army National Guard training area Fort Pickett in Virginia is planned. Exercise dates for the movement and training of the main body will be **7-16 February 2003**. Unit members, particularly those in "A" Company are advised to remain aware of requirements to attend preparatory training events in order to participate fully in Exercise SOUTHBOUND TROOPER III. As with past years most personal kit will be shipped earlier with a road party.

Personal Administration – On returning to the unit this fall, all unit members are reminded to complete the following personal administration, if applicable:

- ?? Submit summer travel claims to the BOR with all applicable receipts and a detailed itinerary of travel (dates/times for each leg of your trip).
- ?? Provide to the BOR updated copies of high school or university transcripts for your files if you have graduated (needed to support component transfer applications).
- ?? Provide your immediate superior and the BOR any details on changes of address, phone number, or next of kin.
- ?? For those attending university, annual applications for the Education Reimbursement program (see your Company Clerk for the forms).
- ?? Copies of marriage licenses and dependent birth certificates should also be submitted to the BOR for inclusion on personnel files.

Education Reimbursement - As a Reserve member who has served over one year you are entitled to an education reimbursement. This program pays 50% (up to \$2000 per year) for tuition for a member's first undergraduate degree. Application for the reimbursement must be made in the fall when you start your scholastic year, and then finalized after the year is completed for repayment. Requirements include maintenance of Good Academic standing and attendance at all required training. This program is open to all ranks. See your Company Clerk for more details and copies of the application forms.

Unit Training Calendar September – December 2002

22 Aug	Thurs night training commences
23-31 Aug	ARCON (Area Concentration exercise)
14 Sep	Regimental Day – Freedom of the City Parade
27-29 Sep	Unit professional development training, A Coy ranges (PWT) (Bedford)
11-14 Oct	36 CBG Crew Served Weapons Shoot (Gagetown)
15-17 Nov	A Coy field training exercise (FTX) (Aldershot)
29 Nov – 1 Dec	A Coy Live Fire (Gagetown)
7 Dec	Regimental Day – Unit sports and Soldier's Christmas Dinner

Regimental news :



- ?? Master Warrant Officer (MWO) M.L. Gray, as a member of the LFAA Small Arms Team, has won the Queen's Medal for the best shot from the Reserve Force at the 2002 Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC) held at Connaught Ranges. This the second time MWO Gray has won the Queen's medal.
- ?? The PLF filled over 130 taskings and course candidate positions during the summer of 2002.

The Grenade, with other devices superimposed on the ball, is also the badge of all the Fusilier regiments. Why this should be so is not clear. The fusiliers were originally formed to act as an escort to the artillery, and as their work necessitated their fusils being slung, they wore a cap similar to that worn by men of the grenadier companies, it being impossible to pass a sling over the wide-brimmed hat then worn by other companies. In view of their origin, it is possible that the fusilier badge represents, not a grenade, but a bomb-shell. - J.O. Robson, "Devices and Emblems of the Cap Badges of the Regular Army," The Army Quarterly, Volume XLIII, October 1941 and January 1942



LFAA Message Pad - The LFAA Message Pad is an Area Headquarters sponsored newsletter for all personnel in Land Force Atlantic Area. Issued each month, it is will be distributed to every unit member through his or her Company. Extra copies will be available through the BOR or kept in unit lines. The Message Pad is designed to improve the passage of non-operational information to all Army personnel in Atlantic Canada.



From the Regimental Archives; Regimental Order Book 66th Batt. P.L.F.; Jan 1900 – Dec 1903:

Regt order No 61
By Lieut Col Weston
Comd'g 66th PLF

Halifax. N.S.
16. 12. 1902.

1. The Regiment with Band, Drums and Pioneers will parade at the armouries on Tuesday Dec 23rd at 8 p.m. to receive annual pay.
2. Uniform – Drill order.
3. Officers Comd'g Companies will receive from the Regt Paymaster, their cheques, on Saturday Dec 20th. 10. to 12. a.m. and will have amounts dues each man placed in envelopes in readiness for payment.
4. Officers Commanding Companies will pay no men previous to the pay parade.

By order
HL Chipman
Capt & Bvt Major
Adjutant

From the Regimental Archives; Regimental Orders 66th Regt. P.L.Fusiliers; 1910:

**66th Regiment
“Princess Louise Fusiliers”**

Regt. Order No. 19
By Lieut.-Col. Chipman, Commanding.

Halifax July 2nd, 1910.

1. The Annual Class Firing will be carried out at Bedford Range by the various companies of the Regt. as follows,--
 - B & D Co's Thursday July 7th.
 - C & G Co's Tuesday ‘ ‘ 12th
 - E & F Co's Thursday ‘ ‘ 14th
 - Staff Thursday ‘ ‘ 14th
 - A & H Co's Tuesday ‘ ‘ 19th
2. All N.C.O. and men must perform their Annual Class Firing to qualify for annual grant and efficiency pay.
3. UNIFORM :-- Drill Order without belts.
4. All ranks will parade at North St. Station on days specified at 6.45 a.m.—Train leaves at 7.00 o'clock a.m.
5. The Regimental Best Shot Badge Competition will take place Tuesday July 26th. This competition open to 10 N.C.O. and men of each company and the staff—Conditions same as last year. Train leaves North Street Station at 1.30 p.m.

G.S. Stairs, Lieut.,
Act. Adjutant 66th Regt. P.L.F.

Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

This commemorative medal (which is neither a campaign nor a meritorious service medal) is being issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne. Distribution of the medals to units will start in September 2002. The CF has been allocated 8000 medals, which will be distributed in an equitable distribution by unit, rank, trade and other factors. Once the Regiment received the list of designated recipients and the medals, an appropriate awards parade will be held. (Reference - CANFORGEN 078/02)

Component Transfers to the Regular Force



With the current increase in recruiting by the Regular Force, unit members may be considering their options for applying for a Component Transfer. To initiate this process, soldiers should start by submitting a memorandum to their Platoon Commander requesting that a Component Transfer Application be started on their behalf.

The Component Transfer Application is the covering document that accompanies a large number of documents on the applicant to the Recruiting Centre. While most of these documents will already be on your personnel file held by the Battalion Orderly Room (BOR), there will be some items or requirements missing that you must provide or complete. **The Component Transfer Application, which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, cannot be forwarded to the Recruiting Centre until all applicable documents are included.**

After submitting your request for Component Transfer, check with the Orderly Room to confirm which items are missing from your file. Until you complete the necessary requirements, the BOR cannot forward your file.

The following list covers those things that may need to be provided or completed for the Component Transfer to be authorized.

- ?? A completed Express fitness test with the past year
- ?? A current reliability (security) screening
- ?? Official copies of your high school transcripts
- ?? Official copies of your university transcripts
- ?? Two letters of recommendation (for officer applicants)
- ?? Personnel Security Assessment
- ?? Record of current medical status (may require Medical)

The PLF Kit Shop

The Kit Shop is open Thursday evening 0930-1015 or by appointment with 2Lt Peddle, 427-0550, ext 0530.

Accessories for CF Uniform/Mess Kit	
Buttons – Anodized	\$ 0.60
Cap Badge – Anodized	\$ 5.00
Cap Badge -Embroidered Cloth (Officer)	\$ 15.00
Collar Dogs - (Sold in Pair)	\$ 15.00
Crowns - Cloth for Mess Kit (Sold in Pair)	\$ 15.00
Pips - Cloth for Mess Kit (Sold in Pair)	\$ 15.00
Shoulder Titles (PLF) – Anodized	\$ 7.00
Shoulder Titles (PLF) - Cloth (For CF Epaulette)	\$ 0.60
Canadian PeaceKeeper	
Belt Combat (#1001)	\$ 12.59
Blousers Combat (#1014)	\$ 4.03
Boot Bands (#1013)	\$ 2.29
Field Msg Pad Cover Combat (#2002)	\$ 25.24
Pacing Beads (#1020)	\$ 6.84
Shave Kit Hang Up (#2003)	\$ 26.39
Miscellaneous Items	
Knife - Grohmann with PLF Etching	\$ 80.50
Lapel Pin – Metal	\$ 5.00
Mug - Glass (Single)	\$ 3.50
Regimental Colours (Miniature)	\$ 149.99
Regimental Clothing	
Ball Cap with PLF Insignia (Black)	\$ 17.00
Jogging Pants with PLF insignia (Maroon)	\$ 32.00
Shorts with PLF insignia (Maroon)	\$ 21.00
Sweat Shirt with PLF insignia (Maroon)	\$ 32.00
Tie - Regimental	\$ 21.00
Toque with PLF insignia (Black)	\$ 15.00
T-shirt with PLF Crest (Olive Drab)	\$ 9.99
T-shirt with PLF insignia (Green)	\$ 14.00
T-shirt with PLF insignia (Grey)	\$ 15.00

Now Available: – Zippo Lighters (PLF Crested), Regimental Rings (silver); Cuff links & button studs (silver); Lapel pins (silver); Flasks (stainless steel and pewter); Fleece jackets (with PLF crest)

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