

Member of Regina Rifles dies after skiing accident

The Royal Regina Rifles lost an athletic member of the regiment with the Christmas Eve death of Maj. Douglas James Hendrickson CD, of Regina.

Hendrickson suffered severe head injuries in a skiing accident at Red Mountain, B.C., and died a week later, the day after his birthday.

Hendrickson, 34, was with the regiment for almost 13 years. He worked his way through the ranks, starting as a private soldier. He was a member of the regiment's full-time support staff when he died.

"He was a confidante . . . That's really difficult to replace," said Maj. Randy Brooks, a member of the Regina Rifles.

The idea of service to one's country was important to Hendrickson, Brooks said. He described his Edmonton-born friend as "a strong nationalist and loyalist" as well as a fit athlete.

Besides serving with the regiment, Brooks said, Hendrickson recently completed his master's degree in history at Queen's University. As well, he was a



Douglas Hendrickson

fencer, a member of a cycling club and the Prairie Flying Service.

"He was an avid pilot," Brooks said, noting that Hendrickson had been an air traffic controller at the

Regina airport and taught flying for awhile.

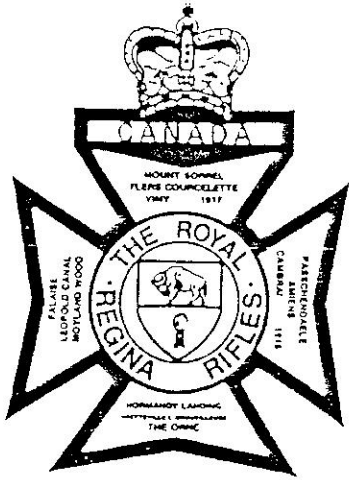
Hendrickson's death reflected "the nature of the man," Brooks said, in that he took calculated risks like flying and serving as a military paratrooper. His ambitions were to serve in the foreign service and to become a commanding officer in the Regina Rifles, he added.

As far as he knows, Hendrickson was the first serving member of the regiment to die. "The regiment thinks of him as a member of the family . . . He was a well-loved member of the unit," Brooks said.

Hendrickson is survived by his wife, Penny of Regina; his parents, James and Olive of Castlegar, B.C.; one sister, Betty Hendrickson of CFB Baden-Baden, West Germany; and three brothers, Mark of Grand Forks, B.C., Grant of Vancouver, and Terry of The Pas, Man.

The Royal Regina Rifles held services for Hendrickson at the Regina armoury Friday night. The funeral was held today at St. Paul's Cathedral with Rev. D. Michael Jackson and Rev. Basil Chomos officiating.

HENDRICKSON—Tuesday, December 24, 1985, Major Douglas James Hendrickson, age 34 years, late of Regina, dearly beloved husband of Mrs. Penny Hendrickson. Major Hendrickson is survived by his loving wife, Penny; his parents, James and Olive Hendrickson, of Castlegar, B.C.; one sister, Betty Hendrickson, of CFB Baden-Baden, West Germany; three brothers: Mark, of Grand Forks, B.C.; Grant (Pam), of Vancouver, B.C.; and Terry (Rose), of The Pas, Manitoba; and numerous nieces and nephews. Major Hendrickson graduated with his Masters of History Degree from Queen's University and had been associated with the military since 1972. Douglas will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Douglas was popular and well liked by all who knew him. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 28, 1985 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Cathedral, McIntyre St. and 12th Ave. with the Rev. D. Michael Jackson and the Rev. Basil Chomos officiating. Cremation. Arrangements in care of Speers Funeral Chapel.



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Mrs. Penny Hendrickson
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Dear Mrs. Hendrickson;

Re: Final Resting Place - Maj D.J. Hendrickson, CD

A light rain accompanied a small party of Officers and men to a hilltop in Camp Dundurn known as Survey Point GR 899 404.

It was there on Sunday 15 June, 1986 at 1200 hours that the ashes of Maj D.J. (Doug) Hendrickson were scattered during a simple military service as he had requested.

The service conducted by me included:

- a. The Lord's Prayer;
- b. A reading (John 3:14-16);
- c. A brief summary of his military service;
- d. A minute of silence; and
- e. Volley fire.

We will remember him.

R.C.D. Brooks
Major
Acting Commanding Officer
The Royal Regina Rifles