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(Royal Canadians)

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**Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
Battle Honours**

South Africa

South Africa, 1900 - 1901

First World War

Festubert 1915, Somme 1916, '18; Brazentín, Pozières, Flers-Courcelette,

Cambrai 1917, '18; St. Quentin, Amiens, Hindenberg Line,

St. Quentin Canal, Beaurevoir, Pursuit to Mons,

France and Flanders 1915 - 1918

Second World War

Liri Valley, Melfa Crossing, Torrice Crossroads, Gothic Line,

Pozzo Alto Ridge, Coriano, Lamone Crossing, Misano Ridge, Casale,

Naviglio Canal, Fosso Munio, Italy 1944-1945, IJsselmeer

North-West Europe 1945

Korea

Korea 1951-1953

Afghanistan

(Battle Honours approved for emblazonment are in heavy type)





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Commanding Officer

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Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

Brigadier-General (Retired) Craig Hilton

Most of us are creatures of habit. We prefer predictability and are reassured when things go 'according to plan'. And why not – as soldiers we tend to plan almost everything, often to accusations by family and civilian friends that we can't buy milk without a clear concept of operations. True enough I suppose, but few things equal the satisfaction of a good plan coming together. We live for this stuff!



How are we then to contend with the unpredictable? When faced with uncertainty, where the challenge before us defies a ready solution and the tools we have at hand just don't seem to cut it? Under such circumstances, how are we to develop a course of action that offers the prospect of success?

The truth of the matter, as we have witnessed throughout this past year, is that there is no silver bullet or Hail Mary manoeuvre sufficient to solve this type of problem. Rather, success will come only through the constant, steady application of those qualities that have served us well under past difficult circumstances; determination, ingenuity, trust, confidence and leadership. All of these qualities are ever present in the long history of our Regiment and all reside equally in that single word which forms our Motto. So it should come as no surprise that they are readily to be found within the accounts and accomplishments described in this edition of *The Strathconian*.

In a turbulent year where predictability wasn't and current plans became an early casualty, those at Home Station, ERE, and deployed abroad, adapted quickly to meet a dangerously uncertain situation. Supported by their immediate families, many of whom faced a lengthy deployment absence under complicated risk conditions at home, Strathcona's applied themselves to the mission at hand with remarkable results. Their achievements in a time of adversity are reflected in these pages. Without question, they have done the Regiment proud.

Perseverance





A Word From the Senior Serving Strathcona

Major-General Trevor Cadieu

Target, Next Target Right...

Strathconas,

2020 was a tough year, and it landed several body blows. As a nation, we mourned the deaths of thousands of Canadians and we lost some great Strathcona's well before their time. Millions died globally from the pandemic. Further, changes to our way of life that many of us had taken for granted (me included) were tough emotionally. Let's call those moments out for what they were – painful and sometimes dark.

Now that we have emerged from 2020, we also get a chance to reflect on some of the good things that grew from the challenges of 2020...

...Notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties of operating during a pandemic, Strathcona's showed the world (including our competitors and adversaries) that we could continue to thrive in operations at home, and around the globe.

...2020 reminded us of what truly matters: wellness, family and the strength of our friendships. We were given a chance to invest a bit more on all of those things and to remember their importance going forward.

...The world enjoyed more military humour and this past year inspired some great memes. I've asked **Kathy** to attach one of my favorites!

...Our Regiment was one of the first tactical teams to get back into the field after the start of the pandemic in order to achieve live fire combined arms proficiency. Training to fight remains hugely important for Canada's force of last resort. It took grit and resilience, and it sent a powerful message.

...And, there were also fewer ceremonial events. Strathcona soldiers weren't standing around for hours on parade, officers weren't pretending to do drill, and the RSM saved his voice!

To all members of the Strathcona Family, your innovation, courage, and selfless service have been inspirational and impactful.

We will confront other obstacles in 2021. And we'll be ready for them.





Commanding Officer's Message

Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Angell

Last year I asked you, fellow Strathconas, to shed a single tear for me. This year I ask the same as I am “fairly confident” this will be my last and unprecedented third time writing the *Commanding's Officer's Message*. All levity aside, I hope this edition of “*The Strathconian*” brings you no small amount of joy and finds you and your family healthy and excited for better days.

Considering the state of the world, your Regiment continues to deliver excellence as you expect. International deployments to Latvia for Operation REASSURANCE and Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan and Lebanon for Operation IMPACT have dominated the Regiment's efforts this year. Meanwhile on the home front, Operation LASER, the Canadian Armed Forces response to the COVID-19 pandemic, saw the Regiment receive specialized training to be ready to deploy to assist our fellow Canadians if required. We also managed to maintain our high-readiness Armoured warfighter skills and our fall training period occurred as planned, albeit with appropriate force protection measures in place as required. I am so very proud of our soldiers and their perseverance under difficult circumstances, you should be too!

I take no credit in the creation of this year's Strathconian. The true glory lies with this year's Editor-in-Chief, **Major Nathan “Ol' Hev” Hevenor** and as always, the true “*wind beneath his wings*”, **Mrs. Kathy Batty**. Thank you and congrats on another excellent edition! Enjoy my friends.

Perseverance





Regimental Sergeant-Major's Observations

Chief Warrant Officer Kevin King

Teammates, another year has flown by here at the Regiment. It seems like only yesterday we were starting our deployments to 6 countries with 162 members. Roughly 300 members remained at home to ensure the Regiment kept moving forward and they never missed a beat. The cadence was harder to march to this year as we had to implement COVID-19 force protection measures (FP) on mostly everything we did. The adopted FP and the desire to keep the Regiment moving forward helped to ensure we could train 110 members during our Primary Combat Function Cycle and also deploy to our home away from home (Wainwright) for another successful Fall Exercise. With Mother Nature's full cooperation, it was the first warm and dry September/October in 30 years. Please remember where ever you may be serving, or whatever job you may have at the moment, you should always be proud of where you came from, and you should always be proud to call yourself a Strathcona.

To the person I spent the most time with this year (8 months), **LCol Angell**, thank you for your leadership, your friendship and your desire to make the Regiment a better place. I wish you, **Lena** and the Girls the best of luck on the next bound.

Stay Strong





Editor-in-Chief Forward

Major Nathan Hevenor

To say this year has been dynamic would be an understatement and with the honour of being the Editor-in-Chief of this year's publication, I have grappled with the idea of how to capture its uniqueness. COVID-19 has certainly had a dramatic effect on the unit this year with many of our usual events canceled and many members of our unit deployed across the world. Thankfully, the talent and perseverance of the members of our Regiment have once again prevailed despite the circumstances, regardless of where they are in the world.

This year's publication would not have been possible without the assistance of the Strathconian Team. **Capt Darren Carter-Wright**, as Assistant Editor, and **Mrs. Kathy Batty** have truly made this an amazing opportunity and certainly performed the majority of the heavy lifting for which I am eternally grateful. Their efforts have made this experience memorable to say the least.

The Strathconian to me is amongst one of the most time honoured traditions of our unit that is more than just our yearly publication, but a time capsule of memories for all of us to reflect upon and share for years to come. It is my hope that this year's edition of the Strathconian will showcase the exceptional work of all members of our Regiment throughout this unique year.

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Year in Review

January

Ex STRONG CONTENDER: 13 – 17 Jan

CTAT-Jordan Roto 1 Return: 19 Jan

Op REASSURANCE Roto 13 Deployment: 25 Jan – 9 Feb

CTAT-Lebanon Roto 1 Return: 26 Jan

February

Ex UNIFIED RESOLVE: 1 – 14 Feb

Ex STEELE WINTER: 10 – 28 Feb

Ex STEELE BEASTS: 22 Feb – 1 Mar



March

Op UNIFIER Roto 7 Return and Roto 8 Deployment: 2 – 19 Mar

Op LASER TF 1.3: 16 Mar – 22 May

April

Op UNIFIER Roto 8 Return: 22 Apr

June

Ex RECCE PHOENIX: 1 – 12 Jun

Op UNIFIER Roto 9 Deployment: 14 Jun

July

Op REASSURANCE Roto 13 Return: 4 – 17 Jul

Fall PCF Cycle: 28 Jul – 4 Sep

August

Op UNIFIER Roto 9 Return: 14 Aug

September

Ex STEELE SABRE: 8 Sep – 2 Oct

November

Ex STEELE AMBUSH: 3 – 5 Nov

Ex VIRTUAL RAM: 12 – 20 Nov

December

Kids' Christmas Present Delivery: 5 Dec

Christmas Block Leave: 12 Dec – 3 Jan 21





Births and Marriages

Sgt Koolman's daughter Violet Rose was born 11 January 2020

WO Dickey's son Dominic was born 4 March 2020

MCpl Williams' daughter Oakleigh was born 18 March 2020

Cpl Bockus' daughter Oakley Young was born 2 May 2020

Cpl Steele's son Owen Victor was born 21 May 2020

Cpl Belliveau married Giselle Tucker Belliveau on 20 June 2020

Maj Elliott's daughter Hannah was born 23 July 2020

Cpl Moreau's son Benjamin was born 23 July 2020

MCpl Gross' son Logan James was born 24 July 2020

Sgt Crowe's son Ethan William Joseph was born 10 August 2020

Cpl Fraser married Amanda Hopwood on 29 August 2020

Cpl Neufeld's daughter Madeline Nova was born 9 September 2020

MCpl Talmage's daughter Elora Aleen was born 15 November 2020

Cpl Manaigre's son Theo Alexander was born 16 November 2020

Cpl Hamilton's son Rhys Owen was born 9 December 2020

Capt Couture's son Augustus Paul was born 13 December 2020

Tpr Rutko's daughter Arizona was born 18 December 2020

MCpl McNeil's son Hunter Lucas was born 22 December 2020

Honours and Awards

Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp

MWO Hopkin

MWO Shiells

WO Brooks

WO Schuba

Canadian Forces Decoration First Clasp

LCol Angell

MWO Holmes

WO Hodgson

Sgt Adby

Sgt Ikert

Sgt Nancarrow

MCpl Bremner

Canadian Forces Decoration

Capt Patt

Sgt Crowe

Sgt Koolman

Sgt Rodgers

MCpl Baldsdon

MCpl Ferguson

MCpl Larrivee-Larouche

MCpl McQueen

Cpl Davies

Cpl Gross

Order of Military Merit

MGen Cadieu (Promoted within the Order)

MWO Parent

Meritorious Service Medal – 1st Bar

BGen (then Col) Major

United States of America Meritorious Service Medal

LCol Adams

Operational Service Medal (Expeditionary Ribbon)

Maj Nguyen

Maj Selberg

Capt Patt

Capt Perry

Capt Tapp

MWO Shiells

WO McAtasney

Sgt Churchill

Sgt Nancarrow

Sgt Underwood

MCpl Chen

MCpl Eged

MCpl McKenzie



MCpl Richardson
Cpl Lopez
Cpl Tanner
Cpl Vanthournout

General Service Medal (Expeditionary Bar)

Sgt Burris
MCpl Denommee

Special Service Medal (Expeditionary Bar)

WO Chuback
MWO Clarke
WO Kearns
WO Hamilton
MCpl Goodwin
Cpl Germann
Sgt Girone
MCpl Elms
Cpl Croft

Special Service Medal (NATO Bar)

LCol Angell
Maj Anderson
Maj Elliott
Maj Timms
Capt Carey
Capt Clackson
Capt Horlings
Capt J. Lee
Capt R. Lee
Capt McHugh
Capt O'Sullivan
Capt Rogozinski
Capt Shumka
Capt Simpson
Lt(N) Jackson
Lt Ku
Lt Van Heerden
MWO Churchill
MWO Holmes
MWO Mills
WO Burtch
WO Eady
WO Greenlaw
WO Hodgson
WO McLoughlin
WO Mitchell
WO Pickell
WO Schuba
WO Zubkowski
PO 2 Morris
Sgt Crowe
Sgt Daniel
Sgt Ferguson

Sgt Hodgin
Sgt Ikert
Sgt Jesse
Sgt Larrivée-Larouche
Sgt Loykowski
Sgt Monge
Sgt Norman
Sgt Peachey
Sgt Popoff

Sgt Sherlock-Hubbard
Sgt Wiscombe
MCpl Agnew
MCpl Armstrong
MCpl Buaga
MCpl Burton
MCpl Comeau
MCpl Gaudreault
MCpl Gibbons
MCpl Graham

MCpl MacKenzie
MCpl Marcotte
MCpl McQueen
MCpl Meaney
MCpl Pecarski
MCpl Purdon
MCpl Radford
MCpl Ramphal
MCpl Stephenson
MCpl Symington
MCpl Talip
MCpl Thompson
MCpl Townsend
MCpl Veltmeyer
MCpl Watson
MCpl Wheeler
Cpl Andrews

Cpl Annaert-van der Werf
Cpl Blanchard
Cpl Bouffard
Cpl Breau
Cpl Brown
Cpl Burton
Cpl Colville
Cpl Crackle-Skulason
Cpl Crockett
Cpl Cruickshank
Cpl Davies
Cpl Desjardins
Cpl Dulong
Cpl Evers
Cpl Foster
Cpl Fuchs Perry
Cpl Gillis
Cpl Grewal

Cpl Hammel
Cpl Hammond
Cpl Henderson
Cpl Houston
Cpl Hurtubise
Cpl Jones
Cpl Kibzey
Cpl Kimmell
Cpl Kroeker
Cpl Lockhart
Cpl Logan
Cpl Lonegren
Cpl McKelvey
Cpl O'Leary
Cpl Otis Monat
Cpl Palmateer
Cpl Payette
Cpl Pecarskie
Cpl Poole
Cpl Reynolds-Tack
Cpl Rose
Cpl Serrano
Cpl Shute
Cpl Silverman
Cpl Smythe
Cpl Snelgrove
Cpl Springer
Cpl St. Laurent
Cpl Stone
Cpl Tuomisto
Cpl Van Dijk
Cpl Webster
Cpl Wiggan
Cpl Wills
Tpr(T) Goralchuk
Tpr(T) Lockhart
Pte(B) Elliott

Commander Canadian Army Commendation

Maj Johns
Capt Vahal
Sgt Mijares

Commander Canadian Joint Operations Command Commendation

WO Underwood



**Commander 3rd Canadian Division
Commendation**

Maj Nguyen

**Commander Canadian Army Doctrine and
Training Centre Commendation**

Capt Hoffart

Commander 1 CMBG Commendation

Sgt Hayes

Sgt Murray

Chief of Defence Staff Coin

Capt Webster

Sgt Giberson

Commander 1 CMBG's Coin

Cpl Belliveau

Commanding Officer's Coin

Capt Carter-Wright

Sgt Barsotta

Cpl Gauthier

Cpl Eidt

Cpl McKenzie MJ

Cpl St-Onge

Regimental Sergeant-Major's Coin

WO Brister

WO Christopoulos

WO Williams

MCpl McKenzie LW

MCpl Zhou (BCR)

Cpl De Ruiter (SALH)

Cpl Tellier-Normand

**Royal Canadian Electromechanical
Engineer Coin**

MCpl Borne

Royal Canadian Logistics School Coin

WO Schuba

Sgt Francis

MCpl McCabe

Cpl Dubois

Cpl O'Leary

Prince of Wales Trophy

Reconnaissance Squadron

Hessian Memorial Sword

Capt Horlings

Neatby Pace Stick

WO Eady

Milroy Cross Belt

WO (then Sgt) Underwood

Colonel of the Regiment Silver Stick

MCpl Sherlock-Hubbard

Fox Bugle

Cpl Snelgrove

Ross Gear

MCpl Martel

Olympic Torch

Cpl Mancini

Macaulay Sword

Capt O'Sullivan

RSM's Shield

Cpl McKenzie MJ

Cpl St-Onge





Promotions

Capt Clackson	MCpl Price	Tpr(T) Bockus
Capt Keewatin	MCpl Sirois	Tpr(T) Breustedt
Lt Clare	MCpl Shute	Tpr(T) Chauhan
Lt McGlone	MCpl PJ Smith	Tpr(T) Elliot
Lt Miller	MCpl Snowden	Tpr(T) Gillies-Smith
Lt Schofield	MCpl Thompson	Tpr(T) Grant
Lt Smith	MCpl Vanthournout	Tpr(T) Gratton
Lt Uusoue	Cpl Barrett	Tpr(T) Graystone
MWO Bigras	Cpl Benoit	Tpr(T) Harris
MWO Clarke	Cpl Blair	Tpr(T) Jampen
MWO Cowan	Cpl Blanco	Tpr(T) Jones
MWO Mills	Cpl Bockus	Tpr(T) King
WO Davidson	Cpl Briggs	Tpr(T) Lafond
WO Underwood	Cpl Burton	Tpr(T) Lee
Sgt Banman	Cpl Clauson	Tpr(T) McCauly
Sgt Campbell	Cpl Cruickshank	Tpr(T) McDonald
Sgt Chen	Cpl Fujita	Tpr(T) Moreau
Sgt Ferguson	Cpl Francis	Tpr(T) Nantais
Sgt Gaudet	Cpl Goralchuk	Tpr(T) Novak
Sgt Loykowski	Cpl Graystone	Tpr(T) Obispo
Sgt MacLeod	Cpl Hachey	Tpr(T) Remeshylo
Sgt McDougall	Cpl Henderson	Tpr(T) Rochemont
Sgt Miller	Cpl Julian	Tpr(T) Rodriguez
Sgt Monge	Cpl Kalf	Tpr(T) Rutko
Sgt Nancarrow	Cpl Kentfield	Tpr(T) Stegerman
Sgt Richardson	Cpl Keyes	Tpr(T) Slobozian
Sgt Rioux	Cpl Lacroix	Tpr(T) Solomon
Sgt Sherlock-Hubbard	Cpl Lagarde	Tpr(T) Stewart
Sgt Schafer	Cpl Lockhart	Tpr(T) Ukis
Sgt Silcox	Cpl Long	Tpr(T) Vivian
Sgt Talty	Cpl McCauley	Tpr(T) Worden
Sgt Weir	Cpl Morris	Tpr(T) York
Sgt Young	Cpl Reiter	Tpr(T) Young
MCpl Armstrong	Cpl Reymers	
MCpl Ellis	Cpl Robinson	
MCpl Hall	Cpl Ross	
MCpl Jones	Cpl Shulba	
MCpl Lonegren	Cpl Stewart	
MCpl Marcotte	Cpl Miguel	
MCpl Mastalerz	Cpl Vivian	
MCpl Munro	Cpl Williamson	
MCpl New	Cpl Works	
MCpl Ouellet	Tpr(T) Barrett	
MCpl Percarskie	Tpr(T) Bebee	



Regimental Roll

Colonel-in-Chief

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

Colonel-of-the-Regiment

BGen (Ret'd) Hilton

Commanding Officer

LCol Angell

Regimental Second-in-Command

Maj Johns

Regimental Sergeant Major

CWO King

Adjutant

Capt Smith

Commanding Officer's Secretary

Kathy Batty

Operations Officer

Capt Tapp

Regimental Headquarters

Command/Operations Cell

Capt Couture
WO McLoughlin
WO Brister
Sgt Hodgins
MCpl McQueen
MCpl Armstrong
Cpl Bakos
Cpl Breau
Cpl Logan
Cpl Dillon
Cpl Blair
Cpl Beck
Cpl Coulthard

Regimental Orderly Room

WO Brooks
PO2 Morris
MCpl Bruneau
MCpl Pazdor
MCpl Pickles
Cpl Woodhouse
Tpr deRuiter

Signals Troop

Capt Chou
WO Mitchell
Sgt Scott
MCpl Agnew
MCpl Gaudreault
MCpl Liebe

Cpl Carrier
Cpl Poole
Cpl Smith
Cpl St. Laurent
Cpl Diaz Gonzalez Shapiro
Cpl Fuchs-Perry
Cpl Bouffard
Cpl Kimmell
Cpl Young
Cpl Laperriere
Cpl Henderson
Cpl Landry

Training Cell

Capt Delaney
WO Christopolous
Sgt Barsotta

Intelligence Cell

Lt Ku
Cpl George
Cpl Coughlan

A Squadron

Officer Commanding

Maj Hevenor

Squadron Sergeant Major

MWO Mills

Squadron Headquarters

Capt Peterson
Sgt Gironne
Sgt Nancarrow
MCpl McKenzie
Cpl Wysocki
Cpl Loiselle
Cpl Smith
Cpl Solomon
Tpr Addison
Tpr Hlushko
Tpr Losier
Tpr Finch

1st Troop

Lt Uusoue
Sgt Bell
Sgt McKenzie
MCpl Andrews
MCpl Pecarskie
MCpl Marcotte
Cpl Buell
Cpl Genge

Cpl Smith
Cpl Munger
Tpr Green
Tpr Graystone
Tpr Ukis
Tpr Fitzpatrick
Tpr McBroom
Tpr Lutz
Tpr Kuypers

2nd Troop

Capt Keewatin
WO Gibson
Sgt Chen
MCpl Meaney
MCpl Paquette
Cpl Bosa
Cpl Lagarde
Cpl Salvador
Cpl Marshall
Cpl Moceton Velasquez
Tpr MacNeill
Tpr Barton
Tpr Bockus
Tpr Grant
Tpr Nantais
Tpr Westecott
Tpr Nobes

3rd Troop

Lt Smith MTH
WO Davidson CA
Sgt Talty
MCpl Elms
MCpl Watson
MCpl Snowden
Cpl Friel
Cpl Cox
Cpl Frizzell
Cpl Frew
Cpl Lockhart
Tpr Dotray
Tpr Redcalf
Tpr Harris
Tpr Works
Tpr Rodriguez
Tpr Brown
Tpr Gibson

Admin Troop

Capt Carter-Wright
WO Hodgson
Sgt Jesse
MCpl Nieuwhof
MCpl Stender
Cpl New
Cpl Steele
Cpl Neufeld
Cpl Rawson

Cpl McIntosh
Cpl Briggs
Tpr Barkley
Tpr Bebee
Tpr Elliott
Tpr Marcelli
Tpr Aberle
Tpr Erickson
Tpr Renooy
Tpr Weekes
Tpr Sylvester
Tpr Janzen-White
Tpr Headrick
Tpr Masse
Tpr Gratto
Tpr Carter

B Squadron

Officer Commanding

Maj Elliot

Squadron Sergeant Major

WO Zubkowski

Squadron Headquarters

Sgt Dunford
MCpl Stratford
MCpl Hall
Cpl Cyr
Cpl Hutchinson
Cpl Crackle-Skulason
Cpl Francis
Cpl Feldmann
Cpl Vantournout
Cpl Williamson
Cpl St-Onge

First Troop

Lt McGlone
Sgt Churchill
Sgt Sherlock-Hubbard
MCpl Comeau
MCpl Gibbons
Cpl Benoit
Cpl McGowan
Cpl Morris
Cpl Kentfield
Cpl Hammel
Cpl Wilson
Cpl Clauson
Tpr Gilles Smith
Tpr Vahey
Tpr Morgan
Tpr Plamondon

Second Troop

Lt Clare
Sgt Crowe
Sgt Bolzan
MCpl Elms
MCpl Maendel
Cpl Ross
Cpl Rose
Cpl Rice
Cpl Andrews
Cpl Blanco
Cpl Blair
Tpr Breustedt
Tpr Spence
Tpr Marco
Tpr Lassell
Tpr Middleton

Third Troop

Sgt Droogers
MCpl Nieuwhof
Cpl McKenzie
Tpr Mcdonald
Tpr Worden
Tpr Peters
Tpr Maisonneuve
Tpr Howes
Tpr Park
Tpr Knutsson
Tpr MacQuarrie
Tpr Parker

Administration Troop

Capt Simpson
Capt Kelly
WO Williams
MCpl Townsend
MCpl Gross
MCpl Germann
MCpl Martin
Cpl Ouellet
Cpl Vivian
Cpl McGee
Cpl Breton
Cpl Croft
Cpl Guige
Cpl Farquharson
Cpl Gaona
Tpr Lee
Tpr Slobozian
Tpr York
Tpr Jones
Tpr Stegerman
Tpr Jampen
Tpr Vitone-Mossman
Tpr Penman
Tpr Purc
Tpr Pezzelato
Tpr Guignard
Tpr Grillone

Prince of Wales (Reconnaissance) Squadron

Officer Commanding

Maj Gray

Squadron Sergeant Major

MWO Clarke

Squadron Headquarters

Capt Hoffart

WO Pickell

Sgt Rodgers

MCpl Miller

MCpl Radford

Cpl Cruickshank

Tpr Friesen

Tpr Sutherland

Tpr Balaneski

Tpr Crouse

First Troop

Capt Clackson

WO Murdock

Sgt Ferguson

MCpl Deringer

MCpl Thompson

Cpl Tanner

Cpl Miguel

Cpl Villiers

Cpl Belliveau

Cpl Joncas

Cpl Keyes

Cpl Goralchuk

Cpl Foster

Cpl Burton

Cpl Tuomisto

Tpr Solverson

Tpr Taylor

Tpr Bailey

Tpr Chauhan

Tpr Lafond

Tpr Dickens

Tpr Nixdorf

Second Troop

Lt Schofield

WO Underwood

Sgt Adby

MCpl McNeil

MCpl Stephenson

Cpl Snelgrove

Cpl Maw

Cpl Hogan

Cpl Silverman

Cpl Long

Cpl Serrano

Cpl Duke

Cpl Jones

Cpl Grewal

Cpl Munro

Tpr LaFleur

Tpr Duncan

Tpr Gonzalez Negret

Tpr Wharton

Tpr Clarke

Tpr Melnyk

Tpr Rowe

Tpr Moreau

Tpr English

Third Troop

Lt Van Heerden

Sgt Carnevale

Sgt Loykowski

MCpl Wheeler

MCpl MacKenzie

MCpl Fettes

Cpl McKelvey

Cpl Reynolds-Tack

Cpl Van Dijk

Cpl Demeulenaere III

Cpl Lonegren

Tpr Young

Tpr Currie

Tpr Wesley

Tpr Byers

Tpr Mutia

Tpr Heath

Tpr Sherwood

Tpr Miller

Tpr Guttner

Administration Troop

Capt Gray

Capt Forestell

Sgt Peachey

MCpl Talmage

MCpl Price

MCpl Weeden

Cpl Kalf

Cpl Fujita

Cpl Brown

Cpl Reymers

Cpl Payette

Cpl Smythe

Cpl Kimmell

Cpl Skinner

Cpl Evers

Cpl Schemenauer

Tpr Pearson

Tpr Wesloski

Tpr Wittman

Tpr Nicol

Tpr Ferraro

Tpr Obispo

Tpr Novak

Tpr Orr

Tpr Ingram

Tpr Maher

Tpr Christenson

Tpr Raynot-Thomas

Tpr Barry

SQMS

WO Hamilton

Cpl Kelly

Cpl Stone

Headquarters Squadron

Officer Commanding

Maj Timms

Squadron Sergeant Major

MWO Holmes

Squadron Headquarters

Capt Rogozinski

WO Eady

Sgt Koolman

MCpl Kalinowski

MCpl Kelly

Cpl Beauparlant

Cpl Gillis

Cpl Kroeker

Cpl McCauley

Cpl Rourke

Cpl Tong

Cpl Warren

Cpl Webster

Transportation Troop

Capt Lee

WO McDougall

Sgt Keefe

MCpl Fulljames

MCpl Bondy

Cpl Aubé

Cpl Charron

Cpl Colville

Cpl Cowen

Cpl Crockett

Cpl Doan

Cpl Edgson

Cpl Engelbrecht

Cpl Houston

Cpl Jones

Cpl Kelly

Cpl Lang

Cpl Lopez

Cpl Mancini

Cpl Milwain

Cpl Nicholson
Cpl Rayment
Cpl Taylor
Cpl Tuomisto
Tpr King
Tpr Eckert
Tpr Farrell
Tpr Johnson
Tpr Kelcey
Tpr Ruhland
Tpr Taylor

Maintenance Troop

Capt Brown
MWO Walsh
WO Hagle
WO Tucker
Sgt Broadfoot
Sgt Ikert
Sgt Larrivée-larouche
Sgt Montreuil
Sgt Sarraïno
Sgt Wiscombe
MCpl Borne
MCpl Bremner
MCpl Buaga
MCpl Collin
MCpl Graham
MCpl Hagar
MCpl Hamilton
MCpl Harzing
MCpl Martel
MCpl Mountenay
MCpl Ottevanger
MCpl Page
MCpl Paquette
MCpl Parnell
MCpl Purdon
MCpl Ramphal
MCpl Simmonds
MCpl Talip
MCpl Veltmeyer
MCpl Waddell
Cpl Auger
Cpl Boileau
Cpl Burke
Cpl Byrne
Cpl Caluori
Cpl Davies
Cpl Desjardins
Cpl Docherty
Cpl Doerr
Cpl Dulong
Cpl Dunn
Cpl Edmond
Cpl Godin
Cpl Hamilton
Cpl Hammond
Cpl Hurtubise

Cpl Kleemaier
Cpl Kozack
Cpl Lacroix
Cpl Lee-Savoury
Cpl Lepage
Cpl Machin
Cpl Mann
Cpl Paquet-Clapin
Cpl Pelletier
Cpl Poitras
Cpl Purkiss
Cpl Scott
Cpl Skafar
Cpl Smith
Cpl Thiffault-Dumont
Cpl To
Cpl Walker
Cpl Walker
Cpl Wiggan
Cpl Wilkinson
Cpl Wood
Cpl Yoo
Tpr Rutko
Tpr Andreassen
Tpr Beards
Pte(B) Duchesne

Quartermaster Troop

Capt Nghi
MWO Shiells
MWO Biru
WO Burtch
Sgt Daniel
Sgt Sarinas
MCpl Cicek
MCpl Gavriel
MCpl Shepherd
MCpl Shute
Cpl Allard
Cpl Chapman
Cpl DeMille
Cpl Finkle
Cpl Guest
Cpl King-McAuslan
Cpl Olaes
Cpl Perry
Cpl Phills
Cpl Robinson
Cpl Savaris
Cpl Sullivan
Cpl Tellier-Normand
Cpl Wright
Pte Desjardine

Regimental Cooks

WO Schuba
Sgt Francis
MCpl McCabe
MS McKnight

Cpl O'Leary
Cpl Dubois
Pte(B) Dinh
Pte(B) Ma

Strathcona Mounted Troop

Capt Giajnorio
Sgt Kruhlak
Cpl Aguila
Cpl Annaert-van der Werf
Cpl Barrett
Cpl Braconnier
Cpl Brown
Cpl Brown
Cpl Choquette
Cpl Cocker
Cpl Dunne
Cpl Ford
Cpl Fraser
Cpl Gauthier
Cpl Gendron
Cpl Hodgins
Cpl Langlands
Cpl Lees
Cpl Maddison
Cpl Morin
Cpl Poitras
Cpl Prosser
Cpl Reiter
Cpl Senff
Cpl Stewart
Tpr Remeshylo

Regimental Accounts

Cpl Durrant
Cpl Eidt
Cpl Manaigre
Cpl Shulba
Tpr Gratton

Family Support Troop

Capt Powell
Cpl Blacklock

Regimental Stables

Cpl Clendennin

Regimental Museum

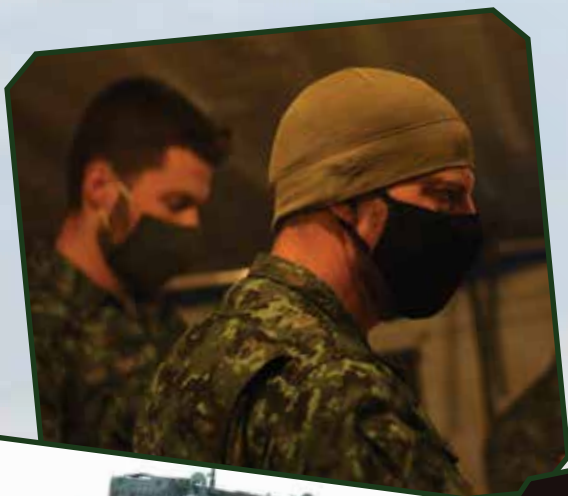
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Cpl Williston
Cpl Gilbert



Squadron



Articles



Regimental Headquarters This is Our War

Captain Steve Chou

The 2020 year kicked off with the majority of the Regiment deploying to Op REASSURANCE 20-01 in Latvia as the Enhanced Forward Presence “*WARPIGS*” Battle Group (BG) under the command of **LCol Eric Angell** and **CWO Kevin King**. After another year of high operational tempo, all the hard work had paid off, but as the soldiers said their bitter-sweet farewells to colleagues and loved ones, Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) could not have anticipated the unprecedented events of the year to come.



At the home base in Edmonton, continuity of command was fulfilled by **Maj Matt Johns** as the Acting Commanding Officer and **MWO Hugo Babin** as the Acting Regimental Sergeant Major. Due to the high deployment tempo, RHQ was left without an active Operations Officer, but the century-plus old operations heartbeat was kept beating under the control of **WO David Brister**. His dedication ensured there was no Achilles heel anywhere in the Strathcona's operations.

The remaining personnel rallied together, laced up, and formed major unit sports teams to compete in 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group's (1 CMBG) Ex STRONG CONTENDER 20 (Ex SC). It was tough competition this year, but with next years' Ex SC 21 cancelled, the unit will have time to recharge. Immediately following Ex SC, the unit rolled into primary combat function courses spearheaded by the Regimental Training Non-Commissioned Officer, **Sgt David Barsotta**, focusing on vehicle qualifications. With the limited number of personnel, the only courses that ran were for the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle, Reconnaissance Squadron's most adored vehicle. For his hard work pushing forward courses during this timeframe, he was later awarded the CO's Coin.



Ex STEELE WINTER usually sees RHQ freshen up on its winter warfare skills but as the spring break approached, the worsening status of COVID-19 in Canada triggered the CDS order soldiers to work from home, leaving behind only critical and essential staff working. By the time this occurred, the RHQ was taken over by their new Operations Officer, **Capt Lyle** “*confusingly prefers to be referred to by his middle name: Blake*” **Tapp** after returning from a tour in Jordan.

The work from home posture continued as the unit rolled right into the unit's summer block leave. With the global pandemic ongoing, the posting season looked a lot different this year. The Commanding Officer is usually in command for a 2-year period but **LCol Eric Angell** was given the news that he



would command the unit for a third straight year. To add to the boss' excitement, the Canadian Army announced the Adapted Managed Readiness Program, which required 1 CMBG to go back into the Road to High Readiness, or the "Build Phase". Other changes to RHQ included the return of **Capt Steve "Scuba" Chou** after previously spending some time at the unit as a Second Lieutenant. This time around, he was being told to ADREP more signals on a daily basis and jokingly conspired about the inception of an Armoured Signal Troop.

Just as waves of soldiers re-deployed from overseas, the tempo in the unit ramped up in preparation for Ex STEELE SABRE (SS) 20. Planning was a challenge this year as all aspects of the exercise involved COVID-19 force health protection measure considerations. The end result saw the footprint of our amalgamated RHQ and HQ Sqn camp being

over 1 square kilometer. With the shortage of personnel, Sigs Tp was down to 3 integral signalers, but they made it work, simulating a Brigade and BG HQ to bring Recce Sqn and A Sqn up to the Level 4 (dry) collective training standard.

However, the month-long exercise did come with a few challenges. The difficulties of CP routine were increased by a terrifying raven code named "BIG CHUNGUS" by **Sgt Alan "Matt Damon" Rodgers**, the Acting Regimental Signal Warrant Officer at the time. At approximately the stature of a medium-sized dog, BIG CHUNGUS harassed our operations by periodically conducting its own aerial reconnaissance and pecking at garbage bags hanging off of our tents. In an attempt to keep the bird-dog away, the Sig O even made a sign illustrating "no ravens allowed". On the bright side, with all the excellent accommodations in the camp, morale was kept high and Ex SS 20 ended in success. Much of the credit for the successful exercise went to 2IC HQ Sqn, **Capt Stephen "Regimental Party Officer" Couture**, who was immediately, and deservedly, appointed the Regimental Plans Officer after redeploying from Wainwright.

There was not much time for rest as the unit went right into individual battle task standard training to re-qualify soldiers on marksmanship, gas hut, and fitness. Concurrent to these activities, RHQ participated in Ex VIRTUAL RAM in November, where they provided a response cell to 1 CMBG HQ, validating them in the virtual battlespace.

Sadly, Signal Troop lost **Capt Ryan "seems to always be pictured with food in his hands" O'Sullivan** to 21 Electronic Warfare Regiment and after being promoted, **Sgt Jon Livingstone** was sent to Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre after 6 rock solid years at the unit. **Cpl Devin Kipke-Briggs** was posted to Borden.

In closing, the many great seasonal events RHQ plans and executes were cancelled in 2020 leading into the winter holidays as the world was hit with a second wave of COVID-19. RHQ will hold its ground and continue to charge forward at the challenges that come ahead.





A Squadron

Lieutenant Mike Uusoue



It has once again been a very busy year for A Squadron. We started the year out with Ex STEELE BEASTS where the soldiers of A Squadron flew down to Fort Hood and spent a day getting acquainted with the great state of Texas. Some soldiers hit up local brisket joints and supported the local economy such as **Cpl Brad “College Fund” Logan**, while others such as **Sgt Gord “Rick and Morty Troop” Carnevale** completed a pilgrimage to Waco and avoided being recruited by local cultists. The Squadron then hit the simulators and began facing down virtual enemies. Placed in a variety of tough situations, the members of A Squadron worked on tactics and cohesion with supporting elements from our friends at 2VP and Recce Squadron. The opportunity was also taken to get to know our neighbors to the south and familiarize ourselves with their tactics and equipment.

When the Squadron returned home, we transitioned into winter warfare training. A wrench was thrown into the plan when a message from the Chief of Defence Staff came down halfway through the exercise. The army was ordered to stand down and move into a protective posture due to COVID-19. A Squadron now faced 3 months of working mainly from home. The Squadron was quick to adapt to our new protective measures: troop training was now conducted online over Discord, and daily check-ins were conducted through WhatsApp. Soldiers kept up with their PD and fitness online, while taking the time to reconnect with their families. Unfortunately, COVID-19 resulted in the cancellation of a number of events such as Moreuil Wood and Spruce Meadows which had to be observed in isolation this year.

As the year rolled into July, A Squadron began its return-to-work in preparation for Ex STEELE SABRE 20. We bid farewell to our acting, but not lacking Command Team: **Capt Murray “Cat Pictures” McTavish** and **WO Tim “Iceman” Dickey** and welcomed in our new command team: Officer Commanding **Maj Nathan “Where’s your Mustache?” Hevenor** and Squadron Sergeant Major **MWO Nathaniel “Where’s your Tacvest?” Mills**. The Squadron quickly moved into planning and executing numerous courses in preparation for the exercise, while managing to get enough tanks up to field a full 4 Troop Squadron for the first time in recent memory.

A Squadron deployed to the field and launched into our high readiness journey. The troops began by camming up their tanks and giving them loving names before launching into troop level training. A Squadron tankers got to know their new crews and worked hard to establish troop cohesion in the





Wainwright training area. Following troop training, the Squadron zeroed their tanks and moved into level 2 and 3 live ranges under the watchful eyes of Regimental Gunnery Warrant Officer **Dave Brister** and Squadron Gunnery Warrant Officer **Colin “WAP Dance” Davidson**. After the successful completion of the ranges, the Squadron began training for level 4 dry. After numerous hasty attacks, and an unsuccessful assassination attempt by Cinnador, the Squadron successfully destroyed multiple enemy (B Squadron) positions and held their guard against possible enemy counterattacks. When a gap broke in our lines, **MCpl Sean “Step-Crew Commander” Andrews**, **Cpl Cody Genge**, **Cpl Jeremiah Wilson** and **Cpl Stephen “Check out this Reddit page” Graystone** rushed to the Squadron’s rescue and quickly remedied it, preventing infiltration by **Sgt Arthur “Commissar” McKenzie’s** OPFOR goons. After single-handedly



winning the war, A Squadron celebrated with a socially distanced smoker and enjoyed some well-earned beers. However, our exercise was not over yet. The ladies and gentlemen of A Squadron soon found themselves on Operation RECCE FOREST, carefully searching the training area for signs of the Prince of Wales Squadron’s Rifle. After a gruelling search that nearly resulted in half of the Squadron getting run over by a stampede of territorial cows, it was finally found and the brave men and women of A Squadron loaded on the bus and returned home.

Back at the Regiment, A Squadron moved into Individual Battle Task Standard training, honing their marksmanship skills at the range and proving their fitness on the Combat FORCE Test. Corporals in A Squadron learned to lead dismounted patrols on Ex STEELE AMBUSH. **Sgt Mark “Centurion is a Rank” Bell** utilized his air force connections to coordinate helicopter insertions, allowing soldiers in Canada’s premiere tank Squadron to brush up on their dismounted patrolling skills while learning how insert via helicopter. Afterwards, the soldiers of A Squadron moved into the gas hut to refresh their CBRN drills.

It has once again been a very busy year for the members of A Squadron. The men and women of the Squadron have continually demonstrated that they are up for whatever challenge faces them and will continue to do so into the New Year.





B Squadron

Master Corporal Christopher Martin and Corporal Thomas Morris



It was a dark and stormy night... isn't that how these things normally begin? Na, doesn't sound right, let's try again. It was a fat and hungover morning when B Squadron (Sqn) returned to work for the first time in 2020. No one let that stop them (if it did, nothing would ever get done) and the year kicked off with some good ol' fashioned IBTS, the rank and file of the squadron (and the Regiment too, I suppose, but this ain't their article) acquiring, reaffirming, and in some cases re-affirming their

knowledge of First Aid (Combat and otherwise), the oft reviled Basic Winter Warfare (hereafter referred to as BWW, to avoid bringing its wrath upon us), and BWW's much cooler brother; the Snowmobile Course. The light at the end of the frigid tunnel of these endeavours was provided by the course admin NCO Cpl "You'll get a course report this time" **Farquharson**.

In between training on snowmobiles and igloos a bunch of us went to Texas to play video games. In case you missed everyone talking about it, all the time, the whole year, Ex STEELE BEASTS is a co-operative training exercise between LdSH(RC) and 3rd US Cavalry Regiment, based in Ft. Hood, Texas. This afforded us the opportunity to conduct squadron level maneuvers on Abrams simulators without having to worry about maintenance or other logistical considerations. Additionally, because you can't be crushed by a digital gun, or throw virtual track, the absence of safety concern allowed soldiers to step up to positions they were unqualified for; an unparalleled training and comedy opportunity in the case of several cooks and maintainers who came along. Of course, the exercise wasn't all fun and games... that's completely untrue, it was all awesome. We got to see Apaches doing attack runs, a bunch of us took advantage of Texas' more lenient gun laws to sample some interesting firearms, and the night life was [REDACTED].

After a little fun in the sun it was back to serious business. Ranges were run, guns were shot... it was a blast (ha). Best dressed at the range award goes to **Tpr Josh "Torque" York**, who looked like he fell out of an edition of Soldier of Fortune. As most of B Sqn set out to conduct the field portion of their BWW the unthinkable happened. The Army was cancelled, literally turning the bus around. Due to the pandemic the Canadian Army enacted Operation LASER in response, shutting down most training across the country. Bays weren't being swept, coveralls weren't being worn, cats and dogs were living together in harmony, bars, clubs, pubs and other similar entertainment providing establishments were closed, limiting our ability to inflict our presence upon the general population.

When restrictions eased in early August preparations commenced for Ex STEELE SABRE 20. A Primary Combat Function cycle was run qualifying troops for Leopard 2 driver, gunner, loader and crew commander positions. Although this year's Ex was A Sqn's show, they couldn't shine without a little B Squadron polish; 1st Tp, B Sqn became 4th Tp, A Sqn, and there was a heavy injection of B Sqn soldiers into the A Sqn echelon.

Fortunate enough to deploy while the weather was in our favour, the Sqn participated in a gun camp where new and experienced soldiers alike were able to gain new valuable knowledge and skills. The new gunners got to feel the exhilaration of firing a 120mm round down range for the first time, being careful not to get "bitten" in the process, the loader working up a sweat and getting used to their footing. The



crew commander students getting to feel the rush of commanding a tank on a stab run for the first time, and the stresses of keeping their call sign in line and in arcs at all times.

After a successful execution of the gun camp the squadron transitioned seamlessly into Troop level training ranging from the setup and teardown of hides and harbors, navigation and a multitude of other soldiering skills vital to the success of future operations at home and abroad. Practice makes perfect, which brings with it confidence, in one's self and, above all, in the team. The commanders knowing they

can rely on their subordinates and subordinates trusting in their leadership's guidance. A measure of this confidence was demonstrated by the entrusting of the legendary screwdriver Excalibur to **Tpr Brayden Gilles-Smith**.

Teamwork's the name of the game on exercise and deployment. B Sqn was able to combine efforts with A Sqn to conduct its levels 1-4 training by day and night. Conduct of 1st Tp's troop shoot was complicated by there being about as much left of the hard targets as a shredded Coors can, but at least we knew the HEAT worked. The Sqn, victorious on the notional battlefield, returned home to their families and friends for some well-earned rest, and post exercise drills along with preparation for follow on tasks.

The final event of the year for the Sqn was the conduct of Regimental Individual Battle Task Standard (IBTS) training cycle. This included the dreaded gas hut, the FORCE combat test, and 1st Troop running the best IBTS range that NATO has seen since 1949. Reinforcing that the army needs trigger pullers and not paper pushers, **Sgt Jordan "flip flops" Churchill** wore combats for 9 consecutive hours for possibly the first time this year and lead 1st Troop through an arduous three week deployment to CFB Edmonton's ranges. The end of the IBTS cycle saw B Squadron transition to back to maintenance and work from home due to COVID-19, which will likely continue until **WO Matt "ATV" Williams** emerges from the SQ shop and sees his shadow.





Reconnaissance Squadron

Master Corporal Stephen Miller



The start of the third decade in the 21st century will probably not be remembered fondly. For Reconnaissance Squadron (Recce Sqn), the new decade started as most do for the crewmen in the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) (LdSH(RC)), operating in a state of chaos and confusion.

Recce Sqn came into the New Year swinging, participating and supporting the Regiment's 25mm Crew Commander and Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle (TAPV) Dual Remote Weapon System (DRWS) Operator courses. The DRWS was conducted with members from across the Regiment and also our part time warriors from the

Reserve Force and 1 Military Police Regiment. The ranges were run by the 1 Tp Warrant, **WO Laurent Charette**, who conducted the live fire ranges as his last event with the Regiment before his posting to Brussels, Belgium.

During the last week of February, a number of Recce soldiers were able to join Canadian tankers, infantry, and our American counter-parts as part of Ex STEELE BEASTS. Members from the Regiment, along with elements from 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry conducted simulated dry training utilizing the Close Combat Tactical Trainer (CCTT) facility in Fort Hood, Texas. Utilizing their simulators provided a unique and fantastic training opportunity to focus on combined arms tactics in a range of complex and realistic scenarios, including conventional ops, dispersed ops, and force-on-force. During the exercise, soldiers took advantage of local professional development opportunities to solidify the existing relationship with the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, US Army and the LdSH (RC).

Next up came Ex STEELE WINTER, and this year the much anticipated winter training was conducted outside of Cold Lake, Alberta. Starting at the Regiment, Basic Winter Warfare training consisting of winter navigation, basic defensive construction in winter environments, and tent routines while simultaneously running a Light Over Snow Vehicle (LOSV) (aka snow mobile) course for key Regimental personnel. The planning and coordination of Ex STEELE WINTER was the work of both **MCpl Joshua "Jam" Weeden** and **MCpl Michael ".50 Cal" McNeil**. Their hard work and delinquency resulted in a 7 day training exercise overseen by OC Recce **Maj Daniel "Knock-off Ron Weasley" Gray** and SSM Recce **WO**





Nathan “Long Legs” Johnston. Troops rotated through different stands each day, from completing their required time on the LOSV, to patrolling through Northern Alberta woodland with toboggan groups and snowshoes, building snow shelters and defenses. The most highly anticipated stand was the ice fishing stand, led by **Cpl Brandon “No Chin” Price** and **Tpr Kristofer “No Hip” Fujita**. To the dismay of the great efforts put forth, the lake trout and the walleye of Cold Lake evaded the skillful and tireless determination of the fishermen within LdSH(RC). Much to the disappointment of all the second serial of the exercise was cancelled due to the rising risk of COVID-19 and the subsequent order to cease all training in the military.

Cut short to face the approaching pandemic of COVID-19, Recce Sqn returned back to the Regiment from Cold Lake to adopt our readiness posture during a period of quarantine. Upon achieving a safe work manner, Recce Sqn continued to meet our Brigade mandate of providing an Immediate Response Unit (IRU) patrol, vehicles and crews, to provide assistance to any part of Western Canada should the order be given. The rest of Recce Sqn prepared to follow up any IRU calls as the Vanguard Element within 12 hours.

Of all the unique capabilities that Recce Sqn brings to the battlefield, the employment of the Miniature Unmanned Aircraft Systems (MUAS) provides the Brigade Commander live, aerial footage of whatever he tasks the crew to find. The force multiplier that this skill provides demands the highest and most proficient talents of a crewperson. Talent that requires training and when possible, more training. With these demands, **Warrant Thomas “Works Too Much” Underwood**, the Regt’s Flight Safety NCO, planned and executed Ex RECCE PHOENIX during the 1- 12th of June. An in-house currency training on the MUAS to both maintain operational capability and to set the conditions for future MUAS Operator courses to force generate MUAS Op and Detachment Commanders within the Regiment.

Second to our readiness for IRU, leadership within Recce Sqn turned their attention to the fall exercise of Ex STEELE SABRE 20, where the Sqn conducted live fire and dry training events, as well as focused on reconnaissance skills built through Patrol and Troop level training. The exercise started on a high point with the much enjoyed and well received Dynamic Range, where Recce soldiers trained and displayed their proficiency with a myriad of weapons to include shotguns, pistols, rifles, machines guns, and the grenade launcher. In the midst of the Sqn training, the second annual Ex RECCE FORGE was held, a 48hr dismounted patrol concentration focused on patrolling skills, navigation, field craft, and general soldier skills. It was a grueling event but everyone who participated enjoyed the chance to test their individual metal.

Recce Sqn concluded their field training as they usually do, successfully, and ready for follow on tasks. Returning from the field with sharpened skills and refreshed training, Recce Sqn adjusted their efforts from the unit level to the individual, moved onto the annual IBTS ranges, gas hut and Combat FORCE tests.

The conditions have been set and the Troopers of Recce Sqn are ready for what the Brigade Commander or the world has planned for us in the New Year.





Headquarters Squadron

Warrant Officer Laki Christopoulos



Another year for the Prince of Wales Squadron has gone by, with unique challenges brought on by these unique times. In late 2019 as part of the Rear Party, **Capt Varun Vahal** assumed the position as Acting Officer Commanding, with **WO Laki Christopoulos** as Acting Sergeant Major of the Squadron. After a busy winter preparing the eFP Battle Group for deployment, and a well-deserved Christmas

leave, the next major bound for the Squadron was seeing how many serviceable Leopard 2's in the fleet we could get up and running for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE in the spring under the ET **MWO Terry Walsh**.

Early in the year there was some excitement at the prospect of being deployed to Australia to assist with the wildfires that were the worst in decades. The scramble to find out who amongst the Immediate Response Unit (IRU) had passports began and how fast they could get them if needed. In the end, the Air Force got the call sending a CC-177 Globemaster and a few military personnel.

In mid-March, something that most soldiers would never expect in their life time or career came with the order of to stay home as the country came under lock down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was a surreal feeling for most to be isolated at home either by themselves or with their partners and children for weeks which could feel like forever. Only leaving your home for essentials like groceries, constantly washing your hands, and keeping everyone two metres apart became the new normal. For some odd reason, toilet paper was a hot commodity and difficult to find at times on store shelves.

COVID-19 resulted in the tanks that were already low bedded to Wainwright for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, to be brought back as the brigade from Petawawa cancelled their trip out west. An assured fun night at the All Ranks Dinner and Dance that had been planned for 19 March at Midway Bar in the heart of the city, had to be postponed until further notice. The exciting prizes waiting to be given away for that event such as a BBQ Smoker, flat screen TV, and Nintendo Switches, had to be postponed and used to raffle off as part of the Christmas charitable campaign.

In the summer, the Squadron slowly came back to work. Under the guidance of **Sgt John Keefe**, numerous MSVS Mack Drivers Courses we conducted to qualify drivers for a new fleet that started arriving in early 2020. Wearing masks in vehicles became a thing and constantly reminding troops to wear them was always on the mind of the instructors.



The summer saw the OC leaving to attend second language training, cramming a year of learning into a few months. As he quickly learned, it was a difficult task to focus on the Squadron and learning “En Francaise” all at the same time. **Capt Stephen Couture** came in from Recce Squadron to assume the role as OC after pleas from the SSM to get an officer in to help.

The Squadron seemed to go through Administration Officers like they were being eaten alive. From **Capt Andrew Kelly** dealing with the constant correction of PERs, to **Capt Dale Patt** with the never ending pile of files he enthusiastically enjoyed completing before being posted to the Armour School in Gagetown. To **Capt Alexander Young** coming in from the SALH only to move on to more exciting things in Kingston. Then finally to the triple hatted **Capt Erik Giajnorio** working as Mounted Troop Leader and the Brigade Training Officer, in between dealing with all the Squadron paperwork. He managed to look great throughout.

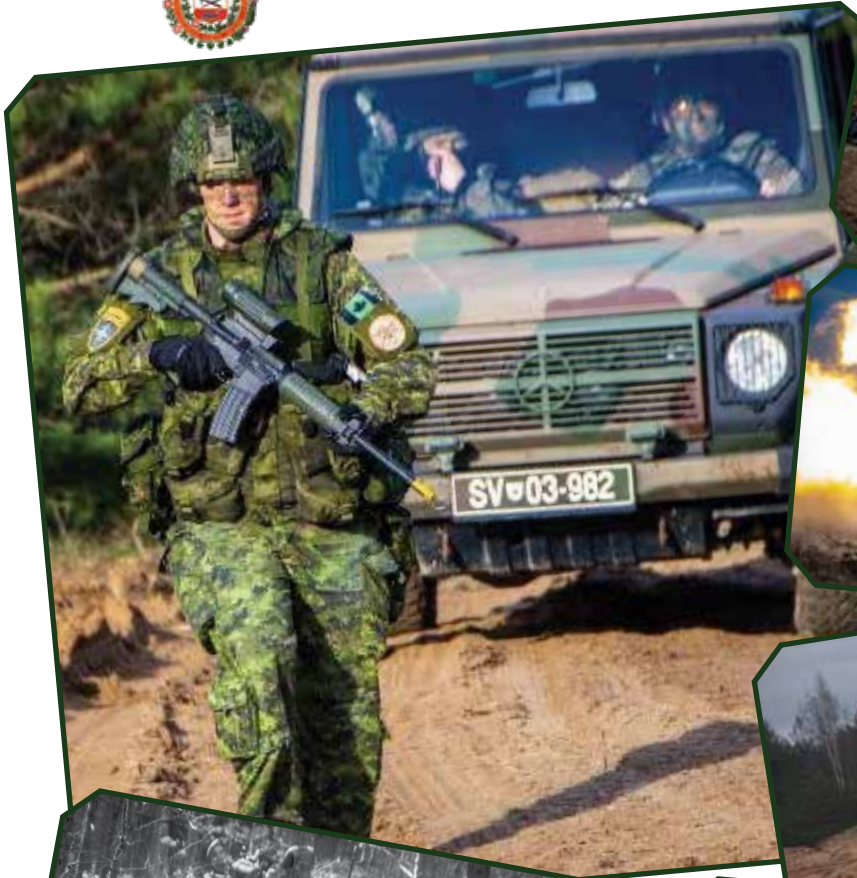
The planning of Exercise STEELE SABRE 20 was unlike any exercise in many years. Being the guinea pigs for the Brigade, it seemed the Regiment was out to prove it could safely conduct an exercise in the middle of a COVID-19 pandemic. The amount of kit being ordered to complete the camp build must have blown the mind of the Acting RQ for the Ex **MCpl Stephanie Gavriel** and QM **Capt Anthony Nghi**, but they came through with all of it on multiple truck decks.



Many thanks to **Cpl Maryse Tellier-Normand** for driving to multiple Home Depots to acquire a special type of plug for the many generator trailers so the troops could have power supplied by the Squadron EO Tech's **Cpl Jon Wiggan** and **Cpl Wesley Smith**. These two soldiers laid out many lines and patiently dealt with troops that thought they could rig their own power together. From shower trailers, hand wash stations and blue rockets, to heated MOD tents, and two fresh hay box meals a day, the troops had a comfort in the field that hasn't been seen in a long time. Hands were the cleanest ever seen on the exercise.

As **Maj Mike Timms** took over as the OC and **MWO Ben Holmes** as the SSM on their return from Op REASSURANCE, they have inherited a Squadron of senior soldiers of all trades that support and keep the Regiment functioning with their hard work, dedication, and perseverance.





Operations





Operation REASSURANCE Strathcona's eFP Battle Group Latvia

Major Mike Timms

This year, the Strathcona's had the honour of mounting the Operation REASSURANCE 20-01 NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Battle Group (BG) in Latvia. Following a year of superb performance on the Road to High Readiness (RTHR), the Regiment deployed from January to July 2020, forming the nucleus of the BG Headquarters, the Combat Support (CS) Company, the Combat Service Support (CSS) Company, and contributed several Strathcona's to the National Support Element. Accompanying the Regiment from Canada were range of contributions from across the Army, including a Reserve mortar platoon from 41 Canadian Brigade Group and an M777 battery from 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Notably, C Company 1 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry deployed with us, who under command of **Major Ben Wong** spent so much time with the Regiment during RTHR and the deployment that one might expect to see them within our order of battle in this publication.



Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Angell commanded contingents from nine nations as part of the 1100 soldier strong BG. With five robust fighting companies including over one hundred armoured fighting vehicles and tanks, and a plethora of anti-armour and indirect fire assets, one might easily have been mistaken to think it were a small Brigade vice a BG. Certainly, the command, control, and sustainment challenges were not small either – complicated by nine languages, differing communications equipment, dozens of equipment platforms, and adhoc lines of communication. Thankfully, there was one language we all spoke – Army.

Progressing quickly through a series of integrating exercises, the eFP BG quickly developed into a first-rate fighting force. Learning how to best apply our diverse strengths and offset one another's limitations, the BG excelled on its confirmatory Integrated Capstone Exercise (ICE), CRYSTAL ARROW 20-01. Polish tanks manoeuvred with Canadian LAVs, Italian soldiers advanced through wood lines with Spanish Engineers and Albanian Explosive Ordinance Disposal teams maintaining their lines of communication, Spanish Pizarros and Leopard tanks assaulted alongside Slovak soldiers in BMPs, supported by Czech mortars, on an objective picketed by Slovenian soldiers, all battle tracked by a Montenegrin duty officer sending situation reports to the Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade Headquarters, and sustained by a 9 nation CSS Company of over two hundred soldiers and over a hundred vehicles – a truly impressive feat of international integration at the tactical level.

During Exercise CRYSTAL ARROW the COVID19 situation began to unfold worldwide, and shortly after the Exercise, it became readily apparent how significant the event was to be. In the early period of the pandemic, many of our European teammate's home nations were hit hard. But, their dedication and focus on the mission did not wain for even a second. COVID19 reshaped our mission, with a series of rehearsals across the Baltic nations being impacted. However, the Strathcona led eFP BG never slowed. Leveraging the fact that we were based at one of the best military ranges in the Baltic region, the BG perfected its skills, continued advancing integration, and showed the incredible power it contained through a series of truly impressive live fire exercises. With a successful transition to the 20-02 team in July, led by 2 Royal Canadian Regiment, our team returned home, proud of its accomplishments and friendships made.



Exercise CRYSTAL ARROW

The Heroes of the Puska

Captain Matt Shumka

with excerpts from Captain "Tommy Pocket" Clackson

Ex CRYSTAL ARROW (Ex CA) 20-01 did not run long, 2-13 March 2020, but for the enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Battle Group (BG) Latvia (LVA), it saw the culmination of seven weeks of integration training between nine partner nations: Albania, Canada, Czech, Italy, Montenegro, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia and Spain, and a token Brit on loan to 1 PPCLI.

Under the mentorship of personnel from the Canadian Combat Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) in Wainwright, AB, with support from incoming personnel from 2 RCR's eFP BG, and the local Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade (MI Bde), the War Pigs (eFP BG LVA) set into a dedicated planning cycle under the guidance of the Chief of Staff, **Maj James** *"Hey Ops WO don't forget the mini-gym for the Rear CP"* **Anderson** and the BG S5, **Maj Gord** *"It feels like I never left CMTC"* **Elliott**. Through heightened levels of readiness, BG leadership prepared for the deliberate territorial defence of the ADAZI Training Area from a neighbouring Eastern aggressor... After a lengthy planning cycle and the eventual incursion of the enemy at our gates, the War Pigs deployed in full force.

With the stage set by CMTC, the War Pigs got to work building a comprehensive defensive plan with a mixture of well-prepared positions and overhead drone coverage. BUTCHER (Multinational Combat Support) Company (Coy), GRIZZLY (Canadian Mechanized Infantry) Coy, and LUPI (Italian Light Infantry) Coy established a hasty defensive area in the north, inflicting significant casualties on the enemy force in short order. Not all went to plan however as we took a few casualties as well, chief among them: **WO Ed** *"I am being completely overrun"* **Pickell** and **MCpl Dave** *"they're everywhere!"* **Symington**, with honourable mention to a certain LAV 6.0 owned by **Capt Nozomi** *"we're completely stuck"* **Kawamura** (1 RCHA) being tragically abandoned. After a brief tactical pause to reset the attacking force, a parlay of sorts, BUTCHER and GRIZZLY Coys withdrew to the main defensive area supporting a very slowed enemy advance before their eventual destruction by a myriad of reinforcing friendly forces: ESCORPION (Spanish Combat Team) Coy, a reconstituted

GRIZZLY Coy, and DOUBLECROSS (Slovakian Infantry) Coy. To completely overwhelm the enemy, the BG Commander, **LCol Eric** *"let the dogs off the chain"* **Angell** had TIGER (Polish Tank) Coy obliterate any resistance while LUPI Coy remained in the north to provide a cut off force. With the main defensive battle over, the War Pigs quickly regained momentum by going on the offensive, securing the Puska River. I would be remised if I didn't throw a bone out to MUSTANG (Multinational Combat Service and Support) Coy who had the merciless task to resupply the War Pigs throughout.

Ultimately, Ex CA 20-01 saw the eFP BG LVA receive formal NATO Combat Readiness Evaluation certification from its higher headquarters. However, more importantly, many lessons were learnt, some good and some bad, as the multinational beast that comprised the eFP BG LVA was unlike anything most had worked in previously. That said, at the end of the day, the War Pigs finally sunk their teeth and shone during some gritty collective mission rehearsals. The War Pigs were ready to deter and if necessary, fight!





Operation IMPACT

Making an IMPACT? Strathconas in the Middle-East

Lieutenant-Colonel Sandy Cooper and Captain Ali Mansour

In the beginning, there was sand...a lot of sand. Over the last year, the Strathcona presence in the volatile Middle-East has been small in number, but large in influence.

At NATO Mission – Iraq (NMI), **Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Nolan** spent a year advising Commander NMI on a myriad of issues – later in the tour he was joined on the General's personal staff by a younger, cooler, handsomer, and much more dangerous Strathcona: **Corporal Jackson Steinke** of the Close Protection Detail. Just down the road at the Canadian Embassy, **Colonel John “my visa’s in the mail” Cochrane** hangs his hat, working near constant diplomatic overflight requests and maintaining relationships with our Iraqi allies.



On the Mediterranean coast of the Levant, many wise Strathcona's congregated as the weather and lifestyle was most agreeable to members of the cavalry. **Colonel Pascal “Squally” Demers** began his third year as Canadian Defence Attaché in Amman, Jordan, already eyeing a retirement property in the south of France. He was joined for a time by the intrepid **Major Mike Selberg**, Commanding Officer of Canadian Training and Assistance Team – Jordan. In the ever volatile Lebanon, **Major Jack “driving here is fun” Nguyen** and **Master Warrant Officer Kenny “Loaf” Shiells** spent a year by the pool of their villa as command team of the CTAT there, passing the baton in June to **Captain Ali “back in the motherland” Mansour** and **Sergeant John “promoted in theatre” Nancarrow**, who were drawn east by tales of outstanding food, better per diems, and the very best company. **Ali** spent his days spending millions of the Queen's shillings, while **John** taught lifesaving Combat First Aid to Lebanese soldiers defending the porous border with Syria.

At Ali Al Salem Airbase near the coast of the Arabian Gulf, **Lieutenant-Colonels Dave Cronk** and **Sandy Cooper** exchanged their low-shoed, cubicle-like prisons in Ottawa for the tented luxury of a Canadian “gated community,” inside an American Airbase, inside a Kuwaiti Airbase. **Dave** was

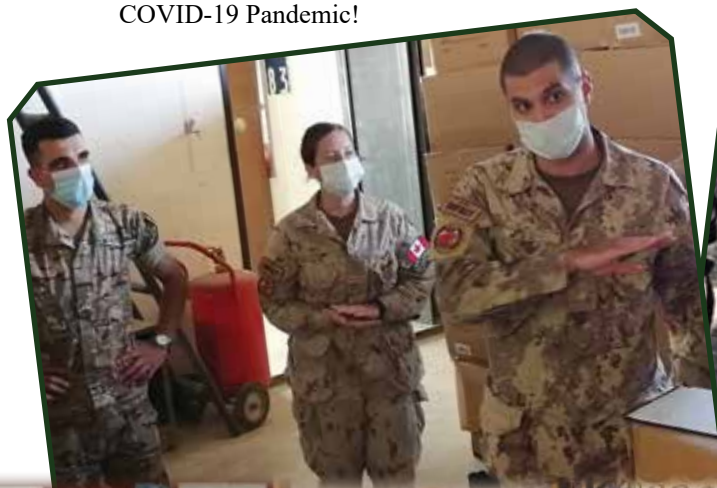




frequently heard talking to himself as he considered many new, ingenious plans that never saw the light of day as J5 of Joint Task Force IMPACT, while **Sandy** frequently burned the midnight oil signing leave passes, DAG sheets, and PERs for hundreds of embeds he rarely saw as Commanding Officer of the Headquarters – he was also heard muttering about how as J3 he couldn't escape the scourge of CFTPO, no matter where on earth he hid. In addition, **Chief Warrant Officer Christian Thomassin**, an old Strathcona from the Kosovo days, spent many days in Kuwait as Task Force Sergeant Major, though he was on the road as often as he was “home.”

Finally, in the bellows of the windowless sweatshops of Camp Arifjan Kuwait, and Union III, Iraq, **Brigadier-General Paul Peyton** toiled incessantly for the Coalition Overlords of Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE as the leader of the key Directorate of Strategic Communications (DSC). Though there were many coalitions in the Middle East, there was “one CJTF to rule them all,” and it was clear to everyone in theatre that this most powerful of organizations was OIR. While DSC developed many snappy, strategically relevant one-liners in the fight against Da'esh, their greatest legacy related to the re-naming of the many Iranian-aligned Shia Militia Groups...when **General Paul** coined their new official name, “*Outlaw Militia Groups*” (or **OMGs** for short), he became a folk hero to every soldier who got to use the new acronym on the radio.

In closing, 2020 in the desert was hot, dry, politically unstable, medically questionable, and physically dangerous, which meant it was closer to the *status quo* than almost any other part of the world during the COVID-19 Pandemic!





Operation SOPRANO

United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Major Dave Williams

I gaze out the open window of a Soviet-era Mi-8 transport helicopter, I am struck by the wildness of the place. It is empty of human trace out to the horizon save for the odd cluster of grass huts dotting the landscape. As we approach our destination of Yambio, the small bustling capital of Western Equatoria State and my home base for the majority of the tour, the terrain transforms from grassland, to savanna woodland, and finally the sweltering heat extending from Juba city cools noticeably as we enter the equatorial rainforest.

The apparent calm below belies a startling realization that things are altogether too quiet. There is not an animal to be seen in all this wilderness. The wildlife has been decimated by unchecked poaching for profit and harvest for bush meat amidst food insecurity, just one more sad consequence of decades of existential conflict followed by seven brutal years of civil war.

As a United Nations Military Observer, I was able to patrol to some of the most remote corners of this region by wheel or foot during the dry season and by helicopter once the rains came. As part of a multi-dimensional peacekeeping operation, my function was to be the eyes and ears of the mission and to inject cohesion and leadership into the complex web of integrated UN tactical level operations.

I became acquainted with the peoples, history and troubles of the land through many conversations with opposition and rebel warlords, government officials, traditional tribal chiefs and ordinary citizens and while living off the economy for food and supplies. I found an inspiring resilience amongst the tribes of Western Equatoria. Families who had endured loss and horrors unimaginable carried on. Despite the generational scars of chaos and tragedy, life continues in the margins. The sounds of Azande women giggling at the bewildered 'Kawhaja' (foreigner) retracing his steps in the tangled market, or Moru children finding the will to laugh at a gesture of play or silliness in spite of distended empty bellies and sallow, hungry eyes, taught me how indomitable the human spirit can be.

Although the world's newest nation is classified as one of the worst on the Fragile States Index, the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) is crippled by inertia and a critical loss of initiative at the strategic level. Operating under such circumstances one could easily become fatalistic; however, despite its failings, the UN and UNMISS are often the only thing standing between a marginal existence and ruin for many of the most vulnerable.

Despite the mission's failure in its mandate, differences could still be made at the local human level. Instances such as vectoring aid to a desperate boma (village) whose homes and maize stores were destroyed by wildfires or listening to the harmony of a song of gratitude and freedom after being part of a process to release dozens of women and children abducted by armed thugs were immensely rewarding and a tonic against cynicism.



South Sudan is a place of extremes: fires or floods, limitless wealth and power for a corrupt few, abject poverty and marginalization for most. Yet in spite of a pervasive fear that at any moment the country will erupt once again into inter-communal or state sponsored brutality, a fragile hope endures in most of the people for a future free from violence.

Operation UNIFIER

Strathcona's in Ukraine

Captain Phil "Tow Strap" Buckingham



In July, the Strathcona Armoured Advisor Team deployed on Op UNIFIER to Ukraine, two months after the initial deployment date. Even before leaving Canada, the team had to say goodbye to **Capt Steve "Sorry Boys" Couture**, and honestly speaking, the team missed his infectious optimism.

Finally on our way, we were welcomed into theatre by **Capt Stuart "Ukrainian President-Elect" King**. The first two weeks were painfully spent quarantined at a hotel in Lviv. The team took this opportunity to become acquainted with the Task Force and real Ukrainian food. **Cpl Sean "Quarantine" Armstrong**, enjoyed the experience

too much and was determined to repeat it throughout the tour. Aside from a lack of dip and inability to leave the fenced off parking lot, the quarantine was uneventful.

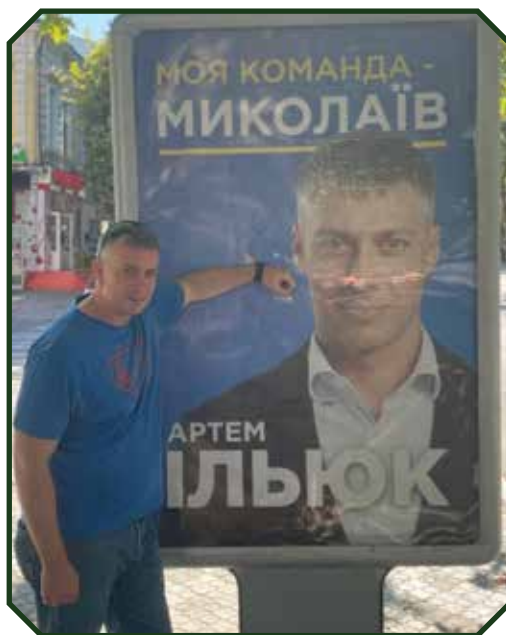
Soon the team moved to the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre (IPSC), where a Brigade was already training. **Sgt Max "The hotel wasn't that nice" Gironne** quickly adapted to the situation and found the American PX to buy as much dip as he could carry. **MCpl Andrew "I probably shouldn't have said that" Elms** and **Cpl Armstrong** on the other hand went about readying the G-wagons for off road driving. With two G-rides and linguists in tow, the team began building relationships with our American and Ukrainian counterparts while avoiding live fire traces. On one of these fateful trips, **Cpl Armstrong** was struck low by a rogue cashew, which lead to his eventual and unfortunate early departure. This loss would be felt throughout the tour.

In the absence of **Cpl Armstrong**, an important lesson was learned when I, **Capt "Who has the Tow Strap?" Buckingham**, got the G-ride thoroughly stuck in a four foot deep mud puddle. **MCpl Elms** and **Sgt Gironne** epic recovery skills are the only thing that saved us from full on

savagery. Lesson learned, "Under no circumstances let the Captain drive."

In another part of Ukraine, **Capt King** worked tirelessly to open up CTC Shiroky Lan for future rotations. It was noticed that **Stu** bears a striking resemblance to one of the local politicians and his better looking brother can be seen throughout the city of Mykoliav. With any hope this isn't the only mark he has left on Shiroky Lan.

Throughout it all, the Strathconas persevered and left their indelible mark on the Ukraine, even if we were up to our waists in mud.

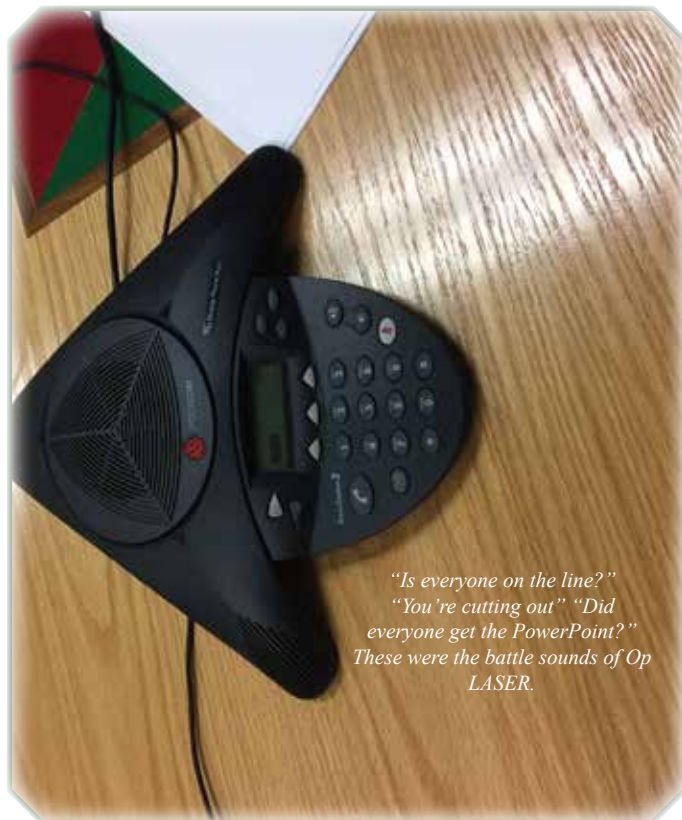




Operation LASER

...Enter Twilight Zone

Captain Blake Tapp



*"Is everyone on the line?"
"You're cutting out" "Did
everyone get the PowerPoint?"
These were the battle sounds of Op
LASER.*

Whenever a key event in our lives happens, everyone always compares notes and does the "where were you when this started?". For most of us at the unit when COVID-19 became "a thing" that affected our lives, we were at work or out on winter warfare. The All Ranks Dinner and Dance was right around the corner, some of us were in the middle of the classic mess dress scramble leading up to Moreuil Wood, plans were made for members to go down to CFB Suffield, and we had just taken part in an old timer's hockey game with retired NHL players. Life was pretty normal. Then the phone rang...

Within the course of a day our professional and personal lives were literally flipped on their heads. All events cancelled. Get everyone home. How many vehicles do you have? Here's a mask, make sure everyone has at least three of them. Don't shake hands! Everything smells like Lysol or hand sanitizer. Why does everyone look at me like I'm a criminal when

a sneeze or cough? These and probably a million different thoughts went through our heads over that first 24hrs. Like everything else, suddenly an order came across our desks labelled "Op LASER," and like every other order, a flurry of activity came with it. Once the printers were done printing, a final orders group was called before everyone would be sent home. I don't know what everyone else thought, but I didn't know that would be the last time I would see everyone for about four months.

After that, life was almost normal. Everyone was at home, but that would probably just be temporary. Work had to start back up at some point, something was going to happen....right? After the initial returns and a few long work days, the unit lines started to feel like working on a weekend or after hours. The only other people you see are those at the duty desk or maybe that other person who has something keeping them at work for whatever reason. For the first week it was relaxing, the second week it got boring, the third week started to feel weird, then it felt like things were just never going to go back to the way they were before.

From what I've heard from those who stayed home, the same abnormal feeling was there for everyone. About a month into Op LASER it felt like being on an episode of the Twilight Zone our Outer Limits. The streets had about half the cars on them on the way to and from work. The parking lots were next to empty. When you saw another person in the hallway that wasn't part of the usual "at work" crew it became a huge deal. Suddenly everyone did everything over the phone. I knew we had transitioned into a truly different period when I realized I had not worn combats to work in a month and it essentially made no difference. While Op LASER saw activity in the eastern part of the country, for us, there was simply a constant state of readiness. If needed, the unit would have answered the call and completed whatever the task.

The Regiment has continued to set the example within 1 CMBG and has constantly updated SOPs to allow armoured training to continue within the constraints of Op LASER and the pandemic. It continues to ensure the safety of its members and remains ready to deploy at home and abroad.



Training



Exercise STEELE WINTER

Cold as Ice

Trooper Karnbir Chauhan

In March 2020, Recce Sqn headed to Cold Lake, AB for two weeks of winter warfare and adventure training. This was an exciting opportunity as Recce Sqn had planned several fun and educational activities such as ice fishing, snowmobiling and winter warfare. Upon arriving at the camp site everyone was assigned a cabin, and the troops went to work to set up and start chopping firewood and building cozy lodgings.

Our first adventure kicked off with Recce soldiers learning the art of ice fishing by **Cpl Brandon “Fisherman” Price** and **Tpr Kris “Knife Edge” Fujita**. Specifically, we learned what to look out for when trekking on the ice and also how to deploy the fishing equipment. As luck would have it, the auger decided it did not want to work that morning. Undeterred, we grabbed pick heads and shovels and started digging our way through the ice; those fish weren’t getting off that easily! Who would have thought that digging through several inches of hard ice while trying not to fall in could be such a daunting task? We persevered and after a morning of hard work we finally created holes and deployed our fishing lines into the water. Alas no fish were caught on this day, but the fun and camaraderie we had while being out on the ice made up for it.

The next day we learned to ride snowmobiles. After receiving instruction by **Sgt Jeremy “Dunny” Dunford** on the safe operation of the vehicle, everyone mounted up and started the trek. The trails that we rode were picturesque and breathtaking. Unfortunately for the ice fishing group that day, the ice on the lake was starting to melt and they did not want to risk driving the trucks out there. Fortunately for the snowmobile group, we were called upon to taxi them out onto the lake. I am sure the person who was on the back of my snowmobile was terrified when I told them that I was a beginner driver. To add to the high morale, Recce SQMS **WO Nate “G.O.A.T.” Johnson** had a wet canteen open every night and a warm fire to gather around.

The last day of training for my group was winter warfare with **MCpl Stephen “Where’s My Beer” Miller**. After breakfast we were given the task of building shelters in a survival situation. We ensured our sleds were properly packed, put on our white camp bottoms, and strapped on our snow shoes and rucks. So began our 8 km trek across the lake to get to our position for the night. After setting up our 10 person tents and discussing why the position we had stopped at was good for a defensive, we established camp routine for the night. Of course, OC Recce **Major Dan “I’m just here to relax” Gray** and **WO Nate Johnson** made the perilous journey across the lake to see if anyone was in need of a beer and a hamburger. I wasn’t joking when I said the SQ made sure morale was kept high. After an extremely cold night, we tore down the tents and began our march back across the lake. The early morning wind and chill across the open lake was pretty intense, but I guess that’s why they call it Cold Lake. On a positive note we were all rocking pretty decent ice beards that we showed off before they melted.

Thus came the end of the first serial of Ex STEELE WINTER. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the next serial had to turn around halfway to Cold Lake. Did they ever miss out on a fun and exciting winter exercise! Until next time Cold Lake.







Exercise STEELE BEASTS

Captain Kai Keewatin

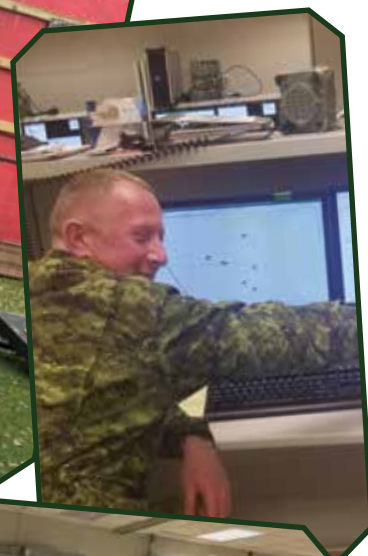
You know what they say, all flights lead to Austin, TX. At least that's what it seemed like with flights routing all over the States from Edmonton down to the Lone Star State for Ex STEELE BEASTS 20. Members from A and B Squadron with our red headed step cousins (infantry) from Shilo, and surprisingly Recce, making their first appearance in recent memory, arrived over two days and formed large convoys of minivans as they made their pilgrimage to North Fort Hood. Staying in what would lovingly be known as the "snore factory", our 100 person barracks made a comfortable start point to begin probing the local area for cuisine and drinks.

Monday we started in the Sim Center issuing out high speed, purpose built helmets with integrated headsets, fumbling our way through the initial familiarization for all crew members with the simulators. Tankers began adapting to their Abrams, the infantry to their wild 360 degree Humvee simulators, all while Recce tested out the TOW capabilities of their Bradley IFVs, often to disastrous results. One notable challenge, at least for **WO Colin "Lightning Rod" Davidson** was his 'shockingly' good headset and subsequent hot mic description of his affection for it over the combat team net.

While the tankers took their mornings to rest, often after a late night of supporting the local economy in Killeen, Recce Sqn led the charge into the day with morning PT at the crack of dawn. As our barracks were in North Fort Hood, and the Sim center in the South, we all had a nice 45 min period of reflection on the drive through the rolling hills of the training area. We spent this time refining our tactics from the previous days activities while admiring "Caution live artillery, do not leave road" signs and watching live Apache attack helicopters launch rockets into the hillside. **Cpl Mike "What's The Worst That Could Happen" Loiselle** guided his minivan onto the Apache range and took the requisite hero shots.

Over the week we found our stride, facing an enemy horde lead by WO Matt "You Were Broadside" Williams. **Capt Murray "Man With The Plan" McTavish** and **Capt Darren "Monotone" Carter-Wright** took turns leading combat team, sometimes to victory, sometimes to a glorious memory. Overall the experience was extremely valuable, it is a unique training opportunity to have 30 plus simulators connected and interacting that enabled us to practice level 5 Collective Training.







Exercise STEELE SABRE

Lieutenant Miles “The AFES bottles aren’t supposed to be empty?” Smith

COVID-19 affected Regimental training in many ways this year. Perhaps most notably, the annual fall training exercise normally called Ex STEELE SABRE was slightly modified to become STEELE SCAVENGER 20. Instead of the emphasis being placed on gateways to the Road to High Readiness, the unit dispersed and conducted a series of scavenger hunts building from the fire team to Regimental level.

The hunting actually began during the preparation phase prior to the exercise. A Squadron found themselves in the rare situation where too many tanks were working; possibly a first in the history of the Regiment. Scavenging for extra crews, A and B squadrons joined forces to create a fearsome four-troop subunit. This new fourth troop then began scavenging for crew commanders to fill its own ranks, recruiting **Sgt Andrew Sherlock-Hubbard** and **MCpl Jason Comeau** fresh off the boat from Latvia. Known to spin class instructors across NATO as *“The WOO Boys,”* the combined tank squadron finally had enough headbands amongst its crews to depart for Wainwright.

Once deployed and camp was established, the never-before-seen level of integration between the tank squadrons meant that many senior positions were duplicated. This led to a surplus of Senior NCOs on a scavenger hunt for something to do... a dangerous situation for everyone on the exercise. Thankfully, many found creative and peaceful outlets for their energy. **Sgt Isaac “So this is what Ops does?”**

Koolman created his own trade and became the padre handler, while **WO Matt “I’m the Sergeant Major now” Williams** designed, built, and made operational a prototype recce vehicle to replace the Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle in 2080. Extensive testing revealed his ATV-based model had a comparable level of protection and firepower while doubling mobility and tripling fun.

Seeing this and deducing the troops had too much time on their hands, **Maj Nathan “27 never looked this good” Hevenor** took a page (literally?) from the Barkley Marathon’s book and sent the tank squadron into the night to complete a navigation exercise... a scavenger hunt for military novels. Many crews were disappointed to find that **Sgt Mark “I’m night blind!” Bell** had already stolen the most desirable pages by the time they arrived at their points.





Meanwhile, Recce Squadron was busy scavenging for an equivalent event to the American spur ride. For the second year in a row, Recce soldiers completed RECCE FORGE to earn their patch under the leadership of **Maj Dan “learn to burn” Gray**. No patio furniture was harmed in the celebrations that followed, likely due to the presence of the Brigade command team.

The conclusion of dry troop training meant it was time to get into the level two and three live fire ranges. The Regiment managed to scavenge some live high explosive anti-tank (HEAT) rounds, so fearsome that the muzzle blasts alone burned down half of Range 16. Unfortunately, the awesome destructive power of the live rounds meant that fourth troop, as the last troop to conduct level three live, had to scavenge for intact legal targets despite the best efforts of **Capt Darren “You’re still shooting the 3D targets” Carter-Wright** to guide them in the right direction.

As a final confirmation of readiness before the Regimental level hunt, the Recce and Tank Squadrons teamed up to conduct a level four dry scavenger hunt. Their objective was to find and destroy call sign Sheppard, an elite opposing force (OPFOR) element lead by **Sgts Jordan “My beard is within regulations” Churchill** and **Arthur “Isn’t 16 supposed to get a tank?” McKenzie**. Tasked with doing anything but conducting raids on the recce screen line, call sign Sheppard successfully conducted raids practiced self-defence on the recce screen line before being found and decisively destroyed. Despite **Lt Shea “Tacvest” McGlone** being ready to dismount and charge on foot at any time during the assault, this was surprisingly not required. Some say he is still wearing his tacvest at this very moment. The attack was successful, and the Regiment stood ready for its last test.



Pioneering a level of collective training never seen before, the Regiment grouped everyone from maintenance master warrant officers to crewman troopers from every squadron together to execute the final step of the exercise: a scavenger hunt for a rifle. Adding another challenging element to the



mix, the canteen departed early, leaving soldiers to scavenge amongst the worst chew, monster, and cigarette drought that the Regiment has seen since 1900. Perseverance was the name of the game, and after a short search over the entire training area the rifle was successfully located. The after action review from this scavenger hunt was so valuable that **Capt Phil “Dr. Seuss” Buckingham** captured it in a children’s colouring book, making the lessons learned accessible to even the upper echelons of Brigade headquarters. Validated in their scavenger hunt skills to the Regimental level, the unit redeployed to Edmonton in time to be back with their families for Thanksgiving.



Armoured Troop Warrants Course

A Student's Viewpoint

Sergeant Thomas Underwood



Following the interruptions to individual training in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Armoured School decided to export the DP3 Armoured Troop Warrant Officer Course – Recce (ATW) to Edmonton to make up for lost time. Despite the course being run far from the Centre of Excellence, everything was familiar of an Armour career course. Though, as it was a senior course, there was a distinct lack of yelling, undue stress; instead focusing on deliberate confirmation of combat knowledge.

The course load was 12 students, sergeants from all three regiments. To save time the course was compressed into five weeks – which meant no weekends. The first week of the course was mostly theory lectures taught at the base Lecture Training Facility (LTF). The remaining four weeks of practical training were conducted in the

Wainwright range training area (RTA) concurrently with the Regiment's annual cycle of primary combat function (PCF) courses – primarily the range portions of gunnery courses. Recce Squadron was tasked with directly supporting the course with vehicles, drivers, and sustainment. Some may have argued the efficacy of the last item when a heated administration tent housing the coffee pot could not be made available for the entire duration of the course – heresy.

The focus of the course was, in short, to effectively lead a reconnaissance troop in battle. To act as the Troop Leader in their absence, to make use of battle procedure, formulate a plan, and then to execute it.

There were a few other steps in there too, but really it was all about making the plan and then remaking a new plan every time something didn't go the way you had planned it – which was often the case. At least the weather cooperated; much to the students delight, and in stark contrast to the Gagetown norm, the weather was nearly perfect. It only rained once or twice and certainly not to the miserable level where one would have to switch from map markers to grease pencils on the trace.

Looking back, it was a lot to pack into four weeks of field training and really each student had such little time in the hot seat. In the end, I realized that the course was more about confirming that we could do the job than it was about teaching us new skills. Disappointingly, there were no tightly guarded secrets to being a Troop WO; it's about bringing experience to the table.





Annual Events





Remembrance Day

Lieutenant Shea McGlone

This year, Remembrance Day brought with it the challenge of a global pandemic. There was much speculation about the way in which this no-fail event would take place, and quite like everything else that has happened in 2020, COVID-19 made its impact felt on this most important of days.

In spite of the fact that members were ordered to observe this event at home, the meaning and importance of the day was in no way diminished. Strathconas across the country took the time to remember those we have lost in the 120 years since the founding of the Regiment. There were no parades this year and no laying of wreaths and poppies at monuments, but there was and always will be remembrance for those who came before us.

This year, No Stone Left Alone had no involvement from the Regiment aside from a couple soldiers with recorded contributions and was held virtually in order to commemorate its tenth year.

2020 certainly proved to be a challenge in the planning and conduct of events and traditions of all types. In spite of the challenges faced due to the pandemic, the Regiment proved that remembering those we have lost is a tradition that cannot and will not be broken.

A Christmas COVID Season

Captain James Lee



This year's Christmas season has been like no other. Traditionally, the Regiment gears down for Black Hat Week and *Silly Season*. Because of COVID, this year "Christmas was cancelled" as **Maj Mike Timms** liked to say. Although there would be no subbies finishing off bottles of port and Troopers playing on bouncy castles, the Regiment did what it could to keep the festive spirit alive.

This year's Kids Christmas Party was reimagined. An Amazon Christmas, with Subbie delivery teams, was organized in its place. Under **Lt Shea Schofield**, on Dec 5th subbies delivered presents dressed in various Christmas outfits. While some fit the typical "lost Lieutenant" look as they drove around with their map upside down, all presents were delivered.

Lt Miles "Subway" Smith raised the morale of the officers before Christmas. Given \$150 dollars to buy Subway for the Regimental Ranking Boards, he bought the subs on the wrong day. After learning of his mistake, he kept the subs for himself and used his own money to buy more the next day.

With the All Ranks Dinner and Dance (ARDD) cancelled in March 2020, prizes that were already bought had to be used. MWO Holmes's solution was a raffle with ticket sales. For \$5 per ticket members of the Regiment could be entered into the draw. \$3000 was raised from the raffle and donated to the charities to include Soldier On and the Stollery Children's Hospital Fund.

This year the Regiment supported multiple military families that needed a little extra help at Christmas time. Recce and HQ Squadrons teamed up to support one family while A and B Sqns did the same for another. The Regiment raised around \$2000 in donations to support the families with gifts and a dinner over the holiday season.

As always, Strathconas persevered and enjoyed Christmas to the extend COVID measures allowed prior to returning ready for a busy winter and spring. Hopefully by Christmas 2021 the Regiment will be able to enjoy the Christmas break as it usually does.



Sports & Fitness





Strathcona Sports

Master Corporal Michael McNeil and Corporal Callum Duke



In 2020, our sports season was about the same as the Maple Leafs cup run: nonexistent and lackluster. In a year full of uncertainty and unprecedented events, it was nice to have that smidgen of consistency. It was an eventful time for many as isolation hit across Canada; some people spent the time to improve themselves and burn 2000 calories a day, while others burned the 2000 calories by letting the brownies set on fire during a nap. All joking aside, despite a thin sports season, soldiers across the Regiment found ways to keep active and participate

in sporting events. In March, the Regiment had the pleasure of playing against the Montreal Canadiens Alumni team. This was a great honour and opportunity for hockey fans and players alike. LdSH(RC) players were able to compete against elite athletes, including 5-time Stanley Cup champion **Steve Schutt**, **Patrice Brisbois**, **Marc Andre Bergeron** and many others. The Canadiens got lucky and pulled off a huge upset against the Strathcona's, with the final score being something around the range of 25-1. The Canadiens showed they still liked to play pranks by serving a pie in the face to **Cpl Dylan "Smooth Hands" Friel** and pouring a bucket of freezing cold water over the player's bench. After letting the Canadiens win, we were welcomed to the Fort Saskatchewan Legion, Branch 27 and given the opportunity to have dinner with the Canadiens Alumni team. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity, and the Regiment is truly grateful for the experience.



March saw the last of group activities and most sports. It was now high time for soldiers to take up individual sports, and the Mountain Man team was the perfect way to do it. Until, of course, that event was also cancelled. As we continue to navigate through the strange times brought about by COVID-19, here is to hoping that sports and competitions can return in a safe manner.





Exercise RELENTLESS WARRIOR

Warrant Officer Gerri-Anne Davidson



2020 began with Ex RELENTLESS WARRIOR, a grappling competition that is CQC infused, but primarily Brazilian Jui Jitsui. This year's team faced the challenge that most of its usual fighters were overseas and there were a lack of instructors available. However, the available members were up for the challenge. To overcome a lack of instructors, PSP Staff were brought in to demonstrate their wrestling skills and Thursday afternoons were dedicated to mentor the team. **Cpl Neufeld**, and later **MCpl Elms** offered their expertise to help mentor the team.

Ex RELENTLESS WARRIOR is always the weekend after Ex STRONG CONTENDER and due to the amount of deployments within the Brigade this year, it was a small group. This year's fighters were **Sgt Gaudet**, **Cpl "Moe" Moceton-Valasquez**, **Cpl Lagarde** and **Cpl Wright**. The Team OPI was **Sgt Gerri Davidson** and the Coaches were **Cpl Neufeld** and **MCpl Elms**. **Cpl Moceton-Valasquez** was

truly put to the test from beginning after spending all night with a sick child in the hospital. His ability to fight was looking questionable but his dedication to the team was quickly proven when he raced in to conduct his weigh-in and then drove his sick child home; returning just in time for the fights. **Sgt Gaudet** soon faced **Moe** in the semi-finals. With his skill, and "**Moe's**" long night, **Sgt Gaudet** won the match, moving on to the finals. By 1300, all the Bouts were complete and tired fighters went home to carb load for the next day.

Sunday morning the LdSH (RC) team had one fighter, **Sgt Gaudet**, in the finals. Competing for 1st place, he won his first bout. With both fighters tied with two wins/one loss, a rematch was required to determine the 1st place winner for the Super Heavy Weight Novice Division. A valiant effort was put forward but finally received a hard earned 2nd place. Competing at Ex RELENTLESS WARRIOR isn't easy, especially against teams like 3VP, but as always, the Team put in tremendous effort and represented the Regiment well. The final outcome saw **Sgt Gaudet** - 2nd place Super Heavy Weight Division, **Cpl Moceton-Valasquez** - 3rd place Super Heavy Weight Division, **Cpl Lagarde** - 3rd Place Light Weight Division.





Exercise STRONG CONTENDER

Corporal Robert Demeulenaere III

On a cold January day, the 13th to be exact, at 0730 the opening ceremonies started for Ex STRONG CONTENDER 2020. As the spectators for the units showed up to the ice rink, the Brigade command team took to center ice to pass out some words of encouragement and to remind us we are all a part of the same team.... little did they know that competition this year would be fierce and units would push each other to limits not seen in years past.

The Strathconas came out swinging, pushing through with small teams as a lot of the Regiment was deployed. Yet we showed our competitive spirit and had a great time while competing with a drive to reach sporting glory. With teams participating in ice hockey, ball hockey, indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, curling, tactical athlete, and power lifting we were sure to show the perseverance and determination that we as Strathconas are known for. Unfortunately, this year we were met with great resistance and with every inch of ground gained on either the court, ice or the ball hockey arena we had to fight even harder to keep what was gained.

The soccer team ran as if this was there last year to play, pushing themselves to breaking points, scoring goals, yet their fight only ended in coming in second from last. This was the same story for volleyball, even though our attempt at a top gun victory fell short, our team played with heart and steadfast resolve. However, our curling team showed that all our daily training in sweeping our bays can pay off. The quarter finals were tight, we showed promise, sending rocks down the ice with the roar of the team behind them yelling a tune we know so well, sweep boys sweep. The ice was treated like the hanger lines but again to our demise, the other units seemed to have had more practice in their hangers with a better sweeping technique.

Now with true professionalism we showed the brigade the nickname gravy drinkers doesn't fit all Strathconas. Our power lifting team took top bench press by **MCpl Joe Oulette** and top squat by **Cpl Gianl Mancini** and the team not knowing if we came in second or third as it was not announced. We can say with certainty though that the Strathcona power lifting team carried the Regiment and proved our worth amongst our peers. Some say it's all the track maintenance we get to do, some say it's because all we get to do all day is pick things up and put them down...tank parts must be heavy. With some bragging rights our ball hockey team were able to say they beat the overall winners of ball hockey. 1 PPCLI lost their only game to us 6-1, our team putting on a show of finesse and power, however, it was not enough to let us pass 5th overall in the standings. Ex STRONG CONTENDER 2020 was a year we will remember as trial and error, a year where we came together on short notice to show we are a force to be reckoned with when put to the challenge. To future Strathconas remember that team work, dedication, strength and most of all perseverance will always lead you to a victory. It may not be a trophy or a banner, but the comradery and cohesion of the troops is in any book a victory, remember to push forward and never give up.





Regimental Society & CMT Foundation





Community Relations

Captain Erik Giajnorio

The global COVID-19 pandemic saw a nearly complete shut off of all Community Relations tasks for the Regiment in 2020. In March, on the day of the Alberta lockdown, the Regimental hockey team participated in a charity hockey game against the Montreal Canadian Alumni Team in Fort Saskatchewan. As the event had started on paper prior to the official word of a provincial wide lockdown, the Mayor of Fort Saskatchewan graciously lobbied the province allowing it to

happen. Our team put up a valiant effort, but a lifetime playing the game proved to be too much as the Montreal Canadians, and **Sgt John Keefe** (yes he dressed for the Canadians) absolutely destroyed by a double digit score. Shout out to **Cpl Cody Genge** for scoring our only goal and getting a pie in the face, and **Capt Erik Giajnorio** for channeling his inner Letterkenny for the first period intermission interview. Following the game we experienced our last sense of normalcy in 2020, and enjoyed a post-game reception at the Fort Saskatchewan Legion. We would like to thank **Retired Sgt Ryan Perry**, a Strathcona during Op UNIFIER Roto 3, for selecting the Regiment to take part.



As the province and country shutdown, many soldiers of the Ceremonial Mounted Troop wondered what would become of our summer ride season. Spruce Meadows was forced to cancel their Summer Series. Luckily, they were able to host a virtual Canada Day celebration which featured a playing of the 2019 ride under the lights and interviews from various members of the Troop. Numerous other summer events were cancelled for the Regiment including the Calgary Stampede and K-Days. The summer also saw Acting CO, **Maj Matt Johns** make an appearance at the home of RCAF veteran **Vic Ring** for his 93rd birthday. Mr. Ring's brother, **Tpr Ralph Ring**, was tragically killed at the Battle of Melfa River.

As the seasons changed, the Regiment prepared to support our annual Remembrance Day activities including No Stone Left Alone. However, 2020 had different plans. Our traditional Remembrance Day activities were cancelled Forces wide, and the eleventh of November was a time of personal reflection this year.

As the dumpster fire that was 2020 comes to a close, we await news on a vaccine so we can get back to normal in 2021. We look forward to displaying our first official Regimental Carriage since our time in Calgary, and maybe a special announcement from the City of Edmonton. More to follow, COMREL out.



Strathcona Mounted Troop

The Season that Didn't Happen

Corporal Simon Dunne



The year began just like any other, and the Basic Equine Ride Course (BERC) was in full swing, with students busy perfecting their riding skills in preparation for their spur test. At the same time, the decision was made to rebuild the Musical Ride. For the past two years the Troop had been performing the Cavalry Ride, a modification of the traditional Musical Ride. The Cavalry Ride consisted of simplified moves and was shorter in length in order to perform with unproven horses for the 100th anniversary of Moreuil Wood.

The Troop was ready to go back to its roots and start rehearsing the original Musical Ride. Sadly, this year had other plans. In March, the COVID-19 global pandemic saw the implementation of work from home. This did not stop the daily care for our

24 horses. New Standard Operating Procedures had to be developed to allow us to conduct the required work while maintaining COVID-19 safety guidelines. Due to restrictions, many of the junior soldiers stepped into leadership positions. This proved critical, with these junior leaders in the Troop proving their mettle by showing they were capable of keeping the stables operating successfully, and ensuring that the horses received excellent care.

September brought the return to work, with restrictions. One of the biggest hurdles would be running the annual BERC in a COVID-19 environment as we had received new riders that had to be trained. Adapting the daily work routine to ensure social distancing and wearing of masks was challenging. Even with all the restrictions and the cancelation of the entire ride season, the Troop remained in good spirits. During the fall months many events and small party tasks were organized to keep the riders occupied and maintain the cavalry skill set that all members of the Troop strive so hard to perfect. 2020 has been a year filled with challenges, but CMT remains ready to perform in 2021. A special thanks goes to the Southern Family for their ongoing commitment throughout 2020.





Family Support Troop

Corporal Ryan Blacklock



Twenty-twenty, the year and not the Fredericton bar, was a busy time for the Regimental Family with deployments to Latvia, Ukraine, Iraq and Lebanon. No one expected COVID-19 to strike, but when it did, the Family Support Troop was ready to assist where and when it was needed. More than 150 families were supported simultaneously with wellness checks, postal delivery, and the provision of information and other services available within the sphere of the Regiment.

When the majority of soldiers returned home from deployment in July, our attention shifted to supplying the Regimental families with updated information and quarantine solutions regarding their loved ones. During these uncertain times, we worked closely with the Military Family Resource Center and 1 PPCLI Family Support Cell, exchanging knowledge

and ideas of how to provide further assistance to the families. The

Regiment owes a debt of appreciation to these two institutions, without whom the growing pains of adapting to lockdown and social distancing would have been much worse.

While we are grateful that everyone has returned home safe and sound, it was rewarding to see that vital information presented to families prior to the deployment was effective. Pre-deployment checklists, important contact numbers, and family care plans were not only practiced but confirmed to withstand the barrage of COVID-19. While our policies and procedures have been strengthened in recent years, we will continuously aim to enhance them in order to support you and your families better. Facing these difficulties together has strengthened and reinforced our bond as a Regimental family. We remain optimistic about what the future holds and confident that, with your help, we will overcome any challenges that may arise.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to the Strathcona families. During these strenuous times your patience, understanding, and empathy were exemplary and appreciated more than you know. As always we are available to help at 780-973-4011 extension 3040.

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Historical Vehicle Troop

Captain Kai Keewatin



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2020 did its best to slow the progress of Historical Vehicle Troop (HVT), the pandemic really threw a wrench into the plan. Nevertheless, thanks to the hard work and dedication of all HVT members we still managed to make progress on all of our projects. Our biggest news this year was the delivery of the first of two Universal Bren Gun Carriers.

The Troop did not get the chance to get out and participate in our regularly scheduled events such as Spruce Meadows, the Veterans' Motorcycle Show, and spin for a Vet. While this certainly didn't help the external profile of HVT, internally to the Regiment, a record number of people have joined, bolstering our number from 17 last year to 30. Not

having to prepare for public appearances allowed the Troop to commit to some larger complete overall projects. Notably a complete strip down and sandblasting of two Ferrets, and rebuilding of the 1942 WLC Harley Davidson Motorcycle. We also managed to secure funding, thanks to the Regimental Society, to completely refurbish **Catherine's** track. The ever reliable **Cpl Dusty Beck** took charge not only of the Alberta Centurion engine rebuild, but also showing the newer members of the Troop around the shop.

The slower pace also allowed us to re-examine HVT's priorities and focus on getting a few more mobile vehicles up and running. The effort is ongoing to have a Cougar, Lynx, Leopard C2, and Dodge ¾ Ton truck donated to the Regimental Society and brought into the fold of HVT. Additionally, there has been some initial groundwork laid out by **Cpl Wade McIntosh** and **Cpl Chris Steele** for updated promotional material we are hoping to have ready to sell and distribute at our next event.





LdSH(RC) Pipes and Drums

Corporal Adam Davies



The 2019/2020 season for the Regimental Pipes and Drums was short and sweet. Confined by the unforeseen pandemic and the Regiment being deployed for the early half of 2020, the opportunities to play were few, but welcomed.

As the Regiment departed on Op REASSURANCE 20-01 to Camp Adazi Latvia, the Regimental Pipes and Drums took a break, allowing its members to fulfill other Regimental duties. However In Latvia, **Cpl Davies** had his second opportunity to play the lament for Moreuil Wood overseas since joining the Regiment. **Cpl Davies** was also requested to play the Stalker 22 (HMCS

Fredericton) Memorial hosted by the NATO Commander and RSM at Camp Adazi.

Prior to returning home, the Pipe Major was requested to play a unique event hosted by the Officers of the Regiment in Latvia. **Cpl Davies** played amazing grace for the wake of **Lt Craig Lochrie**, the oldest Subbie. The fact that **Lt Lochrie** was still alive was ignored by all, as **Lt Leon van Heerden** read his eulogy and accolades aloud to the other officers.

The band is excited to start again following the pandemic, and will continue to welcome new members. Although the band may not be able to parade regularly at unit functions, the spirit is still alive in the Harvey Building. Legend has it during quiet times in the Regimental lines that the faint sound of **Sgt Izaak Koolman** instructing **Cpl Sean Coughlan** to never play "*The Spicy McHaggis Jig*" ever again can be heard.



The Regimental Museum

Captain Phil Webster



It was quite a different year here in Calgary, and while I suspect that many of the editorials in this fine periodical will start similarly, or carry a comparable tone, it's still worth mentioning. The Military Museums closed its doors to the public in mid-March amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; however our jobs as curators and stewards of the Regiment's fine history didn't slow down or stop. Behind the scenes with more people at home, more time was spent by the public-at-large researching family trees and lineages, and more questions came our way. Thankfully for this eternally humble author, I had a vigorous and adaptable team, who

were happy to work away in archives to ensure the information flowed in a timely and efficient manner. **Sgt Todd "Not Ted" Giberson** and **Mr. Grant Dyck** took the helm this year for the deep, dusty archival work, letting me get to the far more exciting and enjoyable process of policy writing.

As for the actual museum work we did this year, despite the difficulties imposed by the pandemic, the Military Museums was able to plan and launch an in-museum Gallery display entitled: *"They Never Talked About it: Untold Stories WWII."* This was a world-class showcase of individual soldier stories from the Second World War across all of the military branches which included oral histories, artifacts and art from Canadians who participated in that truly global conflict. The centrepiece of the Strathcona contribution was the **Colonel P.G. Griffin Collection**, graciously on loan from the extended Griffin Family. An expansive collection of artifacts and memorabilia from one of the most legendary commanding officers of our Regiment during the War, this was a very popular exhibit for visitors to the museum.

Ongoing pandemic aside, this was another active yet intellectual year of work at the museum, and as we move towards the future, and hopefully a Gallery over-haul, we can't help but wonder what new challenges, research and artefacts lie ahead.





Extra Regimentally Employed



Strathconas in Gagetown Gagetown Contact wait out!

A Lawfield Corridor Warrior



Contact! Despite the numerous challenges facing Strathcona's in Gagetown, the Regiment's soldiers continue to persevere! An ever-evolving training suite, and changing employment conditions, wrapped within the COVID reality have given each of us an opportunity to rise to the occasion and continue the fight.

The first of many, 5 CDSG saw a mountain of a change – literally – with the arrival of **Col Dwayne Parsons** taking the reins of the great moose that is CFB Gagetown. All of us have seen challenges, but only one Strathcona can say he's led this base through a pandemic and dynamic resumption of engaging training while fully supporting each of the lodger units and their unique demands. That base-

wide support was well received, and while we're not sure if it's the black hat influence in key positions, Strathcona's in this region have been doing better than ever!

"Those who can't do, teach" Shaw, 1903

That may be a common phrase uttered around the world, but it's certainly not the moniker of the Armour School. Strathcona's have been employed in key positions school-wide, and the payoff is the very well-prepared soldiers being sent off to the Regiments. Sqns here have recently been commanded by some of our finest Majors, and their influence is quite apparent. **Majors Tyler Collings** and **Cam Meikle** finished their crucial year of sub-unit command, commanding A and B Sqns respectively – they now are employed as Chief Standards at Tactics School and OC Headquarters at the Armour School.

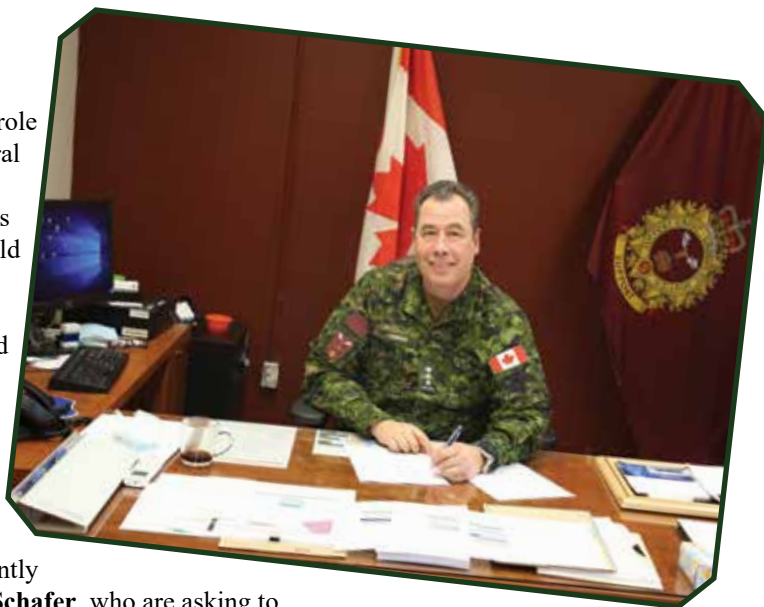
Capt Evan Wiome was employed as second-in-command of A Sqn until attrition (of various natures) hit, and for the latter part of 2020 he was employed as OC, 2IC, BC, Tp Ldr, a TLAV driver, mailroom delivery guy, and managed several other portfolios as well. He was supported in A Sqn by **MWO Greg Moon** as the SSM, and by **WO Joe Gushue** in Ops. Joe, of course, a continual breath of fresh air and honest feedback! The plans Evan concocted were dutifully carried out by **Cpts Alex Neshcov** and **Dale Patt**. Doing the actual work though, **Sgts Chris Clegg, Brad Loft, Spencer Richardson, Jeff Hayes, Francis Graham, Matt Collier, and Justin Monge** try to interpret the text from on high into some sort of code for what to do next. Turning that code into actual work are the two whips – **MCpls Brandon Young** and **Andrew Pawliuk**. They must be very good at it, and A Sqn is continually providing exceptional training and mentoring value.

Maj Meikle handed over to another fine Strathcona, **Maj Mike Dullege**, who has decided to move his entire organization to the field and only do meetings through





Office 365. He has also brought back the role of Dispatch Rider to the School, and several young Strathcona's have already received Mentions in Dispatch for the valiant efforts in and around the very contentious Lawfield Corridor. **Maj Dullege** has also decided that he is Course Officer for all courses, leaning heavily on his second-in-command **Capt Joe Agius**, replaceable while on AOC only by another hardworking tanker, **Capt Erica Young**. Notably Strathcona-light – or is it Dragoon-heavy? – B Sqn also leans on its Ops WO, **WO Nate Johnston**, who arrived this past summer with a glorious beard. The OC is consistently saying no to Johnson, and **Sgts Wry** and **Schafer**, who are asking to paint “RECCE” in black across the front of the B Sqn lines, on all the vehicles, the floors, and everywhere else.



After handover, **Maj Meikle** moved to command Headquarters Sqn, leading the largest organization in the School. HQ Sqn has been very successful in their endeavours, largely due to the hard work of **Capt Mike Kaye** as second-in-command, and **Capt Cam Ross** as AO. The support required to run that machine is incalculable, but it certainly includes **WO Mike Gratto**, **Sgts Mitch Croxall** and **Jerritt McDougall**. Training the new Troops, **MCpls Wagner**, **Partridge**, **Park**, and **Cook** keep asking for kit needed to make the training better. Working in the Quartermaster Stores office, **MCpl Corina Collier** says “no!”

Working in Standards Sqn (do they work there?) is **Capt Ali Raju** always bringing a smile to the table as the second-in-command, and **Capt Dave Jung** who has crafted a life of symposiums and working groups in lieu of actual work. That work needs to go somewhere, and wouldn't you know it there was a recent addition to the officer corps with the commissioning of **Lt Neil Miller**. From what I can tell, Neil's job is to explain how the Canadian system pales in comparison to that of the British. That team of intrepid officers is bolstered by **Capt/CWO (Ret'd) Chris Kitching**, **WO Dan Charette**, and **Sgt Richard Ford**. **Sgt Sean Collins** is keeping the Army Gunnery cell honest and on target as the lone Strathcona, fighting an epic rear guard to keep leopard gunnery at the fore front of every armoured soldier



Overseeing the development and training of all these soldiers is the most senior *cough, oldest* Strathcona here, the RSM **CWO Leigh Taylor**. **CWO Taylor** has a lot on the go, and continually advises the Commandant and staff at the School, always mentoring the other NCOs/NCMs when possible. Running RHQ Ops from the shadows, **WO Martin Levis** is yet another asset the Regiment has in the fight here, and he oversees the work of **Sgt Stephen Thomas**. Sgt Thomas will soon be up for the good housekeeping award as he diligently has spent the last year cleaning up and reorganizing many of the schools SOPs.

Each of these teams is carried to success by a list of Strathcona Troopers and Corporals that is, unfortunately, too long to list here. It barely does justice, but, the Regiment is well represented at the RCACS from top to bottom, and the reliance on NCM technical proficiency has never been in higher demand.



It's not just Strathconas at the School who are crushing it! It would be a miss if I didn't mention **Capt Darrin Walters** on CTC side who is managing information as a secondary duty while ensuring production tracking. **CWO Tom Holland** continues to advise the CO of 5 CDTC and ensuring the TC is delivering second-to-none training. Working in the trials unit, delivering yesterday's kit tomorrow, **WO Cory Bulmer** – Master Gunner – diligently works on updating the corps with required future technologies and conducting obscure secret trials. Also, not so far from Gagetown, **LCol Jamie Hunter** took command of the 8CH in Moncton. He had a great start out of the gate, as another prominent Strathcona **Maj Matt Bentley** had shaped the ground prior to his arrival. Matt is currently deployed to Latvia as the senior liaison officer of the BG. Prior to his departure

for deployment he had a good day sailing onboard Helsian, **Tyler Collings'** boat.

Finally, various adventures and training activities in Gagetown are going well and business is as usual – as usual as it can be. Soldiers remain vigilant of the pandemic situation while training complex concepts within a strict PHM environment. The Strathcona team here, as always, takes their credit like the quiet professionals they are, but their efforts should be celebrated frequently. What we do here is what you get there. Over!





Strathconas in the National Capital Region Parking? Networking? A 2020 type perspective

Major Al Dwyer

2020 has been an interesting year... and if you are going to pick a year to figure out how the NCR works, why not choose a year where everyone (everywhere) is a little out of their comfort zone? This article is being brought to you from Arnprior – which is fitting as the vast desolate floors of Carling cubicles in NDHQ have spawned a legion of officers and soldiers that do most of their work from home (or other, varied locations). The legendary Ottawa meeting/update schedule has survived however, evolving from in person to an interesting labyrinth of conference calls, MS Team, Saba, Zoom, WebEx Meet, Google Meet and Edge video conferencing with fallback comms systems that now include Slack and WhatsApp. On the plus side, parking... is no longer a problem.

A point of clarification before we go further; usually we Strathcona's in the NCR would have gathered by this point to share stories, drinks and cheer. Due to restrictions, social gatherings have not happened (save small targets of opportunity)... so I have looked elsewhere for inspiration.

During my handover with **Maj Darryn Gray** (who moved on to CA HQ and then again, to work for the CDS) a number of Strathcona's who kept the flame alive in the center were mentioned; and although too numerous to list in total, **Sgt Curtis Romkey** was one that received particular praise.

I also looked through past iterations of The Strathconian and noticed that **Maj Warren Deatcher** is the ghost in the NCR machine... representing the Regiment through a host of interesting and important jobs. The earliest copy I found in my records was 2006. He's been here at least since then and is currently in CJOC helping the CAF continually evolve CONPLAN LASER in real time.

However (as the new guy), when I look across the NCR it is clear that the Regiment is accounted for as we are represented by: **Generals Cadieu, Macaulay, Kelsey and Major**. Strathcona's hold key positions with personalities such as **Col Mark Lubinieki** and **LCol Clayton Gardner** (in CProg), **LCol Mike Mallette** (CA G33), **LCol Dave Macintyre** (DLR), **Maj Alex Nitu** (ninja) and **MCpl Scott Hutchison** (man of mystery).

I was also surprised by the strong host of retired Strathcona's in the NCR. This may not be the Harvey Building, but the Regimental flag continues to fly proudly in the NCR.

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Strathconas in Kingston

Getting things done

Major Islam Elkorazati



Despite the year, and all that it has brought in challenges, the Strathcona's in Kingston are still getting things done. Mask on...working from home and deploying overseas, all in a socially distant manner of course. The year started off busy enough with **Sgt Matt Burke** and **Maj Dave Williams** overseas. **Sgt Burke** was dodging rockets in Baghdad, Iraq as part of NATO Mission Iraq (NMI). **Maj Dave Williams** was deployed for the first half of the year in a remote area of South Sudan called West Equatoria as a United Nations Military Observer.

Back home others were occupied with Ex UNIFIED RESOLVE 20. **LCol Shane Gifford** as the steadfast Exercise Director expertly facilitated the Canadian Army's flagship Computer Aided Exercise where yours truly, having just recently returned from NMI, was in the 1st Canadian Division HQ as part of the HICON.

In March, as many vividly remember, it all changed...as some worked from home, or just stayed home on order, others were essential to



pivot our organization to respond. At the leading edge of changes on the base were **LCol Paul "COVID sucks" Pickell** as the deputy Base Commander and **Capt Moses "hard at it" Pano** developing the necessary planning to get personnel back to work safely. As part of Joint Task Force LASER HQ, we depended on them for the critical

support in planning and controlling of the national response. Throughout the year, continual planning was done to adapt postures.

The year went on...and on and the world changed in response to the situation despite Kingston being saved from the worst. Planning and work for collective training continued, and High Readiness carried on for others. For some in a manner that would never have been dreamed of prior to March 2020. On most days, the uniform consisted of comfortable pants and shirts, a far cry from 3Bs or CADPAT. For days when video-conference on ZOOM, Teams or whatever platform is being employed, usually a uniform was dawned (most assuredly with the pants on).





Strathconas in Wainwright

Captain Tim McHugh and Captain Josh Horlings

Strathcona's have always been familiar with 3 CDSB det Wainwright. These wayward wanderers have found themselves within the wilds of both the 3rd Canadian Division Training Center (3 CDTC) and the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center (CMTC) throughout the years, and 2020 was no exception.

The Strathcona's of 3 CDTC continue to hold high the banner of soldier excellence and development within the 3rd Canadian Division (3 Can Div). Under the leadership of **Maj Karl "Hunting is PT" Tams**, the Strathcona instructors of A Coy have delivered a continuous and outstanding conduct of various leadership and skills courses. Having recently been augmented by **Sgts Nick Norman** and **Louie Mijares**, the old guard of **Sgt Hugh "180 days of leave" Hayes**, **MCpl David "not at Walmart anymore" Lahay** and **MCpl Travis Silcox** has been boosted to eleven NCO's and three officers. There are now so many Strathconas in Wainwright that **MCpl Chris "Slumlord" Lawrence** has had to expand his house to accommodate. Although COVID-19 brought interruptions and changes, as is the case everywhere, the staff and leadership of 3 CDTC have adapted and continue to deliver top notch training to the soldiers of the 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) and 3rd Can Div. Among the many real world pandemic complications, it has now become even more difficult to tell which Davidson twin is working at the training center given the mandatory mask wearing (I'm pretty sure it's **Sgt Cam "other Davidson" Davidson**.)



The anomalous organization known by four letters, CMTC, the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Center. Beloved by all who "work" there and reviled by all who are subject to her capricious musings. All those posted to this venerable "Formation on the Hill" were probably not expecting the drastic change in their lifestyle. Many have appreciated how drastically the pendulum of a work life balance has now swung away from the hustle and bustle of the Regiment that they are looking for second jobs just to fill the time. Well, not all of us. Those who

work daily on top of the Hill and overlook the ground

where brigades come and prove their mettle at least wear the uniform daily. The current pandemic climate has given the venerable members of the Operations Group at CMTC more time to figure out how to facilitate world renowned Collective Training, After Action Reviews, and battlefield effects from a remote location. All of this, in effort, so that come MAPLE RESOLVE 2021, they won't have to leave the confines of their homes to provide the same level of expertise and insight the fighting force has come to expect from their beloved CMTC overlords.



Strathcona's North

Major Paul Leonard



In Canada's North, a few intrepid Strathcona's have been doing their best to expand the reach of the Regiment into Canada's arctic and high arctic regions. Like the rest of Canada, and the world, 2020 has had its share of difficulties for Canada's north, but the few of us posted here have persevered to both pursue those operations in support of the safety and security of Canadians, while enjoying ourselves at the same time.

Most notably, the Strathcona's at 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1 CRPG), under the leadership of their CO and champion of northern

causes, **LCol Ray Chiasson**, and newly arrived DCO **Maj Lenny Dunn**, have undertaken some herculean efforts over the last year to do what they can to assist Canadians in the north in trying times. Since the beginning of 2020, this unit has contributed to several Ground Search and Rescue events that have saved lives, and have activated their people to deliver food and essential supplies to communities affected by COVID-19. Ranger Instructor **Sgt Ayrton Balfour** was involved in a major search and rescue this past February when he and his Ranger patrol moved several hundred kilometres over ice to locate and rescue two French nationals who had become lost and injured in brutal winter conditions along the north coast of Hudson Bay. It's hoped that the arrival of **Sgt J.J. Johnston** to the team at 1 CRPG will take some of the pressure off the rest of the Strathconas.

At Joint Task Force (North) (JTFN) HQ, **Maj Paul Leonard** and **Maj Bryan Johnson**, have finally found themselves freed from the shackles of **LCol Ray Chiasson's** reign. Whether working closely with (and travelling to) our partners in Alaska and Greenland, or working a series of known or rarely heard of domestic operations in Canada's north, these officers are finding ways to contribute in the diamond mine of the CAF. It's been rumoured that **Maj Leonard** finds time to enjoy himself in the mountains and the lakes of the territory, but proof is hard to come by.

As always though, Strathcona's support their own and this year, with the passing of **Trooper (ret'd) Michael Tremblett**, the community of Strathcona's in Yellowknife came out to recognize his service. **LCol Chiasson** presented **Tpr Tremblett** and his family a pennant on a Wednesday night, and the man passed away 2 days later of brain cancer. As a final send off, his funeral procession was well represented by personnel in ATVs, side-by-sides, and large trucks. Once a Strathcona, always a Strathcona!



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Strathconas at 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Perspective, from a Captain that never spent an actual day in UIC 1701

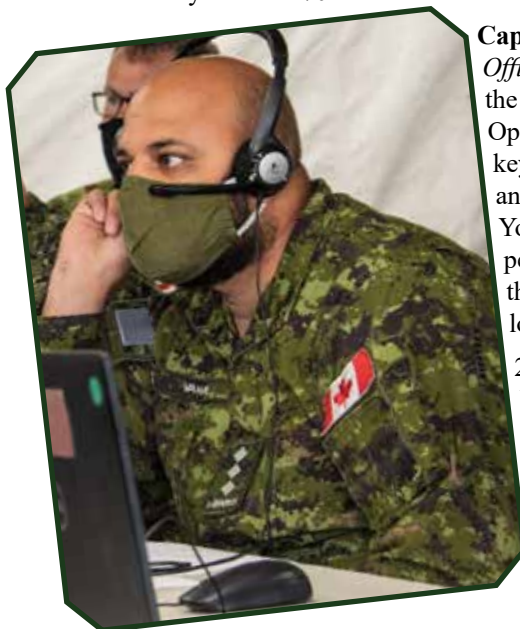
Captain Erik Giajnorio

My tenure in 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) HQ was to be a short one, back filling **Capt Phillip** *"I'll just work from home"* **Buckingham** while he was deployed on Op UNIFIER. Then COVID-19 struck, and **Capt Buckingham's** deployment was delayed. He worked from home, and I did his G37 job. Luckily, I was surrounded by my fellow Strathcona's. We banded together into one large flock, affectionately known as an *Arrogance* by our less civilized Patricia coworkers.

Maj Nathan Hevenor surprisingly kept all of his hair as the G1. This was made more difficult as he tried to keep **Capt Mike** *"I'm only here to pay for my golf simulator"* **Forestell** at his desk, actually doing work. To quote **Maj Hevenor** on G1 life, "it's like being a ninja, you need to wear black". During the annual posting season (APS), **Maj Justin** *"Erik, you can't run illegal FORCE tests"* **Salter** took over G1 responsibilities. When asked what he was most excited about, **Maj Salter** said, "I grew up in a different time. We used to call sandwiches flat eddies, they cost three playing cards a bite. Now I get a whole pizza for \$5".

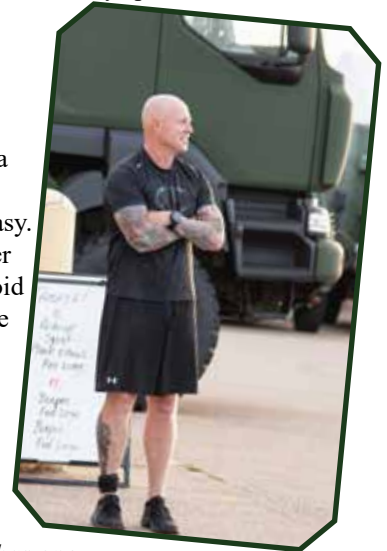
APS 2020 brought new Strathcona's to the HQ. **Maj James** *"Smelting Factory"* **Anderson** who replaced no one as the G5.

Seriously, in my eight months there I never saw his predecessor. In the G5's words, "the Plans Shop does plans things, for plans reasons, we're like planners in essence". His first action as G5, and the Senior Strathcona was to delegate this writing task to the G1, and then to me, who never actually spent an official day in UIC 1701.



Capt Varun *"I was in the Armoured Officer recruiting video"* **Vahal** became the gatekeeper to the G3 as the G33 (G3 Ops). His days are spent slaving behind a keyboard, delegating all responsibilities and work away. In his words, "Ops is easy. You don't have to execute, you tell other people to execute. Admin sucks, so avoid those jobs, only do Ops jobs, or win the lottery, that's a pretty good plan too".

2020 brought unique challenges. With the majority of training ceased, our first major HQ exercise was TACTICUS RAM, a computer assisted exercise for the G3 and G5 branches. **Capt Tom** *"my bike only has one speed - hyper"* **Clackson** filled in as the entire ISTAR shop. From the sounds of it, it went well.





Strathconas at 3rd Canadian Division HQ

Lieutenant-Colonel Al Wong

Wow, what a year it has been at 3rd Cdn Div HQ and quite the ride. From leveraging Force Protection Measures across the AO on the first day back from Christmas leave, to preparing to send the IRU to Australia to help with their wildland fires. Let alone deploying/sustaining troops overseas and redeploying them as part of the numerous missions that we were supporting during the High Readiness phase. Then Op LASER became a Domestic Operation and it kept us on our toes while we navigated through a global pandemic.

One thing that even a pandemic could not stop was the posting season. **Capt Matt Hoffart** was called back to the Regiment and coincidentally, all the Regiment's collective training waivers were approved. Matt's replacement, **Capt Stephanie Clubine** was posted in and has been eager to support COMREL tasks but with the pandemic, there has not been much. **Capt Emma Perry** also joined the team as the Comd's PA and has been doing a lot of virtual travelling. We also said good bye to **Sgt Ryan Pasuta** who took his release from the CAF after years of loyal service. Ryan worked in the JOC for the last few years and was a steady hand. The Career Manager took the one for one replacement literally and we welcome **Sgt Ryan Torney** who has attempted to change the JOC into a TML den, one memorabilia at a time. One last change to the team and no stranger to the Strathcona family, we said good bye to **Maj Lena Angell** but welcome **Capt Graham Kallos** in the Div PA Shop, both have larger than life personalities.

Throughout the year, the Div HQ has continued to buffer numerous amounts of orders from CA HQ or CJOC and answer copious staff checks of all natures. But, this would not be possible without the regular band of misfits. **LCol Fred Hayward** is cleaning up the Div's administration one directive at a time or mediating conflict resolutions. **LCol Tom Bradley** has been very selective on the days he comes in on Class A to conduct ARes Trg. **MWO Brian Speck** has been holding things steady in the G7 shop and looking at the horizon since someone has to do it. Then we have **LCol Al Wong** doing what he does best, being a stunt double, but this time in the G3 shop. While not a Strathcona per se but definitely a friend of the Regiment, we did say good bye to **BGen Steve Lacroix**, the Senior Black Hat in the Army of the West, as he took his retirement. **Gen Steve** will be missed and leadership during Op LASER has set the Div up for success.





Strathconas in 3 CDSG

Captain Rob Baglole



Well after 25 years' of service in the finest Cavalry Regiment in the Commonwealth, I am writing my first Strathconian article. It may be due to the fact that I have recently taken my commission (but not confirmed).

As with many other Strathcona's we here at 3rd Canadian Support Base Edmonton (3 CDSB) are persevering through the current COVID 19 pandemic. With the departure of **Maj Rich Lund** to the 5th Canadian Division as the Executive Assistant to the Commander, I have inherited the following positions within 3 CDSB Edmonton: Base Operations Officer, Range and Training Area Development Officer for both Edmonton and Chilliwack, Unit Garrison Safety Officer and the 3 CDSB Community Relations Officer and am still less busy than any number of positions that I have held within my time at the Regiment.

The important roles that Strathcona's continue to play in the day to day operations at 3 CDSG cannot

be overstated. **Capt Stephanie Clubine**, our former Adjutant and who is currently on MATA leave, will be returning to work in the New Year and quickly heading off to 3rd Canadian Division Headquarters. **Sgt Tyler Baldwin** continues to support every lodger unit on the Garrison as the Range Control Supervisor for the Ops Services Branch. **Cpl Francine Riopelle** is the subject matter expert on the Automated Targeting System (ATS) Range, of which we currently employ 3 different variations in Edmonton. **Cpl Derek Steeves** ensures that all units have communications with Range Control as you drive into the training area. **Maj Peter Beitz** is, depending on the day, currently wearing two hats as the Formation G3 for 3rd Canadian Division Support Group and the Deputy Commanding Officer for the Ops Svc Br. **Cpl Matthew Jesse** conducts range in and out clearances for Range Control. **Capt Phil Buckingham** will be joining our team upon his return from tour in sunny Ukraine in early December as the Officer Commanding Operations and Services Company. **Maj Tom Pett** left our team as the Officer Commanding Range and Training Area Management this past fall for 3rd Canadian Division Simulation Center. As you can see Strathcona's are hard at work supporting all lodger units here at the Edmonton Garrison in their day to day training.

With our offices located in the Lecture Training Facility we are close enough to the Harvey building to fondly remember days gone past.

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MGen T.J. Cadieu	SJS	Maj T.A. LaCroix	CA HQ
MGen S.R. Kelsey	CFD	Maj M.A. Lakatos	D Cyber Ops FD
MGen D.A. Macaulay	CA HQ	Maj P.E. Leonard	JTFN
BGen J.J. Major	CA HQ	Maj R.I. Lund	5 Cdn Div HQ
BGen P.J. Peyton	CJTF-OIR	Maj J.R.F. McEwen	SJS
LCol J.L. Cochrane	Iraq	Maj R.D. McKenzie	5 CDSG Garrison St. John's
Col P.P.J. Demers	Canadian Defence Attaché Jordan	Maj M.A. McMurachy	SJS
Col M. Lubiniecki	Chief of Programme, VCDS	Maj C.W. Meikle	RCACS
Col D.R. Parsons	5 CDSG	Maj J. Nguyen	JCSP CFC
LCol C.R. Adams	33 CBG	Maj A. Nitu	CANSOFCOM
LCol R.P. Chiasson	1 CPRG	Maj C.S. Penney	CAF TU NB-PE
LCol M.A. Connolly	OUTCAN NATO- JFTC	Maj T.D. Pett	CADTC HQ Det Edmonton
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LCol D.R. Cronk	JTF-I	Maj J.N. Rickard	CACSC
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LCol S.W. Gifford	CMTC Det Kingston Chief Formation Training	Maj J. Salter	1 CMBG HQ
LCol V.F. Hayward	3 Cdn Div HQ	Maj M.E. Selberg	JCSP CFC
LCol V.G. Kirstein	TFL, Latvia	Maj K.D. Tams	3 CDTC
LCol E.G. MacEachern	CAF TG HQ	Maj D.P. Williams	RMC
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LCol P.G. Pickell	CFB Kingston	Capt R.J. Baglole	3 CDSG
LCol C.J. Quinlan	The Windsor Regiment	Capt P.A. Buckingham	3 CDSG
LCol R.T. Steward	41 CBG HQ	Capt N.B. Bugg	3 CDSB Edm ATL
LCol A.S.H. Wong	3 Can Div HQ	Capt S.T. Casey	JTF-X
Maj J.A. Anderson	1 CMBG HQ	Capt S.K. Clubine	3 Cdn Div HQ
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Maj T.W.F. Day	US Army Command & General Staff College	Capt T.J. Hume	SALH
Maj W.S. Deatcher	CJOC	Capt H. Jung	RCACS
Maj M.R.N Douglas	41 CBG HQ	Capt M.A. Kaye	RCACS
Maj M.C. Dullege	RCACS	Capt S.A. King	CADTC
Maj L.A. Dunn	1 CRPG	Capt L.J. Kirkham	Sask D
Maj A.C. Dwyer	CFD	Capt M. Labrecque	CANSOFCOM
Maj I. M. Elkorazati	1 Cdn Div HQ	Capt R.R. Lee	CMTC
Maj C.S. Fifield	CACSC	Capt O.T. Lewis	2/2 SBCT
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Maj B.S. Johnson	JTFN	Capt T.R. McHugh	CMTC HQ
Maj J.M.J. Kim	4th Cdn Div HQ	Capt C.D. McLean	5 Cdn Div HQ
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		Capt J.L.E.E. Miller	CFB Suffield
		Capt A.C.R. Neshcov	RCACS



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Capt E.G. Perry	3 Can Div HQ	WO A.A. Pociuk	Sask D
Capt A.A. Raju	RCACS	WO R.G. Sebo	CFB Suffield
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Capt C.J. Ross	RCACS	WO R.T. Vigar	CMTC
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CWO R.A. Englehart	U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy	Sgt R.N. Ford	RCACS
CWO A.S. Mayfield	Edm Transition Center	Sgt F.J. Graham	RCACS
CWO L.M. Taylor	RCACS	Sgt J.D. Hayes	RCACS
MWO H. Babin	Brussels	Sgt H.A. Hayes	3 Cdn Div TC
MWO S.R. Churchill	CMTC	Sgt A.L. Icala	CAF TC Edm
MWO L.R. Hill	CSOR	Sgt J.A. Johnson	1 CRPG
MWO T.W. Hopkin	1 CMBG HQ & Sigs	Sgt B.R. Loft	RCACS
MWO G.C. Moon	RCACS	Sgt M.M. MacLeod	CFRC Det Wpg
MWO M.M.C. Parent	CMTC	Sgt J.M. McDougall	RCACS
WO C.J. Bulmer	CATEU	Sgt J.A. Monge	RCACS
WO D.J.J. Charette	RCACS	Sgt N.D. Norman	3 CDTC
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WO J.A.J. Gushue	RCACS	Sgt C.R. Schafer	RCACS
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MCpl C.J. Lawrence	3 CDTC	Cpl Langboun	RCACS
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MCpl D.A. McNair	3 CDTC	Cpl M.A.J. Marion	RCACS
MCpl J. Park	RCACS	Cpl J.D. Martin	RCACS
MCpl R.B. Partridge	Tactics School	Cpl J.N. Matchett	RCACS
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MCpl I.S. Sandhu	KOCR	Cpl M.G.M. Meena	3 CDSG Tech Svcs
MCpl J.O. Schijns	Halifax Rifles	Cpl S.A. Mireault	RCACS
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Cpl A.G.R. Foisy	CMTC	Tpr C.D. Asprey	RCACS
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Cpl Fortin	CAF TG/TC Edmonton	Tpr S.J. Brown	RCACS
Cpl J.P. Gray	CFB Suffield	Tpr C. Ducharme	RCACS
Cpl M.J. Gregory	RCACS	Tpr R.A. Gedge	RCACS
Cpl S.J.J. Grenier	3 CDSB Edm-Det/Gar WX	Tpr T.C.V. Hunt	RCACS
Cpl N.J.C. Guay	RCACS	Tpr E. Jankowitz	RCACS
Cpl M.J. Guay	RCACS	Tpr K. Juan	RCACS
Cpl T.P. Hayes	CMTC	Tpr L.M. Lastowski	3 CDSG Tech Svcs
Cpl A.P. Hill	RCACS	Tpr S.P. O'Connor	RCACS
Cpl W.J.K. Hopper	RCACS	Tpr S.G.S. Phypers	RCACS
Cpl C.B. Hornby	RCACS	Tpr S.T. Swanson	RCACS



Messing & Social



The Mariner Room

Major Gord Elliott

2020 began full of high hopes for the Mariner Room. Off to deployment on Op REASSURANCE alongside much of the mess, **Maj Mike Timms** handed over the reins to **Maj Dan “PMC as penance” Gray**, leaving behind a cloud of coffee quality complaints that has now become a long standing rite of passage, regardless of any effort or endeavour to remedy the apparently decrepit situation. It should be noted that **Maj Timms’** burden as PMC continued throughout his tenure in Latvia, where he oversaw what was likely the most well attended Canadian Army mess around the globe during the Spring of 2020, and faced not a single complaint about coffee...

With the Regiment returning to a more familiar garrison routine & the redeployment of many Officers throughout the summer, the Mariner Room bid farewell to **Maj James Anderson, Lt(N) Dave Jackson, Capts Varun Vahal, Emma Perry, Dale Patt, Josh Horlings, Ryan Lee, Tim McHugh, Phil Carey, Tom Hume, Murray McTavish**, and according to the also departing **Matt Shumka**, the greatest Regimental Signals Officer to set foot in the Harvey Building – **Capt Ryan O’Sullivan**.

Staring down the remainder of 2020 and the near endless cascade of cancelled traditional social events – Meet & Greet, EGOM functions, Black Hat Mess Dinner, At Home, Regimental Sports Day, Carolling – some would say that **Maj Gord Elliott** assumed the lightest load carried by any PMC on record. They are certainly right. Climbing out of the dark years of austerity to a return of toast & Eggos in the Mariner Room could be considered a small, small victory.

Seeking opportunities for camaraderie amongst the pandemic – Mariner Room events began in earnest with **Ex STEELE CLUBS** – the 1st Annual Officers Invitational Golf Tournament. Brought to life by the incoming Mess Secretary, **Lt Miles Smith**, the Mariner Room hit the links at the Edmonton Garrison Golf Course. This incredible & well attended event gave everyone the chance to enjoy socially-distanced team building while bringing out truly their best golf outfits. Personifying the panache expected of all cavalry officers, **Capt Kai “American Hustle” Keewatin** comfortably won the award for most ridiculously dressed (pictured below). Dubiously, **Lt Leon “I didn’t cheat, I swear” van Heerden** took home the prize for longest drive, while **Majs Johns, Gray, Elliott & Hevenor** clinched the award for highest scoring team, barely keeping their pants on along the Front Nine. No subbies were injured in the rain of beer cans that followed their carts from Snr Sub **Tom “rate of play” Clackson**.

Staying with the theme of non-traditional team building, the senior officers of the Regiment embarked to the Northern Boreal for a few nights in the great outdoors following **Ex STEELE SABRE**. Despite unbelievable expectations and promises of secret & untouched hunting spots, few animals were injured, though all coolers returned empty. As well, **Capt Steve Couture** was for the second year in a row a gracious and willing host on his acreage for supper in the outdoors.

The arrival of **Capt Tom Gray**, on loan from The Royal Lancers, ensured a certain level of class was imbued on the Mariner Room throughout the fall. An example of his efforts to tame such an uncouth group, the mess descended upon the Fairmont Hotel McDonald with partners in tow for some afternoon tea. A variety of approaches were taken towards the task: **Capt Callum “His Adjesty” Smith** and **Blake “RHQ is cool...honestly...” Tapp** both enjoyed the tea in a style reminiscent of Downtown Abbey. On the other hand the subbies wrangled themselves a table and focused mostly on talking to the company nearby who clearly had nothing better to do on a Saturday afternoon. **Captains Bryce “Loneliest man in NATO” Simpson** and **Shaun “Alcoholics Anonymous” Rogozinski** propped up the Fairmont’s bar, largely forgetting that tea was even on the menu. This was overall an excellent chance to see Strathcona officers on their best behavior, and was enjoyed by the husbands, wives, partners and ‘other’ dates in attendance.

A muted Secret Santa gift exchange signaled the end to what was certainly a dreary year. While oft-repeated throughout this edition, we can only hope for a return to normal in 2021 – though setting the record as the only PMC not having organized a mess dinner does seem a very small silver lining!



The Sarcee Room

Warrant Officer Matt Williams

2020 saw a different year indeed. The year began with members of the Sarcee room attending the Brigade Mess dinner to network, hangout, tell the same stories and have a laugh as we always do! The Regiment said good bye to **CWO Rob Clarke** and then said hi to him again as the 1 CMBG Sergeant Major. Concurrently, we welcomed back **CWO Kevin King** as the 54th Regimental Sergeants Major.

Following the change of the guard of PMC from **WO Stew McLoughlin** to myself in January, we saw three quarters of the mess deploy to Latvia. This was quickly followed by the pandemic lockdown, and needless to say the donuts on Thursdays were always double donut day! COVID Lockdown events included.....

VOID



COVID Lockdown ends. The TV that has been in the Sarcee Room since the RSM was a kid was finally replaced with a much lighter and more 2000ish style of TV. As it was removed, it made a graceful exit out of the building down the back stairs hitting every step on the way out and found its new home face down in the dumpster. Remnants of the old TV were left on the stairs for a while as a warning to the new TV that this could be its fate in a few years.



The members that were around for the “end year” BBQ/posting get together were the first in the brigade to have a function at the WO & Sgts mess. Outside on the back patio, and with only a couple of socially distanced beers, we said our good lucks and “see ya later” to our own. **MWO Hugo Babin** who received a T-Shirt from his favourite Texan watering hole which he is no doubt sporting on his Vespa in Italy as we speak.

With every year comes postings, promotions and retirement, some of the members got lucky with OUTCAN positions (but paid dearly because of COVID) and others did their Armoured Corps duty and brought their field unit experience to the Armoured School. Nevertheless the Sarcee Room carry's on.

Perseverance





Green Point Lounge

Master Corporal Kyle Nieuwhof



What is the GPL? To most it's where the Savages and the Miscreants of the Regiment hang out during breaks. It's where most soldiers want to be and where most NCOs want to return. This is a locked room beside our beloved Guidon where the vampire rule is followed, if you're not a member nor invited you may not enter. To us fellow heathens, it's where we go to relax, have a cold or hot beverage, check out some sports highlights, watch Jerry Springer and a place where it's safe to grab someone's ear when you need to get something off your chest.

This year has been an odd year due to the Pandemic. We were not able to do many events like we have in the past. This year we've said goodbye to many good Soldiers, whether it was due to posting or some that

left to a new career path. No matter the cause they will not be forgotten. Perseverance. Congrats to all the new MCpl's as well as congrats to all the new Crew Commanders within the Regiment. We would like to acknowledge our Maintainers who worked vigorously throughout the pandemic while we were at home, during all the exercises and who never get enough credit for the work you do, Thank you. Despite the restrictions, we were able to convene for a meeting and elect new members into all positions within the GPL:

PMC - MCpl Kyle *"I swear I'm not a dictator"* Nieuwhof;

VPMC - MCpl Kyle *"Tpr Moral Destroyer"* Meaney;

Secretary - MCpl Sean *"Captain Complainer"* Andrews;

Housing Rep - MCpl Steven *"Too cool for school"* Gross; and

Entertainment - MCpl Kelton *"Toothless"* Watson.

I see a bright future for the GPL with the current leadership from within.

Perseverance





The Track Pad

A train wreck, with a high chance of pneumonia

Corporal Ivy Keyes

Being an organization of entirely Troopers and Corporals, a little chaos is the moly grease that keeps the Track Pad fully operational. That bit of constant chaos did nothing to prepare the unfortunate souls of the executive committee for what was brewing across the globe in late 2019.

The Trooper Funk Games in December of 2019 had been a wild success and it seemed that the good luck would continue on through the holidays and into 2020. With **Cpl Kyle Beebee** crowned as the Trooper Funk

champion, everyone went home to sleep off... Our luck changed when COVID-19 came to Canadian shores. With the PMC, **Cpl Shute**, deployed AND promoted; the VPMC **Cpl Jan "It needs a ball pit" Neufeld** having a baby, and almost everyone but **Cpl Ivy Keyes** and **Cpl Riley** "*maintenance definitely isn't tracking*" **Docherty** working from home, there were about 10,000 ways it could all have gone wrong - but it didn't for the following reasons.



While the majority of the Regiment worked from home, many stepped up to work with the Track Pad committee and make improvements. **Cpl Keyes** and several RHQ troops with time to spare set forth on cleaning the Track Pad kitchen and getting rid of the 4 broken microwaves we've likely had since before the first deployment to Afghanistan. Troops came in on their own time to scrub out cabinets and inventory solo cups (help that absolutely does not go unrecognized). Thanks to the volunteer time and initiative of many, we can all enjoy a clean and organized Track Pad when we are able to gather again.

2020 saw incredible flexibility from the executive committee with regards to their responsibilities. With a MCpl PMC deployed,

the VPMC trying to parent all of us and a newborn, and **Cpl Randy Rawson** holding every single position in the committee at some point in the year, it was far from predictable. Between all the new soldiers trying to clear in, posted soldiers trying to clear out, and troops trying to just get in and get a KFS for their instant noodles, the credit for a successful 2020 truly goes out to all members of our mess and committee who stepped up in unconventional times and kept the Track Pad running.

Cpl Riley Docherty, being the first maintainer in a very long time to hold a leadership position in the Track Pad, motivated many as the new VPMC ... even those relegated to the barn... to become more

involved in the mess. We are so looking forward to 2021 when we will truly be able to welcome them and show them what being a member of the Trooper/Corporal gang is all about.

2020 may have limited our ability to spend money on Welch's and coffee grinds, but it did leave us in a fantastic position for 2021 both financially and holistically speaking. After much delay, we were able to finally hold an AGM to see the new faces joining this mess, as well as welcome fresh new leadership to the committee.





Subbies Corner

Captain Kai Keewatin



2020 started out just like any other year. A new crop of Subbies arrived, eager to become troop leaders. But, the four new Strathcona subalterns would soon discover that 2020 had other plans for them and their budding careers. All the new Subbies fell under the guidance of **Capt Kai “Dragon Breath” Keewatin** who slotted them into various sports teams during Ex STRONG CONTENDER 20 and showed them the nuances of a Brigade mess dinner. **Lt Mike “Gros Michelle” Uusoue** and **Lt Miles “Range Master” Smith** would join A Squadron in Texas for Ex STEELE BEASTS 20, while **Lt Alex “I have all my serialized kit, Sir” Schofield** would jet off to Winnipeg to learn the ins and outs of Flight Safety. **Lt Shea “Coal Walker” McGlone** was sent back to Gagetown to teach BMOQ-A before he even knew where the ROR was.

Nevertheless, there was some classic Subaltern events before the great lockdown swept the Nation. The 408 business lunch went off without incident. Silver polishing parties were conducted, and

the Subbies did the semi-annual verification of all society property. **2Lt Philippine “Take Pictures of Everything” Smith** led the charge controlling the removal, and albeit slightly crooked replacement, of everything on the walls.

But this year Subaltern debauchery was not limited to the confines of Canada. With the Regiment deployed on Op REASSURANCE there were some stories from across the pond. Following the tradition of promotion to the lofty rank of Lieutenant, our Intelligence Officer **Lt John “Definitely Had A Ceremony” Ku** gained his second pip while painting the enemy picture in Latvia. The overseas version of Mountain Man, Ex Baltic Warrior almost took the life of **Lt Leon “Baby-Arm” VanHeerden** who barely managed to hobble over the finish line to the welcoming embrace of a lit cigarette. **Capt Tom “Music Overlord” Clackson** firmly situated himself as master of the base’s music room, refining his guitar prowess. Our last notable story comes from **Capt James “LO Is a Real Position” Lee** who was appointed to the prestigious Lativan Order of the AK-47.

Due to the ongoing pandemic many of our time honored traditions like Subbies carolling, Ex STEELE SCHOLAR, and Regimental events like the All Ranks Dinner and Dance missed the ever loving, but mostly confused, touch that only a Subaltern can give. Thankfully the presents from the Kids Christmas Party were still be able to be delivered via Subbie Prime.





Strathcona Spouses' Shenanigans

Lena Angell, T9 Domestic



Napoleon, and I mean Bonaparte not Dynamite, once said that an army marches on its stomach, and so the *Spousal Social Club* kicked off the year by putting together a very efficient assembly line, including wine, which constructed 128 care packages for our amazing Strathconas serving around the globe. We would have made Henry Ford jealous with the speed and efficiency we employed to fill shoeboxes with goodies, including little bottles of hot sauce which brought me some unwanted attention in the Walmart checkout line when I did a bulk purchase.

Next, inspired by Bob Ross' "happy accidents," the club's March outing saw us take paint brush to canvass and brought out the inner artist in us all. It was a landscape piece we all tried to replicate, a sunny day on a beach with a bottle of cold

Heineken. We saw some real talent and then there were some Pablo Picassos.

For our final event, we "Thai (ed)" something new - an evening Meet and Greet to welcome new members as we enjoyed exquisite Thai cuisine, prepared by loving hands from a local restaurant and delivered hot to the Sarcee room by Uber Angell Services.

A BIG THANK YOU to **Seema "I Got Wine" King** and **Krista "Baby Yoda" Johns** for their positivity and support throughout the year, and the Regiment for providing funding and the use of the Sarcee Room. Appreciation and love for all our soldiers, we stand with you always.





The Royal Lancers (Queen Elizabeths' Own)

Captain Thomas Gray



The Lancers, having heard that the Strathcona's had a "winter warfare" exercise, began the year in typical exercise fashion: deploying to the ice chilled training area of Sennelager, Germany (without a doubt the worst lager around). There the Regiment conducted a squadron rotation through live ranges, electronic simulation exercise, adventurous training and field exercise for a month (some more than others as **Major James "COVID super spreader" Hood** took the opportunity to spread the plague around). A and B Squadrons, their ORBAT recently filled to capacity, enjoyed the chance to train their snipers and specialist dismounts whilst also testing the crew commanders and gunners on some particularly difficult ranges. D Squadron, being aligned to Op ELGIN in Eastern Europe, had a chance to examine the subtle and demanding skills required for the tour in their junior commanders.

Once back, the Lancers were on the road to Canada and BATUS loomed. Unfortunately we all know the twist in the tale of Summer 2020 which somewhat delayed plans to exercise on Suffield and then get to the real business of the Calgary Stampede. Nonetheless, work seemed to maintain pace as the Regiment transitioned to 48 hours' notice to move, providing the first deployable sub-units in the Army to the COVID-19 response task force. The task force then provided huge utility to the British public by increasing the alcohol consumption across North Yorkshire by tenfold, some local landlords describing the Lancer war effort as "heroic", "beyond belief" or even "biblical". Indeed **Lieutenant Nico "Lost boy of Neverland" Ozanne** was heralded as the alcoholic version of Moses. Unfortunately no actual assistance was required.



Once back from dispersal the Regiment realigned to a new look: A and B Squadrons preparing for overseas training exercises with a month in Belize beckoning. D Squadron pushed off for their tour in Eastern Europe and C Squadron reforming under **Major Alex "I'm a real OC" Humphreys**. The



Regiment also undertook Ex OMDURMAN SHIELD: a patrols competition run by the Regiment, testing the mettle of each troop. All performed admirably, with highlights being Soviet variant BTR and anti-air assets being organised by **Lieutenant Toby "Shredding Gnar" Free** for AFV Rec.

Overall it was a year of trials and successes for The Royal Lancers as they fought against the tide of dispersal, restrictions and Zoom PT to come back together, all of one company. The Regiment looks forward to the next time we can engage with our prestigious Canadian brothers (assuming **Captain Thom "I don't like the cold or wet" Gray** doesn't ruin Lancer reputation completely).

Death or Glory



25th Anniversary of the 10th ACB (Poland)

Major Karolina Maćkowiak

2020 has been very unusual for the 10th Armored Cavalry Brigade since the beginning...

We had planned to celebrate with panache our 25th anniversary. In January the armored soldiers started to conduct training in the biggest training area in Poland. We provided the basic training for new soldiers and gave them the military oath when the basic training was completed.

Suddenly the intensive training plan and all the exercises were ceased due to an unidentified hidden enemy, named COVID-19. Nevertheless, always ready to overcome hardships, beginning in March, soldiers from the 10thACB began to guard the border and send special medical and professional groups to limit the spreading of the corona virus.

In March, the new Commander of the 10th ACB **Col Rafat Kowalik** has been appointed.



During the Easter celebration, our subunits supported Police and Border Guard to patrol our frontiers.

In May, one of our subunits was identified for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. The teams were assessed as a fully-ready and started preparation to the next step viz. certification. The situation with COVID seemed to be restrain.

In July KARAKAL-20 took place in Nowa Dęba. At least 1000 soldiers and 200 peices of equipment were engaged in this difficult training which involved a long-distance march, crossing San river, decontamination, defence, and assault.

In August we celebrated the 25 years of creation of the 10th ACB and additionally 20 years of naming **Stanisław Maczek** as a patron of the Brigade.

The 14th of August was very important to the Brigade due to the fact that the Brigade Commander was promoted to the rank of Brigade General.

After a holiday, we restarted training in each of the branches; preserving security precautions related to coronavirus.

In August we participated in 76th anniversary of Normandy liberation - the ceremonies were limited. Not withstanding, the soldiers from the 10thACB have always had a memory of history and glorious traditions of the 1st ACD commanded by **Gen Stanisław MACZEK** and participated in the ceremonies.

In October we attended the proceedings in Breda (The Netherlands) to pay respect for fallen soldiers of the 1stACD.

We provided training for the Staff and we participated in the a Division training event. We did our best to train, upgrade our skills, and broaden our knowledge forcing standard difficulties and additionally COVID-19 threats.



Queen's Royal Hussars

A Year in Review

Captain Barnaby Spink



Greetings and welcome to the back pages. By now you have worked your way through the articles from every department in your regiment and reached the affiliated regiments section. You have read all about the year and how everyone has been coping with the new COVID reality but the post lunch coffee isn't over yet so you have time for one more article and who knows, maybe the QRH have done something interesting this year.

Well fortunately for you this has been a busy year for the QRH, and the combination of deployments and exercises has made for an exciting 12 months.

As 2020 began, and we all thought that the wildfires would be the most extreme thing to happen this year, the QRH battlegroup were at the halfway point of their deployment to Estonia. After a few weeks of reduced work over Christmas and plenty of festive cheer, A Squadron prepared for a week of live fire ranges in Latvia. The opportunity to fire at a new location was fully embraced by the squadron who conducted a range of varied shoots culminating in troop live fire and movement, which is rarely done outside of BATUS. After a week of excitement, it was time to prepare for the handover to C Squadron and the Fusiliers battlegroup. As the mantle of the heavy armoured presence in Estonia was passed to C Squadron, A Squadron returned to the increasingly COVID focused UK and within two weeks were sent home as the national lockdown was imposed.

For the squadrons in the UK lockdown was certainly a different time but it definitely wasn't a quiet one. As D Squadron continued to prepare for their deployment to Estonia at the end of the year, A and B started a dispersed training programme. Physical training sessions, debates and tactics lessons all took place virtually with the junior ranks particularly being given a chance to shine.

With the 5 RIFLES Battlegroup, D Squadron unfortunately were unable to deploy to BATUS but they made up for it with a three-week exercise on Salisbury plain followed by a week in the Combined Arms Tactical Training simulators. All of this set them up perfectly for deployment to Estonia and meant that the D Squadron that went on pre-deployment leave were a well-trained and close-knit group.

In the meantime, C Squadron were settling into life on the eastern front and quickly deployed out on exercise in the still chilly Estonian spring. Post exercise they had little time to rest as the enhanced forward presence took full advantage of the Estonian summer and deployed out on a number of exercises including Ex Spring Storm and ranges in Latvia. The squadron also had the opportunity to deploy on a dismounted urban operations exercise which all of the soldiers enjoyed immensely. It isn't often that heavy armoured soldiers get the opportunity to conducted dismounted exercises and while "Death Before Dismount" will always be our unofficial motto time spent kicking in doors with the infantry is always enjoyable. When they weren't on exercise the longer summer tour and better weather meant they could also explore Estonia and trips to Tallinn, Rakvere and Parnu all kept the soldiers entertained.

As October came, it was finally D Squadron's turn to deploy to Estonia and see out Christmas in Tapa camp. As this article is being written The Black Pig (D Squadron) has settled into its new home and already been out on exercise with the Estonians. The famous Estonian snow is yet to make an

appearance, but all indications are that it will be a white Christmas in the Baltic.

Autumn was a busy time for A and B squadron who both conducted CR2 ranges at Castle Martin. For many members of the regiment this was their first time firing in Wales and while the weather was often harsh and the sheep showed little respect for range barriers, both squadrons had an excellent time and plenty of new

gunners and operators had the opportunity to fire for the first time. A Squadron was particularly successful and managed to complete LFX 10, troop fire and movement at night, which hasn't been conducted in nearly a decade.

While the sabre squadrons were busy with ranges, HQ deployed to Salisbury Plain to support Ex CERBERUS. Drawing in thousands of officers and soldiers, Cerberus was the validation exercise for 3rd UK Division and gave everyone an opportunity to see the division in action. Virtual Battlegroups rolled across hypothetical battlefields, a determined OPFOR waged a brutal war of attrition and through it all members of the QRH supported the division's stunning victory.

Throughout this period, it wasn't just squadron activity that continued in earnest. Two cadres were run for the potential non-commissioned officers; the future leaders of the regiment were put through a testing two weeks that taught them how to lead before testing how well they could put it in to practice. PowerPoints and section attacks combined to mould the next generation of soldiers and instil what it means to be a leader.

Now your coffee is probably getting cold and you really should get back to the office and do some work but let me finish by saying that while 2020 has been a strange year it has barely slowed down the QRH. Deployments on Op CABRIT, tank ranges, dismounted exercises and dispersed conceptual training have all ensured that the Regiment has had plenty of time to develop as heavy armoured soldiers. Time on tanks is a valuable thing and this year the QRH has been an undeniably rich regiment.





Photo Captions

- 6 My “amigos” from the Spanish Sapper Company with LCol Angell.
 6 enhanced Forward Presence Weapons Display, which highlights a signature weapon from each of the contributing nations’ warrior culture.
- 9 A Squadron take off in Griffon Helicopters during Ex STEELE AMBUSH.
 12 Cpl Giani Mancini, winner of the Olympic Torch Award, with LCol Eric Angell and CWO Kevin King.
 12 MCpl Kevin Martel, winner of the Ross Gear Award, with LCol Eric Angell and CWO Kevin King.
 12 Stables NCO, Sgt Dave Barsotta, receives a CO’s coin from A/CO Maj Matt Johns.
 13 OC HQ Maj Mike Timms and HQ SSM Ben Holmes with newly promoted Cpl Anastasia Phills.
 16 Recce Trooper observe the static shoots, from the comfort and safety of the Admin Point.
 18 Sgt Koolman overseeing Tpr Marco doing maintenance at the TAPV Bldg.
 18 Tpr Vahey doing field maintenance.
 18 Cpl Thompson and Tprs York and Jones on the Range.
 18 Maj Johns (right) giving orders and Capt Tapp (left) observing on Ex STEELE SABRE.
 18 Sgt Bolzan (left) and Sgt McKenzie (right) discuss student’s progress on Leopard 2 D&M.
 19 Tpr Graystone looks into the distance contemplating the maintenance required for his tank.
 19 LCol Angell giving orders on Ex STEELE SABRE.
 19 Brigade SM CWO Clarke, addressing the participants at the completion of Recce Forge.
 19 Cpl Morris on Ex Steel Beasts.
 19 Cpl Hutchinson not doing field maintenance.
 20 Maj Johns crew commanding a LAV 6 on Ex STEELE SABRE.
 21 Capt Tapp eyeballing his coffee on Int’l Coffee Day during Ex STEELE SABRE.
 21 WO McLoughlin (left), CWO King (middle), and Capt Couture (right) observing orders.
 22 Tpr Ukis celebrates his 22nd Birthday in the field.
 22 Tpr Briggs (left), WO Davidson (left middle), MCpl Germann (left right), and Cpl Frizzell (right).
 23 Lt McGlone poses by his tank after the completion of level 3 traces.
 23 Cpl Munger (right) hard at work draining a Leopard 2 hull while Tpr Fitzpatrick (left) provides support.
 23 OC Maj Nathan Hevenor strikes a pose in between leading Hasty Attacks on Ex STEELE SABRE.
 24 Cpls Feldmann, Blanco, Morris, and Joncas on Winter Warfare.
 25 Cpl Feldmann, Tpr Breustedt, MCpl Martin, Cpl Morris, Tpr Kuypers, Tpr Lassell, Cpl McGowan, Tpr Vahey, Tpr Gilles-Smith, Cpl Benoit and Tpr Masionneuve (14) on Ex Steele Sabre.
 26 MCpl Deringer crossing the finishing line of the Recce Forge Run.
 26 A hard day of shooting for Cpl Duke and Cpl Silverman, catching a few winks between relays.
 27 Capt Hoffart observing the safe conduct of the Level 3 Live fire range as the Range Safety Officer.
 28 Cpl Dave Olaes and Cpl Riley Guest manning the FIN cell.
 28 Sgt Izaak Koolman hands out sanitizer with MWO Ben Holmes keeping watch.
 29 MWO Terry Walsh, Padre Patrick Ampani, and Sgt John Keefe distribute food to hungry soldiers.
 30 LVA MI act as OPFOR during Ex CA 20-01.
 30 LCol Sandy Cooper.
 30 MWO N. Mills leads a signals recce (yes it is a thing) in advance of the Main CP deployment.
 30 MCpl Elms doing his best to help Capt Buckingham excavate his vehicle.
 31 Maj Dave Williams UN Military Observers can live out of an SUV for up to two weeks at a time.
 31 LCol Sandy Cooper and friend of the Regiment.
 31 Maj Mike Selberg with JAF officials; CTAT-Jordan.
 31 MCpl Elms, Linguist Viktoria, and Sgt Gironne pause for a photo while observing Tank training.
 32 Maj Ben Wong with Comd Brunssum.
 33 Capt S. Rogozinski once End-Ex was called, enjoying some Italian rations.
 34 LCol Dave Cronk, CWO Chris Thomassin, BGen Paul Peyton, LCol Sandy Cooper.
 34 Capt Ali Mansour celebrates his birthday in Jordan.
 35 Major Jack Nguyen and MWO Tolton; CTAT-Lebanon.
 35 Capt Ali Mansour (far right) provides direction in English and in Arabic Beirut Lebanon.
 35 Col Pascal Demers (L), Col Speiser-Blanchet, Maj Mike Selberg, Sgt Fleury; CTAT-Jordan.
 35 Sgt John Nancarrow (left) instructs a Lebanese Armed Forces soldier. Rayak Lebanon.
 36 School children in Basukambi trading English lessons for Zande.
 37 Capt Buckingham and MCpl Elms inspecting the turret of a Ukrainian T64 tank.
 37 Maj Hans Stenning (Swedish Army) and Cpl Armstrong on top of a T64.
 37 Capt Stuart King and his more successful and handsome Ukrainian political doppelganger.
 39 MCpl Miller manning the M203 stand during the Dynamic Range Day.
 39 Tpr Mutia on his snowmobile.

39 Tpr Kuypers showing off the Squadron while Tpr Vahey and Cpl Hutchinson enjoy a mildly deserved break.
 MCpl Jay 'Woo' Comeau, possibly the only one working in the photo, intensely studies zeroing procedure below.
 39 Tpr Briggs, Cpl Price, Cpl Duke, MCpl Stender, Cpl Nieufeld, Tpr Lagarde, 2 Unknown Americans,
 MCpl Talmage, Cpl Friel in front of a M113 MGS.
 39 Lt Keewatin giving orders.
 39 Tpr Chauhan taking a break after an 8km march and setting up camp for the night.
 40 First Row: Lt Keewatin, Tpr Chauhan Second Row: 2Lt Smith, Lt Schofield, Tpr Mutia, Cpl Joncas
 Third Row: Tpr Pearson, Tpr Lafond.
 41 Tpr Mutia taking a break after our 8km march and setting up camp for the night.
 41 Tpr Chauhan, Tpr Mutia out on the lake during Ice Fishing.
 41 Capt Keewatin digging into the ice during Ice Fishing.
 41 Sgt Mijares taking a break on his snowmobile.
 41 Front to back: Tpr Chauhan, Tpr Mutia.
 41 Tpr Mutia chopping firewood.
 42 Cpl Loiselle, Cpl Nieufeld, Cpl Laperrier, Cpl Mancini, Tpr Briggs.
 43 Cpl, George, Tpr Chauhan, MCpl McNeil, MCpl Weeden, Cpl Price, Lt Keewatin, Infantry from 2 VP, Cpl
 Duke, Cpl Demeulenaere III, Sgt Mijares, Cpl Villiers, Tpr Pearson, Cpl Kimmel enjoy some classic Texas BBQ.
 43 Cpl Duke looks back from the drivers hole of a Bradley simulator.
 43 Cpl Villers and Duke enjoy a game of Cornhole.
 43 Maj Matt Johns, MWO Hugo Babin, CO 3 Cav Regt, 4th Sqn (Longknife) LCol Morrison and SM Harris.
 43 Maj Grey briefs Capt Carter-Wright, Maj Grey, Capt McTavish, Lt Morley, Lt Uusoue, Lt Smith, Lt Keewatin,
 WO Davidson, Lt Moorley, remainder unknown infantry officers from 2 VP, during Ex STEELE BEASTS.
 43 OPFOR Commander WO Matt Williams ready to unleash the enemy firepower.
 44 'Oh look, the shinies and the tarnished!' – Lts Miles Smith and Mike Uusoue with Sgt Mark Bell.
 44 Sgt Gord Carnevale rehydrating post RECCE FORGE.
 44 Lt Alex Schofield and Sgt Gord Carnevale beginning one of many scavenger hunts with the aid of binoculars.
 45 Cpl Dane 'Paparazzi' Frizzell holds an infamous live HEAT round.
 45 LCol Eric 'Cowboy' Angell directs the hunt for callsign Sheppard from the front.
 45 Lt Alex Schofield and WO James 'Fort Recce' Hamilton battle for the lead during RECCE FORGE.
 47 MWO Nathaniel Mills observes Remembrance Day in the privacy of his backyard.
 47 Captain Kelly, Lt Uusoue, and Lt McGlone enroute to drop off a present.
 47 Captain Chou and Lt Ku as an elf and Santa knocking.
 47 MWO Nathaniel Mills observes Remembrance Day in the privacy of his backyard.
 47 Tpr Eckert, and MCpl Kelly showcasing a prize from the raffle.
 47 Capt Lee and MCpl Kelly showcasing a prize from the raffle.
 48 Lt Smith delivering a present.
 49 Cpl Blair, MCpl Gross, Tpr Rutko and Tpr York.
 49 President of Hockey Operations LdSH(RC) Cpl Dane Frizzell.
 49 Cpl Belliveau warming up prior to his near shut-out performance.
 49 TAC Athlete team members participate in the Tug of War.
 49 After a summer without sports, soldiers from Recce Squadron race a 5km run following the conclusion of Ex
 RECCE FORGE. From left to right: Cpl Silverman, Cpl Burton, Capt Hoffart.
 49 Our British Exchange Officer, Capt Gray, teaches the "Colonials" Cpl Duke, Cpl Brown cricket.
 49 Members of the TAC Athlete team do the rowing competition.
 50 MWO Babin and Maj Johns pose for the puck drop prior to the game.
 50 Capt Giajnorio, Lt Smith, Capt Forestell, MCpl McNeil, Cpl Belliveau, Cpl Frizzell MCpl Nieuwhof, Cpl
 Munjer, Capt Kelly, Cpl Gange, Cpl Barrett, Cpl Stewart, MCpl Monty, Sgt Gerome, MWO Babin, Maj Johns
 50 Lt Smith and Cpl Stewart do their very best to keep the Canadian Alumni away from the net.
 51 MCpl Goodwin faces a determined opponent.
 52 Tpr Kyler Beebe bumps the ball in a strong contender volleyball match.
 53 Maj Matt Johns presents a CP Rail scholarship to Caleb Mills (Son of MWO Nathan Mills).
 53 Cpl Justin Hodgins inspects his trusty steed.
 53 Cpl Gabe Gendron is all smiles before departing for a trail ride.
 53 Ms. Giselle Tucker CP scholarship winner.
 53 Cpl Dylan Braconnier shows off his new bale.
 54 Capt Giajnorio gives an interview during the MTL Alumni game.
 54 Maj Mat Johns visits RCAF veteran Mr. Ring for his 93rd birthday.
 55 Cpl BJ Cocker shows off the required amount of muscles needed for CMT.
 56 FST and CMT assisted the Edmonton MFRC in finding Mistletoe the Elf.
 56 The Regiment supporting The Secret Marathon, Girl Guides of Canada and International Woman's Day.

57 Tpr Pezzelato, Cpl Steele, and Tpr Gratto pose on the newly received Universal Bren Gun Carrier.
 58 Cpl Davies and Padre David Jackson at the memorial for Stalker 22, Camp Adazi, Latvia.
 59 A small museum curling match, Capt Phil Webster and Sgt Todd Giberson.
 59 The Founder's Gallery – Tpr Funk display.
 59 The Founder's Gallery – Griffin Family Collection.
 60 Sgt Hugh Hayes on one of his seemingly infinite number of leave days.
 60 Maj Dave Williams in South Sudan during the pre-times. Note the Regimental Belt for branding!
 60 MGen Macaulay, BGen Major and LCol Mallette.
 60 Sgt Nick Norman (2nd from R) delivers a Battle Procedure demo to a PLQ course
 including Cpl Colin Vanthournout (L).
 60 Majors Matt Bentley Cam Meikle and Tyler Collings.
 61 Maj Dullege and his SSM bring Elf on the Shelf to the field.
 62 RSM Chief Warrant Officer Leigh Taylor meeting with WOs from UK Armour Centre.
 62 Colonel Dwayne Parsons at 5 CDSG HQ.
 63 Lt Miller's commissioning.
 63 Lieutenant-Colonel Jamie Hunter taking command of the 8CH.
 64 Capt Dave Wright, Maj Allan Dwyer, LCol Mike Mallette, LCol Dave Macintyre and Col Lubiniecki.
 64 Sgt Curtis Romkey demonstrating the new business casual.
 65 Major Elkorazatiand and Sgt Burke maintaining High Readiness at the 'Div'.
 65 Capt Moses Pano "hard at it".
 65 LCol Pickell adopts the festive spirit.
 65 The 2020 reality of LCol Shane Gifford planning for collective training.
 66 MCpl Garret George motivating DP 1 candidates.
 66 MCpl Garrett George and MCpl Travis Silcox conduct first aid training.
 67 Sgt Balfour and Rgr Sanertanut.
 67 LCol Chiasson presents Tpr (ret'd) Micheal Tremblett a Regimental Pennant.
 68 Capt Varun Vahal trying to manage the virtual battle.
 68 1 CMBG BSM CWO Rob Clarke leading by example with his yearly flu shot.
 68 1 CMBG BSM CWO Rob Clarke inspecting his version of HQ PT.
 69 LCol Wong, Capt Kallos, LCol Hayward, Capt Perry, MWO Speck.
 69 Capt Clubine sporting the new work from home dress state.
 70 Cpl Francine Riopelle.
 70 Sgt Tyler Baldwin, Cpl Matthew Jesse, and Cpl Derek Steeves.
 74 Newly promoted Capt Clackson and LCol Angell.
 74 Unrecognizable picture - CWO Tony Batty on his last day in the CAF.
 74 Enjoying the colourful painful win- Tpr Jones, Cpl Wilson, Tpr Gilles-Smith, Tpr Masonneuve, Tpr Park,
 Tpr Peters, Tpr McDonald, Cpl Logan, Cpl Worden, Cpl Largarde, Tpr Brustedt, Tpr Bjamason
 74 Lts Smith and Uusoue pose in truck after a much needed swim
 74 Lt Alex Schofield and Capt Kai Keewatin in their formal golf attire.
 74 Capt Callum Smith, Capt Blake Tapp, Sandy Tapp, Capt Tom Gray, Capt Kai Keewatin, Philippine Smith.
 74 Lts Uusoue, Smith, and Keewatin post with their American contunerpats in Austin Texas.
 74 WO Sean Thompson - On his last day in the CAF.
 76 Last Bits of the TV- literally all that's left of the 2002 Toshiba rear projection TV.
 76 WO's Stew McLoughlin and Matt Williams hand over the gavel as PMC.
 76 MWO Babin - Hugo getting his "Somewhere Else" T Shirt upon posting.
 77 MCpl Watson helping out where he can with the EO techs. (Hopefully not making things worse).
 77 Jack surrounded by previous and current serving MCpls.
 77 MCpl Paquette not only working the desk but moving vehicles!
 77 The one, the only mystical Charlie Tank.
 78 Tpr Lutz and Tpr Fitzpatrick having a nap while the leadership is away.
 78 Happy Troops- Tpr Graystone, Cpl Genge.
 79 Cpl Francis - Best Crew in NATO.
 79 Cpl Rawson confused why everyone else is eating besides him.
 79 Maint Day- Cpl Friel, Lt McGlone, Tpr Harris, Cpl Cox.
 79 Cpl Scott loving Strathcona maintenance.
 80 Lt Scofield carries her dog Murphy during a Recce Sqn ruck march.
 80 Newly promoted Lt Smith struggles to find common ground with the A/CO, Maj Johns.
 81 Krista Johns shares her creative work after an evening of great food and lots of fun during a Spousal event.
 81 Seema King and Debbie Plewis-Lewis are all smiles as they fill care packages for 128 deployed Strathconas.

LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS) REGIMENTAL SOCIETY

ORIGIN AND OBJECTIVES OF THE LdSH(RC) REGIMENTAL SOCIETY:



In 1974, the need for an organization dedicated to the preservation of the history and traditions of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Regiment was realized when the Regimental Society was formed. Today, the Society has grown into a large charitable organization that has retained its original objectives while at the same time expanding its operations to see increased benefits to soldiers, families and the Canadian Public. Society programs, while providing a lasting benefit for Canadians, also provide unique opportunities that mitigate the stress of operational deployments and long periods of separation.



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- Scholarships
- Sports Teams
- Stable & unique employment opportunities
- Spousal Events



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- Strathcona Ceremonial Mounted Troop
- The Historical Vehicle Troop
- Strathcona Museums
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- Spreading awareness of the Regiment

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