



FIDELITER

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Commanding Officer's Forward

The Regiment continues to meet or exceed all of its training and administrative goals. Our collective performance has been recognized and commented upon by numerous commanders, as recently as the Area Commander's Conference 19-20 October 2002. The success of the regiment lies in the performance of you the Fusiliers and you should be proud of your accomplishments. I look forward to speaking with you personally at the Regimental Christmas Dinner 8 December 2002.

LCol TG Weatherbee

Regimental Sergeant Major's Forward

Non-commissioned officers represent a unique army strength. Today's NCO is the front line trainer and role model for our soldiers and the motivating force behind discipline, leadership and standards. Teaching and enforcing standards instills discipline in our soldiers. When was the last time you made an on-the-spot correction? Caring for our soldiers requires us to take the hard right over the easy left.

Are the principles of leadership our standard, or are they just another group of words? I prefer to think that the NCO Corps exemplifies them, possessing a keen desire to make a positive contribution to their unit and the Army as a whole. Let's be role models for our young soldiers. They are entitled to nothing less.

PJ White CWO RSM

Remember- managers do things right, and leaders do the right thing. - SMA Gene C. McKinney, (1996)

If you show your men that you stand squarely behind them and consider them "your" men in your dealings with your superiors and your equals, the men will respond to this loyalty by giving you their loyalty. - A Guide for the Potential NCO, HumRRO, US Army Department of the Army (1961)

Freedom of the City 14 September 2002

The Princess Louise Fusiliers exercised their right to the Freedom of the City of the Halifax Regional Municipality on Saturday 14 September 2002. Following rehearsals in the Armouries in the morning, the Regiment stepped off from the Armouries parade square shortly after 1 pm en route to Old City Hall. Escorted through the streets by the HRM Police Dept, and led by a small ensemble from the 36 CBG Band, the PLF in two companies with the Regimental Colour marched from the Armouries to the Grand Parade, there to await the arrival of the Mayor for His Honour's annual inspection.



*A Coy marches onto the Grand Parade
Photo by Pte Humber*

Once the Regiment was in place in front of the steps to the Old City Hall building, Regimental salutes were given to the Honourary Lieutenant Colonel, LCol Richard Patterson, CD, P.Eng., and to the Honourary Colonel, Col Leo Simmonds, CD. Following these salutes, the Regiment was called upon by the Commanding Officer to present the Mayor with a Regimental salute as well. Mayor Peter Kelly then inspected the Princess Louise Fusiliers and graced the parade with his comments, noting especially the fine relationship held between the City and the Regiment. Following a prayer for the Regiment by the Padre, Major Gary Thorne, closing salutes were offered.

Following the ceremony, the Regiment marched back to the Halifax Armouries where an all-ranks reception was held in the Junior Ranks Mess.

The Commanding Officer would like to express his thanks to the many Veterans of the Regiment who attended the parade, as well as to the Padre and to Private Darrel Humber for their participation.

Shooting Team Hits Bullseye!

By Master Warrant Officer Michael Gray

The Princess Louise Fusiliers Small Arms Team recently competed in the 36 Brigade Small Arms Competition, held in Aldershot 13-15 September 2002. I'm glad to say that the weekend competition was more than successful for our team!

The competition was hosted by 36 Bde G3 staff, commanded by Capt Molloy. Teams participating included PLF, PEIR, 1 Fd Regt and 84th Ind Bty Artillery, 1 and 2 NSH, WNSR, 45 Fd Engr Sqn, 35 Svc Bn, and 33 and 35 Med Coys. The weekend went very smoothly with time spent during Saturday morning to zero rifles and C9's and to ensure all teams were equally prepared. The C7 competition began in the afternoon with the 200m deliberate, which was followed by the C9 matches (a rundown from 600 to 200m, and defensive shoot from 500m respectively). Meanwhile, the Pistol competitors were completing their matches on the pistol range.



MWO Gray after receiving his second Queens Medal

Sunday morning began with fine weather. The C7 rifle matches fired were, a 200m rapid from the sitting position, a 300m deliberate, and a 300m rapid from the prone position. One extra challenge this year was that a magazine change was required on every C7 match after 5 shots. The day ended with a downpour of rain, which luckily started 5 minutes after the last round was fired!

The results at the end of the day for the PLF Small Arms Team:

- Top Rifle Team - Infantry
- Top Rifle Team
- Top Small Arms Team (combined scores of Rifle, LMG and Pistol)

Individually:

- Top Rifle Shot - MWO Gray
- Second Place Rifle - MCpl Evong (by 5 points)

Top Rifle Tyro - Cpl Balcom

Team members were:

Capt Greg Bucci - Pistol and Team Captain

MWO Mike Gray - Rifle, C9 and Team Coach

MCpl Kevin Evong - Rifle and C9

Pte Cory Balcom - Rifle

Pte Beruk Girma - Rifle

This competition caps off a spectacular year in shooting for the PLF. MWO Gray attended the Commonwealth Small Arms Matches in Bisley, England, in June, coming in 49th place in the Army Rifle Association Matches (out of 240 competitors), and 5th place in the National Rifle Association Matches (out of 230 competitors). He also competed as part of the LFAA Small Arms Team in Ottawa this summer, where he won the Queen's Medal for top Reserve Rifle Shot, the second time in his career. Pte Kavanagh also shot as a member of the LFAA team and did a fine job. The LFAA team won both the Top Reserve Rifle Team and the Top Reserve Small Arms Team, and both members are eligible to wear the miniature rifle on their dress tunics as a result.

The Barrosa Eagle

Be jabbers boys, oi have the cuckoo!!

In 1810 Napoleon had ordered that each French infantry Regiment was to carry a gold Eagle mounted on a wooden pole as the British had their Colours. On 5th March 1811, during the Peninsular War in Spain, the 2nd Battalion, 87th Regiment (later to become the Royal Irish Fusiliers) fought and beat both the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 8th French Infantry Regiment, charging them with wild cries of "Faugh-a-Ballagh!" (Clear the Way). During the battle Sgt Patrick Masterson, from County Roscommon, personally captured the 8th Regiment's Eagle, the first one ever taken on the field of battle, with a cry of "Be jabbers boys, oi have the cuckoo!"



At an Officers' Mess Dinner on the evening of Saturday 26 October 2002, the officers of the Regiment had as a welcome guest Major Matthew Kelly of the Royal Irish Regiment. Maj Kelly is currently the British Army exchange officer with the Infantry School in Gagetown. The Royal Irish Regiment is the Princess Louise Fusiliers' affiliated British Army Regiment. During the dinner, Maj Kelly graciously presented to the unit a Tyrone Irish Crystal replica of the Barrosa Eagle. This crystal eagle has been placed in the upper balcony trophy case for all unit members to see. In the near future we will be attempting to reestablish our link with the Royal Irish Regiment

WALK TO D'FEET ALS 2002



On Saturday 28 September 2002 nine members and one past member of the regiment braved the torrential rain and took part in the 2nd Annual Walk To D'Feet ALS. The PLF team raised approximately \$1,200 for the charity and participated in the 5 km walk around the Halifax Commons. Roughly, three hundred people participated and raised over \$67,000. All proceeds from the walk will go towards local patient support and equipment, and research for a cure for ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.



The following is the text of a letter sent to the unit by the ALS Society of Nova Scotia:

October 3, 2002

Dear LCol TG Weatherbee:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Princess Louise Fusiliers for their involvement in the 2nd Annual Walk to D'Feet ALS. The professionalism of the soldiers and officers involved with the Walk was outstanding. Their assistance in the setup, clean up and, most importantly, the use of the Halifax Armouries and Sgt's Mess was vital to the success of our Walk. The inclement weather on Saturday did not dampen the spirits of ALS patients, family, friends, caregivers and volunteers. The Halifax Armouries was a unique location for our registration, team photos, to warm up after a wet walk around the Halifax Commons, to enjoy a barbeque lunch, meet the Halifax Mooseheads, and listen to the sounds of Alma Latina.

Thank you to all the PLF members who participated in the Walk - **Lt. Geoffrey Davis, MCpl. Crissy Horne, MCpl. Matthew Killawee, Cpl. Mike Johnson, Cpl. Amy Mitchell, Cpl. Joel Redman**, and ex-PLF member **Pte. Jennifer Clarke**. A special thank you goes out to **Sgt. Chris Saunders** for his invaluable support of the Walk and recruiting members to participate, to **MCpl. Chris Stubbett** who as a volunteer helped to coordinate the logistics of the Walk and to **MCpl. Dave Hutchings** who spent time assisting with tasks throughout the day.

To date, our Walk raised over \$60,000 locally with 60% of those funds remaining in Nova Scotia for patient services. The PLF team contributed \$1,224.55. Across Canada, twenty-seven Walks took place with initial figures showing we raised \$1 million.

It is wonderful to have a local reserve unit participate in the Walk and we hope to see the Princess Louise Fusiliers in an active role once again next year.

Sincerely,

Charles Hain
Manager of Development
ALS Society of Canada

Lori Saunders
Walk Coordinator
ALS Society of Nova Scotia

RESERVISTS' COMMITMENT TO SERVE ON OPERATIONS

The PLF has recently sent four unit members to join the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) for their upcoming tour in Bosnia. As the Army has become busier with UN operations over the past decade, the opportunities for participation by Reserve members has increased. Even though more Reservists are deploying, the participation of each Reservist remains subject to one outstanding criterion - the Reservist must volunteer for the mission. When the unit receives an allocation, or an opportunity to "bid" for a position on a UN operation, suitable personnel will be identified and then asked if they are available and willing. Reservists cannot be compelled to volunteer for operational duty, nor will they be warned for overseas service without prior consultation and confirmation of availability. Once a Reservist is selected for a UN tour, an extensive clearance process will be conducted to ensure that there are no factors which will preclude their participation without personal or administrative difficulties.

Welcome & Congratulations

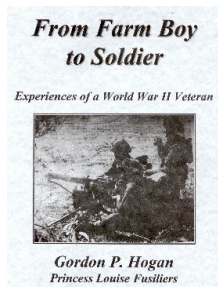


Welcome to the newest members of the regiment pictured above (Front) Fus Macleod, Fus Couturier, Fus McQuinn, Fus Smith, Fus Balcom, Fus Jordan-Creamer, Fus MacDougall, Fus Girma (Rear) Fus Keezer, Fus Meagher, Fus Thimot, Fus Mac Gillivray, Fus Gammon, Fus Ernst (Top Candidate), Fus MacBurnie and Fus O'Hearn. Congratulations to them on completion of BIQ in Aldershot during the summer.

Congratulations to Sergeants Kelly, Kearney and Marryatt on successfully completing QL 6B and Sergeants Bird, Kelly, Kearney and Saunders on completing the Senior Leaders Course. As well, congratulations to Cpl Johnson for finishing as Top candidate on QL4 MG.

From Farm Boy to Soldier

Gordon Hogan, a WWII veteran of The Princess Louise Fusiliers recounts his experiences at home and overseas during the war years. Limited quantities are available at a cost of \$20.00 each. Inquiries should be directed to Gordon Hogan Oceanbrook Park, 40 Charlotte Lane, Apt 422, Halifax, NS or by phone (902) 443-0209.



Turn In AWOL Fusiliers

We need your help!! In order to ensure that we get FIDELITER out to as many Fusiliers as possible we need you turn in any AWOL Fusiliers that you know of. There are many past serving Fusiliers out there that we'd like to hear from. If you are "Old School" we'd also like to know if you were a Mortarman, or if you did the Guard on the Citadel and what appointments you held as well as what period of time you spent in the PLF.

Form now on each edition of FIDELITER will include a list of the most recent AWOL Fusiliers to be turned in. With your help we will be able to reestablish contact with members of our Regimental family who we have lost touch with. Any information can be forwarded to Sgt Saunders (902)427-0550 ext 6156, saunders.ck@forces.ca or Capt O'Leary ext 6194, oleary.mm@forces.ca

Personal Photos

As always we are still looking for Regimental Photos If you have any interesting or exciting photos showing PLF soldiers in action in the field, the Recruiting Office would like you to bring them in to Sgt Saunders to be copied. These photos may appear in future recruiting publications or in this newsletter.



The Grey Hackle Kit Shop

Get ready for winter with a new PLF Polar Fleece with matching PLF Toque. Receive \$10 off the Fleece if a toque is purchased at time of sale. The PLF Christmas dinner is fast approaching, get ready for festivities with a regimental stainless steel hip flask and matching shot glass. Receive \$5 off the flask if a shot glass is purchased at time of sale.

Miscellaneous Items	Price
Flask - Stainless Steel with Engraved Insignia	\$27.60
Knife - Grohmann with Etched Blade and Sheath	\$80.50
Mugs - Glass (Purchase of Five)	\$12.00
Mugs - Glass (Purchase of Two)	\$6.00
Mugs - Glass (Single)	\$3.50
Print - Poster Size "History of the PLF" (Rare/Limited)	\$40.00
Print 8.5 x 11 - "Regimental Colours"	\$10.00
Regimental Colours - Cloth Embroidered (Miniature)	\$150.00
Shot Glass with Laser Etched Insignia	\$10.00
Zippo Brush Finish Lighter with Luster Etch Insignia	\$20.00

Regimental Clothing

Fleece Jacket with Embroidered PLF Insignia	\$80.00
Jogging Pants with PLF Insignia (Maroon)	\$32.00
Shorts with PLF Insignia (Maroon)	\$21.00
Sweat Shirt with Embroidered PLF Insignia	\$32.00
Tie - Regimental (Polyester)	\$21.00
Toque with Embroidered "PLF" Lettering (Black)	\$15.00
T-shirt with Screen Print of PLF Insignia (Olive Drab)	\$10.00
T-shirt with Screen Print of PLF Insignia (Forest Green)	\$14.00
T-shirt with Screen Print of PLF Insignia (Dark Grey)	\$15.00

Miniature Colours Draw



Ticket sales are continuing for another Miniature Regimental Colour. The Miniature Colours are hand-stitched by a master tailor in Britain and have a retail value of \$150. Tickets will be sold at the kit shop by 2Lt Peddle or 2Lt Ryan for \$2 each every Thursday evening. A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold for each draw.

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