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Ethel herself, by dint of arriving early, had managed to get a good vantage point. "I saw them very well," she relates. "But it was sad to see them, only 39 of the Originals. They wore their steel helmets and carried their bayonets also and looked as if they were going into action. The flag made and presented by Princess Patricia was carried, a shabby-looking rag now, but O how glorious. "The sun shone on their helmets," Ethel continued. "Hamilton Gault walked, or rather limped with one leg gone. It's so sad. "Then they came back but not the six hundred." Instead, they are lying on the battlefields of France - not lost though, but living in imperishable time, in Canada's story. Ideals for the generation to come."

An excerpt of Ethel Chadwick's diary used in the book 'Tapestry of War' by Sandra Gwyn, describing the return of the PPCLI in Ottawa.

See book report page 8

Meetings are held the THIRD TUESDAY
of each month, 1930 Hrs. Chief Petty Officers Mess
HMCS Tecumseh

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COMING EVENT

November 22 - AACCA Mini Show
Thorncliff Community Centre
(Club Sales Table)

November 28- CMHS Christmas Party
Tickets still available

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETINGS

November 18, 1997
December 16, 1997

The President, Mike Class, would like to invite you to this monthly meeting. The evening's agenda will be:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
(September, October)
CORRESPONDENCE
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
TREASURER'S REPORT
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
ADJOURNMENT
RAFFLE/BREAK

Mike encourages the attendees to remain after the formal meeting for an informal time of fellowship.

* **SHOP & SWAP** *

Barry Elve **Wanted:** WW I and earlier uniforms and kit.
282-0696

Alan Mackenzie **Wanted:** Photos of Rhodesian Security
Forces/BSA Police. **256-0619**

Shop and Swap Continued:

Bob McPherson-Wanted any medal ribbons or medal bars
240-0533

Roy Akins -Wanted: Absolutely anything associated
with the Royal Flying Corps, uniforms,
headgear, equipment, paper etc. Top dollar
paid for Maternity tunics and cowl-type
flying helmets. (403)660 9730

Brian Manning-Wanted: Arm bands, RCAF service items,
propaganda leaflets/safe conduct passes
248-3173

Tim Popp -Wanted: RCMP insignia, Cap Tally to HMCS
Yukon, Badges/medals to Yukon units i.e.:
Yukon Infantry Company, construction
items, Polar Medals, Cdn Regimental
Histories, Kings /Queens Champion Shot
Medals. #17, 2402 Kildeer Dr. North
Battleford, SK S9A 3T5

Ron Edwards -Wanted: All types of CRP Machine Gun
badges, photos & literature, Yellow/blue
tubular lanyard to RCAF. (604)485-5355

Joe Seman -Wanted: German 12mm Mauser WWI anti-
tank rifle with bipod and WWI German
cavalry bullet pouches (403)842-8448.

Bob Bartlett -Wanted: 1st Armoured Carrier Regt. Badges
and Cdn WWII Infantry badges 283-9334

Doug Greenword -Wanted: Japanese Arisaka Rifles and
Bayonets of all types. Any form of Japanese
ordnance 286-0446

Don Black -Wanted: Swords and bayonets of the world,
Third Reich militaria. 236-8319

Don Pelletier -Wanted: Sask. CEF and WWII Badges,
general Militaria. 248-0082.

John McLeod -Wanted: RCAF WWII Trade Badges - Air-
craft Electrician, Photographer, RCAF
Detection Corp. Badges(French Version-Silver
on Blue Enamel), RCAF Ground Observer
Corp. Badges, one with 2 Year Bar, ANY
French version badges with bars (C.O.T)
289-9817.

CALGARY MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monthly Meeting Minutes
16 Sep. 1997
Petty Officer's Mess, HMCS Terrace

Meeting called to order by President Barry Elve at 1945 hrs
• 27 members present

GUESTS

- Garth Wright
- Scott Paschack

Out of town Member visiting: Ren Edwards from Powell River

New Gavel and Board donated by Don Black

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Minutes of August meeting adopted as published, moved by Mike Clow, seconded by Dave Love, carried

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Adopted as read by Treasurer, moved by Bob McPherson, seconded by Greg Nohring
- Balance in account = \$1848.34

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Presented by Membership Secretary, 56 paid up members
- Dues are payable

CORRESPONDENCE

- Minutes from Alberta Chapter of MCC, Edmonton for September
- Newsletter from AACCA
- Canadian Military Directory listing forms
- Thompson's Antique Gazette
- Thank you card from Evelyn and John McLeod

OLD BUSINESS

- CMHS pins report by Barry Elve
 - being sold to members at \$3.00 each
- MCC Convention status report by Greg Nohring
 - final meeting 15 Sept
 - final report next meeting
- New meeting place
 - Horton Road Legion contact has left the Legion
 - Moved that meetings be held at Petty Officer's Mess, HMCS Terrace, third Tuesday of each month at 1930, by Mike Clow.

seconded by Tom Cookhouse, carried

NEW BUSINESS

- Election
 - President - Mike Clare by acclamation
 - Treasurer - Brian Hanning by acclamation
 - Secretary - Robb Bridget by acclamation
- New Editor
 - David Gale has volunteered to be Editor
- Maurice Harvey Award
 - to Greg Nehring by popular vote
- BBQ
 - to be held at October meeting
 - Mike Clare will contact Ken Taylor
 - Don Skinner will coordinate all activities with Tecomsch staff
- Gun Show
 - at Thorncliffe, 29 September
 - volunteers needed to sit at club table
- Museum Organizations of Canada
 - Dave Love presented paper on CMHS (99) MCC display project
 - Bob McPherson also attended
- Christmas Party
 - 08 November at 264 Legion
 - \$12.50 per person
 - limited to 40 tickets

SHOW AND TELL

- Brian Hanning - a "safe" bouquet presented to Greg Nehring from Evelyn McLeod
- Greg Nehring - moving to Kelowna; French heavy cavalry sword, 1815, prior to Waterloo; Napoleonic; has seen combat; 1813 English light cavalry sword, Austrian pattern; 1908 pattern American sword
- Allan MacKenzie - going to England in November
- Dave Love - Chaplin G.A. Wells history, badges, cap, reference book in a display; letter dated 2 May 1919, observation of WWI by Arthur Lamer to Frederick Varley (two of the Group of Seven)
- Marjorie Morris - mother was a nurse who served during WWI, graduated from Calgary General Hospital in 1910; photos of a funeral-looking for help identifying location and date
- Stan Johnson - Canadian Navy knife with C Broad arrow
- Gary Rotnow - German police WWII dagger from great aunt, with muskoka
- Doug Greenward - ball out oxygen bottles used by airborn, RCAF and

current issues

- Don Pelletier - US swagger stick, dated 1916
- David Gale - 1941 Venona's calendar of Viny Ridge; Viny ridge ash tray
- Rex Edwards - Swiss Lt. and Major slide-ons from border patrol; stories of border patrol
- Scott Pwischnek - new collector; makes and paints miniature military figures
- Bob McPherson - US Vietnam ribbon bar; paper ribbons; Korean-American ribbons; charts of Korean ribbons
- Cath Wright - 1900 HMS Navy Boxer Rebellion Medal; Peking bank note dated 1398, from Ming Dynasty; binder of collection of military money; WWI dog tags
- Tom Cerkvenak - copy of Jack Darr's book and a map for Jack
- Barry Elve - Officer's tunic, Lt., Canadian Engineers, pre 1914 collars; fact sheets from Canadian War Museum
- Mike Clare - box of ribbons for members; sealed orders for merchant ships if nuclear war broke out, dated 1960; University of Toronto WWI role of service, 1914-1918

Meeting adjourned at 2140

Editors Notes.

The last meeting that took place was our annual summer barbecue. Well not quite summer. Those that did not come were the losers because we had alot of fun. A quick meeting was held and our President Mike Clare summarize the very favorable finances due to the convention in August. He suggested some donations to be made and asked those who had other ideas to put them in writing. My humble suggestion would be to pay for repairs to the barbecues at the base. Another comment that I would like to make is that we have to be very careful at functions like this. It is very much against the rules to carry open liquor around and especially out of CPO Mess. We could cause a lot of trouble for the bartender and the club as there are a lot of young cadets around. See you at the next meeting and make sure you get your answers in on the Q+A contest.

Book report;

Tapstry Of War by Sandra Gwyn

I happened to be prowling in the local library when I came across this book and could not put it down. The author has taken diaries, letters and newspaper articles from many different Canadians and woven them into an incredible story. Starting at the beginning of this century, the story of our nation unfolds. The author uses civilian, political and war stories to take you through the First World War. Ethel Chadwick, a young Ottawa girl describes the carefree life before the clouds of war decent on everyone. Hamilton Gaults memoirs describe the raising to the PPCLI Regiment and a number of members share thier daily lives. The political back stabbing and the resulting turmoil leaves you wondering how the allies won this horrible war. Interspersed amongst this are hundreds of factoids about the war and the people fighting it. One example that amazed me was that the leaders were worried about the abundant use of cocaine by many in the Allied Army. The story of Talbot Papineau through his poetic letters home, and his ultimate death leaves you shocked. This was a man who was to become Prime Minister and believed so strongly in the unity of Canada. Hundreds of photographs and illustrations enliven the book and gives you a better sense of being there. This is a must read for military buffs.

*From the Award-Winning Author of
THE PRIVATE CAPITAL*



SANDRA
GWYN

T
APESTRY
OF WAR



*A PRIVATE VIEW OF CANADIANS
IN THE GREAT WAR*

I found this very interesting. Has anybody seen one of these original cap badges or has a member have one to show us.

Princess Patricia's design for her regiment's cap and collar badges. The single daisy was in honour of Hamilton Gault's wife, Marguerite. Later, the design was to cause problems and would be changed.



THE EMPIRE NEEDS MEN
Answer the Call



One of many posters illustrated



On February 21, 1919, Princess Patricia, Colonel-in-Chief of the PPCLI reviewed her regiment for the last time before it returned to Canada. Agar Adamson is on her right in both photographs. Princess Patricia married the following week and renounced her royal title. As Lady Patricia Ramsay she remained Colonel-in-Chief until her death in 1974.

WANTED !!
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**NOTICE OF NEW
MEETING LOCATION**

**The November 18
Meeting will be at
HMCS Tecumseh
Chief Petty
Officer's
Mess**

Q & A (NOT Q&A) - a FREE wee nip of the amber nectar
Rules: Each journal will have a Q & A section with 10 questions on any aspect of military history, science, medals or uniforms. The challenge is to answer all the questions correctly as quickly as possible. To enter, call me at (250) 860-8310 and either speak to me personally or leave a message. The first to call with the correct answers to all of the questions wins a free drink on the Part Editor. The answers will be published in the next journal. Previous winners of "Q&A not Q&A" are: Dave Love, Stan Johnson.

Questions

1. What year did Lady Patricia Ramsay pass away?
2. Name two British tanks that had welded turrets?
3. What day in 1917 did the Canadian Corps attack Vimy ridge?
4. Name three regiments who were attached to the 1st Canadian Division in WW1?
5. What is the name of the former Editor of this Newsletter?
6. Who was C-in-C British Army of Rhine?
7. *The Militia Act of 1845 allowed men from 18 to _____ to be called up.*
8. What Regiment was raised in 1858, in Canada, to serve as a regular British regiment for overseas duty?
9. How many different Classes of Warrant officers were there in the Canadian Army during the second world war?
10. The rank of Flight Sergeant had 3 stripes and a _____.

THE CALGARY MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WHAT IS THE CALGARY MILITARY HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

The Calgary Military Historical Society (CMHS), is a non-profit registered society which fosters the study of the military, police, and heritage of Canada, the British Empire, and the world, as well as preservation of military artifacts and records.

WHAT CAN THE CMHS OFFER ME?

- 1) The CMHS provides a focal point for military enthusiasts to meet and exchange material and information, often with experts in many specific subjects.
- 2) The CMHS provides personal contact with other interested people on a national and international scale that is not readily available to the general public.
- 3) The CMHS provides access to reference and artifact sources not readily available to the general public.
- 4) The CMHS provides a place for people of similar interests to socialize in an informal setting.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Membership dues to the CMHS are \$15.00/year (Canadian or US\$ outside of Canada) per annum (01 Sept. to 31 Aug. incl.).

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at HMCS Tecumseh, Chief Petty Officers Mess

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Res. Phone: _____

Interests: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

1997 C.M.H.S. MEETING DATES

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