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AS SOVEREIGN OF THE ORDER OF CANADA  
AND THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT

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QUEEN VICTORIA, WHO CELEBRATED HER OWN DIAMOND JUBILEE AS QUEEN IN 1937.  
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**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

Brigadier-General J. J. Selbie, OMM, CD,  
Colonel Commandant,  
The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

Please convey my thanks to all ranks of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery for their loyal greetings sent on the occasion of Saint Barbara's Day.

As your Captain-General, I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, send my good wishes to you all.

ELIZABETH R.





**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

23rd November, 2017.

*Dear General Selbie,*

I have been asked to thank you for your kind letter containing a message of loyal greetings to The Queen from The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

This has been shown to Her Majesty and I now have pleasure in enclosing her reply.

*Yours sincerely,*

*David Ryan*

David Ryan  
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**Brigadier-General (Ret'd) J.J. Selbie, OMM, CD**



## Message from the Colonel Commandant

“A regiment is more than a mere organization; it is in truth a family, with its ancestors and descendants, its pride and its possessions, and through all its vicissitudes a strong sense of community and continuity.”

-Field Marshal Earl Wavell

For 52 years, The Canadian Gunner has served as a “first draft” of the history of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery depicting as it does the operational, training, social, community, and heritage activities of the Regiment in each twelve-month period. As Colonel Commandant, I am privileged to observe a good deal of Regimental life, and so it was again this year.

Prominent in 2017, was our remembrance of The Royal Regiment's contribution to victory in the Great War and the attendant sacrifice of so many Gunners.

On November 10th, four members of 1 RCHA, Lieutenant Kang, Sergeant Wiswell, Bombardier Patenaude and Gunner Roy, manned an historic 4.5-inch howitzer at Fort Seclin near Lille, France where they joined Gunners from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, France, and Belgium for a 100-gun salute marking the end of the battle of Passchendaele and as a tribute to the lives lost and the suffering endured by Allied artillerymen in that terrible fight.

August 22nd marked the centenary of the Battle of Hill 70. I am grateful to those retired and honorary members of the Regiment who, in conjunction with the Heritage Fund, contributed to the Hill 70 Memorial project in France and so helped ensure that the pivotal role of the Gunners in this remarkable action is appropriately commemorated and better understood by Canadians.

An enduring memory for nearly 100 members of the Regimental Family will be the Gunner commemorative pilgrimage to Vimy on the centenary of that defining battle. Highlights included the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres; the reception afforded us by the people of Thélus during our service of remembrance at the Canadian Corps Artillery Memorial; and, the presence at the Vimy Memorial on April 9th of a three-gun salute troop of L5 howitzers refurbished for the occasion and manned by detachments from 2 RCHA.

At the Thélus ceremony, in attempting to capture something of the meaning of these events, I addressed the contingent as follows:

## Mot du Colonel Commandant

« Un régiment est plus qu'une simple organisation; il représente une vraie famille comprenant ses ancêtres et descendants, sa fierté et ses possessions.

À travers toutes ses vicissitudes, il y a un sens fort de communauté et de continuité. »

- Le Maréchal Earl Wavell (traduit de l'anglais)

Pendant 52 ans, L'Artilleur canadien a servi de « première ébauche » de l'histoire du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne, en décrivant les activités opérationnelles, d'instruction, sociales, communautaires et patrimoniales du régiment pour chaque période de douze mois. À titre de colonel commandant, j'ai le privilège d'observer une bonne partie de la vie régimentaire, et c'est ce que j'ai fait cette année encore.

L'année 2017 a été marquée par notre souvenir de la contribution du Régiment royal à la victoire — et du sacrifice d'un grand nombre d'artilleurs — durant la Grande Guerre.

Le 10 novembre, quatre membres du 1er Régiment du Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA), le lieutenant Kang, le sergent Wiswell, le bombardier Patenaude et l'artilleur Roy, ont opéré un obusier de 4,5 pouces à Fort Seclin près de Lille, en France, où ils ont rejoint des artilleurs du Royaume-Uni, de l'Australie, de la Nouvelle-Zélande, de la France et de la Belgique pour une salve d'honneur de 100 coups de canon, marquant la fin de la bataille de Passchendaele et rendant hommage aux vies perdues et aux souffrances endurées par les artilleurs alliés durant ce terrible combat.

Le 22 août a marqué le centenaire de la bataille de la colline 70. Je suis reconnaissant envers les membres retraités et honoraires du Régiment qui, en collaboration avec le Fonds du patrimoine, ont contribué au projet de monument commémoratif de la bataille de la colline 70 en France et ont ainsi souligné, de façon appropriée et éclairante pour les Canadiens, le rôle clé des artilleurs dans cette bataille remarquable.

Un souvenir durable pour près de 100 membres de la famille régimentaire sera le pèlerinage commémoratif des artilleurs à Vimy à l'occasion du centenaire de cette bataille déterminante. Les faits saillants incluaient la Cérémonie de la Dernière sonnerie de la porte de Menin à Ypres, l'accueil que nous ont réservé les gens de Thélus lors de notre service commémoratif au Monument commémoratif de l'Artillerie canadienne, ainsi qu'une salve d'honneur de trois coups





“As we have walked the ground and visited the memorials and cemeteries of Ypres, Passchendaele, the Somme, Hill 70 and now Vimy, our private reactions to what we have seen and heard will have covered a wide range of thought and emotion.

In my case, at the forefront of my mind always is a despair at the unmitigated tragedy that was the Great War. If only it had been avoided, how different would have been the last hundred years?

Of equal strength is a profound and unwavering pride in the sense of duty, courage and determination of Gunner Hore, Sergeant Turnbull and Lieutenant Pearce (all killed in action at Vimy) and their comrades in the batteries and brigades of our Regiment and throughout the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

It was once suggested that a “nation” is a population who united to achieve great things in the past and who, inspired by a knowledge of that history, aspire to emulate the attainments of their forbearers.

And so my wish for all of us here today, but especially the serving members of The Royal Regiment - whose best years lie yet ahead - is that we will remain mindful of the character, and appreciative of the sacrifice of those Gunners who have gone before and that in their memory, in ways large or small, in uniform or out, we will strive to uphold the peace and security of our country and the well-being of her people ...”

On a separate note, I was pleased by the success of our Regimental Director of Music, Captain Chris Embree, in having Alford’s “Voice of the Guns” included in the programme of music for the Vimy ceremony. It was this stirring piece, so well-known to we Gunners, that Canadians heard as the Guard of Honour marched into position. Considering that the leaders of the assembled composite band had previously agreed that no regimental marches “per se” would be played, this was a fine example of “Good Shooting” on Captain Embree’s part.

Credit and gratitude for the remarkable success of this pilgrimage are due the organizers - chief amongst whom were Brigadier-Generals Dave Patterson and Ernie Beno and, Major Dave Grebstad. Similar activities will commemorate our Regiment’s service in Italy, Normandy, and the Netherlands on the 75th anniversaries of these campaigns and will be worthy of participation by each of our 24 Regiments and Independent Batteries.

Returning from Europe, I was delighted to be present on April 19th for the promotion of the Senior Serving Gunner, Major-General Simon Hetherington to substantive two-star rank and, a week later, his assumption of command of the Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Command. The elevation of the most talented and accomplished members of our Regiment to such influential posts is a source of pride and inspiration for us all.

General Simon, as was the case of his immediate predecessors, Majors General Eric Tremblay and Mike Rouleau, is unstinting in his support of all aspects of Regimental affairs. The Regiment is also benefiting from exceptional commitment on the part of the other senior serving leaders of the Regiment and here I would like to note the following handovers of responsibility that occurred this year: from Colonel Tim Bishop to Colonel Marc LaFortune as Director of Artillery; from Colonel Tim Young to Colonel Stéphane Boucher as Regimental Colonel; and, from CWO (Master Gunner) Robert Beaudry to CWO Garth Hoegi as RSM RCA.

I rounded out the month with and a welcomed opportunity to enjoy, at their spring Guest Night, the fellowship of the Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs of 11th Field Regiment – a group unsurpassed in the sturdiness of their dedication not only to the well-being of their own Regiment but also to the broader interests of The Royal Regiment as evidenced by their strong turn-out to national events and generous donations to the collective works of the Regiment.

The week leading up to Artillery Day saw me in the good company of 2nd Field Regiment at the Montreal Garrison Ball on May 20th and in Toronto on Victoria Day to witness not only the traditional gun salute by 7th Toronto Regiment but also the passage of the appointment of Honorary Colonel of the Regiment from the incomparable Brigadier-General (Ret’d) Ernie Beno to former Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret’d) Barry Downs, and the assumption of the post of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel by Mark Clearihue – an accomplished recruit to the Regimental Family from the Canadian banking industry. Artillery Day itself, I spent in Ottawa, observing a hard-fought Gunner hockey game organized by Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Simes and CWO Chad Wagar.

de canon d’obusiers L5 rénovés pour l’occasion et opérés par des détachements du 2 RCHA, au Monument commémoratif de Vimy le 9 avril dernier.

Lors de la cérémonie de Thélus, tout en m’imprégnant de l’importance de ces événements, je me suis adressé au contingent comme suit :

« Après avoir foulé le sol et visité les monuments commémoratifs et les cimetières d’Ypres, de Passchendaele, de la Somme, de la colline 70 et maintenant de Vimy, tout ce que nous avons vu et entendu a suscité chez nous un large éventail de pensées et d’émotions.

Je ressens toujours en moi un certain désespoir à l’évocation de l’ampleur de la tragédie qu’a été la Grande Guerre. Si seulement nous avions pu l’éviter, quelle différence cela aurait faite pour les cent dernières années!

J’éprouve également une fierté profonde et inébranlable face au sens du devoir, au courage et à la détermination de l’artilleur Hore, du sergent Turnbull et du lieutenant Pearce (tous tués au combat à Vimy) et de leurs camarades servant dans les batteries et les brigades de notre régiment, ainsi qu’au sein de l’ensemble du Corps expéditionnaire canadien.

Il a été suggéré qu’une ‘nation’ était une population s’étant unie pour réaliser de grandes choses et qui, forte de cette histoire, aspire à imiter les accomplissements de ses ancêtres.

Par conséquent, mon souhait pour nous tous ici aujourd’hui, mais particulièrement les membres du Régiment royal — dont les meilleures années sont encore à venir — est que nous demeurions conscients de la force de caractère et reconnaissants du sacrifice de ces artilleurs qui nous ont précédés, et que nous honorions leur mémoire, de façon modeste ou non, en uniforme ou non, en nous efforçant de maintenir la paix et la sécurité de notre pays et le bien-être de son peuple... » [traduction libre]

Par ailleurs, j’ai été ravi du succès de notre directeur de musique régimentaire, le capitaine Chris Embree, qui a inclus la pièce « Voice of the Guns » (La voix des canons) d’Alford dans le programme de musique pour la cérémonie de Vimy. C’est cette pièce émouvante, si bien connue des artilleurs, que les Canadiens ont entendu lorsque la garde d’honneur a défilé et pris position. Sachant que les dirigeants de la musique mixte rassemblés avaient déjà convenu qu’aucune marche régimentaire ne serait jouée, ce fut un bel exemple de « bon coup » de la part du capitaine Embree.

Le mérite et les remerciements pour le remarquable succès de ce pèlerinage reviennent aux organisateurs – dont le brigadier général Dave Patterson, Ernie Beno et le major Dave Grebstad. Des activités similaires commémoreront le service de notre régiment en Italie, en Normandie et aux Pays-Bas à l’occasion du 75e anniversaire de ces campagnes et mériteront la participation de nos 24 régiments et batteries indépendantes.

De retour d’Europe, j’étais ravi d’être présent, le 19 avril dernier, lors de la promotion de l’artilleur-major, le major-général Simon Hetherington, au grade de deux étoiles et, une semaine plus tard, lors de sa prise de commandement du Centre de doctrine et d’instruction de l’Armée canadienne. La promotion des membres les plus talentueux et les plus accomplis de notre régiment à des postes aussi influents est une source de fierté et d’inspiration pour nous tous.

Le général Simon, comme ce fut le cas de ses prédécesseurs immédiats, les majors généraux Éric Tremblay et Mike Rouleau, ne ménage aucun effort pour appuyer tous les aspects des affaires régimentaires. Le Régiment bénéficie également d’un engagement exceptionnel de la part des autres hauts dirigeants du Régiment, et je tiens à souligner ici les transferts de responsabilité suivants qui se sont produits cette année : du colonel Tim Bishop au colonel Marc LaFortune comme directeur de l’artillerie; du colonel Tim Young au colonel Stéphane Boucher comme colonel régimentaire; et de l’adjudant-chef Robert Beaudry (maître-artilleur) à l’adjudant-chef Garth Hoegi comme sergent-major régimentaire (SMR) de l’Artillerie royale canadienne (ARC).

J’ai terminé le mois en assistant à la soirée du printemps de la fraternité des officiers, des adjudants et des sous-officiers supérieurs du 11e Régiment d’artillerie de campagne — un groupe au dévouement inégalé, non seulement pour le bien-être de son propre régiment, mais aussi pour les intérêts plus généraux du Régiment royal, comme le prouvent sa forte participation aux événements nationaux et ses dons généreux aux œuvres collectives du Régiment.

Le 20 mai dernier, soit la semaine précédant la Fête de l’Artillerie, j’étais en compagnie du 2e Régiment d’artillerie de campagne au Bal de la garnison de Montréal. Le jour de la fête de la Reine, je me suis

116th Independent Field Battery exercised, in fine style, its Freedom of the City of Kenora on 3 June with the support of its companion units in 38 Artillery Tactical Group including members from 10th Field Regiment in Regina and Yorkton who travelled, one way, nearly twelve hours by bus to take part - a testament to the dedication of our citizen-Gunners.

Having joined 26th Field Regiment as a Gunner many years ago, it was especially meaningful to be present for the occasion and concurrently, be able to thank Major Paul Haughey for taking temporary command of 38 ATG on short notice the previous December and to present Colonel Commandant's and Army Commander's Commendations to the highly respected out-going Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, Woody Linton.

On June 10th, I witnessed the change of command of 20th Independent Field Battery from Major Howard Han to Major Nick Barbour and, the unveiling, in the Lethbridge Military Museum of a remarkable stained glass mosaic depicting members of the Lethbridge military community dating to the formation of the 25th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery in 1908.

Visits to 2 RCHA are always a tonic, and I was able to manage two later in June - on the 24th to attend the Officers' Spring Ball; and on the 28th to witness the change of RSM appointment from CWO Wayne Lundrigan to CWO (Master Gunner) Rodney Gallant.

In July, the RCA Band headed to London to perform public duties at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle with 2 PPCLI. They did a splendid job and certainly looked the part thanks to the procurement, on an accelerated timeline, of their new full-dress uniforms. I am happy to report that this was the result of close collaboration between DLR, the Band, RHQ RCA and the RCA Museum. The Drum Major's sash was the only item not procured at public expense. However, in response to a challenge I put to them, the full Colonels of the Regiment immediately contributed the necessary \$3500 required for this purpose.

On July 7th, I witnessed command of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School pass from Lieutenant-Colonel Vince Giroux to Lieutenant-Colonel Nick Roby. I returned to Gagetown on August 10th and December 6th for the graduations of our newest crop of qualified artillery troop commanders as well as a DP 1 serial. On these occasions, I invariably take my leave with a renewed appreciation of the value of the gunnery staff and the essential and ceaseless labour of W Battery for whom whatever words of appreciation I might muster are entirely inadequate.

Meaford was also twice in my agenda in order to visit 48 Depot Battery RCA and present cap badges to DP 1 graduates. I am always moved by the pride displayed by our new Gunners at this juncture in their military lives and cannot help but think of the contribution that service with the Regiment makes to the strength of character and good citizenship of those women and men who pass through our ranks.

This year's iteration of the Junior Officer Course conducted at the Home Station at the end of September was again well-attended. The value of this course in inculcating in our new officers understanding and pride in the history and distinctive ways of our regiment was again proven thanks to the excellent work of the Regimental Major and all at RHQ RCA and to those who journeyed from afar to share their knowledge and experience with the course members.

An addition this year was a concurrent seminar for our Honoraries aimed at deepening their understanding of the Regimental Family strategy; creating networks; exchanging best practices and engaging with the young officers. Feedback from the eleven attendees was strongly and universally positive. We are blessed by the remarkable men and women who have stepped forward to help link us to and gain the support of the communities from which we spring. I am excited by their willingness, clearly communicated at the seminar, to contribute to the well-being of the Regiment nationally as well as locally. I am confident that this type of workshop will be a regular feature of future JOCs.

The RCA Board took place in Ottawa on October 13th followed the next day by the 132nd Annual General Meeting of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association. This conjunction of these gatherings has become a valuable opportunity to align our thinking as a Regiment with the tenets of our Family Strategy on all five Lines of Operation.

Our mission, as set out in the strategy, is "to foster a credible, relevant, cohesive and valued Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery."

rendu à Toronto pour assister non seulement à la salve d'honneur du 7e Régiment de Toronto, mais également au transfert du poste de colonel honoraire du régiment entre l'incomparable brigadier général (à la retraite) Ernie Beno et l'ancien commandant, le lieutenant-colonel (à la retraite) Barry Downs et à l'accession au poste de lieutenant-colonel honoraire de Mark Clearihue - une recrue accomplie de la famille régimentaire issue du secteur bancaire canadien. J'ai célébré la Fête de l'Artillerie à Ottawa, en regardant un match de hockey durement disputé, organisé par le lieutenant-colonel Chris Simes et l'adjutant-chef Chad Wagar.

Le 3 juin, la 116e Batterie de campagne indépendante a exercé, de belle façon, son droit de cité à Kenora, avec le soutien de ses unités d'appui du 38e Groupe tactique d'artillerie, incluant des membres du 10e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne de Regina et de Yorkton, qui ont voyagé près de douze heures en autobus pour l'occasion, ce qui témoigne du dévouement de nos citoyens-artilleurs.

Ayant rejoint le 26e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne comme artilleur, il y a de cela de nombreuses années, je tenais tout particulièrement à assister à l'occasion et, dans le même temps, à remercier le major Paul Haughey d'avoir accepté sur court préavis, au mois de décembre précédent, de prendre le commandement temporaire du 38e Groupe tactique d'artillerie. J'ai également pu présenter des mentions élogieuses du colonel commandant et du commandant de l'Armée au très respecté membre honoraire sortant, le lieutenant-colonel Woody Linton.

Le 10 juin, j'ai été témoin de la passation du commandement de la 20e Batterie de campagne indépendante entre le major Howard Han et le major Nick Barbour, et j'ai assisté au dévoilement, au Musée Militaire de Lethbridge, d'une remarquable mosaïque de vitraux représentant des membres de la communauté militaire de Lethbridge datant de la formation de la 25e Batterie, de l'Artillerie de campagne canadienne, en 1908.

Les visites au 2 RCHA sont toujours tonifiantes, et j'ai pu en faire deux autres en juin - le 24 pour participer au bal printanier des officiers et le 28 pour assister au transfert des fonctions de SMR de l'adjutant-chef Wayne Lundrigan à l'adjutant-chef (maître-artilleur) Rodney Gallant.

En juillet, la Musique de l'ARC s'est rendue à Londres pour remplir des fonctions publiques au palais de Buckingham et au château de Windsor avec le 2e Bataillon du Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI). Ils ont fait un travail splendide et, le moins qu'on puisse dire, c'est qu'ils étaient habillés pour l'occasion, grâce à l'acquisition, dans un court délai, de leurs nouveaux uniformes complets. Je suis heureux d'annoncer que leur réussite résulte d'une collaboration étroite entre la Direction des Besoins en ressources terrestres (DBRT), la Musique, le poste de commandement régimentaire (PCR) de l'ARC et le Musée de l'ARC. La ceinture du tambour-major était le seul article n'ayant pas été acheté aux frais de l'État. Cependant, en réponse à un défi que je leur ai lancé, les colonels du régiment ont immédiatement versé les 3 500 \$ nécessaires à son achat.

Le 7 juillet, j'ai été témoin de la passation du commandement de l'École du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne entre le lieutenant-colonel Vince Giroux et le lieutenant-colonel Nick Roby. Je suis retourné à Gagetown le 10 août et le 6 décembre pour la remise des diplômes de notre plus récent contingent de commandants de troupes d'artillerie qualifiés, ainsi que des participants à une période de perfectionnement (PP) 1. Je quitte toujours ces événements avec une appréciation renouvelée de la valeur du personnel d'artillerie et du travail essentiel et incessant de la Batterie W; je ne pourrai jamais en faire suffisamment l'éloge.

J'ai aussi inscrit Meaford deux fois dans mon agenda, afin de visiter la 48 Depot Battery de l'ARC et de présenter des insignes de coiffure aux diplômés de la PP 1. Je suis toujours ému par la fierté de nos nouveaux artilleurs à ce stade de leur vie militaire, et je ne peux m'empêcher de penser à quel point le service au régiment renforce le caractère et le civisme des femmes et des hommes qui servent dans nos rangs.

L'édition de cette année du Cours d'état-major des officiers subalternes, donné à la fin du mois de septembre à la station d'attache, a de nouveau attiré beaucoup de monde. La capacité de ce cours à instiller chez nos nouveaux officiers la compréhension et la fierté de l'histoire et des manières distinctives de notre régiment a encore été prouvée grâce à l'excellent travail du major régimentaire, du personnel du PCR ARC et de ceux qui ont voyagé de loin pour partager leurs connais-



As such, the theme of this year's Board, "expanding relevance: opportunities for the RCA" was well-selected as were the specific topics of employment in "advise and assist" missions; targeting; ground-based air defence; general support capability delivery; and, training for future capabilities. We enjoyed a profitable exploration of these opportunities thanks to the expertise and experience of the panel members and the audience's stimulating questions and interventions. The Senior Serving Gunner and Major-General Rouleau are to be complimented for their leadership in promoting the institutionalization of the RCA Board and maximising its value as an accessible intellectual forum for the Regiment.

A longstanding practice at the RCAA AGM is for the Secretary-Treasurer to read the roll of Gunners who died during the year. We remember and mourn the passing of each and every one. Particularly tragic are the deaths of young serving members of The Royal Regiment. In this category this year were Gunner David Machut, Gunner Christian Plourde and Sergeant Marcy Maddison of 1 RCHA; and, Master-Bombardier Joseph Hill of 20th Field Regiment. I commend the manner in which their parent Regiments honoured these soldiers and supported their families; and, in the case of Gunner Plourde and Sergeant Maddison, whose funerals took place far from Shilo, the additional support provided by 2 RCHA and 4th Regiment RCA.

Our Royal Regimental Remembrance Day ceremony again took place at the National Artillery Memorial in Ottawa – a memorial made all the more evocative by the mature presence of the John McCrae statue which has now been officially handed over to the care of the National Capital Commission.

This event was executed to a typically high Gunner standard by 30th Field Regiment, and here I am reminded of the many essential contributions that the Bytown Gunners make to the national affairs of the Regiment. The history of 30th Field may be traced to the authorization of the Volunteer Military Field Battery of Ottawa City on September 27th, 1855 and, as such, the Regiment is to be congratulated on the publication this year of "The Bytown Gunners: The History of Ottawa's Artillery, 1855-2015" due to the leading efforts of Honorary Colonel Chiko Nanji and author Kenneth Reynolds.

We are also indebted to Susan Raby-Dunne, a good friend of the Regiment, for her editing and publication of the memoirs of Major-General Sir Edward Morrison KCMG, CB, DSO, Ottawa journalist and Commander Canadian Corps Artillery at Vimy, Hill 70, Passchendaele and during the battles of the 100 Days.

November 21st is the anniversary of the Canoe River tragedy, and in 2017, for the first time, the official commemoration took place in Petawawa rather than Shilo. Artillery Park provided the ceremony venue. 2 RCHA has done superb work in refurbishing and expending this site making it eminently suitable for Gunner events. Western Canadians' awareness of Canoe River has increased due to the song "Troop Train" recently released by a group from Canmore, Alberta calling themselves "The Wardens" and which vividly and movingly tells the story of the 17 members of 2 RCHA who lost their lives in this incident nearly sixty-seven years ago.

I was fortunate this year to celebrate Saint Barbara's Day four times. The first occasion was in Halifax on November 30th at a dinner hosted by the Halifax Citadel Regimental Association whose objects include funding of the 3rd Brigade Royal Artillery re-enactment group. The 3rd Brigade garrisoned the Citadel at the time of Confederation. The Association does a fine job of preserving the Gunner heritage of the Citadel and I am grateful to past Colonel Commandant Major-General (Ret'd) John Arch MacInnis for introducing me to them.

The second was a crowded, boisterous and entirely enjoyable afternoon gathering of Ottawa Gunners in OP de Hart on December 1st. The third was the annual St Barbara's Guest Night held by the four artillery regiments of 2nd Canadian Division this year at 2nd Field Regiment in Montreal on December 2nd. Retired senior reserve component Gunner, Brigadier-General David Paterson was the Special Guest. And finally, the fourth, on December 3rd, was the Ottawa Gunners' Annual St Barbara's Day cocktail party at which the family of Colonel Norbert Reilander, wartime member of 1st Field Regiment RCHA, an original Air OP Pilot, and Commanding Officer of 1 RCHA 1955-59, generously presented to the Regiment a collection of Colonel Reilander's personal service items including his medals, decorations, and pilot log books.

sances et leur expérience avec les participants du cours.

Nous avons ajouté cette année, durant la même période, un séminaire à l'intention de nos membres honoraires, dans le but d'approfondir leur compréhension de la stratégie de la famille régimentaire, de créer des réseaux, de mettre en commun les pratiques exemplaires et d'établir un dialogue avec les jeunes officiers. Les réactions des onze participants étaient unanimement très positives. Nous sommes vraiment privilégiés que des hommes et des femmes aussi remarquables se soient déplacés pour nous aider à tisser des liens entre nous et à obtenir le soutien des communautés dont nous sommes issus. Je suis enthousiasmé par leur volonté, clairement communiquée lors du séminaire, de contribuer au bien-être du Régiment à l'échelle nationale et locale, et je suis convaincu que ce type d'atelier sera une caractéristique courante des futurs centres d'opérations interarmées.

Le conseil d'administration de l'ARC s'est réuni à Ottawa le 13 octobre, et la 132e assemblée générale annuelle de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne s'est tenue le lendemain. La conjonction de ces rassemblements est devenue une occasion précieuse d'harmoniser notre pensée, en tant que régiment, en ce qui a trait aux principes de notre stratégie pour la famille sur les cinq lignes d'opération. Notre mission, telle qu'énoncée dans la stratégie, consiste à « favoriser un Régiment royal d'Artillerie canadienne crédible, pertinent, cohésif et valorisé ». À ce titre, le thème du conseil d'administration de cette année, « Pertinence en expansion : des opportunités pour l'ARC », a été bien choisi, de même que les thèmes touchant à l'emploi dans les missions « conseiller et aider » : le ciblage, la défense aérienne au sol, la mise en œuvre d'une capacité de soutien général et une instruction visant à acquérir de nouvelles capacités. Notre exploration de ces occasions a été fructueuse grâce à l'expertise et à l'expérience des membres du groupe et aux questions et interventions stimulantes du public. L'artilleur-major et le major général Rouleau doivent être félicités pour leur leadership dans la promotion de l'institutionnalisation du conseil d'administration de l'ARC et dans la maximisation de sa valeur en tant que forum intellectuel pour le régiment.

Une pratique de longue date du secrétaire-trésorier au cours de l'AGA de l'Association de l'ARC consiste à lire la liste de noms des artilleurs décédés pendant l'année. Nous nous souvenons et pleurons la perte de chacun d'entre eux. Les décès de jeunes membres du Régiment royal sont particulièrement tragiques. Dans cette catégorie se trouvent cette année l'artilleur David Machut, l'artilleur Christian Plourde et le sergent Marcy Maddison du 1 RCHA, ainsi que le bombardier-chef Joseph Hill du 20e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne. J'admire la façon dont les régiments parents ont honoré ces soldats et soutenu leurs familles, en particulier, dans le cas de l'artilleur Plourde et du sergent Maddison, dont les funérailles ont eu lieu loin de Shilo, le soutien supplémentaire fourni par le 2 RCHA et le 4e Régiment RCA.

Notre cérémonie du jour du Souvenir du Régiment royal a eu lieu à nouveau au Monument national aux artilleurs à Ottawa — un monument rendu d'autant plus évocateur par la présence de la statue de John McCrae, qui a maintenant été officiellement remise à la Commission de la capitale nationale. Cet événement a été dirigé par le 30e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, selon les normes typiquement élevées des artilleurs. Il me rappelle les nombreuses contributions essentielles des Artilleurs de Bytown aux affaires nationales du Régiment. L'histoire du 30e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne remonte à l'autorisation de la batterie de campagne militaire volontaire d'Ottawa le 27 septembre 1855 et, à ce titre, le Régiment doit être félicité de la publication, cette année, du livre *The Bytown Gunners : The History of Ottawa's Artillery, 1855-2015* (Les Artilleurs de Bytown : l'histoire de l'artillerie d'Ottawa, de 1855 à 2015) grâce aux efforts du colonel honoraire Chiko Nanji et de l'auteur Kenneth Reynolds.

Nous sommes également redevables à Susan Raby-Dunne, une bonne amie du Régiment, pour l'édition et la publication des mémoires du major général Sir Edward Morrison KCMG, CB, DSO, journaliste d'Ottawa et commandant de l'Artillerie du Corps canadien à Vimy, à la bataille de la colline 70, à Passchendaele et aux batailles des 100 jours.

Le 21 novembre est l'anniversaire de la tragédie de la rivière Canoe et, en 2017, la commémoration officielle a eu lieu pour la première fois à Petawawa plutôt qu'à Shilo. Le parc de l'Artillerie a servi d'emplacement pour la cérémonie. Le 2 RCHA a fait un superbe travail de rénovation et d'agrandissement de ce site qui le rend parfaitement adapté aux événements des artilleurs. Les Canadiens de l'Ouest ont découvert la rivière Canoe à travers la chanson « Troop Train », récem-

The Senior Serving Gunner, the Director and others will comment more substantively on the policy, operations, and training highlights of the year. I would simply wish to record my gratitude to Commanding Officers for the opportunity to spend time in the field, at various points this year, with 1 RCHA, 5 RALC, 4th Regiment, 2nd Field Regiment, 62 RAC, 30th and 42nd Field Regiments. Two of these were combined exercises and I applaud the inter-unit cooperation that made them possible. My visit to 4th Regiment included introductions to the Medium Range Radar, the Blackjack UAS and the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle all whose capabilities are impressive and whose arrival in the Regiment's lines has been long-awaited.

Policy announcements this year, not least of which being the release of the Defence Policy Review, contained considerable good news for the Regiment.

The Government's commitment to filling the GBAMD capability gap was undoubtedly the headline for us. I cannot help but think of our work in articulating this need in our Strategic Capability Assessment and the representations made early in the review process by Lieutenant-General (Ret'd) Stu Beare and Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Dan Ross on behalf of the Royal Canadian Artillery Association.

The commitment to the provision of four summers of employment for recruits to our reserve units bodes well, as does recognition of the brigade group as the foundation of the Army's combat capability.

The announcement in August of the deployment of a battery to Latvia suggests consideration of the capabilities The Royal Regiment brings to the fight is again becoming a planning norm.

All the above plus strong and growing Gunner involvement in the Canadian Armed Forces targeting enterprise; command of the Canadian Combat Support Brigade and the assignment to it of 4th Regiment; and, the emergence of Light Urban Search and Rescue as a secondary role for selected units offer further compelling evidence of our reinforced relevance and value in the eyes of higher command. As for the credibility and cohesion elements of our mission, that will always be up to us.

By any criterion, it has been a good year for The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. At every turn in my travels, I am heartened by the talent, application, pride, and good-will embodied by those who wear our cap badge. It remains a profound honour to serve you, and I look forward to continuing to advance with you "Ubique, Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt."



Plotting co-ordinates during 1 RCHA's Ex LIMBER GUNNER.

ment diffusée par un groupe de Canmore, en Alberta, qui s'appelle « The Wardens ». La chanson raconte de manière émouvante l'histoire des 17 membres du 2 RCHA qui ont perdu la vie dans cet incident, il y a près de soixante-sept ans.

Cette année, j'ai eu le privilège de célébrer la Sainte-Barbe à quatre reprises. La première fois à Halifax le 30 novembre, lors d'un dîner organisé par la Halifax Citadel Regimental Association, visant notamment le financement du groupe de reconstitution de la 3e Brigade de l'Artillerie royale, qui était en garnison à la citadelle au moment de la Confédération. L'association fait un excellent travail de préservation du patrimoine des artilleurs de la citadelle, et je suis reconnaissant à l'ancien colonel commandant et major général (à la retraite) John Arch MacInnis de m'avoir présenté ses membres.

La deuxième fois dans l'OP de Hart, le 1er décembre, lors d'un rassemblement d'artilleurs d'Ottawa, bondé, bruyant et tout à fait agréable. La troisième fois à Montréal le 2 décembre, lors de la soirée annuelle de la Sainte-Barbe organisée par les quatre régiments d'artillerie de la 2e Division du Canada et tenue cette année au 2e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne. L'artilleur principal retraité de la Réserve, le brigadier général David Paterson, en était l'invité d'honneur. Et enfin, la quatrième fois, le 3 décembre, lors d'un cocktail annuel de la Sainte-Barbe des Artilleurs d'Ottawa, au cours duquel la famille du colonel Norbert Reilander — membre du 1er Régiment d'artillerie de campagne du RCHA en temps de guerre, pilote des premières OP aériennes et commandant du 1 RCHA de 1955 à 1959, a généreusement présenté au régiment une collection d'articles militaires personnels du colonel Reilander, dont, notamment, ses médailles, ses décorations et ses journaux de bord.

L'artilleur-major, le directeur et d'autres commenteront de façon plus approfondie les points saillants des politiques, des opérations et de l'instruction de l'année. Je tiens simplement à exprimer ma gratitude aux commandants pour cette occasion de passer du temps sur le terrain, à divers moments cette année, auprès du 1 RCHA, du 5e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5 RALC), du 4e Régiment, ainsi que des 2e, 62e, 30e et 42e régiments d'artillerie de campagne. Deux d'entre eux étaient des exercices combinés, et j'ai applaudi la coopération entre unités qui les a rendus possibles. Ma visite au 4e Régiment comprenait une introduction au radar à moyenne portée, au système aérien téléguidé (UAV) Blackjack et au véhicule de patrouille blindé tactique, dont les capacités sont impressionnantes et dont l'arrivée dans les lignes du Régiment était attendue depuis longtemps.

Cette année, les annonces de politiques, dont la publication de l'Examen de la politique de défense, contenaient de bonnes nouvelles pour le Régiment.

L'engagement du gouvernement de combler le déficit de capacité de la défense antiaérienne et antimunitions basée au sol (DAAAMBS) a été sans aucun doute l'annonce la plus importante pour nous. Je ne peux m'empêcher de penser à notre travail de définition de ce besoin dans notre évaluation de la capacité stratégique, ainsi qu'aux représentations faites au début du processus d'examen par le lieutenant-général (à la retraite) Stu Beare et le brigadier général (à la retraite) Dan Ross au nom de l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne.

L'engagement à offrir des emplois pendant quatre étés aux recrues de nos unités de réserve est de bon augure, tout comme la reconnaissance du groupe-brigade comme fondement de la capacité de combat de l'Armée de terre.

L'annonce en août du déploiement d'une batterie en Lettonie suggère que la prise en compte des capacités apportées par le Régiment royal à la lutte redevient une norme de planification.

Tout ce qui précède, de même que la participation forte et croissante des artilleurs dans l'entreprise de ciblage des Forces armées canadiennes, dans le commandement de la Brigade d'appui au combat du Canada et l'affectation du 4e Régiment, ainsi que dans l'émergence de la recherche et sauvetage en milieu urbain à l'aide d'équipements légers comme rôle secondaire de certaines unités, offrent une preuve supplémentaire de notre pertinence et de notre valeur renforcées aux yeux du commandement supérieur. Les éléments de crédibilité et de cohésion de notre mission, quant à eux, dépendront toujours de nous.

Selon tous les critères, le Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne a connu une bonne année. Partout où j'ai voyagé, je me réjouis du talent, de l'application, de la fierté et de la bonne volonté de ceux qui portent notre insigne de coiffure. C'est un grand honneur de vous servir, et j'ai hâte de poursuivre l'aventure avec vous. Ubique, Quo Fas et Gloria Ducunt.



**Major-General S.C. Hetherington, OMM, MSC, CD**



## Message from the Senior Serving Gunner

When you're a newly commissioned officer in the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, you don't think about ever becoming the Senior Serving Gunner. In fact, you don't even know what a Senior Serving Gunner is. It's for that reason I've included an old picture of myself for this letter. The junior officers, NCOs and Gunners of The Royal Regiment will one day be our leaders and over the last year, I've become certain that our future is in good hands. Every day, I interact with motivated, professional Gunners both regular and reserve, who serve our Royal Regiment proudly and professionally. Maintaining our relevance, continuing to communicate across the Regiment and acting with unified thought, purpose and action remain my key themes.

Gunners are indeed ubiquitous across the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). From Kuwait to Latvia to Ukraine; from helping the victims of flooding in Quebec to fighting the wild fires of BC, the men and women of the Royal Regiment continue to participate in all CAF operations. We are also truly moving forward to maintain our relevance in emerging fields. Firstly, we have Gunners throughout the CAF targeting enterprise at all levels including LCol Dave McKeever who is currently the Director of the Land Targeting School, Col Stéphane Dumas as Chief of Staff Targeting Capability Implementation Team and LCol Robert Dunn who is Chief Instructor Joint Targeting, Joint Exercises and Targeting Training Branch at the Canadian Forces Warfare Centre. These Gunners, among many others, are providing an excellent example of pushing forward an important capability for the CAF with the synergy of a finely executed fire plan. A second area where gunners are leading change is with the Canadian Combat Support Brigade currently commanded by our Director of Artillery, Col Marc LaFortune. It is soon to include the 4th Regiment (General Support), as part of the Canadian Army's fourth regular force brigade. The enablers and effects this brigade deliv-

## Mot de l'Artilleur principal en service

Lorsque vous êtes un officier nouvellement commissionné du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne, vous ne songez pas à en devenir un jour l'artilleur-major. De fait, vous ne savez même pas ce qu'est un artilleur-major. C'est pour cette raison que j'ai inclus à cet article une vieille photo de moi. Les officiers subalternes, sous-officiers et artilleurs du Régiment royal seront un jour nos chefs et, au cours de la dernière année, je suis devenu convaincu que notre avenir est entre bonnes mains. Chaque jour, j'interagis avec des artilleurs professionnels motivés, de la Force régulière et de la Réserve, qui servent fièrement notre Régiment royal et avec professionnalisme. Mes thèmes principaux demeurent le maintien de notre pertinence, la poursuite des communications à l'échelle du Régiment et le fait d'agir avec une unité de pensée, de but et d'action.

Les artilleurs se retrouvent partout au sein des Forces armées canadiennes (FAC). Du Koweït à la Lettonie, en passant par l'Ukraine; de l'aide apportée aux victimes d'inondations au Québec à la lutte contre les feux de forêt en C.B., les hommes et les femmes du Régiment royal continuent de participer à toutes les opérations des FAC. Nous nous efforçons vraiment de maintenir notre pertinence dans des domaines émergents. Premièrement, nous avons des artilleurs à l'échelle de l'organisation de ciblage des FAC à tous les niveaux, y compris le lcol Dave McKeever, qui est actuellement le directeur de l'école de ciblage de l'Armée, le col Stéphane Dumas, qui est chef d'état-major de l'Équipe de mise en œuvre de la capacité de ciblage, et le lcol Robert Dunn, qui est instructeur en chef du service d'instruction en ciblage interarmées, en exercices interarmées et en ciblage au Centre de guerre des Forces canadiennes. Ces artilleurs, parmi tant d'autres, donnent un excellent exemple de mise en avant d'une importante capacité pour les FAC avec la synergie d'un plan finement exécuté. Autre secteur où les artilleurs

ers are critical to CAF operations and with the new equipment being fielded by the 4th Regiment, it will only increase the operational relevance of Gunners. The last area which I would like to highlight is the emerging capability of Light Urban Search and Rescue assigned to four of our reserve regiments. These regiments, which provide important links to communities across Canada will serve in a new, operationally relevant role in the near future.

Strides have been taken to improve regimental communications which builds strength in our family as we keep connected and aware. More than just staying informed, these advances provide each of us the opportunity to contribute to the Regimental discussion regardless of your rank, position, component, current posting or unit. I would like to recognize the truly outstanding efforts of Col (retired) Peter Williams, Executive Director of the RCAA, and his team for the weekly e-newsletter, Canadian Gunner News. It's informative, user friendly and easily accessible. I am also happy to note the efforts to build and sustain the gunner community in the National Capital Region (NCR). LCol's Sonny Hatton and Dave Brassard, lead the NCR based gunner community, in professional development on a monthly basis. The spirit of the NCR gunners can be felt even on a rainy morning run in late October. The Colonel Commandant was able to make the event, despite the weather, with the addition of his Regimental umbrella.

Keeping connected through continuous, open, communication helps to unify our efforts and act as one Regiment. Events such as the Artillery Training Board held in Ottawa in the fall of 2017 helps create that unity. Thanks to the initiative of their superb commander, MGen Mike Rouleau, several Gunners of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command candidly shared their experiences in their fight against DAESH/ISIL at this event. Elsewhere, I've seen great linkages between reserve and regular units, the Honorary Colonel community working together and our various governance structures collaborating to act as one. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the leadership the Royal Regiment demonstrates in embracing and exploiting the power of diversity. Our Gunners are not identified or singled out based on gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or anything else – we are all Gunners. I fully admit, we are by no means perfect and we must continue to reinforce the messages of Op HONOUR, but the diversity of our Regiment is perhaps one of things of which I am most proud.

The themes of relevance, communication and unity continue to remain central to my view of our collective way forward. Every Gunner – regardless of rank, regular or reserve, serving or retired – can play a role in contributing to our operational effectiveness and to the Regimental family which serves as our foundation. You can be immensely proud of your collective accomplishments, because I certainly am. Perhaps more importantly, we are well situated for continued success in the years to come. And while today I remain humbled to be your Senior Serving Gunner, somewhere out there is an unsuspecting young troop commander that will eventually replace me – whether he or she knows what a Senior Serving Gunner is, or not.



UBIQUE!

Major-General Simon Hetherington

dirigent le changement est au sein de la Brigade d'appui au combat du Canada, qui est actuellement commandée par notre Directeur de l'Artillerie, le col Marc LaFortune. Elle devrait comprendre le 4e Régiment (Appui général), en tant que quatrième brigade de la Force régulière de l'Armée canadienne. Les éléments habilitants et les effets apportés par cette brigade sont essentiels aux opérations des FAC et, grâce au nouvel équipement qui sera mis en service par le 4e Régiment, cela ne fera qu'augmenter la pertinence opérationnelle des artilleurs. Le dernier secteur que j'aimerais souligner est la nouvelle capacité de recherche et sauvetage en milieu urbain à l'aide d'équipement léger attribuée à quatre de nos régiments de la Réserve. Ces régiments, qui fournissent un lien important avec les collectivités à l'échelle du Canada, serviront dans un nouveau rôle, pertinent sur le plan opérationnel, dans un proche avenir.

On a fait de grands progrès pour améliorer les communications régimentaires qui renforcent notre famille tout en nous permettant de garder le contact et de nous tenir au courant. En plus de nous tenir simplement informés, ces avancées nous offrent à tous l'occasion de contribuer à la discussion régimentaire, quels que soient votre grade, votre poste, votre élément, ainsi que votre affection ou unité actuelles. Je tiens à souligner les efforts vraiment extraordinaires du col (retraité) Peter Williams, Directeur exécutif de l'AARC, et de son équipe pour le bulletin électronique Les nouvelles des artilleurs canadiens. Il est informatif, convivial et facile d'accès. Je suis également heureux de souligner les efforts pour bâtir et soutenir la collectivité des artilleurs dans la région de la capitale nationale (RCN). Les lcol Sonny Hatton et Dave Brassard dirigent la collectivité des artilleurs de la RCN en ce qui concerne le perfectionnement professionnel, et ce, sur une base mensuelle. L'esprit des artilleurs de la RCN ressent même lors d'une course tenue un matin pluvieux de la fin d'octobre. Le colonel commandant a pu participer à l'événement, malgré la température, en y ajoutant son parapluie régimentaire.

Le fait de garder le contact, grâce à des communications continues et franches, contribue à unifier nos efforts et à nous faire agir comme un seul régiment. Des événements comme la réunion du comité de l'instruction de l'Artillerie, qui a eu lieu à Ottawa à l'automne 2017, aident à créer cette unité. Grâce à l'initiative de leur excellent commandant, le mgen Mike Rouleau, plusieurs artilleurs du Commandement – Forces d'opérations spéciales du Canada ont franchement parlé de leurs expériences vécues en combattant daech et l'état islamique lors de cet événement. Ailleurs, j'ai vu de beaux liens entre les unités de la Réserve et de la Force régulière, la collectivité des colonels honoraires travaillant de concert et nos diverses structures de gouvernance qui collaborent pour agir de façon regroupée. Je m'en voudrais de ne pas mentionner le leadership dont fait preuve le Régiment royal lorsqu'il adopte et exploite la puissance de la diversité. Nos artilleurs ne sont pas identifiés ou mis à part en fonction de leur sexe, de leur orientation sexuelle, de leur race, de leur religion ou quoi que ce soit d'autre – nous sommes tous des artilleurs. Je l'admets volontiers : nous ne sommes pas parfaits et nous devons continuer d'insister sur les messages de l'Op HONOUR, mais la diversité de notre Régiment est peut-être l'une des choses dont je suis le plus fier.

Les thèmes de la pertinence, de la communication et de l'unité restent au centre de ma perception de notre voie à suivre collective. Chaque artilleur – peu importe son grade, qu'il soit de la Régulière ou de la Réserve, en service actif ou à la retraite – peut jouer un rôle en contribuant à notre efficacité opérationnelle et à la famille régimentaire qui constitue notre fondement. Vous pouvez être imensément fiers de nos réalisations collectives, parce que moi, je le suis. Qui plus est, nous sommes bien placés pour avoir un succès continu dans les années à venir. Et même si je suis encore touché d'être votre artilleur-major, quelque part, il y a un jeune commandant de troupe qui, sans le savoir, me remplacera éventuellement – peu importe s'il sait ce qu'est un artilleur-major.

UBIQUE!

Majorgénéral Simon Hetherington





**Colonel J.M.A. LaFortune, CD**



## Message from the Director of Artillery

## Mot du Directeur de l'Artillerie

Dear members and friends of The Royal Regiment,

Serving as your Director of Artillery continues to be a humbling experience. It has been a great year for Gunners and I look forward to 2018 and beyond. I am looking to carry out the duties and responsibilities of Director for as long as possible, as it is important work, and I believe that continuity is useful as we move capabilities forward. What impresses me the most is both the quality of our leadership within Units and the professionalism and ingenuity of our soldiers.

There have been a number of changes to the RCA Team, but the Colonel Commandant, BGen (Ret'd) Selbie, is not one of them, thankfully! He has graciously accepted an extension to his mandate. Thank you, Sir! We do have, however, a new Regimental Colonel, Colonel Steph Boucher, who is doing great work, having taken over from Col Tim Young. With the deployment of CWO Bob Beaudry, CWO Garth Hoegi has most ably assumed the responsibilities of the RCA RSM. Last but not least, MGen Simon Hetherington is now our Senior Serving Gunner, having been passed the mantle by MGen Mike Rouleau. Thank you all for your leadership!

While 2017 has proven to be another successful year for the Royal Regiment, 2018 will also bring challenges and opportunities that we can look forward to. 2017 saw a Battery deployed to Latvia, and an ongoing rotating deployment will likely be with us for the foreseeable future. With 2 RCHA in high readiness, and 5 RALC on the road to high readiness, Gunners stand ready to deploy anywhere, anytime. Our contribution remains value added. Our Reserve Units continue to train for current and additional roles, both at home and abroad. Strengthening the Army Reserves is the Army Commander's number one priority, and this initiative, which includes greater Regular/Reserve integration, is based on the model we have had in place in the Royal Regiment for some time.

Chers membres et amis du Régiment royal,

Occuper le poste de directeur de l'Artillerie continue d'être pour moi une leçon d'humilité. La dernière année a été formidable pour les artilleurs et je suis impatient d'entreprendre l'année 2018 et les suivantes, de m'acquitter des fonctions et des responsabilités de directeur et ce, pour aussi longtemps que possible. Il s'agit en effet d'un travail important et je crois qu'il est utile de maintenir la continuité alors que nous allons de l'avant avec de nouvelles capacités. Ce qui m'impressionne le plus jusqu'ici est la qualité du leadership au sein de nos unités, ainsi que le professionnalisme et l'ingéniosité de nos militaires.

Un certain nombre de changements ont eu lieu dans l'équipe de l'ARC, mais le colonel commandant, le Bgén (à la retraite) Selbie, n'est pas inclus dans ce nombre. Heureusement! De bonne grâce, il a accepté une prolongation de son mandat. Merci Monsieur! Le poste de colonel régimentaire a un nouveau visage, celui du colonel Steph Boucher. Il prend la relève du Col Tim Young et fait de l'excellent travail. Avec le départ en mission de l'Adjud Bob Beaudry, l'Adjud Garth Hoegi occupe désormais le poste de SMR RCA et il le fait de main de maître. Le dernier de ces changements, et non le moindre, est l'arrivée du Mgén Simon Hetherington comme nouvel artilleur principal en service, le Mgén Mike Rouleau lui ayant passé le flambeau. Merci à chacun de vous pour votre leadership!

Bien que 2017 se soit avérée une autre année couronnée de succès pour le Régiment royal, 2018 offrira elle aussi son lot de possibilités et de défis stimulants. En 2017, nous avons déployé une batterie en Lettonie et nous avons entrepris une mission avec rotations qui nous occupera pendant un certain temps encore. Avec le 2 RCHA en état de disponibilité opérationnelle et le 5 RALC sur le chemin menant au niveau de préparation élevé, les artilleurs sont prêts à partir en mission en tout temps, où que ce soit. Notre contribution conserve une valeur ajoutée. Nos unités de la Réserve poursuivent leur entraînement afin de pouvoir remplir leurs rôles actuels et à venir, au pays comme à l'étranger. Le renforcement de la Réserve de l'Armée est la priorité absolue du commandant de l'Armée, et cette initiative, qui comprend une plus grande intégration de la Force régulière et de la Réserve, est basée sur un modèle qui est en place dans

2018 will see new capabilities within the Royal Regiment, with the arrival of Medium Range Radars and Unmanned Aerial Systems in 4th Regt (GS) lines. These Brigade assets, and the Gunners who employ and deploy them, serve to further increase the value of our contribution in the battlespace. On operations we continue to provide expertise in joint and combined headquarters, especially in the targeting realm. I see Gunners as the Army's Targeteers, but in a briefing I gave to the Army Commander he told me that he sees Gunners as the Canadian Forces Targeteers! Outstanding!

Being your Director of Artillery is a privilege. I take my roles and responsibilities seriously because you deserve no less. Again, I plan to carry out these duties for as long as I can, as it is a great honor to serve the Guns in this capacity. I wish you and your families the very best in 2018. Enjoy your journey! Carpe Diem!

Ubique!

le Régiment royal depuis un certain temps.

2018 verra l'arrivée de nouvelles capacités au Régiment royal, notamment des radars de télémétrie et des systèmes d'aéronefs sans pilote dans le 4 RAAG. Ces nouvelles ressources de la Brigade, ainsi que les artilleurs qui les utilisent et les déploient, servent à accroître l'importance de notre participation dans l'espace de bataille. Dans le cadre des opérations, nous continuons de fournir notre expertise aux quartiers généraux interarmées et interalliés, en particulier dans le domaine du ciblage. Selon moi, les artilleurs sont les principaux responsables du ciblage de l'Armée, mais lors d'une séance d'information que j'ai donnée au commandant de l'Armée, il m'a dit qu'il voit les artilleurs comme les grands responsables du ciblage de toutes les Forces canadiennes! C'est formidable!

Être le directeur de l'Artillerie est un privilège. Je prends au sérieux mes rôles et mes responsabilités, parce que vous ne méritez rien de moins. Je le répète, je prévois remplir ces fonctions aussi longtemps que je le pourrai, car il s'agit d'un grand honneur que de pouvoir servir l'Artillerie en occupant ce poste. Je vous offre, à vous et à vos familles, tous mes vœux de succès en 2018. Profitez pleinement de votre parcours! Carpe Diem!

Ubique!



One of the RCA Museum's prized artillery pieces currently on display outdoors across from the Officers' Mess.





**Colonel L.H.P.S. Boucher, CD**



## Message from the Regimental Colonel

Fellow Gunners, active and retired, and friends of the Regimental Family I cannot start this message without conveying thanks for your continued work in support of all matters related to the artillery. 2017 was a great year for Gunner's everywhere, with operational success as we once again deployed our colours overseas and participated in numerous activities to celebrate our heritage. From coast to coast, and around the world, Gunners were seen and heard and our Regimental pride shone through.

2017 saw the Royal Regiment continue its development of its three institutional lines of operation. Significant effort was made to develop a model to revitalize the Regimental Fund and make it inclusive for all members of the Regimental Family. This effort will be pursued in 2018 as we revitalize the Regimental Fund into two separate accounts, the General Account and the Heritage Fund. This separation will be supported by different governance mechanisms and enable sustained fund-raising to support future activities. By fiscal year 2019/2020 the new structure will be in place thanks to the efforts of RHQ and many stakeholders, but it will require great effort by many in 2018.

Throughout the year the Royal Regiment celebrated its heritage overseas. Our Colonel Commandant visited with our Captain General and then joined over a hundred of our Gunners (both regular and reserve) as we gathered in Vimy, France to celebrate the centennial of Canada's coming of age. At Vimy we also fired our guns for the first time since that fateful battle 100 years ago.

Operationally Gunners shone on the Canadian Armed Forces three major missions. Whether as targeteer's and staff with

## Message du Colonel régimentaire

Chers frères d'armes et amis de la famille régimentaire, je ne peux commencer ce message sans vous remercier pour votre travail continu en lien avec les divers enjeux qui ont su nous occuper lors de la dernière année. L'année 2017 a été un succès opérationnel puisque nous avons de nouveau déployé nos couleurs à l'étranger et participé à de nombreuses activités pour célébrer notre patrimoine. D'un océan à l'autre, et partout dans le monde, les artilleurs ont été vus et entendus et notre fierté régimentaire a rayonné.

L'année 2017 a vu le Régiment Royal poursuivre le développement de ses trois lignes d'opérations institutionnelles. Des efforts importants ont été déployés pour élaborer un modèle de revitalisation du Fonds régimentaire et le rendre inclusif pour tous les membres de la famille régimentaire. Cet effort sera poursuivi en 2018 alors que nous redynamiserons le fonds régimentaire en deux comptes distincts, le compte général et le fonds du patrimoine. Cette séparation sera soutenue par différents mécanismes de gouvernance et permettra une collecte de fonds soutenue pour supporter les activités futures. D'ici l'exercice financier 2019-2020, la nouvelle structure sera en place grâce aux efforts du QG régimentaire et de l'apport de nombreux intervenants.

Tout au long de l'année, le Régiment Royal a célébré son patrimoine à l'étranger. Notre Colonel commandant a rendu visite à notre Capitaine Général et a ensuite rejoint plus d'une centaine de nos artilleurs (réguliers et réservistes) alors que nous nous réunissions à Vimy, en France, pour commémorer l'anniversaire du centenaire de la bataille. Nous avons également fait retentir le son de nos canons pour la première fois depuis la bataille fatidique, il y a

Task Force Iraq, as instructors in Ukraine, or with our M777s in Latvia, our members did us proud. And the future is bright where Gunners will continue to be called on to deliver effects around the world.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the service of Col Tim Young as Regimental Colonel. Tim's boundless energy moved the Regimental Family in a positive direction by developing our lines of operation and establishing a sustainable business plan. We wish Tim the best of luck as he continues to serve, this time overseas as Canada's Defense Attaché in Holland. I would like to thank the Royal Canadian Artillery Association and all Associations across the country for their continued support to the Regimental Family. Together, Gunners alongside the Associations, have helped build the story in these pages. – Ubique and good shooting!

de ça 100 ans.

Sur le plan opérationnel, les artilleurs ont brillé dans les trois principales missions des Forces armées canadiennes. Que ce soit en tant que spécialiste en ciblage ou comme membre du personnel de la Force opérationnelle en Irak, comme instructeurs en Ukraine ou bien avec nos M777 en Lettonie, nos membres nous ont rendus fiers. L'avenir regorge d'occasions pour que nos artilleurs puissent continuer à servir sous le drapeau lors de futures opérations tant au niveau nationales que domestiques.

En terminant, je tiens à souligner l'excellent travail du colonel Tim Young à titre de Colonel régimentaire. Son dépassement envers l'organisation a fait évoluer la famille régimentaire dans une direction positive en développant nos lignes d'opération et en établissant un plan d'affaires durable. Nous souhaitons au Col Young le meilleure des succès alors qu'il continue de servir, cette fois à l'étranger à titre d'attaché de la défense du Canada aux Pays-Bas. Je tiens à remercier l'Association de l'Artillerie royale canadienne et toutes les associations à travers le pays pour leur soutien continu à la famille régimentaire. Ensemble, les artilleurs, de concert avec les associations, ont aidé à construire l'histoire dans ces pages. - Ubique et bon tir!



Former BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey fires a M777 during 1 RCHA family day in the CFB Shilo training area.



**Chief Warrant Officer G.E. Hoegi, MMM, CD**



## Message from the Regimental Sergeant Major

Members of the Royal Regiment

I would like to start by thanking all Gunners for what you do every day to promote the Royal Regiment and to educate our brothers in arms as to what we as Gunners can bring to the table. Since my appointment as the RSM RCA in the spring of 2017, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the RSMs of our Regular Force Regiments, RSM RCAS, and RSM RCA (PRes), this has given me insight into the high tempo that all Gunners, Regular Force and Reserve Force, are dealing with daily. We currently have Gunners deployed around the world on numerous missions where they are making a difference. Once again thank you for all that you do and keep up the great work.

With the release of Canada's new Defense Policy, Strong, Secure, and Engaged, there are a number of issues that directly affect the Royal Regiment. Throughout the implementation of this policy, the Royal Regiment will realize growth in both personnel and capabilities. One of the returning capabilities is the future acquisition of a Ground Based Air Defence System. The acquisition of this system will once again revitalize the Air Defense Stream and continue to grow the diversity and the influence of our Occupation in the Battle Space. Another aspect of SSE that cannot go unmentioned is the focus on our people. SSE has given us the strategic priority to continue and to enhance what we do to ensure the welfare and wellbeing of our Soldiers and Officers. "The Journey" will be the way forward that will enable us to ensure our people and their families are our number one priority, well cared for, motivated and prepared to do all that we ask of them. I encourage all units to conduct regular PD ses-

## Mot du sergent-major régimentaire

Membres du Régiment royal,

J'aimerais d'abord remercier les artilleurs de tout ce qu'ils font chaque jour pour promouvoir le Régiment royal et faire découvrir à nos confrères d'armes la contribution que les artilleurs peuvent apporter. Depuis ma nomination en tant que SMR ARC au printemps 2017, j'ai eu l'occasion de travailler étroitement avec les SMR de nos régiments de la Force régulière, le SMR EARC et le SMR ARC (P rés), et cela m'a permis d'avoir un aperçu du rythme élevé des opérations quotidiennes de tous les artilleurs, de la Force régulière et de la Réserve. Des artilleurs sont présentement en déploiement partout dans le monde dans le cadre de nombreuses missions où ils font une différence. Je vous remercie encore pour tout ce que vous faites. Continuez votre bon travail!

Dans le cadre de la publication de la nouvelle politique de défense du Canada, Protection, Sécurité, Engagement, certains enjeux touchent directement le Régiment royal. Tout au long de la mise en œuvre de cette politique, le Régiment royal connaîtra une croissance au niveau du personnel et des capacités. L'un des éléments dynamisants est l'acquisition future d'un système de défense antiaérienne basé au sol. L'acquisition de ce système revitalisera à nouveau le volet de la défense aérienne pour accroître la diversité et l'influence de notre occupation dans l'espace de combat. Un autre aspect de PSE qu'il ne faut pas passer sous silence est l'accent sur nos gens. PSE nous a donné la priorité stratégique pour poursuivre et améliorer ce que nous faisons pour veiller au bien-être et au mieux-être de nos militaires et de nos officiers. « Le Parcours » sera la voie à

sions on the implementation of "The Journey" as it continues to be rolled out under the leadership of MGen Eldaoud.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Sgt Magill, 26th Fd Regt, and Sgt Belair, 4th Regt (GS) on being selected for the BGen Ernest Beno Award for Leadership in the Rank of Sgt. (RCA Sgt of the Year) PRes and Reg respectively. This is an important award that recognizes the outstanding performance of Sergeants across the Royal Regiment. Well Done Sergeants!

As we move into 2018 I wish the best to all members of the Royal Regiment, be proud of who you are and what you do. I implore our leaders at all levels to continue to look after our people, without them we can accomplish nothing, with them we can achieve anything.

UBIQUE

CWO G.E. Hoegi, MMM, CD

suivre qui nous permettra de faire en sorte que nos gens et leur famille soient notre priorité principale, qu'ils soient bien traités, motivés et préparés à faire tout ce que nous leur demandons. J'encourage toutes les unités à offrir des séances de PP sur la mise en œuvre du « Parcours », qui continue d'être appliqué sous le leadership du Mgén Eldaoud.

J'aimerais exprimer mes sincères félicitations au Sgt Magill, 26 RAC, et au Sgt Belair, 4 Rég (AG), d'avoir été choisis comme récipiendaires de la distinction honorifique du Bgén Ernest Beno pour le leadership au grade de sgt. (sgt de l'ARC de l'année), P rés et F rég respectivement. Il s'agit d'un prix important qui reconnaît le rendement exceptionnel des sergents au sein du Régiment royal. Bravo, sergents!

Avec l'arrivée de 2018, je souhaite ce qu'il y a de mieux aux membres du Régiment royal. Soyez fiers de qui vous êtes et de ce que vous faites. Je supplie nos leaders de tous les niveaux de prendre soin de nos gens. Sans eux, nous ne pouvons rien accomplir. Avec eux, nous sommes capables de tout.

UBIQUE

Adjuc G.E. Hoegi, MMM, CD



1 RCHA's C Bty board their ride from 17 Wing Winnipeg en route to the training area for Ex Limber Gunner.



# Senior Appointments Nominations Supérieures



## THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY / LE RÉGIMENT ROYAL DE L'ARTILLERIE CANADIENNE

### SENIOR APPOINTMENTS / NOMINATIONS SUPÉRIEURES 2017



**MGEN  
S.C. HETHERINGTON  
COMD CADTC**



**MGEN M.N.  
ROULEAU  
COMD CSOF**



**BGEN K.R. COTTEN  
CMDT CFC**



**BGEN  
J.S.S.D. FORTIN  
COMD 5 CMBG**



**BGEN B.W.G.  
MCPHERSON  
CFLD PENTAGON**



**BGEN D.A.  
PATTERSON  
CADTC HQ**



**COL T.J. BISHOP  
COMD JCET TF**



**COL D.J.M.  
BOUCHARD  
DIR ETHICS**



**COL L.H.P.S.  
BOUCHER  
CMDT 2 CAN DIV**



**COL R.K.  
CHAMBERLAIN  
COS DRT**



**COL G.F. DAME  
DIR SNR APPTS**



**COL G.W. IVEY  
CAN MILREP  
DEPUTY**



**COL  
J.M.A. LAFORTUNE  
COMD CCSB**



**COL J.D.S. MASSON  
COS 2 CDN DIV**



**COL A.S.  
MACDONALD  
COMD 5 CON DIV HQ**





**BGEN L.P. MCGARRY  
BCOMD-  
CFB BORDEN**



**COL D.A. RUSSEL  
DIR CALWC**



**COL M.J. SULLIVAN  
COS 5 CDN DIV**



**COL T.R. Young  
ATL**



**CWO (MR.GNR)  
R.J. BEAUDRY  
CTC RSM**



**CWO S. RICE  
COM SM-NATO**



**CWO G.E. Hoegi  
RSM RCA**



Kingston Cup action held at Gunner Arena featuring 1 RCHA's A Bty vs B Bty.





# Senate Sénate



## THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY LE RÉGIMENT ROYAL DE L'ARTILLERIE CANADIENNE

### 2017 SENATE/SÉNATE

PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE LONG-TERM WELL-BEING OF THE RCA AND ENSURE ITS INTERESTS ARE FURTHERED  
PROMOUVOIR ET À ASSURER LE BIEN-ÊTRE À LONG TERME DES MEMBRES DE L'ARC, ET À DÉFENDRE LEURS INTÉRÊTS.



**BGEN (RET'D) J.J.  
SELBIE**



**MGEN S.C.  
HETHERINGTON**



**LGEN (RET'D) M.K.  
JEFFERY**



**BGEN B.W.G.  
MCPHERSON**



**MGÉN M.N.  
ROULEAU**



**COL J.M.A.  
LAFORTUNE**



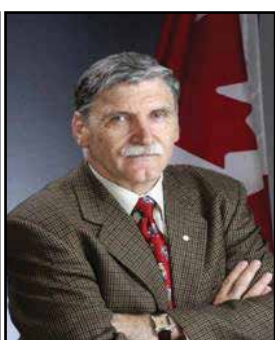
**BGEN K.R. COTTEN**



**BGEN J.S.S.D.  
FORTIN**



**BGEN L.P.  
MCGARRY**



**SENATOR R.A.  
DALLAIRE**



**COL L.H.P.S.  
BOUCHER**



**COL (RET'D) P.J.  
WILLIAMS**



**COL R. GARON**



**LCOL (RET'D)  
R. ELLIOTT**



**HCOL A. MAWJI**



**CWO (Mr Gnr) D.H.  
ROBINSON**



**HCOL J.K.F. IRVING**



**COL (RET'D) C.J.  
ROSS**



**HCOL RET'D) N.L.  
STEWART**



**HCOL S. GREGORY**



**LCOL E.M.C.  
HARVEY**



**LCOL S. HEER**



**MR W.C. PETERSEN**



1 RCHA's annual family day held in the training area at CFB Shilo.







# Artillery Council Conseil De L'Artillerie



## THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY LE RÉGIMENT ROYAL DE L'ARTILLERIE CANADIENNE

### ARTILLERY COUNCIL/CONSEIL DE L'ARTILLERIE 2017

PROVIDE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO THE DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY ON ARTILLERY MATTERS RELATING TO LINES OF OPERATION 1 AND 2 OF THE RCA FAMILY STRATEGY  
LE CONSEILS ET DES ORIENTATIONS AU DIRECTEUR - ARTILLERIE SUR DES QUESTIONS PROPRES À L'ARTILLERIE ET LIÉES AUX LIGNES D'OPÉRATION 1 ET 2 DE LA STRATÉGIE DE LA FAMILLE DE L'ARC



**MGEN S.C.  
HETHERINGTON**



**MGÉN M.N.  
ROULEAU**



**BGEN K.R. COTTEN**



**BGEN J.S.S.D.  
FORTIN**



**BGEN D.A.  
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SELBIE**



**COL J.M.A.  
LAFORTUNE**



**COL L.H.P.S.  
BOUCHER**



**CWO G.E. HOEGI**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery



**CO**  
**LCol S.G. Haire, CD**



**RSM**  
**CWO (Mr Gnr)**  
**M.G. Campbell, CD**

RCHA has had an extremely busy and challenging year. We have had troops deployed in seven countries on three continents. Training has continued unabated and 1 RCHA has supported 1 CMBG, the RCAS, and other units extensively. The 1st Regiment is truly living up to the artillery motto of "UBIQUE." 2017 has been a banner year under the leadership and direction of our CO and RSM, LCol S.G. Haire and CWO M.G. Campbell. We look forward to new challenges in the New Year as we continue to support operations and training at home and abroad. As always, the depth of talent and ability presented by the 1 RCHA Gunner team was on full display.

At the time of this writing 1 RCHA has troops deployed both domestically and on foreign soil. Op PALACI continues, as ever, with a troop of C3 howitzers supporting Parks Canada in Roger's Pass, BC and a contingent from Z Bty is currently deployed in Latvia on Op REASSURANCE. Both of these commitments have demonstrated to our allies and supported agencies of the continued professionalism and resolve inherent to the culture of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

This year has seen a few major changes to our key positions, namely Major Greg Keach taking command of HQ & Svcs Bty and MWO Deborah Attrux becoming the new BSM of C Bty. 1 RCHA is extraordinarily happy to bring them onto our rolls and welcome them to CFB Shilo. They both come with outstanding recommendations, and we expect they will contribute greatly to the 1st Regiment's position within the Royal Regiment.

Notably, 1 RCHA had the pleasure of hosting Capt Lee Stoddart of 1 the 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (1 RHA (UK)) on an exchange called LONG LOOK. He was able to participate in Ex COMMON RAM and Ex IRON RAM. It was not for specifically cold weather training, however, Garrison Wainwright delivered autumn weather that was in his words "...similar to arctic warfare training in Norway..." 1 RCHA will be sending an officer in 2018 to work with 1 RHA in the United Kingdom. These exchanges have proven extremely valuable, the new perspectives provided have allowed us to critically examine our training from a fresh set of eyes, and valuable lessons learned have been exchanged.

Below, the activity of each battery within the Regiment is broken down. Each battery, mirroring the Regiment has had a very busy year.

## A Bty

This past year has been a busy year of training and operations for A Battery with many individual and sub-unit milestones. The winter was dedicated to honing core artillery skills in preparation for Ex FROZEN GUNNER and the Battery Commander's Course. In addition to training the sub-unit, A Battery prepared several soldiers

and officers for operational deployments to Eastern Europe as part of Op REASSURANCE. These members were employed in various training-cadre capacities to instruct foreign militaries on gunnery and fire support in the Ukraine, Poland, and Latvia.

For those A Battery gunners who remained in garrison, the summer months saw their rapid mobilization for additional support to the enhanced-Forward Presence Battle Group (eFP BG) in Latvia. In concert with B Battery and support from across the regiment, A Battery mobilized, trained, and deployed a troop of M777 howitzers, command posts, and recon elements to Latvia under the leadership of Z Battery. There, each member participated in several international live-fire exercises as part of the eFP BG.

Despite the deployment of half its soldiers, A Battery was required to continue to support summer tasks, Ex EAGLE'S NEST, and be prepared to fire live danger close at reduced safe distances in support of manoeuvre on Ex IRON RAM. Through the exceptional leadership and flexibility of all A Battery gunners and augmentation from the entire regiment, Ex EAGLE'S NEST was a national success, training and inspiring Indigenous youth from five aboriginal communities in a week-long austere camp in northern Manitoba.

Upon the conclusion of Ex EAGLE'S NEST, A Battery quickly shifted focus to training a composite gun battery during Ex LIMBER GUNNER in preparation for Ex IRON RAM. An entirely new team of gunners was pieced together from across the regiment with varying levels of experience on the gun line. However, after three weeks of resolute training and leadership at the lowest levels, the composite gun battery achieved an impressive level of proficiency, more than adequate for shooting in support of 2 PPCLI during Ex IRON RAM. Along with B Battery's composite Artillery Tactical Group, A Battery executed its mission with the upmost precision and speed throughout the brigade-exercise, winning accolades from Commander 1 CMBG.

A Battery concluded the year with the welcomed redeployment of most of its soldiers from Latvia and winning the Regimental Frozen Mukluk Trophy during the Saint Barbara's Day winter sports competition.

## B Bty

The year began with members of B Bty in Rogers Pass, British Columbia for Roto 1 of OP PALACI. In a joint effort with reservists from units across the Brigade, the team assisted Parks Canada with avalanche control of the Selkirk Mountains. At the Home Station, the year's intense tempo kicked off with several bangs as B Bty hosted the 1-37th Field Artillery Battalion (1-37th FA Bn (US)) for Ex NOMADIC GUNNER. With a focus on winter warfare, gunners from the United States were given a snapshot of what Canadian soldiers





**Ex FROZEN GUNNER M777 firing on targets provided by the FOO**

experience while operating in a Northern environment. The Reciprocal Unit Exchange continued a few weeks later with members of B Bty leading troops through ice and snow covered mountain passes to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington where they participated in an Air Mobile exercise. During their visit to the USA, gunners worked in conjunction with Crusader Bty to deploy M777 howitzers via a Chinook in order to meet live fire training objectives. In typical fashion, B Bty exerted its dominance in gunnery through a variety of friendly gun drill competitions.

The year continued with training exercises at both the Regimental and Brigade levels. In March, members of B Bty participated in Ex FROZEN GUNNER utilizing a combination of 155mm and 81mm weapon systems. The highlight of the exercise came in the form of a coordinated multi-gun harassing fire task that lit-up the night sky like Canada Day Fireworks. Rolling into spring, the Battery provided the JTAC program with a mortar detachment for Ex MAPLE STRIKE and helped CMTC with the adjudication of 2 CMBG during Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. The beginning of May brought a blast from the past as B Bty gunners re-familiarized themselves with the C3 howitzer in preparations for Ex VERITABLE GUNNER. In support of the final confirmation for the Instructor in Gunnery/Battery Commander course, B Bty sent 105mm and 81mm rounds down range with speed and accuracy during 5 days of Battery Commander candidate-led fire plans.

Just as the Battery was about to step out the door for summer holidays, things took an interesting turn when the Chief of Defense Staff directed the deployment of an M777 Bty in support of the Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group Latvia. During the next six weeks, individuals from across the Regiment came together to stand-up Z Bty in an effort to send a complete Gun Bty and personnel across the Atlantic to the Baltic region of Northern Europe. During their deployment on OP REASSURANCE, Z Bty participated in multi-national training with troops from the United States, Latvia and various other NATO allies during Ex BAYONET SHIELD and Ex SILVER ARROW. The climax of their involvement was a show of force during which they participated in a Battle Group sized road move to the Russian boarder.

With a reorganization due to the re-rolling of Z Bty, B Bty then went out the door for Ex LIMBER GUNNER. As members of the Battery were spread amongst both A & B Bty gun detachments, members were forced to step into unfamiliar roles on the gunline. With minimal delay, B Bty gunners proved their ability to perform to an exceptionally high standard under stress and fatigue as they painstakingly practiced for the live fire attacks that they would support later in the year.

The Battery concluded its training for the year with a pair of exercises in Wainwright. During Ex IRON RAM, B Bty troops put their technical abilities to the test providing indirect fire support to infantry elements during live fire platoon attacks. Utilizing positive safety,

the Battery engaged targets as India call signs advanced towards their objectives enabling 1 CMBG to achieve Battle Task Standards. Moving straight from one exercise to the next, members from B Bty remained in Wainwright in order to deploy as FOO parties and OP-FOR on Ex COMMON RAM in support of the Combat Team Commander's course. Attached to 2VP, B Bty FOO parties provided Commanders with indirect fire support as elements advanced to destroy objectives during the Combat Team attacks.

With 1 RCHA's high readiness cycle drawing to a close, B Bty also deployed personnel on NATO operations to Poland, Ukraine, Kuwait and Iraq. The Battery provided a Forward Observation party during OP UNIFER in order to mentor Ukrainian troops on artillery effects and sent members on OP IMPACT to work alongside coalition forces during stability ops in the Middle East. To round out the year, B Bty defended their title as the Kingston Cup Champions with a 4-2 win over A Bty. With the coming transition to the supporting stage of the road-to-high-readiness, B Bty anticipates another exciting year of training for 2018.

#### C Bty

2017 saw the battery move from High Readiness to the Support Phase in the Army's MRP. While this transition often brings a relative relief from the hectic pace set the two years prior, this break never materialized for the majority of the members of C Bty. Throughout the year, our STA soldiers supported several expeditionary operations to include IMPACT, ADDENDA, UNIFIER, CALUMET, and REASSURANCE. Showing their diversity and flexibility, we even had two members who were employed with the gun battery sent to LATVIA.

During this transition, the battery gained a new BSM into our manning. On the parade in August, Maj S.D. Youngson transferred the pace stick from MWO K.M. Hood to MWO D.L. Attrux and bid well wishes and a grateful thanks to his former BSM. MWO Hood moved across the road to fill the position of RCA Sergeant Major.

Over the winter, C Bty prepared for the U.S. Army's Warfighter Exercise by participating in 1 CMBG's Ex PHANTOM RAM in Edmonton. The STACC, targeting cell, and portions of the ISTAR cell were filled by our personnel. This led to a great experience in Joint Base Lewis-McChord where 1 CMBG was part of 25 ID (US) in a Corps context. In between these exercises, 1 RCHA conducted Ex FROZEN GUNNER where E Troop supported the action with MUAS and G Troop confirmed its LCMR Operator course while simultaneously hosting several soldiers from 20th Fd Regt. These reserve soldiers are trained LCMR operators and have very limited opportunities to gain further experience on this equipment, so this was an excellent opportunity for them to get their hands on the kit and practice key skills. In the spring, we supported the RCAS's Ex VERITABLE GUNNER (BC's Course FTX) and focussed on F Troop

confirming the AWLS Det Member course within the construct of the larger exercise. Capt P.A.W. Sebert finally returned to the battery after spending nearly three months in the UK as 1 RCHA's STA representative on Ex LONGLOOK.

Op tempo did not decrease throughout the summer for C Bty. C Bty numbers simultaneously supported Cadet Camp tasks, conducted the MUAS Operator course and hosted the STA Officer Course's FTX from July to August with the entire Bty. In the final weeks of August, the majority of the battery supported Ex EAGLES NEST, where we introduced the military life-style to Manitoba's Indigenous youth. This was a huge success for both the participants, and the soldiers who conducted this task.

C Bty deployed to the field on Ex LIMBER SENSOR as a prelude to 1 RCHA's Ex LIMBER GUNNER and saw Det Comds, A/TSMs and A/TCs training their Detachments and Troops. The skills learned during these two weeks were then brought together at the battery level for a successful Regimental exercise in October. It was during this time that C Bty began developing new TTPs to conduct crater analysis using the MUAS, and this will be trialed by the battery on future exercises.

With the majority of C Bty remaining in Shilo for the fall, E Troop sent two MUAS Dets to Wainwright from October to November to support 1 CMBG's Ex IRON RAM and the Combat Team Commander's course. Several other soldiers from the battery also participated to fill gaps in critical roles which the other batteries couldn't provide for internally. As 1 RCHA's foot on the ground while the majority of the regiment was deployed, C Bty provided the Guard for Brandon's Remembrance Day Parade while also taking on many additional tasks. Lt K.W. Kang led a Gun Detachment to France and Belgium to participate in the Passchendaele Salute which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of The Battle of Passchendaele. He put in much time and effort leading up to this event and as a result the detachment received many accolades. During the Fall, all of C Bty pulled together to conduct several Regimental courses benefit both the battery and the regiment. The year ended with a notable C Bty Christmas party followed by our soldiers (combined with Z Bty) winning the HUGSWEIR Cup against HQ Bty.

#### Z Bty

As part of the Enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Op REASSURANCE, Z Bty was remade as a gun battery and deployed to Latvia under command of Maj Keith Woodill and MWO Charles Gresl. There, they supported the NATO effort to deter aggression in Eastern Europe. Z Bty formed an integral part of a Battle Group based out of Camp Adazi in Latvia. The Battle Group was further made up of Albanian, Italian, Polish, Slovenian and Spanish troops on top of the Canadian Guns. There Z Bty participated in a certification exercise and greatly contributed to the realism and quality of training provided.

#### HQ & Svcs Bty

Headquarters and Services Battery, the proud body of Maintainers, Clerks, Signalers, Technicians, Medics, Quartermasters and many others, drew heavily on their unique skills to enable the many challenges 1 RCHA would face over the last year. It can be easily said that the women and men of 1 RCHA's Headquarters & Service Battery are always up to the task and it was showcased perfectly.

The officers and soldiers of HQ & Svcs Bty were happy to contribute to the sustainment of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery as a whole when it came time for 1 RCHA to support the Battery Commander's Fire Planning Course in the early spring. This undertaking required our supporters and enablers to overcome many hurdles such as the brief switch to 105mm C3s, constant communications challenges, and frequent requests for maintenance. In the end, the three firing batteries operating on that exercise received consistent and rapid assistance while validating the next generation of artillery battery commanders.



*Op PALACI – ROTO 1 in BC's interior*

After weeks of planning for the fall exercises, HQ & Svcs Bty was called upon to see to the deployment of an M777 battery, along with its relevant enablers, to deploy to Latvia as part of Op REASSURANCE. Over the coming weeks, the battery's clerks would take on the momentous task of preparing and verifying the readiness of over a hundred soldiers for a rapid deployment. Within six weeks, HQ & Services Battery would have to plan and oversee the preparation and transport of four M777 howitzers and the accompanying vehicles. In a manner that the 1 CMBG has come to expect, 1 RCHA stood prepared to deliver devastating firepower on time, and always louder than expected, thanks to the keen observations and relentless effort of its supporting elements.

HQ & Svcs Bty shifted into high gear when it came time to inspect, prep over fifty vehicles over a road move that took two days and spanned over a thousand kilometres to support 1 RCHA's contribution to Ex IRON RAM in the fall. This was all accomplished with a significant portion of its personnel strength deployed. It is a universally agreed upon by the troops who were there that during Ex IRON RAM, the gunners, signalers, maintainers, and supporters ate like kings thanks to the Kitchen Officer, WO R. Burry, who arranged to have the Regiment's cooks complete the various dishes required for their QL4 while deployed to wainwright. Delicious baked goods, and various delightful entrees such as Pork Wellington pastries kept morale and spirits among the soldiers as they worked tirelessly to deliver the lion's share of the brigade's firepower.

Time and again, 1 RCHA's HQ & Svcs Bty continues to keep to its commitment to the service of personnel, vehicles, weapons, and systems that make this unit so vital to training and operations, and our gunners will always remember that the bombs don't fly without supply.

#### Conclusion

In summation, this has been an incredibly busy and challenging year. 1 RCHA is looking forward to the next busy and challenging year supporting 1 CMBG, the RCAS, and the Canadian Army as a whole. Specifically, the Regiment is looking forward to seeing old friends and making new acquaintances supporting the upcoming Battery Commander's Course and a Level 6 Computer Assisted Exercise, Exercise PHANTOM RAM in CFB Edmonton. There will of course be new iterations of Exercise FROZEN GUNNER and Exercise STRONG CONTENDER. We will be running more Regimental School courses throughout the winter.

In short, the 1st Regiment is continuing the set the highest standards of gunnery, professionalism and dedication at home and abroad, both on operations and training.

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LCol	SG	Haire	Sgt	SK	Lake
Maj	TK	Michelsen	Sgt	HP	Wiswell
Maj	KJ	Woodill	Sgt	NW	Osadchuk
Maj	HBJ	Nelson	Sgt	HS	Gingras
Maj	G.E	Keach	Sgt	T.J.	Elliott
Maj	LRP	Bellemore	Sgt	L.J	Cunningham
Maj	RP	Sheppard	Sgt	M	Duperray
Maj	SD	Youngson	Sgt	RM	Hawkins
Maj	MW	Riopelle	Sgt	JC	Houle
Capt	JR	Huver	Sgt	LW	Starling
Capt	KE	Nielsen	Sgt	FK	Tribe
Capt	MJW	Hughes	Sgt	CM	Rein
Capt	NK	Kawamura	Sgt	CJ	Ball
Capt	ID	Haliburton	MBdr	DM	Elliott
Capt	REJ	Thompson	MBdr	DR	Elson
Capt	CD	Skelsey	MBdr	RJ	Dutchak
Capt	PAW	Sebert	MBdr	EG	Robichaud
Capt	BM	Neal	MBdr	MEC	Clement
Capt	JF	Lee	MBdr	YA	Langlois
Capt	ADJ	Curr	MBdr	PM	Hutchinson
Capt	AS	Brideau	MBdr	KA	Leger
Capt	RP	Walker	MBdr	AW	Egloff
Capt	CT	Tymchuk	MBdr	JPE	Favron
Capt	MR	Doull	MBdr	BD	Irving
Capt	AKJ	Garton	MBdr	DJ	Desroches
Capt	BS	Pettigrew	MBdr	SJ	Richer
Capt	S	Hinman-Miller	MBdr	JA	Mills
Capt	BR	Simpson	MBdr	DM	Wilson
Capt	MJM	Montminy	MBdr	JD	Castellanos
Capt	NN	Sthalekar	MBdr	DJ	Sedgwick
Capt	NJ	Verleun	MBdr	RM	Shortt
Lt	KW	Kang	MBdr	JB	Helka
Lt	AJ	Evans	MBdr	SE	English
Lt	NA	Romkey	MBdr	ZB	McDermot-Fouts
Lt	MG	Staples	MBdr	CW	Kennedy
Lt	MD	Mainprize	MBdr	JRE	Bouchard
Lt	NRW	Besterd	MBdr	JT	Carey
Lt	KD	Thompson	MBdr	CM	Bell
Lt	JW	Neverson	MBdr	KW	O'Connell
Lt	MJ	Wolscht	MBdr	DM	Talbot
Lt	DRJ	Radulescu-Galang	MBdr	RJ	Moran
Lt	K	Greenwell	MBdr	DF	Petkovich
2Lt	GSJ	Paquet	MBdr	MLL	Urquhart
2Lt	MDA	Bono	MBdr	R	Chow
2Lt	KG	Little	MBdr	EJ	McConnell
2Lt	W	Lee	MBdr	TC	Perry
2Lt	RL	Gibney	MBdr	JM	Gossen
CWO	MG	Campbell	MBdr	NJM	Thomson
MWO	KM	Hood	MBdr	JW	Fowler
MWO	TJ	Jesseau	MBdr	GPP	Staples
MWO	BA	LaRocque	MBdr	CJJ	Preston
MWO	DL	Attrux	MBdr	TA	Paynton
MWO	CP	Gresl	MBdr	JA	White
WO	BE	Colwell	MBdr	RK	Simpson
WO	MD	Burns	Bdr	NJ	Copeland
WO	RK	Bagnall	Bdr	S.M.	Gregg
WO	RW	Beatty	Bdr	PA	Simard
WO	MA	Reinders	Bdr	AM	Scruggs
WO	GJ	Brooks	Bdr	KJ	Potts
WO	WD	Jarrell Jr	Bdr	CW	Blanchette
WO	MS	Wiseman	Bdr	JCL	Hebb
WO	JAMJ	Fortin	Bdr	JSE	Bertin
WO	SJP	Labadie	Bdr	BE	Young
WO	KJ	Kirkpatrick	Bdr	KS	Gustafson
WO	JA	Tomlinson	Bdr	PA	Dainard
WO	CL	Bristow	Bdr	BP	Butler
WO	DE	Walsh	Bdr	NS	McMullin
WO	TL	Hicks	Bdr	AL	Hobson
WO	JN	Wiebe	Bdr	JW	Morris
WO	RM	Fiander	Bdr	NT	Desrochers
WO	RD	Braid	Bdr	DPN	Nikula
WO	JMJ	Van Damme	Bdr	MS	Soldiuk
WO	KR	Macrury	Bdr	RA	Mackay
Sgt	ER	Levesque	Bdr	MDV	Davis
Sgt	TA	Harpe	Bdr	KR	OLSON
Sgt	RL	Montgomery	Bdr	JL	Taylor
Sgt	AD	Brown	Bdr	BR	McClelland
Sgt	L	Doucet	Bdr	CJE	Sharpe
Sgt	SC	Aikens	Bdr	RWK	Cooper
Sgt	A	Kennis	Bdr	D	Klimenko
Sgt	PG	McBurnie	Bdr	CGA	Arnott
Sgt	C	Lajoie	Bdr	MR	Sheets
Sgt	JW	Andrews	Bdr	JR	Baird
Sgt	IT	Thibeau	Bdr	R	Scheer
Sgt	SW	Planetta	Bdr	J	Psallidas
Sgt	TF	Sheppard	Bdr	SM	Carter
Sgt	WA	Medcalf	Bdr	CCJ	Girard
Sgt	JD	Blair	Bdr	DE	Woods
Sgt	JW	Knee	Bdr	VA	Di Maggio
Sgt	CJI	Morton	Bdr	PBJ	Simard-Brodeur
Sgt	WJ	Ingram	Bdr	D.S.	Kelly
Sgt	TE	Syme	Bdr	B.	Brown
Sgt	KJM	Audet	Bdr	SR	Proulx
Sgt	OTG	Thorne	Bdr	WW	Wedderien
Sgt	DE	Oliver	Bdr	BM	Wilson
Sgt	HJJN	Girouard	Bdr	PJR	Poulin
Sgt	MLJ	Blakely	Bdr	TMA	McAvinn
Sgt	ID	Taylor	Bdr	MM	Cyr



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 Bdr DJ Kives  
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 Bdr TC O'Gorman  
 Bdr KD Lafleche  
 Bdr JE Gabel  
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 Bdr DA Mayer-Mulé  
 Bdr M Proulx-St-Louis  
 Bdr TCP Slavinsky  
 Bdr A Boucher-Dumont  
 Bdr GOT Taylor  
 Bdr A Cabungcal  
 Bdr DG Kassaye  
 Bdr JWL Noland  
 Bdr NJT Ironman  
 Bdr EE McShane  
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 Bdr DCJ Chabot  
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 Bdr SC Curran  
 Bdr BD Trivers  
 Bdr PWJ Albert-McGrath  
 Bdr AJ Cabot  
 Bdr PM Brockhoff  
 Bdr DR Thue  
 Bdr JJ Molnar  
 Bdr JJG Baber  
 Bdr MJD Roy  
 Bdr KD Maki  
 Bdr D.N.M. Bauman  
 Bdr CA Taylor  
 Bdr VJCD Guerette  
 Bdr DRA Miles  
 Bdr JK Rosamond  
 Bdr SW Mason  
 Bdr K Kulakov  
 Bdr CRC Marshall  
 Bdr CJG Vaillancourt  
 Bdr CR Leslie  
 Bdr Y Shin  
 Bdr KWR McKinney  
 Bdr KM Norton  
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 Bdr RR Gilks  
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 Gnr CL Johnson  
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 Gnr JJJM MacBeth  
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 Gnr SC Bryant  
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 Gnr V.R. Curkowskyj  
 Gnr EM Small  
 Gnr KJM Pellerin  
 Gnr JM Yarmovich  
 Gnr EM Bell  
 Gnr SR McDonald  
 Gnr TS Tunbridge  
 Gnr KE Batterink  
 Gnr EMA Maurer  
 Gnr JR Hemmings  
 Gnr WE Hearsey  
 Gnr RMG Garcia  
 Gnr P Boldt  
 Gnr JDJ Belanger-Lance  
 Gnr TT Pappas  
 Gnr JRJ Bakker  
 Gnr XM Boulianne  
 Gnr JM Durette  
 Gnr JS Benjamin  
 Gnr TB Noad  
 Gnr MER Ouellet  
 Gnr EN Clunas  
 Gnr JA Rissi  
 Gnr JF Bing  
 Gnr JK Mercer  
 Gnr TK Stevens  
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 Gnr TR White  
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 Gnr TP Swindell  
 Gnr JW Moulton  
 Gnr AK Moore  
 Gnr P Luong  
 Gnr JA Boily  
 Gnr K Mignault  
 Gnr AJ Solodiuk  
 Gnr TM McCrory  
 Gnr TA Deroneth  
 Gnr MJ Van Wort  
 Gnr MEA Webster  
 Gnr LO Murphy  
 Gnr DJ MacInnes  
 Gnr CJ Larios-Lacayo  
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 Gnr RGS O'Driscoll  
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 Gnr JLT Cook  
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 Gnr NJM Greenaway  
 Gnr MWA James  
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 Gnr GJ Pouliot  
 Gnr JC Glendinning  
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2017 proved to be another busy year for the soldiers of 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2 RCHA) as they continued along the long and arduous Road to High Readiness Cycle (RTHR) in preparation for the numerous operational deployments over the next few years. The winter months saw many of the Batteries (Btys) conduct Basic Winter Warfare Training. This annual training allows members from the Regiment (Regt) to perfect their winter survival skills as well as fire a few rounds down range as they did during the confirmation exercise, Ex FROZEN GUNNER. The New Year also saw members

of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) Defence and Security Company (D&S Coy) deploy to CFB Trenton to conduct a Technical Assistance Verification (TAV) of DART equipment. Along with the task of sorting through DART specific stores to identify potential kit deficiencies, DART personnel also took part in various training activities including conducting search and detain drills and operating a fork lift. The winter also saw the Regt conduct numerous Primary Combat Function (PCF) courses including Acoustic Weapons Locating System (AWLS), Light Counter Mortar Radar (LCMR), Automatic Grenade Launching System (AGLS), 81mm Mortar, Observation Post Detachment Member and a Light Armoured Vehicle 6.0 Conversion Course. The first few weeks in February were particularly busy as key leadership at both Regimental (Regt'l) and Bty level deployed to CFB Kingston to support Ex UNIFIED RESOLVE 2, a level six Computer Assisted Exercise (CAX). We must not overlook 2 RCHA's participation in the Kingston Historic Hockey Tournament as it resulted in the overall win by the Regt, much to the delight of the team. Finally, Y Bty saw a Change of Appointment of its Battery Sergeant Major (BSM) from Warrant Officer (WO) Jay Killeen to WO Jonathan Deziel.

As spring arrived a majority of the Regt deployed to Wainwright



**Members of G22 observe a danger close engagement during Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 17. All FOO parties were all given multiple opportunities to conduct danger close engagements with their respective Combat Teams.**

for the final RTHR confirmation exercise, Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 17 (Ex MR). The initial training in Wainwright consisted of Ex RUGGED BEAR where a composite Bty of pers from both D and E Bty deployed for three weeks to support numerous Live Combat Team attacks. The "Franken" Bty as it was commonly referred to, performed their task extremely well and had multiple target rounds, something that was noted by the supported maneuver Units. Upon completion of Ex RUGGED BEAR, the focus shifted to supporting Ex TOMOHAWK FURY. During this exercise D and E Bty deployed to separate Bty positions to dig gun pits and other trench works. While challenging, this new experience was well received by many of the junior members of the Bty as it was their first exposure to a defensive focused artillery exercise. Separate from the gun line, Fire Support Coordination Centers (FSCC) and Surveillance and Target Acquisition Coordination Centers (STACC) were attached to each maneuver unit to conduct battle procedure and prepare orders. Concurrently, Forward Observation Officer (FOO) Parties and Miniature Unmanned Aircraft System (MUAS) and Light Counter Mortar Radar (LCMR) detachments were attached to designated Combat Teams to conduct their own battle procedures. This in-turn rolled into the final exercise in Wainwright, two one week iterations of force on force operations. While this portion was dry, the Btys continued to support the other supported arms units through fire and movement. Between each Brigade sub-exercise the Regiment conducted PCF courses as well as Bty level exercises or, in the case of D Bty, a Patrol Competition. Y Bty pers also took part in Ex MAPLE STRIKE while in Wainwright, a two week long exercise for Joint Tactical Air Controllers (JTACs) to confirm their combat readiness. During Ex MAPLE STRIKE, JTACs were given the opportunity to conduct both live and dry controls with Canadian and Allied aircraft. Once again, the soldiers of 2 RCHA were recognized as having done an outstanding job in its provision of artillery support to 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. Over-



**Gunners fire high angle into the Meaford Impact Area during Ex AVENGING GUNNER. A visitor to the gun line is afforded the opportunity to pull the lanyard.**

all, Ex MR 17 was a resounding success and ensured the soldiers of 2 RCHA were well prepared for the operational deployments to come.

In addition to the activities in Wainwright the springtime also saw 2 RCHA take part in the 100 year commemoration of Vimy Ridge through its contribution of a Gun Troop of L5s. The gunners lucky enough to have taken part in the commemoration will remember it for the rest of their lives.

June saw a number of Change of Command and Change of Appointment parades take place within the Regiment. Y Bty saw the transfer of command from Major (Maj) Stuart Evans to Maj Marshall Gerbrandt. In E Bty, Maj Mark Batten took over command from Maj Colin Mayes and Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Robert Hewitt assumed the role of BSM from MWO Aaron Todd. F Bty had changes of its own as MWO Daniel Robichaud was appointed the new BSM from MWO Morris McGarrigle. The summer months also saw the arrival of a new Regimental 2nd In Command (2IC), Operations Officer (Ops O) and Regimental Command Post Officer (RCPO). Maj Christian Sykora handed over the duty of 2IC to Maj Nick Williams, Captain (Capt) Cory Durant took over the job of Ops O from Maj Jeff Brownridge and Capt Michael Astalos handed over the duty of RCPO to Capt Carla Brumpton. Last but certainly not least Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Rodney Gallant was appointed the new RSM of 2 RCHA during a Regt'l Change of Appointment Parade honoring CWO Wayne Lundrigan and his time proudly serving 2 RCHA. The Regt was sorry to see everyone go but will be forever grateful for their service to the Unit.

Much of July was spent with the soldiers of 2 RCHA taking a well-deserved break during summer block leave. The Regt also saw a small handful of personnel deploy for OP IMPACT in Kuwait. August saw members from D Bty take part in Adventure Training by canoeing along the Rideau Canal World Heritage Site. The trip started in Seeley's Bay and finished in Kingston and while it was challenging for all parties involved, it also proved to be very rewarding.

September saw a number of Bty Ex's take place in preparation for the upcoming Regt'l Ex that was scheduled to happen later in

the fall. D Battery conducted Ex DECEPTIVE DRAGON which focused on rapid fire and movement in order to be able to conduct operations against a potential near-peer adversary. The exercise was highlighted by the codifying of Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) for Bty Firing Points as well as the opportunity to fire from the Petawawa Research Forrest. E Bty conducted Ex RAMPANT ECHO with a focus on quick actions, Harassing Fire Tasks and the occupation of hides and subsequently saw them validated to Artillery Battle Task Standards (BTS) level 3. September was quite busy for F Bty as they conducted Ex FIGHTING FOX which saw them validated to BTS level 3. They also sent a MUAS detachment to CFB Wainwright to support Ex MAPLE STRIKE 17 and the JTAC Course. The highlight for F Bty in September was the deployment of numerous soldiers in support of Op CALUMET and Op UNIFIER. Y Bty of course provided Observer support for all the Bty Exs as well as attached a FOO Party to 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment for Ex COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT. Y Bty also deployed personnel on Op UNIFIER, with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment led Battle Group.

October's focus was on the Regt'l Ex, Ex AVENGING GUNNER. The Primary Training Audience was enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Bty personnel deploying to Latvia for Op REASSURANCE. The exercise initially saw the Bty occupy a harbour at CFB Borden and then deploy to surrounding communities to conduct dry deployments. Having an opportunity to deploy in urban settings was a challenge but should leave them well prepared for the challenges they will face in Latvia. Upon completion of the dry deployments eFP Bty conducted an artillery raid into 4th Canadian Division Training Center Meaford. They then reconstituted for the move back to CFB Petawawa to conduct live firing, culminating with a BC's Fire Plan on the final day. For the Regt'l Ex, F Bty deployed a MUAS and LCMR Detachment as well as a STACC thus contributing the sense and targeting element. Y Bty focused on conducting OP reconnaissance, selection and occupations as well as the observer support for the live fire. As nothing can happen without adequate service support, HQ Bty assisted with the road move, provided a field kitchen to feed the troops, employed the Defence Resource Management Information System (DRMIS) as well as the Mobile Repair Teams (MRT). The support provided by C/S 8 was flawless and further assisted the Regt in achieving all its training goals.

During the month of November the focus continued to be on getting the Regt ready for operational deployments. Sixteen members, primarily consisting of Artillery Tactical Group (ATG) personnel (pers) deployed to Gagetown to conduct Theatre Mission Specific Training (TMST) with 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment in preparation for Op REASSURANCE. The remainder of eFP Bty pers continued IBTS training to ensure they were operationally ready when the time came for them to deploy in the New Year. Also taking place in November was 2 RCHA's support to the trials of the new Blue Force Tracker and Command Post soft-ware suite, TOPAZ. Finally in November, the Regt was called upon once again to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies throughout Ontario and Quebec.

December saw the execution of the 3rd Annual LCol Bobbitt Memorial Military Skills Competition. Challenges included mass casualty scenarios that tested the teams' knowledge of first aid, armoured fighting vehicle recognition, changing large truck tires with basic vehicle equipment, and other tests of gunnery and basic soldier skills. This year's winning team was D Bty thus ending E Bty's two year reign as champions. 2017 closed out with the soldiers of 2 RCHA enjoying the annual pre-holiday activities including the St Barbara's Ball and Sports Day as well as the Soldier's Appreciation Dinner.

Overall 2017 proved to be a challenging yet immensely rewarding year for everyone. The Regiment saw the completion of the yearlong RTHR cycle culminating with Ex MR 17. The focus then shifted to ensuring pers were ready to deploy for their specific missions. It is without a doubt that 2 RCHA is ready, willing and able to face all of the challenges thrown their way in the coming year.



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Maj	AWJ	BRADLEY	Sgt	BJ	TURNER
Maj	JG	BROWNRIDGE	Sgt	SS	WISEMAN
Maj	JR	EVANS	MBdr	JC	AVERY
Maj	MJ	GERBRANDT	MBdr	JJ	CROCCO
Maj	NJ	WILLIAMS	MBdr	RM	DAVIES
Maj	JC	ZWICEWICZ	MBdr	F.J.	DOMBROSKI
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Capt	J	BOUTHOT	MBdr	JM	FRENCH
Capt	CG	BRUMPTON	MBdr	SB	GEDEON
Capt	JMG	CALNAN	MBdr	MC	GOIZIOU-GALLANT
Capt	CF	DURANT	MBdr	KE	GRIFFITHS
Capt	TF	EVERETT	MBdr	SD	HALL
Capt	AR	GILLESPIE	MBdr	A	HANNAFORD
Capt	N.B	HAMLIN	MBdr	DGD	HARDY
Capt	BJS	HIBBERT	MBdr	KA	KING
Capt	JE	HILL	MBdr	KFM	LACOSTE
Capt	SMK	KEOGHAN	MBdr	KT	LANGAS
Capt	M	LENCHUK	MBdr	GE	LECLAIR
Capt	DJ	LEVANGIE	MBdr	CH	LYONS
Capt	EC	MCDONALD	MBdr	B	MARIER
Capt	NJ	MEIDINGER	MBdr	AF	MASON
Capt	JF	OROZCO	MBdr	MD	MCCLUNG
Capt	SR	SALOVAARA	MBdr	CKK	MCDIARMID
Capt	JHW	SELBIE	MBdr	TS	MCENTEE
Capt	SM	STAPLES	MBdr	DMW	MEURET
Capt	BTK	STEWART	MBdr	JW	MOORE
Capt	SZ	VANTHOURNOUT	MBdr	J.J.	MORIN
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Lt	GM	CIANCIOSI	MBdr	TWH	PELLETIER
Lt	JA	ERION	MBdr	DJ	PELLEY
Lt	MA	HOTSON	MBdr	RG	RICHARDS
Lt	EM	HUMENNY	MBdr	RD	RITCHIE
Lt	SW	NORTHCOTT	MBdr	S.F	ROORDA
Lt	CMV	PARKER	MBdr	BJ	SEANG
2Lt	GE	GARBER	MBdr	MJ	SMITH
2Lt	RG	GUAY	MBdr	JJ	STODGELL
2Lt	A	PATRY	MBdr	DS	SWALLOW
2Lt	SA	RAYMOND	MBdr	AM	TATCHELL
2Lt	AD	TANGUAY	MBdr	MB	THOMPSON
CWO	RA	GALLANT	MBdr	JG	TURNER
MWO	RD	HEWITT	MBdr	MN	TURNER
MWO	BD	QUIGLEY	MBdr	ODC	VALDIVIA
MWO	DL	ROBICHAUD	MBdr	BA	WALTON
MWO	PJ	THIBault	MBdr	WJ	WETTLAUFER
WO	ME	BEAUPRE	MBdr	NG	WRIGHT
WO	CL	COMEAU	Bdr	BAI	AINSWORTH
WO	J	DEZIEL	Bdr	TL	AKALU
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WO	PJU	FORTIN	Bdr	EW	ALSTON
WO	TJ	HENDERSON	Bdr	DC	ANNING
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WO	AD	KUIACK	Bdr	SM	ARLT
WO	JPA	LACHANCE	Bdr	KB	ARSENAULT
WO	AJ	LAHAYE	Bdr	CD	BARRY
WO	SE	MERSON	Bdr	BJ	BEBBINGTON
WO	J	MOLOUGHNEY	Bdr	JA	BELAIR
WO	TC	MURRIN	Bdr	MFG	BELANGER
WO	NL	ORTH	Bdr	KW	BERDAN
WO	AP	SMITH	Bdr	RG	BLANCHETTE
WO	PJ	SPRINGMAN	Bdr	D	BLOYE
WO	LJ	WOTHERSPOON	Bdr	SPBAJ	BOILEAU
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Sgt	DAR	CAMERON	Bdr	AF	BROWNING-EBERHARDT
Sgt	CJA	DOUGLAS	Bdr	RJ	BUCKLAND
Sgt	BC	DOYLE	Bdr	H	BUECKERT
Sgt	LK	EVELYN	Bdr	SK	BURT
Sgt	M	FELLICE-SIMARD	Bdr	MAC	BUTLER
Sgt	SR	GILBY	Bdr	J	CADIEUX
Sgt	JP	HAMILTON	Bdr	SA	CAMPBELL
Sgt	CM	HANNAH	Bdr	BLD	CAMPBELL
Sgt	CS	HANRAHAN	Bdr	AMJ	CARRIERE
Sgt	CJ	HARRISON	Bdr	MJL	CARRIERE
Sgt	AC	HILCHIE	Bdr	SLL	CHAINED
Sgt	DCR	HOYT	Bdr	SJN	CHAMPIGNY
Sgt	RJ	KELLY	Bdr	DD	COLLINS
Sgt	E	KHEIRALLAH	Bdr	JAM	COMPTON
Sgt	CM	LEBLANC	Bdr	CL	CONARROE
Sgt	RHJ	LECOZ	Bdr	PM	CONNELLY
Sgt	GG	MACLEAN	Bdr	BW	CONNOR
Sgt	AP	MURPHY	Bdr	TMD	COUGHLAN
Sgt	EC	OSBORNE	Bdr	DJ	CRAWFORD
Sgt	ACJ	OSBOURNE	Bdr	TL	CZECH
Sgt	CG	PERALTA-VINTIMILLA	Bdr	JA	DEKKER
Sgt	SE	ROOZANT	Bdr	SP	DOOLEY
Sgt	CG	SAULTER	Bdr	MA	DOUCET
Sgt	AO	SEE	Bdr	JT	DOUGLAS
Sgt	NM	SIMARD	Bdr	LJW	DOUGLAS
Sgt	KM	SLADE	Bdr	CM	DOWNEY
Sgt	MR	SMALL	Bdr	RJ	DOWSON
Sgt	GA	SMITH	Bdr	MBJ	DUSSAULT
Sgt	JFG	ST-CYR	Bdr	DA	ELLIOTT
Sgt	CM	SURETTE	Bdr	ST	FIORE



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 Bdr KA GODIN  
 Bdr DM GRAHAM  
 Bdr DR HAINES  
 Bdr O HARNOIS  
 Bdr DG HARRIS  
 Bdr CW HEALY  
 Bdr NRS HEARTY  
 Bdr B HEBERT  
 Bdr DW HEMMING  
 Bdr JR HENRY  
 Bdr D HILLIS  
 Bdr JL HOLMES  
 Bdr MRO HOOVER  
 Bdr LB HORNE  
 Bdr TAS HUGHES  
 Bdr JA IKERENGE  
 Bdr NEC INCE  
 Bdr SR IRWIN  
 Bdr A JOLICOEUR-HEBERT  
 Bdr SM JONES  
 Bdr TR KAHRIS  
 Bdr NAA KELLY  
 Bdr EN KIMBALL  
 Bdr JYP LABRIE  
 Bdr SP LANDRY  
 Bdr COP LANG  
 Bdr CJY LANGEVIN  
 Bdr JMJPD LEFEBVRE  
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 Bdr PD MACKLE  
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 Bdr CJ MARSHALL  
 Bdr NJ MASSICOTTE-GAGNE  
 Bdr CL MCBRIDE  
 Bdr J. MCCAULEY  
 Bdr KM MCGARR  
 Bdr S MESHTAG  
 Bdr M.K. MIKHAIL  
 Bdr CJ MILBURN  
 Bdr N MOAMAI  
 Bdr KK MOULTON  
 Bdr AD MURPHY  
 Bdr FJI MURPHY  
 Bdr IE MYERS  
 Bdr RC NEILL  
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 Bdr CA THACHUK  
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 Gnr MT FLECKNELL  
 Gnr AWS GEORGE  
 Gnr MT GRABIEC  
 Gnr GU HAMOY  
 Gnr DA HEARTY  
 Gnr RL HOLLANDS  
 Gnr CLDHE HUGHES  
 Gnr WPJ KELLN  
 Gnr T KIM  
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 Gnr ARM LUMBO  
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# 5<sup>e</sup> Régiment de l'artillerie légère du Canada



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Une autre année remplie de défis se termine au 5<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5 RALC). Les membres de notre unité ont pavé la voie qui nous conduira à notre mandat en haute disponibilité en participant à de nombreux exercices et déploiement lors de l'année 2017. Nous avons également collaboré avec plusieurs autres unités et entités pour promouvoir la profession des armes, l'abnégation et le professionnalisme des membres du 5 RALC. En effet, nous avons continué de tisser des liens avec le Centre d'instruction de la 2<sup>e</sup> division du Canada (CI 2 Div CA) en participant à l'entraînement des futurs artilleurs du régiment royal qui se sont joints à notre grande famille. Nous avons supporté l'École du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne en supportant leur cours de commandant de détachement. La population québécoise a été en mesure de voir l'énergie et de dévouement de nos membres lors du déploiement du 5 RALC dans le cadre de l'OPÉRATION LENTUS 17 (OP LENTUS 17). Cette année a également été sous le joug du changement, le Lcol Francis Poitras a transmis les rennes de l'unité au Lcol Marie-Christine Harvey.

Notre année d'entraînement a débuté avec un aguerrissement du soldat en conditions hivernales lors de l'EX RAFALE BLANCHE (EX RB 17) du 20 au 24 février 2017. Par la suite, nos instincts et talents d'artilleurs ont été mis à rude épreuve lors de l'EX PIÈCES MOBILES (EX PM 17) en mars. Cet entraînement nous a permis de qualifier nos nouveaux artilleurs sur le M777. Plus tard cette année, le Québec a fait face à une crue des eaux importante menant au déploiement du 5<sup>e</sup> Groupe brigade mécanisé du Canada (5 GBMC) en support aux autorités civiles dans le cadre de l'OP LENTUS 17. Le 5 RALC a déployé 132 membres pour prendre la responsabilité de la région entourant Trois-Rivières. L'entraînement des artilleurs du 5 RALC pour la levée d'obus de 155mm a porté fruit avec le remplissage et la manutention de milliers de sacs de sable permettant de protéger les municipalités de la région. Le rayonnement du 5 RALC



*Les membres de la bie R sautent avec la Cie A du 3<sup>e</sup> R22R sur EX SPARTIATE ÉCLAIREUR à St-Raymond (oct 2017)*

a été un succès et la population de la région a démontré sa reconnaissance accentuant la grande fierté des artilleurs du régiment. Suivant cette aventure en mai, le régiment a envoyé le Cplc Bilodeau sur OP NABERIUS. Le régiment a également été impliqué sur OP IMPACT avec le déploiement du bdrcl Lollier en Jordanie et l'Adj Pépin au Kuwait.

Le mois d'août, a été une occasion pour nos éléments de commandement et contrôle de déployer dans le cadre de l'EX LARGE SCALE 17 (LSE 17), un entraînement numérique multinational aux États-Unis mettant l'emphase sur l'interopérabilité dans un contexte multinational. Les quatre derniers mois de l'année ont été une succession d'exercices et d'entraînements soulignant les efforts mis par tous pour rencontrer nos normes d'aptitude au combat. Du 11 au 15 sept 2017, le régiment a tenu l'EX PIÈCES AGUERRIES 1 (EX PA 1) au niveau de bie pour atteindre des objectifs initiaux, du 15 au 17 octobre 2017 l'EX PIÈCES AGUERRIES 2 (EX PA 2) en met-

tant l'emphase sur des objectifs régimentaires. Du 22 octobre au 13 novembre 2017 le régiment a également participé à l'EX LION INTREPIDE 17 (EX LI 17) en fournissant du tir indirect afin d'appuyer la qualification des champs de tir niveau 5 et le tout en se préparant pour l'EX BOMBARDE BORDÉE (EX BB 17) du 14 au 19 novembre. Lors de cet exercice, non seulement la bie CS a déployé en entier dans les secteurs, mais nous avons également eu la chance d'avoir la visite du Colonel commandant de l'Artillerie royale canadienne, le Bgén (ret) Selbie. Notre partenariat avec les unités de la réserve a également été mis à contribution pour permettre l'entraînement du 62<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne (62 RAC) et du 2<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne (2 ARC). Durant cet exercice les cellules du 5 RALC ont également été mis à contribution pour la préparation pour l'EX LION NUMÉRIQUE 17 (EX LN 17) qui débutait le 20 novembre et se poursuivait pendant deux semaines. Cette opportunité a été saisie par l'ensemble du régiment pour développer encore plus leurs aptitudes de collaboration dans un contexte interarmes



**La bie X tir pendant un plan de tir régimentaire lors de l'EX PIÈCES AGUERRIES 2 (16 oct 2017)**

en vue de se préparer pour l'EX UNIFIED RESOLVE (EX UR 18) à l'hiver.

C'est avec grand plaisir que la famille du 5 RALC poursuit la période des programmes mandatés en remettant des nouveaux bérets marron à 15 de ses membres. La parade de remise incluait non seulement les membres du 5 RALC, mais aussi les membres de la cie A du 3 R22eR. En entrant dans la période de réjouissance et de programmes mandatés précédents le congé des fêtes. Il est important de se souvenir par ces activités de cohésion que le succès du 5 RALC repose sur le travail d'équipe et le dévouement de ses membres.

#### Batterie X

L'année 2017 a été grandement occupée pour la batterie X. Marquant le début du cycle de montée en puissance, l'année 2017 a été chargée en exercices et en tâches. La batterie X a d'abord offert son soutien en personnel pour des cours au CI 2 Div CA pendant l'hiver et a participé à l'exercice final du PP1 artil 1702. En février et en mars, la batterie a participé aux exercices RB 17 et PM 17. L'un a permis de confirmer les compétences de base de soldat, tandis que l'autre s'est vu un exercice technique d'artillerie au niveau de batterie. Le rythme de bataille n'a pas diminué durant l'été avec les tâches à l'école régimentaire et les activités de rayonnement. La batterie X a été responsable de mener les cours de tech reco 1701, tech PC 1701, cmdt adjoint de pièce 1701 et cmdt de dét M777 1701.

En juillet, elle a envoyé des membres pour représenter le 5 RALC au spectacle aérien international de Bagotville. Une troupe a aussi été envoyée à la citadelle de Québec pour accueillir les navires du Grand Rendez-Vous des Voiliers avec un tir du salut. Le 5 RALC a fièrement représenté la brigade en rendant le dernier tir du salut royal au Gouverneur Général du Canada lors de sa dernière visite à sa résidence de la Citadelle. Finalement, l'automne s'est vu tout aussi chargé avec le début des certifications des différents niveaux de NAC. Les membres de la bie ont participé aux EX PA 1 (batterie), EX PA 2 (régiment), LI 17 (soutien NAC niv 5) et EX BB 17 (confirmation de l'instruction individuelle).

En terme opérationnel, la batterie X a été impliquée dans l'OP LENTUS 17, en soutien à la FOI-Est pour les inondations graves à la grandeur de la province. Elle a fait partie de la première rotation à se déployer avec l'équipe de l'unité d'intervention immédiate (UII) dans la région de la Mauricie. Principalement installée dans la région de Trois-Rivières, la batterie X a aussi détaché des membres dans la région de Louiseville.

L'année 2017 aura été occupée, mais enrichissante pour la batterie X. Elle se voit ainsi prête à déployer dans le cadre de l'EX MAPLE RESOLVE 18 (EX MR 18) afin de confirmer ses compétences techniques et tactiques et ainsi démontrer qu'elle est prête à affronter les défis qui se présenteront durant la période de haute disponibilité.

#### Batterie Q

L'année de la bie Q a débuté en février avec l'EX RB 17 dans les secteurs de la base de soutien de la 2 Div CA, Valcartier (BS 2 Div

CA), pendant lequel les membres ont appris et pratiqué des techniques de survie telles que la trappe de lapins sauvages. Pendant cet exercice, la bie a participé à des patrouilles en raquettes et en skis de fond, a préparé des abris de fortune et a créé des fortifications hivernales.

Pendant l'EX PM 17 en mars, la bie Q a intégré pour la première fois le tout nouveau véhicule blindé tactique de patrouille (VBTP) dans son entraînement afin de vérifier sa compatibilité avec les pratiques de déploiements de systèmes de surveillance et acquisition d'objectifs (SAO) telles que la Raven-B et le système de capteur acoustique de repérage d'arme (SCARA). Ceci s'est fait par l'entremise de pratiques de convois et aussi d'opérations mobiles avec les drones.

La bie Q a fait partie de l'UII pour le 5 GBMC et a été l'une des premières entités à être déployées pour les inondations du fleuve Saint-Laurent en mai 2017. La bie Q a initialement été déployée pour supporter le secteur entier de la Mauricie. Lorsque le reste du régiment a été déployé en renfort, la zone de responsabilité de la bie Q s'est restreinte au secteur au sud du fleuve dans les villes de Saint-François-du-Lac, Pierreville, Nicolet et Bécancour. Pendant cette opération, la bie Q a rempli, transporté, et distribué plus de 40 000 sacs de sable aux sinistrés.

Au cours de l'été, il y a eu la parade de changement de sergent-major de bie (SMB) pour l'échange de la canne entre l'Adjum Fillion à l'Adjum Latulippe. En août, la bie Q a fourni un commandant de troupe et un détachement complet pour participer à un tir de salut à Montréal pour le Premier Ministre d'Irlande et le Premier Ministre du Canada.

La bie Q a activement participé à l'école régimentaire en conduisant des cours d'opérateur du système d'aéronef miniature sans pilote (SAMSP) Raven-B, radar anti-mortier léger (RAML), SCARA et technicien SAO, tout envoyé un nombre significatif d'étudiants sur les cours pour le VBTP. Des membres et des officiers de la bie Q ont participé pendant trois semaines à LSE 17 en Californie, où la bie a principalement participé au processus de ISTAR et ciblage.

Pour la Journée porte ouverte sur la BS 2 Div CA, Valcartier en août, la bie Q était responsable du kiosque de SAO ainsi que pour la gestion de la section VIP. La bie Q a accueilli plusieurs personnes influentes dont le Lieutenant-gouverneur du Québec, l'honorable J. Michel Doyon, le Lieutenant-Général Roméo Dallaire (retraité), plusieurs maires des villes avoisinantes de la base de Valcartier, des députés fédéraux et provinciaux ainsi que plusieurs autres partenaires participant activement au soutien des Forces armées canadiennes et de leur famille.

Au cours de l'automne 2017, la bie Q a participé à trois exercices régimentaires dans le cadre de la montée en puissance. La bie a déployé ses équipements SAO lors des EX PA 1, PA 2 et BB 17. Avec ces exercices, la bie a validé son personnel sur l'utilisation des systèmes SAMSP Raven-B, SCARA et RAML en plus de valider le Centre de coordination surveillance et acquisition d'objectifs (CCSAO). La troupe SCARA en a profité pour effectuer des missions de tir repérage par le son. Toujours dans le cadre de la montée en puissance, les détachements de Raven-B ont supporté les manœuvres des compagnies d'infanterie lors de l'EX LI 17. À la fin de l'année, la bie Q a pris part à l'EX LN 17 au niveau du ISTAR et du CCSAO, contribuant à l'entraînement du QG de brigade en préparation pour EX UR 18 dans la nouvelle année.

#### Batterie V

L'année 2017 a vu un grand événement au sein du 5 RALC, la réactivation de la batterie (bie) V. La bie V a été physiquement reformé le 8 sept 2017, et une semaine plus tard a participé à l'EX PA 1, un exercice de tir réel au niveau des bies du régiment. La bie V a réussi à fournir trois équipages d'Officier d'observation avancé (OOA) et de Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) pour cet exercice, malgré le temps très limité entre la reformation de la bie et le début de l'exercice. La bie V a donc débutée avec un automne très occupé, avec plusieurs exercices sporadiques ainsi que le travail qui implique la remise sur pied d'une bie, incluant tous les transferts d'équipement et de véhicules.

En octobre, la bie V a été impliquée dans l'EX PA 2, un exercice de tir réel régimentaire où cinq équipages ont été formés. Le 19 octobre 2017, la bie V a eu sa parade officielle de réactivation,



et par après, a commencé un exercice de brigade (bde), l'EX LI 17, qui durera jusqu'à la mi-novembre. L'EX LI 17 a été un gros défi pour cette nouvelle bde en ce qui concerne le nombre de personnels et l'équipement requis pour supporter l'exercice. Elle a eu pour but de qualifier sept équipes de combat de la bde au niveau cinq avec du tir réel d'artillerie, de l'appui aérien rapproché et du tir d'appui d'hélicoptère. Avec sept équipes de combat et seulement cinq équipages d'OOA, cet exercice a représenté un vrai défi, mais s'est aussi avéré une expérience enrichissante pour les équipages d'OOA et JTAC avec plusieurs bonnes leçons apprises.

Au mois de novembre, après avoir terminé l'EX LI 17, la bde V a été impliquée dans un troisième exercice régimentaire, l'EX BB 17, un autre exercice de tir réel dans un contexte régimentaire. Par la suite, plusieurs membres de la bde ont participé à l'EX LN 17, un exercice sans troupe qui met l'accent sur les équipes de commandement et contrôle de la bde.

L'automne a été très occupé et a fourni plusieurs défis pour les membres de la bde V, ce qui n'est pas du nouveau puisque la bde V a une histoire chargée depuis sa naissance en 1977. La bde V a été originalement créée avec la tâche d'assurer la défense antiaérienne pour le groupe-brigade formé des 2e et 3e bataillons du R22eR et le 2e RCR, ainsi que la tâche d'entraîner et de fournir les effectifs pour la 129e Bde de Défense antiaérienne en Allemagne. De nombreuses fois au cours de son histoire, la bde a été désactivée et réactivée. En 2010, la bde V a été restaurée jusqu'en 2014, mais cette fois-ci avec un nouveau rôle au sein du régiment, ce rôle étant d'entraîner et de fournir des équipes d'OOA et JTAC. Elle a été réactivée de nouveau le 19 oct 2017 avec ce même rôle de fournir les équipes d'OOA et JTAC bien entraînées et préparées pour les missions et les défis de demain.

#### Batterie R

La batterie R a eu une année très occupée qui s'est vue chargée d'entraînement, en plus d'avoir pris part à l'OP LENTUS 17 en réponse aux inondations au mois de mai.

Dès le retour des vacances de Noël, la bde se préparait pour l'EX RB 17, un exercice de survie hivernale démonté dans le nord des secteurs d'entraînements de Valcartier. Les membres de la bde ont pratiqué plusieurs méthodes de survie, incluant le trappage de lapins, ainsi que l'immersion dans les eaux glacées. Les membres de la bde R ont mis sur pied plusieurs équipes qui ont participé à la compétition de patrouille hivernale de l'EX RB 17, où ils ont remporté tous les grands honneurs.

Le premier exercice de l'année avec les M777 a été l'EX PM 17, où la bde R a déployé deux M777 avec des mortiers 81mm en support du cours de Cmdt de Dét. L'EX PM 17 a donné l'opportunité à la bde de pratiquer des missions au niveau de bde, et aussi de consolider les instructions permanentes d'opération (IPO) pour la défense locale. À la fin de l'exercice, les commandants adjoints de détachement de la pièce et l'officier de tir ont eu la chance de pratiquer des tirs à vue dans la zone d'impact LIRI avec les mortiers.

L'EX ROMÉO AGILE (EX RA) était un exercice au niveau de bde qui a permis de mettre plusieurs normes individuelles d'aptitude au combat (NIAC) à jour et de mettre à l'épreuve la résilience de la bde. Les membres de la bde ont participé à des activités stimulantes de navigation, de rappel sur paroi rocheuse incluant l'évacuation de blessés et de manœuvres en bateau d'assaut.

La fin de semaine suivant l'EX RA, la bde R a reçu l'appel afin de se déployer dans la région de la Mauricie pour assister la population affectée par les inondations dans le cadre de l'OP LENTUS 17. La bde R a été basée à Louiseville et a aidé les municipalités à proximité. Le déploiement a duré plus de trois semaines, et le bon travail des membres du régiment et de la bde R a été grandement apprécié par les résidents et les dirigeants à tous les niveaux.

La bde R, avec un support régimentaire, a aussi commencé la remise sur pied de la capacité aéroportée au sein du 5 RALC. La bde R a eu le mandat de constituer une troupe de mortiers aéroportée afin de supporter les éléments légers du 5 GBMC avec du feu indirect flexible et agile. La bde R a déployé une troupe de quatre mortiers en support sur l'EX SPARTIATE PRÊT qui s'est tenu à Shawinigan en avril 2017 avec le 3e R22eR. En septembre 2017, 14 membres

de la bde ont réussi le cours de parachutiste élémentaire à l'école de parachutisme de la 8e Escadre Trenton. Finalement, en octobre 2017, pour la première fois depuis bien longtemps, la troupe de mortiers de la bde R a sauté avec la cie A du 3e R22R en support sur l'EX SPARTIATE ÉCLAIREUR dans la ZL Saint-Raymond. La bde R et le 5 RALC sont fiers des succès et sont très enthousiastes quant au futur prometteur des capacités aéroportées du régiment.

#### Batterie CS

L'année 2017 a débuté sur une bonne note pour la batterie CS en fournissant du soutien de première ligne lors de l'EX RB 17 du 20 au 24 février 2017. Nous avons été en mesure de soutenir les activités du régiment tout en qualifiant des membres de la bde en guerre hivernale. L'accent, comme à chaque exercice, a été mis sur la maintenance et l'intendance des ressources ce qui permet une transition graduelle pour l'EX PM 17 du 20 au 24 mars 2017 et de compléter l'inventaire 100% de l'unité.

Suivant ces exercices majeurs, le rythme de bataille a repris son cours au 5 RALC en vue de la préparation pour le soutien des tâches estivales et du début des entraînements de la montée en puissance. Cependant, une météo non clémente est rapidement venue changer les plans en faisant sortir plusieurs cours d'eau de leur lit poussant l'UII à déployer dans le cadre d'OP LENTUS 17. Le régiment a donc opéré dans les secteurs inondés centrés sur la ville de Trois-Rivières, Québec durant une bonne partie du mois de mai. Avec son expertise et son dévouement habituel, la Bde CS a été en mesure de soutenir le déploiement du 5 RALC pour venir en aide à la population civile. Lors du déploiement, le détachement de maintenance déployé s'est hautement distingué en maintenant la flotte fonctionnelle avec peu de moyens.

La bde CS a été un phare en ce qui touche à l'intendance des ressources et la culture de l'équipement à l'unité. Un nouveau plan de maintenance mettant un accent sur la formation et la responsabilité des opérateurs de la flotte de véhicule et de l'équipement a été une des grandes améliorations de cette année. Suivant les différentes tâches de l'été 2017, incluant la journée porte ouverte 2017 de la garnison qui a été un franc succès grâce aux efforts combinés de tout le régiment, la bde CS a été en mesure de soutenir le rythme des activités touchant les différents cours de l'école régimentaire tout en se préparant et en soutenant les exercices PA 1 en septembre 2017, INTENDANT COMMUNICATEUR, PA 2 et LI 17 en octobre 2017, BB 17 et LN 17 en novembre 2017. De manière concomitante avec ces entraînements, la bde CS est entrée en phase de planification accrue pour le futur déploiement des éléments du 5 RALC sur les exercices RÉFLEXE RAPIDE 18 ET MR 18.

Tout au long de l'année 2017, la cellule des opérations, du poste de commandement régimentaire, de l'adjudanterie ainsi que l'ensemble des troupes de soutien ont permis l'atteinte des objectifs du plan d'opération du 5 RALC. En décembre 2017, après plusieurs mois de travail acharné, les membres de la bde CS ont bien profité de la période de festivité entourant le congé des fêtes et sont partis la tête haute le 15 décembre 2017, sachant qu'ils avaient accompli un travail colossal cette année.

Lcol	Harvey	EMC
Maj	Dufresne	JNM
Maj	Gendron-Houle	BJ
Maj	Lanouette	PD
Maj	Lizotte	VMJ
Maj	Morrissette	M
Maj	Parent	RTD
Maj	Simard	JMM
Capt	Boudreau	JJ-S
Capt	Brown	JC
Capt	Circé	E
Capt	Clément	GLMR
Capt	Deshales	M
Capt	Dubuc	JP
Capt	Gosselin	S
Capt	Grenier	JPM
Capt	Gutz	IP
Capt	Jewer	AW
Capt	Lacombe	A-P
Capt	Lefebvre	MESL
Capt	Léger	LR
Capt	Léssard	GA
Capt	Marcoux	SRS
Capt	Montgomery	KAM
Capt	Morrissette	SJG
Capt	Pawulski	CR



Capt	Perusse	JYMF
Capt	Ross	T.S.
Capt	Truong	MKV
Lt	Berry	JYEA
Lt	Bouthillier	BD
Lt	Houston	AC
Lt	Huxter	NS
Lt	Labranche	AE
Lt	Le Breton-Prévost	C.
Lt	Lemelin	CAC
Lt	Pharand	MCA
Lt	Reynoso-Medinaq	MA
Lt	Thivierge	SJ
Slt	Boucher	HPSG
Slt	Morel	J
Adjuc	Angel	JGM
Adjum	Beaudry	JPS
Adjum	Brizard	G
Adjum	Crepeau	JNP
Adjum	Guerin	JCM
Adjum	Latulippe	JF
Adjum	Morneau	M
Adjum	Pipia	P
Adj	Angers	C
Adj	Beaulieu	JHJ
Adj	Bedard	EDD
Adj	Bélangier	JD
Adj	Belval	SJY
Adj	Corbeil	IMR
Adj	Dauphinais	SJM
Adj	Fortin	JYS
Adj	Fugere	JMA
Adj	Gagne	M
Adj	Grebeniuk	V
Adj	Hogan	JM
Adj	Lapointe	PM
Adj	Laporte	MOJ
Adj	Leblanc	JMF
Adj	Lemay	KJR
Adj	Lortie	PN
Adj	Pare	RE
Sgt	Bédard	JL
Sgt	Cantin	RA
Sgt	Caron	JR
Sgt	Dallaire	CMB
Sgt	Demers	F
Sgt	Desgroseilliers	PMM
Sgt	Desrosiers Ouellet	M
Sgt	Drolet	MBMM
Sgt	Emery	AJR
Sgt	Faucher	JJLM
Sgt	Gervais	SJA
Sgt	Gervais	DJG
Sgt	Goneau	JAS
Sgt	Gourichon	SCF
Sgt	Grégoire	PY
Sgt	Hamel	GK
Sgt	Houle	JMF
Sgt	Hudon	EJJ
Sgt	Marois	SE
Sgt	Masse	PJM
Sgt	Paquet	SCM
Sgt	Paul	JRR
Sgt	Picard	JFJL
Sgt	Plante	DC
Sgt	Poirier	PJS
Sgt	Renaud	JJCB
Sgt	Roberge	PRK
Sgt	Robichaud	M
Sgt	Roy	JJR
Sgt	Simard	JRC
Sgt	Sirois	M
Sgt	St-Amant	JBR
Sgt	Thibault	JAG
Sgt	Thibeault	JF
Sgt	Thiffeault	MJS
Sgt	Tremblay-Lavoie	MJL
Sgt	Vallières	AMM
Sgt	Veilleux	EJG
Sgt	Yanire	J-FJK
Bdrc	Abel	PN
Bdrc	Avery	NC
Bdrc	Beland	J
Bdrc	Bélangier	S
Bdrc	Blais	JDS
Bdrc	Bourque	D
Bdrc	Breton	JMA
Bdrc	Cantin	JF
Bdrc	Caouette	D
Bdrc	Caron Corriveau	JJC
Bdrc	Chalifour	D
Bdrc	Champagne	PLJJM
Bdrc	Corneau	JJA
Bdrc	Côté	JP
Bdrc	Cousineau	DJJP
Bdrc	Desbiens	O
Bdrc	Dionne	P
Bdrc	Duchesne	JMB

Bdrc	Fonner	MJB
Bdrc	Fréchette	D
Bdrc	Gagnon-Deveaux	s
Bdrc	Hebert-Cantin	LCJJE
Bdrc	Jacques	MM
Bdrc	Joanis	JPA
Bdrc	Lachapelle	J-F
Bdrc	Lagacé	L
Bdrc	Langlais	KJMB
Bdrc	Lapierre	V
Bdrc	Larose	G
Bdrc	Lemieux	DFP
Bdrc	Levesque	PA
Bdrc	Lévesque	WJ
Bdrc	Lollier	L
Bdrc	Longpré	L
Bdrc	Mercier	JT
Bdrc	Mercier	E
Bdrc	Nadeau	BJPB
Bdrc	Paquet	JDD
Bdrc	Patry-Young	JL
Bdrc	Racine	KJCE
Bdrc	Renaud	S
Bdrc	Ringuette-Farrell	DJR
Bdrc	Roch	K
Bdrc	Roy	F
Bdrc	St-Coeur	O
Bdrc	Turmel	JF
Bdrc	Turpin	JLT
Bdrc	Valiquette	JB
Cplc	Baguidy	H
Cplc	Beaulieu	K
Cplc	Bergeron	CAM
Cplc	Bohler	OK
Cplc	Bonneau	KJE
Cplc	Brousseau	MA
Cplc	Chenard	VLMC
Cplc	Collin Boudreault	MJD
Cplc	Croteau	SL
Cplc	D'Amours-Tremblay	R
Cplc	Del Rio	DB
Cplc	Drapeau	RNJCJN
Cplc	Dubé	EL
Cplc	Ferland	DMA
Cplc	Gagné	MJ
Cplc	Giguère	JFJM
Cplc	Guertin	JMC
Cplc	Kurz	JRJ
Cplc	Laderoute	Ma
Cplc	Lalancette	ILJM
Cplc	Larouche	SL
Cplc	Leclerc-Nadeau	JJJ
Cplc	Redhead	M
Cplc	Rivest	JRS
Cplc	Thibeault	JGNJ
Cplc	Tremblay	AJDR
Cplc	Turcotte	PC
Cplc	Vaillancourt	A
Cplc	Villemaire	MJA
Bdr	Anglehart-Méthot	GJE
Bdr	Armaly	M
Bdr	Armanda	DJA
Bdr	Arsenault	J
Bdr	Aubé	MJJ
Bdr	Barabé	JJRK
Bdr	Barbe-Gagne	JFC
Bdr	Beaudet	RM
Bdr	Beaulieu	SM
Bdr	Beaulieu	AI
Bdr	Bédard	PJS
Bdr	Bergeron	MJ-MC
Bdr	Bergeron	DJA
Bdr	Bérubé	MMDJF
Bdr	Biron	TC
Bdr	Blais	SWM
Bdr	Blais	JF
Bdr	Boileau	DR
Bdr	Boivin	V.J.Y.
Bdr	Boyer-Gregoire	A
Bdr	Breton	JP
Bdr	Breton	BG
Bdr	Brochu	FJS
Bdr	Brodeur	FJR
Bdr	Brunet	JCF
Bdr	Caron	TJN
Bdr	Casabon	MA
Bdr	Castellanos Zetino	WA
Bdr	Caya	DJJ
Bdr	Chabot	NJJ
Bdr	Chapdelaine	C
Bdr	Charest	P
Bdr	Charland	SJC
Bdr	Chénard	AJC
Bdr	Chouinard-Lavigne	ECL
Bdr	Corbin-Ratté	MJ
Bdr	Cordey	SJP
Bdr	Cossette	P
Bdr	Cusson	JCRA



Bdr	Daigle	JJJ
Bdr	Darveau	JMC
Bdr	De Launière	DM
Bdr	Dechamplain	SJ
Bdr	Demers	DJM
Bdr	Dion	B
Bdr	Dorval	CK
Bdr	Doucet	JF
Bdr	Emond	JRJV
Bdr	Fecteau	JJ
Bdr	Fonner	JGP
Bdr	Fortin	D
Bdr	Fortin-Godin	CPJC
Bdr	Fournelle	LJKS
Bdr	Franco	EAF
Bdr	Furmanek	J
Bdr	Gagne	M
Bdr	Gagné	S
Bdr	Gagnon	JB
Bdr	Gagnon-Gauley	SS
Bdr	Galarneau	JEY
Bdr	Galipeau	SJC
Bdr	Garon	SH
Bdr	Gauthier	MAL
Bdr	Gauthier	IJMGD
Bdr	Gervais	CEJA
Bdr	Girard	FJS
Bdr	Glaude	M
Bdr	Godin	KJM
Bdr	Grenier	MP
Bdr	Guillette	KJ
Bdr	Hernandez Moscoso	EE
Bdr	Isabelle	PJF
Bdr	Jeanson	OCR
Bdr	Jutras	J
Bdr	Keays	KH
Bdr	Labelle	M.P.
Bdr	Lachance	JCM
Bdr	Lafontaine	FJJ
Bdr	Lakusta	EJ
Bdr	Lalancette	AJN
Bdr	Lalonde Leblanc	J
Bdr	Lambert	RJJ
Bdr	Langlois	LJFL
Bdr	Laroche	P
Bdr	Lasnier	JSJ
Bdr	Lavoie	PG
Bdr	Lavoie	AJ
Bdr	Lebrun	R
Bdr	Lefebvre-Jouvet	LCM
Bdr	Légaré	FCA
Bdr	Legault-Coulombe	V
Bdr	Lemieux	MJ
Bdr	Levesque	SM
Bdr	Lincourt	M
Bdr	Losier	D
Bdr	Maheux	DR
Bdr	Mailhot	S
Bdr	Martel	RR
Bdr	Martel-Tremblay	M
Bdr	Molloy	N
Bdr	Mongeon	JJM
Bdr	Morin Boucher	B
Bdr	Morin-Noël	GW
Bdr	Mountain	S
Bdr	Nadeau	P
Bdr	Narvaez Linares	EJ
Bdr	Nepton	S
Bdr	Neveu	SJS
Bdr	Ouellet-Poirier	A
Bdr	Ouellet-Tremblay	A
Bdr	Quimet	JFV
Bdr	Paradis-Aubin	M
Bdr	Paulhus	J.R.
Bdr	Pelletier	JJCSR
Bdr	Pelletier-Marceau	M
Bdr	Perron-Levasseur	JOJM
Bdr	Plante	MJP
Bdr	Poirier	SF
Bdr	Potvin	O
Bdr	Proulx	JD
Bdr	Quesnel	YJR
Bdr	Ratelle	APG
Bdr	Ricard-Giard	F
Bdr	Richer	PJDA
Bdr	Roberge	SJGJ
Bdr	Roberge	JJ
Bdr	Robitaille	M
Bdr	Rousseau	BC
Bdr	Rousseau-Choquette	MJP
Bdr	Roy	CF
Bdr	Roy	E
Bdr	Ruel	VR
Bdr	Savard	JF
Bdr	Scarcello	S
Bdr	Seguin	Y
Bdr	Simoneau	SJ
Bdr	St-Jean	MJJYR

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Bdr	Taylor	RJRKK
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Bdr	Thibodeau	F
Bdr	Tremblay	BS
Bdr	Tremblay	MC
Bdr	Tremblay	J
Bdr	Trudel	PJM
Bdr	Vachon	MG
Bdr	Vallières St-Gelais	POJ
Bdr	Vander Stelt	C
Bdr	Young	JMI
Cpl	Antiquiera	HJ
Cpl	Arsenault	CJ
Cpl	Balde	MBJ
Cpl	Barriault	J
Cpl	Belec	JM
Cpl	Bernier	AJGL
Cpl	Bernier	MP
Cpl	Bernier	J
Cpl	Binet-Lambert	CF
Cpl	Boies	JSP
Cpl	Cabral-de-Braga	SE
Cpl	Cajole	PJC
Cpl	Cardinal	SJL
Cpl	Cimini	DJCT
Cpl	Condon	ML
Cpl	Côté	C
Cpl	Desrochers	SJD
Cpl	Enjalbert	FH
Cpl	Faucher	MMN
Cpl	Forget	AGP
Cpl	Gagné	JF
Cpl	Gagnon	JPS
Cpl	Gauthier	PLJY
Cpl	Girouard	PA
Cpl	Gosselin	KJ
Cpl	Hall	MB
Cpl	Labelle	J
Cpl	Lalancette	M
Cpl	Lemieux	F
Cpl	Levesque	YD
Cpl	Mallette	SC
Cpl	Mayer	LJMEC
Cpl	Montes Rodriguez	w
Cpl	Paquet	DJGJC
Cpl	Parent	HP
Cpl	Patoine	EF
Cpl	Pelchat	JG
Cpl	Pineault	J-M
Cpl	Poirier	A
Cpl	Reid	RKP
Cpl	Roy	DJAS
Cpl	Samson	AM
Cpl	Sergerie	JJ
Cpl	Simard	JMJM
Cpl	Simoneau	DJP
Cpl	Souhleris	J
Cpl	Stubbins	MRJ
Cpl	Thibault	OJ
Cpl	Turcotte	JP
mat 1	Chabot	EMD
Art	Deshaies	RFJ
Art	Gagnon	ÉÉJH
Art	Manfield	JI
Art	Pouliot	OJR
Art	Allaire	S
Art	Boulay	ASJ
Art	Brind'Amour	BJR
Art	Cote	FJP
Art	Daigle	JFJAPA
Art	Deschenes-Gagnon	AA
Art	Drouin	NJA
Art	Dufour-Labelle	SJMO
Art	Fortier	JNV
Art	Gagnon	PJR
Art	Galarneau	FJP
Art	Gallant	F
Art	Gauthier Thibault	JJ
Art	Girard	JJD
Art	Hebert-Dugas	FC
Art	Houde	FA
Art	Houle	SC
Art	Laferriere-Beaudoin	MR
Art	Lanteigne	m
Art	Laverdure	MJA
Art	Mahoney	EYHRP
Art	Mainville	A
Art	Mallette	G
Art	Montpetit	B
Art	Pelletier	A
Art	Pharand	G
Art	Rollin	MMJ
Art	Rondeau	EJPA
Art	Sévigny	KMJM



Artill	Soucy	JP
Artill	Timmons	WJL
Artill	Vienneau-Bujold	MA
Artill	Vincent	MD
Sdt B	Allaire	JJM
Sdt B	Beaudet-Lamarre	MJD
Sdt B	Beaudoin	K
Sdt B	Bergeron-Proulx	I
Sdt B	Boudreault	NT
Sdt B	Boulé	DFJ
Sdt B	Bradette	O
Sdt B	Bujold	Y
Sdt B	Defrance	VCJP
Sdt B	Desbiens	K
Sdt B	Desjardins	SJM
Sdt B	Emond	JG
Sdt B	Gagnon	M
Sdt B	Geronimo	MJDB
Sdt B	Gignac	MFL
Sdt B	Giguere	KJR
Sdt B	Gosselin-Chenail	DNS
Sdt B	Hains	J
Sdt B	Lachapelle	MJP
Sdt B	Legrand	VEG
Sdt B	Lemay	JJW
Sdt B	Levesque	C
Sdt B	Meunier-Raymond	AJE
Sdt B	Nicol-Charette	MJS
Sdt B	Paquette	PT
Sdt B	Parent	DJCG
Sdt B	Perez	ME
Sdt B	Perron	MA
Sdt B	Poulin	BJL
Sdt B	Poulin-Morin	W
Sdt B	Renaud	E
Sdt B	Robin	N
Sdt B	Rouillard	KD
Sdt B	Simard	M
Sdt B	Slimani	HBM
Sdt B	St-Amand	EDP
Sdt B	Tite	B
Sdt B	Weisse	C
Sdt F	Poirier	MA
civ	Garneau	R
	Gourde	JCA



1 RCHA soldier puts his back into softening up the ground as he prepared a M777 for firing while in the CFB Shilo training area for Ex FROZEN GUNNER.



1 RCHA soldiers run across a snow-covered soccer field pulling sleighs as part of a "Survivor" exercise held at CFB Shilo.







# 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment (General Support), RCA



**CO**  
**LCol K.L.A.**  
**Bouckaret, CD**



**RSM**  
**CWO T. Neill**  
**MMM, CD**

The 4th Artillery Regiment (General Support,) (4 Regt (GS,)) realized an increase in operational tempo and a tangible growth in combat capability in 2017, from participating in an emergency deployment to northeastern New Brunswick at the end of January (Operation LENTUS 17-01,) to the December arrival of our first Medium Range Radar (MRR) and RQ-21A Blackjack small unmanned air system (SUAS). Throughout the year, we deployed troops around the globe to numerous countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Kuwait, Latvia and Romania, and our Tactical Data Link

and Targeting specializations provided support to all five divisions, both operationally and on exercise. With the full establishment of the NATO enhanced Forward Presence Battlegroup Latvia, continuous deployment opportunities have solidified in Eastern Europe, and soldiers continued developing their foundation skills and those in their fields of expertise on operations, such as Kuwait in support of Op IMPACT. There were also two key changes of command at the battery level on top of all usual exercises and activities at 4 Regt (GS).

Shortly after returning from Christmas block leave, 4 Regt (GS) received an Immediate Response Unit (IRU) callout in support of Operation LENTUS. This operation is the CAF contingency plan that outlines the joint response to provide support for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response to provincial and territorial authorities in the case of a major natural disaster. On January 24, 2017, a severe ice storm struck the Acadian Peninsula, leaving people in the region for days without power and heat, resulting in hypothermia and several people resorting to dangerous methods of home heating which resulted in cases of carbon monoxide poisoning. Our troops' primary task was going door to door to deliver supplies and check on residents, checking for carbon monoxide in houses and educating residents about this risk. Further, they removed broken trees from roads to make way for emergency vehicles and supplies. In a one-week period, LENTUS 17-01 surveyed more than 1,100 km of roads, visited 5,400 houses, delivered eight pallets of water and



tailored, joint headquarters. There was also domestic operations in the North, in early March 4 Regt (GS) played a part in helping to confirm Canada's northern sovereignty by sending troops to Goose Bay, Labrador for Exercise NORTHERN SOJOURN 17. Other exercises, of course, took part outside of Canada's borders. In support of Canada's long standing relationship with our closest ally, 128 Bty sent an ASCC to Joint Base Louis-McChord in Washington State, USA to attend a Warfighter CAX with the 25th US DIV. The opportunity to work with the Americans provided invaluable professional development to all the soldiers who had the fortune to participate.

At the end of March 4 Regt also provided staff support Op IMPACT in Kuwait, with Capt Brian Mullins deploying as the J 5-3 for Joint Task Force Iraq. There he joined three other other members from 4 Regt (GS) who were providing specialist support to the fight against Islamic State: MBdr Moore applying his knowledge of Tactical Data Links and the ADSI to maintain the air situational awareness, MBdr Trites working as an FMV Analyst and Sgt Thibodeau doing aerospace coordination.

For 4 Regt (GS), April also brought forth the end of an era. At this time 119 Battery paraded for the last time and formally became 129 Battery. While many were sad to mark its end, 119 Bty being at one time an independent Air Defence Battery of more than 300 personnel in the 1990s prior to being absorbed into 4th Air Defence Regiment, all are excited to see where 129 Bty will deploy and what it will

34 truckloads of firewood.

The first two months of the year were extremely busy for all but the high tempo continued apace for the remainder of the year. At the end of January the Regt deployed over 30 members of HQ and Svcs Bty to Exercise UNIFIED RESOLVE 17 (ex UR 17,) Canada's largest battle lab exercise. Our provision of an Airspace Coordination Centre (ASCC,) a Fire Support Coordination Centre (FSCC,) a Surveillance and Target Acquisition Coordination Centre (STACC,) and joint targeting expertise to 1st CDN DIV HQ supported a realistic, task



accomplish in its future. In June the Bty would also hold a change of command, with Maj Frank Lavoie taking over from Maj Yoann Leclerc-Desjardins after two successful years.

127 Bty meanwhile was preparing for their turn on high readiness. In May, they deployed their ASCC to Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE as part of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (2 CMBG) for the confirmation exercise of high readiness for Task Force Tomahawk. Other operational and command milestones occurred in June to, first with 128 Bty deploying their ASCC to Latvia on Roto 1 of Operation REASSURANCE. Their tour continued through the remainder of 2017 during which time they had the opportunity to integrate into the battlegroup (BG), work with many NATO partner nationalities and help develop operating procedures likely to be followed for many rotos to come.

On Canada Day, 127 Bty assumed the role of High Readiness (HR) Bty in support of 2 CMBG. Immediately injecting some fun and excitement into their HR task, they deployed to Cape Breton, NS for adventure training. The Bty climbed four of the toughest peaks in the province and covered over 50km in five days. Also in July, their BK, Capt Rouleau participated in a singular training opportunity when he attended Exercise Tobruq Legacy 17 (TOLY 17) in Romania, the largest Surface-Based Air-Defence (SBAD) exercise in NATO, and one of the largest in the world. TOLY has grown to 2,200 personnel and more than eight hundred vehicles from thirteen nations, with air defence assets in multiple nations proving the NATO integrated air defence solution. But 127 Bty was not the only Bty to have some fun in Nova Scotia. While 127 Bty took some time to fortify their mental and physical resiliency, 128 Bty was proudly paraded as an honour guard for the packed crowds of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo in Halifax. The Bty was, as usual, highly turned out and performed admirably.

4 Regt (GS) and 4 Engineer Support Regiment (4 ESR) are the only two operational units in Gagetown under the command of 5 CDN DIV, largely reserve Canadian Army Division. As such, this places a heavy requirement on both units to support summer training events, CFTPO tasks and the 5 CDN DIV IRU mandate. In keeping with this workload, 4 Regt (GS) supported 5 CDN DIV TC, the RCAS, Signals School (Kingston,) RCEME School (Borden,) and the Infantry School, throughout the summer months. 129 Bty also closed out their summer months by providing an ASCC and targeting assets to 5 GBMC in support of a Large Scale Exercise (LSE) with 2 Marine DIV.

To start off the fall season, Major Thomas Dinner assumed command of 127 Bty from Major John Howe. Also in September, 127 Bty sent Sgt Hennessey, Sgt Benoit, Sgt Sheppard, and Sgt Whitten to attend the Initial Cadre Training (ICT) for the Blackjack SUAS. The remainder of 4 Regt (GS) deployed to Exercise TURBULENT WINDS 17 (Ex TW 17) in late October, with 127 Bty the Primary Training Audience and employing JMANPADs and LC-MRs in support of the Air Defence Officer's course being run by the Royal Canadian Artillery School. 128 Bty took on the role of Combined Operating Enemy Force (COEFOR) providing the Regiment with a challenging adversary force with support throughout provided by HQ and Svcs Bty.

As November beg, HQ & Svcs Bty again deployed members of its Division CCs to the United Kingdom on Exercise ARRCAD FUSION (AF 17) in support of 1 CDN DIV HQ. AF is an annual large-scale NATO exercise drilling the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps' (ARRC) ability to control large formations within a challenging security crisis. This year saw more than 1,500 troops from 23 NATO

nations gather at Imjin Barracks in Gloucestershire, UK to test the ARRC's corps warfighting capabilities. HQ ARRC, as a High Readiness Force (Land) HQ, is prepared to deploy under NATO, EU, coalition or national auspices to a designated area, to undertake combined and joint operations across the operational spectrum. 4 Regt (GS) deployed its ASCC, FSCC, and STACC and realized multiple individual and collective training opportunities at corps level; the opportunity to plan and conduct full spectrum operations in an extremely challenging operational environment provided us with invaluable experience for the Canadian Army. At the same time, 128 Bty deployed their ASCC to Exercise IRON RAM to support both the Combat Team Commander's and Joint Terminal Air Controller's courses and 129 Bty supported 5 GBMC's Road to High Readiness by supporting Exercise LION NUMERIQUE.

Christmas came early for members of 4 Regt (GS) with the arrival of our first MRR and SUAS in early December. The arrival of these new capabilities means that the tempo will continue to increase, so members of the Regiment took some time to engage in much needed merriment during the annual St. Barbara's Day festivities. This year's sporting events were enhanced by the sappers joining the gunners of 4 Regt (GS) and the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School in friendly competition. While the competition was held in the spirit of friendship and fun, it is important to note that, anchored by the formidable Sgt Brock Kaitoa, 4 Regt (GS) won the tug of war.

In 2017 we were presented with multiple challenges and have overcome every time. After years of "transition" it is now time to announce our reemergence on the modern battlefield. With our renewed ability to put eyes on the battlespace, both near and far, we can now reassert our status as key force multipliers for the Canadian Armed Forces. UBIQUE!



LCol	KLA	Bouckaert	Sgt	JRF	Larocque
Maj	T	Chiasson	Sgt	TR	LeBlanc
Maj	TJ	Dinner	Sgt	RR	Levesque
Maj	GM	Dunlop	Sgt	JFTD	Martineau
Maj	JFPC	Lavoie	Sgt	JPT	McKenna
Maj	RAH	Nicholson	Sgt	J.S.B.	McKnight
Maj	NY	Skidmore	Sgt	PG	O'Brien
Capt	JM	Gargano	Sgt	KM	O'Donnell
Capt	APR	Hope	Sgt	K	Pelletier
Capt	LG	Jamois-Paradis	Sgt	GA	Persico
Capt	BC	Johnson	Sgt	CA	Price
Capt	BH	Kelly	Sgt	MJ	Reicker
Capt	PA	Little	Sgt	M	Rioux
Capt	AC	Mazerall	Sgt	RA	Rumbolt
Capt	BG	Mullins	Sgt	LJ	Sheppard
Capt	GA	Noel	Sgt	EM	Spital
Capt	AM	Ormsby	Sgt	A	Thibodeau
Capt	GDD	Ramey	Sgt	TC	Thistle
Capt	GA	Richards	Sgt	WA	Van Norden
Capt	JL	Ricketts	Sgt	DH	White
Capt	JM	Rouleau	Sgt	RJ	Whitten
Capt	RD	Smith	Sgt	TB	Wolfe
Capt	IS	Stoica	Sgt	SR	Worsley
Capt	TJH	Wilson	MBdr	JM	Astles
Lt	JSJN	Beaulieu-Labonte	MBdr	JFP	Bayer
Lt	JM	Bouchard	MBdr	MS	Beaton
Lt	CF	Brook	MBdr	MJ	Blouin
Lt	JA	Crawford	MBdr	DG	Bossé
Lt	OJR	Crépeau	MBdr	D	Bouchard
Lt	MR	Fagan	MBdr	MJRY	Breau
Lt	MH	Golder	MBdr	KD	Brown
Lt	D	Huard-Houle	MBdr	MY	Busque
Lt	CJ	Lardner	MBdr	DA	Campbell
Lt	VJRDN	Poulet	MBdr	TM	Currie
Lt	JP	Rodgers	MBdr	PJA	Damphousse
Lt	JBB	Simon	MBdr	MA	Elliott
Lt	BE	Sirio	MBdr	DP	Finnamore
Lt	JA	Tadros	MBdr	JS	Grass
Lt	MW	Walsh	MBdr	KCJ	Griffin
2Lt	PRN	Vendette	MBdr	KC	Hartjes
CWO	TK	Neill	MBdr	JJ	Harvey
MWO	S	Cloutier	MBdr	AA	Holm
MWO	ES	Gauvreau	MBdr	BRJ	Hook
MWO	B	Plamondon	MBdr	MN	Hyatt
MWO	RJ	Pruski	MBdr	GK	Kettle
MWO	MI	Roy	MBdr	JJ	Kovacs
MWO	CSG	Virgoe	MBdr	MP	MacGowan
WO	CP	Armstrong	MBdr	RJ	Macson
WO	SA	Attrux	MBdr	MC	Magee
WO	J	Aucoin	MBdr	DCA	Marticotte
WO	JW	Beaver	MBdr	N	Matheson
WO	RG	Blakemore	MBdr	MJ	Moore
WO	HJ	Bromley	MBdr	DS	Ouellet
WO	KD	Burke	MBdr	D	Perré
WO	SE	Canning	MBdr	C	Prudhomme
WO	TJ	Carnegie	MBdr	GE	Rich
WO	JAJP	Cloutier	MBdr	RC	Seawright
WO	KR	Gardy	MBdr	AC	Shannon
WO	JAM	Gingras	MBdr	T	Siedlecki
WO	BL	Goyette	MBdr	SE	Staton
WO	JFA	Guillemette	MBdr	AT	Wambolt
WO	GD	Hillier	MCpl	M	Beaulieu
WO	SW	Hofman	MCpl	JT	Boulanger
WO	DJ	Hunter	MCpl	AJ	Cameron
WO	JFA	Ouellet	MCpl	N	Courteau
WO	BG	Payne	MCpl	D.P.L.	DeLong
WO	H	Pelletier	MCpl	GP	Dunn
WO	CJ	Porter	MCpl	CM	Fizzard
WO	MA	Riley	MCpl	RR	Froude
WO	SJW	Roy	MCpl	DJ	Goertzen
WO	JJP	St-Hilaire	MCpl	MW	Graham
WO	MA	Wheeler	MCpl	JSM	Guérette
Sgt	M	Allain	MCpl	C	Mejia
Sgt	WAD	Belair	MCpl	AC	Misch
Sgt	DD	Benedetti	MCpl	KK	Munroe
Sgt	CC	Benoit	MCpl	RS	Naugler
Sgt	BJ	Besaw	MCpl	JWJ	Osmond
Sgt	F	Boivin	MCpl	C.S.A.	Prattis-Beaudry
Sgt	MJG	Boucher	MCpl	JW	Sarty
Sgt	TM	Bradley	MCpl	AB	Tyrrell
Sgt	JC	Brewer	MCpl	MGSLJM	Verreault
Sgt	CM	Butler	MCpl	LJ	Walsh
Sgt	JACT	Champagne	LS	JMJR	Rousseau
Sgt	JA	Clowe	Bdr	PLJN	Arès
Sgt	WD	Crocker	Bdr	JTA	Arsenault
Sgt	CC	Finnie	Bdr	KA	Asmar
Sgt	SC	Fletcher	Bdr	TW	Ballinger
Sgt	DC	Flynn	Bdr	SL	Bastarache
Sgt	RA	Gerrow	Bdr	GMG	Bernier-Mailhot
Sgt	DL	Gibson	Bdr	AM	Brown
Sgt	CJ	Goobie	Bdr	BC	Burns
Sgt	CC	Hale	Bdr	EJR	Carriere
Sgt	SJ	Hennessey	Bdr	JSA	Champagne
Sgt	BT	Hoquet	Bdr	DMB	Chmay
Sgt	AJ	Howlett	Bdr	ME	Currie
Sgt	OS	Kaitoa	Bdr	PC	Delaney
Sgt	PS	Labrecque	Bdr	JG	Deley
Sgt	EJB	Landry	Bdr	TR	Dooler



Bdr	R	Dooley	Cpl	IR	VanWart
Bdr	LM	Dormer	Cpl	ABJ	Wagorn
Bdr	s	Dube	Cpl	S M A	Wheeler
Bdr	K	Duncan-Roth	Gnr	JFA	Curtis
Bdr	BD	Durdle	Gnr	DJD	Duthie
Bdr	A	Faber	Gnr	SME	Edwards
Bdr	JD	Foster	Gnr	SD	Kent
Bdr	GGR	Franche	Gnr	JB	Lorimer-Carlin
Bdr	IM	Frank	Gnr	MH	Maillet
Bdr	JJ	Galange	Gnr	MP	Miskolczi
Bdr	BA	Hamilton	Gnr	MA	O'Dell
Bdr	KD	Handley	Gnr	MEA	Roorda
Bdr	TAD	Harway	Sig	MGF	Aubut
Bdr	BG	Inkpen	Sig	C	Gingras
Bdr	MA	Jacob	Sig	JD	Giroux
Bdr	ZDE	Johnston	Sig	M	Sadki
Bdr	PA	Josiah	Sig	S	Turpin
Bdr	KJA	King	Sig	ML	Westerkamp
Bdr	LJ	Knight	Pte	MT	Gillis
Bdr	SR	Kohorst	Pte	E	Halverson
Bdr	DD	Krail	Pte(B)	AA	Arsenault
Bdr	SR	Kuhn	Pte(B)	MJ	Beland
Bdr	DJM	Labrecque	Pte(B)	JJCS	Bell
Bdr	AJF	Larrivée	Pte(B)	JA	Brown
Bdr	CD	Lauder	Pte(B)	MO	Catto
Bdr	X	Lauzon	Pte(B)	PV	Cattrell
Bdr	JM	Laycock	Pte(B)	GT	Choiniere
Bdr	SW	LeBlanc	Pte(B)	DS	Delorme
Bdr	AM	Lorimer-Carlin	Pte(B)	MJ	Di Nozzi
Bdr	J	Luna	Pte(B)	FJ	Ducuara
Bdr	CA	Luther	Pte(B)	DA	Ellis
Bdr	SP	MacDonald	Pte(B)	BSW	Falconer
Bdr	M	MacKenzie	Pte(B)	ZA	Fowler
Bdr	T	MacQueen	Pte(B)	J	Gagne
Bdr	MW	Makepeace	Pte(B)	A	Gauthier
Bdr	AJD	Marshall	Pte(B)	RAS	Greer
Bdr	SD	Martin	Pte(B)	NJ	Hamel
Bdr	DA	Matheson	Pte(B)	SD	Hilton
Bdr	WAP	McAvoy	Pte(B)	JR	Howie
Bdr	E	McGee	Pte(B)	SZ	Ingram
Bdr	MR	McGuire	Pte(B)	JR	Izzard
Bdr	MD	Miller	Pte(B)	DVA	Katila
Bdr	KA	Milne	Pte(B)	KG	Kennedy
Bdr	J	Mioc	Pte(B)	M	Lambert
Bdr	FMM	Morissette-Barriault	Pte(B)	KSL	MacDonald
Bdr	CM	Moses	Pte(B)	SB	Mahon
Bdr	BA	Naugler	Pte(B)	BP	Markolefas
Bdr	BP	Naugler	Pte(B)	AJ	Martel
Bdr	CAS	Noble	Pte(B)	JA	McDonald-Webb
Bdr	S	Novikov	Pte(B)	A	Montminy
Bdr	LJ	Ouimette	Pte(B)	OW	Muir
Bdr	KL	Ouimette	Pte(B)	MB	Nannetti
Bdr	BJ	PARSONS	Pte(B)	KB	Nasir
Bdr	JF	Payette	Pte(B)	T	Naumann
Bdr	GJE	Perrault	Pte(B)	RL	O'Donnell
Bdr	BL	Robbins	Pte(B)	DM	Oegema
Bdr	A	Rosales	Pte(B)	RJ	Oviedo Espinoza
Bdr	KA	Salema	Pte(B)	N	Polson-Kakekayash
Bdr	MK	Sharpe	Pte(B)	KCS	Pond-Brown
Bdr	CJ	Souster	Pte(B)	JJJ	Samson
Bdr	JR	Sprague	Pte(B)	AD	Shaw
Bdr	PA	St.John	Pte(B)	AJ	Smith
Bdr	MR	Thoma	Pte(B)	LJ	Smith
Bdr	KM	Trites	Pte(B)	KRAS	Vanier-Rafferty
Bdr	J	Tsagouris	Pte(B)	IT	Vankleek
Bdr	NC	Vink	Pte(B)	ZRB	Webber
Bdr	JK	Viscount	Pte(B)	CR	West
Bdr	GA	Welten	Cfn	MRJ	Brown
Bdr	NACF	Westelaken	Cfn	J	Lussier
Bdr	AG	White	Cfn	DC	Purcell
Bdr	ZR	Winn	Civ	SJ	Landry
Cpl	JJG	Bachand	Civ	MC	Leger-Foreman
Cpl	MD	Bay	Civ	SC	Pedneault
Cpl	S	Bigras			
Cpl	J.C.A.	Bullock			
Cpl	KJ	Coleman			
Cpl	RD	Crue			
Cpl	VMJ	Daigle			
Cpl	EJ	Ferrier			
Cpl	TJ	Fulton			
Cpl	M	Gallop			
Cpl	BJ	Gaudet			
Cpl	A	Huntinghawk-Branson			
Cpl	CB	Leon			
Cpl	MJK	Levy-Chongva			
Cpl	DA	Mitton			
Cpl	A	Montreuil			
Cpl	GJJ	Morin			
Cpl	RD	Mowry			
Cpl	DK	Page			
Cpl	MAC	Parent			
Cpl	LF	Polegato			
Cpl	JGL	Reteff			
Cpl	AM	Robertson			
Cpl	AJ	Schmidt			
Cpl	CD	Sheppard			
Cpl	A	Sukkau			
Cpl	TW	Tremblay			





# The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School



**LCol  
N.S. Roby  
CD**



**RSM  
CWO J.R.F. Vidal  
MMM, CD**

The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School witnessed a year of energy and change throughout 2017. The respective batteries labored together to continue the School's ongoing mission to plan, execute, and evaluate sustainable and world-class Artillery Individual Training while performing designated Centre of Excellence responsibilities in order to support Field Force requirements and the CAF as a whole. The organization of the School was altered to better reflect the field force and ultimately provide increased efficiency to the process of Individual Training. The Air Defence, Surveillance and Target Acquisition, and Joint Terminal Air Attack cells were consolidated in 45 Depot Battery, while the Gun Area and Fire Support Coordination Cells were brought together in 67th Depot Battery. In addition, the School is moving forward with establishing a more efficient and responsive combat service support element under Headquarters Battery. Establishing a proud new tradition, the RCAS dominated the first annual Gunners versus Sappers Saint Barbara's Sports Day, coming in first overall. With an impressive 7-0 victory to win the first Saint Barbara's Cup, members from both the RCAS and 4 Regt (GS) proved that winning was a gap the engineers just couldn't cross.

In addition to a frenetic year where the RCAS conducted world-class Individual Training, time was found to focus on both family and the community, whenever possible. Each Battery took turns organizing popular annual events, from Kid's Christmas Party, Family Day, to the Atlantic Gunners Association reunion. After the snow had melted away, a new year and new season were ushered in with a highly successful Spring Ball, bringing Gunners and their respective guests together in an evening of regimental celebration. Spring passed into summer, and in July the School saw the departure of LCol Giroux, as he handed over command of the RCAS to LCol Roby, passing on a tradition of excellence and leadership. The stalwart presence of CWO Vidal as the RSM continued in 2017. As part of his assumption of command, LCol Roby visited the RCAS' affiliated cadet corps, 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers, and was impressed



**Soldiers from The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School, conduct a 21-gun salute to mark the 1st official visit of Her Excellency, the Honourable Julie Payette to New Brunswick on 7 Nov 2017.**

with the work the CIC conducts with the eager and enthusiastic cadets. Throughout all seasons, the RCAS was a hive of activity, with courses and students of all backgrounds and caliber devoting themselves to mastering the science and art of gunnery.

## W Battery

At The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School, the hard working Gunners of W Battery supported the instructors, their courses and the large influx of students, in order to meet their training aims. Courses supported by W Battery and their personnel this year included DP1 Artilleryman, DP 1.1 and DP 1.2 Artillery Troop

Commander, Instructor-in-Gunnery, Assistant Instructor-in-Gunnery, Joint Terminal Air Controller, DP2 Forward Observation Officer, Gun Area Technical Sergeant Major, Surveillance and Target Acquisition Officer, and Battery Sergeant Major, among a robust PCF course schedule. W Battery also supported other units in the conduct of courses, such as the infantry 81mm Dismounted Mortarman Course and the Advanced Recce Patrolman Course.

Command elements within W Battery experienced one hundred percent turnover, with a change of command ceremony for the Battery Commander, occurring on 8 June, between Major James and Major Cutting. Shortly thereafter, another change of appointment ceremony for the Battery Sergeant Major occurred on 4 July between Master Warrant Officer Hale and Master Warrant Officer Ladouceur.

Soldiers of W Battery continued to demonstrate their commitment to excellence and professionalism throughout the year; Bombardier MacDonald received the Solider of the Quarter Award and Master Bombardier Vallerand received a CTC Commendation for his hard work and dedication to the RCAS. In addition, Warrant Officer Palmer and Warrant Officer Giles received their respective promotion of rank early in the year to mark their experience, dedication and competence. Courses conducted by W Battery and their personnel this year included Artillery Reconnaissance Technician, Artillery Com-



munications, LCMR Operator, TAPV Driver, LAV III Driver, LAV 6.0 Driver, MSVS Driver Wheel, 105mm and 155mm Gun Tow Driver among others.

Several events and trials were supported by W Battery personnel and equipment throughout the year, including the hosting of Atlantic Gunners and sending a top-notch team to the Worthington Challenge. The Surveillance and Target Acquisition Troop of W Battery was also essential during the LCMR Trial in Wainwright, supported the HIMARS Trial with the New Hampshire National Guard, and the MRR trial in December.

Athleticism and physical fitness remained a top priority in W Battery, with dedicated members participating in the Nijmegen March in Holland, led by Capt Pynn and WO McKinnon/WO Akeroyd. Each member marched 40km a day with a 25lb backpack to celebrate the liberation of Holland after World War II. W Battery provided many players as The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School Softball Team defended its title this year and the Hockey Team (both B and C Divisions) had a strong playoff run, but unfortunately came up short of the title.

#### 45 Depot Battery

45 Bty witnessed a change of command this year as Capt Cusson and MWO McGarrigle took over the reins from Maj Dunlop and MWO Goodland as the 45 Bty Comd Team. As well, the Observation Post (OP) Cell moved over to 67 Bty with 45 Bty welcoming the Surveillance and Target Acquisition (STA) Cell into the fold.

#### Surveillance and Target Acquisition (STA) Cell

The STA Cell had a fulfilling year of teaching and mentoring future leaders while running the following courses: a DP 2 STA Officer Course; a DP 2 AWLS Detachment Commander Course; a DP 3A STA Technician Supervisor Course, and two DP 2 MUAS Detachment Commander Courses. All of these courses were successfully accomplished within a collaborative team effort created by the members within the STA Cell, in conjunction with the support provided by STA Troop from W Bty, as well as C Bty, 1 RCHA supporting the final FTX of the DP 2 STA Officer Course. During the DP 2 MUAS Detachment Commander Courses, the STA Cell worked closely with in-house qualified MUAS Detachment Commander Instructors as well as those brought in from the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School (RCACS), to assist in the successful development of competent MUAS Detachment Commanders. At present, and in the future, members of the STA Cell will form an integral piece towards completing a seamless transition with the new capabilities that are being brought into Surveillance Target Acquisition. The STA Cell have been intimately involved in working groups, as the initial step toward the implementation of the AN/MPQ-504 WLR-MR. The STA Cell will be a part of the Initial Instructor Cadre Training (ICT) for the WLR-MR and will be instrumental in the development of doctrine, SOPs and TTPs for both the WLR-MR and Blackjack-SUAS as these capabilities are developed within The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

#### Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) Cell

In 2017 the JTAC Cell, which runs the internationally recognized Canadian JTAC schoolhouse, continued its tradition of excellence in developing world-class JTACs and extended its reach further into the coalition Close Air Support community. The JTAC Cell's primary function is conducting initial certification training for Canadian Army, Air Force and Special Operations Forces. To that end, one JTAC-



**MBdr Bowe of W Bty launches the Raven B at dusk to conduct night missions.**

Instructor and two basic JTAC courses were run over the course of 2017. The JTAC Cell also planned and lead the execution of the first-ever JTAC Mobile Training Team (MTT) course in Jordan. Three members of the JTAC Cell delivered an internationally accredited JTAC course at the request of the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) under the umbrella of OP IMPACT through the Canadian Joint Operations Centre. The course resulted in the certification of eight JAF members as JTACs. The Cell also delivered continuation training to the JAF which granted three members with qualified JTAC status. Building on its reputation as a world-class JTAC training school, the cell also hosted a JTAC-E, SSgt

Parker from the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) on an exchange program, and qualified two NZDF JTACs. Other highlights of 2017 included support to the international JTAC accreditation visit to the US SOCOM JTAC school, the attendance and delivery of a presentation to the Joint Close Air Support Symposium and Curriculum Review in Virginia Beach, VA., and Ex BOLD QUEST in Georgia which focused on the development and integration of Digitally Aided CAS. The JTAC Cell also lead the way in the integration of PSS-SOF training, running five courses throughout the year to maintain the operational capability across the CAF, and continued to provide experts on other RCAS courses to instruct CAS and Targeting related content.

#### Air Defence (AD) Cell

The start of a very busy year in the AD Cell saw WO Roache attend ADSI V15 training in Austin Texas. WO Goguen played for the CFB Galetown Warriors hockey team, winning the Atlantic Regional title and narrowly missing a National gold medal. The AD Cell kept busy drafting and reviewing Air Defence doctrine in the early part of the year. In the spring, the AD Cell ran the TDL 100 and 200 courses, headed by WO Roache and Capt Smith. Support from the AD Cell was also lent to DP 2 Arty Ops, the AIG and the IG courses in Galetown, NB, as well as the BC's course in Shilo, MB and the TDL 400 course in Cold Lake, AB. After completing the Assistant Instructor-In-Gunnery Course at RCAS, WO Roy and WO MacKinnon joined the AD Cell. WO May and Capt Morris returned from the UK after completing the Gunnery Career Course and Instructor in Gunnery Course, respectively. For his efforts, Capt Morris was recognized as the Top Candidate of the IG Course. Both Capt Morris and WO Goguen were tasked with the DP 2 Air Defence Officer course, working alongside 4 Regt (GS). The cell has also been busy working on the implementation of new capabilities on the horizon for the CAF, namely the MRR and GBAMD project. There were also two promotions within the cell as both WO May and WO Mackinnon where promoted in September to their current rank.

#### 67th Depot Battery

67th Battery witnessed a change of command this year as Maj Stevenson and MWO Hale took over the reins from Maj Bourque and MWO Luce as the 67th Bty Comd Team. As well, the Observation Post (OP) Cell moved to 67th Bty, while the STA Cell moved to 45 Bty.

#### Gun Area (GA) Cell

The Gun Area Cell had a busy year, running multiple Gunline courses including: DP1.1 (2 x Reg force and 1 x Res force), 2 x DP1.2, GATS and GATSM courses. Concurrent with the multiple courses, GA supported a variety of CoE tasks. These tasks have given valuable tools to the Commanders of the respective exercis-



es providing impartial feedback and training recommendations for the continued improvement or unit training events. Capt Degaust, Capt Knox and WO Evans provided SME support to Op PALACI, providing the re-certification program to Parks Canada Avalanche patrollers and a review of AVCON procedures. 67 Bty has also been working diligently in concert with the Infantry School to develop the fledgling light infantry mortar program from both a force generation and force employment perspective. GA saw significant changes to its manning, WO Blais moved to Adv Trg to be a mentor on the AIG Course while WOs Lemieux, Luten and Akeroyd all moved to HQ Bty to occupy different jobs within the RCAS. This year's additions to the Bty were; Capt Gaudreault, Capt Stickland, Capt Roberge, WO Soucy, WO Wilson, WO Perreault, WO Flynn and WO Robicheau who graduated from the IG and AIG courses in May.

#### Fire Support Coordination Cell (Cell)

The Fire Support Coordination Cell (FSCC) maintained a high tempo, delivering multiple national artillery courses, including FOO, OPDC, PRes BC, PRes FOO, PRes Arty Ops and FSCC WO. In addition to its instructional tasks, the FSCC instructors continued their support of CoE tasks, including multiple All Arms Call for Fire lectures for several units and working closely with the Sniper Detachment Commander Course to provide their indirect fire training package and live fire assessments. FSCC saw significant changes to its manning, both WO Boursier and WO Ker moved to Advanced Training to be the OP AIG Mentor and the IG course programmer respectively. Lt Brown, WO Simmonds and WO Normand joined the FSCC team in May and Capt Knox took the reins as the Senior Instructor FSCC to replace Capt Rath who attended the AOC. Many members of the FSCC attended a variety of courses in order to maintain a varied skill set within the RCAS. WO Williams completed both the Joint Tactical Targeting (basic and advanced) and the Collateral Damage Estimate Course. Additionally, the cell maintained its naval gunfire capability with WO Normand successfully completing the US Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer course in Coronado, CA.

#### Headquarters Battery

As always, life was both frenetic and variable within HQ Bty, where sections with highly independent responsibilities coalesced their efforts into an incredible team that provided vital "behind the scenes success" for the entirety of the RCAS. Firing on all cylinders, personnel from a wide variety of trades ensured that both staff and students received service second to none under the leadership of Maj Warren and MWO Aucoin, after the latter conducted a change of pace stick with MWO Miller, who was posted to CATEU. Capt Drake, the BK received his dream posting to Newfoundland as a recruiter, as Capt Kaempffer assumed his duties. APS and internal movement meant that every section experienced major personnel changes, from the ROR to Standards, and HQ Bty was happy to receive its first Logistics Officer in memory with Capt Timmons moving into the QM position. Many HQ Bty personnel were selected for honours and awards, including the one-and-only Mrs. Glenda Bagnall in the ROR, who received LCol Roby's first-ever Cmdt's Coin. Bdr Forbes, the 2IC of the warehouse, was selected as the RCAS's fall Soldier of the Quarter for his outstanding drive and dedication, while WO Turner received both a CTC Commander's Commendation and fair play award, the former for his provision of world-class instruction, and the latter for his efforts coaching the Atlantic men's soccer team. Steele Troop widely fluctuated in numbers, at times reaching Battery size, as soldiers moved through the Individual Training system. The Standards section was reorganized to reflect the updated composition of the Depot Batteries, and welcomed the addition of Capt Spiecker as a TDO. Despite long hours and a demanding pace, HQ Bty personnel still found time to keep morale high, with the William Warren Invitational Golf Classic receiving record attendance. All-in-all, 2017 was a great time to be part of the HQ Bty team, as Gunners, soldiers, and civilians all worked to complete their varying roles and responsibilities to support one mission – support to world-class Artillery Individual Training.

#### Chief Instructor-in-Gunnery (CIG) Cell

The CIG Cell had another busy year, as the release of Strong, Secure, Engaged added new emphasis to capability development. Maj Little was appointed CIG, as Maj Nicholson left for a different challenge as 2IC of 4 Regt (GS). In addition to supporting RCAS training, the cell collaborated daily with other Army organizations and provided a single point of contact for all Corps related issues in order to support capability development and enable the future warfighter. Among other efforts, the cell supported implementation efforts of the SUAS and MRR while providing support to digitalization initiatives such as trials for the Precision Guidance Kit (PGK) by the Ammo and Equipment group. Throughout the year the CIG cell supported many procurement projects, such as the Night Vision capability modernization, through technical research and collaboration with subject matter experts. Members were sent to provide RCA perspectives at international conferences, such as ASCA (digital fires) and CANESE (precision munitions), as well as to Canadian working groups such as Ground Based Air Munitions Defence, Light Utility Vehicle Project, and Strengthening the Army Reserve (StAR). Additionally, the cell continued to update CIG directives to ensure that technical procedures were current, relevant, and support RCA objectives - on time and on target.

#### Advanced Training (AT) Cell

Over the course of 2017, AT effectively delivered the IG and AIG programs, which witnessed the graduation of seven officers and eleven SNCOs, each of whom received their highly coveted head dress and were immediately employed as instructors within the RCAS Depot Batteries. Maj Beatty took command of Advanced Training from Maj Gerbrandt and WO Comeau assumed the duties of Sergeant Major from WO Latulippe. Additionally, AT executed successful serials of the DP2 Arty Ops and DP3 BC as well two serials of the DP4 BSM courses. AIG/IG 1701 is underway and candidates have their training split into two areas: Common, which covers various scientific topics, training safety and advanced teaching techniques, and stream specific training which includes gun area, observation post and the coordination of fires, and Surveillance and Target Acquisition focusing on deployment and detection operations integrating with fires. AT is introducing the Long Course Journal at the end of AIG/IG serial 1701, which culminates a variety of stream specific articles created by the students that provides a solution to an artillery problem or further develop a concept.

LCol	NS	Roby
Maj	KP	Currie
Maj	WM	Warren
Maj	RNW	Little
Maj	MAL	Stevenson
Maj	CT	Cutting
Maj	JMF	Beatty
LCol	NS	Roby
Maj	KP	Currie
Maj	WM	Warren
Maj	RNW	Little
Maj	MAL	Stevenson
Maj	CT	Cutting
Maj	JMF	Beatty
Maj	P	McRory
Capt	YP	Côté-Baribeau
Capt	MRS	Stickland
Capt	RTP	Turner
Capt	JRL	Grannan
Capt	IK	Van Dyke
Capt	JR	Cusson
Capt	MB	Crosier
Capt	B.J	Rath
Capt	TJB	Degaust
Capt	DRS	Gaudreault
Capt	JRF	Knox
Capt	AM	Wideman
Capt	KP	Simpson
Capt	SP	Hawke
Capt	AD	Poirier
Capt	PRL	Roberge
Capt	DC	Hoyt
Capt	NA	Morris
Capt	PM	Leblond
Capt	BE	Ritchie
Capt	VR	Pynn
Capt	AKO	Li
Capt	NE	Kaempffer

Capt	P	Wilson	WO	DW	Roberts
Capt	RP	Telfer	WO	TM	Thordarson
Capt	JR	Neeley	WO	PB	Collier
Capt	RG	Haug	WO	JPL	Lavallie
Capt	MGK	Kelly	WO	JAW	Kaus
Capt	AR	Burke	WO	DC	Shea
Capt	C.R.	Lewington	Sgt	TJ	Chetwynd
Capt	JFCEO	Larochelle-Lalonde	Sgt	CD	MacDonald
Capt	AJD	Cogswell	Sgt	AJ	Veldhuizen
Capt	JMJD	Daigle	Sgt	MEJ	Martin
Capt	MJ	Chiu	Sgt	JMJF	Boucher
Lt	AM	Weaver	Sgt	AD	Fleming
Lt	RW	Fraser	Sgt	DJ	Jenkins
Lt	PA	Brown	Sgt	AE	Sampson
Lt	TDC	Kidson	Sgt	PD	Sheehan
Lt	MB	Price	Sgt	JC	Gourlie
Lt	J.P.	Saabas	Sgt	C.C.	Mangrove
Lt	BAV	Hogan	Sgt	AJ	Zaporzan
2Lt	JS	Burrell	Sgt	AD	Keough
2Lt	TR	McCarthy	Sgt	CA	Neves
2Lt	J	Sindakira	Sgt	BJ	Horst
2Lt	JJ	O'Dowd	Sgt	MR	Chasse
2Lt	JM	Grenier	Sgt	MJM	Beauregard
2Lt	JM	Lespérance	Sgt	BK	Blinn
2Lt	A	Murney	MBdr	TM	Colburne
2Lt	W	Lee	MBdr	AKL	Diggs
2Lt	A	Giroux	MBdr	M	Guinet
2Lt	SA	Raymond	MBdr	WJMJD	Vallerand
2Lt	LM	Bayles	MBdr	JFG	Warren
2Lt	CC	Lamarre	MBdr	CB	Bowe
2Lt	CP	Medilo	MBdr	P	McCloskey
2Lt	FC	Smith	MBdr	AD	Foley
OCdt	OMN	Thompson	MBdr	CBMA	Arsenault
OCdt	EJ	Taborowski	MBdr	JR	Vardy
CWO	JRF	Vidal	MBdr	AM	Wilson
MWO	JM	Aucoin	MBdr	A	Rasuev
MWO	DE	Milligan	MBdr	RB	Pitman
MWO	TE	Hale	MBdr	PA	Lawrence
MWO	MH	McGarrigle	MBdr	AD	Goodridge
MWO	JRA	Ladouceur	MBdr	BTA	Sok
MWO	A	Tullett	Bdr	HJS	McKennirey
WO	DA	Larade	Bdr	J	Marsh
WO	CA	Giles	Bdr	A	DeLorenzis
WO	RD	Mendes	Bdr	TJ	Ferguson
WO	TA	Cameron	Bdr	TW	Rosman
WO	JW	Palmer	Bdr	KV	Ramnarine
WO	JC	Williams	Bdr	TW	Sisco
WO	FR	Martin	Bdr	EAG	Cere-Burns
WO	JK	Akeroyd	Bdr	JR	Holowaty
WO	MG	May	Bdr	JH	Harnum
WO	KD	Luten	Bdr	RS	Vandervaate
WO	JRAG	Bazinet	Bdr	DTG	Harris
WO	LR	MacKinnon	Bdr	MB	Yerlitz-Pidduck
WO	KO	Simmonds	Bdr	SE	Smith
WO	SE	Ker	Bdr	GA	Moore
WO	D	Blais	Bdr	HJR	Gingras
WO	NR	Robicheau	Bdr	KM	Warcop
WO	R	Larocque	Bdr	AJ	Voutier
WO	KMJ	Balicki	Bdr	JRR	Pedde
WO	JRH	Soucy	Bdr	JJ	Hafford
WO	TJ	Dalton	Bdr	SP	Baker
WO	JRES	Perreault	Bdr	SW	Haight
WO	SC	Sarnelli	Bdr	AR	Galletta
WO	JJPD	Deveault	Bdr	MP	Shave
WO	MJD	Flynn	Bdr	MP	Harvey
WO	RGS	Wilson	Bdr	KP	Brett
WO	E	Comeau	Bdr	MC	Sevigny
WO	SJW	Roy	Bdr	JM	Genereux
WO	JL	Goguen	Bdr	R	Zoghaib
WO	NSP	Bennett	Bdr	CW	Reese
WO	S	Normand	Bdr	C.H.M.	Fraser
WO	CA	Harris	Bdr	TA	Beers
WO	JGD	Boursier	Bdr	CD	Sooley
WO	MA	Alexander	Bdr	DS	Foster
WO	KG	McKinnon	Bdr	ND	Rempel
WO	MF	MacIntyre	Bdr	WD	Petten
WO	MJ	Waterfield	Bdr	BC	Underwood
WO	R	Jofre	Bdr	JH	Vienneau
WO	DR	Evans	Bdr	MD	Cantwell
WO	SDR	Walker	Bdr	PM	MacDonald
WO	JP	Szilbereisz	Bdr	JM	See
WO	AL	Graham	Bdr	VTK	Humalamaki
WO	MJL	Lemieux	Bdr	DDW	Williams
WO	NK	Coxworthy	Bdr	M.A.	Linaric
WO	CGG	Nowell	Bdr	MRJ	Forbes
WO	D	Beach	Bdr	PR	Brooker
WO	EJP	Larocque	Bdr	JM	Love
WO	PE	Rogerson	Bdr	JTJ	Hillier
WO	TS	Falls	Bdr	JK	Slade
WO	CS	Walker	Bdr	LNO	Naud
WO	CM	Cochrane	Bdr	KRM	Murray
WO	RB	Hannam	Bdr	CD	Howell
WO	JJCP	Benard	Bdr	LTA	Churchill
WO	PR	Turner	Bdr	AC	Sisco-Dube
WO	JP	Boland	Bdr	ADE	Proud
WO	SDR	Walker	Bdr	AR	Morency
WO	MJDR	Charette	Gnr	O	Patry





Gnr	MS	Hanrahan
Gnr	GM	Chartrand
Gnr	LA	Lechman
Gnr	G	Simard-Desgagnes
Gnr	KJJ	Fontaine
Gnr	J	Guilmette-Tetreault
Gnr	JT	Sereda
Gnr	OMCJ	Labonte-Bourguignon
Gnr	SBC	Symonds
Gnr	WA	Williams
Gnr	D	Gauthier
Gnr	D	Morneau
Gnr	CT	Dechet
Pte(B)	PAJ	Bianchette
Pte(B)	GWL	Anderson
Pte(B)	MLG	Futter
Pte(B)	PSA	Caillyer
Pte(B)	BM	McNicholl
Pte(B)	FCG	Galiana-Audet
Pte(B)	CP	Harris
Pte(B)	SJ	Steele
Pte(B)	AC	Gottschall
Pte(B)	LJ	Jarbeau
Pte(B)	NJ	Penner
Pte(B)	TE	Ferguson
Pte(B)	AM	Wilson
Pte(B)	BAJ	Wright
Pte(B)	SW	Thomson
Pte(B)	ZWR	Miles
Pte(B)	MD	Bosch
Pte(B)	KA	Timm
Pte(B)	M	Jagoe
Pte(B)	PW	Grimsdale
Pte(B)	JP	Sauvageau
Pte(B)	JA	Ferron
Pte(B)	BT	Young
Pte(B)	AT	Kostenchuk
Pte(B)	MAB	McL. andress
Pte(B)	RR	Genier
Pte(B)	TJK	Smith
Pte(B)	KE	O'Krane
Pte(B)	ID	Penton
Pte(B)	AAB	Hibbert
Pte(B)	CS	Trynchy
Pte(B)	LJ	Dawson
Pte(B)	KD	Foley
Pte(B)	DJ	Saunders
Pte(B)	KA	Bhuiyan
Pte(B)	CC	Lee
Pte(B)	KM	Natolochny
Pte(B)	JR	Morency
Pte(B)	TR	Cain
Pte(B)	LG	Gonzalez Moran

Pte(B)	A	Hammad
Pte(B)	S	Hunt
Pte(B)	J	Aubuchon
Pte(B)	DH	Scheerschmidt
Pte(B)	RR	Hill
Pte(B)	JM	Luffman
Pte(B)	BA	Deutscher
Pte(B)	KLJ	Cavan
Pte(B)	JBW	Johnson
Pte(B)	HRA	McArthur
Pte(B)	KM	Roberts
Pte(B)	JJ	Colwell
Pte(B)	CRC	Black
Pte(B)	CTS	Chubry
Pte(B)	TDV	Clement
Pte(B)	DC	Eoill
Pte(B)	NJRS	Rouleau-Paquin
Pte(B)	JR	White
Pte(B)	AA	Thompson
Pte(B)	RD	Murphy
Pte(B)	NKJ	Paul
Pte(B)	SL	Genaille
Pte(B)	D	Bailey
Pte(B)	MSJ	Crowell
Pte(B)	ECL	Tai
Pte(B)	AK	Stuart
Pte(B)	JDR	Crashley
Pte(B)	JT	Toynton
Pte(B)	ND	Ninivaggi
Pte(B)	KL	St Germain
Pte(B)	TAM	Chapman
Pte(B)	MM	Radford
Pte(B)	EK	Tan
Pte(B)	JDF	Wilson
Pte(B)	WA	Wilton
Pte(B)	BA	Early
Pte(B)	CD	Shaw
Pte(R)	C	Kelloway
Pte(R)	RV	Griffin
Pte(R)	AM	Moreino
Pte(R)	ZM	Reycraft
Pte(R)	H	Chow
Pte(R)	JR	Hanf
Pte(R)	AD	Pryde
Pte(R)	AHR	Orr
Pte(R)	PW	Bird
Pte(R)	ADM	Mighton
Pte(R)	DJ	Winter
Pte(R)	J	Fariello
Pte(R)	LC	Hatfield
Pte(R)	CF	Moore
Pte(R)	SDW	O'Reilly

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# Recognition & Awards Prix et reconnaissance

## THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY LE RÉGIMENT ROYAL DE L'ARTILLERIE CANADIENNE

### 2017 RECOGNITION & AWARDS / PRIX ET RECONNAISSANCE

**Col Comdt Commendation /  
Mention élogieuse du Col Comdt**

LCol T.J. Hogan  
BGen D.A. Patterson

**General E.B. Beno Award for Leadership in  
the Rank of Sergeant /**

**Le Général E.B. Beno Trophée du meilleur  
dirigeant au rang de sergent**

Sgt W.A.D. Belair – Regular Force  
Sgt S.E. Magill – Reserve Force

**The George Blackburn Memorial Bursary /  
Le bourses commémoratives George Blackburn**

Franny McKellips  
Belinda Thomas  
Stephanie Voyer  
Keegan O'Shea  
Julia Johnson  
Tracy Draho  
Tanner McKinnon  
Ronnett Ikerenge

**The Captain General's Diamond Jubilee Bursary  
/ Bourse du Jubilé de diamante du capitaine-général**

Sarah MacVicar  
Cassandra Chevalier



1 RCHA's M777 waits for word to fire during annual Ex FROZEN GUNNER.





# 1<sup>st</sup> (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
**LCol J.R. Woodgate**  
**CD**

**RSM**  
**CWO E.D. Smith**  
**CD**

**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol R.G.C. Sobey**



## 84<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**HLCol J.M. Cody, CD**

2017 was another busy year for 1st (Halifax-Dartmouth) Field Artillery Regt RCA and 84th Independent Field Battery. The Regiment maintained its focus on growing its numbers through strong recruitment initiatives, advancing leadership development and progressing the capabilities through training amongst all officers and NCMs.

The Regiment participated in a number of successful recruitment events in both Halifax and Yarmouth over the course of the year. These events included visits to secondary and post-secondary schools, HALCON, the Guy Show, and the National Army Open House. During the National Army Open House, Gnr Lorimer-Carlin had the opportunity to become qualified on the "Noon Gun" at the Halifax Citadel (See photo). The success of this work was manifest in the formation of the Regt's first PAT detachment in some time. The unit also found recruitment success through strong social media engagement over this year. If you're not doing so already, follow us @1FdRegt on Instagram!



**Gnr LC and the Noon Gun**

Emphasis on recruitment and leadership development was successfully conducted concurrent to the Regiment's rigorous training schedule. Throughout the year, 1 Fd Regt and the 84 Ind Fd Bty continued to conduct joint training missions in support of their mandate to develop skilled gunners capable of participating in both domestic and foreign operations. As in past years, the Regt was challenged with balancing planned intensive Regimental training along with exercises in support of 36 CBG's Territorial Battalion Group

(TBG).

2017 saw Major Murray Roesler's first year as Battery Commander of 84th Independent Field Battery receiving command on 17 December 2016. Highlights for 84th Bty during the last year include the conduct of an Arty Gun Tow course and last April the Bty entered a team in the Brigade Soldier skills competition at Camp Aldershot. Led by MBdr Doelle, the team finished in 6th place. In the meantime, the Battery's affiliated Cadet Unit travelled to Europe in order to participate in the 100 year anniversary ceremony of the Battle of Vimpy

Ridge. It was another busy Fall for 84th Battery, as they hosted a visit from the Commander of the 5th Canadian Division, BGen D.A. Macaulay as well an open house as a part of a Brigade planned wide recruiting initiative supporting the National Open House.

The 2016-17 training year concluded with Ex TEMPEST GUNNER IV (24-26 Mar), conducted in Gagetown. This exercise served to confirm Bty-level battle task standards (BTS). Members of the Regt then dispersed for individual training and taskings throughout the summer months. At the end of the summer, the Regt once again distinguished itself during its work at Ex STRIDENT TRACER (DIVCON) (19-25 Aug). 84th Battery welcomed its new Chief Clerk Sgt Todoruk.

Following the resumption of its normal training schedule in the fall, the Regiment kicked off gunnery training with Ex TRENCH GUNNER I (Oct 13-15), which served as a review (an introduction for our new recruits) of movements, deployment drills and SOPs. November was a particularly busy month, beginning with Ex TRENCH GUNNER II (03-05 Nov), as well as Exs TOTAL CONTROL (17-19 Nov) and TOTAL VICTORY (24-26 Nov). During the first exercise, the Regt focused on technical shooting and local defence drills. In the latter two, members of the Regt travelled to Gagetown to support gunnery exercises conducted by the RCAS.

A solid month of training in November was rewarded with a slough of social opportunities in December. Several members of the Regt were also in attendance for the annual Atlantic Gunners Professional Development Seminar and St. Barbara's Day Ball (02 Dec),

held in St. John, NB in commemoration of the patroness of gunners.

The Regt conducted several gun salutes to mark important occasions in the community, including the commemoration of Vimy Ridge (09 Apr), Victoria Day (22 May), and Canada Day (01 Jul). The Regt also conducted a gun salute at the investiture of Nova Scotia's 33rd Lt – Gov, His Hon. Arthur LeBlanc (28 Jun).

In Halifax, 51 Bty underwent a change of command on 16 May, bidding farewell to Maj DL Boudreau after two years (and his second rotation) of command. The Regiment and Bty is grateful for his dedicated leadership. In his place, the Bty welcomed Maj SD Misner as BC. Maj Misner brings a long and glowing record into his position, with two decades in the RCA.

Finally the Regt recognizes the hard work and achievements of several of its members. Bdr McLeod is currently in training to deploy to Latvia with 2 RCR.

The Regt's healthy esprit de corps was on full display at the end of the year, when the Regt held its Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner as part of the aptly named "Ex TURKEY GUNNER" (09 Dec). Here's to another productive year

LCol	JR	Woodgate
Maj	KR	Doherty
Maj	GD	Gallant
Maj	SD	Misner
Capt	KJ	Crawshaw
Capt	RJ	Johnson
Capt	MW	Konecny
Capt	PRJ	Leclair
Lt	JL	Cooper
Lt	BC	Finyanos
OCdt	STL	Gaudet
OCdt	EJ	Johnson
OCdt	ER	Lewis
CWO	EP	Smith
MWO	JH	Lamey
MWO	DJ	Lloy
MWO	RJ	Melee
WO	DA	Colbourne
Sgt	AM	Algenai
Sgt	DW	Birt
Sgt	AK	Grimmer
Sgt	JM	Henneberry
Sgt	CAA	Hilliker
Sgt	JR	MacCormick
Sgt	GJ	Oliver
Sgt	LAM	Pelletier
Sgt	A	Purgin
Sgt	JM	Saunders
MBdr	CF	Acker
MBdr	AR	Francis
MBdr	MM	Khezri
MBdr	AM	Lardhi
MBdr	TD	Lawlor
MCpl	CI	Casey
Bdr	RD	Belcher
Bdr	NG	Burnett
Bdr	JJR	Comeau
Bdr	JP	Comeau
Bdr	TJ	Deveau
Bdr	ACW	Diggs
Bdr	SM	Khezri
Bdr	SN	Lloyd
Bdr	JA	MacLeod
Bdr	CVR	Melee
Bdr	SD	Nazvesky
Bdr	AC	Rembowski
Bdr	EJ	Shore
Bdr	MS	Singer
Bdr	CJ	Stubbert
Bdr	JM	Thibodeau
Bdr	MA	Warwick
Cpl	CB	Doucette
Cpl	NM	Leblanc
Cpl	DJ	Thornton
Gnr	BJ	Gittens
Gnr	CW	Kennedy
Gnr	DM	MacDonald-Holley
Gnr	CWT	Musgrave
Pte(B)	AD	Bujold
Pte(B)	VMAV	Jenkins
Pte(B)	CSD	Reddick
Pte(B)	CS	Webber

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Pte(B)	LA	Yuriev
Pte(R)	TJ	Craswell
Pte(R)	DEJ	Dodwell
Pte(R)	BM	Gawdunyk
Pte(R)	SD	James
Pte(R)	BR	Murphy
Maj	MV	Roesler
Capt	SLAA	Omari
2Lt	DC	Muise
WO	DSH	Clarke
Sgt	RHD	Pitman
Sgt	SBA	Davis
Sgt	CJP	Deveau
Sgt	EJ	Armshaw
Sgt	WP	Todoruk
Sgt	HD	Cottreau-Muise
Sgt	SG	Adams
Sgt	CL	Hunt
MBdr	GFT	Doelle
MBdr	ACL	Doelle
MCpl	GA	Bourque
Bdr	JRJS	Bean
Bdr	BJ	Gavel
Bdr	DB	Allen
Bdr	NJ	Murphy
Bdr	AC	Sisco-Dube
Bdr	JL	Watkins
Bdr	RJ	Axworthy
Bdr	CS	Comeau
Bdr	MJ	Therault
Bdr	SBC	Symonds
Bdr	AA	Maynard
Bdr	IW	Comeau
Bdr	LTA	Churchill
Bdr	AL	MacLean
Cpl	SJ	Martell
Cpl	SD	Shortall
Cpl	CB	Doucette
Gnr	LM	Matthews
Gnr	DF	Chisholm
Pte(B)	RM	McNeil
Pte(B)	PDK	Stevens
Pte(B)	RH	Deveau
Pte(B)	T	Stoddard
Pte(B)	RM	Thibault
Pte(B)	CJ	Surette
Pte(R)	BE	Townsend
Pte(R)	TC	Nickerson
Pte(R)	NDW	Nickerson
Pte(R)	TR	Thibodeau
Pte(R)	RJ	Thibodeau
Pte(R)	GR	Penney
Pte(R)	KTM	Brannen
Pte(R)	DH	Smith
Pte(R)	DR	Boudreau
Pte(R)	AJ	Comeau
Pte(R)	PL	Inskip
Pte(R)	DE	d'Entremont
Pte(R)	RL	Comeau
Pte(R)	SE	Madden





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Nouveauté et tradition s'associent en cette 162<sup>e</sup> année d'existence du 2<sup>e</sup> régiment d'artillerie de campagne. Pour le régiment, 2017 rime avec entraînements collectifs rigoureux, tirs de salut, instruction individuelle et activités de recrutement.

Après le retour des membres en janvier, le régiment s'est donné pour mandat d'actualiser ses connaissances et d'aligner ses tactiques sur les développements récents en matière de guerre en environnement urbain. C'est ce pourquoi le trimestre hivernal fut le théâtre de deux exercices de combats urbains, l'entraînement URBAN OPS, du 10 janvier au 5 février, et l'entraînement ARTIL-

LERIE URBAINE, du 4 au 25 avril 2017. En parallèle, le régiment s'est exercé du 7 au 28 février lors de l'entraînement GUERRE HIVERNALE et du 14 au 28 mars lors de l'entraînement ARMES ÉTRANGÈRES.

L'arrivée du beau temps s'est soldée avec le smoker du 6 mai 2017 où les membres ont mis fin à leurs activités régimentaires dans un cadre décontracté et informel. S'en est suivi pour la plupart d'entre eux une période d'instruction chargée. Plusieurs militaires de l'unité ont participé en tant que stagiaires ou instructeurs pendant le trimestre estival d'instruction individuelle (TEII) de la BFC Valcartier, tandis que d'autres réussissaient leur formation de soldat de base, d'artilleur, d'officier d'armée de terre et d'officier d'artillerie.

En plus de se démarquer lors de leurs formations respectives, dix-sept membres du régiment ont participé à l'OP LENTUS visant à soutenir le 34<sup>e</sup> GBC et les victimes des importantes inondations



**Tir de salut Jour du Souvenir / Gun Salute Remembrance Day, Downtown Montréal Centre-ville, Sgt Verreault et Bdr Abrigo.**

dans la région du Grand-Montréal.

Durant l'été, l'unité a connu des changements de personnel. Le Sgt Jean-François Picard est retourné à la BFC Valcartier et son poste de sergent de transport régimentaire fut comblé par le Bdr David Gagnon. Du côté de la 7<sup>e</sup> Bie, on ne note aucun changement de commandement. Ainsi, le Maj Jessy Brunet demeure à son poste de commandant de batterie. Le Maj Alexandre Tremblay-Michaud occupe aussi le commandement de la 50<sup>e</sup> Bie, et le Cmdt lui octroya aussi le poste de commandant-adjoint du régiment, alors que son ancien titulaire, le Maj

Luc Pinsonneault, fut nommé officier des opérations.

La rentrée régimentaire du 26 août donna le coup d'envoi au trimestre automnal d'entraînement. Le régiment célébra les plus récentes promotions et a amorcé l'année 2017-2018 avec un moral élevé. À l'automne, le régiment a effectué trois GPE de tir réel, les 9-10 septembre, 22-24 octobre, et 17-19 novembre. Le GPE d'octobre demeure un événement de marque alors que le 2<sup>e</sup> régiment d'artillerie de campagne a participé à un exercice avec le 30<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment (Ottawa) du 33<sup>e</sup> GBC sur la BFC Petawawa. De plus, le régiment s'est exercé avec le 62<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne de Shawinigan dans le cadre de l'EX BOMBARDE BORDÉE. Les membres du régiment ont pu perfectionner leurs compétences et consolider leurs acquis à travers la coopération et la camaraderie.

Fidèles à la tradition du 11 novembre, les canons ont effectué un



**Joint EX 2nd Fd Regt, 30th Fd Regt, CFB Petawawa.**

tir de salut lors de la Parade du Jour du Souvenir du 34e GBC à la Place du Canada.

Le trimestre automnal s'est terminé avec deux événements prisés au mois de décembre, à savoir les festivités de la Sainte Barbara le 2 décembre et le dîner de la troupe le 16 décembre.

Cette année, le 2e régiment d'artillerie de campagne organisa le dîner de la Sainte Barbara pour les officiers. Le Bgéné David A. Patterson, MSM, CD, nous honora de sa présence et présida cette cérémonie à la fois solennelle et festive.

Le dîner de la troupe fut l'occasion d'échanger une ultime fois avant les congés des fêtes et de célébrer les membres qui se sont démarqués pendant l'année. Les membres suivants ont été les récipiendaires des différents trophées : pour rendement exceptionnel, le Bdr Bossé-Blais, l'officier junior de l'unité le Lt Norman Chung, le sous-officier du régiment le Sgt Nicholas Roy et le meilleur militaire du rang, le Bdr Thierry Dufort.

Au crépuscule de 2017, le régiment regarde déjà vers l'avenir. L'an prochain, nous viserons à augmenter nos effectifs après une belle année de recrutement tout en offrant à l'artillerie des occasions de se distinguer dans les théâtres domestiques ou internationaux tel que la rencontre du Sommet du G7 dans Charlevoix.



**Dét de mortier / Mortar Det, Sgt Verreault, BFC Valcartier, 10 sept, Sgt Verreault, Art Fridzon et Art Sobh.**

LCol	MGS	Pelletier
LCol(H)	S	Gregory
Maj	JPPE	Brunet
Maj	JGJ	Larocque
Maj	JJL	Pinsonneault
Maj	A	Tremblay-Michaud
Capt	JH	Ha
Capt	D	Kairns
Capt	CZ	Leong
Capt	R	Ye
Capt	N	Yuriv
Lt	NC	Chung
Lt	M	Trigui
Lt	JES	Vokey
Sit	MW	Belyea
Sit	RC	Chemali
Sit	J	Hadi
Sit	D	Montpetit
Sit	PL	Nguyen
Sit	VT	Tremblay
Adjuc	JAC	Barros

Adjum	CE	Berendt
Adjum	JGG	St-Hilaire
Adj	JD	Gosselin
Sgt	REARJ	Cases
Sgt	JRB	Castonguay
Sgt	PMP	Dalphon
Sgt	OAPF	Dalphon
Sgt	MAJD	Duval
Sgt	TA	Felder
Sgt	JLD	Langlais
Sgt	JMC	Lepage
Sgt	MRB	Levasseur
Sgt	M	Nemmaoui
Sgt	MLSS	Perron
Sgt	NJRA	Roy
Sgt	JFF	Verreault
Sgt	HDM	Yung
Bdrc	CA	Afonso
Bdrc	P	Chamoun
Bdrc	LD	Edner
Bdrc	D	Gagnon



Bdrc	MAG	Godin	Bdr	H	Rifai
Bdrc	RS	Johnston	Bdr	D	Saldana
Bdrc	A	Laichan	Bdr	J	Tomaki
Bdrc	LG	Levesque-Aube	Bdr	D	Varin
Bdrc	L	Toussaint	Bdr	S	Zreik
Bdrc	M	Winter	Art	FE	Aristizabal
Bdr	MA	Abrigo	Art	C	De Repentigny
Bdr	J	Beaudry	Art	L	Fridzon
Bdr	LG	Bokor	Art	CB	Gagnon
Bdr	M	Bossé-Blais	Art		Gareau
Bdr	E	Côté	Art	JS	Hoyos Oliveros
Bdr	JC	Côté	Art	RO	Jizi
Bdr	FJPN	Dansereau	Art	AV	Lavoie
Bdr	JE	Diaz Lopez	Art	MA	De Micco
Bdr	NK	Dinh	Art	JF	Marrone
Bdr	TJPL	Dufort	Art	J	Martel
Bdr	J	Dugas	Art	M	Mcrae
Bdr	A	Fodjo	Art	NBS	Posesorsky
Bdr	ACH	Fong	Art	A	Sobh
Bdr	P	Hackenbeck	Sdt	AB	Bujold
Bdr	JM	Ingram	Sdt	SM	Azizi
Bdr	JN	Jara Pinto	Sdt	R	Bérubé
Bdr	JC	Joseph	Sdt	KM	Bober
Bdr	A	Joshi	Sdt	K	Côté
Bdr	KT	Khuu	Sdt	ML	Djigo
Cpl	LC	Luong	Sdt	A	Grini
Bdr	JJA	Kosseim	Sdt	D	Iordanov
Bdr	P	Lascelle	Sdt	MAA	Mallannao
Bdr	CLRG	Louis-Seize	Sdt	DGT	Mwanga
Bdr	P	Maklan	Sdt	AA	Pierre
Bdr	KM	Micourt	Sdt		Pindi
Bdr	MFM	Munoz	Sdt	JS	Saenz Torres
Bdr	S	Oda	Sdt	SRRJ	Sambault
Bdr	E	Olivier	Sdt	H	Sammoudi
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3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company) has had a very event-filled and successful year, from field exercises, garrison training to support to the Royal Canadian Artillery School. Our Gunners have performed at an exceptional level. The year started off with the Regiment conducting First Aid training in both Woodstock and Saint John.

The Regiment held its Top Gun Detachment competition as part of our spring firing camp, putting the Det's through their paces. The competition was tight but in the end MBdr Kennedy and his Det from 115 Bty came out on top. The trophy was presented to the Det by the Commanding Officer at the end ex BBQ.

The annual 3rd Field Regiment Dinner hosted by our HCol to honour those of the Regiment past and present, who have served on operations was a huge success and is much appreciated by all who attended.

On 1st April our flight departed Saint John for Paris, via Toronto. We toured the Battle field of WW1 and WW2 up to the 07 April, place such as Passchendaele, Menin Gate, Caen and Yperes. These battles instilled in us a true sense of the sacrifices made by those that have gone before.

On the 8th April found our tour group in dress uniform for the whole day; if only we would have known how warm it would be in France, more of us would have brought our short sleeve shirts, and spent the day in more comfort. Our tour was supposed to see the new Hill 70 Memorial, but the Governor General of Canada was inspecting the site at the same time, and the memorial was closed to the public for security reasons. We did get to see the area where the fighting occurred, where a simple memorial stands, as proof of the conflict.

Our next stop was in Thelus at the Gunner Memorial. Here we took part in the rededication parade; we followed the "Canadian Gunner Road" for what was described as 700 meters. The rededication included speeches from the RCA Colonel Commandant, Senior Serving Gunner, and the Mayor of Thelus.



Then it was back to the hotel, for a quick change into evening wear; a dinner was being hosted in Lille for all of the Gunners on the tour, by none other than our Hon Col Irving. The meal was excellent, with both red and white wine on the table, and in great company. A small historical book was gifted to everyone in attendance, from the Loyal Company Association, which detailed the events experienced by the 1st Heavy Battery during the

Great War. But the biggest event of the night for many of us was getting to meet Mr. Romeo Dallaire: humanitarian, bestselling author, and retired Senator and General. He also happens to be one of the best known, living Gunners, and a real global citizen. It was a great opportunity for gunners of all ranks to meet and get to know one another; as our Hon Col said "We had to have the dinner, or the tour just wouldn't have felt complete if we hadn't all come together as a family to mark the event".

We had now finally made it to the big day: April 9th, the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The ceremony included a Marching Contingent from the CAF and the RCMP, a 21 gun salute, and fly-pasts by both replica biplanes and modern jets. There was live music and dancers, and letters that were written home during the war being read by actors. The speakers included the Governor General and Prime Minister of Canada, the Prince of Wales, and the President of France. The Last Post and Rouse were played on an antique bugle that had actually been used during the Vimy Ridge battle 100 years before. Overall it was a wonderful ceremony. Afterwards, we climbed the stairs of the memorial, and visited the Grieving Lady; we had come a long way to see her. The National Memorial is huge, and a beautiful work of art. Hopefully the memorial will stand the test of time.

The Regimental Band released a CD commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle for Vimy Ridge on the 17th of April at the "Stone Church" in Saint John. Capt T.N. Watters took over command of the

Band and 2Lt Parent assumed the duties of Director of Music.

The summer was spent sending our soldiers of to the various training centers across Canada qualifying our soldiers DP1, Det 2IC, Basic Officer Training and driver wheel culminating in EX STRIDENT TRACER 17. 3rd Fd Regt along with 1st Fd Regt put together a firing Bty where our soldiers put their skills to the test. The guns performed a plethora of training tasks from sniping gun to quick actions. All members who were able to take park truly enjoyed the experience.

We started off our fall training cycle with our annual AAG, then straight into the meat of our year with working to complete our IBTS trg on Ex TRICK SHOT. This was followed by the National Recruiting open house which was a huge success for the Regiment. The area recruiter, Sgt Robichaud, continues to build on success which will pay dividends in the future. This is reflected in our numbers with 4 new officers to begin their trg in Jan 18.

In Oct the Regt conducted Arty Safety Officer Trg, a band concert in Woodstock, Ex THUNDEROUS VOLLEY 17 and the RCAA conference in Ottawa. Cruising straight into Nov with the Regt taking part in Remembrance week activities leading up to the big day, these included supporting the local Remembrance Day Committee's first fund raising dinner, the RUSI pre Remembrance Day dinner. On the 11th Nov the Regt deploys the minute guns for Saint John, Woodstock, Hartland and the 21 gun salute in Fredericton. The Regt also supported the RCAS along with 1 Fd Regt for the IG crse. This is an excellent opportunity for the Regt to conduct fire missions in a Regt environment.

We started Dec with our opportunity to host the gunner officers of Atlantic Canada for a PD session followed by the Saint Barbara's Day Officers Mess dinner. The PD trg was an outstanding success with Dr. Lee Windsor from the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society with a resounding lecture on the battle of the Somme. This was followed by Capt Chris Carter from Canadian Space Operations Centre who presented a lecture on Space Domain Awareness and the Impact of the Space Domain on Artillery Operations. The dinner was excellent with over 120 officers in attendance from across the area. On the 07 Dec 17 our HCol John Irving M.S.M. traveled to Quebec City to meet with the Governor General to officially receive his MSM, a much deserved honour indeed.

Our year always ends on a high note with our Soldiers Appreciation dinner, this year we held at the Gage Golf and Curling Club in Oromocto. The dinner was very well attended and we started off with curling in which all were able to enjoy. I believe the Regt Band were the Curling Champs. We were very fortunate to have with us from Woodstock, Cpl (Ret) Robert Martin a veteran from WW2 as our special guest. Bdr Robichaud was awarded the Sgt Nancy Howlett (nee Pender) Regimental Top soldiers award for his outstanding performance and dedication to the Regiment. It was even more significant that Mrs. Anita Pender, Nancy's Mother and Nancy's sister's Debbie and Michelle were able to attend and make the presentation.

Awards	Loyal Company Association Coin Bdr Firth
M.S.M. HCol John Irving	Commanding Officers Coin 2Lt Parent - 3rd Fd Band MWO Bergeron - 89 Bty MWO Gillingham - 115 Bty WO Hayes - 115 Bty Sgt Gibson - 89 Bty MBdr Branch - 89 Bty Bdr Robinson - 3rd Fd Band Bdr Sprague - 3rd Fd Band Cpl Lowther - 89 Bty Gnr Leslie - 89 Bty
CDS Commendation MWO B. Grant - For actions in South Sudan	HCol Coin MWO B. Grant - HQ Bty MBdr Hudson - 115 Bty Bdr Cooper - 3rd Fd Band
37 CBG Commanders Commendation MBdr Kennedy - HQ Bty	15 Year Silver Regimental Service Pin Bdr Firth
Canadian Forces Decorations Capt Andrew Melvin - presented CD Lt Wayne Casey - presented CD MCpl Michelle Flanagan - presented CD1	The Sergeant Nancy Howlett (nee Pender)
Promotions to Bdr Gnr Bryant Gnr Butler Gnr Grallant Gnr Keery Gnr Malcolm Gnr Lafreniere	3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company)
Promotions to Sgt MBdr Doherty	Top Soldier Award Bdr Robichaud - 115 Bty
Promotions to Lt 2Lt Reid	RSM Award Gnr Leslie - 89 Bty

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MAJ	PG	HAUGHEY
MAJ	WB	LEBLANC
CAPT	MA	CAINES
CAPT	N	DAY
CAPT	JA	GUTHRIE
CAPT	DJJ	MEEHAN
CAPT	AV	MELVIN
CAPT	CD	OSBORNE
CAPT	CS	REID-MCPHERSON
CAPT	TN	WATTERS
CAPT	RB	WYNTJES
LT	NWD	REID
LT	WAW	CASEY
2LT	SM	PARENT
CWO	KD	McLEAN
MWO	E	BERGERON
MWO	PM	GILLINGHAM
MWO	BL	GRANT
WO	PD	DEVEAUX
WO	KM	HAYES
WO	BJH	SHORT
SGT	BK	BLINN
SGT	RA	GIBSON
SGT	M.	LAPOINTE
SGT	CR	MCCOLLUM
SGT	JA	ROBICHAUD
SGT	CD	SMITH
SGT	SJ	WILLIAMS
MBDR	KP	BRANCH
MBDR	BL	CLARK
MBDR	KW	COLE
MBDR	RD	DOHERTY
MBDR	WO	HUDSON
MBDR	RRD	KENNEDY
MBDR	JW	MARSTON
MBDR	CE	O'NEILL
MBDR	MA	SMITH
MBDR	BAT	SOK
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MCPL	R	WHETMORE
BDR	NS	BOWMASTER
BDR	SL	BRITTAIN
BDR	JC	BRITTAIN
BDR	PR	BROOKER
BDR	JEM	BROWN
BDR	MJR	BURNS
BDR	PE	BUTLER
BDR	MD	CLARK
BDR	DJ	COOPER
BDR	BP	CORMIER
BDR	JFR	DOUGLAS-RICH

BDR	AJ	DROST
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BDR	KM	FIRTH
BDR	CJE	FRASER
BDR	CC	GORMLEY
BDR	DJ	GRANT
BDR	F	HABOLD
BDR	AR	HANSEN
BDR	DR	HOBEN
BDR	JHE	HODGIN
BDR	CD	HOWELL
BDR	E	HUNTER
BDR	KA	KEERY
BDR	JEW	LAFRENIERE
BDR	AM	MACDOUGALL
BDR	D	MCSHEFFERY
BDR	KRM	MURRAY
BDR	SL	PATTERSON
BDR	RJ	ROBICHAUD
BDR	AP	ROBINSON
BDR	KW	ROBSON
BDR	JL	ROWSSELL
BDR	KA	SHANNON
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BDR	DL	THEBERGE
BDR	KS	THOMSON
BDR	JJ	TOMPKINS
BDR	APC	VAIL
BDR	CD	WETMORE
BDR	JA	WHITE
BDR	AL	WILLIAMS
BDR	W	WILLIAMS
CPL	SL	LOWTHER
CPL	VAC	THERAULT
BDR	CFL	VANDORMALEN
GNR	C	BRYANT
GNR	AC	BUTLER
GNR	AD	COOKE
GNR	KRJ	CROWELL
GNR	B	EBBETT
GNR	MD	EDISON
GNR	DWK	EMERSON
GNR	TA	GALLANT
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GNR	GP	KIDD
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GNR	KG	MANN
GNR	DS	SEARS
GNR	RD	SMITH
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5th BC Field Regiment  
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2017 has proven to be an overwhelming success for the 5th BC Field Artillery Regiment demonstrated by the unit's continued support to military operations both domestic and abroad. In order to accomplish many of these tasks, many of the unit's members have been required to take on significant roles and responsibilities. Unfortunately, this success was accompanied by the passing of a former Commanding Officer, Col (Ret'd) Arthur Sherwin, who remained actively involved in the unit as a leader and as a mentor well into retirement.

The Regiment conducted several training exercises throughout the year in line with its operations plan which enabled personnel to continue their professional development. The unit began the training year by conducting Ex COASTAL SASQUATCH which was a dry training exercise that taught and tested cold weather war fighting held in the Rocky Point Training Area in Sooke, BC. The Regiment followed the cold weather training by deploying to Yakima Washington in the United States for a 105mm Howitzer live fire exercise in March 2017 which focussed on technical gunnery as well as reconnaissance and deployment. Reserve Summer Training saw numerous members of the regiment participating as either candidates or instructors on BMQ, DP 1 Arty, Recce Tech Course and the GATS course. Following the summer stand-down, the unit continued training focusing on IBTS on Ex READY



*Vimy 100 Round Salute with 15 Fd - Apr 2017 Fort Rodd Hill*

GUNNER which was held locally and focused on basic soldier skills. The unit continued the training year with another live fire exercise, READY GUNNER, held in Yakima, Washington in October, 2017. The members then deployed to Albert Head for Ex COLD STAMINA, which focused on amphibious mortar operations with the involvement of the HMCS MALAHAT and their RHIBs.

5th BC Field Regiment continued training on a weekly basis throughout the year focusing on general soldier skills, and artillery specific training. Soldiers conducted continuation training on several small arm weapons including the 9mm Browning Pistol, the

C6 MG, C7 Assault Rifle, and the C9 LMG. Members also received training using grenades and conducted training in a CBRN environment. Additionally, artillery instruction is provided on a weekly basis as part of standard parade training.

During the summer, the unit sent approximately two dozen troops to Op LENTUS which was the CAF response to the forest fire activity that was threatening the communities in the interior of BC throughout the summer and into the early fall season. MBr Riddell received a commander's commendation while serving on Op LENTUS for exceptional leadership. The unit also deployed WO Lenius, Bdr Challis and Gnr Dietrich to Op PALACI, which is the CAF domestic operation in support of Parks Canada's avalanche control operations in Rogers Pass, BC. Internationally, Maj Sylvester deployed on Op SOPRANO in support of the UN Mission Headquarters in the South Sudan. Sgt Cormier also



deployed as the finance NCO in support of Op REASSURANCE as part of the enhanced forward presence battle group in Latvia. Both represented the unit with distinction as our representatives in international operations.

The Regiment continued its role as the BC Capital Region's official saluting unit throughout the year by performing several gun salutes. Official events supported by the Regiment include the opening of the BC Legislature, Canada Day, Remembrance Day, and the Hundred round salute commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the Canadian victory of Vimy Ridge, which was held at Fort Rodd Hill BC and was commanded by the newly promoted and appointed 155 Battery Captain, Captain Krysta Savola.

The most significant changes in the unit's leadership appointments occurred at the battery level. Both 155 and 156 Battery received new

battery commanders, Captain Brian Lougheed and Captain Barry Plaxton, respectively. The unit's adjutant Captain Lonnie Goodfellow also retired in 2017, and Captain Peter Stocker was appointed in his place. We wish Capt Goodfellow a happy retirement as he served our unit well with his experience, dedication and professionalism. The Operations Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer Phillip Fortin was also posted out of the unit and replaced by Warrant Officer Randy Blowes from 1 RCHA.

The 2017 year has been tremendously successful for 5th BC Field Regiment, and the expectation is that the momentum will carry forward into 2018. The unit has grown and changed, making the year challenging and even more rewarding.



Col (Ret'd) Sherwin Memorial - Oct 2017

LCol	BY	LeBlanc	MBdr	AJ	Eriksen
Maj	S	Boyechko	MBdr	IH	Riddell
Maj	B	Sylvester	MBdr	MS	Molinari
Maj	M	Lomax	Bdr	SC	Conquist
Capt	BC	Plaxton	Bdr	SC	Challis
Capt	MG	Delvo	Bdr	JG	Van Der Leek
Capt	K	Savola	Bdr	GCSP	Pakozdy
Capt	B	Lougheed	Bdr	PG	Lang
Capt	P	Stocker	Bdr	MH	Andrews
Lt	TL	Slack	Bdr	WM	Long
2Lt	SR	Crosman	Bdr	E	Quinn
2Lt	CN	Life	Bdr	SF	Ferguson
2Lt	A	Rendle	Bdr	MJ	Kenyon
2Lt	A	Mujtabah	Bdr	JW	Gan
OCdt	T	Winship	Bdr	R	Murray
OCdt	K	Hall	Bdr	EG	Sorensen
OCdt	R	Porritt	Bdr	A	Spelt
CWO	AR	Dadds	Bdr	AJ	Chan
MWO	D	Moses	Bdr	LM	Cox
WO	LA	Kachanoski	Bdr	J.S.	Menard
WO	JA	Lenius	Bdr	CV	Adamek
WO	RJ	Gow	Bdr	MW	Dietrich
WO	R	Blowes	Bdr	DW	Pennington
Sgt	DA	Newton	Gnr	JJK	Nagel
Sgt	MF	Spears	Gnr	J	Bertucci
Sgt	EC	McNeely	Gnr	KD	Hall
Sgt	DW	Pennington	Gnr	CRWS	Spidel
Sgt	JJV	Eng	Gnr	S	Mirovski
Sgt	JMM	Perron	Gnr	DJ	Foreman
Sgt	JA	Nelson	Gnr	AB	Brough
MBdr	CBS	Stephen	Gnr	W	Ksenhuk
MBdr	W	Coles-Webb	Gnr	SL	Ratch
MBdr	SST	Dawe	Gnr	CA	Hatton
MBdr	BA	Waltz	Gnr	J	Adair
MBdr	QA	Howells	Gnr	RJ	Rodriguez
MBdr	NE	Raymond	Gnr	JA	Ryan
MBdr	C	Yuill	Gnr	JCE	Palfrey





# 6<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne, ARC



**Cmdt**  
**LCol M.P.C. Bérubé**  
**CD**

**SMR**  
**Adjud L. Gravel**  
**CD**

**Lieutenant-Colonel Honoraire**  
**HLCol P. Letourneau, CD**

Lévis, QC — 2017 fut pour le 6<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'artillerie de campagne une année rempli de défis. Le régiment a tout d'abord tenu un exercice de guerre en hiver, Obus polaire les 21 et 22 janvier, dans les secteurs de la base militaire de Val-Cartier.

Cet exercice fut particulièrement formateur pour les membres présents qui ont ainsi pu revoir la base de la guerre en condition hivernale. À la fin du mois, les 28 et 29 janvier, fut conduit un champ de tir grenade, C-9 et C-6. Cette activité fut grandement appréciée des membres du régiment qui ont pu se pratiquer plus en profondeur avec l'arme C-6. Dans la fin de semaine du 24 au 26 février, le régiment a tenu l'exercice OBUS ENDURCI, troisième entraînement d'une série de quatre, dans les secteurs de la BFC Val Cartier.

L'exercice fut un franc succès et permit aux membres de maintenir à jour leur connaissance et d'en acquérir de nouvelles. C'est au mois de mars que c'est tenu le dernier exercice de tir avant le départ des membres pour la TEII au mois de mai.

Au retour de la TEII, les membres du régiment ont eu la chance de participer à un exercice de navigation et d'aventure. En effet, pendant trois jours entre le 2 et 4 septembre, les membres ont participé



à des activités de navigation, de la pêche, de canot et d'arbres en arbres. Servant à récompenser les membres du régiment pour leur implication au sein de l'unité, ces derniers ont été plus que ravis. Durant l'automne, le régiment a effectué deux entraînements de tir réel, l'un au mois d'octobre dont le but était de faire pratiquer les membres sur le mortier de 81 mm et l'autre à la fin novembre sur le canon de 105 mm.

Au mois de mai, les membres du régiment se sont mobilisés en grand nombre lorsque les inondations ont touché plusieurs villes du Québec.

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Élof Laforge, Sgt Morin, Bdr Avoine, Bdr Brochu, Bdr Chouinard, Bdr Gagnon, Artil Andrieux, Artil Bois, Artil fournisseur, Artil Lamontagne et Artil Poulin ont tous participé à OP LENTUS. Leur contribution fut grandement appréciée par la population civile et par les organisations qui les ont employés.

Le capt Lavoie fut promu au mois de juin au grade de major avant son départ pour la BFC Gagetown comme commandant de Bie au 4th AD Regt. Le Bdr Jean s'est vu décerner le trophée de l'artilleur de l'année pour son implication irréprochable au régiment et le Bdr Ouellet a reçu le trophée du Col(H) Jean Laflamme pour le meilleur tireur C-7.



Icol	Bérubé	MPC	Bdr	Beauchamp	DMM
maj	Côté	DAP	Bdr	Beaulieu	PLJE
maj	Stocker	JCD	Bdr	Blais	JJJ
maj	Vézina	JGG	Bdr	Bois	A
capt	Boily	JEJ	Bdr	Boudreau-Paquin	TMG
capt	Boulet	PA	Bdr	Bourgault	AJD
capt	Carrière	DE	Bdr	Brochu	CHJ
capt	Champagne	JLT	Bdr	Bélanger	CMC
capt	Courtemanche	JYCM	Bdr	Bélanger Soucy	PL
capt	Dupuis	GE	Bdr	Cadorette-Rioux	SJ
capt	Fortin	MA	Bdr	Carrier	LMA
capt	Gagnon-Marquis	HJX	Bdr	Charland	SJC
capt	Lacasse	JPR	Bdr	Chouinard	EC
capt	Pelletier	JJM	Bdr	Coulombe	J
lt	Pagé	AJY	Bdr	Couture	FJDM
lt	Pelletier	JMM	Bdr	Deschênes	JF
slt	Chassé	S	Bdr	Dion	REJHNC
sit	Drouin	D	Bdr	Dionne	JMA
élof	Laforge	AJG	Bdr	Gagnon	R
élof	Létourneau	G	Bdr	Goyette-Turcotte	SJM
adjuc	Gravel	JGAL	Bdr	Jean	JSMA
adjum	Desrochers	JHL	Bdr	Jenkins	S
adj	Coulombe	JA	Bdr	Labrie	JBAM
adj	Jean	PMM	Bdr	Lachapelle	SJJ
adj	Marceau	JGE	Bdr	Laferrière	MMJ
adj	Ouellet	RL	Bdr	Levesque	KLC
adj	Picard	JAA	Bdr	Mailhot	AMN
sgt	Beaulieu	P	Bdr	Ouellet	YJM
sgt	Bourget	MML	Bdr	Ouellet-Carrier	S
sgt	Bélanger	D	Bdr	Payeur	V
sgt	Gaudette	JFSP	Bdr	Pelletier	K
sgt	Labbé	JRM	Bdr	Poulin	JS
sgt	Lemieux	A	Bdr	Renaud	W
sgt	Mathurin	MTL	Bdr	Robichaud	GR
sgt	Montminy	JRD	Bdr	Turcotte	GRN
sgt	Morin	PPJS	Bdr	Têtu	SJR
sgt	Noël	MCP	Bdr	Vézina	SJA
sgt	Pelletier	P	cpl	Bélanger	AA
sgt	Royer	JAG	cpl	Tremblay	GJD
sgt	Tahan	A	Artil	Andrieux	T
sgt	Vézina	GJR	Artil	Drouin	K
Bdrc	Beauchamp	CMGE	Artil	Lamontagne	J
Bdrc	Boucher	JDS	Artil	Nadeau	MMA
Bdrc	Breton	MD	Artil	Poulin	JS
Bdrc	Carrier	J	sdt B	Charland	MJ
Bdrc	Chouinard Lavoie	JEM	sdt B	Fournier	M
Bdrc	Collin	VMM	sdt B	St-Pierre	MJF
Bdrc	Croteau	MA	sdt(r)	Aubé	JJR
Bdrc	Fourrier	YJP	sdt(r)	Boudreault	K
Bdrc	Gagnon	DJMP	sdt(r)	Bouffard	AMCCL
Bdrc	Gagnon-Claveau	OJJP	sdt(r)	Brisebois	JAL
Bdrc	Lavigne	PLMF	sdt(r)	Fournier	V
Bdrc	Nadeau	BJPB	sdt(r)	Hallé	LÉ
Bdrc	Porlier	VME	sdt(r)	Lafrance	T
Bdrc	Tremblay	JBB	sdt(r)	Lapointe	FJP
cplc	Caron	S	sdt(r)	Mercier	CMB
cplc	Gosselin	KC	sdt(r)	Ouellet	AM
Bdr	Avoine	L			





# 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
**LCol R.D. Smid**  
**MMM, MB, CD**

**RSM**  
**CWO (Mr. Gnr)**  
**D.H. Robinson, CD**

**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol B.R. Downs, CD**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**HLCol M. Clearihue**

The 7th Toronto Regiment continued to sustain its operational readiness and capability throughout 2017. 9 Battery (105mm) welcomed its new Battery Commander (Captain Curtis Roach), while 15 Battery (81mm), continued to train in its light, dismounted role. 130 Battery (HQ) continued to develop its service & support capability while the 7th Toronto Band was busy as ever, dutifully representing our unit and the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) as always.

The 2017 New Year kicked off with a lively regimental stand-up parade where the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE) organized a Smoke's Poutine food truck to provide a tasty welcome back treat after the holidays. Each annual year begins with a "Regimental School" phase, where the unit runs artillery courses in the January to March time frame. This year we ran Basic Winter Warfare (BWW), Command Post Technician (CP Tech) and Light Counter Mortar Radar (LCMR) courses. BWW gave the newer soldiers some valuable knowledge and experience with operating in sub-zero temperatures, an essential skill for all Canadian soldiers. The CP tech course replenished a critical function the Regiment's capability, with students from 11th and 56th Fd Regiment also attending. The 7th Toronto Regiment also ran the LCMR course, with staff augmentation from 2 RCHA. This season marked another high point for co-operation between units within the family of the RCA.

The 7th Toronto Regiment participated in EX CO-OP GUNNER (24-26 March) in Meaford ON, with the 56th Fd Regiment as the lead unit for this year. The three southern Ontario artillery units (7 Tor, 56 Fd, and 11 Fd) joined together for a highly successful regimental exercise, demonstrating the reserve capability to shoot regimental fire missions. It was yet another pinnacle example of inter-unit cooperation within the RCA and the primary reserve. The 7th Toronto Regiment also sent ten soldiers to OP LENTUS in Quebec, providing leadership for a platoon and an entire section of soldiers.

A truly momentous event took place this year with the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge. The 7th Toronto Regiment managed to raise enough funds through the Toronto Artillery Foundation (much of it thanks to the proceeds from the John McDermott Concert in October 2016) to send five deserving and carefully selected soldiers to the centennial Return to Vimy. The five junior rank soldiers of our regiment set off for a ten-day pilgrimage, with memories of a cultural and historical event that they will remember for the rest of their lives, and which paid respect to the fallen soldiers of year's past.

During the late spring time frame, the Regiment participated in Khalsa Day (annual Sikh celebration), in which our unit provided representation to a cultural event that reflected the diversity of both the City of Toronto and the 7th Toronto Regiment. We celebrated a truly special Victoria Day to cap off the end of a successful training year. This event saw the unit parade in front of Queen's Park, presentation of Honours and Awards, the Change of Honorary Colonel from BGen (ret'd) Ernest Beno to LCol (ret'd) Barry Downs, a 21-gun salute, and a Family Day complete with food trucks, bouncy castles and face painting for the families of the soldiers. Two Centuries of Fire Power once again was conducted at Old Fort York Armoury at the end of May, with both modern and vintage artillery on display in conjunction with the historical museum within the Fort. A firepower demonstration with blank rounds was fired, much to the delight of the Toronto public.

June to August the regiment was stood down, but the members were very active. Dozens of soldiers went to participate in reserve summer training (RST), either as candidates or staff. Several members took national courses at the artillery school. The regiment conducted the traditional Canada Day Gun Salute at Queen's park. An initial blank round was fired to commence the start of the Toronto International Air Show. At the end of summer, three members (Capt Aliberti, WO Lombara and MBdr



Browne) participated in the 2017 Ironman at Garrison Petawawa, a grueling 50km race hosted by 2 CMBG. An Mess Dinner was held on 08 September at the Moss Park Armoury 7th Toronto Officer's Mess, with MGen Heatherington attending as our honoured guest. For the Senior Serving Gunner, it was a trip down memory lane as he recounted his earlier years in the 7th Toronto Regiment as the RSS officer.

September featured a lively regimental stand up once again, with great food once again provided by the IODE and the Limber Gunners. 9 Battery conducted a Change of Command from Capt Aliberti to Capt Roach. The unit 2IC Maj Grewal officially stepped in as the Acting Commanding Officer as LCol Smid bid a temporary farewell before his work-up training to his deployment. The 7th Toronto Regiment also sent three junior officers (Capt Maynard, Lt Galloway and Lt Proner) to the Junior Officer Course (JOC) in Shilo, MB.

The fall training season was packed with exercises, featuring IBTS weekend exercises in Meaford and Kingston, dry mortar deployments in the Toronto area, and EX HOGTOWN GUNNER I and II. During HOGTOWN GUNNER I (20-22 Oct), at the request of MGen (ret'd) Stu McDonald, we hosted a group of retired officers who were part of Canadian Officer Training Cadre (COTC) in the 1960s. This group of former officers trained together as artillery officers in Shilo in 1962, many parting and going separate ways once their training was done. Some stayed in the artillery for a while, some switched to a different trade, and

some found successful careers outside the military, and in fact some found careers outside of Canada and came back specifically for this event. Their reunion took place at the Royal Canadian Military Institute (RMCI), and their trip to Meaford no doubt augmented the occasion tremendously. They came to Meaford with the Adjutant as the escort, and witnessed the live firing of the C3 howitzers, and ate lunch with the gunline.

The 7th Toronto Regiment's Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Clearihue played a key role in organizing the John McDermott concert held on Monday 06 November 2017 at Westminster Baptist Church, Toronto ON. This is the second John McDermott concert and there was a larger crowd this time around, as the 7th Toronto Band played beautifully to the tune of John McDermott and other featured performers. It was an absolutely splendid night that will not soon be forgotten. During this year, we also saw four members of the regiment deployed overseas: Bdr Tenzin on OP REASSURANCE in Latvia; WO Bankasingh on OP IMPACT in Kuwait; and LCol Smid and Capt Tempeny in Lebanon as the lead for the Canadian Training and Assistance Team (CTAT).

The Regiment ended a busy year with the Kid's Christmas Party and then our annual Soldier's Christmas Dinner, to recognize the hard work of our soldiers and to celebrate our gunner heritage. Looking forward into 2018 we will maintain our links to our sister reserve units (56 & 11 Fd), as well as fostering our growing relationship with 2 RCHA. UBIQUE.

LCol	RD	SMID	MBdr	E	BREKER
Maj	JW	DEAN	MBdr	JA	BROWNE
Maj	SA	GRAHAM	MBdr	JR	BUCCELLA
Maj	NS	GREWAL	MBdr	D	CHAN
Maj	JD	STEWART	MBdr	AD	DICKINSON
Capt	DV	ALIBERTI	MBdr	GM	ESPEUT
Capt	NA	ARRIGO	MBdr	A	HWANG
Capt	DAR	CLARK	MBdr	R	LI
Capt	JA	HENRY	MBdr	MMW	LITWIN
Capt	EC	LAXTON	MBdr	EC	MIKKOLA
Capt	JN	LUM	MBdr	AW	NOH
Capt	J	MA	MCpl	JA	VENTURANZA
Capt	ALP	MAYNARD	Bdr	K	AHMED
Capt	EJ	MCBRIDE	Bdr	AJ	ALTOBELLO
Capt	TQ	ON	Bdr	S	BARDOUK
Capt	ST	RASHEED	Bdr	S	BASSI
Capt	CR	ROACH	Bdr	EC	BECERRA TAIPE
Capt	MA	TEMPENY	Bdr	M	CHLIPALA
Capt	PA	THOMPSON	Bdr	SMC	COSTA
Lt	FYH	FA	Bdr	F	D'AMICO
Lt	JA	FRY	Bdr	N	DAMOLIDIS
Lt	MR	GALLOWAY	Bdr	GJB	DE GUZMAN
Lt	J	PRONER	Bdr	CA	DESORMIERS
2Lt	HW	KANG	Bdr	PCR	DEVLIN
2Lt	EM	LAM	Bdr	RP	DOS SANTOS
2Lt	FT	MALIK	Bdr	TR	EDWARDS
2Lt	LF	ORELLANO CAST	Bdr	n	FACCHINI
OCdt	VO	BABISHIN	Bdr	JS	FARRELL-JOBST
OCdt	LLE	BORGES ENCINA	Bdr	HC	FONG
OCdt	AF	MCDERMOTT	Bdr	BR	GEE
CWO	DH	ROBINSON	Bdr	S.	HAN
MWO	MI	BECHMANIS	Bdr	SJ	JOYNSON
MWO	PMG	REYES	Bdr	B	KOCH
WO	TO	BANKASINGH	Bdr	KJC	KOUFIS
WO	JM	BRAKE	Bdr	Y	KRLEVICH
WO	JD	ETORMA	Bdr	ECH	KWAN
WO	DM	HICKS	Bdr	J	LATTA
WO	JC	LOMBARA	Bdr	JAP	LEWIS
WO	JM	MURRAY	Bdr	WM	LONG
WO	NB	SYLVESTER	Bdr	JA	MACDONELL
WO	JCS	WOOD	Bdr	M	MARTINS ROSA
Sgt	CS	AN	Bdr	FE	MATURANA
Sgt	S	CHOI	Bdr	JM	MAZZILLI
Sgt	JL	D'CRUZ	Bdr	JM	MCCULLOCH
Sgt	OG	FLEET	Bdr	PD	MCGREGOR
Sgt	GPL	HALL	Bdr	KA	MERRICK
Sgt	CJR	HARRIS	Bdr	W.G.	NASIR
Sgt	MB	JACKSON	Bdr	AB	OPONG-AKOM
Sgt	P	KHLYUSTOV	Bdr	A	OUSSATCHEV
Sgt	EJ	LAPLANTE	Bdr	J	PEREZ
Sgt	GO	LLOYD	Bdr	BI	PHILLIPS
Sgt	B	MONIZ	Bdr	AP	PUKAS
Sgt	DY	MUSGRAVE	Bdr	JEM	RAE
Sgt	KW	NOH	Bdr	MJ	ROSS
Sgt	AC	POTTS	Bdr	NN	SADIASA
Sgt	K	STRADALOWICZ	Bdr	RWI	SCOULAR
Sgt	RR	TALLUD	Bdr	DS	SEHDEV
PO2	DFJ	CLEVELAND	Bdr	LS	SHAO





Bdr	GMV	SILVA	Gnr	T	BAGHEL
Bdr	ET	SULLIVAN	Gnr	MAB	BRODERICK
Bdr	H	SWAIN	Gnr	S	CHEN
Bdr	LD	TAMAYO	Gnr	DA	CUTIVA
Bdr	S	TENZIN	Gnr	N	GEZEHAN
Bdr	K	THAYAPARAN	Gnr	JA	GRABEK
Bdr	GE	TURPIN	Gnr	MWB	HALL
Bdr	AG	VAZ	Gnr	MK	HILL
Bdr	SK	WATERMAN	Gnr	HK	KIRUPAIRAJAH
Bdr	DMS	WEAVER	Gnr	DY	LEE
Bdr	LDWC	YIP	Gnr	IWM	PEARSON
Bdr	DB	YU	Gnr	R	RAMPERSAUD
Cpl	K	CHEN	Gnr	W	STAIKOS
Cpl	JB	DEWHIRST	Gnr	I	SULTAN
Cpl	ZA	EVERETT	Gnr	MR	WIGHT
Cpl	DV	FORRESTER	Gnr	E	YEBOAH BAMFO
Cpl	D	HOWELLS	Pte	T	AITCHISON
Cpl	TL	JACKSON	Pte	O	AMIRI
Cpl	NB	JENKINS	Pte	AB	COLLINS
Cpl	S	MARILOVIC	Pte	NS	DHALIWAL
Cpl	D	MARSHALL	Pte	A	GRIFFITH-PRIM
Cpl	KA	MURPHY	Pte	J	HAIGH
Cpl	KJ	MURPHY	Pte	S	LIU
Cpl	D.S.	REGO	Pte	AM	POUR KAZEMI
Cpl	SJ	RUSH	Pte	JRC	RODRIGO-CANDA
Cpl	VA	SANDFORD	Pte	JK	SCOTT
Cpl	JE	SMITH	Pte	CBE	SITEK
Gnr	P	AHMAD	Pte	AP	SMALL
Gnr	IS	ALEXEENKO	Pte	MU	HASSAN
Gnr		BADIAL	Pte	DJH	BARAK
			Pte	PK	KHASSANOV



Bacon being cooked for breakfast in a portable kitchen out in the CFB Shilo training area during Ex FROZEN GUNNER.



## 10<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



## 26<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



## 116<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, RCA



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**CD**



**RSM**  
**CWO T.M. Appel**  
**CD**

**Honorary Colonel – 10 Field Regiment**  
**HCol V. Schofield**

**Honorary Colonel – 26 Field Regiment**  
**HCol R.H. Felstead, CStJ, CD**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel – 26 Field Regiment**  
**HLCpl G.L. Dangerfield**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel - 116th Independent Field Battery**  
**HLCpl N.G.J. Dufresne**



2017 was another eventful and productive year for the 38 Canadian Brigade Group Artillery Tactical Group (38 ATG), which includes three separate units: 10th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, (10 Fd) in Regina (18 Bty) and Yorkton (64 Bty), Saskatchewan; 26th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, (26 Fd) in Brandon (71 Bty and HQ & Svcs Bty) and Portage La Prairie (13 Bty), Manitoba; and 116th Independent Field Battery, RCA, (116 Bty) in Kenora, Ontario. All of its members pulled together to make this a memorable year.

From an artillery perspective, Ex FROZEN GUNNER in March and Ex LIMBER GUNNER in November were both a tremendous success. The ATG displayed its ability to maintain a high standard in gunnery even in the face of the unforgiving Manitoba winter weather, bringing praise from CO of 1 RCHA during Ex FROZEN GUNNER.

Though artillery is what the ATG is all about, there is also a social and ceremonial perspective. 116 Bty hosted the ATG in their 2nd Annual Freedom of the City Parade in Kenora, Ontario, in June. 26 Fd had the honor again of hosting the 2017 Junior Officer Course (JOC) for a Meet and Greet at the Brandon Armoury on the 27 September, which included guided access to the 26 Field Regiment-XII MB Dragoon Museum. This also elicited praise and the likelihood of including the Meet and Greet again during the next JOC. Continuing on in the year, 26 Fd also hosted its 69th Annual Military Ball. The 26th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, Brandon Military Ball is Canada's oldest continuously occurring single unit military ball. The evening of dining and dancing celebrates over a century of military presence in Brandon by 26 Fd and its predecessors.

Beyond the ballroom, members of the ATG were not afraid to get their boots dirty. The ATG saw many of its members deploy on various domestic and overseas operations. Maj Wilson deployed on Op IMPACT for which he received the Meritorious Service Medal from the United States Armed Forces. As this was presented on behalf of the President of the United States, he will be able to wear this along with his other medals. Lt Hunt earned Commendations from the Commander of the Canadian Task Force and the Commander 45 (US) Infantry Brigade Combat Team during his deployment on Op UNIFIER. Maj Baker came back to Command 116 Bty after full-time Class B with the Brigade Headquarters and a four month deployment to Latvia. Sgt Magill and Bdr Bolech represented the ATG very well in Eastern Europe as part of Op REASSURANCE, and, finally, from a domestic angle, the ATG responded to the fires in BC under the auspices of Op LENTUS with eleven soldiers and additionally continues to support Op PALACI through last and this current winter.

The military being what it is, people come and people go, and so it was with the ATG. The former CO, LCol Mel Neville, released, and the A/CO, Major Paul Haughey, moved on to the benefit of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, RCA, in New Brunswick. Capt Brian Pettigrew was posted back to 1 RCHA, and, finally, former RSM of the ATG, Capt (Ret'd) Geoff Popovits retired after 42 years of loyal and dedicated service to 26 Fd and the ATG. On a sad note, the ATG said good bye to a former RSM of 26 Fd. CWO (Ret'd) Andrew Bird passed away on 24 April 2017.

LCol Shawn Fortin was posted in as the CO in 14 July to become the first Regular Force CO in many years, and Capt Jon Cober was posted in end-August as the Ops O. WO Furdige and WO Brooks are in the process of posting out and in respectively with the formalities likely to take place early in 2018. The ATG also welcomed MCpl Pirie and PO2 Fraser as the Chief Clerks of 10 Fd and 116 Bty respectively.

The 26th Field Regiment Pipes and Drums were anything but silent throughout the course of the year. The band, which holds the distinction of being the longest serving Artillery Bagpipe Band in the Commonwealth, welcomed its new Pipe Major, Capt Brent Lowrie, who took the helm for the numerous local and international events that the Band participated in. Locally, the highlights of the year included performances at the Westman Multi-cultural Festival, the DWD of Capt Geoff Popovits, the Military Ball, and the Freedom of the City Parade in Kenora. It was here that an initial meeting with the Kenora Pipes and Drums has led to the potential formation of a relationship between the two bands. Internationally the Band crossed the border to the south for a trip to Minot, North Dakota, where they performed at the International Military Ball hosted by the Minot Chamber of Commerce and the Minot Air Force Base. While in Minot, the band had further opportunity

to strengthen cross-border relations as they were invited to perform at the local Moose Lodge and Ebenezer's Irish Pub.

The 26th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery-XII Manitoba Dragoons Museum, while doing its best to remember the past, is certainly not living in it. This year, the museum endeavored to effect a positive change within the community and did so successfully with two events. The Museum raised approximately \$3000 at the Annual Vimy Night Fundraiser. The night included dinner, a guided tour of the museum itself which is housed within the Brandon Armoury, and the reading of letters, by personnel in period dress, sent from the trenches of WWI. The money raised on this evening has, in the past, been put towards the establishment of a new Veterans Memorial that was completed not too long after this year's Vimy Night. The Memorial Garden was officially opened on the 30 September of this year. The event drew a number of local dignitaries, which included Brandon Mayor Rick Chrest, the outgoing Chief of Brandon Police Services, MLAs for Brandon East and West, as well as the MP for the Brandon-Souris area. The Garden, which is located adjacent to the Brandon Armoury, was established to "honour the citizens of Brandon who made the supreme sacrifice". Thanks much to the hard work of the Friends of the Museum Incorporated (FOMI) and 26 Fd Regimental Senate.

Finally the ATG bid farewell to this successful year with the annual end of the year training, sports and soldier's dinner. Ex MERRY BARBARA was hosted by 10 Fd out of the Regina Armoury this year. For this particular event, which is essentially a Christmas celebration and dinner, success is measured in the smiles and laughter of unit members, and, by that standard, this year's exercise knocked it out of the park. Sgt Magill was awarded the RCA Sgt of the Year Award and Sgt Imamovic was informed that she would be receiving the Member of the Order of Military Merit. It also included a CO's Challenge. The CO's Challenge started early on Saturday, and, for some, that meant writing a Fire Discipline test on the bus. Through the weekend, it also included a number of challenges testing the batteries' prowess in artillery related tasks. 18 Bty was the undisputed champion! Sunday was wrapped up in an Inter-Unit Ball Hockey Tournament with the joint 116 Bty/HQ & Svcs Bty Team victorious.

With wishes of a Merry Christmas to all, the CO and RSM sent the ATG on its Christmas break. The ATG now looks forward to continue its long history of professionalism and excellence under the command of its new leader and to continue to build upon the success of this year's training.



**Capt (ret'd) Geoff Popovits fires his last round, after 42 years of service, during Ex LIMBER GUNNER.**

LCol	SK	Fortin	Bdr	RC	McInnis
Maj	JG	Baker	Bdr	LR	McKay
Maj	JLF	Parsonage	Bdr	MK	Melendres
Maj	TS	Rupcich	Bdr	JW	Mercer
Maj	MG	Wilson	Bdr	RM	Nicholas
Capt	JD	Cober	Bdr	ET	Nickel
Capt	TG	Jaworski	Bdr	FT	OSoup
Capt	JRT	Norris	Bdr	RK	Paul
Capt	SC	Sloat	Bdr	DSR	Pearce
Capt	ZD	Smithson	Bdr	RWA	Pero
Lt	KH	Hammermueller	Bdr	DW	Pierrepoint
Lt	CFM	Hunt	Bdr	TA	Poier
Lt	DIPM	Small	Bdr	JWR	Price
SLt	MJR	Bruce	Bdr	KJ	Reimer
2Lt	WSL	Brandon	Bdr	AM	Richardson
2Lt	MW	Mymko	Bdr	NG	Stinziano
OCdt	BR	Bruce	Bdr	J	Thomas
OCdt	PJ	Gohl	Bdr	JA	Topping
OCdt	JE	Grieve	Bdr	SR	Traini
OCdt	RL	Killam	Bdr	JDA	Van Damme
OCdt	BM	Kuzek	Bdr	SPM	Vroomen
OCdt	SSK	Smith	Bdr	PW	Wall
CWO	TM	Appel	Bdr	TA	Watson
MWO	RK	Henry	Bdr	JA	Zavala
MWO	CE	Lelond	Cpl	R	Bi
MWO	DL	Wheatland	Cpl	JLM	Cheikowski
WO	PGC	Cote	Cpl	AD	Goodlad
WO	GJ	Brooks	Cpl	TW	Naegeli
WO	RJ	Everett	Gnr	D.A.B.	Bone
WO	DG	Hegg	Gnr	KS	Chater Frier
WO	JA	Marchant	Gnr	SAS	Cochrane
WO	DR	Melsted	Gnr	TJ	Demerais
WO	FJ	Pratt	Gnr	GRCE	Deswiage
Sgt	KH	Allard	Gnr	A	Eissner-Suttie
Sgt	KG	Appel	Gnr	MHP	Garcia
Sgt	RW	Betker	Gnr	JB	Grunert
Sgt	JR	Clark	Gnr	JWJ	Hamm
Sgt	DJD	Ellingson	Gnr	RT	King
Sgt	RC	Houle	Gnr	CW	Letain
Sgt	AL	Hovrisko	Gnr	T	MacKinnon
Sgt	L	Imamovic	Gnr	SA	McDowell
Sgt	SE	Magill	Gnr	DM	Pizunski
Sgt	TH	Matthies	Gnr	JR	Rauscher
Sgt	CD	McMullen	Gnr	MC	Rimington
Sgt	AA	Mitchell	Gnr	AA	Thorne
Sgt	WA	Pankratz	Pte(B)	AE	Ball
Sgt	KL	Perry	Pte(B)	JL	Burton
Sgt	K.E	Quiring	Pte(B)	SP	Carter-Squire
Sgt	MI	Sweatman	Pte(B)	SA	Dudley
Sgt	MDA	Watson	Pte(B)	SE	Gohl
Sgt	KA	Wheatland	Pte(B)	RTS	Jenkins
Sgt	EVM	Windl	Pte(B)	JJ	Nystrom
PO 2	RCE	Fraser	Pte(B)	PM	Omura
MBdr	SRA	Beaumont-Smith	Pte(B)	YA	Orko
MBdr	JE	Bencharski	Pte(B)	AR	Osiowy
MBdr	RRM	Bliss-Roth	Pte(B)	DA	Pappel
MBdr	NW	Burns	Pte(B)	PW	Pareis
MBdr	NE	Cousineau	Pte(B)	BT	Rogers
MBdr	LD	Danielson	Pte(B)	CAL	Rookes
MBdr	MS	Fairbank	Pte(B)	BJR	Ryland
MBdr	RJA	Hawkins	Pte(B)	BRS	Seaward
MBdr	JD	Hertz	Pte(B)	TL	Shier
MBdr	G.B.L.	Kinnear	Pte(B)	AAR	Thiessen
MBdr	GR	Larocque	Pte(R)	RL	Ahntholz
MBdr	J	Mathews	Pte(R)	R	Bobier
MBdr	DW	McAuley	Pte(R)	HD	Cain
MBdr	CM	Ross	Pte(R)	JM	Huntinghawk
MBdr	CL	Sangwais	Pte(R)	NC	Jensson
MBdr	IM	Scott	Pte(R)	JJRG	Juancito
MBdr	JWT	Smyth	Pte(R)	JB	Kamenawatamin
MBdr	ZJ	Vanderhulst	Pte(R)	JX	Kayne
MCpl	DJJ	Merk	Pte(R)	BA	Kervin-Ruest
MCpl	HC	Pirie	Pte(R)	AHQ	Lee
Bdr	WM	Appel	Pte(R)	MS	Mawby
Bdr	JL	Bilan	Pte(R)	HRT	Meekis
Bdr	ET	Bolech	Pte(R)	AGA	Mellor
Bdr	CA	Busch	Pte(R)	NP	Michalchuk
Bdr	RJ	Casement	Pte(R)	MA	Michalchuk
Bdr	NG	Ching	Pte(R)	MWJ	Nelson
Bdr	CJD	Delongchamp	Pte(R)	DP	Onichuk
Bdr	ÉR	Duhaime	Pte(R)	RA	Pederson
Bdr	TS	Durston	Pte(R)	DV	Picard
Bdr	M	Gerber	Pte(R)	MN	Pimou Nyamsi
Bdr	RG	Goertzen	Pte(R)	JBK	Pompana
Bdr	MT	Gottselig	Pte(R)	MW	Piordon
Bdr	L	Grobler	Pte(R)	CW	Romyn
Bdr	AJG	Guenther	Pte(R)	DA	Roy
Bdr	JMD	Guenther	Pte(R)	NP	Skaf
Bdr	MT	Hagglund	Pte(R)	MKJ	Strong
Bdr	JH	Hui	Pte(R)	JRJ	Strupinski
Bdr	AG	Kilpatrick	Pte(R)	MAT	Trussler
Bdr	BEK	Knox	Pte(R)	CE	Whyard
Bdr	DT	LeBlanc			
Bdr	SM	Lipp			
Bdr	RD	Lowe			
Bdr	BC	Mault			





# 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



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**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol M.D. McKay, CD**

**Honorary Lieutenant Colonel**  
**HLCol W.H. Hammill**

2017 was a tremendously successful training year for the 11th Field Regt, with dynamic exercises occurring in diverse locations. The first major event was Ex FROZEN GUNNER 17 at CFB Petawawa, hosted by 2 RCHA, which saw the gunners deploy onto 81mm mortars and regular force C3 and M777 guns to complete conversion training in winter conditions. The second event saw the field battery deploy with 7 Tor and 56th Field batteries as a regiment during Ex CO-OPERATIVE GUNNER 17 at 4CDTC Meaford and practice live regimental fire missions.



**11th Field Regt Gunnery hook up ammo sling load, on Ex AUTUMN GUNNER.**

The OIC exercise's Commander's Coins for outstanding performance were awarded to WO Peter Simmons as a Gunline TSM and Sgt Keith Steele for work in the regimental command post. Collective training was next, as the gunners deployed as an artillery tactical group and enemy force on 31 TBG's Ex ARROWHEAD CALM at 4CDTC Meaford, after planning and computer assisted exercise weekends. After a busy regional summer training period, the guns deployed to 31 CBG led Ex ARROWHEAD SHIELD at Camp Grayling JMTC, Michigan, USA. While the observation parties were imbedded in the infantry companies, the gunline fired C3s during infantry live fire platoon attacks and carried out live fire convoy training with the armoured recce. Meanwhile, Bdr Ryan Lavrench represented 31 CBG as part of the CAF Shooting Competition team. In October, unit training continued on Ex AUTUMN GUNNER 17, where gun detachments carried out harassing fire and open actions, while joint training with a CH-146 Griffon from 438 Sqn, RCAF. The recce party was tactically inserted, the ammunition party practiced slinging loads, and the observers executed air op missions. Ex

PROTECTIVE THUNDER in November saw more combined arms training with the 1st Hus-sars armoured recce troops. The gunline moved tactically with armoured escort while the observation party led live supported arms calls for fire at the sharp end. MBdr Dan Fellato led his gun detachment to win the BC 29 and Field Bty pennant as the most proficient crew. Finally, the year ended with Ex STEALTH GUNNER at CFB Borden, where the detachments formed recce patrols in a one day navigation and fieldcraft exercise. Operationally, 11th Field deployed 16 members on Operation LEN-

TUS for flood relief in Quebec. Also, members deployed on Exs RUGGED BEAR, TOMAHAWK FURY, and MAPLE RESOLVE, with 2 RCHA in preparation for upcoming overseas deployments such as OP REASSURANCE in 2018. Regimental life was as busy as ever in 2017. New Year's Levee opened the year to allow the public to meet in various messes. March saw 11 Bty's Bdr David Martin mug out after 21 years of service. The Special Guest Night in April commemorated the 100th anniversary of Vimy Ridge, and was attended by local dignitaries and the Colonel Commandant himself. In May Emergency Preparedness Week,

Guelph Museum Day, and Open Doors Guelph, allowed the unit to show off equipment and facilities, alongside first responders and other historical buildings in Guelph. The Full Time Staff prepared and served breakfast at the Lakeside Hope House, helping provide tangible assistance and care to the Guelph community. A Change of Command parade, also in May, brought in the new CO, LCol Gary McQueen formerly of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, as LCol Morley Armstrong departed after a fabulous formal event to mark



the occasion. June saw the annual Arty Park Camping Trip outside of Arthur, a family targeted event. A Change of Stick parade in September brought in a new RSM, CWO Paul Elliott formerly of 56th Field, as CWO Michael Coit departed to become RSM of the Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada. The command team will be missed, but are still continuing their long service. Master Gunner Capt Kevin "Robocop" Smith also departed with dignity after 39 years of service to the guns in many organizations. His experience and knowledge will not be replaced easily.

The Army Open House Recruiting Day brought the public into unit lines in September. Veterans Week saw 11 Bty take part in Ex WE REMEMBER, a veteran visiting program, while married members Sgt Kevin Francis and Bdr Dana Francis were honoured by Hamilton's own CFL Tiger Cats as "Tiger Town Troops". Sgt Doug Bailey was the featured veteran speaker at the City of Guelph Remembrance Day

Text Boxceremony where he recounted relatable and sincere memories of his Afghanistan experience. Bdr Daniel Levintor won the 11 Bty Kemp Trophy for the largest contribution over the year during their St. Barbara's Day event. MBdr Dan Fellato was awarded the Top Jnr NCO, WO Brian Bellmore the Top Snr NCO/WO, and Capt Hari Bhatti the Top Jnr Officer at the Soldiers' Appreciation Dinner in Guelph in December, marking the end of the training year. The giving spirit was featured in Ex GIVING GUNNER, supporting the Guelph Food Bank and Marianne's Place, an emergency women's shelter.

The gunners of 11th Field Regt are looking ahead to an equally busy 2018 and operations to come.



**G21, Capt Hari Bhatti and Sgt Jeff Schmidt, in Camp Grayling JMTC, during Ex ARROWHEAD.**

LCol	GM	McQueen
Maj	GG	Frank
Capt	M	Barrera-Hernandez
Capt	SW	Beck
Capt	HS	Bhatti
Capt	ASG	Huntley
Capt	RDM	Johnston
Capt	JM	Jones
Capt	AP	Prentice
Capt	RC	Prentice
Lt	WJH	Power
2Lt	M	Farahbakhsh
2Lt	LV	Mehkeri
OCdt	DI	Chaudhary
OCdt	AC	Kehrer-Simpson
CWO	PD	Elliott
MWO	EF	Haugen
MWO	KJ	McLeod
WO	BK	Bellmore
WO	RE	Kenny
WO	PE	Simmons
WO	JA	Williams
Sgt	DRC	Bailey
Sgt	SG	Baird
Sgt	BW	Farrow
Sgt	KJ	Francis
Sgt	NA	Griffith
Sgt	CAB	Haines
Sgt	HAN	Kenny
Sgt	TM	Pembleton
Sgt	TRG	Pinkney
Sgt	DR	Pullen
Sgt	JT	Schmidt
Sgt	CP	Spraakman
Sgt	GDM	Stack
Sgt	KJ	Steele
Sgt	LC	Trick
MBdr	DM	Feletto
MBdr	RG	Ghent
MBdr	ZL	Gilbert
MBdr	PK	Hatzinger
MBdr	BM	Heisler
MBdr	WJ	Laffier
MBdr	CA	Lank
MBdr	TJ	Maltman-Taylor
MBdr	AR	Ortiz
MBdr	TA	Rolfe
MBdr	HXW	Zhou
Bdr	JA	Assman
Bdr	CR	Acosta
Bdr	RH	Andrews
Bdr	CL	Ashworth
Bdr	CC	Cranston
Bdr	CH	De Bakker

Bdr	JS	Ernst
Bdr	CW	Fawcett
Bdr	AK	Fekri
Bdr	DA	Francis
Bdr	LWT	Hempey
Bdr	DRG	Innes
Bdr	RD	Ivany
Bdr	DPW	Jashewski
Cpl	KM	Knight
Bdr	IA	Lagos-Lapierre
Bdr	CE	Langer
Bdr	RA	Lavrench
Bdr	HM	Law
Bdr	DJ	Levintor
Bdr	DTW	Lowartz
Bdr	KA	Lynn
Bdr	MD	Mcguire
Bdr	LCM	Medland
Bdr	JB	Perdicaris
Bdr	JE	Rojas
Bdr	DJ	Sargent
Bdr	MW	Scroggie
Bdr	CC	Smethurst
Bdr	CJ	Swartzentruber
Bdr	FA	Tavormina
Bdr	JA	Thorne
Bdr	DT	Vu
Bdr	PC	Waller
Bdr	JYB	Wan
Cpl	WD	Wainwright
Pte	TCJ	Campbell
Pte	DVT	Lewis
Pte	A	Moslehi
Pte	FD	Parkes
Pte	AN	Suthers
Pte	GRG	Clodd
Pte	CM	Falkenstein
Pte	AM	Harcourt
Pte	N	Janjic
Pte	JA	Macissac
Pte	JAN	Miller
Pte	AT	Nguyen
Pte	SM	Oakes
Pte	TP	Phillips
Pte	KF	Rausch
Pte	HVM	Schaetzle
Pte	AC	Settle
Pte	W	Staikos
Pte	TJ	Stewart
Pte	MA	Turchet
Pte	JC	Vienneau
Pte	GJL	Whiting
Civilian	SA	D'Costa





# 15<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
**LCol J.P. Lajoie**  
**CD**

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**CWO G.M. Dempsey**  
**CD**

**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol A. De Genova**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**HLCol D. Foster**

Vancouver's reserve artillery regiment has seen another exciting year come and go. A variety of demanding training, tasking, and events has made for a significant 97th year for 15th Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (15 Fd Regt).

An uncharacteristically harsh 2017 winter for the west coast resulted in the planned live fire exercises being rescheduled due to blocked routes. As such, the regiment saw itself extremely busy during March, deploying to Yakima Training Centre in Washington State twice in quick succession during the month. The regiment operated a mortar battery as part of Ex COUGAR LINK, a culmination exercise for the unit run mortar course. Two weeks later the regiment deployed for the second time to form a composite gun battery with 5th Field Regiment, RCA (5 Fd Regt) for Ex CAUSTIC SHOCK. Both exercises saw the regiment put its best foot forward, displaying their customary high levels of technical expertise.

With units across the nation and abroad celebrating "Vimy 100" in April, 15 Fd Regt did its' part in the commemoration of this historic event. Joining together with 5 Fd Regt, the two units formed a composite saluting battery at Fort Rodd Hill on Vancouver Island and fired a 100 round salute to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battle long considered by historians to have formed Canada as a nation.

With the month of May, 15 Fd Regt bid farewell to LCol Purell who had commanded the regiment for the previous three years and welcomed newly promoted LCol Lajoie into his new position



*LCol Purcell conducts his final inspection of 15 Fd Regt, RCA as Commanding Officer*

as our Commanding Officer. The change of command ceremony on May 13th saw the many friends of the regiment come together and witness the passing of the regiment to the next generation.

The regiment concluded the first half of the year prior to the summer period with the firing of a 21 round salute for in Vancouver's Stanley Park for Canada's 150th. Summers are usually a quiet time for regiments of the Primary Reserve with members going away to courses, either as instructors or candidates. While many members of the regiment departed to further their military careers, the regiment

was also required to mobilize members in support of Operation LENTUS, the firefighting efforts to combat the forest fires sweeping across the BC interior. With many members answering the call, the regiment was well represented in these efforts.

Returning from their high tempo summer of training and firefighting, the regiment kept the rhythm strong by running right into IBTS training in September. This annual training and verification culminated in members heading to Volkes Range in Chilliwack, BC for personal weapon and CBRN testing.

In October 15 Fd Regt switched pace and developed their technical skills on the gun line, the observation post, the command post, and as part of the reconnaissance detachment. This demanding training resulted in the regiment deploying a gun battery to Yakima Training Centre once again and conducting Ex REAL GUNNER where all members displayed their high level of techni-





**21 Round Salute for Remembrance Day Parade at Crab Park at Portside, Vancouver**

cal expertise. October also saw another unique opportunity for the regiment when members partook in the nation wide open-house which saw armouries across the country open their doors to the public and show the members of our communities what we do as citizen soldiers.

While 15 Fd Regt was preparing for its annual Remembrance Day salute, the regiment saw another important change of position take place. On November 9th the position of Honorary Colonel was handed over from HCol Rodgers to HCol DeGenova, who was promoted the same day from HLCOL. This change of honorary ceremony also saw HLCOL Foster appointed to his new position. The regiment once again responded to its national salute tasking and fired a 21 round salute following a single round to mark the moment of silence at the Vancouver Remembrance Day Parade. The busy month of November concluded with EX DAMAGED GUNNER where members learned and put into practice the skills and knowledge they will require should the regiment ever respond to a natural disaster in the lower mainland.

Supporting overseas operations is nothing new for members of 15 Fd Regt and once again several members answered the call and deployed to various corners of the globe. Capt Bannon and Sgt Scott both deployed to Eastern Europe contributing to Op

REASSURANCE, the two were employed as a Liaison Officer and an Information Operations Analyst respectively. Maj Watts was deployed to Jerusalem as the J1 of Op PROTEUS.

While every year sees many members depart and new faces arriving, 2017 marked the regiment's first foreign military attachment in many years when 15 Fd Regt welcomed the arrival of 2Lt Heydenrych from the Royal Artillery in October 2017.

Many members were rewarded this year for their long service in the Canadian Armed Forces. Bdr Nelson, MBdr Sylka, Capt Peters, and Capt Girardi all received their Canadian Forced Decoration for 12 years of service, while Sgt Weaver and Sgt Skuce both received the bar for the CD1 marking 22 years of dedicated service.

Without fail the 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA Band always

has an extremely demanding and rewarding year of performances and tasking across Canada and internationally. While the band partook in dozens of events, highlights included: Partaking in the International Military Band Concert in Bremerton, Washington, performing for the Canada 150 celebrations in Vancouver, performing at the BC Lions half time show for the "Salute to Veterans" game, and marching in the Vancouver Santa Clause Parade.

15 Fd Regt's home, The Bessborough Armoury, has also continued to house several units of the Canadian Cadet Organization. 2472 15th Field Artillery Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps and 111 Pegasus Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron have long been affiliated with the regiment and coexisted within the armoury. 72nd Seaforth Highlanders Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps and 135 Bell-Irving Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron have also continued to be station within The Bessborough Armoury while their permanent home at the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Armoury continues to be renovated.

With the demanding year of 2017 coming to a close, 15 Fd Regt is ready for the challenges and demands that will come with its' 98th year of service to Canada.

HCol	A	DeGenova
HLCOL	D	Foster
LCol	JP	LAJOIE
Maj	AW	GRIEVE
Maj	IC	WATT
Maj	NJ	WATTS
Capt	DR	BANNON
CAPT	JC	GIRARDI
Capt	C	HUI
Capt	JK	KOH
Capt	JR	MORRISON
CAPT	AS	PETERS
Capt	IP	SCHOLL
Capt	IE	SKUCE
CAPT	KE	WALKER
Capt	RG	WISHNICKI
Lt	RT	JONES
Lt	IM	OCEGUERA
Lt	C	PURDON
2Lt	D	HEYDENRYCH
2Lt	CN	LIFE
CWO	GM	DEMPSEY
MWO	RF	GARRETT
MWO	CLE	MCHUGH
MWO	CA	ROBERTS
WO	AJ	BRADY
WO	SD	NELSON
WO	HL	PORRITT
WO	AT	WIERENGA

Sgt	D	CALOGERO
Sgt	AD	COLEMAN
SGT	JC	COOLEY
Sgt	KA	HODGSON
Sgt	KS	KEENE
Sgt	CRJ	KETLER
Sgt	AF	MCDIARMID
Sgt	SJ	PENNER
Sgt	BJ	RAE
Sgt	RP	SCHEIB
Sgt	DC	SCOTT
Sgt	CSA	SKUCE
Sgt	SB	WEAVER
Sgt	JCK	WONG
Sgt	MH	WONG
Sgt	BL	WOODS
Sgt	Y	BOLGAK
MBDR	JR	BRAMA
MBDR	XR	DANDURAND
MBDR	SP	FIGUEROA
MBDR	TJ	HAUSER
MBDR	ST	HILBICH
MBDR	K	MARUYAMA
MBDR	JAW	OVERY
MBDR	DN	PENNER
MBDR	IM	PITMAN
MBDR	JM	ROZARIO
MBDR	CW	SEWELL
MBDR	MM	SUMPTON





MBDR	DS	SWITZER	Bdr	GL	SCHWARZBACH
MBDR	DM	SYLKA	Bdr	MB	SINGS
MBDR	DF	TAYLOR	Bdr	BE	SMITH
MBDR	CV	WATRICH	Bdr	A	SOLOMAKHA
MBDR	EH	WONG	Bdr	H	SOLTYS
BDR	B	ALEKSIC	Bdr	MW	SOLTYS
BDR	S	ALIKHANI	Bdr	F	STEWART
Bdr	JD	BALDIZON	Bdr	RG	STONE
Bdr	RK	BLIGH	Bdr	SH	TANG
Bdr	NB	CARPENTER	Bdr	NX	TINTINGER
Bdr	MR	CAVANAGH	Bdr	GLD	TODD
Bdr	JM	CHARTERS	Bdr	RC	TOTH
Bdr	NN	CHEUNG	Bdr	PH	TSANG
Bdr	YB	CHOI	Bdr	GR	TSE
Bdr	AWR	CLARK	Bdr	CN	VEENSTRA
Bdr	AM	COLE	Bdr	AJ	VOTH
Bdr	OV	COUTURIER	Bdr	TC	WANG
Bdr	JG	DAHL	Bdr	SE	WESTSTEIJN
Bdr	SD	DAVID	Bdr	CM	WONG
Bdr	M	DEGHAN	Gnr	JCD	DEACON
Bdr	EKG	DEVEREAUX	Gnr	C	EMERSLUND
Bdr	IS	DHUGGA	Gnr	J	GUAN
Bdr	CW	DREW	Gnr	SH	HOOGENDOORN
Bdr	SPA	DROUIN	Gnr	O	KRAMER
Bdr	SA	FREEMAN	Gnr	JY	LEE
Bdr	J	FUJII	Gnr	MPJ	MAGTIBAY
Bdr	PC	GAL	Gnr	B	NELSON
Bdr	TS	GU	Gnr	MZ	SYED
Bdr	S.P.A.	HAMMOND	Gnr	RRVT	VAN TUNEN
Bdr	TL	HILLIER	Pte	SY	BAEK
Bdr	ICH	HO	Pte	VMC	CAPORALE
CPL	DM	HON	Pte	JWJJ	CHEN
Bdr	E	HUANG	Pte	RV	CROOKER
Bdr	ST	HUANG	Pte	A	ELIOPOULOS
Bdr	M	KIM	Pte	IS	GRANT
Bdr	MK	KIM	Pte	L	HOWARD
Bdr	DCAL	LACOMEL	Pte	SI	IFRAZ
Bdr	KC	LAW	Pte	IH	JEON
Bdr	NLHL	LEUNG	Pte	HM	KENDALL
Bdr	L	LLOYD	Pte	JJ	LANGAN
Bdr	MJ	LUDWIG	Pte	ACK	MA
Bdr	TD	MARTIN	Pte	C	PEAREN
Bdr	WVB	MARTINEZ	Pte	J	SON
Bdr	CN	MCCAFFERY	Pte	SW	THOMAS
Bdr	TG	MCGEE	Pte	CLS	TSE
Bdr	AC	NELSON	Pte	KA	WELCH
Bdr	DP	PARE	Pte	BM	WONG
Bdr	NR	PATCH	Pte	TT	WONG
Bdr	WL	ROSS	Pte	L	ZHANG



1 RCHA soldiers move their M777 into place while setting up a new gun placement during Ex LIMBER GUNNER.



# 20<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
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**RSM**  
**CWO D.S. Baker**  
**CD**

**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol A. Mawji**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**HLCol B. LaBonte**

The training year of 2017 was highly demanding and packed with many opportunities for the soldiers of 20th Field Artillery Regiment.

Coming off of the Christmas break, the Regiment plunged once again into a challenging training year. Exercise HOP-LITE TUNDRA provided the first unique experience of 2017. The exercise was planned as a Winter INDOC event with an IBTS component. The exercise was run to qualify the soldiers of the Regiment on Winter Warfare and adjusting to fighting and living in cold weather environments. The weather in CFB Wainwright certainly did its best to aid in the training.

Exercise UNIFIED GUNNER 2 was a live fire C3 105 mm exercise conducted in Wainwright 10-12 March. 20th Independent Field Battery made the journey north for the exercise allowing for the formation of a composite field artillery battery from the three field batteries. This has since developed into a normal component of our annual training plan. The exercise proved to be an excellent opportunity to work together and work out some SOPs to facilitate future composite battery training. The two



*Members of the Regiment provide Indirect Fire Support with the 81mm Mortar during dismounted operations on Ex Gallant Valley.*

units were able to work together and focus on level 3 BTS with an emphasis fire and movement of the combined Battery.

April saw the Regiment deploy the Wainwright for Ex ITHICA SENTRY, where soldiers focused on light infantry tactics and skills. Exposing all members of the regiment so skills and ac-



tivities such as patrolling and small unit tactics not practiced outside of PLQ. Ex ITHICA TROJAN from 11-13 May saw the Regiment back in Wainwright for level 3 live BTS with a 105mm C3 shoot. The Ex culminated in a Troop Commanders Fire plan and focused on interaction with the OP in a dismounted role and the All Arms Call for Fire.

The May to July period as always featured the unit's ceremonial and public duty tasks of the Victoria Day and Canada Day Salute. On both occasions the Regiment performed superbly in front of large crowds on both occasions. Ending the training year was a rewarding barbeque for soldiers and their family was held on Canada Day which was a perfect kick-off to the summer.

The summer months and the kick off of Reserve Training saw the Regiment sending instructors and candidates all across Canada. There were few people in the Regiment who were not sent to either teach a new generation of soldier and gunners or take their first steps into joining the Military and the Artillery family. In August the Regiment was called to support the BC wildfires with Op LENTUS. Members from the Regiment deployed to help fight the fires raging in BC and relieve soldiers from CFB Edmonton from August to September. Culminating in a successful Op and aid to civil power.

Exercise UNIFIED GUNNER I conducted in Wainwright from 20-22 October saw 20th Field's two batteries and 20th Independent Field Battery fielding a composite field artillery battery. The Exercise saw 105mm C3 Detachments from both units go head to head in a skills competition for the coveted Top Detachment Award. Number 1's Open Actions, Cam and Concealment, Harassing Fire tasks, and Sniping Guns were just some of the skills tested. Ultimately it was a Detachment from 20th Independent Field Battery that walked away as the top detachment this year.

Remembrance Day saw the Regiment once again focus on seeing its members provide soldiers to activities in Red Deer, and Edmonton besides its regular task of providing a Memorial Salute at the Alberta Government House. Although the new safety distances for the firing of blanks did displace the guns from their normal firing position at the Alberta Legislature, 61 Field Battery did an excellent job ensuring that the salute was fired safely. Members of the Regiment attended multiple local school ceremonies and spoke to staff and students about why Remembrance Day is important to Canadians and Soldiers everywhere.

The Regiment finished 2017 by closing the year by celebrating with 20th Independent Field Battery in Lethbridge, with our traditional St. Barbara's Day training weekend, consisting of CBRN, medical, and financial training. The training was followed by a St. Barbara's Day Field Mess Dinner, which allows for the recognition of a number of soldiers from the Regiment and awarding of a number of Regimental Competition Trophies. Commander 41 Canadian Brigade Group, Colonel Eppo Van Weelderden, was in attendance and helped the Commanding Officers hand out some of the awards. Top Officer was awarded to Second-Lieutenant Marie Cotton-Dumouchel. Top Solider this year went to Master Bombardier Rhett Quaale, who was presented with the all new Wynnyk Cup, graciously donated by Lieutenant-General Wynnyk as a former Gunner in the Regiment.

It is certain that 2017 carried on the success of 2016, offering new training opportunities to the Regiment. As we look forward to 2018 our focus stays on expanding the strength of the Regiment and focusing on innovative training opportunities.

LCol	JC	Wilson	Bdr	DD	Crossland
Maj	MJ	Waldner	Bdr	RJ	Butler
Maj	JR	Snider	Bdr	AK	Neilson
Maj	SJ	Kuervers	Bdr	J	McCormack
Maj	GD	Morrison	Bdr	IA	Blair
Maj	IL	Haney	Bdr	KW	Power
Maj	AJ	Auchterlonie	Bdr	I	Goncharenko
Capt	JW	Kuprowsky	Bdr	MDM	Bertrand
Capt	S	VanMaanen	Bdr	AG	Debre
Capt	HF	Turnbull	Bdr	AWH	Zacher
Lt	DJ	McQuillan	Bdr	BM	Szutarski
Lt	DC	McKernan	Bdr	JCG	Grainger
2Lt	ME	Cotton-Dumouchel	Bdr	TRA	Dixon
2Lt	BJ	Carmichael	Bdr	BHY	Li
2Lt	B	Deol	Bdr	PL	Edinga
OCdt	JC	Bystrom	Bdr	MS	Kingston-Collins
CWO	DS	Baker	Bdr	CT	Guevara
MWO	EM	Simensen	Bdr	AJ	Green
MWO	QD	Gillard	Bdr	MS	Ford
WO	KS	Pierce	Bdr	PM	Neufeld
WO	MAL	Pharoah	Bdr	JPG	Nelson
WO	M	Brisebois	Cpl	CD	Endall
Sgt	JJ	Strong	Gnr	A	Revilla
Sgt	CM	Pylypow	Gnr	MV	Thomas
Sgt	JPL	Leduc	Gnr	W	Langlois
Sgt	BE	Neveaux	Gnr	LT	Mee
Sgt	MDH	Ubbing	Gnr	TJ	Waddell
Sgt	JL	Anderson	Gnr	CRJ	Kroeker
Sgt	SL	Johnson	Gnr	GHT	Jones
Sgt	SK	Radcliffe	Gnr	NAJ	Bessette
Sgt	RA	Bazin	Gnr	GR	Workman-Turgeon
MBdr	MD	Thornton	Pte	KD	Morrill
MBdr	SD	Peterson	Pte	KS	Pearson
MBdr	EB	Keen	Pte	JRA	Leyk
MBdr	DA	McGreer	Pte	E	Gelleny
MBdr	NJ	Holt	Pte	NG	Hosein
MBdr	K	Toor	Pte	JRG	Holman
MBdr	MAB	Fandrey	Pte	YA	Barahona
MBdr	ST	Manage	Pte	DT	Dacey-Ough
MBdr	RC	Quaale	Pte	JR	Sopiwnyk
MBdr	CD	Mullally	Pte	LR	Schmidt
MCpl	AMS	Ouellette	Pte	SB	Gosse
MCpl	TSJ	Swinamer	Pte	K	Kazakov
Bdr	KN	Machan	Pte	B	Frost
Bdr	RV	Weldon	Pte	CJ	Laughlin
Bdr	MS	Szaroz	Pte	PN	Simoneau
Bdr	AL	Davies	Pte	DM	Peel
Bdr	RR	Thomas	Pte	RA	Chow
Bdr	ALI	Forsythe	Pte	KAS	Canning
Bdr	KM	Carlou	Pte	MKL	Hager
Bdr	SR	Thorpe	Pte	DA	Bye
Bdr	MP	Pylychaty	Pte	LJ	MacMillan
Bdr	J	Johnson			





# 30<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
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**CD**



**RSM**  
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**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol R. Greenberg**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**Col(Ret'd) T.A.H. Sparling, CD**

The Bytown Gunners completed another busy year in the National Capital Region in 2017. Despite two domestic operations and several new key unit appointments, 30 RCA managed to maintain both a high level of training and its commitment to ceremonial duties as National Salute Troop during the Canada 150th Sesquicentennial celebrations.

### **Operations**

In late April, personnel deployed in the area of Aylmer, Quebec with 33 CBG Domestic Response Company on Op LENTUS as part of the CAF response to flooding along the Ottawa River caused by the spring thaw. 30 RCA's transport assets enabled it to provide the DRC with reconnaissance and mobility elements while performing community liaison, survey, presence patrols and remediation work in the heavily flooded areas between Aylmer and Quyon.

In August, personnel deployed on Op ELEMENT to Cornwall, Ontario as part of the CAF's relief efforts during the migrant crisis taking place along the Quebec-USA border. 30 RCA personnel formed part of the team of 50 Reservists from 33 CBG tasked with establishing and operating temporary relief accommodations for newly arrived migrants undergoing processing of their claims.

### **Appointments**

On 18 Jan 17, MWO William Hall was appointed RSM, and subsequently promoted to CWO. Former RSM, CWO Laurent Guyon has been appointed RSM of 33 CBG Battle School. On 24 May 17, 30 RCA bid farewell to LCol James Hampson during the Change of Command ceremony held on Parliament Hill following the Victoria Day salute. LCol Hampson has retired from the Reserves, and is now an active member of the 30 RCA Association. At the same time, the Regiment welcomed LCol David Buchanan as the new Commanding Officer. LCol Buchanan retired from the Regular Force and began his career with the Primary Reserves, and he also began a civilian career at CADTC in Kingston. On 1 Aug 17, Capt David Atkins succeeded Maj Michael Calnan as Second-in-Command, and was subsequently promoted to Maj on 6 Dec 17.

### **Training**

In January, Ex FROZEN GUNNER took place in western Ottawa, focusing on convoy drills and replenishment operations in cooperation with 33 Svc Bn. Staging overnight at the Diefenbunker Museum, 2 Bty conducted road movements and resupply drills at sites in Carp and Kanata, before concluding with counter-ambush training at CRPTC Connaught.

Ex READY GUNNER took place at CFB Petawawa in March. Troops conducted support weapon training including C6, 84mm Carl Gustav and M72 SRAW under a local defence scenario, in addition to a live fire 105mm deployment under exceptionally frigid and challenging winter conditions.

In April Ex ARROW GUNNER was held at CFB Petawawa with the dual aim of fulfilling IBTS fieldcraft requirements, while also exercising Pre-PLQ candidates in Battle Procedure and small-unit patrolling in preparation for components of the summer RST PLQ Course.

September saw 30 RCA participate in Ex CAPITAL WOLF 2, the 33 CBG Capital Group IBTS exercise at CRPTC Connaught. In addition to operating the 9mm pistol range, 30 RCA personnel participated in C7, CBRN and ETHAR training, and practiced Artillery skills as background activities.

During Ex CAPITAL FORCE 1 in October, 2 RCA, 30 RCA, and 42 RCA formed a composite battery to fulfill Artillery BTS including Quick and GPO Open Actions, while also contributing FOO parties to the concurrent Capital Group Infantry defensive exercise held at CFB Petawawa.

In November, 30 RCA and 42 RCA deployed to CFB Petawawa on Ex THUNDER FORCE 1 for a combined live fire 105mm shoot. The composite Bty was visited by the Col Comdt RCA, BGen (Ret'd) James Selbie, and members of associated Cadet and Regimental associations who shared a haybox lunch and witnessed the firing of several last rounds, including that of longtime 30 RCA RQMS WO Vishnoo Soondrum.



## Ceremonial Duties

As National Salute Troop, 30 RCA participated in numerous salutes and commemorations on Parliament Hill during Canada's Sesquicentennial year. In addition to regular events including Victoria Day, Canada Day, and Remembrance Day, the Salute Troop fired salutes for the President of Chile, the Prime Minister of the UK, the departure ceremony for The Rt. Hon. David Johnston, the installation ceremony for H.E. The Rt. Hon. Julie Payette, and the Ceremonial Guard's FORTISSIMO Military Tattoo.

30 RCA Heritage Troop participated in the Ottawa Tulip Festival, deploying personnel in World War II uniforms and the Regimental Museum's 2 Pdr and 17 Pdr guns for displays at Lansdowne Park commemorating the Liberation of the Netherlands in 1945. Heritage Troop also celebrated Artillery Day at Fort Wellington NHS in Prescott, while also commemorating the Regiment's service at the fort during the Fenian Raids (1866-1871).

LCol	DC	Buchanan
Maj	DP	Atkins
Maj	M	Koshman
Maj	CF	Brown
Maj	MTA	Calnan
Capt	P.J	Costello
Capt	BL	Helms
Capt	GT	McCabe
Capt	EEM	Leslie
Capt	JDM	Jeffrey
Capt	LA	Finelli
Capt	T	MacCaul
Capt	D	McLellan
Capt	SW	Lemna
Lt	MIA	O'Keefe
Lt	GA	Newfield
Lt	TM	Bloom
2Lt	JC	Dolman
2Lt	JE	Cruz Botello
2Lt	JD	Mueller
OCdt	JC	Hogan
OCdt	MD	Laing
CWO	WR	Hall
CWO	L.N.	Guyon
WO	DC	Rogers
WO	EC	Fisher
WO	RK	MacKay
WO	V	Soondrum
WO	SJ	Meinert
WO	DE	Hansen
Sgt	GC	Clark
Sgt	P	Gobeil
Sgt	MJW	Thorp
Sgt	R	Jennings
Sgt	EA	Widdowson
Sgt	A	Ramanathan
Sgt	CW	Ratcliffe
Sgt	BC	Freill
Sgt	KC	Kuschnereit-Coursol
Sgt	JFR	Larocque
Sgt	PEL	Sillanpaa
Sgt	ML	Cheeseman
Sgt	SW	Hood
Sgt	E	Adams
Sgt	Y	Godatalla
Sgt	DF	Gaston
Sgt	DES	Butts
Sgt	CA	Knowles
MBdr	RA	Stewart
MBdr	ND	Cook
MBdr	CM	Gale
MBdr	RJ	Loeppky
MBdr	NW	Bonkowski
MBdr	MCH	Hui
MBdr	JE	Meahan
MCpl	J	Longman
Bdr	CP	Withers
Bdr	RA	Courtland
Bdr	S	Koch
Bdr	R	Hoare
Bdr	S	Paquette
Bdr	MHPC	Cathcart
Bdr	TJ	D'Arcey
Bdr	MW	Wolochatiuk
Bdr	BD	Szadkowski
Bdr	KL	Olynik

## Association

Local author and historian Kenneth Reynolds released a new unit history, The Bytown Gunners. Sponsored by HCol Chiko Nanji, the book covers 160 years of service to Canada, the capital, and the guns in a single volume.

## Cadets

2317-30th Field Artillery Regiment Royal Canadian Army Cadets also saw a busy year. Field exercises saw 2317's cadets learning winter and wilderness survival skills. 2317's cadets are competitive in the Canadian Cadet Organization's winter biathlon program, with individual cadets advancing to regional competition, and in orienteering. 2317 is active in the Ottawa community, participating in remembrance parades with its sponsoring Legion, 480 Westboro Branch, and participating in volunteer and fundraising activities throughout the city. Over half the Corp's cadets were selected for summer specialty training or worked as staff cadets at summer training centres.

Bdr	KDC	Young
Bdr	TA	Cairnie
Bdr	E.P	Krausbar
Bdr	WJ	Bell
Bdr	K	Guilbeault
Bdr	MR	Ruttan
Bdr	S	Ntamwira
Bdr	OTB	Brophy
Bdr	JPG	Gagnon
Bdr	FW	Milne
Bdr	A	Lotfi
Bdr	R	Hopkinson
Bdr	JL	Heins
Bdr	TJ	Burton
Bdr	R	Morris
Bdr	Y	Huminski
Bdr	SD	Armstrong
Bdr	M.E	Douglas-O'Neill
Bdr	AD	Ostrom
Bdr	GR	Brown
Bdr	VA	Marcantonio
Bdr	S	Wynne
Bdr	B	Romagnoli
Bdr	Y	Jung
Bdr	P	Izzo
Bdr	JK	Ishraki
Bdr	MJL	Lawrenson
Bdr	EJ	Whitfield
Bdr	N	Plante-Ajah
Bdr	KH	Holland
Cpl	J	Wu
Cpl	ELB	Lavergne
Cpl	CM	Hisey
Gnr	S	Garbutt
Gnr	J	Sherrer
Gnr	GS	McNeil
Gnr	SHM	Martin
Gnr	WR	Agocs
Gnr	A	Arakaza
Gnr	VK	Koch
Gnr	D	Nguyen
Gnr	DD	Riley
Gnr	JWH	Devine
Gnr	ZJ	Therault
Gnr	KW	Farmer
Gnr	KJ	Dampousse
Gnr	AK	Beattie
Gnr	CJG	MacDonald
Gnr	S	Danial
Gnr	JJ	Connah
Gnr	Q	Howitt
Gnr	KW	Jeaurond
Pte	KE	Croft
Pte(R)	PS-C	Pilon
Pte(R)	CS	Sidhu
Pte(R)	M	Oakes
Pte(R)	PA	Harrold
Pte(R)	MM	Hess
Pte(R)	TDL	Wetendorf
Pte(R)	F	Sit
Pte(R)	BT	MacDonald
Pte(R)	ML	Cote
Pte(R)	SJV	Scarrett
Pte(R)	R	Lambert
Pte(R)	G	Dorken
Pte(R)	JA	Werthner



# 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish), RCA



CO  
LCol G.J. Hardwick  
CD

RSM  
CWO D.W. Franken  
CD

Honorary Colonel  
HCol R. Bounsall, CD

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel  
HLCol D.N. Bedard

2017 was a year of growth, challenges and new experiences for the members of the Regiment. 42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish), RCA is comprised of two batteries: 35 Battery (35 Bty) and Headquarters & Services Battery (HQ & Svcs Bty). The training year began with two winter indoctrination weekends at the Pembroke Armoury to prepare members for the Basic Winter Warfare field training exercise (FTX) which took place in the Petawawa training area on the third weekend of the year. The Regiment informally celebrated the Scottish Tradition of Robbie Burns Day on 28 January with a very animated "Ode to the Haggis" by the CO.

With the help of Garrison Petawawa, the Regiment held the second of a three year trial Military Co-operative (Mil Co-Op) Education Program from 14 February to 21 April. The program is part of the Ontario high school curriculum that allows students to earn secondary school credits while gaining practical experience in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). It allows students from Renfrew County, 16 and older, to gain four secondary school credits by enrolling in the Primary Reserves (PRes) and completing the Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) and Basic Military Qualification - Land (BMQ-L) in nine weeks. 15 out of 17 candidates were successful in completing their first two basic courses and 12 went on *Canadian Gunner*



*Bdr Tessier and Gnr Brouillard-Gallant were selected to represent the Regiment in France for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Featured is Bdr Tessier with one of the 105 mm L5 Pack Howitzers from Garrison Petawawa which were used in commemorative events at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial.*

to complete their Developmental Phase 1 (DP1) training.

In February 2017, a few of our Regimental members attended the Junior Ranks Gala in Toronto, ON. 35 Bty participated in the 2 RCHA led Live Fire Ex FROZEN GUNNER from 24 to 26 February 2017. Ex WOLF SHEDRAKE and Ex SHELDRAKE DEFENCE followed, here Regimental members got to practice their gunnery and soldiering skills with a Live Fire FTX, and training at the Simulation Center (SC) in Petawawa.

In April, Bdr Tessier and Gnr Brouillard-Gal-

lant were selected as the two deserving soldiers who travelled to France and participated in the gun salutes commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Also in April, Ex SHELDRAKE SHOT ensured that members were up to date with their Individual Battle Tasks Standard (IBTS) training.

For the last training weekend before members left for Regional Summer Training (RST), the Regiment participated in Ex SILENT SHEDRAKE, a patrolling exercise which proved to be one of the most enjoyed weekends by all soldiers. Numerous members completed their training over the summer months in Meaford, Gaagetown, and Aldershot. RST produced 12 new Gun-





*In Maxville, ON August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Tug of War Team (featured from left to right: Sgt Drew, Sgt Keenan, Sgt Kuehl, MBdr David, MBdr MacFarland, Sgt Tchorek, Gnr Maves, Gnr Goodwin and LCol Hardwick) with coaching from the CO, participated in the Glen-garry Highland Ga-mes.*

ners, a newly qualified Artillery Officer and increased knowledge amongst many members of the unit, which led to promotions during the fall.

The Regiment's Public Affairs Officer, SLt Aqiqi, deployed to Latvia from 01 August to 15 December on Op REASSURANCE. Between 24 August and 9 October, four members (Bdr Rigo, Bdr Krueger, Gnr Hart, and Gnr Pike) deployed to Op ELEMENT assisting asylum seekers in Cornwall, ON.

Prior to our Welcome Back Training Weekend on 6 September 2017, BSM Chase and Gnr Jackson-Monroe completed the rigorous Iron Man Competition which is hosted yearly at Garrison Petawawa. Members of the Regiment also traveled to Connaught Ranges for Ex CAPITAL WOLF, an IBTS weekend.

From 01 October to 24 November, Bdr Ford and Gnr Jackson-Monroe deployed to JOINT EX in England for Op ARCADE FUSION 17. Also, from 31 October to 11 November 2017, Bdr Krushnisky travelled to London, England with the CISM – conseil international du sport militaire soccer team.

The fall presented two opportunities for the gunners to apply what they learned during RST. 35 Bty deployed to the field for

LCol	GJ	Hardwick
Maj	JA	Causey
Capt	JFG	King
Capt	JT	Larkin
2Lt	EW	Lingley
CWO	DW	Franken
MWO	SC	Chase
WO	AC	Beswick
WO	MB	Dolan
Sgt	TL	Drew
Sgt	LR	Gamble
Sgt	MR	Garbuio
Sgt	DA	Keenan
Sgt	RE	Kuehl
Sgt	JT	Shulist
Sgt	SE	Storie
Sgt	ND	Tchorek
MBdr	MCB	Burrows
MBdr	JRD	Clouthier
MBdr	BM	David
MBdr	KJ	Gamble
MBdr	NE	MacFarland
Bdr	CJ	Bishop
Bdr	BR	Davidson
Bdr	JL	Ford
Bdr	RRJ	Jones
Bdr	MM	Keuhl
Bdr	KB	Krueger
Bdr	RMH	Krushnisky
Bdr	JM	Lalonde
Bdr	CM	Mask
Bdr	DA	Mask
Bdr	AR	Moore
Bdr	GAR	Rigo
Bdr	DRS	Salter
Bdr	DC	Schardt
Bdr	BKM	Tessier

dry training and Ex PREPATORY SHELDRAKE I followed with live fire on Ex PREPATORY SHELDRAKE II.

From 26 to 30 October, Ex NORTHERN FORCE took place in Grayling, Michigan where members (LCol Hardwick, 2Lt Lingley, CWO Franken, Sgt Storie, Bdr Davidson, Bdr Moore, Gnr Smith, Gnr Langille and Gnr Hart) attended a live fire FTX with 49th Field Artillery Regiment. Bdr Rigo was designated and participate in the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele on Op DISTINCTION for the Sunset Ceremony from 01 to 13 November.

The Regiment deployed with 30th Field Artillery Regiment for a live fire FTX during the last weekend of November in order to apply their skills one last time for the 2017 calendar year. The 2 RCHA CO and RSM, as well as our HCol and HLCOL came to join the St. Barbara's Day Mess Dinner that was celebrated on 2 December. The Regiment held Ex CELEBRATORY SHELDRAKE which covers the annual festive activities for the year 2017.

42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish), RCA had to bid farewell to ten members in 2017 who received their component transfers (CT) to the Regular Force (RegF), while successfully enrolling 16 new members. With the continued success of the Mil Co-op program, as well as an increase in recruiting events during 2018, 42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish), RCA is optimistic that it will achieve a personnel strength of over 100 members.

All members of 42nd Field Artillery Regiment (Lanark & Renfrew Scottish), RCA, look forward to the challenges and opportunities that will present themselves during 2018. The Regimental focus will be on improving and expanding the current skill sets, as well as increasing the Regimental strength by a dedicated commitment to recruiting and training opportunities.

### Cadet Affiliation

Affiliated to the Regiment are: 2677 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps who parade in the Pembroke Armouries, Pembroke, ON and the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps who parade in Arnprior, ON.

Gnr	DN	Cloutier
Gnr	EM	Goodwin
Gnr	TP	Hart
Gnr	W	Jackson-Monroe
Gnr	J	Pike
Gnr	DDGL	Langille
Gnr	JW	Lundrigan
Gnr	JA	Maves
Gnr	CD	McEwan
Gnr	MR	Reid
Gnr	GHM	Robichaud
Gnr	KR	Rose
Gnr	WAR	Shamess
Gnr	EP	Smith
Pte	M	Anthony
Pte	DT	Ashikawa
Pte	BP	Baldwin-Armstrong
Pte	TLR	Barnes
Pte	TS	Clouthier
Pte	JM	Currie
Pte	TS	Forbes
Pte	CD	Gorr
Pte	ND	Hewitt
Pte	RM	Landriault
Pte	CW	Osmond
Pte	OD	Poole
Pte	JL	Robinson
Pte	M	Seliner
Pte	FA	Smith
Pte	DG	Splaine
Pte	JB	Stamplecoski
Pte	T	Tiegs
Pte	AM	Vanderhorn
Pte	CF	Watts
Pte	SJ	Weiss



# 49<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



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**LCol V.L. Knox**  
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**RSM**  
**CWO K.J. McCracken**  
**CD**

**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol C.E. Healy**

2017 was a year of opportunity, operations, and collaboration for the members of the 49th Field Regiment.

The 49th (Sault Ste. Marie) Field Artillery Regiment began 2017 with the Officers and Senior NCOs gathering for breakfast at the Mess on New Year's Day for the Regiment's annual Levee.

Members of the Regimental family gathered on the 5th of February in the front foyer of the Sault Ste. Marie Armoury for the unveiling and dedication of the memorial tablet erected in the memory of HCol C. Bruce Noble. The

ceremony was led by HCol Healey and Very Reverend James McShane. With music performed by The Pipes and Drums of the 49th Field Regiment and Jay Dinsdale of the Branch 25, Royal Canadian Legion Band.

On the 20th of February the Regiment partnered with Sault Ste. Marie Police Services to host a road hockey tournament with newcomers to the community. The intent was to show these individuals that police and military personnel in Canada are there to assist and also to teach them the game. Approximately seventy Syrian refugees and twenty members of the regiment attended the four-pad tournament.

The 49th Field Regiment opened their doors to the public at two open houses this year. The Indirect Fire Trainer and the Small Arms Trainer were all in operation for members of the public to view. The children loved to see the large screens and the simulated Observation Posts. All of our weapons systems and vehicles were on display where the general public had a great



time taking selfies as well as being educated in their operations. Even the Sault Ste. Marie Armoury Museum was involved by holding its inaugural book sale to offer the public a chance to learn more about military history. Any books sold were duplicates that were donated to the museum over the years. The Senate was also incredibly supportive and ran a BBQ for everyone in attendance.

In March, we transitioned into our annual Individual Battle Training Standard training cycle; the battery qualified in small arms, support weapons, field

craft, navigation and specialty skills. On 29th of April the battery deployed to Grayling, Michigan to participate in EX Southern Lance to complete the PWT 3 shoot, throw grenades, and complete the navigation requirement.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge was commemorated with members of the Regiment local and abroad. Two Bombardiers from the Regiment had the opportunity to participate in the Vimy, France ceremonies. The 49th also participated in its own ceremony parading through the downtown of Sault Ste. Marie with the 49th Pipes and Drums, the Branch 25, Royal Canadian Legion Band, 2310 Army Cadet Corps, 46 Sea Cadets, 155 Air Cadets, Newman Navy League and other youth groups. Even a few vintage military vehicles also made an appearance during the parade. The Regiment manned one of the 105mm Howitzer for a three round gun salute at the Bondar Pavilion in Sault Ste. Marie as part of the ceremonies.

11th of May was a big day for the Regiment as soldiers re-







ceived access to their own gym onsite at the Sault Ste. Marie Armoury. The gym's equipment is starting off small but is still growing and it has huge potential.

On 1st of July 1967, on Canada's 100th birthday, Freedom of the City was granted to 49th (SSM) Field Regiment, RCA by the City of Sault Ste. Marie. This year, the tradition was renewed with Exercise Tiger Honor on 19 March. Members of the 49th Field Regiment along with members of the 49th Field Pipes & Drums exercised this Right by marching through Sault Ste. Marie with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed.

The parade left from their regimental Church, St. Luke's Cathedral, and marched to City Hall. The Regiment stood at attention on the steps of City Hall while the Commanding Officer, LCol Lance Knox, knocked on the doors with his sword in hand and invited Councilor Steve Butland to inspect the Regiment.

With Operation Lentus and Operation Element this year, a number of soldiers of the 49th volunteered to deploy. All the members of the Regiment that did assist in these operations had great experiences and were able to bring those back those to the Regiment.

Early morning on the 10th of September, Exercise Tiger Trail was conducted on the Coastal Trail located in Lake Superior Provincial Park. The soldiers of the 49th Field Regiment with contingent of cadets and staff from the 2310 Army Cadets set

forth on a challenging hike to not only promote teamwork and physical fitness, but to test their field craft skills in a unique setting. Despite the day's weather beginning in a forgiving manner, the creeping in of both the late summer heat and the lake's coastal wind added to an exciting experience on a trail with both historical significance and training values.

The fall of 2017 brought on a lot of gun training and dry exercises with it all leading up to the annual live fire exercise down in Grayling Michigan.

Many of the Regiments members also participated in joint exercises this fall with 30, 42 and 2RCHA.

Remembrance Day ceremonies in Sault Ste. Marie were very similar to the previous year. The Regiment was led by the 49th Field Regiment Pipes & Drums through the Sault Ste. Marie downtown area and back to the Essar Centre. Again this year the 49th sent two guns: one to the Sault Ste. Marie waterfront and the other to St. Joseph Island for a three round salute.

The year ended with our traditional Soldiers' Christmas Dinner on 14th of December. Officers served troops the traditional turkey dinner, after which awards were handed to Gunner of the Year Bdr. Emily Golec, Senior NCO of the Year Sgt. Peter Hocken, and Officer Year Capt. Mark Grbich. Soldiers then retired to the Mess, where we celebrated a year of successful training, camaraderie and friendship.

LCol	VL	Knox (CO)	MBdr	BA	Williams
CWO	KJ	McCracken (RSM)	Bdr	JB	Begley
HCol	CE	Healey (Honorary Colonel)	Bdr	KV	Broadhagen
			Bdr	JJ	Brown
			Bdr	JD	Bryant
Maj	RJ	Dunning			
Maj	RJ	Lambert	Bdr	JHA	Collins
Maj	BP	Nadon	Bdr	JJR	Cormier
Capt	RJ	Binkley	Bdr	RB	English
Capt	MD	Grbich	Bdr	AJ	Gauthier
Capt	GG	King	Bdr	EA	Golec
Capt	DA	Pearse	Bdr	BFE	Houle
Lt	SD	Cartier	Bdr	KN	Johnstone
Lt	MD	Jachinski	Bdr	JR	Jones-Lablance
2Lt	BL	Ayton	Bdr	JB	Knox
OCdt	BR	Askew	Bdr	NM	Maitland
OCdt	MJ	Budau	Bdr	AC	Lusterio
OCdt	BR	Walters	Bdr	RJ	Maltman
WO	NAH	Berthier	Bdr	AR	Marcil
WO	CR	Predum	Bdr	SA	McCron
Sgt	CT	Beauchamp	Bdr	CW	McLean
Sgt	PC	Belanger	Bdr	BA	Miron
Sgt	NQ	Drew	Bdr	BA	Moore
Sgt	PW	Hocken	Bdr	PAJ	Poirier
Sgt	JC	Kent	Bdr	JJ	Rosene
Sgt	SK	Kuschke	Bdr	CR	Roy
Sgt	BW	Maeers	Bdr	AC	Snider
Sgt	RK	Peer	Bdr	SO	Sterling
Sgt	SR	Pyke	Bdr	JM	Stevens
Sgt	AS	Sanderson	Bdr	BA	Wilkins
Sgt	AJ	Socchia	Gnr	DJ	Lamming
Sgt	TJ	St. John	Gnr	CJG	McCoy
Sgt	LC	Trick	Gnr	MN	Moss
MBdr	AH	Huffels	Gnr	JC	Murray-Coccimiglio
MBdr	KPN	MacDonald			
MBdr	EB	Malleau			
MBdr	JM	McIntyre			
MBdr	NR	Robert			



During 1 RCHA's Ex FROZEN GUNNER in the training area at CFB Shilo, UAV support was provided.



# 56<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment, RCA



**CO**  
**LCol**  
**R.J. Christopher**  
**CD**

**RSM**  
**CWO D. Russ**  
**CD**

**Honorary Colonel**  
**HCol B.E. Robertson, CD**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**HLCol P Williamson**

2017 began with the Regimental New Year's Levee. Active participation in the Levee by many members of the public manifested the strong connection between the 56th Field Regiment RCA and surrounding communities.

January saw members of the Regiment practicing winter warfare skills during Exercise COOL RUNNINGS. It was also in January that a change of RSM parade saw outgoing CWO Paul Elliot CD hand over to the new incoming RSM Daniel Russ CD.

In February members of the Regiment moved to Meaford where 81mm mortars were deployed to the field for live fire training during Exercise COLD STEEL. March saw the Regiment deploy to Meaford as part of FTX CO-OP GUNNER where the Gunners of the Regiment joined with 11 Fd Regt RCA and 7 Tor Regt RCA to exercise their skills with the C3 105mm howitzer.

In April members of the Regiment travelled to France as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. April also saw members in St Catharines to commemorate the 102nd Anniversary of the battle of St Julien, where 10 Battery played a distinguished role in a desperate action.

In May, all three batteries (10, 54 and 69) of the Regiment



provided members for service during OP LENTUS, as part of the response to the massive flooding in the Gatineau region of Quebec. In June, members of 10 Bty provided an honour guard for the 100th Anniversary Polish Parade in Niagara on the Lake, which annually commemorates the service and sacrifice of Polish veterans who died in the area.

Before long the regular cycle of training saw members depart-

ing as candidates, instructors or support staff for RST or other training opportunities.

With the coming of September the training cycle commenced again, with soldiers refreshing individual skills with annual IBTS training during Exercise TORMENTA GLADIUS. All three batteries also opened their armouries for one day to the public as part of a national initiative to encourage interest and recruiting in the Reserve component of the Canadian Armed Forces. September also saw the Regiment deploy to Meaford for FTX AUTUMN GUNNER I, training on the C3 105mm howitzer and further sharpening their gunnery skills.

In October the Regiment deployed once again to Meaford, this time with 81mm mortars, for FTX AUTUMN GUNNER II. It was during October that the Regiment also mourned the loss

of a former Commanding Officer with the death of LCol (Retired) Elmer Edwin Cox. Many members of the Regiment attended the funeral to offer their condolences to the family, and Gunners of the Regiment provided a Vigil Party to pay respects to a former CO. Members of 54 Battery and other Regimental personnel also participated on 15 October at the invitation of Six Nations in the Ohsweken Remembrance Day Service.

November saw members of the Regiment participating in Remembrance Day Ceremonies at St Catharines, Simcoe and Brantford locations. Over the last few months several members of 10 Battery have been learning proper gun drill for the 25 pounder gun, under the instruction of members of the 10th Battery Association who were themselves serving Gunners trained on the 25 pounder. A gun detachment from 10 Battery crewed the restored 25 pounder gun used in the Remembrance Day service in St Catharines. The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario attended the Simcoe Remembrance Day ceremony, where 69 Battery paid their respects. Bdr Dowd of 10 Battery represented the Regiment at the 100th Anniversary commemoration of the battle of



Passchendaele in Belgium. FTX AUTUMN GUNNER III saw the Regiment once again return to the field in Meaford training with 81mm mortars.

In December members of the Regiment gathered for a celebration in honour of St Barbara and a Christmas dinner to close out the successful training year.

LCol	RJ	Christopher
Maj	M	Ortiz-Sosa
Maj	PJE	Pitt
Capt	P	Davis
Capt	MNA	Mathieson
Capt	Z	Pocuca
Capt	S	Puillandre
Capt	DB	Vreugdenhil
Capt	KR	Webb
Lt	S	Abbruscato
Lt	NR	Metherel
2Lt	G	Galambos
Ocdt	N	Kansara
Ocdt	EL	Santana
CWO	D	Russ
MWO	C	Chaban
MWO	MJ	Leitch
MWO	JW	McDonald
WO	J	Cavin
WO	R	Fekete
WO	JR	Morgan
WO	DR	Shaughnessy
WO	KJ	Smith
Sgt	MJ	Bradley
Sgt	A	Brown
Sgt	DMA	Dubas
Sgt	C	Gagen
Sgt	DR	Held
Sgt	SM	Jeffrey
Sgt	MJ	Kuz
Sgt	BPS	Lannon
Sgt	JA	Long
Sgt	N	Luhtanen
Sgt	JD	Martin
Sgt	TJ	McLaughlin
Sgt	MC	Monteblanca
Sgt	JJ	Olthoff
Sgt	GW	Philpott
Sgt	JR	Roos
Sgt	S	Wood
MBdr	KD	Boese
Mbdr	T	Burgie
MBdr	S	Cloutier
MBdr	AR	Gareau
MBdr	SGB	Hoo
MBdr	BJ	Kyle
MBdr	MD	Woronchanka
MBdr	JM	Zolnierowicz
Bdr	BR	Bates
Bdr	M	Chaban
Bdr	NL	Chappel
Bdr	J	Collins
Bdr	PW	Dowd
Bdr	N	Eikelenboom
Bdr	JA	Fraser

Bdr	KS	Griffin
Bdr	RCRH	Grimwood
Bdr	CAA	Hilliker
Bdr	MJ	Howe
Bdr	JWW	Jacob
Bdr	MM	Jean
Bdr	M	Kelba
Bdr	J	Martin
Bdr	JAJ	Martel
Bdr	MG	McCay
Bdr	SM	McCormick
Bdr	AR	Penn
Bdr	BR	Pikula
Bdr	J	Routley
Bdr	AG	Smith
Bdr	JWP	Sutton
Bdr	N	Tempelman
Bdr	H	Vanderpost
Bdr	BM	Waterman
Bdr	RCR	Wilmer
Gnr	G	Bredeweg
Gnr	JD	Copoc
Gnr	MN	D'Intino
Gnr	NM	Durrant
Gnr	MJ	Hale
Gnr	ME	Hill
Gnr	TJ	Kilmer-Gallant
Gnr	P	Manoharalingam
Gnr	DJ	Mataseje
Pte	S	Bockenhold
Pte	DTA	Clark
Pte	G	Duffy
Pte	GS	Fleming
Pte	S	Gaston
Pte	S	Lavergne
Pte	AHE	Lemon
Pte	RJ	Lodge
Pte	JS	Marsdin
Pte	BS	Martin
Pte	AR	Minaker
Pte	OD	Murray
Pte	CD	Polly
Pte	KW	Runnquist
Pte	CA	Semeniuk
Pte	DJ	Skye
Pte	M	Stark
Pte	AM	St. John
Pte	M	Suljak
Pte	DT	Walker
Pte	J	Walker
Pte	WW	White





# 62<sup>e</sup> Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne, ARC



**Cmdt**  
**LCol D. Roux**  
**CD**

**SMR**  
**Adjum M.J. Garceau**  
**CD**

**Colonel Honoraire**  
**HCol G. Maltais**

**Lieutenant-colonel Honoraire**  
**HLcol F. Normand**

Voici un bref survol de l'excellent travail qui a été effectué au cours de la dernière année 2017. Parmi les faits marquants, la musique régimentaire et la troupe d'artilleur ont de nouveau offert une prestation remarquable dans le centre-ville de Shawinigan lors de la deuxième édition du « Concert sur la rive ».

Sur le plan opérationnel, l'entraînement collectif est demeuré exigeant et intensif et ouvert sur sa communauté. D'abord, l'exercice en septembre a permis à une trentaine d'employeur de voir en action des artilleurs réservistes. De plus, nous avons ouvert le secteur d'entraînement aux familles des membres de la troupe. Les proches et parents ont pu observer concrètement le travail des artilleurs du régiment. Puis, en novembre, nous avons pu accomplir des missions de tir régimentaire avec le 5e RALC. Encore une fois, le régiment s'est démarqué par la qualité de ses procédures et l'efficacité du tir d'artillerie.

Toutefois, il nous reste beaucoup de travail à effectuer d'ici la fin du cycle d'entraînement 2017-18. En effet, plusieurs cours se tiendront dans nos murs et d'autres journées d'entraînement sont prévues.



Voici en détail l'année 2017 :

L'année 2017 a été très chargée, conformément au plan d'entraînement, avec des exercices sans tirs réels (ESTR), des exercices de tirs réels, des cours de toutes sortes et de l'entraînement NIAC. Au niveau du recrutement, nous avons enrôlé 24 recrues dont 20 membres du rang et 4 officiers. Portant ainsi l'effectif total du régiment selon les tableaux d'établissement

de la réserve de l'armée de terre (TEDRAT) à 204 personnes (honoraires exclues). L'effectif réel tous grades, incluant les honoraires ainsi que la musique au 31 décembre 2017 était de 172. Le régiment a aussi tenu ses traditionnels Jeux d'hiver régimentaire, à l'issue de laquelle le trophée du Lcol Honoraire a été remis à l'équipe qui s'est démarqué dans des épreuves, comme la compétition de montage de tente, la course à relais en raquette et le souque à la corde.

La période d'entraînement estivale, qui a débuté en mai et s'est terminée au milieu d'août, a été très occupée. Nous avons plusieurs candidats sur le Trimestre estival d'instruction individuel (TEII). Nous avons contribué à l'instruction du CI 2 Div CA du-

rant cette période en fournissant, par exemple, le cmdt de cours pour le PP3-Cmdt de Dét du PO-RÉS. Nous avons qualifié deux sous-officiers à ce chapitre, ce qui a diversifié la capacité du régiment à fournir des équipages d'observation à l'arme appuyé. Un membre du régiment était candidat au DP1.1 (Cmdt Tp Arty) à l'école d'artillerie de Gagetown. D'autres ont été affectés à différentes tâches afin de supporter les écoles d'instructions nationales et les cadets. Les membres disponibles pour un emploi ou un cours ont été déployés sur un maximum de tâches.

Durant l'année, plusieurs exercices de tirs réels ont eu lieu à la BFC Valcartier dont un exercice en support à l'école régimentaire (du 24 au 26 mars), un exercice niveau bie 105mm (du 29 sept au 1-er octobre) et un de niveau régimentaire en partenariat avec le 5 RALC et le 2 RCA (du 17 au 19 nov).

Le 62e RAC a été l'hôte d'une collecte de sang orchestrée par HEMA Québec qui a eue lieu le 09 Février. De plus, deux soirées de développement professionnel, mené par les officiers du régiment et destinés aux sous-officiers et officier du régiment,

ont eu lieu entre le 14 novembre 2017 et le 16 janvier. Les sujets abordés ont touchés plusieurs aspects de l'histoire et l'emploi contemporain de l'artillerie. Enfin, soulignons le départ de Adjum Gerald Binette après 27 ans de services, du Capt Réjean Boisvert après 42 ans de services. Enfin, l'adjum Jean-Pierre Savard s'est vu remettre un médaillon du Cmdt en raison de son dévouement envers le régiment. Il est à l'origine des Jeux d'hiver depuis plusieurs années et il pilote plusieurs projets au régiment qui dépasse le cadre des tâches normalement attribuées à un sergent-major régimentaire.

Le 62e RAC héberge et supporte 2 unités de cadets : le Corps de cadets 694 et l'Escadron 14. Ils ont accès aux salles de classe ainsi qu'au terrain de parade. Nous fournissons à ces organisations un support très diversifié allant de véhicules avec chauffeurs au prêt d'équipements divers tels que : tentes, poêles et fanaux.

Le régiment possède une flotte de 27 véhicules, soit 2 panel (8 passagers), 1 cube commercial, 2 MSVS cargo, 5 MSVS artillerie, 1 VSLR MRT, 8 milcots, 2 milcots Pronto (Lineman), 1 remorque à eau, 1 remorque génératrice, 1 remorque cargo et 3 obusiers C-3 105 mm.



lcol	DJG	Roux	sgt	MJF	Bergeron
maj	SJF	Massé	sgt	BHR	Chamberland
capt	GJY	Bérubé	sgt	N	Constantin
capt	M	Paprocki	sgt	DRF	Désilets
capt	JEE	Théberge	sgt	BJJ	Désilets
capt	JVL	Darveau	sgt	A	Duchaine
capt	YFKP	Le Bot-Béliveau	sgt	AJR	Emery
lt	DJMS	Lemay	sgt	MJD	Gauthier-Fréchette
2lt	DF	Delagado Paco	sgt	MB	Levasseur
2lt	SJJ	Boisclair Boisvert	sgt	RS	Pearson
lt	CEDR	Maziade	sgt	MRERM	Richer
2lt	EJRP	Turgeon	sgt	MERK	Richer
2lt	DF	Veilleux	sgt	FJAJY	Ringuette
2lt	MG	Ramirez Posadas	sgt	FJJN	Bertrand
elof	MJM	Béland	sgt	P	Daigle
elof	AFJS	Boyer	bdrcl	NE	Caron
adjuc	DMJ	Garceau	bdrcl	LMJ	Cloutier
adjum	JBD	Chevalier	bdrcl	CJ	Maurais
adjum	JAR	Henry	bdrcl	BJJRG	Giguère
adjum	JBJP	Savard	bdrcl	PJ	Jacques
adj	OJLC	Arel	bdrcl	RD	Martineau
adj	MFJ	Rinfret	bdrcl	JRJ	Pelletier
adj	MJ	Côté	bdrcl	FLSJ	Poudrier
adj	JMM	Duplessis	bdrcl	PL	Séguin
adj	MRERTM	Richer	bdrcl	CJJPS	Sylvestre
adj	PJM	Goyer	bdrcl	JFJR	Tremblay
adj	JSM	Ledoux	bdrcl	JCE	Isabelle
sgt	SJA	Bécharde	bdrcl	CJRS	Bianchette
			bdrcl	S	Dufresne
			bdrcl	JJDL	Lesieur-Giguère



bdr	JEJR	Marcouiller	cpl	RGJ	Peddle
cpl	AMGG	Béland	cpl	J	Pelletier
cpl	CSA	Luneau-Poisson	cpl	AME	R.Bellemare
cpl	M	Rivard	cpl	RER	Saulnier
cpl	AC	Latulippe	cpl	AAML	St-Germain
matc	MAC	Lauzier	cpl	A	Constant
bdr	VJE	Bourré-Laprise	cpl	MOJC	Tardif
bdr	MPG	Casabon	cpl	ÉJG	Thivierge
bdr	JRD	Côté	cpl	IMC	Trépanier
bdr	SJD	Desalliers	cpl	J	Trudel-Mongrain
bdr	ALPMM	Dubé	art	A	Bonin
bdr	WJ	Duchemin	art	JJEB	Brousseau
bdr	CMLB	Chevalier	art	AEJ	Courchesne
bdr	LKB	Dubé	art	CA	De Carufel
bdr	MALJ	Ferron	art	OJX	Lamarche
bdr	G	Gélinas	art	LVS	Landreville
bdr	C	Gélinas	art	M	Leclerc
bdr	PL	Larose	art	NDS	Maziade
bdr	G	Hérard	art	S	Morel
bdr	GEJB	La Rose	art	JC	Morin
bdr	WHP	Leach	art	JC	Nguyen
bdr	FJD	Lambert	art	M	Poirier
bdr	ACJM	Lapointe	art	DJ	Ricard-Corbin
bdr	CM	Lemire	art	CR	St-Pierre
bdr	JOF	Levasseur	art	TJM	St-Pierre
bdr	SWFJ	Lévesque	art	WJM	Vincent
bdr	GAJ	Marcouiller	art	AB	Fortin
bdr	SJJ	Massicotte	sdt	N	Gagnon
bdr	JFJN	Mathon	sdt (b)	RMC	Dubé
bdr	YJ	Mc Laughlin	sdt (b)	CMM	Cyrenne
bdr	JP	Noll	sdt (b)	V	Pelletier
bdr	JJ	Nieto	sdt (b)	RC	Lacerte
bdr	F	Pagé	sdt (b)	V	Lafrance
bdr	JF	Plamondon	sdt (b)	C	Lapointe-Isabelle
bdr	RJJ	Potvin	sdt (b)	S	Lavoie
bdr	RJA	Provencher	sdt (b)	TJS	Lafontaine
bdr	SJR	Santerre	sdt (b)	WCML	Lesieur
bdr	JMM	Paquin	sdt (b)	MPJ	Pagé Kroft
bdr	M	Thibeault-Tremblay	sdt (b)	CEG	Michaud
bdr	CMGD	Poitras	sdt (r)	LL	Champagne
bdr	SP	Roy	sdt (r)	P	Dagenais
bdr	EJE	Vaillancourt	sdt (r)	AGPA	Denoncourt
cpl	JPR	Daigle	sdt (r)	GO	Desjardins
cpl	IJS	Bastarache	sdt (r)	MS	Falardeau
cpl	FAJA	Bernier	sdt (r)	EM	Gallant
cpl	SMHM	Boisvert-Quessy	sdt (r)	C	Lamothe
cpl	MHGI	Cloutier	sdt (r)	TRM	Massicotte
cpl	M	Côté	sdt (r)	T	Pagé
cpl	KMG	De Carufel	sdt (r)	ÉJC	Pellerin
cpl	A	Constant	sdt (r)	WALD	Perron
cpl	VJCD	Lambert-Frêchette	sdt (r)	JS	Tremblay
cpl	NH	Lefebvre	Elof	MS	Falardeau
cpl	MMMM	Milette Côté	Elof	NMAB	Tardif



B Bty scores another goal versus A Bty during the annual Kingston Cup game held at CFB Shilo's Gunner Arena.



# 20<sup>th</sup> Independent Field Battery, RCA



**BC**  
**Maj N.P. Barber**  
**CD**

**BSM**  
**WO A. Jackson**  
**CD**

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel**  
**HLCol R.L. Casson**

2017 was quite the year for the 20th Independent Field Battery (20 Indep Fd Bty). January marked the beginning of the year with a Basic Winter Warfare Course, which saw much of the Battery learn and develop their winter warfare skills culminating with Ex SNOWBALL GUNNER taking place in the PORCUPINE HILLS of southern Alberta. The following months saw 20 Indep Fd Bty return to developing gunnery skills, and in March, deploy to CFB SUFFIELD to conduct Ex UNIFIED GUNNER II. The exercise saw 20 Indep Fd Bty and 20th Field Regiment (20 Fd Regt) provide indirect fire support with C3 Howitzers as a composite six gun battery. UNIFIED GUNNER also saw the new commander of 41 Brigade, Col Eppo van Weelderren, and the Brigade Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Talty observe 41 CBG's artillery units working in tandem to conduct battery level fire missions.

The Spring was a busy time for the Battery, as the Centennial anniversary of Vimy Ridge was celebrated with a parade through downtown Lethbridge, attended by the deputy commander of 3rd Canadian Division. June marked a change for the 20th Independent Field Battery as a Change of Command took place, marking the end of Maj Han's command of the Battery, and the assumption of command by Maj Barber. The Col Commandant of



**A FOO Party from 20 Indep Fd Bty practicing fire plans on EX UNIFIED GUNNER I**

the RCA, BGen Selbie, attended the change of command. July saw the Battery support Canada 150 celebrations in Lethbridge with a minute gun. The Lethbridge Regional Airshow saw a number of soldiers from the battery participating in this biennial event hosted at the Lethbridge airport.

As summer arrived, the Battery conducted a Regimental School, training new gunners to drive, and eventually tow howitzers. September arrived with a focus on IBTS, with Ex MUSKET GUNNER, culminating in a C7 PWT3 range, a 9mm Pistol range and both C6 and

C9 MG ranges. September also saw the return of 13 soldiers who deployed on Op LENTUS as the majority of one of the two platoons sent by 41 CBG to British Columbia at the end of August to fight forest fires.

October was a busy month as 11 soldiers deployed to CFB WAINWRIGHT (Wx) for two weeks to provide mortar support to Ex MAPLE STRIKE. A few weeks later, 20 Indep Fd Bty returned to Wx with 20 Fd Regt for Ex UNIFIED GUNNER I, a C3 exercise that saw two gun detachments from each unit compete for the Top Gun Det. The prize was eventually claimed by 20 Indep Fd Bty, through the leadership of the gun det commanded by Sgt Hansen. Ex UNIFIED GUNNER 1 concluded with a change of





pace stick parade, passing the duties of Battery Sergeant Major from CWO Wittebolle to WO Jackson, who was subsequently promoted to Captain. November saw the battery conduct Ex STABLE GUNNER at KIPP RANGE. The aim was to provide pre-PLQ candidates the opportunity to lead soldiers in a variety of small party tasks and patrols and simultaneously give PAT soldiers the opportunity to deploy to the field. The 2017 training year concluded with Ex UNIFIED BARBARA, a combined 20 Indep Fd Bty and 20 Fd Regt training weekend which included IBTS training, a ball hockey tournament, and a "field" mess dinner which was attended by the Bde Command Team.

2017 brought a number of commendations for soldiers of the

20th Independent Field Battery. Pte Hargreaves received the Brigade Commander's Commendation for topping his BMQ(L) course. In addition to this, both Capt Mein, and Sgt Pickerell received the Colonel Commandant's coin. The battery also saw the promotion of multiple new Master Bombardiers and Sergeants. MBdr's Merrit, Mann, and Schamber all received their promotions to MBdr this year. The battery also saw the promotion of both Sgt Ames, and Sgt Pickerell to their current rank.

2017 was a significant year of development for the battery. 2018 will see the continued development of the skills of the more than 70 gunners in the battery as we attempt to grow to a total strength of 120.



**Gunners of the 20 Indep Fd Bty conduct training on the C6 SF Kit**



**A C3 Gun det from 20 Indep Fd Bty prepares for a direct fire shoot on EX UNIFIED GUNNER I**

Maj	NP	Barber	Bdr	SL	Mclean
Capt	MAH	Bittman	Bdr	TJD	Nearing
Capt	RL	Mein	Bdr	BD	Nguyen
Lt	AR	Wieb	Bdr	MJ	OiGorman
2Lt	RAJ	Blazecka	Bdr	JD	Paxman
2Lt	AE	Norman	Bdr	TD	Penrod
2Lt	JSL	Oldfield	Bdr	T	Rasmussen-Gruninger
2Lt	DC	Rigaux	Bdr	BW	Regier
WO	A	Jackson	Bdr	ZD	Shortt
Sgt	DL	Ames	Bdr	CR	Van Driesten
Sgt	DW	Hansen	Bdr	MG	Waterhouse
Sgt	ASE	Laphorn	Gnr	MJ	Dallas
Sgt	JD	Pickerell	Gnr	N	Ferguson
Sgt	DRC	Weiss	Gnr	SD	Reid
Sgt	IJ	Wright	Gnr	J	Shorey
MBdr	CP	Crow Chief	Pte(B)	ODI	Archibald
MBdr	KW	Geiger	Pte(B)	JA	Belser
MBdr	SJ	Harris	Pte(B)	D	Brown
MBdr	KG	Mann	Pte(B)	SMK	Epp
MBdr	JT	Merritt	Pte(B)	JW	Hargreaves
MBdr	TAJ	Schamber	Pte(B)	ND	Holley
Bdr	JB	Ball	Pte(B)	ZA	Lagemaat
Bdr	AL	Begin	Pte(B)	JD	Toone
Bdr	SE	Boisson	Pte(B)	BD	Wamsteeker
Bdr	PJ	Boron	Pte(R)	BA	Dyck
Bdr	AC	Brooks	Pte(R)	CJ	Good Striker
Bdr	KAS	Brown	Pte(R)	DS	Hrushka
Bdr	RD	Damjanoff	Pte(R)	RJ	Longland
Bdr	DA	Elniski	Pte(R)	JRA	Miller
Bdr	DB	Fossum	Pte(R)	JW	Randle
Bdr	BC	Hill	Pte(R)	PR	Sandham
Bdr	DN	Hutchison	Pte(R)	S	Smith
Bdr	WN	Lesiuk			



# The Royal Canadian Artillery Band



**CO**  
**Capt C.D. Embree**  
**CD**



**BSM**  
**MWO D.J. Keels**  
**CD**

2017 was an exciting year for The Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Band. In addition to providing continued support to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations throughout 3rd Canadian Division, The Band had the honour of representing The Regiment in Europe on two separate occasions.

The RCA Band began the year collaborating with one of Edmonton's premiere musical organizations, The Edmonton Opera for the annual Valentine's Day Gala in support of Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital. The Funk / Rock ensemble continued support of JTF(N) by participating in the annual Sourdough Festival in Whitehorse, Yukon.

The Band's first trip to Europe took place in April, collaborating with the Band of the Royal 22nd Regiment for the centenary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The Band took part in ceremonies at Arras, France, as well as a Sunset Ceremony at the Vimy Monument. The culmination was performing at the Vimy Monument during the celebration of the centenary of the battle. It was an honour for The RCA Band to represent The Regiment, and all Canadian gunners, at this important and prestigious event.

Twice in 2017, The Band had the pleasure of returning to Home Station, both times in support of Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI). Two weeks after returning from France, The Band took to the parade square at Kapyong Barracks as 2 PPCLI consecrated new Queen's Colours in preparation for performing public duties in London, England. For many members of The Band,



***The RCA Band and members of 2PPCLI marching out the main gate at Buckingham Palace during the Changing the Guard, June 2017.***

it was the first opportunity to participate in such a momentous event.

In May, The Band returned to Shilo, again to work with 2 PPCLI, spending two weeks perfecting drill and deportment with the troops. 2 PPCLI, supported by The RCA Band, was specifically tasked by Commander Canadian Army to perform public duties in London. The full parade band performed Changing the Guard ceremonies at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace, and buglers from The Band performed during the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London.

While performing public duties, The Band witnessed first-hand history in the making as Captain Megan Couto of Combat Support Company, 2 PPCLI, became the first female infantry officer to command a guard at Buckingham Palace.

In addition to public duties, The RCA Band participated in two significant annual events while in London. The first, was the annual Beating the Retreat held at Horse Guards Parade. This year, to commemorate The Battle of Passchendaele, The RCA Band and members of 2 PPCLI held places of honour during the piling of the drums ceremony and the retreat. The RCA Band also partici-

pated in the Queen's Official Birthday Celebration, performing with The Royal Artillery Band during the gun salute in London's Green Park.

The RCA Band returned from the UK to a very busy fall schedule. Its musicians had the opportunity to work with The Band of the Corps of Royal Engineers of the British Army. Two





*The RCA Band performing a Sunset Ceremony on the Vimy Monument*

joint concerts were given in Medicine Hat and Edmonton. The RCA Band is looking forward to many future collaborations with bands from the United Kingdom. In late September, The Band performed for the Edmonton Eskimos' half-time show in support of CAF Appreciation Night.

In November, The Band performed its sixth annual "A Musical Salute to Our Veterans" in conjunction with Edmonton Salutes. This annual concert is held on the Sunday before Remembrance Day, and pays tribute to former and current serving members of the CAF and their families. On Remembrance Day, The Band took part in ceremonies on the University of Alberta campus.

In December, The Band took its annual "A Christmas Celebration" show on the road to Fort McMurray, performing at the Keyano College Theatre. This was the first time The Band performed a Christmas concert in the region. The RCA Band wanted to do something special and meaningful for the residents of Fort McMurray as they continue to revitalize the area. The aim of the concert was to positively impact the community and bring people closer together this holiday season following the hardship its citizens have endured over the last couple years. The concert, which was a success, demonstrating the community's ongoing support for the CAF. In particular, the crucial assistance that CAF personnel provided to Fort McMurray during the 2015 wildfires. Hopefully, this Christmas concert will be the first of many more to come in the Fort McMurray area.

The Band ended 2017 with its annual Christmas concert at the Winspear Centre in downtown Edmonton. This year's concert was in support of the Edmonton Garrison's Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC) Yellow Ribbon Campaign. Those in

attendance also had the privilege to witness 3rd Canadian Division and 3rd Canadian Division Support Group command teams make their musical debut with The RCA Band. An entertaining evening was had by all!

The RCA Band, based out of 3 CDSB Edmonton, is Canada's oldest professional military band. It has been proudly representing Canada and the CAF nationally and abroad for over 100 years. The RCA Band is one of six Regular Force bands stationed throughout Canada, comprised of 33 full-time professional musicians. The band performs over 250 engagements annually, including military parades, ceremonial and governmental functions, public and educational school concerts.

For more information on The RCA Band, please visit our website at <http://www.rca-band.ca>, or visit our Facebook page, The RCA Band.



*Sgt Greg Moffat standing ready at the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London*

Capt	CD	Embree	Sgt	RDC	Spady
MWO	DJ	Keels	Sgt	ACK	Vanderkraay
WO	JAB	Parent	Sgt	MG	Walters
WO	KJ	Shields	Sgt	DA	Wiley
WO	BJ	Van Slyke	Bdr	SY	Bae
Sgt	VG	Baker	Bdr	JE	Beaudoin
Sgt	JYS	Beyries	Bdr	LK	Denneboom
Sgt	SJS	Boisvert	Bdr	ACM	Dolomount
Sgt	STY	Kuo	Bdr	JP	Henderson
Sgt	CT	Learmonth	Bdr	SR	Hunt
Sgt	A	Lorway	Bdr	RC	Johnson
Sgt	JA	Maitland	Bdr	JD	Semple
Sgt	GJ	Moffat	Bdr	JRP	Simard
Sgt	DL	Pain	Bdr	LW	Tucker
Sgt	KB	Pearce	Bdr	KA	Vallar
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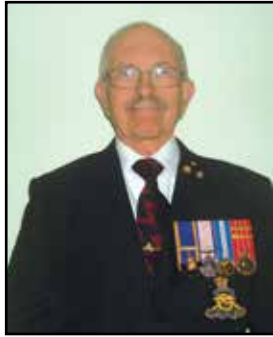


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# The Royal Canadian Artillery Association

## L'Association de l'artillerie royale canadienne



**President**  
**LCol (Ret'd) R.W. Elliott**  
**OMM, CD**

The Association continues to work toward improved communications and filling committee chair positions. The Executive Director and Past President are members of the RCA communications committee tasked with the design and implementation of an integrated website to replace the current RCAA and RCA websites. To improve communications we have contracted with Member365 who provide website design and member management software.

Member365 provides a mass email capability, which was very handy when MultiBriefs, who had been producing our weekly RCAA News Briefs electronic newsletter, gave us 90 days notification of termination of our contract at the end of two years with them because of the lack of advertising sales. We were able to make the transition and now produce the newsletter monthly using their capability. We have renamed the electronic newsletter "Canadian Gunner News / Les nouvelles des Artilleurs Canadien" to better reflect the fact that it is a newsletter for the RCA family and not just the association and its increased bilingual nature.

An early issue we faced was the retirement of our Executive Director, Garry Smith at the end of Dec. Col (Ret'd) Peter Williams took on the position in mid-March. He is a former Regimental Colonel and has been producing the newsletter, serving on several RCA committees and has been establishing contacts with other Corps and Branch associations to determine best practices.

In February we announced the RCAA bursary winners. The Lieutenant-Colonel Jack de Hart, MC, CD Memorial Bursary was won by Maj Scot Graham of 7 (Tor) Regt and the Master Gunner EM (Chip) Evoy, MM and bar Memorial Bursary was won by MBdr Jasmin Buccella of 7 (Tor) Regt.

In February we contracted with our new Gunners of Canada Vol III author, Andrew Godefroy.

Between 1 and 10 Apr a number of us attended the Return to Vimy tour organised by BGen (Ret'd) Dave Patterson and his company, Fields of Fires Tours. Approximately 50 serving and 50 senior serving or retired attended along with a similar number of the Communications and Electronic Engineering Branch.

In May the RCAA Prize for the best graduating Combat Arms Cadet was awarded on the RMC graduation parade to Matthew Weeks, whose classification is Infantry. The prize consists of a watch purchased and engraved by RMCC with the bill sent to us.

L'Association continue de travailler à l'amélioration des communications et à la dotation des postes de président de comité. Le directeur exécutif et l'ancien président font partie du comité des communications de l'ARC, ayant pour mandat la conception et le déploiement d'un site Web intégré pour remplacer les sites Web actuels de l'AARC et de l'ARC. Pour améliorer les communications, nous avons communiqué avec Member365, une firme qui fournit des solutions de conception de sites Web et de gestion d'adhésions.

Member365 offre une capacité de diffusion de courriels de masse, qui s'est avérée très utile lorsque MultiBriefs, responsable de la production du bulletin électronique de l'AARC, nous a donné un avis de résiliation de contrat de 90 jours après deux ans de collaboration, en raison des revenus de publicité insuffisants. Nous avons pu faire la transition et sommes maintenant en mesure de produire notre bulletin mensuel au moyen de cette capacité. Celui-ci s'intitule désormais Canadian Gunner News / Les nouvelles des Artilleurs canadiens, ce qui reflète mieux son contenu de plus en plus bilingue et son public cible, soit la famille de l'ARC et non seulement l'Association.

Nous avons également dû composer avec le départ à la retraite de Garry Smith, notre directeur exécutif, à la fin de décembre 2016. Le Col (retraité) Peter Williams l'a remplacé à la mi-mars. Ce dernier est un ancien colonel régimentaire qui contribue à la production du bulletin de nouvelles, fait partie de plusieurs comités de l'ARC et travaille à la création de liens avec d'autres associations de corps et de service, en vue d'établir des pratiques exemplaires.

En février, nous avons annoncé les récipiendaires des bourses de l'AARC : les bourses commémoratives Lieutenant-colonel Jack de Hart, MC, CD et Maître canonier EM (Chip) Evoy, MM et barrette ont été remises au Maj Scot Graham, 7 (Tor) Regt, et au Bdr Jasmin Buccella, 7 (Tor) Regt, respectivement.

Aussi en février, nous avons retenu les services d'Andrew Godefroy à titre d'auteur de la publication Artilleurs du Canada (vol. III).

Du 1er au 10 avril, certains d'entre nous avons participé à la visite Retour à Vimy organisée par le Bgén (retraité) Dave Patterson et son entreprise, Fields of Fires Tours. Environ 50 membres en service et 50 membres seniors ou retraités de l'Artillerie y ont pris part, de même qu'un nombre semblable de membres du Génie électronique et des communications.

En mai, le prix de l'AARC pour le meilleur élève-officier des Armes de combat a été décerné à Matthew Weeks (Infanterie), lors du défilé de remise des diplômes du CMR. Il s'agit d'une montre achetée et gravée par le CMRC, qui nous envoie ensuite la facture. Nous avons communiqué avec le CMRC pour lui indiquer que nous

We have approached RMCC indicating that we wish to revert to the former practice of making the award to the top Artillery graduate, although we may make two awards, top Combat Arms and Top Artillery graduate. We have also advised them that we want to establish a permanent trophy, consisting of a McCrae stature maquette to reside at RMCC to record the winners.

In June we rolled out our new modernised logo. It includes the Royal designation the association has had since 1949, replaces the Tudor (aka King's) crown with the St Edward (aka Queen's) crown, is in colour and reflects our bilingual nature by using RCAA and AARC.

We nominated LCol (Ret'd) Robert Spencer, a WWII 15 Fd Regt veteran for the VAC Dieppe trip. He was accepted and read the Act of Remembrance at the ceremony.

Our affinity program with TD Meloche has started to generate some revenue. There is another affinity program used by some Corps associations, Street Capital that offers low interest mortgages that we are looking at.

We continued with our efforts to persuade Veterans Affairs Canada to take over responsibility for the maintenance costs of the Artillery Memorial in Thelus, France. The Association has borne these costs for close to 100 years. The bill from the CWGC has become prohibitively expensive for the RCAA to continue to cover. Our position is that it is a national memorial, erected by the Canadian Corps during WWI, rather than a regimental monument. We hope to receive a favourable response from VAC in early 2018.

Following our 2016 AGM we recruited a Translation Committee Chair and a Welfare Committee Chair. We still need a Membership Chair, a Public Relations Director and a Legacy Chair. We decided not to recruit a Finance Committee Chair as there is sufficient oversight from our Board of Directors.

For the second year in a row we held our Annual General Meeting and the RCA Board at the 30 Fd Regt RCA Morrison Artillery Park in Ottawa. This is proving to be an excellent venue and we plan on returning there in 2018. Our Welfare Committee is working on a plan to address the gaps in benefits to retired members. The RCA Fund provides benefits to the serving Regular Members and the Regimental Colonel is working toward how Reserve Members can be included. The executive for the ensuing year are:

President: LCol (Ret'd) Bob Elliott, OMM, CD

Vice President: Col (Ret'd) Leon Jensen, OMM, CD (Maj (Ret'd) Bob Sears, CD did not stand for re-election for personal reasons)

Secretary-Treasurer: LCol (Ret'd) Don, Hamilton, CD

Executive Director: Col (Ret'd) Peter Williams, MSM, CD

The following motion was passed at the AGM: "That the RCAA develop a position on job protection for Reservists, in accordance with the intent of Initiative #82 of the new defence policy, in partnership with key stakeholders, with a view to it being presented to the Minister of National Defence by the end of the first quarter of 2018".

Our main objectives for the following year include continuing to improve communications with our membership, advancing the Welfare initiative and developing the job protection for Reservists position.

aimerions revenir à l'ancienne pratique qui consistait à remettre le prix au meilleur candidat de l'Artillerie. Il pourrait y avoir deux prix : un pour le meilleur élève-officier des Armes de combat et l'autre pour le meilleur élève-officier de l'Artillerie. Nous avons également mentionné au CMRC que nous aimerions créer un trophée permanent, soit une maquette de la statue McCrae, qui porterait le nom des récipiendaires et qui serait conservé au Collège.

En juin, nous avons dévoilé notre nouveau logo. Il comprend la désignation royale dont jouit l'Association depuis 1949. La couronne des Tudor (du roi) a été remplacée par la couronne de Saint-Edward (de la reine). De plus, le logo est en couleur et reflète notre nature bilingue, comportant à la fois l'acronyme en français et en anglais (AARC et RCAA).

Nous avons choisi le Lcol (retraité) Robert Spencer, un vétéran de la Seconde Guerre mondiale du 15e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, pour le voyage à Dieppe organisé par ACC. Ce dernier a accepté l'offre et a procédé à la lecture de l'Acte du Souvenir lors de la cérémonie.

Notre programme affinitaire avec TD Meloche a commencé à générer des revenus. D'autres associations de corps utilisent un programme affinitaire avec Street Capital, qui offre des taux d'intérêt hypothécaires avantageux. Nous envisageons de nous y joindre également.

Nous poursuivons nos efforts visant à convaincre Anciens combattants Canada d'assumer la responsabilité des coûts de maintenance du monument commémoratif de l'Artillerie à Thelus, en France. L'Association couvre ces coûts depuis près de 100 ans, mais la facture de la CSGC est devenue trop élevée pour que l'AARC puisse continuer. Nous estimons qu'il s'agit d'un monument national, érigé par le Corps canadien durant la Seconde Guerre mondiale, et non d'un monument régimentaire. Nous espérons obtenir une réponse favorable d'ACC au début de 2018.

À la suite de notre AGA de 2016, nous avons recruté deux présidents de comité, un pour la traduction et un pour le bien-être. Nous sommes toujours à la recherche d'un président des adhésions, d'un directeur des relations publiques et d'un président du patrimoine. Nous avons choisi de ne pas recruter de président de comité des finances, puisque notre conseil d'administration assure déjà une surveillance adéquate en la matière.

Pour une deuxième année consécutive, nous avons tenu notre assemblée générale annuelle et la réunion du comité de l'ARC au parc d'artillerie Morrison du 30e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne, ARC, à Ottawa. Il s'agit d'un endroit idéal, et nous prévoyons y retourner en 2018. Le comité du bien-être travaille à l'élaboration d'un plan pour résoudre les lacunes touchant les avantages sociaux pour les membres retraités. Le Fonds de l'ARC offre des avantages aux membres de la Force régulière en service, et le colonel régimentaire a entamé des démarches visant à inclure les membres de la Réserve. Voici le comité exécutif pour la prochaine année :

Président : Lcol (retraité) Bob Elliott, OMM, CD

Vice-président : Col (retraité) Leon Jensen, OMM, CD (le Maj (retraité) Bob Sears, CD ne s'est pas représenté pour des raisons personnelles)

Secrétaire-trésorier : Lcol (retraité) Don, Hamilton, CD

Directeur exécutif : Col (retraité) Peter Williams, MSM, CD

La motion suivante a été adoptée durant l'AGA : que l'AARC élabore, en partenariat avec des intervenants clés, une position sur la sécurité de l'emploi des réservistes – conformément à l'intention de l'initiative 82 de la nouvelle politique de défense – qui sera présentée au ministre de la Défense nationale à la fin du premier trimestre de 2018.

Nos principaux objectifs pour l'année à venir seront notamment de continuer à améliorer les communications avec nos membres, de faire progresser l'initiative sur le bien-être et d'élaborer la position sur la sécurité de l'emploi des réservistes.





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# Regimental Headquarters, RCA Quartier général régimentaire, de l'ARC



**Regt Maj  
Maj T.K. Michelsen  
CD**



**RHQ SM  
MWO K.M. Hood  
CD**



**Course photo of JOC 2017**

Throughout the past year RHQ RCA has continued to communicate with all members of The Royal Regiment and co-ordinate the numerous activities of The RCA Regimental Fund. While we have built upon the traditional activities associated with RHQ such as maintaining the artillery website <http://canadianartillery.ca>, reviewing and amending The RCA Standing Orders, issuing RHQ Routine Orders <http://canadianartillery.ca/orders-and-library/> and operating the Kitshop and Workshop [www.rcakitshop.net](http://www.rcakitshop.net), we have endeavoured to improve and streamline the services provided.

Over the past year, the staff of RHQ RCA was kept very busy. This year saw the communications plan become the main effort of RHQ RCA. We oversaw communications within the Regimental Family and co-ordinated the numerous activities of the RCA Regimental Fund and RCA Heritage Fund, including the distribution of scholarships and bursaries.

RHQ also played host to the 2017 edition of The Junior Of-

Au cours de la dernière année, le Quartier général régimentaire de l'Artillerie royale canadienne (QGR ARC) a entretenu des communications soutenues avec tous les membres du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne et a coordonné les nombreuses activités du Fonds régimentaire de l'ARC. Tandis que nous avons fait fond sur les activités traditionnelles associées au QGR, notamment tenir à jour le site Web de l'Artillerie (<http://canadianartillery.ca>), examiner et modifier les ordres permanents de l'ARC, diffuser les ordres courants du QGR (<http://canadianartillery.ca/orders-and-library/>) et exploiter l'atelier et le magasin de fourniment ([www.rcakitshop.net](http://www.rcakitshop.net)), nous nous sommes employés à améliorer et à rationaliser les services offerts.

Au cours de la dernière année, l'état-major du QGR ARC a été très occupé. Cette année, le plan de communications est devenu le principal effort du QGR ARC. Nous avons supervisé les communications au sein de la famille régimentaire et coordonné les nombreuses activités du Fonds régimentaire de l'ARC et du fonds du patrimoine de l'ARC, y compris la distribution de bourses d'études et de bourses de perfectionnement.

Le QGR a accueilli l'édition 2017 du cours des officiers subal-





fficers' Course which saw 45 junior officers from across The Royal Regiment gather in Shilo to learn both the rich history of The Regiment and receive a glimpse of what their careers may hold from the numerous guest speakers.

The Regimental Major and the RHQ RCA encourage all gunners to help preserve and promote the proud past, present and future of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

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ternes, qui a réuni à Shilo 45 officiers subalternes du Régiment royal. Ils ont appris la riche histoire du Régiment et de nombreux conférenciers leur ont donné un aperçu de ce à quoi pourrait ressembler leur carrière.

Le major régimentaire et le PCR ARC encourage tous les artilleurs à aider à préserver et à promouvoir avec fierté le passé, le présent et l'avenir du Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne.

UBIQUE.



B Bty captain MBdr Tyler Perry shows off the historic Kingston Cup after his team defeated A Bty during the annual 1 RCHA tilt played at CFB Shilo's Gunner Arena in early December 2017.



# The RCA Museum Musée de l'ARC

We had a very good year at the museum. Attendance was up 27% from last year, and 30% from 2015. Total attendance for 2017 was 6,743 visitors, or 1,425 visitors ahead of last year. In 2016, we had 5,318 visitors, and in 2015 we had 5,184. There are many reasons for these increased numbers. Our in-house temporary display on Vimy Ridge attracted many visitors. The Anne Frank exhibit has drawn in visitors during our off season which goes from October to December.

Our website also received two hundred thousand hits over the course of 2017. More hits to the website means more visitors to the museum. In 2016, the museum updated our local road signage. Also, we had a large and effective outreach campaign in 2017 where tens-of-thousands of potential visitors saw our displays and then, hopefully, also came to our museum.

It is fair to say that the RCA Museum has an important educational role and attracts a wide audience. This interaction helps us achieve our mission of informing and educating the public about the military technology, culture and heritage of Canada; with emphasis on The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and the Province of Manitoba. To that end, our future looks very bright.

**Andrew Oakden, Director/Directeur**

**Kathleen Christensen, Senior Curator/Conservatrice**

**Dayna Barscello, Assistant Curator/Assistante-Conservatrice**

**Clive Prothero Brooks, Collections Manager/Gestionnaire des artefacts**

**Rob Love, Chief Mechanic/Chef mécanicien**

**Cheryl van der Raadt, Administrative Co-ordinator/Co-ordonnatrice administrative**

**Anita Michelsen, Security/Sécurité**



*Artillery gallery is featured indoors, as well as outdoor gun park.*

Nous avons eu une très bonne année au musée. Il y a eu 27 p. 100 plus de visites par rapport à l'année précédente et 30 p. 100 de plus par rapport à 2015. Au total, il y a eu 6743 visiteurs en 2017, ou 1425 visiteurs de plus que l'année précédente, soit 5 318 visiteurs en 2016 et 5184 en 2015. Plusieurs raisons expliquent cette augmentation. Notre exposition temporaire sur place sur la crête de Vimy a attiré beaucoup de visiteurs. L'exposition

sur Anne Frank a attiré des visiteurs pendant la saison morte, qui est d'octobre à décembre.

Notre site Web a aussi reçu deux cent mille visites en 2017. Plus de visites sur le site Web signifient plus de visiteurs au musée. En 2016, le musée a renouvelé la signalisation routière locale. Aussi, nous avons eu une importante campagne de sensibilisation efficace en 2017 où des dizaines de milliers de visiteurs potentiels ont vu nos affiches, et, on le souhaite, sont également venus à notre musée.

Il est juste de dire que le Musée de l'ARC a un rôle éducatif important et attire un vaste public. Cette interaction nous aide à réaliser notre mission qui est d'informer et d'éduquer le public sur la technologie, la culture et l'héritage militaire du Canada; avec un accent mis sur le Régiment royal de l'Artillerie canadienne et la province du Manitoba. L'avenir nous est donc très prometteur.





# Regimental Family



## REGIMENTAL FAMILY / FAMILLE RÉGIMENTAIRE



*Gagetown Gunners keep Canadians safe from avalanches*



*RCAS Gunners Garner Grand Slam as Base Softball Champions*



*Spectacular summer for 3034 Blue Mountain Rangers  
Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps*



*Return to Vimy ridge 1917-2017*



*RCA photo contest winner – September 2017*





*New Gunners fire for effect*



*V Bty Change of Command*



*Vimy Ridge 100th anniversary gun salute in Halifax*





# The RCA Heritage Campaign Campagne du Patrimoine de l'ARC

## The Royal Canadian Artillery Heritage Campaign

Like all charities the RCA Heritage Program supports a variety of projects from bursaries for our kids, to the writing of our history, to the erection of a statue to honour one of our own who is truly a great Canadian, and more besides.

Please see where and how you can help.

## La Campagne du Fonds du patrimoine de l'Artillerie royale canadienne

Comme toutes les œuvres caritatives, le Programme du patrimoine de l'ARC appuie une vaste gamme de projets, qu'il s'agisse de bourses à l'intention de nos enfants, de la rédaction de notre histoire, d'une statue rendant hommage à un véritable grand Canadien qui fait partie des nôtres, et bien d'autres projets.

Songez à ce que vous pouvez faire pour aider.

## In Memoriam donations / Dons commémoratifs

To make a donation to  
The Royal Regiment of Canadian  
Artillery Heritage Fund  
in memory of someone special  
or some special group

Pour faire un don au  
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The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery  
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This announcement has been written by The RCA Heritage Campaign Committee.  
Cette annonce a été écrite par le Comité de la Campagne du fonds do patrimoine de L'ARC



1 RCHA's A Bty celebrate a Kingston Cup victory.



# Regimental Fund Financial Statement



## État de compte du Fond Régimentaire

**Financial statement from 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2017**  
**Bilan financier du 1 Jan au 31 Déc 2017**

### REVENUE/REVENU

Pay Allotments/Dons des membres	133,185.17 \$
Advertising/Publicité	315.00 \$
Quadrant Subscriptions/Abonnements au Quadrant	17.70 \$
Canadian gunner/L'Artilleur canadien	2,869.00 \$
Interest/Intérêts	18,561.34 \$
Miscellaneous/Divers	138.27 \$
JOC/COS	5,575.26 \$
Donation/Donation	1,754.76 \$
<b>Total Revenue/Revenu Total</b>	<b>162,416.50 \$</b>

### General Expenses/Dépenses Générales

Postage/Frais de poste	486.25 \$
Information Technology/technologie de l'information	19.99 \$
Office supplies/Fourniture de bureau	436.20 \$
Donor rewards/Récompenses des donateurs	8,944.96 \$
Bad Debt/Frais de crédit	- \$
Printing/ Frais d'impression	2,267.22 \$
RCAA Membership/Cotisation de L'AARC	3,000.00 \$
<b>Total Expenses/Dépenses totales</b>	<b>15,154.62 \$</b>

### Programme expenses/Dépenses des programmes

Regimental identity/Identité régimentaire	22,572.57 \$
Profession Development/Développement professionnel	8,625.81 \$
Communications/Communications	43,683.97 \$
Gunner Assistance/Aide aux membres	13,758.00 \$
Gunner recognition/Reconnaissance des membres	17,392.20 \$
Unit Grants/Subventions	24,761.51 \$
RHQ Reserve/Réserve du QGR	16,321.09 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,115.15 \$</b>

### Overall Statement/État de compte

Total Revenue/Revenu Total	162,416.50 \$
General Expenses/Dépenses générales	15,154.62 \$
Programme Expenses/Dépenses des programmes	147,115.15 \$
<b>Balance/Balance</b>	<b>146.73 \$</b>

### Professional Development/ Développement professionnel

JOC/COS	7,625.81 \$
Brooks Essay Competition/ Concours d'écriture Geoffrey Brook	1,000.00 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,625.81 \$</b>

### Communications

Canadian Gunner	31,514.95 \$
Quadrant	7,391.42 \$
RCA Photo Contest	400.00 \$
Web site	4,377.60 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,683.97 \$</b>

### Gunner Assistance/Aide aux artilleurs

Bursary Awards/Bourses d'études	8,000.00 \$
Emergency Assistance/Aide d'urgence	5,500.00 \$
Sympathy/sympathie	258.00 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,758.00 \$</b>

### Gunner Recognition/ Reconnaissance des artilleurs

Top student awards/ Bourse du meilleur étudiant	1,000.00 \$
Retirement/Retraite	16,392.20 \$
<b>total</b>	<b>17,392.20 \$</b>

### Grants/Subventions

RCA Band/Musique de l'ARC	1,000.00 \$
RCA Museum/Musée de l'ARC	15,000.00 \$
Petawawa Museum/Musée de Petawawa	250.00 \$
1 RCHA	2,649.88 \$
2 RCHA	1,228.83 \$
5 RALC	1,055.60 \$
4 GSR	1,904.04 \$
RCAS	887.65 \$
ERE	785.51 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,761.51 \$</b>

### RHQ RCA Reserve/ Réserve du QGR ARC

**16,321.09 \$**

### Regimental Identity/Identité régimentaire

Christmas gifts/Cadeaux de Noël	462.03 \$
Accoutrements/Fournitures d'apparat	7,193.93 \$
Track Suits/Vêtements de sport	14,916.61 \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,572.57 \$</b>





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WO	TC	Anderson	WO	R	Larocque
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WO	SA	Attrux	WO	MJL	Lemieux
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WO	D	Beach	WO	DA	Maccougall
WO	RW	Beatty	WO	MF	Macintyre
WO	RJ	Beatty	WO	SF	Malley
WO	S	Belanger	WO	FR	Martin
WO	BK	Bellmore	WO	SA	McGowan
WO	SJY	Belval	WO	KG	McKinnon
WO	JJCP	Benard	WO	MA	Melvin
WO	NSP	Bennett	WO	SE	Merson
WO	NHA	Berthier	WO	J	Moloughney
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WO	TA	Cameron	WO	JG	Normand
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 WO DM Simpson  
 WO HR Slack  
 WO AP Smith  
 WO JRH Soucy  
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 WO JM Strohm  
 WO FA Taylor  
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 WO JGJ Turgeon  
 WO PR Turner  
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 WO CSG Virgoe  
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 WO MJ Walsh  
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 WO MA Wheeler  
 WO AT Wierenga  
 WO JA Williams  
 WO RGS Wilson  
 WO MS Wiseman  
 WO BG Young  
 WO TS Zarembo  
 Sgt SC Aikens  
 Sgt SL Albert  
 Sgt M Allain  
 Sgt MD Allary  
 Sgt NH Almon  
 Sgt KG Appel  
 Sgt DR Apperley  
 Sgt JDJ Arsenaull  
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 Sgt GR Billard  
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 Sgt JD Blair  
 Sgt MLJ Blakely  
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 Sgt AD Brown  
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 Sgt JR Caron  
 Sgt KW Carpenter  
 Sgt TE Cartwright  
 Sgt SPJ Chabot  
 Sgt JACT Champagne  
 Sgt DAJ Chelkowski  
 Sgt MA Chouinard  
 Sgt TD Churchill  
 Sgt JAJP Cloutier  
 Sgt PB Collier  
 Sgt JD Conway  
 Sgt LJ Cunningham  
 Sgt RTAJ Curnew  
 Sgt CMB Dallaire  
 Sgt SM Davidson  
 Sgt M Desrosiers Ouellet  
 Sgt RA Desruisseau  
 Sgt L Doucet  
 Sgt BC Doyle  
 Sgt AJR Emery  
 Sgt NA Fader

Sgt AD Fleming  
 Sgt SC Fletcher  
 Sgt DC Flynn  
 Sgt JGM Gauthier  
 Sgt D Genest Fortin  
 Sgt RA Gerrow  
 Sgt SJA Gervais  
 Sgt BP Giberson  
 Sgt SR Gilby  
 Sgt DJ Gillespie  
 Sgt HS Gingras  
 Sgt HJJN Girouard  
 Sgt SC Godfrey  
 Sgt CH Golding  
 Sgt JAS Goneau  
 Sgt JCD Goudreau  
 Sgt JC Gourlie  
 Sgt PY Grégoire  
 Sgt W Guay  
 Sgt WJ Hachey  
 Sgt CC Hale  
 Sgt GK Hamel  
 Sgt JP Hamilton  
 Sgt TA Harpe  
 Sgt JJ Hawkins  
 Sgt RM Hawkins  
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 Sgt TS Hiller  
 Sgt JI Hinch  
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 Sgt JMF Houle  
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 Sgt AJ Howlett  
 Sgt DCR Hoyt  
 Sgt WJ Ingram  
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 Sgt KTJ Jenkins  
 Sgt JLC Jouvett  
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 Sgt E Kheirallah  
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 Sgt JJCA Lalonde  
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 Sgt EJB Landry  
 Sgt MOJ Laporte  
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 Sgt CM Leblanc  
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 Sgt RHJ Lecoz  
 Sgt JSJ Ledoux  
 Sgt RR Levesque  
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 Sgt LR MacKinnon  
 Sgt KR MacRury  
 Sgt ML Maddison  
 Sgt B Makthepharak  
 Sgt CC Mangrove  
 Sgt JFTD Martineau  
 Sgt RR Matheson  
 Sgt MG May  
 Sgt PG McBurnie  
 Sgt MJ McCauley  
 Sgt TAA McIvor  
 Sgt JS McKnight  
 Sgt SL McNeil  
 Sgt MD McNeil  
 Sgt WA Medcalf  
 Sgt RD Mendes  
 Sgt SL Millar  
 Sgt RL Montgomery  
 Sgt CJI Morton  
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 Sgt DAW Novosad  
 Sgt DL O'Dell  
 Sgt KM O'Donnell  
 Sgt EC Osborne  
 Sgt JW Palmer  
 Sgt Jrr Paul  
 Sgt SJ Pearson  
 Sgt K Pelletier  
 Sgt RAA Penney  
 Sgt GA Persico  
 Sgt SW Planetta  
 Sgt PJS Poirier  
 Sgt DPJ Prévost  
 Sgt CA Price  
 Sgt MJ Reicker  
 Sgt CM Rein  
 Sgt JJCB Renaud  
 Sgt M Rioux  
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Sgt	JMJF	Savard	MCpl	RJ	Arel
Sgt	BM	Secord	MCpl	LJ	Bowe
Sgt	EA	Seward	MCpl	DE	Busque
Sgt	DC	Shea	MCpl	D	Caouette
Sgt	PD	Sheehan	MCpl	CG	Champagne
Sgt	TF	Sheppard	MCpl	IC	Currie
Sgt	JSMJ	Simoneau	MCpl	NW	Finnamore
Sgt	M	Sirois	MCpl	DS	Foley
Sgt	PJRW	Sova	MCpl	MY	Griffiths
Sgt	PJ	Springman	MCpl	PN	Hall
Sgt	GDM	Stack	MCpl	DM	Jacques
Sgt	JFG	St-Cyr	MCpl	RM	Kettle
Sgt	JJP	St-Hilaire	MCpl	S	Leckie
Sgt	CM	Surette	MCpl	RK	LeFebvre
Sgt	TE	Syme	MCpl	RW	Lyons
Sgt	A	Tahan	MCpl	TWH	MacSon
Sgt	ID	Taylor	MCpl	AT	Marcoux-Desrochers
Sgt	CC	Thibault	MCpl	TA	Mills
Sgt	IT	Thibeau	MCpl	JP	Moore
Sgt	JF	Thibeault	MCpl	D	Moran
Sgt	A	Thibodeau	MCpl	SS	Morin
Sgt	TM	Thordarson	MCpl	SR	Murray
Sgt	OTG	Thorne	MCpl	MJA	Nederlof
Sgt	JP	Timms	MCpl	R	Neves
Sgt	REW	Umlah	MCpl	BJ	Northrup
Sgt	KD	Vanderzwaag	MCpl	AD	Oliver
Sgt	EJG	Veilleux	MCpl	CJA	Osadchuk
Sgt	SDR	Walker	MCpl	JF	Ouellet
Sgt	TA	Walton	MCpl	KM	Paynton
Sgt	RJ	Whitten	MCpl	RL	Pelletier
Sgt	Sgt	Wilkinson	MCpl	JLT	Peraltavintimilla
Sgt	HP	Wiswell	MCpl	JJ	Perry
Sgt	TB	Wolfe	MCpl	RJ	Petkovich
Sgt	LJ	Wotherspoon	MCpl	MJ	Preston
Sgt	IJ	Wright	MCpl	MR	Racine
Sgt	JFJ	Yanire	MCpl	M	Regimbald
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MBdr	JC	Avery	MCpl	FK	Rich
MBdr	TR	Badcock	MCpl	JR	Ring
MBdr	J	Beland	MCpl	TC	Rioux
MBdr	S	Bélangier	MCpl	SE	Ritchie
MBdr	CM	Bell	MCpl	BA	Roberge
MBdr	IR	Blaedow	MCpl	JKC	Robichaud
MBdr	NW	Bonkowski	MCpl	JJ	Rodrigue
MBdr	DG	Bossé	MCpl	DMW	Roy
MBdr	MJG	Boucher	MCpl	RC	Seang
MBdr	TM	Burgie	MCpl	CB	Sedgwick
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MBdr	JJC	Caron Corriveau	MCpl	CH	Silletta
MBdr	RA	Chiarelli	MCpl	DM	Simpson
MBdr	GK	Cordy	MCpl	CA	Small
MBdr	JP	Côté	MCpl	GPP	Staples
MBdr	JDWT	Demick	MCpl	KE	Stark
MBdr	ST	Diaz	MCpl	DJ	Staton
MBdr	RJ	Dutchak	MCpl	CJJ	Stodgell
MBdr	AW	Egloff	MCpl	DF	Talbot
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MBdr	DR	Elson	MCpl	JJ	Tribe
MBdr	JPE	Favron	MCpl	S	Turmel
MBdr	JD	Firmin	MCpl	BJ	Turner
MBdr	JW	Fowler	MCpl	PRK	Turner
MBdr	JM	French	MCpl	DN	Turpin
MBdr	JA	Furber	MCpl	RJC	Urquart
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MBdr	DE	Gavel	MCpl	MGE	Wambolt
MBdr	SCF	Gourichon	MCpl	RD	Williams
MBdr	KCJ	Griffin	MCpl	PLJJ	Wilson
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MBdr	JJ	Harvey	MCpl	DM	Wiseman
MBdr	JB	Helka	MCpl	EG	Wonneberg
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MBdr	RN	Houston	Bdr	OJ	Alcime
MBdr	MN	Hyatt	Bdr	CBMA	Arsenault
MBdr	JC	Jimenez	Bdr	KJR	Arsenault
MBdr	SN	Kean	Bdr	F	Baah
MBdr	CW	Kennedy	Bdr	JJG	Baber
MBdr	KA	King	Bdr	JR	Baird
MBdr	G.B.	Kinnear	Bdr	J	Barriault
MBdr	JJ	Kovacs	Bdr	CD	Barry
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MBdr	L	Lagace	Bdr	D.N.	Bauman
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MBdr	PA	Lawrence	Bdr	SM	Beaulieu
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MBdr	DW	Leforte	Bdr	PJS	Bédard
MBdr	KA	Leger	Bdr	KW	Berdan
MBdr	GA	Lemay	Bdr	MJ-M	Bergeron
MBdr	N	Matheson	Bdr	GMG	Bernier-Mailhot



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Bdr	CW	Blanchette	Bdr	SD	Hall
Bdr	D	Boye	Bdr	EJ	Halley
Bdr	SPBA	Boileau	Bdr	BA	Hamilton
Bdr	CJ	Booth	Bdr	DGD	Hardy
Bdr	R.A.	Boretz	Bdr	O	Harnois
Bdr	EC	Bostock	Bdr	J.H.	Harnum
Bdr	JRE	Bouchard	Bdr	DTG	Harris
Bdr	D	Bouchard	Bdr	D	Harrison
Bdr	A	Boucher-Dumont	Bdr	TAD	Harway
Bdr	DJ	Boutillier	Bdr	CW	Healy
Bdr	JC	Bowser	Bdr	NRS	Hearty
Bdr	FN	Bradford	Bdr	JCL	Hebb
Bdr	M	Brazeau	Bdr	AJ	Henley
Bdr	JP	Breton	Bdr	EE	Hernandez Moscoso
Bdr	BG	Breton	Bdr	BC	Hill
Bdr	KP	Brett	Bdr	JTJ	Hillier
Bdr	SP	Bristow	Bdr	D	Hillis
Bdr	FJS	Brochu	Bdr	MT	Hillman
Bdr	PM	Brockhoff	Bdr	AL	Hobson
Bdr	FJR	Brodeur	Bdr	JR	Holowaty
Bdr	MB	Brown	Bdr	WOL	Hudson
Bdr	B.	Brown	Bdr	JA	Ikerenge
Bdr	MAC	Butler	Bdr	BG	Inkpen
Bdr	EP	Bzdyl	Bdr	NJT	Ironman
Bdr	AJ	Cabot	Bdr	SR	Irwin
Bdr	BLD	Campbell	Bdr	CS	Jackson
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Bdr	MD	Cantwell	Bdr	GFL	Jeddrie
Bdr	CCJ	Carleton	Bdr	A	Jolicoeur-Hébert
Bdr	TJN	Caron	Bdr	TR	Kahrs
Bdr	SM	Carter	Bdr	DG	Kassaye
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Bdr	AP	Casswell	Bdr	NAA	Kelly
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Bdr	RM	Davies	Bdr	RPD	Lewis
Bdr	SJJ	D'Avignon	Bdr	AM	Lorimer-Carlin
Bdr	MDV	Davis	Bdr	D	Losier
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Bdr	RR	Gilks	Bdr	BJ	McNeilly
Bdr	JPR	Gobeil	Bdr	JJM	McNiven
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Bdr	S.M.	Gregg	Cpl	DJA	Armanda
Bdr	MP	Grenier	Cpl	CGA	Arnott
Bdr	KJ	Guillette	Cpl	KA	Asmar
Bdr	M	Guinet	Cpl	MJJ	Aubé
Bdr	KS	Gustafson	Cpl	JA	Belair



Cpl	S.P.	Black	Cpl	MQ	Ramos
Cpl	KD	Bradstreet	Cpl	A	Rasuev
Cpl	AF	Browning-Eberhardt	Cpl	CW	Reese
Cpl	BC	Burns	Cpl	MA	Reid
Cpl	EJR	Carriere	Cpl	MJL	Ribeiro
Cpl	DCJ	Chabot	Cpl	M	Richard
Cpl	CL	Conarroe	Cpl	RG	Richards
Cpl	PM	Connelly	Cpl	SJ	Richer
Cpl	B.A.	Corbett	Cpl	CM	Robinson
Cpl	DJ	Danson	Cpl	AA	Rockwell
Cpl	PC	Delaney	Cpl	KA	Rooley
Cpl	JG	Deley	Cpl	A	Rosales
Cpl	LM	Dormer	Cpl	JK	Rosamond
Cpl	LJW	Douglas	Cpl	DJJK	Rose
Cpl	JMC	Dunville	Cpl	DEQ	Ross
Cpl	MJC	Faber	Cpl	MJP	Rousseau-Choquette
Cpl	MJ	Gagnon	Cpl	JJL	Roussy
Cpl	DE	Garrett	Cpl	A	Roy
Cpl	EJ	Gillman	Cpl	CF	Roy
Cpl	JJ	Hafford	Cpl	EJ	Roy
Cpl	JL	Holmes	Cpl	VR	Ruel
Cpl	ORA	Hunka	Cpl	S	Scarcello
Cpl	DJ	Kives	Cpl	MJ	Sceviour
Cpl	SR	Kuhn	Cpl	R	Scheer
Cpl	COP	Lang	Cpl	JM	See
Cpl	M	Lincourt	Cpl	BE	Sernoski
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Cpl	MA	Maggiolo	Cpl	EJ	Shaw
Cpl	J	Maloney-Bertrand	Cpl	DJE	Sierra
Cpl	J	Marsh	Cpl	PA	Simard
Cpl	JKD	Martin	Cpl	PBJ	Simard-Brodeur
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Cpl	S	Meshtag	Cpl	TCP	Slavinsky
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Cpl	DRA	Miles	Cpl	DD	Sopkow
Cpl	MD	Miller	Cpl	CJ	Souster
Cpl	DCA	Miller	Cpl	JR	Sprague
Cpl	KA	Milne	Cpl	DA	St. Laurent
Cpl	J	Mioc	Cpl	ARW	Stiles
Cpl	SL	Mitchell	Cpl	N	Stisi
Cpl	N	Molloy	Cpl	D	Streberg
Cpl	JJ	Molnar	Cpl	GTA	Stubbs
Cpl	GA	Moore	Cpl	P	Talbot
Cpl	JW	Moore	Cpl	FJA	Talbot
Cpl	SM	Mooring	Cpl	CA	Taylor
Cpl	AR	Morency	Cpl	JL	Taylor
Cpl	BJJ	Morgan	Cpl	GOT	Taylor
Cpl	FMM	Morissette-Barriault	Cpl	TJG	Tessier
Cpl	JW	Morris	Cpl	CA	Thachuk
Cpl	CM	Moses	Cpl	MS	Théberge
Cpl	KK	Moulton	Cpl	F	Thibodeau
Cpl	BC	Murphy	Cpl	WW	Thomas
Cpl	IE	Myers	Cpl	SR	Thorburn
Cpl	LNO	Naud	Cpl	DR	Thue
Cpl	BA	Naugler	Cpl	MC	Tremblay
Cpl	SJS	Neveu	Cpl	J	Tremblay
Cpl	AM	Nicholson	Cpl	BD	Trivers
Cpl	HR	Nicholson	Cpl	J	Tsagouris
Cpl	JWL	Noland	Cpl	JJJ	Turcotte
Cpl	KM	Norton	Cpl	JG	Turner
Cpl	JL	O'Leary	Cpl	BC	Underwood
Cpl	KM	Ollivier-Brown	Cpl	WJMJ	Vallerand
Cpl	KR	Olson	Cpl	NC	Vink
Cpl	SE	O'Quinn	Cpl	JK	Viscount
Cpl	S	Ouellet	Cpl	EBA	Visser
Cpl	A	Ouellet-Poirier	Cpl	AJ	Voutier
Cpl	S	Paquin-Dupont	Cpl	KM	Warcop
Cpl	DR	Parachoniak	Cpl	JS	Ward
Cpl	RC	Parkin	Cpl	GA	Welten
Cpl	BJ	Parsons	Cpl	DLW	Whalen
Cpl	M-P	Patenaude	Cpl	BJD	Wickens
Cpl	D	Paul	Cpl	MS	Wilkie
Cpl	MJS	Pauzé-Houle	Cpl	JF	Wilson
Cpl	DH	Pearson	Cpl	BM	Wilson
Cpl	JRR	Peddle	Cpl	NG	Wright
Cpl	M	Pelletier-Marceau	Cpl	R	York
Cpl	LA	Pena Barreto	Cpl	BY	Young
Cpl	YD	Perrée	Cpl	DMZ	Zieba
Cpl	KJM	Perron	Cpl	R	Zoghaib
Cpl	JOJM	Perron-Levasseur	LS	X	Hu
Cpl	RL	Petiquan	Gnr	JF	Allaire
Cpl	WD	Petten	Gnr	TW	Ballinger
Cpl	J	Pieterston	Gnr	KE	Batterink
Cpl	N	Pinard	Gnr	MJD	Beaudet-Lamarre
Cpl	RB	Pitman	Gnr	MFG	Bélanger
Cpl	PE	Playford	Gnr	JJCS	Bell
Cpl	SN	Plenert	Gnr	JS	Benjamin
Cpl	SF	Poirier	Gnr	I	Bergeron-Proulx
Cpl	M	Poirier	Gnr	JSE	Bertin
Cpl	KJ	Potts	Gnr	JA	Boily
Cpl	PJR	Poulin	Gnr	V.J.	Boivin
Cpl	SR	Proulx	Gnr	TK	Bomberry
Cpl	JD	Proulx	Gnr	NT	Boudreault
Cpl	M	Proulx-St-Louis	Gnr	ASJ	Boulay
Cpl	J	Psallidas	Gnr	A	Boyer-Gregoire
Cpl	AW	Quilty	Gnr	BJR	Brind'Amour
Cpl	KV	Ramnarine	Gnr	WA	Brown



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Gnr	JA	Brown	Gnr	A	Mainville
Gnr	Y	Bujold	Gnr	S	Mallette
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Gnr	MA	Casabon	Gnr	AJD	Marshall
Gnr	PV	Cattrell	Gnr	JH	Martin
Gnr	P	Charest	Gnr	SD	Martin
Gnr	AJC	Chénard	Gnr	NJ	Massicotte-Gagne
Gnr	DMB	Chmay	Gnr	EMA	Maurer
Gnr	GT	Choiniere	Gnr	PJL	Maynard
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Gnr	DM	De Launière	Gnr	K	Mignault
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Gnr	TA	Deroneth	Gnr	SJPJ	Morin
Gnr	K	Desbiens	Gnr	D	Morneau
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Gnr	NJA	Drouin	Gnr	S	Novikov
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Gnr	DJD	Duthie	Gnr	KSS	Ono
Gnr	KLA	Eaton	Gnr	RJ	Oviedo Espinoza
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Gnr	JNV	Fortier	Gnr	DJCG	Parent
Gnr	DS	Foster	Gnr	O	Patry
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Gnr	EAF	Franco	Gnr	RC	Pickering
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Gnr	F	Gallant	Gnr	KCS	Pond-Brown
Gnr	RCP	Ganong	Gnr	BJL	Poulin
Gnr	JJ	Gauthier Thibault	Gnr	W	Poulin-Morin
Gnr	BRD	George	Gnr	C	Proulx-Rodrigue
Gnr	SL	Gerrish	Gnr	YJR	Quesnel
Gnr	FJS	Girard	Gnr	BEA	Randall
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Gnr	RAS	Greer	Gnr	JA	Rissi
Gnr	VJCD	Guerette	Gnr	BL	Robbins
Gnr	J	Guilmette-Tetreault	Gnr	N	Robin
Gnr	J	Hains	Gnr	MMJ	Rollin
Gnr	NJ	Hamel	Gnr	EJPA	Rondeau
Gnr	KD	Handley	Gnr	MEA	Roorda
Gnr	MTJ	Harman	Gnr	NJRS	Rouleau-Paquin
Gnr	DT	Harte	Gnr	MJD	Roy
Gnr	SEL	Hayward	Gnr	JD	Rutz
Gnr	WE	Hearsey	Gnr	FJC	Savard
Gnr	FC	Hebert-Dugas	Gnr	JL	Scheffelmaier
Gnr	PW	Heger	Gnr	KMJM	Séigny
Gnr	JR	Hemmings	Gnr	CEJ	Sharpe
Gnr	SD	Hilton	Gnr	MK	Sharpe
Gnr	FA	Houde	Gnr	A	Simard
Gnr	SC	Houle	Gnr	G	Simard-Desgagnes
Gnr	M	Ikejo	Gnr	TW	Sisco
Gnr	NEC	Ince	Gnr	EM	Small
Gnr	OCR	Jeanson	Gnr	AJ	Smith
Gnr	ZDE	Johnston	Gnr	MS	Solodiuk
Gnr	MC	Jones	Gnr	AJ	Solodiuk
Gnr	PA	Josiah	Gnr	O	Soly-Belanger
Gnr	D.S.	Kelly	Gnr	D	Soolley
Gnr	SD	Kent	Gnr	STB	Soolley
Gnr	SR	Kohorst	Gnr	TN	Stevenson
Gnr	DD	Krall	Gnr	K	St-Onge-Pereira
Gnr	TD	La Grange	Gnr	TP	Swindell
Gnr	OMCJ	Labonte-Bourguignon	Gnr	M	Tavalipour
Gnr	DJM	Labrecque	Gnr	RJRK	Taylor
Gnr	MJP	Lachapelle	Gnr	LM	Tenale
Gnr	MR	Laferriere-Beaudoin	Gnr	KJN	Tessier
Gnr	NA	Lamothe-Bastien	Gnr	D	Tesson
Gnr	CJ	Larios-Lacayo	Gnr	E	Theberge-Tousignant
Gnr	AJF	Larivée	Gnr	MR	Thoma
Gnr	MJA	Laverdure	Gnr	WJL	Timmons
Gnr	JMAD	Lavigne	Gnr	KM	Trites
Gnr	MD	Lavoie	Gnr	TS	Tunbridge
Gnr	SW	Leblanc	Gnr	AJBM	Turcotte
Gnr	V	Legault-Coulombe	Gnr	D	Vallee
Gnr	MJ	Lemieux	Gnr	GE	Vallieres
Gnr	C	Levesque	Gnr	MJ	Van Wort
Gnr	DJE	Lindegaard	Gnr	IT	Vankleek
Gnr	J	Luna	Gnr	M	Verrault
Gnr	P	Luong	Gnr	MD	Vincent
Gnr	DJ	MacInnes	Gnr	M-AR	Vivier
Gnr	DR	Maheux	Gnr	JJM	Wardrope
Gnr	EYHR	Mahoney	Gnr	ZRB	Webber

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BGen	McPherson, Brian	CFLO Pentagon	Maj	Charchuk, Andrew	CFSU (OTTAWA)
BGen	Patterson, David	CADTC RES Advisor	Maj	Chetwynd, Jason	CFC
Col	Bishop, Timothy	OP IMPACT	Maj	Chledowski, Stephen	5 Cdn Div TC
Col	Bouchard, Daniel	ADM(RS)	Maj	Cloutier, Martin	C Army
Col	Boucher, Stéphane	2 CDSB Valcartier	Maj	Coulombe, Martin	C Army
Col	Chamberlain, Robert	CDAO, IRAQ	Maj	Dawson, Scott	JPSU Det EDMONTON
Col	Dubois, Stephane	C Army	Maj	Degaust, Bernard	Tac School
Col	Dumas, Joseph Stephane	SJS	Maj	Deschênes, Carl	DGIMO
Col	Duval, Jean-François	CDA HQ	Maj	Di Ilio, Bruno	C Army
Col	Ivey, Gregory	CANMILREP	Maj	Dorris, Jean-Pierre	37 CBG HQ
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Col	Leigh, Terence	CFINTCOM HQ	Maj	Dupuis, Raymond	C Army
Col	Masson, Stephane	CFC	Maj	Embree, Rodney	C Army
Col	McNicoll, Marcel	DG IS Pol	Maj	Evans, Harold Stuart Lewis	CADTC HQ Det Petawawa
Col	Richard, Julien	2 Cdn Div HQ	Maj	Flanders, Justin Davis	DGMC
Col	Russel, Darrell	C Army Det KINGSTON	Maj	Fortier, Marc	NES - TERM LVE
Col	Sullivan, Michael	TF EL GORAH	Maj	Foss, Kathryn	DGMC
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LCol	Casault, Francois	SJS	Maj	Gillis, Cory	CFD
LCol	Claveau, Jean-Francois	SJS	Maj	Gould, Francis Harrison	SJS
LCol	Crabbe, Derek	SJS	Maj	Gratton, Richard	CADTC HQ
LCol	Deneau, Erik	CJOC HQ	Maj	Guay, Stephanie	C Army
LCol	Draho, Michael	CFC	Maj	Haire, Katherine Faith	CFB Shilo
LCol	Dunn, Robert	CFWC	Maj	Han, Howard	33 CBG HQ
LCol	Farrell, Raymond	DG IS Pol	Maj	Hannan, Patrick	DGMP
LCol	Gagne, Sylvain	JTFP HQ	Maj	Heij, Shawn	C Prog
LCol	Gallagher, Stephen	C Army OUTCAN USA	Maj	Hewitt, Steven	DGMP
LCol	Giroux, Vincent	CTC HQ	Maj	Higgins, Darryl	C Air Force
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LCol	Heer, Sarah	DGMP	Maj	Hudson, Candice	CFC
LCol	Hogan, Timothy	C Prog	Maj	Hunt, William	CADTC HQ Det Ottawa
LCol	Hunter, Steven	CFLS	Maj	Insley, Brendan	CDA OUTCAN USA
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LCol	McKeever, David	CACSC	Maj	Lahaie, Denis	SJS
LCol	McNair, John	CADTC HQ	Maj	Lang, Scott	CDLS(W)
LCol	Meade, Robert	CJOC HQ	Maj	Lavigne, Francois	35 CBG HQ
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LCol	Notaro, Michael	JTFC HQ	Maj	Leclerc-Desjardins, Yoann	CFC
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LCol	Poitras, Francis	C Army	Maj	Lemieux, Sébastien	SJS
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LCol	Schamehorn, Jeffrey	CADTC HQ	Maj	Logan, Jonathan	CJOC HQ
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Maj	Bigler, Christopher	CFC	Maj	Pederson, Jeffrey	2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn
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Maj	Ross, Eric James	CANSOFCOM HQ	Capt	Riddoch, Gregory	CFLRS
Maj	Roy, Ronald	CJOC HQ	Capt	Rigby, Aadan	CFRG HQ
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Maj	Smoley, Stuart	CFB Shilo	Capt	Skinner, Duane Arvid	CMTC
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Capt	Banks, Jeffrey	CDA OUTCAN EUROPE	Capt	Yuvan, Catherine	4 Cdn Div HQ
Capt	Beare, Sarah	CANSOFCOM HQ	Lt	Moll, Richard	OP IMPACT
Capt	Becker, Matthew	C Army	Lt	White Crépeau, Matthew	2 Cdn Div HQ
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Capt	Billing, Brick	33 CBG HQ	2Lt	Emmerson, Mark	RMC
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## Panzermeier Attacks!

### Allied Artillery and the 9th CIB vs the 25th SS-PGR Kampfgruppe during the D+1 Advance on Carpiquet

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On the morning of the 7th of June, 1944, the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade (9th CIB) stepped off the line of march at Villons-les-Buissons, located in the Normandy region of northwestern France, surging forward to meet their D-Day objective of the German airfield at Carpiquet. The vanguard force consisted of the battalion of North Nova Scotia Highlanders, along with tanks of the Sherbrooke Fusiliers, supported by a troop of Anti-Tank destroyers and the guns of 14th Field Regiment, RCA (14th Fd Regt). Upon reaching the commune of Authie at noon, the Canadians were unaware that they were under the direct observation of Colonel Kurt Meyer, the Commander of the 25th SS Panzer-Grenadier Regiment (25th SS-PGR), who spied them from a church tower at the Abbey d'Ardenne. Within hours, this holy place, and the ground around it, would be profaned with Canadian blood, as the Highlanders captured during a ferocious German attack would be murdered by the Hitler Youth they so bravely fought against. At the centre of this firestorm was Meyer, whose determined counter-attack against the 9th CIB ground the Canadian advance on Carpiquet to a halt, where they inflicted heavy casualties, during an engagement where a lack of Canadian artillery support proved to be a critical shortcoming. To understand how this battle unfolded, this essay will describe the situation surrounding the German counterattack against the 9th CIB, and the impact of Allied artillery throughout this D+1 clash between the Allies and the Axis.

Operation Overlord clearly caught the German military off-guard – while significant defences and operational planning had taken place to counter such an invasion, the actual response following the airborne landings and subsequent establishment of a beachhead were largely uncoordinated during the first critical hours. 12th SS Panzer Corps, commanded by General Sepp Dietrich, was subordinated, attached and ordered to move in a variety of confusing directions, before finally receiving a clear mission, at approximately 1500 hours on the 6th of June, to “drive the enemy...back into the sea and destroy him.” Dietrich, now commanding the 716th Infantry (716th Inf Div) and 21st Panzer Divisions (21st Pz Div), in addition to his own, rapidly issued orders to Major-General Fritz Witt, the Commander of the 12th SS Panzer Division Hitlerjugend (“Hitler Youth” or “HJ”), to prepare for a divisional counter-attack in the vicinity of Evrechy. Meyer's 25th SS-PGR was the first element of the 12th SS Panzer Division (HJ) to reach the invasion area, due to the disordered German response to the Normandy landings, as units were harried by terrific Allied airpower on the march, and beset with a lack of fuel, making the concentration of men and equipment a costly and time-consuming matter. On the 6th of June, Meyer proceeded to the headquarters (HQ) of 716th Inf Div to

## « Panzermeier » attaque!

### L'artillerie alliée et la 9 BIC contre le 25e SS-PGR Kampfgruppe, le lendemain du jour J, pendant l'avance vers Carpiquet

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Le matin du 7 juin 1944, la 9e Brigade d'infanterie canadienne (9 BIC) s'est écartée de l'axe de progression à Villons-les-Buissons, dans la région normande du nord-ouest de la France, en poussant vers l'avant pour atteindre son objectif du jour J, à l'aérodrome allemand aménagé à Carpiquet. L'avant-garde comprenait le bataillon du North Nova Scotia Highlanders et les chars du Sherbrooke Fusiliers, appuyés par une troupe de chasseurs de chars et par les pièces du 14e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne de l'ARC (14 RAC). En arrivant à la commune d'Authie, à midi, les Canadiens ignoraient qu'ils étaient observés directement par le colonel Kurt Meyer, commandant du 25e Régiment Panzer-Grenadier SS (25 SS-PGR), depuis la tour de l'Abbaye d'Ardenne. Dans les heures qui allaient suivre, ce lieu sacré et les terrains avoisinants seraient profanés par le sang canadien, car les Highlanders capturés au cours d'une féroce attaque allemande y seraient assassinés par la Jeunesse hitlérienne contre laquelle ils avaient vaillamment combattu. Au cœur de cette tempête de feu, il y avait Meyer, dont la contre-attaque déterminée contre la 9 BIC avait paralysé l'avance des Canadiens vers Carpiquet, en leur infligeant de lourdes pertes pendant un engagement au cours duquel un manque d'appui de la part de l'artillerie canadienne avait été une lacune critique. Afin de faire comprendre comment cette bataille s'est déroulée, nous décrivons ici les circonstances de la contre-attaque allemande contre la 9 BIC et les effets qu'a eus l'artillerie alliée tout au long de ce combat survenu entre les Alliés et les forces de l'Axe, le lendemain du jour J.

L'opération Overlord a de toute évidence surpris les forces armées allemandes : d'importants ouvrages de défense avaient été construits et une vaste planification opérationnelle avait eu lieu pour enrayer une invasion, mais la réaction concrète, après l'atterrissage des forces aéroportées alliées et l'établissement ultérieur d'une tête de pont, a été mal coordonnée dans la plupart des cas au cours des premières heures critiques. Le 12e Corps de panzers SS, commandé par le général Sepp Dietrich, a été affecté à des rôles subordonnés auprès d'autres formations et instruit de se déplacer dans diverses directions déroutantes, avant de recevoir finalement une mission claire, vers 15 h le 6 juin, à savoir « rejeter l'ennemi à la mer et le détruire » [TRADUCTION]. Dietrich, qui commandait alors la 716e Division d'infanterie (716 Div Inf) et la 21e Division de panzers (21 Div Pz), en plus de sa propre formation, a rapidement ordonné au major-général Fritz Witt, commandant de la 12e Division de panzers SS « Hitlerjugend » (« Jeunesse hitlérienne », ou « HJ »), de se préparer à déclencher une contre-attaque divisionnaire dans les environs d'Evrechy. Le 25 SS-PGR de Meyer a été le premier élément de la 12e Division de panzers SS HJ à arriver dans le secteur de l'invasion, à cause de la riposte allemande désordonnée face aux débarquements opérés en Normandie, car les unités étaient harcelées en cours de route par de formidables attaques aériennes alliées et elles devaient composer avec un manque de carburant, ce qui rendait la concentration d'hommes et d'équipement coûteuse, outre qu'elle nécessitait beaucoup de temps. Le 6 juin, Meyer s'est rendu au quartier général (QG) de la 716 Div Inf au nord de Caen pour discuter d'une contre-attaque qui serait déclenchée le lendemain avec trois divisions de panzers. Il importe de comprendre l'état d'esprit



the North of Caen, to discuss a three Panzer Division counter-attack for the next day. It is important to understand the mindset and background of Colonel Meyer, known as "Panzer Meyer" to his men, to contextualize his battlefield actions. An archetypal SS commander, Meyer possessed a beguiling mixture of admirable and loathsome traits, and was beloved by his soldiers for his leadership, toughness, aggression, and combat experience. Highly decorated for his bravery, historian Michael Reynolds described Meyer as a: "natural and brilliant soldier...destined to become Nazi Germany's youngest general at the age of 34," as well as an ardent National Socialist, who, following the cessation of hostilities, would be convicted as a war criminal. Meyer, manoeuvring forward to receive orders, was a leader eager and able to successfully utilize opportunity, intuition, and mission command, in an attempt to meet his higher commander's intent of driving the Allies into the sea.

Once arriving at the 716 Inf Div HQ, Meyer, within his autobiography "Grenadiers," recounts the orders of his divisional commander:

The situational necessitates speedy action. First of all, the enemy has to be denied Caen and the Carpiquet airfield...we can only consider a coordinated attack with the 21st Panzer Division. So the division is to attack the enemy along with the 21st Panzer Division and throw them into the sea. H-Hour for the attack is 7th June at midday.

During this meeting, Meyer infamously referred to the Canadians as *kleine fische* (little fish) and appeared very confident in his soldiers' ability to repel the landing force. Following the orders group, Meyer then received further instructions from General Witt over the telephone, who delayed the combined counter-attack with 21st Pz Div to 1600 hours, due to the slow movement of German forces, especially tanks, who were still completing road movements to their assigned positions. Meyer then returned to his Command Post at the Abbey d'Ardenne, where he spotted the Canadians manoeuvring towards Carpiquet. Keenly aware of both the friendly and enemy situation, Meyer quickly relayed plans to attack in advance of the planned counter-attack, in favour of seizing the short-notice opportunity, in accordance with his superior commander's intent, as the German airfield at Carpiquet was about to fall to the Canadian advance. The 9th CIB faced a significant force, as Meyer formed a combined arms team known as a *Kampfgruppe*, consisting of his 25th SS-PGR, a battalion of guns from the 12th SS Artillery Regiment, and approximately 50 Mark IV tanks from the 2nd Battalion of the 12th SS Panzer Regiment. All in all, the vanguard of the 9th CIB would be struck by a German force approximately equal in terms of tanks and artillery, while the 25th SS-PGR *Kampfgruppe* possessed a marked advantage in the numbers of infantrymen.

After observing the vanguard of the 9 CIB apparently oblivious to the presence of 25th SS-PGR, Meyer recounted the moment in his memoirs as: "My God! What an opportunity! The tanks are driving right across II Battalion's front! The Unit is showing us its unprotected flank." At this moment, he rightfully used the initiative, and seized a fleeting opportunity, ordering his *Kampfgruppe* to attack, recounting:

I am thinking of Guderian's principle and the divisional attack orders, but in this situation, I must use my own initiative. The 26th Regiment is still east of Orne and I/12th Panzer Regiment cannot move because of the lack of fuel and is 30 kilometres east of the Orne...Decision: When the leading enemy tanks pass Franqueville the II/25th will attack with the tank company waiting on the reverse slope. Once the battalion has reached Authie the other battalion will then join the battle. Objective: The coast.

et les antécédents du colonel Meyer, que ses hommes appelaient « Panzer Meyer », pour situer en contexte ses actions sur le champ de bataille. Archétype du commandant SS, Meyer possédait une gamme captivante de traits de caractère tantôt admirables tantôt odieux, et ses soldats l'adoraient pour son leadership, sa ténacité, son agressivité et son expérience du combat. La bravoure de Meyer lui avait valu de nombreuses décorations, et l'historien Michael Reynolds l'a décrit comme étant « un soldat naturel et brillant ... destiné à devenir le plus jeune général de l'Allemagne nazie à l'âge de 34 ans » [TRADUCTION]. C'était aussi un nazi fervent qui, après la fin des hostilités, a été condamné pour crimes de guerre. Meyer, manoeuvrant vers l'avant pour recevoir les ordres, était un chef enthousiaste et capable d'exploiter avantageusement les ouvertures, son intuition et le commandement de mission pour essayer de réaliser l'intention de son supérieur, à savoir rejeter les Alliés à la mer.

En arrivant au QG de la 716 Div Inf, Meyer rappelle, dans son autobiographie intitulée « Grenadiers », en quoi consistaient les ordres de son commandant divisionnaire :

La situation nécessite une action rapide. Tout d'abord, il faut empêcher l'ennemi de prendre Caen et l'aérodrome de Carpiquet ... nous ne pouvons envisager qu'une attaque coordonnée avec la 21e Division de panzers. Par conséquent, la division doit attaquer l'ennemi de concert avec la 21e Division de panzers et rejeter les envahisseurs à la mer. L'heure H de l'attaque est fixée à midi le 7 juin. [TRADUCTION]

Au cours de la réunion, Meyer, employant un langage infâme, a décrit les Canadiens comme étant du *kleine fische* (petit poisson) et il a paru très convaincu que ses soldats réussiraient à repousser la force d'invasion. Après le groupe d'ordres, Meyer a reçu par téléphone d'autres instructions de la part du général Witt, qui a reporté à 16 h la contre-attaque interarmes avec la 21 Div Pz, à cause de la lenteur du mouvement des forces allemandes, en particulier des chars, qui étaient encore en train de se rendre par la route aux positions leur ayant été assignées. Meyer est alors retourné à son poste de commandement à l'Abbaye d'Ardenne, d'où il a repéré les Canadiens qui faisaient manoeuvre vers Carpiquet. Très conscient de la situation des forces amies et ennemies, Meyer a vite transmis son plan qui recommandait d'attaquer avant l'exécution de la contre-attaque planifiée, car il souhaitait profiter de l'occasion qui se présentait soudainement à lui, conformément à l'intention de son commandant supérieur, car l'aérodrome allemand, à Carpiquet, était sur le point de tomber aux mains des Canadiens. La 9 BIC s'est donc trouvée face à une force importante, car Meyer avait formé une équipe interarmes dite « *Kampfgruppe* » qui comprenait son 25 SS-PGR, un bataillon de canons du 12e Régiment d'artillerie SS et environ 50 chars Mark IV du 2e Bataillon du 12e Régiment de panzers SS. Tous comptes faits, l'avant-garde de la 9 BIC serait attaquée par une force allemande comptant à peu près autant de chars que de pièces d'artillerie, mais le 25e SS PGR *Kampfgruppe* alignait beaucoup plus de fantassins que les unités canadiennes.

Ayant observé l'avant-garde de la 9 BIC, qui semblait inconsciente de la présence du 25 SS-PGR, Meyer a raconté cet épisode dans ses mémoires : « Mon Dieu! Quelle chance inouïe! Les chars ennemis passent directement devant le front défendu par le 2e Bataillon! L'unité nous expose son flanc non protégé. » À ce moment-là, il a à juste titre fait preuve d'initiative et exploité cette occasion fugace en ordonnant à son *Kampfgruppe* d'attaquer. Il écrit ce qui suit dans ses mémoires :

Je pense au principe de Guderian et aux ordres divisionnaires concernant l'attaque, mais dans cette situation, je dois faire preuve d'initiative. Le 26e Régiment est encore à l'est de l'Orne, et le 1er Bataillon du 12e Régiment de panzers ne peut avancer, faute de carburant, et se trouve à 30 kilomètres à l'est de l'Orne ... Décision : Quand les chars de tête ennemis seront à la hauteur de Franqueville, le 2e Bataillon du 25e Régiment attaquera, et la compagnie de chars se tiendra embusquée en contre-pente. Une fois que ce bataillon aura atteint Authie, l'autre bataillon entrera dans la bataille. Objectif : la côte. [TRADUCTION]

La contre-attaque allemande a surpris l'avant-garde étirée de la 9 BIC. Quelques minutes plus tard, des chars Sherman du Sherbrooke Fusiliers étaient en feu, et la Jeunesse hitlérienne a foncé avec l'appui de plus de 50 canons. Au cours de combats féroces qui ont duré de

The German counter-attack caught the strung-out vanguard of the 9th CIB by surprise, and within moments Sherman tanks from the Fusiliers were on fire, and the Hitler Youth surged forward, supported by the weight of over 50 guns. During ferocious fighting over the course of many hours, often conducted hand-to-hand, the Canadian advance on Carpiquet was halted. As the shells of battered tanks burned over the French countryside, the end of the 7th of June saw the Germans back in possession of Buron, and hundreds of men on both sides had been killed, including Canadian prisoners of war, who were murdered by their captors within the grounds of the Abbey. While Meyer's counter-attack against the Canadian vanguard failed to push the Allies into the sea, his force denied the 9th CIB their objective of Carpiquet. A key element of Meyer's success on the battlefield that day was the lack of Canadian artillery fire support throughout the majority of the German counter-attack, which forced the brave soldiers of the 9th CIB to a desperate attempt to repel their attackers with their direct fire weapons.

When Meyer's bold strike against the flank of the Canadian vanguard at Authie caught both the Fusiliers and Highlanders in a desperate situation, the inability of the Forward Observation Officers (FOOs) from the 14th Fd Regt to provide timely fire support magnified the initial impact of the German onslaught. As Meyer's 25th SS-PGR Kampfgruppe called in the withering barrage of over 50 guns on the Highlanders, while the Canadians were told that "no friendly artillery support could be had." Meyer was likely aware of this situation, and exploited it, as he was at the front for the majority of the operation – indeed, he noted within his memoirs that the Canadian guns failed to fire during the initial assault on the 9th CIB vanguard. While Meyer took advantage of the lack of defensive Canadian artillery fire, his early successes were not exploited by the resources of the 21st Pz Div, who remained in place until their original 1600 hours timing before they committed to the counter-attack. In this, both Milner and Reynolds rightfully criticized Meyer's command and control during the battlefield, as he (Meyer) was often away from his headquarters, with minimal communications – Meyer himself even recounts being stuck in a shell hole during a key moment in the battle. By the time the 21st Pz Div joined the fight, the Canadians had sorted out their artillery issues, and brought thunderous fire down on the Germans, which quickly ground their counter-attack to a standstill. Therefore, it is reasonable to postulate that had Meyer demurred from attacking the Canadian advance on Carpiquet, that his force may have been devastated by the same artillery fire that stopped the 21st Pz Div in its tracks. This, in part, justifies the rightfulness of Meyer's actions – his bold, aggressive attack, which was a product of his intuition as an experienced battlefield commander, combined with his forward positioning, allowed him to exploit the initial failures of the guns to provide a wall of steel between the 9th CIB and the 25th SS-PGR Kampfgruppe.

The issues surrounding Allied fire support during D+1 are well documented throughout the primary source material, as well as within the historical analysis of Reynolds, Jarymowycz, Milner (especially the latter). Both in theory and practice, the vanguard of the 9th CIB should have had immediate access to the substantial fire of the 21 surviving M7 105mm self-propelled guns 14th Fd Regt, along with that of the 9 six-inch guns of the cruiser HMS Belfast. In addition to these fire support elements tasked in direct support of the 9th CIB, it is important to note that the command and control of British Commonwealth artillery system would have enabled the FOOs of the 14th Fd Regt access to guns from across the theatre. Milner, within his history of the 13th Field Regiment, RCA, spoke to the effectiveness of Commonwealth artillery doctrine, as:

nombreuses heures et qui ont souvent comporté des luttes corps à corps, l'avance canadienne sur Carpiquet a été arrêtée. Tandis que la coque des chars détruits brûlait dans la campagne française, les Allemands ont repris Buron, à la tombée du jour, le 7 juin : des centaines d'hommes dans les deux camps avaient été tués, y compris des prisonniers de guerre canadiens, assassinés par l'ennemi dans les terrains de l'Abbaye. La contre-attaque de Meyer contre l'avant-garde canadienne n'a pas permis de rejeter les Alliés à la mer, mais elle a empêché la 9 BIC de s'emparer de son objectif à Carpiquet. Un élément clé de la réussite de Meyer sur le champ de bataille ce jour-là a résidé dans l'absence de l'appui-feu de l'artillerie canadienne pendant la majeure partie de la contre-attaque allemande. Ainsi, les braves soldats de la 9 BIC ont été forcés de déployer un effort désespéré pour repousser les attaquants uniquement avec leurs armes à tir direct.

Quand l'audacieuse attaque de Meyer contre le flanc de l'avant-garde canadienne à Authie a surpris les Fusiliers et les Highlanders dans une position désespérée, l'incapacité des officiers observateurs avancés (OOA) du 14e Régiment de campagne de fournir à point nommé un appui-feu a amplifié l'effet initial de l'assaut allemand. Alors que le 25e SS-PGR Kampfgruppe de Meyer faisait exécuter un violent barrage par plus de 50 canons contre les Highlanders, les Canadiens se faisaient dire que « leur artillerie n'était à même de leur fournir aucun appui ». Meyer était sans doute conscient de cette situation et il en a profité, car il était à l'avant pendant la majeure partie de l'opération – en effet, il a écrit dans ses mémoires que les canons canadiens n'avaient pas fait feu au cours de l'attaque initiale contre l'avant-garde de la 9 BIC. Meyer a certes exploité l'absence de tirs d'artillerie défensifs canadiens, mais ses premiers succès n'ont pas été exploités par la 21 Div Pz, car elle est restée immobile jusqu'à l'heure dite, soit 16 h, avant de s'engager dans la contre-attaque. À cet égard, Milner et Reynolds ont tous deux critiqué à bon droit l'exercice du commandement et du contrôle par Meyer pendant la bataille, car il (Meyer) était souvent loin de son quartier général et entretenait des communications minimales avec son QG – Meyer a lui-même avoué avoir été coincé dans un trou d'obus pendant un moment clé de la bataille. Quand la 21 Div Pz s'est jointe aux combats, les Canadiens avaient réglé leurs problèmes d'artillerie et ils ont fait tomber sur les Allemands une pluie de feu qui a rapidement paralysé leur contre-attaque. Par conséquent, il est raisonnable de poser comme principe que, si Meyer avait hésité à attaquer les éléments canadiens qui s'avançaient vers Carpiquet, sa force aurait sans doute été décimée elle aussi par les mêmes tirs d'artillerie qui ont enrayé la progression de la 21 Div Pz. Cela légitime en partie les actions de Meyer : son attaque audacieuse et agressive, inspirée par l'intuition qu'il avait acquise sur le champ de bataille à titre de commandant et combinée à la position qu'il occupait à l'avant, lui a permis d'exploiter les lacunes initiales de l'artillerie canadienne, qui n'avait pas su déployer un rideau de fer entre la 9 BIC et le 25e SS-PGR Kampfgruppe.

Les problèmes liés à l'appui-feu allié le lendemain du jour J sont bien expliqués dans les principaux ouvrages de référence et aussi dans l'analyse historique de Reynolds, de Jarymowycz et de Milner (surtout dans celle de ce dernier). En théorie et en pratique, l'avant-garde de la 9 BIC aurait dû avoir un accès immédiat aux tirs considérables des 21 obusiers automoteurs M7 de 105 mm, dont le 14e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne (RAC) disposait encore, ainsi qu'à ceux des neuf pièces de six pouces du croiseur HMS Belfast. Mis à part ces éléments d'appui-feu chargés d'appuyer directement la 9 BIC, il importe de souligner que le système de commandement et de contrôle de l'artillerie du Commonwealth britannique aurait permis aux OOA du 14 RAC d'accéder aux pièces de tout le théâtre. Dans son histoire du 13e Régiment d'artillerie de campagne de l'ARC, Milner a parlé de l'efficacité de la doctrine de l'artillerie du Commonwealth en ces termes :

L'OOA, avec sa batterie et son régiment, servait par conséquent d'intermédiaire à qui les unités d'infanterie avancées pouvaient demander un appui-feu de grande envergure [...] n'importe quel OOA, voire un « artilleur », un simple soldat de l'artillerie, pouvait recourir aux tirs de n'importe quelle pièce, depuis sa propre batterie jusqu'aux canons du Corps d'armée, pour les diriger sur un seul ensemble de coordonnées de quadrillage, et ce, en quelques minutes. Dans le système britannique, on tirait d'abord, et l'on posait les questions plus tard [...]

The FOO, his battery and regiment, therefore, served as the conduit through which forward infantry units could access fire support on a vast scale...it was possible for any FOO or even a "gunner" – an artillery private – to deliver the fire of everything from his own battery to that of all guns of the Corps onto a single grid reference in a matter of minutes. Under the British system you fired first and asked questions later...this very powerful system...was intended to and actually did crush the anticipated German Panzer assault on the beachhead in the days after 6 June 1944.

However, during the critical moments of the 9th CIB advance into Authie, when the Canadians received heavy German artillery fire, followed by a frenetic attack by Meyer's 25th SS-PGR Kampfgruppe, Allied fire support was silent. Indeed, when the commander of the Canadian vanguard ordered his FOO to call in defensive fire, he was told that the guns were "out of range," and would need some time to be moved up. This situation was further compounded by communications issues that prevented the Naval FOO from calling in the flat-shooting guns of the HMS Belfast. Simply put, as Meyer's men assaulted forward, they did so under a significant umbrella of fire support coverage – while the Canadians were initially left unprotected, and out in the open. What happened?

While the failure of the guns to repel the German assault on the 9th CIB vanguard is well known, there is little first-hand evidence to explain what precisely had gone wrong. It is widely (and rightfully) assumed that Meyer's force would have been "shattered had it [9th CIB] supporting artillery been on line at 1300 hours," which Milner describes as "one of the great unsolved mysteries of the early days in Normandy." The war diary of 14th Fd Regt provides scant details within this regard – that they moved positions at approximately 1100 hours before the 9th CIB attack on Authie is well documented, but the war diary of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders very much refutes the 14th Fd Regt entry that "Btys provided continuous support and stepped up to new reg't position," and both Milner and Bird report the guns as "silent." While it is understandable that the guns of the 14th Fd Regt were at the maximum extent of their range during the initial action at Authie, there was nothing to stop the FOOs from requesting fire from their Division at minimum – yet they did not. A plausible explanation for these events was the lack of FOOs deployed forward with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, and the failure of the vanguard FOOs to find adequate positions of observation from which they could call in and adjust fire. Indeed, the war diary of 14th Fd Regt reports that their FOOs moved back from the front line, to find a position within an anti-tank ditch at Buron, far from the battle raging at Authie. Regardless, what is known is that Canadian guns did not fire during the critical moments during Meyer's counter-attack – and that when they finally came back online at 1800 hours, they quickly routed the German assault. Clearly, both the failure and the phoenix of Canadian artillery had a major impact on the success and cessation of the 25th SS-PGR Kampfgruppe's counter-attack.

While Meyer and his men had failed to push the Canadians to the sea, he prevented the Allied seizure of the airfield at Carpiquet, and it would take another month for the Allies to recapture the ground 25th SS-PGR Kampfgruppe had taken. Meyer's "little fish" still had legs in France, but he had inflicted heavy casualties on the Canadians, and achieved one of his higher commander's objectives while German forces to his flanks floundered against the Allied onslaught. The product of limited options and initiative, Meyer's bold counter-attack against the Canadian vanguard was successful, as he utilized the tenants of mission command to seize a fleeting opportunity, where Allied artillery placed a decisive role in how the battle fatefully unfolded.

ce très puissant système avait pour objet d'écraser l'assaut prévu des chars allemands contre la tête de pont dans les jours qui ont suivi le 6 juin 1944, et c'est effectivement ce qu'il a permis de faire. [TRADUCTION]

Cependant, au cours des moments critiques de l'avance de la 9 BIC dans Authie, quand les Canadiens essayaient de lourds tirs d'artillerie allemands, puis l'attaque trépidante du 25e SS-PGR Kampfgruppe de Meyer, l'artillerie alliée est demeurée muette. En effet, quand le commandant de l'avant-garde canadienne a ordonné à son OOA de demander des tirs défensifs, on lui a répondu que les canons étaient « hors de portée » et qu'il leur faudrait un certain temps pour s'avancer suffisamment. À cette situation se sont ajoutés des problèmes de communications qui ont empêché l'OOA de la Marine de réclamer l'appui des canons à tir direct du HMS Belfast. Bref, pendant que les hommes de Meyer fonçaient vers l'avant, ils ont bénéficié d'un appui-feu protecteur considérable, mais les Canadiens, qui étaient tout à fait à découvert, ont été au départ démunis de toute protection. Que s'est-il passé?

Il est bien connu que l'artillerie n'a pas su repousser l'attaque allemande contre l'avant-garde de la 9 BIC, mais il existe très peu de témoignages directs pour expliquer précisément ce qui n'a pas fonctionné. La plupart des analystes ont supposé (à juste titre) que la force de Meyer aurait été « anéantie si l'artillerie d'appui de [la 9 BIC] avait été en batterie à 13 h », ce que Milner décrit comme étant « un des grands mystères non éclaircis des premiers jours de la campagne de Normandie ». Le journal de guerre du 14 RAC fournit bien peu de détails à ce sujet – il y est dit clairement que le Régiment avait changé de position vers 11 h, avant l'attaque de la 9 BIC contre Authie, mais le journal de guerre du North Nova Scotia Highlanders réfute carrément l'affirmation du 14 RAC selon laquelle « les batteries ont fourni un appui continu et [qu']elles ont avancé vers une nouvelle position régimentaire. » Par ailleurs, Milner et Bird déclarent tous deux que les canons étaient restés « muets », . On peut comprendre que les pièces du 14 RAC se trouvaient à l'extrême limite de leur portée au tout début de l'attaque contre Authie, mais rien n'empêchait les OOA de demander au moins des tirs d'appui de la part de leur division – pourtant, ils ne l'ont pas fait. Une explication plausible de ces événements a résidé dans l'absence d'OOA déployés à l'avant avec le North Nova Scotia Highlanders et dans le fait que les OOA de l'avant-garde n'ont pas réussi à trouver des positions d'observation valables d'où ils auraient pu réclamer et ajuster les tirs. En effet, le journal de guerre du 14 RAC indique que les OOA de ce dernier s'étaient repliés du front pour trouver une position dans un fossé antichar, à Buron, loin du lieu où la bataille faisait rage à Authie. Quoi qu'il en soit, nous savons que les canons canadiens n'ont pas fait feu lors des moments critiques pendant la contre-attaque de Meyer et que, quand ils se sont finalement mis en batterie à 18 h, ils ont vite mis l'ennemi en déroute. De toute évidence, tant les lacunes que l'excellence de l'artillerie canadienne ont grandement influé sur la réussite initiale, puis sur l'enraiment de la contre-attaque du 25e SS-PGR Kampfgruppe.

Meyer et ses hommes n'ont pas réussi à rejeter les Canadiens à la mer, mais ils ont empêché les Alliés de s'emparer de l'aérodrome à Carpiquet. Il allait falloir un autre mois aux Alliés pour reconquérir le terrain que le 25e SS-PGR Kampfgruppe avait pris. Le « petit poisson » de Meyer avait encore pied en France, mais ce dernier avait infligé de lourdes pertes aux Canadiens et il avait atteint un des objectifs de son commandant supérieur, tandis que les forces allemandes sur ses flancs battaient de l'aile sous l'attaque des Alliés. Organisée à partir d'options limitées, mais avec initiative, l'audacieuse contre-attaque de Meyer contre l'avant-garde canadienne a été couronnée de succès, car il avait su appliquer les principes du commandement de mission pour exploiter une possibilité de courte durée dans un contexte où l'artillerie alliée a influé de façon décisive sur la façon dont la bataille a suivi son cours fatidique.

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Milner fait savoir que la portée maximale du M7 Priest était de 12 500 verges, mais que, dans la pratique, elle était « sensiblement moindre ». Dans le journal de guerre du 14e RAC, on lit que sa nouvelle position de tir était située aux coordonnées 989 815, tandis que les documents du North Nova Scotia Highlanders, à Authie, plaçaient ce régiment aux coordonnées 985 713. L'auteur a estimé que la distance entre ces deux positions était d'environ 10,2 km, soit 11 150 verges.

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# From Roman Legions to Present Day: The Guns! Thank God, the Guns!

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Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, artillery has been the most lethal form of land armament. However, modern artillery—true war engineering machinery—has not always carried the same weight in the history of war, even though its importance is to a great extent still paramount. The following text will present artillery throughout history. Topics covered include the first forms of artillery, the introduction of gunpowder and its role in history, technological advances and metallurgy techniques, its expansion as a land-based armament and modern artillery. We will end with a look at the future of artillery.

## The first forms of artillery

The word “artillery” comes from the Old French *artillier*, which in the Middle Ages referred to builders of war materials and equipment. However, the first forms of artillery date back to the Ancient Greek period. Although the charge and projectile were different at the time and a system of counterweights and kinetic energy was used, the principle of a longrange war machine that inflicts mass damage remains the same. The catapult, the ballista, the trebuchet and even the mangonel were some such engines of war. These machines of the time were used mainly as siege engines. Known for their long range and the damage they inflicted, these pieces of engineering were highly valued by the armed forces of the era. In those days, artillery required a great deal of resources in terms of use and construction. These machines were massive and therefore quite often immobile. It also took many men to operate them.

## The introduction of gunpowder

There is some uncertainty as to the exact date when gunpowder made an appearance, particularly in the world of artillery. However, most historians agree that the first uses of gunpowder in artillery were by China in the 14th century. Chinese cannons during that period had vase-like shapes and were made mainly of iron or bronze. Powder-based projectiles were inserted into cylindrical cannons and were shot directly at the enemy, unlike in Antiquity and the Middle Ages when artillery was used more as a siege engine. Artillery therefore played a different role in that era. Better known as “erupters,” these war machines—previously engaged by a single man—were now installed on wooden frames and could launch flames, metal and crushed porcelain up to 6 feet. The transformation of this engine of war by the Mongols resulted in the creation of the first piece of artillery. The earlier machine was modified such that it projected gunpowder in the form of a round projectile that would then explode on impact, as compared to the ignition of the powder as it left the cannon. The type of energy used to detonate the projectile changed as well. Chemical energy was now being used, rather than kinetic energy. While it did not play a crucial part within the Chinese ranks and in Asia in general, the introduction of this new process in Europe would change the course of war in European history. The first gunpowder-based cannon debuted in Europe around the middle of the 14th century.

## Developments in metallurgy and artillery expansion

Due to the large amount of metal needed and demand for larger pieces of artillery, artillery builders of the time switched

# Des légions romaines à aujourd’hui : The Guns ! Thank God, the Guns !

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Depuis le début de la Révolution Industrielle, l’artillerie est la forme d’armement terrestre la plus létale. L’artillerie moderne, véritables machines d’ingénierie de guerre, n’a cependant pas toujours eu le même poids au sein de l’histoire de la guerre, bien que son importance reste tout de même primordiale en grande majorité. Le texte qui suit présentera l’artillerie au sein de l’histoire. On y abordera des sujets tels que les premières formes d’artillerie, l’arrivée de la poudre à canon et son rôle au sein de l’histoire, l’avancé de la technologie et les techniques de métallurgies, son expansion en tant qu’armement terrestre, l’artillerie moderne et nous terminerons avec une ouverture face au futur de l’artillerie.

## Les premières formes d’artillerie

Le mot « artillerie » provient de l’ancien français « artillier », qui sert à désigner, Au Moyen âge, les artisans fabricants de matériaux et équipement de guerre. Les premières formes d’artillerie remontent cependant jusqu’à la période de la Grèce Antique. Bien que la charge et le projectile fut différent à l’époque et que l’on utilisait un système de contrepoids ou d’énergie cinétique, le principe d’une machine de guerre à longue portée infligeant des dommages de masse reste le même. Parmi ces engins de guerre figure la catapulte, la baliste, le trebuchet ou encore le mangonneau. Ces machines de l’époque étaient principalement utilisées en tant qu’engins de siège. Considéré pour leur grande portée et pour le dommage qu’ils infligent, ces pièces d’ingénieries sont grandement valorisées au sein des forces armées de l’époque. L’artillerie de l’époque demande une grande quantité de ressources autant au niveau de l’emploi que de la construction. Ces machines sont massives, et donc bien souvent immobiles. De plus, plusieurs hommes doivent être consacrés à son utilisation.

## L’arrivée de la poudre à canon

Il y a une certaine incertitude face à la date exacte de l’arrivée de la poudre à canon, particulièrement dans le monde de l’artillerie. Cependant, la majorité des historiens s’entendent pour dire que les premières utilisations de la poudre à canon au sein de l’artillerie auraient été effectuées au 14<sup>e</sup> siècle par la Chine. Les canons chinois de l’époque avaient des formes de vases et étaient principalement construits à l’aide de fer ou de bronze. On insérait des projectiles à base de poudre à canon dans des canons à tube cylindrique et tirait directement sur l’ennemi, contrairement à l’Antiquité et au Moyen-Âge où l’artillerie servait davantage comme engin de siège. Le rôle de l’artillerie à cette époque est donc différent. Mieux connu sous le nom de « erupters », ces machines de guerres, auparavant employable à l’aide d’un seul homme, étaient maintenant installées sur des cadres de bois et pouvaient lancer des flammes, du métal et de la porcelaine concassée jusqu’à 6 pieds. L’évolution de cet engin de guerre par les Mongols résulte en la création de la première pièce d’artillerie. On modifie la machine précédente de façon à ce qu’elle projette la poudre à canon sous forme de boulet, qui par la suite explosera sous impact, comparativement à l’allumage de la poudre à la sortie du canon. Le type d’énergie utilisé pour faire d’étonner le projectile change également. Il s’agit désormais de l’énergie chimique plutôt que de l’énergie cinétique. Bien qu’il n’ait pas pris une importance cruciale au sein des rangs chinois et de l’Asie en général, l’arrivée de ce nouveau procédé en Europe changera le cours de la guerre dans l’histoire européenne. Le premier canon à poudre à canon verra le jour en Europe vers le milieu du 14<sup>e</sup> siècle.





from bronze to iron, a far more common metal that could withstand the energy generated by the projectile. Because of their size, the new models had to be forged using wooden models that enabled the artillery builders to forge the iron around the model, unlike the previous model where the piece was forged from models of towers. In the 16th century, the King of Sweden, Gustavus Adolphus, determined with the help of his engineers that the range of artillery pieces was not influenced by the length of the cannon, thus lessening their main disadvantage: the lack of mobility. This then allowed the army to considerably reduce the weight of the pieces, in addition to saving a lot of resources when making a single one, meaning that more could be made. Mastery of iron and in-depth knowledge about gunpowder made these changes possible. It was this that led to the emergence of field artillery, in other words, more mobile pieces that could be used much more effectively on the battlefield. Artillery could now better serve its purpose of supporting infantry corps and cavalymen. Over time, the innovation of artillery pieces became apparent. In France, the inspector of artillery, Jean-Baptiste de Gribeauval, made it so that all pieces were standardized, the parts were interchangeable and the charges were improved to increase the effective range and accuracy of the pieces. Effort was also put into modifying the pieces by replacing muzzle loading—a source of unpredictable and real danger—with breech loading. However, the lack of technology at the time made this innovation still more dangerous than the method used nowadays. It would take until the middle of the 19th century before such technology would be available. The evolution of artillery pieces was such that no commander ignored their importance.

### Modern artillery

The Industrial Revolution saw a surge in technology and engineering. During this period, Sir William Armstrong developed the best piece of artillery ever created. It was a breechloaded piece with much greater range and accuracy and was also much safer to use. The piece was now capable of containing the chemical energy generated by the detonation of the charge, and the risk of the projectile exploding inside the cannon was reduced substantially. Sir William Armstrong later developed pieces that weighed 3, 5, 18, 25, 40, 70 and finally 110 pounds in the space of a few years, contributing greatly to the advancement of field and naval artillery. That artillery serves as a model for the artillery pieces used today. The grip system was subsequently added, a feature developed by Sir William Armstrong, as was a hydro-pneumatic recoil mechanism. The grip consisted of a muzzle diameter that was slightly smaller than the rest of the cannon in order to centre the projectile before it exited the barrel. A piece with all these features was considered to be modern artillery.

Another step in the modernization of artillery was the process of indirect fire. Used for the first time in the 18th century, the method of firing pieces at an enemy without direct line of sight was studied extensively in the 19th and 20th centuries. Around the end of the 19th century, some armed forces saw the release of publications on the subject. In Germany, in 1890, indirect fire using artillery pieces was adopted as official doctrine. In the years that followed, up until the First World War, indirect fire techniques became available for all types of artillery. This doctrine then made it possible to develop techniques and procedures for air defence. Used mainly to take down airships, 65, 75 and even 105 mm pieces were modified and mounted to achieve the desired effect. As technology in aviation advanced and with the big difference in speed between airships and that era's aircraft, the need for artillery pieces capable of neutralizing threats from the air became increasingly greater. At the time of the First World War, an overwhelming majority of countries

### L'évolution de la métallurgie et l'expansion de l'artillerie

En raison de la grande quantité de métal nécessaire et de la requête de pièces d'artilleries plus imposantes, les artilleurs de l'époque passe du bronze au fer : un métal beaucoup plus commun et capable de supporter l'énergie provoqué par le projectile. En raison de leur grosseur, les nouveaux modèles de pièces devaient être forgés à l'aide de modèles de bois, qui permettait aux artilleurs de forger le fer autour du modèle, comparativement au modèle précédent où la pièce était forgée à partir des modèles de clochers. Au 16e siècle, le roi de la Suède à l'époque, Gustavus Adolphus, détermine avec l'aide de ses ingénieurs que la portée des pièces n'est pas influencée par la longueur du canon, réduisant ainsi le principal inconvénient de l'utilisation de pièces d'artillerie, soit le manque de mobilité. Cela permet alors à son armée de réduire considérablement le poids des pièces en plus d'économiser nombreuses ressources lors de la confection d'une seule pièce, lui permettant ainsi d'en créer davantage. La maîtrise du fer et les connaissances approfondies de la poudre à canon permettent ces changements. C'est de ces raisons que naît l'artillerie de campagne : des pièces de mobilité accrue et dont on peut se servir avec une plus grande efficacité sur le champ de bataille. L'artillerie pouvait désormais mieux répondre à son mandat de supporter les corps d'infanterie ainsi que les cavaliers. Au fil du temps, l'innovation des pièces se fait sentir. En France, l'inspecteur de l'artillerie, Jean-Baptiste de Gribeauval, fait en sorte que toutes les pièces soient standardisées, que les parties des pièces soient interchangeables et que les charges soient améliorées de façon à augmenter la portée efficace des pièces ainsi que leur précision. On tente également de modifier les pièces en remplaçant le chargement par le museau du canon, source de danger imprédictible et réel, par le chargement à l'aide de la culasse. Par contre, le manque de technologie de l'époque fait de cette innovation une méthode encore plus dangereuse que celle utilisée jusqu'à présent. Il faudra attendre jusqu'à la moitié du 19e siècle avant de voir cette technologie prendre le jour. L'évolution des pièces est telle qu'aucun commandant néglige l'importance de celles-ci.

### L'artillerie moderne

La révolution industrielle permet un grand accroissement au niveau de la technologie et de l'ingénierie. Sir William Armstrong développe, à l'époque, la meilleure pièce d'artillerie jamais créée. Il s'agit d'une pièce à chargement par culasse dont la portée et la précision était grandement accrue et dont la sécurité à l'emploi était également grandement améliorée. En effet, la pièce était maintenant capable de contenir l'énergie chimique provoquée par la détonation de la charge et le risque d'explosion du projectile à l'intérieur du canon était réduit considérablement. Sir William Armstrong a par la suite développé des pièces de 3, 5, 18, 25, 40, 70 et finalement 110 livres en l'espace de quelques années, contribuant grandement à l'avancement de l'artillerie de campagne ainsi que l'artillerie navale et servant de modèle aux pièces d'artillerie utilisées de nos jours. On ajoutera par la suite, comme caractéristiques aux pièces, le système de « grip », créé par William Armstrong ainsi qu'un mécanisme de recul hydro-pneumatique. La « grip » consiste en un diamètre de la bouche du canon légèrement inférieur au reste du canon afin de centrer le projectile avant sa sortie du baril. Une pièce présentant toutes ces caractéristiques est considérée comme étant une pièce de l'artillerie moderne.

Une autre étape à la modernisation de l'artillerie est le procédé de tir indirect. Utilisé pour la première fois au cours du 18e siècle la méthode de tir l'ennemi sans ligne de vue direct avec les pièces est grandement étudiée au cours du 19e et 20e siècle. Vers la fin du 19e siècle, certaines forces armées voient apparaître des publications portant sur le sujet. En Allemagne, en 1890, le tir indirect à l'aide des pièces est adopté comme doctrine officielle. Dans les années qui suivent, menant jusqu'à la Première Guerre mondiale, les techniques de tir indirect deviennent disponibles pour tout type d'artillerie. Cette doctrine permet par la suite de développer des techniques et

had developed their air defence capabilities. Antiaircraft missiles were also added over the years. To this day, research and development on artillery piece technology continues to impress, and the results are phenomenal. However, it is not just the principle of landbased air defence that has experienced such rich growth. With these technological advances, the threat posed by artillery pieces is increasing at a rapid pace and the need to be able to counter this threat is a new challenge for which solutions will quickly have to be found. The use of an observer on the ground greatly increases firing efficiency and improves the performance of the pieces and the armed forces. Then comes a multitude of elements designed to increase the effect produced by artillery on the battlefield. These include targeting, counter-battery procedures, target surveillance and acquisition, and many others.

While the primary role of air defence is to determine the origin of airborne threats, target surveillance and acquisition aims to determine dangers originating from the ground, that is, fire from enemy pieces or any other equipment used to damage allied pieces. Although this aspect of artillery does not use pieces as the main work tool, it is nonetheless quite appropriate, and necessary, to classify it under artillery. As mentioned earlier, the firepower from artillery pieces has been the most lethal land armament in recent centuries. Being able to counter enemy pieces is therefore crucial in battle. As part of target surveillance and acquisition, the use of tools such as radars, acoustic systems and drones, for example, serves to determine the location of enemy pieces or positions, thereby providing an information advantage. Like the proverb says, "knowledge is power," and in this case, the information offered by these tools can truly determine the outcome of any battle. Counterbattery tactics, for instance, are a perfect example of the proper use of the information gathered. These techniques and tactics will never stop evolving. Artillery is the most formidable arm of any army. It is vital, and the constant need to make it more potent stems from its importance.

### Conclusion

History shows that ever since artillery appeared on the battlefield, the need to constantly improve its use and effectiveness has been imperative. Whether it was the catapult at the time of the Roman legions, the first black gunpowder of the Chinese or today's howitzers, the artillery piece will forever remain a formidable, everevolving weapon. We need only look to China, which began a number of years ago already to prepare its artillery to respond to spacebased operations. The goal is to use satellites to hit land, air or sea targets accurately and from a long range. We cannot predict the future, or much less what technology will bring in terms of additional artillery capabilities. However, one thing is certain: no matter what conflict might arise, artillery will be there.

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procédures dans le but de la défense aérienne. Principalement utilisées dans le but de descendre les ballons dirigeables, des pièces de 65, 75 et même de 105mm étaient modifiées et montées de façon à produire l'effet désiré. Avec l'avancée technologique au niveau de l'aviation et de la grande différence de vitesse entre les ballons dirigeables et les avions de l'époque, le besoin de pièces d'artilleries capable de neutraliser les menaces provenant des airs se fait de plus en plus important. Au moment de la Première Guerre Mondiale, une très grande majorité des pays avaient développées leurs capacités au niveau de la défense aérienne. Les missiles anti-aériens se joignent également à la partie avec les années. Encore aujourd'hui, la recherche et développement face à la technologie des pièces ne cessent d'impressionner et les résultats sont phénoménaux. Mais il n'y a pas que le principe de défense terre-air qui connaît une croissance aussi riche. Avec ces avancées technologiques, la menace des pièces s'accroît à vive allure et le besoin de pouvoir contrer cette menace est un nouveau défi dont il faudra rapidement trouver solutions. L'utilisation d'observateur au niveau du sol accroît grandement l'efficacité de tir et permet aux pièces et aux forces armées un meilleur rendement. Vient par la suite une multitude d'éléments servant à augmenter l'effet produit par l'artillerie sur le champ de bataille. Parmi ces éléments se trouve le ciblage, les procédures de contre-batteries, la surveillance et acquisition d'objectifs et bien d'autres.

Alors que le rôle primaire de la défense aérienne est de déterminer la provenance des menaces aériennes, la surveillance et acquisition d'objectifs a pour objectif de déterminer les dangers provenant du sol, soit le feu des pièces ennemis ou tout autre équipements utilisés dans le but de nuire aux pièces alliées. Bien que cet aspect de l'artillerie n'utilise pas les pièces comme principal outil de travail, il reste tout de même tout à fait adéquat, et nécessaire, de le classer sous la branche de l'artillerie. Comme il a été mentionné plus tôt, la puissance de feu provenant des pièces d'artillerie est l'armement terrestre le plus létal au cours des derniers siècles. Être en mesure de contrer les pièces ennemies est donc essentiel à la bataille. Dans le cadre de la surveillance et acquisition d'objectifs, l'utilisation d'outils tels que des radars, des systèmes acoustiques et des drones, par exemple, servent à déterminer l'emplacement des pièces ou des positions ennemis et ainsi fournir un avantage au niveau de l'information. Comme le proverbe le mentionne : « Knowledge is power », et dans ce cas-ci, l'information fourni par ces outils peut réellement déterminer l'issue de n'importe quel bataille. La tactique de contre-batterie, par exemple, est un parfait exemple d'une bonne utilisation de l'information recueilli. Ces techniques et tactiques ne cesseront d'évoluer. L'artillerie est l'arme la plus redoutable de toute armée. Elle est essentielle et le constant besoin d'accroître ses capacités provient de son importance.

### Conclusion

L'histoire le démontre : depuis l'arrivée de l'artillerie sur le champ de bataille, le besoin de sans cesse accroître son utilisation et son efficacité est primordial. Qu'il s'agisse de la catapulte du temps des légions romaines, du premier canon à poudre noir des chinois ou des howitzers d'aujourd'hui, la pièce d'artillerie restera à jamais une arme redoutable et en constante évolution. Nous n'avons qu'à penser à la Chine qui, ayant commencé déjà depuis plusieurs années, prépare son artillerie pour être en mesure de répondre à des opérations au niveau de l'espace. Le but étant d'utiliser des satellites servant à frapper, de façon précise et à longue distance, des cibles terrestres, aériennes ou navales. On ne peut prédire l'avenir et encore moins ce que la technologie apportera comme capacités supplémentaires au domaine de l'artillerie. Cependant, une chose est certaine : peu importe le conflit qui s'annonce, l'artillerie sera présente.

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Action from CFB Shilo's Gunner Arena in early December 2017 with 1 RCHA's annual Kingston Cup hockey game. B Bty defeated A Bty for bragging rights as they did in 2016.



## Ubique, Always

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Nothing seems more cliché than the assertion that artillery is somehow obsolete, yet the opinion is often voiced in some form or another. Whether it be the end of siege warfare, the advent of aerial bombardment or the innovation of unmanned aerial vehicles, no single event has so far outdated the sum of things that the artillery represents: its strategic value, its mission and its people. Artillery remains a more versatile and far more cost-efficient bombardment option when compared to close air support (CAS) provided by strike fighters. Proposed alternatives to towed artillery, such as mounted artillery, mortars, unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV) and mounted multiple rocket launcher systems (MRLS) remain more relevant to the artillery mission than to that of any other force component. Last but not least, the artillery mission, regardless of equipment, is dependent on skill and discipline developed by the artillery trade. True to our Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) motto, artillery has been everywhere. It has been so for two thousand years, and that is not likely to change anytime soon.

Due to its long lineage, it is indiscernible from recorded history whether artillery was born in the field or in a siege. What we can know, with relative certainty, is that the word was first used for ballistae, catapults and other war engines at least a century before it started commonly referring to ordnance. Thought to pre-date even Alexander's ancient conquests, ancient siege engines are in any event spiritual predecessors to medieval cannon and modern howitzers: massive engines of war with stopping power unparalleled by the small arms of the day, requiring forethought, discipline and teamwork for effective deployment and use. It is in this tradition, or so I like to think, that today we use "artillery" to refer not only to an artillery piece but also to the time-honoured skills, attitudes and discipline that make up the artillery trade fundamental to the Canadian artillery force component.

This is not a difference without distinction, as detractors like to point out that CAS, coupled with GPS-guided munitions, has superior operational qualities such as effective range and precision when compared to artillery systems. So argued one Donald Rumsfeld, then US Secretary of Defence, when the US Department of Defence slashed the XM2001 Crusader program (which was to procure a modernized self-propelled howitzer to replace the US's M109A6 Paladin weapons system), by citing the virtues of aerial precision strikes in Afghanistan that "reduced the number of friendly fire incidents, as well as incidents of civilian collateral value". Like Rumsfeld, many artillery detractors are likely to point to air-to-surface strike capabilities as the reason for artillery's perceived demise. Tactical bombing and CAS are indeed means of achieving, with aircraft, very similar effects to those of an indirect fire mission: engaging a distant target with a heavy payload meant to eliminate all resistance between weapon and target. On the surface, this is an American debate, but given the US's leadership in collective defense pacts such as NORAD and NATO, it quickly becomes a Canadian concern even though the Canadian public record hardly evidences this.

Of course, aircraft have superior deployability, a characteristic that is par excellence the domain of strategic long-range bombers rather than aircraft limited to in-theatre deployment, such as strike fighters or assault helicopters. While the latter carry smaller payloads, loiter time on target (directly proportional to

## Ubique, Toujours

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Rien ne peut être plus stéréotypé que de dire que l'artillerie est d'une manière ou d'une autre vétuste. Pourtant, cette opinion est souvent exprimée de diverses façons. Qu'il s'agisse de la fin des sièges de guerre, de l'invention des bombardements aériens ou de l'innovation concrétisée par les véhicules aériens sans pilote, aucun événement en soi n'a pu jusqu'ici rendre obsolète la gamme d'atouts que l'artillerie représente : sa valeur stratégique, sa mission et ses ressources humaines. L'artillerie demeure une option plus polyvalente et beaucoup plus économique que l'appui aérien rapproché (AAR) fourni par les chasseurs. Les solutions de remplacement proposées pour l'artillerie tractée, par exemple l'artillerie montée, les mortiers, les véhicules aériens de combat non pilotés (UCAV) et les véhicules lance-roquettes multiples (LRM), se rapportent encore plus à la mission de l'artillerie qu'à celle de n'importe quelle autre composante des forces. Dernier argument, mais non le moindre, la mission de l'artillerie, quel que soit l'équipement utilisé, dépend des compétences et de la discipline des artilleurs. Fidèle à sa devise, l'Artillerie royale canadienne (ARC) est intervenue partout. Il en est ainsi depuis deux mille ans, et ce n'est pas demain la veille que les choses changeront à cet égard.

Vu ses longs antécédents, il est impossible de dire, si l'on s'en tient aux textes historiques, si l'artillerie a vu le jour sur le terrain ou lors d'un siège. Ce que nous savons avec une certitude relative, c'est que le mot a été utilisé tout d'abord pour désigner les balistes, les catapultes et d'autres machines de guerre au moins un siècle avant qu'il commence à être appliqué communément aux pièces d'artillerie. Les anciens engins de siège, dont on pense qu'ils datent même d'avant les anciennes conquêtes d'Alexandre, sont en tout cas les prédécesseurs « spirituels » des canons médiévaux et des obusiers modernes : c'était des machines de guerre massives dont la puissance paralysante n'avait pas d'égal chez les armes portatives de l'époque et qui nécessitaient réflexion, discipline et travail d'équipe pour en garantir le déploiement et l'utilisation efficaces. C'est dans la foulée de cette tradition, du moins j'aime à le penser, que nous employons aujourd'hui le mot « artillerie » pour désigner non seulement une pièce d'artillerie, mais aussi les habiletés, les attitudes et la discipline vénérables qui sont au cœur même de cette profession fondamentale à la composante de la force de l'Artillerie canadienne.

Il ne s'agit pas ici d'une différence sans nuance, car les détracteurs aiment bien préciser que l'AAR utilisé avec les munitions guidées par système de localisation GPS possède des qualités opérationnelles supérieures telles qu'une portée et une précision efficaces comparativement aux systèmes d'artillerie. C'est ce qu'a prétendu Donald Rumsfeld, alors secrétaire de la Défense des É.U., quand le Département de la Défense de ce pays a réduit radicalement l'ampleur du programme du XM2001 Crusader (qui devait procurer à l'Armée américaine un obusier automoteur modernisé pour remplacer son système d'arme M109A6 Paladin), en évoquant les avantages des frappes aériennes de précision en Afghanistan qui « avaient réduit le nombre d'incidents de tir fratricide et de cas où il y avait eu des pertes collatérales civiles » [Traduction]. Comme Rumsfeld, de nombreux critiques de l'artillerie attireront probablement l'attention sur les capacités des frappes air-surface pour expliquer la disparition perçue de l'artillerie. Les bombardements tactiques et l'AAR sont effectivement des moyens de produire, avec des aéronefs, des effets très semblables à ceux des tirs indirects : attaquer une cible lointaine avec une charge utile lourde destinée à éliminer toute résistance entre l'arme et sa cible. À première vue, il s'agit là d'un débat américain, mais étant donné le leadership qu'exercent les É.U. dans les pactes de défense collective tels que l'accord du NORAD et l'OTAN, le débat en question a vite fait de concerner le Canada même si les documents publics canadiens ne



the ability of the aircraft to handle well at low speeds and its fuel efficiency) is far superior for strike fighters – and even more so for turboprop planes and assault helicopters. When it comes to CAS missions, it is no surprise that ground forces prefer support from aircraft with superior loiter time on target, as good loiter capability significantly increases bombardment precision regardless of the availability of electronic targeting assistance. Needless to say, both traditional and modern land-based systems have infinite loiter time on target and are, if only in this respect, infinitely superior to air-based systems.

An even more evident differentiator between tactical bombing and CAS on one hand and land-based artillery application of fire on the other is the question of weapon cost effectiveness. Given increasing budget pressures on military procurement in modern democratic governments like Canada's, weapon systems need to be cost effective. Back in 2010, when the F35 appeared to be the strike fighter of choice for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), the government estimated that the cost of a plane could be as much as \$ 140million. A typical GBU-31 guided bomb suitable for tactical air-to-surface applications composed of a Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) kit and a dumb bomb costs about \$ 23,100 and packs 945lbs of explosives. By comparison, in 2008, when the RCA acquired 37 M777 light-weight towed howitzers, the approximate cost was \$3 million a piece. Modern 155mm high explosive munitions cost about \$ 300 a piece, and pack 23.8 pounds of explosives. A battery of four guns firing for effect ten times can deliver the GBU-31's explosive charge for \$ 128million less in systems costs and \$ 10,000 less in munitions costs. Moreover, the battery has more flexibility in the amount and spread of explosives used in its application of fire, thus being able to restrict collateral damage without the use of guided munitions (although guided munitions are available, but are far less cost-efficient). Assuming that there is seldom any significant difference between types of targets engaged via tactical air-to-surface missile weapons and those engaged via surface-to-surface projectile or missile weapons, the higher cost of tactical bombing and CAS would only be warranted in a limited number tactical situations, such as when speed and deployability are of the essence in an improvised, unplanned action.

In many other cases, it is ground-controlled artillery that has a tactical advantage over airpower. In the battlefield of the future, ground-controlled artillery includes not only towed and self-propelled howitzers but also mortars, man-portable air-defense systems (MPADS), MRLSs and UCAVs. Already, towed artillery is highly mobile, with lightweight M777s capable of deployment via helicopter or C130 airlifts and able to rapidly redeploy at short distances while towed on the ground. For obvious reasons, self-propelled guns and MRLSs benefit from additional in-theatre mobility with minimal logistical hassle, and UCAVs even more so. Some environments allow ground-controlled artillery to benefit from forest cover and other ground stealth, which allows for surprise attacks to be initiated before counter-battery radars have a chance to alert the enemy to the position of hidden guns. Portable systems such as mortars and MPADS benefit from additional stealth due to their small size. Capable of carrying out specialized anti-air defense missions, some MLRSs are dedicated surface-to-air missile (SAM) batteries while some, like the HIMARS system, are common launchers for surface-to-surface artillery rockets and SAMs. UCAVs combine the stealth benefits of ground control and aerial deployment, with ground control stations capable of stealthy in-theatre deployment and an aerial delivery system capable of maximizing the range of weapon mobility, and of alternating between air-to-surface and air-to-air outfitting. Like manned aircraft however, UCAVs are incapable of sustained application of fire.

l'attestent pas vraiment, loin de là.

Bien sûr, les aéronefs bénéficient d'une déployabilité supérieure; c'est là une caractéristique qui est, par excellence, le propre des bombardiers stratégiques à long rayon d'action plutôt que celui des aéronefs limités aux déploiements dans le théâtre, par exemple les avions de combat ou les hélicoptères d'assaut. Bien que ces derniers emportent des charges utiles plus petites, la durée de tenue de poste audessus de l'objectif (qui est directement proportionnelle à la capacité de l'aéronef de bien manœuvrer à faible vitesse et à sa consommation de carburant) est nettement plus grande dans le cas des avions de combat, et encore plus dans celui des avions turbopropulsés et des hélicoptères d'assaut. Lorsqu'il s'agit des missions d'AAR, il n'est pas surprenant que les forces terrestres préfèrent l'appui d'aéronefs pouvant passer plus de temps en poste au-dessus de leur objectif, car une plus grande capacité à cet égard augmente sensiblement la précision des bombardements, peu importe que les aéronefs disposent ou non d'aides électroniques au ciblage. Il va sans dire que les systèmes terrestres tant classiques que modernes peuvent passer un temps infini sur l'objectif et qu'ils sont, ne serait-ce qu'à cet égard, infiniment supérieurs aux systèmes aériens.

Un facteur de différence encore plus évident entre les bombardements tactiques et l'AAR, d'une part, et l'application des tirs d'artillerie terrestres, d'autre part, se rapporte à l'efficacité des armes. Comme les gouvernements démocratiques modernes tels que le Canada assujettissent l'approvisionnement militaire à des pressions budgétaires grandissantes, les systèmes d'armes doivent être économiques. En 2010, quand le F35 semblait être l'avion de combat de prédilection pour l'Aviation royale canadienne (ARC), le gouvernement a estimé que le coût d'un avion risquait d'atteindre 140 millions de dollars. Une bombe guidée GBU-31 typique, pouvant servir à des applications tactiques air-surface et étant composée d'un ensemble JDAM (munition interarmes d'attaque directe) à bombe lisse, coûte environ 23 100 \$ et emporte 945 lb d'explosifs. En comparaison, quand l'Artillerie royale canadienne a acheté, en 2008, 37 obusiers tractés légers M777, le coût unitaire approximatif était de trois millions de dollars. Les obus brisants modernes de 155 mm coûtent environ 300 \$ chacun et contiennent 23,8 livres d'explosifs. Une batterie de quatre obusiers tirant dix coups ciblés chacun peut lancer une charge explosive équivalente à celle d'une bombe GBU31, mais le coût des systèmes sera inférieur de 128 millions de dollars, et celui des munitions, de 10 000 \$. En outre, la batterie dispose d'une plus grande souplesse quant à la quantité et à la répartition des explosifs employés au cours des tirs, ce qui lui permet de limiter les dommages collatéraux sans recourir à des munitions guidées (bien que de telles munitions soient disponibles, mais beaucoup moins économiques). À supposer qu'il existe rarement une différence appréciable entre les types de cibles prises à partie par des missiles tactiques air-surface et celles qui sont attaquées avec des projectiles ou des missiles surface-surface, le coût plus élevé d'un bombardement tactique et de l'AAR ne serait justifié que dans un nombre limité de situations tactiques, par exemple quand la rapidité et la déployabilité sont essentielles dans le cadre d'une intervention improvisée et non planifiée.

Dans de nombreux autres cas, c'est l'artillerie contrôlée au sol qui a l'avantage tactique sur la puissance aérienne. Sur le champ de bataille de l'avenir, cette artillerie comprendra, outre les obusiers tractés et automoteurs, des mortiers, des systèmes portatifs de défense anti-aérienne (SPDAA), des LRM et des UCAV. L'artillerie tractée est déjà très mobile, ses M777 légers pouvant être déployés par hélicoptère ou C130 et redéployés rapidement sur de courtes distances en étant remorqués au sol. Pour des raisons évidentes, les canons automoteurs et les LRM bénéficient d'une mobilité supplémentaire dans le théâtre sans tracas logistiques considérables, et c'est encore plus le cas des UCAV. À certains endroits, l'artillerie contrôlée au sol peut profiter d'une couverture forestière et d'autres moyens de dissimulation terrestres qui favorisent l'exécution d'attaques-surprises avant que les radars de contrebatterie aient le temps de communiquer à l'ennemi la position des canons cachés. Des systèmes portatifs tels que les mortiers et les MPADS bénéficient d'une furtivité accrue due à

Whatever the characteristics that make artillery a fitting force component for a given mission, theory is perhaps less important than practice. Although the CAF undertook significant operations in Afghanistan, and in particular in the Kandahar region, there is unfortunately very little on record about the CAF echoing the experiences of US and US-led forces with respect to the role of artillery in the War in Afghanistan. For the US, Operation Anaconda (March 2-18, 2002) was a somber reminder of the importance of general suppressing fire and close fire support provided by artillery that is organic to a task force. US forces and allied Afghan forces, organized as Coalition and Joint Task Force Mountain (TF Mountain), stormed the Shakihot Valley where Taliban and Al Qaeda forces (anti-Afghan forces, or AAF) had gathered. The battle plan called for a “hammer and anvil” attack formation, and split the coalition forces between a hammer task force that would assault enemy positions, led by an Afghan commander, and an anvil force that would prevent retreat, led by US Army commanders. Battle plans gravely underestimated the resistance encountered. During the initial assault, AIF fired heavy mortars at the hammer force, while TF Mountain as a whole lacked all but the most rudimentary artillery: on the day of the hammer’s strike, it had deployed with only a single heavy mortar. As a result, the hammer force suffered significant losses and failing morale, and it retreated, leaving the anvil force to fend for itself against higher enemy numbers. CAS was used as an emergency measure and, after a couple of kinks in the unplanned, inorganic joint land and air operations were ironed out, the anvil force was finally successful in completing Operation Anaconda. TF Mountain’s deficiencies in artillery deployment ultimately caused it to abandon its battle plan, prolong ground engagement, and sustain significant casualties before CAS pressure started slowly building and turning the tide of the battle.

The battle of Fallujah (November 8-20, 2004) is the antithesis of artillery deficiencies. The after-action review (AAR) published by officers from Task Force 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry (TF 2-2) for the battle of Fallujah offers perspective and praise when it comes to the role played by artillery organic to their force. The mission was a citywide sweep in an urban environment meant to clear the city, house by house of anti-Iraqi forces (AIF) insurgents and re-establish Iraqi government control. The AIF had improvised obstacles and fortifications, rigged vehicles and buildings with explosives and emplaced IEDs and mines along key routes. By TF 2-2’s estimates, the two M109A6 Paladins and the heavy mortars assigned to the task force contributed heavily to the mission’s success in this urban environment. Artillery was able to serve “in doctrinal roles, such as screening the initial point of penetration, preparatory fires, close fire support and disruptive deep fires, as well as in non-doctrinal roles, such as clearing routes of IEDs and breaching minefields”. Many of the 925 155mm rounds fired by the Paladins were fired in danger-close missions, often within 200m of friendly forces; AAR authors estimate that this was so successful that it “re-defined” danger-close fire (doctrinally defined at under 600m). The ease of supplying a variety of munitions to artillery allowed the Paladins to select the smallest available munitions and to keep friendlies safe. The low number of guns made massing fires difficult (although where possible, massed fires were orchestrated with the help of heavy mortars), and CAS was used to supplement bunker busting and other deep support effects that the two Paladins were primarily conducting, but the AAR found issues with CAS reliability and concluded that CAS was “not a substitute for responsive artillery and mortars”. UAVs were also used for deep support effects, with noted success.

Yet, however crucial to fire missions, the equipment itself is not the reason to favour artillery, nor the focus of the AAR’s

leur petite taille. Certains LRM peuvent exécuter des missions spécialisées de défense antiaérienne; ce sont des batteries munies exclusivement de missiles surfaceair (SAM), tandis que d’autres, tels que les systèmes de roquettes d’artillerie à grande mobilité (HIMARS), sont des lanceurs ordinaires de roquettes d’artillerie surface-surface et de SAM. Les UCAV combinent la furtivité du contrôle au sol et du déploiement aérien – avec des stations de contrôle terrestres capables de se déployer furtivement dans le théâtre – et un système d’attaque aérien pouvant maximiser la mobilité de l’arme et passer du mode air-surface au mode air-air. Cependant, comme les aéronefs pilotés, les UCAV ne peuvent pas exécuter des tirs soutenus pendant longtemps.

Quelles que soient les caractéristiques faisant de l’artillerie une composante tout indiquée d’une force chargée d’une mission donnée, la théorie importe sans doute moins que la pratique. Bien que les FAC eussent entrepris des opérations d’envergure en Afghanistan, et en particulier dans la région de Kandahar, on ne trouve malheureusement pas grand-chose dans les documents au sujet des FAC qui ferait écho aux expériences des forces américaines ou dirigées par les É.U. relativement au rôle de l’artillerie au cours de la guerre en Afghanistan. Pour les É.U., l’opération Anaconda (du 2 au 18 mars 2002) a tristement rappelé l’importance des tirs généraux de suppression et de l’appui-feu rapproché fournis par une artillerie faisant partie intégrante d’une force opérationnelle. Les forces américaines et les forces afghanes alliées, organisées comme une coalition sous le nom de Force opérationnelle interarmées Mountain (FO Mountain), ont pris d’assaut la vallée de Shakihot où des talibans et des éléments d’alQaïda (force anti-afghanes, ou FAA) s’étaient rassemblés. Le plan de bataille prévoyait une formation d’attaque dite « du marteau et de l’enclume »; il divisait donc les forces coalisées entre une force opérationnelle Marteau, qui attaquerait les positions ennemies sous la direction d’un commandant afghan, et une force Enclume, qui empêcherait l’ennemi de battre en retraite et qui aurait à sa tête des commandants de l’Armée américaine. Dans leurs plans de bataille, les É.U. avaient gravement sous-estimé la résistance à laquelle ils se sont heurtés. Au cours de l’assaut initial, les FAA ont dirigé des tirs de mortiers lourds sur la force Marteau, tandis que la FO Mountain dans son ensemble était dépourvue de pièces d’artillerie, sauf des plus élémentaires : en effet, le jour où la force Marteau s’est portée à l’attaque, elle n’avait avec elle qu’un seul mortier lourd. Par conséquent, elle a subi de lourdes pertes et une chute de son moral, et elle a battu en retraite en laissant la force Enclume combattre seule contre un ennemi supérieur en nombre. Les É.U. ont eu recours d’urgence à l’AAR et, après que l’on eut réglé quelques problèmes dans l’exécution des opérations terrestres et aériennes interarmées, non planifiées et inorganiques, la force Enclume a finalement réussi à mener l’opération Anaconda à bien. L’absence d’une artillerie suffisante a finalement obligé la FO Mountain à abandonner son plan de bataille, à prolonger l’engagement au sol et à subir de lourdes pertes avant que la pression exercée par l’AAR commence à s’accroître lentement et à renverser le cours de la bataille.

La bataille de Falloujah (du 8 au 20 novembre 2004) illustre l’antithèse d’une artillerie déficiente. L’analyse après action (AAA), publiée par les officiers du 2e Bataillon de la 2e Brigade d’infanterie de la Force opérationnelle (FO 22) au sujet de la bataille de Falloujah, offre une perspective et des louanges en ce qui concerne le rôle joué par l’artillerie intégrée dans leur force opérationnelle. La mission avait pour objet de balayer toute la ville, de la libérer, en allant d’un domicile à l’autre, des forces insurgées antiirakiennes (FAI) et de rétablir partout le contrôle du gouvernement irakien. Les FAI avaient improvisé des obstacles et des fortifications, posé des explosifs dans des véhicules et des immeubles et placé des IED et des mines le long des routes principales. Selon les estimations de la FO 22, les deux véhicules M109A6 Paladin et les mortiers lourds affectés à la force opérationnelle ont grandement contribué au succès de la mission dans cet environnement urbain. L’artillerie a pu remplir « les rôles doctrinaux – création d’un écran devant le point de pénétration initial, tirs préparatoires, appui-feu rapproché et tirs perturbateurs en profondeur – et des rôles non doctrinaux – éliminer les IED le long des routes et pratiquer des brèches dans les champs de mines ». Bon nombre des 925 obus



praise. The tactics, techniques and procedures cultivated by the artillery trade, such as fire discipline and forward observation, have been developed over centuries of artillery supporting other ground troops and are purpose-made to facilitate full integration into task forces, which in turn allows for organic coordination with other ground force components under a single command-and-control element. This doctrinal ease of interoperability with other ground force components makes artillery far more suitable for a responsive fire support role in any environment where circumstances are fluid and danger can appear on all sides. FOOs supporting intelligence-driven targeting make for ideal use of Army tactics, techniques and procedures, such as surveying the entire battlefield and collecting interoperable intelligence usable for various aspects of mission coordination beyond the scope of artillery targeting. The tactics, techniques and procedures of the artillery need to continue to be developed and deployed for the benefit of a versatile ground force component with maximal capabilities.

Clearly, artillery is here to stay, and far from obsolete. Field artillery, in particular, may feel somewhat dated, but even towed artillery is superior to aircraft in terms of ground troop interoperability and its ability to cost-effectively pour effects on targets. If artillery's best tactical strength in comparison to CAS is its responsiveness and adaptability, then National Defence planners would likely do well to invest in a diversification of artillery systems, including more mobile weapon platforms like the HIMARS (which Canada appears to have been pursuing in 2008-2009) and self-propelled M109 artillery, but also more heavy mortars and more UCAVs which have their own specialized applications.

There is no doubt that the artillery must and will change. It will evolve, as it has done for hundreds of years and will for hundreds more. Yet, in contemporary pragmatic terms, most doubts about the future of artillery stem from an issue of limited resources. Globally, a prevailing anti-war sentiment in modern democratic nations (in and of itself a good thing!) means that military procurement generally enjoys limited resources and limited enthusiasm, while artillery procurement, specifically, has to compete for these limited resources with the politically-favoured flavour of the day, be that strike fighters or tactical armoured patrol vehicles. For this reason and this reason alone, Canada's women and men in gunner's dress do not yet have the opportunity to train and gain operational proficiency in the use of self-propelled guns, UCAVs and MRLSs – but that opportunity will come, sooner or later. Meanwhile, we will be standing by with our trusty guns, our time-honoured doctrine, and our can-do attitudes. We will be standing by, ubiquitous, always.

de 155 mm tirés par les Paladin l'ont été dans le contexte de missions « amis à proximité », et sont souvent tombés à moins de 200 m des forces amies; les auteurs de l'AAA ont estimé que cet effort a été tellement fructueux qu'il a « redéfini » en quoi consistent les tirs « amis à proximité » (selon la doctrine, à moins de 600 m). La facilité avec laquelle toute une gamme de munitions a pu être livrée à l'artillerie a permis aux Paladin de choisir les munitions les plus petites dont ils disposaient et de protéger les forces amies. Le faible nombre de pièces a rendu difficile l'exécution de tirs massifs et concentrés (bien que, quand c'était possible, de tels tirs aient été orchestrés avec l'aide des mortiers lourds), et l'AAR a servi à renforcer les tirs antiblockhaus et à produire d'autres effets de soutien en profondeur dont les deux Paladin étaient principalement chargés. Cependant, les auteurs de l'AAA ont constaté que l'AAR n'était pas fiable et ont conclu qu'il « ne pouvait remplacer une artillerie et des mortiers en mesure de répondre aux besoins ». Des UAV ont aussi été employés pour fournir un appui en profondeur, et cette solution a elle aussi été couronnée de succès.

Pourtant, tout essentiel qu'il soit aux missions de tir, l'équipement en soi n'est pas la raison de favoriser l'artillerie ni l'objet principal des louanges adressées à cette dernière dans l'AAA. Les tactiques, les techniques et les procédures raffinées par l'artillerie en ce qui concerne, par exemple, la discipline de tir et l'observation avancée, ont été parfaites pendant tous les siècles où elle a appuyé d'autres troupes terrestres, et elles ont précisément pour objet d'en faciliter l'intégration complète dans les forces opérationnelles, ce qui favorise la coordination organique avec d'autres composantes de la force terrestre sous un seul élément de commandement et de contrôle. Cette aisance doctrinale avec laquelle l'artillerie se rend interoperable avec d'autres composantes de la force terrestre fait d'elle une arme beaucoup plus à même de jouer un rôle d'appui-feu adapté à n'importe quel environnement où les circonstances sont fluides et où le danger peut surgir de toutes parts. Les OOA appuyant le ciblage axé sur le renseignement sont on ne peut mieux placés pour utiliser les tactiques, techniques et procédures de l'Armée, par exemple pour scruter tout le champ de bataille et recueillir des éléments de renseignement interoperables et utilisables pour divers aspects de la coordination de la mission, au-delà du ciblage de l'artillerie. Il faut continuer à parfaire les tactiques, techniques et procédures de l'artillerie et à les répandre au profit d'une composante polyvalente des forces terrestres dotée de capacités maximales.

De toute évidence, l'artillerie n'est pas appelée à disparaître et elle est bien loin d'être vétuste. L'artillerie de campagne, en particulier, peut paraître dépassée à certains égards, mais même l'artillerie tractée est supérieure aux aéronefs quant à l'interopérabilité avec les troupes terrestres et à sa capacité de faire pleuvoir le feu de façon économique sur les objectifs. Si le meilleur atout tactique de l'artillerie, comparativement à l'AAR, réside dans son adaptabilité, les planificateurs de la Défense nationale auraient sans doute avantage à investir dans une diversification des systèmes d'artillerie, y compris dans d'autres plates-formes d'armes mobiles telles que le HIMARS (dont le Canada semble avoir envisagé l'acquisition en 2008/2009) et l'obusier automoteur M109, mais aussi dans d'autres mortiers lourds et d'autres UCAV qui ont leurs propres applications spécialisées.

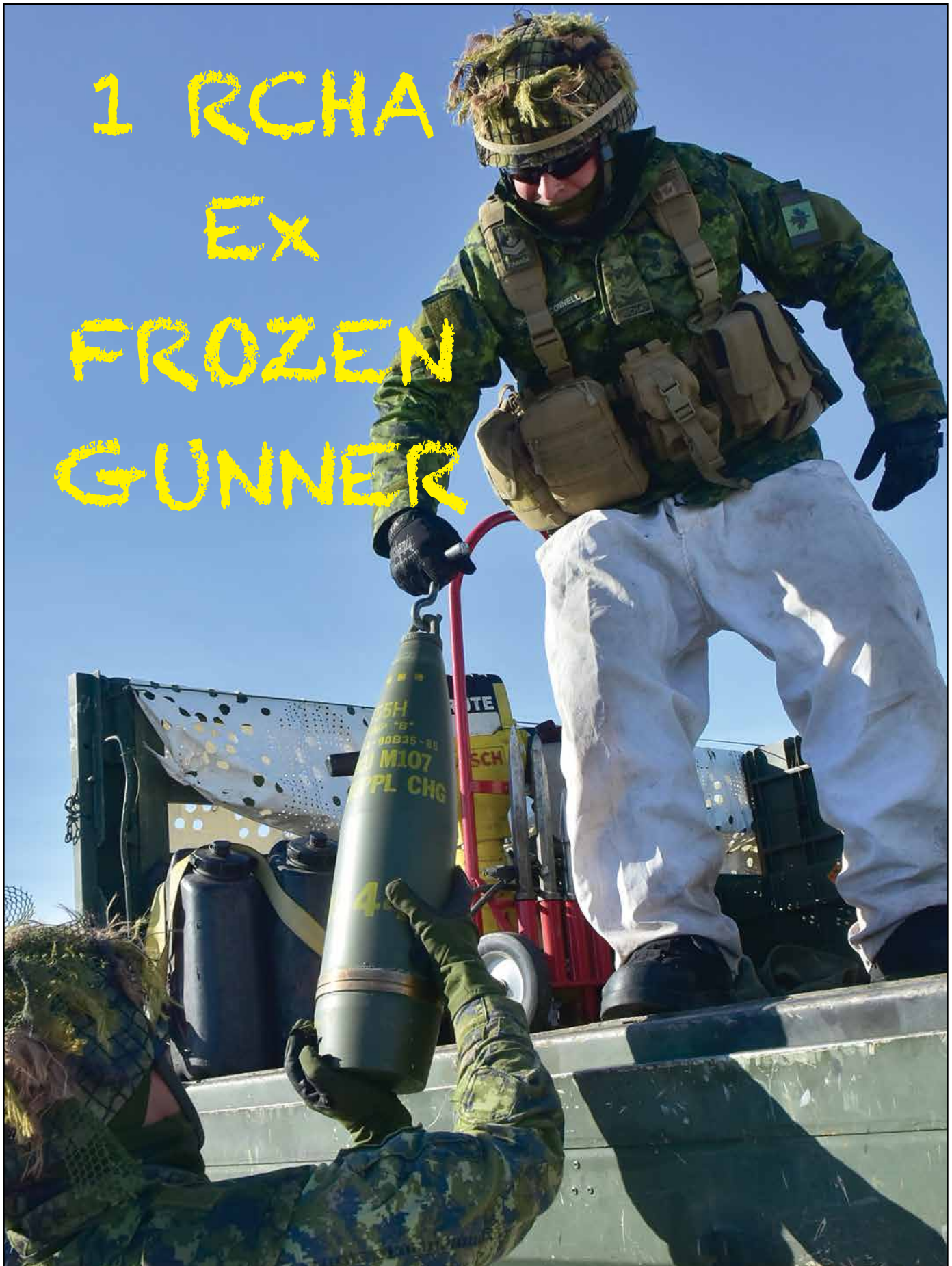
Il n'y a pas à douter que l'artillerie doit changer et qu'elle se transformera effectivement. Elle évoluera, comme elle le fait depuis des centaines d'années et comme elle le fera pendant des siècles encore. Pourtant, si l'on adopte le langage pragmatique contemporain, la plupart des doutes au sujet de l'avenir de l'artillerie découlent de la limitation des ressources. À l'échelle mondiale, l'attitude dominante dans les démocraties modernes n'est pas favorable à la guerre (ce qui est en soi une bonne chose!). Cela signifie que les budgets affectés aux acquisitions militaires sont limités et que celles-ci suscitent peu d'enthousiasme. L'artillerie, en particulier, doit, pour obtenir sa part de ces ressources restreintes, faire concurrence à d'autres systèmes d'armes à la mode dans les débats politiques, que ce soit des avions de combat ou des véhicules blindés tactiques de patrouille. Pour cette raison et pour elle seule, les artilleurs du Canada, hommes et femmes, n'ont pas encore l'occasion de s'entraîner et d'acquérir les

compétences opérationnelles nécessaires pour se servir des canons automoteurs, des UCAV et des LRM, mais cette occasion leur sera offerte tôt ou tard. Entre-temps, nous monterons la garde avec nos fidèles canons, notre vénérable doctrine et notre attitude empreinte de dynamisme. Nous serons prêts, ubiqué, toujours.



Artillery officers fire off their cannons at CFB Shilo's officers' mess on a frigid winter evening.





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