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BRIGADIER-GENERAL W. W. TURNER, C.D. COLONEL-COMMANDANT **ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY**

I consider we have had a good year and our Regiment is making slow but steady progress. I have been very fortunate during this past year to visit our Gunners in the field and at practice camps in Germany, Cyprus, Yakima, Washington and at home. I continue to be impressed with the enthusiasm displayed by all ranks. Our training is improving to the point where we must once again do something about training divisional and corps artillery staffs (including artillery intelligence).

When equipment is short in a unit for specific training it must be provided on loan by the nearest unit which has it. Obstacles must not be allowed to stand in the way of a realistic and urgent training programme. As you know, I consider all units, regular and militia, to be one regimental family and each must assist the other.

In the last issue of The Canadian Gunner I asked all concerned to make an extra effort in recruiting. Recruiting and retention are still serious and continuing problems. Again I request you to come forward with constructive and practicable suggestions. We must do this in order to man fully not only our present equipment but the new equipment on the way.

I want to stress the need for maintaining a high standard of professionalism throughout the regiment. In doing so we will ensure our regiment is fully trained and ready for any eventuality.

The training of young officers is particularly important and I urge all Commanding Officers to give this a high priority. In addition, every encouragement should be given to young officers to enter the Brooks Memorial Essay Competition.

Finally, I request Commanding Officers to give leadership to their officers, warrant officers and senior NCO's, to think more about their profession and to research, document and write about new ideas.

My very best wishes, good luck and good shooting to all members of our regimental family.

Colonel Commandant

J'estime que nous avons passé une année enrichissante et notre régiment progresses lentement main sûrement. Au cours de l'année dernière, j'ai eu la chance de rendre visite à nos artilleurs en campagne et aux camps d'entraînement en Allemagne, à Chypre, à Yakima, Washington et au Canada. L'enthousiasme dont font preuve tous les militaires ne cesse de m'épater. Notre formation s'améliore à un point tel que nous devons une fois de plus faire nos efforts sur l'entraînement à l'échelon des divisions et des corps d'artillerie (y compris le Renseignement).

Lorsqu'une unité manque de matériel pour des manoeuvres particulières, l'unité la plus rapprochée doit lui en prêter. Rien ne doit faire obstacle à la poursuite d'un programme d'entraînement réaliste et il importe d'aller de l'avant. Comme vous savez sans doute, je considère que toutes les unités, de la Force régulière ou de la Milice, ne forment qu'une seule famille au sein du régiment et que toutes doivent s'entraider.

Dans le dernier numéro de l'Artilleur Canadien, j'ai demandé à tous les intéressés de redoubler d'efforts pour favoriser le recrutement. Nous avons encore de grandes difficultés à recruter des gens et à les garder dans nos rangs. De nouveau, je fais appel à vous obtenir des suggestions constructives et practiques. Pour nous permettre de faire fonctionner l'équipement dont nous disposons, et celui que nous allons acquérir, il nous faut recruter suffisamment de personnes.

J'aimerais souligner qu'il importe de maintenir un fort niveau de professionalisme au sein du régiment. En agissant ainsi, nous veillerons à ce que notre régiment soit bien entraîné et prêt àparer à toute éventualité.

La formation de jeunes officiers revêt une importance particulière, et je conseille vivement aux commandants d'accorder une grande priorité à cette question. De plus, on devrait inciter les jeunes officiers à s'inscrire au Brooks Memorial Essay Competition.

En dernier lieu, je demande aux commandants d'assurer à leurs officiers, adjudants et sous-officiers supérieurs le leadership dont ils ont besoin, de se pencher davantage sur leur profession, de trouver de nouvelles idées et de les faire connaîtra.

Je souhaite bonne chance à tous les membres du régiment.



COLONEL H. R. WHEATLEY DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY

This, my first year as your Director, has been an instructive one for me. Much of what I have learned has in fact largely confirmed what I have always known — that there is a high degree of dedication and professionalism in the Royal Regiment. I have been impressed by the enthusiasm and esprit-de-corps that I have seen during my visits to our units, both regular and militia.

I am pleased with the support that I have received this past year from all gunners. It is important that we in the Royal Regiment speak with a single voice. Thus it is essential that I receive all information available as well as your ideas on our problems and our future. Only with your assistance will I be able to defend and advance our causes.

We in the Royal Regiment will need to work very hard indeed to overcome the problems that face us. New equipment will come but perhaps more slowly than we would like and we will have to learn to live with the minimum of certain equipments. One problem that we cannot, must not, learn to live with is the shortage of soldiers. I am particularly concern about our current shortages of anglophone bombardiers and gunners and of francophone noncommissioned officers. We are going to have work harder at recruiting and, perhaps more importantly, keeping our people once they have joined. The best way to do this is to provide our soldiers with interesting and challenging careers. This will require the exercise of vigorous leadership at all levels and I call on you to increase your efforts in this regard.

Despite our problems, I am convinced that our future is bright. I think that this past year has been an excellent year for the Royal Regiment. I wish all gunners, Regular, Militia and Cadet, continued Good Shooting.

Director of Artillery

J'en ai beaucoup appris durant ma première année comme directeur de l'Artillerie. Et cela n'a faît que confirmer, en partie, ce que je savais déjà, à savoir qu'il existe au Regiment Royal un fort degré de dévouement et de professionalisme. J'ai été impressionné lors de mes visites par l'enthousiasme et l'esprit de corps régnant dans nos unités, autant de la force régulière que de la milice.

Je suis heureux de l'appui que m'ont accordé tous les artilleurs au cours de la dernière année. Il est important que le Regiment Royal n'ait qu'une seule voix. Je dois donc absolument recevoir tous les renseignements disponibles ainsi que vos suggestions au sujet de nos problèmes et notre avenir. C'est seulement avec votre aide que je pourrai défendre et promouvoir ou voir nos intérêts.

Nous aurons à travailler énormément pour régler les problèmes auxquels nous devons faire face. Nous recevrons du nouvel équipement, mais peut-être moins rapidement que nous ne le souhaiterions, et nous devrons apprendre à nous contenter du minimum pour certaines pièces d'équipement. Il y a un problème, cependant, que nous devons absolument surmonter: le pénurie de soldats. Je suis particulièrement préoccupé de la péurie actuelle de bombardiers et d'artilleurs anglophones et de sous-officiers francophones. Nous devrons augmenter nos efforts de recrutement et, surtout, conserver nos recrues. La meilleure façon d'atteindre cet objectif est de fournir aux soldats des carrières intéressantes et stimulantes. Cela exige un leadership dynamique à tous les échelons, et c'est pour assurer un tel leadership que je vous invite à redoubler vos efforts.

En dépit de nos problèmes, je suis convaincu que nous vons devant nous un avenir des plus prometteurs. Je crois que l'année qui s'achève a été excellente pour le Regiment Royal. Je souhaite beaucoup de succès à tous nos artilleurs, qu'ils soient membres de la force régulière, de la milice ou du corps de cadets.



FIRST REGIMENT ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

1981 - 110 Years of Service THE 110TH YEAR

In 1981 the Royal Regiment completed 110 years of service to the guns. In addition to the regular routine of practice camps, divisional and corps level exercises, individual training and alerts, 1981 provided the gunners of Canada's senior regular regiment an opportunity to reflect on their history and traditions.

REGIMENTAL SCHOOL

As in the past, the Regimental School continued to be of paramont importance. After considerable classroom work in Lahr, the 1981 school found A Battery, in early January, deploying to Munster-South for live firing. This exercise provided the Regimental School with an excellent opportunity to fit in the live firing portions of the Basic Technicians and Detachment Second-in-Command courses. In spite of miserable weather, worthwhile training was completed and a rewarding time had by all.

The months of February and March were also de voted to the Regimental School and by the middle of March over 200 graduates of nine basic courses were ready to demonstrate their new expertise.

REGIMENTAL COMPETITIONS

In mid-March the regiment deployed to Munster-South for a regimental practice camp and as usual, on the first day, fog set in. Battery commanders quickly amended their plans to emphasize movement and deployment drills in lieu of live firing. Then, after three days, the fog lifted, the Instructorin-Gunnery finally observed the impact area, and the regimental competitions began. The spirit of competition was high and excitement was in the air. Everyone tried his hardest and all competitions were close. The Numbers One Action was won by C Battery with Sergeant Argue and 35A earning the right to fly the Commanding Officer's pennant for one year. A Troop won the Quick Action competition with Captain LB Sherrard at the OP and Lieutenant CG Simonds and Master Warrant Officer (Troop Sergeant Major) CR Skinner at the guns. The final competition was the Battery Test Exercise. After a close struggle A Battery emerged victorious with a very slim point advantage. When all calculations were completed, A Battery had won the Elkins Trophy for gunnery, with Major RB Mitchell and Chief Warrant Officer (Battery

Sergeant Major) LE Skinner accepting the trophy on behalf of all ranks, A Battery. By this time the resuls of the Annual Technical Inspection had been announced with HQ Battery becoming the first winners of the Captain PO Read Maintenance Trophy.

The March practice camp ended with a short Commanding Officer's exercise which practised fire and movement at the regimental level. As part of the exercise each battery was required to send out a fighting patrol across the ranges in the dead of night. Besides some successful information-gathering, these generated a large number of "war stories" that seemed to have expanded by the conclusion of the train ride back to Lahr.

During April and early May further driver courses were conducted and the regiment had the opportunity to prepare for the next practice camp in May.

THE CRA'S PRACTICE CAMP

In mid-May the regiment again deployed to the Munster ranges. After a short battery training period and some calibration the regiment moved into a Commanding Officer's exercise which emphasized fire planning. This time, although the FOOs somewhat bewildered by the lack of fog, the exercise was fast with one target or fireplan following anotheruntil endex. Concurrently the RCPO and operations staffs were kept busy as the liaison and co-ordination with the divisional artillery staff of 1 (UK) Armoured Division had begun. After a weekend of enjoyable social events and a divisional artillery cross-country run, two days of fire planning with 45 and 49 Field Regimets RA were ejoyed. During the nextphase the CRA's HQ deployed with the regimental CP colocated and a full-blown divisional artillery exercise began. The first shoot was a divisional Time on Target mission. Seventy-two guns fired and the rounds impacted at exactly the right moment. The zone was marked by 175 mm rounds fired from Bergen-Hohne and everything in between was obliterated. This exercise challenged all of the regimental command and control elements, gave battery commanders the chance to fire plan with six or seven batteries, and offered the command posts some stiff competition for adjustments. When the last round was fired, the CRA, Brigadier Atkinson presented Lieutenant-Colonel Walton with his personal pennant as a memento of outstanding participation on his exercise, where we won eight of nine adjustments on fire missions division.



1RCHAmarches 10km to participate in the CRA's sports day.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 2 July 1981 command of the regiment passed from Lieutenant-Colonel DB Walton, OMM, CD to Lieutenant-Colonel LTB Mintz, CD. The Commander 4 CMBG, Brigadier-General AJGD de Chastelain, reviewed the regiment during the impressive evening ceremony. C Battery had already been handed over to Major MK Jeffrey by Major AZ Palmer who remained in Europe as Senior Staff Officer Support at HQ 4 CMBG. On the weekend of 11 July, A Battery changed from Major RB Mitchell to Major MJ Winter. In addition to the

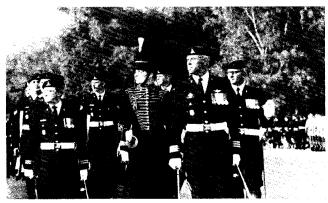
commanding officer and battery commanders, the regiment lost many familiar faces during rotation, including the battery sergeant majors of A and B Batteries, Chief Warrant Officers LE Skinner and AS Leblanc respectively.



LCol TB Mintz signs the change of command scroll while LCol DB Walton and BGen AJGD de Chastelain look on.

NIJMEGEN

As the change of command parades ended, thoughts turned to another kind of parade — the Nijmegen March. For the second consecutive year the regiment had been tasked to be the support unit for the Canadian contingent. Even with the enormous manning bill that this entailed, the regiment fielded 125 marchers led by the Acting Commanding Officer, Major LA Branum and all four battery commanders. Despite the torrential downpour the spirits of the gunners



LCoIDB Walton marches his regiment by for the last time.



MWO GJ Andrews receives medal for completion of his 10th victory march (Nijmegen March).

who had earned the right to participate in the march could not be dampened. For many soldiers the march was their last regimental event as rotation began almost immediately upon return to Lahr.



The pipes march regimental members home on day three of Nijmegen.

FALLEX

In the last week of August the regiment deployed to the requisition manoeuvre area for a three day shake-out exercise where basic deployment and movement drills were emphasized. Many valuable lessons were learned and the equipment received an excellent work out. At endex the guns made the road move home while battery commanders, OP parties and arty tac proceeded to the Hohenfels training area to join the brigade for company/squadron and battle group training.

The 4 CMBG FTX lasted only five days but almost all phases of war were practised. Again many valuable lessons were learned and even the replacement system was exercised as several new "subbies" arrived from Canada during the heat of battle.

The II (GE) Corps FTX, EX SCHARFE KLINGE began in the mountainous region north of Lahr in the area of Freudenstadt. As the orange force, 4 CMBG was presented with some very real and sometimes "hairy" movement problems through the Black Forest region. Although manoeuvre damage was a problem, some very realistic training took place and a large number of dismounted operations were successful.

THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY

Immediately on re-deployment from Fallex, the preparations for the 110th Anniversary Celebrations began. From 16-18 October 1981, the regiment paused to celebrate the anniversary of the formation of A and B Batteries and to reflect on the proud traditions of the past 110 years. Our guests of honour were Major-General DR Baker, CMM, CD and the Director, Colonel HR Wheatley, CD. On Saturday 17 October 1981, Major-General Baker inspected the regiment and took the salute during the marchpast and rollpast. During the parade, Major-General Baker unveiled a silver model of the M109A1 which was presented to the regiment by all ranks of the regiment in commemoration of the anniversary.

On Saturday night a highly successful all ranks dance was held and on Sunday there followed a church parade and family day. Just prior to the closing ceremony, the draw for a trip for two to Canada was made by Major-General Baker. After presentation of the prize to Gunner Zeilke of HQ Battery the closing ceremonies were held. Throughout the weekend the international nature of the First Regiment's role in NATO was demonstrated by the participation of troops from 7 Regiment Royal Horse Artillery.



Royal Netherlands Horse Artillery (1 RCHA 110th celebrations).



Comd 4 Cmbg, Bge AJGD de Chastelain, inspects soldiers of our partnershaft unit (295 panzer arty BN) during the 1RCHA change of command parade.

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CONCLUSION

Asthisarticle concludes, the guns of the regiment fire in the Grafenwoehrtraining area, instructions for the regimental school are being issued, and the vitality of the regiment endures.

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SECOND REGIMENT ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

FOREWORD

For the Second Regiment, 1981 proved to be yet another exciting and eventful year, so much so that it causes one to reflect on the appropriateness of the wellknown six letter word above the gun on our corps badge. Not only did the regiment or one of its sub-units deploy as far afield as Rogers Pass, West Virginia, Norway, and the Mecca of the Maritimes (Gagetown), the diversity and scope of training merit equal attention as the unit undertook airborne, heliborne, mountain and winter warfare operations, as well as partaking in the first divisional (and divisional artillery) exercise in several years. As the following chronological and statistical accounts testify, the regiment seldom gave or received the order STAND EASY, but the numerous activities and fast pace left the members of the regiment with a certain pride and professional satisfaction in their achievements.

EXERCISE BRASS MONKEY/NORDIC CONQUEST

January in CFB Petawawa means only one thing, and that one thing does not include suntan lotion. The regiment began 1981 with extensive training in winter warfare and survival techniques.

E Bty (Para) and elements of RHQ underwent their training during an exercise aptly titled "Brass Monkey". This seven-day air crash survival exercise placed the participants in a scenario that left them with scant rations, no stoves, and no lanterns. It was a severe and gruelling exercise in weather conditions where even the animals had enough sense to go to ground. Consequently, skills in trapping, skinning and shelter construction were honed through necessity.

Meanwhile, in this same time period, D Bty (AMF(L)) was involved in Exercise Nordic Conquest. Winter survival was again the theme of this exercise, and the battery spent the first few days learning to trap, ice-fish and ski using the infamous bangy-boards.

The battery was then broken down into six or seven-man sections, given grid references, made its way there, set up shelters, and was told to survive for three days. Needless to say, it was an enlightening (?) experi-



Call sign 15A on the move.

ence, but no confirmation could be given to the rumour that Lt Ward's section sighted a sasquatch on Military Lake.

EXERCISE RUGBY FLARE

From 22 to 28 January, D Bty (AMF[L]) took part in one of the more ambitious exercises of the year, Exercise Rugby Flare. The scope of the exercise consisted of rapid and continuous fire and movement by air, utilizing eight Chinooks from 450 MTH Sqn and 402 Hvy Air Assault Battalion of the US 82nd Airborne Division. The exercise was held in both CFB Petawawa and the Meaford training area. The pick-up and delivery of guns in snowy conditions proved to be an interesting and new experience for the American pilots, to say the very least! It is not the simplest task to set down a big Chinook when the rotors are causing a white-out. Still, the bugs were smoothed out, as both aircrew and battery personnel worked in close cooperation to solve them.

The highpoint of this Helex was the move to Meaford. There the battery conducted a night occupation by air, and if you think putting down guns in the snow by day is hard, wait until you experience it by night! It was touch and go for the pilots at times, with no reference objects to work with except landing lights which were almost invisible in the snow.

Rugby Flare was an outstanding success and some good practical lessons were learned by all who participated.

EXERCISE OPTIC NERVE

Whilst D Bty was involved in Exercise Rugby Flare, E Bty (Para) was doing what they do best — that is, supporting the Airborne Battle Group. Ex Optic Nerve started on the 24th of January, and the 12-plane formation that descended on Shilo contained paratroopers from One and Three Commando, 2 CER, and E Bty (Para). At 1645 hours, the green lights flashed on, and equipment, toboggans, guns and jumpers filled the sky. Almost immediately a call for fire cracked over the radio, as it does on all para deployments, and the race began

for E Bty (Para) to get a round on the ground. But it was not to be that simple, as darkness set in. Notwithstanding, call sign 22 did see his round 35 minutes later. The exercise saw the battery in a defensive position where they remained until Endex.

As Exercise Optic Nerve came to a close, the battery simply did quick maintenance and suddenly found itself back on the Shilo ranges on a five-day BC's exercise. Besides confirming the lessons of winter warfare already experienced on Brass Monkey, as well as scrounging for gun tractors and applying our gunnery skills, E Bty (Para) took comfort in knowing that Shilo belonged to 3 RCHA.

2 RCHA SKI SCHOOL

The highlight of the training in February was the Regimental Ski School. The training was held in Calabogie over a five-day period, and concentrated on both cross-country and downhill skiing. For a lot of people it was their first time on skis and most of us found it to be not just good training, but an awful lot of fun as well.

RV 81

Of course the big topic of interest that drove a great deal of activity in early spring was RV 81. The regiment took to the field in late April for the CO's Practice Camp, Exercise Lanyard Thrust II. This was a fast-paced, six-day, regimental exercise designed to practice all aspects of gunnery in preparation for Exercise RV 81.



2 RCHA guard commanded by Maj Hodgson during the visit of Gov Gen E Schreyer to National Defence Head-quarters.



Maj Chamberlain inspects TQ3 Course as Capt Kalbraier and RSM Flanagan look (?) on.

After a month's preparation, and on such an appropriate day as the 26th of May, the regiment departed for Gagetown. After three days on the road, the regiment was greeted by the sight of its new home, Hibernia Bivouac. No sooner had we arrived in Gagetown than the fun began. The weather was typically Maritime — wet. While other units endured plights like bog and ankle-deep water, our gunners discovered a new blood sport, trapping the mighty field mouse, and the main topic at any gathering seemed to be how many mice one had caught that day.

On the more serious side, the month of June was spent with unit and sub-unit training gearing up for the divisional artillery exercise. In mid-June, during the CO's exercise, the regimental competitions were held, with D Bty winning the Roberts Trophy, Best OP and Sniping Gun, while E Bty (Para) won the Quick Action and Open Action Competitions.

Although 3 RCHA was the overall winner in the Divisional Artillery Competition, the Second Regiment more than accounted for itself, winning more adjustments than any other regiment.

RV 81 finished up with Exercise Patriot Warrior, with the SSF acting as enemy force, and while this was dry training for the CPs, the gun detachments became infantry and could be seen looking lethal, wearing strange red tabs and stars on their uniforms.

All good things come to an end of course, and so it was time to pack up and return to Petawawa. The trip took three days and was without incident.

POSTINGS

There was a number of changes within the regimental hierarchy during the summer, with the major appointments being the replacement of Major RJ Chamberlain by Major JD Briscoe as the DCO, LCol GW Trimble was succeeded by Maj DE Peterson as BC D, and the RSM, CWO JR Flanagan was succeeded by CWO LE Skinner.

REGIMENTAL SCHOOL

After a very short leave period, due to the regiment's immediate reaction unit tasking in August, the individual training period began.

The regimental school graduated a total of 75 students as Artillery Technicians, Artillery Communicators, Detachment Second-in-Command, Blowpipe Operators and wheeled vehicle drivers. To top off the individual training period, E Bty (Para) also conducted both an Airborne Indoctrination Course and a Mountain Warfare Course.

The regimental school also had a total of 54 graduates of TQ3 courses during the year. Gunners were at a

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The list of those that shared in the final farewell to A-12.



Of course we were there . . . including Carmichael.

premium during the fall with the usual wave of postings to CFE and taskings. There was not a gunner to spare during this period, with six courses running concurrently, an IRU tasking, an OP tasking to Norway, umpire taskings to CFE, marking teams for the annual RCAA competitions, support to militia training and over 80 postings out of the regiment.

EXERCISE LANYARD THRUST III

With the completion of the regimental school courses and posting cycle, a number of individuals required experience and training in all aspects of basic artillery procedures and SOPs. The fall regimental practice camp, Exercise Lanyard Thrust III, was the vehicle not only to achieve this training, but to get the unit back once again to thinking artillery.

The exercise was divided into two phases, the first consisting of sub-unit training and the second being the CO's exercise, comprising movement by road and helicopter, fire plans, HF task programmes, hasty occupations of alternate positions and simulated operations in mountainous AMF(L) terrain (the Petawawa range map being augmented by several new contour lines).



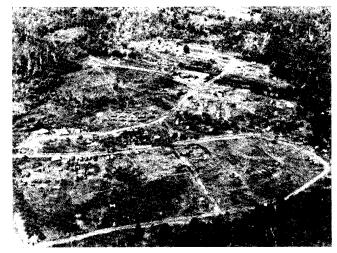
MBdr Hendry's Blowpipe deployed on the escarpment during Ex Lanyard Thrust III.

In phase I, both batteries conducted helicopter operations, and E Bty (Para) managed to conduct Anzio Rig III in conjunction with a TALEX. This three-day exercise was extremely well-planned and well-executed despite a stop-drop that occurred while the drop was in progress, the BC luckily being the last man in his chalk to exit before the red light went on. With most of the equipment on the ground, but missing twenty or so people, the battery had its work cut out for it. Nonetheless, E Bty (Para) got a round away in 12 minutes from "Green Light".

Phase II saw the addition of a battery from 30 Fd Regt, which the CO wasted no time in putting "into the line". On arrival, the third sub-unit moved along with the other two on a night occupation which was followed by



As were some former COs. Flanking the CO, LCol Mialkowski (L) and LCol Fleming (R). Seated left to right: LCol (Ret'd) Stothers, LCol Sills and Col Wheatley. Carmichael of course is lying down.



It doesn't really look like much to the untrained eye, but this was home (mice and all) for RV 81.

an ambitious ammunition dumping programme by 2 Service Battalion.

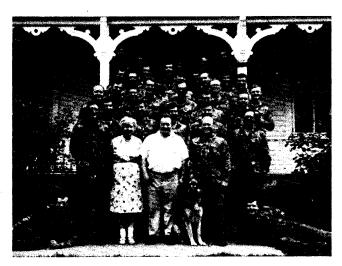
Besides the support of 30 Fd Regt RCA and 2 Service Battalion, additional support was provided by elements of 427 Tac Hel Sgn, 450 MTH Sqn, 2 ARW Sqn and 2 MP P1, making Lanyard Thrust III a successful exercise in confirming the training of the regimental school and as an introduction for new members of the regiment.

MISCELLANEOUS

Following the regimental practice camp, D Bty sent a detachment, selected during intra-battery gun competitions, to Lahr to celebrate with the Royal Canadian Dragoons the anniversary of the Battle of Leliefontein. It also despatched, for the first time in seventeen years, a detachment for avalanche control operations in Rogers Pass, BC. Although the D Bty detachment replaced 3 RCHA which was preparing for its Cyprus tour, it was not a first for the regiment, as the original AVCON tasking was given to 2 RCHA when it was in garrison in Fot Osborne.

THE YEAR AHEAD

1982 will prove to be another adventurous year for the Second Regiment. D Bty (AMF[L]) will be overseas on two occasions — in March to Norway to support 1



"When I said 'come over to dinner some time', I meant you, personally, Colonel, not the regiment." RV 81 Regimental Officers' Night at the Everleigh.



Rappelling during the AB Indoctrination Course.

RCR on Exercise Alloy Express, and again in May to Baumholder, West Germany, to join the other AMF batteries for Exercise Ardent Ground.

E Bty (Para) will find itself in the United States twice next year, once in the Mojave Desert in support of the Airborne Battle Group, and again in a small unit exchange with the 82nd Airborne in Fort Bragg.

POST SCRIPT

Before launching into the year ahead, it is important to put into perspective the foregoing account of 2 RCHA activities. For those who favour statistics, the figures for 2 RCHA can be impressive, e.g. over 1,000 kilometres driven, over 6,000 rounds fired and countless more observed. More important though is the energy and the desire of the members of this regiment to perform its many tasks yet serve the guns to the best of its ability. This it has done in 1981. UBIQUE.



IN MEMORIAM

GUNNER ANTOON REIN VAN BEEMDELUST 20 November 1981

He served the Guns. His loss is mourned by the officers and men of 2 RCHA. Stand Easy.



LCol Brown presents the Sniping Gun Trophy to Sgt McCallister and call sign 15E.



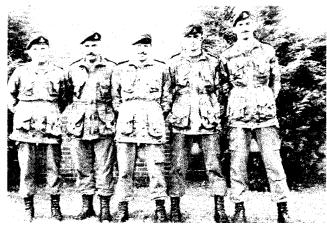
Sgt May and those members of the detachment that got out of the aircraft during Anzio Rig III.



CO inspecting E Bty (Para) with the incoming/outgoing DCOs and RMSs in train.



What it takes to get a round away in 12 minutes from "green light".



National Guard Parachute Competition Team consisting of (L to R): MWO Raymond, MWO Hemlin, Maj Hodgson, Gnr Trask and Gnr Lalonde held at Fort Dawson, West Virginia.



BC E (Para) presenting a cannister to 411 Air Reserve Sqn on the occasion of the Squadron's first fire mission regiment. Yes, that is Jim MacFie in the passenger space accepting on behalf of the OC, LCol Saunders.



Pugilsticking during the AB Indoctrination Course under the supervision of Sgt Tattersall.



LCol Addy, CO RCD, accepts a D Battery plaque from Lt Calnam commemorating D Battery's being on parade for Leliefontein Day celebrations.



Call sign 15B, the winners of D Battery Nos 1 competition, take time from their participation during Leliefontein celebrations to visit 128 AAD Bty in Baden.



Gnr Hackbart receiving the award as Top Gunner for 1981 from the CO, LCol Brown.



The adjutant reads the roll during the Canoe River Memorial



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THIRD REGIMENT ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

The hectic pace of activity familiar to 3 RCHA in recent years was maintained in 1981 by the gunners of the regiment. The perennial confrontation between seemingly-endless taskings and commitments and limited manpower and resources again existed throughout the year, assuring that in 3 RCHA there were "no idle hands in the employ of the Devil".

WINTER REGIMENT SCHOOL

The New Year commenced in the traditional manner with the winter regimental school. While the majority of the regiment's young soldiers developed the skills of signaller, artillery technician, tracked or wheeled driver, many of their older comrades journeyed further afield to enhance their professional knowledge at the School of Artillery and other centres of military pedagogy. The number of "A" gradings adorning course reports returning to the Home Station bore witness to the Third Regiment's soldiers' penchant for doing well whatever they put their hand to.

EXERCISE RAPIER THRUST 81

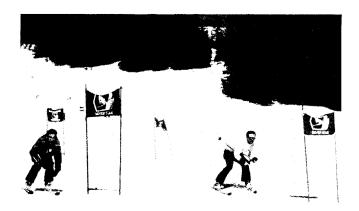
While the greater part of the regiment toiled in the classroom, either behind a lectern or at a desk, the BC and FOO parties along with the Arty Tac HQ cell and an air defence section from U Battery enjoyed a winter holiday at Camp Wainwright as guests of the organizers of EX Rapier Thrust 81. During the period 16-29 Janaury, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the PPCLI enjoyed the company of their gunner comrades as they practiced, in a winter environment, the techniques of the attack and mobile defence.

1 CBG SKI SCHOOL

3 RCHA memories of the winter of 1981 will not be solely the frustrations of creating 18 inches of overhead cover in frozen ground, wet mukluks and recalcitrant Herman Nelson heaters. Mindful of the notion that "soldiering should be fun", the Army of the West this past year established a Brigade Ski School at Vernon, BC. The regiment was an enthusiastic supporter of the school with some 70 members receiving basic and advanced alpine ski instruction during the first two weeks



"Do you say that you sweat with the field gun? by God you must lather with us!" Bdr Delorme, Gwrs Albert, Roesler and Baur at RV 81.



MBdr Bethinger and Gnr Barth laughing in the face of danger at the brigade ski school, Vernon, BC.

of March. While the regiment is unlikely to be asked to second anyone to the national ski team, no limbs were seriously damaged and several converts were made to the delights of the slalom and "apres ski" relaxation.

EXERCISE STRONG CONTENDER

1981 witnessed the expansion of the 1 CBG winter sports competition to include broomball in addition to the traditional hockey and volleyball contests. Teams representing all of the major and minor units in the brigade converged on Calgary during the period 5-10 April to do battle in the rink and on the court. Again this year, the 3 RCHA hockey team displyed its mastery of

the national game, winning the BGen Mitchell trophy for an unprecedented third consecutive time and defeating 1 PPCLI, 2 PPCLI, 1 Svc Bn and 3 PPCLI in so doing.

The regimental broomball team, with BSM Young at the helm, by dint of remarkable team spirit and personal effort made it to the final where, unfortunately, they were defeated 2-0 by a much more experienced Camp Wainwright squad. As for the volleyball team, it was a matter of willing spirit being daunted by weak flesh. The gruelling three match per day schedule proved too much for the team causing them to finish round robin play with a record two wins short of providing them with a play-off berth.



Sgt JA "Smiley" Jackson expressing the popular sentiment over 3 RCHA's 1 CBG Hockey Championship.



The 3 RCHA "Gunners", three time winners of the 1 CBG hockey championship.

SPRING PRACTICE CAMP

The regimental spring practice camp, conducted during the last two weeks in April, served this year not only as a vehicle to confirm the skills learned by individuals during the winter regimental school, but also allowed the regiment to develop an elan and efficiency which would stand it in very good stead at RV 81. This year the emphasis was on the defensive phase of war, with the batteries practicing the preparation of a completely dug-in gun position in addition to fire and movement, defensive fire planning, quick actions and local defence. G Battery was augmented for the duration of the camp by two detachments from its affiliated British battery, G Battery (Mercer's Troop) 7 RHA from Osnabruck in Germany. This allowed G Battery the novel opportunity of being able to man fully all of its six guns.

VISIT OF THE COMMANDER 1 CBG

No sooner had post-exercise maintenance been completed on our guns and vehicles than preparations were commenced for the inspection of the regiment on 15 May by the Brigade Commander, BGen JA Cotter CD. On this occasion, BGen Cotter presented CDS Commendations to three members of the Regiment, Maj FK LaForge, Capt JJ Selbie and Sgt JJ Goetz, in recognition of their exemplary conduct in extinguishing a fire in an ammunition-laden M109 in October 1980. Sgt Goetz' actions were further recognized in October of the year when he was decorated with the Medal of Bravery by the Governor-General in Ottawa. After the parade a family picnic was held during which fathers showed off the tools of their profession to their wives and children and in the evening a very successful regimental dance was staged.



"RIGHT 385, DROP 800, FIRE FOR EFFECT" — The correction, from the first round, which gave Capt WA Rennett and J Battery victory in the regimental quick action competition at RV 81.

RV 81

Immediately following the commander's inspection, preparations began in earnest for RV 81 in CFB Gagetown. Loading the regiment's guns and vehicles onto the train for the trip east proved to be a time-consuming task as chocks and tie-downs had to be constructed alongside the train as it was loaded. The comparison between the four days spent loading the train here and the hour or so required for a similar operation in Germany, where railways are experienced in such matters and where the proper equipment is available, was drawn more than once. In the end, however, the regimental train, in excess of a kilometer in length, made the return journey to Gagetown with its valuable cargo intact.

As most readers will remember, RV 81 concentrated all units of FMC in CFB Gagetown in June and

July for five weeks of training from corps and branch to divisional level. In bringing together over 8,000 soldiers and their equipment from all parts of the country, RV 81 was the largest exercise held in Canada since the late 1950s.

After establishing a bivouac in an area that would, on several occasions, be reminiscent of Flanders in 1916 in terms of the ubiquitousness of mud, the regiment embarked upon a cycle of training commencing at regimental and corps level, followed by combined arms operations and finally culminating in a divisional exercise, Patriot Warrior, of five day's duration. For the guns, the highlights of the concentration came during the first ten days as the gun batteries honed their individual and group skills in preparation for the regimental competitions. This year G Battery, after a disappointing showing in 1980, captured top honours in the GPOs' open action and No. 1s' direct fire competitions while conceding the quick action trophy to J Battery by a narrow margin.

The inter-battery rivalry which marked these competitions quickly dissipated as the regiment strove to win divisional adjustments during the CDA's training days. Our efforts were not in vain in this regard for 3 RCHA returned to Shilo in possession of the divisional artillery trophy thanks in particular to Capt AD McIntosh and his crew in G12 who called down the quickest and most effective divisional fire mission. And so, when 3 RCH gunners engage members of the other regiments of the corps in the perennial bar room debate concerning regimental supremacy, our arguments will have the force of legitimacy until at least the RV 83 rematch.

While the mud gunners were engaged in their particular field of expertise, the air defence gunners of U Battery, in league with the 2 RCHA AD Troop and V Battery, 5 RALC, carried out very successful Boffin and Blowpipe live fire exercises. The Blowpipe firings were particularly noteworthy for the fact that, for the first time, the TATS 102 RPV target drone was employed to simulate enemy aircraft. This marked a vast improvement over the previous substitute for a FITTER or FISHBED, an artillery illuminating round. U Battery was also successful in escaping the misery of the Gagetown climate on several occasions when it journeyed to the radar station at St Margaret's and CFB Chatham to engage in air defence exercises and during a trip to the salmon streams of the Renous district where it engaged in exercise of an entirely different nature.

Remembering the fact that any fool can be uncomfortable in the field, 3 RCHA erected a set of messes that became the envy of all the members of lesser organizations who had the good fortune to be entertained by us. The officers' mess rapidly gained the reputation of being the social centre for gunner officers in the FMC division. This was due in large course to the entertainment provided in the form of the CDA, LCol EL Schrader, a latter day Harmonicat of considerable talent, the CO, LCol JA MacInnis, with his repertoire of obscure Cape Breton folk songs and the 3 RCHA Field Officers' Chorus, an intermittently harmonic group possessed of great enthusiasm if little musical ability.

The regiment commenced redeployment to Shilo on 8 July, taking with them the knowledge that during RV 81 they had set new standards of excellence not only for themselves but for the Royal Regiment as a whole.

REGIMENTAL CHANGE OF COMMAND

On a parade held at Shilo on 18 July in the presence of BGen JA Cotter CD, LCol TJ Guiler CD assumed command of 3 RCHA from LCol JA MacInnis who had been Commanding Officer of the regiment since July 1979. LCol MacInnis was well-known for his keen sense

of humour, Cape Breton spirit and his appreciation and affection of and for the notion of the regimental family. His time as commanding officer will be remembered fondly by all members of the regiment.



LCol TJ Guiler assumes command of 3 RCHA on 18 July "from LCol JA MacInnis as BGen JA Cotter looks on.

SUMMER TASKINGS

Upon our return from RV 81 and after the regimental change of command, as many soldiers as possible were sent off for a period of well-deserved leave. However as is always the case during the summer months many members of the regiment were required to stay behind to fill regimental commitments in support of cadet camps and militia training. For some years now CFB Shilo has been the location of the reserve force artillery National Rank Qualifying School and as a result it is only natural that 3 RCHA provide the greatest proportion of regular force support to this establishment. This past year, the regiment provided 28 instructors as well as several drivers and numerous pieces of equipment in aiding the school in qualifying 124 militia soldiers on various courses.

EXERCISE MEDICINE MAN

Once again in 1981, 3 RCHA had the good fortune to be able to send three FOO parties to the British Army Training Unit at CFB Suffield, Alta., there to participate in three serials of Ex Medicine Man. Ex Medicine Man is designed to exercise battle groups from the British Army of the Rhine in all the phases of war under the most realistic conditions possible. For the FOO parties this meant fire plans for live combat team and battle group attacks. Added training benefits include the opportunity to live and work in an NBC environment and to observe a fully mechanised battle group equipped with tanks. All the 3 RCHA FOO parties fits in very well with the RA an RHA batteries participating in the Medicine Man serials confirming that the ties that bind the two Royal Regiments are still very tangible.

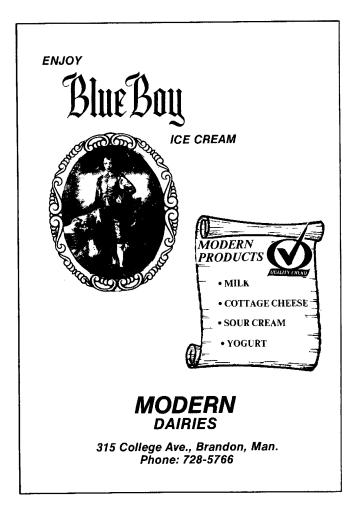
FALL REGIMENTAL SCHOOL

With the arrival of September, talk in the regiment once again centred around course packages, PO Checks and instructor slates as the fall regimental school commenced. With our pending tour in Cyprus in mind, an effort was made during this school to qualify as many artillery drivers and signallers as possible and at the same time train as many technicians as possible to provide for reversion to our normal role on our return to Canada in the fall of 1982. With the same rationale in mind a large contingent of 3 RCHA officers and soldiers

was dispatched to the School of Artillery to complete career courses that would be unavailable to them during our time with UNFICYP. Once again officers, NCOs and soldiers who were not students or instructors on some course or another became members of a very rare species. With the establishment of the RCA Battle School in Shilo, people in this category did not have the chance to remain idle, for the regiment was heavily committed to providing drivers, safety officers and command post crews to the Battle School. In exchange we received from the School the largest influx of new gunners into the regiment in recent memory as our strength was brought up in preparation for Cyprus.

FALL PRACTICE CAMP

During the period 16-29 October, the regimental school was suspended to allow the regiment to take to the field once again to do battle with the persistent Fantasians, During the first week the batteries remained under control of the BCs, thus allowing them to integrate into their batteries the large number of new soldiers who arrived since the summer posting season and to restore the efficiency lost to the batteries since the last time they operated as a unit in the field. The second half of the practice camp consisted of two days of technical shooting during which the traditional rivalry between the gun batteries by vying for regimental adjustments resumed. A three-day CO's exercise gave LCol Guiler his first opportunity to view his regiment in action. An added feature of this practice camp was the presence of a CBC television film crew who prepared a 30-minute documentary on the regiment entitled, "The Fighting Men of Shilo", for the Points West series. When telecast on 6 December, the programme attained a very high rating in Shilo if nowhere else.



YEAR'S END ACTIVITIES

Following the completion of the fall practice camp, the regiment once again hit the books on the second serial courses of the regimental school. A respite from their normal garrison chores was enjoyed by a group of 25 members of the regiment who journeyed to Calgary at the end of November for Ex Northern Passage - a brigade CPX. This exercise is looked forward to annually as participants are accommodated in Calgary hotels and there is ample opportunity to sample, albeit at considerable cost in "Dallas North", the local night life. The regiment ended the year in the traditional gunner fashion with a number of social events commencing with a St Barbara's Day dance on 11 December followed by the men's Christmas dinner and the usual round of battery Christmas parties and at-homes - all which served to accentuate the "family" aspect of an organization such as the regiment at a time of year designed for families to draw close together, contemplate their past achievements and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. This 3 RCHA does as it prepares for duty with the United Nations Force in Cyprus, again lending credence to the Royal Regiment's motto — UBIQUE.

G BATTERY

3 RCHA began the New Year in traditional form with regimental school. This saw G Battery running a driver tracked course and providing instructors for an artillery communicator course and a driver wheeled course.

The regimental spring practice camp was conducted in March. G Battery hosted two detachments of British gunners from G Battery (Mercer's Troop) 7 RHA. Great emphasis was placed on local defence and small arms

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Members of G Battery (Mercer's Troop) 7 RHA marvelling at the wonders of Canadian culinary technology during spring practice camp.

training. Practice in both of these areas culminated in a four-day Battery Commander's exercise when dug-in gun positions were prepared and all types of ammunition fired in the direct fire role, by both day and night. The night firing in particular was very impressive as the guns illuminated targets in close proximity to the position while they were engaged with both small arms and main armament. Both British and Canadian gunners remarked that this was the first time they had seen a display of firepower of such magnitude.

The practice camp continued for another week encompassing EX LIMBER GUNNER, the CO's exercise. During this period G Battery practiced deploying in support of simulated brigade level operations. All types of artillery skills were practiced including fire and movement and quick actions. The final gun position on the CO's exercise was fully dug-in and was the site of a chemical attack on the battery much to the dismay of our British comrades.

After the completion of spring practice camp, G Battery commenced a period of maintenance and preparation for the fabled RV 81. After the guns and vehicles were loaded on the train, many of the members of the battery were able to take a few days' leave before departing for Gagetown.

RV 81 was an interesting experience for all members of the battery. For six weeks we lived in tents in a regimental bivouac. Meals were produced regularly and with a certain flair by the unit field kitchens. The experience gained from living under field conditions for this extended period of time proved very valuable.

During RV 81 G Battery participated in no less than three major exercises designed to practice artillery deployment. During the initial two weeks in Gagetown, we practiced fire and movement on a regimental level and then went on to compete at the divisional level with artillery units from across Canada. Both the OP and the gun line made a major contribution to 3 RCHA's triumph in winning the Divisional Artillery Competition trophy.

The fourth week of RV 81 saw G Battery participating in EX ROYAL CONCERT — a company live fire exercise. Finally during the fifth week of the concentration we

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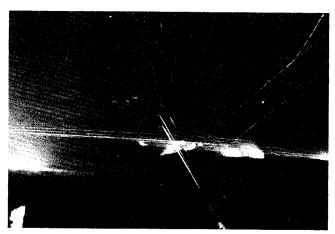
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participated in the culminating exercise PATRIOT WAR-RIOR. As this exercise was dry it gave the battery a good opportunity to practice camouflage and local defence drills. It was with obvious pride that each detachment vied to be the best hidden.

RV 81 was at times a frustrating ordeal but the battery returned from Gagetown in the end with a knowledge of the probllems involved with divisional level operations and with pride in a job well done.

The summer was spent in the pursuit of annual leave — that elusive carrot at the end of the stick — and also in support of the militia NRQS. Happily most members of the battery were able to get away for at least a few days of leave.

From 07 to 15 October 1981 twenty members of G Battery provided aid to the civil authority in a search for a lost hunter. They formed part of a troop of 50 comprised of gunners from each battery in the regiment. The troop was airlifted to Hudsons Bay, Saskatchewan and quartered in the local Legion there. Each gunner was assigned to a section and after liaison with the local constabulary the search was under way. A total of twenty-one square



Night is turned into day during the G Battery battle school night firing exercise at spring practice camp.



"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers . . ." G Battery winners of the regimental GPOs' open action competition at RV 81

kilometers was covered during the operation. The search stopped before the rain did but still no hunter was found.

Fall brought with it yet another regimental school and another practice camp. With a Cyprus commitment on the horizon, a great deal of emphasis was placed on training the new soldiers in basic skills such as driving and communicating. Also during the early fall the battery exercised its OP PENDANT commitment sending the BC's

party and a OP party to Germany to exercise with 4 CMBG as a part of Z Battery, 1 RCHA. As the end of the year approached, the battery prepared to adopt an infantry rifle company role in preparation for Cyprus — a tour of duty which all ranks are eagerly looking forward to.

J BATTERY

1981 proved to be an extremely busy but rewarding year for J Battery. During the year the battery provided training support to militia artillery units from Militia Area Pacific in Fort Lewis, Washington and in Shilo, dispatched FOO parties to exercises in Wainwright, Suffield and Norway and provided gun detachments for avalanche control in Rogers Pass. J Battery also provided instructors for two regimental schools and the National Rank Qualifying School, participated in two regimental practice camps and contributed to the regiment's exemplary performance during RV 81.

The first major event of the year was 1 CBG's annual winter exercise, RAPIER THRUST, which was held at Camp Wainwright during the period 16 to 30 January. The major aim of this exercise was to practice 2 PPCLI along with elements of LdSH(RC) in defensive operations in a winter environment. 1 PPCLI supported by J Battery BC and FOO parties provided the enemy force.

During the months of February and March the emphasis was on individual training as most members of the battery participated in the regimental school as either students or instructors. An officer and gun detachment also spent six weeks during this period helping keep the Trans-Canada Highway through Rogers Pass open by pre-empting potential avalanches.

From 3 to 23 March, Capt WA Rennett and his FOO party had the opportunity to work with B Company, 1 PPCLI along with British, American and Norwegian troops during an AMF(L) exercise in Norway. This exercise not only allowed the party to view Norwegian and other allied equipment and tactics at first hand, but also to gain valuable experience with the problems associated with the employment of artillery in mountainous terrain. The exercise was a long and demanding one conducted in temperatures which remained well below the freezing point. It was not all work and no play, however, as the party was able to enjoy the hospitality of the Norwegians in the countryside where the exercise was held and in the towns of Tromso and Narvik.

An early spring this past year allowed the battery to commence battery training in preparation for practice camp in fine weather on 23 March. Starting at detachment level and progressing to battery fire and movement, all aspects of artillery defensive operations were practiced. Following a break of two weeks during which members of

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the battery journeyed to Fort Lewis, Washington to assess 5 (BC) Field Battery and 15 Field Regiment for the RCAA competition, others took part in the brigade sports competition, STRONG CONTENDER, we took to the field in Shilo again for spring practice camp. It was during this practice camp that the battery FOOs were given battlefield promotions and thrust into the limelight provided by BC's fire plans as a result of our regular BC, Maj Davidson, falling prey to pneumonia.

The month of May was dedicated to preparing the battery for the anticipated rigours of RV 81. With over 8,000 troops occupying the training area of Gagetown, bivouac, deployment and impact areas were at a premium. During the first ten days of the concentration we concerned ourselves with training at the battery, regimental and divisional artillery levels. During the regimental competitions the battery captured the Quick Action trophy and in the divisional competition that concluded the corps training phase of the concentration, the battery materially to 3 RCHA's victory over the other Canadian regiments and W Battery.

Following the divisional competition, the BC and FOO parties parted company with the gun group. While the gun group carried out first aid, small arms, NBCW and communications training and fired in support of EX ROYAL CONCERT, the BC and FOO parties joined 1 PPCLI and LdSH(RC) to participate in a number of exercises including the company live fire exercise, ROYAL CONCERT, heliborne operations and a reconnaissance squadron exercise in the Sussex area.

During the culminating exercise of the concentration, PATRIOT WARRIOR, the battery supported the LdSH(RC) as they conducted a highly-successful covering force battle. The battery was constantly on the move in providing this support, in addition to paying particular attention to local defence and camouflage drills. An interesting sidelight to the exercise was a sleep-deprivation experiment conducted by DCIEM staff using J Battery personnel as "guinea pigs".

Upon our return to Shilo following RV 81 attention was focused on the regimental change of command parade following which the battery dispersed, some to enjoy a well-deserved period of leave and others to fill the battery's summer training commitments. This year J Battery was given responsibility for coodinating and providing most of 3 RCHA's support to the Militia National Rank Qualifying School in Shilo.

September brought with it the beginning of the fall regimental school. J Battery personnel were heavily involved due to the fact that a large proportion of the battery consisted of soldiers recently graduated from TQ3 training and under-qualified soldiers posted in from other units over

the summer.

During the latter part of September, the battery had the good fortune to be able to send a FOO party to the British Army Training Unit at CFB Suffield, Alberta where it participated in mechanised battle group exercises with A Company, 3 PPCLI and units of the British Army of the Rhine.

On the Thanksgiving weekend a marking team from the battery again made the trip to Fort Lewis, Washington, there to assess 5 (BC) Field Battery as part of the continu-

ing RCAA competition.

In October the battery took to the field for fall practice camp with its ranks swollen by a host of new gunners. Due to the fact that some 25 of the more experienced members of the battery were away on course at this time, these young soldiers were required to shoulder a much greater share of the load. As a result of their hard work and perseverance the battery was able to maintain the high standards of gunnery it had set for itself in the past.

In November the battery's guns were shipped south to undergo modifications that would convert them to M109A3s while the officers, NCOs and men of the battery prepared to commence training for their forthcoming tour of duty with the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus.

U BATTERY

1981 proved to be a busy, challenging year for the air defence gunners of U Battery. The year was ushered in with a new Battery Commander, Maj HP Mundell, who officially took over command from his predecessor, Maj FK LaForge, on 6 February.

Throughout the year the battery participated fully in all regimental and brigade exercises, commencing with RAPIER THRUST in January followed by LIMBER GUNNER during spring practice camp. During the latter exercise, the battery was tasked with the dual role of air defence and field gunnery. Both tasks were tackled with relish and once again the battery, in the field gunnery role, demonstrated to the "mud gunners" the true meaning of the motto "Ubique" by winning the majority of regimental adjustments during the regimental technical shooting day.

EX LIMBER GUNNER was only a prelude to RENDEZ-VOUS 81, the divisional concentration held in CFB Gagetown. U Battery played a major role in providing air defence resources to 1 CBG. During RV 81, the Targetair TATS 102 drone was employed as a target during Blowpipe missile live firing. This new target system proved to be highly challenging to our Blowpipe operators, providing as it did a more realistic threat simulation than the artillery illuminating rounds previously used.

On our return to Shilo after RV 81, the battery was immediately tasked with supporting OP ABATIS, the British Army trial of the Cervantes counter-mortor radar system which was carried out in Shilo. While employed on this task, U Battery gunners became highly proficient in the operation of the Thrust rocket system which was used to simulate targets for the radar. That the trial was considered a great success can be attributed in part to the professionalism and dedication displayed by the air defence gunners.

Fall practice camp soon followed the Cervantes trial and the gunners of U Battery once again defended the skies over the Shilo training area.

In November, U Battery played host to their fellow air defence gunners from 128 and 129 AAD Batteries and the AD Troops from 1 RCHA and 2 RCHA. The purpose of this gathering was to allow Blowpipe operators from these units to fire live missiles, something which they do not have the necessary facilities for in Petawawa and Germany. For U Battery this was the culmination of a six-week Blowpipe Operator course when students were finally given the opportunity to fire the "real thing" after hundreds of simulated firings on the Blowpipe trainer. Due in part to fine weather and a good batch of missiles, the firing was an unqualified success with many lessons learned by those who took part.

It is always a sad occasion when we say farewell to a long serving member of the battery and when U Battery said good-bye to BSM Vic White, this statement rang particularly true. "Dad", as he was affectionately known by all those who served with him, epitomised the spirit and vitality of U Battery. He shall be fondly missed by all ranks as he takes up his new duties outside the battery.

1981 has been a successful year for U Battery and, with duty in Cyprus on the immediate horizon, the battery looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

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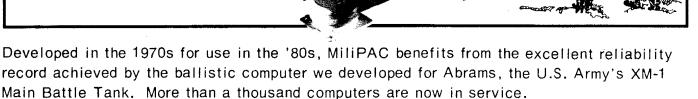
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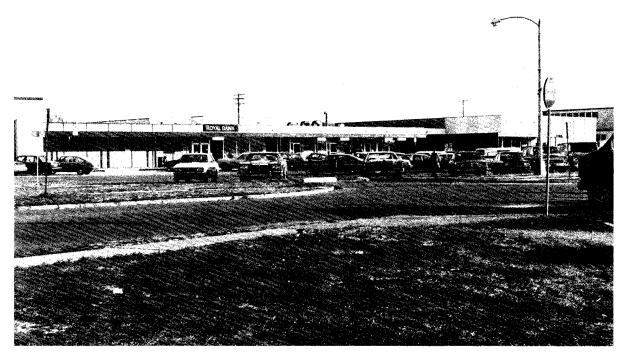


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Pour nos confrères de langue anglaise, une entrée dans la langue de Shakespeare.

If you have been in a coma, or lost in the barrens for the last year and a half, you may be aware that 5 RALC spent the winter of '80-'81 in Cyprus as the first Gunner Regiment to carry out a tour there. Not that we were complete strangers to the place: three battery tours have been done, "X" in '68 and '77, and "Q" in '75 and 30% of our people had done previous tours. All the same, it's a different kind of challenge going over as the principal unit.

A challenge for everyone was RV '81. For 5e RALC there was the additional challenge of picking up in four weeks, after returning from Cyprus, those Gunners skills unused since the previous May, in particular to be ready for the Div Arty competition. The results showed that we don't have to make excuses to anyone.

The year of 1981 saw many changes in the Regiment. LCoI JGVN Rouleau assumed command 22 July from LCoI TAH Sparling, Maj Brian Lees now commands "X" Battery vice Maj Jean Trépanier, and Maj Pierre-H Boucher replaced Maj Bill Gee as BC "V" Battery. CWO Hautcoeur is now RSM, replacing CWO AJ Lavigne.



Les sergents Pépin, Monast et Thibault prêts pour la remise des médailles.



Les artilleurs Manny et Dupuis démontrent leurs capacités lors des compétitions de compétence militaire.

De retour dans la langue de Molière: Batterie EM. Pour la tâche de Chyre, la batterie d'état-major s'est vue divisée en deux parties: la batterie d'opérations hébergée à Wolseley Barracks, et la batterie logistique au Camp Bérêt Bleu, dans la Zone Protégée des Nations-Unies. D'un effectif d'à peu près 120 à Valcartier, les deux batteries combinées atteignaient 285 membres. Il faut préciser qu'il ne s'agissait pas d'''empire building'' mais que plusieurs fonctions qui n'existent pas dans un Régiment au Canada, telles que reconnaissance, renseignement, bien-être, entrepôt de ventes au détail (Cancon Warehouse), police régimentaire, dentaire, vaguemestre, pionniers, etc devaient être comblées.

Le tout s'est déroulé sans heurts majeurs. Il y en a qui ont eu des journées plus intéressantes que d'autres. Il faut préciser que ce sont probablement les chauffeurs du transport qui faisaient les trajets Nicosie-Dhekelia et Nicosie-Akrotiri qui ont risqué le plus leur vie. Monter la garde dans la Zone Tampon, c'est une chose, mais faire concurrence aux chauffeurs grecs (du mauvais côté de la chaussée, en plus!) c'en est une autre!

On a aussi eu des moments joyeux. Le Carnaval, la fête du Noël et la Volksmarch de Nicosie ont grandement contribué à alléger le fardeau d'être "la-bas".

En arrivant sur l'île, on s'est vite aperçu que le terrain de balle molle était insuffisant: pas de buts, le champ cou-



Le Capt Perreault avec la duchesse des opérations lors du "Carnaval de Chebec".

vert de petits cailloux, l'écran dans un pière état et orienté dans la mauvaise direction, le tableau de pointage jeté dans les mauvaises herbes, etc.

Avec l'aide d'un TTB à lame-boutoir, la batterie des opérations a réussi à le déblayer, le réparer et le remonter en bon ordre; le terrain de balle molle "UBIQUE" a été inauguré officieusement le 28 décembre '80.

On a accueilli de nombreux visiteurs pendant notre séjour sur ''l'île d'amour''. Vu que les Canadiens détiennent la position centrale de l'île, autour et à travers la capitale, beaucoup de diplomates et officiers supérieurs s'intéressent au travail du Contingent canadien.

Entre autres, nous avons reçu le Général commandant de la Force Mobile, et LGén JJ Paradis, le MGén DR Baker, l'Adjoint de la Force Mobile, le Colonel commandant de l'Artillerie, l BGén WW Turner, le directeur de l'Artillerie, le Col RP Beaudry, et notre Général commandant de Brigade de l'époque, le BGéb François Richard. La Princesse de Hohenloho, le Haut-Commissaire de l'Australie, une douzaine de diplomates américains, le cours du Collège de la Défense Nationale, le Chef de l'état-major de la Défense et le Ministre de la Défense Nationale sont tous venus goûter l'hospitalité canadienne française.

Après six mois de participation à la haute société de la Méditerranée de l'Est, nous sommes revenus les pieds sur terre. Sept mois de tranquilité à la maison-mère du Régiment se sont terminés par l'activité fébrile qui précédait notre départ pour Gagetown et RV 81. Remonter 80 radios sur véhicules, sortir 140 véhicules des boules à mites, remettre quatre cuisines volantes sur pied, et réapprendre à 220 chauffeurs à conduire du bon côté de la route, tout cela en quatre semaine, ce n'est pas une sinécure! Mais on y a réussi.

Pour l'Etat-Major et le Régiment en général, RV 81 fut la meilleure leçon du fonctionnement du système de soutien régimentaire aux niveaux de brigade et divisionnaire. Du côté soutien de la batterie EM, on a resserré les liens avec les homologues du Bataillon de Service: du côté opérationnel, l'officier des opérations et l'officier du poste de commandement régimentaire ont pu parler à leurs homologues sur un réseau commun, à un niveau supérieur nonfictif et bel et bien fonctionnel. Tour cela donna à nos cadres l'opportunité de se voir mis à l'épreuve, au lieu d'être une agence 'hors' de l'exercice pour des raisons administratives.

Chaque "batterie / troupe / section / sour-section détachement" avait son propre souci continuel à Gagetown. Pour l'entretien: le fil électrique au bivouac; pour l'approvisionnement: le "coco-matting" que les ours devaient manger pendant la nuit; pour les transmissions: le groupe de flâneurs qui s'amassaient toujours au centre de messages; finalement, pour les pauvres commis: comment faire toute la paperasse quotidienne en travaillant dans la boite d'un PC 2½T. On ne sait trop comment, mais apparemment tout le mode a réussi!

Tout n'était pas besogne à Gagetown, nous avons eu des moments de détente: le party de homards, la journée des sports, la passe de 48 heures (surtout la passe . . .) on tous aidé au bon moral du Régiment. Nous étions tous très heureux d'être de retour à Valcartier le 10 juillet.

Nous avons complété le "cycle" de notre année avec deux parades. Le 17 juillet, ce fut la passation de

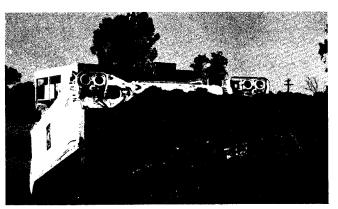
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Le LGen JJ Paradis visite un poste d'observation.

commandement du 5e GBC du BGén François Richard au BGén Robert Beaudry; le 22 juillet le BGén Beaudry a prèsidé à la passation de commandement du Régiment du LCoI Tim Sparling au LCoI Normand Rouleau. Avec les grands défis de l'année '80-'81 rencontrés et un nouveau commandant au Régiment, le 5e RALC entreprend une nouvelle année avec confiance et enthousiasme.

Pour terminer l'article de la batterie EM, voici une courte biographie de notre nouveau commandant, le LCol JGVN Rouleau.

NOTES BIOGRAPHIQUES

Le Lieutenant-colonel N Rouleau est natif de LaSarre, Abitibi. Il fait ses études secondaires à Trois-Rivières, où il termine en 1957. De 1957 à 1960, il travaille dans les mines au nord-ouest de Québec.

Il se joint aux Forces armées canadiennes en septembre 1960. Il occupe une série de postes au 4 RCHA

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Armand Le Moyne Président jusqu'en janvier 1964. Il est muté à l'école de l'Artillerie, Shilo, Manitoba pour devenir instructeur et officier d'entraînement de la batterie des apprentis-soldats.

En 1967, il est muté à Québec pour occuper le poste OEM 3 Cadets. En 1969, une nouvelle mutation l'amène au 5e RALC à Valcartier, où il occupe successivement les postes de commandant de troupe, commandant-adjoint de batterie, capitaine-adjudant et finalement, après promotion à Major en avril 1972, il prend le commandement de la Batterie Q. En 1973, il est affecté, avec sa famille, au Collège d'Etat-major à Quetta, Pakistan.

En janvier 1975, il est affecté au Quartier-général de la Force mobile, St-Hubert. Il devient chef de cabinet et assistant exécutif du coordonnateur de la sécurité olympique, poste qu'il occupe jusqu'en septembre 1976. De septembre 1976 à juillet 1977, il retourne au Quartier-général de la Force mobile à la section Opérations et Entraînement.



Le MGen Baker et sa charmante épouse reçoivent un exposé dans la salle ''All Island Brifing''.

En juillet 1977, il est muté aux Nations-Unies en Palestine. Il occupe la fonction d'observateur dans le Sinaï, pour environ un mois; lors de la reprise des conflits palestiniens/chrétiens, il est transféré au Liban Sud, poste qu'il occupe jusqu'en janvier 1978. De retour au pays, il est muté au Quartier-général du Secteur de l'Est pour occuper le poste d'officier d'entraînement.

Le Lieutenant-colonel Rouleau est promu à son présent grade le ler mai 1980 et muté dans les fonctions de chef de l'administration à la Base Valcartier. Le 22 juillet 1981 il devient le commandant du 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada.

Le Lieutenant-colonel Rouleau est marié à Diane Sharpe de Pembroke, Ont, et ses deux fils, Marc et Michael, sont agés respectivement de 16 et 14 ans.



Le LCol TAH Sparling avec nul autre que le chef de la défense lors de sa visite du 29 septembre au 1^{er} octobre.



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LA BATTERIE "X" 1980 - 1981

A peine revenus de Gagetown, où le régiment avait supporté le cours d'instructeur en artillerie (IG), on nous annonce que le régiment doit aller à Chypre. C'est pourquoi les artilleurs de la batterie "X" ont dû se transformer en fantassins. Cet entraînement nous a mené à travers tous les secrets de nos confrères d'arme, position défensive, avance au contact, et patrouille.

Finalement, le grand jour, le 22 septembre au matin, l'avion nous amenait vers l'île d'Aphrodite. Une fois sur place, ça n'a pas traîné, six jours après notre arrivée, le Major Trépanier et le Capitaine Cantin étaient impliqués dans une opération de sécurité (LOCKSMITH). La batterie "X" ayant si bien fait, nous fûmes impliqués dans de telles opérations deux fois par mois durant notre séjour. Le 29



Le BGen Richard, commandant du 5^e GBC visite l'équipe d'entretien du Camp Béret Bleu.



Le LCol Rouleau prend son commandement sous l'oeil vigilant du BGen Beaudry, commandant du 5^e GBC.

septembre à midi, la ligne verte est à nous, les artilleurs de la batterie "X" prennent les postes d'observation, OR-CHARD, IRISH BRIDGE, MAPLE 1, BASTION, et OMOR-PHITA.

Au Ledra on ne reste pas inactif, le SMB et le SMR ont décidé que la place avait besoin de nettoyage; c'est le remue-ménage complet, les postes d'observation sont repeints, les alentours du Lendra et du complexe Wolseley sont ratissés, astiqués et remis à neuf.

Nous n'avons pas fait que travailler, la batterie "X", grâce au talent exceptionnel de notre lanceur, le Bdrd C Simard, a remporté toutes les parties de balle-molle; fiche parfaite, tellement parfaite qu'on a dû arrêter la ballemoulle, faute de concurrent à la hauteur.

Du côté natation, le Maj Trépanier et l'Adjum Poisson ont beaucoup amélioré leur performance; de plus, grâce à nos artilleurs, ils ont même nagé tout habillés, pourtant il faisant chaud!!

Malgré la belle température, le bon moral et l'arrivée des touristes, c'est avec joie que nous avons accueilli nos remplaçants, le régiment aéroporté. La batterie "X" a



La batterie X, sous le commandement du Maj Lees, est inspectée par le BGen Beaudry et le Col Wheatley.

donc cédé sa place au premier commando, avec le ferme sentiment d'avoir fait plus que sa part la paix du monde.

Enfin, de retour au Canada, la belle vie penserezvous, et bien détrompez-vous. Quelques jours de vacances et c'était repartir. La batterie "X" ne pouvait pas se permettre de manquer les plus grandes manoeuvres de la décennie. C'est pourquoi le 29 mai, c'est le branle-bas de combat, et nous partons pour Gagetown et "RV 81".

Le tir débuta dès notre arrivée, exercices de batterie et régimentaire, et le grand spectacle, le tir divisionnaire. Durant cet exercice de 4 jours, la batterie "X" remporta une bonne partie des ajustements divisionnaires; et nos confrères auront beau grommelé toutes sortes d'excuses, lorsque AMC n'était pas en effet, ls premiers canons de toute la division qui tonnèrent furent ceux de la batterie "X".

La vie au bivouac était quelque peu motone, à l'exception d'un jeune ours qui affectionnait tout particulièrement le quartier des officiers. Très docile, il venait même manger dans la main du lieutenant Côté. Cependant, le LCol Sparling n'apprécia pas le fait que pour rejoindre son maître, notre mascotte avait l'habitude de passer à travers sa tente; il fut donc interdit de nourrir les ous.

Le 29 juin la batterie "X" participa à la plus grande opération héliportée de l'histoire du régiment, SHIELD ARM, curieusement, nos artilleurs baptisèrent cette opération "APOCALYPSE NOW"!

Finalement, après un mois de gloire, nous retournions à Valcartier épuisés. Surprise, en arrivant, encore du pain sur la planche, en effet plusieurs parades nous attendaient; et c'est dans ce tourbillon de changements que le Major Trépanier céda sa place au Maj Lees. Notre nouveau commandant le LCol Rouleau nos accorda finalement 3 semaines de vacances bien méritées.

L'arrivée du mois d'août a vu presque tous nos artilleurs retournés sur les bancs de l'école régimentaire, et nos sous-officiers et officiers devenir pédagogues. Nous espérons que le savoir se transmettra comme par le passé, et que nos jeunes artilleurs conduiront eux aussi la batterie "X" sur le chemin de la gloire. UBIQUE!

BATTERIE Q CHYPRE

La priorité numéro un de la batterie Q durant l'été 1980 fut la préparation du départ du Régiment pour

Chypre. Tous étaient enthousiastes malgré le fait que la batterie Q était celle qui devait être mise aux "boules à mites" avec les obusiers. Le cadre même de l'opération "SNOWGOOSE" demandait qu'une de nos batteries soit divisée pour remplir les postes qui se trouvaient aux Opérations et au Camp Blue Beret. Donc les membres de la batterie Q ont pris à coeur leur nouvelle batterie; la compagnie des Opérations située au JOC et la compagnie logistique située au Camp Blue Beret. Une troupe de la batterie V allait être créée avec des artilleurs de la Q.

L'entraînement des anciens de la Q prit plusieurs aspects. Certains, sous la tutelle de "Rat Patrol" Gagnon et de son adjoint Al Maillet, ont appris les exigences de la troupe de reconnaissance, tandis que d'autres, sous "Tueur" Harvey, ont reçu un avant-goût des heures de



Le nouveau commandant, le LCol JGVN Rouleau défile avec son régiment pour saluer son prédécesseur le LCol TAH Sparling.

garde sur les postes d'observation. Tous devinrent experts en FNC1, SMG, pistolet, tir à la grenade, patrouilles et cartographie. Bref, des soldats des Nations-Unies complets. Le tout se termina avec l'exercice de poste d'observation LIGNE VERTE.

Avec l'arrivée de la fin de septembre, la batterie est partie pour Chypre. Plusieurs officiers se sont retrouvés dans des postes nouveaux; dont "Ops E Minor" Ouellette et "Transport" Fraser. Pendant six mois tous donnèrent un plein rendement dans leurs fonctions diverses. Certains même ont appris qu'ils avaient des talents cachés tel que le "chansonnier" Lang qui, avec sa voix de canari, chantait pour la millième fois "Blue Beret Song", (d'ailleurs on attend toujours la version française) ou le "Père" Brynkus qui donnait souvent ses sermons sur les bienfaits du bon vin Keo. Le sergent-major de batterie Roger Debuc, lui, gardait toujours ses yeux sur ses protégés, éparpillés ici et là. Que dire des chances du Président de la ligue de balle molle, André Mouton, d'avoir les Expos sous son aile l'année prochaine? Il ne faudrait pas oublier non plus "Doc" Hopper et "la fleur" Beauséjour qui se sont assurés que tout allait bien à la maison. Petit à petit notre séjour tirait à sa fin; le temps que la batterie des opérations gagne le trophée de la ligue de soccer et nous étions repartis de l'île de l'amour pour les belles montagnes vertes de Valcartier.

LA BATTERIE Q A L'OEUVRE

En avril, à son retour de Chypre, on réorganisait la batterie Q.

Aussitôt la batterie entrait dans la phase d'entraînement individuel pour arriver graduellement à l'entraînement au niveau de batterie et de régiment.

Après une longue séparation de six mois le personnel de la batterie Q sut atteindre rapidement un esprit d'équipe et un moral élevé.

Quelques manoeuvres dans les secteurs de Valcartier et la batterie Q reprenait son prestige opérationnel d'avant Chypre. Déjà là on planifiait l'exercice le plus grandi-



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ose des quelque vingt dernières années au Canada. Tous les préparatifs et l'entraînement étant terminés, la batterie Q était enfin prête à la guerre "didactique".

Si vous connaissez la BFC Gagetown, vous n'aurez aucun mal à croire que nous étions accueillis par un ciel couvert de nuages et un sol couvert d'eau et de boue. Cependant, la température n'a point affecté l'entraînement.

Au début de juin, la batterie a effectué quelques déploiements à sec afin de maîtriser toutes les procédures de tous les aspects de la guerre où l'artillerie démontre bien son importance.

Du 7 au 10 juin, un exercice au niveau d'artillerie divisionnaire avait lieu. Exercice plutôt unique et son genre en territoire canadien. Bien entendu la batterie Q a fait sentir sa présence à quelques reprises sur les ajustements divisionnaires, entre autre la Q était là pour tirer le premier coup de la première mission de tir de la division. A tous les niveaux nous avons pris de l'expérience de cette manoeuvre qui fut un succès.

Ensuite, la batterie Q entreprenait un entraînement sur les armes légères, afin de donner la chance à tous ses membres de se qualifier. Durant la même période, on se préparait pour les compétitions sportives divisionnaires. L'entraînement des équipes sportives fut minime. La fête nationale du premier juillet fut marquée par cette compé tition qui engageait environ une soixantaine d'équipes. Journée qui fut un succès. La batterie Q se classa huitième au niveau divisionnaire et fut la meilleure batterie de l'artillerie canadienne.

Les batteries Q et X participèrent à l'exercice ROYAL CONCERT qui représentait une démonstration de pouvoir de feu.



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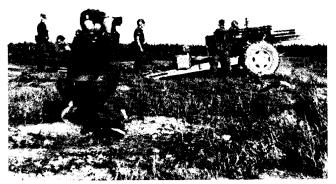
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Enfin, l'exercice final impliquait la batterie Q dans une position défensive creusée. Mission terminée et la guerre des tranchées interrompue, le 5e RALC est de retour à Valcartier. Cet exercice impressionnant mettait un terme au commandant du LCol Sparling.

C'est le 22 juillet 1981 que le LCol Rouleau prenait le commandement du 5e RALC.

A l'automne l'école régimentaire a permis à plusieurs de se qualifier chauffeur et communicateur.



A Gagetown, un tir en embuscade avec recul à son maximum. (Notez qu'il ne pleut pas!)

Pour terminer, la batterie Q est de nouveau une organisation de professionnels qui, ensemble, travaillent tous pour un même but, soit de donner le support et le feu nécessaire à la ligne frontale, mission première de l'artilleur.

BATTERIE V — DEFENSE AERIENNE

Depuis notre dernière rencontre, beaucoup d'évènements se sont produits; notre séjour de 6 mois à Chypre comme batterie de ligne au Camp Maple Leaf (CML) constitue évidemment l'aspect principal de cette dernière année. Evénement important sur le plan professionnel d'un militaire qui fut rempli de centaines d'expériences diplomatiques, opérationnelles, sociales et sportives.

Tandis que la première partie de l'année s'est concentrée sur l'aspect "fantassin" de notre travail, les derniers six mois ont été des plus remplis sur le plan de la défense aérienne. Plusieurs cours ont précédé et suivi l'exercice RV 81, qui nous a permis de travailler finalement dans un contexte opérationnel réel au niveau de la brigade. Regardons tous ces événements de façon plus détaillée.

CHYPRE, SEPT 80 - MARS 81

Notre arrivée sur l'île de l'amour s'est faite avec du beau soleil à la fin de septembre 1980. Nous occupions les locaux du CML qui avait ses qualités et surtout ses défauts. Contrairement aux ''touristes'' du Ledra Palace Hotel, nos locaux étaient d'un type plus local. Nous avons rapidement su transformer ce léger désavantage en un royaume splendide pour une batterie.

En effet, nous avions l'avantage de vivre en ''famille'' retiré DU QG et du BBC (Blue Beret Camp). Les couleurs de l'artillerie et les signes évidents de notre appartenance au domaine anti-aérien sont apparus.

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Les sports ont, bien entendu, occupé une grande partie de nos journées. Parlons surtout de la course de 641 Km autour de l'île. Le Sgt Whalen, suivi du Maj Gee, du Lt Harvey et de l'Art Miclette ont tôt fait de compléter leur premier tour. Grâce à ces efforts, la course Nicosie-Courcelette est partie en grande et notre batterie fut la première à compléter le trajet.

En plus de la course, la batterie s'est bien défendue au soccer et à la balle molle. Au soccer, la lutte fut très serrée et malheureusement nous fûmes vaincus en finale.

Au cours des premiers jours, le Sgt Lavoie et le Bdr Letendre ont risqué leur vie en donnant un cours de chauffeur de TTB d'urgence. Heureusement, le tout s'est bien déroulé.

On a bien fait attention de garder notre différence sur le plan anti-aérien, les cours de reconnaissance d'avions et le ''trainer'' ont bien occupé notre temps.

Lors des compétitions de compétence militaire au niveau de UNFICYP, l'équipe de la batterie V a dignement représenté le Contingent canadien; le Lt Harvey, le BdrC Payette et les Art Miclette et Lévesque ont sué à grosses gouttes et méritent nos félicitations.

Finalement, la fin du mois de mars est arrivée et quel plaisir que de montrer à nos remplaçants la tâche qui les attendait pour six mois. Chypre était fini, mais la guerre commençait à Gagetown.

Au retour de Chypre, un remaniement complet s'est effectué à tous les niveaux du régiment et de la batterie. Un nouveau BK, le Capt Lord, deux nouveaux officiers, les Lt Pellan et Chaplin ainsi que le nouveau RSM, l'Adjum Deroy marquent les changements au niveau de la direction. Le personnel de la batterie fut remanié en tenant compte des nouvelles exigences pour RV 81.



Pour la première fois depuis bien des années des obus HESH ont été tirés à Gagetown lors de RENDEZ-VOUS 81.

RV 81

Entre notre retour de Chypre et l'exercice RV 81, cinq semaines seulement nous permettaient de remonter nos effectifs en personnel qualifié afin de répondre aux exigences de RV 81.

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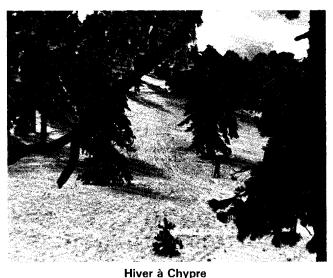


Baptême de la rue Victor au CML. Officiants: LCol Sparling et Adjuc Lavigne. Parrains: Maj Gee, Adj Mouton.

Un cours de Boffin et de Blowpipe ont été rapidement mis sur pied. Inutile de dire que les obstacles furent nombreux mais le tout s'est terminé par la graduation de notre personnel. Nous étions prêts.

En effet, nous avons formé trois troupes complètes avec leurs cinq détachements. Revisons ce qui s'est passé.

Vu que notre personnel en était, en majorité, à son premier exercice à CFB Gagetown, un rallye fut organisé



Pour ceux qui croient qu'il ne neige jamais à Chypre, voici la preuve du contraire.

afin de permettre à tous de se familiariser avec la topographie de la base. Le BdrC Lajoie et son détachement en sont sortis vainqueurs.

Le 3 juin, nous avons eu la possibilité de faire du tir réel de Blowpipe en utilisant un nouvel avion, le TATS 200, comme cible. Les artilleurs ont appris à leurs dépens qu'un avion en piqué n'offrait pas une grosse cible e que le tir en était que plus difficile. Trente et un missiles furent lancés en conjonction avec nos confrères du 3 RCHA. Les deux unités espéraient bien abattre deux ou trois avions mais la réalité fut tout autre.

Maintenant que notre entraînement au niveau de batterie était complété, nous avons débordé la seconde phase de l'exercice, soit le support des bataillons par chacune des troupes. La troupe H a eu l'honneur d'être la



La batterie V défile pour saluer le départ de l'Adjuc Lavigne.

première à fournir ce support. Ils ont bien répondu à la tâche mais tous se rappelleront que suivra un TTB avec un $^{5}/_{4}$ de tonne n'est pas facile, surtout en terrain boueux comme à Gagetown. Ces exercices ont permis à toutes les troupes d'établir certaines procédures standards avec leurs bataillons respectifs. Il s'agissait d'une première et d'innombrables lecons en furent tirées.

Maintenant que nos procédures au niveau de la protection du front prenaient forme, un peu de pratique aux alentours d'une piste d'atterrissage était de mise.

Nous avons eu l'occasion de nous déployer à Blisseville, près de Gagetown, à CFB Chatham et à Pennfield. Blisseville n'était qu'un réchauffement pour l'exercice de Chatham. Ce dernier a été des plus intéressants. La batterie, déployée en bivouac près de la piste d'atterrissage, a pu s'endormir au son des Voodoos, des hélicoptères et des CF 100 pendant trois soirs consécutifs. Notre voyage à Chatham a eu sa part de mésaventures. Notre cuisine est tombée en panne à 1km du biovouac de Gagetown, la pluie torrentielle qui a inondé nos tentes lors de la seconde nuit et un 5/4 de tonne de poste de commandement supplémentaire dans nos lignes le matin du départ . . .

Ce contact avec l'aviation, les "breffages", les ré unions au mess et l'atmosphère générale ont grandement plu au personnel.

A la fin du mois un exercice de 2 jours à Pennfield sur une vieille piste d'atterrissage de la 2^e guerre mondiale maintenant transformée en piste de course, la batterie a mis au point ses techniques de déploiement. Le côté officiel complété, la troupe s'est réunie au QG pour un "party" de batterie. Le homard que l'Adj Decoste nous a apporté ne pouvait être plus frais. Nous étions prêts pour la fin de l'exercice.

Au retour de Gagetown, nous avons participé aux innombrables pratiques et parades de changement de commandement. Ces changements sont survenus au niveau de la brigade, du régiment et de la batterie. Le Maj Pierre Boucher a donc pris le commandement de la batterie le 23 juillet 81.

Sous ce nouveau commandement, la batterie avec le reste du régiment, s'est attaquée aux cours régimentaires. Avec le peu de personnel disponible, un cours de Boffin 40mm de base a été donné et huit nouveaux canonniers anti-aériens viennent rejoindre les rangs de la batterie.

Le défense aérienne se porte donc bien au sein du régiment et seulement des signes encourageants sont à prévoir pour les mois qui viennent. Plusieurs projets sont sur la table à dessin et nous avons hâte de vous en faire part l'an prochain.



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15 FIELD REGIMENT RCA

There are two events not adequately covered by the photographs that require a written commentary. One looked to the past and the other to the future.

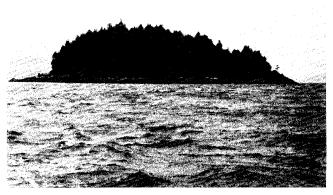
For years habitués of the officers' mess have discussed the possibility of revisiting Yorke Island. The island, some 120 miles north of Vancouver, had defended the north end of the passage between Vancouver Island and the mainland during the second world war. Its guns had been manned by a battery of the 15th Coast Regiment, RCA, a predecessor of our own unit. At last, in early August 1981, two groups of veterans and serving officers made the pilgrimage. Capt (retired) Lorne Mackenzie tells us what happened.

"The expedition to revisit the old gun positions on Yorke Island set sail from Vancouver harbour at first light one early August morning with a full load and under a full head of steam. It must be noted that several of the less hardy members of the entourage abandoned the LST (the motor launch *Glenifer*) and elected to proceed to a rendezvous at Kelsey Bay by government ferry and car. This group claimed they were not good swimmers! Some 14½ hours behind schedule the LST made rendezvous with the aforementioned non-swimmers at Kelsey Bay.

Extra provisions in liquid form having been duly taken aboard, the united group cast off in the direction of Yorke Island. The initial run-in to the beaches (a rocky shore) was hardly a success as the LST was nearly holed by a monstrous underwater obstacle (some of the crew swore they saw two obstacles, but the captain attributed



August 81 — While Maj Vic Stevenson, Capts John Carter and Ian Newby rest on the shore with an RCA flag, Lt Dave McGowran of Ottawa ferries himself back to the boat on an overturned dinghy.



Yorke Island in Johnstone Strait.

this merely to an aberration induced by an excess of salt sea air). Since the proposed beach-head seemed to be undefended, the captain (Ian Newby) wisely decided to put the hook down in deeper water and assault the island with all available assault landing craft. After some unexplained and unnecessary confusion, the dinghy was located and and duly launched. The call for volunteers found some stalwarts unable to respond due to mal de mer. Eventually, two or three (the record is confused at this point in the war diary) headed for the beaches propelled by a board and part of an old oar. As the assault craft began unloading the leading troops, it abruptly began to take on water (i.e. it started to sink). The commander of the assault wave finally swam ashore to join those who had landed dry-shod.



20 December 80 — Santa Claus, in the person of Sgt Joe Phelan, arrives for the children's Christmas party in a festive jeep driven by one dear.



March 81 — A shortcoming of winter warfare training in coastal BC is the lack of snow. Here our intrepid gunners try out their snowshoes on Spanish Banks beach — sand-shoeing anyone?

A brilliant sweep of the island was then carried out in which our troops suffered no further casualties. Our indomitable captain had, by this time, rigged a ferry line from boat to shore, only to discover that the follow-up wave refused to leave the main cabin — threats to keel-haul the mutineers being of no avail. It was decided to re-embark the stalwarts in the beachhead, which was accomplished by dragging the submerged dinghy and ship's company back to the mother-ship. As one of the survivors stated upon his safe return to Vancouver: "Jeez, imagine if the enemy had been firing at us while the leading assault wave made its run to the beach!"

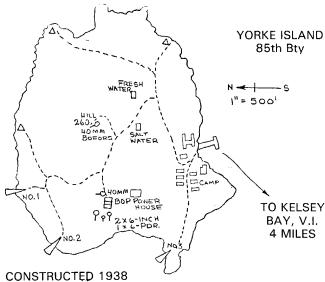
Those who landed on the island found the concrete structures intact, the perimeter fences up, and, strangely, the gravel roads had not been overgrown in thirty-six years. Except for one sentry box, the wooden buildings had collapsed or disappeared. Scavengers had taken what they could, but this remote site was in far better shape



13 June 81 — Our beloved and outspoken Regional Support Staff NCO, Sgt C "Scotty" McGinley, is escorted to the table by a piper and RSM D Friedsam at his dining-out. After 23 years in the forces, Scotty retired to Whitby, Ontario. Can this be the same man who was refused admission at a Yakima bar in 1978 for insufficient proof of age?



22 August 81 — The 15th Field's SYEP contingent under Capt Ian "feldmarschall" Newby shows the flag in the Pacific National Exhibition Parade in Vancouver. In keeping with Ian's interest in antique vehicles, the contingent was preceded by two restored ¾ ton trucks towing 25-pounders.



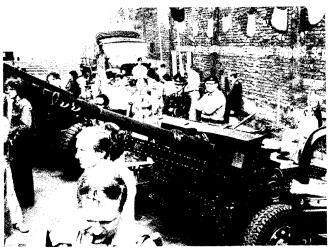
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than wartime installations close to Vancouver. In the underground magazines, the paint and trim were still fresh. A second and better-prepared visit to the island is being planned.



1 July 81 — The old and the new: the unit's recruiting display in Gastown, Vancouver's heritage area, displays a 25-pounder and a 105 mm howitzer.



1 July 81 — Canada/Dominion Day salute is fired from the Vancouver waterfront near the Gastown street celebrations. The joy of the local merchants was given a filip by the repeal of a Sunday closing law.

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30 October 81 — LCol John MacGregor, former air OP pilot and experienced flyer, tries on a miniature parachute presented to him by the junior officers. He had no intention of "bailing out" in his future job as CO.



30 October 81 — 2Lt Tony Jewells interrupts a posed group at the Subalterns' Supper with some "elevated" humour. Posed in the uniforms of yesteryear — it was a day before Halloween — are Maj Bob Mugford, Capts John Hawthorne, Cy Young, and Peter Moogk; 2Lts Peter Faliszewski, Dave Anderson and Dean Drysdale.

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CHANGE OF COMMAND

At a well-attended change of command parade on November 14th, 1981, LCol John MacGregor CD formally assumed command of the 15th Field Regiment from LCol Stuart T McDonald CD. LCol MacGregor had retired from the regular force in 1979 and came from a gunner family. His father, LCol GW MacGregor, received the Military Cross in 1944 while serving with the 5th Anti-Tank Regiment, RCA, in Normandy.

LCol John MacGregor served in the 22 Independent Medium Battery militia) of Napanee, Onaro, before joining the regular army in 1958. He served in all four of the RCHA regiments as well as with the Apprentice Training Battery of the School of Artillery. Thereafter he left terra firma to become an air pilot. This led to a sojourn with the air element. He has acquired over 9,000 hours of experience flying various military and civilian helicopters and fixedwing aircraft. He held the rank of major at the time of his retirement.

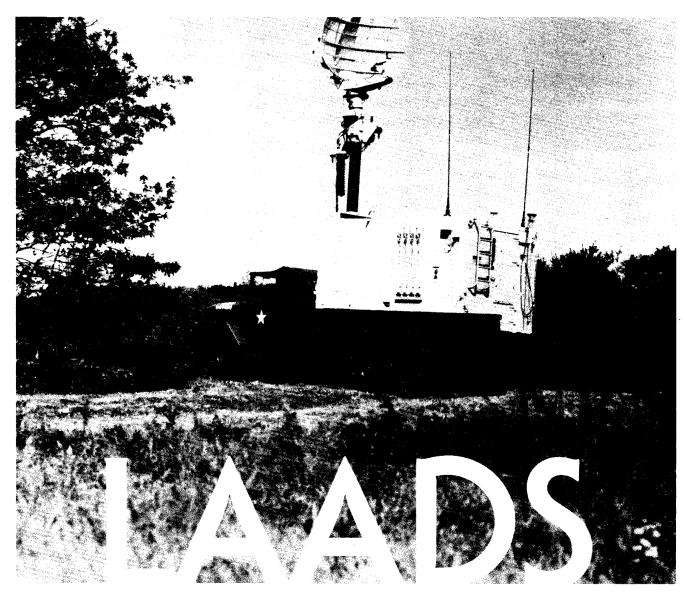
Today LCol MacGregor and his wife Lorraine and son lan live in White Rock, BC. LCol MacGregor is Deputy Superintendent of Flight Operations at Vancouver International Airport and, on occasion, check pilot (helicopters) for the Ministry of Transport. His predecessor as CO, LCol Stuart McDonald, has been appointed Senior Staff Officer, Logistics and Administration, at Milarea Pacific Headquarters. We have the welcome assurance that he will be a frequent visitor to the 15th's mess.



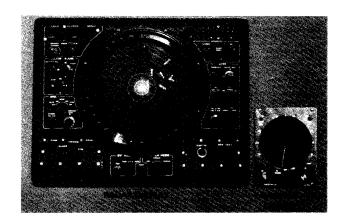
14 November 81 — Outgoing CO, LCol Stuart T Mc-Donald, says farewell to the regiment at the change of command parade while the commander of the Vancouver militia district, Col LK Deane, and the incoming CO, LCol John MacGregor, look on.



14 November 81 — Col LK Deane, Vancouver Mildist Commander, moves to sign the change of command document after the outgoing CO, LCol Stuart McDonald.



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30 FIELD REGIMENT RCA

The Militia Act of 1855 created the 2nd Field Battery, affectionately referred to as 'The Bytown Gunners'. Since then the Ottawa gunners have been called out in aid to the civil power and to active service during the Fenian Raids and the north-west rebellion. Volunteers were also sent to fight in the South African war of 1900-1901. During both world wars, gunners from Ottawa embarked for overseas duty and many of them earned decorations and awards. After world war II the unit received its present designation, 30 Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery, which is comprised of the 1st, 2nd and 25th Field Bat teries



Sgt Cumming's gun with his No 7, Bdr Low, between the trials during course shooting on Ex Orange Night.

CEREMONIAL DUTIES

Today 30 Fd Regt is one of the more active militia units in Canada. In addition to regular duties, which include parades at Canadian Forces Reserve Base Dow's Lake and live firing exercises at CFB Petawawa, the regiment also fulfills its duty as the official saluting unit. Ceremonial salutes mark special occasions such as the Queen's official birthday, the opening of Parliament, and Remembrance Day.

Aside from the usual salutes fired in 1981, the regiment fired many salutes for world leaders and dignitaries who arrived in the nation's capital. Salutes were fired for such notables as her majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, President Reagan of the United States, Chancellor Schmidt of West Germany and His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan. The guns also fired, in remembrance of all police officers who gave their lives while in the line of duty, during the National Police Memorial Service held every year on Parliament Hill. It was with great pride that 'The Bytown Gunners' were also tasked to provide a rifle firing party for the graveside ceremonies for Air Commodore Fouquier who died in April 1981. Such ceremonial duties are an added task which members of the regiment carry out with pride while displaying a high standard of professionalism. These tasks are high profile and serve to generate good publicity on behalf of the Royal Regiment.

TRAINING AND EXERCISES

The early months of the year saw the completion of TQ2 Basic Artillery Technician Courses 8001 and 8101. The two courses, one completed over four months and the other over two weeks, qualified eight men on the HP 41C calculator. The new year also marked the beginning of a general military training course under the direction of 1 Bty.

Winter indoctrination was held in the field from 23 to 25 January at Connaught Rifle Ranges. The Co LCol KG Farrell, attended along with all the members of the regional support staff. Tents were raised in a bivouac area and the troops were introduced to living in the field under very cold conditions. Patrols on snowshoe, cooking with individual ration packs, and a mandatory snow-bath were among the activities.

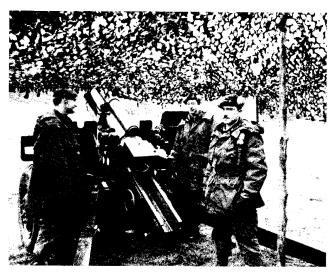
Exercise ORANGE NIGHT 20-22 February was the first live-fire exercise of the year. The exercise took the form of 'course shooting', employing new technicians, communicators and drivers so they could complete their qualifications. Despite the cold and wet weather that Petawawa usually gives the regiment, the weekend was deemed profitable by all concerned. The battery returned to garrison and took part in collective training.

Exercise OMEGA NOVEL 27 February - 1 March was a brigade-level command post exercise. The gunner role was played by participants from the regiment who performed as lower and higher control. Many lessons were learned, especially with regard to working with the infantry, and how to get them to utilize gunner resources in the best possible manner

With the March school break, Exercise OPTIC POINT and Exercise OBVIOUS NEUTER were held in Petawawa from 23 to 27 March and 27 to 29 March respectively. OPTIC POINT involved the general military training course and other officers and men in firing the FN C1 and C2 rifles by day and by night with the aid of the Starlight scope. The SMG was also fired and the grenade range was fully utilized. A scenario was also set with the purpose of demonstrating the firepower of a platoon of men. The last day of the exercise involved the calibration of unit guns. Exercise OBVIOUS NEUTER started promptly the next day and 2 Bty practised the art of fire and movement.

April and May involved the regiment in rifle qualifications at Connaught Ranges and in collective training. Midway through May, 2 Bty deployed once more to Petawawa for Exercise ONER PRECEPT, the last fire and movement exercise before the summer training cycle.

The up-and-coming summer months brought a flurry of activity around the regimental command post officer's desk. Arrangements were made for members to go on course and to augment regular force units. Three officers and 13 men augmented 2 RCHA, 3 RCHA, division head-quarters and resupply group for Rendezvous 81 in Gagetown. Other members of the regiment were busy with SRTP held at Ottawa and with the Ceremonial Guard Sup-



MBdr Graham's gun at rest during Ex Lanyard Thrust. 30 Fd served as C/S 3 for the 2 RCHA exercise.

port Staff for the changing of the guard on Parliament Hill. After Rendezvous 81 and other commitments were completed, a detachment of two officers and 41 men traveled to sunny Shilo for participation in the National Rank and Qualifying School.

Over the summer months 30 Fd Regt gained a wealth of knowledge due to newly-qualified personnel in all aspects of gunnery. Six officers completed phases in reserve officer training, five men finished senior NCO qualifications and a half-dozen men attended junior NCO courses. 30 Fd Regt proved to be very competitive. Capt JPF Lepine placed first on Block 12, MBdr Montague topped his serial of the TQ3 Detachment Course with second place going to MBdr Walsworth and third to Bdr Low, not to forget MBdr Graham who placed third on his serial of the course. Bdrs Cotton and Greer tied for first place on the TQ2 Basic Artillery Technician Course, and from our orderly room, Pte Ireland came first on her TQ1 Administration Course. A fine showing by all concerned.

After all this summer activity the regiment was ready for Milcon 81 which was held in Petawawa from 22 August to 5 September. Milcon involved collective training, both dry and live. Two days were taken up with regimental shooting in concert with 49 Fd Regt, who joined Milcon 81 from Sault Ste Marie. Exercise QUEL NUMERO, a three-day fire-and-movement exercise, ended the last days of Milcon. This exercise was highlighted by a helicopter move to a new gun position, thanks to 450 Sqn, and of course this was completed during rainy and foggy weather.

The firing battery returned to Petawawa a week later for Exercise VALLEY ROAD, the RCAA competition. For once the weather was good and this led to good shooting and optimistic premonitions. The regiment hopes to bring the Commandant's Challenge Cup home to Ottawa.

In October 2 RCHA held a practice camp on the ranges and 30 Fd Regt joined them to participate in Exercise LANYARD THRUST III. 2 Bty made the third firing unit which was integrated during the CO's exercise from 30 October to 1 November. This was a valuable experience in regard to regimental shooting with a regular force unit, and it is hoped by both regular and militia commands that the practice of integrating a militia unit as call sign 3 can be repeated in the future.

The CO held a planning conference in the main conference room at the Lester B Pearson Building on 14 and 15 November. This conference, the first of its kind, allowed all senior NCOs and officers to get together in syndicates and discuss proposals for future training and activities involving the regiment.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The annual regimental dinner and awards night was held on 30 September. Guests included former COs of the regiment, Col JR Matheson KStJ, CD, QC, Honourary Col-



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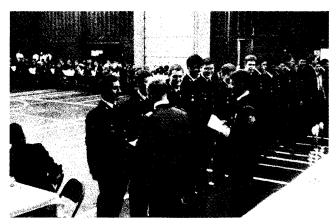
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LCol KG Farrell presents certificates to recently-graduated TQ1 candidates at the 1981 regimental dinner.

onel, and LCol wD Maclaren CD, Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel. Other guests included BGen GE Beament OBE, ED, CD; LCol JE de Hart MC, CD; and Mrs. EMD Leslie, all of whom presented awards.

The senior NCOs held their annual guest nights, the combined army/navy dinner and mixed dinner which, of course, included the ladies. This year the RSM CWO McCormack, and the CO were inducted into the Order of Neptune by HMCS Carleton which is co-located with the regiment at Dow's Lake.

The officers held a gunner mess dinner in which the Honourable Mr. Justice Brian Dickson and the Honourable Mr. Justice William McIntyre of the Supreme Court of Canada were honoured guests. A combined army/navy dinner was also held using normal gunner tradition. Naval officers learned such activities as how to grease the gun. The Ottawa Garrison Ball was another function which was well attended by 30 Field officers.

The men's mess enjoyed regular functions such as weekly movies and parties for almost any occasion. One recent party in November took the form of a 'Toga' party when members donned sheets and carried out traditions of ancient Rome. All of the junior ranks' parties are well supported.

November 11 not only marked Remembrance Day for 30 Field Regiment, but the opening of the regimental museum by the Director of Artillery, Col HR Wheatley CD.

Other unit activities included hosting the Ottawa Volksmarch, participating in a volleyball competition among Ottawa Militia District units, shooting a rifle competition in CFB Borden, and playing in a hockey tournament held in Brockville every year.

In all, 1981 has been a very busy year in which unit members have fulfilled a wide variety of tasks and duties, those befitting Gunners. UBIQUE.



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GENERAL

Although the Sault seems to be an isolated outpost, nestled between the Great Lakes and the Pre-Cambrian Shield, the regiment manages to maintain an active training routine geared to its primary role, a spirited mess life and an enthusiastic involvement within the community.

TRAINING OPERATIONS (COLLECTIVE)

In January of 1981, twenty regimental personnel embarked on the Algoma Central Railway to participate in the annual cold weather exercise, Purple Ordeal VIII at Millwood, Ontario, approximately 150 miles north of the Sault on the A.C.R. For three days the participants, along with invited guests from NDHQ, the military attachés from the Norwegian and British Embassies and staff officers from the Northern Ontario militia district, undertook various survival activities in the bitter and biting cold. Lieutenant Colonel MJ Day emerged as the most competent survivalist with monotonously routine catches of fish. Our guests were suitably impressed; all are anticipating a return to the area in 1982.

During the spring and fall training cycles, the regiment conducted artillery trades training to the TQ 2, level the driver communicator and the artillery technician trades. The successful completion of these courses was due in large part to the regional support staff, Captain DR Winters, Warrant Officer N Leveille and Bombardier RL Daigneault.

Because of the proximity of Sault Ste Marie to the USA, (one bridge only), the regiment, for the last five years, has had access to the Michigan National Guard training facilities at Camp Grayling, Michigan. During 1981 and previously, the unit has maintained a close working relationship with artillery units from both Michigan and Ohio State National Guard units. Although the impact area is small, there is no shortage of gun positions and normally the unit travels to Grayling on the average of six times yearly for gun practice, general military training and recruit training as well as small arms practices. All central militia area artillery units will concentrate at Camp Grayling for Milcon/Artycon 1982; here's hoping the exchange rates

As in most militia units, the 49th does experience the normal difficulties associated with recruitment and retention, especially in an age which is not overly sympathetic to the profession of arms and its associated virtues. Usually the Summer Student Programme has been used as the prime recruiting vehicle; however the retention rate from this programme has proven unsatisfactory. A total of seventy-two recruits underwent training in the summer of 1981 with candidates enrolled in the 49th Field Regiment,

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MILCON 1981

About one hundred all ranks journeyed to Canadian Forces Base Petawawa in August 1981 for the combined Ottawa Militia District and Northern Ontario Militia District concentrations at the Mattawa camp. The 49th combined with the 30th Field Regiment from Ottawa to practice regimental shooting skills; at the end of the concentration the regiment lingered an extra three days in order to compete in the annual RCAA competition. At this time acquaintances were renewed with members of 2 RCHA.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On December 6, 1980, Lieutenant Colonel B Halford, CD, handed over command of the regiment to Lieutenant Colonel CE Healey, CD, at the Pine Street Armoury in Sault Ste Marie. New regimental appointments followed with Major GR Sullivan assuming the duties of deputy commanding officer, Major MJ Murphy as battery commander RHQ Battery, Capt SJ Summers as adjutant and Major J Currie as battery commander 30 Battery.

MESS LIFE

On November 5, 1981, all ranks welcomed the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, The Honourable John B Aird on his first official visit to Sault Ste Marie. While in the city, the Honourable John B Aird was the guest of honour at the annual artillery ball. Besides this principal function, the regimental messes maintained an active social calendar of events. One recent innovation in September of 1981 saw the wives of unit membes invited to Camp Grayling Michigan to observe the members of 30 Battery during a live firing exercise. For the wives some pre-conceived notions about the nature and scope of training activities were dissipated during this exercise (i.e. reveille at 0500hrs, orders at 0700hrs, time to be ready 0800hrs etc.).

CEREMONIAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Throughtout 1981, in addition to regular weekly inspections, the unit mounted other parades within the community. On May 26, 1981 the annual district commander's inspection was held at Bellevue park on the shore of the St. Marys river. City officials and the public witnessed the ceremony and the ensuing salute fired by 30 Battery. The annual Sault Community Day Parade saw a seventyman contingent from the regiment along with the colours

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725-4367 727-5278 and prime movers. The regiment also participated in the Canada Day and Remembrance Day ceremonials.

The year 1981 also saw the return of the regimental presence to the local hockey scene, with the unit sponsoring a team in the Sault Minor Hockey League. Not for a while have residents of the Sault seen the gunner colours in active competition.

CONCLUSION

As 1981 draws to a close it is good to remember all the good things which have befallen the regiment. They far outnumber these less-than-good things. We even have qualified HP 41C operators! Maybe, just maybe, however, the new year might bring to reality that fond hope of most gunners that much promised new prime mover; even - if the gods are smiling - even - one - used - tannov system. UBIQUE.

LISTING OF UNIT OFFICERS, SR NCOS AND RRS

LCol Healey CE	CO	
Maj Currie J	BC RHQ	
Maj Murphy JW	BC 30 BTY	
Maj Reed JF	Padre	
Maj Sullivan GR	DCO	
Maj Taylor MJ	MO	
Capt Aaltonen DE	RHQ/Pay	
Capt Albury AJ	RCPO	
Capt MacNamara S	BK 30 Bty	
Capt Summers SJ	Adjt	
Lt Hayman GA	30 Bty	
Lt Pezel ZM	RQ	
2/Lt Mullin DK	30 Bty	
2/Lt Wilson SJ	30 Bty	
OCdt Lewis BM	30 Bty	
CWO McGill EC	RSM	
WO Crawford JH	Trg WO	

WO Deluce TM	TSM 30 Bty
WO Dixon TL	30 Bty
WO Flint RA	BSM 30 Bty
Sgt Darou DA	30 Bty
Sgt Deplonty G	QM
Sat Flint SM	30 Bty
Sgt (W) Haggerty KE	RHQ
Sat Harriman J	RHQ/MT
Sgt McWatters MJ	30 Bty
Sgt Murray G	QM
Sgt Robinson GR	30 Bty
Sat Smith RS	MA
Capt Winters DR	USO
WO Leveille N	UTA
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Sgt Heath W	QM
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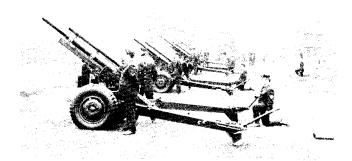
Situé en bordure du St-Maurice, sur la rive nord du fleuve St-Laurent, le 62e (Shawinigan) Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne, commandé par le LCol RO Gauthier CD. connait depuis quelques années une évolution marquée et constante au chapitre de l'expertise de ses membres et de l'efficacité opérationnelle de la 81e Batterie.

L'année 1981 fut très mouvementée pour le 62^eRégiment, mais des plus enrichissante pour l'ensemble de ses membres. En effet, considérant l'effort fournit par les membres de l'unité au cours des dernières années pour combler le manque en main d'oeuvre qualifiée et pour diminuer le taux de rotation des effectifs, le 62e Régiment a depuis atteint un niveau de compétence fort appréciable et le travail accompli par ses membres, dénote une volonté ferme de continuer dans cette voie; jugez-en vous mêmes.



L'inspection par l'Honorable Gilles Lamontagne, Minister de la Défense Nationale de la Garde d'Honneur du 62e (Shawinigan) Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne, commandée par le Capt C Dufresne CD.

Le programme d'entraînement, tant individuel que collectif, étant passablement chargé, débuta à l'unité en janvier 1981 par la conduite des cours de chauffeur, de communicateur et de recrue. Plus de soixante-dix candidats réussirent à passer. Par ailleurs les cours de grade et de métiers conduits au centre d'instruction de la milice durant la période hivernale nous permirent de qualifier plus de 40 candidats. L'entraînement collectif fut entrepris en février avec un exercice d'hiver au niveau de batterie. Sous une pluie torrentielle le tir des pièces fut des plus efficace; de plus, le groupe des observateurs en l'opportunité de



Le détachement des pièces commandé par le Lt A Pedneault tir la salve d'honneur lors de la visite du Ministere de la Défense Nationale, l'Honorable Gilles Lamontagne.

participer avec le 430e ETAH à des manoeuvres d'observation aérienne. Au printemps, la 81^e batterie participa à un exercice de tir réel à la BFC Valcartier et à un exercice de brigade au niveau du Secteur de l'est. Puis ce fut les préparatifs pour la batterie d'augmentation à la BFC Gagetown où 21 de nos membres y participèrent. Au mois d'août, fort de ses 35 nouveaux artilleurs, promus au cours de l'été, la 81e batterie se présenta à la BFC Gagetown avec ses 103 membres, pour participer une fois encore, à la concentration d'artillerie (EXERCICE PETITE MÈRE III) d'une durée semaine. Exercice très profitable pour l'ensemble des membres de la 81^e Batterie et encore plus pour le personnel féminin (6 membres du régiment) qui participèrent avec brio au travail d'approvisionnement de la bat-

À l'automne, l'entraînement fut des plus diversifiés: classification de tir sur les armes de base; tir réel de la 81e Batterie à la BFC Valcartier; démonstration de manoeuvres de pièces d'artillerie à l'occasion du Festival Western de la ville de St-Tite; et pour couronner le tout, le 15 octobre 1981, le 62^e Régiment recevait de facon officielle le Ministre de la Défense Nationnale, l'honorable Gilles Lamontagne, qui passa en revue la garde d'honneur et le groupe des pièces, responable de la salve d'honneur. À la fin d'octobre, la 81e Batterie participa à la compétition "Challenger" où tous les membres démontrèrent un dynamisme soutenu et un esprit d'équipe exemplaire.

En somme une année des plus fractueuses qui reflète fidèlement le travail accompli jusqu'è présent, et des plus prometteuses pour les années à veir. Le 62e (Shawinian) Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne a le vent dans les voiles et se dirige dans la bonne voie.

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W BATTERY RCA

W Battery enjoyed a year of not only supporting all the artillery courses at the School of Artillery but also completing its own trades courses. We also shared the divisional artillery fire control net during Rendezvous 81.

ORGANIZATION AND ROLE

It appears at first glance to be redundant to inform gunners how a battery is organized. However, W Battery is truly different as it is organized functionally as opposed to tactically. The functional organization is necessary to accomplish its role, to support the School of Artillery by supplying trained gunners, vehicles and equipment for courses.

The 174-man battery is organized into Gun Troop, Transport Troop, and Headquarters Troop known in the School as G, T and H Troops. G Tp can supply up to eight full detachments of either 105mm or M109 guns and prime movers. More often a mix is requested of men and equipment.

H Troop is responsible for supplying command posts, FOO parties, technicians, communicators and ammunition parties for courses. As the majority of courses at the school cater to officer training or advanced NCO courses, seldom does the battery have the opportunity to work as a well-rehearsed team together. It is a rare day when the CP crews work with the same GPO.

To T Troop falls the responsibility for providing all the drivers to flesh out the battery deployment at the school. Jobs like M113 drivers for reconnaissance, IG, AIG, TSM, etc, are all done by T Troop. Like other training facilities at CTC, the school also is tasked to assist the Armour and Infantry Schools with vehicles when their resources are used up. T Troop also fills this function. An interesting and sometimes disconcerting discovery is that driver positions are annotated as combat arms and not artillery. Rest assured that the Commandant is not amused when a new dispatcher details an infanteer to drive call sign 9.

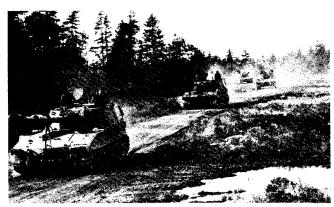
BATTERY TRAINING

W Battery conducted its normal complement of courses, qualifying personnel on several artillery TSQs from TQ3 to Basic Artillery Technician. The battery also conducted other training ranging from small arms, first aid, and NBCW to Pre-Combat Leader training. W Battery was also responsible for conducting the Junior Leader Course for the support services at CFB Gagetown.

In February, a winter-indoctrination exercise was conducted by W Battery personnel. Exercise Ice Auger II was designed to familiarize personnel with cold weather conditions. Competitions were held for the best tent group, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, building sur-



Bdr Mattia, RA and Gnr Barcier CP prepare to go on patrol during W Battery exercise Ice Auger II.



W Battery deploys for exercise Mobile Warrior.

vival shelters and ice fishing. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and the desired cold weather changed to rain and a freak February thaw.

MAJOR EXERCISES

W Battery received an infrequent opportunity to deploy and fire as a complete field battery during division Artillery exercises for RV 81. W Battery (call sign 6) provided twenty percent of the division's artillery firepower and was able to win the adjustment for the first division fire mission. W Battery personnel were also attached to Division Artillery HQ. Maj Kerr and his FOOs deployed with 3 PPCLI to give added gunner support to 1 CBG for the final exercise of RV 81.

In the fall, W Baty was also deeply involved in Exercise Mobile Warrior 81 at CFB Gagetown. The battery displayed its unique ability to change from a 105mm C1 bat-



Bdr Mills, JJ unclamps the M109A1 barrel immediately after coming into action.



Capt Ron Currie is critiqued on his ability to toss a 105mm round by Capt DJ Zaharychuk, Capt HN Simister, Maj DS Moreside and Lt SA McPherson.



Gnr BW Hagerty, the fastest man in W Battery, receives his award from Maj D Kerr, BCW.

tery to an 155mm M109A1 battery in a very short period of time. The gunners brought down timely and accurate fire throughout the entire demonstration and were able to reinforce the fine reputation of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. The sequence of targets even had seasoned gunners smiling proudly.

CEREMONIES AND VISITS

W Battery participated in its normal complement of ceremonies and parades in 1981. W Battery guns thundered in several locations throughout New Brunswick for



The five fastest men in the Artillery School, WO S Parsons. Gnr BW Hagerty, Sgt J Miller, MBdr JP Dulong and Bdr B Welshman are presented with medals for their efforts by LCol DB Walton, Commander of the School.

the Remembrance Day ceremonies. In March, the TQ3 course was given the honour of providing the saluting troop for the farewell visit of LGen Paradis, former Commander FMC, to CFB Gagetown W Battery gunners signalled the opening of the New Brunswick Legislature and the Grand Match of Canada curling bonspiel at Mactaguac. W Battery personnel participated in several parades and inspections throughout the year, proving that our gunners are soldiers first and foremost.

SPORTS

Occasionally even W Battery gets a chance to relax and participate in sporting events. These events included track and field sport days, a curling funspiel, a "duffers" golf tournament, hockey, broomball and baseball teams, and cross-country running. W Battery sport teams normally do well in the various base leagues.

MILITIA SUPPORT

W Battery provides a great deal of support to the Atlantic area militia units and the various militia exercises conducted at Gagetown. Marking teams from the battery were used for the RCAA competitions Exercises Valley Road and Valley Stream. Equipment, guns and drivers were also provided to militia regiments to support exercises such as Atlantic Barbara 81.

FUTURE PROSPECTIVE

W Battery will be participating in challenging and interesting training over the forthcoming year. The battery will be involved with the GACS (gun alignment and control system) trials in CFB Gagetown during January and February 1982. The battery is attempting to conduct its first practice camp in June 1982 and will also be involved in the



AD Battery assisting 129 AAD Battery during October, 1981. Firings at CFB Gagetown.

battery commanders' fire-planning phase of the Instructorin-Gunnery course with 5e RALC. Bilingualism is also being introduced into the battery, and it is expected that W Battery will be able to support training in both official languages in the near future.

CONCLUSION

Over the past several years, W Battery has steadily evolved from a small organization of support personnel to its present day 174-man field artillery battery. The gunners have developed a unique identity with W Battery.

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5 (BC) FD BTY RCA

1981 was an active and successful year for the Fifth. At the beginning of the year our strength was 95, which rose to a high of 133 in September and we finished the year with 126. In addition to the activities covered in more detail below, the unit ran courses in recruit basic, trade qualification to artilleryman, trade qualification to artillery technician, communicator, driver wheeled, and trade qualification to financial and administration courses, conducted small arms practices, fieldcraft training, fired 14 salutes and attached 18 personnel to the regular force.

EASTER PRACTICE CAMP

The battery deployed to Ft. Lewis, Washington for the Easter practice camp on 11 April 81 with 67 all ranks attending. There were also 34 members of our cadet corps with the unit. We had gone to Ft. Lewis as opposed to Yakima Firing Centre due to the possible health and equipment problems posed by volcanic ash and dust left lying around when Mt St Helens erupted.

The evening of the 11th was spent organizing detachments and equipment including one gun borrowed from 15th Field Artillery Regt RCA. After last light, the gun detachments practiced night occupation drills.

The next three days were spent course shooting, practicing fire and movement and fire planning in general, gearing up for the upcoming competitions. On the morning of the 15th, the unit was organized into a three-gun fire unit, as required by the competition guidelines, releasing two detachments. The extra bodies rounded out the other detachments and sections. This also gave the unit enough personnel to man adequately the local defence role. The competition went reasonably well, with the command post and guns doing an excellent job.

After the battery competition ended at about noon on the 16th, the battery returned to North Ft Lewis, cleaned up the kit, re-organized into a five-gun battery and went to ground fairly early.

Friday the 17th saw the unit fireplanning as a fivegun unit, with two observation posts and a battery commander's party deployed. During the day the battery strength was increased by the arrival of 10 members who came down from Victoria for the regimental competition. That evening was spent reviewing drills and maintaining equipment.

On Saturday morning the unit headed out for more fireplanning. A small group comprised of unit females, cadets and walking wounded remained behind in camp to start cleaning up under the direction of MBdr Reid, Regional Support Staff storeman.

The regimental competition went very well, although Gnr Viel caused a small amount of excitement by firing a para-flare upon setting-in at his listening post at about 0300 hours, which lead to an immediate stand-to. It would seem that Gnr Viel's English comprehension was not what it could have been. All in all most felt good about how the competition went.

Upon returning to camp, the equipment was cleaned and loaded; and the barracks were cleaned in record time. The return trip was uneventful with everyone arriving back in Victoria before midnight Sunday.

EXERCISE BLACK BEAR — CFB SHILO

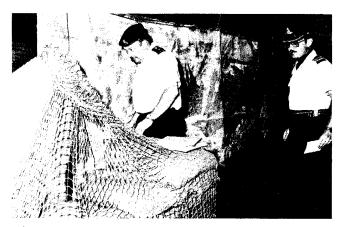
Among many other military activities over the Victoria Day long weekend, 5 (BC) Fd Bty was hosted by the home station of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, CFB Shilo, as the battery supported the German Army Training Establishment, Shilo over the period 16 to 17 May 1981.

The opportunity to provide indirect fire for two German battle teams on consecutive days proved of immense value not only to unit members but to those other person-

nel who were able to participate as observers. In addition to Colonel JP Beer, Honourary LCol of 5 (BC) Fd Bty RCA, members of the battery cadet corps and of our affiliated U.S. Artillery unit 2-4 Artillery Battalion, Ft Lewis, Washington, were able to observe the battle run as spectators. As well, a co-ordinated rotation enabled most unit officers and senior NCOs to follow at least one battle team live firing exercise.

Captain Philip Sherwin was designated by the commanding officer as forward observer officer for both live battle runs. Since each battle team conducted a dry run prior to the live firing exercise Capt Sherwin and his party were extremely active over the two-day period. Being a key ingredient in a live firing armoured/infantry assault involving large numbers of Leopard tanks and Marder armoured personnel carriers was an extremely important exercise for all unit personnel, but particularly for the observation party. It is an experience most will long remember.

The guns were called upon to engage four area neutralization targets for each battle run. It is seldom that artillery detachments, be they regular or reserve, have the opportunity to fire the amounts of ammunition provided for this particular exercise. The move from Victoria to



BGen Wicktt enters the WO1 Griffiths Puff Range observation post with the CO 5 (BC) Fd Bty RCA prior to engaging the first official target.

Brandon and the return by 130 Hercules was, in addition, a first-time experience for many battery personnel and added to the value of militia units' participating in this type of exercise.

Mention must be made of the excellent support provided by 3 RCHA Shilo and 26 Fd Regt RCA. Administration and logistics arrangements were of the highest order.

5 (BC) Fd Bty RCA was pleased to have taken part in such an outstanding exercise. Everyone who attended gained some much needed experience and we look forward to the future and possibly another Exercise Black Bear.

SUMMER TRAINING

Summer training was very successful this year. The unit qualified 36 men to TQ1, 8 to TQ2 artillery technicians, 12 as Junior NCOs, 3 to Senior NCOs and 14 to TQ3 detachment commander. In addition the Fifth staffed two 25 man platoons of the Summer Youth Employment Program as well as sending 18 men to serve variously in Europe, the Middle East and Canada.

This year MBdr BD Fischer topped the National Ranks Qualifying School Senior NCO course.

MILCON 8

Milcon 81 was held at Yakima Firing Centre, Washington, USA, from 25 August to 05 September 81. The concentration was divided into two phases, courses shooting from 25 to 28 August 81 followed by battery

commander's practice camp from 29 August to 05 September 81. In addition to the usual technical shooting the exercise was highlighted by two anti-tank shoots, live fire local defence of the gun position and a 24-hour regimental fire and movement exercise. All ranks felt the exercise was an unqualified success. There was no doubt that the 97 men of the Fifth who attended Milcon will remember the exercise for years to come.

THANKSGIVING EXERCISE

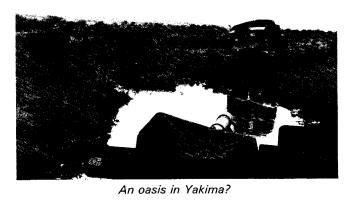
This Thanksgiving our weekend was occupied with Exercise Rugged Passage II. The exercise, held from 9 to 11 October 81, was conducted at Ft Lewis, Washington. Present were over 80 all ranks.

The major purpose of the exercise was the completion of the RCAA Independent Battery Competition, Exercise Valley Stream. In this regard we were assisted with a marking team from J battery 3 RCHA. To them out thanks. Although we had only the one morning for warmup prior to commencing, we felt that the competition went well. We of course will wait for next fall's announcements to confirm our expectations.

BRASS-REED BAND

The sound of music emanating from military bands in Victoria, BC has been continuous for more than 120 years. The 5th BC Field Battery RCA (M) Band was organized on 9 November 1893 and ever since has remained a viable military musical entity which has contributed further to this environment. At present the band has an official establishment of 25 positions with an active strength of 26 members (male and female).

Our band maintains a prominent but low profile throughout the year by performing for the required annual parades together with several local concerts. This summer



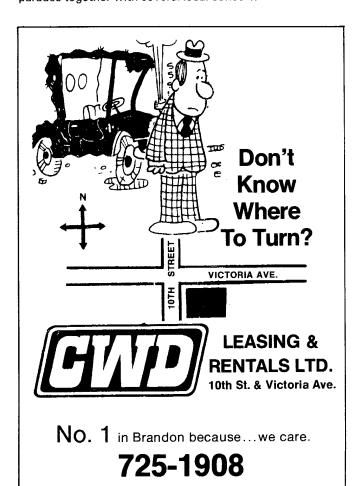
we joined with more than 100 other musicians for a military tattoo at Athletic Park in Victoria. Another major event was a trip to Kamloops, BC for the annual inspection of the Rocky Mountain Rangers. That evening the band played for the regimental dinner and dance.

What might be considered the year's highlight took place when our band won the top award for open band competition in the Victoria Spring Music Festival.

FIFTH COAST REGIMENT MUSEUM

What do you do with eight small rooms of documents, uniforms and artifacts and an old retired gumer who is constantly underfoot?

Under the direction of Robert (Bob) Clapp, originally of Picton, Ontario, and a former sergeant in 127 MAA Bty, RCA, RCSA (AA), and 4th Regiment, RCHA, a museum and archives society was created and incorporated. It now employs three young members of 5 BC Field Battery RCA as Museum Technicians.



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The commanding officers through the years have had the foresight to preserve documents, uniforms and artifacts of the unit. The history of the 5th is the history of coast artillery in Canada and through the creation of this society we are attempting to preserve a unique segment of the history of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

Although its primary role from 1878 to 1956 was the seaward defence of Esquimalt and Victoria, the 5th has sent some 11,000 men overseas to reinforce other units during the Boer war and both world wars. It is interesting to note that over 10% of these men were decorated.

The 5th has a rich and colourful heritage which must be preserved and interpreted to the young people of today and tomorrow.

OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS AND SR NCOS ON STRENGTH AT 31 DECEMBER 1981

Col JP Beer (Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel)

Maj DI Smith (Commanding Officer)

Capt PA Sherwin (Deputy Commanding Officer)

Capt DP Fiorin (Adjutant)

Capt HJ Rice (RSS Officer)

Capt MS Stone

Capt DL Walts

Capt EW Ireton (Director of Music)

Capt JL Tillmans (Band Admn/Trg)

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2Lt RJ Smith

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Sgt JE Duberry (RSS Chief Clerk)



Bdr Oniman as number 2. Easter practice camp.

IN APPRECIATION

COLONEL THE HONOURABLE WALTER S. OWEN OC, QC, LLD, K ST J. 1904-1981

Walter Owen was born on 26 January 1904 at Atlin, British Columbia and died on 11 January 1981.

He was educated at the Vancouver Law School in 1927 and received his LLD from the University of British Columbia in 1959. In 1923, he was the Premier of the First Older Boys Parliament of British Columbia in January of 1928 and practiced law in Vancouver continuously throughout his life except for a brief period from 1942 to 1946 where he served with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada. In 1973, Col Owen was appointed Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia and served the province till the 18th of May 1978.

Col Owen was appointed honourary colonel of the Fifth in April 1974.

Col Owen is remembered fondly by all gunners of the Fifth for his keen interest in unit affairs and in particular for his efforts leading to the Fifth's freedom of the City of Victoria. He enjoyed the company of others and delighted many by his colourful wit. Walter Owen deserves, of mankind and all who knew him, to be remembered with pride and real affection. We share with his family a great sense of loss and we extend to them our most sincere sympathy.



Easter practice camp — action! Grid 115843.

PUFF RANGE OFFICIALLY OPENED

A significant event occured at Bay Street Armoury, Victoria, home of 5 (BC) Fd Bty RCA on 23 June 1981 as BGen WT Wickett, commander militia area Pacific officially opened the "W1 LG Griffiths Pull Range".

BGen Wickett was accompanied during the opening ceremonies by Col DT Osland, commander militia district Victoria, Col JE Crosman, chief of staff, milarea Pacific and area sergeant major CWO GE Rogers. Major DI Smith, commanding officer, 5 (BC) Fd Bty RCA and regimental sergeant major LB Woollven represented the unit as BGen Wickett, in engaging the first official target, indicated that he has not lost his "observer's" touch, obtaining a target round after only two adjusting rounds.

The naming of the puff range after WO1 Griffiths was most appropriate. He was one of the 5th's longest serving soldiers, having served during the first and second world wars and becoming battery sergeant major of the 56th Heavy Battery of the 5th British Columbia Coast Brigade RCA in 1936. Nor did WO1 Griffiths leave the 5th

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after the Second World War. He soldiered on for another decade and a half and remained an active life member and bar steward of the battery's WOs'and Sgts' mess until shortly before his death at 82 years of age.

WO1 Griffiths was represented at the opening of the puff range by his daughter Heather and granddaughter Crystal Simpson, wife of the current BSM of 5 (BC) Fd Bty

RCA, WO JA Simpson.

A great deal of the credit for the construction of the range must go to LCol Mel Brown, commanding officer 2 RCHA, CFB Petawawa. Not only did 2 RCHA provide a great deal of the material required to build the range, but

expertise in the form of MWO Clifton and Sgt Nutley were provided in order to oversee the initial construction process. Their technical assistance was invaluable.

The puff range is an important addition to the training facilities not only of 5 (BC) Fd Bty, but to other militia district Victoria units as well. It is a fact that while there are more sophisticated training devices available to train artillery observers, the location of regular force artillery units is not conducive to the training area of many militia units. Thus, 5 (BC) Fd Bty and many other Vancouver Island units look forward to many hours of useful training on the "WO1 LG Griffiths Puff Range."

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As a general rule, if a number of units is to be entrained successively from the same entraining point, allow 2 to 3 hours minimum between the departure times of successive trains.

The Field Service Pocket Book 1932 RV 83 (84? 85?) planners take note.

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20TH INDEPENDANT FIELD BATTERY (RCA)

20 Independent Field Battery (RCA) has gone through many changes in the past year. A major event this year was the change in some personnel.

Capt Bruce Martin handed over the reins of power as acting Battery Commander to Maj Donald Graham who is back after a six-year absence. Maj Graham retired as CO in 1975 and was cajoled into returning in June 81.

Capt George Manson left for CFB Chilliwack to train young minds. He was replaced by Capt Dennis Jobe from 1 RCHA. The experience he has brought with him has been a definite boon to this unit. Another addition to our unit was Sgt John O'Brien who replaced WO Wayne Archer as RSS clerk.

The members of the battery were witness to another great event. At the change of command parade on November 21, 1981, Capt Gary Schmidt was presented with the CDS commendation for bravery. The citation reads:

Captain Gary Allan Schmidt Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery for Bravery During Hazardous Circumstances.

Captain Schmidt is credited with saving the lives of a mother and her two children. He ran into a burning mobile home at approximately 0400 hours 11 June 1980. He found the two children stumbling from their beds into thick smoke and carried them to safety. He then re-entered the home and went to the living room, where he found the husband trying to rouse his wife who was groggy from smoke.

Captain Schmidt succeeded in getting the woman on her feet and pulled her out of danger. The fire destroyed the home in approximately fifteen minutes.

Investigating RCMP Constable G Houston was quoted as stating:

"There is no doubt he saved the lives of these people. If not for his action we would have been pulling bodies out of there."

It can be said by all gunners that we are proud to have such an officer as Capt Schmidt in the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

On an operational note the battery has run the usual gauntlet of exercises. The winter indoctrination exercise did not come off as those chinook winds kept the snow off the ground and the temperature well above 0° C. Maybe we'll freeze in 82.

It was t-shirt weather again in February for our annual winter live fire exercise at CFB Suffield.

May brought the South Alberta Militia District exercise. This gave us an opportunity to show the other arms

how the artillery truly operates. Indirect and direct fire demonstrations left quite a few soldiers with a sense of awe at what the artillery can do.

The small arms qualifications were held in June, Capt Delmar McLean once again proving he has a deadly eye.

In November the battery participated in a live fire exercise, QUICK REACTION I. We had to have quick reactions when the wind decided to make our modular tent airborne. Things slowed down, though, when 1 Svc Bn didn't deliver our ammunition until half way through the exercises. We did, however, get in some excellent training after we pinned the tent to the Suffield prairie and 1 Svc Bn gave us our bullets. The battery performed well in the field and morale is high. All members are looking forward to beating 5 (BC) Battery (RCA) in the annual RCAA Competition in the spring.

All members of the battery are back in the fold after some exploits with other units in the forces. MBdr Lloyd Procure and Bdr Lorne Flammand returned from 2 RCHA. Bdr Barcley Potts, Bdr Lorne Flammand, and Lt Ron Meidahl spent some time in Germany with 1 RCHA and the Umpire Unit respectively.

Socially the unit started out with the New Year's levee and continued with various parties until the ladies' dining-in in June. The fall season has brought good times to all members of the battery. A barbeque and beer bash was held in October after a "dry" deployment exercise. For November the mess dinner and the Grey Cup party were held on 21 and 22 respectively. We're still finding the odd person lying around in a comatose state.

A St Barbara's Day dinner and the District Christmas party round out the events for the year 1981.

All in all it turned out to be a good year for 20 Independent Field Battery (RCA). With a new (old) CO, a new RSSO and the recruiting picture looking brighter, the future looks good for the battery. UBIQUE.

IN MEMORIAM

On November 24, 1981 members of 20 Independent Field Battery (RCA) paid their last respects to three members of a well-known Lethbridge family.

Colonel Ronald Jacobson, past president of the RCAA, vice chairman (Prairie) Conference of Defence Associations, and former CO of 18 Field Regiment (RCA), had his wife Sonja, daughter Jill, 16, and son Ronald Jr, 13, pass away in a fire at his home in Lethbridge on 20 November 1981.

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INTRODUCTION

The 116 Independent Field Battery based in Kenora, Ontario, perpetuates a long military and gunner tradition in Kenora. The military presence in Kenora began in 1882 with the arrival of the Algoma Rifle Regiment. This unit remained infantry until 1936 when the error of their ways was recognized and they joined the gunner family as the 16th Medium Battery RCA. During the Second World War, the area personnel served as part of the 17th Field Regiment RCA. The unit remained as the 40th Medium, then Field Regiment until 1965, when it was down-graded to minor unit status, and became the 116 Independent Field Battery

- BATTERY ACTIVITIES

The battery, under the command of Major NE Johnson, began 1981 with a series of winter indoctrination exercises labelled "Return Spring I - III". These exercises not only proved again that soldiers can effectively live and fight in Canada's winter, but also other truths such as sleeping bags get more comfortable at reveille, and that ration pack sardines make admirable "fishsicles".

During the same period of time, the battery commenced training on a special winter arms training (SWAT) course, essentially a SYEP course run during the winter, and the armouries began to ring with the strident voices of drill instructors. This course lasted for a total of eight weeks, and in the end, graduated a total of 15 personnel with basic military training qualifications and five with artillery trade level one qualifications. Almost immediately following the completion of the SWAT training, the unit began a basic artillery communicator course, which lasted from 16 to 27 March 1981, taking advantage of the Ontario school March break. This course graduated 11 personnel who had the phrase, "11 this is 11 fire mission battery, grid...", ringing in their ears for some time to follow.

Starting on the 2nd of April the unit ran a TQ1 basic artilleryman course and a non-trade driver course simultaneously. Between them, these two courses employed almost all unit personnel as either students or instructors.

On the weekend of 22 to 24 May, the battery conducted its annual watermanship and bivouac exercise, "Rushing Rabbit", on Sable Island at the south end of Lake of the Woods. In sharp contrast to last year's blazing sun, broiling sands, and stullifying 35°C temperatures, this year's weather was characterized by an interesting mixture of howling winds and torrential rains which combined to turn the island's picturesque beaches and sand dunes into a gritty mess which found its way into everything, especially food and weapons. Despite the minor discomforts, all agreed that the exercise was most interesting, especially the night patrol with its thick, swirling mists and unusual light conditions.

During the summer, the battery sent several personnel to National Ranks Qualifying School (NRQS) where they either were students or staff on the TQ1 artilleryman course and the TQ2 basic technician courses. Due to low unit numbers, our contribution was unfortunately very limited.

In September the unit began an intensive recruiting drive which to date has been reasonably successful.

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P.O. Box 786, 1st St. & Richmond Ave. BRANDON, Man. Bus. Phone 728-3388 On the 3rd of October, the battery participated in the annual T. Eaton Cup Military Skills competition, showing once again that the gunners can more than hold their own when it comes to the "basics" of soldiering. Our team came third overall, losing points in the shooting, as we have no range at which to practice.

Exercise Rocky Raven I was held in Shilo on 1 to 3 May, with the battery deploying a two gun troop for one and one-half days of live firing. This was a highly successful exercise, and basic gun and radio skills were well exercised.

Unfortunately, five of the soldiers who attended left during the summer, one to RMC, one to the air force, and three to school outside Kenora.

In mid-October, the battery moved to Shilo for Exercise Rocky Raven 8102, live firing with 26 Field Regiment. More time was spent moving to and fro (80 hours) than firing (18 hours). Not included in the travel time is a pause taken in Winnipeg to fire two 15 gun salutes for the change of Manitoba Lieutenant-Governors.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The battery started off 1981 with a most enjoyable and well-attended New Year's Levee. During the winter and early spring, several pleasant dining-ins were held by the combined officers' mess and USI. During the same period of time, the junior ranks club held a very successful dance and an ice fishing derby, at which only two fish were caught all day, probably due to the fish being too busy watching the thunderous snowshoe races going on overhead. However, all personnel who attended had a most enjoyable day.

In February the unit hosted both the 34th Annual Kenora Military Bonspiel, and the 24th Annual Senior NCO's Bonspiel. Both these events brought in rinks as far afield as Thunder Bay and Edmonton. As usual, an excellent time was had by all, and next year promises to be even better.

In April, the battery contributed to the Canadian Cancer Society by providing volunteers and facilities for several fund-raising activities.

In the latter part of June, the unit held its annual stand down barbecue, at which time a farewell was said to Capt John Sawicki, who left us after three years of hard and sometimes frustrating work as regional support staff officer. He is now posted with G Battery 3 RCHA. Replacing him is Captain Bob Poirier from 3 RCHA, who at one time served as an NCO with the battery.

At the time of writing (early November) upcoming activities include firing the RCAA Competition Exercise Valley Stream, a (TQ2) technician course running since mid-October, a winter indoctrination exercise in December, a St. Barbara's Day officers dining in, and the unit allranks Christmas party.

As indicated above, 1981 was a busy year for the 116 Independent Field Battery and 1982, Kenora's Centennial, promises to be even more so. Last year was the first in a long time that the battery contributed to this publication, but it will not be the last, as we wish to remind our fellow gunners that some of their comrades still soldier on in the wilds of northwestern Ontario. UBIQUE

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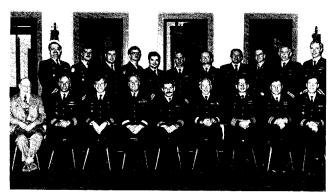
128 AIRFIELD AIR DEFENCE BATTERY

1982 was an active and productive year for 128 Airfield Air Defence Battery. The battery moved into high gear early in the year by hosting the Air Defence Conference. On 26 June 1981 the battery paraded for a very special occasion: the CO, Capt Mills, turned over the battery to our new CO, Capt Beardmore. In the fall the majority of the unit proceeded to Canada to conduct Boffin and Blowpipe continuation training. During December, a unit mess dinner and a Saint Barbara's Day open house rounded out a very busy year.

In between these major events, the battery was involved with numerous parades, receiving visitors, providing support to CFB Baden, postings, promotions and, of course, many training exercises.

AIR DEFENCE CONFERENCE

The battery hosted the annual Air Defence Conference during the period 2 to 6 February 1981. The distinguished conference delegates discussed many varied points of interest and departed with the knowledge of a job well done.



Maj AW Carnell, Capt JS Boissonneault, Capt PG Harbert, Capt RA Schell, Maj RA Gillespie, Capt AG Mills, Capt RJ Beardmore, Maj RK Wallace, MWO TKH Game, Capt DN Jobe and Maj HA Walinsky.

Mr. WK Salisbury, LCol DB Walton, LCol JA MacInnis, BGen WW Turner (Col Cmdt), LCol JA Fleming, BGen (Ret'd) HW Sterne, Col (now BGen) RP Beaudry, Maj JB LaPointe, Capt HJ Rice.

PARADES

As in most units, we had our share of parades, from CO's to quarter guards and, as well, several base parades. In June Capt AG Mills turned over command of 128 AAD Bty to Capt RJ Beardmore. Capt Mills has since taken up his new duties at Air Command in Winnipeg, and from recent reports is enjoying himself tremendously. The BSM, MWO Mahar, was tasked early in the year to organize and train a 50-man base guard of honour. Although a very challenging task, the BSM can take great pride in the fact we now have a very notable guard to represent Canada and the base.

BASE SUPPORT

1981 was no exception for the unit in support of base activities. In June, when CFB Baden-Soellingen held a Canadian Armed Forces open house, the battery was heavily tasked to support the many functions in both equipment and expertise. Throughout the year the battery was tasked to instruct new arrivals to the base in small arms refresher training and, as well, to run the small arms ranges in both Achern and on the base.

TRAINING

Every year we must keep up our level of expertise, and we certainly kept both our young and old members of



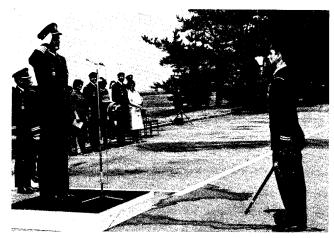
CWO DD Bittle, the ORS' career manager, on his visit to 128 AAD Bty in December 1981, reflects on the "old days" when he was a gunner on the 3.7 inch gun. Chief Bittle was with 128 Heavy AA Bty in August 1947 at Picton, Ont.

the unit busy on courses. MBdrs Gallant and Sharpe travelled to CFB Gagetown for the Advanced Blowpipe course, Sgt Critchley the TQ6A, MBdrs Young and Chartrand the Air Defence Section Commander Course, Gnr JJ Hunter the CLC course, MBdr Coast the Basic Blowpipe Course, and MBdr Gallant, Bdr Houghtling and Bdr DeSutter the Advanced Boffin Course.

The majority of our training comes in the form of "Starfighter" exercises in preparation for our annual National and NATO Tactical Evaluations. During these exercises we depend heavily on our war task assigned (WTA) personnel, who train throughout the year with us to become proficient in aircraft recognition and on our weapon systems, OP drills, first aid and NBCW training. These lads 7 really enjoy the different aspect of our training and we would like to thank 1 GAG Maintenance Squadron for their support throughout the year in providing the WTA pers to us.

VISITS

We were able to receive a very welcome visit from eight members of D Bty, 2 RCHA, Petawawa, Ont., who were over visiting the Royal Canadian Dragoons in CFB Lahr. It was the first time a unit representation from an artillery unit in Canada dropped in on our unit.



The departing CO 128 AAD Bty, Capt AG Mills, salutes Col JL Frazer, base commander of CFB Baden-Soellingen, on the occasion of the change of command parade held on 26 June 1981.



Eight smiling members of D Bty 2 RCHA, Petawawa, Ont., join up with the members of 128 AAD Bty on a surprise visit to the unit in November, 1981.

POSTINGS

This year over one third of our unit was posted out with a lot of young artillerymen coming to us, and quite a few of the "old members" leaving. To start off, Capt AG Mills went off to the flat lands of Winnipeg, Sgt Letcher to CFB Shilo, Sgt McIntyre to Saint John, N.B., MBdr Whittingham and Bdr Mowbray to CFB Shilo, Bdrs O'Toole and Cousins to CFB Gagetown, Bdr Bulloch to CFB Halifax, Bdr Atkinson to CFB Portage La Prairie, MCpl Wheaton and WO Kalmakoff to CFB Lahr, and Sgt Welton to Ottawa.

We would like to welcome all the new arrivals, starting with our new CO, Capt RJ Beardmore, Sgt Brouwer, MBdr Lonz, MBdr McKay, Bdr Janes, Gnrs Bourque, Woodman, Gagnon and Hunter, as well as Cpls Mac-Donald and Cudmore.

Last, but certainly not least, Capt "Doug" MacLeod, who was on attached posting with us, returned to 1 RCHA after spending some time with us "Bird Gunners", and reluctantly returned to field duties.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

There were many pleasant aspects of our social life throughout the year. For instance, the CO, Capt RJ Beardmore, and his wife Maria represented the battery at the winter ball of our partnership unit, FLUGABWEHRREGI-MENT 10, in Sigmaringen. This is an annual event which the CO, BSM or TSM of the battery attends.

MBdr Lonz had a very worthwhile and interesting trip to Dortmund with 111 (Dragon) Bty, 19 Field Regiment Royal Artillery, where he became the third member of a Blowpipe detachment from 30 September to 22 October.

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A once-in-a-career opportunity arose for our TSM, WO Merlin, who travelled to Rome, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia with the commemorative pilgrimage party, headed by the Honourable J. Gilles Lamontagne. WO Merlin was one of two warrant officers selected from CFB Baden-Soellingen.

On 4 December, Saint Barbara's Day, we hosted a very successful open house. Most members of the base knew basically what we do, but after the open house, they were more aware of our capabilities.

In December the unit had a very successful mess dinner, another first for the battery, and an excellent evening. The men's Christmas dinner, and the combined children's and unit Christmas party ended a very successful year.



MBdr WE Young explains to Capt "Mex" Tremblay from 421 Sqn, 1 CAG, the kit of a blowpipe detachment during 128 AAD Bty's open house held at CFB Baden-Soellingen on 4 December 1981.

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1981 started well and is ending on the same note. The battery fared well in all its endeavours with only the odd irksome exception. It is said that the great wheel of progress moves exceedingly slowly, and, oh, how true it is! But this year we know it clicked forward a notch or two which, to those that know the system, means a lot.

The cobwebs of the 1980 Christmas break were pushed aside abruptly with the onset of the year's first exercise on 8 January 1981. At that point in time the battery had just finished three and a half months of refresher training, so we were all in pretty good form. The exercise went off well and after the cleaning up was done we reset our sights on the National Tactical Evaluation in March.

January and February slipped by in a blur of battery and war task assigned training. Then in March, phase one (an alert recall) of the National Tactical Evaluation was called. Phase two (the actual exercise) was set for 13 to 15 April. This gave us one more month to rehash all of the drills and have another go at our war task assigned.

The National was over before we knew it and we were busy strengthening our weaknesses in preparation for the NATO. Our most serious concern, though, was

how to maintain interest and not become complacent. Our training had peaked and the real trick was to hold it.

Hold, it did! The NATO evaluation arrived at our doorstep on 25 May with everyone eager to do his thing. The battery did its thing and did it well - like a 98.6% average attained in aircraft recognition (including our war task assigned scores). This evaluation, without question, was the high point of the year and the fruit of much labour.



BGen Turner stops to chat with MBdr Parisien during the inspection of the quarter guard.

The NATO evaluation terminated on the 27th and left, in its wake, everything we owned *dirty*. It was at about that time that we decided the 10th of June had been a poor choice of dates for our change of command parade. With only 13 days to wade through a sea of dirty kit and bone up on our drill, we had our work cut out. Needless to say, everything that really needed cleaning was, but in the same breath, anything that didn't squeak, wasn't. The weekly timetable read something like; preparation for parade, drill, gun maintenance, drill, vehicle maintenance, drill . . .

Finally the big day arrived. Everything went off without a hitch, but we were all rather sad to see Capt Gunn go. In truth, we were just getting to know him.

We spent the remainder of June and July cleaning the mess we had made in May. By the end of July everything was pretty well back to normal and we had again restarted our miniature construction company. "Gun Bunkers" Incorporated was busy laying the footings for its final eight fortifications.



Capt SP Johnston takes command of the battery. Col Pattee and Capt RD Gunn look on.



Colonel RP Pattee, commander Canadian Forces Base Lahr inspects the battery.



The VDCS being briefed at call sign 21.

The firm was off to a good start but leave, duties and other tasks took their toll. Production lagged woefully with the manpower available averaging only two or three and on some days, nil. But as August and September wore on, we were, block by block, getting there. October 30 was our goal. Everything had to be finished by then in order to kick off with the "max participation" fall/winter training plan.

We held with bunker construction as the priority one task until 2 October. At that time the emphasis had to shift to Boffin firing drills in preparation for the scheduled Boffin continuation training firing at the Artillery School on 13 and 14 October. Everything looked good for a solid week of gun drill between 5 and 9 October. That is, until 0520 hours on the morning of the 5th. Murphy's Law in the form of an alert recall was hard at work destroying our plans and in the end we got two and a half days. 50% was better than nothing, though.

The Boffin troop departed for sunny CFB Gagetown in good spirits, leaving the remainder of the battery to push on with the bunker project. With so few left not much got done, but by the time the Boffin troop returned only one bunker was left to do. "THE LAST BUNKER 27-10-81" is the inscription in the concrete wall of call sign 14. It marks the end of the self-help project which we started in 1980. If all goes well, we should see the first of the newly-manu-



The commanding officer congratulating WO Duffenais on his promotion



MBdr Barlow pushing hot coffee. He can make it to all guns in less than an hour if they give him a break on the challenging drills.

factured Boffin shelters fitted in place early in the new year.

The fall training did start on time and has run steadily along through November and December, the only interruption being the base exercises. Soon will come the bump at the end of the year which, by the way, contains a nice Christmas break and of course concludes the summary of 1981.

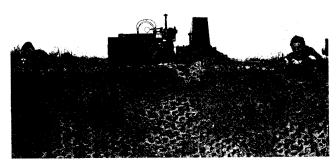
TRAINING

Junior Leaders Course - The first off on course this year was our weapons technician, MCpl HR Pearcey. He was away from 19 January and returned on 20 February with the new qualification tucked away on his file - well done.

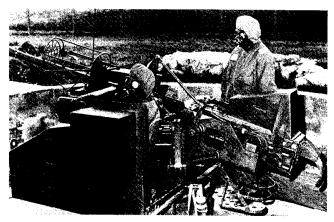
War Task Assigned - The training of personnel war task assigned to the battery commenced in January and carried right through at the rate of one day per month until November. The WTA personnel are drawn from the ranks of base supply, base maintenance, base movements and the communication squadron. They are tasked as air defence observers and loaders. As you can imagine, one day per month is not very much, but the WTA's do do their jobs well and give a good account of themselves.

Basic Blowpipe - MBdr JDD Parisien and Gnr JGE Mantha were both away on 9 March to attend the Basic Blowpipe Operator Course. It goes without saying, both succeeded and were back on the ground by 10 April.

Tactical Evaluation - Perhaps the most important event of the year for any battery or base is the tactical evaluation. This year was no exception for us. However, the little known and most interesting aspect of the NATO Tactical Evaluation system is the actual participation



Halt! Advance one. Gnr D'Amours and Knowlton practicing on the battery quartermaster and the photographer.



Gnr Lenoir and his war task assigned loader, MCpl Morrison, a 911 supply tech from base supply Lahr.

as part of an evaluation team. Generally speaking, NATO sponsored tactical evaluations run continuously throughout the year. The staff for these evaluations is drawn, for a countless variety of specialties, from across NATO. To qualify as a NATO evaluator, a member must attend two NATO tactical evaluations "under training" in his particular specialty. We in the battery are generally requested to provide short range air defence and ability to survive evaluators. In truth, we cannot afford to fill every vacancy available to us. There are just too many. But the experience gained as an evaluator is invaluable. First, for the newly arrived it takes the mystique out of the term NATO Tactical Evaluation. Next, it affords the opportunity to take good note of the best that each base of nation has to offer and profit from it. It is for this reason that our objective is to qualify everyone (from the rank of sergeant) as NATO evaluators.

Senior Leader Course - Yet another weapons technician is off to advance his career. This time it's Sgt Duffenais heading to CFB Borden and upon his/ return - a well earned promotion. Congratulations, warrant!

Advanced Blowpipe - 3 July, a hefty percentage of our work force departed for the Advanced Blowpipe Course at the Artillery School: MBdrs JAJ Synnett, JDD



Gnr D'Amours during Starfighter 5/81.

Parisien and Gnr JCR Lenoir. All returned qualified. Again, well done.

Air Defence Section Commander - MBdrs JAJ Synnett and JDD Parisien must have liked the school because they couldn't stay away. This time it was for the Air Defence Section Commander Course, 9 September to 20 October. Again, both were successful.

Boffin Continuation Training - The firing practice this year saw the Boffin troop in the school over the Thanksgiving weekend. WO KBI Richert and Sgt TG Slack headed up the contingent with Pte WR Gill, the weapons technician, along to gain some firing experience. From all reports, Pte Gill got enough hands-on experience to last him two lifetimes. As in the past, the air defence battery was a splendid host. This year. though, a special word of thanks for coming through while so heavily committed elsewhere.

Blowpipe Continuation Training - Our firings this year were split into two groups. The first, consisting of MBdr AJ Bouchard and Bdr AE Weagle was conducted as part of a 1 RCHA practice in Shilo in February. The second firing in November, again with 1 RCHA at Shilo, consisted of MBdr JAJ Synnett and Gnr JWJ Knowlton. Our thanks to both 1 and 3 RCHA.

RECEPTION AND DISPATCH

Again this year, a pretty hefty turnover; remember there are only 28 of us. Our losses included the following personnel:

Gnr JF Boucher — CTC Gagetown — 19 June 1981 Sgt JN McIntyre — 3 RCHA Shilo — 22 June 1981 Capt RD Gunn — CFEHQ SO3 Air Def Lahr — 26 June 1981

Sgt JW Duffenais — CFSAOE Borden — 1 July 1981 CC R Bouchard — Airborne School Edmonton — 20 July 1981

MCpl HR Pearcey — 1 RCHA Lahr — 17 August 1981 Sgt RW Pero — RCA Battle School Shilo —

19 August 1981

MBdr JL Blackburn — RSS Prairie Det Portage — 23 August 1981

MBdr PA St Amour — 2 RCHA Petawawa —

31 August 1981 MBdr JARS St Cyr -- 5 RALC Valcartier --23 October 1981

Our gains were as follows:

Capt SP Johnston — CFB Petawawa — 9 May 1981 Gnr SR Laton — 2 RCHA Petawawa — 19 June 1981 Sgt JW Bezanson — 1 RCHA Lahr — 29 June 1981 CC GL Knutson — 412 Sqn Ottawa — 13 July 1981 Pte WR Gill — CFB Ottawa — 7 August 1981 Sgt TG Slack — CTC Gagetown — 17 August 1981 MBdr GN Bailey — CTC Gagetown — 22 August 1981 Gnr JJ D'Amours — 5 RALC Valcartier —

23 August 1981

Gnr JRM Pagfiericci — 5 RALC Valcartier —

23 August 1981

Gnr JD Levesque - 5 RALC - 31 August 1981

CEREMONY

Base Commander's Inspection - The first official function of the year was the base commander's annual inspection of the battery on 3 February. The inspection consisted of a briefing by the commanding officer and a tour of the unit lines and equipment. The inspection went well. Colonel Pattee concluded the visit with the following entry in our visit book, "Once again - A pleasure".

Colonel Commandant - We do not often get a chance to host the Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, so it was with great pride that we called out the quarter guard in way of welcome to Brigadier General WW Turner CD on the 9th of February.

The inspection of the guard led the way to a brief update of the battery by the commanding officer and then on to the men. All ranks assembled in the aircraft recognition room for coffee, cake and the chance to meet the colonel commandant. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I think General Turner would have preferred to stay longer, but even generals are slaves to their schedules. So, after a quick tour around the airfield, the visit concluded. It certainly was our pleasure.

VCDS - DCDS - Air defence continues to receive a great deal of attention, this being attested to by the February visits of both the vice and deputy chiefs of the defence staff. On both occasions, the pros and cons of our current equipment were discussed. Food for thought, though, was Vice Admiral J Allan's initial response upon his arrival at call sign 21, which was something like, "I remember these guns from the old days". We are optimistic about the future.

Change of Command - If practice makes perfect, we should be good. It only seems like last year that we did the very same thing. The passage of command from Capt RD Gunn to Capt SP Johnston was marked by a formal change of command parade and reception on 10 June 1981. Col RP Pattee CD, commander Canadian Forces Base Lahr was the reviewing officer. The full ceremony went off without a hitch, the only sad note being the loss of Capt Gunn. The battery truly prospered under him.

SOCIAL

The battery again had a fairly healthy year socially. Our calendar was only a shadow of what it was in the DM 2.27 to the dollar days but we didn't do badly. We did manage several first class smokers plus a change of command and a rotation dance. All of which were, in a word, Great! Perhaps also worth noting under the heading of social, if you can put it there, we are really holding our own in the marriage and baby departments.

PROJECTS

Now that the bunker project is completed, we are looking around for a new priority one task. Mounting our



MBdr AJ Bouchard sends an after action report.

3.7 is still on hold. It looks like we will finally get a new building in our maintenance compound. Why? Well, oddly enough, it is attributed to MBdr Barlow's toe. I know it sounds funny but it is true. What the head shed couldn't do for us in four (plus) years of trying, MBdr Barlow did by simply having a barrel dropped on his foot. It would take forever to explain the exchange of paper that followed the accident. It is sufficient to say the accident resulted in upgrading the project priority and with luck we will have the building by spring.

CONCLUSION

Why is it that when you get to the point where you think you've got it beat you suddenly remember a dozen other things you should have said? Like failing to mention the CWO Artillery's visit, or/ at the last moment remembering to congratulate the RCA Battle School on its formation 10 September 1981, or forgetting to tell the world that we massacred our sister battery at this year's annual sports meet.

We did have a fine year and we wish you all well good shooting.

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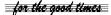
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DEFENCE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT VALCARTIER

Within the framework of the DREV organization five gunners are presently employed. They are Maj CA Moogk, Capt JH Le Breton, CWO AJ Lavigne, MWO (MGnr) JJ St-Laurent and WO (MGnr) W Fairbanks. Members of this small, select, gifted and dedicated group are employed as military consultants and as trials officers. Their employment is not only interesting and varied but also a welcome change from regimental life.

During the 1980 calendar year, various trials affecting the gunner world either directly or indirectly were conducted here. These trials have not been concluded by the time of writing since they are singular events in a long and drawn-out process of developing a serviceable military product. The results of all trials are security classified and cannot be discussed here but the principles involved are general knowledge.

Canada's decision to purchase the F-18 fighter airplane involves DREV in the improved development of rocket weapon system for this aircraft and the penetrative ability of the rockets. Trials have been very successful so far.

Lasers, in their various forms, have found increased employment in the Canadian Armed Forces. Messages can be conveyed through laser beams and laser range finders are found throughout the services. Since lasers are operated by the line of sight principle. clouds and smoke screens present a serious obstacle. DREV, like all laser development agencies, is involved in a program to map the extent of cloud resistance and to overcome this problem.

Most of us, at one time or another, have fired the 84mm medium anti- tank weapon (Carl Gustav) and most of us with the exception of an occasional giant have cursed its weight. DREV is coming to the aid of the hapless gunners and is developing a lightweight, fiberglass version of this weapon much more suited to battlefield reality. Since the weapon is lighter, the MAW team can carry more rockets which will increase tremendously the firepower and survivability of a company/ battery/squadron against enemy armour.

Presently, the NATO forces face the numerically superior forces of the Warsaw Pact countries. To compensate for this disadvantage, two avenues of approach are possible. One is to build more tasks and the other is to build weapons capable of a higher kill ratio. The choice between the two solutions is dictated by economics and national political influences and is not part of this discussion. DREV, as a research establishment, is involved in the development of high technology weapon systems, which include improved ammunition capable of penetrating enemy armoured vehicles. Two very effective types of antiarmour ammunitions are the shaped charge and the kinetic energy shot. While the principle of the "Munroe Type" shaped charge is familiar to all gunners, the kinetic energy rounds are relatively unknown.

This munition is always fired from artillery or tank guns in the direct fire role. This round was developed from the solid-core round of world war two and was improved by the British as an armour-piercing discarding-sabot projectile, and by the Germans as a squeezebore round. These rounds are universally accepted in the free world as armour-killing main tank ammunition. Its advantages are obvious: high muzzle velocity causing increased penetration due to high energy per unit area on the target and increased accuracy and hit probability due to reduced time of flight and effects of gravity, wind and target motion. Within the last ten years great advances in the protection of tanks by spaced armour have been made. New tank penetrators to compensate this threat had to be found.

Long slender projectiles with a length to diameter ratio of approximately 1 to 6 had the most promise. The advantages could be increased by utilizing Einstein's formula of E=MC² and by using a heavy core. Tungsten alloys and/or depleted uranium are most promising since they are heavy, safe, easily obtainable, have excellent metallurgical properties and are easy to manufacture. By adding a ballistic cap and stabilizing fins the penetrator resembles an old fashioned arrow but packs a lethal clout.

Since it is impossible to fire an arrow from a tubed gun, discarding sabot was developed to embrace the penetrator. The sabot does more. It gives the penetrator high muzzle velocity by tricking the small diameter base into accepting the added push of the sabot. This round is known as the armour-piercing fin-stabilized discarding-sabot (APFSDS) kinetic energy munition and is used as tank ammunition. There are possibilities that this round could be used as fixed ammunition and as an anti-tank round in the smaller artillery calibres.

To enhance flexibility in the use of this round for both smooth-bore and rifled guns, a limited slip rotation band can be added to the sabot. This method increases the accuracy of the projectile and prevents damage to the stabilization fins.

Conduct of trials in these four areas concerning gunners and of the many other matters not relevant to the gunner world, kept DREV busy throughout 1981. But, while away from the rigours of regimental life, our thoughts are always with the gunners. Our aim is not only the successful conduct of trials but also the satisfaction of the gunner so that he receives a well-made finished product that will do its job in any condition and under any circumstance in time of war and peace.

UNORTHODOX EQUIPMENT

Makers of defence equipment have always tried to develop new material suited to the aims of their national interests. For the artilleries of all nations this aim has always been to deliver as large as possible an explosive payload as far as the physical limits of the equipment in use allowed it. The accuracy of the weapons system and its flexibility resulting in an accurate and speedy reply to the call for fire are important, but range and killing power are overweighing factors.

Until the later part of the 19th century, artillery was a very primitive affair which had not progressed very much beyond its infant stages of centuries ago. Artillery equipment consisted basically of a cannon tube on a suitable mounting firing some sort of a cannon ball by using the chemical energy of a crude propellant. Artillery could not counter the improvements made in fortification techniques and the new-found mobility of modern armies. The French 75mm howitzer revolutionized the concept of mobility which was reinforced by the indirect laying principles pioneered by the Prussian Army of 1870-71 and employed by the Royal Artillery during the Boer War.

The obvious answer was to build bigger guns which could shoot farther with a larger projectile and this was the route taken by all armies during World War I.

Thirty years previous to World War I it was realized that the round cannon ball had its limitation. Not only was it aero-dynamically unstable and so limited effective range but it also held a very small explosive filling. The ratio of killing effort to killing power was uneconomical. One solution was to transform the round, spherical shape of the projectile into an oblong configuration. The cannon tubes were provided with rough rifling into which rotation lugs of the projectile were fitted. The effect was tremendous. A 32 pounder fortress gun could now fire a 64 pound projectile with a much higher explosive filling at a more distant

target. Early projectiles with rotation lugs can still be seen at the citadel in Quebec City where they are used as decorative barriers to keep the public off the lawns.

During World War I equipment grew larger but it was not until World War II that truly unorthodox equipment was developed.

After the fall of France, England was the next target for Germany's armies. To bombard London was one of Germany's aims. The multi-chambered gun was designed for this purpose. It was never completed but its concept was ingenious. The gun was to be mounted at 50° Q.E. and consisted of a 75-meter smooth-bore tube of 150 mm calibre. Subsidiary combustion chambers were fixed at intervals along this tube. The idea was that on firing, the projectile was increasingly accelerated by the burning of the propellant in the subsidiary chambers as it passed along them. The technology involved was complex but the principle worked as the captured model gun demonstrated. The two intended full-size guns were slightly different in design from each other, their range approximately 150 km and their M.V. 1500 m/sec.

All tubed artillery equipment adjusts for range by varying either its charge or its elevation. A third, seldom employed method is to vary the size of the combustion chamber. Naturally, this will result in varying chamber pressures which lead to adjustable effective ranges. It is an easy way to build a simple weapon capable of a high degree of flexibility. The only weapon ever to use this system was the US Army "Mortar 2 inch, M3", also known as the British "Bomb Thrower, 2 inch, MK 1" which employed two adjustable chambers. It was a novel approach to an old problem and only possible due to its employment on tanks.

A very desirable advantage in an anti-tank gun is high M.V. The kinetic energy of a projectile as it leaves the

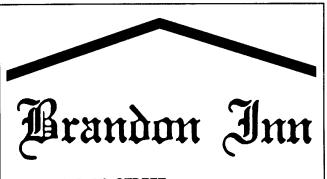
bore of the gun is derived from the energy of the expanding propellant gases that push it through the bore. A higher M.V. may be obtained with a projectile of a given mass by increasing the pressure on the area on which the projectile operates on the length of the bore. The use of a tapered gun barrel or a smooth-coned extension fitted to a cylindrical rifled bore achieves a very high M.V and great accuracy. A large chamber allows a large mass of propellant operating on a large projectile base which is symmetrically deformed to a smaller diameter as it is pushed through the tapered section of the bore after firing. The German "Gerlick Gun" and the British "Little John" used this principle during World War II.

In the evolution from the catapult to modern weapons systems very unorthodox ideas have been tried and often rejected. But even in their rejection those ideas were fruitful since they stimulated new thoughts. The dual-recoil system of the 105 mm L5 howitzer which had its forerunner in the German 170 mm gun is such an adaptation. Lessons learned from the past are always adaptable to future needs and with the ever-present changes in battlefield tactics, equipment can be designed to reflect it.



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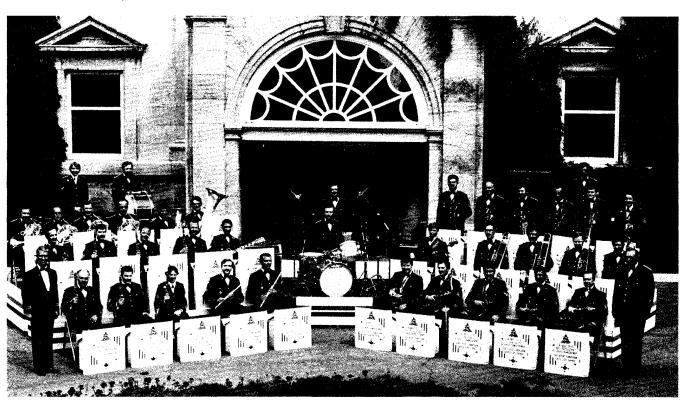
ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY BAND

The Royal Canadian Artillery Band was formed in Montreal in 1968, during the reorganization of the Canadian Armed Forces' bands. The band consists of thirty-five professional musicians, some who have graduated from Canadian or foreign conservatories of music, others who have graduated from the Canadian Forces School of Music in Victoria, British Columbia. The Royal Canadian Artillery band is the second-largest musical formation in the Montreal area, preceded by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

The band's Director of Music is Capt Onil Leblanc CD. assisted by CWO Lessard. The instruments completing this successful band are two flutes, one oboe. eight clarinets. five saxophones. one bassoon, four french horns, six trumpets, three trombones, one euphonium, three tabais, one piano, three percussion, one guitar and three vocalists.

The RCA band plays a wide variety of music. Classical, semi-classical, military marches, comedy, rock. jazz, disco, Quebec folk music and salutes to singers Joe Dassin and Frank Sinatra may be found on its program. It can also form an eighteen-musician dance orchestra.

The band has performed frequently in parks, concerts and balls in and around Montreal. It has also performed at the changing of the guard ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa in Europe and the Middle East.



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MOBILE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS ARTILLERY SECTION

1981 was another extremely busy year for HQ RCA, the basement guardians of FMCHQ. Judging by the mass of witty and superbly-written papers produced by the section, this past year was also a reasonably successful one. Once again we had the usual high turnover of staff:

OUT: Maj HA Walinsky to retirement in Germany.
Maj DA Lockridge to CFSC Toronto,
Maj TE Brewster to Command Secretariat and
CWO (Mr Gnr) MD Clow to NDHQ.

IN: Maj RJM Selman as SO Arty Fd and Loc, Capt JCStewart as SO Arty Doc and MWO (Mr Gnr) CM Bowden as MWO Arty.

REMAINING (FAITHFUL): LCoI EL Schrader as SSO Arty and Capt GA Gallop as SO Arty Stds and Trg.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES EXERCISES

The most significant activity of the year was our participation in Rendezvous 81 in which Artillery Section fored the nucleus of HQ RCA. Once again without the invaluable personnel support provided by FMC artillery units, the HQ RCA would not have been capable of functioning effectively. This exercise was considered to be extremely beneficial in terms of bringing the artillery units together in a spirit of co-operation and friendly competitiveness, and in vividly pointing out our strengths and weaknesses.



SSO Arty Section Staff
Capt JC Stewart, Maj RJM Selman, LCol EL Schrader,
Capt GA Gallop. Cpl JPH Aube, MWO (MrGnr) CM
Bowden

ARTILLERY STANDARDS/TRAINING

Artilleryman Trade Progression. As a result of the CTC Course Review a detailed paper was prepared and approved by FMCHQ wherein, in addition to other changes to the trade specification, the equality of field and air defence artillerymen was recognized. This document has been forwarded to NDHQ for approval and undoubtedly will be scrutinized by the Occupational Analysis Team.

CTC Course Review. Twelve TSSs/CSSs have been written or revised and five CTSs have been amended this year as a result of the approved recommendations of the review. Work is still ongoing in this area.

RCA Battle School. Artillery Section contributed a major staff effort to the Battle School implementation.

particularly with respect to arguing for a workable establishment and identifying the myriad of stores and equipment required.

Artillery Training Conference. The conference graciously hosted by Artillery School on behalf of SSO Arty. was held in February 1981. A number of decisions made have been resolved and staffing is continuing on the few others remaining.

Air Defence Conference. Input was provided by SO Arty AD and a number of recommendations of the conference are currently being staffed. Most noteworthy are the Basic Science and Technology Course requirements, and the need to increase establishment requirements for Air Defence IG and AIG specialties.

MILITIA COMPETITIONS

Once again the copious marking guides have been amended, reproduced and mailed for another round of competitions. Recipients will notice that the quantities have been reduced somewhat. This is not part of an economy drive but rather a reassessment of actual requirements. We were also extremely busy for a few weeks (no calculator) compiling the scores of the 1980/81 competitions.

DOCTRINE

Our great plans for our resident author were suddently curtailed by his non-forecast move to Command Secretariat. We have, however, recently captured a new writer who will soon be producing best sellers.

AIR DEFENCE

We have been quiet but active in this area over the past year. In addition to participation in the Air Defence Conference, papers on air space management, SEAD, etc, have been produced, and comments on various other doctrine papers concerning air defence have been provided.

EQUIPMENT

Input has been provided to a vast number of projects as well as staffing of trials implementation for Cervantes and GACS. In addition we are in the middle of the annual saga of identifying and substantiating the ammunition requirements of the Royal Regiment.

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ROYAL CANADIAN SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY

For those whose only recollection of Gagetown is the muddy bivouacs of Rendezvous 81, Gagetown proably does not seem to be such a great place to live. Nevertheless, the sun does always shine on the guns here, even if it is occasionally well-camouflaged by the clouds.

1981 has been a year of change and of progress for all of us. For the gunner family as a whole we had the first Annual Training Conference for many years during the period 17 to 20 February. Gunners were again united for RV 81. Even though the school still had to carry on its full training schedule as the officer cadets descended upon us in their normal disorganized mass, many of the IGs and AIGs were actively involved on IG assistance teams to the units and in assisting in the conduct of the various exercises and competitions. And on top of its always exceptional support to CTC, W Bty took its place at "the front" along with the regiments.

June saw the departure of CWO Wilt as SMIG to be replaced by CWO (Mr Gnr) Wall. CWO Wilt is now the CTC



ARTY OCT PH IV (F) 8102

(Left to Right)

1st Row: WO S Raymond, Maj JLLPN Boucher, Maj DS Moreside, Capt BA Couture, WO N Léveillé. 2nd Row: 2Lt SLAM Beauchemin, Capt RP Belway, Lt C Boily, 2Lt JLM Lavallee, OCdt JG Gibeault, OCdt D Cusson, Sgt R Dulong.

3rd Row: OCdt B Proulx, OCdt JL Pinsonneault, OCdt Bruneau, OCdt Jean, 2Lt D Boudreau, OCdt JAM Beauchemin.

Sgt-Major. This was CWO Wilt's last tour with the guns and his years at the school will be remembered with great respect by his fellow gunners of all ranks.

On 14 July, the school bid farewell to LCol RV Thompson, CD. LCol Thompson was instrumental in the reinstitution of the Training Conference and in the institution of the Artillery Tactics and Procedures Board. We look foward to his new developments from CDLS (L). LCol DB Walton, OMM, CD, accepted command of the school from BGen GR Cheriton, OMM, CD.

There were relaxed times as well. Despite the able coaching of Capt Brian Brake, the officers of the school narrowly lost 11-3 to the senior NCOs and WOs coached by CWO (Mr Gnr) Wall in the annual hockey game. LCol Thompson presented the historic "Golden Skate" trophy to CWO Wall who will be able to display it temporarily until the officers win it back next year.

Gunner officers visiting the school can now find a more comfortable home to rest in. The "Stand Easy" lounge has been renovated and expanded. Thanks to a generous grant by RCA NPP and perhaps to a certain extent by the presentation of "the moosehead" by the students of Arty Staff Duties Course Serial 8001, the gunner officers have a place of their own where they can fire a few warming rounds before joining their fellow CTC officers at the mess. They can perhaps recount a few war stories of the impact of the new FMC and school sports programs upon their aging bodies. The school ran the first semi-annual harriers race on 5 October. Fortunately, all participants were able to meet the standard and can look forward to improving their times next year.

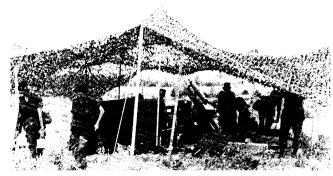
And yes, it is raining outside right now in Gagetown. But really it only seems to rain when you are here on course or on exercise. The school has had a good year.



LCol Thompson passed his command of the School to BGen Cheriton as LCol Walton prepares to take over as Commandant.

SURVEY

As in past years, survey courses take up a great amount of instructional time for the personnel in Locating Battery. This year has been no exception. Advanced Artillery Survey Course 8101 was held from February to May 1981. It qualified a total of nine students from 2 RCHA, 3 RCHA and Locating Battery. AIG Course 8001 was also put through survey training this year. Results of survey training at this level have been acknowledged as being most beneficial. Unfortunately, because of timetable cuts, the amount of training for future courses is somewhat in doubt.



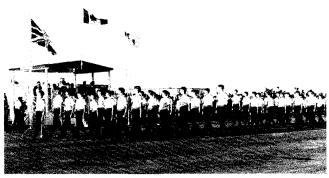
OCT Bty in action during exercise Nimble Barbara. This exercise encompasses all OCT courses augmented by militia members (M Bty).



Brig Gen Cheriton inspects OCT Battery with the Parade BC OCdt M Perry.

In addition to survey courses conducted by the instructional staff of the battery, our Range Survey Section is responsible for maintaining all survey points with CFB Gagetown, plus the issuing of survey data to any units or courses requesting such assistance. Examples of the tasks the section was given this year were to provide survey assistance for the OCT Exercise "Nimble Barbara", militia Exercise "Atlantic Barbara" and the CTC Exercise "Mobile Warrior". Due to the small area used for live firing during this last exercise, safety was one of the prime factors, which made survey that much more important. The survey section was involved with a series of Artillery School trials which included mini gun (14.5mm), laser range finder, dispersed gun positions, survey for Invertron photos and much more.

Although the battery in general has many tasks, survey remains the most predominant of them all.



OCT Ph IV graduates proudly march past NB Lt Governor H Robichaud during the graduation ceremony on 13 August 1981.

INTELLIGENCE

Artillery Intelligence is another field within the locating profession which has seen a considerable amount of activity during the past year. Both Arty Staff Duties and AIG 8001 courses received instruction in artillery intelligence. Refresher training was also held for the personnel of the battery in preparation for Exercise Patriot Warrior (RV 81). The RV 81 Div Arty Survey Troop personnel also attended this training.

On the modern battlefield, the influx of information and reports to the arty int office would be overwhelming. The staff required to collect, collate and disseminate this mass of information is too great for present manning establishments. The computer is a most distinct possibility for solving this problem. Computers these days are capable of handling massive volumes of "paper work" in minutes, if not seconds. The reaction time between initial tar-

get acquisition and retaliatory action will decrease dramatically, thus enhancing the arty int process. A computer is just what the doctor ordered to reduce the clerical nightmare currently experienced.

In light of the future purchase of counter-mortar radars, Arty Int within the regiment will have to develop in parallel with computers and radar.



1981 Artillery Officers' Hockey Team

Capt TD Gerow; Maj GD Kerr; Capt RHM Burnford; Capt FB Brake; Maj DS Moreside; Capt KC Hague.

Lt SB Strachan; Capt TD Mooney; Capt JBA Couture; Capt WG Wigle; Capt JA McLean.

RADAR

It is now well known that steps are being taken to replace the antiquated AN/MPQ 501 Counter-Mortar Radar. The following is a brief history of the AN/MPQ 501 for those who are not familiar with this equipment.

The beginning for this radar was in 1945 when England requested Canada to develop a counter-mortar radar. It was not until 1961 that a contract was signed to build ten radar sets. In 1966 three radars, mounted on M113 APCs were issued to 1 Locating Battery in Winnipeg. When 1 Locating Battery disbanded in 1967, the radars were packaged up and sent to Locating Troop 1 RCHA in Germany. They arrived in Germany in July of 1968. Just before 1 RCHA moved to southern Germany in 1970, the Locating Troop was disbanded and the radars put into war reserves. In 1972 they were removed from the operational roll within the Canadian Artillery. Since



2Lt DAN Leeaphon receives the minto trophy as the top candidate RESO Ph III from Col JRQ St-Louis.



The Brownfield sword presented by BGen WW Turner to 2Lt SLAM Beauchemin (Ph IV top candidate).

then the AN/MPQ 501 has been used only for familiarization training for IG and AIG Courses in the Artillery School.

Two radars being looked at for the replacement of the AN/MPQ 501 are the British-built Cervantes and the US built AN/TPQ 36. The Locating Battery Radar Evaluation Team, consisting of Capt KF Haeck, our newest IG Locating who has previous Cervantes training, and our BSM, MWO PCF Gallinger, attended the trials on the Cervantes which were held in Shilo in August of 1981. Canadian participation in the AN/TPQ 36 radar trials being held at Fort Hood, Texas is scheduled for December 1981. Capt Haeck and MWO Gallinger are anxiously awaiting for the trials to begin. MWO Gallinger has already attended the operator course on this radar in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Shortly after these trials are completed, it is hoped that a decision as to which radar Canada will opt for will be taken. The introduction of radar back into Canadian service will be a boost to our current capabilities. It is cer-



Ocdt KR Mech (top candidate OCT Ph III), being presented the stewart trophy by Mrs EMD Leslie.



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FREDERICTON, R.R. #1, LINCOLN, N.B., E3B 4X2 PHONE (506) 455-6895 • TELEX 014-46220 tainly being looked at by the battery as a step in the right direction, to start bringing Canadian locating capabilities in line with our fellow NATO allies.

SOUND RANGING

Sound ranging is the only passive means of locating enemy artillery. Although Canada does not have sound ranging troops as such, there is a micro-sized nucleus of expertise within the battery. We currently maintain the necessary equipment to field one long sound base of six microphones and one short base of four microphones. In addition we have equipment for five other sound bases, minus the microphones. The equipment is old and uses line, vice radio link which is used in modern systems.

The AIG course 8001 was the only course this year given familiarization training in sound ranging. There was also refresher training held for battery personnel.

The battery is anticipating much more use of this means of locating in the coming years.



1981 Artillery Senior NCOs and WO Hockey Team

WL DH Ferretti; WO WKB Rogers; Sgt HW McNaughton; WO DW Corbett; WO WW Noseworthy; WO JJR Paradis; Sgt J Drouin; MWO JK Bowski; Sgt N McKinnon

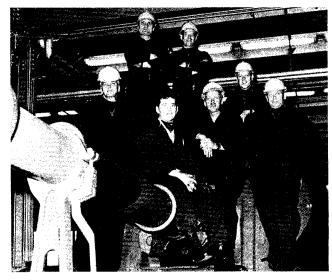
Sgt YN Belanger; WO JP Sandul; WO WH MacLean; WO ND Walker; WO M Dumont.

RENDEZVOUS 81

Rendezvous 81 had to be the greatest training vehicle for Locating Battery to come along in many years. It gave all the working artillery surveyors from all the regiments in Canada and Locating Battery a chance to work together as one group. The job of "RV 81 Div Arty Survey Troop" was to supply survey assistance to a maximum of



The director artillery Col HR Wheatley presents the Jamieson trophy to OCdt TC Justice as the top candidate Oct Ph II.



Prior to the OCT graduation ceremony, arty school held an open house for guests. On the same occasion LCol DB Walton accepted Lt CKW Whittaker's world war I medals from Lt Whittaker's son. The medals, including the MC and bar are on permanent display at the school.

seven gun batteries at any given time. Theatre grid was available by using both simple and complex survey procedures

During the period of RV 81, the BC of Locating Battery, Capt GR Lawrence, and his Instructional staff had an opportunity to observe and standardize survey drills and procedures.

The battery also had the opportunity to experience division level artillery intelligence during Exercise Patriot

Warrior. This exercise presented us with the chance to exercise the "co-operation" needed to ensure a smooth interchange of information between the artillery intelligence cell and other intelligence producing agencies. It also showed many unknowing people from other cells within the FMC Division HQ that the artillery does more than just supply supporting fire for the infantry and armour.

Without reservation, Exercise Patriot Warrior was a great success for all concerned.



BGen (ret'd) PW Oland presents the Crosman trophy to OCdt M Bourque as the top RESO Ph II candidate.

CONCLUSION

Locating Battery has had a very busy and productive year. Like any other subunit, we had our share of postings and promotions: Capt KF Haeck posted in from CDLS(L)



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UK where he spent fifteen months on a Long Locating Course at Larkhill, WO RG Abar posted in from the AlG course (8001), MBdr BJ Payne posted in from W Bty, Bdr PJ Ready posted in from Range Control CTC, Gnr KA Smith posted in from W Bty, and MBdr DF Hauck promoted to present rank in August 1980 and posted to W Bty in September 1981.

With the increase of personnel, the battery now is twelve strong. This number may not be significant to most people; however, when we look back to 1977, Locating Wing consisted of five personnel. The Locating Battery Artillery School, is now in a position to assist the guns of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery better than ever before.

GUNNERY BATTERY

The Battery Commander, Maj DS Moreside, and his instructional staff never had the chance to look back at 1980. Why? As early as September of that year, planning, programming and preparations for courses to be run in 1981 were well under way. Everyone knew how challenging and busy this new year would be. It all started like this:

On five January, 23 Anglo and 7 Franco potential artillery officers reported in for Phase II to have their first taste of what artillery is all about. Unfortunately for them the next five weeks would be spent developing their skills as infantry section commanders. However, they were eventually indoctrinated into artillery subjects and upon successful completion of that phase, words of command like "change round", "tell off", and "fire mission battery" became second nature as they learned everything they should know (and hopefully remember) about gun drill and detachment commander's duties. After ten weeks of hard labour 20 candidates signed their course reports on 13 March and were looking forward to the beginning of Phase III scheduled from 17 March to 23 May 1981.

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Master Gunner Course 8001 will remuster to CE.

The pace remained very hectic under the direction of Capts Couture and Douglas, flanked by WOs Sandul, Greene, Mullin, Leveille and Paradis. 23 students found themselves buried under piles of homework on fire discipline, technical procedures and, of course, leadership training. Out of the 23 students who started the course. 20 successfully completed this third phase on 28 May 1981. One could think that everybody would be granted a well-deserved break ... Wrong! Two Ph IV serials (one Franco with 12 students and one Anglo with 23) started on the same day and formed the senior courses for Officer Classification Training (OCT) Battery which included the following courses being run simultaneously: RESO Phase I and II conducted by Capt SC Barnes; OCT Phase II conducted by Capt RA Douglas; OCT/RESO Phase II conducted by Capt DM Grant and Capt K Haeck; OCT Phase IV (Anglo) conducted by Maj RA Chamberlain and Capt RH Burnford; and OCT Phase IV (Franco) conducted by Capt BA Couture.

OCT Battery was headed by Maj JLLHP Boucher and acting as BSM was WO VT Yano. Indeed it was a very busy summer since RV 81 was also being conducted dur-



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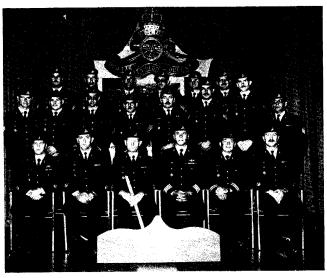
ing the same period. The training for all courses culminated with a five day live fire and movement exercise where courses augmented by M (Militia) Battery formed the framework of 11 Medium Regiment who, by 1000 hrs on 7 August 1981, had "provided such fire supremacy in the battle area" that 11 CMBG had accomplished its mission successfully.

As in the past, OCT training was both demanding and rewarding. On 13 August the final graduation ceremonies took place and awards to top candidates were presented. Following the ceremony, a reception took place in the CTC conference center which had been converted into an officers' mess for the occasion. Phase IV students would soon be on their way to their new units while others tried to forget they would have to return the next summer!

Although officer classification training is constantly in full swing at the school, it forms only a part of Gunnery Battery's activities. Numerous advanced courses contributed in having piles of training support requests being submitted to W Battery. Indeed, the Master Gunner and AIG courses which had started the previous fall still had 84 training days to complete before the students could receive their certificate of achievement. On 18 February, Capts DL Ross and DM Grant respectively started forward observation officer (FOO) and forward observation technician (FOO Tech) courses which would both terminate on 24 March. In the meantime, Maj Chamberlain (UK IG) had conducted a LOFT II course from the 23rd of March til 3 April.



ADVANCED ARTY TECH 8102
"What do you mean I forgot to send an ammunition order?"



Advanced Artillery Tech 8102.

As you can see, winter, spring and summer 1981 have been extremely busy for the instructors of Gunnery Battery and the fall period was still to come. After the school block leave period from 15 August to 8 September the battery, commanded by Maj WF Gee, was again "in action" to provide instructional expertise to numerous courses.

Without a doubt already-serving IGs were delighted to welcome IG course 8101 consisting of fourteen officers: ten Canadians, two Australians, one American, and one New Zealander. Under the direction of Maj WF Gee, Capt JB Dick, and WOs King and Walker it promises to be a very demanding and challenging course which will carry on until 4 May 1982.

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On 28 September, LCol DB Walton welcomed the 13 students who formed AIG course 8101. This course also promises to be challenging and, early in the course, everyone was already looking forward to the 1982 artillery birthday which coincides with the last day of the course. A few weeks later, 13 potential advanced artillery technicians started their course. Although the course is referred to as one serial, it was conducted in a bilingual format where the eight Franco students and five Anglo received their instruction in their primary language. It was a first for this particular course and a tangible sign that the "Francotrain" implementation program is well under way. Along the same line, Monday 26 October saw the beginning of an Artillery Detachment Commander course with 15 students to be conducted solely in the French language. Concurrently, 24 Anglo students were seeking the same qualifications; both courses ended on 17 December 1981.

November saw the beginning of four more courses: Forward Observation Officer and Forward Observation Technician Courses began to run simultaneously until the first week of December; the IG course saw the addition of 12 more officers to attend the Artillery Staff Duties course from 10 November to 11 December; and finally a LOFT II course was conducted from 30 November to 11 December 1981.

With regrets, Gunnery Battery bid farewell to the BC, Maj DS Moreside, LCol RA Chamberlain (UK IG) and Maj RE Evans (US IG) who completed their tours of duty. However, we had the chance to welcome Maj WF Gee, Maj JN Fleming and Cpt A Turner as their respective replacements.

Yes, 1981 was challenging in many aspects and already 1982 taskings calendars were issued to the instructors . . . once again, there was no chance to look back.

LOCATING BATTERY

GENERAL

Locating Battery spent another busy year of teaching and demonstrating subjects of artillery locating. In addi-



ADVANCED ARTILLERY SURVEY 8101

Front Row: WO McCabe RB (AIG); MWO Game TK (A/S-MIG); Maj DJ Phillips (CIG); Capt GR Lawrence (BC Loc Bty); MWO Gallinger PC (BSM Loc Bty); WO Armstrong BN (AIG).

Second Row: Gnr McDonald TA (2 RCHA); MBdr Mercer TL (2 RCHA); MBdr Payne BJ (CTC); MBdr Meehan DJ (3 RCHA).

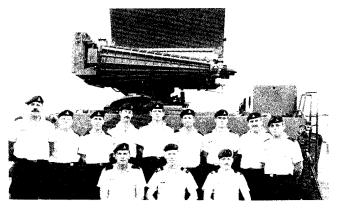
Third Row: Bdr Middelburg AJ (CTC); MBdr Blair EA (2 RCHA); MBdr Duffy JA (2 RCHA); Gnr Forrington JG (3 RCHA); Gnr Neville MD (3 RCHA).

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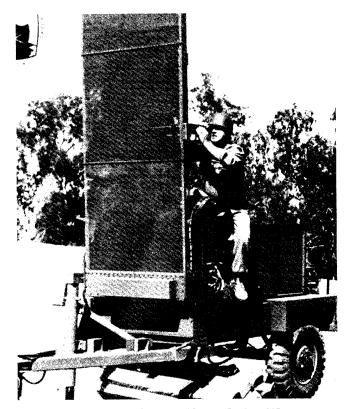
1st ROW (L to R) MWO Gallinger PCF, Capt GR Lawrence, Capt KF Haeck.

2nd ROW (L to R) WO McCabe RB, WO Armstrong BN, WO Abar RG, Gnr Smith KA, Bdr Middelburg AJ, Sgt Symonds DR, Bdr Ready PJ, Sgt Brydges LT, M/Bdr Payne BJ.

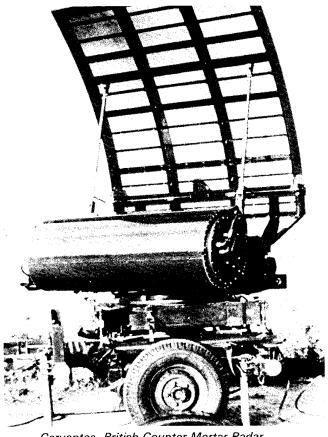
M/Bdr Hauck DF missing from photo.



Sgt L Brydges plotting enemy location during Exercise Proficient Overseer 1980.



AN/PPQ 36 Counter-Mortar Radar, US.



Cervantes, British Counter-Mortar Radar.



FMC DIV-RV 81 (DIV ARTY SVY TP) JUN 81.

1st ROW (L to R) Sgt Collins RR, WO McCabe RB, MWO Gallinger PCF, Capt KF Haeck, Capt GR Lawrence, Capt RW Hamsey, Lt M Crane, WO Armstrong BN, Sgt Klockars W.

2nd ROW (L to R) Sgt Symonds DR, Bdr McIntosh BC, M/Bdr Payne BJ, M/Bdr Beckwith WB, M/Bdr Meeham DJJ, M/Bdr Mercer TL, M/Bdr Hauck DF, Bdr/C Morin MJJ, Bdr/C Lessard JGR, M/Bdr Healy AW, Sgt Brydges LT. 3rd ROW (L to R) M/Bdr Blair EA, M/Bdr MacDonald TA, Gnr Forrington JG, Gnr Endersby DM, Bdr Middelburg AJ, M/Bdr Johnstone DB, Gnr Clarke AM, Gnr Neville MD, Bdr Lechance JP, Art Tetreault JML, M/Bdr Duffy JA.

tion, it was possible to increase the expertise of some of the individuals within the battery by sending them on such courses as a US Counter Mortar Radar Operator Course, Combat Intelligence Course, Combat Leader Course and other career courses held within CTC and the Artillery

Aside from the battery's input to various Artillery School courses and exercises, we also contributed substantially to the success of RV 81.



Bdr DF Hauck receiving situation reports during Exercise Proficient Overseer 1980, with Bdr Middleburg in the background.



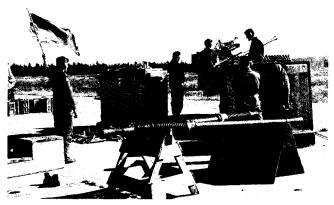
M/Bdr DF Hauck and Bdr AJ Middelburg of Locating Battery supplying survey assistance to one of the Artillery Regiments during RV 81.

AIR DEFENCE BATTERY

Unit response to the director's solicitation for the training of more junior officers and NCOs to lead air defence soldiers proved to be a major factor in battery training during 1981. The numbers undergoing advanced air defence training more than doubled from the previous year and all units were very supportive.

The Blowpipe Detachment Commander Course remains as the most constant and regular part of our training with the conduct of two six-week serials annually. Having already conducted over half a dozen serials the course has evolved into both a weapon employment and leadership course popular with students and instructors alike. Developing the skills required to employ a Blowpipe weapon to its fullest potential requires a junior NCO who fully recognizes the weapons performance characteristics as measured against each threat and able to make engagement decisions in seconds. Communications, map reading and administrative skills are also very necessary to ensure the efficient operation of his detachment. The course therefore builds upon the CLC training that most students have taken prior to course attendance. A significant trend has

been the continued development of deployment and employment principles which recognize the requirement for "massing" weapons as a section to ensure the depth and all-round protection necessary to achieve our air defence aim. Detachment commanders are still trained to operate independently when so required, but are taught to regard their normal place on the battlefield as being part of an air defence section working in concert with a number of other detachments. The lack of a complete division air defence capability tends in reality to focus thinking at the brigade



AD Battery assisting 129 AAD Battery during October, 1981. Firings at CFB Gagetown.

level. However, our instruction continues to be based upon the premise that division resources provide us with a base from which quickly and easily to expand our training should that pleasant requirement suddenly spring upon us.

The venerable 40mm Boffin continues to provide the equipment basis for air defence gun training. Two detachment commander courses each of seventeen training days were conducted to ensure an adequate number of trained junior NCOs was available for the two airfield air defence batteries in CFE. Further support was provided to 128 AAD Battery and 129 AAD Battery during mid-October firings here at CFB Gagetown. These firings coincided with the Boffin phase of the Air Defence Section Commander Course and provided the opportunity, for the junior officers in particular, to witness for the first time the weapon's capability and to understand better its limitations.

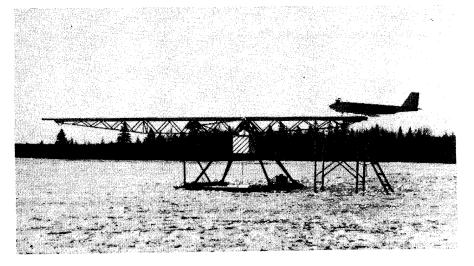
Officer and Senior NCO air defence training underwent significant change as a result of the Combat Training Centre course review. Air defence officer training was split into an initial Section Commander Course and ultimately an Advanced Air Defence Officer Course, the first of which is scheduled for 1982. The first Section Commander Course, of eight weeks' duration, was conducted jointly with 13 junior officers and twelve NCOs. Many of the officers were recent graduates of artillery phase four classification training and the NCOs were 6A candidates. The large class size combined with the fact that the course was an amalgam of the former officer course and the initial 6A qualifying course of 1980 made this a particularly demanding course to conduct. The inclusion of a 6A package of general subjects such as minelaying for the NCOs extended the course eight days. During this initial course period the officers were made familiar with the Blowpipe weapon including operator and detachment commander duties. The importance of qualifying air defence senior NCOs was clearly stated by the Director at the RCAA conference in September and despite delays in formal implementation the course served to train and qualify badlyneeded senior NCOs.

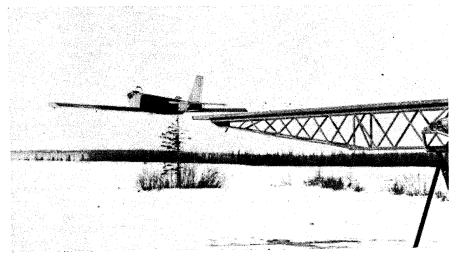
The final field exercise of the Section Commander Course was conducted during the last week in October. V Battery deployed with four blowpipe sections to Petersville camp which was used as the administrative base for the exercise. CF-5 aircraft support from Bagotville together

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with aviation support from 403 Squadron in Gagetown provided a very challenging air inferiority setting suitable for the exercise. Support to the course from V Battery was energetic and enthusiastic and served fully to satisfy the student requirements to deploy and fight as an air defence section.

Air Defence Battery, like all other FMC units, participated fully in Rendezvous 81. The battery's initial involvement was two-fold. First was the writing of an air defence exercise for the conduct of airfield air defence training at CFB Chatham. All air defence elements of FMC participated in one of the two separate three-day serials during mid-June, assisted by the whole of the air defence battery staff. CFB Chatham served as the principal airfield in support of RV 81 and our deployment there provided the opportunity to exchange ideas and deliberate over our respective differences in equipment and training. The multitude of aircraft available to assist our training included USAF A-10s, CF-5s, T-33s, CF-101 Voodoos and Cobra attack helicopters. Simulated field engagements did not lack for suitable targets which provided valuable exposure to actual aircraft recognition difficulties and prepared the batteries well for final exercise play. The opportunity for all personnel to visit the NORAD radar site at St Margarets served better to illustrate the complexity of airspace control and gave the soldiers an insight into air force air defence technician duties and their specialized work environment. Second was our reconnaissance and coordination of the development of a new Blowpipe missile range at the Lawfield impact range. The range was successfully used for a full day's firing using the TATS 102 aerial target during the first week of June, and has since been made more permanent. As such it is available for use by any unit requiring it in the conduct of their training.

Air Defence Battery personnel were all committed to the RV 81 division final exercise, Patriot Warrior, and deployed into division headquarters as the representative command and staff cell of the national air defence regiment. Working in close proximity with the CDA's staff and betwixt army aviation and the air cells, we had our first opportunity to practice and develop much of what was previously largely only theoretical. Anticipated difficulties with airspace control proved far less complex and unmanageable than predicted. However, the lack of an early warning capability demonstrated a very real weakness. Reliable communications were a practical limitation and the lack of liaison officers was felt throughout. Surprisingly, the lack of experience by our AIG/NCO instructors in air defence regimental CP duties and routines was overcome quickly. The deployment and the command and control of national low level missle and gun batteries made our duties artificially simple to perform. Nonetheless, the rather austere staff was kept busy and well-occupied by the two Blowpipe batteries actually deployed. The exercise provided all air defence instructors with the opportunity to develop further skills and concepts in a division setting. The many practical problems not encountered or envisaged in a classroom setting gave greater depth and scope to our subsequent lessons.

Our accomplishments continue unabated while many of our shortcomings still weigh us down. Instructors qualified in the air defence specialty continue to arrive from the RSA in Larkhill and fulfill the duties required of the officer positions within the battery. However, we remain in less than desireable circumstances with respect to air defence qualified AIGs. Current instructors have ample experience with both Blowpipe and Boffin weapon systems but lack in their knowledge of area systems. The creation of a basic science and technology course scheduled for 1982 is well underway. The equipment and the instruc-

tional material have been gathered and the course, once conducted, should serve to prepare NCOs properly for the UK guided weapons course.

Continued practical experience with the ground monitoring equipment for Blowpipe missile firing post-analysis received a boost with the authorization for "at factory" training for one NCO instructor.

Combined live firings by air defence sub-units at Gagetown in June and in Shilo in November proved very beneficial. This is particularly true for the efficient use of the newly-introduced aerial target system and the ground monitoring equipment. The combined air defence training by units permitted the school to provide a greater degree of assistance and support during the live firings. Further, this training has much scope for the introduction of competition to the exercises. Such areas as the results of spotters' tests, six set finals and actual engagement results, assuming a miss distance indicator (MDI) is successfully developed for the aerial target, could provide the basis for such a competition. The eventual inclusion of air defence IG and AIG assistance into collective or joint training also remains a desireable objective.

We remain convinced that continued hard work and perseverance by air defence gunners everywhere, coupled with the unbridled support of all gunners, will lead us forward to face and defeat each new challenge as it arises.

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR-IN-GUNNERY COURSE 8101

The Assistant Instructor-in-Gunnery Course 8101 started on 8 September 1981. It brought together thirteen senior NCOs from across Canada and Germany to start

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Gun Drill Phase AIG 8101. "OK, who stole the truck?"

nine months of hard work and dedication, which they hope will culminate with a successful completion of the course on 12 May 1982.

The students of Course 8101 were greeted by the instructors on 8 September and after a few hours of paperwork and briefings the course was finally under way. The staff of the course is trying to change the image of the course by taking some of the pressure out of it and giving the students more time to themselves. Instead of trying to complete four or five subjects at one time we are only doing one or two which gives us more time to concentrate on the subjects being taught.

The course is in the early stages, having completed only a few of the PO checks required to pass the course. So far we have finished the Comms Phase, SIT Phase, Gun Drill 105C1 Phase and are just a few weeks into CP procedures - still a long way to go.

The candidates are always kept busy writing field exercises and command post exercises and preparing for mutuals. Also included in our busy hours is time for studying all the material that an AIG is required to know and have at his fingertips.

Many of the students on the course find themselves relegated to their basement for the many hours it takes to study and prepare our many periods of instruction. We are all looking forward to the Christmas break so we can get reacquainted with our families and the remainder of our PMQs which we seldom see.

The students are finding the training experience rewarding and hope it will result in our receiving a white hat and the title AIG.





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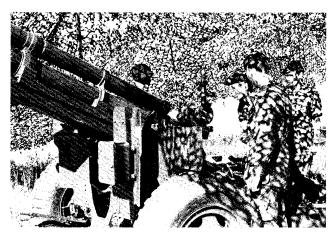
Since the closing of the RCA Depot in the mid sixties, the Royal Regiment has trained its gunners at Canadian Forces Recruit School in Cornwallis with TQ3 training in Canadian-based regiments or the School of Artillery. On 19 September 1981, the regiment formally got "back in the business" of training recruits in Shilo with the official opening of RCA Battle School. MGen D R Baker CMM, CD, Senior Serving Gunner and Deputy Commander of Mobile Command, presided over the ceremony. Maj. Gen H A Sparling (Ret'd) raised the artillery flag over the Battle School for the first time. The parade was attended by many distinguished gunners who were in Shilo for the RCA Conference.



Maj Gen Baker signs the scroll officially opening the RCA Battle School.

RCA Battle School is a Mobile Command unit under command of the Base Commander, CFB Shilo and responsible for all English-language artillery TQ3 training. It is organized into a headquarters troop and two training troops. A third troop is with 5e RALC in CFB Valcartier and will eventually move to Shilo. At that time all TQ3 training will be conducted at the Battle School. Eventually the unit will be commanded by a major with a staff of 41 and a student population of approximately 90.

RCA Battle School is quartered in the E lines in Shilo with a headquarters building and two lecture/quarters



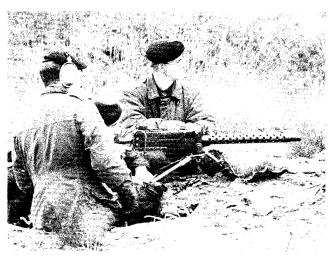
Course 8111 in action during their 105 mm C1 live firing exercise.



Lt C J Ross leads Course 8111 on the march-past during their graduation. Course 8111 commenced training with 3 RCHA and came under command RCA Battle School on 15 September 1981.



RCA Battle School marches past during the official opening parade on 19 September 1981.



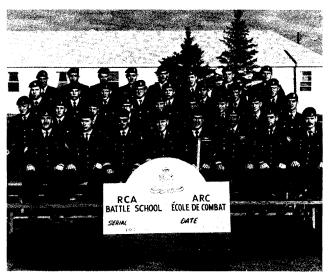
Sgt E B Mills, one of B Troop's Instructors, supervises members of Course 8112 during GPMG firing. (The students are wearing ear plugs).

building. A fourth "H" hut is utilized as holding quarters for transient and recoursed soldiers awaiting training. This fourth building will become a lecture/quarters building for French-language TQ3 training.



Maj Gen H A Sparling raises the Artillery Flag over RCA Battle School for the first time. Maj Gen D R Baker, D Comd Mobile Command, and Capt J E MacBride, Commanding Officer RCA Battle School, look on.

The Gun Park is located at the Gunner Arena. The MT is presently utilizing facilities in the Base Transportation Compound. Our parade square, the "G" parade



TO3 Course 8113 on their first day of training. Note the happy faces of instructors and students.

square, was at one time used by the RCA Depot and it once again echoes to the sound of gunners practicing drill.

The Battle School is experiencing the normal growing pains of any new unit. Our strength is less than 60% of establisment and our equipment is provided, for the most part, from the Third Regiment. The unit is currently commanded by a captain, with a staff of 21. Second and Third Regiments have each attached an officer and Base Shilo has provided our chief clerk and supply technician. Over the next year, the remainder of the staff and the bulk of equipment will arrive and the unit should be in good shape.

The first course conducted by the Battle School began as a 3 RCHA course and came under command on 15 September 1981. The second course commenced on 21 September 1981. The Battle School will be starting a course at any given time. In 1981, we will have graduated six courses with a further 10 scheduled in 1982. Courses average 25 to 30 students.



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INITIAL IMPRESSIONS OF AN EXCHANGE POSTING CAPTAIN W RENNETT RCHA F BTY, 7 RHA

In recent years the RCHA has sent an officer to 7 RHA as the Canadian half of an exchange programme.

The principle objective of the programme is to maintain, augment and extend the level of operational and technical knowledge essential to the CF. A secondary objective is the creation of an atmosphere of goodwill and cooperation between the Canadian and foreign forces.

The current exhange with 7RHA is a Captain's position and lasts approximately twenty-four months. The exchange officer will occupy the position of Troop Commander and Battery Captain during his tour. To the extent possible, he is given the same authority and responsibilities that are given to a member of the host service in the same position.

7RHA is located in Roberts Barracks at Osnabruck, West Germany. It is presently part of 5th Field Force, an independent formation responsible for rear area security in wartime.

7 RHA is composed of four sub-units: a HQ Bty and three gun batteries. The total strength is approximately five hundred men.

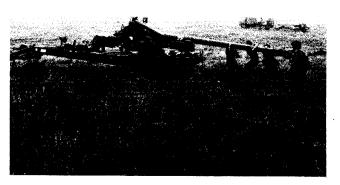


The author is currently serving with F (SPHINX) Bty. F Bty, like I and G Bty, is equipped with six FH 70s. Each gun has two Foden tractors and is normally manned by a ten-man detachment. The OPs are equipped with an APC, the 432, and a Ferret scout car. Standard equipment in the OP includes a laser, a NOD and the ZB298 radar. Two 432s compose the CP and alternate. The CPs are equipped with FACE; FAME (similar to plotter) is still used as the back-up means for producing gun data, F Bty's total

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Life in 7 RHA is very busy. The regiment is renowned in BAOR for its athletic prowess and is much respected for its ability in performing all Gunner tasks efficiently. F Bty won the Silver Gun as best battery in the Div Arty during the CRA's practice camp in June 1981. In order to win this it defeated the other batteries during a thirty-six hour test exercise.



This year's training forecast is full. It is highlighted by a regimental practice camp in February and the CRA's practice camp during the latter part of May. I Bty is off to Italy on exchange training while F Bty hosts the Italians in November 1981. G Bty will finish a Northern Ireland tour in November 1981 and can look forward to exchange training in Portugal the following spring. One battery is also scheduled to do exchange training with Denmark in June or July 1982. It is not all work, however, and the highlight of the winter season is the Divisional Ski Championships held in Bavaria. F will perform the tasks of administration battery in the 1982 competitions.

In addition to regular duties, all junior officers are burdened with accounts. There is no other way to describe it, as anyone who has held an account in a British unit will tell you they are pains! Twice a year audit boards are formed and junior officers scramble to make their accounts ready. This author protested that he wasn't an accountant or even very good with figures but these feeble pleas fell on deaf ears. No more need be said except that he is still tracking down receipts for DM 800 worth of goods.

Although some things are different, the vast majority of operating procedures are similar if not identical. This has made the transition from the RCHA to the RHA easier.

7 RHA maintains a high standard of prefessionalism at whatever endeavours it undertakes. To date this exchange tour has been informative and satisfying.



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by D S Thomson

Editor's Note: Mr. Thomson joined the artillery in February 1941. After three months' training at Shilo, he went overseas, serving throughout the war with the Second Division until his discharge in December 1945. He was with 4Fd Regt, and landed at Juno Beach as a regimental survey sergeant. He made the following address to the Rotary Club in Brandon on 10 November, 1981.

When I was asked if I would come and speak about my thoughts on Remembrance Day, my first response was, "Oh no, those days are ancient history". But that's not true because each year since those war days, and several times during each year and especially at this time of year, the memories come flooding back — some I wish I could hide, some I wish I could change, and some that I cherish and hold onto 'til I die. Remembrance Day is a special day to me and I do not know if I can explain to you some of those deep inner feelings that, each year, come racing back perhaps to haunt me, to sadden me, to encourage me but always to make me remember: remember that the torch still has to be carried, still has to be carried high and ensure that death was not in vain.

My recollections or memories are not in any order but they do return with each passing year and as I grow older they seem to be more intense. The first memory is of family - there were six of us in the service - five brothes and a sister who served with the Navy in London. There seemed always to be news of fresh disasters to some of the family - one on a troop ship sunk on the way to the Italian campaign, news then that he was safe but had been badly injured in fighting in Italy; news of another that was injured on a landing beach exercise and then the news that another was critically injured. We were all in different outfits and, if memory serves me, I just saw two of them in five years I was overseas. But on the last day of battle, four of us happened to end up at Oldenberg but saw each other just long enough to wave and say "See you at home." I won't go into details but the next morning I knew one was injured and I knew which one - so I headed out and finally found him and was quickly told to stay with him for he would be dead within the hour. Those next few hours and days were desperate times for, by the time I got to him, the war was ended. But you see him around now and that hour has stretched for many years.

The next remembrance that quickly takes the family's place is one of Dieppe. I didn't get into the first battle, but because of our division's heavy losses we were given the task of taking Dieppe the second time. I know I just can't express my feelings as I stood on the upper area of the landing beach and looked down. A prayer from deep inside went out, still does each Remembrance Day.

September 16, 1944 found us in Antwerp, Belgium, and the memory that returns each Remembrance Day is not one of battles or blood, but one of the things that happened or had to happen if we were ever to keep our sanity. Some 16-or 17-year-old Belgians had come into our lines and I was told to find out who they were and what it was all about. These young men were Sea Scouts and since I had spent years in Scouts and Rovers, soon we were all at ease. I arranged to borrow two compo packs from the army and threw a party for the Sea Scouts; it was a big success. How one can throw a party and serve compo army food and be told that it was wonderful might sound odd, but remember they had been at war for a long time. One of the boys asked me if he could buy some headache pills. His father suffered from migraine headaches and hadn't been able to get any pills for years. I went to the doctor and told him the story and he gave me about fifty pills. When I went back and asked the young fellow if these were enough, he just started to cry, took the pills and ran. Tomorrow some of my memories will be of Sea Scouts and Belgium.

The next memory swings to Deer Lodge. During a month's stay there I met a young fellow who had had a shell wound in the brain area that had destroyed all memory. Tomorrow I'll remember the times we spent together trying to rebuild his memory bank—looking out the window and pointing to a tree and forcing him to repeat time after time "tree, tree".

To you from failing hands we throw the torch, be yours to hold it high. . .

I shall forever remember, with a feeling that I cannot describe, the men that I served with for five years. A bond develops that can never be severed: when you're down, there was someone who would pull you back and make you feel that you would be going home tomorrow. When parcels arrived from home we all shared and when bad news arrived we all shared that too.

I will remember also the good folk of England, Scotland and Wales where we lived and trained and generally ruined the lovely countryside, and I will remember when we loaded our ship for Juno Beach on the coast of France. We loaded a ship called "Empire Brutus" at Victoria Docks and the only thing I remember about the ship was that she had a port and a starboard and very little else. I remember so well the unloading onto landing barges off the coast, heading for the beach and then the big door drops and we are in battle. The opening battles at Carpiquet and Caen and the first casualties and deaths will be always very vivid in the mind. To those we left on the beach area—we have not forgotten.

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses row on row. . .

My next memory takes me to Fleury-Sur-Orne on a wet, foggy morning when we were supporting, among others, the South Saskatchewan Regiment. They, the men of the South Saskatchewan Regiment, will always have a warm spot, for that morning I saw the bravery and daring of our Canadian youth. Pamphlets had been dropped informing us that the only Canadians to cross the Orne would be dead ones, and General Montgomery had informed us that all Canadian soldiers, except the dead, would cross the Orne. It is always tough to be between a rock and a hard place and it becomes tougher when you are twenty, wet and cold, and you know you have to get out of that pocket, so to those we left at the Orne—we have not forgotten.

The next takes me to a rather embarrassing memory, but before I tell all, let me set the stage. It had been a day of heavy shelling, one of my crew had received a bad head wound and we had encountered serious sniper fire. I had taken off my helmet to finish reading. I heard a shell whining in-you know the sound-you are sure it is headed for your back pocket. I turned to pick up my helmet when WHAM I was hit on the right side of my head! It staggered me and I put my hand up and it came away from my head covered with blood. I know my first words were, "Oh God, not a head wound". I put my hand up again to see how big the hole was and could feel nothing. Then I noticed at my feet a curly pig's tail with about three inches of flesh around it. The shell made a direct hit on a pig and I was clobbered by a pig's tail. Tomorrow with all the sad moments and remembrances I will again put my hand up and smile and say "thank you". You can all imagine what embarrassment I felt when the family got together and the nieces and nephews would ask Uncle Don to tell the story

about being wounded by a pig's tail. I think my dear brothers had something to do with getting the kids to ask questions.

Deep warm memories surge through my mind for the next remembrance. The people of Holland will always have a special place in my heart. They are a loving, sharing, caring people and tomorrow as I make my pilgrimage for Remembrance Day, I will remember. I will remember the cold November-December 1944 at Nijmegen when we were living in ice-cold box cars. I will remember a 10-yearold girl arriving at the box car with hot soup and asking in a mixture of English and Dutch if we would accept Mama's invitation to share their house. Imagine a home with warmth, a bed, a table; Oh, I will forever remember Nijmegen. And I cannot leave Nijmegen without a mention of the bridge-we fought long and hard to save that piece of steel. If you saw the show "A Bridge Too Far" you will get an idea of what Holland was like in those days.

Then I will take the trip through S'Hertogenbosch and Eindhoven and Arnhem and then stop at Oosterbeek where row on row of white crosses mark the last resting places of some of our forces, the graves of young Canadians which are tended with loving care by these same wonderful Dutch people. My final remembrance will be of home. I know I could never describe the longing to be home, back in Brandon. After nearly five years I could picture every detail of downtown, the old Olympic, Rosser Avenue, my church, the friendly warm people of home. It's 41 years ago next February since I left but I can remember every moment of the time that I returned home.

Tomorrow is a day of Remembering:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

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PRESENTATION OF GUN TO WORK POINT BARRACKS

Tuesday, 3 March, 1981

Colonel RA Jacobson, CD, President of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association, presented a gun to LCol WB Vernon, CD, Commanding Officer 3 PPCLI on Tuesday, 3 March, 1981. The 3 inch, 20 cwt. Mk IIIA QF anti-aircraft gun is a memorial to the many gunners who served in Work Point Barracks, and was presented to LCol Vernon in safekeeping. It was mounted near battalion headquarters, looking out to sea, and looks very handsome in what were former gunner surroundings.



Col Jacobson presents gun to LCol Vernon while Col Beer looks on.

Col Jacobson made the following remarks during the presentation:

LCol Vernon; members of 3 PPCLI and other members of the Canadian Forces at Work Point Barracks; gunners!

Today marks a very significant occasion for the Royal Canadian Artillery Association, as we gunners present this 3", 20 cwt., Mk IIIA, QF anti-aircraft gun to Work Point Barracks. It is a permanent memorial, marking the service of the gunners of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery at Work Point Barracks.

Not only is the gun unique, but so too has been the artillery role and presence at Work Point Barracks.

C Battery, Regiment of Canadian Artillery arrived in Victoria in 1887, and moved into Work Point Barracks when it was completed in 1890.

Artillery units remained on strength at Work Point Barracks until 1957. Work Point Barracks has played a major role in Canadian Artillery history.

There have been a number of artillery units as well as some schools and establishments here. Apart from those units who served at Work Point Barracks during World War I and World War II, I would like now to recognize some of those units:

C Battery, Regiment of Canadian Artillery Royal Marine Artillery	1890-1893 1893-1899
19 Company (Western Division), Royal Gar	-
rison Artillery	1899-1901
21 Company (Western Division), RGA	1901-1902
83 Company, RGA	1902-1903
58 Company, RGA	1903-1906
5 Company, Royal Canadian Garrison Artillers	y1906-1924
5 Heavy Battery, RGA	1924-1939
119 Heavy Anti Aircraft Battery, RGA	1946-1955
It was joined by 129 Bty HAA RCA, which	ı
was retitled to:	
4 Light Anti Aircraft Battery, RCA	1955-1957
1st Coast Artillery Maintenance Unit, RCA	1954

Schools of Artillery

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(Coastal and Anti-Aircraft) 1946-1953

THE GUN

The gun is a 3" 20 cwt. Mk IIIA, and bears the markings:

RGF 1916 No. 1013 RGF 1918 1/1591

Virtually every type of field gun was tried for the AA role. The 3" 20 cwt. was the best amalgam of design at the time. It was the first "purpose built" British AA gun and was introduced in 1914.

The first guns were 18 pdrs, relined to 3'', firing a 13 pdr shell with an 18 pdr casing.

There was a number of variations. The Mark III "was a considerable change, the breech mechanism being a two-motion screw system (the breech is opened and closed in two motions) introduced for speed of production".

It had a maximum range of 23,500' and fired shrapnel, HE and incendiary ammunition. The weapon remained in use during World War II.

The RCAA is concerned with the defence of Canada and particularly the role and well-being of the artillery. As history shows, the garrison, coastal and anti-aircraft artillery roles were vital to Canada's defence in the past. These skills, especially air defence, were virtually lost in the 1960s. This gun, as a memorial at Work Point Barracks, makes us appreciate the past, be aware of the present, and stirs anticipation of the future. Canada is back in the air defence role.



Attending presentation, L to R: Capt Fiorin, LCol Dobson, Col Hood, LCol Reynolds, Col Sherwin, Col Jacobson, Maj MacIsaac, Capt Rice, Col Beer, Maj Smith, LCol de Hart, Mr Lovett, Mr Clapp.

I would like to thank and express appreciation to those who had the idea, and to those who made it possible and made it happen!

The plaque reads:

This gun was placed here by the Royal Canadian Artillery Association to commemorate the construction of Work Point Barracks as an Artillery Garrison in 1890 and the units of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery that have been part of the Garrison since that time.

The Gunner's motto in English is:
"EVERYWHERE, WHITHER RIGHT AND GLORY LEAD"



Small group beside gun, L to R: Capt Fiorin, Mr Lovett, Col Jacobson, LCol Vernon, Mr. Clapp, Col Beer, LCol de Hart, Capt Price.

This sense of feeling will ever prevail at Work Point Barracks.

The association of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry with Work Point Barracks goes back to 1920. The gunners and the Patricias have even a longer, closer and more meaningful association.

The gun and memorial plaque are in good hands. LCol Vernon, it is an honour and privilege for me, for all members of the RCAA, and for all gunners, to mark this occasion and to make this presentation to you.

On behalf of the Canadian Forces, please accept and care for the gun and plaque. Thank you.

LCol Vernon accepted the gun with thanks, saying that is would be well cared for by present and future units stationed in Work Point Barracks. He then invited those present to join his officers at a formal luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

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William Wigglesworth Turner, CD.

Brigadier-General William Wigglesworth Turner was born September 17, 1921 at Winnipeg, Man. He was educated at St. Michael's Esquimalt high school and is a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada.

BGen Turner enlisted in the non-permanent active militia in 1939. He enrolled in the Canadian Army (Active) as a cadet at RMC and was commissioned as a lieutenant in June 1942. During the Second World War he served in Canada, Great Britain and Northwest Europe reaching the rank of captain in December, 1944.

On his return to Canada in October, 1945 he was posted to 1 Field Regiment, RCA, and served a short period at 4 Wing, 1 Repatriation Depot before proceeding to Great Britain to attend the Long Gunnery Staff Course in September, 1946. On his return to Canada he was posted to the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Shilo, Man., where he served until March, 1951 when he was posted to 2 Regiment, RCHA.

He proceeded again to Great Britain in July, 1951 as an exchange officer at the Royal School of Artillery. He returned to Canada in October, 1953 and was posted to Headquarters Eastern Ontario Area where he served until January, 1954 when he was selected to attend the Canadian Army Staff College.

Upon graduation in November, 1954 he was promoted to the rank of major and appointed GSO 20, Head-quarters Western Command. In November, 1956 he was appointed Officer Commanding, 4 Light Anti-Aircraft Battery. He was posted to the Middle East as a UN Truce Supervisory Officer in Palestine in November, 1957 and served there until July, 1959 when he returned to Canada and was appointed Brigade Major, Headquarters, 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group.

BGen Turner was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in July, 1961, and appointed Commanding Officer, 3rd Regiment, RCHA and held the appointment of acting commander, 1 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group from April 1965 to August of the same year when he was appointed to the Directorate of Personnel Support Plans at Canadian Forces Headquarters in Otawa.

In September, 1966 he was promoted to the rank of colonel and appointed Commander, Canadian Contingent United Nations Forces and Deputy Chief of Staff United Nations Forces Cyprus. He returned to Canada in July, 1967 and was appointed Director of Operations, NDHQ. He was selected to attend the Imperial Defence College in January, 1969. On his return to Canada he was appointed to the directing staff at the National Defence College, Kingston, Ont.

BGen Turner was promoted to that rank in July, 1973 and appointed Commandant of Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., July 15, 1973.

He retired from active service in 1977. BGen Turner is currently Director of Administration and Operations with the Urban Transportation Development Corporation in Kingston, Ont. He resides in Kingston with his wife, Hope. He was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in September 1978.

LE BRIGADIER-GÉNÉRAL WILLIAM WIGGLESWORTH TURNER, CD

Le brigadier-général Turner est né à Winnipeg le 17 septembre 1921. Il a fréquenté l'École secondaire St. Michael's, à Esquimalt, et est diplôme du Royal Military College of Canada.

En 1939, le brigadier-général Turner s'enrôle dans la Milice active non permanente, puis dans l'Armée canadienne (active) comme élève-officer au Royal Military College, où il obtient son brevet de lieutenant en juin 1942. Pendant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, il sert au Canada, en Grande-Bretagne et dans le Nord-Ouest de l'Europe. Il est promu capitaine en décembre 1944.

À son retour au Canada en octobre 1945, il est affecté au 1^{er} Régiment de campagne de l'Artillerie royale canadienne et sert quelque temps dans la 4^e Escadre, au 1^{er} Dépôt de rapatriement. Il se rend ensuite en Angleterre pour suive le cours d'état-major d'artillerie, en septembre 1946. De retour au Canada, il est nommé à l'École royale canadienne d'artillerie à Shilo. En mars 1951, il est affecté au 2^e Régiment du RCHA.

Il retoure en Angleterre en juillet 1951 et, à la suite d'un échange d'officiers, sert à la Royal School of Artillery. Il revient au Canada en octobre 1953 et est nommé au Quartier général du Secteur de l'Est de l'Ontario, où il demeure jusqu'en janvier 1954, date à laquelle il est désigné pour suivre le cours de Collège d'état-major de l'Armée canadienne.

À la fin du cours, en novembre 1954, il est promu au grade de major et nommé Officier d'état-major de 2e classe au Quartier général de la Région militaire de l'Ouest. En novembre 1956, il assume le commandement de la 4e Batterie de D.C.A. légère. En novembre 1957, il est affecté à l'Organisme des Nations Unies chargé de la surveillance de la trêve en Palestine. En juillet 1959, il rentre au Canada et est affecté au Quartier général du 4e Groupe-brigade d'infanterie canadienne, comme major de brigade.

En juillet 1961, le brigadier-général Turner est promu au grade de lieutenant-colonel et devient Commandant du 3º Régiment du RCHA. Il occupe le poste de commandant intérimaire du 1º Groupe-brigade d'infanterie canadienne d'avril 1965 jusqu'en août de la même année, date à laquelle il est nommé Directeur des plans de soutien du personnel, au Quartier général des Forces canadiennes, à Ottawa.

En septembre 1966, il est promu au grade de colonel et nommé commandant du Contingent canadien et Chef adjoint d'état-major de la Force de l'ONU à Chypre. Il revient au Canada en juillet 1967 et est nommé Directeur des opérations au QGDN. Il est désigné pour suive le cours du Imperial Defence College en janvier 1969. À son retour au Canada, il est affecté à la direction du Collège de la Défense nationale, à Kingston.

En juillet 1973, le brigadier-général Turner est promu à son grade actuel et assume le commandement du Royal Military College à Kingston.

Il a pris son retraite en 1977. Il s'occupe actuellement le poste "Director of Administration and Operations" avec le "Urban Transportation Development Corporation" à Kingston. Il demeure à Kingston avec sa femme, Hope. Il est nommé Colonel Commandant en septembre 1978.

THE DEPUTY COMMANDER MOBILE COMMAND



Douglas R. Baker.

Major-General Douglas R Baker was born on 22 January, 1931 in Toronto. He first enrolled in the Canadian Army Reserves (45 Anti-Tank Regiment) as an officer cadet in 1948. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant with 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in October 1950, and served with that Regiment in Korea.

He completed his pilot training in Rivers and upon graduation served with the Air Observation Post Flight Shilo as Detachment Commander. He was promoted Captain and returned to regimental duty with 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Winnipeg in 1956.

After attending the year-long Artillery Staff Course in 1957, he was employed as an Instructor-in-Gunnery at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Shilo. He attended the Canadian Army Staff College from 1961 to 1963 and was promoted Major in August 1963 and appointed Deputy Assistant Quarter-master-General (Operations) 2nd British Division in Germany.

He returned to Canada in 1965 as a Battery Commander in 4th Regiment RCHA stationed in Petawawa. Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel in 1967, he once more returned to Germany, this time to command the 1st Regiment RCHA. On completion of this tour in 1969 he was appointed Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Artillery in Shilo, which was amalgamated with the Combat Arms School in Gagetown in 1970. There he became Director of the Arms Division of the Combat Arms School, in November 1971, then became Deputy Commandant of the School.

He was promoted Colonel in 1972 to command Canadian Forces Base Shilo and in 1975 he attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, England.

Promoted Brigadier-General in 1976 he became Director General Recruiting, Education and Training in National Defence Headquarters Ottawa until July 1979 when he was appointed Commander of the Combat Training Centre in Gagetown.

In July 1980, on promotion to Major-General, he moved to St Hubert, Quebec where he became the Deputy Commander of Mobile Command.

Major-General Baker has the following decorations: Commander of the Order of Military Merit, Ko-

rea Medal, UN Service Medal (Korea), Jubilee Medal, and Canadian Forces Decoration. He is married to Beverley Lewis and has a daughter, Dianne and two sons, Fred and Geoffrey.

LE MAJOR GÉNÉRAL DOUGLAS R. BAKER, CCM, CD

Le Major-général Baker naquit à Toronto le 22 janvier 1931. Il s'est enrôle dans la réserve de l'Armée canadienne (45 Anti-Tank Regiment) comme élève-officier, en juillet 1948. Il fut muté à la Force régulière en octobre 1950 et servit en Corée dans le 2^e Régiment de la Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA).

En juillet 1952, le Major-général Baker entreprit son entraînement de pilote à Rivers. Par la suite, il fut affecté à l'école d'artillerie, au Camp Shilo. Puis, en février 1956, il servit de nouveau dans le 2^e Régiment de la RCHA, cette fois à Winnipeg, comme commandant de la troupe d'observation aérienne, au grade de Capitaine.

A la fin de ce stage, il participa au cours d'état-major de l'artillerie, d'une durée d'un an, puis devint instructeur à l'Ecole d'artillerie, encore à Shilo. En septembre 1961, il fut nommé comme étudiant au Collège d'état-major de l'Armée canadienne, à Kingston. Promu Major en juin 1963, il fut affecté au 4e Groupe-brigade d'infanterie du Canada, à Soest (Allemagne de l'Ouest). En décembre 1963, dans le cadre d'un programme d'échange, il fit un stage dans la "British Army on the Rhine", en Allemagne de l'Ouest, comme officier d'état-major 2 (Opérations) pour la 2^e Division. Il revint au Canada en octobre 1965, en tant que Commandant de batterie dans le 4^e Régiment de la RCHA, à Petawawa. En août 1967, il fut promu Lieutenant-colonel et retourna en Allemagne de l'Ouest, cette fois à Hemer, à titre de Commandant du 1e Régiment de la RCHA.

Deux ans plus tard, le Major-général Baker retourna à Shilo au poste de commandant de l'Ecole d'artillerie. En septembre 1970, il fut nommé commandant de la division des armes, de l'Ecole des armes de combat, à la base de Gagetown puis, en novembre 1971, il devint commandant adjoint de l'école. Il fut promu Colonel en juillet 1972 et muté à Shilo, en qualité de Commandant de la base.

En décembre 1975, il s'inscrivit au Royal College of Defence Studies, à Londres (Angleterre). Promu Brigadiergénéral en mai 1976, il fut ensuite affecté au Quartier général de la Défence, à Ottawa, comme directeur général du Recrutement, de l'Education et de l'Instruction. Le 13 août 1979, il fut nommé Commandant du Centre d'entraînement au combat, à Gagetown.

Le Major-général Baker fut promu à son grade actuel le 14 juillet 1980, et devint Commandant adjoint de la Force Mobile dont le Quartier général est à St-Hubert (Québec).

Le Major-général Baker possède les décorations et médailles suivantes: Commandeur de l'Ordre du Mérite Militaire, Médaille de Corée, Médaille du Service des Nations Unies (Corée), Médaille du Jubilé, Décoration Canadienne. Il est marié à Beverle Lewis et ils ont une fille Dianne ains que deux fils, Fred et Geoffrey.

THE DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY



Howard R. Wheatley.

Colonel Howard Ross Wheatley was born in Petrolia, Ontario on 17 March 1935. He attended various schools in South-Western Ontario and served with the Reserve Force in the Canadian Fusilieres (City of London Regiment) until 1954 when he enrolled in the Regular Force. He attended Royal Roads Military College and graduated from the Royal Military College in Kingston in 1958. He attended Queens University in Kingston in 1959 and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and politics. Col Wheatley served briefly with the 4th Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in North Western Europe in 1957 and was posted to that unit in Petawawa on completion of his university training. He served a six month United Nations tour with 57 Canadian Signal Unit in the Congo in 1961-62, where he commanded signals detachments in Albertville and Luluabourg. He then returned to 4 RCHA in Petawawa.

From 1962 to 1965 he served as a staff captain at Army Headquarters in Ottawa. In 1965-66 he attended the Canadian Army Staff College in Kingston and was then appointed Battery Commander of A Battery 1 RCHA in Gagetown and North Western Europe from 1966 to 1968. He returned to Gagetown as DAA and QMG at HQ 3 CIBG in 1968.

On promotion to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in 1970 he was appointed to the directing staff at the Canadian Army Staff College in Kingston. He commanded 2 RCHA in Petawawa from 1972 to 1974 and then joined the staff at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa as a senior staff officer in the Directorate of Land Operations. He returned to Germany in 1977 as the Base Administration Officer in CFB Europe.

Col Wheatley was promoted to his present rank in 1979 and appointed a senior evaluation analyst in the policy group at NDHQ Ottawa.



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Col Wheatley is married to the former Mary Rapawy and they have twin sons, Mike and Robb, born in 1963.

Col Wheatley est né à Petrolia Ontario le 17 mars 1935. Il a été à différentes écoles dans le sud-ouest de l'Ontario et a fait partie de la Milice avec les Canadian Fusilières (City of London Regiment) jusqu'à 1954 où il s'est enrôlé dans les forces régulières. Il s'est dirigé vers le Collège Militaire Royal de Kingston et a obtenu son diplôme en 1958. En 1959, il a reçu sa licence en lettre avec un diplôme en histoire et en politique. En 1957, le Colonel Wheatley a servi un court terme avec le 4 ième Régiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery dans le nord-ouest européen et a été muté à Petawawa, avec son unité, à la fin de ses études universitaires. En 1961-62, il a servi six mois avec les forces des Nations Unies au Congo dans la 5ième Unité de communications comme commandant des détachements d'Albertville et de Luluabourg. Il est ensuite retourné à Petawawa avec le 4 RCHA.

De 1962 à 1965 il a occupé le poste de Capitaine d'état-major au Quartier-général de l'armée à Ottawa. En 1965 à 1966 il a suivi le cours d'état-major de l'Armée canadienne à Kinston pour ensuite devenir Commandant de la batterie A du 1 RCHA à Gagetown et dans le nordouest européen de 1966 à 1968. Il est retourné à Gagetown dans les fonctions de Capitaine-adjutant adjoint (DAA), et de quartier maître général (QMG) au Quartiergénéral de la 3^{ième} Groupe brigade d'Infanterie canadienne en 1968.

Il a été nommé au poste de directeur d'état-major au Collège d'état-major et de commandant des forces terrestres canadiennes à Kingston avec le grade de lieutenant-colonel. Il devient le Commandant du 2 RCHA à Petawawa de 1972 à 1974 et obtient un poste d'état-major au Quartier-général de la Défence nationale à Ottawa comme Chef d'état-major dans le Directorat des Opérations terrestres. Il retourne en Allemagne en 1977 comme Chef de l'administration de la base à la BFC Europe.

Le Colonel Wheatley a été promu à son grade actuel en 1979 et nommé analyste sénior en évaluations dans le groupe des politiques au QGDN à Ottawa.

Depuis le 30 juin 1981 il remplit les fonctions de Directeur des Besoins en ressources terrestres/Directeur de l'Artillerie.

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CWO ARTILLERY'S CORNER

THE SALUTE

It is written, "A code of conduct is a set of principles or rules by which individuals guide themselves in the conduct of their personal and professional lives. An honour able code of conduct is particularly demanded of men of arms. *Tradition and customs* strengthen this code". With the above in mind I would like to reiterate on one custom, that of *saluting*.

An old French writer once wrote "The salute and other military compliments have their own raison d'etre. They encourage a proper pride in the uniform, they effectively combine discipline with respect due to superiors, while at the same time elevating the soldier in his own eyes, by reminding him of all that is implied by the profession of arms and its traditions of chivalry and courtesy".

There are many theories as to the origins of the salute. One is that in medieval times the victors at tournaments shaded their eyes with their hand on approaching the Queen of Beauty to accept their prizes, otherwise they would have been blinded by her dazzling loveliness. For another, we have to go back to the stone ages: when cavemen met they held up an empty hand clearly showing that they were unarmed and indicating their friendly intentions. Yet another is that raising the open hand was a demonstration of mutual trust and respect exercised by nobility in the days of chivalry. It seems that knights of old on meeting one another placed themselves in an attitude of defencelessness by raising their hand to their head and lifting their visors. This also enabled them to look each other straight in the face for ease of identification. In raising the visor the hand was kept open with the palm to the front to show that no weapon was held. The yeomen, who were freemen, had the privilege of looking their lords in the face, rather than bowing before them. As the yeomen wore no helmet, it was not necessary for him to raise his hands to his head, so he merely looked his lord in the eye. From this has evolved the practice of eyes right or left with no hand salute when the head is uncovered.

Regardless of its origin, it behooves us all to salute with pride and sincerity, whether we are initiating or returning a salute.

It is written "The salute is not, never has been and never will be a mark of subservience, but rather a matter of common courtesy". "Courtesy among military men is indispensible to discipline, a fact borne out by history and experience".

LA CHRONIQUE DE L'ADJUC DE L'ARTILLERIE

LE SALUT

On a déjà dit du code de conduite qu'il constitue un ensemble de principes ou de règles qui permettent aux gens de guider leur vie personnelle et professionnelle. Une conduite honorable est tout particulièrement exigée des militaires de carrière. La tradition et les coutumes renforcement ce code. J'aimerais donc rappeler une coutume, celle du salut.

Un écrivain français a déjà écrit: "Le salut et les autres courtoisies militaires ont leur propre raison d'être. Ces coutumes favorisent le prestige de l'uniforme, combinent avantageusement la discipline avec le respect dû aux supérieurs, tout en rehaussant la valeur du soldat à ses propres yeux en lui rappelant tout ce que signifie le métier des armes et ses traditions de chevalerie et de courtoisie."

Il existe de nombreuses hypothèses quant à l'origine du salut. Selon l'une d'elles, au Moyen-âge, les gagnants d'un tournoi se couvraient les yeux de la main lorsqu'ils s'approchaient de la Reine de la Beauté pour recevoir leur trophée, autrement ils auraient été aveuglés par sa beauté radieuse. Une autre hypothèse nous ramène à l'âge de la pierre. Lorsque les hommes des cavernes se rencontraient, ils levaient une main vide pour montrer qu'ils n'étaient pas armés et ne nourrissaient pas d'intention belliqueuse. Enfin, une autre hypothèse veut que de lever une main ouverte et vide soit un signe de confiance mutuelle et de respect qui se pratiquait chez les nobles à l'époque de la chevalerie. Il semble que lorsque les chevaliers se rencontraient, ils levaient la main vers la tête e soulevaient la visière de leur heaume pour montrer qu'ils étaient sans défense. De cette manière, ils pouvaient aussi se regarder en face e mieux se reconnaître. En soulevant la visière, la main demeurait ouverte, paume vers l'extérieur, pour indiquer l'absence d'arme. Les hallebardiers, qui étaient des hommes libres, avaient le droit de regarder le visage de leur seigneur, plutôt que de s'incliner. Comme les hallebardiers ne portaient pas de casque, il n'était pas nécessaire qu'ils portent la main à la tête; ils croisaient donc simplement leur regard avec celui de leur seigneur. De là est née l'habitude de saluer tête découverte, en dirigeant le regard à droite ou à gauche, sans saluer de la main.

Quelle que soit son origine, il est de notre devoir à tous de saluer avec fierté et sinérité, que nous soyons les premiers à saluer ou que nous retournions un salut.

N'a-t-on pas écrit: "Le salut n'est pas, n'a jamais été et ne sera jamais un signe de servilité, mais plutôt un geste de courtoisie". "La courtoisie chez les militaires est indispensable à la discipline et est un fait qui nous a été confirmé par l'histoire et l'expérience".

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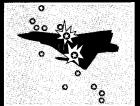
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KIT SHOP BALAN ASSETS	CE SHEET AS	OF 28 OCT	OBER 1981	1980 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Cash on Hand		180.00		1 RCHA 3 RCHA	5000.00	
Bank		14709.39		RCA Museum	2695.50	
Accounts Receive	vable	13912.64		NCA Museum	1383.18_	
Inventory		54885.77				9078.68
Investments		10000.00		DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY		
Bank (Savings A	(ccount)	5393.08		Pennant	45.50	
Sales Tax		23.28		Flowers	45.50 30.00	
	_		99104.16	Coffee Mugs	22.25	
LIABILITIES				Correct Mags	22.25	
Reserve		10000.00				97.75
General Fund		89104.16		COLONEL COMMANDANT		
	-		99104.16	Mail Christmas Cards	19.50	
				Envelopes	15.50	
STATEMENT	OF CHANGE	OF GENERAL	FUND	New Pennant	45.00	
					10.00_	90.00
Opening Balance	•	76259.44				80.00
Add Net Profit		12844.72		P&S		
			89104.16	Calculator Paper	11.47	
				3 RCHA Photo NPP	261.37	
KIT SH	OP INCOME	STATEMENT		Extension Cord	2.60	
AS	OF 28 OCTOI	BER 1981		Pens	2.08	
						277.52
SALES			99230.93			277.52
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COST OF SALES				Travel Expenses	100.00	
Opening	40000 05			Insurance	535.00	
Inventory Purchases	46039.25 86409.75			Telephone	252.14	
	132449.00			RCA Band	142.00	
Less End	132449.00			Write-Off Stock	567.82	
Inventory	54878.84			Night Deposit Charges	15.00	
-	34070.04	=======================================		Advertising	30.58	
		77570.16		Copier Rental	256.67	
GROSS PROFIT		01000 77		Guest Entertainment	2.60_	
GNOSS FROFTI		21660.77		Write-Off Cheques	36.50	3055.67
OTHER REVENUE				Misc. Expenses (Motorways)	12.96	
Engraving	3623.17			Meyers Norris & Penny	1000.00	
Interest	501.72			Colonel Commandant- Pennant for CFB Shilo	42.00	
Cash Over				Leech Printing Receipts	42.00 65.40	
Short	41.20			TOTAL	05.40	12918.94
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Commission	223.28			DOA OFFICEDO BEOLI		_
Cash Overage	12.53			RCA OFFICERS REGIN	MENTAL FUN	D
_		4401.98		BALANCE SHEET 1 OCTOBER 1	980-28 OCT	OBER 1981
TOTAL INCOME			26062.75	ASSETS		
				Cash on Hand	.00	
EXPENSES				Bank	4217.68	
General	12918.94			Accounts Payable	17.32	
Postage	299.09		13218.03	Accounts Receivable	2829.12	
				Investment	13700.00	
NET PROFIT			12844.72	_		20764.10
						20764.12
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NEW TOOLS				General Fund	7969.20	
Calculator		84.44		RCAA	59.00	
		- ···-	84.44	Canadian Gunner	1435.92	
REPLACEMENT TO	OLS		04.44		. 100.02	20764.10
Saw Blades		7.50				20764.12
Replacement Mo	tor	102.88		STATEMENT OF CHANGE	GENERALE	HND
Router Parts		19.29		C Emiliar Or Original	. GERLINKE F	
Repair Router		16.64		Opening Balance	9749.03	
Replace Handtoo	ls	95.57		Subtract Loss	1779.83	
		-	241.88	_		7969.20
			211.00			, 503.20

RCA OFFICERS' REGIMENTAL FUND **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITES**

FOR PERIOD 1 OCTOBER 1980-28 OCTOBER 1981

INCOME

SUBSCRIPTION Interest Bank Adjustment Cash Overage	2794.50 1463.53 .96 1.00	4259.99
EXPENSES		
Retirement	149.88	
Meyers Norris Penny	350.00	
Bank o/s	.15	
Postage	185.97	
Loss To Canadian Gunner	3148.59	
Wages	195.23	
Correction to Col Brooks Memorial Essay Prizes		
for 1980(1)	10.00	
Grant to School of Artillery	2000.00	
		6039.82
LOSS FOR PERIOD		1779.83

(1) Requirement was to reissue two cheques. Cost of cancelling and reissuing was \$10.00.

RCA OFFICERS' REGIMENTAL FUND **CANADIAN GUNNER-1980 EDITION**

EXPENSES Postage Printing Gunners Held Old Debt Canadian Gunner	69.95 5523.30 435.00 3025.16	
	9053.41	9053.41
INCOME Advertising Collected and		
Sales Advertising Owing and	3075.70	
Sales Owing	2829.12	
	5904.82	5904.82
LOSS		3148.59

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RCA SERGEANTS' REGIMENTAL FUND **BALANCE SHEET**

1 OCTOBER 1980-28 OCTOBER 1982

ASSETS		
Cash on Hand	.00	
Bank	1409.84	
Investment	8210.00	
		10009.84
LIABILITIES		
Reserve	5000.00	
General Fund	4731.69	
Accounts Payable	241.02	
Accounts Receivable	37.13	
		10009.84

STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance	4128.31
Gain For Period	603.38
New General Fund	4731.69

RCA SERGEANTS' REGIMENTAL FUND **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY**

1 OCTOBER 1980-28 OCTOBER 1981

INCOME Subscription Interest (Savings Account) Interest on Investment	1959.00 779.75 328.56	
		3067.31
EXPENSES		
Retirement	197.00	
Postage	19.22	
Loss to Canadian Gunner	837.45	
Grant to 5e RALC	500.00	
Wages	142.12	
Cash Shortage	18.60	
Reinvestment Funds	81.44	
Meyers Norris Penny	350.00	
RCA NPP	303.30	
Retirement	24.80	
-		2463.93

GAIN FOR PERIOD 603.38

RCA MUSEUM BALANCE SHEET 1 OCTOBER 1980-28 OCTOBER 1981

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand	.00
Bank	2604.32
	2604.32
LIABILITIES	
General Fund	2604.32
	2604.32

STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance	1250.37
Add Net Profit	1353.95
	2604.32

RCA MUSEUM SUMMARY OF ACTIVITES 1 OCTOBER 1980-28 OCTOBER 1981

INCOME RCA NPP Grant Interest RCA NPP Donations	1383.18 209.67 229.50 5.00	
		1827.35
EXPENSES	•	
Purchase Books	23.48	
Memberships	55.00	
Bendict-Proctor	181.56	
Meyers Norris Penny	200.00	
RCA NPP Central Fund	13.36	
		473.40
GAIN FOR PERIOD		1353.95

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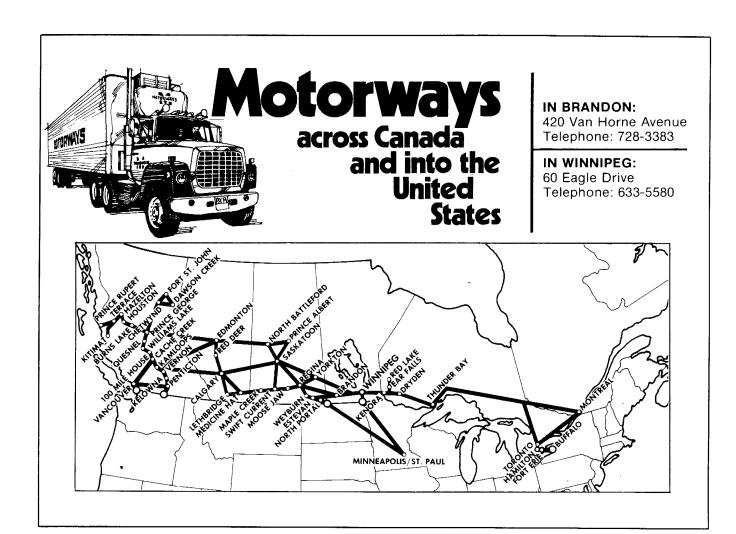
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