

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund

Annual General Meeting held on 21 June 2024 by video conference and in person at St Albert Inn, Edmonton AB.

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	Present
Mr Dave Pentney	Chair / Treasurer
Mr Pete Hofman	Vice Chair
Mr Paul Hale	Secretary / Fundraising / Communications Chair
Mrs Donna Campbell	Heritage / Veterans and Family Chair
Mr Bryan Bailey	Cadets Chair
Mr Quentin Innis	Governance Chair
Mr Derek Prohar	Educational Bursary Chair
Mr Bryan Bailey	Cadet Chair
	Absent / Regrets
Mr Ernie Reumiller	Chief Financial Officer
Mr Shawn McKinstry	Trustee
	In attendance
BGen Ray Romses	Colonel of the Regiment
MGen Mike Wright	Senior Serving Patricia
Mr Greg Ferguson	President PPCLI Association
Mr Ted Giraldeau	Past President PPCLI Association
Mr Jason Zdyb	VP West PPCLI Association
Mr Terry Loveridge	Heritage PPCLI Association
Mr Glen Ryan	President Atlantic Branch
Mr Herb Kenny	President Edmonton Branch
Mr Scott Langford	President Calgary Branch
Mr Charles Merredew	Ottawa Branch
Mr Fred Goldring	Edmonton Branch
Mr Jim Croll	Calgary Branch
Mr Barry Ashton	Calgary Branch
Mr Darcy Parker	Saskatchewan Branch
LCol Cole Petersen	CO 1 PPCLI / Chair Regimental Executive Committee
Maj Steve Zivkow	Regimental Major

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
1.	Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1230 (MST) hours, with a quorum.	Chair
2.	 a. Welcome all. It is good to have so many Trustees in person and I welcome those that have been able to join us on Zoom. To those who are attending, but are not Trustees, we welcome your participation and input; however, I remind you that you do not have voting privileges. b. Note that we will only have one financial report current as of 31 May 2024. Our 2024 First Quarter report and the 2023 reviewed annual statements were reviewed and approved at our 25 Apr 24 meeting. We will review the Second Quarter report at our quarterly meeting next month. 	Chair
3.	Approval of the Agenda: Motion for approval: by Derek Prohar. Seconded by Paul Hale. Carried	Chair
4.	Approval of minutes from 25 April 2024 Motion for approval: by Peter Hofman. Seconded by: Donna Campbell. Carried	Chair
5.	Financial Report (as per attached slide) The HGMF Balance sheet as of 31 May 2024 was reviewed. The HGMF total assessment of \$1,054,594.04 with liabilities of 11,113.44 for charitable activities that have not occurred. We are in an exceptionally good financial state. A comparative income of Budget to Actual was shown. Revenue is \$72,869 with expenses of \$25,829. Moved by Dave Pentney the financial report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Derek Prohar. Carried	Treasurer / Finance Chair
6.	Bursary Program Update For 2024, we intend to award \$20,000 in Educational Bursaries as follows	Bursary Chair

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
	Hamilton Gault \$4,500 Princess Patricia \$4,000 Lady Patricia \$4,000 HGMF \$3,000 The Moro \$2,500 Hitler Line \$2,000 Applications are due by 15 July 2024. Currently we do not have very many applications. We may extend the deadline by a couple of weeks. Derek asked that the PPCLI Association help promote the application. There is a possibility that there may an increase in serving members requesting bursaries since existing programs for them have been frozen.	
	Greg Ferguson requested that information on the bursaries be forwarded to him, so that it can be passed to Branches and the Council of Presidents. The chair commented that we have decreased the bursary amount for \$20V to \$20V due to the limited amount and a decrease in the	
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	Cadet Program Update	Cadet Chair
	We have completed the first year with respect to our MOU with the PPCLI Association regarding support to PPCLI Cadet Corps. There have been minor amendments to the MOU.	
	For unknown reasons there were no returns this year from any of the Cadet Corps for the Top Cadet Corps trophy. Accordingly, the trophy will not be awarded this year. It was advised that the award will be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500.	
7.	It was requested that Branches and Bn Cadet Liaison Officers assist in raising the profile of the Top Cadet Corps competition.	
	The Top Cadet Corps trophy will be refurbished and a new base added.	
	The HGMF budgeted \$8.5K for support to Cadet Corps outside of Alberta. There were only two applications, both for \$2,000 from Yellowknife and Campbell River Cadet Corps.	
	Moved by Bryan Bailey that a grant of \$2,000 be provided to Yellowknife and Campbell River Cadet Corps. Seconded by Paul Hale. <i>Carried.</i>	

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	Support to Veterans and Families	V & F Chair
	Donna briefed the HGMF made two donations of \$5,000 to Courageous Companions a Service Dog Provider and the second to the Edmonton Veterans Association Food Bank at the HGMF / PPCLI Foundation Dinner on 20 Jun.	
	Dave raised the issue that perhaps we should focus our fundraising effort to support specific activities. For example, perhaps funding a specific charitable object such as Service Dogs or types of Mental Health Therapy. The Veterans and Family Support and Fundraising Committee will examine the issues and provide recommendations to the Board as to who we should partner with for future fundraising campaigns. At the same time, the HGMF can support local branch initiatives. For example, if the Kingston Branch wished to conduct a fundraiser for the Veterans Tiny Homes Village in Kingston, the donations could be made to the HGMF who would issue tax receipts and present the total amount to the agency in collaboration with the Branch.	
8.	There was a side discussion with respect to supporting Edmonton and Calgary Veterans Association Food Bank. The PPCLI Association from their Casino Fund and at the same time the First in the Field Cassino also provided support. Barry Ashton highlighted how the For the Soldier Institute has supported the Citadel Canine Society.	
	The question was raised about designating donations specifically for Patricia's. We can request that, if possible, support be provided but we cannot ignore the needs of veterans who are not Patricias.	
	Paul asked the PPCLI Association if he could speak at one of their future Council of Presidents meetings with respect to Fundraising	
	Dave commented that we need better coordination of donations so that we do not spend the majority of the funds in one region. The HGMF will develop a plan to coordinate the distribution of funds by the multiple agencies associated with the Regiment in Alberta.	
	Heritage Update	Heritage Chair
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9.	Syndey Forst Battlefield Tour	Paul Hale chief planner Sydney

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
Item	Paul briefed on the Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour. 34 participants on the tour. All the events went exceptionally well with the exception of the presentation of Sydney Frost's shadow box with replica medals to Ispica. Paul is not confident that the shadow box will be seen by the public. He is investigating relocating the medals to a better location. Three memorials were installed as planned at Leonforte, Hitler Line and Gothic Line. The best event of the Tour was the memorial service at Villa Rogatti. We walked the route that the Regiment used for silent night attack. When we arrived at the village square, we were met by at least 300 people and the church bell ringing in n the background. Their comments were that this was the first time that anyone had done a memorial service at the village. This makes sense, since the main focus for tours is the battle within Ortona. Additional details can be found at the attached Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour report. Dave stressed that the new memorials must be added to the Regimental Memorial and Monuments Manual. He thanked Paul for his work on this project. Lansdowne Memorial A plaque had fallen off the Lansdowne Memorial . It was noticed by the Lansdowne Park Staff and will be reattached at no cost. Don Dalziel is arranging to have Laurin Monuments, the original contractor, to inspect, and clean the Monument. They may recommend a sealing treatment for the original red granite cairn, as it is a softer, more porous stone than the black granite plinth. There is no cost estimate at this time.	Frost Battlefield Tour
10.	Quentin reviewed HGMF Governance documents. The charitable objects in the Guide to Sound Governance require updating. He has signed up for the Blumberg Charity Newsletter. Quentin will be signing up for a Blumberg Charity Law course that will be conducted in October 2024. He may also be registering for a course on Charity Governance. He noticed that some of the Trustee Bios on the HGMF website require updating. Trustees are requested to review their bios and send amendments to Paul.	Governance Chair

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	Communications Update	Comms Chair
11.	Website has been updated to the best of my ability. A Legacy Stone page has been added to the website. In addition, current MOUs with the PPCLI Association have been added to the Governance page. Dave stressed that the MOUs were useful and a legal requirement in order to ensure that we adhere to CRA rules and regulations.	
	It was agreed that an HGMF group be added to LinkedIn as an additional way to reach out to others and raise our profile.	
	Fundraising Update	Fundraising
	We need to raise the profile of the HGMF within the PPCLI Association and serving component.	Chair
	Responsibility for Legacy Stones at Patricia Park has been transferred to the HGMF. The dedication service for the Legacy Stones will be the second weekend in August. Installation of new stones to be completed and any required maintenance to be completed in August of each year.	
	Our charitable objects were updated and approved by CRA in July 2023. We can support new activities such as PTSD service dogs, various types of Mental Health Therapy and provide additional support to physically disabled veterans.	
12.	In 2023 that HGMF received \$36,664.50 in charitable donations with a fundraising expense of \$2,460.	
	As of 31 May 2024, we have received \$11,282 in donations with a fundraising expense of \$191. You can now make donations direct to the HGMF via email cfo.hgmf@gmail.com . Please provide your address so that your tax receipt can be forwarded directly to you.	
	This year will be the last Regimental Anniversary Bike Ride and our goal is to raise \$18,000. On 10 Aug, a number of riders will bike 10 kms to the Lansdowne Memorial. Greg Bell, Ottawa Branch initiated this fundraiser and has done an outstanding job of raising funds	
	Dave challenged each Association Branch to sponsor one rider so that we can collectively achieve the goal of raising \$18,000.	

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13.	Into the Summit Dave briefed that the For the Soldier Institute (FSI) supports an Annual Caving Expedition in October of each year. The focus is mental health. In the past, PPCLI Foundation has been a partner with this fundraiser and one of the recipients of funds raised. Alex Gault is the FSI chair and is investigating the possibility of having funds directed towards the HGMF vice the Foundation.	
14.	Transition Update The PPCLI Foundation has made the decision to wind-up and transfer its assets to the HGMF. We recognized this last evening, but the formal work remains to be completed. Unfortunately, Mike Day, PPCLI Foundation President was not able to attend the event and provide an update on Foundation activities. We have assumed the Personal Legacy Stone responsibility so there would be no gap. We will be installing 8 stone this year. However, we have yet to assume other Foundation activities. The Foundation must complete its formal wrap up. When this has been completed, the Foundation's legal counsel must contact ours with full disclosure. Transfer of funds from the Foundation to the HGMF cannot happen until this has occurred. It is the HGMF Board of Trustees responsibility is to ensure that we do not inherit any non-agreed financial or legal obligations from the Foundation. We are in the process of establishing a working relationship with the For the Soldier Institute (Calgary) and First in the Field Institute (Edmonton) so that we can work with them in the same manner as the Foundation had.	
15.	2024 HGMF Budget Review Dave reviewed the current 2024 HGMF Budget. Forecasting revenue of \$75,000 with anticipated donations of \$40,000. Administrative expenses of \$12,650 and charitable objects expenses of \$61,960 for 2024. 2024 Budget has been attached to these minutes.	Chair/ Treasurer

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
	2025 HGMF Budget	Chair/ Treasurer
16.	The 2025 Budget was reviewed. Total income of \$65,000 with anticipated donations of \$40,000. Administrative expenses of \$12,650 and charitable objects expenses of \$52,000 for 2025. 2025 Budget has been attached to these minutes. Moved by Dave Pentney that the 2025 Budget be accepted as presented. Seconded by Pete Hoffman.	
	Carried	
	Election of New Trustees	Chair
17.	Alex Gault is chair of the For the Soldier Institute and had been a trustee with the PPCLI Foundation. He is interested in joining the HGMF Board.	
17.	Moved by Dave Pentney that Alex Gualt be elected to the HGMF Board of Trustees. Seconded by Paul Hale.	
	Carried	
	Trustee Appointments	Chair
	Dave reviewed trustee appointments and commented that the majority of trustees were double hatted.	
18.	Donna Campbell requested that consideration be given to transferring Heritage Chair to Shawn McKinstry. Dave will follow up.	
	Dave stressed that we need to take a proactive role in recruiting new trustees and stagger their terms so that we have depth. We need to recruit individuals who are prepared to take on and complete various projects or activities. It was also stressed that individuals do not have to be a Patricia, they need to have a desire to help others.	
	Open Forum	1
19.	Nil	
	Date and Time of Next Meeting	Chair
20.	25 July 2024 at 1730 (Mountain Time).	

Item	Discussion	OPI/Action
	Adjournment:	
21.	The meeting was adjourned at 1352 (MST).	

Paul Hale

Prepared by: Paul Hale HGMF Secretary July 2024 Approved by: Dave Pentney HGMF Chair 6 July 2024



Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Annual General Meeting 24 May 2024



- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Opening Remarks from the Chair
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of minutes from 26 January 2023 Meeting
- 5. Financial Reports



5a. May 2024 Financials

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Balance Sheet As at 31 May, 2024

ASSET

Current Assets Cash BMO Investment - Mutual Funds	31,057.06 1,023,536.98	
Total Current Assets		1,054,594.04
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TOTAL ASSET		1,054,594.04
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable GST Paid on Purchases Current Liabilities total		5,350.00 -566.56 4,783.44
Liabilities Student Bursaries Deferred Museum & Archives Deferred Spousal Oral History Deferred Total Liabilities		4,100.00 230.00 2,000.00 6,330.00
TOTAL LIABILITY		11,113.44
ΕQUITY		
Retained Earnings Fund Balance Current Earnings Total Retained Earnings		996,439.97 47,040.63 1,043,480.60
TOTAL EQUITY		1,043,480.60
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		1,054,594.04



Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Comparative Income Statement

_	Actual 01 Jan, 2024 to 31 May, 2024	Budget 01 Jan, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024	Difference
REVENUE			
Revenue			
Investment Revenue (Note 1)	67,917.63	35,000.00	32,917.63
Tax Receipted Donations	1,620.00	35,000.00	-33,380.00
Non Tax Receipted Donations (Note 2)	1,592.00	5,000.00	-3,408.00
Canada Helps General Donations	680.00	0.00	680.00
Veterans/Family/Support Training	500.00	0.00	500.00
Race Roster Donations	560.00	0.00	560.00
Total Revenue	72,869.63	75,000.00	-2,130.37
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Expense Accounts			
Frezenberg Memorial GB	104.69	0.00	104.69
Sydney Frost Memorial IT	6,685.07	12,960.00	-6,274.93
100th Anniv Time Capsule Refurb	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
110th Art Show	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
110th S pousal Oral History	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Patricia Park	213.00	0.00	213.00
Veterans/Family/Sp Trg (Note 3)	10,000.00	13,500.00	-3,500.00
Fundraising Expense	191.20	750.00	-558.80
Office	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Web Hosting Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Student Bursaries (Note 4) Professional Fees	0.00 5,350.00	20,500.00 6,000.00	-20,500.00 -650.00
Directors and Officers Insurance	659.00	750.00	-91.00
Memorials	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Cadet Support (Note 5)	0.00	8,500.00	-8,500.00
Travel (Note 6)	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Miscellaneous	66.09	0.00	66.09
Interest & Bank Charges	59.95	150.00	-90.05
Total General & Admin. Expenses	25,829.00	74,610.00	-48,781.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	25,829.00	74,610.00	-48,781.00
NET INCOME	47,040.63	390.00	46,650.63



6. Bursary Program Update

- Number and amount of bursaries for 2024
- Naming of 2025 Bursaries



7.0 Cadet Programme Update

- Newly appointed HGMF Trustee Bryan Bailey assumed HGMF Cadet Chair responsibilities for the PPCLI Cadet Corps
- Mr. Gordon (Gord) Keener continued as the PPCLI Association Board of Directors Cadet representative.
- After a year, the two HGMF and Association representatives have collectively reviewed the Cadet Support MOU which resulted in minor amendments. The MOU will be signed off shortly.
- Agenda:
 - FY 2024 Support to PPCLI Cadet Corps
 - Grants to PPCLI Cadet Corps (External to Alberta)
 - PPCLI Association Competition and Trophy Update
 - FY 2025 HGMF financial support PPCLI Cadet Corps (External to Alberta)



Support to Cadet Corps in FY 2024

- Approved FY 2024 Budget for PPCLI Cadet Corps (external to Alberta) remained at \$8,500 broken down as follows:
 - Cadet Trophy Program: \$1,000 to the Top PPCLI Cadet Corps and \$250 to cover costs for keeper plaque and engraving and up to \$1,000 for refurbishment which was deferred from FY 2023; and
 - Cadet Corps Grant Program: \$6,250 financial support to PPCLI Cadet Corps outside of Alberta

(Note that Cap Badges, shoulder titles and grants to Alberta Corps are covered by the PPCLI Association directly)

PPCLI Cadet Grant Program (external to Alberta)

- The Association (Gord Keener) again coordinated the Grant applications for FY 2024
- Photo: Rick Sellwood of the Manitoba/NW Ontario Branch of the PPCLI Association presented a HGMF Grant of \$2,000 to the Cadet RSM Skubovius of the 553 Sgt Tommy Prince MM RCACC in Winnipeg on 15 November 2023.
- After an extension, only two Corps made requests for 2024:
 - 2837 PPCLI RCACC Yellowknife
 - 2943 PPCLI RCACC Campbell River
- The Association and HGMF Cadet Chair recommend \$2,000 to again be provided to each requesting Corps.

Motion:

That the HGMF issue two cheques for \$2000.00 made out to representatives from 2837 PPCLI RCACC Yellowknife and to 2943 PPCLI RCACC Campbell River to be presented by a PPCLI Association member during a suitable Cadet Corps occasion.





PPCLI Association Cadet Trophy Competition

The PPCLI Association Director, Gord Keener administered the Cadet Trophy program according to the MOU.

 No Cadet Corps participated this year and therefore there will be no trophy presentation.

Photo: Presentation of the Top PPCLI cadet corps plaque to Yellowknife Corps, December 2023.

From left to right:

WO(ret) Colin Bokavay, CD (PPCLI Association), Capt Jeffrey Vig, CD (CO 2837), and WO William Thompson (RSM 2837).





- Based on Jim Croll's recommendation and personal efforts, the Trophy is being refurbished to include the addition of another level as there was no longer sufficient space.
- During last year's AGM, a motion was passed "That the PPCLI Association take care of repairs and renovation of the Trophy. HGMF will reimburse costs to the Association." This initiative and expense was deferred to FY 2024







Support to Cadet Corps in FY 2025

- Recommendation: FY 2025 Budget allocation for Support to PPCLI Cadet Corps remain at \$8,500, broken down as follows:
 - **PPCLI Association Cadet Trophy Program**: \$1,500 to the Top Cadet Corps and \$250 to cover costs for keeper plaque, engraving and shipping; and
 - Cadet Corps Grant Program: \$6,750 for financial support to Cadet Corps outside of Alberta
 - Note that Cap Badges, shoulder titles, and grants to Alberta Corps are covered by the Association directly



8. Support to Veterans and Families Update

- Donations to date:
 - \$5,000 to Veterans Association Food Bank
 - \$5,000 to Courageous Companions



9. Heritage Update

9a. Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour Report

9b. Lansdowne Memorial Repairs



9a. Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

19 May Not well attended due it being Sunday

- Investigating relocating Shadow Box to more prominent Location
- Cost including shipping \$830.94





9a. Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

20 May – Leonforte **Memorial Dedication** Memorial consist of

- Bailey Bridge Panel
- PPCLI Memorial
- RCF Memorial TBI
- Cost \$1,800.76

Leonforte

21-22 July 1943 | 21-22 luglio 1943 | 21-22 juillet 1943

On 21 July 1943, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attacked Leonforte and was quickly cutoff and surrounded by German forces. The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), supported by a tank troop from the Trois-Rivières Regiment and anti-tank guns from the 90th Anti-Tank Battery, fought their way through to the Loyal Edmonton's on the morning of 22 July, and by 4:30 pm, had liberated the majority of the hillside town from the Germans. This was the first major engagement of the Patricias in World War II, at a cost of 19 killed and 40 wounded.

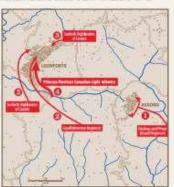
Tragically during the battle 18 Leonforte citizens were killed and others wounded.

- 1. The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (Hasty Ps) attack on Assoro, night 20-21 July 1943.
- 2. LER attacks Leonforte with Seaforths in support, 2100 hrs, 21 July 1943.
- 3. Composite company of Seaforths move to cut off German retreat.
- 4. PPCLI supported by four tanks of the Trois-Rivières Regiment and antitank guns of the 90th Battery enter Leonforte at 0900 hrs, 22 July 1943 and complete the capture of the town.
- 1. Hasty Ps attaccano la notte di Assoro dal 20 al 21 luglio 1943.
- 2. Il LER attacca Leonforte con Seaforths in supporto alle 21:00 del 21 luglio
- 3. La compagnia composita di Seaforths si muove per interrompere la ritirata
- 4. La PPCLI supportata da quattro carri armati del reggimento Trois-Rivieres e cannoni anticarro della 90a batteria entra a Leonforte alle 09:00 e completa la cattura della città.

Il 21 luglio 1943, il Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attaccò Leonforte e fu rapidamente contrattaccato e circondato dalle forze tedesche. Il Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) supportato da una truppa di carri armati del reggimento Trois-Rivières e da cannoni anticarro della 90a Batteria anticarro. si fece strada fino al Loyal Edmonton la mattina del 22 luglio e per le 16:30 aveva liberato dai tedeschi la maggior parte della cittadina collinare.

Questo fu il primo grande scontro dei Patricias nella Seconda guerra mondiale, il cui costo fu di 19 morti e

Tragicamente, durante la battaglia, 18 cittadini leonfortesi furono uccisi e altri rimasero feriti.



Le 21 juillet 1943, le Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attaque Leonforte et est rapidement isolé et encerclé par les forces allemandes. Le Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), soutenu par une troupe de chars du Régiment de Trois-Rivières et des canons antichars de la 90e Batterie antichar, s'est fravé un chemin jusqu'au Loval Edmonton's le matin du 22 juillet, et à 16 h 30, avait libéré la majorité de la ville à flanc de colline des Allemands. Ce fut le premier engagement majeur des Patricias pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, au prix de 19 tués et 40 blessés.

Tragiquement, au cours de la bataille, 18 citoyens de Leonfort ont été tués et d'autres blessés.



- 1. Hasty Ps attaquent la nuit d'Assoro du 20 au 21 juillet 1943.
- 2. Le LER attaque Leonforte avec les Seaforths en soutien à 21 h 00 le 21 juillet
- 3. Une compagnie composite de Seaforths se déplace pour couper la retraite.
- 4. Le PPCLI appuyé par quatre chars du Régiment de Trois-Rivières et des canons antichars de la 90e Batterie entre dans Leonforte à 09h00 et achève la

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry





9a. Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

23 May – Dedication Hitler Line Memorial

- Outstanding event
- 80th Anniversary of Battle 23 May 1944
- 150 to 200 in attendance
- Cost \$1,231.70

Hitler Line

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- 25 May Remembrance Service at Villa Rogatti
- Best event of the Tour Outstanding reception
- Walked from Start Line to Villa Rogatti



"In memory of the sacrifice of those young people who arrived in a foreign land to restore freedom."





9a. Sydney Frost Commemorative Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

28 May – Dedication Gothic Line Memorial

- Outstanding event with multiple activities
- Plaque cost \$2,790
- Shipping and custom Duties \$ 1,986
- Total \$4,776

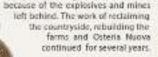
Osteria Nuova

30 - 31 August 1944 | 30 - 31 agosto 1944

On 30 August 1944, the British VIII Army attacked the Gothic Line between Montecchio and Borgo Santa Maria. The Perth Regiment successfully. Infiltrated enemy lines between Osteria Nuova and Montecchio capturing Points 111 (Ca' Capriotti) and 147 (Ca' Gnucci). On 31 August, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) crossed the Foglia River despite the minefields and captured Osteria Nuova. Subsequently, with the assistance of 48th Royal Tank Regiment, they captured Points 115 (Cal Lombardi) and 133 (Montechiaro di Mezzo), thus breaching the Gothic Line. The PPCLI captured 231 German prisoners at a cost of 22 killed. Tragically Padre Kenelm Edwin Eaton was amongst those killed.

The Germans forcibly removed the local population in order to prepare the defensive positions. Upon returning, numerous civilians died or were injured

> left behind. The work of reclaiming the countryside, rebuilding the farms and Osteria Nuova continued for several years.



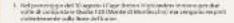


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Nel pomeriggio del 30 agosto 1944 l'VIII Armata britannica attaccó la Linea Gotica tra Montecchio e Borgo Santa Maria. Dopo una prima Infiltrazione del Perth Regiment nelle linee nemiche tra Osteria Nuova e Montecchio (2). La mattina del 31 agosto gli uomini dei Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCUI), oltrepassata la linea dat fiume Foglia e attrayersati i pericoloxi campi minati, riusairono a impadronina dell'abstato di Osteria Nuova, Successivamente, con l'assistenza del 48º Royal Tank Regiment, conquistarono le Quote 115 (Cal Lomberdo e 135 (Montechiaro di Mezzo), ampliando e consplidando la breccia nella Linea Gotica (4). Nell'operazione i PPCLI catturarono 231 prigionieri tedeschi al costo di 22 uomini. Tra le vittime ricordiamo il cappellano Kenelm Edwin Eaton, caduto nel tentativo di soccorrere un compagno fento da una mina.

La populazione locale, all'ontanata dalla zona all'inizio dell'estate, non subi perdite.

Tuttavia al ritorno dallo sfollamento si ebbero tra i civili numerose vittime a causa dei numerosi ordigni disseminati nella valtata. L'opera di bonifica delle campagne, di ricostruzione dei casolari e dell'abitato di Osteria Nuova fu difficoltosa e si protrasse per diversi anni.



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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry







9b. Lansdowne Memorial Repairs

• A plaque had fallen off the monument but has been found by the Lansdowne Park Staff and they will reattach it at no cost. Don Dalziel is arranging to have Laurin Monuments, the original contractor, to inspect and clean the Monument. They may recommend a sealing treatment for the original red granite cairn, as it is a softer more porous stone than the black granite plinth. There is no cost estimate at this time.



10. Governance Update

- Signed up for Blumbergs' newsletter
- Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law Institute 2024
 - Online October 1, 2024
 - \$175.00 registration
- Update Manual
 - Charitable objects
- Update bios on website



11. Communications Update

- Website needs to be updated
 - Add Legacy Stones under Programs
 - Add existing MOUs under Governance
- Recommend Creating an HGMF page on LinkedIn



12. Fundraising Update

- Raise profile of HGMF within Association
- Legacy Stones transferred from PPCLI Foundation to HGMF
 - Installation date of 2nd Sunday in Aug commencing 11 Aug 2024
 - Five Legacy stones ordered
- Updated Charitable objects
 - PTSD Service Dogs
 - Therapies in support of Mental Health
 - Assist to physically disabled Veterans



2023 Donations

,	Tax	receipted donations	\$ 1,9	75.00
	•	Non-Tax Receipted donations	\$ 9,14	40.00
	•	Donations Canada Helps	\$12,03	31.00
	•	United Way	\$ 9	97.50
	•	Pay Pal	\$ 22	20.00
	•	St Bartholomew's Window	\$ 2,22	20.00
	•	Lady Patricia's Medals	\$ 8,35	50.00
	•	109 th Regimental Bike Ride	\$ 2,65	51.00
		Total	\$36,66	54.50

- 2023 Fundraising expenses were \$2,460.
- Donations from PPCLI Association Casino \$5000 for Educational Bursaries, Saskatchewan \$739, Atlantic \$2,124 and Kingston \$1,277 Branches.



Donations 1 Jan – 31 May 2024

Tax receipted donations \$1,620

• Non-Tax Receipted donations \$1,592

• Student Bursaries (deferred) \$4,100

• Spousal Oral History (deferred) \$2,000

• Museum (differed) \$ 230

• Veterans and Families \$ 500

• 110th Regiment Bike Ride \$ 560

• HGMF General Account \$ 680

Total \$11,282

2024 Fundraising expenses to date are \$191

2024 will be the last Regimental Bike Ride



13. Into the Summit

- Annual caving expedition fundraising effort conducted in October in support of mental health coordinated by the For the Soldier Board (Chair Alex Gault). In the past the PPCLI Foundation was one of the recipients.
- Alex is investigating with AGLC of amending that partnership to reflect the HGMF vice Foundation.



14. Transition Team Update

- The PPCLI Foundation has made the decision to wind-up and transfer its assets to the HGMF. We recognized this last evening, but the formal work remains to be completed.
- We have assumed the Personal Legacy Stone responsibility so there would be no gap; however, we have yet to assume anything else.
- The Foundation must complete its formal wrap up. When that is complete, the Foundation's legal counsel should contact ours with full disclosure.
- Our responsibility is to ensure that we do not inherit any non-agreed financial or legal obligations from the Foundation.

15. 2024 Budget Review

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Revenue		
Donations - Tax Receipted		35,000.00
Donations - Non-Tax Receipted (Note 1)		5,000.00
2022 Investment Income (Note 2)		35,000.00
Total Revenue		\$75,000.00
Disbursements		
Administration		
Office Expense		1,500.00
Accounting/Audit Fees (Projected)		6,000.00
Trustee Insurance (Projected)		750.00
Trustee Travel (Note 3)		3,000.00
Fund Raising Expense		750.00
Website Expense		500.00
Interest and Bank Charges		150.00
	Sub-Total	12,650.00
Charitable Objects		
Memorial Maintenance		1,000.00
100th Anniversary Time Capsule Refurbishment		1,000.00
110th Spouse's Oral History		2,000.00
110th Art Show		2,500.00
Student Bursaries (Note 4)		20,500.00
Cadet Support (Note 5)		8,500.00
Sicily/Italy Memorials		12,960.00
Sicily/Italy Cadet Travel (Note 6)		
Veterans and Family Support		10,000.00
Mental Health and Peer Support training (Note 7)		3,500.00
Donations to Qualified Donees (Note 10)		
	Sub-Total	61,960.00
Total Disbursements (Note 9)		\$74,610.00
Revenue over Expenditures		\$390.00

Notes:

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- 2. Unrealized gain from HGMF investments for 2022 was -\$121,356. Past practice has been to budget 50% of the unrealized gain from two years prior. Proposed that up to \$30,000 from investments be used if required.
- 3. Trustees will be reimbursed to a max of \$750 for expenses to attend the AGM. Receipts must be provided.
- 4. \$20,000 for Bursaries and \$500 for admin.
- 5. \$1,000 top Cadet Corps and \$250 for keeper plaque, engraving, etc.
- \$7,250 Financial support for Cadet Corps outside of Alberta.
- 6. This activity has not yet been approved by CRA. If approved will require targeted fundraising.
- 8. Funding to support conduct on MHFA and one Compassionate Listening Skills workshop.
- 9. Disbursement quota will be approximately \$50K.

16. 2025 Proposed Budget

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Rever	nue	
	Donations - Tax Receipted	35,000.00
	Donations - Non-Tax Receipted (Note 1)	5,000.00
	2023 Investment Income (Note 2)	25,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$65,000.00
Disbu	rsements	
Admi	nistration	
	Office Expense	1,500.00
	Accounting/Audit Fees (Projected)	6,000.00
	Trustee Insurance (Projected)	750.00
	Trustee Travel (Note 3)	3,000.00
	Fund Raising Expense	750.00
	Website Expense	500.00
	Interest and Bank Charges	150.00
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	Memorial Maintenance	5,000.00
	Student Bursaries (Note 4)	20,500.00
	Cadet Support (Note 5)	8,500.00
	Veterans and Family Support	
	Donations to Qualified Donees	18,000.00
	Sub-To	tal 52,000.00
	Total Disbursements (Note 9)	\$64,650.00
	Revenue over Expenditures	\$350.00

Notes:

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17. Election of New Trustees

- Alex Gault has been a Trustee with the PPCLI Foundation and is the President/Chair of the First in the Field Board. He was active in many of the Foundations early fundraising efforts.
- Motion. The Chair nominates Alex Gault to be a HGMF Trustee.



18. Trustee Appointments

Position	Name
Chair	Dave Pentney
Vice-Chair	Pete Hofman
Secretary	Paul Hale
Treasurer	Dave Pentney
Chief Financial Advisor (Ex-officio)	Ernie Reumiller
Financial Committee Chair	Dave Pentney
Finance Committee Member	Quentin Innis
Bursary Program Chair	Derek Prohar
Bursary Program Member	Pete Hofman
Cadet Program Chair	Bryan Bailey
Cadet Program Member	Donna Campbell
Support to Veterans and Families Chair	Donna Campbell
Support to Veterans and Families Member	Derek Prohar / Paul Hale
Heritage Committee Chair	Donna Campbell
Heritage Committee Member	Shawn McKinstry
Governance Chair	Quentin Innis
Governance Member (Ex-officio)	Don Dalziel
Communications Committee Chair	Paul Hale
Communications Committee Member	Derek Prohar
Fundraising Committee Chair	Paul Hale
Fundraising Committee Member	Dave Pentney
Nominating Committee Chair	Vice-Chair – Pete Hofman

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting Thu, 25 Jul 24 @ 1900 hrs (Mountain Time)

22. Adjournment

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01 Jan, 2024 to 31 May, 2024	Budget 01 Jan, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024	Difference
REVENUE			Dillelelice
Revenue			
Investment Revenue (Note 1)	67,917.63	35,000.00	32,917.63
Tax Receipted Donations	1,620.00	35,000.00	-33,380.00
Non Tax Receipted Donations (Note 2)	1,592.00	5,000.00	-3,408.00
Canada Helps General Donations	680.00	0.00	680.00
Veterans/Family/Support Training	500.00	0.00	500.00
Race Roster Donations	560.00	0.00	560.00
Total Revenue	72,869.63	75,000.00	-2,130.37
TOTAL REVENUE	72,869.63	75,000.00	-2,130.37
EXPENSE			
Expense Accounts			
Frezenberg Memorial GB	104.69	0.00	104.69
Sydney Frost Memorial IT	6,685.07	12,960.00	-6,274.93
100th Anniv Time Capsule Refurb	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
110th Art Show	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
110th Spousal Oral History	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
Patricia Park	213.00	0.00	213.00
Veterans/Family/Sp Trg (Note 3)	10,000.00	13,500.00	-3,500.00
Fundraising Expense	191.20	750.00	-558.80
Office	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Web Hosting Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Student Bursaries (Note 4)	0.00	20,500.00	-20,500.00
Professional Fees	5,350.00	6,000.00	-650.00
Directors and Officers Insurance Memorials	659.00 0.00	750.00 1,000.00	-91.00 -1,000.00
Cadet Support (Note 5)	0.00	8,500.00	-8,500.00
Travel (Note 6)	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Miscellaneous	66.09	0.00	-5,000.00
Interest & Bank Charges	59.95	150.00	-90.05
Total General & Admin. Expenses	25,829.00	74,610.00	-48,781.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	25,829.00	74,610.00	-48,781.00
NET INCOME	47,040.63	390.00	46,650.63

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Comparative Income Statement

Note 1: Investment Revenue

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Note 2: Non Tax Receipted Donations

\$5,000 from PPCLI Assn for Student Bursaries

Note 3: Veterans/Family/Sp Trg

\$10,000 for Veterans and Family Support.

\$3,500 for Mental Health and Peer Support training.

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\$1,000 top Cadet Corps and \$250 for keeper plaque, engraving, etc. \$7,250 financial support for Cadet Corps outside of Alberta.

Note 6: Travel

Trustees will be reimbursed to a max of \$750 for expenses to attend the AGM. Receipts must be provided.

Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund Balance Sheet As at 31 May, 2024

ASSET

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Assets		
Cash BMO Investment - Mutual Funds	31,057.06 1,023,536.98	
Total Current Assets	1,023,330.90	1,054,594.04
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Total Assets	-	1,054,594.04
TOTAL ASSET	=	1,054,594.04
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		5,350.00
GST Paid on Purchases	_	-566.56
Current Liabilities total	_	4,783.44
Liabilities		
Student Bursaries Deferred		4,100.00
Museum & Archives Deferred		230.00
Spousal Oral History Deferred	_	2,000.00
Total Liabilities	_	6,330.00
TOTAL LIABILITY	_	11,113.44
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings		
Fund Balance		996,439.97
Current Earnings	_	47,040.63
Total Retained Earnings	_	1,043,480.60
TOTAL EQUITY	_	1,043,480.60

1,054,594.04

Sydney Frost Battlefield Tour 16 – 31 May 2024

34 participants. (12 Couples)

19 May – 1 Cdn Inf Div Memorial near Sugar Beach Pachino

Unfortunately the presentation of the Shadow Box was not well attended. This was most likely due to the fact that the presentation took place on Sunday 19 May. I am concerned that the Shadow Box will not be seen by many individuals. I have contacted Steve Gregory, (Founder International Peace and Security Forum and OP Husky 2023) with respect to possibly relocating the Shadow Box to a more prominent location.

The cost for the shadow box including shipping container was \$830.94.



20 May - Leonforte Memorial Dedication

The dedication service was well attended. The Leonforte Memorial consists of a Bailey Bridge panel that was installed by Steve Gregory in July 2023. The concept was that PPCLI and Engineer plaques would complement the Memorial. The PPCLI plaque is located on the right side of the bridge panel and was unveiled by the BGen Romses and MWO(Ret'd) Ken Zack. The Engineer Memorial Plaque will be installed at a future date and it is anticipated that it may be located in front of the Bailey panel.

The cost for the Leonforte Memorial Plaque was \$1,800.76.





Leonforte

21–22 July 1943 | 21–22 luglio 1943 | 21–22 juillet 1943

On 21 July 1943, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attacked Leonforte and was quickly cutoff and surrounded by German forces. The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), supported by a tank troop from the Trois-Rivières Regiment and anti-tank guns from the 90th Anti-Tank Battery, fought their way through to the LER on the morning of 22 July, and by 4:30 pm, had liberated the majority of the hillside town from the Germans. This was the first major engagement of the Patricias in World War II, at a cost of 19 killed and 40 wounded.

Tragically during the battle 18 Leonforte citizens were killed and others wounded.

- The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment attack on Assoro, night 20–21 July 1943.
- LER attacks Leonforte with Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Seaforths) in support 2100 hrs 21 July 1943.
- 3. Composite company of Seaforths move to cut off German retreat,
- PPCLI supported by four tanks of the Trois-Rivières Regiment and antitank guns of the 90th Battery enter Leonforte at 0900 hrs, 22 July 1943 and complete the capture of the town.
- Reggimento Hastings e Prince Edward attaccano la notte di Assoro dal 20 al 21 tuglio 1943.
- LER attacca Leonforte con Seaforth Highlanders del Canada (Seaforths) in supporto alle 21:00 21 Luglio 1943
- La compagnia composita di Seafortha si muove per interrompere la ritirata tedesca
- La PPCU supportata da quattro carri armati del reggimento Trois-Rivieres e cannoni anticarro della 90a batteria entra a Leonforte a le 09:00 e completa la cattura de la città.

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Questo fu il primo grande scontro dei Patricias nella Seconda guerra mondiale, il cui costo fu di 19 morti e 40 feriti

Tragicamente, durante la battaglia, 18 cittadini leonfortesi furono uccisi e altri rimasero feriti.



Le 21 juillet 1943, le Loyal Edmonton Regiment (LER) attaque Leonforte et est rapidement encerclé et isolé par les forces allemandes. Le matin du 22 juillet, le Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), soutenu par une unité de chars du Régiment de Trois-Rivières et de canons antichars de la 90e batterie anti-char, se fraie un chemin jusqu'à la position du LER. À 16 h 30, le même jour, le Princess Patricia avait libéré des mains des Allemands la majorité de la ville située à flanc de colline. Ce fut le premier engagement majeur disputé par le régiment d'infanterie légère Princess Patricia pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, au prix de 19 morts et 40 blessés.

Au cours de la bataille, 18 citoyens de Leonforte ont été tués et d'autres ont été blessés.



- Le régiment Hastings and Prince Edward attaque Assoro la nuit du 20 au 21 juillet 1943.
- En soutien avec le régiment Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Seaforths), le LER attaque Leonforte le 21 juillet 1943 à 21 h.
- Une compagnie mixte du Seaforths se déplace pour empêcher es troupes allemandes de battre en retraite.
- Le PPCLL appuyé par quatre chars du Régiment de Trois-Rivières et des canons antichers de la 90e batterie, entre clans Leonforte à 9 h du matin et achève la orise de la ville.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



23 May - Hitler Line Memorial Dedication - Signature event

The Hitler Line Memorial Dedication was very well attended and started with a memorial service at the Governor General Horse Guard Memorial in Aquino. There were over 200 in attendance including a group of fellow Canadians with Liberation Tours. We then moved to Aquino d'Forme where the Hitler Line Memorial is located on the start line for the assault. The dedication service was extremely well done and included local school children who sang the Italian and Canadian National anthems. The Memorial Plaque was unveiled by BGen Romses and CWO (Ret'd) Rene Kiens.

The cost for the Hitler Line Memorial which was manufactured in Itaty was 750 Euros or \$1,231.70 Cdn.



Hitler Line

23 May 1944 | 23 maggio 1944

On 23 May 1944, First Canadian Infantry Division attacked the Hitler Line. 3rd Canadian Infantry Bdd (3 CIB) consisting of the Carleton and York Regt (CVR), West Nova Scotis Regt (WN5R) and Royal 22nd Regt (R22eR) advanced on the left. While on the right, 2 CIB attacked with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Patricias) on the right, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Seaforth) on the left and Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Loyal Eddies) in reserve. The attack was a life-and-death struggle, with devastating fire from the front and exposed right flank. Despite the Loyal Eddies reinforcing the Patricias, 2 CIB did not reach their objective. However their heroic efforts set the conditions for a successful breach of the Hitler Line by 3 CIB.

It was the worst day of the war for the Patricias with 38 KIA, 102 WIA and 27 MIA. The Patricias started with 324 men and finished with 77. The attack on the Hitler Line was the costlest battle during the Second World War for First Canadian Infantry Division with a total of 936 casualties.

The impact on the Italian population was just as tragic. Over 150 civilians were killed in Aquino and Pontecorvo during the battles of the Liri Valley. It took 15 years to rebuild the cities and towns in the local area.



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Il 23 maggio 1944 la Prima Divisione di Fanteria Canadese attaccò la Linea Hitler. La 3a Brigata di Fanteria Canadese avanzò a sinistra, mentre a destra la 2a Brigata di Fanteria Canadese attaccò con i Reggimenti Princess Patricia's Canadian Light infantry a destra. Seaforth Highlanders of Canada a sinistra e Loyal Edmonton Regiment in riserva. Fu condotto un attacco all'ultimo sangue, con un devastante fuoco nemico proveniente dalle parte frontale e dal fianco destro, che risultava esposto. Nonostante il Loyal Edmonton Regiment rinforzasse il Princess Patricia's Canadian Light infantry, l'assalto fu arrestato sulla linea denominata in codice February; la formazione d'attacco si frovò pericolosamente esposta sulla linea denominata March. La 2a Brigata di Fanteria Canadese non raggiunse il suo objettivo, ma i suoi sforzi erolci determinarono le condizioni per una svolta e consentire il successo dello sfondamento della Linea Hitler da parte della 3a Brigata di Fanteria Canadese.

Fu il giorno più tragico della guerra; il Princess Patricia's Canadian Light infantry contò 58 caduti, 162 fertit e 27 dispersi. L'unità iniziò l'assalto con 324 uomini e terminò con 77 combattenti. Per la Prima Divisione Canadese, l'attacco alla Linea Hitler fu la battaglia più costosa durante la Seconda Guerra Mondole, per la Prima Divisione di Fanteria Canadese con un totale di 956 vittime.

L'impatto sulla popolazione italiana fu altrettanto tragico. Oltre 150 civili perirono ad Aquino e Pontecorvo durante la battaglia della Valle del Liri. Furono necessari 13 anni per ricostruire città e paesi della zona.



Le 23 mai 1994, la 1re Division d'infanterie canadienne attaque la ligne Hitler. La 3e Bde d'infanterie canadienne (3 CIB), composée du Carleton and York Regt (CYR), du West Nova Scotia Regt (WYSR) et du Royal 22nd Regt (R22eH), s'avance sur la gauche. A d'orite, le 2 CIB a attaque avec le Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Patricias) à droite, le Seaforth Highlanders of Canada (Seaforth) à gauche et le Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Loyal Eddies) en réserve. L'attaque fut une lutte à mort, avec des tirs dévastateurs venant du front et du flanc droit exposé. Maigré les Loyal Eddies renforçant les Patricias, la 2 CIB n'atteint pas son objectif. Cependant, leurs efforts héroïques ont posé les conditions d'une brèche réussie de la ligne Hitler par le 3 CIB.

Ce fut le pire jour de la guerre pour les Patricias avec 58 KIA, 162 WIA et 27 MIA. Les Patricias ont commencé avec 324 hommes et ont terminé avec 77. L'attaque de la ligne Hitler a été la bataille la plus coûteuse de la Seconde Guerre mondiale pour la 1re División canadienne avec un total de 956 victimes.

L'Impact sur la population italienne a été tout aursi fragique. Plus de 150 civils ont été tués à Aquino et Pontecorvo lors des batallles de la vallée du Liri. Il a fallu 15 ans pour reconstruire les villes et villages de la région.

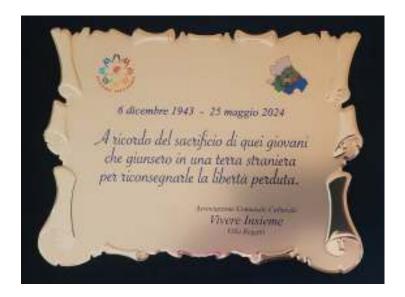
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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

25 May – Villa Rogatti Memorial Service

On 25 May, we walked the assault route taken by the Regiment when they attacked Villa Rogatti on 5 December 1943. The reception by the people of Villa Rogatti was outstanding. We were met at the start point on the east bank of the Moro River with wine and cheese. After a short reception, we walked about two kilometers to the village. The villagers built a small foot bridge across the river with another wine and snack break. When we arrived at Vill Rogatti, the church bell was rung as a sign of welcome. A Memorial Service was held in the village square and the names of the nine Patricias killed during the assault were read out with the church bell ringing after each name. It was commented numerous times

that this was first time a group of Canadians had visited the village and conducted a Memorial Service. A memorial plaque was presented to the Regiment by the villagers.



"In memory of the sacrifice of those young people who arrived in a foreign land to restore freedom."

Everyone was amazed at how a simple visit turned into one of the major highlights of the tour. It is very obvious that the sacrifices made over 80 years ago have not been forgotten.

28 May - Gothic Line Memorial Dedication

28 May was a very full day with multiple events. We started with a visit to the Montecchio War Cemetery where we were met by the Associazioue Combatteuti who provided us with an information package on the 10 Patricias buried in the cemetery. We visited the graves and that of Padre Eaton who was killed while assisting a wounded Patrica. We then moved to Osteria Nuova where the Memorial Plaque was dedicated at Lombardi Square. The ceremony included a Grade 5 School band who performed a number of musical pieces. The plaque was unveiled by BGen Romses and Daniel Gosselin. The Memorial consists of a maple tree planted last year behind the plaque and flag poles for both Italian and Canadian flags on the right side. We had a luncheon and reception after the memorial dedication. We then returned to Montecchio War Cemetery where we were hosted by a Carabinieri choir group.

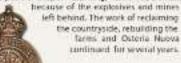


Osteria Nuova

30 - 31 August 1944 | 30 - 31 agosto 1944

On 30 August 1944, the British VIII Army attacked the Gothic Line between Montecchin and Borgo Santa Mania. The Porth Regiment vaccessfully inhibitated enemy lines between Osteria Nuova and Montecchio capturings Points 111 (Ca' Caprioriti) and 147 (Ca' Grucci). On 31 August, Princes Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) crossed the Foglia River despite the minefields and captured Osteria Nuova. Subsequently, with the assistance of 48th Royal Tank Regiment, they captured Points 115 (Ca' Lombardi) and 133 (Montechized of Mezzo), thus breaching the Gothic Line. The PPCLI captured 231 German prisoners at a cost of 22 killed. Tragically Padre Koneim Edwin Eaton was amongst those killed.

The Germans forcibly removed the local population in order to prepare the defensive positions. Upon returning, numerous civilians died or were injured



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Nel pomeripgio del 30 agosto 1944 FVIII Armata britannica attaccò la Linea Gotica tra Montecchia e Rorgo Sania Maria. Dopo una prima infiltrazione del Perth Regiment delle linea nemiche tra Osteria Nuova e Montecchio (2). La mattina del 11 agosto gli uomini del Princes Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI), oftrepassata la linea del fiume Foglia e attraversati i pericolosi campi minasi, rinucirono a impadioninsi dell'abilitato di Osteria Nuova. Successivamente, con l'assistenza del 48º Royal Tank Regiment, conquistarono le Quote 115 (Ca' Lombardo e 133 (Montechiaro di Mezzo), ampilando e consolidando la breccia nella Linea Gotica (4). Nell'operazione i PPCLI catturarono 231 prigionieri tedeschi al costo di 22 uomini. Tra le vittime ricordiamo il cappellano Kenelisi Edwin Eaton, caduto nel tentativo di soccorrer un compagno ferito da una mina.

La popolazione locale, allontanata dalla zona all'inizio dell'estate, non subi perdite.

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The cost of the Memorial Plaque was \$2,790. However shipping \$1,390 and custom duties of \$596 resulted in a total cost of \$4,776.



HGMF Fundraising Report 1 January – 31 December 2023 and 1 January – 31 May 2024

In 2023 a total of \$36,664.50 was donated to the HGMF as follows:

Tax receipted donations	\$ 1,975.00
Non Tax Receipted donations ¹	\$ 9,140.00
Donations Canada Helps	\$12,031.00
United Way	\$ 97.50
Pay Pal	\$ 220.00
St Bartholomew's Window	\$ 2,220.00
Lady Patricia's Medals	\$ 8,350.00
Race Roster	
109 th Regimental Bike Ride	\$ 2,651.00
Total	\$36,664.50

The 109th Regimental Bike Ride raised \$3,116 with funds deposited via Canada Helps or Race Roster. The 110th Regimental Bike Ride will be conducted on Saturday 10 August 2024 and will be the last one.

Total fundraising expenses in 2023 were \$2,460.

¹ Donations from PPCLI Association Casino \$5000 for Educational Bursaries, Saskatchewan \$739, Atlantic \$2,124 and Kingston \$1,277 Branches.

Fundraising 1 January – 31 May 2024

As of 31 May 2024, a total of \$11,282 has been donated to the HGMF as follows:

Tax receipted donations	\$1,620
Non Tax Receipted donations ²	\$1,592
Student Bursaries (deferred)	\$4,100
Spousal Oral History (deferred)	\$2,000
Museum (differed)	\$ 230
Veterans and Families	\$ 500
110 th Regiment Bike Ride	\$ 560
HGMF General Account	\$ 680
Total	\$11,282

2024 Fundraising expenses to date are \$191.

Paul Hale Fundraising Chair

² From PPCLI Association for Educational Bursaries.