



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

Since the last issue of the Canadian Gunner, I have had the privilege of continuing to visit many of our units across the country, including "RV 83".

I perceive a marked improvement in our standard of training. I consider some of our Militia units will only require about six weeks of intensive training to be ready for operations. However, this is not the time to be complacent. There is much to be done at the higher levels of fire planning; more training in cooperation with the Infantry and Armour; and, the establishment and training of a Headquarters C.D.A.

The recruits from our Battle School are first class and we must ensure a realistic and meaningful career programme in our units to continue training them.

We have many Regimental Associations located across the country all acting independently. I hope we shall soon have them coordinated under the auspices of the RCA Association. This will provide much greater Regimental Family participation and support. It will give these associations a feeling of belonging and give us a much stronger "Voice of the Guns".

We have a Gunner Newsletter starting which will maintain our Family Communications and keep all of us up to date on nation-wide Regimental activities and events. I urge all units and Gunners everywhere to contribute to this newsletter.

Everywhere I go as Colonel Commandant I am impressed by the tremendous Gunner spirit and sense of pride that comes from belonging to a strong, closely-knit Regimental Family. All of us must contribute by promoting and developing this spirit.

With the new equipment coming into service, we must also continue to strive for professional perfection.

I wish all ranks of our Regimental Family every success in your endeavours for the coming year.


Colonel Commandant

W.W. Turner
Brigadier General
Colonel Commandant

Depuis le dernier numéro de l'Artilleur canadien, j'ai eu le privilège de continuer à visiter plusieurs de nos unités à travers le pays, y compris "RV 83".

J'ai perçu une amélioration marquée de la qualité de notre formation. Je suis d'avis que certaines de nos unités de Milice n'auront besoin que d'environ six semaines d'entraînement intensif pour être prêtes au combat. Il ne faut toutefois pas se montrer trop présomptueux. Il reste encore beaucoup à faire aux niveaux supérieurs de la planification du tir, pour accroître l'entraînement en collaboration avec l'infanterie et les blindés, et pour mettre sur pied et former un quartier général de l'artillerie divisionnaire.

Les recrues de notre école de combat sont de premier ordre et nous devons prévoir un programme de carrière réaliste et significatif dans nos unités afin qu'ils puissent maintenir leur compétence.

Nous possédons dans tout le pays plusieurs associations régimentaires qui fonctionnent toutes indépendamment. Je souhaite les voir toutes bientôt coordonnées sous les auspices de l'Association de l'ARC. Cela contribuera à accroître la participation et l'appui à la famille régimentaire, et à donner à ces associations un sentiment d'appartenance tout en raffermissant la voix des artilleurs.

Le nouveau Bulletin des artilleurs aidera à maintenir la communication au sein de la famille tout en tenant chacun au courant des activités du régiment à l'échelle du pays. J'encourage fortement toutes les unités et tous les artilleurs à collaborer à ce bulletin.

Partout où je vais à titre de Colonel commandant, je suis impressionné par l'entrain formidable et le sentiment de fierté découlant de l'appartenance à une famille régimentaire forte et étroitement unie. Nous devons tous faire notre part pour promouvoir et développer ce sentiment.

Avec le nouveau matériel mis en service, nous devons continuer à la perfection professionnelle.

Je souhaite aux militaires de tous grades de notre famille régimentaire beaucoup de succès dans leurs entreprises au cours de la prochaine année.

Le Brigadier-général W.W. Turner
Colonel Commandant



**COLONEL D.B. MCGIBBON, CD
DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY**

I was very honoured indeed to be appointed Director of Artillery and have found my first year even more interesting and challenging than I had expected. I have been fortunate to be able to work from the very solid and sound base left by my predecessor, BGen H.R. Wheatley.

From my vantage point, the Royal Regiment appears to be in very good shape. On the manpower side, we are enjoying the best situation that we have seen for several years. Attrition is down remarkably and, as a direct result, most of our units are overstrength. Our challenge remains to ensure that these young soldiers do not begin to leave us as soon as the economy improves. A stable population in the regiments will enable us to increase experience and knowledge levels. At the same time we can reduce the burden of individual basic and low level training.

I am most impressed with the quality of our new recruits, including those on YTEP. They are bright, motivated and sharp. Good soldiers demand good leaders and I call on all our officers and NCO's to continue to provide that leadership.

I believe that our units now have sufficient equipment for successful training. However, you will see a steady improvement over the next few years. The arrival of MiliPAC and GACS in particular will certainly make us more efficient and may well change significantly the way we do things. There will also be several improvements made to our communications and survey capabilities in the near future. Further on the horizon, are more M109s and new low level air defence (LLAD) equipment.

The LLAD equipment project is the number one priority in the army equipment program and is the largest army equipment project. Acquisition of this equipment (now expected for delivery in 1988) will put the artillery back into a field of which we have little recent experience and knowledge. As a result, successful introduction of this equipment will require a great deal of planning and work. We can expect to see several changes in our organizations and trade structure. For example, we will likely form an air defence trade to man this equipment. It will be a challenging and exciting time and we should all be looking forward to it.

We will see important firsts in 1984. A new field battery will likely be formed in 5e RALC in the summer of 1984. This will be the first expansion of our field artillery capability in more years than I, at least, can remember. We also plan to provide Battery Commanders for the Headquarters Batteries of the Canadian based regiments and, later, for 1 RCHA. This will fill a long-felt need. While

Je suis très heureux d'avoir été nommé Directeur de l'artillerie et j'ai trouvé ma première année à ce poste encore plus intéressante et remplie de défis que je ne l'avais prévu. J'ai été chanceux de pouvoir m'appuyer sur les bases très solides qu'a su poser mon prédécesseur, le Bgén H.B. Wheatley.

Il appert que le Royal Regiment se porte fort bien. Question main — d'oeuvre, la situation actuelle est la meilleure que nous ayons connue depuis plusieurs années. Le nombre de départs a diminué de façon remarquable, avec pour résultat direct que la plupart de nos unités ont maintenant un surplus d'effectifs. Notre défi demeure de faire en sorte que les jeunes ne nous quittent pas dès que l'économie prend du mieux. Une population stable au sein des régiments nous permettra d'accroître l'expérience et les niveaux de connaissance de nos formations. Nous pouvons dans un même temps réduire la charge de travail que représente l'entraînement individuel de base et de niveau inférieur.

La qualité des recrues, y compris celle des jeunes inscrits au PFEJ, m'impressionne au plus haut point. Les jeunes sont brillants, motivés et alertes. De bons soldats ont besoin de bon chefs et je demande à tous nos officiers et sous-officiers de continuer à assurer le leadership.

J'estime que nos unités disposent maintenant d'un équipement suffisant pour offrir un entraînement efficace. Une amélioration constante à ce chapitre n'en demeure pas moins à prévoir au cours des prochaines années. L'entrée en service du MILLIPAC et du GACS en particulier ne peut que nous rendre plus efficaces et elle est susceptible de changer grandement notre façon de faire les choses. Plusieurs améliorations seront également apportées sous peu dans les domaines des communications et des levés topographiques. On peut enfin compter sur l'arrivée d'un plus grand nombre de M109 ainsi que d'un nouvel équipement de défense aérienne à faible altitude.

Ce dernier type d'équipement constitue l'élément prioritaire du programme d'équipement et représente le plus important projet en matière d'équipement de l'armée. L'acquisition de cet équipement (censé être livré en 1988) fera entrer l'artillerie dans un domaine dont nous avons eu peu d'expérience récemment. L'entrée en service de l'équipement en question nécessitera donc beaucoup de planification et de travail. On peut s'attendre à plusieurs changements au sein de nos organismes et de notre structure de métiers. Par exemple, il est probable qu'il faille créer une catégorie de spécialistes de la défense

there will not be any significant increase in our locating artillery establishment or capabilities for at least a few years, we are working hard to increase our level of knowledge and to revitalize the capability that we do have.

I have been able to visit most of our regular units and many of the militia units. I have been impressed by the standard of training and enthusiasm shown. Clearly, there are weaknesses but overall we are in sound condition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given me advice and assistance over the past year. I wish all members and units of the Royal Regiment "Good Shooting".



D.G. McGibbon
Colonel
Director of Artillery

aérienne pour doter les postes reliés à ce nouvel équipement. Il y aura alors d'intéressants défis à relever.

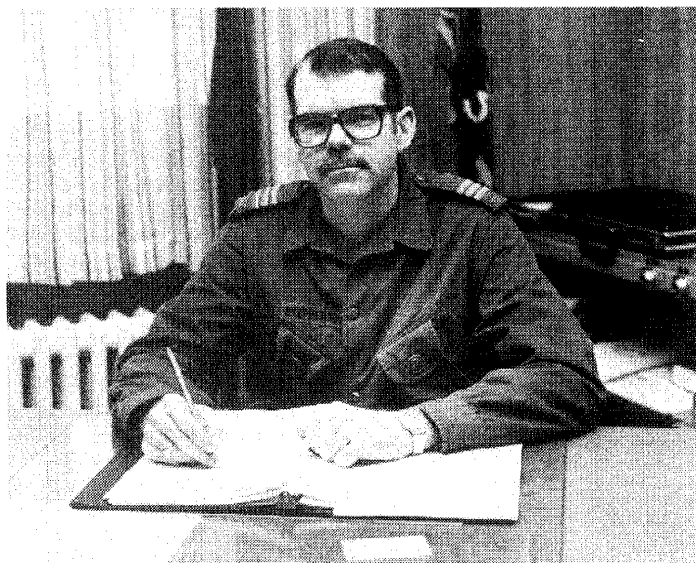
Nous verrons d'importantes premières en 1984. Une nouvelle batterie de campagne sera probablement formée au sein du 5e RALC l'été prochain. Il s'agira là du premier accroissement de notre capacité en matière d'artillerie de campagne dont je me souviens. Nous prévoyons aussi désigner des commandants à la tête des batteries d'état-major des régiments basés au Canada et plus tard du 1 RCHA. Nous répondrons ainsi à un besoin qui se fait sentir depuis longtemps. Même s'il n'y aura pas d'augmentation importante de nos effectifs ou de nos capacités d'artillerie avant au moins quelques années, nous nous efforçons d'accroître nos connaissances et de ne pas perdre celles que nous possédons déjà.

J'ai pu visiter la plupart de nos unités régulières et de nombreuses unités de milice. La qualité de la formation et l'enthousiasme que j'ai pu constater chez elles m'ont beaucoup impressionné. Il y a bien sûr des lacunes mais, dans l'ensemble, nous nous portons bien.

J'aimerais profiter de l'occasion pour remercier tous ceux qui m'ont conseillé et aidé au cours de cette dernière année. "Bon tir" à tous les membres et à toutes les unités du Royal Regiment.

Le colonel D.G. McGibbon
Directeur de l'artillerie





**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
LIEUTENANT COLONEL B.E. STEPHENSON, CD**

The annual arrival of **The Gunner** is greeted by gunners everywhere as a significant event. Work shops and telephones go unanswered as the book is scanned from cover to cover to glean information on the world of Canadian Artillery. The past year has been particularly newsworthy, so I know **The Gunner** will give you many hours of pleasant reading while recalling events and friendships.

The publication is on a very sound financial footing now and it is my intention to have **The Gunner** distributed to all ranks of the Royal Regiment in the future. In this way we will include all ranks in our regimental business and maintenance of traditions, as well as providing tangible evidence of their contribution to the RCA.

It is heartening to note the tremendous surge in support from gunners everywhere towards objectives which uphold and further the customs and traditions that we so proudly bear. We have come to realize the importance of maintaining a strong Home Station that can manage the business of the Royal Regiment and cast a critical eye on the future. Our unity of purpose and desire to improve the state of gunner regimental matters is reflected in the many extra hours of work that Home Station gunners from both Third Regiment and Base Shilo have contributed towards **The Gunner**, RCA Museum operations, NPP, the RCA Officers' Mess and more. I am proud to be a part of this movement and would be interested to hear from other gunners as to their views on **The Gunner** and ways in which the publication could further its aim to present recent activities of both the regular and reserve components of the RCA. The **Gunner Newsletter** published by the Artillery School will continue to be our technical journal so you will not find a plethora of technical articles in **The Gunner**.

I hope you will agree that this issue is one of the best to date. That is due to the hard work and cooperation of units and individuals across Canada and abroad as well as the efforts of the competent editorial staff in the Third Regiment.

B.E. STEPHENSON

Lieutenant Colonel
Editor in Chief

**MESSAGE DU REDACTEUR EN CHEF
LE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL B.B. STEPHENSON, CE**

L'arrivée annuelle de la publication **L'Artilleur** (The Gunner) constitue un événement important pour tous les artilleurs. Ils laissent le travail de côté et négligent de répondre au téléphone pour scruter toutes les pages afin d'obtenir les derniers renseignements sur la monde de l'artillerie. Les événements dignes de mention ont été particulièrement nombreux au cours de la dernière année et je sais que **L'Artilleur** vous apportera plusieurs heures de lecture agréable.

La situation financière de la publication est maintenant très saine et je me propose de faire distribuer, à l'avenir, **L'Artilleur** aux militaires de tous les grades du régiment. Chacun pourra ainsi participer aux affaires du régiment et au maintien de ses traditions tout en constatant de façon tangible sa contribution à l'ARC.

Il est réconfortant de constater l'accroissement remarquable de la participation de tous les artilleurs à la réalisation des objectifs fixés dans le domaine du maintien des coutumes et traditions dont nous sommes si fiers. Nous sommes parvenus à réaliser l'importance du maintien d'une maison régimentaire solide en mesure de gérer les affaires du régiment et de jeter un coup d'oeil critique sur l'avenir. Notre détermination et notre désir d'améliorer la situation du régiment d'artillerie se manifestent par les nombreuses heures supplémentaires de travail que les artilleurs du 3e régiment et de la base Shilo ont consacrées à la préparation de la publication **L'Artilleur**, aux activités du musée de l'ARC, du mess des officiers de l'ARC et autres. Je suis fier de contribuer à ce mouvement et j'aimerais que les autres artilleurs me fassent part de leur point de vue au sujet de **L'Artilleur** et des moyens qui permettraient à la publication de réaliser son objectif qui consiste à mettre en lumière les activités les plus récentes des éléments de la Force régulière et de l'ARC. Le **Bulletin de l'Artilleur** (Gunner Newsletter) publié par l'Ecole d'artillerie continuera d'être notre revue technique, de sorte que **L'Artilleur** ne sera pas bourré d'articles techniques.

J'espère que vous conviendrez que la présente édition est l'une des meilleures à ce jour. Elle est le fruit du dur labeur et de la collaboration des unités et des personnes de tout le Canada et de l'étranger, ainsi que du travail de l'équipe compétente de rédaction du 3e régiment.



1983 RCA AWARDS

OMM

Col F.W. Bayne, OMM, CD (Former Gunner)
LCol D.B. Crowe, OMM, CD (Retired Gunner)
Maj J.R.R. Doyon, OMM, CD

MMM

CWO T.G. Jacob, MMM, CD
CWO J.A.S. Léonard, MMM, CD
CWO W.E. Wall, MMM, CD
MWO B.B. Mahar, MMM, CD
MWO G.N. Raymond, MMM, CD
MWO C.R. Skinner, MMM, CD

MEDAL OF BRAVERY

MBdr M.J. Hackbart

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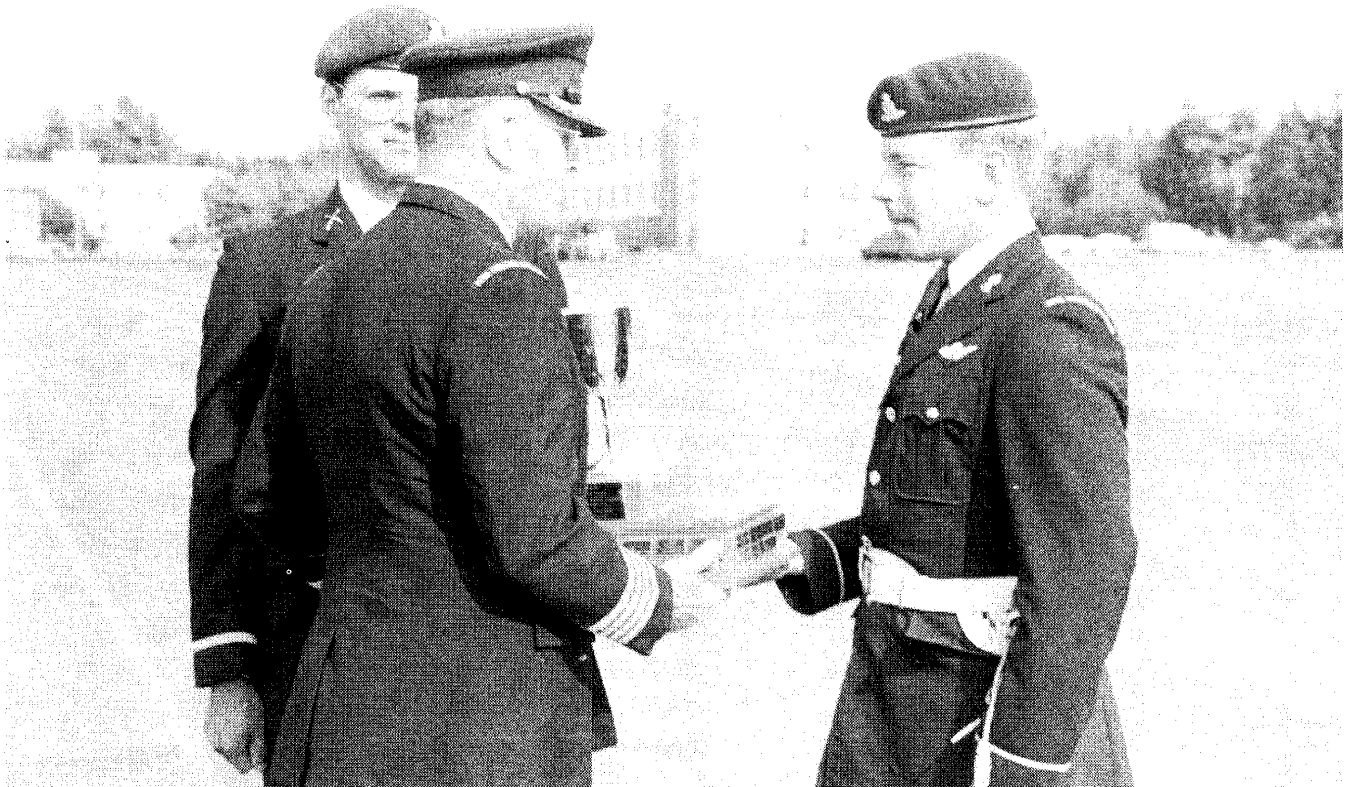
Maj K.R. Bryan, R.A.
MBdr A.G. Brown
Gnr W. Wild



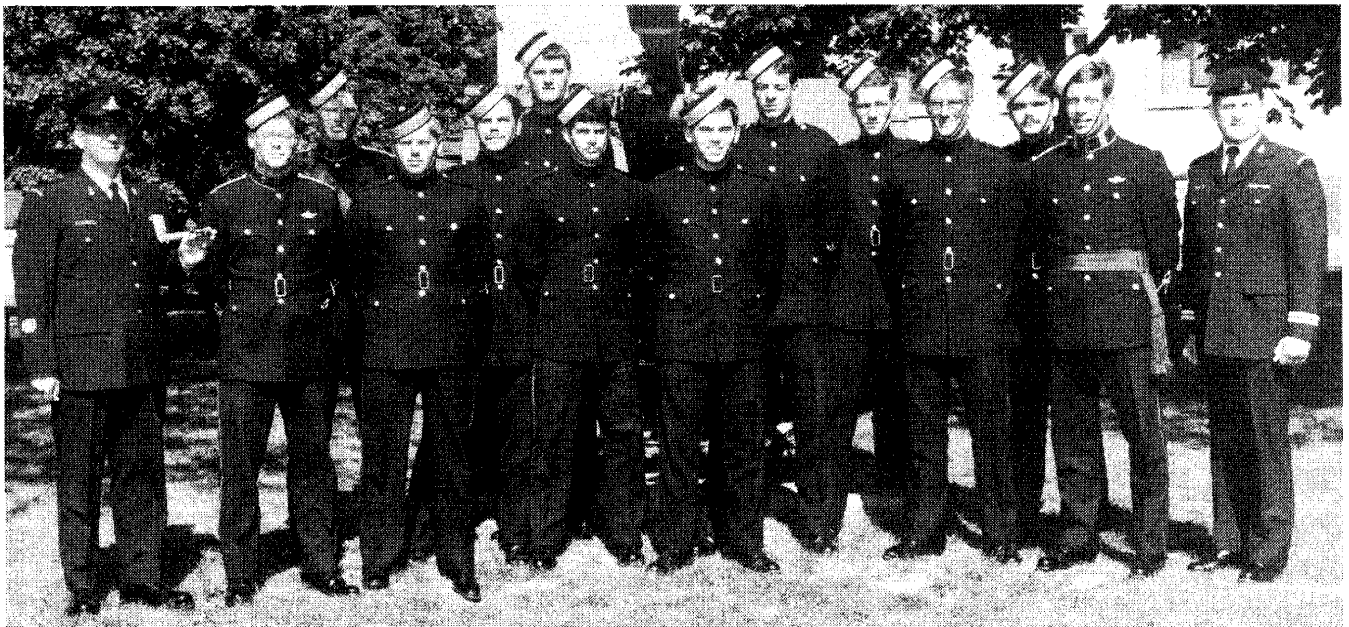
THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA

The accompanying photographs illustrate the Artillery Staff Members and Cadets who are serving at the Royal Military College of Canada. The Artillery Cadets, like those from the other two military colleges, attend RMC

during the academic year and work on completing their phase training during the summer months. This arrangement allows the cadets to have completed most of their Artillery Training by the time they graduate from RMC.



OCdt A.J. Howard is presented the Stewart Trophy emblematic of the Best Phase III Officer Cadet by Colonel D.B. McGibbon, Director of Artillery.



MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY SERVING AT THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA

Left to Right: MWO J.E. Hamelin, Drill Sergeant Major, OCdt D.J. Langen (IV Yr), OCdt A.Z.I. Mech (IV Yr), OCdt M.P.J. Perreault (II Yr), OCdt B.T. Pickard (III Yr), OCdt W.K. Little (III Yr), OCdt S.J. Boston (III Yr), OCdt D.J.F. Morgan (III Yr), OCdt J.C. Willis (III Yr), OCdt P.J. Williams (III Yr), OCdt S.J. Pollack (III Yr), OCdt W.R.H. Speake (II Yr), OCdt A.J. Howard, Cadet Wing, Training Officer (IV Yr), and Capt H. Downing (University Liaison Officer). Missing from the photo is Maj G.D. Kerr, Staff Officer Training.



FIRST REGIMENT ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY

The past year has provided some exciting events for 1 RCHA and the Royal Regiment. It witnessed the first time that Z Battery, our war equipped fourth battery, was exercised in full with live firing. All members of the First were delighted to welcome the officers and men of G Battery 3 RCHA Shilo to their other home here in Germany. Not only was it a chance to renew many old acquaintances but, it also gave us the opportunity to employ a fully-manned and very versatile Canadian Artillery Regiment during the Fall Exercises.

1983 was also the year C Battery celebrated its centennial of sorts. In 1883 the formation of a third artillery battery, namely C, was authorized by the Militia General Order No. 18 dated 10 August 1883. To mark this significant year, Miss Joan Wanklyn, a noted British artist, painted a composite portrait depicting memorable scenes from C Battery's past. This completed the series of historical portraits painted for all three regular gun batteries of 1 RCHA. The suggestion by one wise subaltern, to commission a painting of Z Battery departing the Langenwinkel Gate, is still not under too active consideration.

The 1 RCHA Gunners Hockey Team thrilled the CFE community in March of 1983 with its second straight CFEHL Championship. The Gunners (No Hit) Hockey Team won the Brigade Championship as well. Because of the Gunner teams winning in both leagues this year, it was cause for the Regiment to boast of its recent hockey supremacy in CFE. The 1984 season is not so far witnessing the same promise, but even the Red Army Selects have been known to lose once in awhile.

Regimental School took place in January as soon as the gunners returned from Christmas leave. Approximately 320 students graduated from the various courses, thus providing the Regiment with depth and a new generation of diversely qualified men. There were eleven courses conducted and the Regiment made up its shortfalls in several key areas. This added strength to the unit and gave trade qualifications to many of the more junior soldiers.

The first two months of the year can be both exciting and terrifying for experienced and novice skiers alike, when the Brigade Ski School takes to the slopes! For approximately ten weeks the school endeavoured to instruct its members, on a series of one week courses, in the art of downhill skiing. Many of the participants had never attempted to ski before but at the Feldbert, as the area is known, many an artilleryman was christened with bumps and bruises, and the thrills and spills of the sport. Despite many inspired efforts by some of our fearless Gunners, we have not yet come up with a replacement for Brooker or Podborski.

The Spring Munster Practice Camp was held in Munsterlager in April. It was the culmination of the year's Gunnery training for the batteries and the Regiment. At Munsterlager 1 RCHA held its Gunnery Competitions, and the 1983 version of the competitions for the Elkins Trophy in particular, proved to be intense. As the Practice Camp progressed and the competitions neared, one could see and feel the excitement in all four messes, as members of the various batteries championed their own causes. For a second straight year Sgt B.C. Stevenson and his detachment, 35A, proved that they were the best gun detachment in the Regiment. For their victory they earned the honour of flying the CO's pennant for the next year. C Battery, under the command of Maj M. Jeffery and the guidance of BSM C.R. Skinner, swept all other events to make them the Elkins Trophy winners of 1983.

Upon return from Practice Camp, the troops and batteries dusted off their adventure training plans made earlier in the year. These varied from a bicycle tour up the Moselle River to training amidst live small arms fire, and to escape and evasion. Besides the obvious benefits, the adventure training programme provided the gunners of 1 RCHA with the opportunity to inter-act with many of our NATO allies. When it comes to exercises such as Escape and Evasion, one realizes just how cooperative our host Germans actually were and continue to be.

The 1 RCHA Officers Study Week was a tour and study of the D-Day landings and subsequent operation in Normandy, France. The officers were treated to a detailed study of the beaches and inland routes taken by the Canadian component of the Allied invasion forces. Maj M. Jeffery was the tour guide, and presented a very interesting account of 3 Canadian Division's battles. Some stalwarts, ever anxious to relive every aspect of the 1944 operation, even tried Calvados and met with the same results achieved a generation ago.



LCol GJ Oehring signs the Change of Command documents as BGen Evraire 4 CMBG Comd and LCol LTB Mintz observe.

It seemed just as things in the Regiment were operating at their best and everyone was comfortable, the months of May and June arrived bringing in another rotation period. This year the command of 1 RCHA passed from LCol L.T.B. Mintz, CD to LCol G.J. Oehring, CD. The change of command parade was held on 8 July and was indeed a highlight of the year. The Regiment looked splendid and performed flawlessly. LCol Mintz moved to 4 CMBG as the Senior Staff Officer Operations. LCol Oehring was well known as the previous DCO of 1 RCHA and former BC of

D Battery (AMFL) of 2 RCHA. A Battery's BC, Maj M.J. Winter and C Battery's BC, Maj M.K. Jeffery changed command to Maj's F.B. Brake and D.M. McLaughlin respectively. The command of HQ Battery passed from Capt F.H. Hansford to Capt R.M. Hardman. As well, nine of our eleven MWOs changed round. Many other First veterans also moved round so that by the end of July everyone had bid farewell to at least one personal friend, and greeted the same in exchange. Around this time, all of us lost a friend when Gnr J.A.D. Beaupre was tragically killed in a traffic accident. It is to his memory that this article is dedicated.



Major General DR Baker, CMM, CD presents Gnr DT Moyer with Gunner of the Year Award 1983.



G Battery, 3 RCHA arriving in Lahr to act as Z Battery 1 RCHA Flyover contingent — August 83.

Throughout the summer the Regiment had a number of important tasks to perform. These varied from M109A3 conversion courses, to security and intelligence lectures, and preparation for Grafenwohr Practice Camp and Fallex. The orientation of soldiers and their families to Lahr and Germany was also another important task. In addition to this year's summer calendar was the arrival of G Battery from 3 RCHA Shilo under the command of Maj J.C. Stewart, to fill the ranks of Z Battery for Grafenwohr and Fallex. This was a prelude for deployment to one of Europe's most historic and certainly dustiest training areas, Grafenwohr.

The exercise comprised three tough weeks of artillery practice and battle drills. Each battery qualified their soldiers on crew-served weapons. They also began to remold their sub-units into teams after the disruption of rotation. Local defence drills were practiced as well as digging-in and attention to camouflage. NBC drills were emphasized, and culminated in up to six hour sessions in State Three, with live firing included. With support from the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment in the form of two draughts, two bulldozers and a front end loader, C Battery was able to dig in the (F) Echelon in just over six hours. Incidentally, for those long suffering types who have slaved over picks and shovels — a draught can dig a slit trench in two minutes! The Sappers also helped us successfully swim all of our amphibious vehicles on the exercise that



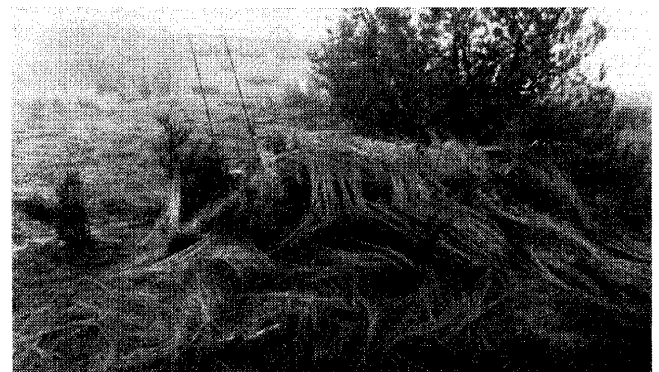
LCol GJ Oehring greeting G Battery Commander Major Stewart in Lahr AMU. CWO AS Leblanc, 1 RCHA RSM is far left as he speaks to G Bty BSM NJ Zacharuk. Note NBC suit and helmet carried by ever ready BC G!



The Silhouette of a Detachment Commander. Sgt RJ Lonz Grafenwohr 83.



C Bty Dug in — Grafenwohr 83.



D Troop Winner of the Best Op — Munster Nov 83.

had no "Titanic" incidents. The culmination of the camp was the CO's exercise where all four batteries proved to be highly competitive particularly when it came to winning the Regimental adjustments. The observers, including the Brigade Commander, were very impressed with the speed and accurate response of guns. Stonks and concs of 24 howitzers on a target brought back old memories, and made for some new ones.



Demonstrating that there's no dust on gunners. First round down range for this newly renovated 109A3 after one of Grafenwohr's infamous dusty road moves. - Grafenwohr '83.



C Battery test fires their new A3s with a 50 foot lanyard during proof firing in Grafenwohr 83.

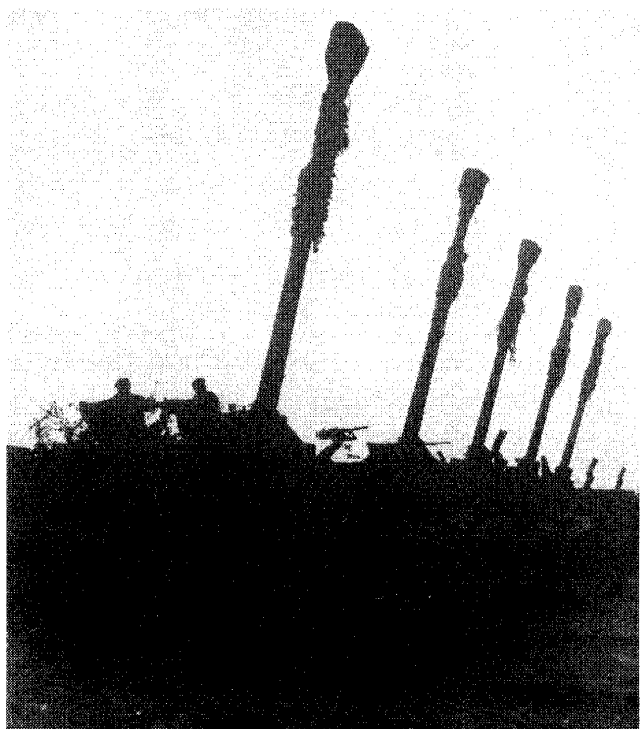


4 CMBG Comd, BGen Evraire, visits an OP accompanied by the DCO, Maj M. Walker, BC G Bty, Maj Stewart and CO, LCol GJ Oehring. - Grafenwohr 83. In the background MBdr Bremner of B Bty reports (lost).



MCpl Scott has time and a few goodies for a friend. MCpl Scott is on the left — Fallex 83.

The Regiment then moved from Grafenwohr to meet the remainder of 4 Brigade for the Fall Exercise. The Brigade's emphasis was on preparation, command and control, and battle procedure. In addition the exercise afforded an opportunity for all four batteries to practice dispersed gun positions in the German countryside. The results were most impressive with camouflage and concealment being greatly improved. Visitors to the Regiment included the Commander FMC, LGen Belzile and CLDO, MGen Lessard, as well as the Lahr city council. Interestingly enough, it was an elderly member of the Lahr city council who asked to see the range card on one of the GPMGs. He nodded approvingly at the product. As well, the Brigade promised that all units would enjoy many hours of NBCW training. In fact, it was G Battery that earned the record for having to live the longest, of any other unit of the Brigade, in NBCW State 3 while waiting for and undergoing decontamination. Welcome to Germany! It was not long before 1 RCHA was grouped together again awaiting trains and road move times which would take us back to Lahr.



Morning dawns on a Grafenwohr gun park.

The fall was full of preparations for the Annual Technical Inspection (ATI), the Brigade Commander's Inspection and the annual Brigade Sports Meet. The ATI was a great success for the unit while the Commander's Inspection was a superlative achievement. As to the sports day, we participated, but finished third.

By Remembrance Day the Regiment was once again making its way to Munster for three weeks of live firing. Despite constant precipitation in one form or another, the Practice Camp was a muddy and cold success. Who-ever said that a parka was not needed in Germany has obviously never experienced the wet chill of a Munster night. The training concentrated primarily on battery level drills with the final exercise at regimental level. This featured a night navigation exercise through the Bergen-Hohne impact area (very easy with the new family of night driving aids — not so easy if these were left in Lahr) and a dismounted OP operation. It also proved most entertaining to those attending — but probably the next time a couple of the parties will take along a sleeping bag or two. Capt S. Gillies and CS 22 won the coveted best dressed OP award and the party was presented with priceless (?) 110th Anniversary beer steins. These steins were donated by the DCO, who reportedly smiled on the occasion. The troops returned home tired and wind-burnt to find a community preparing for Christmas and the New Year.

1 RCHA's Christmas season kicked off with the St. Barbara's Day All Ranks Dance and Mess Dinners in the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes. Between these events and early January there was a series of activities to celebrate the Yuletide. For some, the Christmas season meant an opportunity to travel. For others, it was turkey and all the trimmings in our homes. However, everyone spent time reflecting upon the past year and thinking about our loved ones in Canada.



Super! But where are the folks? LCpl G.J. Oehring serves Cpl Leblanc D.J. and Gnr MacLeod F.J. Christmas Dinner.

At the year's end it was announced that a member and former member of 1 RCHA were awarded the Chief of Defence Staff's Commendation for separate acts of bravery. MBdr Brown A.G. was cited for his actions during a vehicle accident on the autobahn in April 83. He assisted a passenger who was unable to free himself from the wreckage of a jeep without thought for his own safety. Sgt T.E. McMahon, a cook formerly of C Battery, was cited for his actions in fighting a fire in a British Army quarters at Munsterlager.

SPORTS

As mentioned earlier this year in sports was highlighted by championships in both the CFEHL and the 4 CMBG

"No Hit" Hockey League. Despite an active Regimental athletic programme, the competition in CFE was such that 1 RCHA was unable to capture any other major sports titles.

1983 was the second year in a row that the 1 RCHA Gunners Hockey Team captured the CFEHL Championship. After a poor first half of the season, the Gunners found themselves compelled to win virtually every game in the New Year. With great determination the team went on to do just that. They managed a place in the playoffs by only one point by defeating the 1 R22eR Citadelle 11-4 in the final regular season game. The Gunners swept past the league leading Base Flyers in the semi finals. After a hard fought final series the team defeated the 1 Canadian Air Group Knights by coming from behind to win the fifth and final game 5-3.

1 RCHA's (No Hit) Gunner Hockey Team won the 4 CMBG (No Hit) Hockey League championship against a tough team from 4 CMBG HQ and Sigs Squadron. After a season of being only one of the top four teams the (No Hit) team fought its way to the title. With both Regimental hockey teams as champions, 1 RCHA won the right to boast about a Gunner dynasty in CFE hockey.

1983 was a good year for Maj D. Moreside's Battery in the intramural sports programme. B Battery accumulated the most points throughout the year's sports events to take the Regimental Sports Championship. The coveted Kingston Cup was won by A Battery over B Battery in a hard played and emotional hockey game. The senior NCOs and WOs managed to outscore, or should it be said, made fewer mistakes, than the officers in order to win this annual spectacle that at times resembled a hockey game.

1 RCHA Headquarters Battery provided the Canadian support contingent for the annual Nijmegen Marches. Although CFE participation was limited this year, the unit was successfully represented by a team under command of Capt L. Nickerson. In addition to their prowess as marchers, the team won critical acclaim with their vocal efforts which bore some resemblance to music.

For us in 1 RCHA the entire year of 1983 seems to have passed too quickly. Many of us saw old friends leave as we welcomed new ones to our Regiment. With its changes, 1983 has nevertheless been a very good one for 1 RCHA. For 1984, we look forward to new quarters for the single soldiers, new equipment such as MiliPAC, new training emphasis on the individual, new organizational prospects with the advent of a true HQ Battery and, as sure as night follows day, new faces and friends. Whoever said this business is all routine? To all our friends in Canada we extend our invitation to visit us here in Lahr and stay a few years!

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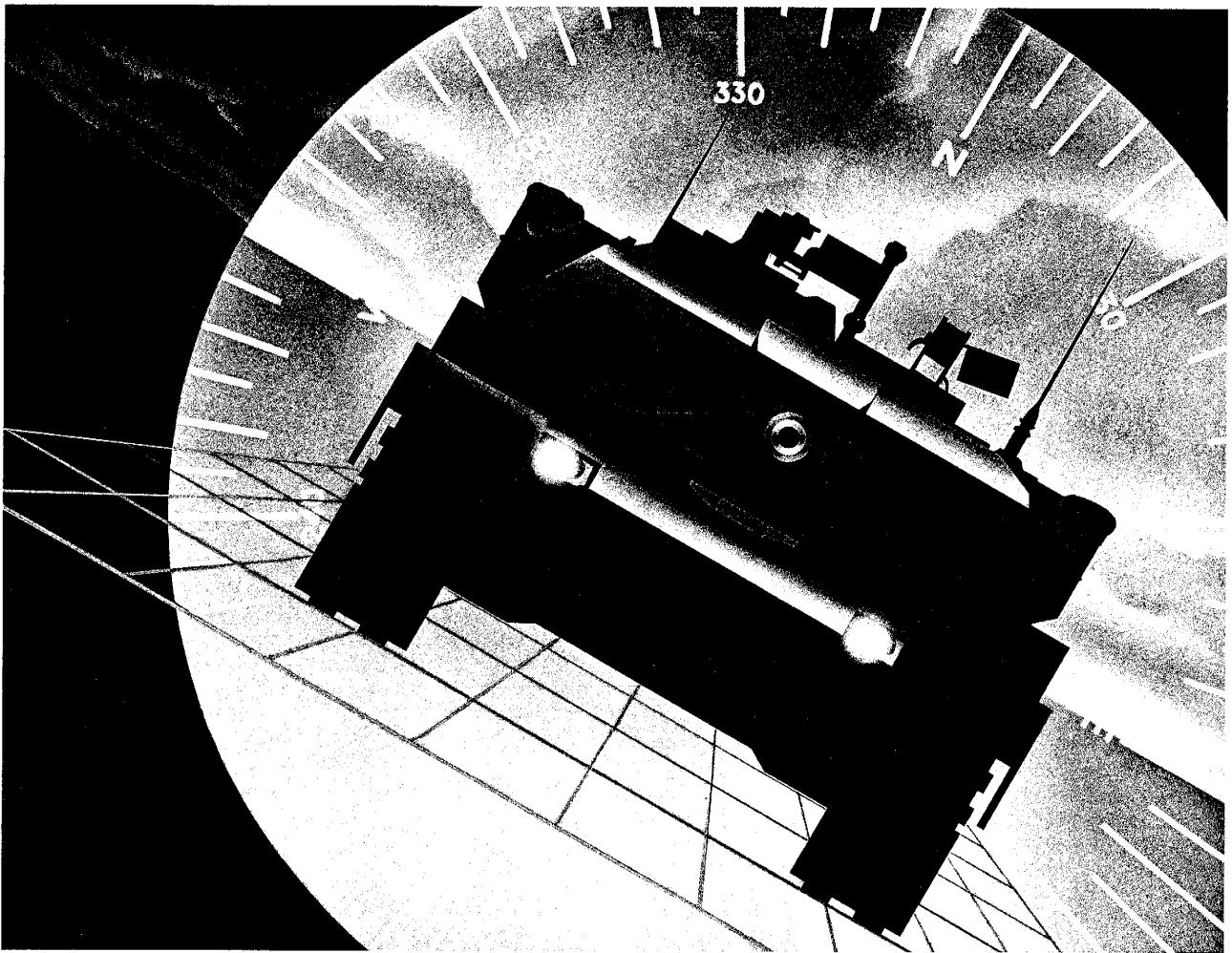
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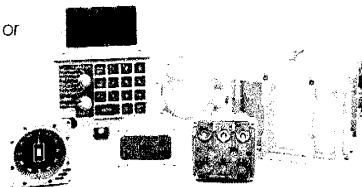
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SECOND REGIMENT

Once again the Second Regiment had a very busy year, in 1983. It was as always, exercise after exercise and of course, innumerable taskings for the Regiment. As is the norm in the Second, training was exciting and intense, with the Regiment being represented in exercises all over Canada and parts of Europe. Highlights of the year included EX RV 83 and Kingfest.

The year started off soon after Christmas Block Leave with the Batteries deploying into the field for winter indoctrination training in mid-January. D Bty winter training consisted of progressive training with the Troops deploying independently to master the basics. Troop training covered skills such as tent routine, ice fishing, snares, snowshoeing and construction of snow defences. After the completion of Troop training the troops came together for a three-day Battery level exercise which confirmed newly learned skills.

RHQ Battery concentrated its efforts on the basics of winter survival skills. The Battery re-learned the mixed delights of hauling toboggans, particularly over cut lines. Unfortunately, current maps only approximate topography and dismally fail to reveal mountains of wood-cutting slash accumulated over several years. The training concluded on two high points: the construction and occupation of improvised shelters and a fifteen mile jaunt followed by the inevitable blister parade.



E Bty (para) — The French Connection.

E Bty (para) conducted vigorous training in early January, as part of the Canadian AB Btl Gp, Winter Battle School. The Bty concentrated on the important infantry skills, including Section/Platoon tactics, Btl drills and

basic soldiering techniques such as winter survival. The cry of "Fire Mission Battery" was replaced with cries of "C2 Group, 600, 3 o'clock, rapid fire". To conclude the exercise, the Bty deployed for a fast paced fire and movement gunnery exercise.



L5 Howitzer of E Bty (para) during winter training

Towards the end of January, D Bty took part in Ex Royal Romp/Nordic Runner. This was a seven day exercise with the Bty providing OP and BC's parties to 1 RCR and 8 CH. The training took place in the Orillia area and pitted 1 RCR against the 8 CH. The real enemy proved to be the weather, however, as freezing cold was interspersed with rain and sleet. Light scales were practiced meaning one toboggan per platoon and no tents. As a workup exercise for Norway, the exercise proved useful.



Major-General MF Reynolds, Comd AMF(L) awaiting the order "Fire" from Sgt Carrier while visiting a D Bty AMF(L).

During February D Bty was visited by the Comd AMF(L), Major General M.F. Reynolds. After being greeted by a fifty-man Guard of Honour, a salute troop, and a 9 pounder detachment on the E-1 parade square, Major General Reynolds was brought out to the field to see members of D Bty engage a successful fire plan. The General had a chance to talk to the men of the Battery and to finally fire a Howitzer. It was a brief visit, however, it will be remembered by all for a long time.

February also saw the Regiment deploying to Calabogie for the annual Regimental Ski School. E Bty (para) spent the first half of the week learning the art of downhill skiing and they were subsequently relieved in line by D Bty. Both Batteries ended their training phases by completing slalom races. The members of the unit enjoyed themselves tremendously while demonstrating a surprisingly high level of downhill skiing expertise.



Members of the regiment during ski-school at Calabogie.

RHQ Bty was divided into the training sessions organized around the two gun batteries. The Regiment got along remarkably well with the civilian ski population in spite of the carefree abandon and sheer enthusiasm demonstrated by our men on the slopes. As a matter of record, members of the Regiment earned several accolades from the chalet owners as to their gentlemanly conduct.



Members of D Bty AMF(L) in Norway (L - R: Gnr Beaulieu, Gnr Rhyno, Bdr Greene, Sgt Moyles)

The month of March D Bty OP's deployed to Norway for Ex Cold Winter. G11 was designated to support 1 RCR in defensive operations in the hills and mountains of northern Norway. Once again light scales were practiced, with emphasis on ski and showshoe mobility. The exercise was an excellent opportunity to compare equipment and fire discipline with the Norwegians as three Norwegian FOO parties were attached to 1 RCR for the exercise.

In the meantime the remainder of D Bty and E Bty (para) were carrying out extensive troop and Bty level training back at home in Petawawa. This gunnery training was designed to shake the Batteries out in preparation for Regimental Practice Camp in early April.



The guns of the regiment deployed for the last fire plan on EX Spartan Gun I.

Immediately after Easter the Regiment moved out of garrison and into a bivouac to begin Ex Spartan Gun I, the Regimental Practice Camp. The exercise began with the continuation of Bty level training to bring the Batteries into top form for the CO's extensive, quick-paced, fire and movement phase of the exercise. The CO's exercise emphasized such things as fireplanning, Regimental fire missions, quick and open actions and of course much movement. The Practice Camp culminated with the placement of both Batteries side by side on the hardstand at "Tin Shacks". From this location the guns were engaged in a massive fire plan for the benefit of all members of the Regiment. It was a spectacular ending to an intense exercise.

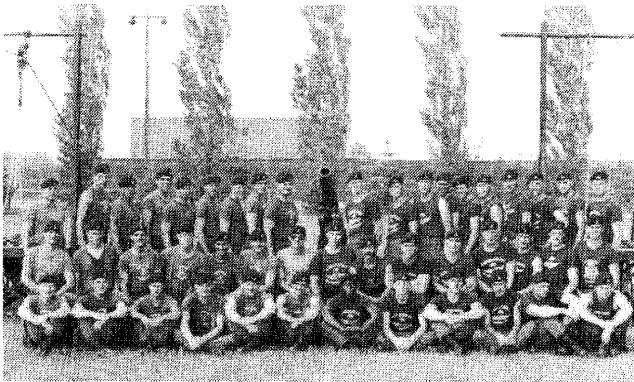


G11 deployed in Belgium during Ex Ardent Ground (L - R: Capt Kennedy, Gnr Steinbrunner)

In early April, as well, two FOO parties from D Bty participated in Ex Ardent Ground, which took place at the Elsenborn training area in Belgium, very near the German border. The aim of the exercise was to test the AMF Artillery in all aspects of command, control, deployment and engagement procedures. The exercise was fast-paced and challenging covering many varied OP procedures such as night patrolling, AFV recognition and of course, directing Artillery fire. The troops benefitted greatly because of the contact with other NATO nations, as there were Batteries from Italy, the United States, the United Kingdom, Belgium and West Germany involved in the exercise. There were many opportunities to compare equipment, SOPs, training methods and just about everything else that can be included in soldiering. The high point of the exercise was the calling down of Force Artillery fire missions. The ability to engage any visible target within one minute with the Force gave all the FOO's a great deal of confidence.

April proved most interesting for several members of E Bty (para) who were attached to 3 CDO, Cdn AB Regt, for Ex Southern Voyager. Southern Voyager was a Small Unit Exchange with the 82nd AB Div in Fort Bragg, N.C. which afforded candidates an opportunity to earn US Parachute badges, as well as work with different American equipment.

During the latter part of April and early May the Regiment feverishly prepared for Ex RV 83 in Wainwright, Alta. All the Regiment's equipment was moved by train, while personnel went via service air to sunny Wainwright to participate in the Brigade level exercises. Ex RV 83 was based on a CAST Brigade Group scenario of which 2 RCHA is an important part. For the duration of RV 83 the Regiment welcomed J Bty, 3 RCHA into its ranks. Being one of the training highlights of the year, RV 83 practiced the Regiment in all phases of war, in a number of defensive and offensive situations. The exercise ended with Ex Muzzle Blast, a three-day DIV ARTY exercise involving both 2 RCHA and 3 RCHA. All in all RV 83 was a most rewarding exercise, teaching everyone involved valuable lessons.



The D Bty AMF(L) and E Bty (para) gun race teams.

Upon the return of the Regiment to Petawawa in early June, all available time was spent in maintenance, planning for Armed Forces Day (to be held in conjunction with Petawawa Civic Days) and the Roberts Trophy competition. This year the Regiment was given the task of organizing Armed Forces Day for the entire base. The events kicked off on 17 June and included static displays, a very exciting gun race between D and E Batteries, a parachute jump from a Twin Huey Helicopter and of course a grapefruit gun shoot. As well, the Regiment had the honour of being involved in Petawawa Civic Day celebrations. 2 RCHA participated by marching through the town as part of a larger parade. It showed once again the close association between the military and the town of Petawawa.

The latter part of June was devoted to the Roberts Trophy competition, 2 RCHA's annual inter-Bty competition, although several segments had been completed during RV 83. After an exciting contest, E Bty (para) was declared victorious for 1983 with the following results:

- a. OP — Capt Davis, MBdr Veronneau and Gnr Wells;
- b. Open Action — Lt Girard;
- c. Quick Action — D Tp, lead by Lt Baldwin and WO Corbett; and
- d. Best Gun Det — Sgt Moores, D Bty AMF(L).

On 1 July 83, E Bty (para's) Unarmed Combat Team was involved in Canada Day celebrations in Rockland Ont., marking its first public appearance. The team was the main attraction of the festivities, and received a hardy congratulations from the city council.



LCol EB Beno, CO, at the doors of Kingston City Hall during Kingfest.

Early July was spent by planning and preparing for the big event of the year, Kingfest, which is the city of Kingston's annual festival. The Regiment participated in numerous activities including a historic march from Petawawa to Kingston, conducted by RHQ Battery. The 300 KM trek took nine days and retraced the historical route taken by A and B Batteries in 1906 when they marched to Petawawa from Kingston to fire their guns. While on route the marchers put on weapon and unarmed combat displays in the towns along the way. After arriving in Kingston the marchers rejoined the Regiment to receive the Freedom of the City of Kingston. The parade was led by the colours — a horse drawn nine pounder with the gun detachment in period dress. As well three hundred gunners marched smartly through the streets of Kingston accompanied by vintage Artillery pieces including a Field Artillery Tractor and halftrack, each towing a 25 pounder and a Sexton self-propelled gun. The guns of 2 RCHA followed and an M-109 self-propelled gun brought up the rear.

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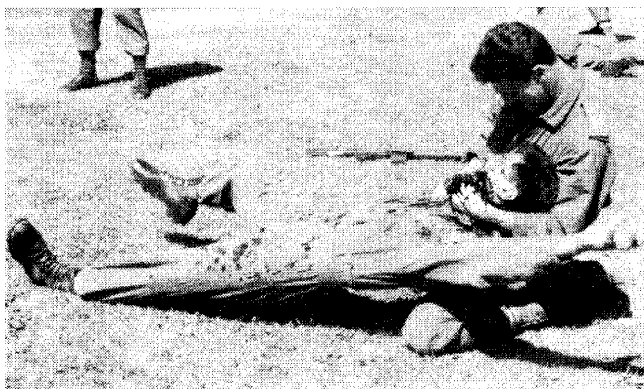


The mounted parade through Kingston during Kingfest, with Sgt Dunn in the forefront.

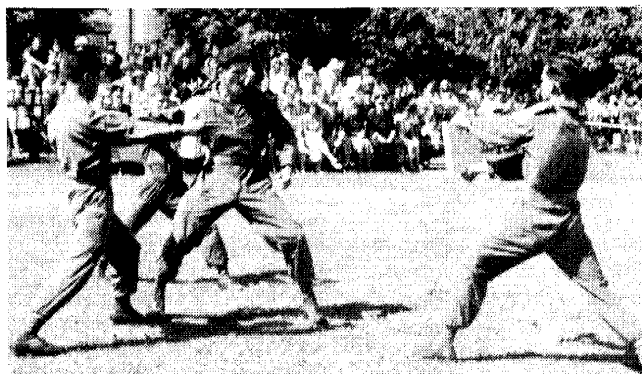


The Deathslide — Kingfest
Gnr Arsenault has a turn.

For the city's annual festival, 2 RCHA also participated to the fullest by putting on a variety of live and static displays including a water jump into Lake Ontario, helicopter rapelling, gun races, nine pounder drills, unarmed combat and even a kiddies commando course.



Pte Diotte cuts Gnr Hardy's throat during an unarmed combat display.



E Bty (para) unarmed combat team demonstration during Kingfest.

While the Regiment was partaking in Kingfest and Summer Block Leave, nine members of D Bty were involved in Ex Klondike Challenge with elements of 1 RCR. This exercise was designed to retrace the route of the Yukon Field Force which made the original trek in 1898. The trek started in Telegraph Creek, BC and ended in Dawson City, Yukon. The total distance travelled in little less than one month was 1200 KM, 300 KM on foot and 900 KM by boat. Once in Dawson City, the modern trekkers took part in Discovery Day celebrations in mid-August and then returned home to their respective units.



Three members of D Bty AMF(L) eating and relaxing after a day in the boats during Ex Klondike Challenge (L-R: Gnr Roy, Gnr Fugere, MBdr Endersby).

On completion of Summer Block Leave, E Bty (para) moved to Calabogie for two weeks of Adventure Training. The training consisted of mountain, survival and watersmanship skills. It was enjoyed by all members of the Battery and fostered good relationships with the local civilians.

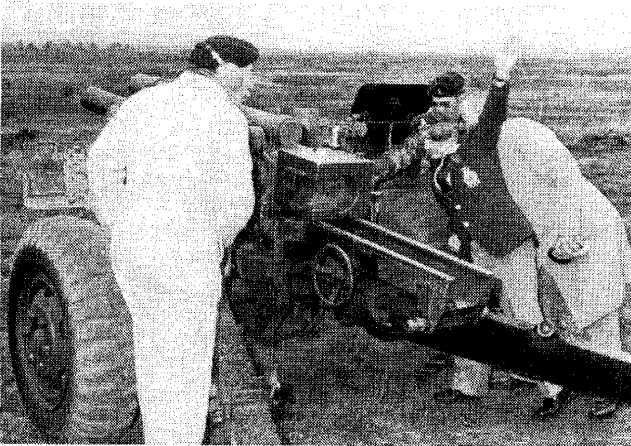
Immediately following the Adventure Training, 60 members of E Bty (para) completed an Airborne Indoctrination Course, while the remainder of the para Bty were involved in Mountain Training with the Canadian Airborne Regiment.



Lieutenant-General sir Thomas Morony, KCB, OBE, The Master Gunner of St. James Park talking with members of the regiment (L-R: MBdr Monkhouse, Gnr Todd and Gnr Bessette)

D Bty hosted the visit of the Master Gunner of St. James Park, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Morony, KCB, OBE. The Master Gunner was treated to a mountaineering display put on by D Bty, during his visit.

From mid-September on, the Regiment deployed to the field again, along with the remainder of the SSF, to take part in FALLCON 83. This exercise was designed to practice all units of the Brigade in basic soldiering skills and included training on small arms, TOETS, first aid, basic infantry skills and patrolling. Some of the highlights of the exercise were the jungle lane and the live section assault range. FALLCON ended with an exciting Brigade sports day and the first ever Iron Man competition. This was a 26 mile marathon of running with rucksacks, orienteering and canoeing. The Regiment was proud to have five of the top ten finishers in the ranks of the "Iron Men".

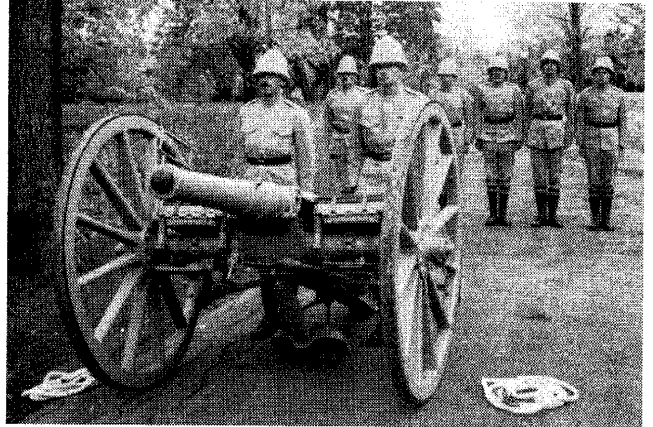


Members of the RCHA Brigade Association man a gun of D Bty AMF(L) during their reunion.

October saw the Regiment involved in two major undertakings; the RCHA Brigade Association Reunion and Ex Spartan Gun II. The RCHA Brigade Association asked to hold its reunion in Petawawa because of the close association gunners have always had with the base. The Regiment therefore hosted 80 members of the Association and their wives who came up for the weekend of 6-9 October. A memorial parade was held for the veterans who were then driven out to the Mattawa Plain to watch a series of displays and demonstrations. These consisted of Blowpipe positions, the rappelling of an OP party from a helicopter, a quick action by a troop of guns from D Bty, a direct shoot by an L-5 Howitzer from E Bty (para) and of course the all powerful grapefruit gun showed its might as well. The RCHA Brigade Association enjoyed themselves immensely during the program, for it gave some of the older gunners the chance to fire the guns again.

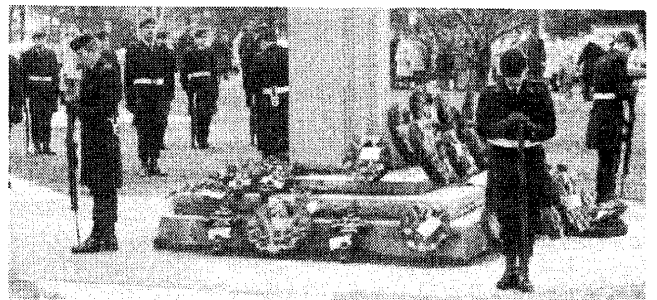
As well, October also saw the Regiment deploy to the field for Ex Spartan Gun II. This Regimental Practice Camp differed significantly from Spartan Gun I in that it was the first opportunity for the gun Batteries to employ the two troop system. The advantages of the two troop system were quickly demonstrated in CPX's, Troop Commander's training and finally a BC's shakeout exercise. The training was briefly interrupted by a Regimental Family Day which included static displays, weapons demonstrations, a fire power demonstration by E Bty (para) and of course the subalterns wreaking havoc on an outhouse with the grapefruit gun. Attendance was good, even though the weather was less than desirable. After the families returned to base the exercise began in earnest with a three-day CO's fire and movement exercise. It was a fast-paced three days but a good experience for all members of the unit.

Throughout the whole fall training period the Regimental School was in full swing with a number of courses. Under the direction of the Chief Instructor and the SMIG the school ran courses including a Detachment 2 i/c, two Driver (Wheeled), a basic Arty Tech, a basic comms and a basic blowpipe course. As well two troops of TQ 3 recruits from the YTEP program joined the Regiment in November. They became E and F Troops of the new F Battery. The school held one live fire and movement exercise from 5-8 December to confirm what all the courses had been taught.



Members of D Bty AMF(L) in period dress (led by MBdr Endersby) during Liliefontein Day commemorative ceremony at Government House, Ottawa.

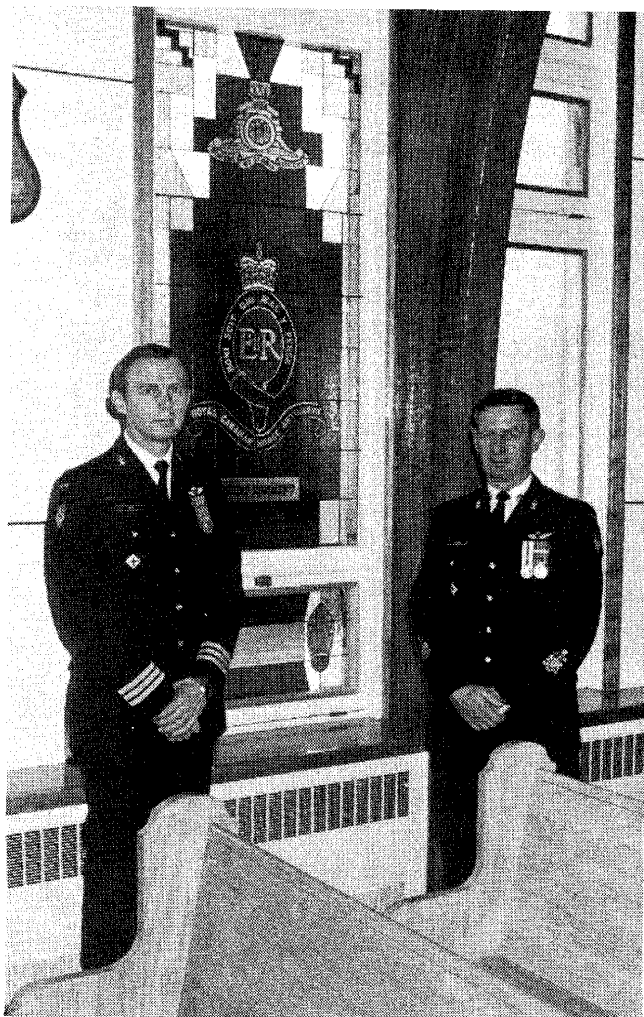
As well as the exercises and taskings the Regiment has taken part in, numerous smaller activities also involved the unit. Both gun Batteries provided support to the units of Central Militia Area throughout the year. Remembrance Day and Canoe River were remembered with memorial parades. The Regiment was also involved with the visit of the Japanese Chief of the Defence Staff.



Members of D Bty AMF(L) during Remembrance Day Commemorations at Deep River Cenotaph.



The Japanese Chief of Defence Staff prepares to fire an L5 Howitzer of E Bty (para).



The CO and RSM During the dedication of the stained glass window to St. George's Protestant Chapel on St. Barbara's Day.

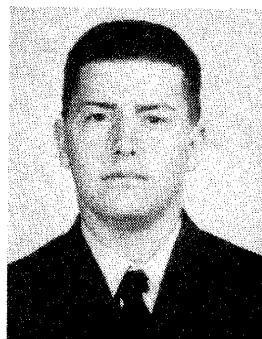
1983 was a good year for 2 RCHA. Training was varied and intense but the Regiment fared well. Numerous taskings reduced the number of men in the Batteries and courses also took their toll, however, the Batteries persevered and accomplished much valuable training in 1983.



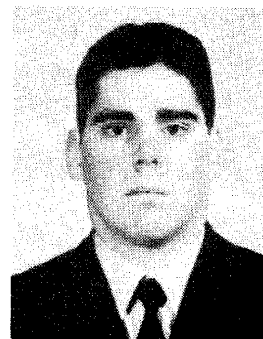
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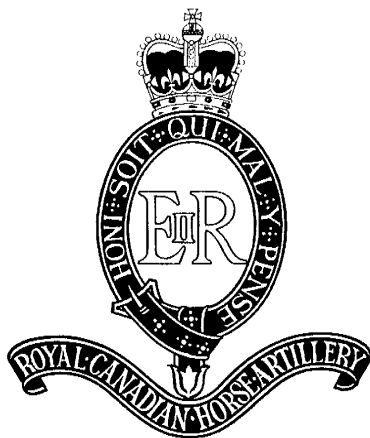
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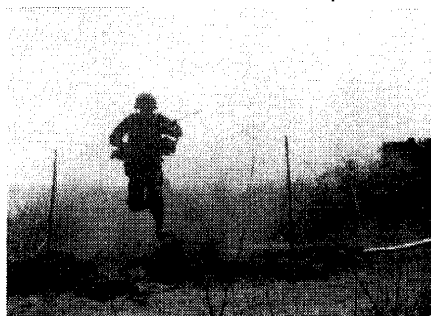
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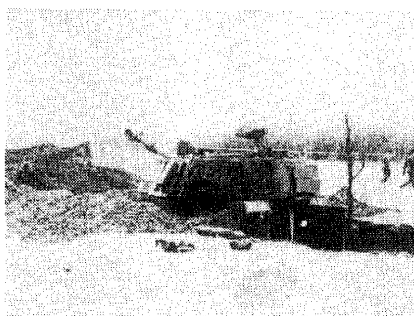
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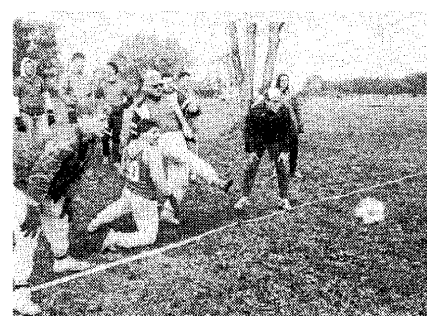
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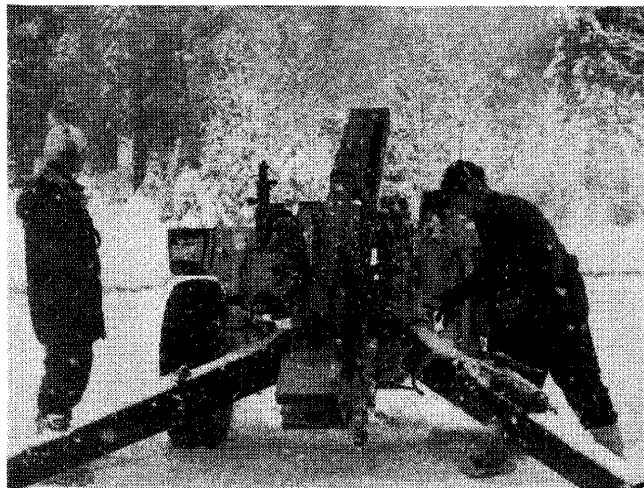


Work Hard



Play Hard

Nineteen eighty three was a year of many changes; it was a year of reflection, nostalgia, and new experiences. Command changed in a very dramatic way as a new CO, 21C and RSM took the helm simultaneously. The Regiment celebrated its 30th anniversary. Men and equipment battled Mother Nature, CAST and the computers of DLOR in places as varied as Alaska and Germany.



AVCON — Shooting avalanches during a storm, from left to right Gnr Garfield Butler and Gnr Robert Birtnell stand within inches of the Trans Canada Highway which is between them and the trees.

The year started off with a bang in Rogers Pass, B.C. as 2Lt Luiz Araujo, Sgt John Critchley and their detachment were dusted by an avalanche. The Third celebrated a unique anniversary in 1983 — 20 years as

"Snow Punchers". With well over 13,000 rounds expended during the last 20 years Rogers Pass ranks as the longest battle against the most stubborn adversary on record. The snow returns each winter as do the Gunners of the Third.

The end of Christmas leave brought the Regiment back rested and ready to go, and the pace moved to double time immediately with the commencement of Regimental School and EX SNOW GUNNER. The lack of sufficient snow and the mild temperatures was deceiving as the first night in the field brought Old Man Winter out in all his glory with temperatures dropping to minus 20°C. Cold weather appealed to some more than others and for the FOOs of J Bty fun was spelled EX BRIM FROST in Alaska.



Toboggan — "Horse Artillery?" J Bty Gunners participate in a toboggan race during Winter Indoc (more play than work).

Spring was in the air as LIMBER GUNNER 8301 began on March 14th, however, winter still controlled the ranges as many a recce officer soon discovered. Victor Bty 5 RALC joined Uniform Bty for a combined Blowpipe and Boffin firing which was a great success. The first visit by V Bty to the Home Station added to the excitement generated by the first deployment of the Ops tasked batteries from 15th and 26th Field Regiments RCA.

Ideas of dry-dusty Shilo were quickly dispelled as warm weather brought an end to the snow and turned trails into rivers.



TATs 50 — "Show and Tell" BSM U MWO Gary Morris and BSM V MWO Pierre DeRoy point with pride at the results of V Bty's Boffin firing.



Maj Stewart — Maj Jim Stewart assists as Maj Chris Ford (CO 1 CER) coordinates the breaching of a minefield.



BK G — Nigel (the CO's Parrot) with BK G Capt Mike Popovich in WainNam RV 83.

The month of May and RV 83 was a time not soon forgotten. It was a time of digging, running, training, dust, snow and late night phone calls. G Bty learned defensive skills as they dug in a complete defensive gun position. J Bty learned the art of fire and movement as they explored the entire Wainwright ranges at the double march with 2 RCHA. U Bty explored the advantages of flying with the assistance of a few friendly helicopters. RHQ was kept busy repairing vehicles and radios to keep the unit on the go. Between calls for fire and dodging FGA the officers of the Third found time to enjoy Mess Life to the fullest. 3 RCHA's Mess Dinner was the social event of RV 83 and

compliments from visiting units were a great source of encouragement to all. Practice and yet more practice allowed the entire regiment to develop skills to a very high level. U Bty and the Air Defense Troop from 2 RCHA visited EX MAPLE FLAG in CFB Cold Lake where they sharpened aircraft recognition skills and discussed tactics with very attentive pilots. EX MUZZLE BLAST made up for the lack of live firing experienced during the early parts of RV 83 and gave everyone a good workout.



LCol Guiler — "The man who stopped time." BCG's watch destroyed at 1931:15 hrs.

The 1 CBG Small Arms Competition held at the end of RV 83 was conducted by 3 RCHA's expert team. In the butts and on the firing line U Bty 3 RCHA was in control (controlling targets and relays). The regimental team put in a determined effort which was rewarded by an individual high score in pistol by Bdr John Beddows, and fourth place overall.

NRQS (National Rank and Qualifying School) held at CFB Shilo between 18 June and 12 August took a heavy toll of senior NCO's and junior officers as course instructors. The challenge of working with the militia was new for some and an adventure for all.

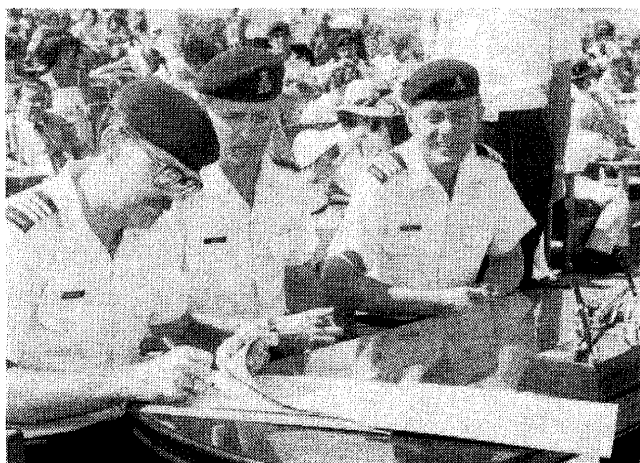


Canoe — "Heave-Together Now" a casualty of adventure training suffers through emergency first aid.

Adventure training anyone? EX VOYAGEUR was an adventure for J Bty where war was waged on a different battlefield; a war in which canoes were the casualties. Between the third and 24th of July J Bty canoed and fished through a series of rivers and lakes near Bakers Narrows Manitoba.



Maj Saunders — Maj Bernie Saunders signs on as BC U as LCol Tim Guiler watches.



Change of Command — A sad yet happy moment as LCol Bryan Stephenson assumes command of 3 RCHA from LCol Tim Guiler, BGen J. Sharpe in attendance.

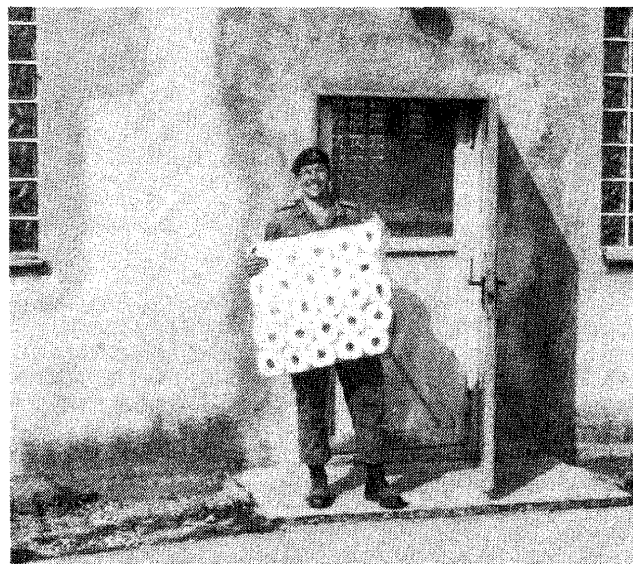


Marchpast — Maj Mike Morrison leads J Bty past during Change of Command parade.

Summer and posting season produced several major changes in the Third. U Bty changed BCs sending Maj Hugh Mundell off to Quebec for a French course and welcomed Maj Bernie Saunders. Maj Fred LaForge turned the administrative helm over to Maj Lew Adkins, RSM McCulloch moved to Base Shilo as Base RSM and CWO Vic White became the new RSM. Finally and most importantly command of 3 RCHA passed from LCol Tim Guiler to LCol Bryan Stephenson on the 28th of July 1983.



NBCW — Capt Mike Popovich awaits orders to move the Bty to a rendezvous with a decontamination unit after a gas attack while on exercise in southern Germany. (9 hr in NBC State 3 - 85°F — Great Fun - Try It!)



Lt Armstrong — "Relief comes in many different forms". Lt Morley Armstrong seems to have found something to smile about even in Grafenwohr.

Summer holidays were a welcome relief for most during the month of August, and a holiday of sorts — EX OP PENDANT took G Bty to Germany. Between August 10th and September 27th the men of G Bty endured the dust of Grafenwohr, enjoyed German hospitality and made the record books as the first fly-over Bty to conduct live firing in Germany. G Bty was readily welcomed as the fourth M109 A3 Bty and greatly appreciated 1 RCHA's hospitality and assistance. The competition among the 24 guns and A, B, C and G/Z Btys was intense and G Bty returned dusty but proud of a job well done.



APC — "A break from summer's heat" instruction in the art of water crossing.



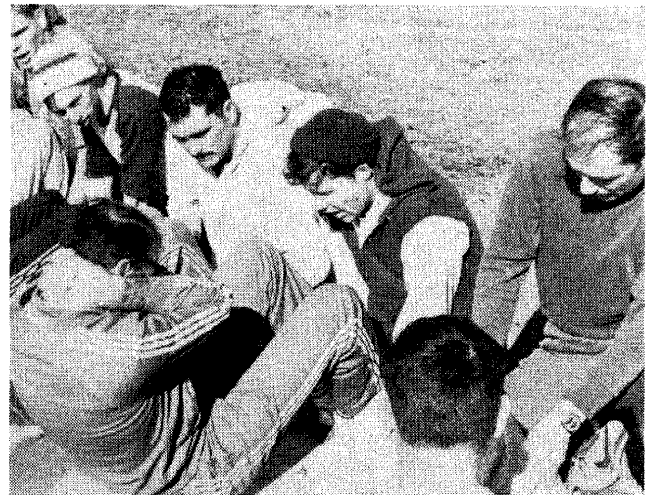
Stretcher — Taking a break from sports Gnr Tim Bonville relaxes as Gnr John Steffler and Gnr Mark Carr do the work during the stretcher race which ended the Regimental 30th Anniversary Sports Day.

September and the start of school — Regimental School left BSMs to dream of the day when they would have more than five or six men on parade. The comms, Dvr Wh, Dvr Track and Basic Blowpipe courses stripped the regiment of close to two hundred bodies which was amazing in light of the absence of G Bty. EX POISON DART from 3-8 October took the remaining 3 RCHA personnel to CFB Calgary and left U and J Bty clerks in the unenviable position of being the sole distraction for their BSMs. The 14th of October and Regimental Sports Day brought Regimental School to a close as the regiment prepared to celebrate their 30th Anniversary.



Jump — Sgt Bob Howell demonstrates how to do it with style as Cpl Larry Manning and Gnr Gerald Fowler watch in amazement.

October 15th 1983 and thirty years of service brought back many good memories and a sense of pride in the Third Regiments accomplishments. The Regimental parade, static display, and Dinner Dance that followed were a great success and a great way to start off a new decade of dedicated service from the Gunners of the Third.



Situps — LCol Bryan Stephenson pumps out situps to yells of encouragement from Lt Cam Ross and the RHQ allstar track and field team.

LIMBER GUNNER 8302 from October 18th to November 8th tested the skills learned during Regimental School and emphasized movement throughout. U Bty participated in Blowpipe firing with V Bty at CFB Gagetown and somehow finished their Boffin firing in Shilo with all four Boffins in working order. G and J Btys were constantly on the move and everything ran smoothly throughout.

From Mud Gunners to Snow Gunners the change was dramatic as 2Lt Kevin Pollard, Sgt Glenn and detachment departed the muddy fields of Shilo for snowy Rogers Pass.

The call of the wild west brought a large contingent to CFB Calgary for EX NORTHERN PASSAGE and a fight with DLOR's computers. The Air Defenders had to swallow their pride shortly after start ex and many a kind word was forgotten by both mud and bird gunner as casualties mounted. In the end many lessons were learned, and especially for the FOOs the art of being in two places simultaneously became SOP.



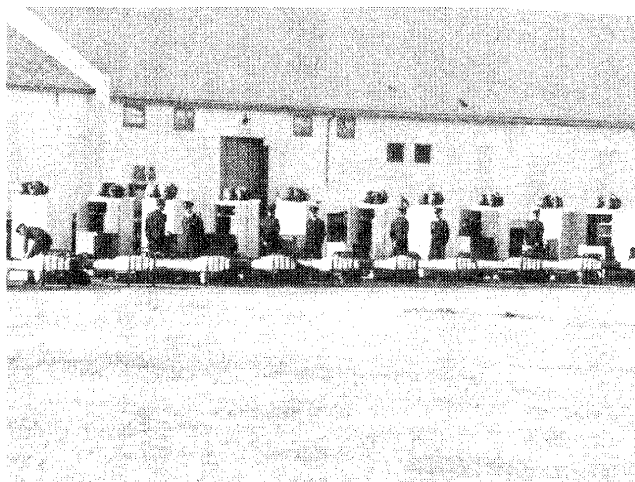
Cake — "Thirty years young" BGen H.R. Wheatley, LCol Bryan Stephenson, RSM Vic White and Mr. Jack Stevens assist in the cutting of the cake.

On Sunday, December 4th the Regiment paraded to chapel and then dispersed to messes for a family luncheon. St. Barbara's Sports Day celebrated on the 5th was a cold experience for those involved with the Obstacle Course and a new and slightly different way to eat for those in the tent race. RHQ Bty stole the day with an impressive display of skill and left no doubt in any mind where command of the regiment comes from.



Shooting — Capt Tony Marston takes aim during weapons training.

The Third looks forward to the new year with determination to make it the best ever, and to continue the proud tradition of Gunners everywhere "on time — on target"!



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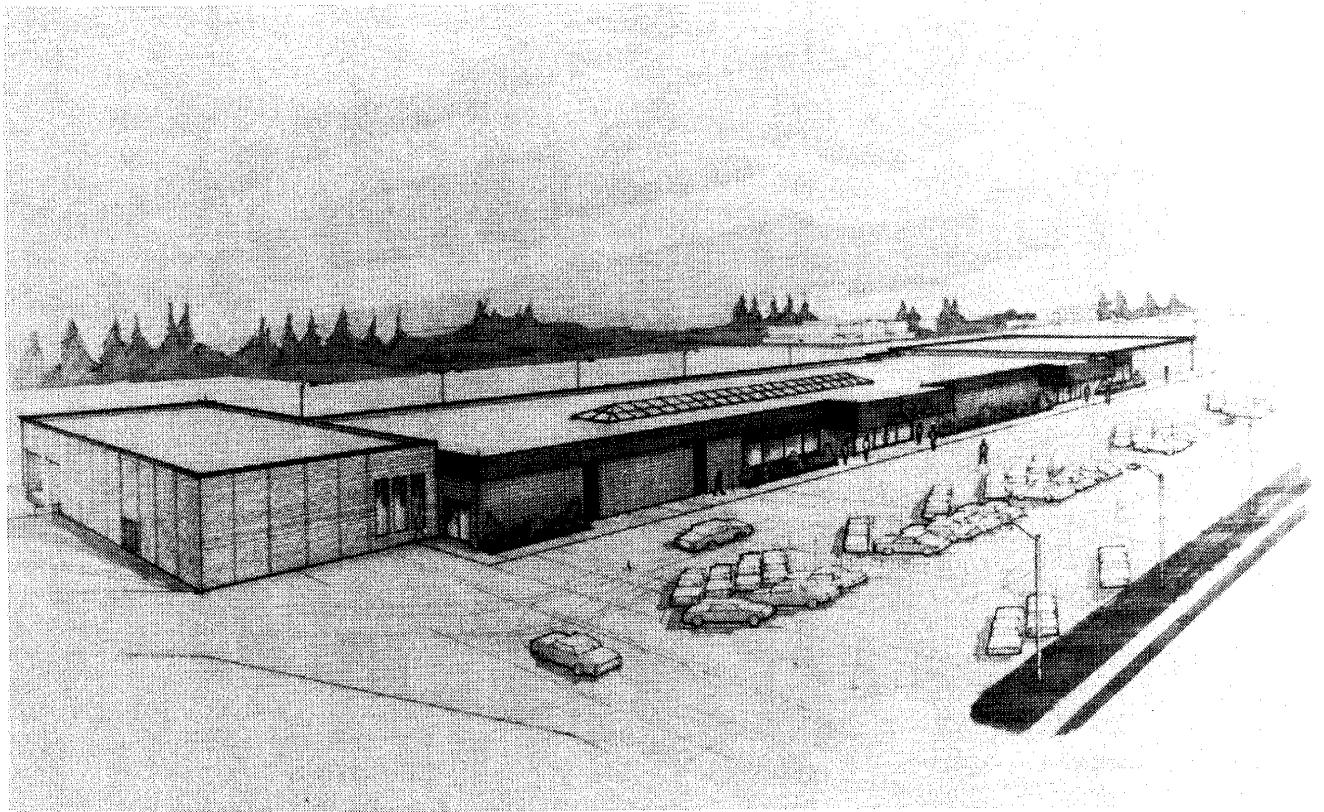
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PRÉFACE

L'année 1983 a été remplie de plusieurs activités majeures dont une passation de commandement, le 15ième anniversaire du Régiment et le Droit de Cité de Québec ainsi que des visites de la Batterie X à Fort Campbell et de la Batterie Q à Fort Benning. Les exercices principaux tels que Nez Rouge et Pièce Maritime ont continué à garder nos artilleurs en pleine forme de tir. Ce fut une année au cours de laquelle nous avons pu évoluer comme artilleurs, comme soldats et comme Canadiens.



15e anniversaire du Régiment (6 mai 83)

Le Sgt Whalen, notre quatrième doyen, reçoit son parchemin de retraite du BGén R.P. Beaudry. Le Sgt Whalen nous a quittés le 30 mai après plus d'un quart de siècle avec les canons.

EX NEZ ROUGE — EX BLUE GRASS

L'exercice Nez Rouge, exercice de combat en hiver au niveau de brigade, a été en 1983 un peu différent des années précédentes pour le Régiment. La Batterie X, sachant fort bien qu'il ferait plus chaud dans le sud, est partie le 9 janvier pour s'envoler vers Fort Campbell au Kentucky. Cette visite dans le cadre d'échange de petite unité se faisait dans la maison-mère de la "101st Airborne Division". Après une introduction au canon M102 de 105MM, la batterie est partie sur l'exercice Blue Grass. Malheureusement pour les membres de la "X", une pluie torrentielle rendit l'exercice plus difficile que d'habitude. Malgré cela le moral était bon et la batterie X représenta sans difficulté le haut niveau de professionnalisme des artilleurs canadiens. Après cet exercice d'une dizaine de

jours, tous ont eu l'occasion de visiter de plus près les environs de Fort Campbell; tant bien Nashville que le parcours du Air Assault School, ainsi que des visites à la tour de rappel et rappel en hélicoptère.



15e anniversaire du Régiment (6 mai 83)

Trois de nos doyens. Ils ont chacun 15 ans de service au Cinquième. Le BGén R.P. Beaudry, ancien commandant du régiment et premier commandant de la Batterie Q, remet les plaques souvenirs.

Pendant ce temps la Batterie Q a reçu la batterie "Charlie du 1st Battalion, 321 Field Artillery". Cet échange a commencé avec un programme d'initiation à l'hiver pour les troupes américaines afin de les familiariser avec notre équipement. L'entraînement a culminé avec un exercice d'hiver dans les secteurs de la base. Après un cours de conversion sur le C1 105MM, les deux "batteries" du 5 RALC, la Q et Charlie, ont pris part à l'exercice Nez Rouge où les températures glaciales étaient de rigueur encore une fois.

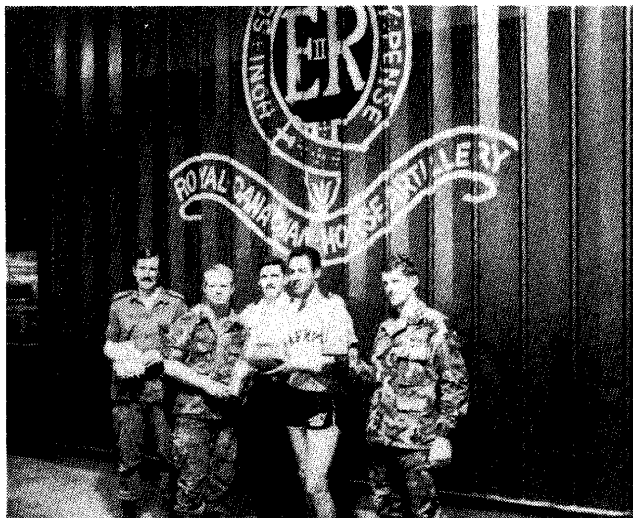
PASSATION DE COMMANDEMENT

Le 11 février 1983, le LCol J.G.V.N. Rouleau CD a remis son commandement du Régiment au LCol R.A. Dallaire CD dans une cérémonie digne mais sombre. Victime d'un accident très grave dans la région de Gagetown au mois de septembre 1982, il devait quitter le régiment plus tôt que prévu. Nous lui souhaitons bon courage et de la persévérance dans ses projets futurs.



Dîner de la Troupe.

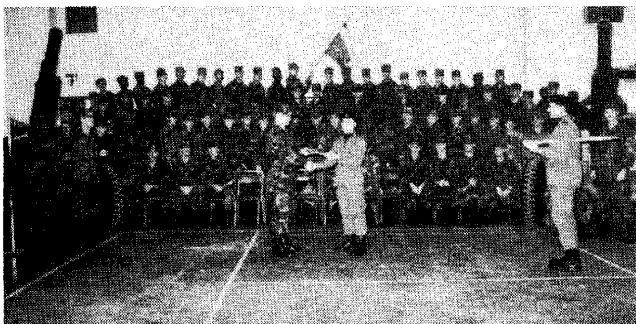
L'artilleur R.A. Dallaire adresse quelques mots au Régiment sous les regards du commandant de la journée, A/LCol Tremblay et du plus vieux artilleur, le Bdr Lepage.



Les officiers du "Battery C, 2/10 de Fort Benning, Georgina, avec le Major Lees et le Commandant.

JEUX D'HIVER

Le régiment s'est placé en troisième place au hockey, deuxième place au ballon balai et en première place sur pourcentage de participation. Nous continuons d'aller de l'avant.



Les membres de "Battery C, 1/321 Artillery" de Fort Campbell, Kentucky, avec le Major K.C. Hague et Adjum Mouton de la Bie Q.

EX LIMBER GUNNER — EX PIÈCE BRONZÉE

Du 28 mars au 11 avril, les membres de la Batterie V se sont envolés à destination de CFB Shilo à bord de C-130 Hercules pour l'exercice Limber Gunner; exercice de tir réel de 40MM Boffin et de missiles Blowpipe avec les membres de la Batterie U du 3 RCHA. Peu de temps après, c'est au tour de la Batterie Q de prendre la route du sud, cette fois-ci à Fort Benning en Georgie. Les hôtes de la visite, la Batterie "Bravo, 2nd Battalion, 10th Field Artillery". Après une introduction à l'équipement et procédures américaines, la Batterie Q a pris part à un exercice de tir réel accentué de déplacements héliportés. Bien sûr avant de repartir, nos artilleurs ont pris la chance d'utiliser la course d'obstacles "Darby Queen" des Rangers ainsi que la tour à rappel, la course d'assaut à la baïonnette et une visite un peu moins mouvementée au musée de l'Infanterie. Pendant ce temps la batterie "Charlie" de la même unité, prenait part à notre exercice de tir réel au niveau régimentaire, exercice Pièce Bronzée. Malgré ce "chaud" nom, nos amis américains se sont sentis fortement dépayés par le temps froid du mois de mai à Valcartier.



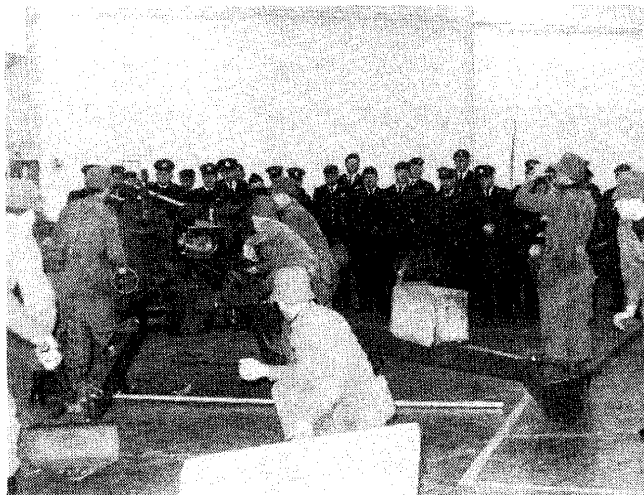
Ex Pièce Maritime

Le dernier repas. Le plancher était rouge de carapaces d'homards. De gauche à droite on remarque le Col T. Stafford (Cmdt District No 1), le LCol P. Fecteau (OSEM ARTIL SE(M)), BGén R. Boucher (GCmdt du SE(M)), le Commandant, le Col Bauer (CMdt District de St-John), le Col Bélanger (Cmdt du District No 3).

151ÈME ANNIVERSAIRE

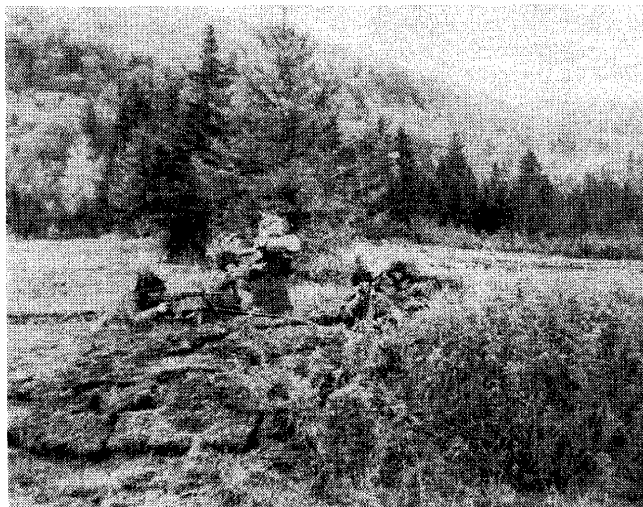
Le 151ème anniversaire du Cinquième Régiment, le 6 mai 1983 fut marqué par une parade formelle ayant le BGén R.P. Beaudry commandant du 51ème Groupe-Brigade du Canada comme officier de revue. Ce fut une occasion unique car le régiment a pu remettre le cadeau de départ au LCol Rouleau. De plus l'occasion fut idéale pour souligner la présence dans nos rangs des doyens (ceux qui ont servi le régiment depuis son année de conception) soit BdrC Labranche, BdrC Lemay, Sgt Whalen et Bdr Lepage. Le Sgt Marcoux fut le cinquième doyen mais succomba soudainement d'une crise cardiaque lors de la fin de semaine de Pâques. Son épouse fût présentée à la cérémonie et elle reçut une plaque souvenir en son nom. Aussi, une vingtaine d'artilleurs, incluant le SMR M. Hautcoeur, furent salués d'une façon particulière pour avoir servi entre 10 et 14 ans dans le régiment.

Sans aucun doute le point culminant des fêtes anniversaires fut l'obtention du Droit de Cité de la ville de Québec le 9 juillet 1983 dans le cadre des fêtes du 375ième anniversaire de la fondation de la Ville de Québec. Les festivités commencèrent le vendredi soir alors que des dîners mixtes régimentaires eurent lieu au Mess des Officiers de la Citadelle ainsi qu'au Mess des Sous-Officiers Supérieurs à Valcartier. Les cérémonies du Droit de Cité se terminèrent par des défilés monté et à pied à



Une démonstration de mission de tir anti-char pour le cours d'adjudant-chef de Borden.

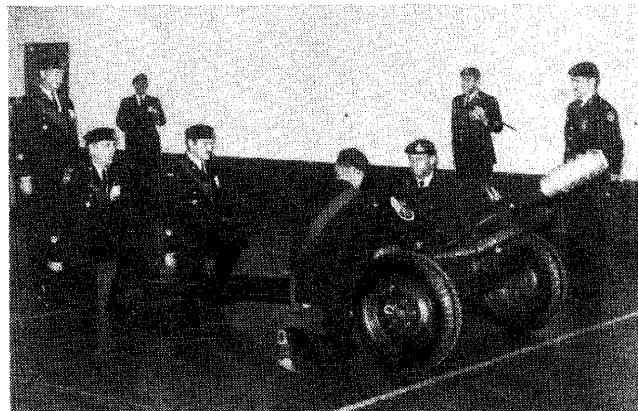
travers les rues de la vieille capitale. Par une belle journée ensoleillée, le samedi 9 juillet, les fêtes d'anniversaire continuèrent avec des tours organisés de la Ville de Québec, ainsi qu'avec des expositions de pièces d'artillerie et matériel militaire au Parc Montmorency. Le point culminant était réservé à l'obtention du Droit de Cité de la Ville de Québec.



Un détachement de la Bie V en plein exploit.

L'importance de cet événement était soulignée par Monsieur le Maire, Jean Pelletier dans son message: "Ce régiment d'artillerie, bien que relativement jeune, s'inscrit dans une tradition de plus de trois siècles d'artillerie canadienne à Québec. Digne héritier des diverses batteries qui ont occupé les hauteurs stratégiques de Québec au cours de son histoire, le 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada fut la fierté de tous les Québécois et nous sommes heureux de pouvoir le compter au nombre de nos corps militaires les plus valeureux". La parade du Droit de Cité eût lieu en présence du BGén W.W. Turner CD, Colonel Commandant du Régiment Royal d'Artillerie Canadienne, invité d'honneur du Régiment. Plusieurs autres invités de marque étaient aussi présents, dont l'Honorable Gilles Lamontagne, Ministre de la Défense Nationale et ancien Maire de la Ville de Québec, le MGén J.J.A. Doucet OMM CD, le BGén J.T.F.A. Liston MBE CD, Commandant du 5e Groupe-Brigade du Canada, le BGén R.P. Beaudry CD, le

BGén R.G. Heitshu CD et le BGén J.R. Wheatley CD, Directeur de l'Artillerie. Plusieurs autres anciens commandants et sergents-majors régimentaires étaient aussi là dont le Col J.P. Bouvette CD, Col J.C. Archambault CD, LCol J.G.V.N. Rouleau CD, Adjuc G.N. Malcolm MMM CD, Capt M.R. Sauvé MMM CD, Adjuc R.A. Heitshu CD, Adjuc A.J. Lavigne MMM CD.



Le vieil 75MM allemand, première pièce d'exhibit au Cinquième, nous est retournée de l'École de Combat du R22eR.

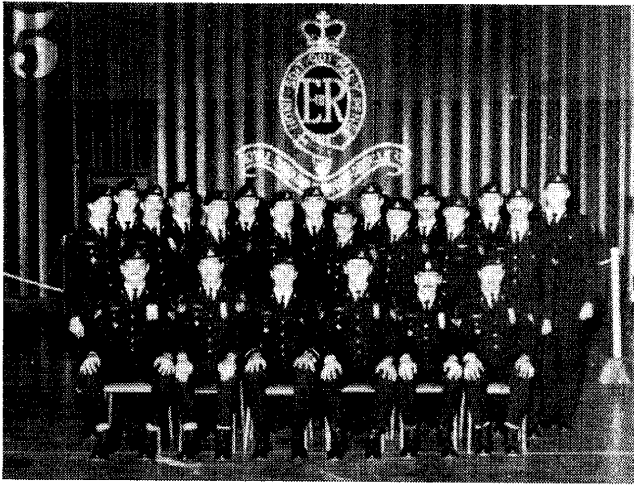
Immédiatement, après la parade, un cocktail eût lieu à l'Hôtel de Ville, où sous les yeux attentifs de Sieur Samuel de Champlain, plusieurs présentations eurent lieu. Le samedi se clôtura par un bal régimentaire au Hilton Québec avec la musique de l'Artillerie Royale Canadienne. Dimanche matin, les familles et invités des artilleurs (anciens et présents) du Cinquième eurent l'occasion de visiter les lignes du Régiment lors du matin "Portes Ouvertes" et purent assister à la passation de commandement de la Bie X entre le Major B.M. Lees CD et le Major J.M.N. Bernier CD. La fin de semaine se clôtura avec un excellent brunch préparé par les cuisiniers du Régiment.



*École Régimentaire.
Cours de Boffin de base.*

EX PIÈCE MARITIME VI — EX PUBLIQUE RENCONTRE

Après un congé en bloc de trois semaines en juillet pour tout le régiment, on retrouve les lignes d'unité pour rencontrer les nouveaux, pour se réorganiser et enfin se préparer pour les activités à venir.



École Régimentaire.
Le cours de communicateur de base.

Cette année l'exercice Pièce Maritime (incluant tout le Cinquième moins la Bie V, toutes les unités d'artillerie de milice du Secteur de l'Est et de "Atlantic Militia Area", a débuté par des visites à différents villages tout le long du chemin à Gagetown où un nombre de démonstrations statiques eurent lieu. Les lieux visités inclurent Rivière-du-Loup, Cabano, St-Pascal et Dégelis. Pour clôturer ces journées, des joutes de balle molle ont aussi été organisées contre les équipes locales.

Une fois à Gagetown, le régiment participa à un exercice ayant pour but de faire une prise de conscience au niveau de batterie. Ce fut une excellente opportunité pour les membres des Forces régulières ainsi que pour les miliciens à apprendre à se connaître mutuellement et à s'entraider.



Promotion Rouleau.
Dernier cours de niveau Solde 3.

ÉCOLE REGIMENTAIRE — EX ORIENTATION AIR

L'automne a de nouveau vu le début de l'école régimentaire. Plusieurs cours ont été menés et un nombre imposant de stagiaires ont gradué. Simultanément les batteries en ont profité pour faire leur recyclage annuel. La batterie V s'en est donnée à coeur joie à faire du rappel, de la cartographie ainsi que des déplacements héliportés. Ceci a vite été suivi par l'exercice Orientation Air, alors que la "V" à son tour partait à Gagetown pour supporter le cours de commandant de section et officier de défense aérienne. Une fois sur place tous en ont profité pour prendre l'occasion de faire du tir de Boffin et de Blowpipe. Il est à noter que des membres de la 128ième et 129ième Batteries DAA, de la troupe de défense aérienne du 1 RCHA ainsi que de la Batterie U du 3 RCHA faisaient aussi partie de cet entraînement.



Jeux d'Hiver.
Notre équipe de ski alpin qui faisait très bonne mine sauf pour les quelques erreurs de parcours.

BATTERIE PFEJ — COURS NIVEAU SOLDE 3

Le 6 juillet 1983, le dernier cours de NS-3, la promotion Rouleau, gradua au sein du Cinquième. Dorénavant, tous les artilleurs francophones seront endoctrinés et formés à l'Ecole de Combat d'Artillerie à Shilo Manitoba. Mais en octobre, les salles de cours du régiment bourdonnaient au son des instructeurs qui moulaient un nouveau groupe de 58 recrues enrôlées dans le programme d'emploi des jeunes. Une batterie d'entraînement, la Bie PFEJ, fut mise sur pied afin de répondre à ce besoin réel d'instruction au niveau de base d'artillerie et ce jusqu'en mars 1984.



Jeux d'Hiver.
L'équipe qui s'est placée troisième dans la ligue l'an passé et est présentement en première place.

CONCLUSION

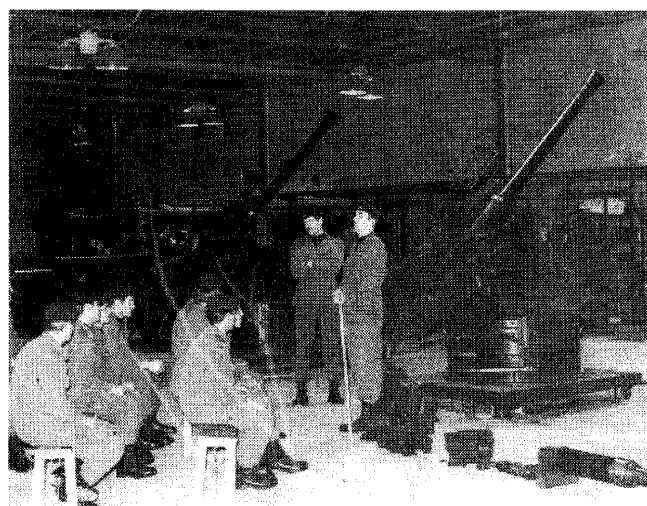
L'année 1983 fut une série d'événements qui eurent pour but de permettre au Cinquième de connaître son passé, prendre conscience du présent et de regarder avec optimisme et courage son futur. Nous remercions tous les membres du régiment pour le travail et le don de soi pendant cette dernière année et nous espérons garder nos anciens près de nos jeunes le plus longtemps possible.



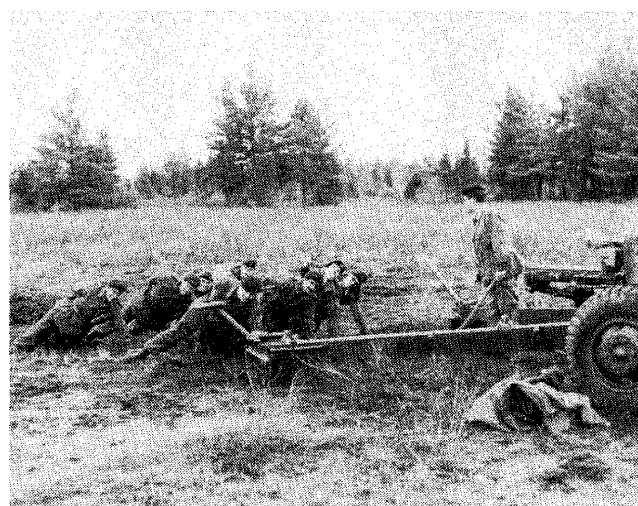
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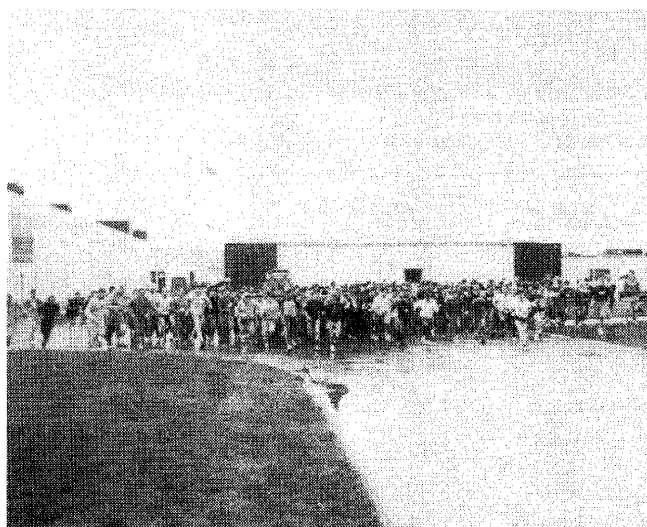
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École Régimentaire.
Le cours de Boffin de base.



Promotion Rouleau.
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La course annuelle régimentaire de 5 kilomètres. Une phase du plan global d'entraînement physique.



Journée Sportive.
Une des trente quelques équipes participantes à cette compétition inter-batteries. Cette équipe est de la Bie Q.

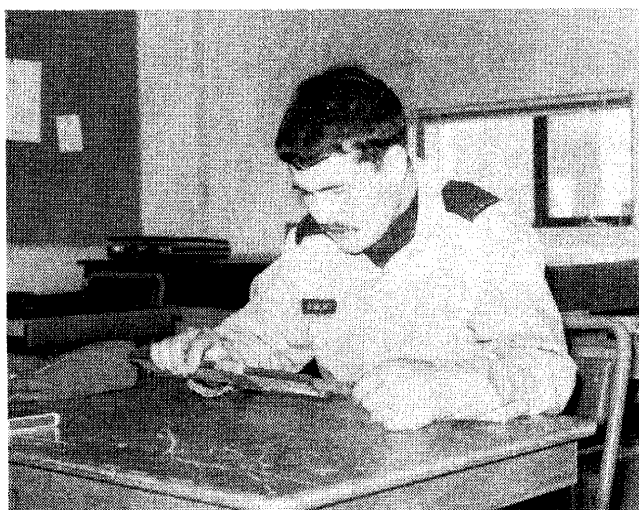


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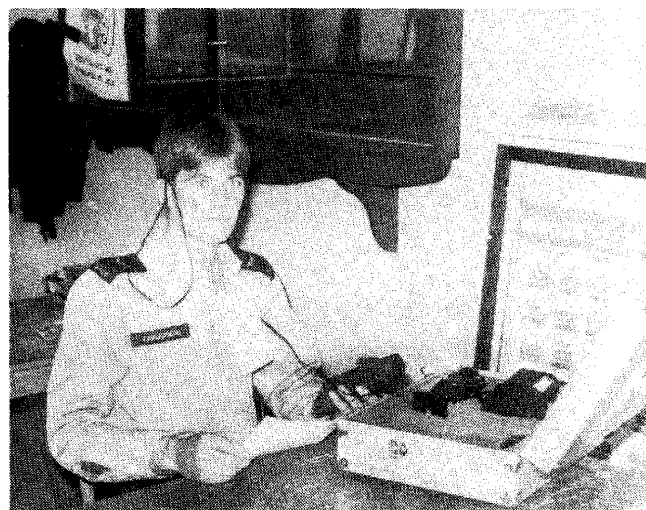


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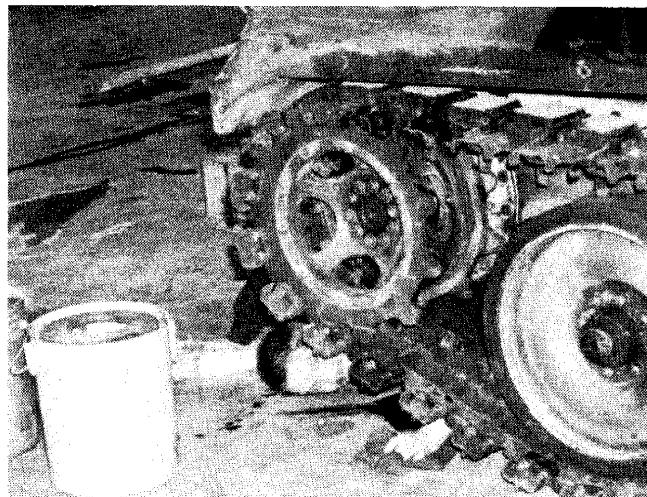


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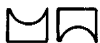
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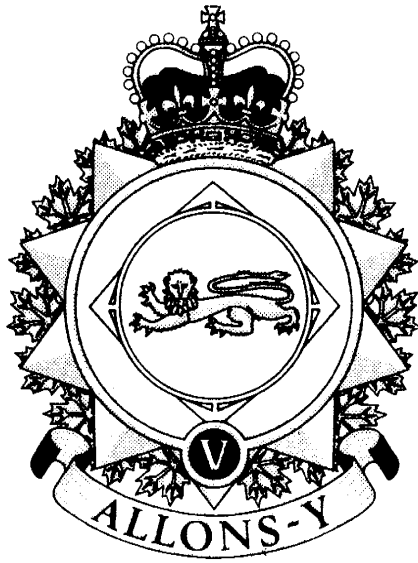
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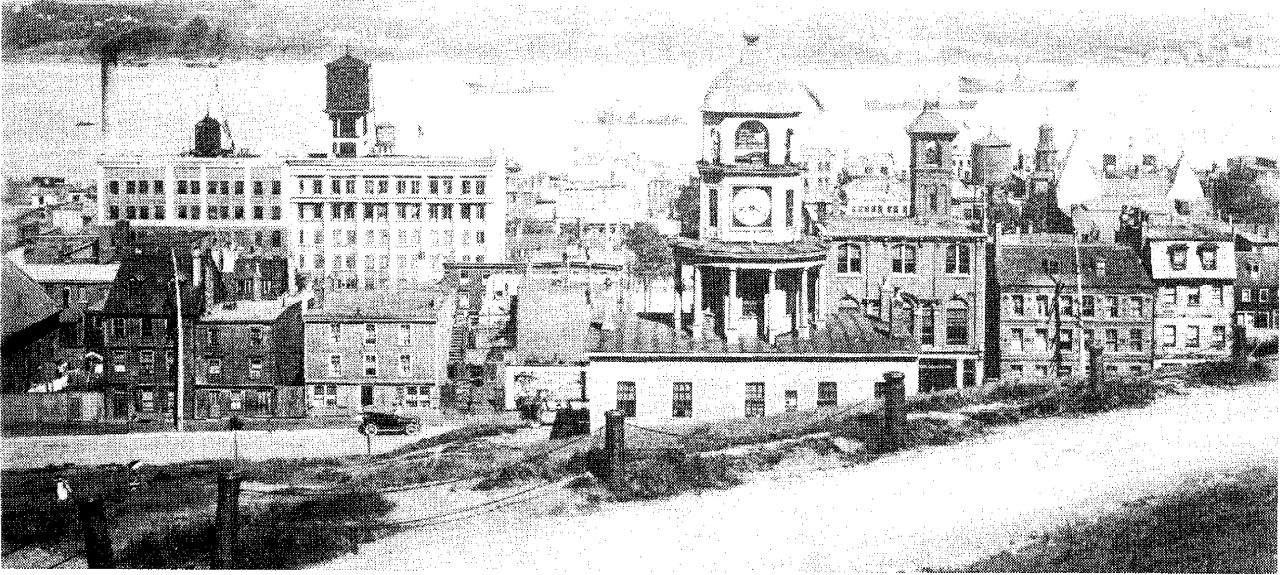


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1ST (HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH) FIELD REGIMENT RCA



1983 brought another year of training and social activities for Halifax's 1st Field Regiment RCA.

The unit began the year by making a short trip to MTC Aldershot for the Annual Winter Warfare Exercise in January. Despite a lack of snow, basic infantry and leadership skills were practised by all.

In March, CP and OP parties travelled to CTC Gagetown for the Atlantic Barbara CPX. The weekend provided a good opportunity for the Atlantic Militia Area gunners to get together in the spirit of friendly competition. The school break saw over 50 personnel make Aldershot their home for TQ 2 Communicator and TQ 2 Tech courses. Others travelled to Yarmouth, N.S. to gain their TQ 1 qualification.

The first weekend in April was spent on the Gagetown ranges practising for the RCAA competition, which we participated in, on the third weekend of that month. Despite a rather valiant attack on the Battery area by the "enemy" ("Who put those trip flares there, anyway?"), 1st Field repulsed the attack, and the guns remained safe.

The Victoria Day weekend in May was a busy one for the Regiment. The unit was tasked to provide a four gun fire unit, three OP parties, and a BC's party in support of the Western Nova Scotia Militia District's annual exercise. While the OP parties became accustomed to walking again, the gun group was kept busy moving from gun position to gun position. They provided sniping guns for RHQ taskings, and repulsed numerous enemy attacks. Since the exercise was held on civilian land in the Annapolis Valley, it gave all soldiers in the Regiment an opportunity to practice their map and fieldcraft skills in unfamiliar territory. Victoria Day dawned early for the soldiers who had to return to Halifax to fire the Royal Salute. Despite this they rose to the occasion, and the ceremony was carried out with success.

In early June, the Regiment was honoured to have been selected to fire a salute for Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales. The salute marked the beginning of their Canadian tour.

During the summer of 1983, personnel from 1st Field Regiment provided support at a number of locations across the country. Eight personnel were involved with the Nova Scotia Tattoo which completed its fifth highly successful season. Others were on callout at MTC Aldershot. The platoon warrant officer for the Halifax Garrison SYEP was provided by 1st Field. Just as important was the support that the unit provided to "M"

Bty in Gagetown in the form of unit equipment and twenty-two personnel. Ten unit members were also involved in course and camp duties at NRQS Shilo.

In late June, the Regiment was saddened by the death of BGen Victor Deb Oland, former Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia and former Honourary Colonel of 1st Field Regiment. The unit provided a twenty-five man guard of honour, firing party, and pall bearers for the funeral. Despite the sense of loss felt by the Regiment, the unit carried on with its various duties. The nation's birthday was appropriately celebrated on July 1st by the firing of a 21 gun salute in Halifax.

Soon after, Exercise Atlantic Barbara 1983 began at CFB Gagetown. For nine days, 1st Field Regiment, along with the other Atlantic Militia Area Artillery units, made Blue Mountain Field Camp its home. The unit fielded a six gun battery, and fired over 400 rounds during the course of the exercise. One highlight was the divisional shoot at the end of the exercise with Sector de l'est and 5 RALC.

The coming of a new school year in September signalled the start of the annual fall recruiting period. During this time, 14 gunners completed their TQ 1 training and 30 others started their GMT course. In October, the unit travelled to Gagetown for our last live fire weekend of the year. Despite some problems during the night deployment ("Where is that d--- director?"), the training aims of the weekend were successfully met.

The fall training period did not stop unit personnel from travelling to other locations for training. The unit provided both staff and students to the Senior and Junior NCO courses at MTC Aldershot and the MLVW course in Halifax. Others attended the Militia Advanced Comms course and the Advanced Tech course in Gagetown. Unit personnel also attended the TQ3 Detachment Commanders course at Dundurn, and the TQ 1 intelligence course at AMA HQ.

In November, the Regiment provided assistance at Remembrance Day ceremonies at five different locations, including RA Park in Halifax. The traditional 21 Gun Salute at the Citadel in Halifax was also fired. December's St. Barbara's Day and Christmas were appropriately marked with parades and sports competitions, as well as the traditional Christmas Dinner.

In conclusion, 1983 marked a busy year for the Gunners of Halifax. We are looking forward in 1984 to the arrival of some new equipment, including the EPROM and the MLVW.

3 FIELD REGIMENT RCA (THE LOYAL COMPANY)

3 Field Regiment has had a memorable year, with several major highlights.

On the 6th to the 8th of May, 1983, the Regiment took part in the annual RCAA Competition (Exercise Valley Road). Once again, 3 Field distinguished itself by placing first in the competition. It marked the sixth time in 10 years that 3 Field has placed first. The consistency of results, in the competition, over the years was a good indication of the morale in the unit, and the excellent support provided by our RSS staff and supporting base, CFB Gagetown.

The Loyalist Ball was held in Saint John on April 30th. It had always been a smashing success, and this year was no exception.

On the 18th of May, the City of Saint John marked the 200th anniversary of the Landing of the Loyalists. This was commemorated by the firing of a 21 gun salute, which has become a special tradition in this city. The Regiment takes special pride in its close ties with the City of Saint John, and with its Loyalist heritage.

The ceremonial highlight of the year was of course, the Royal Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Saint John on June 17th. Members of the Western New Brunswick Militia District formed a one-hundred man Guard of Honour to greet the Royal Couple. The Guard of Honour was manned with members of both 115 Battery, which is based in Saint John, and 89 Battery, based in Woodstock. The Guard Commander, Maj. D. Kirk McGeachy, BC of 115 Battery, accompanied the Prince of Wales during the inspection of the Guard.

A special showcase event in the City of Saint John took place in July, entitled "Tattoo 200". It was the biggest and best event of its kind ever to take place in the province. Members of the Regiment, including the 3 Field Band, played a large role in its success. The Tattoo is also part of the New Brunswick's Bi-Centennial celebrations. The musical celebration performed outdoors, against the backdrop of the Barrack Green Armouries. It took place before audiences of close to five thousand, on five separate evenings! It is scheduled to take place again in '84, and there is a possibility of it becoming an annual event in Saint John.

The Regiment also provided a ceremonial Sundown Gun during the City's annual Loyalist Days celebrations from the 18th to 24th of July. Residents and visitors to our fair city were treated to a spectacle of precision gun drill on a 9-pounder performed in period uniforms.

After such a busy schedule of social and ceremonial events in the spring and summer, the Regiment was itching to get back into the field again. During the summer months, officers and men of the Regiment took courses and callouts in Aldershot, Shilo, and other bases. In addition, we supplied 25 personnel to "M" Battery at CTC, Gagetown between June 20 and August 12.

Most of the officers and men in 3 Field took part in Exercise Atlantic Barbara in August. This Exercise took place in CFB Gagetown with Artillery units from Milarea Atlantic, Secteur de l'est and 5 RALC Support was also provided by 31 and 33 Service Battalions, various reserve Communications Squadrons, and RSS staff. The Battery formed by 3 Field also took part in 2 deployments by Chinook helicopters between its base camp in Blue Mountain and the Northern part of the ranges. We also had the opportunity of deploying as an attached Battery to 5 RALC, to which 3 Field is operationally tasked. A later exercise with our sister Regiment which was planned to take place in Valcartier in November was cancelled. This was due to the unfortunate cancellation of the Hercules Aircraft. We certainly look forward to the future challenges and rewards of our operational tasking to 5 RALC.

In the Fall, it was business as usual. It began with an active training schedule filled of CPX's, dry and live fire exercises, and participation in the "Shoot to Live" small arms program. The Regiment also took part in the District Support Weapons weekend. On the weekend the officers and men got a chance to fire various weapons including the Carl Gustav, M-72, grenades, and GPMG. In addition, members of the unit got a chance to drive an APC. The thrill was short-lived however, as the final event on Saturday was an 11.5 km route march from the north parade square on base, to Lauvina Bivouac! There was just enough time to spare for some of the officers to rush back to Saint John to change, collect wives and dates, and attend the Trafalgar Ball, hosted by HMCS Brunswick.



LCol Ron Johnston, left, hands over command of 3 Field Regiment to Col Ed Bauer, the District Commander. LCol Gord Moffitt, the incoming CO, looks on.

On October 15th, LCol Ron Johnston handed the reins of command of 3 Field Regiment over to LCol Gord Moffitt, at a ceremony held at CFB Gagetown. LCol Johnston had as very successful term as our CO. He will be taking over as the new District Commander for Western New Brunswick Militia District in January of '84.

There were also some changes in our honorary appointments at the end of November. Col Jim Turnbull stepped down as our Honorary Colonel, to be replaced by Col Martin T. O'Leary. Both have served as Commanding Officers of 3 Field. Our new Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel is LCol Bill Simcock, who has had a long and distinguished career as a gunner.

3 Field Regiment plans to keep up the high level of morale and training in 1984. 3 Field is Canada's oldest Artillery Regiment (established in 1793). We plan to keep working towards our goal of showing to all that we are also Canada's best reserve Artillery Regiment.



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6E REGIMENT D'ARTILLERIE DE CAMPAGNE RAC

Le 6e Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne a encore fait parler de lui.

Avec un début d'année qui s'annonçait particulièrement chargée, le 6e RAC remontait la pente d'une compétition perdue en organisant un cours de recrues. Soixante (60) nouveaux candidats, commencèrent donc leur entraînement dans leur batterie respective pour, par la suite, poursuivre leur entraînement au CIM Farnham. Mais un cours de canoniers sans Gagetown, n'est pas un vrai cours.

Le 6e RAC se rendit donc à Gagetown pour participer à une concentration bien spéciale: "Petite Mère V", puisque le 5e RALC Valcartier était présent sur les lieux. Le 6e RAC arriva donc à la BFC Gagetown le soir du 13 août 83. On ne pouvait alors se douter que le 6e RAC était la plus grosse unité de milice du Secteur de l'Est (M) et de l'atlantique, participant à cette concentration avec un effectif de 13 officiers, 22 sous-officiers, et la troupe de 83 bombardiers/artilleurs. Le lendemain, le 6e RAC partait dans les secteurs d'entraînement après une nuit mouvementée. Pour les recrues, Gagetown représentait la phase finale de leur entraînement: le premier coup de canon. Tous voulaient être le premier à faire parler l'obusier de 105mm; pour eux c'était le sommet. Puis, par une belle journée, le 6e RAC reçu des ordres bien précis: se préparer à un déplacement par hélicoptère. Les tâches furent distribuées, l'équipement préparé. Il était incroyable de voir les détachements harnacher leur obusier et les munitions, après avoir eu un cours d'une quinzaine de minutes sur le sujet. A midi, tout était prêt, il ne manquait que le moyen de transport. Le premier "Chinook" prit le détachement de reconnaissance, le second un obusier et son détachement ainsi que le personnel du poste de commandement; et ainsi de suite. Tout se déroula dans un ordre parfait et sans problème. Lorsque le dernier obusier prit position sur le terrain, l'officier responsable des deux (2) "Chinook" vint se poser près de la position pour féliciter le Régiment du déroulement de l'opération. Tout était parfait, de l'harnachement des obusiers à la procédure suivie par les détachements. Il ajouta qu'il serait heureux de recommencer l'opération avec nous. Aussitôt dit, aussitôt fait, un second mouvement par hélicoptère fut ordonné et il se déroula tout aussi bien que le premier.



Le premier "CHINOOK" arrive sur la position du 6e Régiment. Tous les obusiers sont prêts. L'aventure commence.

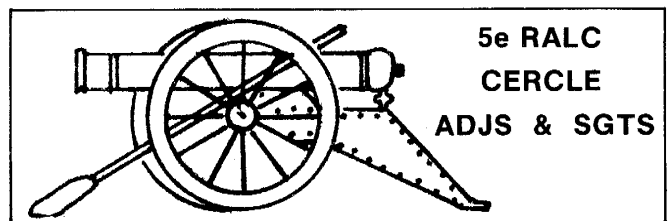
L'automne 83 survint très vite. L'entraînement recommença. Plusieurs exercices de poste de commandement (CPX) et de poste d'observation (Invertron) se déroulèrent au cours du mois de septembre 83. En octobre, 38 membres du 6e RAC prirent part à un exercice tactique du District No 3. Puis vint la compétition en mi-novembre. Cet exercice, "SHELLBURST VALLEY", avait pour but de classer tous les Régiments d'Artillerie du Canada. Tout se déroula normalement, sous l'oeil attentif des arbitres parmi la neige et les obus. Le Colonel Dallaire, commandant du 5e RALC, était aussi présent. Il faut dire que le Colonel Dallaire tient à assister à nos exercices pour constater notre rendement et nos progrès vers la réalisation de notre tâche opérationnelle. A ce sujet, le 6e RAC a pleinement satisfait aux exigences. Bien entendu, au travers de cet entraînement régulier, s'additionnent les nombreux tirs de salut, les exercices conjoints avec le 5e RALC et les tracas de la gestion d'un régiment ayant des batteries en garnison dans trois villes distinctes. Il ne lui reste qu'à poursuivre ses efforts pour améliorer encore sa performance.



La neige, le froid et la munition, tout ce qu'il faut à un détachement pour fonctionner.

Le 6e Régiment a aussi connu ces activités sociales telles que le dîner régimentaire et le dîner de la troupe. Le Dîner Régimentaire se tient le 9 décembre 1983 sous la présidence d'honneur du Brigadier-Général M. Archer MBE, CD, qui commanda le Régiment de juin 1946 à mars 1948 pour, au grade de Brigadier-général, commander la 4e Division canadienne RCA.

Le lendemain, 10 décembre 1983, eut lieu le Dîner de la troupe. Cette activité traditionnelle permit à tous les membres du Régiment de célébrer dignement le travail accompli durant l'année et d'entendre leur commandant, le LCol G. Guay leur fixer les objectifs de l'unité pour l'année 1984. Cette année 1984 sera particulière car on y soulignera, par diverses activités, le 85e anniversaire de fondation du Régiment.





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7TH TORONTO REGIMENT, RCA

If 1983 was to be summed up in as few words as possible for 7th Toronto, those words would have to be "Op Tasking". All efforts in recruiting, training, and exercises were put forth to satisfy the demands of the Tasking; these demands were not light, and they were not taken lightly by anybody in the unit. From the rawest recruit to the CO, LCol Colin Mowatt, everybody worked hard during the spring and summer in order to be ready for the evaluation of the unit's performance during Milcon '83. There were those who thought that the Regiment couldn't meet the requirements, but we made it. Now that 7th Toronto has set its standard, the unit's efforts are to not just maintain it, but to improve on it. Meeting the standard has shown that militia units can contribute to Force Mobile Command in a meaningful and fulfilling role, with specific and vital functions. We did it in the typical 7th Toronto fashion with our fair share of shenanigans on the way . . .

To briefly review history, the operational tasking was issued to 7th Toronto via a warning order to Central Militia Area in October, 1981. The aim of the plan, being implemented by Mobile Command Headquarters, was to be able to call on units and sub-units of the Militia and integrate them with their Regular force counterparts in the face of a sustained crisis. Toronto's task was to create a Regimental Headquarters and bring its 9 Batteries up to full operational strength. 7th Toronto was augmented by 28 Battery, 11 Field Regiment, from Guelph. The combined unit was called 7 RCA.

The new unit was provided with additional funding, ammunition and vehicles by FMC in order to fulfil their task. Officers and NCOs of 2 RCHA out of Petawawa provided valuable experience and training support, and spent a lot of time with the fledgeling unit during its growing pains. However, all the support in the world cannot create a unit without good, eager gunners, and the men of 7th Toronto rose admirably to the challenge.

The training throughout the new year went down to the wire because the pace at Milcon was fast and furious. No live firing occurred during the first three months of the year, due to the notorious conditions at Meaford. As a result, the efforts of 7th Toronto were to upgrade personal training, ensure all key positions were filled by qualified personnel, and attempt to double-bank on some positions if possible. For instance, since a Regimental Headquarters had never existed before, a large portion of the training effort went towards filling positions in the RHQ. As experience can only be gained over time, the efforts of the RHQ were rather shaky at times. As personnel adjusted to their new surroundings, they began to operate more effectively.

The shortage of senior NCO's was also difficult to overcome, as senior NCO's can only be mellowed (like fine wine) over a length of time. In September 1982, 7th Toronto only had 57 percent of the establishment strength of NCO's. A large portion of the unit's efforts went towards training people to fill these positions.

1983 started with a regimental muster parade of all men and equipment at CFB Toronto on 22 January. The CO of 2 RCHA, LCol Beno, and the Commander of Toronto Militia District, Col Nick Hall, were slightly taken aback by the collection of collapsible chairs on parade. (the chairs represented vehicles on the regimental establishment but not yet delivered to the unit) The muster parade allowed all those concerned to see what 7 RCA physically looked like on the ground, with men in full fighting order, and all unit support equipment loaded on vehicles ready to go. It also showed the unit how much hard work was still to follow.

In conjunction with personal training, the unit held command post exercises at both the Regimental and

Battery level during February and March, with 2 RCHA in attendance. 2 RCHA, besides critiquing the performance of experienced personnel and giving them tips on how to make the same expenditure of effort go farther as only the "Borne" can, also inspected courses and supervised P.O. checks of personnel under training. 2 RCHA also hosted the OP's of 9 and 29 Batteries at Petawawa for Invertron training. This means the Regiment got to stay at home for once, instead of driving to Toronto.

The Easter weekend saw the first live firing exercises at Training Area Meaford, and this time the elements nearly won. Mother Nature had decided to let winter take its last lash at Southern Ontario, and 7th Toronto felt the full effects. The wind was so strong that illumination rounds drifted across range faster than they were falling to the ground. Some personnel were victims of snow blindness, while the combinations of high wind and freezing rain meant that everyone's skin peeled for the following two weeks. While it was not intended to be, the long weekend was a very effective Winter Indoctrination.

Three firing training exercises involving the entire regiment occurred in April, May and June, to consolidate unit training before summer training intervened. These exercises went quite well and left all involved with a good feeling regarding the unit's progress. Nobody however became too complacent since the unit wouldn't be together again until Milcon in August at Petawawa.

Milcon ran from 21 August to 1 September and was the culmination of two years effort. This year featured a format that had not been used for the past few years. This reinstated format (dubbed by one wit as "Wheatley's War") was much more vigorous than the unit had been used to. Much more time was spent in the field, and effective man management became a priority as the time available for rest was reduced to a minimum. A couple of fun events in addition to regular training helped to ease tensions. There was also an absolutely brutal regimental smoker by the shores of the Petawawa river which will be memorable (or unrememberable?) to many.



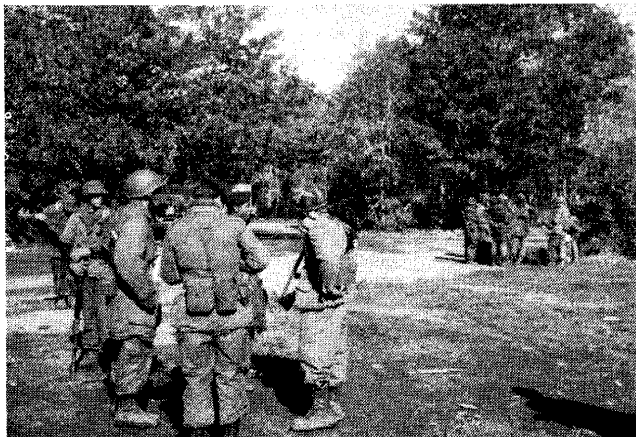
Capt George Brandstetter with Gnrs Goveas and Shalapata during a firing training exercise at CFTA Meaford. The upright stick is call sign 11's overhead cam.

The ultimate compliment to 7 Toronto's effort came not during, but at the end of Milcon. While all other units headed out of the field at the end of the CO's exercise, 7 Toronto went into a hide for the afternoon and then went directly into the Royal Canadian Artillery Association Competition. After five straight days in the field, the officers and men were really feeling the effects of fatigue. A very difficult night move in fog followed by an enemy attack meant no rest for the gun lines. Despite this the BC 9 Bty, Maj Don McGillivray, said that the gunners who were visible from the OP never stopped hustling on the gun

line in spite of what they had been through.

FMC evaluated 7 RCA's performance during Milcon. They determined that 7 RCA had reached the operational standard in some areas and still required further training in others. Overall FMC felt that this unit was ready to integrate with the Regular Force at any time. 7 RCA had met the challenge and had proven that what to some seemed impossible, could be done.

After Milcon, contrary to being an anti-climax, further FTX's were conducted on the Regimental level. A very successful patrolling exercise was conducted in order to sharpen the gunner's fieldcraft skills.



Members of 7 RCA "Psyching Up" for a fieldcraft and patrolling exercise, during which the Regiment's infantering skills were honed to a knife-like keenness.



Captain Dennis Downs (with nose and shades) lecturing on cam & concealment to (from L to R) Bdr Danjanoff, Bdr Apperly, Maj Bob Elliot, Gnr Noile, Bdr Cumming, and Maj Barry Downs.

Moving away from the operational end, 7th Toronto had a change of Honourary Colonels in 1983, with Col Leo Atkins retiring and Col Pypen taking his place. Col Anthony Sosnkowski became the Regiment's new Honourary Lt Col. Col Atkins did excellent work for the unit by lending his full support and implementing his diplomatic skills, and we are sorry to see him go. We are very fortunate in return to have Col Pyper and Col Sosnkowski as Honourary Colonels of the unit.

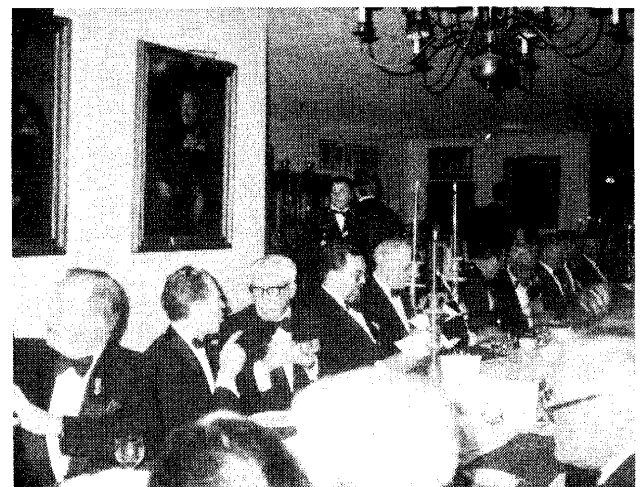
And lastly, as if the Toronto's social schedule was not busy enough, we are hosting this year's Toronto Garrison Ball at the Royal York Hotel. The Garrison Ball is the high point of the Regimental social lives and with the Gunners in charge, this year is guaranteed to be a blast.

1983 was a very good year for Toronto gunners: hard work over the past two years paid off with a big success for the unit. The growing pains are over; the efforts now are towards consolidation of the gains made to date. The

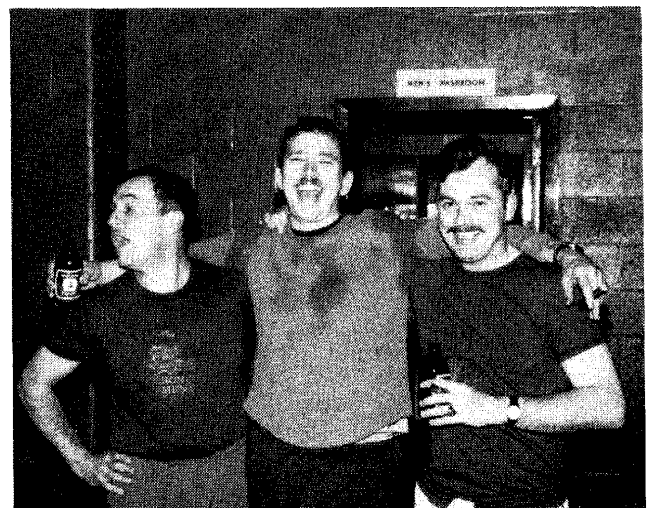
training priorities reflect the comments of Milcon 83, and are focussed on strengthening areas noted as requiring further attention by FMC. Based on the performance of the unit in 1983, 1984 should be another excellent year for 7th Toronto.



Captains Shannon Regan, Joe Fedder, and Lts Phil Holgate and Dan Holowaty at a Mess Dinner bidding farewell to Col Leo Atkins as 7 Toronto's Honourary Colonel.



Sharing memories. Note the table runners.



BC 15 Bty Maj B.R. Downs, RSM CWO Paterson R. and BSM 15 Bty WO Borthwick A. After a 13 mile run new years morning. 15 Bty is great — blah, blah, blah!



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15TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA

At the close of 1983 the staff list was as follows:

LCol V.W.B. Hamilton	— CO
Maj J.A. Jessop	— DCO
Maj I.D. Newby C.D.	— BC 31 Bty
Maj R. Mugford	— BC 68 Bty
Capt C.I. Young	— Adjutant
Capt J.S. Brownlee-Baker	— BK 31 Bty
Capt L. Kung	— Quartermaster
CWO W. Amos	— RSM

The best way to describe 1983 for 15 Fd would be — plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose. The one exception was "operational tasking", and from a training point of view this was the main focus for the Regiment.

68 Battery received one of the FMC slots to be a reinforcing Bty for 3 RCHA in the event of mobilization. This organization was exercised at CFB Shilo from 31 March to 12 April. In order to achieve the mission the Regiment had to airlift 33 vehicles, 6 guns and 140 passengers from Vancouver to Brandon and back. We believe this is the first time a Militia unit has moved under its own planning and loading schemes. Both moves were accomplished without incident and Air Transport Command is still talking to us!! The field exercise itself was a gruelling one. We had to play catch-up ball to 3 RCHA; for the whole exercise, Fire Planning, Fire and Movement and digging in rapid succession over the span of 4½ days. Obviously there were shortfalls but everyone left Shilo wiser and, given the financial constraints placed on the Militia, looking forward to EX LIMBER GUNNER in the new year.



Major's Newby and Carey, Capt's Carter and Hawthorne talking about — shape, shadow shine — and silhouette!!



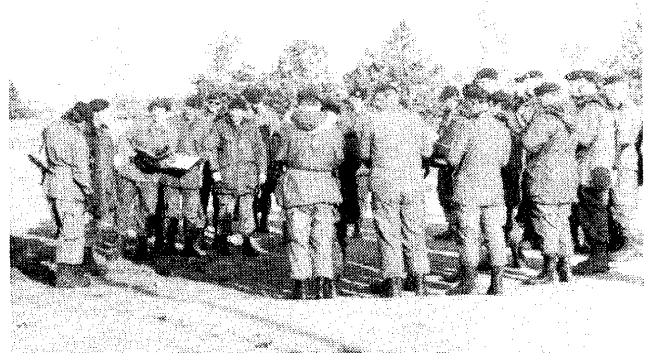
Major John Jessup at Shilo looking for CC-130s and the balance of the Battery!!

The high point of the ceremonial year was the visit to Vancouver of HM The Queen. The Regiment had the honour of firing the Royal Salute from Stanley Park as the Royal Yacht sailed into Vancouver on March 9th.



Whoever said Yakima was cold had never been to Shilo!!!

MILCON 83 found us on our own at Yakima with the rest of the Area at Fort Lewis. Although it would have been more practical from the Artillery point of view to have 5BC Battery with us, we nevertheless corrected many of the problems encountered at Shilo in April. A good camp was enjoyed by all!



Now listen guys!! — 'O' Gp at Shilo.



The mess hall at Shilo — only the Doctor had time to eat.



Life is rough!!

The Regiment sent a number of people away this year on qualifying courses with successful results. Sgt. P.A. Stewart attained first place on the TQ4 course at Shilo during the summer. Other notable achievements were "A" Gradings by:

MBdr Warner	— TQ3
MBdr Parkinson	— TQ2
Bdr Lau	— TQ2 Arty Tech
Gnr Collins	— TQ2 Arty Tech

In addition to this several members attended various Regular Force courses, they were:

Maj I.D. Newby	— FOO Course — CFB Gagetown
Capt C.I. Young	— Arty Staff Duties — CFB Gagetown
MBdr Parkinson	— Basic Arty Comms — CFB Shilo
Gnr Calegero	— Basic Arty Comms — CFB Shilo
Gnr Campbell	— Basic Arty Comms — CFB Shilo
Gnr Parrotta	— Basic Arty Comms — CFB Shilo
Gnr Chaffe	— Basic Arty Tech — CFB Shilo

Again this year the Regiment was able to provide personnel for augmentation to the Regular Force. The most notable being the Flyover to Germany when the following were attached to 1 RCHA:

Maj I.D. Newby	Capt. C.I. Young
Bdr Walker	Bdr Da Assucao
Bdr Gregory	Bdr Smith B.A.

Alas, the year ended on a mixed note with the resignation of LCol John MacGregor which will leave a professional gap in the Regiment. However, we are pleased that LCol Barry Hamilton has been recognized for long and loyal service and he will be at the reins to take us into 1984, assisted by the new RSM CWO Bill Amos who was appointed in 1983. The new CO's first change on taking command was to designate 31 Bty (the senior battery) as the firing and operationally tasked battery, while 68 Battery will become the training battery. The other "ins" and "outs" of 1983 were:

IN

Capt J.S. Brownlee-Baker	— from 56 Fd. Regiment
MWO V. Yano (RSS)	— from CFB Chilliwack
MWO L. Jensen	— from 20 Fd. Regiment

OUT

LCol J.G. MacGregor	— retired
Capt P. Moogk	— to Sup. List
Capt E. Bryce	— to Sup. List
Lt E. Bryn-Jones	— to the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
CWO E. Tyldesley-Gore	— retired
MWO G. Wright	— retired
MWO R. Patterson	— to 7th Toronto Fd. Regiment

Sgt P. Stewart	— to the Regular Force
Sgt N. Dykes	— to the Regular Force
Sgt (W) LL Ritchie	— to become Mrs. Dykes

The Band of the 15 Fd Regiment had another busy year, performing over eighty-five engagements in concert, on parade and in smaller ensembles. Highlights included performing for HM The Queen and HRH Prince Phillip during The Queen's visit to British Columbia. The band also marched in the PNE and Grey Cup parades and organized the programme and half-time show for Soccer Bowl 83 — televised world wide. Members of the band spent a great deal of time away from home, performing throughout British Columbia and Washington State. They also had the pleasure of supporting 3 RCHA, spending ten days in Shilo with the operationally Task Battery in April and returning in July for the Change of Command Parade. 1983 saw the Band secure new "Blues" uniforms and they now look forward to parading in traditional Artillery dress. The year saw the production of their second L.P. record "Music in Motion" which is receiving enthusiastic reviews and is available through the band. The Gunner Band has become a vibrant part of Vancouver's musical life and we anticipate an exciting year in 1984.



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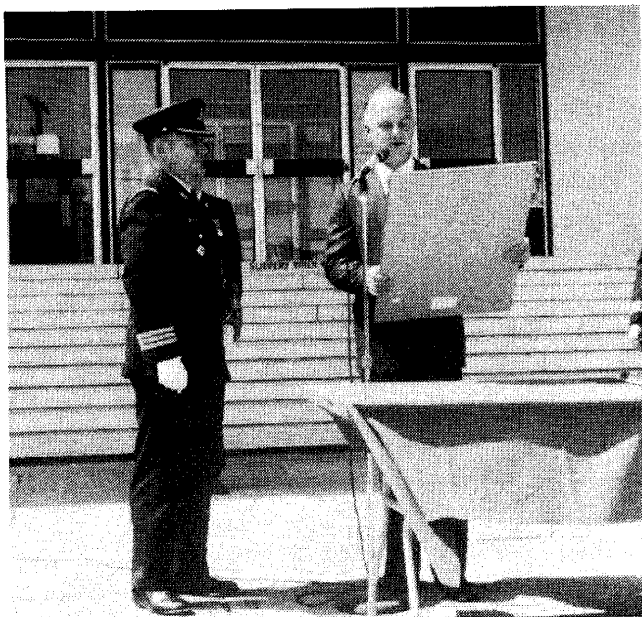
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20TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA

Following the usual heady start-up — what with the traditional Lieutenant-Governor's Levee and Mess visitations — the Regiment commenced 1983 with Trade Qualification training for Artillerymen and Artillery Technicians.

A winter survival exercise at Camp Worthington on 04-06 FEB 83 was well executed in face of typical prairie wintry conditions. This type of training should be emphasized considering the frigid environment of the threat and the enemy's year-round capabilities. The particular exercise demonstrated the logistical and personnel problems that would greet any winter mobilization.

Ex Big Lift was, to say the least, a grand effort. As reported in *Sentinel* ("Gunners and Choppers in Action" 1983/3, Pages 14-15), both 447 Tpt Hel Sqn and 408 Tac Hel Sqn combined to air transport the guns and the troops from Edmonton to the field at Camp Wainwright, and return. The Chinooks and the Hueys encountered no difficulties once the ice fog had cleared, and the delay in departure allowed time for the men to familiarize with the rotaries. The co-operation of the pilots and ground crews in this matter was greatly appreciated. Upon arrival at Camp Wainwright, the guns were slung into place, transported to the gun position, and nicely plunked onto their assigned platforms. Ammunition was dumped centrally, and personnel were relayed by the Hueys to their guns: everything was air transported. The guns opened up upon firing data provided by the Air OP, who were fleeing around in Kiowas. The weather, unfortunately, moved in during the late afternoon of Saturday, curtailing shooting. The action moved indoors back at the Quonset huts during the evening where many a war story was exchanged between gunners and flyers, and "a good time was had by all." With an early TTBR on Sunday, the guns once again went into action until noon, when plans were then executed for the return flight. Weather conditions went from bad to worse and Plan B (ground tpt) was seriously considered for the 200 km road trek. However, it was willed that we should fly in formation all the way. It was quite a sight — with all those Hueys, Chinooks, and Kiowas. The only touch lacking was the music ("Flight of the Valkyries"?)



Mayor McGee proclaims Freedom of the City of Red Deer
Left: LCol Michael Robinson, CO 20 Fd.

The Diamond Jubilee for 20 Fd Regt occurred 1 March 1983. Also, on 28 May 1983 the city of Red Deer, graciously granted us the freedom of the city. Under bright sunny skies, the regiment put on its ceremonial best when granted the freedom of the City by His Worship Mayor R. McGee. It marched through the downtown core with bayonets fixed to the accompaniment of the pipes. A roll past of the entire Regiment, with recce vehicles, two command posts, six gun tractors and guns, capped off the downtown ceremonies. We then proceeded to the Exhibition Grounds where an eleven gun commemorative salute dovetailed an earlier two minutes silence for fallen comrades. The Regiment was specially honoured by the attendance of the Colonel Commandant, BGen W. Turner, the Director of Artillery, Col H. Wheatley, and our Honourary Colonels, His Honour Provincial Judge G. Lynch-Staunton, and Colonel E. Cormack. A final gathering back at the Armouries saw men and guests partake in a sumptuous buffet, spirits, and other merriments. A photo session permanently preserves the occasion on celluloid.



Mayor McGee reviews 78 Bty accompanied by Maj David Parish, BC, LCol Michael Robinson CO and Maj Stanley Carr.



The Roll-Past

The Regiment executed its share of other ceremonial duties, including official Royal Salutes on Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Remembrance Day. However, of particular pleasure was our participation in 440 Tac Hel Sqn's Presentation of Standard parade on 21 May 83. The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta, His Honour Frank Lynch-Staunton, was accorded a 15-gun Royal Salute

upon his arrival at CFB Edmonton (Namao). A Guard of Honour from the Base and a good crowd was on hand to witness the presentation ceremonies and to applaud a thrilling fly-past of CF-104 Starfighters, C-130 Hercules, Harvard Trainers, and a miscellany of rotary wings, including 440's very own.

No less exciting was the visit of Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince and The Princess of Wales, to Edmonton in conjunction with Universiade '83, the World University Games. The Regiment was on hand at the Legislature Grounds on 29 Jun to greet the Royal couple with a 21-gun salute. Included with the dignitaries and a LdSH Honour Guard was a crushing noon-day crowd; and then there was the OP Party, occupying front row centre, per SOP's. The setting was perfectly Florentine, complete with reflecting pools, water arches, and floral glory. Prince Charles and Princess Diana appeared happy and relaxed. Their departure on 01 JUL from Namao was again preceded by a Royal Salute in the presence of both a LdSH Guard of Honour and a LdSH Mounted Troop. The horses proved not to be gun shy! The Regiment's participation in these welcoming and farewell ceremonies fittingly concluded the Royal party's very successful Canadian tour.

The Unit lost its longest serving member when MWO Vernon A. Gowin CD, reached compulsory retirement age on 01 FEB 83, following one extension. MWO Gowin joined the Militia on 04 Jan 52 and had served for over 31 years! He recalls fondly that upon joining as a gunner, he also participated in the Pipes and Drums Band of 20 Fd until its dissolution in 1970. He never lost his touch as an accomplished piper and in fact performed for the Regiment on many a social and ceremonial occasion. MWO Gowin was appointed to BSM Prior to his formal retirement. On civvy street, he looks forward to occupational retirement after 33 years with NorthWest Utilities. We wish MWO Gowin and his wife Peggy happiness and health in the years ahead.

Captain Bob ("Super-Jock") Bunch was bouncing around Camp Eisenborn, Belgium, during the CIOR competition. Chosen for the second year as part of the Canadian team of Reserve Officers competing in this NATO event, Captain Bunch contributed to his team's best showing yet of third place, behind number one France and number two USA. Following the end of the competition in late July, he fully exploited a week's tour of Europe, taking in such countries as Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Capt Bunch had earlier taken the NBC Unit Officers Course at Camp Borden making him the only qualified NBC instructor in the Regiment, if not in the entire District.

Firing the annual RCAA Competition over the Thanksgiving Day long weekend of 08 - 10 Oct was unconventional, perhaps, but the extra day allowed us to shake out and to practice. Despite the timing of the event, we still managed to field the requisite five guns and the personnel to man them. One positive advantage about competing in October is the relatively mild weather that might be expected and such was the case, despite the freezing rain at night. Nevertheless, our spirits were high and were even higher following end ex when hot toddies were served. Top gun crew went to Sgt. G. Kuhse, while the top OP Party was led by Capt R. Bunch.

MBdr Ian Adams and Cpl (W) Judy Tchir exchanged nuptial vows on 15 Oct in a splendid military ceremony at the Base Chapel. The groom was decked out in his dress blues and led his bride under the sword bridal arch formed by the Unit's Guard of Honour under command of Sgt. G. Bzdel. Sgt. G. Kuhse proved to be an old pro as Master of Ceremonies at the packed reception attended by gunners and guests. Now that these two lovebirds have settled down, maybe they can get back to some serious parading ...

Our St. Barbara's Day bash on 03 Dec was a mixed all ranks gala affair. Held in the Red Deer Armouries, an overflow crowd celebrated over a gorgeous buffet. The Mayor of Red Deer was on hand to hear Hon Col Eric Cormack give his usual entertaining rendition of the St. Barbara story. A former BSM of 61 Bty, Sgt-Maj Leon Jensen, now of 15th Fd, was GPO in the first of many salutes executed with a replica muzzle-loader. The soirée was cajoled by the rock-a-rola sound of a disc jockey and the crowd danced into the wee hours. It was a fitting end to another year.

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26TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA

Whether freezing knee deep in prairie slush on Exercise Limber Gunner or enduring 35°C temperatures during Milcon and NRQS, 26 Field had an active and hardworking year.

OPERATIONAL TASKINGS

The thrust of 1983 training was directed towards enabling the Regiment to fulfill its operational tasking in support of 3 RCHA. It was in relation to this role that the "Op tasked" Bty to the regiment was deployed from 26 March to 5 April and endured weather conditions which could have caused everything from chilblains to dehydration as a result of profuse sweating due to extreme exertion.

In connection with the Operational Tasking the highlight of the year was the visit by LGen C.H. Belzile, Commander FMC, on 8 March 83. LGen Belzile was entertained by the unit at a working mess dinner, a CPX, dry deployments, a tour of the Regimental Museum and the Messes. As a result of the museum tour, we now hold LGen Belzile's collection of US Army unit badges.



2Lt Thompson C and Ocdt Sim C.L. brief LGen Belzile on command post procedures during a CPX.

CHANGES OF COMMAND

Two changes of command occurred within the unit in 1983.

LCol P.J. Graves CD, assumed command of the unit on 23 Oct 83, relieving LCol CH Davies CD who has subsequently retired after a distinguished career. A large number of regimental friends and family attended the parade and receptions. The hand over was carried out before Col J.A. Hubbard, CD, Manitoba Militia District Commander.



LCol P.J. Graves CD, receives the Regimental Command Sword from Col T.A. Hubbard CD, the Commander, Manitoba Militia District.

The second Change of Command took place within 13 Bty in Portage la Prairie. Maj Bob Armstrong CD took command from Maj R.J. Lovell, CD on 13 Nov 83 with the new commanding officer LCol Graves officiating.



Commanding Officer of the 26th Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel P.J. Graves, CD, (left) presents the sword of command to Major Bob Armstrong, CD, at change of command ceremonies held at the Portage Armoury on Sunday, Nov. 13. Major Armstrong succeeds Major R.J. Lovell, CD, as BC of the 13th Field Battery. Lieutenant Colonel Graves also presented Sergeant Al Carlson with a Canadian Forces decoration for twelve year's service.

EXERCISES AND TRAINING

The Regiment conducted live fire exercises on its own and supported GATES during the Black Bear Exercises. An escape and evasion exercise held in May was an excellent morale builder prior to commencing with summer courses. A number of CPX's finally rounded out the collective field training.

Courses run by the unit or attended by its members included BMT/GMT (2 serials). Arty Comms, JR NCO, TQ 1 Artymn and TQ 1 Driver Arty Wheeled, all in addition to the wide variety of NRQS courses that were attended. Training was held at such a hectic pace that some of the recruits who began BMT/GMT in January were, by the end of December qualified BMT/GMT, TQ 1 Artymen and two of Comms, Driver Wheel or Arty Tech.

NRQS saw a heavy support tasking for the unit, with 63 persons being employed on staff in Firing Troops or as instructors.

The year finally culminated with approximately 20 persons deploying to Shilo in December to support the 2 PPCLI.

MISCELLANEOUS

In addition to entertaining the Commander FMC, the unit also hosted the annual Military Ball in November. This is "the" event of the year in Brandon and the ticket response was phenomenal. Unfortunately Her Honour Pearl McGonigal, Lt Gov. of Manitoba was unable to attend as the guest of honour. She however plans to resume the now traditional chair at our 1984 affair. LGen Manson, Commander Air Command kindly substituted as the guest of honour for 1983.

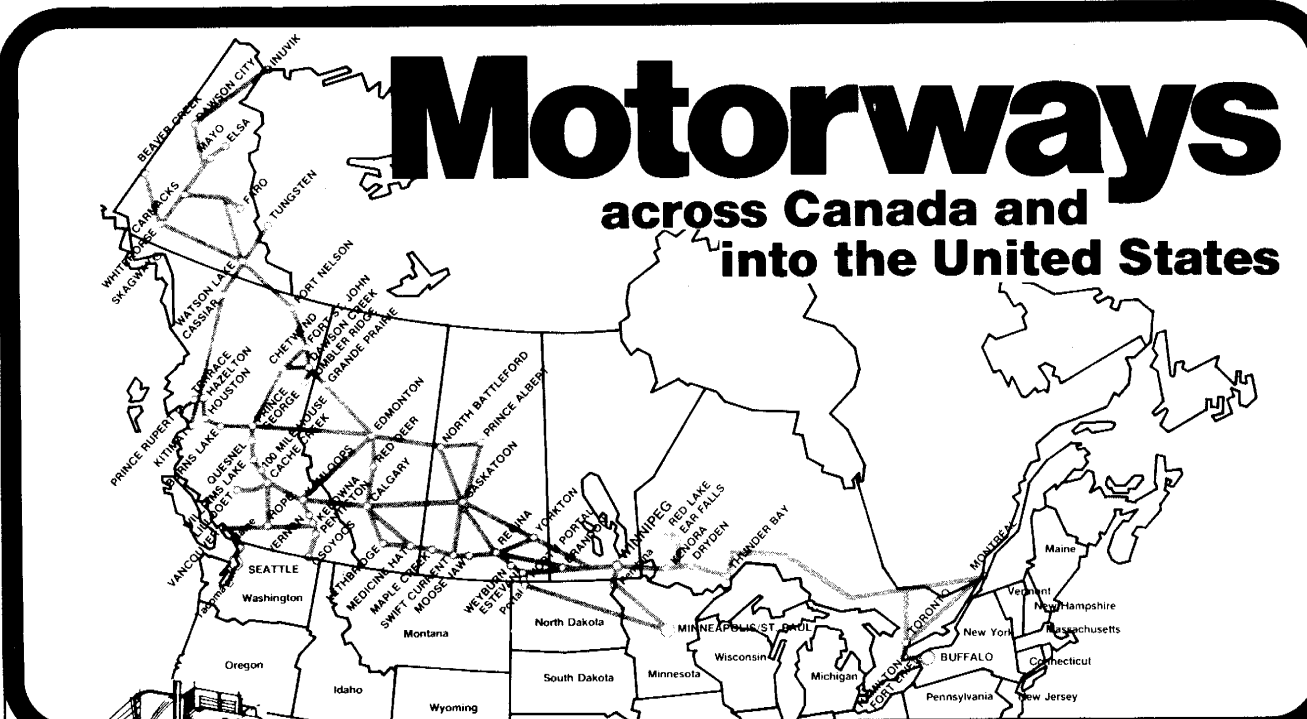


26 Field also hosted an evening for the RCAA conference held at Shilo in September. By all reports the evening was a smashing success.

WRAP-UP

The Regiment is now looking forward to 1984 which promises to be as active (and hectic) as 1983. Preparations for Limber Gunner 8401 are well under way, as are the manning slates and course loadings for NRQS. Two weekends are also scheduled to support the RCA Battle School in February 1984. If we're not worn to a "frazzle" by the end of this year, we'll certainly give you an update in the 1984 Gunner. Ubique.

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56TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA

HISTORY

The Regiment was formed in Brantford, Ontario on 1 April 1946 as the "56th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles), RCA". It consisted of the 54th and 69th Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries in Brantford and the 169th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery in Paris, Ontario.

On 1 October 1954, the Regiment amalgamated with the 25th Medium Regiment (Norfolk Regiment) and the 41st and 42nd Medium Batteries to form 56th Field Regiment (Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles) RCA. The 54th, 69th and 169th Field Batteries were located in Brantford, Simcoe and Paris Ontario respectively.

In 1964 the 169th Battery was relocated from Paris to Brantford and then later disbanded in 1970.

On 1 April 1970, the Regiment amalgamated with the 57th Field Artillery Regiment (2nd/10th Dragoons), RCA, 10th, 171st and 172nd Field Artillery Batteries, RCA, to form the 56th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, 10th, 54th and 69th Field Artillery Batteries, RCA, located in St. Catharines, Brantford, and Simcoe respectively.

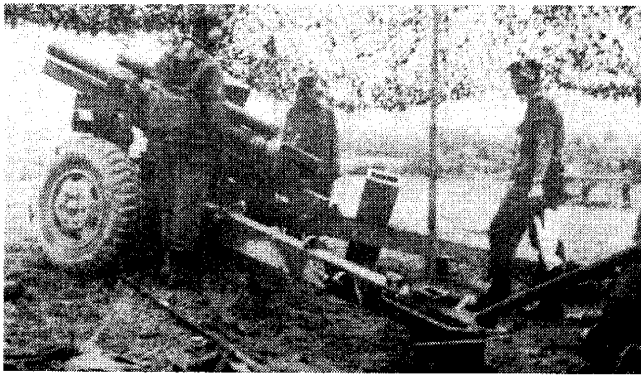
The 10th Battery was formed on 6 December 1861 as the Volunteer Militia Field Battery of Artillery of Port Colborne. It was redesignated the 10th (St. Catharines) Battery C.F.A. on 2 February 1920. The 54th Battery was formed as the 32nd Battery, C.F.A. on 1 April 1912 and then later redesignated as the 54th Battery, C.F.A. also on 2 February 1920. On the same date in 1920 the 69th Battery, C.F.A. was authorized but organization was held in abeyance until 1 December 1937.



54th Battery firing in Meaford in Support of 8CH.

56 FIELD REGT RCA — PERPETUATIONS

The Volunteer Militia Rifle Company of Paris	26 Jun 1861
The First Volunteer Militia Rifle Company of Brantford	13 Dec 1861
Volunteer Militia Highland Rifle Company (Brantford)	3 Jul 1862
Mount Pleasant Infantry Company	30 Jan 1863
Brantford Infantry Company	1 Jun 1866
Burford Infantry Company	17 Aug 1866
Newport Infantry Company	31 Aug 1866
Drumbo Infantry Company	30 Jan 1863
38th Brant Battalion of Infantry later The Dufferin Rifles of Canada	28 Sep 1866
The First Volunteer Militia Rifle Company of Dunnville	24 Jul 1856
York Volunteer Militia Rifle Company	27 Aug 1862
Caledonia Volunteer Militia Rifle Company	27 Aug 1862
Oneida Infantry Company	6 Jul 1866
Walpole Infantry Company	31 Aug 1866
Cheapside Infantry Company	14 Sep 1866
37th Haldimand Battalion of Rifles later The Haldimand Rifles	28 Sep 1866
"C" Company 3rd Machine Gun Battalion CMGC	1 Jun 1919
The Dufferin and Haldimand Rifles of Canada	15 Dec 1936
The First Volunteer Militia Rifle Company of the County of Norfolk (Villa Nova)	15 Oct 1861
Simcoe Volunteer Militia Rifle Company	22 Jan 1862
Port Rowan Volunteer Militia Rifle Company	23 Jan 1863
Walsingham Volunteer Militia Rifle Company	23 Jan 1863
Waterford Infantry Company	17 Aug 1866
Simcoe Infantry Company	17 Aug 1866
39th Norfolk Battalion of Rifles later The Norfolk Regiment of Canada	28 Sep 1866
25th (Norfolk) Field Brigade, RCA	14 Dec 1936
44th Field Regiment, RCA	1 Apr 1946
57th Field Regiment (2nd/10th Dragoons) RCA	1 Jan 1947
25th Brant Dragoons	1 Apr 1909
10th Brant Dragoons	5 Mar 1920
2nd Dragoons	May 1872
2/10 Dragoons	Dec 1936
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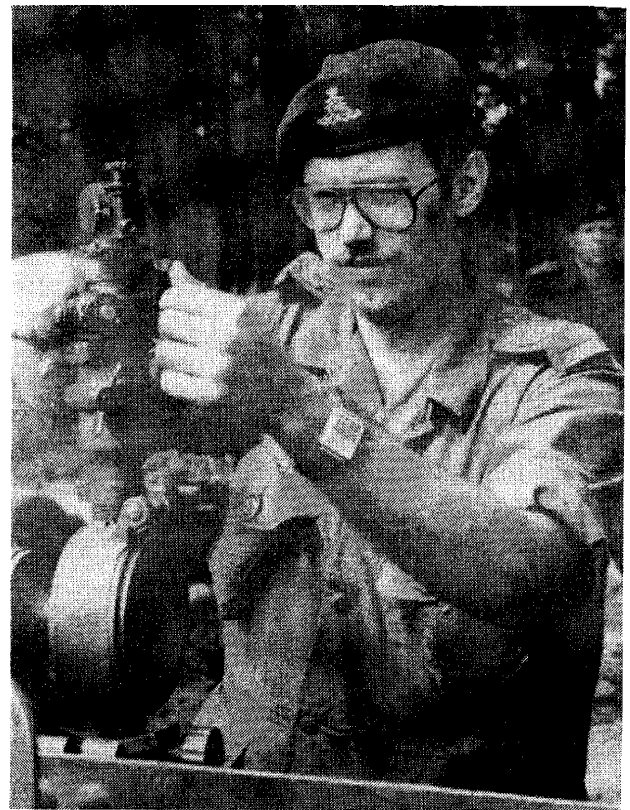


Fire Mission Milcon '83.

The 56th Field Artillery Regiment perpetuates many infantry and cavalry units as well as artillery in the Brant, Norfolk and Niagara areas of Ontario with colourful histories dating back to 1796 with "Capt Thomas Welsh's Company of the Regiment of Norfolk Militia". These units are listed at Annex A attached.

In the First World War the 10th Battery was part of the 3rd Brigade of the First Division. The 54th Battery (then the 32nd Battery) formed the nucleus of the 13th Battery of the 4th Brigade of the Second Division. Both batteries later became part of the Fourth Division.

In the Second World War the 10th Battery was part of the 2nd Field Regiment in the First Division. The 54th Battery was first part of 1 RCHA and then the 2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the First Division. The 69th Battery formed part of the 4th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment in the Third Division.



MBdr Jack Atkinson, 56 Field Regiment, RCA, adjusts the panoramic telescope of a 105 mm howitzer at a gun position during Milcon '83.

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SHAWINIGAN — Le 62^{ième} Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne de Shawinigan est heureux de venir vous communiquer les principaux événements qui ont fait la manchette en 1983 à notre unité.

En 1983 le 62^{ième} a accueilli 22 nouveaux artilleurs dans ses rangs. Leur cours de recrue partie I a eu lieu au manège militaire de Shawinigan, tandis que la partie II et le QM 1 artilleur se sont déroulés à la BFC Montréal détachement de Farhnam, (Qué). Leur qualification pratique a eu lieu durant la concentration d'Artillerie.

Cette concentration d'Artillerie de secteur de l'est (M), nommée "Exercice Petite Mère V" s'est déroulé à la BFC Gagetown (N.B.) du 13 au 21 août. Les artilleurs miliciens du Québec, ont reçu un très bon support du 5^e RALC, en plus de pratiquer certains tirs régimentaires et divisionnaires avec eux. Ce type d'opérations avait déjà été pratiqué, au printemps à la BFC Valcartier (Qué).

Le 5^e RALC nous donne un excellent support durant nos exercices d'unité, en nous fournissant des véhicules et de l'équipement. Et en guise de remerciement, nous avons rempli notre rôle de support à Force régulière en transférant il de nos membres aux effectifs du 5^e RALC.

Comme preuve de la bonne santé du 62^{ième} Régiment. À l'automne 83 notre commandant a reçu la coupe santé du 62^{ième} Régiment. À l'automne 83 notre commandant a reçu la coupe challenger donnée à la deuxième meilleure unité d'artillerie de milice au Canada (pour la compétition effectuée en 1982) et gagnée par le 62^{ième} Régiment.

Le 62^{ième} (Shawinigan) RAC a eu le privilège d'être la première unité de milice au Canada à accueillir le nouveau ministre de la Défense nationale M. Jean-Jacques Blais, ainsi que le député ministre de St-Maurice M. Jean Chrétien et leurs épouses ce 18 novembre 1983.



De gauche à droite, Col Honoraire G. Dufresne, le député de St-Maurice et Ministre de l'énergie M. Jean Chrétien, le Ministre de la Défense National M. Jean-Jacques Blais, le Commandant du 62 (Shawinigan) RAC LCol R.O. Gauthier.

En plus de tous ses honneurs, notre unité a deux officiers honoraires qui sont membres de l'ordre du Canada, notre col (H) G. Dufresne et ce nouveau membre de l'ordre du Canada le LCol (H) P. Filion qui a reçu cette distinction grâce à ses nombreuses implications avec la jeunesse et la musique. Propriétaire du comptoir musical Filion, il a été également, chef de musique, fondateur de la Jeunesse Musicale de Shawinigan, et ancien officier commandant de la musique de 62^e Régiment.



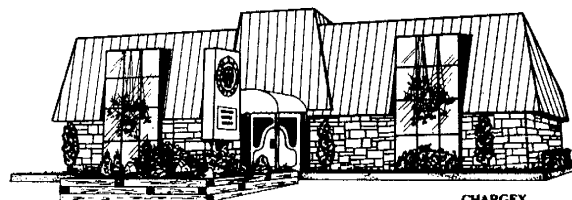
Nos deux officiers Honoraires à gauche le Col G. Dufresne, à droite le LCol P. Filion.



Le Commandant du 62e Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne de Shawinigan, le LCol R.O. Gauthier.

Cette musique Régimentaire est appréciée par tous les membres du régiment et même pas plusieurs autres unités de milice du Québec, qui reconnaissent sa haute qualité. Plusieurs de ses membres sont attachés à la musique du R22R, à la citadelle de Québec, durant la période estivale ce qui leur permet de se perfectionner dans leur métier.

Avant de terminer, j'aimerais lever un coin du voile sur 1984. Nous savons déjà qu'il y aura une cérémonie de changement de commandant en mai. Nous voulons profiter de cette occasion pour remercier le LCol R.O. Gauthier du temps et des efforts donnés pour notre unité depuis sa prise de commandant en octobre 1979, jusqu'à aujourd'hui. Il demeurera à jamais dans nos souvenirs.



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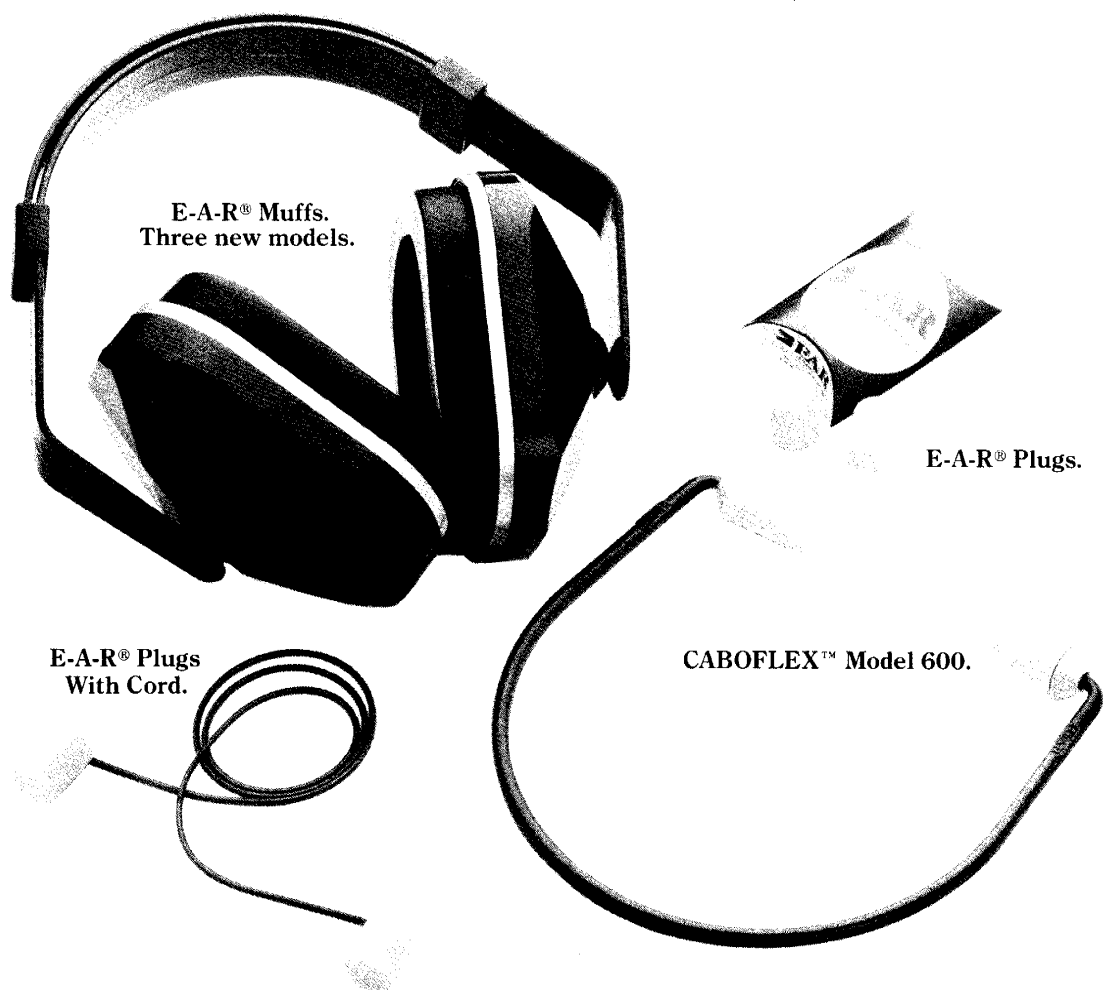
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20TH INDEPENDENT FIELD BATTERY RCA

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY 1908 - 1983

The battery marks seventy-five years of service with the passing of 1983. Perpetuating the 25th Field Battery CFA, which was formed under Major (later Brigadier) J.S. Stewart, the unit to the best of knowledge, was the only non-permanent unit to have fielded the 13 pounder QF for a time prior to the Great War.

To celebrate the battery birthday of 1 February, a formal dining-in was held and was attended by Member of Parliament Blaine Thacker and Commander 1CBG B Gen J.L. Sharpe. The next evening, an all ranks battery ball was held. An anniversary ladies dining-in was held in May.

A permanent reminder of the anniversary was made in the form of a one-hour semi-documentary program filmed by the television station CFAC on the field and garrison life of the Battery and was aired twice during the year. The footage included live firing at CFB Suffield in March and the training of a recruit course on full-time employment with the Battery in early spring.

TRAINING

The adage "weekend warriors" did not hold true as a trip to CFB Shilo for training on the inverton by twelve members of the unit lasted a little longer than intended. This was due to a damaging ice storm which struck Shilo and environs.

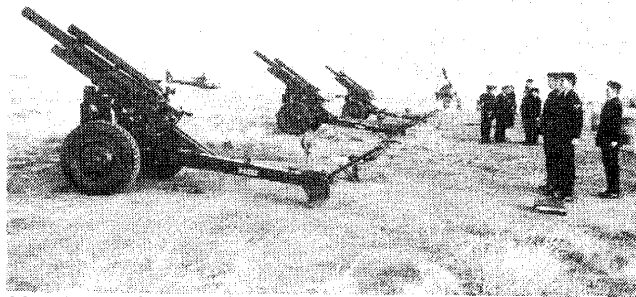
Following the televised exercise in March during which some shots were admittedly a little staged for the camera, a second more tactical exercise was held in April.

During the February-April time frame, a Canada Manpower youth employment program was run five days a week by Capt BR Martin and WO Ballermann D. There were 18 graduates.

A good deal of kneeling gun drill was done as the battery fired 15 gun salutes. These included for L Gen Belzile in March, and again in October interspersed with a pair of sunset minute guns and a twenty-one gun salute on Canada Day. Remembrance Day minute gun firing also took place in November. The GPO still swears that during the October visit by the Commander, the General's helicopter bounced as it landed due to a shock wave produced by an earthquake originating in the U.S.A. northwest.



Salute to LGen Belzile.



Members of the unit braving wind chill and earthquake tremors to fire the 15 gun salute for LGen Belzile.

Battlefield realism reached an unusual high during the October long weekend live fire at CFB Suffield. During a local defence battle in the gun position a fire began after dark on the upwind side of the echelon and swept by high winds, leapt across the wagon line and two gun platforms before exiting through the front of the position. A salute is paid to the soldiers on the gun line and elsewhere as vehicles, ammunition, and colours were safely moved out of harm's way with little time and space to spare.

The spectacle of gun tractors, still fully camouflaged, pulling out of the wood against a background of twenty foot flames will not soon be forgotten. The fire was safely extinguished but the fire brooms were employed yet again when a round in the impact area initiated a blaze.

The Battery felt sheepish because it was the beginning of Fire Prevention Week on the base but consciences were assuaged when another user had a much bigger burn two weeks later.

Congratulations are extended to 2Lt SEI Steinke for coming first on his Block three course at Nanaimo in February and again on his Block four in Shilo. A pat on the back goes to Major Graham on completion of his geriatric jump course, a long suffering task due to uncooperative weather.

Two soldiers from the unit became working members of A Bty IRCHA for two months during the Grafenwohr live fire and Fallex period of IRCHA's training year. Capt DC McLean and Bdr Courtier ND will have good memories of both the beautiful country and sound lessons learned with the senior call sign.

The Battery strength has steadily improved throughout the year and all members look forward to the seventy-sixth year of the battery with enthusiasm.



Members of the unit enjoying the hospitality of a Manitoba winter.

116TH INDEPENDENT FIELD BATTERY RCA

1983 has been a good year for 116 Fd Bty, based in Kenora Ontario. The year was very busy and eventful, and laid the basis for a better 1984.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

1983 began with the graduation of the Basic Artillery Communicator's Course 8301, and with the rigours of winter indoctrination on Ex Return Spring 8301. This exercise, practising patrolling and bivouac skills, culminated in a 20 hr forced snowshoe march, pulling 200 lb togaggans through waist deep snow in some of the thickest bush and roughest terrain in the Canadian Shield. At the end of this exercise, all Battery members had become more aware of just how much they could do if called upon.

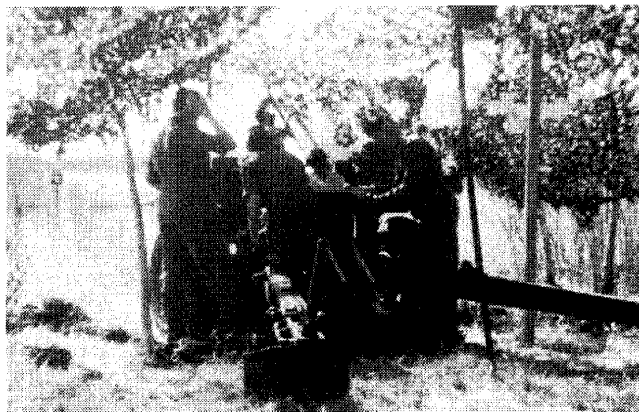
January also saw the beginning of recruit course 8301, which continued until April.



BDR Kurt Hoppe silhouetted against the setting sun while on sentry duty during Ex Return Spring 8301.

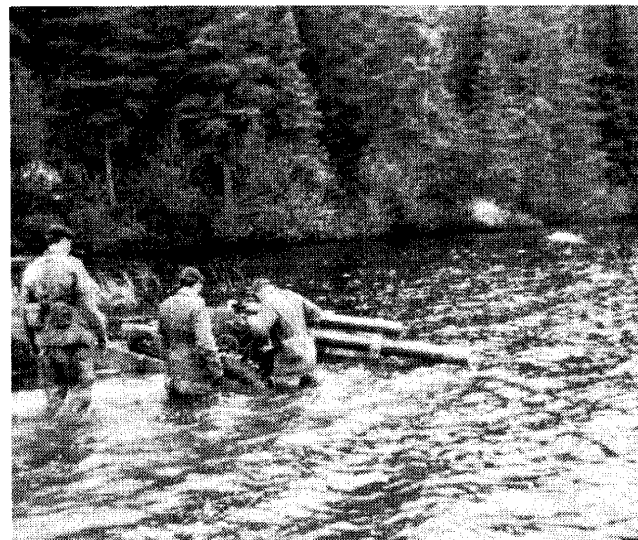
In February, the Battery held another winter indoctrination exercise, Return Spring 8302, which confirmed the lessons learned on our first sojourn in the snow.

In March, the BMT Crse culminated with an intensive 11 day training session, while other Battery members went off to Shilo to enjoy the beautiful spring weather, on Exercise Limber Gunner 8301.



Bdr Lorne Rowland and AC Sub in action during Ex Risky Ramble 8301 in CFB Shilo.

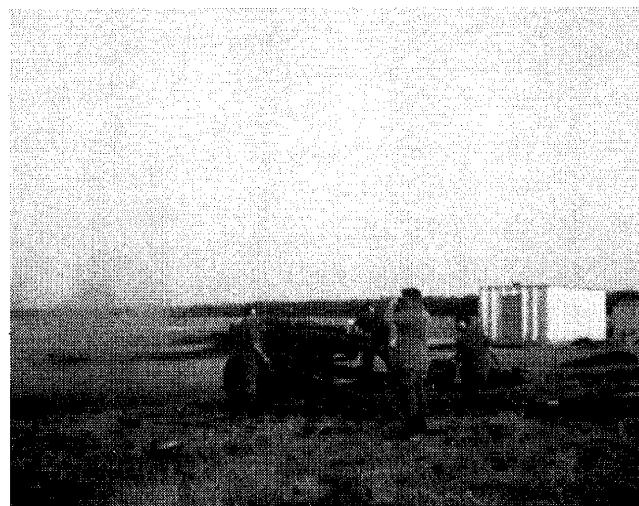
Beginning in April, the Battery ran simultaneous TQ1 Basic Artilleryman and TQ2 Arty Driver Wheeled Courses. The Unit also conducted several live firing exercises, all culminating in Exercise Valley Stream, the RCAA Battery Competition. Not to our surprise, but to the amazement of the rest of the Gunner world, the Battery placed second, just one and a half points out of first place; wait until next year!



(O this is 3. Are you sure we have to deploy here?) A common sight on (Dry) deployment exercises around Kenora.

During the summer, the Battery sent a total of 19 personnel away on course, and four more on staff positions. These personnel did very well, garnering 11 (A) grades, and two top candidate positions, one for M/Cpl(W) Creed on the TQ3 Weapons Tech Crse and one for Capt Fraser on the Block 12 Fire Planning Course. On returning from summer training, the Battery began a TQ3 Basic Artillery Technician Crse, fired its usual fall practice camp, and supported the German Army on Exercise Black Bear.

As these activities came to a close, it was time to begin thinking of winter warfare once more. Outside the snows of winter were again swirling around the armouries.



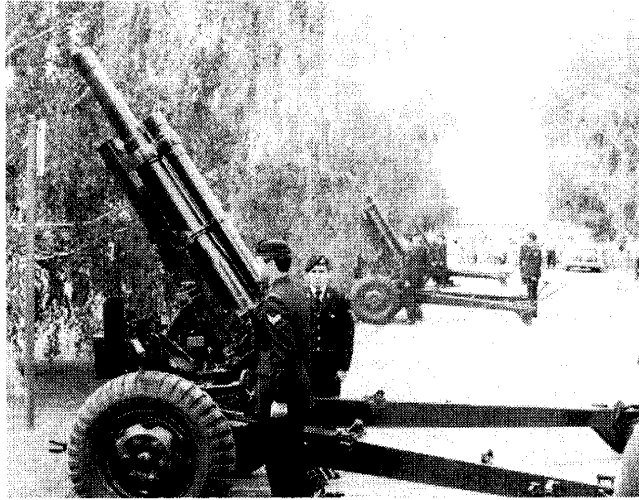
(Tank Alert) AA Sub during the number one's open action competition.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

116 Fd Bty had, as usual, a full social calendar, starting with a very successful New Years Levee on Jan 1, with over 150 people, military and civilian, in attendance.

In February and March, the 36th Annual Kenora Military Bonspiel and 26th Annual Snr NCO's Bonspiel were as usual well attended and extremely enjoyable events. Next year, even better attendance is anticipated.

Each Mess is responsible for taking its turn to hold a monthly function, a fact which leads to a great deal of competition and imagination in planning. The barbecue hosted by the Jr Ranks was particularly enjoyable.



Showing off for the public, M/Bdr Ross and AB Sub during one of 6 salutes fired by the Battery in 1983.

The Battery held its first annual harvest supper in the fall, featuring the fruits of the land around Kenora. Each guest brought one dish or another, and the feast included buffalo, venison, moose, wild duck and goose, grouse, rabbit, sturgeon, lake trout, walleye, and northern pike, as well as beef and pork. A huge assortment of vegetables were also available. All present ate to their limits, and still the cornucopia seemed hardly dented. Needless to say, the doggie bags were bursting on the way home.

In December, the Battery held a very successful St. Barbara's Day Mess Dinner, and formal Men's Christmas Dinner.

PERSONNEL

1983 was a year witnessing a number of changes in key personnel within the Battery. First, Command was passed from Major Earl Johnson to Captain John Lamb in February. In June, the Battery saw the departure and replacement of all 3 RSS staff. Leaving us were Captain Bob Poirier, heading for the IG Course in Gagetown, Sgt. Lloyd Wills, escaping the cold and snow for sunny Washington D.C., and Sgt Kirk Wild, leaving both Kenora and the Gunner fold to become a traffic tech at CFB Portage La Prairie. All three will be greatly missed.

Replacing these (three musketeers) are Capt Dan McCuish from 3 RCHA, Sgt Leo Perry from 403 Sqn in Gagetown and M/Bdr Dale Hauck from W Battery. After an initial culture shock, these new additions to our family are settling in well.

In conclusion, 116 Independent Field Battery is alive and well. It remains one small oasis of Gunner culture amidst the wilderness of Northwestern Ontario.

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128 AIRFIELD AIR DEFENCE BATTERY

1983 has proved to be another full and rewarding year for 128 Airfield Air Defence Battery. Parades, inspections, demonstrations and, of course, our first priority . . . training are but a few of the monthly activities that keep the battery busy year round.

COURSES

This year, like all past years, our soldiers had many courses to prepare for and to attend. The following courses were attended by Bty members:

- a. Bdrs Carmegie and Trask on the CFE fall serial CLC;
- b. MBdrs McEwan and Stirney on the TQ 6A Air Defence course Sept 7, 83;
- c. Gnr Gagnon on the CLC in Valcartier 26 Jan 83;
- d. MBdrs Desutter and Houghtling, along with Bdr Hunter and Gnr.s Gagnon and Sheppard qualified as Blowpipe Operators;
- e. Bdr Hunter also qualified as an Advanced Blowpipe Operator on the 9 Feb course; and
- f. Bdrs Graham and Kolter qualified as Basic Artillery Communicators.



Basic Blowpipe Course Jan. 83.



MBdr Lee describes the Blowpipe canister to MND, J.J. Blais, Bdr Hunter holds on.

PARADES

128 AAD Bty and 129 AAD Bty our sister unit were the only Canadian contingent on parade for the opening of NATO'S REFORGER exercises. The parade was commanded by Lt Kilford, Adjt of 128 AAD Bty. The Battery also kept itself busy with other base and unit parades.

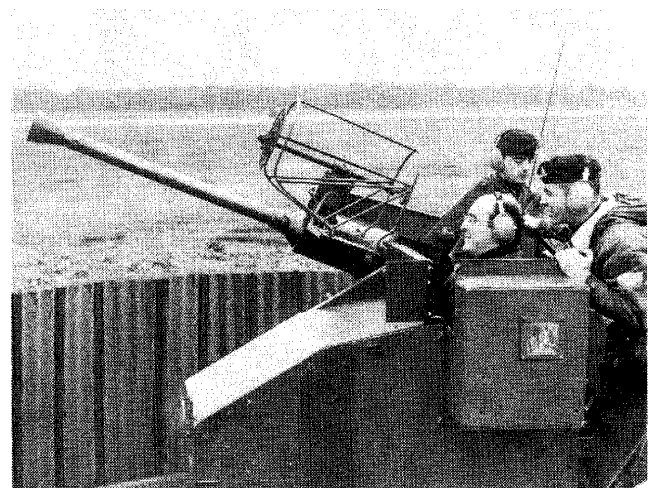
EXERCISES

At sometime, during almost every month of the year, one may expect to be rudely awakened in the wee hours of the morning by sirens blaring or people banging on your door. So starts another EX. STARFIGHTER. This exercise allows each unit to practise for it's wartime operations. Each skill, especially those you never thought you had, are put to the test by the Tactical Evaluator, nicknamed "Sneaky Snake". After each exercise the problem areas are noted and then practised to perfection. The Battery also carried out its own leadership exercise called MOBILE GUNNER. This exercise not only practised leadership qualities but also emphasized fieldcraft.

In March and November members of the Battery were flown back to Canada to fire both the 40MM Boffin and the Blowpipe AD weapons. Members were able to put into practise their well honed Air Defence gunnery drills and eventually returned to Baden well qualified.

BASE SUPPORT

The Battery not only conducts all the small arms practices for the Base, but many of its members are actively involved in community affairs. Our TSM is a referee for all Hockey leagues on Base in the colder months of the year and an umpire for the Baden Baseball teams during the warm, sunny days. MBdr Desutter and the TSM are involved with the local Canadian Forces Network Station. Our FCS Tech M/CPL Cudmore spends a large amount of his spare time with some of Baden's youth as a Troop Scouter, as does MBdr McKay a pack Scouter with the Cubs. Even the CO gets involved as he is the President of the Black Forest Rod and Gun Club. These services have been recognized on several occasions by the Base Commander and the community.



"Engage". J.J. Blais, MND, fires 13F during his tour of CFE. The number 1 is MBdr McKay and the number 3 is Bdr Gagnon.

MOVEMENTS

Throughout the year the Battery saw a number of changes in the status of its members. Our BSM, MWOB.B. Mahar was promoted to Capt and posted to the Maritime Cadet region. MBdr's Chartrand and Stirmy were also promoted to Sgt.

Many new faces appeared and at the same time we waved good-bye to our old friends who returned to Canada. Lt Kilford and Lt Belway returned to 3 RCHA, Shilo along with MBdr Sharpe. Sgt Budd and MBdr Gallant moved to W Bty, Gagetown. They were replaced

by 2 Lt Robinson, Sgt Plemel, MBdr Lee and Gnr's Barber, Frigault, Pirzeck and Sheppard all from 3 RCHA. The turnover for such a small unit is and continues to be very large.



Capt McRobbie congratulating Sgt Stirmy on his promotion.



Capt McRobbie congratulating Sgt Chartrand on his promotion to that rank.



Capt McRobbie congratulating MBdr Carnegie on his promotion to that rank.

CONCLUSION

And so another year goes by, faces have changed but our work must go on. The battery is and will always be an effective fighting unit. For the future we look forward to what LCol Deker has in store for the Air Defence and the Bty. Until next year good shooting to gunners everywhere.

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129 AIRFIELD AIR DEFENCE BATTERY

Another year has gone by marking our eighth anniversary. The ten "Snowball" Alert Recalls, nine "Starfighter" exercises and a seemingly endless array of miscellaneous tasks and duties in between, make it a very easy year for us in 129 AAD Bty to remember.

EXERCISE EXERCISE EXERCISE

We started the year on the right foot, beginning with a "Snowball" in the first week of January. This was Phase One for the National Tactical Evaluation with the second phase being completed in the ensuing "Starfighter" exercise at the end of January.

February was the official "National Tac Eval" month. It was used to ensure that everything was just right, ranging from gun maintenance to challenging drills, so that we could shine, as usual, for the real "Tac Eval". Once this evaluation was over and done with, the NATO Tac Eval was the next step. It took the better part of March to prepare for. April saw the successful NATO Tac Eval exercise, which demonstrated, once again, the proficient operation of CFB Lahr and its survivability. Following that, "Snowball" and "Starfighter" exercises were held on a regular basis for the remainder of the year, with a brief pause in the summer for rotation. After rotation, it was back to work in order to arrive at a coordinated and efficient team of Observation Posts, Boffin and Blowpipe Sections working together for December and the New Year.

This fall, we participated in a German VKK exercise held around CFB Lahr, thus strengthening our ties with one of our NATO Allies. Numerous subjects were covered (from the taste of German sauerkraut to the intricacies of coordination in the command and control aspects) between two different nations who were assigned the mission of defending CFB Lahr.

An inter-unit Rally O exercise was also held this fall promoting cooperation between the three Air Defence units situated in CFE. This year has, in fact, been a good year for inter air defence unit relationships. Each of us tried to participate in each other's unit exercises.



TROPHY'S FROM RALLY-O 83. Seen here are from left to right — Lt Proulx, the TC of 1 RCHA Air Defence Troop; Bdr Leduc; Capt Lord; MBdr Rodrigue; Sgt Desmeules; Lt Poulin; and MBdr Chamberland.



SNOW IN CFE? Morning of the Rally-O 83 Exercise.

COURSES

Many courses hosted Battery personnel in 1983. MBdr Gerry Mantha and Bdr Danis Gauthier can vouch for that after having gone on an Anglophone Advanced Boffin Detachment Commander Course from January to February. Then MBdrs Daniel Rodrigue and Christian Marois would also more than likely agree with that statement after completing the Francophone Advanced Boffin Detachment Course from February to March. During that same time frame, another two men were temporarily away from the Battery — Bdr Steve Laton and Gnr Al Dewar both successfully completed the Blowpipe Detachment Commander Course.

No sooner had MBdr Marois come back from his Boffin Course and settled back in, than he found himself back in Canada. This time, it was to complete his TQ6A Air Defence Section Commander Course in September.

Sgt 'Buz' Bezanson, our weapons expert, also had his share of courses by undertaking his TQ6B CFSAOE Course which was held in Borden this fall. Let us not forget the annual CLC Course, also held this fall, involving two more of our men — Bdr Jim Savoie and Bdr 'Elvis' Levesque, both of whom successfully completed it.

POSTINGS

This summer marked the transition period for a lot of key personnel for the Battery. Capt Jean Lord has now taken over from Capt Steve Johnston as the new Commanding Officer. The semi-annual, attached posting of a Command Post Officer was welcomed with Lt Bruce Poulin's arrival, replacing Lt Steve Gribbon, who replaced Lt Cyrille Cliche. A new Training Warrant by the name of WO Germain Tremblay and a new Boffin Troop Sergeant Major, Sgt Renald Desmeules, were also received with open arms.

PROMOTIONS

Promotions were not forgotten even though the schedule was heavy. Promoted in 1983 were:

17 Jan Bdr Lenoir JCR	24 Jun Lt Gribbon SD
04 Jun Bdr Levesque JDP	02 Dec MBdr Dewar AI
06 Jun MWO Richert KBI	02 Dec MBdr Lenoir JCR



Capt Johnston (left) poses with three newly promoted members of the Battery — Lt. Gribbon, MWO Richert and Bdr Levesque.



THE CHANGE OF COMMAND PARADE: Capt Steve Johnston (seated) relinquishes his command to Capt Jean Lord under the eyes of Colonel Remi Saulnier, Commander CFB Lahr.

PARADES

Five major parades were held this year in which the Battery was directly involved — two CFB Lahr Base parades, one being in April and the second in October; the CFB Lahr Change of Command parade in July; the Battery Change of Command parade also in July on the hottest day of the year with a temperature of 38°C; and the Inauguration parade in Ramstein for the opening ceremonies for Autumn Reforger 83 — not to mention copious quantities of 'Guard of Honour' parades throughout the year.

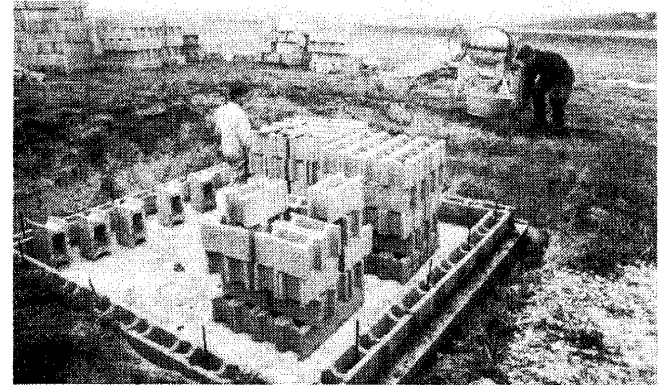
PROJECTS

Our long awaited display for our 3.7" AA gun has now been completed and it is now on display in front of our building. Also, three section NBCW shelters are off of the drawing board and are being built as of this past summer. MBdr Gerry Mantha is responsible for the construction which has been taking up a lot of the Battery's time. These three bunkers, in addition to the eighteen already built for each gun position, will serve as command posts, and will allow Battery personnel to survive under NBCW conditions. They will provide the Section Commander

with a base with which to control his Section and a resting area for his men at night.



Another inspection ensuring 129 AAD Bty personnel are ready for anything.



PROJECT: The NBCW shelters for the Command Posts are on their way.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it is sufficient to say that 1983 has been a very busy year for us in the Air Defence Battery. We are looking forward to many more challenges in 1984. We may be only 29 in 129, but the busy schedule and good will of the troops more than make up for our restricted peacetime manning.



PERSONNEL OF 129 AAD BTY: Top Row left to right — MBdr Bouchard; Gnr Jomphe; MBdr Synnett; Mbdr Bailey; Bdr Savoie; Gnr D'Amours; Gnr Ouellet; Gnr Dewar; Cpl Gill; Gnr Gendron. Middle Row left to right — Bdr Levesque; MBdr Rodrigue; Mbdr Marois; Bdr Laton; MBdr Mantha; Bdr Pagliericci; Bdr Lepine; Bdr Gauthier; Bdr Leduc; Mbdr Barlow; Bdr Lenoir; Mbdr Sirois. Front Row left to right — Sgt Bouchard; Mrs. Knutson; Lt Gribbon; Capt Johnston; MWO Levesque; WO Richert; Sgt Bezanson; Sgt Slack.

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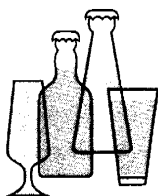
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As most of the readers of the Canadian Gunner are aware, 101 Col By Drive is the home of DARTY. This short article is designed to fulfill several purposes:

1. Introduce NDHQ/DLR to that portion of the readership unaware of the "goings-on" at "Disneyland on the Rideau".
2. Provide some light humour for those who serve here, have served here or are about to serve here;
3. Update some key items from DARTY;
4. Give a brief overview of DLR 2 activities; and
5. Provide sitreps on LLAD and TCCCS.

101 COL BY DRIVE (with apologies to Capt P.C. Patterson, PPCLI)

This building, known by various unmentionable sobriquets, is a large concrete and glass structure adjacent to the Rideau Canal. It is within easy walking distance to Parliament Hill (who would ever want to go there anyway), the Sparks Street Mall (very attractive summer scenery), and is next door to the Rideau Centre (a financial minefield to those trying to buy a home in Ottawa). The building offers easy access to Lisgar Collegiate students taking a short cut, and houses the majority of NDHQ personnel. The most striking feature of the building is its almost total lack of interior walls.

To survive you must, of course, understand the "rules".

1. If anything can go wrong, invariably it will;
2. Nothing is ever as simple as it first seems;
3. Everything you decide to do costs more than first estimated;
4. By making something absolutely clear, someone will become confused;
5. Every clarification breeds new questions;
6. The more complex the idea or technology, the more simple-minded is the opposition; and
7. Each profession talks to itself in its own unique language.

You must also understand the "officialese" employed in memoranda and minutes.

1. Status Quo — The mess we are in;
2. Have you any comments — Give me some idea of what it's about;
3. For necessary action — we don't know what you want, so you do it;
4. Under consideration — never heard of it;
5. Under active consideration — We are looking for it;
6. For signature — I thought it up but you sign it and take the rap;
7. Further substantiating data is necessary — we've lost the stuff, send it again; and
8. Note and initial — let's spread the responsibility for this.

Having now seen where we are and the background to our job let's get down to the meat of the matter.

DARTY

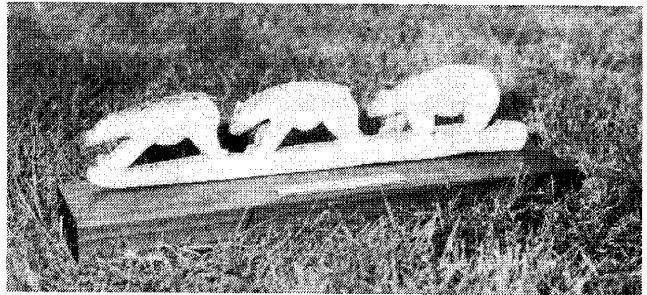
In his capacity as the Branch Advisor, the Director has one officer and a CWO (MR GNR) to keep track of the corps. This year has seen the conclusion of an agreement between Canada and the United Kingdom. BGen Snider, Commander CDLS(L) and MGen Tomlinson CB, OBE, DRA signed a Memorandum of Understanding that provides for reciprocal attendance on courses. This will have the two-fold effect of dramatically reducing the cost of Canadian attendance on UK courses and will also foster greater association and widen the expertise on the IG, AIG and MR GNR courses.

This fall we were pleased to welcome LGen Sir Thomas Morony KCB OBE, VCDS and the Master Gunner St. James Park who came to Canada to visit NDHQ, 2

RCHA, and present a briefing to the Kingston CLFCSC course. During the Ottawa portion of his visit LGen Morony was hosted by DARTY and was presented with an Eskimo carving for presentation to the RA from the RCA.



BGen Snider and MGen Tomlinson sign the MOU between Canada and the UK.



The Eskimo-carving presented to the ROYAL ARTILLERY by the RCA on the visit of LGen Sir Thomas Morony, KCB OBE.

DLR 2

DLR 2 is responsible for the artillery portion of the Long Term Program. The section is organized to cover the major areas of interest. Separate offices are established for the LLAD and other major projects (Anti-Armour, TCCCS, SARP).

The major project is the planned purchase of 26 M109A3s to re-equip 1 RCHA, freeing guns to re-equip 5e RALC as an M109 unit. This past year has also seen the introduction of MiliPAC to the units. MGen Lessard and DLR were on hand to accept the first production model. It is hoped to acquire an additional 20 computers for the op tasked units. GACS will also be purchased thus bringing the Artillery Improvement Program to a successful conclusion (laser Rangefinders, NERA, MiliPAC and GACS). On-going projects include the purchase of AN/TPQ 36 counter-mortar radars, new equipment to replace the RAWINSONDE system, repair and overhaul programs such as the C2/C1 conversion and the planned purchase of a new family of Munitions (DPICM, RDMS, TGM, and Extended Range). Another facet of DLR 2 is Doctrine and Combat Development. In conjunction with Artillery DS at the staff Colleges and FMC, work continues to produce the corps model. This fall saw the publication of the Corps 86 Artillery Division which will provide the basis for many years to come.



Colonel D.B. McGibbon, Director, Land Requirements and Director, Artillery is seen using the Canadian Army's new Military Portable Artillery Computer. George Ciszler, from Computing Devices Company's Engineering, is discussing MiliPAC as it performs its technical fire control and survey functions at the army battery level. MiliPAC will enter the Canadian Army inventory as the AN/GYG-501 Artillery Computer. MiliPAC is produced at ComDev's facility located at Bells Corners, Nepean, Ontario.



Computing Devices Company, a division of Control Data Canada Ltd., has delivered its first production model of the Military Portable Artillery Computer (MiliPAC). On behalf of the Canadian Forces, MGen G.H.J. Lessard, Chief, Land Doctrine and Operations, accepted MiliPAC from J.W. Fawcett, President of Computing Devices Company in a ceremony held at ComDEV's facility located at Bells Corners, Nepean, Ontario Wednesday December 7, 1983.

TACTICAL COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS (TCCCS) PROJECT

The aim of the TCCCS project is to provide the army with an effective Command, Control and Communications System for the 1990-2005 time frame. The project will address the replacement and/or improvement of existing communications equipment, as well as the introduction of automation assistance, to enhance the command and control functions.

As TCCCS has an impact on all branches and corps within the Army, the project office (PMO TCCCS) is composed of officers representing the combat arms, combat support arms and combat support services. The PMO consists of two sections, one dedicated to communications and the other to automation. The communications section is concentrating on the acquisition of new combat net radio and trunk communications equipment incorporating state of the art technology, particularly in the area of electronic counter-countermeasures.

The automation section is investigating the requirements for information handling and processing in the five functional areas of Operations, Fire Support, Air Defence/Airspace Coordination, Intelligence and Combat Service Support. The section is faced with the task of identifying the types and degree of automation required at all levels within the field force. Artillery interests are represented by a Major in the Automation section. Work to date has concentrated on the definition of the information flow among all of the field/locating artillery cells in the Corps 86 Mechanized Infantry Division Artillery Brigade. The basic definition study and formulation of an information flow diagram was completed in December. A detailed analysis of the information will be processed by end-January. The data from this study will contribute to the Statement of Requirement for TCCCS. The introduction of MiliPAC is the corps entrance into ADP. The work of the PMO TCCCS will define our progression towards a comprehensive fire support ADP system.

LOW LEVEL AIR DEFENCE

The Canadian Forces have recognized a requirement for a low level air defence system to be operational at NATO locations and at a training site in Canada. This equates to the requirement for a regiment-sized organization and is the number one priority in the land portion of the Departmental program. Initial studies have shown that a mix of missiles and modern anti-aircraft guns, complimented by early warning sensors, could provide an optimum solution.

The project team, Mr. Dave Hampson and project director LCol Glen Decker have completed visits to the various manufacturers. A Request for Proposals for a Low Level Air Defence System will be released to industry before April 1984. Following an evaluation period, the affordable military equipment will be reduced to a short list and a contract will be awarded in late 1985 following detailed negotiations, with the short list contenders.

The total project costs, including all support, is in the order of \$500M to \$700M dollars. The preference is for a single contractor to have total system responsibility and accountability. Consideration will be given to equipment currently in the NATO Forces inventory in order to reduce risks and costs, unless the contractors can define a more effective alternative.

In addition to the cost and system effectiveness criteria, the Canadian Forces will be evaluating the proposed systems for survivability, growth potential and the ability of the system to be fully supported. Commonality between the weapon systems for the Army Brigades and airfields is recognized as a major evaluation area in order to decrease support costs and decrease the total personnel requirement.

FMC HQ ARTILLERY SECTION

1983 was again highlighted by a high turnover of staff as indicated below:

OUT: LCol D.G. Schott to SSO Pers Svcs at CFB Gagetown
Maj RC Stowell to CFSC Toronto
Capt JD Gates to SO COS Ops FMCHQ

IN: LCol NH Connolly as Senior Staff Officer Artillery
Capt P Vandoesburg as SO2 Arty AD
Capt J Lewis as SO3 Arty Militia

REMAINING: Maj RJM Selman as SO2 Arty Fd/Loc
Maj JP Culligan as SO2 Arty Doc
Maj RJ Boutilier as SO3 Arty Doc
CWO C Bowden as MR GNR

and also, this time, not forgetting,

Capt W Ramsay as FMC Det, Gagetown



Mr Gnr C Bowden presents a plaque to MGen D Baker on the occasion of his posting to the NATO staff college as D Comd.

RENDEZVOUS 83

The focal point for activity within the Artillery Section during the past year was the preparation, planning and execution of the artillery aspects for RENDEZVOUS (RV) 83. Although it is apparent that much work remains ahead of us to establish a fully functional Divisional Artillery Headquarters, the exercise did provide a valuable forum in which to examine more closely the relationships between the divisional artillery staff (Fire Support Co-ordination Centre), the divisional operations, intelligence and administrative staffs, and 1 Canadian Signals Regiment.

MUZZLE BLAST

For the Gunners RV 83 culminated with the Divisional Artillery Exercise — EXERCISE MUZZLE BLAST. Many valuable training lessons were learned during this exercise, particularly at 'HQ RCA'. The Divisional Artillery Standard Operating Procedures received specific attention and staffing is in progress to rectify the obvious shortcomings and make the necessary amendments. A special thank you is extended to our fellow Gunners from NDHQ (DLR 2), the Artillery School, CFB Shilo and particularly to Colonel C. Archambault, CDA, for the first class direction and assistance provided throughout the exercise.

RENDEZVOUS 85

Planning for RV 85 activities has commenced and in preparation, it is intended to conduct a Divisional Artillery Command Post Exercise during the November 1984 period as part of the RITE SIMPLE/COMPLEX SERIES. It is expected that during RV 85 there will be another CDAs exercise, this time with three regiments.

AIR DEFENCE

For the third year in a row, personnel from CFE and 3 RCHA joined those from 5 RALC for EXERCISE "ORIENTATION AIR" at CFB Gagetown. The exercise aim was to qualify new air defence gunners and continue the training of experienced gunners on the Boffin and Blowpipe weapon systems. Forty-eight missiles and 6000 rounds of 40mm were fired. With the aid of the Blowpipe signal recorder it was ascertained that one shoot in 18 months is insufficient to improve the efficiency of our operators. TWO missiles per operator per year are required as a minimum. This is a problem we are working on. The support received from TARGET AIR throughout the exercise was greatly appreciated by all participants.

MILITIA

EX SHELLBURST VALLEY along with a new FMCO on the subject has now replaced EX VALLEY ROAD/STREAM. The exercise is designed to provide a greater challenge to Militia Gunners and is more in keeping with their current capabilities. The reaction of those who have completed this new exercise has been very positive.

An assessment of operational tasking was done in August. The co-operation between regular and militia units, as well as the latter's improved performance and enthusiasm, have been excellent.

Modifications were made to the Course Training Standards/Course Training Plans (CTS/CTP) for the Major Qualifying Block 12, Lieutenant Qualifying Blocks 1, 2, & 3, Master Warrant Officer Qualifying and TQ2 for Artillery Communicator, Technician and Driver. A new TQ2 qualification, Forward Observation Officer Technician, was also proposed.

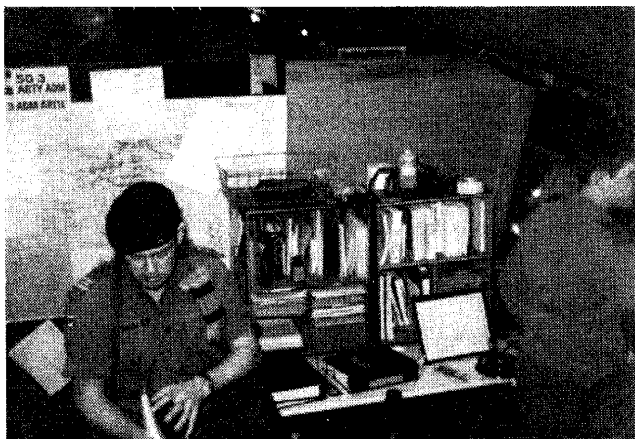
1984 will include updating of Exercise SHELLBURST VALLEY and continued updating of all CTS/CTPs.

DOCTRINE

Those who have made reference to the last year edition will know that we promised CFPs 306(1) and 308(1) for the early part of 1983. We were able to keep that promise and they, along with CFP 306(2) were issued in Interim form prior to RV 83. The French version of 306(1) Interim 1 was issued in November 1983 and 308(1) Interim 1 will be issued in French early in 1984. CFP 306(2) is still being translated. CFP 306(4) is about to go to press in an Interim form as this article is being written. All of these books will likely remain in the interim form for some time to come.

In the new year we look forward to several busy months as we continue with the rewrite of many of our publications to bring them into line with the Combat Development process and Corps 86. Our work here is guided by the Artillery Doctrine Co-ordination Group, a body which meets twice annually under the chairmanship of the Director of Artillery and approves policy for our doctrinal manuals. If you have comments or suggestions about any book make sure you forward it to FMC HQ via the chain of command.

Recently we have spent a lot of time completing a project of importance to francophone gunners. The French Terminology committee of the RCA has been spending two days per month translating four thousand lines of text prepared by NDHQ. We still have another nine thousand to go. A lexicon will be published to standardize the terminology employed by our francophone and bilingual units in the spring of 1984.



Div Arty HQ as deployed for exercises RV 83 and MUZZLE BLAST.

EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION

The equipment and ammunition staff has been working on the implementation of the Military Portable Artillery Computer (MILIPAC) as well as co-ordinating the allocation of ammunition for the fiscal year 1983/84. This included special allocations for RV 83. We also implemented an NDHQ programme for refurbishment and up-gunning of all 105mm C2s to a C1 standard at Letterkenny USA. We continue to monitor on going projects such as; Gun Alignment and Control System (GACS), preparing ammunition requirements for fiscal year 1984/85 and involvement with the Tactical Command Control and Communication System (TCCCS) project.



"Let Them Eat Cake" MGen D Baker about to cut the cake on the occasion of Artillery Day at RV 83 in Alberta.

SUMMARY

This past year has been highlighted by a formation exercise, RV 83, and the Divisional Artillery exercise MUZZLE BLAST. We have also seen a change in a number of key personnel.

The year has been full of challenge and excitement which are expected to continue throughout 1984.



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CABINET SHUFFLE IN MONTREAL

It is generally accepted that Mobile Command Headquarters represents "Army" Headquarters. As such, it is only appropriate that the Royal Regiment be clearly seen as an important component of this organization. The Artillery Section of FMC has recently embarked, with the assistance of the RCA NPP Fund upon a project designed to enhance the "Gunner Image" throughout the Headquarters building at St-Hubert.

In Keeping with this aim, the Artillery Section presented a silver display cabinet to the "Gunners of Mobile Command" on Friday 11th, March 1983. The presentation was made by the Senior Staff Officer Artillery, LCol D.G. Schott, to the Deputy Commander, MGen D.R. Baker.

The cabinet, an outstanding example of craftsmanship, was constructed by a local cabinet maker under the close supervision of Master Gunner C.M. Bowden. It contains RCA memorabilia obtained by the SSO Arty and the Mr Gnr from the RCA Museum. These items not only grace the hallways of FMC HQ but are also to be used at appropriate "Gunner" mess functions. As well, the project includes pictures, paintings, flags, gun crests, guns and other appropriate articles to be displayed in offices and along hallway walls.

The "Cabinet Shuffle" occurred as four staff officers attempted to move the cabinet 25 feet to an area large enough to accommodate the personnel in the accompanying photograph.



From left to right: Capt J.D. Gates, Maj J.P. Culligan, Maj R.J.M. Selman, MGen D.R. Baker, LCol D.G. Schott, Maj R.C. Stowell, Maj R.J. Boutilier, CWO (Mr Gnr) C.M. Bowden, MCpl J.M. Arsenault.

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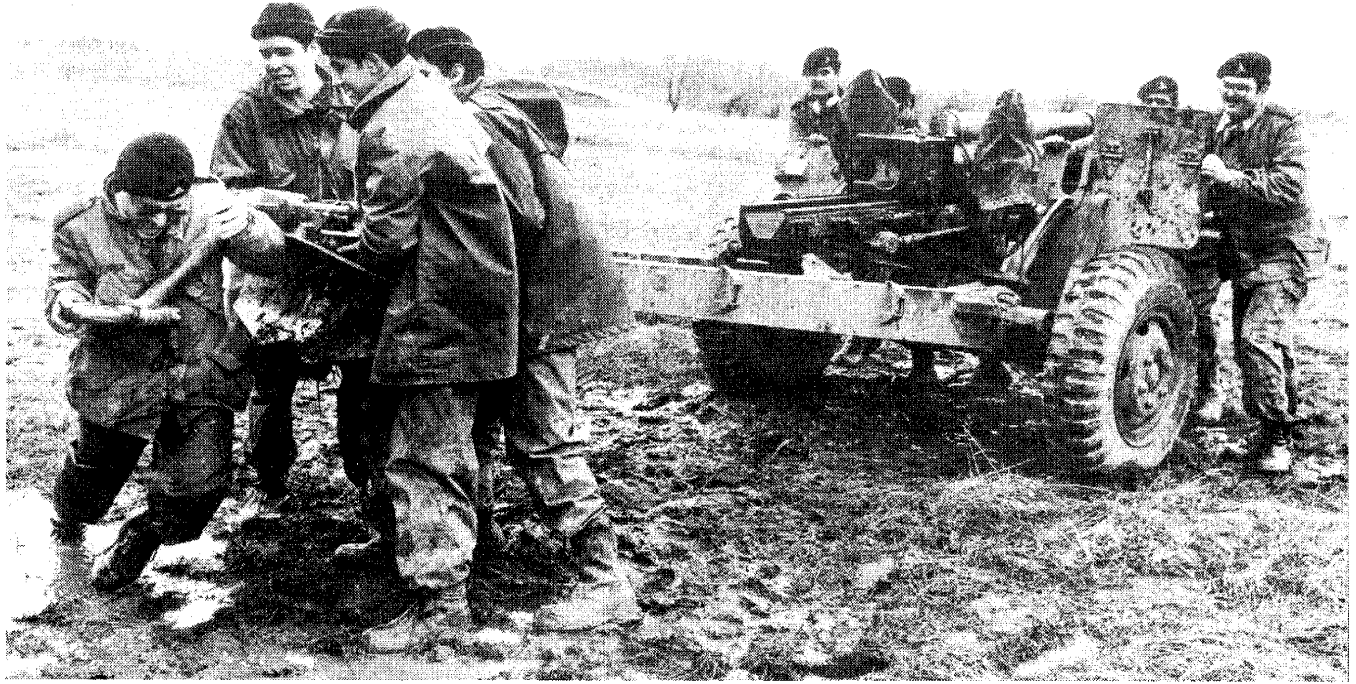
CENTRAL MILITIA AREA

LCol E.L. Schrader

In 1983, Lieutenant General Belzile's idea of tasking the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery to provide Militia operational batteries was put to the test. Central Militia Area, as part of this requirement, was tasked to provide a two battery regiment. Accordingly, a rigorous training program was put into effect and in August 1983 7 RCA was declared operationally ready.

In fact 1983 has been another intensive training year

Trained gunners were sent off on a variety of training courses throughout the year. Considerable time was spent on driver training as the large number of vehicles in an artillery battery means that almost all gunners must be drivers. The needs for communicators and technicians were met by creating CMA Arty ARTS at Connaught Ranges under the command of Capt Bob Balma, USO of 30 Field Regiment. This school ran both a TQ2 Artillery Communicator and TQ2 Artillery Technician Course for



Gunners throughout the ages could relate to this scene of muscles and mud in Meaford as gunners of 7 Toronto Regiment manhandle their 105mm howitzer into position. Left to right are: Sgt G. Kowalishen, Gnr M. Hofstatter, Bdr J. Cameron, Gnr A. DeJaclyn, Bdr R. Currell, Bdr D. Sarju, Bdr C. Barrett and Gnr J. Sunstrum.

for all five Gunner Regiments from Central Militia Area (CMA), let alone 7 RCA. They have fired from gun positions in muddy Meaford, snow covered Petawawa, and dusty Grayling in Michigan in preparation for three key training events; the operational effectiveness test of 7 RCA; Artillery Concentration Petawawa; and the RCAA Annual Competition EXERCISE SHRAPNEL VALLEY.

TRAINING

7 RCA is the title which CMA has assigned to its operationally tasked artillery regiment formed from the Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) and 9 Battery of 7 Toronto Regiment and 29 Battery of 11 Field Regiment. Today 7 RCA has two fully operational batteries equipped with 30 vehicles and six guns plus an RHQ of 30 vehicles. The unit establishment calls for 26 officers, 54 NCOs and 252 men. The manning requirement for officers has been filled from the start of the tasking and the generation of sufficient NCOs and men has been tackled in traditional gunner fashion.

An intensive recruiting drive has been undertaken by all the Gunner Regiments in CMA. Many young men have undertaken general military training at their unit. Those recruited early in the year took their TQ1 Artilleryman course at the unit. Others attended a mini depot set up at Petawawa to train the five troops from the SRTP 83 programme.

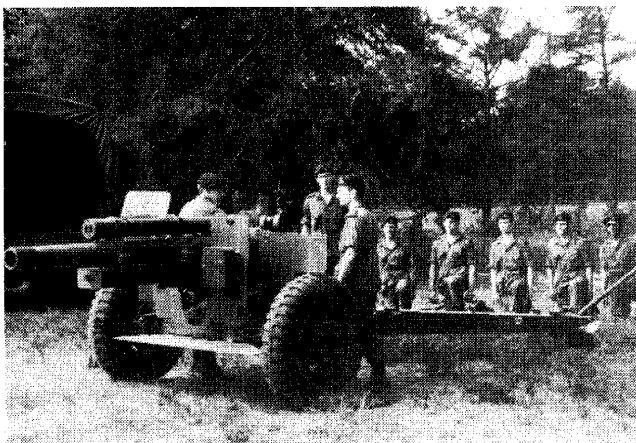
CMA. A number of gunners attended training courses conducted by either the Artillery School at the Combat Training Centre in Gagetown or 2 RCHA, Petawawa. Higher level training was also carried out so that experienced senior soldiers could be promoted to overcome the shortage of NCOs. The skills and knowledge acquired on all these courses were polished through numerous command post exercises and field training exercises in preparation for the test of Artillery Concentration Petawawa.

ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION

Our Regiments assembled at CFB Petawawa for a combined practice camp as part of MILCON 83 in late August. The aim was to conduct the first "test" of effectiveness of 7 RCA in its operational role and to provide an opportunity for 4 RCA, the other composite artillery unit in CMA, to undergo battery training within the context of a regimental organization. 4 RCA is formed from 30, 49 and 56 Field Regiments with the Regimental Headquarters being created from elements of each. During concentration 4 RCA is commanded by a LCol, from one of the contributing Regiments, who is appointed by the Commander CMA.

Naturally there was a fierce sense of competition between the two regiments. The attending batteries engaged numerous targets and strove to be the adjusting

battery on regimental missions. Considerable effort was placed on regimental fire missions and Battery Commander's fire plans. Many of the latter were conducted with an infantry or armoured combat team commander from one of the MILCON battle groups acting as the supported arms commander. In this fashion not only were gunners trained in their technical duties but the supported arms were brought back into the fire planning process.



Gun Detachment of 56 Field Regiment, RCA, at MILCON 83. With the detachment (far right) is a member of the Bermuda Regiment's ceremonial gun detachment, attached for training. Ten members of the Bermudas were on hand for MILCON 83. The Regiment trains in Canada through its affiliation with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.

The conduct of Artillery Concentration with two composite regiments has gone far in redressing the lack of training at the Regimental Headquarters. Many more officers and NCOs have been exposed to the problems of maintaining effective command and control, the allocation of training resources and priorities, and the will to conquer them. 7 RCA is a good example of this as it has been judged by Mobile Command to be ready for integration with its Regular Force counterparts.

If there is a weakness in Canada's Artillery system at this point in time it is the lack of a headquarters higher than regimental level or "HQ RCA" and all it implies. There is not a day that goes by where there are situations concerning communication, standardization of procedures, training, calibration, safety and the like, which such a headquarters could not resolve effectively. Accordingly we must insist on restoring the artillery formation to its prime importance in the order of battle at least to the divisional level. With five regiments in Central Militia Area the idea is certainly not and will not be considered unattainable. (At the time of writing all gunner regiments in CMA have been operationally tasked in one form or another).

The MILCON period also saw the introduction of the revised Senior Officers Tactics Course designed by Maj Bruce Bowles for CMA officers who are MSCS qualified. LCol Ken Farrell and Maj Colin Marmo of 30 Field Regiment were the Gunner DS for this course which examined military operations on urban terrain during an intense week-long study session at Arnprior.



7 Toronto Regiment FOO Party

Training this party is a vital part of fire support. Here, left to right are Gnr Paul Kim, communicator, Capt Mike Miller, Forward Observation Officer and Capt Paul Kearney, RSS. In front is Gnr Chris Damjanoff, technician. The next time we saw them they were dug in.

CEREMONIAL

Two ceremonial events in the Ottawa area are worthy of note. The first was the visit to the Ottawa Gunners by the Master Gunner of St. James's Park, where he met not only representatives of the CMA Gunner Regiments but also most gunners serving in Ottawa. The second was the annual Remembrance Day service held at the Royal Canadian Artillery Memorial at Majors Hill Park, Ottawa. 30 Field Regiment and their Cadet Corps laid their unit wreaths to honour our fallen comrades from many wars to show that CMA Gunners do remember.

Lieutenant Colonel E.L. Schrader, CD is serving at CMA Headquarters in Toronto as Deputy Chief of Staff. -Ed.

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ARTILLERY SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL IN '83

Preparing a resumé of a Unit's activities is no easy task, as a multitude of individuals must get together in order to present an accurate story. Time is also a necessary ingredient; however, this is a precious commodity which the Artillery School, in most cases, is continually struggling to find. (Besides, have you ever tried to get a bunch of IGs together and have them agree on one approach?)

Kidding aside, all members of the School have certainly done their share of "getting the message across" to the Artillery students who undertook training at the School in 1983. (Well over 400 "gunners" upgraded their military qualifications.)

In addition to the "regular" flow of students, the School has expanded its support to the Militia. During '83, three members of 3 Fd Regiment (St. John) attended the detachment 2IC course run by W Bty. Bdr Given from 3 Fd topped the course. Not only have militiamen proved that they can handle the "mud" side of the artillery but the technical side as well. Bdr Norman from 7 Fd Regiment (Toronto) topped the basic survey course (8301). In the Fall training period, Bdr Norman returned to the Artillery School along with two other members of his regiment and attended the advanced survey course. All three militiamen did well and hopefully they will be the nucleus of 7 Toronto's survey section. Other courses attended by militiamen were the advanced arty tech course (2), and the detachment commander course (TQ 6A) (1).

Militia officer training of course continued in the form of RESO II and III training but this year were amalgamated with the regular phase II and III courses respectively. The Militia block 12 Arty Major qualification was also run at the School for the second time and a first for the Militia was having an officer attend the Artillery Staff Duties course. Capt C.I. Young (15 Fd Vancouver) attended this course and, we might add, did well. The Forward Observation Officer courses also had a good Militia representation, four officers received this training over the year.

IG/AIG assistance was also extended to the Militia in '83. From 21-30 Aug, 7 Toronto benefitted from the assistance given by 2 x IGs and 1 x AIG for their Concentration in CFB Petawawa. Marking teams were also provided by W Bty to 84th Independent Field Battery (Yarmouth), 1 Fd (Halifax) and 3 Fd (St. John) during the RCA competition.

Assistance to the Militia was not just restricted to the verbal kind but support was also given in the form of equipment loans. W Bty on many occasions provided both guns and vehicles to various units for their weekend training.

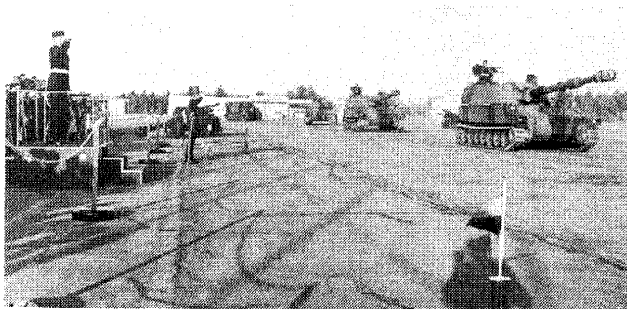
No organization can effectively function if the efforts of its sub-components are not organized and coordinated. This is a function filled by the Training Office. They provide for maximum service yet strive for economy of effort. A hard job indeed, especially considering that everyone wants everything. The staff of this office, Capt G.W.K. Davis, WO N.D. Walker, and Sgt. Maynard M.J. merit many thanks for the splendid job they have done over the year.

With so much activity within the School, someone must stand back and watch to ensure that people are going in the right direction. Standards Cell fills this function. In order to maintain (and improve) the high standards of the Royal Regiment, the CIG through the CSO, Capt R. Curry assisted by Capt R. Douglas, K. Haack, J.P. Poirier and MWO (Mr Gnr) E.H. Ross change and/or modify course training to reflect the needs of the Regiment. In addition, this staff both instructs and supervises instructional technique. All this is done with the view of improving not only the instructor but the content of courses as well.

1983 saw a change of command for the Artillery School. LCol D.B. Walton was succeeded by LCol L.A. Branum during ceremonies held on 29 June 83.



LCol L.A. Branum assumes command of the Artillery School from LCol D.B. Walton, BGen J.J. Morneau presiding.



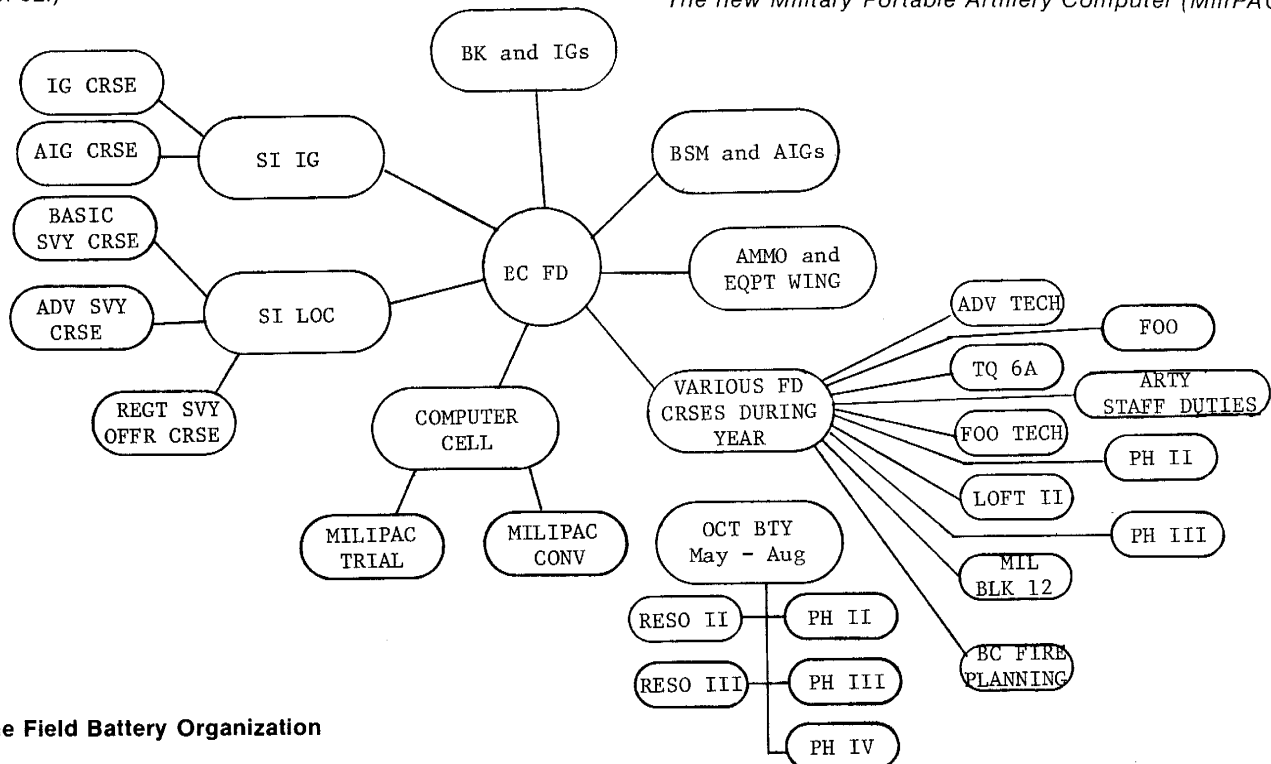
LCol D.B. Walton takes his final salute from the school.



LCol D.B. Walton accepts a farewell gift (model replica of a 32 pounder) presented to him by the CIG Maj W.F. Gee and SMIG CWO (Mr. Gnr) D.E. Wall on behalf of all ranks of the Artillery School.

FIELD BATTERY

Field Battery? What is Field Battery? If you have attended any training at the Artillery School within the past 18 months you will know that FIELD BATTERY consisted of field and Loc IG/AIG, ammo and eqpt, and the locating troop. (Loc Bty was reduced to troop status Jun 82.)



The Field Battery Organization

The Battery conducted 25 courses in 1983 and trained 391 students. While this training was taking place, the IGs and AIGs also participated in practice camps, CTC professional development training, and their own individual training and courses (CLFCSC, Electronic Warfare, computer course, etc.).

There has been an increase in our FRANCOTRAIN and bilingual instruction. Cpts J.M.Y. Grossinger and E.W. Gagnon lead the "french connection" team of WOs Dulong, Haley, Levesque and Poulin. Adv Tech, 6A, Ph II, III, and IV, RESO II and III, Basic and Adv Svy courses all have a requirement for bilingual instruction or student assistance.

The Computer Cell commanded by Capt L.B. Sherrard (Capt C. LaRocque was posted to Fort Sill, OK, U.S.A.) has four WOs (Evans, Levesque, Melanson, and Parker) tucked into a corner of H-17. Future plans will expand this cell to include a MiliPAC classroom adjacent to the cell.

Their work involved development of the MiliPAC conversion course for adv techs. (Note: By end Jan 84, the time this article was written, the School had received 14 MiliPACs).



The new Military Portable Artillery Computer (MiliPAC).

1983 was a hallmark year for the Battery. In addition to the new US IG CPT B.J. Ray (CPT Turner received his march orders for Fort Riley, Kansas), the Battery was pleased to welcome the first Australian IG on exchange with the Artillery School. Capt J.H. Harding arrived with his family in January. (Of course we put him to work right away). To date Capt Harding has instructed on the FOO Course 8301, the Militia Major Qualifying Block 12 Course, Phase III 8302 and was course officer on the FOO Course 8302. He has even managed to attend regimental practice camps with 30 Fd and 2 RCHA.

Capt D.M. Chupick, the resident jumper, took over course officer duties for the TQ 6B AIG Course from Capt J.S. Doyle. The graduating AIGs from 8201 were put to work immediately instructing officer cadets on Phase and RESO training. In August Capt Chupick, MWO Young, WOs Coombs and Dwyer welcomed the new students and course 8301 started the 10 month course.

The team of Major R.S. Wilson (SI IG), Capt S.J. Joudry, and WO Gillis G.D. and WO O'Donnell L.P. programmed, and are currently conducting the Field IG Course 8301. After five months of hard work they are only half way. Nine potential Canadian IGs, two Australians and one New Zealander are on the course. (The graduates of IG Course 8101 eagerly await your graduation.)

OCT BTY TRAINING

To satisfy the demands of training officer candidates during the summer period, Artillery School forms Officer Candidate Training Battery (OCT Bty). This Battery, commanded by Major J.N. Fleming, trained 79 successful candidates on five Phase courses. Courses commenced on 17 May 1983 and culminated with the Graduation Parade on 11 August 1983. Each Phase carried out training until 4 August when all Phases combined for Exercise NIMBLE BARBARA, a five day Regimental level exercise.

Phase II/RESO II trains officer candidates in infantry tactics and procedures up to and including section commander level. After the infantry phase of the course the candidates are then trained to carry out all duties on the 105mm C1, including detachment commander.

Phase III/RESO III is the most technically oriented of all the Phase courses. During this phase, the candidates are trained to perform the duties of an artillery technician, recce sergeant, Tech WO, TSM, and CPO. They are also instructed in the position of GPO which is further emphasized on the next phase of training.

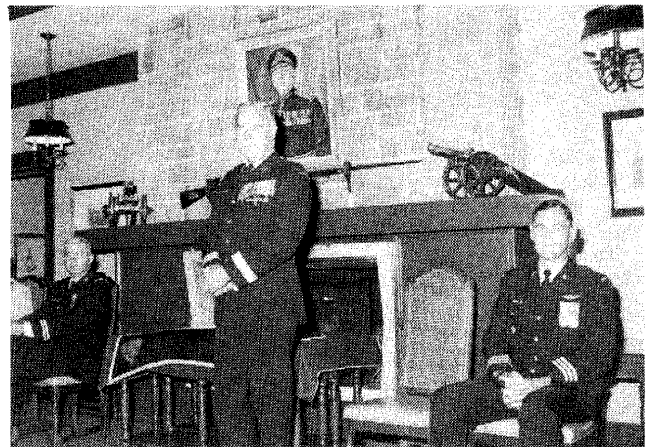
Phase IV is the final and most leadership intensive phase of training. During this phase, the candidates are trained in all aspects of the duties of the GPO and a great deal of emphasis is put on recce and deployment, local defence and leadership ability. Further practice is also given on technical command post duties. Upon completion of this phase, the candidates are commissioned as 2Lts and are posted to their first unit.

A great deal of credit for the success of OCT Bty training must be given to the BK, Capt T.R. Pond, and the BSM, WO Stebner, for their hard work and planning in ensuring that training was conducted up to standard and that all requirements for support were met. The assistance of "W" Battery and "M" Battery to this training cannot be overemphasized as, without the guns, there would not be any realistic training.

As in all courses, there is always someone who puts in that extra effort or performs to a higher standard than others and these candidates are rewarded as the top candidate on each phase. The top candidates in 1983 are:



ARTY TOP CANDIDATES — Top Candidates graduating from the Artillery School this year are (L-R): 2Lt K.R. Cotten, OCdt A.J. Howard, 2Lt S.A. Beare, 2Lt T.W. Lavatte and 2Lt T.R. Young.



The Colonel Commandant, Brigadier-General W.W. Turner, CD addresses the Officer Cadet Commissioning ceremonies. An important moment in the life of the new graduate.

IG COURSE (FIELD) 8301

An IG Course, either field, Air Defence or Locating, offers gunner officers the opportunity to practice the skills of the profession for 10 to 16 months. In Aug 83 students arrived from units in Canada and Germany to do just that. In addition to the nine Canadian students, two Australians and a New Zealander joined the course. This not only provides IGs to their Artillery, it also allows Canadians to benefit from their background and experience.

The early part of the course is designed to bring students "up to speed" in gunnery theory, math and ballistics. During this period old skills such as recce, CP duties and OP procedures are dusted-off and refined. The highlight of the first half of the course is the gunnery field portion. For over a month students planned, wrote and conducted live tactical and technical exercises. It was during this phase that the essential IG skills of "setting" and "critiquing" were taught and practiced. With excellent support from W Bty and fine (dry!) fall weather, this phase provided us with an opportunity to practice almost every type of gunnery procedure in the book.

The "first half" also exposed the course to subjects such as ballistics, air defence, battle group tactics and ammunition and equipment. At the time of writing (mid-

Jan), IG Course (Fd) 8301 is "OVER THE HUMP". We're in the middle of the Arty Staff Duties phase and are eagerly awaiting our trip to the States and Quebec. Still to come — Regimental survey, BCs fire planning and our major presentations at the end. The course will end in mid-May with a short graduation ceremony, followed immediately by an introduction to the summer onslaught of officer cadets.



IG course caught in a rare relaxed pose.

AIG COURSE 8301

AIG Course 8301 got off to an excellent start on 04 Aug 83 with fourteen potential AIG students in attendance. The students came from all walks of Regimental life with a lot of varied experience to share with instructors and fellow students alike.

This is the pilot of the new eleven month AIG course which combines the old AIG and TQ7 courses as well as a more comprehensive survey package that necessitated the course being extended to eleven months from nine months. All other portions of the old AIG course are covered as well.

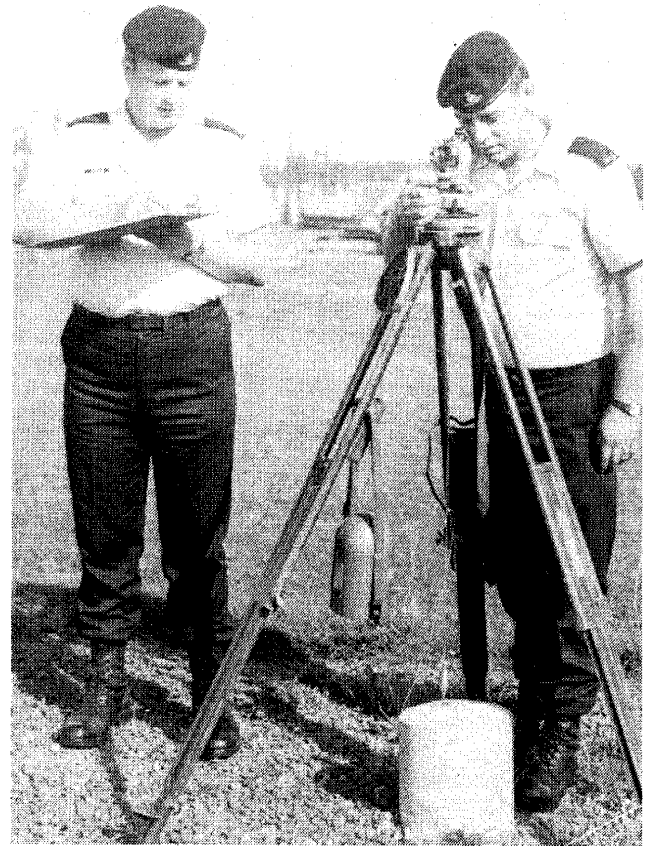


AIG Course 8301 calibrates aiming circles.

The students had a two week refresher course on instructional technique (SIT II) at the beginning of the course under the watchful eyes of Capt R. Douglas and MWO D. Cooper.

MWO M. Young took us through the TQ7 portion of our course following the gunnery phase and this proved to be very enlightening, as a lot of material covered was based on actual happenings that a lot of the students could relate to.

Following the TQ7 phase, the locating wing took us through the Int Cell workings and then on to radar and sound ranging. With the equipment involved, Capt Haeck, WOs Abar and Byers certainly had their work cut out for them. This was followed by Tactics under the expert instruction of the Course IG, Capt Chupick.



WO Jackson taking a round of angles while WO Dearman records and checks his work. Only six months to go!

LOCATING TROOP

1983 was indeed a very busy year for Locating Troop. During the past year we conducted a full schedule of courses in order to maintain the Artillery Locating expertise within the Royal Regiment (some of which had not been run for as many as sixteen years).

Locating Troop also sent a Divisional Survey Section to Wainwright, to participate in Exercise RV 83, and had two individuals visit 94 Loc Regt, 1 BR Corps for a major Artillery exercise.

The teaching of **Artillery Survey** has, in the past, been the bread and butter to Locating Troop, and 1983 was no exception. Starting off in January, a Basic Survey Course (8301) was run. This course ran for three months and qualified seventeen personnel from various Artillery Regiments. In April the AIG Course (8201) was put through their Survey Phase and from September to December, the Advanced Survey Course (8301) was held and another thirteen students were qualified.

With the rewriting of 306(17) already in progress, it was also necessary to do updating on all teaching materials pertaining to Survey. This made for many long hours of hard work for the IGs, AIGs and other personnel of the Troop.

Training on the AN/MPQ 501 Counter Mortar Radar is still an important task to Locating Troop. In 1983 familiarization training was given to the AIG Course (8201). From the 14th of March to the 19th of April a Basic Radar Operator Course was run, primarily to qualify members of the Locating Troop. This course included both radar theory, and deployment and operating procedures.

Artillery Intelligence. Again, after many years, Arty Int is coming into its own, not only as one of the Locating disciplines taught by Locating Troop, but also as an information centre for Arty Int information in the Artillery

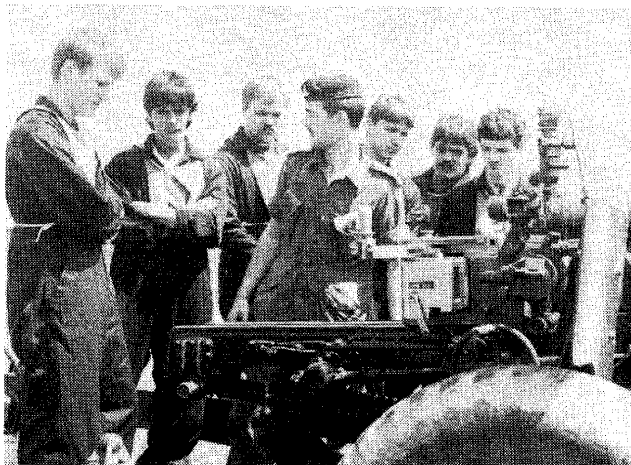
School. Last year we put AIG courses 8201 and 8301 through familiarization training and exercise Quick Plot II. Locating Troop also worked with and taught a Staff Duties Course. Office routine and Plotting procedures of an Arty Int Cell were just two of the subjects taught during this training. The most important thing that happened to Arty Int was that after many years, we were able to run a Counter Bombardment and Artillery Intelligence Technician Course. (2nd of May to 20th of May.)

Sound Ranging. SRG is another locating skill which received a shot in the arm in 1983. There was a Basic Arty Sound Ranging Course run for Troop personnel in order to maintain the expertise within the School. This course was run from 6 June to 8 July. It was the first course of its kind to be run in at least fifteen years. The normal familiarization training was given to the AIG course 8201 and 8301. The Locating Troop is still maintaining two sound bases, one of which is a long base of (6) six mics, along the Lawfield Stands on the Lawfield Road, and the other a short base of (4) four mics on the Hamstead Road. There is no foreseeable changes in any Sound Ranging equipment or training in the near future.

Target Acquisition is a term that often brings blank stares, even within the Royal Regiment; however, Locating Troop is still alive and well and doing its best to promote this oft forgotten yet extremely important aspect of Field Artillery. It has been a busy year for the troop and hopefully this trend will continue in '84.



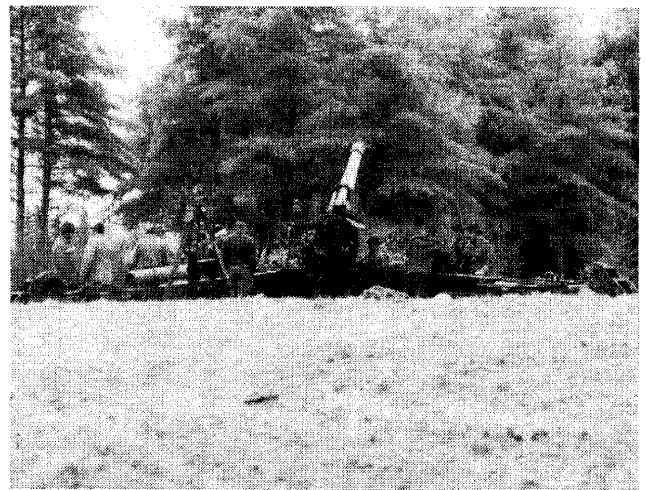
Locating Troop 1983



Bdr Landry R. explains the C1 howitzer to a group of candidates from the Combat Arms Officers Selection Board.



Bdr Hebert (3 Fd Regt), Gnr (now MBdr) Comars C., Bdr Jowett R.A., look in during the No. 1s Open Actions of Detachment 21C Course 8301.



The GC45 deployed during the ERFB trials.



An M109A3 of W Battery fires during a Quick Action Demonstration for the Combat Arms Officer Selection Board.



BGen J.J. Morneault, inspects W Battery during the Artillery School Change of Command, accompanied by LCol D.B. Walton and Maj R. Hoyland, Gnr Wilson M.A., MBdr Moore T.G., Gnr Northey G.L., Bdr Landry R., Gnr Mitchel P., Gnr McRae S.K., and Gnr Hunt J.A. can be seen in the picture.



Capt R.W. Hamsey escorts the CDS past his Salute Troop at the Fredericton Airport on 18 June 1983. Sgt Glen R., Sgt Wright B.S., Gnr King C., Gnr Patten E.J., and Gnr Chase C., can be seen in the picture.



G Troop celebrates winning the Commandant's Trophy for the Harrier Race. Gnr Boucher N.J., Gnr Brake K.A. (the fastest runner in the race), Gnr Harvey J.G.C.M., Bdr Farley B.M., Gnr Neilson M., Gnr Bennett D.A., Gnr Gramer W.B., Gnr Caron G.E., Capt R.P. Dunne (Tp Comd G) and Gnr Lannigan J.C. can be seen with the trophy.

AUGMENTATION ("M") BATTERY

During the period 12 Jun - 12 Aug 83, 101 Militiamen and two RSS personnel amalgamated at CTC Gagetown. Their task was to form a nine gun battery to support courses conducted by the Artillery School. The majority of the militia personnel were from Atlantic Militia Area and Sector de l'Est, with token representation from 11th Field Artillery Regiment RCA in Guelph and 49th Field Artillery Regiment RCA in Sault Ste Marie.

By 27 Jun the majority of the individuals finally arrived at CTC and training began in earnest. The battery underwent intense refresher training under the firm direction of Capt S.C. Barnes, WO Bridges, Sgt Theriault and the RSS, for the first week and a half. This included a safety officers course, command post drills, communication exercises, gun drill, DDC and a safe backing course.

Upon completion of their refresher training the battery directed their total efforts towards filling the training requirements laid down by Artillery School. These tasks were not only numerous but complex in nature and could not have been completed without the excellent support and cooperation of "W" Battery.

AIR DEFENCE BATTERY (LOOKING UP)

Did you fulfill all of your goals in 1983? If you passed some time with the Air Defence Battery at CTC Gagetown, then you certainly helped them achieve theirs.

Teach! We sure did, 63 diplomas were earned by AD gunners. The course packages resulted in a good quota of detachment commanders for 40mm Boffin and Blowpipe, troop commanders for the various AD troops and btys in West Germany and Canada. Command and control training was also provided for future battery commanders. The Staff was on the receiving end as well, for we also learned or perfected a wide range of skills and knowledge or participated in career courses in the interest of personal development and progression.



A Blowpipe Troop "Coverage Trace" can be a work of art. Here Capt McPherson gets ample assistance from 2Lt Levatte (left) and 2Lt Keen.

The bty was called upon frequently last year to appraise new equipment and reference material. These appraisals were as basic as trial of a new overall tarp for the "Boffin", to trial usage of the sophisticated but simple to use Bessler QC. The Bessler is an audio/visual device which will enable us to expand and improve aircraft recognition training in a unique way. This kit permits **individual** training at the users own pace. Practice has always been the key to A/C recognition, now each trainee

will be able to practice his weak aircraft at his own rate. The sample tapes were easy to follow and effective, now we are awaiting the tapes that relate to our current list of A/C used throughout Canadian AD units.

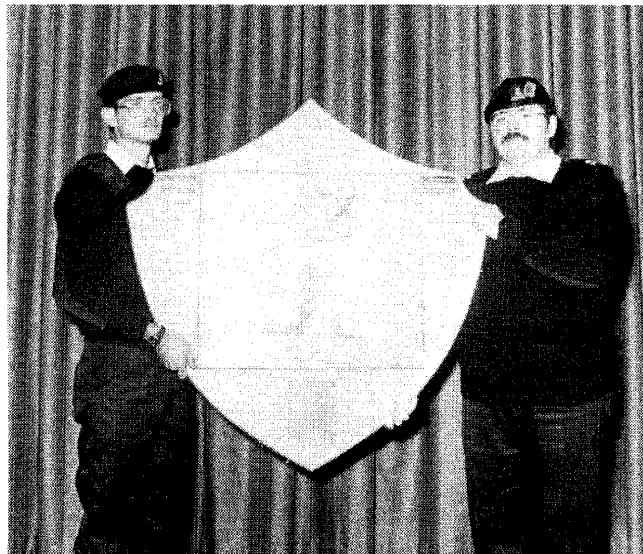
Requests for IG/AIG assistance were fulfilled on all three occasions submitted. WO Habing represented the School in visits to CFB Petawawa the first week of Mar 83 and U Bty of CFB Shilo the last week of Mar, first week of Apr. The ground monitoring system was used on both occasions to ensure fair assessment of missile performance. This is a vital, cost effective measure to ensure proper recovery for malfunctioning missiles. When Big Brother is watching, things seem to go smoother. The third practice was conducted here on the CTC ranges. This practice was by far the largest as it involved almost all the AD sub-units. The overall conduct was in the hands of Bie V5 RALC. The entire staff participated due to the size of the exercise plus the acquisition of the "miss" equipment. The firing included 37 Blowpipe and approx 5,000 rds of 40mm ammunition. A big gain from the exercise was undoubtedly the renewed acquaintances and the opportunity for everyone to exchange notes and ideas.

In early Nov the bty acquired new technical equipment (MISS) that will improve the assessment of results from Blowpipe firings. MISS is an acronym for Missile Intercept Scoring System. The equipment was put together by Defence Research Establishment Suffield (DRES) Staff using "off-the-shelf" commercial equipment. The most important feature of the dual video recording apparatus is that both camera stations are time synchronized to within 1/1,000 of a second. This is done by homing in to a satellite which relays timings from the U.S. Time Station at Bolder, Colorado. It is a relatively simple process to record the flight path of the TATS aircraft from a flank until the missile "flies through" while simultaneously recording the missile flight from the rear. Using the two views stopped at **identical** times, a simple formula provides a very accurate MISS distance.

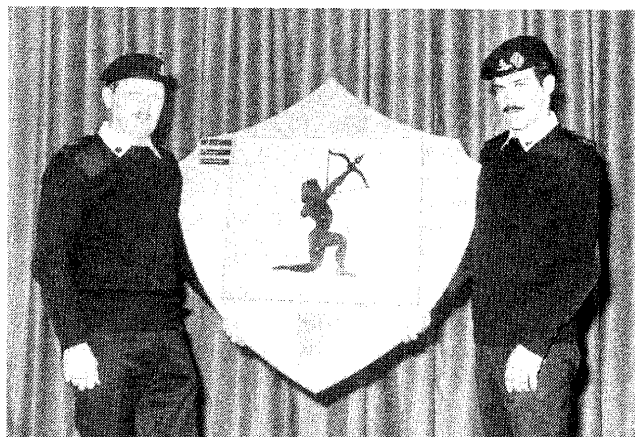
The most outstanding news of '83 for Air Defenders has to be the creation of an IG/AIG course. This is a huge morale booster for those gunners who have been in AD since TQ 3 or newly commissioned. This initial serial is going well and is expected to provide a lot of expertise to this side of the Arty family. One of their first tasks after graduating in Summer '84 will be to organize separate courses for Instructor-in-Gunnery and Assistant Instructor-in-Gunnery and Assistant Instructors-in-Gunnery for the Fall.



The Blowpipe trainer provides very effective simulated practice of all attack profiles and missile characteristics. From left to right 2Lt Hollin, Lt Brown and 2Lt Robinson.



Capt McPherson accepts acknowledgment as Top Candidate (officer) on the AD Tp Comd Course 8301 from Capt R. Schell (Course IG).



Sgt Corcoran (left) congratulates A/Sgt Wylie on being named Top Candidate (NCO) for the AD Tp Comd Course 8301.

AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT SECTION

Ammunition and Equipment Section was formed in 1955 at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery, Shilo, Manitoba as part of the gun park (N118) within Equipment Bty. The gun park and ammo & eqpt was commanded by a Captain IG and was a secondary duty. The ammo & eqpt section was originally set up by Sgt D.W. Hawkes (Capt Hawkes OC 89 Bty 3rd Field Regt. Woodstock, N.D.) and Sgt E. Bell (MWO, retd). Their tasks at that time were as follows:

- a. instruct courses on ammo & eqpt subject matter;
- b. calibration of School guns;
- c. organize and conduct Master Gunner courses; and
- d. in conjunction with the gun park, conduct various trials on the equipment.

By 1957, a large number of new equipment was being introduced into the Artillery, and eqpt bty was redesignated Trials and Research Battery. Because of the number of personnel required to conduct these trials and at the same time carry out normal School functions, gunners were attached to ammo and eqpt section from 2 RCHA Winnipeg, Manitoba to be employed as gun numbers. They were:

- a. Gnr L. Arsenault (released 1959);
- b. Gnr J. Higgins (released 1959);

- c. Gnr A. Kaulins (Sgt A. Kaulins, Shilo); and
d. Gnr S. Barnes (Capt S. Barnes, Gagetown).



This establishment only lasted one year and was specifically organized to conduct trials on overhead protection for the 105mm C1 and 155mm howitzers. This protection was in the form of a square-type tent made of nylon fibres designed to be positioned over and attached to the howitzers when in action. As this device added extra weight and manhandling became more difficult, both howitzers were equipped with an apparatus called a traversing jack. This reduced manual labour and allowed the howitzers to be traversed easier and quicker on "take post to lay". Other eqpts tested during the period 1957 to 1963 were:

- various types of radars;
- sound ranging equipment;
- sky screens; and
- drones.

Following this period of trials, ammo & eqpt became strictly responsible for instruction on ammo & eqpt related subjects and remained as such throughout its stay in Shilo. In 1970, the School was relocated to CFB Gagetown.

From 1970 until 1972, ammo & eqpt sect. was not formed as part of the School and as a result, instruction on ammo & eqpt matters became the responsibility of individual course instructors. This placed an extra burden on all instructors and was found to be unsatisfactory. In 1972, MWO (Mr Gnr) Hawkes once again was instrumental in re-establishing the ammo & eqpt sect in Building K-14. He was ably assisted with this undertaking by WO (Mr Gnr) R.G. Power.

Since its formation, many officers and other ranks have been employed in eqpt bty and have upheld the standards of ammo & eqpt. The motto which was created in 1956, is still in existence today.

"MOTTO"

Members
of
The Honourable fellowship
of
RCSA Equipment Battery
who, having been enlightened, now
carry the doctrine among those
less fortunate members of the
Regiment

At present, ammo and eqpt sect is staffed by Capt S.C. Barnes (OC), WO P. Stebner (eqpt instr), and WO S.G. Brydges (ammo instr). Their tasks are to provide instruction on:

- ammunition and equipment;
- calibration and maintenance of calibration records for all RCA guns;
- future trends; and
- organize equipment demonstrations and ammunition displays.



WO P. Stebner, Capt S.C. Barnes, WO S.G. Brydges

W BTY RCA

As was predicted in last year's article, W Bty was very busy in its 30th year supporting the large number of courses and taskings conducted in CFB Gagetown. This support included: guns, command posts, OP parties, safety officers, drivers, ration support, and the provision of ammunition. Additionally, the Battery carried out the multitude of other activities expected of a Battery of the Royal Regiment. This consisted of such things as refresher training, courses, ceremonial duties, salutes, displays, and demonstrations. All this activity made life in the Battery both hectic and exciting.

The youthful age and relative inexperience of the Battery soldiers meant that Battery courses received a high priority, and thus competed with the School courses for very scarce resources. The strenuous efforts were capped by success and resulted in: six light track courses, two driver five ton courses, two driver wheeled courses, one basic tech course, one comms course, a detachment 21C course, and some 40 graduates of courses outside the Battery. These courses combined with a light rotation in the summer, have left the Battery with the depth of experience required to carry out its multitude of tasks.

In February and March the Battery trained 96 drivers in anticipation of the delivery of its new MLVWs which were received in September. Furthermore, the Battery converted to the HP 41 Ballistic during the summer and is looking forward to receiving its MiliPAC in the new year.

During November, in continuation of previous years' experience, the Battery supported the trial of the Extended Range Full Bore (ERFB) round with GC 45 cannon. This year the round was equipped with airburst fuses and the trial provoked great interest both inside and outside the Battery.

CONCLUSION

It is impossible to mention every aspect of life in Field Battery over a one year period. The "war diary" or historical report will become the only permanent records. Suffice it to say that we did accomplish our aim. We are teachers and instructors. We teach you to become better Gunners, UBIQUE.



MEMORIAL

All members of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery were saddened by the passing of Warrant Officer Donald Wade Perry, who died suddenly on Wednesday 7 December 1983 at CFB Cornwallis.

WO Perry, born at Lake George, N.S. on 4 February 1945, was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for 17 years. He served with 1 RCHA in West Germany and 2 RCHA in CFB Petawawa and CFB Gagetown. His final posting was to the Canadian Forces Recruit School in Cornwallis.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra (nee Young), twin daughters, Shannon and Shelly, of Cornwallis and by his mother, father, four brothers and two sisters.

WO Donald Perry was buried with full military honours in Waterville, N.S. on Saturday 10 December 1983.

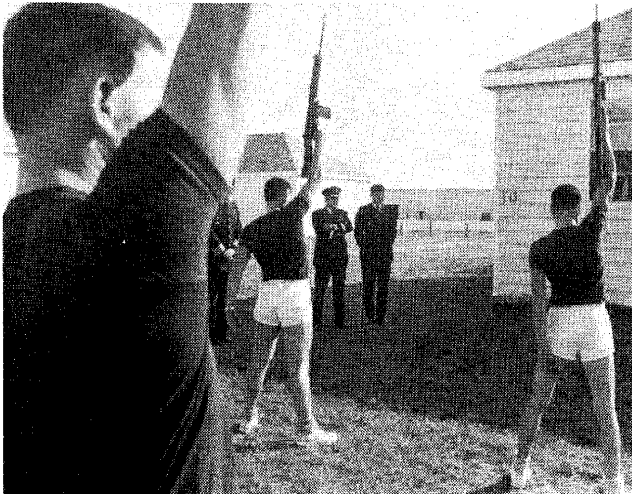
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GENERAL

In spite of the fact that manning levels have been reached and the intake of regular recruits has dwindled to nil, the RCA Battle School's second year has been no less fruitful than the first. In the first half of the year three regular TQ3 courses were run, graduating a total of 64 Gunners, 3 RCHA and the Battle School also conducted a Combat Leader Course, producing 28 future Junior NCO's. The School has seen repeated visits by dignitaries such as the Colonel-Commandant, BGen W.W. Turner and the Commander of FMC, LGen C.H. Belzile while often being called upon to fire salutes for such occasions.



Grunts and groans. A Troop reminds the Comd FMC of what rifle PT was like in the 'good ol'days.



Dig we must! — Gunners quickly learn that the best way to keep warm is through physical activity.

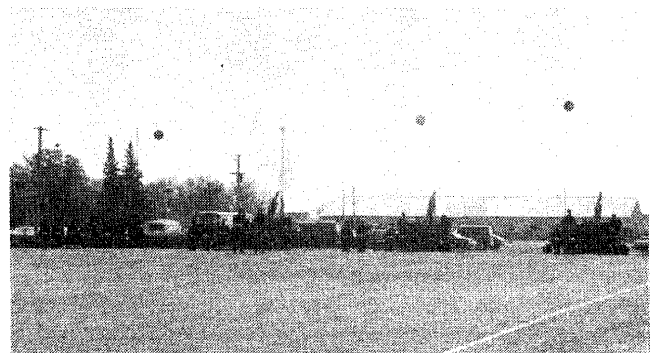
YOUTH TRAINING EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

While the majority of readers are familiar with the Youth Training Employment Programme (YTEP), few have seen its effect upon a training establishment such as the RCA Battle School.

The fact that the number of trainees in the programme is greater than the output from all other courses graduating during 1983 is evidence of its difference from training previously conducted by the School. On the other hand, the return of General Military Training into the domain of the Royal Regiment was greatly appreciated, even if it did strain resources significantly.

On the Labour Day weekend, 126 recruits of the rawest kind arrived for induction. A "sausage machine" was set up in General Strange Hall in order to complete enrolment documentation. They were then marched and trucked about and made to suffer the usual indignities, such as Part II Medicals and the Recruit Haircut, certainly a memorable occasion for those late of the civilian persuasion. Within a week the majority were completely equipped and thrown into the grind of press, polish, shine and starch, while their august instructors found much wrong and little right with their efforts. The trainees continued to be socialized and civilized through such means as the Obstacle Course, rifle PT and excursions to the gas hut. Because in and out routines were not necessary and because the integration of the recruit and TQ3 portions of the Shoot-to-Live programme reduced duplication of training, TQ2 training was completed by Remembrance Day, after only ten weeks.

From mid-November the four troops (a francophone troop had arrived from ERFC St-Jean just before the eleventh) carried on with TQ3 training until they broke off for Christmas. Due to a lack of equipment, the three anglophone troops worked on those subjects common to all arms while the French troop completed all of its gunnery training with the exception of the final exercise which is being saved for the end of the course in February 1984.



D Troop, Course 8303, firing a salute for the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable Pearl McGonigal.



D Troop is inspected by LGen Belzile after having fired a salute for him.



Capt Aubin, late Adjutant of the School, displays the rare form which earned him the sobriquet 'Baryshnicov'. He is being shadowed by MWO Furber on the Confidence Course.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The active posting season saw a few important changes in personnel and in each case the RCA Battle School was a springboard to bigger and better things. Capt F.M. Aubin left for the IG Course in Galetown, passing the Adjutant's whip to Capt J.S. Burridge. CWO V.A. White also ceded the offices of RSM to CWO L.E. Skinner, but only moved next door to assume the same post in 3 RCHA. A third training troop, 'la troupe 'C'', was authorized for the start-up of francophone training with its cadre coming principally from Secteur de 1'Est and 5 RALC. The last posting of note was that of Capt G.L. Johnson, who in December was dispatched to the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham in the United Kingdom for Division II of the Technical Staff Duties Course.

PROSPECTS

As the RCA Battle School turns the page into the New Year one can hardly speculate what it will bring. What we do know is that it will include more Combat Leaders Courses. A YTEP course is to be repeated, and recruiting levels will be such that May - July 84 will see the unit with five TQ3 courses running concurrently. Members of the staff, notably the CO, will be pounding the pavements in order to ready themselves for a likely Jasper to Banff run. The never ending re-writing of training plans will go on as

new equipment such as the Medium Logistic Vehicle-Wheeled are worked into the system and as lessons are learned from the conduct of courses. The Battle School is also preparing itself for the likelihood that the Driver RCA Course will be included in its prospectus.

With such demands on it, the RCA Battle School will continue to grow like Topsy, and the Royal Regiment can expect to see new highs in standards of training and a readiness for even greater things in the future.



'Coup Parti' — The first round fired by 'la troupe C' on its way down range.



A young E Troop soldier speaks to his first general — LGen C.H. Belzile, Comd FMC.

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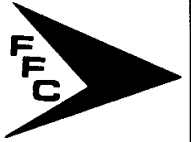
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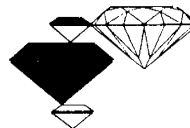
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NRQS 83

MAJ B.S. SAUNDERS

The Artillery National Rank Qualifying School (NRQS) as in past years was held at CFB Shilo during the period 4 July to 12 August. The school conducted 12 courses; an increase of 3 from the previous year. The attendance at all courses was good. The total number of candidates was 161, compared to 146 in 1982.

NRQS 83 was commanded by LCol RB May (Ret'd) who is currently residing in Angel Fire, New Mexico. The staff consisted of personnel from RSS (Prairie), 3 RCHA and militiamen from units across Canada. Initially the school was short instructors, however 3 RCHA provided extra personnel above their original tasking, thus allowing all courses to be conducted. The courses included: Artymn TQ 1, Basic Arty Tech TQ2, Arty Comm TQ 2, Adv Arty Tech TQ 4, Det Comd TQ 3, Lt Qual Blk 4, Lt Qual Blk 5, Lt Qual Blk 6, and 2 serials of Capt Qual Blk 9. In addition to these national courses, the school also conducted the TQ 3 Cas Aide and Non Trade/Arty Dvr TQ 2 courses for Militia Area Prairie units. The Maj Qual Blk 12 was conducted by the Artillery School at CFB Gagetown.



2Lt DL Boudreau from 3 RD Field Regt St John, NB, receiving the McGibbon Challenge Cup for top candidate on the Lieutenant Qualifying Block 5 Course from the Base Commander CFB Shilo, Col JA MacInnis.

Two day exercises, PROUD PHOENIX I and II were held on 28/29 July and 11/12 August respectively. The exercises tested and confirmed POs taught on course. The exercises were scripted to provide candidates with as much practical training as possible. The candidates were divided in btys and filled all the positions including: Observers, GPOs, TSMs, Det Comds, Arty Techs, comms, gun number and dvr.



Bdr Lynam IM, from 5 (BC) Fd Bty Victoria, receiving a plaque for being top candidate on the Detachment Commander TQ 3 Course from the Base Commander CFB Shilo, Col JA MacInnis.

The top candidate awards for NRQS 83 were: Maj Qual Blk 12 - Capt D Fraser, 116 Indep Fd Bty Kenora; Capt Qual Blk 9 (8301), Lt KR Mech, 7 Toronto Regt; Capt Qual Blk 9 (8302) Lt D Patterson, 2 Fd Regt Montreal; Lt Qual Blk 4, 2Lt SE Steinke, 20 Indep Fd Bty Lethbridge; Lt Qual Blk 5 and Blk 6, 2Lt DL Boudreau, 3 Fd Regt St John; Adv Arty Tech TQ 4, Sgt Stewart PA, 15 Fd Regt Vancouver; Arty Tech TQ 2, Bdr Kossman WW, 20 Fd Regt Edmonton; Artymn Det Comd TQ 3, Bdr Lynam IM, 5 (BC) Fd Bty Victoria; Arty Comm TQ 2, MBdr Pratt GS, 20 Fd Regt Edmonton; Artymn TQ 1, Cpl Christie IA, SALH Calgary; Non Trade Driver/Arty Dvr TQ 2, Gnr Stoddart GW, 20 Fd Regt Edmonton.



2Lt DL Boudreau, 3 Fd Regt St John, receiving the McKee Sword for top candidate on the Lieutenant Qualifying Course Block 6 from Col R. Alden, COS HQ Militia Area Prairie.



Capt D Fraser from 116 Fd Bty Kenora, Ont. receiving the Dominion Artillery Association Cup for top candidate on the Major Qualifying Block 12 Course, from Col R Alden, COS, HQ Militia Area Prairie. Capt Fraser came to Shilo upon completion of the course held at the Artillery School, CFB Gagetown, to work with the NRQS Firing Troop.

In conclusion, NRQS was successful. A great deal of credit, however, must be given to CFB Shilo and 3 RCHA for the great support that they provided.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF AN ITINERANT GUNNER

2LT D.P. MARTIN

Ubique! Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt. Everywhere whither right and glory lead. Ubique! Everywhere. A gunner is mentally and physically fit to be employed anywhere and everywhere. The knowledge of a gunner is profound. He is a total soldier, part infantryman, part artilleryman, with the resources available to crumble his enemy with indirect fire or challenge him face to face. A gunner is prepared. A gunner is ready; everywhere whither right and glory lead.

The above is an ideal state. If war were declared tomorrow would the officers of the RCA be able to boast of this level of readiness?

The greatest teacher in this regard is experience. It is the essential element in the learning cycle. Over thirty years have passed since Canada and her guns received such valuable lessons.

The purpose of this essay is to expose the degree of flexibility needed by gunner officers in a time of conventional crises. The true experiences of a Canadian gunner who served during WWII will be used as the exploratory vehicle.

To emphasize the likelihood of these circumstances being relived by a present-day gunner, the officer who is described in the following events will be known as the "Itinerant Gunner" (IG). Itinerant means to journey or travel from place to place, or as in this case, journey or travel from job to job.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN ITINERANT GUNNER

Early 1936 Rumours of War

With the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, WWI veterans realized the grave potential of another full-scale conflict. The Itinerant Gunner was motivated by veterans to apply for Non-Permanent Active Militia (NPAM) commission with the artillery in light of his accounting training. He was a certified general accountant... an expert with numbers... gunner material!

March 1936 Depression

The Itinerant Gunner was accepted as 2Lt of the 19th Field Battery, RCA, 5 Field Brigade, Winnipeg. Battery strength was a mere 30 all ranks. A Gunner's training pay was \$1.00 a day and officers' pay was normally retained by the Battery for OR benefits. There was no allowance for officers to buy clothing or equipment and Winnipeg was without a proper military tailor. The only alternative for acquiring military dress was through a secondhand officers kit shop.

The unit was in an evolutionary process changing from horse-drawn to motorized equipment. Gun drill instruction was on obsolete 18 pdrs, while firing and manoeuvres were conducted during summer practice camps in Shilo. Consequently the IG received his officer qualification from evening sessions with Permanent Force Instructors of Gunnery.

Mobilization 1 Sep 39

Rumours of war materialized and Canada began recruiting to full War Establishment (W.E.). 19th Field Bty RCA was authorized to expand 700%. The IG began working 18 hour days, subsisting on 4 hours sleep. Every recruit needed medical examinations, documentation, clothing and military kit. In addition, each individual's civil background required review to determine appropriate assignment to W.E. vacancies.

A tender emotion enveloped the IG when he realized that soon he would be leaving Canada, possibly never to return. He was to be married the following year but after a brief discussion with his fiancée, decided to marry immediately. He was granted a one half day leave for the

wedding and honeymoon. He received his "regimental wife" on return to the Bty which would accompany him everywhere during the next six years... a 4.5 cal revolver from the police confiscated stores. Congratulations!

Empress of Australia 5 Dec 39

19th Field entrained for Halifax as part of 1 Canadian Division and the first convoy of troops to the UK. A dense fog rolled in the day they boarded the Empress of Australia. The convoy received its orders and set sail. A rash of rumours and dissention spread throughout the ship. The ship's Captain had misinterpreted the order for half-steam ahead and the Empress was crossing the Atlantic without naval protection. She was alone on the ocean, a potential flotsam for a passing U-Boat. But as the "sun always shines on the gunners", the Empress rejoined the convoy in the Irish Sea to sail up the Clyde. A relieved Bty disembarked and entrained for Aldershot.

19 Dec 39 CPO and ABR

The barracks at Aldershot were not of "resort hotel" calibre. They were unheated, sparsely equipped and the frozen plumbing generated a slight shock wave over the Christmas and New Year period. Morale was soon warmed when Bty personnel were introduced to other Canadian Btys to form 3 Fd Regt RCA — 1 Cdn Div.

The UK regimental organization of two Btys, each of three four gun troops equipped with 25 pdrs, was adopted. Appropriate guns and vehicles were issued and 3 Fd Regt RCA was immersed in a crash training programme. The IG was appointed Command Post Officer of 19/77 Bty and was challenged with preparing candidates of limited education to be technical assistants. All training had to be completed to meet the spring schedule for field firing at Larkhill.

The success of the IG's training methods were measured when the Commanders of 1 RCHA and 3 Fd Regt disagreed over comparative evaluations of technical training. A wager was made and a competition to be decided by Airburst Ranging (ABR) ensued.

The Master Gunner, along with Gen McNaughton and other dignitaries, were invited to witness the first use of this technique in the UK since WWI. Four days were allotted to develop and research the proper drills. During the trial run 3 Fd Regt took less time to engage the target and were particularly accurate in the fall of shot. Undoubtedly the IG was pleased and the men of 3 Fd Regt sensed a possible "feather in their cap" if their drills went equally well the following day in the presence of the dignitaries.

Extra caution was taken with all technical equipment. The technicians who operated the two directors went as far as to take the director heads to bed with them to ensure that there was no foul play. On the following day the ABR phase went perfectly. 3 Fd Regt displayed a constant professionalism, but their accuracy, while in 100% zone, inexplicably deteriorated! All calculations were checked and re-checked, but still no errors were revealed. Finally, a UK Gunnery adviser solved the mystery. Unwittingly, the Tech Assistants who took such diligence safeguarding the director heads had somehow exchanged them and applied the wrong individual error corrections. "Drinks" on Itinerant Gunner.

1940 Arthur

Three months after being promoted Captain to command D Troop 92/109 Bty, the IG was appointed adjutant of 3 Fd Regt. He would never return to his home unit.

At this time an Intelligence report revealed that the

Germans had perfected arsine gas, "Arthur", capable of penetrating the UK issue gas mask. Soon after the Intelligence report, two Canadian scientists discovered the necessary modifications needed to provide protection against Arthur.

The IG was sent on a chemical warfare course at Winterbourne, with noteworthy results.

Firstly, he received a "distinguished" ration on the course. This instigated a posting to HQ 1 Cdn Div as CSO III Chemical Warfare. But the CO of 3 Fd Regt, recognizing the IG's competence and resourcefulness, countermanded the order. It was a "dead end appointment" for a gunner.

Secondly, he was given the responsibility of inserting Arthur defeating canisters in the tubes of Regimental gas masks and of supervising the testing of modifications. After donning the modified gas mask, the IG would lead groups of gunners into the gas chamber to demonstrate the safety and reliability of the mask instilling confidence in its capabilities. Understandably, a day of "testing" resulted in saturation of his battle dress with teargas. He was as popular in the Officers' Mess as "the little black animal with a white stripe".

Finally, he was sent to Ilkley, York to obtain Major RCA qualifications. His detailed lecture on ABR procedure was impressive and merited inclusion in the final report. Another "distinguished" rating.

April 41 Arty Staff

Appointed Staff Captain RCA at HQ 1 Cdn Div and the IG gained valuable experience and knowledge in administration and military law. More importantly, CRA 1 Cdn Div recognized the qualities noted by the Co of 3 Fd Regt and less than two months after working at HQ the IG was recommended for the Canadian Junior War Staff College in Kingston, Ontario.



IG in 1941 at CJWSC Kingston, Ontario.

June 41 CJWSC

The Bismark was in the North Atlantic during the IG's journey back to Canada. He was aboard the SS Baltrover and was duly "press-ganged" into manning a Lewis Gun, their only means of defence against potential enemy air attack.

Wisely, the Baltrover took an extreme northerly route above Iceland to minimize possible enemy contact. The journey took an arduous 19 days.

Summertime in Kingston was a dramatic contrast to the flurry in Europe and the North Atlantic. The guns at Old Fort Henry were quiet and still. War seemed so distant and remote, but the staff course created a battle of its own. It was extremely demanding. Intense concentration under stress was necessary in order to cram the 12 month pre-war course into four months.

On graduating the students received various postings. Many were included in a force scheduled for Hong Kong. Some remained in Canada at Army Headquarters (AHQ). Most returned overseas to various appointments. But the IG, who was the top student, was promoted Major GSO II and was retained on the CJWSC directing staff. His responsibilities included the preparation of subjects for the next two courses on artillery and administration in the field.

Sep 42 Armoured Corps

AHQ Canada appointed the Itinerant Gunner to Brigade Major HQ 4th Cdn Armd Bde. He was a senior gunner in an armoured position and ordered to wear a black beret! AHQ was responsible for the appointment but Canadian Military Headquarters (CMHQ) England decided otherwise, as they believed that the IG was under their jurisdiction.

CMHQ had a definite scheme to prepare the IG for the planning staff of the Invasion Plans of Sicily. In light of this, the IG was given an interim posting as Deputy Adjutant Quarter master General (DAQMG) at HQ 1 Cdn Corps until Jan 43. He was then moved laterally to the DAQMG position at HQ 1 Cdn Army. It was in this position that the War Office (W.O.) began to use his special talent for planning. He became a member of a small, highly classified planning staff working under W.O. direction in London England. For the rest of the war he would be intimately involved in the planning of numerous military operations.

April 43 Sicilian Invasion Plans

In Apr 43 1 Cdn Div was committed to invade Sicily. The IG was appointed DAQMG of HQ 1 Cdn Div to work on the invasion planning. A month later it was decided that British American and Canadian forces would participate in the assault around Sicily. Canadian in assault boats from the south, American Airborne to land at Syracuse and other American troops from the north. The Royal Navy provided bombardment support for Canadians and administrative backup was supplied by 13 and 30 British Corps.

The plan was very complex involving many critical timings. Close co-ordination was essential and therefore Gen Salmon (GOC 1 Cdn Div) and senior staff were required to fly to Montgomery's HQ in Cairo to receive his evaluation of the invasion plan.

The plane carrying the GOC, his senior adm staff officer and RN representatives exploded in southern England killing all crew and passengers and destroying the master copies of the Canadian invasion plan. Early the next morning Maj Gen G.G. Simonds was appointed GOC 1 Cdn Div. Following a quick briefing on the intended operations the new GOC, accompanied by the IG, boarded a second plane and departed for Algiers to meet General Alexander, Supreme Commander of the North African theatre, before proceeding to Cairo.

Immediately on their arrival in Cairo, Montgomery gave a sand table demonstration of how he expected the assault to be implemented.

Gen Simonds disagreed, explained his opinion, and outlined how he would accomplish the task. Montgomery accepted the proposal, and the operational details were completed in the following days.

The IG was responsible for the administrative plan. Since there was not a copy of the original administrative plan in existence, he briefed the HQ staffs of 13 and 30 Brit Corps from memory only.

Bearing in mind that Gen Simonds had not met his divisional unit Commanders and was not familiar with their units' standard of training, an early return to England was imperative. The departure was impeded due to a Sirocco sand storm, but high level pressure finally produced a plane with a desert pilot to take off during the storm and fly over Africa to Gibraltar, then out to the mid Atlantic to avoid German aircraft.

Invasion 10 Jul 43

The IG landed on the Sicilian beaches on D-Day under air cover and amid a naval barrage. He served through the Sicilian campaign as DAQMG. The operation was a great challenge, both physically and mentally due to the fact that a considerable percentage of material was lost while aboard sunken convoy ships. This left HQ with grave shortages of vehicles and supplies. The only solution was to "requisition" civilian transportation and office supplies. To add to his problems the IG had the discomfort of suppressed malaria complicated with 19 days of dysentery and diarrhea.

Sep 43 Another Move

At the end of the Sicilian Campaign the IG's skills as a planner were again called upon to aid in the planning of the Invasion of Italy. He was appointed Brigade Major at HQ 1 Cdn Army TK Bde. Two armoured regiments of the Brigade were to come under command of east and west operations up the toe and heel of Italy. The third regiment remained in reserve leaving no role for the Bde HQ. The Brigade Commander therefore asked IG whether he would like the experience of commanding a tank squadron in the regiment proceeding up the west coast to beaches of the Anzio Landing. A quick affirmative saw IG wearing earphones over his gunner beret in the commander's seat of a tank.

The Italian terrain was a sight to behold, but seeing it from the inside of a tank, slithering around hairpin bends of slippery mountain roads while involved with early morning radio netting procedures was not breath-taking; it was petrifying!

Several weeks later, during a cold shower under a mountain stream, the IG was promoted, to LCol and appointed Assistant Quarter Master General (AQMG) of 2 Cdn Corps in England. It was pleasing but bewildering news. No information was given on the location of the Corps, no tickets to travel and no funds were supplied for expenses. It was an unusual trip which required help from many friends in strange places. From Italy he went south-east to Tobruk then west to Algiers, Gibraltar and finally north-west to England.

England felt like home. A warm welcome and a comfortable bed at HQ 2 Cdn Corps officers' mess made his 20 lb weight loss from fatigue and sickness much easier to bear.

It was not difficult for the IG to settle into the now familiar routine of administrative planning, his next project being the larger scale Invasion of North West (N.W.) Europe.

In late 1943 the IG became the acting DA and QMG of 2 Cdn Corps to replace Brigadier Laing who was temporarily relieving the DA and QMG of 1 Cdn Corps in the Mediterranean theatre.



In Mar 1944 Brigadier Laing returned from the Mediterranean. When the administrative details for Corps invasion plan were accepted as presented by the IG, both he and Brigadier Laing settled into a more relaxed frame of mind. The invasion of N.W. Europe was ready to commence.

July 44 Bridgehead

HQ 2 Cdn Corps landed in the bridgehead a few miles south of Calais, France. The operation went smoothly as the landing area had already been cleared of opposition by allied troops. The only problem HQ 2 Cdn Corps faced was with a British formation which, having arrived first, had taken possession of real estate allocated to the Canadians. The IG was soon involved in a verbal wrestling match. His map reading substantiated his arguments and shortly thereafter he directed the ammunition dumping on the former British "rest area".

The bridgehead breakout operation was ready to begin. Air bombing to launch the operation would commence at Zero hour. The buzz of the bombers could be heard in the distance and soon the pathfinder aircraft was seen approaching the bridgehead. Due to navigational error, or possibly a damaged aircraft, the pathfinder emptied its payload on the Corps ammunition dump. Its followers did likewise! A frustrated DA and QMG left for the dump area to assess the damage, while the IG was detailed to arrange replacement action.

Superb co-operation by HQ Cdn Army brought immediate response in the form of priority clearance of routes and provision of army transport with replacement ammunition. The breakout proceeded as planned.

Over the following weeks progress was at times slow. Canadian troops were tasked with clearing out channel ports. The most notable clearing was that at Walcheren, an island in the general area of Antwerp. (See Figure 2.)

Bomber Command informed GOC 2 Cdn Corps that they could not be available to aid in the operation and therefore General Simonds decided to attack with massive artillery support. This required a particularly large ammunition dumping programme. The IG, working



Figure 2 IG's route during the "Invasion of N.W. Europe"

with Corps service heads, commandeered all First, Second and Third-line transport, including TK transporters, and calculated that it would take 21 days to complete the programme. Vehicles were committed to a seven day round trip to the closest supply port and very careful balancing between ammunition, petrol and supply resources was required. On completion the stock pile was the width of a double autobahn with a length of several miles. Wear on the guns posed a likely problem.

Shortly before the island's encounter with the artillery, Gen Simonds received the surprising news that Bomber Command had accepted the commitment! The attack went in with bomber support.

The massive ammunition dump was used for other operations for several months to come and the commandeered transport resources were returned to their rightful owners for normal tasks.

Nov 44 The Bottleneck

When Canadian Divisions finished port clearance tasks, Gen Montgomery gave HQ 2 Cdn Corps command and responsibility for defence of the Nijmegen salient, currently manned with American and British formations. Acting as DA and QMG, the IG accompanied Gen Simonds and service heads on a recce of their inherited corner of the Netherlands.

The area they were committed to defend was shaped like a bottle, having a narrow entrance into a larger land mass encompassing Nijmegen. With Germans on every side, the neck presented the only way in . . . or out. (See Figure 2.)

Gen Simonds wrote out his appreciation on how to defend the position when 2 Canadian Corps formations moved into the area. The IG had completed an administrative appreciation and estimated the minimum reserve of ammunition and supplies which should be maintained. When the General handed the administrative section of his plan to the IG for comment, the IG recommended doubling the proposed reserves. When asked how long it would take to increase the reserves the IG, with a certain amount of satisfaction, replied, "It's done; they are there now".

About four weeks later, the IG was promoted to Colonel. He had risen from Lieutenant to full Colonel in four years!

Late Dec 44 1 Cdn L of C

The IG was assigned command of 1 Canadian Lines of Communication (L of C) Terminals, holding all base supplies for Canadian formations. Although this appointment offered the luxury of fixed working schedules, problems still had to be anticipated. The most noteworthy deviation from daily routine occurred when a wild V2 landed in the centre of the L of C petrol dump crushing 100 tons of jerry-cans. Petrol filled the crater and road side, but fortunately it did not ignite. It was necessary to restrict military personnel with hobnail boots from working on cobblestone roads. The slightest spark could cause an explosion. Dutch labourers with wooden shoes were quickly recruited to dig pits and drainage lanes. No casualties occurred.

Mar - Jul 45 Operation Eclipse

The German army was about to collapse. The IG was given charge of a special increment to plan the takeover of all German depots. It was called "Operation Eclipse". The end of the war was imminent.

July 45 War is Over

Hitler was defeated. Europe was at peace. The guns were silent.

IG duties at HQ 1 Cdn Army were altered to planning repatriation of Canadian personnel to Canada. He completed the plan and made ready for its implementation. But this was not to be his final task. A priority release arranged in Canada by his pre-War employers called for his immediate departure. His regret at having to leave the implementation of the repatriation plan to others was lessened by this anticipation of returning to Canada.



First reunion of IG with his family in Canada.

He packed his kit, boarded a flying boat and began the 24-hour flight home. After five years, eleven months of excellent performance in numerous facets of military operations and a paramount contribution to the war effort, the IG, Colonel A.F.B. Knight, was going home.

BRIGADIER AFB KNIGHT, OBE, ED, CD

Brigadier Knight has continued to utilize his talent as a planner. He resides in Fredericton with his wife, Margaret, in their gracious home which he designed and constructed. He is a renowned Maritime artist. His artistry is illustrated in numerous paintings of the New Brunswick area and countries he and his wife have visited.

Following the War, Brigadier Knight enjoyed an active military career until his retirement in 1965. His experiences, as outlined in the foregoing essay, provide a wealth of knowledge demonstrating the flexibility and resourcefulness essential to today's Canadian Gunner.

The IG, Brigadier Knight, has personified "UBIQUE! QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT!"

The information contained in this essay was obtained by 2Lt Martin during a personal interview on 14 December 1983 with Brigadier Knight at his home in Fredericton. - Ed.

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LCol J.G. MacGregor, CO 15 FD Regt RCA, presenting a Regimental plaque to Capt N.T. Chilton, CD in recognition of 53 years service in the Royal Regiment.

On 1 Oct 83, Capt W.T. (Bill) Chilton completed 53 years continuous service with the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

Capt Bill Chilton's service represents a rare devotion and service to Canada. He began his military career with the 11th Field Regiment, RCA, NPAM, on October 1, 1930. On the outbreak of World War II he went into active service with the 11th Regiment and served in the United Kingdom, North Africa, and Italy. He was chosen to become a Battery Sergeant-Major to 12 RHA, (Honourable Artillery Company) Royal Artillery while serving in North Africa.

After the war he continued to serve with the Regular Force and through service with 1, 2, and 3 RCHA, he achieved the rank of WO2. In 1966 he was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer and served as Base Warrant Officer in CFB Winnipeg and as Depot RSM at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery in Shilo. His final posting with the Regular Force was to the Regular Support Staff in Vancouver, where he rendered outstanding assistance to the Militia Units of Vancouver and in particular to the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA.

Following retirement in 1971, Bill immediately became involved with the Cadet movement as an Officer of the Cadet Instructor List. His work with the Cadets has continued and he has devoted himself to the improvement of the Corps. He has held several key appointments during Cadet summer training and has achieved a high reputation for his excellent leadership and service.

Bill Chilton's service with the Militia, Regular Force, and Cadet Services of Canada for fifty three years warrants our recognition and tribute.

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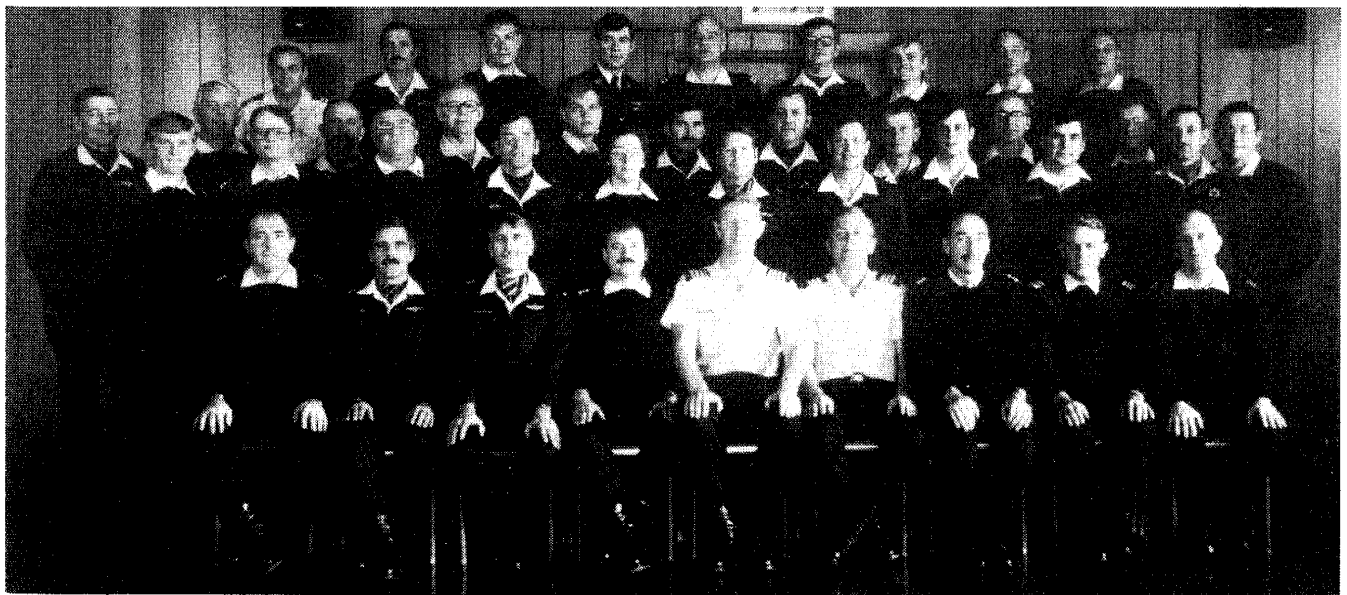
Each year as the Career Manager makes his visit to a unit, the CO is briefed on who from his unit are tentatively slated for various postings, that may include various courses, recruiting, Europe, United Nations Duty or Regular Support Staff. This last position is perhaps one of the most misunderstood jobs that an officer or NCO can be moved to. This article will attempt to explain what the RSS is, the importance of the organization and the benefits that a young officer or NCO can derive from such a posting.

The RSS is an organization that does exactly what the name implies — regular force personnel providing support functions to the militia and acting as a staff agency within the militia organization. Let us examine each position in detail. The militia is composed of dedicated men and women who, for the most part, believe in their role in the Army, and who are prepared to devote much time and energy in order to provide units of limited capability in time of crisis. They do not however, by virtue of their civilian employment, have sufficient time to spend on all aspects of the military functions. Consequently there is a requirement for regular force personnel to assist the various units and headquarters. These regular force officers and NCOs are indispensable in the overall militia framework. The myriad of administrative and training functions which must be carried out can only be done if full time personnel are available. This aspect ties in with the most important aspect of the RSS role and that is support. The RSS provide support and assistance, to their associated unit or HQ. They are not in the militia chain of command, but are posted to positions to **assist and advise** the militia commanders. It is this role that is extremely difficult for the new RSS member to adapt to. If one considers a young captain, who has spent perhaps three to five years in a unit, having been "nurtured" by a CO, 2IC, Adjt and sub-unit commander, who suddenly finds himself in a militia unit where he is expected to be the expert on all matters ranging from instructional duties to the detailed knowledge of FMCs and CFAOs, you can

understand the initial trepidation. Where the officer perhaps felt capable of once advising his CO on how to improve the efficiency of the Regiment, on RSS he is expected to do just that. The NCOs are in much the same position, although they may have the luxury of more experience than a young captain. In all cases, the RSS officers and NCOs are looked to for their support, advice, assistance and example. These are all great responsibilities which RSS members must not take lightly.

The staff function on RSS is no different than a staff function in any HQ. The staff officers at District or Area HQ are involved with all the normal staff duties and relations as their counterparts in a Brigade HQ or at FMC HQ. The same emphasis on support, advice and assistance exists. The only difference from say a Brigade HQ to an Area HQ is the number of staff officers. The Brigade HQ has a larger number of "full time" staff officers whereas an Area HQ has a mix of "full time" and "part time" staff. This poses a slight difficulty for the RSS as they generally work for a militia officer, yet must respond to higher HQ on a day to day basis. The mix of how much one does on his own and how much must be referred to his superior is very difficult to do. It takes patience and an excellent knowledge of the job in order for the RSS officer to "get it right".

Assuming the posting to RSS has occurred, it only remains to be seen what a young officer in particular, can gain from such an experience. If the officer approaches the posting with an open mind, a good attitude and enthusiasm, he can only benefit from his time on RSS. He will be challenged by the many CFAOs, FMCs, Area Instructions, and District Instructions which he is unlikely to be very familiar with. The new RSSO will learn a great deal about administrative procedures which will stand him in good stead throughout his career. He will inevitably learn much about the art of diplomacy — for he will no doubt become involved in some situations where his loyalties will be divided. His loyalty to his unit CO must be utmost in his mind while at the same time he must



RSS Officers of Prairie Militia Area — Oct. '83

*The Gunner officers are: Third Row (L to R) #1 Capt Carter (RSSO 20 Fd Regt — Edmonton); #2 Capt Jobe (RSSO Indep Fd Bty — Lethbridge); #6 Capt Bablitz (RSSO 26 Fd Regt — Brandon); #7 Capt MacMillan (District HQ — Regina); #12 Capt McCuish (RSSO 116 Indep Fd Bty — Kenora)
Second Row (L to R): #3 CWO Macdonald (Area HQ — Winnipeg)
Front Row (L to R): #6 LCol Guiler (Area HQ — Winnipeg); #9 Maj Scott (Area HQ — Winnipeg)
Missing: Capt McLeod (RSSO 10 Fd Regt — Regina)*

maintain a loyalty to the "system" through his RSS chain of command. Not an ideal position for a young officer, but one which is a good learning and developing process.

The last area where an RSSO benefits from his tour of duty is the refinement of his basic leadership skills. These skills are paramount to an officer's career and their application is equally important in a militia unit. The RSSO and his NCOs are the leaders of the unit, not in the command and responsibility aspect, but in the leadership by example connotation. Good militia units invariably have good RSS and vice versa. In short, RSS poses an excellent challenge for a new RSS officer.

This article has attempted to shed some light on the often maligned RSS world. Like any position in the

military, one gets out of it about as much as he puts into it. The RSS is no different. An RSS posting offers unique opportunities to serve in areas of Canada that are not the normal regular force unit locations; to meet a dedicated and interesting group of Canadians who serve the Army albeit on a part-time basis; and to enhance basic officer and NCO skills that will assist any military career. As one who is enjoying his third RSS tour, I can honestly say I have enjoyed them all immensely. So, the next time your CO, BC or Career Manager whispers "RSS Halifax" or "RSS Lethbridge" in your ear, look on the good side; say your good-byes and be prepared for an interesting and productive three years.



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GERMAN ARMY TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT SHILO (GATES) CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Lt D.G. Cook

The German Armed Forces first made an appearance in CFB Shilo during the winter of 1965/66 when a West German artillery unit carried out cold weather trials on their weapons, equipment and material. The weatherman was most cooperative that year when the winter conditions that prevailed were more severe than what was required; therefore, our German allies were not disappointed. Shilo was also the scene, in the late 1960's, of trials on the CL89 drone.

It was not until 1971 that CFB Shilo was initially surveyed as to its suitability for use as a training area for German combat troops. The Defence Ministers of Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany held initial talks concerning the joint use of the Shilo ranges by both nations in July of 1972, with agreement negotiations on the use of CFB Shilo being held in Ottawa the following year. Between August and October of 1973 the German survey team established three battle runs and 26 artillery sites to be used upon signing of the joint agreement. Finally in January of 1974 a ten-year bilateral agreement was signed between the two governments, with the first mechanized units of the German Armed Forces commencing their training in May.

Until 1976, tank and artillery battalions conducted joint training in Shilo, and since 1976, tank and armoured infantry battalions have trained together. Each year between May and October eight mechanized infantry battalions of the German Army with a strength of approximately 250 officers and men, and sixteen German armoured or armoured reconnaissance battalions of about 207 officers and men train in CFB Shilo. These battalions are rotated in and out of Canada by Luftwaffe aircraft every three weeks. The SPz Marder is the standard combat vehicle of the mechanized infantry, while the German Leopard I A2 tank is currently being used by the armoured battalions.

Supporting the training troops is a staff of 40 military and ten civilian personnel who remain in Canada for three to five years. They are augmented by a Headquarters and Service Support Company with a strength of approximately 200 personnel who are posted to Shilo for 9½ months each year. Thus, each year, German soldiers receive training in Canada that is impossible to duplicate in Germany.

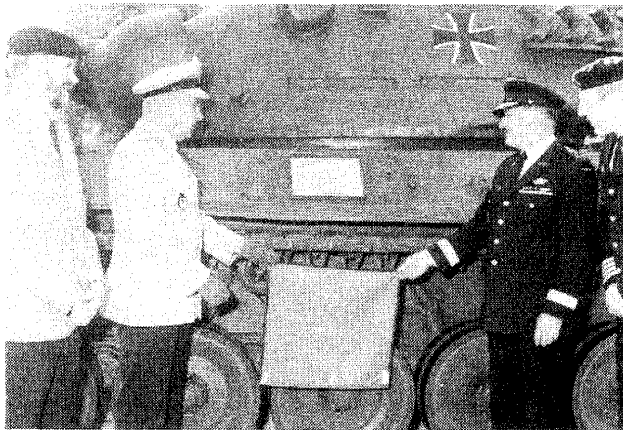
During Thanksgiving weekend 1983, Canadian Forces Base Shilo was the scene of numerous activities to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the German Army Training in Shilo. Celebration events commenced on Friday afternoon, 7 October, with the unveiling of a plaque on a monumental tank which had been presented to CFB Shilo from GATES in appreciation for the friendship, personal concern, and continued interest and support shown to our German guests.

Friday evening saw guests from both countries gather at the Officers' Mess for a mixed reception dinner. Senior officers present included LGen Glanz, Chief of the German Army Staff, LGen Belzile, Commander of FMC, and numerous other foreign and Canadian dignitaries.

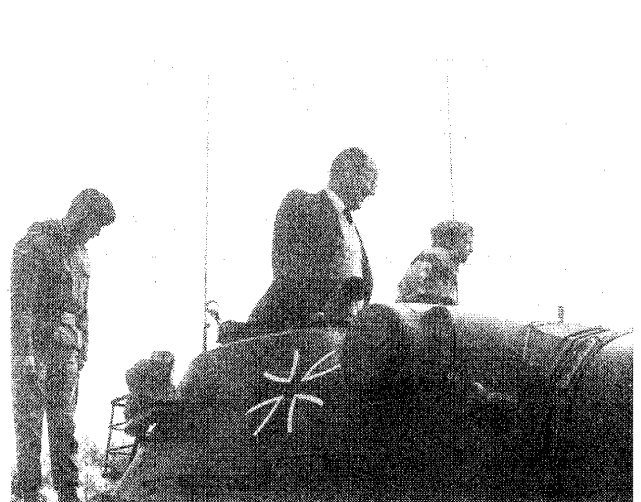
At 0800 hours Saturday morning CFB Shilo opened its gates to the public to host a combined Canadian/German Open House. Activities consisted of static displays of Canadian and German military equipment, band concerts by the German Army 4th Corps Musical Band, and a display from the Royal Canadian Artillery Museum. German cuisine and refreshments were also available.

The Canadian Minister of National Defence, the Honourable JJ Blais, was on hand Saturday for a short period of time to spectate at a German parade and field firing exercise that was taking place in conjunction with the Open House. The "BLACK BEAR EXERCISE" as it is called, takes place every three weeks as a wrap-up for the mechanized infantry and armoured battalions training in Shilo before they return home. This day's parade in the field and live fire exercise was also open to the public. For many of the civilians present the battle plan may have seemed confusing, but to the military personnel in attendance who were familiar with the battle-front tactics, it was evident that much thought and planning had gone into its organization. G Battery, Third Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery was called upon to provide indirect fire support during this BLACK BEAR exercise. Unfortunately, for most spectators the war was over after the first phase of the 15-part battle as a result of the limited seats available in the vehicles following the action.

At 1400 hours the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, the Honourable Pearl McGonigal, arrived to the sound of a 15-gun salute and a Guard of Honour present for her inspection. A mixed happy hour was then held in the field



LGen Glanz, Chief of the German Army Staff, and LGen Belzile, Commander of FMC, unveil a plaque on a monumental tank which was presented to CFB Shilo from GATES. LCol Frankenstein, CO of GATES, and Col MacInnis, Base Commander CFB Shilo, look on.



The Canadian Minister of National Defence, the Honourable J.J. Blais, inspects a German Leopard I A2 tank during the Canadian/German Open House.



Col MacInnis, LGen Belzile, The Honourable J.J. Blais, and LGen Glanz await the start of the parade at Berlin Range.



LGen Glanz (left) and LCol Frankenstein (right) host the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, The Honourable Pearl McGonigal, during the field firing exercise.

for all the German troops and spectating dignitaries. Shortly afterwards the celebration events began to wind down with the Open House officially ending at 1600 hours; the last event of the day being the GATES Mess Dinner at the Officers' Mess.

Ten years of live fire training and combat exercises for German armoured combat troops have now taken place in Shilo; years in which troops of both nations have experienced and lived through a partnership within the NATO alliance, in the interest of mutual security. Shilo has become synonymous with the live fire training of German armoured units and will retain this significance in the decade ahead.

Lt DG Cook, LORE, is Base Maintenance Control Officer at CFB Shilo. — Ed.

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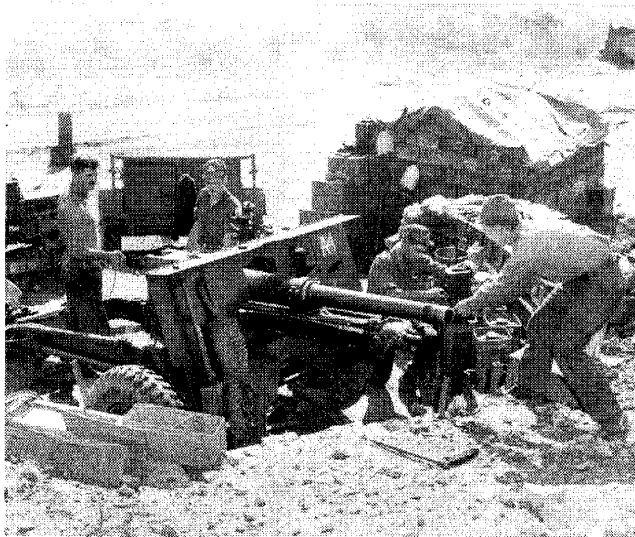
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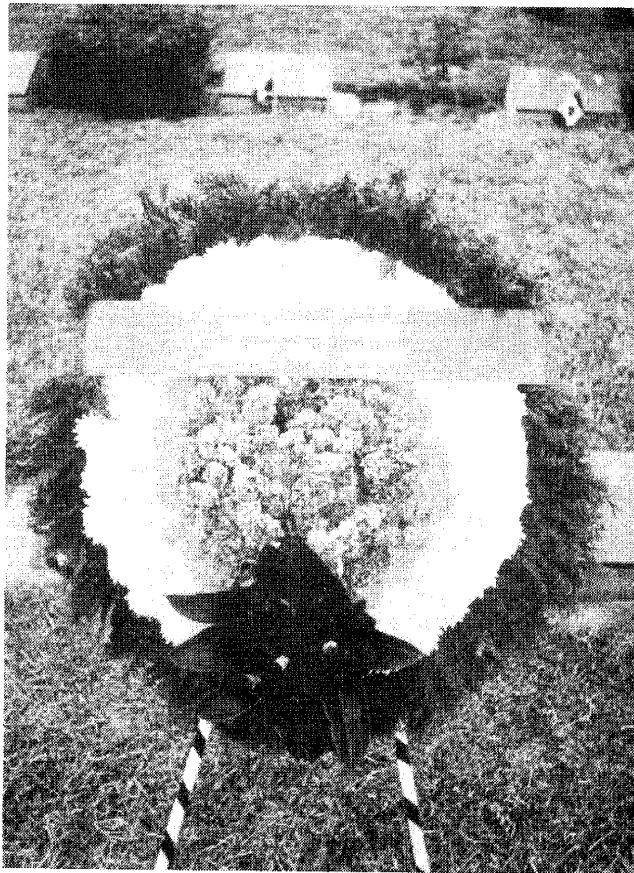
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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN CONFLICT CEASE FIRE

In October 1983, a group of Korean War Veterans made a pilgrimage to Japan and Korea in Commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the "Cease Fire" in Korea. Among the memorials visited was the United Nations Memorial Cemetery at Pusan in Korea.



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The RCA Wreath.

Wreath laying at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery was carried out on 20 October 1983. (For gunner buffs, this was exactly 112 years after the first regular Canadian gunner units were authorized).



As shown here the wreath of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery was laid by RSM G.N. Malcolm, B. Gen. H.W. Sterne and RSM E.E. Patrick.

12TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA MEMORIAL PARK

Artillery gunners have always exhibited initiative, a determination to hit the target and to be on the team that not only wins the battle, but also the war.

The 12th Canadian Field Regiment is a D-Day Regiment that landed at Courseulles-sur-mer on 6 June 1944 and fought throughout the campaign in North West Europe as part of the Third Division.

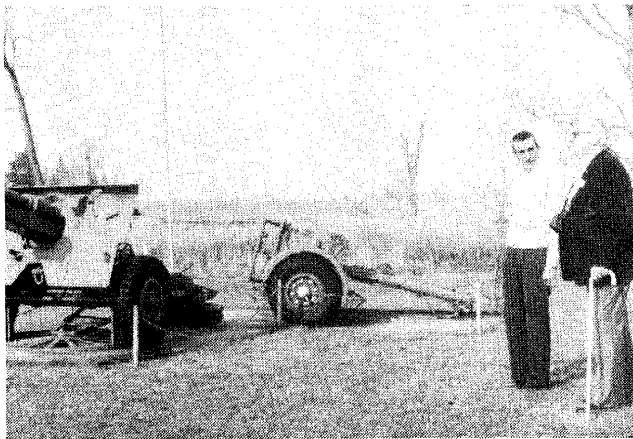
After the war the Gunners formed an Association and agreed to meet regularly to keep up the old friendships and to perpetuate the memory of their comrades who did not return.

George Knowles, who lives at Arthur, Ontario, provided land for use as a Memorial Park. The Association accepted this offer and made plans to convert twenty two acres of beautiful farmland into a suitable Memorial Park. Gunners of 12 R.C.A. have shown that Memorials of this type do not have to be constructed in Stone and located in a town square. This Memorial, which may well be unique in Canada, is not only a fitting tribute to Gunners but is also a meeting place for all the members. The grounds are completely landscaped. Trees, planted many years ago have now grown to a height of about 30 feet. Three buildings have been erected and the site has running water and electricity. The Park has a playground for the children and grandchildren. A flag mast has been erected, water is pumped from a well and Max Pauling, one of the members from Petrolia, keeps a trailer on the grounds. Max travels each weekend, summer and winter, to help supervise and maintain the grounds. The buildings are also equipped with cook stoves. The two main buildings have been joined to form the H Hut configuration so well known during the War.

The determination and effort by the Association members should not go unnoticed. This fine body of men have financed and constructed a facility that is not only a Memorial but also a park that will continue to provide pleasure to the members as well as their families and friends for years to come.

The park, which is situated in picturesque country so well known and loved by the Gunners from the area, is reached by taking No. 6 Highway North from exit 36 A off Highway 401 and proceeding 28 miles north of Guelph through Fergus to the town of Arthur. (See attached map).

The park is approximately four miles past Arthur on the east side, and is located adjacent to the main road. The land slopes downward from a side road to a stream at the rear of the property.



25 Pounder and Limber: Left — Bob Russel — Visiting from Australia; Right — Jack Buy — Hamilton.

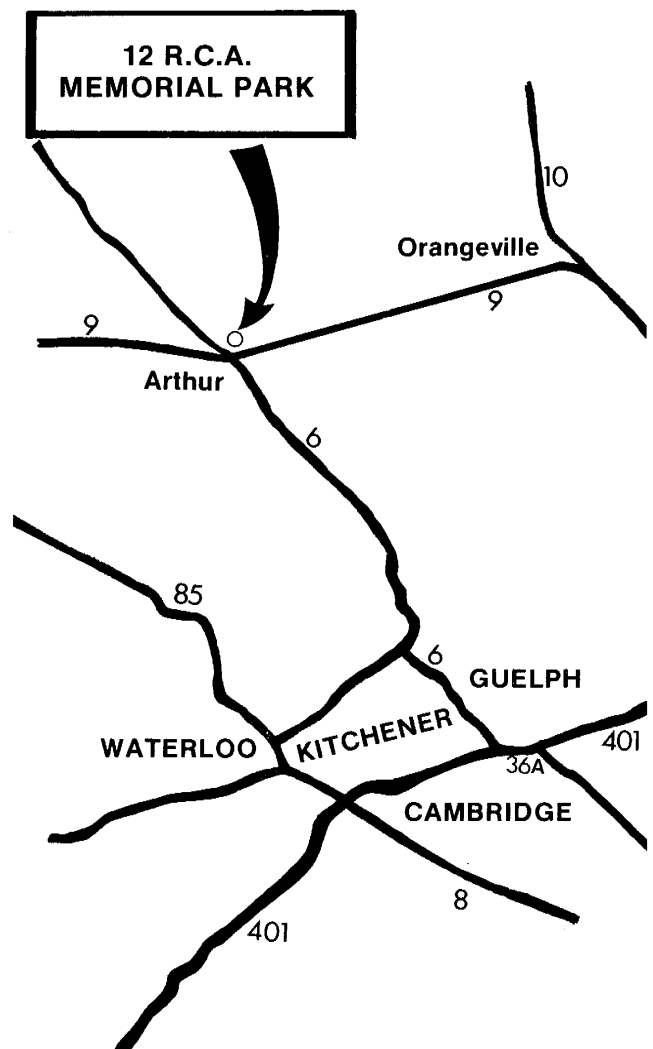
Memorial gates were constructed in memory of Bdr, Ed Booth. At the request of the Association the Federal Government provided a 25 Pounder Gun and Limber which are located on concrete pads near the buildings. It

is said that the gunners have 'laid' the gun on the Armouries at Guelph.

The annual reunion is held on the last weekend in October so that everyone knows that this weekend is to be reserved for renewing old friendships. On Saturday evening, during the reunion, a business meeting is held — very brief — during the banquet. On Sunday morning Gunners and their friends are invited to the Memorial Park for breakfast.

On these occasions visitors to the park can view a collection of photos and other memorabilia showing the history of the Regiment and its Batteries (11th from Hamilton, 16th from Brantford and the 43rd from Guelph). The pictures show scenes from pre-war camps at Petawawa, wartime camps at Petawawa and Sussex New Brunswick, as well as training camps in Scotland, England and Wales. There are also pictures taken in North West Europe. Also on display are copies of the Regimental history entitled "Into Action With The 12th Field" written by Tom Bell of Toronto with caricatures by Tim Damer. The history was edited by T.E. Jarvis.

The Association distributes to each member a pamphlet giving the name and address of all the members. There are about 500 paying members who live in many parts of the world. At the annual reunion each year some 200 members and their friends sit down to dinner. After dinner an orchestra provides music for dancing. A





At the Memorial Park sign: Left, Bob Russel — Australia; Right, Jack Bye — Hamilton.



Memorial Gates, In Memory of Bdr. Ed Booth.

reception for the ladies is held on Saturday afternoon while the Association parades to the local cenotaph. Here the members lay a wreath and in company with the Regimental Chaplain say prayers for their fallen comrades.

The Association has provided a representative at the D. Day ceremonies at Courseulles in Normandy in 1969 (25 years after the invasion) and in 1975 (30 years after the invasion). In 1967 they provided a plaque in bronze which has been fixed to the Sherman Tank in the village square at Courseulles (The Leo Gariepy DD Tank). They have placed a wreath on the Courseulles Tank Memorial on each occasion.

Planning is currently underway to participate in the 40th anniversary celebrations in Normandy which will be held in June 1984. The 12 R.C.A. Gunners will be there to play their part and in remembering their comrades at arms.

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Missing — Capt H.A. Kochanski, Sgt N.A. Marner, Sgt D.D. Hendry, Sgt R.M. Ayres, MBdr R.J. Montague*

1983 started slowly at CFRS, but moved into high gear in May with the announcement of the Youth Training Employment Programme (YTEP). With a maximum capacity of approximately 7000 recruits per year, the actual intake was 4578. In addition, a six week BOTC Course was conducted for 160 Officer Cadets.

Of the 172 staff at CFRS, 13 are Gunners — one LCol as Commandant, two Captains as Company Officers and one WO, one Sgt and eight MBdrs working with the platoons. All Gunners were saddened by the passing of WO Donald Perry which is reported upon elsewhere in this issue of the Gunner.

The staff at CFRS is organized into three male companies of four platoons each with a capacity to train 123 recruits and a female company of three platoons each with a capacity for 77 recruits. There is also a Lecture Platoon which teaches all specialist subjects as well as other support cells such as Standards, Training Aids and Administration.

Any Gunner posted to CFRS would soon be surprised with his increase in span of control. As a Squad Commander, it is not unusual for a MBdr to be in charge of 30 recruits and a Warrant Officer Platoon Commander is responsible for 123 recruits and seven staff. Indeed Cornwallis is a great place to develop leadership and instructional skills. To give the new instructors sufficient

skills to teach the course and to ensure a common standard of training, the School runs an extensive general military training instructor's course for every new NCO. This includes the highly acclaimed "Shoot-To-Live" programme designed to teach every instructor the basics of good rifle coaching. In addition, most instructors spend a few weeks observing another platoon instructor before being thrown into the breach. Veteran instructors after approximately two years with a platoon, are moved to a less hectic job in Lecture Platoon or Standards.

Most instructors experience a high degree of satisfaction on graduation day as the gum chewing sloach that arrived only 10 weeks ago marches past the Reviewing Officer with obvious pride in his accomplishment.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment when posted to CFRS is the shortage of PMQs and good local housing. Some instructors spend a year or more commuting 50 miles from CFB Greenwood which is a Designated Alternate Location. Fortunately, this difficulty will soon be resolved when 54 new PMQs become ready for occupancy in the Spring of 1984.

So don't despair — if the Career Manager mentions a posting to CFRS, it should result in a valuable experience and an enjoyable posting!

A BENCH

On 16 July Brigadier General Snider, Commander of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff London, presented the village of Blackboys in England with a new wooden bench to replace one that had been presented thirty years earlier. He was acting on behalf of One Canadian Brigade Group, the Royal Canadian Artillery, the Canadian Artillery Association and the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff London who contributed the cost of the new bench.

Blackboys was the home of HQ 1 CBG for most of the Second World War. During this time a great many friendships were formed between the villagers and the Canadian soldiers.

In October, 1950 the Canadians presented the original bench and helped to plant twelve maple trees. At the same time the new council cottages were named Maple Leaf Cottages.

Earlier this year the Parish Council of Blackboys decided that the bench needed to be replaced and asked the Canadian Forces if we would contribute to a new one.

Enough money was donated to provide the entire cost of the bench, and in July, General Snider led the Canadian group up the avenue of thriving maple trees to formally hand over the new bench to the village.

The plaque from the original bench read "This seat and the surrounding maple trees were presented by the Canadian Forces to commemorate their happy association with the village during the Second World War 1939-1945". It has been preserved on the new bench, together with a new plaque "presented in 1983 to commemorate those members who presented the original seat and to the hospitality of residents of the village of Blackboys".

The villagers were very appreciative of the gift. Rumour has it that any Canadian soldier who visits the village will be treated to a free beer at the pub.

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NOTES FROM TEXAS ON AIR DEFENCE LIAISON

Major R.K. Wallace, CD



INTRODUCTION

The Royal Regiment has had a Liaison Officer (LO) at the United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, since 1950. The LO attempts to be the middle man between our school in Canada and the school here at Ft Bliss for a two-way flow of technical information, doctrinal concepts and training developments. Unfortunately, too often the flow of information is to the north. I say unfortunately because a LO likes to feel that he is contributing to the post to which he is assigned. However, considering the relative sizes of our AD schools the lack of data flowing south is understandable.



CFLO Ft Bliss Texas.

FORT BLISS

In 1848, the US War Department directed the establishment of a military post in the El Paso area. Ft Bliss remained an infantry post until 1912 when the cavalry relieved the infantry and patrolled the Mexican border. In 1944, the Anti-aircraft Artillery School was moved from Camp Davis, North Carolina to Ft Bliss. Since that time Ft Bliss has served as the Air Defense Center for the U.S. Army.

Since 1953, the school at Ft Bliss has graduated approximately 300,000 students; of this number over 10% have been from countries other than the U.S. The normal student population at any time is around 3,000.

The main post covers an area of 23 square kilometres. The ranges and manoeuvre areas cover 4,452 square kilometres. BIG!

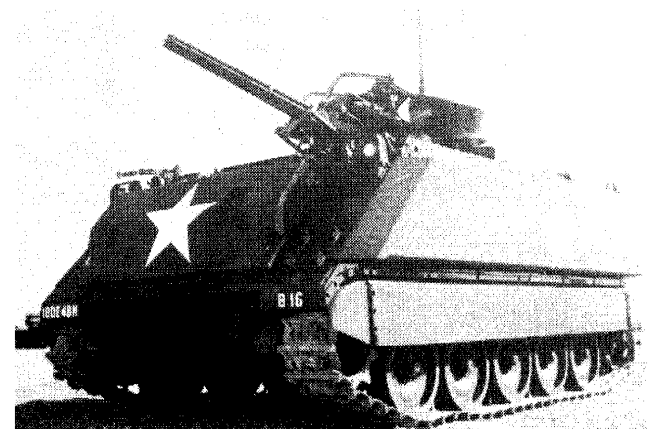
The city of El Paso with a population of over 500,000 is a border city; Juarez, Mexico, across the Rio Grande, has a population of nearly 1 million. Ft Bliss' supported post population represents 20% of the El Paso total population. The relationship between the city and the post is excellent and has been excellent since 1890 when the people of El Paso paid for the land then known as La Noria Mesa, now known as Ft Bliss and donated it to the federal government.



Fort Bliss Replica

AD SYSTEMS

The U.S. Air Defence Artillery consists of a family of weapons designed to meet the ever growing threat. Without getting technical, I think it would be worthwhile to "show and tell" these weapons.



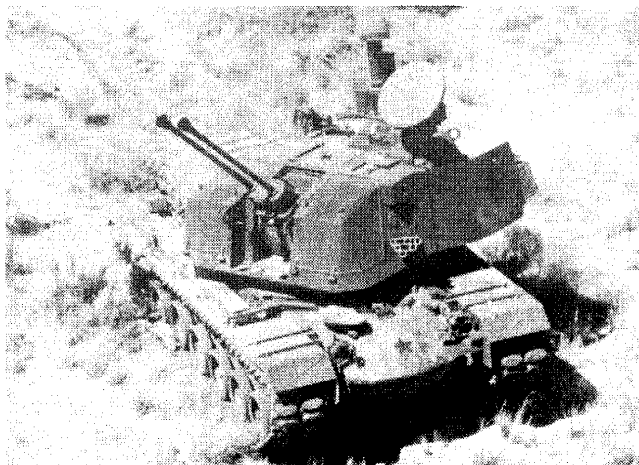
Self-Propelled Vulcan.

The self-propelled, M163, lightweight, lightly armoured, 20-mm gun system is designed for deployment in the combat area for defence against the low altitude threat. The system can deliver 3,000 rounds per minute against air and ground targets. The target is tracked in the gyro lead computing sight while target data is supplied by the range-only radar. A towed version of the vulcan that can be air dropped is also in service.



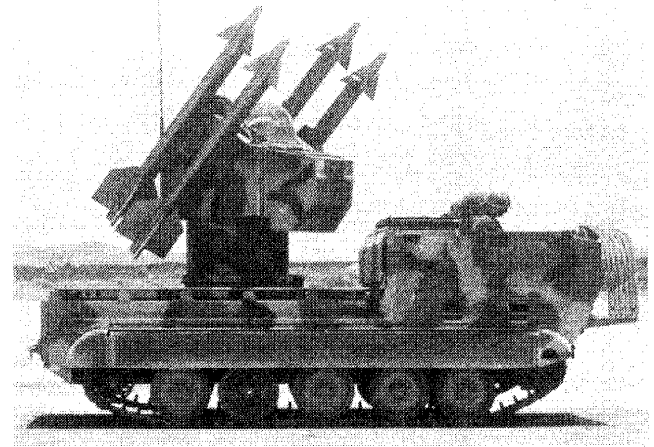
Stinger

The Stinger is a man-portable, shoulder-fired, infrared homing (heat seeker) guided missile system. It is designed to counter high-speed, low level, ground-attack aircraft; it is also lethal against helicopters, observation and transport aircraft. Stinger is deployed flexibly throughout the battlefield to provide air defence throughout the divisional/separate brigade/regimental area of operation. The gunner sights on the target and listens for an infrared (IF) acquisition tone. When this tone becomes louder and steady the gunner knows the seeker has locked on the target. The gunner fires and the missile directs itself to the target. The principal advantage over Redeye, which it replaces, is a much improved IR guidance system that permits effective attack from all angles, whereas Redeye is limited to a stern chase. Stinger also has a greater resistance to countermeasures and incorporates an Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) System.



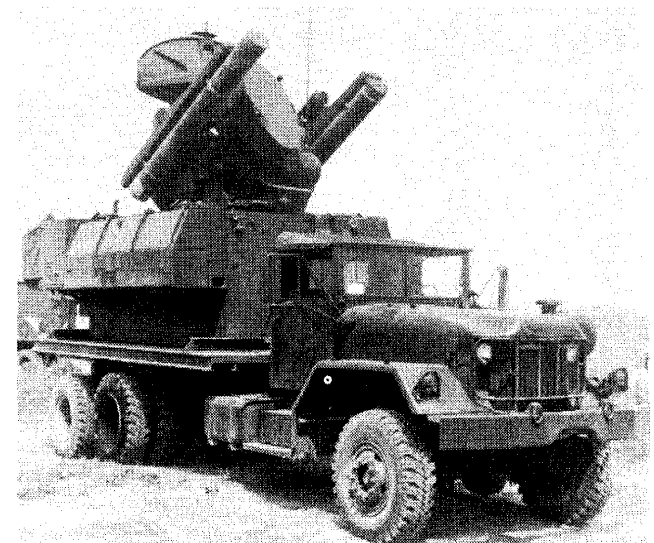
Sgt York.

Sgt York, formerly known as the DIVAD (divisional air defence) gun, is mounted on the M48A5 chassis. The integrated fire control system permits the engagement of targets while the vehicle is on the move. Acquisition and track radars give this weapon on all-weather capability. Twin 40mm guns have a combined rate of fire of 620 rounds per minute.



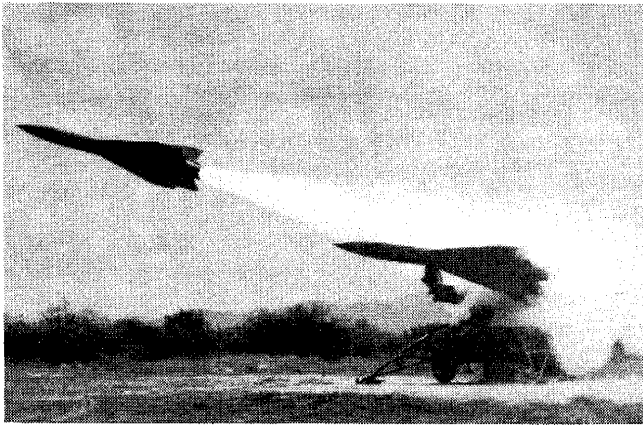
Chaparral

Chaparral is a self-contained air transportable missile system on a M-730 tracked vehicle. The launch station with its four launch rails can be removed from the carrier and ground emplaced. Chaparral has an IFF. The missile is lightweight (190 lbs), supersonic, IR homing, fire and forget. Missile improvements made since 1979 include a new fuze, improved guidance capable of engaging approaching and receding targets, a smokeless motor and better electronic counter-measures capabilities. The addition of a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) gives the Chaparral gunner the ability to see targets at night and in poor weather conditions.



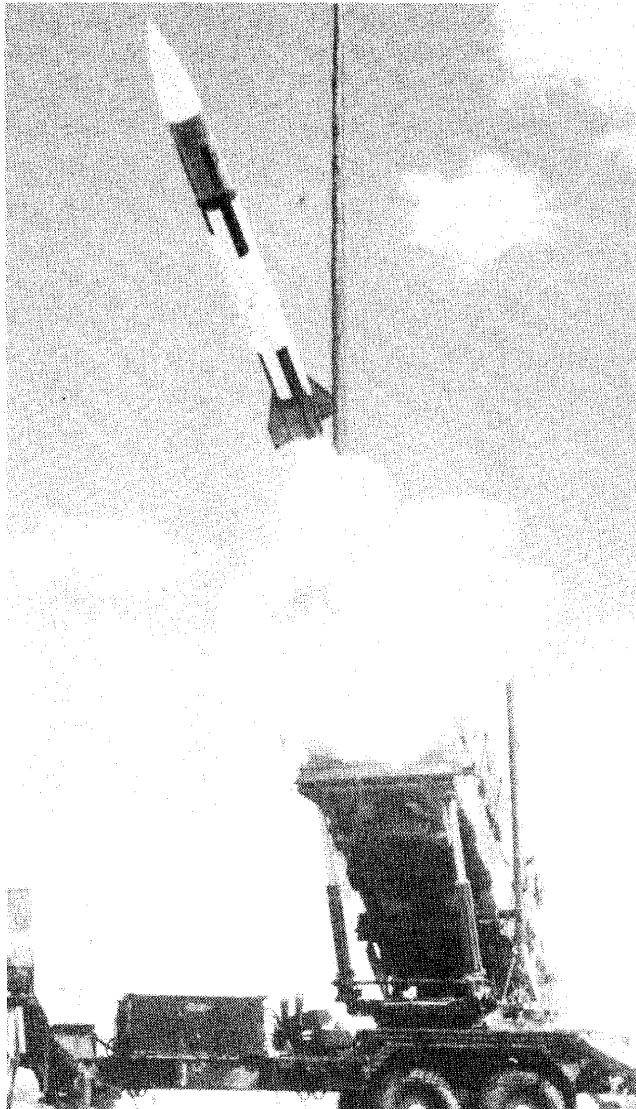
Roland

The U.S. Roland all-weather fire unit is fully self-contained in a module that can be ground emplaced or mounted on a variety of vehicles. It has a search radar, a tracking radar, a computer, an IFF and two automatic reload launchers ready for immediate firing. Eight missiles are carried in the magazines, ready for automatic reloading. The missile is guided by the optical sight and IR missile tracker during fair weather/daylight operations and by the two channel tracking radar at night and in bad weather. A "light battalion" of 27 fire units is being formed at Ft Bliss.



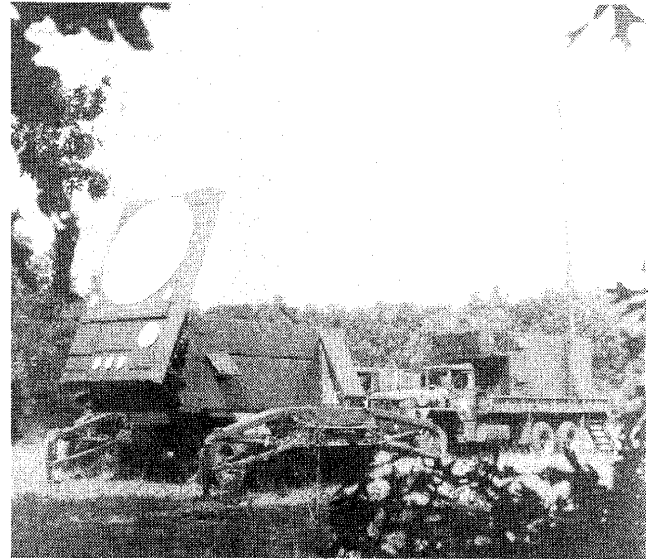
Hawk

The Hawk is an all-weather, low-to-medium altitude, air defence missile system. The Hawk battery has two acquisition radars (one for low altitudes, the other for medium and high altitudes) and a range radar. A battery can have two or three firing platoons depending on its configuration. Each platoon has a tracking radar and three launchers of three ready missiles each. The missile carries a large, proximity fuzed, high explosive warhead. Hawk is the principal air defence system now deployed with U.S. forces in the field.



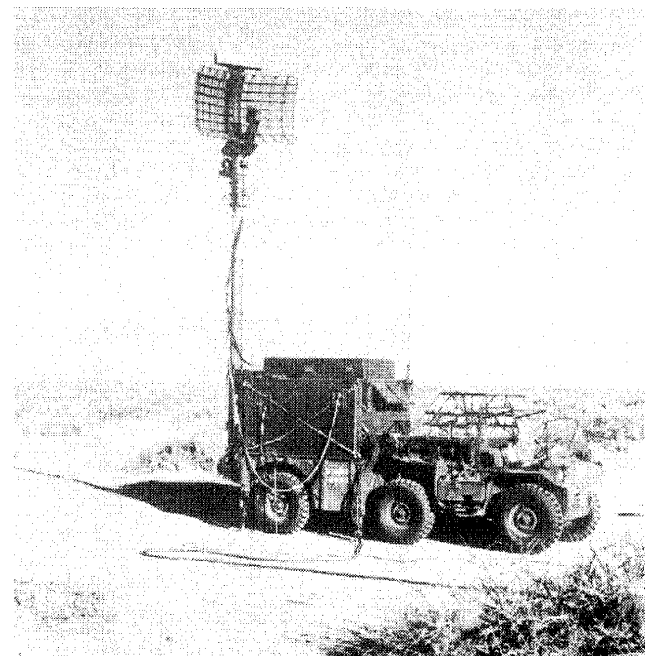
Patriot

The Patriot tactical air defence system is designed to attack and destroy several enemy aircraft while at the same time tracking several more. It is the U.S. Army's air defence system against medium and high altitude targets. Patriot uses track-via-missile guidance. As the missile approaches the enemy aircraft, it informs the radar of its location in relation to its target. The computer then calculates a course that will insure a kill. The missile has a proximity-fuzed warhead.



Patriot Radar and Engagement Control Station.

The fire unit consists of a truck-mounted electronically scanned phased array radar, a control unit housing the computers and operators (Engagement Control Station), a power plant vehicle and up to eight truck-mounted launchers. Each launcher carries four factory-sealed missiles; their containers are their launch tubes. Patriot is programmed to replace the Nike Hercules System.



Forward Area Alerting Radar (FAAR).

In addition to the "fun stuff", there are radars (the FAAR or Forward Area Alerting Radar and the AN/TSQ-73 Command and Control System or "Missile Minder"), support equipments and training equipments too numerous to cover here.

LIAISON

To keep abreast of these equipments and modifications to these equipments takes some time. In addition, training developments and combat developments receive a high degree of visibility at Ft Bliss. Developments in command and control, divisional reorganization, visual aircraft recognition, IFF, multiple integrated laser engagement system for training, tactics, teaching methods, and tests or trials on new or modified equipment also takes a little time.

Ft Bliss is also home for the 1st ADA Training Brigade (for recruit/basic operator training), the 11th ADA Brigade (the air defence force for the Rapid Deployment Force), the 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment, the US Army Sergeants Major Academy, the NCO Academy and the German Air Force Air Defence School (transferred in 1966 from Aachen, Germany).

At present, there are British, Canadian, French, German Army, German Air Force, Japanese Army, Japanese Air Force and Netherlands Liaison Officers here and representatives from Greece, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Tunisia and Yemen. In addition, the USAF, USMC, Army Reserves, Army National Guard and other US agencies have representatives at Ft Bliss. This post has more visitors than any other place in U.S. except Washington, D.C.

When I was posted to Ft Bliss in 1977 it was for the normal three year tour. I return to Ottawa in Jul 84. The assignment has been super.

In addition to being a LO, the British LO and I are also Standardization Representatives under the ABCA (America, Britain, Canada and Australia) Agreement. This appointment has one big advantage — we (UKLO & CFLO) get FLO. Those readers who have met our secretary, Flo Campbell, know just what a jewel we have. It is Flo's task to know how and when to use center vs centre, defense vs defence, armour vs armor, etc, etc, etc.

Life in Ft Bliss with the twin cities of El Paso and Juarez is an international, highly social life. The only Canadian at Ft Bliss is the source of any information required on Canada (passports, internal revenue, customs, et al) and Canada's only representative in the area. I thought that when I took over from Dale Saxon and we attended 17 functions in 15 days that it was abnormal activity for the new boy on the block. Wrong!

Apparently, public speaking is part of the duties of a LO. I have spoken to men's clubs, women's clubs, sororities, school children, officers' courses and at dining-ins and dining-outs. I have even been master of ceremonies at the St Barbara's Day Ball. Poor Flo has to listen to rehearsals as well as type the speeches. Fun? Of Course!

El Paso rightly boasts of its climate and people. My wife, Pat, and I couldn't have been accepted with more friendly overtures — the people are wonderful. The weather? Well, let's see, the day is 10 Jan, the sun is shining as always, the temperature is 75°F., sorry 23°C., and the golf course is not crowded this late in the afternoon.

Y'all come and see us, y'heah?



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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNVEILING OF THE NATIONAL ARTILLERY MEMORIAL

On 21 September 1959, the late Major General P. Vanier, DSO, MC, DC, then Governor General of Canada, unveiled the memorial to officers and men of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. Since it was unveiled in 1959, a remembrance ceremony has been conducted at the memorial each November 11th following the National ceremony.

The following is an address made by Major General Vanier to the guests and participants present at the ceremony. The article, which appeared in the October 2, 1959, edition of the Canadian Gunner, (the predecessor of the CFB Shilo Stag) was submitted by LCol (Ret'd) Vergette. LCol Vergette, a guest on the occasion, recalls that the day began with a severe downpour which gave way to sunshine and a beautiful day. This year we celebrate the 25th birthday of the memorial. Let us hope we celebrate many more so we will never forget. -Ed

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Monday 21st September, 1959—

Today we are gathered on the site of this Memorial to honour the memory of Canadian gunners who made the supreme sacrifice. Men of many races, creeds and colours from the forests and plains, from the countryside and the mountains, but all united in one family — "the gunners," men proud to serve their country in its hour of need, men willing to lay down their lives in its defence.

"Ubique—Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt." How well this inscription on its Arms and Badge describes the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. It is fitting, for the guns and those gallant men who manned them have protected their country and their homes "Everywhere — Wither Right and Glory Lead."

The sound of guns first echoed through Canadian forests as early as 1636 when settlers in Quebec readied themselves for defence against Indian attack. Indeed, there is one artillery unit now existing which traces its lineage back to 1793. The War of 1812-1814 saw Canadian militia gunners fighting in the defence of their country. For some two hundred years before the coming into existence, in 1855, of the authorized Volunteer Militia and the Regiment as we now know it, Canadian gunners had fought and died for their country. All this, long before Confederation became a reality, was only the beginning of the great regiment in which those whom we honour today served with such devotion and distinction.

Since 1855 further great events have occurred. The year 1871 saw the organization of Regular Army Batteries. In 1873, volunteers from these batteries were transferred to the newly-organized North West Mounted Police, now the justly famed Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Gunners are proud that the first Commissioner of the Force was previously the Officer Commanding A Battery Canadian Artillery, and that NCOs and men of A and B batteries were among its first members.

The Canadian Artillery saw action in the Northwest campaign of 1885: in 1899 three batteries were sent to fight in the South African War.

In the First World War, the gunners suffered almost 10,000 casualties, of which over 2,000 were fatal. What deeds of sacrifice and valour are recalled with the names of Ypres, the Somme, Passchendaele, Cambrai, Mons and Vimy Ridge. Let us not forget the gallant men who fought in 1919 in far-off North Russia and Siberia.

In the Second World War once more the gunners distinguished themselves — in Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Again they suffered grievous losses — over 5,000 casualties of whom more

than 1,500 lost their lives. Finally there was the campaign in Korea where the gunners once more played a noble part.

Nombreux sont les Canadiens de langue française qui ont combattu aux côtés de leurs frères artilleurs de langue anglaise, et nombreux sont ceux des deux races qui sont morts ensemble pour un idéal commun qu'ils partageaient avant même de l'avoir traduit la langue de l'autre. L'unité du Canada doit se faire dans le sacrifice librement accepté des Canadiens de toutes origines, au service de la Patrie.

Ubique — how true the word, the gunners have fought everywhere. And so we come today from all parts of Canada, from the Commonwealth and from foreign countries to pay tribute to those members of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery who gave up their lives that we might live in freedom.

Let us remember them by ensuring that their ideals are not forgotten.

Let us honour them by devoted service to our country.

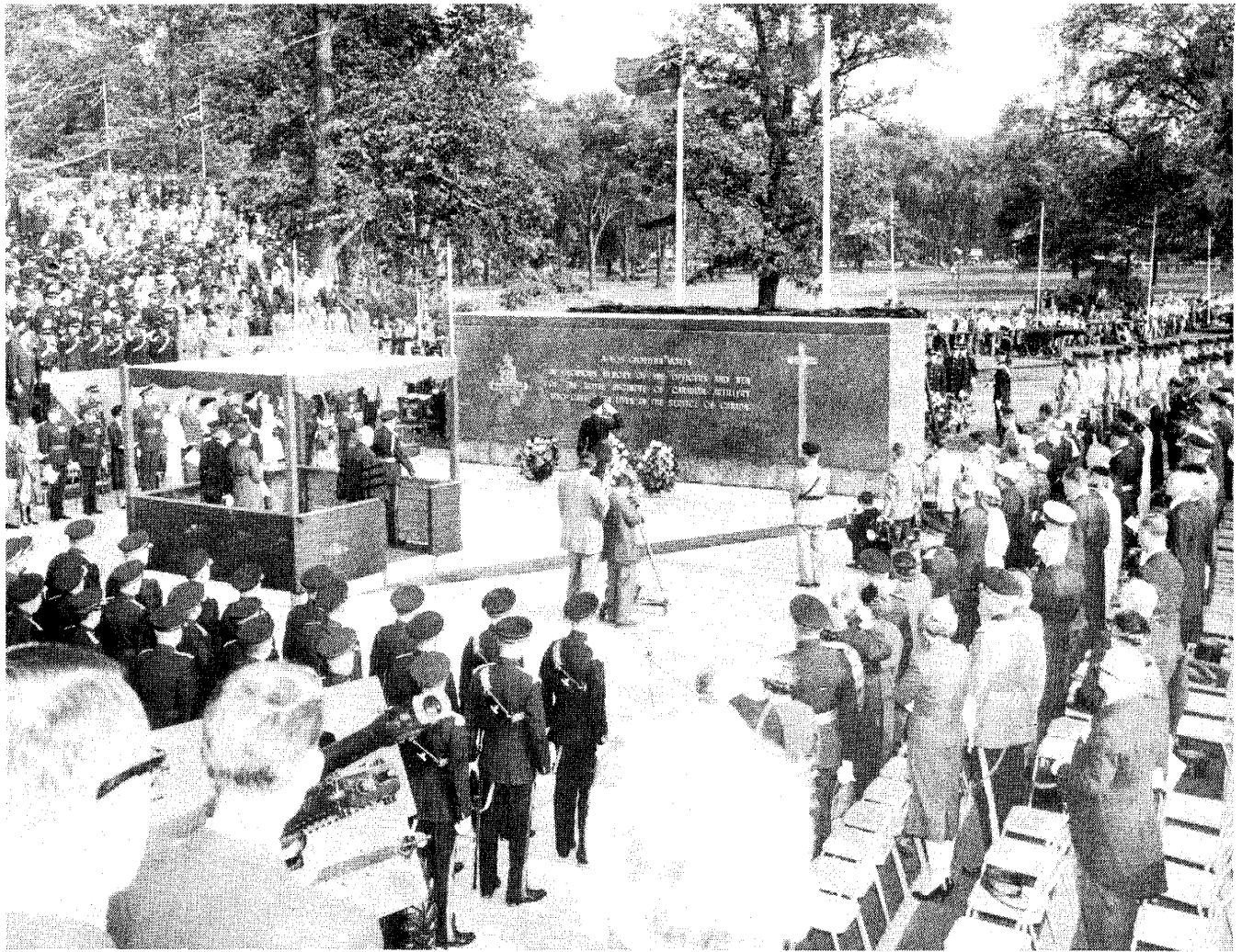
Let us humbly and reverently thank them in our hearts.

Let us recall in their memory and to their glory the cry of hope which has risen on so many occasions from Infantry and other arms—

"The Guns, Thank God, the Guns."



His excellency the Governor General, Major General George P. Vanier, DSO, MC, CD, accompanied by Brigadier P.A.S. Todd, CBE, DSO, ED, CD, Honourary Colonel Commandant of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery inspects the National Artillery Memorial — September 1959.



Laying of the Wreaths on the memorial.

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One of a Master Gunner's duties is to co-ordinate and evaluate the calibration of guns. It is a rewarding job since the results of my work are immediate and very visible. A carefully conducted calibration will always result in a more effective fall of shot.

CFP 306(7) states that the aim of calibration is to establish adopted muzzle velocities for all guns to use in calculating their firing data. This undoubtedly results in all guns shooting to the map and provides improved fall of shot.

The co-ordination segment of the overall calibration is strictly a process of matching available manpower and instrumental resources to the existing calibration needs. The evaluation of obtained data is much more interesting and thought provoking since it questions the value of existing policies. Would extensive calibration really be necessary if we had a more efficient and more effective propellant system? Are the existing multiple bag white/green charges for the 155 mm ammunition family satisfying our present needs? Perhaps a full/half increment arrangement is much more effective and much cheaper in the long run.

The quest for more effective calibration methods and the related research for more efficient ammunition systems allows for liason to develop among our allies. This source of pooled knowledge can be of great advantage to all concerned. Naturally discussions over ballistic phenomena such as gun memory and MV to charge instability can soon turn into heated arguments during the conduct of calibration research.

The grouping of guns within the 5 m/s MV criteria, as it is practiced in most armies, leaves room for careful study. How should this grouping be achieved and which criteria should be used? Should the guns be grouped around the highest charge, which also produces the highest barrel wear but on the other hand smaller PER's? Should the most commonly used charge, or perhaps the least stable charge, dictate grouping? There are just too many questions one could ask and each has its own merits! Due to a lack of recent war experiences a good planning criteria for calibration can only be obtained through war game data.

In the Canadian artillery instrumental calibration data, as it is obtained from the in-service NERA NM87 chronograph, is pretty well accepted as the gospel truth. The guns are grouped according to the obtained MV's. It is not a bad system but leaves much to be desired since it is very man-power intensive. To be effective, it requires a calibration team to be constantly on the move, gathering data obtained from at least four usable rounds from each gun and charge. This system however disregards obtainable data from exotic ammunition such as illumination.

Can we really afford to carry on with our present policies or is there a better way to obtain an effective fall of shot? A close study of the following data suggests the need for a policy which the Royal Artillery is already preparing as a possible wartime expediency. For security reasons, the CFR #'s of the quoted guns are alphabetically coded.

Table 1: instrumentally obtained muzzle velocities (in m/s)

CFR #	CHARGE									
	2 G	3 G	4 G	5 G	3 W	4 W	5 W	6 W	7 W	
A	-13.7	-9.1	-2.3	-3.4	/	/	/	+5.8	+1.0	
B	/	-9.1	-0.4	-2.4	/	/	/	+3.3	-0.6	
C	-14.9	-10.1	-3.2	-4.5	/	/	+4.5	+3.6	-0.5	
D	-14.1	-7.0	-3.5	-3.6	/	/	+3.6	+3.6	-0.5	
E	/	-9.3	+0.4	-2.7	/	/	+3.0	+2.1	+0.1	
F	/	/	-2.7	-3.2	/	/	+2.6	+2.6	+0.5	
Diff		3.1	3.9	2.1			1.9	3.7	1.6	

Table 2: EFC contra MV loss relationship

CFR #	EFC's	Loss in MV's as per Firing Table
A	492.00	0.6 m/s
B	406.50	0.5 m/s
C	593.00	0.8 m/s
D	675.75	1.0 m/s
E	574.00	0.8 m/s
F	550.00	0.7 m/s

Table 3: bore measurement vs firing table MV loss

CFR #	Bore Measurement	Firing Table Loss in MV
A	6.109 inch	0.2 m/s
B	6.109 inch	0.2 m/s
C	6.107 inch	0.2 m/s
D	6.111 inch	0.3 m/s
E	6.110 inch	0.2 m/s
F	6.109 inch	0.2 m/s

The relationship between bore diameters, EFC's and instrumentally obtained MV is obvious!

The Canadian artillery uses EFC's and barrel wear data as a condemnation criteria for its gun barrels. While this is good enough as a general criteria it has outlived its usefulness in our high-tech age. New methods of examining metal stresses and barrel wear under field conditions are currently being developed by DREV. These new methods are much more cost-effective and concern themselves with the specific individual behavior patterns of the examined barrels.

The above tables (2 and 3) tell only part of the story. Individual relationships may vastly change when 100 more rounds are fired from each barrel. The oddity that white bag charges are standard MV plus, while green bag charges are standard MV minus, is primarily due to the propellant manufacturers allowable tolerances of those particular lots as opposed to any suspected ballistic phenomenon. At this time it should be stated that any manufactured item must have manufacturers tolerances. For instance, the M 185 gun barrel has a +.003 inch tolerance in its rifling. The propelling charges and the projectile underline the same principle, with projectile

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weight and the driving band diameter having great effect on the fall of shot. The uniformity of existing standards and the rigid enforcement of quality control are extremely important to effective gunnery procedures.

As a wartime expediency the Royal Artillery proposes the grouping of gun barrels around bore diameters and according to barrel wear. It is a sensible policy since few artillery units can afford the expense of large, well-trained calibration teams during wartime.

A second option would be to consider the British drill system that only requires periodic measurement of its gun barrels. In relating the British proposals to tables 1 and 3, one can see that the Royal Artillery's ideas merit consideration. The bore measurement span of CFR #'s A to F is 0.004 inch, which corresponds to an instrumentally measured 3.9 m/s in the worst case. The accuracy of the bore measurements may also be suspect. Canadian procedures call for bore measurements by means of star or tip-over gages. However, this procedure is open to interpretation and does not make use of the technology which is available today.

My proposals for an effective calibration policy are very simple. They involve the grouping of a battery's guns around carefully measured bore diameters. An allowable 0.003 inch span between the extremes seems to be reasonable. The bores must be carefully measured with a multiple-point of contact and electronic-controlled bore measuring device which leaves no room for misinterpretation. The guns can be periodically regrouped according to their use and as long as the specified span between extremes is maintained, only the gun exactly midway between the extremes should be instrumentally calibrated. Used as a standard or master gun for the battery, it can now be used to obtain all the data required to perform the calculations to produce battery mean MV's.

The aim of calibration is achieved through the meaningful employment of realistic gunnery procedures that result in an accurate and speedy fall of shot in response to a call for artillery fire. The implementation of these proposals will effectively serve this aim.

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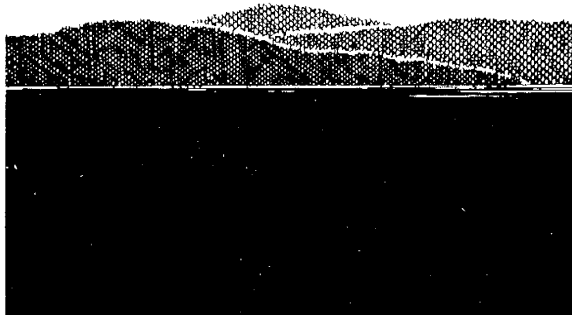
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MEMORIAL
MAJOR-GENERAL R.H. KEEFLER CBE, DSO

Major-General Ralph Holley Keebler, C.B.E., D.S.O., Légion d'honneur, Croix de guerre, Commander of the Third Canadian Infantry Division in North-West Europe, former chairman of the Northern Electric Co., and a former Montreal militia gunner officer, died on Saturday, September 17, 1983, in Ireland.

THE FUNERAL

General Keebler's funeral took place on Thursday, September 22 from the Church of St. James the Apostle on Ste-Catherine street, with Canon Malcom Hughes conducting the service. It is doubtful that a military funeral of such an impressive size and with such ceremony will ever be held again in Montreal. The gunners of Montreal can take pride in the contribution they and other units of the Canadian Armed Forces made to this impressive event. More than 350 slow-marching troops in the green unification uniform participated, with rifles and white webbing, and officers with drawn swords. The Royal Canadian Artillery band, playing with muffled drums, was most impressive in the new dress uniform. General Keebler's flag draped coffin was carried on a 25 pdr gun carriage, pulled by a tower with limber. The procession was so large that at times it was necessary to close parts of de Maisonneuve Boulevard, Tower Street, Ste-Catherine Street, and Bishop Street.

After the service in the church, General Keebler's coffin was transported for interment to the military section of Mount Royal Cemetery. It was here at the graveside that the artillerymen carried out their final task, firing a volley over the grave of a well-remembered Montreal gunner.

Among those responsible for organizing this tribute to General Keebler were Brig General Duncan Campbell, Col R.J. Connor, and LCol S.J. Goldberg. On the Regular Force side, appreciation for their assistance goes to Lt Gen Belzile, Commander of Mobile Command, to "X" Bty of 5ième Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada, and to Col C. Archambault, Deputy Chief of Staff (personnel), Mobile Command HQ, who commanded the funeral cortège.

The honorary pall-bearers were Maj Gen A.J. de Chastelain, Brig Gen D.C. Campbell, Lt Gen Gilles Turcot, Col C.F. Harrington, Col A.H. Malouf, Col B.D. Bailey, Col S.H. Dobell, Mr. Walter Light, President of Northern Telecom, and Mr. J.C. Thackray, President of Bell Canada. Regular Force Sergeants and Warrant-Officers did a magnificent job as the actual pall-bearers.

A WARTIME CAREER

Gen Keebler's wartime career is well-known. Having gone overseas with the Second Canadian Infantry Division in 1940, he returned to Canada in 1942 as GSO1 (training) and was soon appointed Director of Military Training for Canada with the rank of colonel. He dropped a rank in 1943 to return to Europe where he was given command of the 12th Field Regiment, RCA. The invasion of Normandy found Brig Keebler commanding the Second Division Artillery and participating in the battles around Caen and Falaise. In the winter of 1944-45 he commanded the Sixth Canadian Infantry Brigade (Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, The South Saskatchewan Regt.) at Nijmegen and at the battles of the Reichswald and the Hochwald. In early 1945, Major-General Keebler was given command of the Third Canadian Infantry Division, commanding this division through Holland onto the North German Plain. "It ran just like a good football team," he once said. "I just had to act as a quarterback and call the right play."

On his return to Canada after VE Day, General Keebler resumed his career with the Bell Telephone Company, resigning from Bell in 1961 to become president of Northern Electric. He soon became Chairman of the Board, a position he held until his retirement in 1970.

A PEACE-TIME SOLDIER

Not so well known is General Keebler's single-minded devotion to the N.P.A.M. (Non-Permanent Active Militia), particularly to the artillery units at the Craig Street Drill Hall. Holley Keebler, along with his brother, Alan M. Keebler, at one time a lieutenant in the Governor General's Bodyguard, veteran of WWI, later District Cadet Officer for MD4 (Montreal), and editor of the Canadian Military Journal. In 1913 and 1914 the brothers attended military camp at Sewell, Manitoba, as trumpeters with the 29th Light Horse of Saskatchewan. Both boys then proceeded to England with their father during WWI, returning to Canada at the end of the war. At this time, young Holley Keebler got his honour matriculation from Regina Collegiate and proceeded to the Faculty of Applied Science, University of Toronto, for a degree in engineering.

Throughout the 1920s and 30s, Holley Keebler pursued a dual career, Bell Telephone and N.P.A.M. When Bell moved him to Montreal, he continued his military career at the Craig Street Drill Hall, then the most important artillery centre in Canada. By the middle 30s, Major Keebler was commanding the 27th Field Battery of the 2nd Field Brigade, having transferred in 1929 from the 5th Battery with the rank of captain.

A reorganization of the N.P.A.M. Artillery in 1936-37 saw the formation of 2 new units at Craig Street, the 2nd Survey Company and the 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery, both forming part of the 2nd Montreal Regiment, R.C.A., commanded by Col A.E.D. Tremain. The 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery was the first such battery in the N.P.A.M. and command was given to Major Keebler who had by this time gained the reputation of being a most efficient officer and, as an engineer, was well prepared to handle the technical side of anti-aircraft gunnery.

It was said that Holley Keebler was the only officer at Craig Street who was absolutely convinced that there would be a war, and when war was declared in 1939 he was among the first to volunteer his services to his country. When Keebler arrived in England in 1940 with the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division, he said to a fellow officer: "You know, after all the years I have spent in the N.P.A.M., I must do well in this war; if I do not, my wife will never speak to me again!"

Perhaps the most fitting way to end this brief tribute to a Montreal Gunner officer would be to quote the citation that accompanied his D.S.O. on Oct. 26, 1944, the 2nd Division was preparing to attack up the peninsula leading to South Beveland. The Brigadier commanding the attacking brigade was seriously injured and the attack was losing momentum. The citation reads: "Brig Keebler, appreciating the need for quick and determined action, ... took immediate command of the situation and directed the complete operation from the brigade level. Under heavy artillery and small-arms fire, he personally visited the assaulting battalions, encouraging and directing the officers and other ranks and making technical decisions on the spot. His coolness, skill, and determination were responsible for one of the most successful operations in which the infantry brigade and the 2nd Division were ever engaged; and his cheerfulness and concern for the welfare of all ranks earned him the respect and admiration of the troops for which he was responsible."

This article is an extract from SHELLDRAKE'S LOG of the Montreal Gunners Newsletter. It is a fitting tribute to a distinguished Gunner. STAND EASY.-Ed.





BRIGADIER-GENERAL JAMES A COTTER, CD

Brigadier-General Cotter was born September 16 1932 in Niagara Falls Ont. and is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, with a bachelor of arts degree.

He enrolled in the Canadian Army in May 1954 and was posted to 2 Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2 RCHA), serving in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and Winnipeg in a variety of positions until January, 1957. He then went to Camp Shilo Man on assignment as troop commander, soldier apprentice battery, with the Royal Canadian School of Artillery.

In October 1958 he became second-in-command, apprentice training battery of the School, and a year later on completion of flying training was appointed section commander and second-in-command of 2 Air Observation Post Flight, Royal Canadian Artillery, at Camp Shilo. He remained there until September, 1961 when he was selected to attend the Canadian Army Staff College, Kingston Ont.

On completion of the course in June 1963, he was assigned to 4 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group at Soest, FRG, as general staff officer, third grade, training. In July 1965 he was appointed officer commanding, D Battery, 2 RCHA at Hemer, FRG. On his return to Canada in January 1967 he was appointed staff officer artillery at Mobile Command headquarters, St. Hubert Que.

Promoted lieutenant-colonel in January 1969, he assumed command of 2 RCHA in CFB Gagetown N.B. In August 1970 he was appointed section head, war games section, at Canadian Forces Headquarters, Ottawa. Two years later he became section head in the directorate land operational training and research, and subsequently in the directorate of arms control policy.

He was promoted colonel in September 1973 and appointed Canadian military delegate to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction talks in Vienna, Austria. He returned to Ottawa in July 1975 as director of artillery at National Defence Headquarters. Two years later he attended National Defence College, Kingston.

He was promoted brigadier-general in June 1978 and appointed chief of staff, United Nations Forces and commander of the Canadian Contingent in Cyprus.

In August 1980 he became commander of 1 Canadian Brigade Group of CFB Calgary. In July 1982 he was named commandant of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, Kingston.

Le brigadier-général Cotter est né à Niagara Falls (Ont.), le 16 septembre 1932. Il est diplômé de l'Université Western Ontario, où il a obtenu un baccalauréat ès arts.

Il s'enrôle dans l'Armée canadienne en mai 1954 et est affecté au 2^e régiment de la Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (RCHA). Il occupe divers postes en République fédérale d'Allemagne (R.F.A.), et à Winnipeg jusqu'en janvier 1957. Il est ensuite affecté à Camp Shilo (Man.), à titre de commandant de troupe de la batterie des apprentis soldats, à la Royal Canadian School of Artillery.

En octobre 1958, il devient commandant en second de la batterie d'instruction des apprentis de l'école et, un an plus tard, après avoir terminé son instruction de pilote, est nommé commandant de section et commandant en second de la 2^e Escadrille de poste d'observation aérienne de la Royal Canadian Artillery, à Camp Shilo. Il demeure à ce poste jusqu'en septembre 1961. Il s'inscrit alors au Collège d'état-major de l'Armée canadienne, à Kingston (Ont.)

Il termine son cours en juin 1963 et est affecté au 4^e Groupe-brigade de l'Infanterie canadienne, à Soest (R.F.A.), à titre d'officier d'état-major général, niveau III (instruction). En juillet 1965, il est nommé commandant de la Batterie D du 2^e Régiment de la RCHA, à Hemer (R.F.A.).

Il revient au Canada en janvier 1967 et devient officier d'état-major (artillerie), au quartier général de la Force mobile à Saint-Hubert (Qué.). Promu lieutenant-colonel en janvier 1969, il prend le commandement du 2^e régiment de la RCHA, à la base de Gagetown (N.-B.). En août 1970, il est nommé chef de la section des jeux de guerre, au Quartier général des Forces canadiennes, à Ottawa. Deux ans plus tard, il devient chef de section, d'abord à la Direction de l'instruction et de la recherche opérationnelles (terre), puis à la Direction de la politique de contrôle des armes.

Promu colonel en septembre 1973, il est ensuite nommé délégué aux pourparlers sur la réduction mutuelle et équilibrée des forces, à Vienne (Autriche). Il revient à Ottawa en juillet 1975 en tant que directeur de l'artillerie au Quartier général de la Défense nationale. Deux ans plus tard, il s'inscrit au Collège de la Défense nationale, à Kingston.

Le brigadier-général Cotter est promu à son grade actuel en juin 1978 et devient chef d'état-major des Forces des Nations unies et commandant du contingent

canadien a Chypre. En août 1980, il est nommé commandant du 1er Groupe-brigade du Canada et de la base de Calgary.

En juillet 1982, il devient commandant du Collège de commandement et d'état-major des forces terrestres canadiennes, à Kingston.



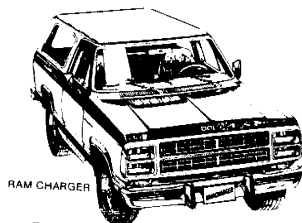
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BRIGADIER-GENERAL ROBERT G. HEITSHU, CD

Brigadier-General Heitshu was born on April 15, 1928 in Quebec City. He served in the Canadian Army (Reserve) as an other rank with 13 Field Regiment from 1944 to 1947. Following this he enrolled as an officer cadet with the St. Francis Xavier University contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps until 1950.

Commissioned in the regular force in October 1950, BGen Heitshu was subsequently attached to 79 Field Regiment, West Germany. He returned to Canada in January 1954 and served with the 3rd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Petawawa, Ont. A year later BGen Heitshu was selected for the light aircraft pilot course at Rivers Man., after which he served three years with 1 Air Observation Post Flight in Petawawa.

BGen Heitshu attended the long locating course at the Royal Canadian School of Artillery at Shilo Man. in September 1958. On its completion in July 1959 he was assigned to the Quebec Command headquarters as officer-in-charge of the Three Rivers militia instructional staff.

As a student at Canadian Army Staff College Kingston Ont. from September 1961 to June 1963, Brig BGen Heitshu was promoted major on completion of the course. He then joined headquarters Western Command, Edmonton, as GSO II Nuclear. In August 1964 he was attached to 4 RCHA, Petawawa, as battery commander until July 1966. He was appointed staff officer postings and careers at Training Command Headquarters in Winnipeg Man. in July 1966.

In August 1967 he was promoted lieutenant-colonel and for the next two years commanded 3 RCHA in Winnipeg. He then went to the division d'instruction francophone at Quebec City as the senior officer plans. He left that post in August 1970 to attend National Defence College Kingston.

On graduation in July 1971 BGen Heitshu was promoted colonel and became deputy commander of the Combat Training Centre and CFB Gagetown in N.B. In June 1973 he was promoted to his present rank and appointed commander, 5e Groupement de Combat and commander, CFB Valcartier in Que.

His next assignment was in October 1975 when he became DGPCOR at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa.

He was then appointed Secretary of the Staff at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium on 13 July 1979. On his return to Canada in 1982 he became a special projects officer in the Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) branch at NDHQ. He retired in December 1982.

Le brigadier-général Heitshu est né le 15 avril 1928, à Québec. De 1944 à 1947, il est membre du personnel non officier au 13e Régiment de campagne de l'Armée canadienne (Réserve), et de 1947 à 1950, élève-officier dans le contingent du Corps-école d'officiers canadiens de l'Université St. Francis Xavier, à Antigonish (N.-E.).

En octobre 1950, il obtient son brevet d'officier de la Force régulière et, peu après, est détaché auprès du 79e Régiment de campagne, en Allemagne de l'Ouest. A son retour au Canada en janvier 1954, il est affecté au 3e régiment du Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (3e RCHA) à Petawawa (Ont.). Un an plus tard, il est choisi pour suivre le cours de pilote d'avion léger à Rivers (Man.) pour ensuite être muté à la 1re Section d'observation aérienne à Petawawa où il demeure pendant trois ans.

En septembre 1958, le brigadier-général Heitshu se rend à Shilo (Man.) pour suivre un cours de repérage à distance à l'Ecole de l'artillerie royal canadienne. L'année suivante, il est affecté au Quartier général du Commandement du Québec, en qualité d'officier responsable du personnel d'instruction de la milice à Trois-Rivières.

De septembre 1961 à juin 1963, il étudie au Collège d'état-major de l'Armée canadienne à Kingston (Ont.). Le cours terminé il est promu major et affecté au quartier général du Commandement de l'Ouest, à Edmonton, en qualité d'officier de 2e classe (NUC). D'août 1964 à juillet 1966, il est détaché auprès du 4e régiment du RCHA à Petawawa à titre de commandant de batterie. Il est ensuite promu officier d'état-major (affectations et carrières) au quartier général du Commandement de l'Instruction, à Winnipeg.

En août 1967, il est promu lieutenant-colonel et nommé commandant du 3e régiment du RCHA, à Winnipeg. Deux ans plus tard, il est affecté à la Division d'instruction francophone à Québec, à titre d'officier supérieur de la planification. Il quitte ce poste en août 1970 pour fréquenter le Collège de la Défense nationale, à Kingston.

A la suite de ce cours, il est promu colonel en juillet 1971 et nommé commandant adjoint du Centre d'entraînement au combat et de la BFC Gagetown (N.-B.). En juin 1973, il est promu à son grade actuel et nommé commandant du 5e Groupement de combat et commandant de la BFC Valcartier à Québec.

En octobre 1975, il est nommé directeur général des carrières militaires (personnel non officier), au Quartier général de la Défense nationale à Ottawa.

Le 13 juillet 1979, il est nommé secrétaire d'état-major du quartier général suprême des forces alliées en Europe

(SHAPE), situé en Belgique. A son retour au Canada en 1982, il est nommé officier des projets spéciaux avec le sous-ministre adjoint associé (Politiques). Il a pris sa retraite en Décembre 1982.



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COLONEL D.B. McGIBBON, CD

Colonel McGibbon was born in Belleville, Ontario on 13 June 1940. He attended school in Ontario and in 1957 joined the Canadian Army through the Regular Officer Training Plan. He attended the Collège Militaire Royal at St. Jean, Quebec and in 1962 graduated from the Royal Military College in Kingston with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering.

He began his career as an artillery officer with the First Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery then stationed at Gagetown, New Brunswick. In 1966, Colonel McGibbon attended the US Guided Missile Systems Officer Course at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was then posted to the Royal Canadian School of Artillery as an instructor with the guided weapons wing and later as adjutant of the school. In 1969 Colonel McGibbon attended the Technical Staff Officer course at the Royal Military College of Science in Shrivenham, England. He was then employed in National Defence Headquarters in the Directorate of Armament Engineering as the project manager for fire control systems.

Colonel McGibbon returned to regimental duty in 1971 as Battery Commander of D Battery, Second Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Later he became Second-in-Command of that regiment. He attended the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto in 1973. On promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel, he became the Head of the Armour and Mobility Section of the Directorate of Land Requirements.

In 1977 Colonel McGibbon was appointed Commanding Officer of First Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. He was then posted back to the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham and became a member of the Directing Staff, instructing on military technology.

In 1981 he was posted to National Defence Headquarters as Land Policy Co-ordinator. He was promoted to his present rank in July 1983 and became Director of Artillery and Director of Land Requirements that same month.

Colonel McGibbon is married to Doreen and they have a son, James, and a daughter, Brenda.

Le colonel McGibbon est né à Belleville, Ontario le 13 juin 1940. Il fait ses études en Ontario et, en 1957, entre dans l'Armée canadienne en suivant le Programme de formation (Officiers de la Force régulière). Il fréquente le Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean, Québec et, en 1962, sort diplômé du Royal Military College de Kingston avec un baccalauréat en génie électrique.

Il entame sa carrière comme officier d'artillerie au sein du First Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, alors stationné à Gagetown, Nouveau-Brunswick. En 1966, le colonel McGibbon suit le cours américain d'officier des systèmes de missiles téléguidés à Fort Bliss, Texas. Il est ensuite affecté à l'École de l'Artillerie royale canadienne où il est instructeur du groupe des armes téléguidées et plus tard, capitaine-adjutant de l'école. En 1969, le colonel McGibbon suit le cours d'officier d'état-major — services techniques au Royal Military College of Science à Shrivenham, Royaume-Uni. Il est ensuite employé au Quartier général de la Défense nationale à la Direction — Génie (armement) comme directeur de projet des systèmes de contrôle de tir.

Le colonel McGibbon reprend ses fonctions régimentaires en 1971 à titre de commandant de D Battery, Second Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery et, par la suite, à titre de commandant-adjoint de ce régiment. Puis il fréquente le Collège d'état-major et de commandement des Forces canadiennes en 1973 et, lors de sa promotion au grade de lieutenant-colonel, devient chef de la section Blindés et mobilité de la Direction — Besoins en ressources terrestres.

En 1977, le colonel McGibbon est nommé commandant du First Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Il est ensuite muté au Royal Military College of Science à Shrivenham où il devient membre de la direction et enseigne la technologie militaire.

En 1981, il est affecté au Quartier général de la Défense nationale à titre de Coordonnateur de la politique (Doctrines et opérations terrestres). Il est promu à son grade actuel en juillet 1982 et devient Directeur — Artillerie et Directeur — Besoins en ressources terrestres le même mois.

Le colonel McGibbon est marié à Doreen et est père d'un fils, James, et d'une fille, Brenda.



LCOL J.G.V.N. ROULEAU, CD

LCol N. Rouleau is a native of LaSalle in the Abitibi region of Quebec. He attended secondary school in Trois-Rivières, graduating in 1957. For the next three years, he worked in the mines of northwestern Quebec.

He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in September 1960. After holding a series of positions in 4 RCHA Petawawa until January 1964, he was posted to the artillery school in Shilo, Manitoba, where he served as an instructor and training officer for the recruit battery.

He was posted to Quebec City as SO 3 Cadets in 1967. Two years later, he was posted for the first time to 5e RALC at Valcartier where he successively held the positions of troop commander, battery captain, adjutant, and after promotion to major in April 1972, commander of Q Battery. In 1975 he was posted with his family to the Staff College in Quetta, Pakistan.

In January 1976, he was posted to FMC Headquarters in St-Hubert as executive assistant to the security coordinator for the Olympic Games in Montreal, a position he held until September 1978. He completed his stint at FMC Headquarters in the Operations and Training Section.

In July 1977, he was posted to the United Nations force in Palestine where he served as an observer in the Sinai for about a month. When hostilities broke out again between the Palestinian and Christian factions in southern Lebanon, he was transferred to southern Lebanon where he remained until January 1978. Subsequently, he returned to Canada where he was posted to Militia Area Eastern Headquarters as SO 2 Training.

LCol Rouleau was promoted to his current rank on 1 May 1980 and posted to the position of Base Administration Officer at CFB Valcartier. On 22 July 1981, he became the seventh commander of 5e RALC. In September 1982, he suffered a very serious accident near CFB Gagetown and on 11 February 1983 had to relinquish his position as the Regiment's Commanding Officer.

LCol Rouleau plans to retire during the winter of 1984 and take up residence in the Ottawa Region.

He is married to Diane Sharpe. His son Marc is a cadet at College Militaire St-Jean. His second son Mich hopes to follow in his brother's footsteps in the summer of 1984.

We wish him steadfast resolve and perseverance in his future undertakings. We appreciate his good service to R22eR and especially to 5e RALC.

Le Lieutenant-colonel N. Rouleau est natif de LaSalle, Abitibi. Il a fait ses études secondaires à Trois-Rivières, où il les termine en 1957. Pour les trois ans qui suivirent, il travaille dans les mines du Nord-Ouest québécois.

Il se joint à l'armée canadienne en septembre 1960. Après avoir occupé une série de postes au 4 RCHA, Petawawa jusqu'en janvier 1964, il est muté à l'école de l'Artillerie, Shilo, Manitoba, pour remplir les postes d'instructeur et d'officier d'entraînement de la batterie des apprentis-soldats.

En 1967, il est muté à Québec dans le poste OEM 3 Cadets. En 1969, sa première mutation 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 1975, il est affecté avec sa famille au Collège d'Etat-Major à Quetta, Pakistan.

En janvier 1976, il est affecté au Quartier-général de la Force mobile, St-Hubert dans le poste de chef de cabinet du coordonnateur de la sécurité des Olympiques de Montréal, fonction qu'il occupe jusqu'en septembre 1976. Il termine son stage au Quartier-général de la Force mobile à la section Opérations et Entraînement.

En juillet 1977, il est muté avec les Nations-Unies en Palestine. Il occupe la fonction d'observateur dans le Sinai 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 dans le poste d'OEM-2 Entraînement.

Le Lieutenant-colonel Rouleau fût promu à son présent grade le 1er mai 1980 et muté dans les fonctions de chef de l'administration à la Base Valcartier. Le 22 juillet 1981, il devint le septième commandant du 5e RALC. Au mois de septembre 1982, il fût victime d'un accident très grave dans la région de BFC Gagetown. Le 11 février 1983, il dû remettre son commandement du Régiment suite aux effets de cet accident.

A l'hiver de 1984, le Lieutenant-colonel Rouleau prendra son licenciement des F.C. et établira sa résidence dans la région d'Ottawa.

Le Lieutenant-colonel Rouleau est marié à Diane Sharpe. Son fils Marc est cadet au Collège Militaire Royal de St-Jean. Son second fils Mich espère faire de même à l'été 1984.

Nous lui souhaitons bon courage et de la persévérance dans ses ambitions futures. Merci de ses bons services au sein du Régiment Royal et particulièrement au sein du 5e Régiment.



A SOLDIER: CWO A.S. LEBLANC, MMM, CD

Thirty years. Longer than many of us have lived; longer certainly than most of us have or even hope to serve. How many long absences from home in those three decades? A hundred? Two hundred? More? And how many thousands of lives were touched by this score and ten years? The speculations are endless. But one thing is clear: The thirty years of service to Canada by CWO A.S. Leblanc, MMM, CD, current RSM of 1 RCHA, has been full of outstanding service, willingly and unselfishly given.

To a 17 year old man living in Concession, N.S. in 1953, life presented few options. Generations had turned to the forests and mills, many to the sea, and many to the Canadian Army. Was it a quest for adventure in what was seen as an extension of the disciplined family life that prevailed? Perhaps Leblanc senior, a veteran of the Great War advised young Arnold to serve the colours like one other brother in the infantry. Whatever, such questions probably never entered the young recruit's mind those thirty Augusts ago as he journeyed to Winnipeg to join the Second Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. The unit, full of Korean veterans, was about to embark for service in Canada's NATO Brigade in Germany and couldn't take the under-age Gunner Leblanc along. A quick posting to 1 RCHA, just out of Korea and refitting in Shilo, solved that. Then it was back to Winnipeg as the First Regiment. It was moved in to replace the now embarked Second. A turbulent start, but a start.

Shilo and the jumpers in their maroon berets (cherry berries) and high, brown boots had, however, made a lasting impression on the young Maritimer. In 1953, Arnold Leblanc joined the 1 Light Battery RCA, soon to be renamed Z Battery (Para). Four years of tough, risky soldiering followed, a thing in which Gunner Leblanc showed great interest and skill. In 1957 Z Battery was disbanded, and for Arnold, this meant a posting back to the parent unit in Winnipeg just in time to sail with it to Germany. In 1959 when the unit's two year tour was over, CWO Leblanc recalls that the Regiment was mustered on the parade square and when the CO asked those who wanted to extend their stay by a year to step forward, to a

man the whole parade took one pace forward. (But only after the regulation pause of two-three), CWO Leblanc hastens.

The year 1960 saw a belated repatriation of 1 RCHA to Canada, this time to the newly opened Camp Gagetown in N.B. It was here that Gunner Leblanc met, fell in love with, and married his wife Sarah, of Elgin N.B. The marriage was graced with two children, Janet and Larry, both now living with their parents here in Germany.

The next few years witnessed a sequence of events that would lead young Leblanc to the pinnacle of his profession. Courses such as Artillery Technical Assistant, Artillery Surveyor and the Junior NCO Course were followed by his promotion to Bombardier in October, 1964. Eleven years from enlistment to Corporal rank was not at all unusual in those halcyon days.

In 1967, 1 RCHA again sailed to Germany, (actually this time it flew!) where it remains to this day. Bombardier, and later Sergeant, Leblanc served with it until 1970. That year, 5 RALC was still being formed in Valcartier and, ever the volunteer for different challenges, Leblanc asked to go. The next seven years, punctuated by more Artillery courses and a tour in Cyprus, saw Leblanc at home in Valcartier progressing through the Warrant Officer rank to MWO.

In 1977, MWO Leblanc again returned to his first home, 1 RCHA, where over the next four years he held the appointments of TSM, BSM B Battery and BSM HQ Battery. In 1981, he was promoted to CWO and posted to NDHQ as the RSM of NDHQ. After a year, CWO Leblanc again returned home, this time as RSM 1 RCHA.

In 1981, in recognition of his devoted service MWO Leblanc was awarded the MMM.

Four tours in Germany so far totalling 11 years; a tour in Cyprus; 29 years of Regimental service including 22 of them in the First Regiment; a willingness to go anywhere, do anything at anytime: that's what soldiering is about. And to do this uncommonly well, to raise and nurture others to do the same, and to place service to country before self, everytime, all the time describes CWO A.S. Leblanc — A soldier.

OFFICER'S LOCATION LIST (as of 31 Dec 83)

MGen Baker DR, NATO Staff College Rome, Italy
MGen Doucet JJA, NAS Brussels, Belgium

BGen Beaudry RP, DGRC, NDHQ
BGen Cotter Comd, CLFCSC Kingston, Ontario
BGen Wheatly H.R., COSADM FMCHQ St-Hubert

Col Archambault JHLC, CFB St-Hubert
Col Bouvette JP, CPD NDHQ Ottawa
Col Calnan MD, CS NDHQ Ottawa
Col Crosman JE, CFTS HQ Astra, Ontario
Col Fleming JC, NDC Kingston, Ontario
Col Hirter GR, CFCSC Toronto, Ontario
Col Hurley RG, CFB Galetown
Col James RK, NDC Kingston, Ontario
Col MacInnis JA, CFB Shilo
Col McGibbon DB, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Col Simonds CR, CIS NDHQ, Ottawa
Col Walters DJ, DCDS NDHQ Petawawa
Col Ward JO, NDHQ, Ottawa
Col Wellsman WD, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa

LCol Beare AK, Camp Wainwright
LCol Beno EB, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
LCol Berezowski JC, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
LCol Branum LA, CTC CFB Galetown
LCol Brown MC, CDLS(W) Washington
LCol Chamberlain RJ, Galetown
LCol Connolly NH, FMCHQ St-Hubert
LCol Coroy AV, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
LCol Dallaire RA, 5 RALC CFB Valcartier
LCol Davidson JA, CFB Shilo
LCol Decker GA, PMO LLAD Ottawa
LCol Donahue JJ, ADM(POL) NDHQ Ottawa
LCol Elrick RG, CF Liaison Det ULM, FRG
LCol Fitzgerald DC, Wash&Prim Stdzn Falls Church, Virginia
LCol Guiler TJ, RSS (Prairie) CFB Winnipeg
LCol Guy GM, Afcent HQ Staff Brunssum, FRG
LCol Johnston WR, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
LCol McGrath BTN, CFRS Cornwallis
LCol Mialkowski CJ, CLFCSC Kingston
LCol Mintz LTB, 4CMBG HQ&SIG Sqn CFB Lahr
LCol Mitchell RB, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
LCol Namiesniowski CA, Adm(Pol) NDHQ Ottawa
LCol Oehring GJ, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
LCol Reid BA, CFLO Fort Munroe, Virginia
LCol Rouleau JGVN, BFC Valcartier
LCol Schott DG, CFB Galetown
LCol Schrader EL, RSS (Central) CFB Toronto
LCol Sparling TAH, CFCSC Toronto
LCol Stephenson BE, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
LCol Tattersall JER, CFB Borden
LCol Thompson HD, CENTAG HQ Heidelberg FRG
LCol Thompson RV, CDLS(L) London
LCol Trimble GW, Univ of Ottawa
LCol Walton DB, Seclint CLFCSC Kingston
LCol West LE, ADM (POL) Ottawa
LCol Wheeler T, CENTAG HQ, Heidelberg FRG

Maj Adams EJ, CFB Chilliwack
✕ Maj Adkins LC, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
Maj Armstrong RB, Leop Tk Augmt NDHQ Ottawa
✕ Maj Bernier JMN 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
Maj Bianco DB, CTC Galetown
✕ Maj Boucher JLHL, Ecole De Guerre Paris France
Maj Boudreau JNGG, FMCHQ St-Hubert
Maj Bowles AB, RSS Central Det Ottawa
Maj Brake FB 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
Maj Brewster TE, CFB Winnipeg

LCol Maj Briscoe JD, CFE HQ CFB Lahr
Maj Bryce JE, CLFCSC Kingston
Maj Carnell AW, CTC Galetown
Maj Cheadle WB, MARPAC HQ Victoria
Maj Clark MF, CDLS(W) Washington
Maj Court AK, CFSS Toronto
Maj Couture JBA, Det PSFR Est Quebec City
Maj Culligan JP, FMCHQ St-Hubert
Maj Dorman JA, CFB Galetown
Maj Douglas WJ, CFCSC Toronto
Maj Doyon JRR, CFRC London
Maj Earl BG, ATCCDS Augmt NDHQ Ottawa
✕ Maj Elrick DA, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
Maj Emery WA, CFB Esquimalt
Maj Filonik W, CFTS HQ Astra Ontario
Maj Fleury JJG, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
✕ Maj Fraser JJ, CPCS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Gallant AG, RSS St John
Maj Gauthier JJP, CFCSC CFB Chilliwack
✕ Maj Gee WF, CTC Galetown
Maj Gerow TD, CFCSC Toronto
Maj Gibbons IW, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Glover RG, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Grant DM, ORAE NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Green SD, Gates, CFB Shilo
Maj Greenizan OL, Stanrep Canberra Australia
Maj Gronbeckjones DA, DCDS NDHQ, Ottawa
LCol Maj Hague EC, DG Exec Sec NDHQ, Ottawa
Maj Hague KC 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
Maj Hamilton BA, Ex Duty London UK
Maj Hodgson RP, NRHQ Yellowknife
Maj Hopper DR, RSS Vancouver
Maj Hoyland R, CTC Galetown
Maj Hull NF, ORAE NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Hyman DG, DCDS NDHQ, Ottawa
Maj Hyslop RM, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Itani TT, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
✕ Maj Jeffery MK, 4CMBG HQ&SIG Sqn CFB Lahr
Maj Kennedy JC, Centag HQ West Germany
Maj Kerr GD, RMC
Maj Knapp JB, RCA Battle Sch CFB Shilo
Maj Kramers PJ, CFLO Estb Dover New Jersey
Maj Krauter JDL, Cdn Elm UNTSO Jerusalem Isreal
Maj Kyle RG, CDLS Washington
✕ Maj LaForge FK, CFB Winnipeg
Maj Learmonth PR, RRM, Victoria
✕ Maj Lees BM, RSS Toronto
Maj Lemieux JMR, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
Maj Lockridge DA, CFLO Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Maj Logan G, RSS (CENTRAL) Toronto
Maj MacBride JE, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj MacNeil WR, Cdn Elm UNTSO Jerusalem Isreal
Maj Marceau JAGP, FMCHQ St-Hubert
Maj McKay JA, CIS NDHQ Ottawa
✕ Maj McLaughlin DN, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
Maj Melnyk TW, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
✕ Maj Miller JE DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Milne DCD, Leop Tk Augmt NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Moogk CA, DREV Valcartier
Maj Moreside DS, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
✕ Maj Morrison MB, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
✕ Maj Mundell HP, BFC Montreal
Maj Nielsen PV, CFCSC Toronto
✕ Maj Palmer AZ, FMCHQ St-Hubert
Maj Peterson DE, CB RDR Augmt NDHQ Ottawa
LCol Maj Phillips DJ, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
Maj Pleasance JR, CPCS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Ross DL, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
Maj Roszell JA, RSS(Central) Toronto
Maj Saunders BS, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
Maj Sawatzki GH, ORAE NDHQ Ottawa

Maj Scott GD, Ex Duty Larkhill, UK.
 Maj Scott WM, RSS(Prairie) CFB Winnipeg
 Maj Selman RJM, FMCHQ St-Hubert
 Maj Smith GR, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
 Maj Soucie WJ, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Maj Stewart JC, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Maj Stowell RC, CFCSC Toronto
 Maj Takahashi SS, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
 Maj Tolson SM, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 LCol Maj Trepanier JG, QG ET 5 BGC BFC Valcartier
 * Maj Walker GM, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Maj Wallace RK, CFLO Fort Bliss Texas
 Maj Watling WR, CFB Shilo
 Maj Wilson AJ, Seclist CFB Shilo
 Maj Wilson RS, CTC Gagetown
 Maj Winter MJ, CTC Gagetown

Capt Arp J, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Aubin FM, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Auger HM, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Bablitz CW, RSS Prairie Det CFB Winnipeg
 Capt Balma RA, RSS Central Det Toronto
 Capt Banks RJ, CFB Shilo
 Capt Barabe JGJC, FMCHQ St-Hubert
 Capt Barnes SC, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Beardmore RJ, RRMV Victoria
 Capt Beare MA, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Beausejour, JJGP, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Beese JW, Adm (Fin) NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Bezeau MV, DG Exec Sec NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Boily JCL, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Boissonneault JGS, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Bonnet MF, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Boudreau JCD, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Brynkus WJ, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Bulloch JR, RSS Toronto
 Capt Burnford RH, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Burrige JS, RCA Battle School CFB Shilo
 Capt Calnan MTA, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Campbell EG, RSS Brantford Ontario
 Capt Cantin PER, CMR Richelain Quebec
 Capt Capstick MD, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Carroll AP, Aircom HQ Winnipeg
 Capt Carter AG, RSS CFB Edmonton
 Capt Chamberland CZJ, BFC Valcartier
 Capt Chaplin AB, RCA Battle School CFB Shilo
 Capt Chartres JP, CFSS Toronto
 Capt Chupick DM, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Cliche JCW, ERFC St Jean Quebec
 Capt Cockram RE, CFB Shilo
 Capt Cook DT, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Cooney AB, CFB Borden
 Capt Cote JYR, CMR Richelain Quebec
 Capt Cotter CL, CFB Petawawa
 Capt Crane PM, Adm(Fin) NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Crawford DJ, CFB Esquimalt
 Capt Crosman JDE, FMCHQ St-Hubert
 Capt Crosman PD, SSF HQ&SIG Sqn CFB Petawawa
 Capt Curry RC, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Davis GWK, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Davis RG, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Davis SM, CPCS NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Dick JB, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Donnelly BE, CPCS Ottawa
 Capt Douglas BW, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Douglas RA, CRC Gagetown
 Capt Downing H, RMC Kingston
 Capt Doyle JS, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Duguay M, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Duhamel JM, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Dunne RP, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Dupre JRG, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Evoy KL, RSS Halifax
 Capt Finestone H, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa

Capt Forsberg PW, RSS St John's NFLD
 Capt Fraser GBM, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Gagnon EW, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Gallant BI, PSFR Est Montreal
 Capt Gallop GA, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Gardner FJ, CEM NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Gates JDE, FMCHQ St Hubert
 Capt Gemmell WR, RSS CFB Toronto
 Capt Gilewicz MP, 1 RCHA Lahr
 Capt Gillies JS, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Glover LE, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Gordon WE, CFB Shilo
 Capt Gosbee JA, CDLS(L) London UK
 Capt Gowanlock WD, CFB Gagetown
 Capt Grossinger JMY, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Gunn RD, CFE HQ CFB Lahr
 Capt Haeck KF, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Hamsey RW, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Hansford FH, Fighter GP HQ Hornell Heights Ont.
 Capt Harbert PG, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Hardman RN, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Hartnett DG, 4CMBG HQ&SIG Sqn CFB Lahr
 Capt Harvey JGA, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Hawkins BC, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Hawthorne JE, RSS Vancouver
 Capt Hewes MW, CFE HQ CFB Lahr
 Capt Hidioglu YJ, PSFR Est Montreal
 Capt Holt DC CFB Lahr
 Capt Hynes KD, Exduty Australia
 Capt Jarrett RG, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Jean JRS, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Jobe DN, RSS Lethbridge, Alberta
 Capt Johnson EE, CIS NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Johnson GL, RCA Battle Sch CFB Shilo
 Capt Johnston SP, CFE HQ CFB Lahr
 Capt Joudry SJ, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Juneau JAFJ, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Kaufman JD, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Kearney PE, Toronto Ontario
 Capt Keffer KT, RSS CFB Gagetown
 Capt Kempffer LC, CEM NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Kennedy ME, CLFCSC Kingston Ontario
 Capt Kennedy MN, CDLS(L) London UK
 Capt Klimaszewski ML, CFRC Hamilton
 Capt Kochanski HA, CFRS Cornwallis
 Capt Kokkonen RJ, CFRC Calgary
 Capt LaBerge JRA, Det PSFR Est Shawinigan Quebec
 Capt Lacroix JCR, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Lang JGJ, Ex Duty Europe France
 Capt Laporte JLM, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Larocque CWJ, Ex Duty USA Fort Sill Oklahoma
 Capt Lauriault JES, PSFR Est Montreal Quebec
 Capt Lawrence GR, RCA Battle Sch CFB School
 Capt Lebreton JH, Drev Valcartier
 Capt Leclair DJ, CFB Petawawa
 Capt Lelievre WT, St John N.B.
 Capt Light PA, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Lind GD, RCA Battle Sch CFB Shilo
 Capt Lord JEJ, 129 AAD Bty CFB Lahr
 Capt MacDonald MN, CFRC Vancouver
 Capt MacInnes JM, CFB Petawawa
 Capt MacLeod BW, CTC Gagetown
 Capt MacLeod DH, RSS Regina Sask.
 Capt MacMillan WA, RSS Regina Sask.
 Capt Mader LR, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Mahar BB, Marcom HQ Halifax N.S.
 Capt Manson GR, CFOCS CFB Chilliwack
 Capt Marshall DD, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt McAlpine GJ, CTC Gagetown
 Capt McCuish DA, Kenora Ontario
 Capt McIntosh AD, CDLS(L) London UK
 Capt McLean JA, CTC Gagetown
 Capt McPherson SA, Adm(Fin) NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt McRobbie WD, 128 AAD Bty CFB Baden Soellingen
 Capt McTaggart AE, CPS NDHQ Ottawa

Capt Miller RM, CFOCS CFB Chilliwack
 Capt Mills AG, Aircom HQ Winnipeg Man
 Capt Mitton LC, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Mooney TD, N/T/U Augmt NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Morgan JD, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Morley JM CFTS HQ Trenton Ontario
 Capt Mortlock JW, CABC CFB Edmonton
 Capt Mussolum MG, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Neale MH, CABC CFB Edmonton
 Capt Nickerson SL, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Oderkirk CG, CFRC Edmonton
 Capt Ouellette JMR, OG Et 5 GBC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Ouellette JPE, Halifax N.S.
 Capt Parkinson GL, RSS Guelph Ontario
 Capt Pellan JJJ, CFOCS CFB Chilliwack
 Capt Petryk JM, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Poirier JGAJ CTC Gagetown
 Capt Poirier RR, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Pond TR, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Popovich MJ, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Quesnelle DMA, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Capt Ramsay WC, FMCHQ Det CFB Gagetown
 Capt Read DW, FMCHQ St-Hubert
 Capt Rennett WA, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Rice HJ, RSS Victoria B.C.
 Capt Richard JGA, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Ross TP, CFE HQ CFB Lahr
 Capt Rowdon RDC CFB Chilliwack
 Capt Roy RC, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Ryan JH, CFB Chilliwack
 Capt Sauve JFC, Det PSFR EST Levis Quebec
 Capt Sauve MR, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Sawicki JCA, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Schell RA, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Selbie JJ, FMCHQ St Hubert
 Capt Shellnutt WM, DCDS NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Sherrard LB, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Simister HN, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Simonds CG, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Slievert JF, CFB Petawawa
 Capt St Laurent JJ, RSS Central Det Sault Ste Marie Ont.
 Capt Stone JC, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Strachan SB, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Strilchuk DA, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Summerhays DH, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Theberge LJ, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Thomason RG, CFNBSC CFB Borden
 Capt Travis BW, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Capt Tremblay JGG CRFC Chicoutimi Quebec Det
 Capt Tremblay JMR, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Troop VA, CFRS Cornwallis
 Capt Troup KG, Ex Duty Europe Osnabruck
 Capt Tucker KR, ADM(FIN) NDHQ Ottawa
 Capt Vandoesburg JGPP, FMCHQ St Hubert
 Capt Vanstone JM, CFB Gagetown
 Capt Voss CR, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Walker HS, CFB Shilo
 Capt Ward NR, CFRC Det Peterborough Ontario
 Capt Wegner MK, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Wellsman WP, CFLS Ottawa
 Capt Welykholowa WD, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Wieland GJ, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Capt Wiley DS, 1 CBG HQ&SIG Sqn CFB Calgary
 Capt Willis JW 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Capt Wilson JGJD, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Winters DR, CTC Gagetown
 Capt Woloski GS, RSS CFB London
 Capt Zaharychuk DJ, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa

Lt Anderson IW, CFB Gagetown
 Lt Araujo LA, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Armstrong MB, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Baker TW, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr

Lt Baldwin PR, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Beauchemin JAM, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Beauchemin JLAM 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Beler SR, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Belway RP, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Brown PE, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Bruneau JEPP, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Clarke RH, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Cooper LE, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Crawford DS, ADM(FIN) NDHQ Ottawa
 Lt Crowell RK, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Desrochers JLGG, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Doyle KP, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Fawcett MK, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Gibeault JJJ, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Girard JP, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Gray RDG, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Gribbon SD, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Hardwick GJ, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Haskell RP, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Hellmeister RD, CTC Gagetown
 Lt Hodgson MD, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Jenness DG, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Jourdeuil JCP, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Kilford CR, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Last DM, CDLS(L) London, UK.
 Lt Lavallee JLCM, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Lemieux JAA, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Leslie AB, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Liddy GF, CFB Petawawa
 Lt Marston AM, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Matheson RH, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt McKean MC, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt McLeod NH, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Pedneault JA, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Pentland DDW, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 Lt Perry MA, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Pinsonneault JJJ, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Poulin BS, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 Lt Proulx JJSB, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Ross CJ, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Roy RJ, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Schopf HT, CTC Gagetown
 Lt Shinnan SJ, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Spencer RL, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 Lt Trask MA, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 Lt Weatherbee AM, 3 RCHA, CFB Shilo

2Lt Audette MG, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 2Lt Beare SA, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 2Lt Benay JGLR, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Billings TJ, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt Blais JGJB, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Brault JNJC, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Cannell SE, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Cowan SD, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Faucher JLB, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Fisher JR, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt Fitzgerald AC, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Gillespie DA, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 2Lt Heenan PJ, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Hollin DW, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 2Lt Justice TC, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 2Lt Keen WM, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 2Lt Lafortune JCYP, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Lazar Z, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 2Lt Lepine JPF, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Levatte TW, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Lott RS, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 2Lt Martin DP, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Masse JAP, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Matthews RC 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt McNair JB, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr

2Lt Mieзитis IA, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Nauss DC, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa
 2Lt O'Connor JRD, 5 RALC BFC Valcartier
 2Lt Perras DDG, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt Pollard KJ, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt Robinson RG, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo

2Lt Shand DW, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt Somers JH, CTC Gagetown
 2Lt Tait WE, 1 RCHA CFB Lahr
 2Lt Tizzard DD, 3 RCHA CFB Shilo
 2Lt Wykurz CA, 2 RCHA CFB Petawawa

ARTILLERY OFFICER CANDIDATES AS OF 31 DEC 83

OCDT Bachynsky JA, RRM
 OCDT Bachynsky RW, RRM
 OCDT Baril JGM, CMR
 OCDT Belovitch DM, RMC
 OCDT Boston SJ, RMC
 OCDT Congdon JG, RRM
 OCDT Gardner GM Acadia U
 OCDT Gashgarian GM, RRM
 OCDT Gravel JPA, CMR
 OCDT Holwin SM, RRM
 OCDT Howard AJ, RMC
 OCDT Krela BCA, CMR
 OCDT Langen DJ, RMC
 OCDT Lansing RE, RMC
 OCDT Little WK, RMC
 OCDT Lussier JSD, CMR

OCDT Mathieu SP, CMR
 OCDT Millet SM, RRM
 OCDT Morgan DJF, RMC
 OCDT Munkittrick CD, Wilfrid Laurier U
 OCDT Pickard BT, RMC
 OCDT Perreault MPJ, RMC
 OCDT Pollack SJ, RMC
 OCDT Record DA, U of Calgary
 OCDT Rheault JGDG, CMR
 OCDT Speake WRH, RMC
 OCDT Sproule RG, U of Alberta
 OCDT St Cyr JPD, CMR
 OCDT Toscano AR, CMR
 OCDT Tousignant JJS, CMR
 OCDT Trembley JGE, CMR
 OCDT Williams PJ, RMC
 OCDT Willis JC, RMC

Former Gunners Still Serving (as of 31 Dec 83)

LCol Coleman RC, SECLIST Ottawa
 LCol Cuppens LWF, 403 Hel OTS Gagetown
 LCol Foster DR, CFB Ottawa
 LCol Porter DG, DCDS Ottawa
 LCol Robb DM, FMC HQ St Hubert
 LCol Smith AHC, RMC

Maj Varey KD, CFSE CENTAG/ATAF Heidelberg
 Maj Wenak KW, St. Marys UNIV Halifax

Maj Beatty DJ, CIS Ottawa
 Maj Ferguson DR, SSF HQ & SIG Sqn Petawawa
 Maj Flemington NK, SURG Gen Ottawa
 Maj Glaus JV, CRAD Ottawa
 Maj Knight DC, CIS Ottawa
 Maj Lewis WDW, Ottawa
 Maj McDonald MJ, 427 Tac Hel Petawawa
 Maj Moldaver ML, CFB Cold Lake
 Maj Ongman JO, CFCSC Toronto
 Maj Pittman MA, CIS Ottawa
 Maj Rooke DJ, 10 Tag HQ St. Hubert
 Maj Van Rooyen OE, Air Com HQ Winnipeg

Capt Dumont JJM, Quebec
 Capt Eamor HR, Baden GE
 Capt Ellery HC, CFRC Calgary
 Capt Gower GF Halifax
 Capt Grant RJG, CFB Moose Jaw
 Capt Haynes SC, Ottawa
 Capt Howell RJ, CIS Ottawa
 Capt Kavanagh JM, Adm Fin Ottawa
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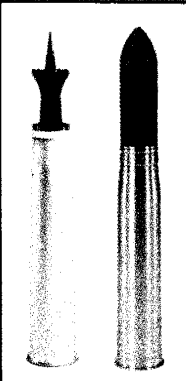
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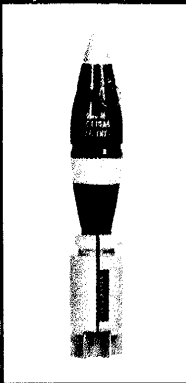
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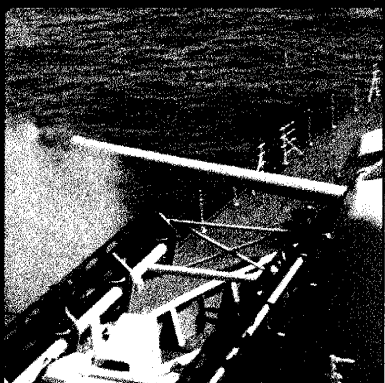


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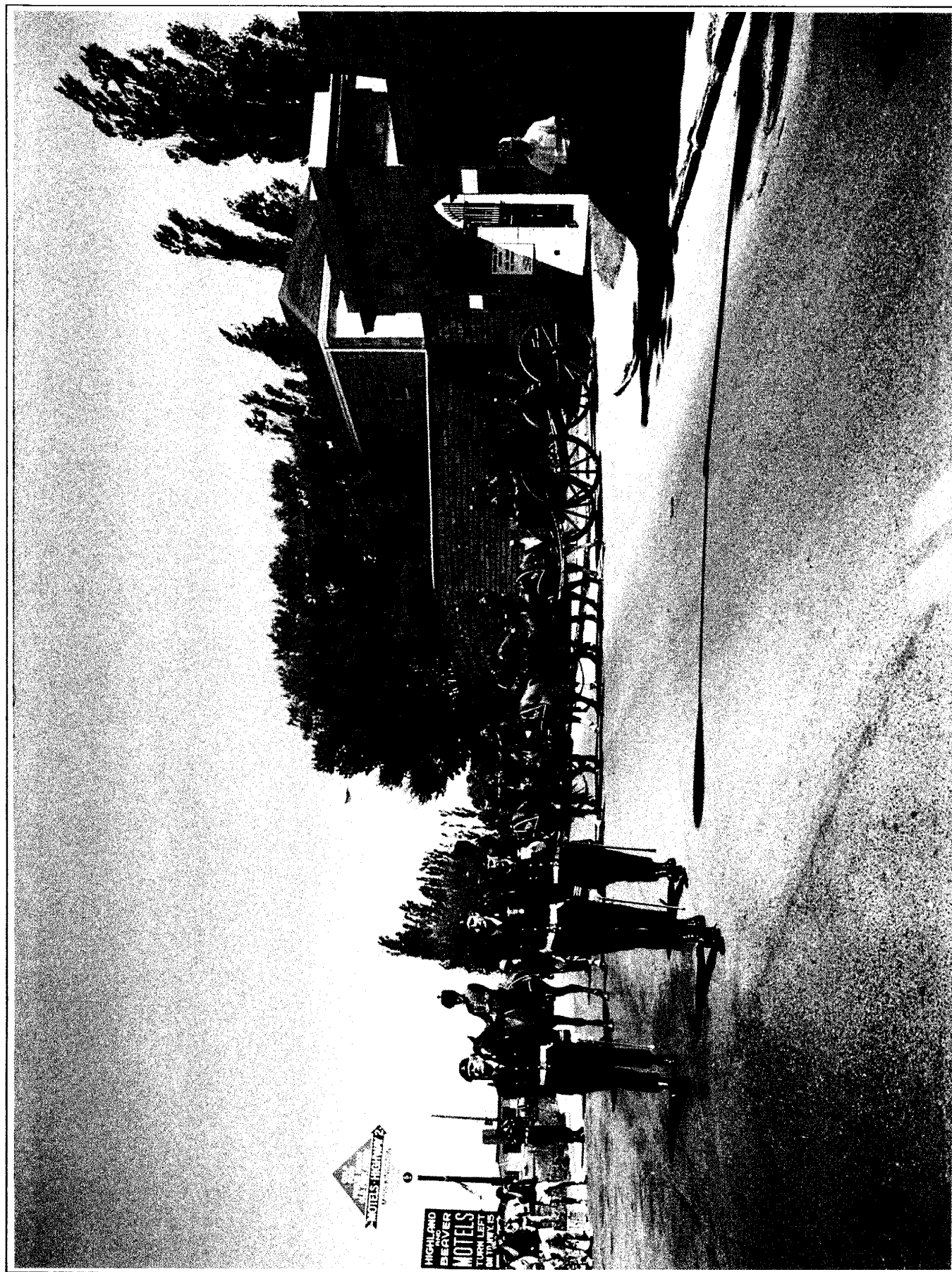
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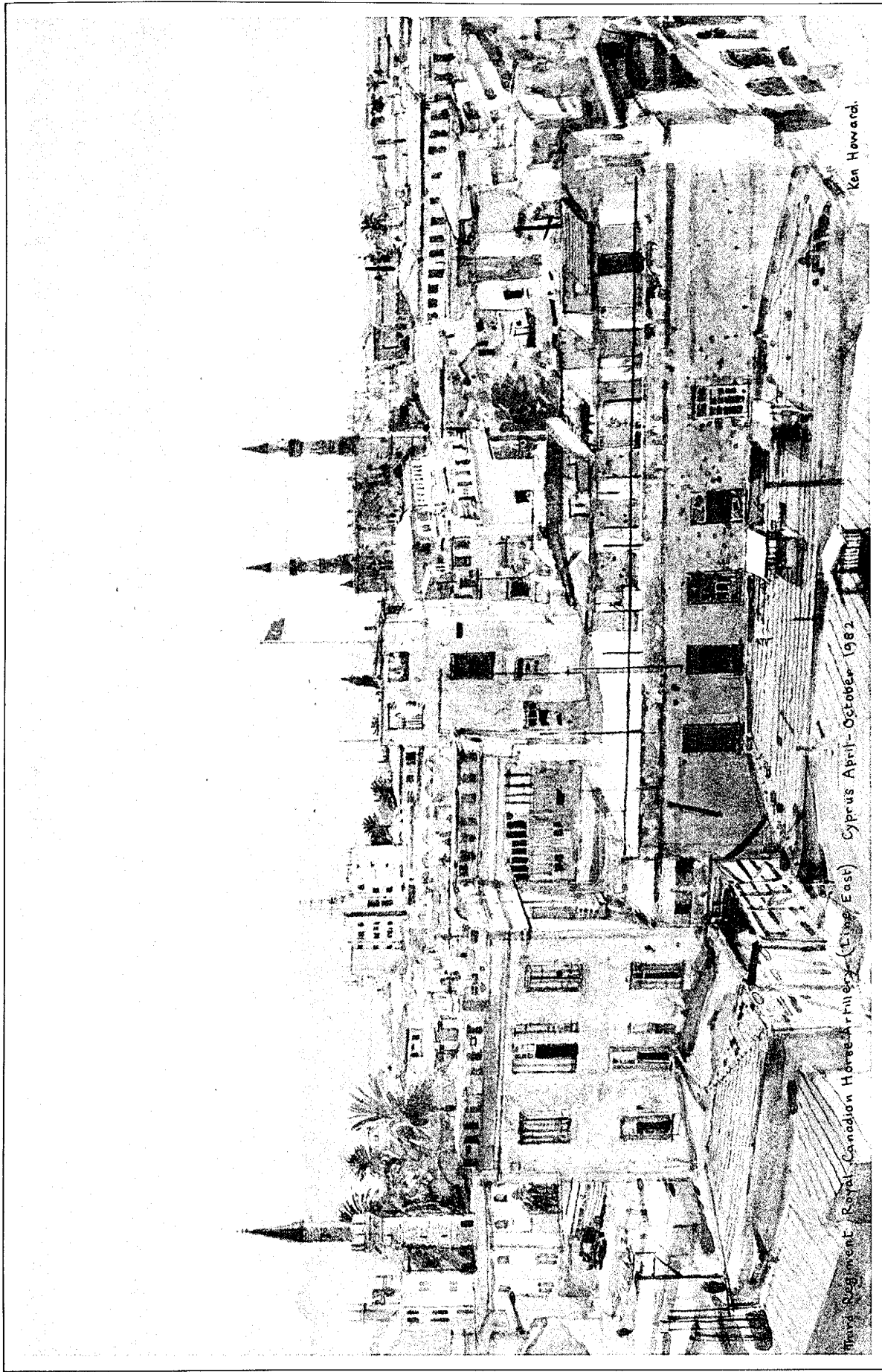
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