

## Canadian Atlantic Nijmegen 2021 Domestic 4x40km Ruck March 20-23 July 2021

The Canadian Atlantic Nijmegen March was undertaken in commemoration of Nijmegen's marching event as well as to tie the significance of the event to the history of the RCA and overall UBIQUE 150 celebrations.



As the world rounded its first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, there came the potential for international participation in Nijmegen, a commemorative series of 40-50 km marches over 4 days taking place in the Netherlands. The 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA began their work up training in early April in anticipation for this grand event.

Despite receiving news that the host nation was forced to cancel the event for the second time due to the ongoing pandemic mid-April, 4<sup>th</sup> Regt (GS) persevered, continuing their work up training while simultaneously planning to execute a domestic version of Nijmegen within New Brunswick. The team completed work-up training milestones such as the 2x20km and two separate 2x40km marches in preparation.

For the final event, which coincided with the event in the Netherlands, the team successfully completed a four-day march at 40km per day, accumulating over 1000km from the beginning of the training and the end of the event.

*Early preparatory stages of work-up training. 4 Regt (GS) proudly carries the Artillery flag to properly represent the RCA while they complete a 20km, crossing the Bill Thorpe Foot Bridge through Fredericton, NB.*

The March took them through southern New Brunswick culminating along the Atlantic coast.





*4 Regt's Atlantic Nijmegen Team gets their first taste of a 40km march. All successfully complete the march and continue on training for the main event.*

*The Atlantic Nijmegen Team along with all support members rally in Musquash, where they began their first leg of the 4x40km journey. Leg 1: St. John to Pocologan*





*The team departs the Clipper Shipp Motel for their second 40km leg towards St. George. A big thank you to the staff and establishment for their support and hospitality!*



*The team arrives in St. George, completing their second 40km march. We appreciate your support St. George. A special thank you to the Granite Town Hotel for their support! Leg 2: Pocologan to St. George*

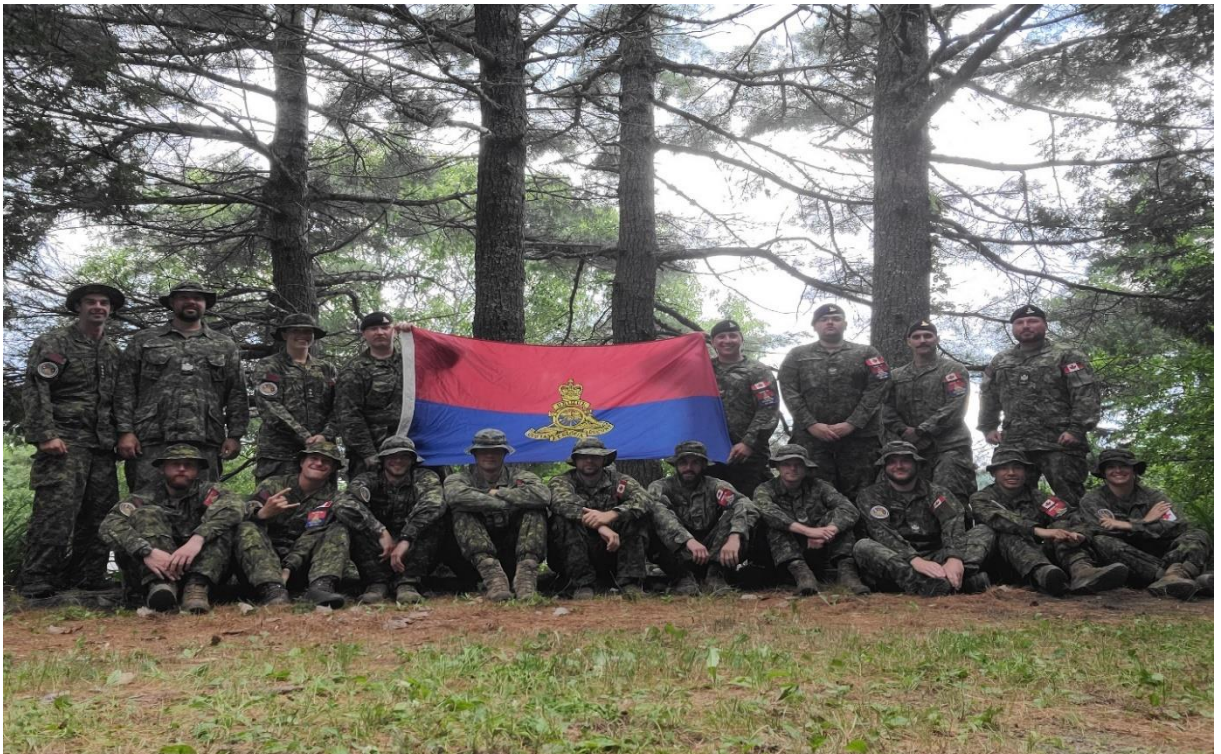




*The team poses in front of 3 Canons adjacent to Centennial Park after completing their third 40 km leg in St. Andrews. Thank you to the St. Andrews' Inn and Suites for their hospitality and the support from the local population. Leg 3: St. George to St. Andrews*



*The Atlantic Nijmegen Team finished the 160km journey just outside of St. Stephen! A lot of hard work was put into this event and all should be proud to complete it. Leg 4: St. Andrews to St. Stephen*



***Congratulations to all! A special thank you to the folks on Whispering Pines Lane who permitted us to conduct closing ceremonies and recovery here. UBIQUE!***