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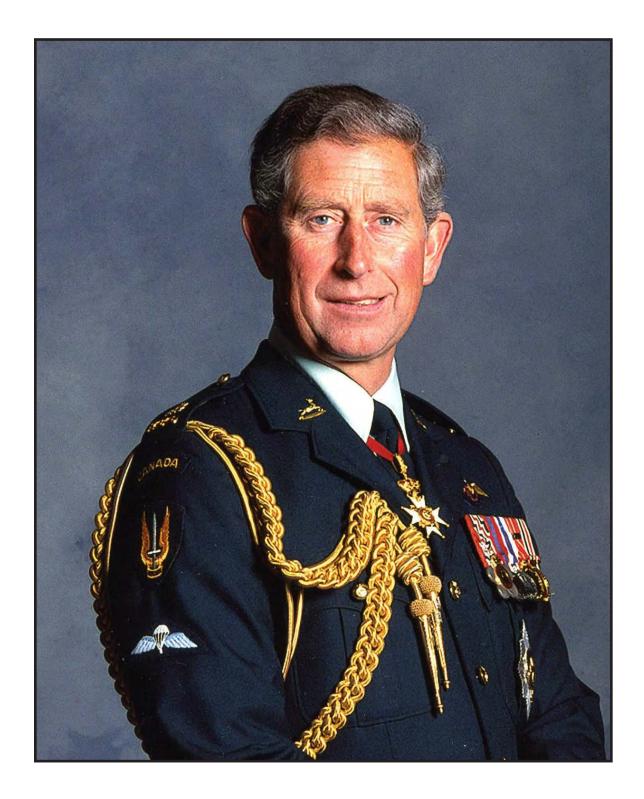
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Colonel in Chief
The Royal Canadian Dragoons



Colonel of The Regiment's Message

Major-General Matthew Macdonald, OMM, MBE, CD

It was a tremendous honour and privilege to be asked to serve as the Colonel of the Regiment into which I was commissioned almost forty years ago. And what a pleasure it was to see, on a beautiful September day last year, a sharp and proud one hundred man guard in scarlet uniforms on the Worthington parade square as Colonel Rousseau relinquished the appointment. I would like to thank Colonel Georges for all his efforts on behalf of the Regiment and wish him well in his new appointment as our Colonel Commandant.

As I looked out on that parade square that day, what I saw, and what was confirmed over the course of this last year through visits to the Regiment both in the field and in Garrison, were troopers, NCOs and officers who continue to meet and exceed the standards of excellence for which this Regiment has been known since 1883.

Your busy past year will be remembered in this edition of the Springbok as will the activities of the RCD Association in the Dragoon. This combined journal serves to demonstrate the breadth and depth of our Regiment and the unique way in which we ensure our messages are distributed to Dragoons, both serving and retired, and to their families across the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage serving members, whether in Petawawa or Gagetown, or elsewhere serving on ERE, to consider joining and supporting our local chapters of the Association. I believe this will serve two purposes; firstly, serving members can provide the chapters with new blood and keep them current, and secondly, the members of the chapters can provide our serving soldiers with valuable information and advice which they have obtained through their years of service to the Regiment and Canada. I believe this can only strengthen both the Regiment and the Association. On behalf of the Regiment, I would like to thank Bann Price for his years of selfless service as President

of the Association and welcome our new President, Denis "Badger" Levesque, who I am sure will continue to advance our agenda.

You are by now well into your year on the road to high readiness as part of Task Force Tomahawk. I urge you all to take advantage of the increased Army resources and enhanced training opportunities associated with this effort to perfect your technical and tactical skills and leadership abilities and to train and mentor each other and your subordinates. Given recent government announcements, it is likely our Army and this Regiment, or parts of it, will find themselves deployed on operations, potentially in hostile circumstances, where your skills and dedication will be critical in ensuring successful accomplishment of the mission. I know that all Dragoons will be ready and able to undertake any mission, anywhere, at any time and execute their tasks in a manner that reflects the professionalism and ethos of our Regiment.

I look forward to visiting with you over the coming months and I wish you and yours all the best.

Major-General Macdonald



Senior Serving Dragoon's Message

Major-General Dean Milner, OMM, MSC, CD

Dear Dragoons,

I would like to open by saying that, as I complete my second year as your Senior Serving Dragoon, I continue to be proud; it is an honour to be part of this outstanding Regiment. This past year demonstrated once again that our Regiment continues to shine and set the example, no matter what the challenge, training event, or tasking we take on.

I have been fortunate to visit the Regiment on numerous occasions over the past two years, and it is rewarding to observe our troops in the field preparing for possible deployments. The Regiment maintained a substantial tempo of training and exercises over the past year which culminated in the successful Ex MAPLE RESOLVE in Wainwright, Alberta throughout May and June 2016. It was obvious that the Regiment arrived exceptionally well prepared, and, under the leadership of LCol Steve Graham and RSM Jim Hebert, the Regiment proved to be an excellent and very challenging OPFOR for 1 CMBG who were confirmed to commence their high readiness year. It was a tremendous experience for the Regiment and provided them with a taste of what they will face during their own road to high readiness this coming year.

I continue to be impressed with the leadership of our Officers. Additionally, I am particularly impressed with our NCOs who, regardless of the tempo, remain the backbone of the Regiment. RSM Mercer, who is now the Brigade Sergeant Major, and RSM Hebert, along with Sergeants Major Leaman, Robertson, Green, Barrett, Laroche, and Cleveland, endlessly set the example. These NCOs provide first-rate advice and support to our Officers and unfailingly take care of our fine Troopers.

The Regiment continues to connect with Canadians and Friends of the Regiment, and we are fortunate to have such a strong and deep Regimental family. Our Colonel of the Regiment, MGen (ret'd) Matt Macdonald, supported by

a cast of retired Dragoons, persistently provide inspiration and mentorship for our young leaders. I would also like to recognize and thank our Colonel Commandant, Georges Rousseau, who tirelessly supports the Corps and still manages to share his valuable time with his Dragoons.

Congratulations to our excellent Dragoon command teams. Well done to newly promoted Col Steve Graham (now Army G3) and CWO Shawn Mercer (now Brigade Sergeant Major) who both recently handed over. Felicitations and welcome to LCol Fraser Auld and RSM Jim Hebert. They are both outstanding leaders and are a well matched team to lead the Regiment through another demanding and challenging year of preparations for future operations.

Always an honour and a privilege to serve with our fine Regiment.

Major-General Dean Milner



Outgoing Commanding Officer's Message

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Graham, MSM, CD

As I prepare to hand over command of the Regiment I look $back with {\it pride}\, at the {\it recent}\, accomplishments of our Troopers,$ NCOs, and Officers. Life in Petawawa and Gagetown never slows down and one of the great things about serving in the Royal Canadian Dragoons is that there is always so much going on. Certainly the highlights for me this year include watching an RCD crew, commanded by then MCpl Geoff Hollis, win the trophy for the top 25mm team in the Canadian Army at the 2015 Worthington Challenge; deploying four competitive teams to New Mexico to compete in the annual Bataan Death March; and of course being part of a 900 strong RCD Battle Group going up against 1 CMBG as the OPFOR on Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 2016. These events, and many more, challenged all of us and helped lay the foundation for the Road to High Readiness which the Regiment will embark on in the coming months.

Much of the focus for the Regiment over the past two years has been transitioning from a Reconnaissance Regiment to a Cavalry Regiment. In the Army concept of finding – fixing – and striking the enemy, what this change means is focusing as much on the fixing and striking as we did on the finding. I found this has led to increased aggressiveness and enthusiasm amongst the Petawawa based Squadrons, and I truly believe it will make us more versatile to the Army as we look to future deployments. Of course C Squadron never needed to learn to be aggressive, and I was very happy to see under the RSM's direction more crewmen moving back and forth between the Cav Squadrons and the Tank Squadron, helping to ensure a well-rounded and capable Regiment in the future.

I would like to formally recognize the support that I received from some key members of the Regiment. I benefited greatly from the guidance of two Colonels of the Regiment – Colonel George Rousseau and Major-General Matthew Macdonald. I was fortunate to have a very dedicated and driven Patron of the Regiment, Mr David Batten, who helped focus the

Guild and our outreach activities. And most importantly, I was blessed by being able to work side-by-side with two outstanding Chief Warrant Officers – RSM Shawn Mercer and RSM Jim Hebert. Both of these men are the ultimate example of what every crewman should strive to emulate. I personally benefited from the thoughts and experience of all five of these great Dragoons and as I leave the Regiment for the last time I know I will miss their council and friendship.

Our Regiment is strong. Some of that strength comes from our small size, which allows Officers and Senior NCOs to know each other in a way not possible in other organisations. Some of our strength comes from our history and our heritage, as we follow and build on 133 years of tradition. But most of it comes from our culture – a culture of trust and mutual respect between all ranks and all trades, and an understanding that we will only succeed if everyone works together towards our objectives. I have worked in many places and I know that culture does not exist everywhere else – and that is why the Royal Canadian Dragoons will always be such an incredible organisation to be part of.

I am extremely proud of this Regiment and what we accomplished this year. I remain forever impressed with the professionalism and dedication of our Troopers, NCOs, and Officers, who continue to carry on the traditions of those who came before us and in a manner fitting those who are part of this country's senior Armour Regiment. I wish the 56th Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Auld the best of success during his time in command. And to Dragoons everywhere - wear the Springbok with pride.

Bold and Swift

Lieutenant-Colonel Steven Graham



Incoming Commanding Officer's Message

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Auld, CD

I am incredibly honoured and humbled to be named the 56th Commanding Officer of Canada's Senior Serving Armoured Regiment. Our Regiment has a proud history of service to Canada dating back to December 21st, 1883, and I look forward to working alongside our officers and non-commissioned members everyday to uphold the tradition of excellence established by the Regiment.

I must thank the outgoing Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Graham and his Regimental Sergeants Major, Chief Warrant Officers Shawn Mercer and Jim Hebert, for their outstanding work. It is clear that under their tutelage Dragoons have been trained, mentored, and challenged to excel, and the Regiment has been sharpened into a finally honed instrument of battle. This was clearly evident in the thrashing the Royal Canadian Dragoon Battle Group delivered to the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group at Exercise Maple Resolve 2016. As they leave the Regiment, I wish both the newly promoted Colonel Graham and the newly appointed Brigade Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Mercer, the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Looking ahead, the upcoming year should prove exciting for the Regiment. First, as part of 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, The Royal Canadian Dragoons will embark on the Road to High Readiness. This will entail a variety of challenging field exercises up to brigade level, and a significant increase in training tempo and time in the field. Next, concurrent to our training, the Regiment will prepare to receive a new vehicle, the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (TAPV). The TAPV is due to be delivered to the Regiment in the fall of 2017 and will become the primary platform for Armoured Reconnaissance Squadrons at the Regiment and throughout the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. The TAPV will require the Regiments of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps to conceive, design, and build new Regimental and Squadron structures, and develop new training, tactics, techniques, and

procedures to make maximum use of the TAPV's capabilities. This will be a great period of development for us and will help push our thinking forward. Finally, C Squadron, the Regiment's Leopard 2 tank squadron based in Gagetown, will achieve Squadron level operational readiness in 2017 as part of our Road to High Readiness training. This will be a great milestone and an important step for our Regiment's tank capability. In addition, as part of their training, C Squadron will spend several months working alongside the infantry battalions of the brigade, building the tank-infantry cooperation skills that are critical to a professional Army. All in all, it will be a great year of training.

As I close, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge my good fortune in having Chief Warrant Officer Jim Hebert as my Regimental Sergeant Major. A caring, experienced, disciplined, and courageous non-commissioned leader who defines service before self; I look forward to facing our Regiment's future opportunities and challenges with him shoulder-to-shoulder.

Best of luck to all members of our Dragoon Family!

Bold and Swift!

Lieutenant-Colonel F.G. Auld



Outgoing Regimental Sergeant Major's Message

Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Mercer, MMM, MSM, CD

Dragoons,

I would like to thank both Col Graham and Col Atherton for a fantastic three years as their Regimental Sergeant Major. Their passion and unwavering commitment to our Regiment and its soldiers was truly remarkable.

For all the soldiers of the Regiment: As you move forward in your career and life, I would like you to take time for personal and professional development. Life as a soldier requires development in four disciplines: the physical; the emotional; the intellectual; and the spiritual. In order to fully develop, you need to go beyond just hearing, thinking and seeing. True development requires you to listen, discern and observe; and most importantly, to put those theories into action. For without action, you will never grow. Over the years I have come across some quotes that I have written down. I am not sure who said them first; however, they all had impact on me in some manner, shape, or form:

- 1. "Unless you try and do something beyond what you have already mastered you will never grow;
- 2. "No horse gets anywhere until it is harnessed. No life ever grows great until it is focussed, dedicated and disciplined";
- 3. "Great passions can elevate you to do great things";
- 4. "Triumph is just "umph" added to try";
- 5. "Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it";
- 6. "Laziness is often mistaken for patience";
- 7. "What we do on some great occasion will depend on what we already are; and what we are will be the result of previous years of training and self-discipline";

- 8. "Character is what you are in the dark";
- 9. "No matter what a person's past may have been, their future is spotless";
- 10. "If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything"; and
- 11. "Treat others like you would like to be treated".

This Regiment has a strong history, and we are all part of the fabric that is woven in its tapestry. I will ask you to all consider being part of either the RCD Guild or the Association. These organizations contribute to our "complete regimental family". I encourage you to be part of it today, and help shape our future for tomorrow. It is time for you to take up the torch.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your RSM.

God Bless and Sleep Warm.

Chief Warrant Officer S.A. Mercer



Incoming Regimental Sergeant Major's Message

Chief Warrant Officer Jim Hebert, MMM, CD

Dragoons,

As the newly appointed RSM of this fine Regiment, I want to take this opportunity to thank Col Graham for his leadership upon my arrival and of course over the last two years. It has been a real pleasure working alongside my former tank Crew Commander as part of our Regimental Command Team.

2015 has been an extremely busy year for the regiment but the Regiment has, like always, demonstrated that professionalism and passion of soldiering and being a Dragoon. To all the members of the Regiment, whether serving in Petawawa or C Sqn Gagetown, our ERE and members at the RCACS, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for the dedication, support and professionalism that you show at each and every event a Springbok is present.

My tenure began with Ex RUCKING BEAR, a 2 CMBG 20 km rucksack march on 15 April that saw a great turnout from the Regiment. It was then, my first day, that I realized how tough and determined you as the soldiers of this Regiment really are. From there we went to Wainwright, Alberta and participated and led the Opposing Force Battle Group during Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 2016. This six-week deployment pitted a 900 strong RCD Battle Group against the Edmonton-based 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (CMBG). The exercise was a great success and the RCD Battle Group performed magnificently, testing 1 CMBG to its limits and preparing them for high readiness. This was really the beginning of our long year that waits ahead on the Road to High Readiness, and let me tell you that we are ready!

To all, continue to focus on our mission, to become better every day. Be focused and disciplined, continue to soldier, adhering to our essential values and focusing on "What is a Dragoon"! Service before self, discipline, integrity, courage, excellence and one I feel is very important, loyalty – support

your leaders, subordinates and fellow Dragoons, always showing mutual respect. These are the pillars to our success and with the health and welfare of our Regiment, taking care of families and being resilient as our priorities, we will be become better every day.

To our RCD Association, I want to wish you all the best, it has been wonderful to meet with you at the Association events. Dragoons, I ask you to take an interest in joining the Association to allow it to build its membership and support our Old Guard. Please support the Guild and become involved as this organization supports not only the Regiment but our regimental family.

In closing, words can't express how proud I am to be the RSM of the most senior and handsome Armoured Regiment in the Canadian Army. As I await the arrival of LCoI Fraser Auld, I know the CO and I will be poised and ready to push forward to make sure our Regiment is ready, fit, and motivated to take on any task thrown our way by the Canadian Army and Government of Canada. "We are Dragoons and We are Warriors"

Chief Warrant Officer J.M Hebert



Regimental Patron's Message

Mr. David Batten

As I take this opportunity to fill a page of the next Springbok I take a step back and reflect that this year my mission as the Patron was to help contribute and continue to push the bar forward for the superb men and women of this fine Regiment.

In August of 2015 I was asked to help reshape the Board of Directors of the Canadian Forces College Foundation. The Canadian Forces College (CFC) is the Senior Leadership School of the Canadian Forces (CF). The CFC academically develops the senior leadership of the CF. As a Dragoon I could not walk past this post. I must say this task was far more involved than expected and I thank my professional colleagues and family for affording me the time to fulfill both duties. Ten and a half months into this role as a new director with the help of fabulous colleagues, the CFC Foundation Board is on a solid footing. We are now able to provide opportunities which will prove extremely rewarding in the long term.

The Dragoon's Guild is not just about fundraising for the soldiers and the extended regimental family; it's about looking forward to places not yet ventured. This mantra of guild governance is a solid force that I believe will always move forward. I am proud to be a small part of this regimental experience and wonderful success.

The Guild's continuing challenge over the next few years will be to embrace an ever changing environment and it needs to continue to craft a way forward which creates opportunities to collectively determine the best way to help support the entire Regiment and the extended families.

Being a part of a tight knit family is not just simply an honor, it's also a commitment to a way of life that exercises extremely strong regimental values and when applied professionally turns life into an extremely positive, supportive experience.

David Batten

The Guild.



Cpl Jordan Smith recieves an award of One thousand dollars during the 2015 Leliefontein Parade

The Guild of The Royal Canadian Dragoons is a private, non-profit corporation with charitable status established by letters patent under the Canada Corporations Act in 1980 with the expressed primary objective "to protect, preserve and further the traditions and heritage of The Royal Canadian Dragoons."

The Vision of The Guild is:

One strongly united Regimental family of former and serving Dragoons, encompassing the Unit, the Association Chapters, all past and present members, families and friends, dedicated to promoting family, Quality of Life, and upholding a proud tradition of outstanding service to the country by honouring our heritage as Canada's Senior Armoured Regiment.

The Guild is funded entirely by donations (Registration Number 119236347RR0001). Donors range from corporations interested in supporting The Guild to voluntary donations by serving Dragoons. The Guild operates four strategic thrust lines: Unity; History and Heritage; Quality of Life; and Operations. Key projects include the annual Leliefontein Bursary for post secondary education, the acquisition and upkeep of our distinctive Scarlet ceremonial uniforms, the production of the Springbok magazine and the operation of the website.



Individuals interested in donating to The Guild can visit our website (www.dragoons.ca) or contact The Regimental Second in Command at (613) 697-5511 extension 5649. As a registered Canadian charity, The Guild issues tax receipts for donations.

Ways to Give

- 1. **Unrestricted Giving:** Annual unrestricted giving allows the Guild to access direct donations to the most immediate and important programs. Donations can be mailed to the Treasurer.
- 2. **Restricted Giving:** Our restricted funds allow donors to donate directly to projects that have been approved by The Guild. Such projects include Unity events, History and Heritage, or Quality of Life initiatives. Further information on such projects can be addressed to the Guild Treasurer at 613-687-5511 ext 5625.
- 3. **Bequests:** Giving by way of a bequest allow donors to have full use of their money throughout their lifetime, but can dedicate a portion of it in support of a cause they strongly believe in after they are gone.
- 4. **Trusts:** Some people wish to benefit a charity through their will, but feel they must provide for others first. A charitable remainder trust can help achieve both of these objectives.
- 5. **Gift Matching:** Many companies encourage their employees to give to charities through Matching Gift Programs. Some programs include matching donations made by current or retired employees, while others extend their programs to include matching the donations made by spouses, or widow(er)s. Please contact your employer for further details.



Members of the Regiment work on the restored Ferret



The Staghound recieves some loving attention

In 2015 and 2016, the Guild had a successful year. We continued to manage our benchmarks as they relate to our strategic thrusts. We continued to raise our profile within the community, and we have expanded our friendship base. The Guild wishes to thank all of our supporters and we are looking forward to another successful year that will see us in a position to assist our members where there are gaps in public funding.























RHQ

RHQ is the melting pot of the Regiment. It is made up of various troops with different capabilities and duties. There are signallers, clerks, intelligence, and of course armoured crewman, who make up the Squadron. Each group performs very different jobs to ensure the successful operation of the Regiment.

The Signals Troop, under Captain Reid Meyers and WO Colin Brophy, were kept busy as per usual. They worked arduously throughout the year to ensure the Regiment had communications to complete all training successfully. In the fall, Capt Meyers and Cpl Jones competed in an international High Frequency competition and finished in 4th place, demonstrating the knowledge and skills of our signallers. The Sigs were also the first in the Brigade to learn and employ the Army's new Enhanced Local Area Network (ELAN) communications system. A small detachment of signallers, MCpl Matthew Lalonde, Cpl Rabi Riaz, and Cpl P.J.Wakefield, provided communications support to the Canadian Special Operations Training Center. Finally, Sigs Troop wrapped up the year by running the OPFOR Battle Group Command Post on Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE, ensuring the Regiment had communications throughout the exercise.

Throughout the year the Regiment hosted multiple parades including the Change of Colonel of the Regiment, Change of Appointment of the Regimental Sergeant Major, and the Change of Command. These parades would not have run smoothly without the Regimental Orderly Staff under MCpl Jay Hillier. They ensured all infrastructure was in place and that all the proceedings went off without a hitch.

The Regimental Heritage Centre continued to digitize the Regimental Historical Collection. The intent of this database is for it to be accessible for all Dragoons

and Canadians as a whole, to enjoy our rich Regimental History.

Raven Troop was stood up within the Regiment for the first time; equipped with a Raven B Mini Unmanned Aerial Vehicle System (MUAS). Capt Tyler Runnings and Sgt Sean Murphy worked hard to incorporate MUAS technology into the

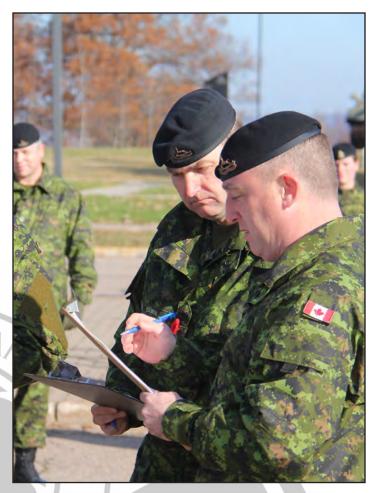


Regiment's capabilities and develop an operating guideline for its employment. Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE allowed Raven Troop to fully test out its capabilities in the field. With 3 Detachments, each attached to a different sub-unit. The Ravens were primarily used for reconnaissance; however the troops took full advantage of being part of the enemy force and used the MUAS to call for indirect fire to engage the enemy along its frontage and throughout its depth, especially targets that would have traditionally been out of reach.

With the standing up of MUAS troop, RHQ saw new changes to our cavalry capabilities, and will continue to evolve its Regimental operations. Overall, it was another successful year for the Dragoons of RHQ, who are now looking forward to the Road to High Readiness.











A SQUADRON

It was another fast-paced training year for A Sqn. The Sqn received a new command team, participated in various exercises, completed many challenging training competitions, and represented the Regiment on numerous taskings. The soldiers met all of these challenges with the pride and professionalism that the Regiment has come to rely on from A Sqn.

The year began with a shakeup of the Sqn leadership. Maj John Maerz took command in July, and he was soon joined by MWO Murray Robertson at the position of SSM. Warrant Officer Trevor d'Entremont moved from Troop WO to Ops WO, and WO Matt Taylor migrated from B Sqn to become the SQ. Capt Dan Carruthers assumed the position of BC, and Capt Joey Ring was appointed 2IC. 2Lts Andrew Scott and Jay Waters were welcomed to the Sqn as 13 Tp Ldr and Sqn AO. WO Travis Snyder, WO Colin Oakley and WO Ray Woodcroft moved into Tp WO positions for 11, 12 and 13 troop respectively.

The first major exercise A Sqn completed was Ex STALWART GUARDIAN. The exercise is an annual training event that invites Reserve force units from 4 Canadian Division to train under the guidance and mentorship of the Regular Force. The exercise occurred over a two week period in August. A Sqn spent the first week

of the exercise conducting refresher training with the Reserve armoured units. The soldiers reviewed how to properly set up OPs, and how to conduct reconnaissance and tactical security tasks such as route recces, vehicle check points, and roadblocks. During the second week, A Sqn served as OPFOR for a force-on-force training event against the PTA they had just finished mentoring. This event allowed the PTA to use the skills they had practiced. A Sqn greatly enjoyed this opportunity.

Upon completion of Ex STALWART GUARDIAN, A Sqn shifted focus to Ex COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT. A Sqn was not only responsible for the overall organization of the event, but was also in

charge of providing a live fire-power demonstration to various VIPs, including many prominent nent Canadian business leaders, in order to demonstrate some of the Regiment's fighting capability.



The VIPs were given the opportunity to inspect various military vehicles, interact with soldiers, and observe the firepower demonstration. The event was a great success!

The fall was not only busy with exercises, but with various competitions. The annual Petawawa Ironman ran on 22 and 23 September. The Ironman is a tough 50 km endurance challenge that starts with a 32 km ruck march and is followed by a four km portage, an 8 km paddle and a 6km ruck to the finish. The following personnel from the Sqn completed the competition: Cpl Jordan Bickford, Cpl Dave Hughes, Cpl Martin Pope, Cpl Andrew Maurice, Sgt Jay McDonald, Lt Jay Waters, 2Lt Marc Charette and Capt Dan Carruthers. Lt Waters, Lt Scott and 2Lt Charette also completed the 2CMBG OSONS CHALLENGE on 10 and 11 September. The gruelling 36 hour competition tested a variety of military skills, and the endurance of the young officers. All A Sqn officers successfully completed the challenge.

October and November signalled the coming of two more exercises. A Sqn participated in Ex WALKING DRAGOON in Meaford followed by Ex CHARGING DRAGOON in the rural manoevre area outside of Petawawa. Ex WALKING DRAGOON provided the Sqn an opportunity to conduct live fire training from their 25mm platforms to include static shooting, battle runs, and a dynamic range where the Sqn integrated live firing into a trace. This was an excellent opportunity for the Sqn to practice shooting and moving in the context of a mission. A Sqn was also employed as OPFOR to the RCD Battle Group during Ex CHARGING DRAGOON. The Sqn successfully harassed the RCD Battle Group, and exposed their weaknesses in order to prepare them for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE.

After the Christmas holiday, the Sqn ran a LAV III Driver Course and an AGLS course. The courses successfully qualified various members of the Regiment on these platforms. MCpl Brad Padvaiskas successfully completed his tank gunnery course in Gagetown, and Sgt Chris Harrison was the lone representative of A Sqn to complete the Arctic Advisor Course based in Yellowknife.

In February the Sqn went with the rest of the Regiment to Mont St-Marie to conduct Winter Warfare Training. The Sqn was fortunate, and was able to spend some time doing downhill skiing, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing in addition to standard winter warfare activities. A Sqn greatly enjoyed the exercise!

Over March Break, A Sqn sent ten men to compete in a 25mm shooting competition in Valcartier, Quebec, hosted by 12iemeRBC. WO Travis Snyder, Sgt Rob Dynerowicz, Cpl Jordan Bickford, Cpl Jeff Frame, Tpr Trevor Collens, Tpr Henry Ledingham, Tpr Christian MellaSastre, and Tpr Josh Murphy participated. WO Snyder's patrol placed third overall, and Sgt Dynerowicz's crew was assessed as the second best crew. A Sqn did quite well despite having hastily made crews and competing in rival territory!

The month of April was spent preparing for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE in Wainwright, Alberta, but the Sqn still completed many other training events and taskings. All fit members of the Sqn successfully completed the annual Brigade ruck march; no one fell behind. A contingent of A Sqn soldiers also spent ten days as OPFOR to a DHTC training event in Indiana. In May the bulk of A Sqn was tasked out to augment the rest of the Regiment for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE.

Next year is going to be an exciting and busy year for A Sqn. 2 CMBG is transitioning into high readiness, and A Sqn has been tasked to serve as the Brigade Reconnaissance Sqn. A Sqn will receive an influx of soldiers and vehicles from the Regiment in order to satisfy the requirements of this billet. A Sqn is very excited for this task, and will execute their duty with the pride and professionalism the Regiment has come to expect from them.







B SQUADRON

This year, B Squadron shifted roles and adopted new TTPs as we transitioned to a Cavalry (Cav) Squadron. While we did not completely neglect our reconnaissance skills, we used them in forming a foundation towards increasing our skill set. The countless exercises throughout the year prepared us in this new role, culminating during Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 16 in Wainwright, Alberta where we were able to test our abilities within a dynamic battlespace. This transition proved once again, that the flexibility of an Armour soldier is second to none.

During the fall 2015, a series of exercises tested different aspects of the squadron's skills. During Exercise WALKING DRAGOON in late October, the squadron conducted a 500km road move to 4 CDTC Meaford. Once in Meaford, 25mm live fire ranges were conducted with both static and dynamic shooting. The squadron then conducted maneuvers in the training area to establish standard operating procedures at the troop and squadron level. Building on the skills from Exercise WALKING DRAGOON, Exercise CHARGING DRAGOON in November focused on squadron level tasks to include combined arms operations. Taking place in the rural maneuver area from Letterkenny to Petawawa, the soldiers of B Squadron fought their way north to Garrison Petawawa. Once located in

Petawawa, they conducted hasty attacks on enemy positions in the training area. It would be the start of a great year for B Squadron and concluded just in time for the Christmas season.

After the Christmas leave, the squadron returned to work running several courses to increase the overall knowledge and skill of the Regiment. Sergeant Dolmovic, Master Corporal Delov, and Master Corporal Rafuse taught a Surveillance Operator Course to new members of the Regiment. They learned the

components and assembly of the surveillance gear as well as how to track targets and reporting procedures. Taking advantage of the snow, Warrant Officer White along with Sergeant's Kniahts and Master Corporal Curich taught a Light Over Snow Vehicle course. Students bundled themselves up and braved the cold as staff taught them to travel across difficult terrain safely and tactically. 1 Troop, led by



Captain Aqiqi, ran the Regiment through dry and live fire section attacks. In conjunction with the live fire section attacks, 3 Troop, under the direction of Lt McHattie, organized running the squadron through Jungle Lanes, which wascomprised of a dynamic live fire course that tested soldiers' skills with the C8, pistol, and shotgun.

This year's Exercise FROZEN DRAGOON took a bit of a different turn from previous years. We were fortunate to have it take place at Mont Ste Marie Ski Hill and Resort, where the squadron took advantage of the features it offered. During the seven day exercise, B Squadron conducted a number of activities, utilizing every mode of self-propelled travel in snowy terrain. The squadron began by strapping on our snowshoes and taking advantage of the many hiking trails surrounding the resort, stopping occasionally to demonstrate and practice winter survival techniques. The following day of training consisted of downhill skiing, courtesy of ski instructors staffed at Mount Ste Marie. Many of the first time skiers within the squadron received instruction from other soldiers of the Regiment who were qualified as ski instructors by Mont Ste Marie staff. During the third day, personnel took part in cross country skiing through the trails around the mountain to different stands where we learned how to create improvised shelters, antennas, and how to self-extract after falling through the ice. After the initial three days of training, B Squadron strapped on their snowshoes, rucks, and toboggans and marched up to the top of mountain where, for the following three days, conducted tactical training to include patrolling, establishing hides, and creating improvised shelters. There were many crashes, spills, and lessons learned throughout, but it will be an exercise many soldiers will not soon forget.

After winter warfare, the squadron quickly transitioned towards preparing for Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 16, where The RCD Battle Group (BG) would provide 1 CMBG with a strong, competent, and formidable enemy force. While the focus may have been on testing the skills of 1 CMBG, it proved to have equally as much training value for the Regiment. B Squadron demonstrated tremendous flexibility by modifying tactics in unconventional ways in order to achieve success against a larger enemy. In a final push to disrupt 1 CMBG's move west, B Squadron was tasked to conduct a hasty attack on the enemy's defensive position. In order to ensure maximum firepower forward, every 25mm platform in the squadron was needed to participate in the attack. To achieve this, a fourth troop was created comprised of the LO, SSM, and Admin Sgt call signs with another on loan from 1 Troop. Moving in during the dead of night, using blackout drive, the attack caught 1 CMBG off guard as B Squadron managed to sweep through their entire defensive position. The attack ensured the remainder of The RCD



BG had time to establish defensive positions to the west. Though the exercise was long and challenging, the soldiers of B Squadron fought hard, never gave up, and earned a well-deserved summer vacation shortly after its return to Petawawa.

It is important to recognize some of the outstanding achievements the members of B Squadron accomplished during the past year. First, B Squadron sent a team led by Sgt Hollis and crewed by Cpl Jerome, Cpl Guest, and Cpl Steel to represent the Regiment at Worthington Challenge. This multinational competition takes place annually at 5 CDSB Gagetown. It is designed to challenge a vehicle crew's skill, knowledge, and physical fitness over the course of four stands. B Squadron was proud to welcome them back after taking first place in the 25mm Gunnery category. Sgt Rice participated in the True Patriot Love Antarctic Expedition, climbing the Vinson Massifs this past winter. He did this to help raise awareness for the difficulties veterans face transitioning out of the military and with mental health. B Squadron thanks him for his efforts and congratulates him on his success. B Squadron's involvement in the Bataan Memorial Death March was also a great success. This annual event takes place in White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico and tests teams' physical fitness, endurance and mental fortitude. Once again led by Sgt Hollis, the team included Cpl Garner, Cpl Guzman, Cpl Thomas and Tpr Sukonthapanich. They marched 42 km with a minimum of 35 lbs rucksack across the desert and finished in the top ten teams.

Finally, B Squadron saw a change in leadership during the past year. MWO Jeramie Leamon moved on to become the DSM in July 2015 and handed over to MWO John Barrett as SSM. As Well, Maj Joe Andrechek handed over to Maj Chris Hillier as Officer Commanding B Squadron. The soldiers and officers of B Squadron thank both Maj Andrechek and MWO Leamon for their sound leadership and wish them all the best. B Squadron welcomes MWO John Barrett whose keen eye for detail and steadfast resolve will ensure the soldiers of B Squadron are fit to fight in the coming year. At the helm, Maj Chris Hillier's leadership will guide the squadron down the road to high readiness to prepare us for potential missions in the coming years.









"One Man's Opinion of His Springbok"

a poem by Ernie Babcock.

You have been worn by so many, And-yet by just a few, You have served in every country, In peace and wartime too.

You've passed your basic training, You've heard the rooster crow. You've been through that "chicken stuff", Brought on by years ago.

Of leaders you've had many, And just to name a few, I believe a "Gent" named "Worthington", Comes firstly into view.

There was a "Rene" and a "Radley",
There was a "Ned" and a "Patrick" too,
Other names are not forgotten,
"Tom" and "Gordon" are but a few.

There was a "Charlie" and a "Paddy", A "Taffy" and an "Ash", Another we called "Blackie" Still another we called "Flash".

There was a "Banjo" and a "Bullneck", And one we called "Rawhide" too, And one we called "Busher", Still another called "J.Q.".

> Some will remember "Colby" His side kick "Roy" as well, So many to be remembered, Whose names I cannot spell.

Oh there are so many others, Too numerous I must say, But I'm sure they're all remembered, Most each and every day.





C SQUADRON

C Squadron was fortunate to participate in a wide variety of tasks, events and Regimental activities over the past year. Coming off of a year of high readiness and into a brief period of reconstitution afforded C Squadron with time to get back to basic soldiering skills and enabled the Squadron to showcase their skill sets as part of a combined arms element. Commanded by Maj Paul Marois and MWO Stéphane Larouche, C Squadron consists of four tank troops, a maintenance troop, an administrative troop and a Squadron HQ.

In early fall, C Squadron was given the opportunity to showcase their capabilities to a group of civilian VIPs in support of the EXECUTREK trip. 5 CDSB Gagetown hosted a group of 42 personnel who travelled from across Canada to get a glimpse into the demands of military life. The group was exposed to maintenance tasks, weapons demonstrations, an interactive tour of the Leopard II MBT, and were given the opportunity to drive the Leopard II around the local driving circuit. The EXECUTREK trip was a great success in which C Squadron was proud to be part of.

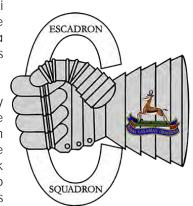
Immediately following the EXECUTREK visit, C Squadron rolled into a Squadron gun camp and marry up drills with 2 RCR. This provided an excellent opportunity to get out into the training area and begin working

as a combined arms element in preparation for the upcoming Combat Team Commanders Course. The three week period began with

one week of marry up drills in which tank troops were given the opportunity to conduct drills and dry hasty attacks in support of an infantry platoon. This provided C Squadron a unique opportunity to take an in-depth look into the direct fire capabilities that a single tank troop can provide. With marry up drills behind them C Squadron moved into a week of gun camp in which all of the troops were qualified up to level 3. During the gun camp, C Squadron was paid a visit by Colonel of The Regiment, Col Georges Rousseau, and Commander

2 CMBG, Col Mialkowski who gladly partook in the range, even firing off a few rounds in the gunners hole.

With all troops successfully completing level three training, C Squadron rejoined 2 RCR for the level 3.5 range. Tank troops were tasked to support Infantry platoons





by providing direct fire or intimate support as they moved and secured an enemy compound. This dynamic live fire range provided C Squadron a unique opportunity to conduct combined arms training.

After a brief respite and some much need maintenance, C Squadron made the long trip to Petawawa, Ontario to celebrate the 115th anniversary of the Battle of Leliefontein. This year, unlike the many which had come before it, saw unseasonably good weather. C Squadron competed against the other Cavalry Squadrons for the highly coveted right of line. C Squadron placed first in Ice

Hockey, for its second consecutive year and first in the newly conceived sword drill competition. The busy week culminated with the All-Ranks Dinner and Dance before C Squadron made its long trek back to Gagetown to deploy in support of Ex COMMON GROUND II, the Combat Team Commander Course (CTCC).

Despite a high tempo and the harsh weather typical of the Gagetown training area in mid to late November, morale remained high within C Squadron. The CTCC provided a great opportunity for the Squadron to showcase themselves as masters of manoeuvre warfare. C Squadron supported the course with 18 tanks and provided the future sub-unit commanders with sound tactics embodying speed and aggression. CTCC would take C Squadron right up until a well-deserved Christmas leave period.

As soon as C Squadron hit the ground following leave in January, the pace knob was cranked back up to 11. C Squadron began by heading out on Ex FROZEN DRAGOON where the members practiced their dismounted survival skills. The exercise afforded the time for newer soldiers to practice their basic soldier skills under the watchful eyes of the senior NCOs. Each troop broke off into separate corners of the training area to

develop defensive positions using snow trenches and building improvised shelters. The exercise culminated with two troops acting as an offensive force while the other two held fast in a defensive position. Following the final attacks C Squadron consolidated to await the final piece of training, a helicopter extraction back to base. 403 Squadron provided 4 CH-146 Griffon helicopters which swiftly extracted the entirety of the Squadron.

Following Ex FROZEN DRAGOON, C Squadron began running its Primary Combat Function (PCF) courses. The Squadron conducted a Leopard II gunnery course, an AVAM/AVCC course, a RWS Operator course and a HLVW Driver Course. While most of the members of C Squadron were preoccupied by one of the various courses, another group within the Squadron began preparing for the BATAAN Death March, a 42 kilometer ruck march through White Sands Desert in New Mexico, USA. Graciously hosted by our neighbors to the South, the BATAAN Death March is an annual event commiserating United States and Filipino Military members who lost their lives during the infamous Bataan March during World War II. C Squadron's Bataan team performed admirably finishing 7th within the competitive category.

Upon completion of winter warfare and the PCF cycle, C Squadron was faced with a new task, Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. While not originally slated to be partaking in the exercise, the proverbial "ask" was out for upwards of sixty personnel to aid in backfilling positions within The Regiment. C Squadron members began to pack their bags and prepared their kit while bidding their loved



ones farewell, before setting out to Wainwright Alberta, to partake in the Canadian Army's largest exercise.

During the summer of 2016, C Squadron will be conducting a change of command for the Officer Commanding (OC). Maj Paul Marois has served the Squadron for one year and under his leadership the Squadron has accomplished more than many foresaw. When Maj Marois was appointed as OC Squadron, it was still brushing off the old armoured reconnaissance mentality. It is without a doubt to anyone within The Regiment that Maj Marois helped to instill a pride of ownership amongst the Squadron and aided in changing C Squadron's mentality to a more aggressive fighting force. Maj Marois is certainly leaving the Squadron in an excellent state and has set the stage for success as we enter the Road to High Readiness.

MWO Stéphane Larouche was appointed the Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM) in the summer of 2015 and will remain for the next training year. MWO Larouche has kept the Squadron focused on basic soldiering skills and has echoed Maj Marois in the mentality of pride of ownership. Consistently faced with juggling multiple tasks, MWO Larouche was able to manage everything from manning to maintenance with ease. Much of C Squadrons success over the past year can be attributed to the dedication and hard work of MWO Larouche.

With the 2015 – 2016 year nearly complete, C Squadron will be moving into the Road to High Readiness as part of Task Force Tomahawk. C Squadron has learned valuable lessons from Ex COMMON GROUND II which have helped to reinforce the values and tactics of a direct fire element. Ex FROZEN DRAGOON and the BATAAN Death March have also shown the importance of both physical and mental resiliency required of a soldier in the Canadian Armed Forces. The training the Squadron has undergone in the past year has encouraged adaptability and versatility. C Squadron looks forward to putting all the lessons learned and experience it has gained from the past year to use throughout the various exercises and tasks that lie ahead.









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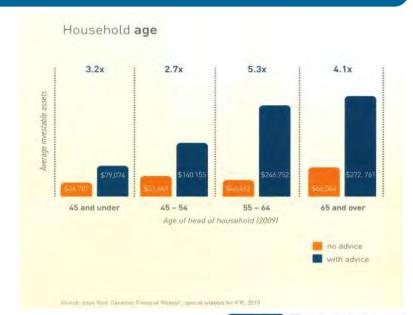
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D SQUADRON

After a well-deserved summer leave, D Squadron returned to C-53 in early August 2015, rested and ready to take on what was going to be another busy training year. At the helm were the new Officer Commanding (OC), Maj Nick Forsyth, and the returning Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM), MWO John Green. There were a number of small changes in personnel within the Troops, but for the most part, the Squadron remained the same post-APS. As with every year, the Squadron hit the ground running, deploying on its first Immediate Reaction Unit (IRU) exercise, a 48-hour Regimental rollout to the National Capital Region within the first week back to work. Despite being less tactical in nature, the roll-out was a great opportunity for newly formed crews and Squadron Headquarters (SHQ) to shake out the summer cobwebs.

Within a week following the IRU roll-out, the Squadron was once again out the door, this time moving into the Petawawa Training Area to conduct Ex STALWART GUARDIAN – an exercise dedicated to the training of the Ontario Primary Reserve (PRes) Brigades. For D Squadron, this exercise was split into two parts. The first saw the Squadron run a countermoves stand for rotating PRes Reconnaissance Squadrons. This stand initially provided lectures on countermove operations and then paired the Squadron's leadership with their

PRes counterparts to conduct rehearsals for the three main tasks in a tactical scenario. The second part of the exercise was the force-on-force, for which Regiment formed the RCD Battle Group (BG), with attachments from 1 RCR, 3 RCR, 2 RCHA, and 2 CER. The Squadron itself formed a combat team with Dukes Company (1RCR) and conducted an advance to contact, assault river crossing, combat team attack and delay – all of which tested the PRes Primary Training Audience (PTA). Once again, the exercise allowed the SHQ to shake out its SOPs and also gave the Troops the opportunity to work through their drills.

September was another busy month that saw members of the Squadron participate in the change of Colonelof-the-Regiment parade and numerous Brigade events

including the Terry Fox sports day, 2 CMBG IRONMAN, and OSONS challenge – a grueling 2-day military skills competition that Troop Leaders, Capt Chris Smith, Capt Sean Spence, and Lt Kenny Panza will surely never forget. October kicked off with bang





when the Squadron deployed to Connaught Ranges to conduct Ex HADES GATE. This cordon-and-search exercise tested Squadron coordination by having 2 Troop conduct an overnight close reconnaissance of the objective, followed the next morning with 1 Troop establishing an outer cordon as 3 Troop assaulted the objective in the back of two LAVs. Once the initial assault was complete, the Troops rotated through playing the enemy and attacking force, ensuring everyone had a chance to blow off some simunition rounds. The exercise concluded with a barbecue by the Ottawa River.

The next major bound for D Squadron was Ex WALKING DRAGOON in Meaford, Ontario. After a long road move to Meaford, the Squadron conducted three days of training in the Rural Manoeuvre Area (RMA). It conducted a convoy escort, vital point security tasks, an advance to contact, and finally a delay all using local country roads and highways. At night, the Troops used parking lots, woodlines or, in the case of WO Matt Edwards, a barn owned by a local millionaire, for night routine. This type of training gave the soldiers an appreciation for conducting operations over large distances and tested the SHQ's ability to maintain communications. Upon re-entering the Meaford Training Area, the Squadron began the livefire portion of the exercise, which saw it conduct static and mobile shoots from the crew up to the Troop level. This outstanding range, run by the Battle Captain, Capt Marsha Dunn and Squadron Quartermaster, WO Chris Keith, tested crew gunnery skills and prepared the Squadron for the final portion of the exercise - a complex range made up of an advance to contact and live mechanized attack. As luck would have it, D

Squadron got quite possibly the worse day to conduct the complex range. The Sqn left its Forward Operating Base (FOB) on a cold and rainy morning to find the ground very soft from a night of rain. The first hours of the trace were then spent recovering vehicles and finding bypasses for areas that vehicles could no longer utilize. Eventually, WO Mike Mackenzie and 3 Troop found the objective, and once joined by the BC, they became the firebase and engaged targets. Concurrently, 1 Troop and the OC moved into an attack position and conducted the assault on the objective once the firebase pulled back. The complex range proved to be exciting training for the Squadron and was a great way to end the exercise.

After Ex WALKING DRAGOON, the Squadron's focus shifted to Leliefontein. Having placed a close 2nd behind B Squadron the previous year, all members were motivated and ready to take the Right of Line honours. And that was exactly what they did following first place finishes in flag football, ball hockey, and the Chain of Command race, as well as 3rd and 5th place finishes in the Harrier Race by Sgt Jamie Dunn and Tpr Adam Klamar. As the newly appointed Right of Line Squadron, D Squadron then began preparations for the next major exercise, Ex CHARGING DRAGOON. This highly mobile and dynamic exercise pitted B and D Squadron, Dukes Company, and elements of 23 Field Squadron (supported by HQ Squadron) against the enemy force -A Squadron. The exercise began with a Squadron level advance to contact in the RMA from Renfrew to Petawawa that was followed by a combat team attack on a defensive position on the Mattawa Plain. The Squadron then conducted a delay through the research forest that lasted 15 hours before withdrawing to the BG defensive position in area H to end the exercise. Despite only being 4 days, this exercise taught the Squadron how to transition quickly between operations and was a great wrap-up to the fall training period. The next weeks included post-exercise drills and some enjoyable Christmas functions.

The Squadron returned from Christmas leave and jumped right into a busy Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle. The Squadron's main task was to run a large 25mm Gunnery Course for both members of the Regiment and other Brigade units, namely 2 CER. Despite having to manage limited resources, the course staff, led by Capt Smith and WO Damian Langdon, did an outstanding job training the next generation of gunners. Following the PCFs, the Squadron was off to Mont Ste Marie for Ex FROZEN DRAGOON. Unlike previous Winter Warfare exercises, this particular exercise allowed members of the Regiment to make use of the ski hill and surrounding area to conduct 3 days of cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and downhill skiing. Despite the occasional fall, the Squadron enjoyed learning/honing skills in a more recreational

atmosphere. The next phase of the exercise saw D Squadron don ruck sacks and Full Fighting Order (FFO) to push sleds filled with supplies and equipment all the way up the ski hill. Once again, weather was not on our side as we faced a combination of rain and snow all the way to the top. At the top, the Troops established small bivouac sites and conducted winter training while concurrently trying to dry out their kit. The next morning, the Squadron packed up and descended the ski hill to winter warfare stands on a nearby lake. It was there that Tpr Adam Klamar, Tpr Evan Clancy, and Tpr Tyler Evans each took a plunge into the ice cold lake as part of ice safety demonstrations. The exercise wrapped up with a patrolling and reconnaissance competition where teams led by Cpl Nick Larson and Cpl Richard Ward faced off to determine the best winter soldiers.

March and April were dedicated to preparations for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE and saw the Squadron leadership participate in Ex VIRTUAL DRAGOON, a rehearsal for the exercise using JCATs. When May finally arrived, D Squadron was beefed up with a Troop from A Squadron, soldiers from C Squadron, and a number of Primary Reservists and took off for Wainright, Alberta. Now organized as a Tank Squadron with 4x Troops of 4 vehicles, the Squadron used its 3 days of Squadron training to get familiar with the Wainright Training Area and tank-like movement. This was followed by a short RCD BG rehearsal exercise and then finally the Forceon-Force (FoF) began. The Squadron now faced the 1 CMBG PTA composed of 3x BGs based on the LdSH(RC), 2 PPCLI, and 3 PPCLI. The first major operation saw the Squadron (-) work as a combat team with a Platoon from Dukes Coy and conduct a delay to attrit and slow the advancing enemy. It then withdrew to establish a defensive position, where it fought off enemy combat teams as they attempted to break through the obstacle belt. With the enemy now consolidating the Squadron transitioned to disrupting operations, which saw our Troops patrol

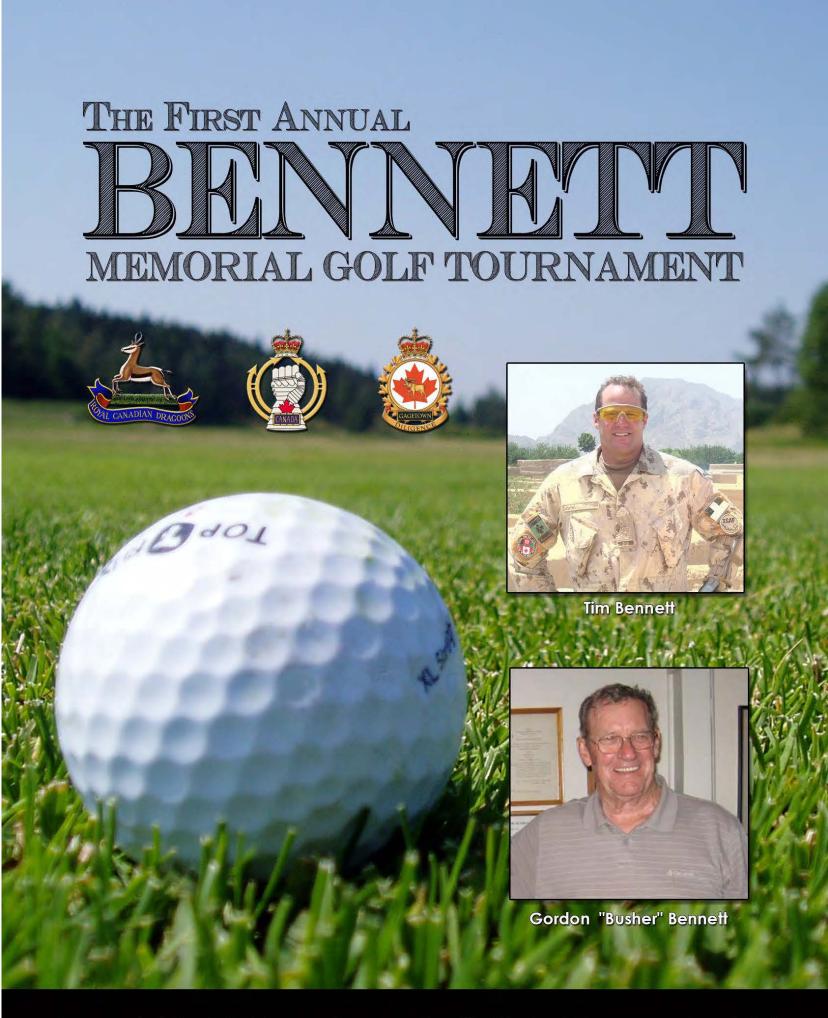
behind enemy lines to collect information and take out targets of opportunity. We achieved success on multiple occasions, whether it was 3 Troop raiding an enemy OP and stealing radio frequencies, or 1 Troop taking out a section of enemy snipers. The Squadron then rejoined the rest of the BG for a complex night assault on the enemy defensive area. Having given them a bloody nose, it was back across the Battle River for the last stand at the major crossing sites. Overall, the exercise proved to be the perfect end to a very rewarding year of training. Countless lessons were learned and being in "The Box," where you were always susceptible to an attack by ground or air, gave the newer soldiers an appreciation for what it was like to be on a real deployment.

With summer 2016 now upon it, D Squadron is looking

ahead to what will be an exciting training year on the Road to High Readiness starting in August. The Squadron will also be re-rolled into a Combat Support Squadron based on a UAV Troop, Regimental Recce Troop, and Heavy Weapons Troop. As the holder and trainer of the key capabilities, it will be heavily relied upon the support the RCD BG as it forges ahead in its training. This, however, does not faze the Demon Dogs of D Squadron because when "We Stand Together, We Rise Together" and can take on any challenge that comes our way!









HQ SQUADRON

This year marked an incredible transition for Headquarters Squadron. While regular support was provided to the Regiment for all events and training, an enhanced level of intricacy was added towards fulfilling the Combat Service Support requirements of The RCD BG during Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 1601. In order to satisfy the requirements of this robust fighting force, Headquarters Squadron took advantage of multiple unit level exercises to perfect the standard operating procedures (SOPs) necessary for providing effective first line support.

The training year commenced with Exercise STALWART GUARDIAN in August 2015. For two weeks, the Squadron deployed elements to the Petawawa training area in support of training focused at the patrol and troop levels with the integration of Primary Reserve elements. This exercise gave the squadron the opportunity to exercise its ability to establish an adequate staging area for training and operations, while also feeding numerous personnel and maintaining a significant vehicle fleet.

The second major training opportunity during the year was Exercise WALKING DRAGOON in October 2015. This unit level exercise held in Meaford, ON commenced with the advance party deploying just

prior to Thanksgiving in order to establish a significant camp to stage training. Immediately following Thanksgiving, a Regimental road move was executed with great success, due to the outstanding work of Transport and Maintenance Troops. Upon the arrival of the main body, the squadron used this exercise to practice delivery points and SOPs that would enable its success throughout the year. While complications did arise, the overall execution of CSS operations proved to be successful, given the relative simplicity of the operating environment.

The squadron took one step further in improving its capabilities during Exercise CHARGING DRAGOON

in November 2015. While squadron would continue to provide support to the Regiment, added complexities were presented due to the vast terrain of the eastern Ottawa Valley and quick tempo of the F Echelon. In order to satisfy the needs of the line squadrons, Headquarters Squadron utilized a robust





Regimental A Echelon comprised of Transport Troop and elements of Maintenance Troop. This mobile element successfully resupplied and recovered forward elements while the remainder of the squadron coordinated additional resources further within the rear area.

Upon the culmination of Exercise CHARGING DRAGOON, there was little doubt that Headquarters Squadron was ready to take on the task of providing first line support to the RCD BG during Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 1601. However, the exercise offered additional complexities that could not have been simulated during previous training. Requirements to transport an infantry company from the UK, combined with the need to exchange Weapons Effects Simulation batteries and complications with DRIMS, made for a challenging experience. However, despite these challenges, Headquarters Squadron continuously found a way to answer these demands with a minimal impact on forward sub-units. Delivery Points to squadron A Echelons and Commodity Points with second line, proved to be a huge success throughout the exercise, which eased the sustainment process.

While Headquarters Squadron maintained its ability to provide support to events and regular training during this past year, it was the squadron's development towards providing effective first line support to a Cavalry Regiment that highlighted its most significant accomplishment. While this proved to be a successful endeavor, further growth in this respect will be a critical factor in achieving success in the upcoming year and the Road to High Readiness. With this in mind, there is no doubt that it will become increasingly important to maintain flexible sustainment in order to facilitate the Regiment's success, regardless of the operating environment.























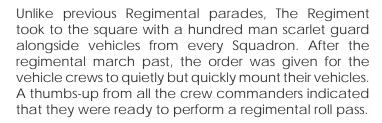


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LAYING UP THE SECOND GUIDON 2015

On the morning of September 2nd, the Royal Canadian Dragoons bid farewell to Colonel Rousseau as Colonel of the Regiment and welcomed Major-General Macdonald back to the regimental family.

Parade practice was short this time because of Exercise STALWART GUARDIAN, leaving very little time to prepare. Scarlets where drawn as short as three days before The Regiment deployed to the Petawawa training area. Inspections were completed in between the two iterations of the exercise and parade practices started immediately after the Squadrons returned to the hangars. After two days, the parade square was marked, scarlets were prepared and polished, vehicles were cleaned and The Regiment was ready to march on.



After the speeches a table and chairs were brought on to the parade square and in front of The Regiment, Col Rousseau signed over his authority as Colonel of the Regiment to Major-General Macdonald. As the vehicles rolled past and all the signatures were complete, there was one last thing to do - give Col Rousseau a proper send off. A LAV 3 appeared from behind building F-16, sped onto the parade square and slammed to a halt just beyond the reviewing officer. Auld Lang Syne was played by the piper and The Regiment bid a fond adieu to Col Rousseau.

Soon after, the scarlet guard turned its attention to some unfinished business; namely the laying up of The Regiment's second Guidon. After the parade, The Regiment marched the second Guidon to its new home, St George's Cathedral. With a prayer from the Regimental padre, Captain Lee and other members of the Chaplain Corps, we were reminded of what the Guidon represents and the pride that comes with being a Dragoon.







Opposite: Col Rousseau salutes the parade



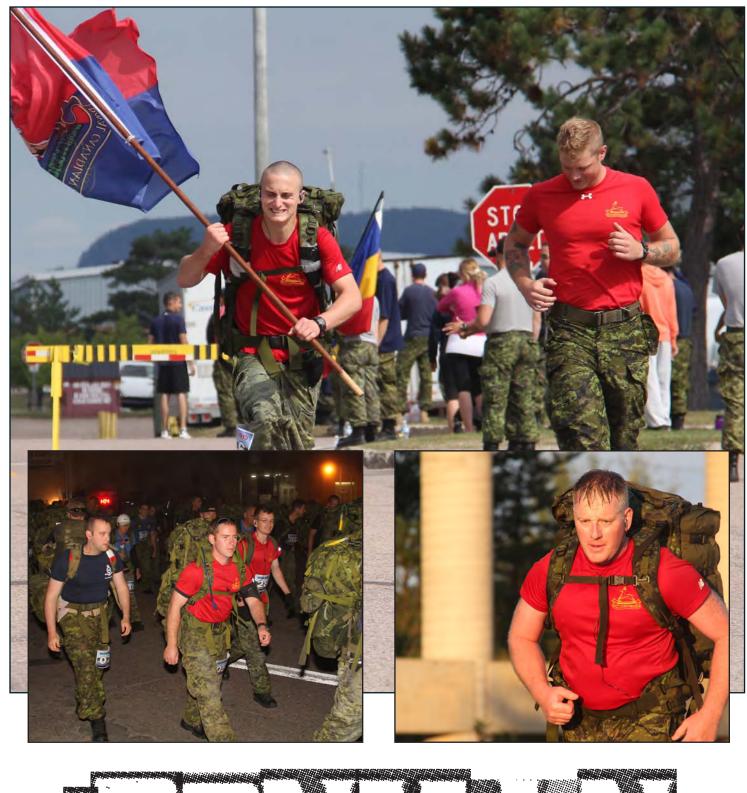




























LELIEFONTEIN PARADE 2015

This year's Leliefontein celebrations kept the Regiment busy with our usual Sqn competitions, such as Regimental Sports Day and Chain of Command Race, the Harrier Run, NCM drill competition and the Sgt Pace Stick Competition. A new addition to this year's events included a little officer flair with a Subaltern Sword Drill Competition, a first of its kind for the Regiment.

Included in the regular events list were several parade practices culminating in a beautiful parade with original Leliefontein guns paraded by soldiers of 2 RCHA as well as the three Victoria Cross medals which were won by Dragoons as part of the battle of Leliefontein.

Once again, the fight for Right of Line Sqn was close, and after three years as Right of Line, B Sqn finally handed over the reins to the much deserving D Sqn as they had dominated in several of the Leliefontein and yearly events to win the prestigious honour.

Several Dragoons and Families were honoured for their selfless service and dedication through Honours and Awards and bursaries from the Guild.

Another successful Leliefontein!







Opposite: Member of the Scarlet Guard stands at attention with members of 2RCHA



Leliefontein Awards



The G.G. Bell Award Presented to Cpl Steele



The RCD Association Award Presented to Cpl Deutsch



Top Non Crewman MCpl AwardPresented to MCpl Murphy



The Commanding Officer's Shield
Presented to Sgt Todd



The Commanding Officer's Sword Presented to Capt Cyr



The Leliefontein BursaryPresented to Natalie Mooy-Smith













































EX FROZEN DRAGOON 2016

On Tuesday February 16th 2016, the Royal Canadian Dragoons deployed to Mont Ste-Marie ski hill in Quebec for EX FROZEN DRAGOON.

The exercise began with each Squadron participating in snowshoeing, cross country skiing and downhill skiing in a round robin format over the course of three days. The cross country ski and snowshoe trails emphasized how rugged and beautiful the terrain in that area is, from long lakeside trails that were relatively flat to exciting hills.

Mother Nature was not kind on the morning of the fifth day as all the soldiers geared up with full fighting order, ruck sacks and fully loaded toboggans and prepared to ascend the ski hill. The first hour consisted of rain slowly turning into sleet then snow, and within minutes of the two hour climb everyone was soaked to the core. Each person took turns pushing and pulling the three man toboggans up the ski hill, and once at the summit, the Squadrons established a winter camp and commenced with troop level training. Training consisted of snaring lessons, fire building and

improvised shelters as well as basic winter lessons to the newer Dragoons.

Early in the morning on the sixth day, the Squadrons began their descent back down the hill. Once at the bottom, troops received a short break before getting on cross country skies to make the next leg of the trip to the Arctic Operations stands on the opposite side of the mountain. There they learned how to build snow defenses, log cribs capable of stopping tanks and LAVs and how to complete an ice recce to determine ice thickness. An interesting part of the ice recce lecture incorporated ice rescues. During the lecture, the lead instructor jumped in first followed by the students, who after plunging into the water were required to say their name rank and service number.

Ex FROZEN DRAGOON 16 will forever be remembered by the soldiers, from the hospitality of the lodge and locals to the gruelling climb and the freezing cold dip. Friends and memories were made and the Regiment looks forward to its next trip to Mont Ste-Marie





LEEUWARDEN PARADE

AND RSM CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT 2016

It may have occurred 71 years ago, but the Liberation of Leeuwarden is still fresh in Veteran Trooper Don White's mind. He was invited as an honoured guest to speak about his experiences in the Second World War at The Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD) Celebration of the 71st Anniversary of the Liberation of Leeuwarden Parade on April 14.

After receiving word, White and his fellow Dragoons set off to reinforce the Dutch patriots in Leeuwarden. He remembers vividly that the wet streets were empty, save for armed Dutchmen who engaged fire with German soldiers.

As the Canadians breached the city with their Staghounds and Dingos, the enemy forces quickly realized that they were greatly overpowered and withdrew. The appreciation for their help was tremendous, and people flooded the streets, cheers resounding loudly, and residents warmly embraced the Canadian soldiers with gratitude. "We did stick around for a little while after we liberated the town until headquarters' squadron got onto us," said White as the crowd laughed. "But that wasn't unusual."

He remembered that a baby girl was born shortly after this event. Her father was so overjoyed that his child was born free that he wrote a letter thanking the regiment for saving them. "I think that is the spark of why we are still celebrating the liberation of that town," said White. This gratitude is still expressed when the Dutch city flies the RCD flag on April 15. It is a gesture reciprocated by the Dragoons as they fly Leeuwarden's flag during their own celebrations.

Appreciation for Canadians spread throughout the Netherlands, as this wasn't the only town to be liberated.

When the Dragoons moved on to free the Town of Franeker, about 15 km away, the simple act of giving a hungry little boy a chocolate bar marked White deeply. Particularly since that same boy, now a man, approached him decades later, reminiscing about this simple act of kindness and how it had touched him. "I couldn't help but think that the Canadians in Holland must have made a great impression for a ten-year-old boy to remember a young guy like me in those days," said White.

He was at a loss for words to explain the depths of the bond between both nations and their people. To him, there are no two countries in the history of the world that share such a love and respect. "Words won't come to me to express my gratitude for this regiment and all it's done for me," said White. "My only regret at all is that some of my other buddies aren't here to share with me this glorious day. I am so proud of these Dragoons that I can't say any more."

Following the celebrations, a Change of Appointment was held between outgoing Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) Chief Warrant Officer Shawn Mercer and incoming RSM Chief Warrant Officer James (Jim) Hebert.

CWO Mercer had been RSM for the past three years, and is extremely proud to have worked with the Dragoons. "You fine men and women of this regiment, I've only asked you to ever do one thing and that is the right thing," said CWO Mercer. "That you observe and continue to observe your tenets of training, discipline and acknowledgement and that you continue to develop yourself in courage, in loyalty, in integrity that is fitting for this regiment... So that we can hold our heads high in the presence of great men like Don White."



The Leeuwarden flag is raised at F-104

Opposite: Mr. Don White addresses the parade









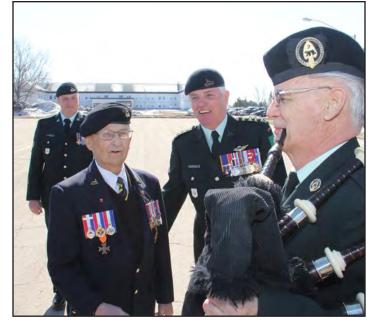














EX MAPLE RESOLVE 2016

ASU Wainwright

This year, the Royal Canadian Dragoons were given the envious task of sending a 900 soldier Battle Group (BG) to Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 2016 in order to challenge 1 CMBG as they conducted their confirmatory exercise to officially begin as the High Readiness Brigade for the Canadian Army.

Dragoons deployed as early as the 20th of April to set up Camp Springbok so that soldiers of the RCD BG were comfortable and could move in to their assigned tents with ease. The Camp was home to the Regimental Headquarters CP, Headquarters Squadron CP, maintenance, and support such as the giant flying kitchen that served thousands of meals per day. The first few days were spent getting acquainted with the Dukes' Coy brethren from 1 RCR, 23 Fd Sqn from 2 CER, several enablers from 2 RCHA, 21 EW in Kingston and international support from the UK, USA. Following introductions and a few pints at the Regimental canteen, soldiers set out to visually modify

their vehicles. They used hessian, paint and PCF pipe to modify the vehicles to help 1 CMBG identify their foe in the heat of battle. To complete the look, each soldier in the BG was issued tan combats to be identified from the ground if dismounted.

Once they looked like the mean enemy force that it was, the BG spent time conducting bore sighting, and activating the WES so lasers could simulate battlefield effects with real time challenges. The exercise itself started with a few days for each of the sub-units to shake out on the ground, confirm SOPs and get to know the badlands of Wainwright. The BG HQ CP practiced Command and Control (C2) of all the moving pieces that they were given.

The morning of 22 May was when it all began. B Sqn was out front, affecting a delay in canalizing terrain, with Dukes Coy in the NORTH and D Sqn to the SOUTH. The intent was to delay the enemy for 48 hours while



preparations occurred in the Main Defensive Area (MDA). With tanks on their side, 1 CMBG pummeled its way through the badlands, but were stopped short once key command and control targets were identified and spoiling attacks occurred. From there, the BG entered two MDAs with Dukes Coy in the NORTH and D Sqn and the Rifles (UK) in the SOUTH, using B Sqn as a delaying force with follow on tasks as BG countermoves.

The defensive battle was short in preparation, but the enemy was effectively turned off. It was so successful in fact, that 1 CMBG had to reorganize, and conduct the attack a second time. From there, the BG moved back across the battle river to conduct approximately 3 days of disruption. This included day and night patrols both mounted and dismounted, to identify key enemy installations and attempt to disrupt their river crossing.

Once on the WEST side of the Battle River, the BG created several blocking positions to oppose 1 CMBG's crossing. There were several exercise casualties taken from both ends, but the BG continued to delay 1 CMBG's planning and movement.

As the final hours of the Ex carried on, the BG was poised to conduct a massive counter-attack. With B Sqn leading, the BG conducted preliminary movements in

the dead of night and remained undetected until first light. It pushed as far SOUTH as it could until there were only a handful of vehicles left battling until the end. After a short restart and defence of the crossing sites, it was back to Camp Springbok, finally!

Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 1601 proved to be a successful, yet challenging endeavor for each sub-unit involved, and set the conditions for an exciting Road to High Readiness.





CHANGE OF COMMAND 2016

On the morning of the 28th of June 2016, The Royal Canadian Dragoons celebrated the Change of Command from newly promoted Col Steve Graham to the incoming Commanding Officer, LCol Fraser Auld.

Almost immediately after returning from Wainwright, Alberta for Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 2016, the Regiment still managed to put on another fantastic show on Worthington Parade Square despite tight timelines and very few practices.

It ended in typical Dragoon fashion, with Col Graham and his family mounted in 9ers LAV as he conducted his final roll past

LCol Auld is no stranger to the Regiment and to Petawawa and first came to the Regiment in 1999 and held a range of positions such as Recce Troop Leader, Adjt, Recce OC, and OC HQ Sqn. The Regiment welcomes him and his spouse Tammy back to unit lines.

Audax et Celer!





Opposite: LCol Auld accepts the Guidon from CWO Hebert.







During the past year, the Centurion Room hosted several functions, celebrating significant events occurring within The Regiment. Under the direction of the PMC, Maj Sean Curley, and the assistance of the Mess Secretary, Capt Duaine Fetzner and the Treasurer, Capt Andre Cyr, the Centurion Room was successful in hosting these events with extraordinary class while also providing its members with an opportunity to relax and unwind.

The numerous formal events hosted by the Centurion Room began in September with the Change of Colonel of The Regiment between Col Georges Rousseau and MGen Matthew Macdonald. The Dining-In, held at the Normandy Officer's Mess, was attended by members of the Centurion Room and Dragoons from across the country and their spouses. Shortly after this event, Centurion Room members gathered in the Centurion Room for our annual Mess Dinner. Similar to years past, this event allowed officers currently serving at The Regiment and from across 4 CDSB Petawawa to reconnect and have a few laughs.

On 6 November 2015, the Officers and Senior NCOs of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, along with guests and spouses assembled to celebrate the 115th anniversary of The Regiment's actions at Leliefontein. This event not only provided the Regiment with an occasion to celebrate its history, but also allowed members and their families to re-establish ties in a fine dining atmosphere. This also marked the first time since 2011, that the Senior NCOs and Officers celebrated the event as a collective in Building Y-101. While using this venue was accompanied by certain challenges, the end result was extraordinary. With the help of Mrs. Sarah Robertson of Prior Engagements Decorating and the use of The Regiment's historical vehicles, the drill hall was transformed into a venue fitting for such an occasion.

On 27 February 2016, the Centurion Room hosted the annual Black Hatter Mess Dinner at the Normandy Officer's Mess, one of the most entertaining formal events of the year. This event brought Black Hatters from across the region to celebrate the Armoured Corps and also enjoy some amusing stories from the bunny. For the second straight year, the Centurion Room also hosted a wine tasting that was enjoyed by the members and their guests. During the event, Ms. Angie LaForge, Mess Manager of the Normandy Officer's Mess, was recognized for her outstanding support to events hosted by the Centurion Room. Finally, on 27 June 2016, the Centurion Room hosted the Change of Command Dining-In, commemorating the transfer of command from Col Steve Graham to LCol Fraser Auld.

After a busy and successful year, the members of the Centurion Room look forward to the upcoming year and the events planned by the new PMC, Maj Nick Forsyth. Under his direction, the events hosted by the

The Centurion Room.



Centurion Room will undoubtedly remain one of the highlights of any officer's time while serving at The Regiment.













This has been a great year for the Sgt Holland room. This past year, The Sgt Holland Room enjoyed hosting several events and functions which also saw a new PMC and VPMC take over responsibilities. MWO John Barrett and WO John Nickerson hosted several successful events throughout the year.

One of the more notable events was hosting the Royal Canadian Dragoons Regimental Officers for the At Home after the Soldiers Festive Dinner, which had several games and entertainment set up for the enjoyment of all to include the drinking of the Grog.

Also very notable this year was the introduction of the Campaign Hat. MWO Troy Cleveland with help from the VPMC and the RSM, CWO Mercer brought back the Campaign Hat which has been offered to all Sgt Holland Room Members. The Campaign Hat is very much a part of Dragoon history as it is the same hat that was worn by Sgt Holland during the Boer War. The RCMP adopted the Campaign Hat and hold sole copyrights to it. MWO Cleveland had to get permission from the RCMP in order for the Royal Canadian Dragoons Snr NCOs to be able to wear it again, and thanks to his hard work, the original style Campaign Hat has now been brought back.

During the course of the year several new Sgts were welcomed into the mess with true Royal Canadian Dragoon fashion known as The Shining. The history of the shining is as follows:

The History of the Casings and the Shining

Members of A Sqn RCD captured these shell casings on the 20th of April 1945.

A Sqn was tasked to clear remnants of the German 15th Army along the coast in the area of Delfziji Holland. The remainder of the Regiment pushed forward to screen the seam between 4th Canadian Armoured Division and the 1st Polish Armoured Division, as they spear headed the awaited push into Northern Germany.

On the 20th April, A Sqn engaged in a short but decisive action on the outskirts of the town. This action resulted in the capture of 65 POW's, and the death of 25 German soldiers. As the Sqn continued it's sweep on the following day, it bypassed three emplacements of 8 inch costal guns, the casings of which are displayed here today. This same day saw another short but determined effort by the Germans to stop A Sqn's advance, another 17 Germans were taken prisoner.

4 Days later, the Sqn was re-united with the remainder of the Regiment on German soil, South of Whilhemshaven.

The tradition was started a few years ago by WO Carl Cox and other WOs & Sgts within the Regiment to recognize newly promoted Sgts (Sgt Kevin Trainor). Upon entering the Sgt Holland Rm, they would polish these casings until meeting the approval of the TQ/DSM. This symbolizes the respect the Sgt has for his

The Sgt Holland Room.











He is now expected to "SHINE".

We are all looking forward to the fun filled events to come this year!

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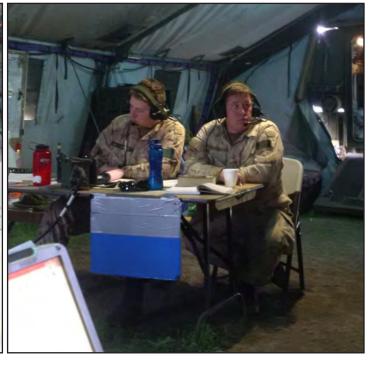
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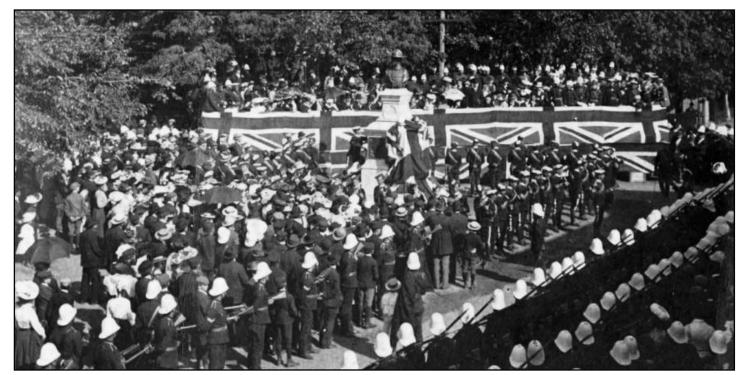












Borden monument unveiling ceremony, 23 September 1903

Our Heritage

HAROLD LOTHROP BORDEN

Of the Canadians who died during the Boer War in South Africa, none touched the heart strings of the Dominion more than the death of young Lt. Harold Lothrop Borden of Canning, NS. Harold's father had been a physician who had represented Kings County, N.S. in the House of Commons since 1874 and who, at the time of his son's death, was Minister of Militia and Defense in the Liberal cabinet of Wilfrid Laurier.

Before South Africa

Following his schooling in the Annapolis valley, Harold graduated from Mount Allison College in 1897. Eager to become a physician, as were both his father and his grandfather, he entered the medical school of McGill University that autumn. In addition to being an able student and athlete, Harold Borden was an ardent member of the militia cavalry. He had joined the King's Canadian Hussars as a trooper at the age of 17 and was commissioned in 1897.

That year, along with several other militia officers, he accompanied Laurier to London for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. He was promoted major in command of his unit two years later.

Laurier's cabinet, after a difficult debate, decided in October 1899 to permit recruitment of Canadians for service with the British army fighting the Boers in South Africa. Borden soon left medical school to volunteer. In Englishspeaking Canada the popular enthusiasm was such that Borden, like many young militia officers, had to accept a lower rank as the price of being included. Lieutenant Borden of B squadron of the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles disembarked with his regiment in Cape Town on 21 March 1900, four months after the arrival of the first Canadian contingent. Following a week of training at the Cape, in khaki uniforms to which they were unaccustomed, Borden's unit headed north along the single rail line

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toward Pretoria, capital of the South African Republic (Transvaal province).

The war, which had begun the previous autumn, had gone badly for the British. Their large, cumbersome units had proved no match for the agile marksmen of the Boer commandos. When Borden's regiment arrived in South Africa, the defeats of "black week" in December 1899 were behind the British army, but more than two years of continued fighting – and, worse still, disease – awaited it and the small colonial units that joined it. Almost immediately the Canadian Mounted Rifles saw enough hard fighting to turn the most eager volunteer into a hardened, if not disillusioned, veteran.

During May 1900 Borden so distinguished himself by his "gallant and intrepid conduct" that he was twice mentioned in dispatches from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the British commander-in-chief in South Africa: "Lieut. H. L. Borden, gallant conduct in swimming the Vet River under fire, 5th May, and in capturing some of the enemy's wagons on 30th May."

Borden's death on 16 July occurred in a small action similar to many others that the British army had fought as it ponderously pushed its way into Pretoria and beyond. The Boer general Louis Botha had skilfully deployed his men in the mountains to the east of Pretoria to hinder a further British advance. In helping the Royal Irish Fusiliers and some New Zealanders to withstand a Boer assault on Witpoort ridge, lieutenants Borden and John Edgar Burch led a counter-attack. They were successful, but only at the cost of their lives. Boer marksmen less than 200 yards distant shot them as they stood up to lead the rifles forward.

Lord Roberts reported to the War Office that Borden and Burch "were killed while gallantly leading their men in a counter attack upon the enemy's flank at a critical juncture of his assault upon our position." The bodies were buried by lantern light near the battlefield.



Lieutenant Harold Lithrop Borden

Later they were transferred to a small cemetery at Brakpan and in his home town a monument was erected to his memory.

The following is from a letter that Sir. Frederick Bordon received from the Secretary of Queen Victoria following his son's death:

Osborne, July 28, 1900

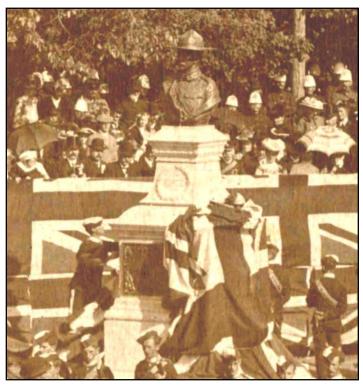
Dear Sir:

I am commanded by the Queen to say that Her Majesty would like a photograph of your son, the late Lieut. H. Borden, who was killed while fighting so gallantly with the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa.

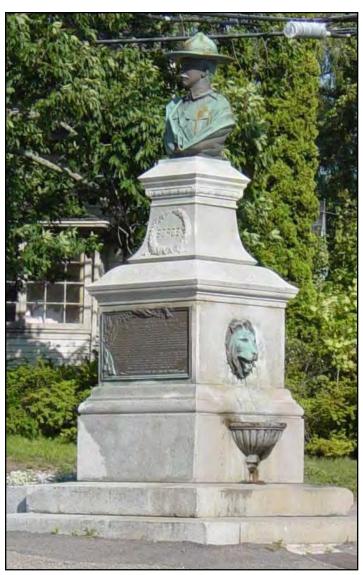
The Queen deplores the death of so brave and promising a young officer and desires me to convey to you the expression of her deep sympathy with you in the sad loss you have suffered by his death.

The Queen read with feelings of admiration and pride the account of how your son gave his life in devoted and self-sacrificing service to his Soverighn and Empire.

I am, Sir, yours very truely, Fitz Ponsonby



Close up of the monument unveiling ceremony,1903.



The Borden monument in 2002.



Close up of memorial plate.

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RCD CADETS

To develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership; promote physical fitness; and stimulate the interest of youth in the sea, land, and air activities of the Canadian Forces

The Royal Canadian Dragoons are lucky to have three Cadet Corps affiliations which are: The Ottawa Communications Regiment Cadet Corps, The Royal Canadian Dragoons Cadet Corps, and the Ashbury Cadet Corps.

This past year saw Dragoons from all over the Regiment participate in Cadet exercises and training events ranging from visits at the National War Museum, marksmanship competitions, teaching drill and history lessons, sending Coyotes for professional development, to hands on winter warfare at Connaught Ranges. This training takes place on evenings and weekends, with the expectation that regular work is not missed.

Dragoons who participated in these events enjoyed it so much that they continue to volunteer and build the larger Regimental Family. We look forward to another year of training with our brothers and sisters of the Cadet Corps.

Asbury Cadets

This past year, D Sqn participated in several Ashbury Cadet training events. Cpls Tan and C. Smith out of D Sqn are almost solely responsible for their dedication and effort into building and maintaining such a strong relationship with the Ashbury Cadets in Ottawa. Everything from parade nights to winter warfare training, the Demon Dogs of D Sqn were there.

Ottawa Communications Cadets

B Sqn's affiliation with the Ottawa Cadet Corps allowed for young volunteers from the Nation's Capital to learn what it means to be a Dragoon. B Sqn's cadet volunteers brought a Coyote and Mast to evening training to show the cadets our capabilities and maybe even do a bit of recruiting! B Sqn attended training nights and some weekends, with the focus on teaching drill and history

Top: 2332 Army Cadet Corps wins the First Annual Springbok Cup

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lessons, but the highlight for sure was demonstrating what armour crewmen do on a daily basis.

2870 E Sqn RCD Cadets

The Cadets of 2870 E Sqn, RCD have had an incredibly busy and rewarding training year. In addition to the weekly training conducted at Connaught Range in Nepean on Wednesday evenings, E Sqn Cadets have trained in many diverse fields such marksmanship, band, camping and survival training, biathlon, orienteering, leadership training and so much more.

Highlighting the past training year, E Sqn conducted realistic winter survival training, learning how to be as comfortable as possible in the extremes of the Canadian winter. Soldiers from A Sqn, RCD from Garrison Petawawa assisted, which helped bring an extra dimension of winter soldiering to the Cadets' training. Cadets from 2870 E Sqn also dominated the Regional biathlon competition with multiple top 10 finishers, and proved their mettle during the regional marksmanship competition placing 15th of 285 teams and 2nd overall of all Army Cadet teams in the Eastern Ontario Region.

It was not all hard work for 2870 E Sqn, as Cadets also had the opportunity to conduct abseiling training, adventure training, multiple sports days and a professional development trip to the Laflèche Caves in Val-des-Monts, QC. These fantastic events certainly added some great opportunities for the Cadets to broaden their personal experiences, learning and demonstrating self-reliance, discipline, physical fitness and resilience.

As this busy year came to a close on 05 June 2016 after their Annual Cadet Review parade, many of the Sqn's Cadets marched right from the parade square and into summer training courses across Canada. Looking forward to the fall, having completed challenging summer training for some and rest and relaxation for others, 2870 E Sqn, RCD returns ready and recharged for another exciting year in 2016 / 2017!

Bold and Swift!

















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