

Operation Small Pack

Members of both the first and second battalions of the Regiment, supported by other elements of the Canadian Forces, are deployed in Afghanistan as part of Operation Orion.



In March 2006, the task force suffered its first casualties, several of whom were fatal. Wounded soldiers who require care in Germany or Canada are often evacuated by air directly from the field medical units without their personal kit or clothing suitable for hospital wear or for travel.

In response to a request from the Deputy Commanding Officer of the first battalion, the Calgary Branch of the PPCLI Regimental Association initiated a project to provide a

temporary hospital and travel kit that could be held at the Unit Medical station and sent with the casualty when he or she is evacuated. Thus Operation Small Pack was born.

The PPCLI Association collected donations in conjunction with its 17 March Regimental birthday celebrations at its branches across Canada. To date, nearly \$7,000 has been donated. 25 Small Packs have been prepared and are now in theatre. Packs are provided to all evacuees, regardless of their regiment or branch of the service. Each pack consists of inner and outer clothing, slippers, a Royal Canadian Legion hospital kit and a carrying bag. All items that could be were emblazoned with the PPCLI Association crest and the Regimental hat badge. Included was a letter from the President, along with a tag on the bag, on who we are and how to join.



The Association is firmly committed to supporting our troops and their families and will continue to respond to requests for assistance promptly and effectively.