

# THE STRATHCONIAN



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2021

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## In Memoriam

### Captain Andrew John Kelly



**Capt Andrew John Kelly** passed away unexpectedly in Edmonton on 1 October 2021. He served with Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) from 2018-2021, a tenure which was filled with multiple exercises and notably a deployment on Op REASSURANCE in 2019. Prior to joining the Regular Force, **Capt Kelly** served with the King's Own Calgary Regiment from 2014-2018.

**Capt Kelly** was known to be an outgoing and inclusive soldier who ensured everyone felt welcome as soon as they entered the Harvey Building. His ability to encompass every soldier, regardless of rank, made him a strong leader and a fierce friend. His lightheartedness and joy will be missed. So shall he be remembered.





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

*South Africa*

**South Africa, 1900 - 1901**

*First World War*

**Festubert 1915, Somme 1916, '18; Brazentin, 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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## Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

*Brigadier-General (Retired) Craig Hilton*

Although it seems strange to admit, 2021 turned out to be a remarkable year for the Regiment. While it seemed at the outset we would have little to keep us occupied, other than 'marking time' to phases of this relentless pandemic, nothing could have been farther from the truth.

As this edition of *The Strathconian* will attest, many milestones were achieved and significant objectives accomplished. Our reputation and resilience were proven once again through the focused effort applied toward the maintenance levels of our tanks, vehicles and equipment; through the combat and career qualification courses undertaken for those designated; and by the early Spring execution of a regimental 'needle parade' to administer the benefit of the COVID vaccine to our people.

Taking the measures required to care for ourselves and our kit set us on track to burnish our professional and tactical skill sets at Squadron and Battle Group level. Accomplished through a combination of Gun Camps, combined arms exercises and direct support to Army-level command courses, this opportunity was fully exploited to bring the Regiment up to a high level of competence and confidence – and fully proven before the year was out.

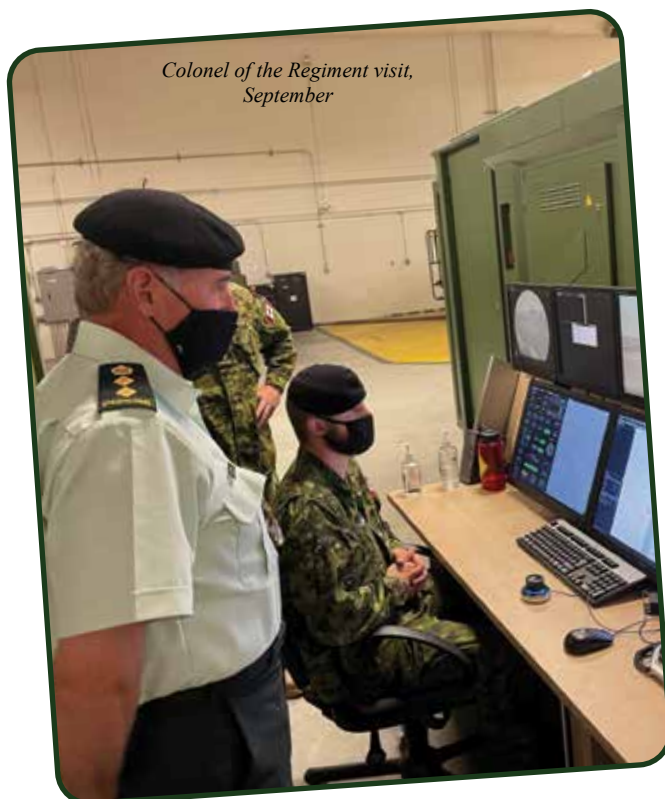


Another milestone in the long history of our Regiment was marked by the Change of Command from **LCol Eric Angell**, following three exceptional years as Commanding Officer – and passed to **LCol Mike Mallette**, who was welcomed with an express ticket to Wainwright for a full Fall field training programme.

And to cap it all, following the long lockdown periods endured throughout the previous year, our engagement with the wider public was re-established, first by the horses and riders of the Mounted Troop delighting all audiences as usual, then rather unexpectedly when the Regiment deployed to render assistance to the hard pressed people of British Columbia, and in a manner that earned the Strathcona's the enduring gratitude of their fellow Canadians.

It was, most definitely a year to be remembered and is celebrated within these pages. I trust you will enjoy!

Perseverance.



*Colonel of the Regiment visit,  
September*



## Commanding Officer's Message

*Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Mallette*

It was truly an honour to rejoin the Regiment here in Edmonton over the summer and I am so very proud of our soldiers and their perseverance facing the difficult circumstances that we all continue to share. I hope this year's edition of *The Strathconian* keeps the spirit of our Regimental family alive and well.

It's been a long couple of years and we haven't seen nearly enough of each other; my sincerest wish is that you and your family are healthy and optimistic about the days ahead. You can rest assured that your Regiment continues to deliver excellence. It was a busy year with high readiness training on Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, a Strathcona Battle Group supporting Combat Team Commanders' Course and a Regimental deployment to BC in support of flood relief efforts. All the while, we've been ready to answer the call, should it come, to aid our Allies as part of the Canadian Army contribution to the NATO Readiness Initiative.

As always, it bears mention that this year's Strathconian would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Editor-in-Chief, **Maj Varun Vahal**, **Capt Alex Schofield** and the always stalwart support of **Mrs. Kathy Batty**. Thank you all and my appreciation goes out to everyone who had a hand putting together another excellent edition!

Perseverance.



*Minister of National Defence and Chief of Defence visit to LdSH(RC) December*





## Regimental Sergeant-Major's Observations

*Chief Warrant Officer Kevin King*



Wow, what a year! Who would have ever thought we could have continued to train as hard as we did under the COVID-19 guidelines? Flexibility has always been one of the most important characteristics within our Regiment, and this year we proved we could remain flexible and complete a multitude of tasks outside our comfort zone with the added restrictions.

Those of you within the RCACS, other school houses and on ERE, thank you for continuing to adjust the training to ensure you could produce the leaders of today and tomorrow. For those within the Regimental lines, what a crazy ride we had this year. A spring PCF cycle, a gun camp and 3 major exercises all before the end of May. A change of command in June, block leave in July and then back at it in August. Remember the fall? We had our 2nd PCF cycle which included 230 person gun camp, Ex STEELE SABRE and a little thing called Combat Team Commander Course. Oh yeah, we must not forget OP LENTUS 21-06 and assisting with the flood efforts in BC. What an amazing year we had teammates.

As I sit here and pen my final observations as the RSM, I am both proud and saddened. Proud of the hard work and enduring desire to ensure everything you are tasked to accomplish is

completed with upmost professionalism. Saddened that I do not have the opportunity to travel from Halifax to Vancouver, from Yellowknife to Texas and everywhere in between and shake everyone's hand to thank them personally for being amazing. Please take this note as my handshake of gratitude, and also my farewell.

Perseverance.

*LCol Mike Mallette & CWO Kevin King, Wainwright September*





## Editor-in-Chief Foreword

*Major Varun Vahal*

Before writing this foreword, I reviewed the approach my predecessors took in years past. I imagine they all did the same, as I discovered to my amazement that almost all the Editor-in-Chief Forewords basically followed the same pattern. This is a testament to the fact that year over year we all stand on the shoulders of the Strathconas that came before us to make our Regiment better. You will see this reflected in the articles of this Strathconian, in its 107th year of publication, as well.

Unfortunately, the Regiment in 2021 was not able to engage in as many of our traditional annual activities as before the pandemic. You will find some omissions in this publication like Regimental Sports, Black Hat Week, Exercise STRONG CONTENDER, and others. Despite these ongoing challenges of operating in a COVID-19 environment, this year's Strathconian will showcase a busy and fruitful year of service for the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and Strathconas serving across the world.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't point out the immeasurable contributions of my Editor, **Capt Alexandria Schofield**, and our Designer, **Mrs. Kathy Batty**. Frankly, they did all the work short of writing the articles. Thanks in a large part to their efforts, we continue to have a lasting and cherished personal record of the achievements, anecdotes, and legends of our Regiment and extended family.

I sincerely hope you enjoy it!



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# Year in Review

## January

Ex UNIFIED RESOLVE: 25 Jan – 5 Feb (RHQ)

## February

Ex STEELE WINTER: 8 – 26 Feb (All Sqns)

## March

Ex STEELE BULLSEYE: 15 – 26 Mar (All Sqns)

## April

Ex AGILE RAM Part 1: 12 Apr – 30 Apr (A Sqn, D Sqn, HQ Sqn)

## May

Ex MAPLE RESOLVE: 1 – 14 May (A Sqn, D Sqn, HQ Sqn)

Ex AGILE RAM Part 2: 15 May – 7 Jun (All Sqns)

## June

Change of Command: 21 – 25 Jun (RHQ)

## July

Calgary Stampede: 7 – 18 Jul (A Sqn)

## September

Ex STEELE BULLSEYE: 7 – 17 Sep (All Sqns)

Ex STEELE SABRE: 17 Sep – 1 Oct (RHQ, B Sqn, D Sqn)

Armoured Crew Commander's Course: 20 Sep – 26 Oct (D Sqn)

## October

Combat Team Commander's Course: 2 – 28 Oct (RHQ, A Sqn, B Sqn, HQ Sqn)

## November

Op LENTUS 21-06: 18 Nov – 10 Dec (All Sqns)



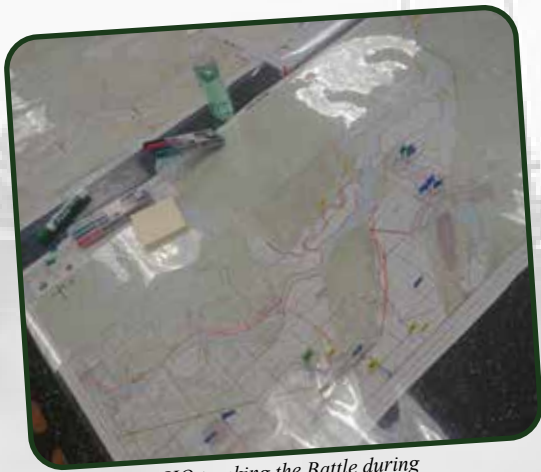
21A (WO Romkey, Cpl Ross) crossing a bridge during CTCC



2 Tp, D Sqn, conducts troop training as part of Ex STEELE SABRE

An A Sqn Leopard 2A4 leads the combat team assault during Level 5 live on Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE.  
Photo Credit to Combat Camera.

*Asst Adjt and Crse O Lt Carroll stands in front of his course during a Field Remembrance Day Ceremony in the CFB Wainwright training area.*



*RHQ tracking the Battle during Op LENTUS 21-06 in Aldergrove, BC*



*Soldiers conduct their open up procedure prior to conducting a day full of missions.*



*Lineup for hotdogs in a Leaguer during Ex STEELE SABRE*



*Sgt McKenzie supervises vehicle maintenance during Exercise AGILE RAM 2*



## Births and Marriages

**MCpl Miller's** son Oliver James Zachary was born 9 January 2021

**Cpl Dillon's** daughter Laura Anne was born 12 January 2021

**Cpl Doan's** daughter Hailey was born 10 February 2021

**WO Brister's** son Micah John was born 18 February 2021

**WO Murdoch's** son Steele William was born 19 February 2021

**Maj Tapp's** son Jack Maurice was born 24 February 2021

**MCpl Deringer** married Serena 10 April 2021

**Tpr Forster** married Natacha Amornpiyaurit on 4 August 2021

**Cpl Rice's** daughter Maia Elizabeth was born 29 August 2021

**Cpl Tong's** son Jaxson Alexander was born 6 September 21

**MCpl Stender's** son Cohen Hans was born 12 September 2021

**Tpr Gibson's** son Jackson Thomas was born 15 September 2021

**Sgt Bolzan's** daughter Ivy Anne was born 6 September 2021

**Cpl Hammel's** daughter Scarlett Zofia Rose was born 14 October 2021

**Cpl Henderson's** daughter Symphony was born 4 November 2021

**Cpl Charron** daughter Logan was born 7 November 2021

**PO2 Smallwood's** son Emmett James was born 17 November 2021

**Cpl Mancini's** son Elias Jacob was born 23 Dec 2021

## Honours and Awards

### **Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)**

BGen Peyton

### **Order of Military Merit**

CWO King

MWO Mills

### **Meritorious Service Medal (US)**

LCol Adams

Maj McMurachy

Major Salter

### **SACRIFICE Medal**

Capt Delaney

### **SSM- Expedition Medal**

Maj Elliott

WO Brister

Sgt Broadfoot

### **GCS-SWA +1 RB**

WO Bell

### **Operational Service Medal –**

#### **EXPEDITION +1RB**

Capt Mansour

### **General Campaign Star – EXPEDITION**

Sgt Bell

MCpl Ouellet

MCpl New

MCpl Fulljames

Cpl Rourke

### **Special Service Medal (NATO Bar) (SSM NATO)**

MCpl Hall

### **CD**

Capt Hoffart

Capt Carter- Wright

Capt Rogozinski

Capt Webster

Capt Clackson

WO Andrew

WO Droogers

Sgt McKenzie

Sgt Young

MCpl Price

MCpl Lonegren

MCpl Harzing

MCpl Parnell

MCpl Buaga

MCpl Mackenzie

MCpl Liebe

MCpl Harzing

MCpl Meaney

MCpl Fettes  
Cpl Caluori  
Cpl McKenzie  
Cpl Dunne  
Cpl Calouri  
Cpl Maw  
Cpl Kimmel

**CD First Clasp**

MWO Biru  
WO Williams  
WO Hamilton  
Sgt Nancarrow  
MCpl Bremner  
Cpl Sullivan

**CD Second Clasp**

MWO Shiells  
WO Schuba  
Sgt Giberson

**Prime Minister of Canada Coin**

Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

**CDS Commendation**

LCol Angell  
Maj Nguyen  
Maj Selberg  
Maj Nolan  
Cpl Reynolds-Tack

**Commander Canadian Army  
Commendation**

Capt Keewatin  
Capt Mansour

**Commander of the Canadian Joint  
Operations Command Commendations**

Maj Elliott  
Capt Simpson  
CWO King  
WO Hodgins

**Tactical Aviation Detachment's  
Commendation**

Sgt Bell  
MCpl New  
MCpl Ouellet  
Cpl Rourke

**Commander 1 CMBG Commendation**

WO Brister

**TU AB/North Command Team  
Commendation**

WO Murphy

**CFLRS Command Team Commendation**

MCpl Grubber

**CDS Coin**

MCpl Grewal

**Commander 1CMBG's Coin**

WO Hodgson

**Royal Canadian Logistics Service Coin**

Sgt Daniel

**1 PPCLI Command Team Coin**

MCpl McNeil

**BCR Commanding Officer's Coin**

Sgt Young

**Shabrack**

Major Anderson  
Major Timms  
MWO Mills  
MWO Holmes

**Boileau Cross Belt (Halifax Rifles)**

MCpl Schijns

**The Hessin Sword**

Capt Clackson

**The Macaulay Sword**

Capt Brown

**The Neatby Pace-Stick**

WO Eady

**The Milroy Cross-Belt**

Sgt Bell

**The Colonel of the Regiment Silver Stick**

MCpl Townsend

**The Fox Bugle**

Cpl Snelgrove

**The Ross Maintainer Award**

MCpl Hamilton

**The Olympic Torch Trophy**

Sgt Francis

**The RSM's Shield**

Cpl Dunne & Cpl Rourke

**Prince of Wales Squadron**

Headquarters Squadron





### Commanding Officer's Coin

Capt Giajnorio  
Capt Smith M  
WO Murphy  
WO Bell  
WO Churchill  
Sgt Ikert  
Sgt Coxall  
Sgt Keefe  
Sgt Weir  
MCpl Rourke  
MCpl Nieuwhof  
MCpl McQueen  
MCpl Dobson  
MCpl Gavriel  
MCpl Farquharson  
MCpl McNeil  
Cpl Hogan  
Cpl Smith MR  
Cpl Rayment  
Tpr English  
Tpr Baclayo

### Regimental Sergeant Major's Coin

MWO Shiells  
WO Murphy  
Sgt Collier C  
Sgt Chen  
Sgt Scott  
Sgt Collier  
MCpl Lonegren  
MCpl K.N.N. Watson  
MCpl Fettes  
MCpl Armstrong  
MCpl Vanthournout  
MCpl Schuleck  
MCpl Low  
MCpl Nieuwhof  
Cpl Matchett  
Cpl Hornby  
Cpl Bosa  
Cpl Savaris  
Cpl Hornby  
Cpl Matchett  
Cpl Dunne  
Cpl Evers  
Cpl Buell  
Cpl De Backer  
Cpl Ma  
Cpl Geoffrion  
Cpl Caluori  
Cpl Riley

Cpl Smith WD  
Cpl St. Laurent  
Cpl King  
Cpl Hurtubise  
Tpr Ruhland  
Tpr Aberle  
Tpr Campbell  
Cpl Mckenzie  
Cpl Kentfield  
Cpl Vivian  
Cpl McGowan  
Tpr Headrick  
Tpr Carter  
Tpr Miller  
Tpr Heath



*LCol Angell, Capt Delaney, CWO King*



*LCol Angell, MCpl Liebe, CWO King*



*LCol Angell, 2Lt Lauterbacher, CWO King*





## Promotions

Maj Vahal  
Capt Bouvier  
Capt Churchill  
Capt Colquhoun  
Capt McGlone  
Capt Schofield  
Capt Smith  
Capt Taylor  
Capt Uusoue  
Lt Carroll  
Lt Haddow  
Lt Koolman  
Lt Levis  
Lt McBride  
Lt Underwood  
2Lt Lauterbacher  
MWO Christopolous  
MWO Eady  
MWO Gratto  
MWO McDougall  
MWO Vigar  
MWO Zubkowski  
WO Bell  
WO Burris  
WO Churchill  
WO Collins  
WO Hodgins  
WO Montreuil  
WO Peachey  
WO Romkey  
WO Tabernor  
WO Thomas  
Sgt Dempster  
Sgt Stevenson  
PO 2 Thistle  
MCpl Allard  
MCpl Belliveau  
MCpl Bishop  
MCpl Brousseau  
MCpl Evers  
MCpl Farquharson  
MCpl Foster  
MCpl Grewal  
MCpl Hamilton  
MCpl Kimmell  
MCpl Lapid  
MCpl McKenzie  
MCpl Moore  
MCpl Palmateer  
MCpl Senff

MCpl Simard  
MCpl Snelgrove  
MCpl St-Onge  
MCpl Wiggan  
MCpl Wilson  
Cpl Balaneski  
Cpl Barry  
Cpl Bebee  
Cpl Breustedt  
Cpl Brown  
Cpl Chaine  
Cpl Chauhan  
Cpl Corlay-Savard  
Cpl Craig  
Cpl Dinh  
Cpl Duchesne  
Cpl Elliott  
Cpl Farrell  
Cpl Fitzpatrick  
Cpl Gedge  
Cpl Gillies-Smith  
Cpl Gratton  
Cpl Harris  
Cpl King  
Cpl Knutsson  
Cpl Lagarde  
Cpl Lamarre  
Cpl Li  
Cpl Ma  
Cpl MacNeill  
Cpl MacQuarrie  
Cpl Maisonneuve  
Cpl Marco  
Cpl McDonald  
Cpl Mutia  
Cpl Nantais  
Cpl Oliverio  
Cpl Paes  
Cpl Pearson  
Cpl Remeshylo  
Cpl Riley  
Cpl Rutko  
Cpl Sherwood  
Cpl Solomon  
Cpl Vahey  
Cpl Worden  
Tpr(T) Addison  
Tpr(T) Beards  
Tpr(T) Byers  
Tpr(T) Crouse

Tpr(T) Currie  
Tpr(T) Dotray  
Tpr(T) Duncan  
Tpr(T) English  
Tpr(T) Erickson  
Tpr(T) Gibson  
Tpr(T) Gratto  
Tpr(T) Guignard  
Tpr(T) Guttner  
Tpr(T) Headrick  
Tpr(T) Howes  
Tpr(T) Janzen-White  
Tpr(T) Kuypers  
Tpr(T) Losier  
Tpr(T) Lutz  
Tpr(T) Marcelli  
Tpr(T) McBroom  
Tpr(T) Miller  
Tpr(T) Morgan  
Tpr(T) Park  
Tpr(T) Plamondon  
Tpr(T) Redcalf  
Tpr(T) Solverson  
Tpr(T) Spence  
Tpr(T) Sterritt  
Tpr(T) Sutherland  
Tpr(T) Sylvester  
Tpr(T) Taylor  
Tpr(T) Van Lune  
Tpr(T) Vitone Mossman  
Pte(T) Wall  
Tpr(T) Wesley  
Tpr(T) Westecott  
Tpr(T) Wittman



*Maj Gray promotes Tpr Beards during a parade.*

# Regimental Roll

## Colonel-in-Chief

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

## Colonel-of-the-Regiment

BGen (Ret'd) Hilton

## Commanding Officer

LCol Mallette

## Regimental Second-in-Command

Maj Selberg

## Regimental Sergeant Major

CWO King

## Adjutant

Capt Carter-Wright

## Commanding Officer's Secretary

Kathy Batty

## Operations Officer

Capt Simpson

## Regimental Headquarters

### Command/Operations Cell

Capt Smith MTH  
WO Williams  
Sgt Jesse  
Cpl Beauparlant  
Cpl Logan  
Cpl Henderson  
Cpl Beck  
Cpl Reynolds-Tack  
Cpl Friel  
Cpl Lapperriere  
Cpl Tanner  
Cpl Young  
MCpl Stephenson  
Cpl Long

### Regimental Orderly Room

Lt Carroll  
WO Coupal  
PO2 Smallwood  
MCpl Pickles  
MCpl Pazdor  
Cpl Paes  
Cpl deRuiter  
Cpl Julian  
Cpl Saeed  
Cpl Eckert

### Signals Troop

Capt Chou  
WO Tabernor  
Sgt Scott  
MCpl Liebe  
Cpl Hall  
Cpl Kimmel  
Cpl Crozier  
Cpl Diaz Gonzalez Shapiro  
Cpl Poole  
Cpl St. Laurent  
Cpl Smith  
Cpl Laperriere  
Cpl Tanner  
Cpl Young

### Training Cell

Capt Delaney  
WO Brister  
WO Gibson  
Sgt Sherlock-Hubbard  
Cpl Blair

### Intelligence Cell

Lt Ku  
Cpl George

## A Squadron

### Officer Commanding

Maj Hevenor

### Squadron Sergeant Major

MWO Eady

### SHQ

Lt Underwood  
Sgt Gironne  
MCpl Pecarskie  
MCpl Stender  
Cpl Briggs  
Cpl Lees  
Cpl Loiselle  
Cpl Solomon  
Cpl Wysocki  
Tpr Addison  
Tpr Losier  
Pte(B) Barkley

### 1st Troop

Lt Bond  
WO Bell  
Sgt Nancarrow  
MCpl Armstrong  
MCpl New  
Cpl Buell  
Cpl Fitzpatrick  
Cpl Genge  
Cpl Graystone

Cpl Smith  
Tpr Gratto  
Tpr Kuypers  
Tpr Lutz  
Tpr McBroom  
Pte(B) Aberle  
Pte(B) Erickson

### **2nd Troop**

Lt Haddow  
Sgt McKenzie  
Sgt Stevenson  
MCpl Marcotte  
Cpl Bockus  
Cpl Bosa  
Cpl Lagarde  
Cpl MacNeill  
Cpl Marshall  
Cpl McIntosh  
Cpl Moceton Velasquez  
Cpl Nantais  
Tpr Raynor-Thomas  
Tpr Westecott  
Pte(B) Barton  
Pte(B) Nobes

### **3rd Troop**

Lt Shki-Giizis  
WO Davidson  
Sgt Talty  
MCpl McKenzie  
Cpl Bakos  
Cpl Brown  
Cpl Cox  
Cpl Harris  
Cpl Lockhart  
Cpl Steele  
Cpl Works  
Tpr Dotray  
Tpr Gibson  
Tpr Headrick  
Tpr Redcalf  
Pte(B) Marcelli

### **Admin Troop**

Capt Hoffart  
Capt Bouvier  
2Lt German  
WO Hodgson  
Sgt Adbey  
MCpl Snowden  
Cpl Bebee  
Cpl Dunne  
Cpl Frew  
Cpl Rawson  
Tpr Craig  
Tpr Janzen-White  
Tpr Sterritt  
Pte(B) Bellamy

Pte(B) Carter  
Pte(B) Finch  
Pte(B) Hlushko  
Pte(B) Janke  
Pte(B) McLeod  
Pte(B) Smith  
Pte(B) Sylvester  
Pte(B) Weekes

### **B Squadron**

#### **Officer Commanding**

Maj Elliott

#### **Squadron Sergeant Major**

MWO Zubkowski

#### **SHQ**

Capt Danyi  
Sgt Crowe  
MCpl Vanthournout  
MCpl Kimmell  
Cpl McGowan  
Cpl Marco  
Cpl Clauson  
Cpl McKenzie  
Cpl Crackle-Skulason  
Cpl Vahey  
Pte(B) Purc

#### **1st Troop**

Lt Coxhead  
WO Romkey  
Sgt Gross  
MCpl Grubber  
Cpl Hammel  
Cpl Maisonneuve  
Cpl Gedge  
Cpl Benoit  
Cpl Vivian  
Cpl Ross  
Tpr Guignard  
Tpr Morgan  
Tpr Vitone Mossman  
Pte(B) Parker  
Pte(B) Trenholm  
Pte(B) Rutledge

#### **2nd Troop**

Lt Bennie  
WO Burris  
Sgt Bolzan  
MCpl Farquharson  
MCpl Martin  
MCpl Watson  
Cpl Rice  
Cpl Blair  
Cpl Oliviero

Tpr Park  
Tpr Spence  
Tpr Howes  
Tpr Peters  
Pte(B) Penman  
Pte(B) Miller  
Pte(B) Andrade-Meza

### **3rd Troop**

Lt Uppal  
WO Hodgson  
Sgt Young  
MCpl Oullet  
Cpl Steeves  
Cpl Knutsson  
Cpl McDonald  
Cpl Breustedt  
Cpl MacQuarrie  
Cpl Cyr  
Cpl Li  
Tpr Lafond  
Tpr Plamondon  
Pte(B) Vu  
Pte(B) Forster  
Pte(B) Parsons

### **Admin Troop**

Capt Kelly  
Lt Hmaidan  
WO Murphy  
MCpl McNeil  
MCpl St-Onge  
MCpl Elms  
MCpl Allard  
Cpl Pittman  
Cpl MacFadyen  
Cpl Brown  
Cpl Braconier  
Cpl Kentfield  
Cpl Williamson  
Cpl Guige  
Cpl Slobozian  
Cpl Feldmann  
Cpl McGee  
Cpl Wilson  
Tpr Lassell  
Tpr Van Lune  
Tpr Taylor  
Tpr Lee  
Pte(B) Sadler  
Pte(B) Gamman  
Pte(B) Warburton  
Pte(B) West  
Pte(B) Ingram  
Pte(B) MacCrimmon  
Pte(B) Wiest



## **D Squadron**

### **Officer Commanding**

Maj Vahal

### **Squadron Sergeant Major**

MWO McDougall

### **Squadron Headquarters**

Capt Colquhoun  
Capt Schofield  
WO Murdoch  
MCpl Miller  
MCpl Reymers  
MCpl Snelgrove  
Cpl Burton  
Cpl Goralchuck  
Cpl Hogan  
Cpl Jones  
Cpl Landry  
Cpl Van Dijk  
Tpr Currie  
Tpr Wesley  
Tpr Christenson  
Tpr Maher  
Tpr Orr

### **First Troop**

Lt Smith  
WO Churchill  
Sgt McQueen  
MCpl Munro  
Cpl Breau  
Cpl Cruikshank  
Cpl Payette  
Tpr Campbell  
Tpr Dingman  
Tpr Nixdorf  
Tpr Otolorin  
Tpr Ruhland  
Tpr Ruiz  
Tpr Siemens  
Tpr Wesloski  
Tpr Wittman

### **Second Troop**

Lt Clare  
Sgt Droogers  
MCpl Belliveau  
Cpl Barry  
Cpl Maw  
Tpr Baclayo  
Tpr Bailey  
Tpr Balanski  
Tpr Crouse  
Tpr Geronimo  
Tpr Heath

Tpr Kataquapit  
Tpr Solberg-Wells  
Tpr Sutherland  
Tpr Wing

### **Third Troop**

Lt Veale  
WO Peachey  
MCpl Dobson  
MCpl Foster  
Cpl Corlay-Savard  
Cpl Pearson  
Cpl Serrano  
Cpl Shemenauer  
Tpr Dickens  
Tpr Johnson  
Tpr Kelcey  
Tpr Melnyk  
Tpr Becklund  
Tpr Henderson

### **Fourth Troop**

Lt Koolman  
Sgt Hayes  
MCpl Evers  
MCpl Grewal  
MCpl Radford  
MCpl Williams  
Cpl Kelly TM  
Cpl Wright  
Tpr Clarke  
Tpr Duncan  
Tpr Ferraro  
Tpr Guilderson  
Tpr McIntyre  
Tpr Nzeyimana  
Tpr Solverson  
Tpr Taylor

### **Administration Troop**

Sgt Nieuwhof  
MCpl Kelly M  
MCpl Lonegren  
Cpl Hammond  
Cpl Miguel  
Cpl Mutia  
Cpl Sherwood  
Cpl Villiers  
Tpr Arndt-Whitfield  
Tpr Friesen  
Tpr Guttner  
Tpr Miller  
Tpr Sozansky  
Tpr Wharton

### **SQMS**

WO Pickell  
Cpl Chauhan  
Cpl Duke

## **HQ Sqn**

### **Officer Commanding**

Maj Gray

### **Squadron Sergeant Major**

MWO Clarke

### **Squadron Headquarters**

Capt Peterson  
Capt Uusoue  
Lt McBride  
Sgt Loykowski  
Cpl Gillis  
Cpl Morris  
Cpl Smith  
Cpl Worden

### **SQMS**

WO McLoughlin  
MCpl Andrews  
Cpl Steinke  
Cpl Tong

### **Transportation Troop**

Capt McGlone  
WO Hamilton  
Sgt Ferguson  
Sgt Keefe  
MCpl Fettes  
MCpl Fulljames  
Cpl Charron  
Cpl Edgson  
Cpl Engelbrecht  
Cpl Farrell  
Cpl Gilbert  
Cpl Houston  
Cpl Kelly  
Cpl Jones  
Cpl King  
Cpl Lang  
Cpl Mancini  
Cpl Rayment  
Cpl Shulba  
Cpl Taylor  
Pte(B) Dykhuizen  
Pte(B) Jackson  
Pte(B) Parsons  
Pte(B) Rodrigues De Carvalho

### **Maintenance Troop**

Capt Gélinas  
MWO Hughes  
WO Denvir  
WO Montreuil  
Sgt Broadfoot  
Sgt Lussier  
Sgt Murray

Sgt Sarraino  
 Sgt Wiscombe  
 MCpl Beaucage  
 MCpl Bishop  
 MCpl Borne  
 MCpl Bremner  
 MCpl Brousseau  
 MCpl Buaga  
 MCpl Hamilton  
 MCpl Hamilton  
 MCpl Lapid  
 MCpl McIsaac  
 MCpl Moore  
 MCpl Ottevanger  
 MCpl Page  
 MCpl Palmateer  
 MCpl Parnell  
 MCpl Simard  
 MCpl Talip  
 MCpl Wiggan  
 MCpl Wilson  
 Cpl Allen  
 Cpl Burke  
 Cpl Byrne  
 Cpl Caluori  
 Cpl Davies  
 Cpl Doerr  
 Cpl Duchesne  
 Cpl Dulong  
 Cpl Edmond  
 Cpl Geoffrion  
 Cpl Godin  
 Cpl Hurtubise  
 Cpl Kleemaier  
 Cpl Kozack  
 Cpl Lacroix  
 Cpl Lamarre  
 Cpl Lee-Savoury  
 Cpl Lepage  
 Cpl Pelletier  
 Cpl Poitras  
 Cpl Purkiss  
 Cpl Riley  
 Cpl Rutko  
 Cpl Scott  
 Cpl Skafar  
 Cpl Smith  
 Cpl To  
 Cpl Walker  
 Cpl Walker  
 Cpl Wood  
 Cpl Yoo  
 Tpr Beards  
 Pte(T) Wall  
 Pte(B) McLean  
 Pte(B) Palfrey  
 Pte(B) Zack

## Quartermaster Troop

Capt Nghi  
 MWO Biru  
 MWO Shiells  
 Sgt Dempster  
 Sgt Lafleur  
 MCpl Cicek  
 MCpl Gavriel  
 MCpl MacKenzie  
 Cpl Chaîne  
 Cpl Chapman  
 Cpl Demeulenaere III  
 Cpl Finkle  
 Cpl Guest  
 Cpl Milwain  
 Cpl Munger  
 Cpl Olaes  
 Cpl Perry  
 Cpl Phills  
 Cpl Robinson  
 Cpl Savaris  
 Cpl Sullivan  
 Cpl Tellier-Normand

## Regimental Cooks

WO Schuba  
 PO 2 Thistle  
 MCpl Jesso  
 MCpl McCabe  
 Cpl Dinh  
 Cpl Ma  
 Cpl Steele  
 Pte(R) Petherick

## Ceremonial Mounted Troop

Capt Mansour  
 Sgt Kruhlak  
 MCpl Senff  
 Cpl Annaert-van der Werf  
 Cpl Barrett  
 Cpl Blanco

Cpl Brown  
 Cpl Brown  
 Cpl Choquette  
 Cpl Cocker  
 Cpl Elliott  
 Cpl Ford  
 Cpl Gauthier  
 Cpl Gendron  
 Cpl Gillies-Smith  
 Cpl Hodgins  
 Cpl Maddison  
 Cpl Morin  
 Cpl Poitras  
 Cpl Reiter  
 Cpl Remeshylo  
 Cpl Salvador  
 Tpr Byers  
 Tpr English  
 Pte(B) LaFleur

## Regimental Accounts

2Lt Lauterbacher  
 MCpl Paquette  
 MCpl Price  
 Cpl Frizzell  
 Cpl Fujita  
 Cpl Gratton  
 Cpl Maendel

## Family Support Troop

Capt Deutschmann  
 MCpl Meaney

## Regimental Stables

Cpl Clendennin

## Regimental Museum

Capt Webster  
 Sgt Giberson

## FME/LTF

Cpl Williston  
 Cpl Durrant  
 Cpl Kalf



*Maint Troop after Ex AR/MR*



*The sun sets over Recce Squadron  
on Ex AGILE RAM II*

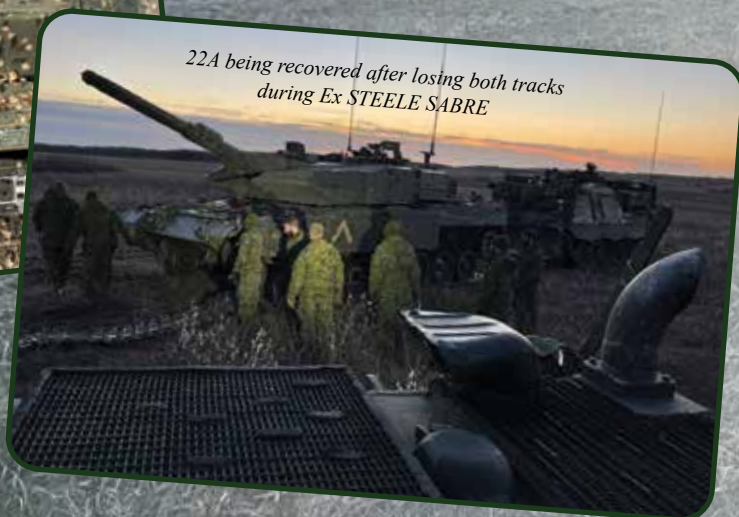


*D Sqn soldiers board a C-130J  
bound for Abbotsford, BC to form  
the Canadian Army's Vanguard  
Company for the BC Floods.*

# Squadron Articles



*21B (MCpl Gross) moving to an RV during CTCC*



*22A being recovered after losing both tracks  
during Ex STEELE SABRE*

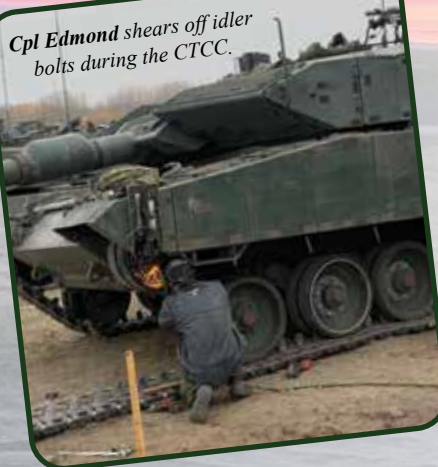


*WO Williams and WO McLoughlin raise the Camp flag during Ex MAPLE RESOLVE.*



*Lt Haddow demonstrates the best way to protect the tracks of their tank on Exercise STEELE SABRE while attached to B Sqn.*

*Cpl Edmond shears off idler bolts during the CTCC.*



*Tpr Erickson prepares sandbags in Halalt First Nation during Op LENTUS in order to protect homes from flood damage.*



*D Sqn soldiers build a sandbag wall near the Canada-US Border to prevent floodwaters from reaching the village of Huntingdon.*



## Regimental Headquarters

*Lieutenant Timothy Carroll*

While 2020 proved to be a historic year, 2021 contained no less uncertainty. Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) stepped off in stride with the rest of the Regiment during Ex AGILE RAM and Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. In addition to COVID-19, windstorms tried to deter our efforts. All of RHQ rallied with signallers, intelligence operators, and command personnel alike holding down the mod tents to save Call Sign 0. The RHQ housing tent was not so lucky. It became a casualty, flipped over, and created a two-story mod tent with B Squadron. Affectionately dubbed Hurricane Chungus, this wind storm was so destructive it probably created a generation of future Sergeants-Major with hardline views on exactly how many mod tent tie-downs are “enough.” Despite this, RHQ emerged ready to deploy in service of Canada’s interests should the call come.

Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 21 concluded in time for the annual posting season where **Maj Blake Tapp** handed off the role of Operations Officer and glorious RHQ leader to **Capt Bryce Simpson**. Likewise, **Capt Callum Smith** handed over the role of regimental Adjutant to **Capt Darren Carter-Wright**.

In addition to the annual posting season, the Regiment also witnessed a change of command. During a small ceremony at the Harvey Building at CFB Edmonton on 25 June 2021, the Strathcona family saw the end of a historic three year period of Regimental command by **LCol Eric Angell**. He led the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in 2020 in Latvia and further led LdSH(RC) through two road to high readiness cycles. The occasion allowed us to welcome the leadership of **LCol Mike Mallette** and his family. If the previous months are anything to go on, we look forward to this steadfast leadership throughout the remainder of his command.

After a well-deserved summer leave, the Regiment stepped-off into its fall Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle, which culminated with Ex STEELE SABRE 21 and the Combat Team Commander’s Course. Throughout the burst of gunnery, driver and crew commander courses, the Ops bubble under

**WO Laki Christopolous** and **WO Jeffery Gibson** ensured the thankless work of inputting and accrediting the qualifications was completed. Concurrently, RHQ prepared to fight the forest fires in British Columbia, adhering to the proud army tradition of “getting on the bus” then “getting off the bus”. Although the deployment to British Columbia did not materialise in the summer, the Regiment did have to contend with a greater threat: knapweed. One week prior to deploying to the field, we lost the long-time Strathcona home of Peregrine 9 in Wainwright to noxious knapweed, forcing an irritated Operations Warrant, **WO Matt Williams**, to rejig a month of planning within a week.

Through the menace of fires and knapweed, Ex STEELE SABRE 21 and the field component of PCF was successfully launched. Facing down a terrifyingly low vehicle operational readiness rate, LdSH(RC) successfully qualified a new serial of combat team commanders. RHQ acted as call sign zero for the battlegroup under the studious watch of **Capt Harry Delaney**, a man

*Tech support Capt Steve “Scuba” Chou Sigs O  
fixes a laptop during Ex MAPLE RESOLVE*







who demonstrated enough personalities over the radio to rival the Genie from Disney's Aladdin. In addition to setting up the command post, the reigning Sig O **Capt Steve "Scuba" Chou** still conspires to stand up an armoured signal troop, but the initiative is still in the same place as it was when the RHQ article was last written in the previous year. Regardless, this is understandable since the Sig O's time was spent distributing Wifi passwords while in the field. To their benefit, call sign zero was spared the presence of the Assistant Adjutant **Lt Tim Carroll**. He was thankfully elected as the regiment's annual sacrifice to 3 Canadian Division Training in Wainwright to instead run courses.

After a flurry of post-exercise drills and CF 98s, there was not much time for rest as the Regiment went right into training to re-qualify soldiers on marksmanship, gas mask use, and fitness. True to 2021's character, this was quickly disrupted. The year ended with a snap deployment to British Columbia as a part of Op LENTUS 21-06 to combat the floods. Within days, RHQ deployed to Aldergrove, BC, and formed the Land Task Force HQ. RHQ coordinated the efforts of Strathcona's assisting with flood mitigation, including the quick action of the RHQ

signallers who ironically saved a local Navy transmitter station from the rising water. After the long days, we returned to our squatter's village and set up in the 192 Construction Engineer Flight woodshop.

Although things hardly went as expected this year, even to the point of being bizarre, RHQ and the rest of the Strathcona's adapted and rose to the challenges. There is nothing more to say on the matter other than: Perseverance.

*The destructive effects of Hurricane Chungus during Ex AGILE RAM*



*RHQ Picking up the pieces after Hurricane Chungus.*

*LCol Mallette escorts The Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with JTFP Commander Rear Admiral Tophsee while inspecting the flood response near Clayburn village, B.C.*







## A Squadron Cirque du Sol

*Lieutenant Cameron Bond*



*MCpl Pecarskie operates the radio during Ex AGILE RAM 2*

2021 was a year in which the agility of A Squadron was tested. After persevering through the rigours of life in Camp COVID, and brushing off the Great Centurion Windstorm of '21, the Squadron executed Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 21/AGILE RAM 21. The exercise was a success, and the soldiers of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) at large had the opportunity to once again be (less literally, compared to the wind storm) blown away by the awesome firepower of the Leopard 2's 120mm cannon in combined arms settings in the badlands of the Wainwright Training Area. After the exercise, the Squadron returned to Edmonton to conduct post exercise drills and handovers as the Annual Posting Season came around.

The Squadron's next bound was as an Immediate Response Unit (IRU) as the Strathcona's got used to the newest and (literally) least cool meteorological phrase to hit Western Canada: the

heat dome. A Squadron soldiers prepared to do their part to

help Canadians on Operation LENTUS. Operation LENTUS is the Canadian Armed Forces response to natural disasters in Canada, and an exceptionally hot summer saw plenty of these as wildfires became the norm in large swathes of British Columbia. With the situation worsening and more of British Columbia burning in late August, A Squadron had to back off of Exercise STEELE SABRE 2021 and Combat Team Commander Course (CTCC) commitments in order to prioritize the needs of our disaster-stricken neighbours.

Even as members of the Strathcona's were about to board buses to take them to the fires, the IRU deployment was called off. With temperatures breaking, the Squadron stood down and leadership looked to continue to the next task. They didn't need to look far as much of the Squadron was loaned to B Squadron to fill their ranks as they took over the Ex STEELE SABRE 2021 and CTCC tasks previously set aside to prepare to fight fires.

During Ex STEELE SABRE 2021, A Squadron personnel worked with B Squadron to ensure Regimental success in a variety of ways. From locating and conducting thorough reconnaissance on local swamps (shout-out to **Lt Robert "This is my Swamp" Haddow**), to demonstrations of how to mount implements onto the Leopard 2 from **WO Mark Bell**. Imparting knowledge and supporting our B Squadron colleagues, A Squadron personnel benefitted from extra drills, traces, and professional development. Throughout, A Squadron supplemented B Squadron's ranks with crew commanders and crews, allowing B Squadron to take full advantage of an uncommonly large amount of functioning tanks.

After the Thanksgiving long weekend, A Squadron deployed to Wainwright to support the CTCC as Opposition Forces (OPFOR). The CTCC is a course in which senior army Captains and Majors become qualified to lead a combat team attack. A Squadron found itself split into two elements, one supporting B Squadron and one filling the ranks of the OPFOR under **Maj Nathan "Heart of the Shenanigan" Hevenor**. Donning woodland camouflage and devious looking facial hair, the majority of A Squadron



*A Sqn troops prepare to make a valiant last stand against the tanks of the Combat Team Commanders Course.*

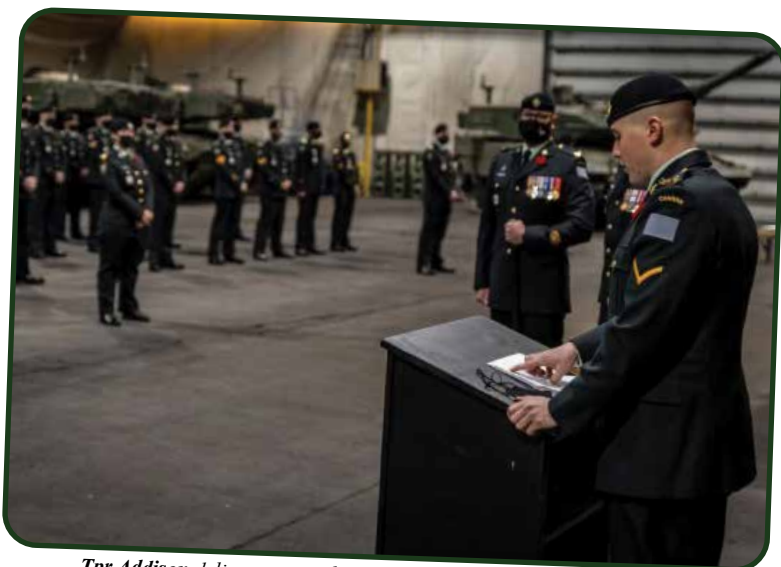
troops rode out to offer battle to Leopard 2s of B Squadron. Sadly, the OPFOR lost every 'battle', though there was solace to be found in the fact that many of the troop leaders and soldiers in B Squadron tanks were, in fact, A Squadron the whole time. The training of the next generation of leaders achieved, and the Squadron reunited, busses were mounted and A Squadron returned to Edmonton.

The Squadron settled into the task of conducting yearly Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS) for the Regiment. The IBTS are designed as a series of refresher training courses and evaluations intended to ensure the maintenance of key soldier skills. The Squadron was set to have the entire Regiment qualified on their IBTS remits, maintaining essential soldier skills including marksmanship, fitness, and the ability to operate in all environments. The situation rapidly changed as the province of British Columbia called on the stout hearts of the Strathcona's for aid.

BC was ravaged by the high waters brought on by atmospheric rivers with devastation on a scale previously unseen in the history of Canadian natural disasters. The Squadron joined a lightning-fast Regimental effort by staging out of Vernon, BC for IRU tasks. After a short speech from the Brigade Commander roughly outlining the situation, the Regiment left Edmonton with haste to cross the mountains.

Reorganized into two platoons, the Squadron arrived in Vernon as part of the second follow on force. Staging in the Vernon Cadet Camp, the Squadron set about finding ways to help the population. 8 Platoon, under **Lt Rob Haddow** was tasked to help the town of Princeton while 7 Platoon, under **Lt Cam Bond** was designated the Regimental Quick Reaction Force (QRF). It wasn't long before the QRF was launched onto Vancouver Island, where they immediately began to help First Nations communities prepare for floods by sandbagging homes and significant cultural sites. **WO Mark** "*That raincloud is kind of sus*" **Bell's** knowledge of HESCO deployment played a direct role in securing the Cowichan Tribes' Longhouse against the imminent floods. As flood waters receded, A Squadron quickly returned to Edmonton with the promise of winter vacation.

It's been quite the year for the Strathcona's high readiness tank squadron, with plenty to be proud of and many lessons learned. While we look at this year of triumph and turbulence, we can be proud to say that we have done our duty to the people of Canada, and remained ready to do the same for our NATO commitments.



*Tpr Addison delivers a speech at the A Sqn Remembrance Day parade.*



## B Squadron

*Lieutenant Uppal, Corporal Macquarrie, Trooper Parsons*

Well, 2021 was a bit of rollercoaster with the brakes blown off and B Squadron did its best to hold on. Despite the ups and down throughout the year, B Squadron did an excellent job of taking these events in stride and smashing Regimental requirements out of the park.

The year began with **Lt Charles “Chuck” Bennie** and **Sgt Kevin Crowe** organizing an Air Assault training exercise in conjunction with 408 THS. The exercise was a great opportunity for soldiers to learn and master helicopter mounting and dismounting drills along with basic dismounted winter maneuver. Valuable lessons were learned, including the fact that **Cpl Mike “Rambo” Vahey** should probably be taught some basic fire control and section attack drills before being asked to conduct one. Although reacting well under pressure, some additional instruction might have resulted in the section’s ammo not being expended in under 2 minutes. Nevertheless, all participants gained valuable experience and were successful in vanquishing the mighty Arianian enemy force consisting of a 1x **WO Matt “Viral Celebrity” Williams**.

March saw many members of B Squadron picking up their weapons and getting some good hands on training and refreshers on TOET’s along with lots of time to practice drills in the B Squadron hangar. All this dry training culminated in an extensive shooting package delivered by **Sgt Droogers**, **WO Churchill** and **WO Aaron “I’m Running out of Medal Space” Hodgins**. All participants received excellent training with C8’s along with the rare opportunity to train with pistols and shotguns.

With some good shooting down range, the Squadron moved on to prepare for Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 21 and Ex AGILE RAM (AR) 2, when the opportunity to completely annihilate A Squadron’s combat team was stolen from under our noses. Undeterred, the Squadron pressed on with deployment to Wainwright for Ex AR2 and commenced the range build for the Level 5 live fire, including the construction of the largest and most detailed map model ever in Wainwright, completed thanks to the tireless efforts of **Capt Shea “Flowforger” McGlone** and the other Troop leaders in the Squadron. The hard work from all Squadron members was consistently rewarded by the kitchen staff with delicious meals from *Shuba’s Flying Kitchen*. Tempo was good and morale was high, perhaps too high, consequently triggering the SSM’s weather machine resulting in a storm now dubbed as *Ex MODULAR RAM*, with hurricane level winds tearing apart the camp; cots, kit, mod tents and personnel alike caught some air time. Although mostly destructive, the storm allowed for **Cpl Mitch “Too Many Patches” McKenzie** to earn his jump qualification. Once consolidated after the storm, the troops did an excellent job of reconstructing the camp and carrying on with the exercise. By the end of the exercise, B Squadron had exceeded expectations and the Level 5 range was a huge success. All members involved had something to be proud of and made the regiment proud.

*B Sqn deployed on Exercise STEELE SABRE*







*B Sqn in Princeton, BC celebrating the Padre's birthday*

After a short break from the PCF courses and a well-earned summer leave, B Squadron redeployed to Wainwright in order to participate in Ex STEELE SABRE 2021. The exercise was based out of Peregrine-12, offering the troops a welcome change from the wind-swept wastelands of Centurion Field. Several days of preparation went into getting the exercise underway including camp setup and much needed vehicle maintenance. The aim of the exercise was not only to achieve a Level 3 live range, but to ensure everyone and everything was ready and in place for the commencement of the Combat Team Commander's Course, which would come immediately after. With all this work going on, the troops needed some form of entertainment and consequently, the wasp zoo was born. Considered by some

to be a world class attraction, this simple Gatorade bottle kept a surprisingly large amount of soldiers amused for the duration of the exercise. The ranges overall however, offered newly qualified members the opportunity to put into practice all that they had learned over the previous weeks and to sharpen those skills in a squadron level effort. In spite of the inevitable obstacles the VOR presented, the ranges and exercise as a whole were a success.

With stomachs full of turkey and a fresh new "go get 'em" attitude, the Combat Team Commander's Course kicked off. B Squadron was joined by 1 PPCLI, 1 CER and elements of RCHA to form the combat team that would assist in qualifying the next generation of leaders in the CAF. From start to finish



*MCpl Martin filling sandbags in Princeton, BC*

we saw early mornings and late nights, running no less than three candidates through a day. Fueled by Monster energy drinks, nicotine and a suspiciously large amount of \$2 hot dogs, the troops set out to notionally destroy the enemy and on occasion, actually destroy our own vehicles. Some took it upon themselves to set new standards in destruction as exemplified by **WO Andrew "No Bravo Needed" Burris** sheering of enough metal on a hidden run-up to create a brand new Leopard. Although most soldiers were focused on the destruction of the enemy, some Troop Leader's decided to try an alternate route and gather intelligence from the local population. Undoubtedly, the information collected by **Lt Cam "I**

**am the Bravo Now" Bond** from chatting with the cows led to the rapid destruction of the Arianan forces in the AO. Although there were some tough long days, the exciting AAR's provided from BBC Radio's very own EXCON-9er were a consistent source of joy and morale for the soldiers. Without so much as a single failure, all of the candidates made it through on schedule and were on their merry way back to their home units. After almost two months of being in the field, it was finally time to pack up and go home, this time for good, or was it? With tempo winding down for Christmas block leave, the call came – the Regiment was to GO WEST!



*B Sqn chaining sandbags in Princeton, BC*



## D Squadron

### The Sun Sets on Recce Squadron and Rises on Cav Squadron

*Lieutenant Colin Clare and Lieutenant Sheldon Smith*



*Callsign 44 prepares for the level 3 live fire shoot.*

The last winter for Recce Squadron ended like most others, packed with courses and training. TAPV DRWS 40mm, 25mm gunnery for both the LAV and Coyote were among the courses being instructed. The Squadron completed its January-March PCF cycle and deployed on Ex STEELE BULLSEYE 21 gun camp to qualify their soldiers in the normal and expected frigid temperatures.

Coming back from a well-deserved rest over March Break, Recce Squadron deployed to its last Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 21. There was the normal Recce Squadron antics while working for the Brigade. **Maj Dan “Scouts Out” Gray** allowed **Capt Thom “Lost but Making Good Time” Gray** (a British Army exchange officer) to take over the Squadron, and get entirely turned around in the badlands attempting to find the BC. Upon arrival, **Capt Matt “Where am I Right Now” Hoffart** emerged from the Bison, and it was plain he had slept so little that there was concern SHQ might have gone rogue. The truth is they just passed on the wrong grid. Some mildly expired IMP choco-bars were then eaten and the Squadron got back at it shortly after. Honourable mention to **Lt Scott “Perma**

**Balaclava” Veale** basically refusing to sleep anywhere but the back of the coyote with a headset on, for fear that he might miss the means at 0355hrs when someone whispered “61”.

Ex AGILE RAM 21 was a live fire range integrating TAPVs, Coyotes, and LAVs into the first look at Cavalry movement, conducting Hasty Attacks. The Squadron conducted level 3 and Level 4 ranges by day and night. In the middle of a night iteration of a level 4, when attempting to make their way through a breach (that in fact did not exist) 1x **Tpr Cody “Breacher Up!” Nixdorf** was deployed to single handedly breach the obstacle so the squadrons attack could continue. This was largely unsuccessful until the arrival of safety staff who assisted the overmatched Trooper.

The Squadron returned to the Regiment at the end of May after a long spring deployed. June marked the change of Recce Squadron and its historic legacy to the new Cavalry centric D Squadron. During the parade for the change of command of the Officer Commanding and Sergeants Major, the transition to D Squadron also carried out. As parting gifts, the outgoing OC and SSM gave the soldiers of the last Recce Squadron a commemorative coin, a poster and a lighter to mark their role in its final chapter.



*Cpt Reymers loads young chickens into a carrier so they can be moved to safety.*

*Photo: Jonathan Hayward, Canadian Press*





Shortly after the return from a pleasant summer break, so began the first exercise for the new Cavalry Squadron. D Squadron surged out to Wainwright to conduct the PCF Gun Camp, Ex STEELE SABRE 21, and the Armoured Crew Commander course. The weather was clear and beautiful for most of the exercise, with only a few bouts of rain. This made for clear shooting for the TAPV DRWS 40mm and 25mm Coyote qualification ranges. Once the PCF qualifications were completed, D Squadron rolled into Ex STEELE SABRE.



*D Sqn soldiers create sandbags as part of flood relief for the Chawathil First Nation, near Hope, B.C.*

The goal of Ex STEELE SABRE was twofold for D Squadron: firstly, the Squadron sought to qualify to level 3 on Range 25. The second major goal of D Squadron was to experiment and develop new practices cavalry doctrine. This was done through dry training both as a troop and squadron – including a day of convoy escorts with 1 Service Battalion. Ultimately these lessons learned will be passed on and help shape the new Cavalry doctrine and the transition from Recce.

As the Squadron returned home after nearly two months

in the field, it came time to clean up and prepare for soldiers to renew their Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS). Soldiers would renew their qualifications on their service rifles, CBRN knowledge, and prove their operational fitness in the Combat FORCE Test. This plan would be cut short as record rainfall overwhelmed levies in the lower mainland. D Squadron was called out to form the vanguard of the Army's response to the BC floods.

Rifles were turned in for shovels and sandbags as soldiers boarded C-130s bound for Abbotsford, BC. D Squadron would become instrumental in being the city's eyes on the ground, recceing areas affected by flooding. As with all floods, soldiers built sandbag walls to protect communities such as Chewathil First Nation, Huntington and Clayburn Villages, and reinforcements to the Sumas Dike and critical Barrowtown pump station itself. As the (relatively) warm BC weather turned to torrential rain, water levels that had receded rose yet again. Despite the huge rainfall and breach of the levies opposite the border, the communities D Squadron helped to reinforce were saved. In recognition of D Squadron's efforts, we received thanks from the local residents, the Mayor of Abbotsford, and the Prime Minister himself.



*D Sqn Soldiers are ferried into a flooded farm in Abbotsford, BC, to save 30 000 chickens.  
Photo: CTV News*





## Headquarters Squadron

*Captain Mike Uusoue*

Headquarters Squadron has seen another busy year filled with new challenges and opportunities. The Squadron continued to deal with the difficulties posed by a global pandemic, but still ensured that several major exercises and a domestic operation were completed successfully. This year saw the handover of the Squadron from **Maj Mike Timms** to **Maj Dan Gray** assuming the position of Officer Commanding, with **MWO Ben Holmes** handing over the position of Headquarters Sergeant Major to **MWO James Clarke**.



*Capt Brown and MCpl Veltmeyer seek shelter from the Great Hailstorm of '21*

The year started with the usual preparation for courses and exercises. Maintenance Troop worked diligently to fix tanks for the upcoming Ex MAPLE RESOLVE, as well as work to integrate their team with A and Recce Squadrons. When asked about how many tanks he would have up for the exercise, Maintenance Officer/Weatherman **Capt Mitch "Forecast" Brown** began solving calculus equations and shrugged.

Upon deployment to Wainwright, the Squadron ensured support across a wide area of operations supporting the two high readiness Squadrons' needs while assisting B Squadron with their camp and range build. At this time, the Squadron's first (but not last) natural disaster of the year struck with the great Hailstorm of 2021.

Up in Peregrine 9 maintenance hurriedly tarped pulled power packs while dodging golf ball sized hail. Luckily, their tents (for the most part) remained standing.

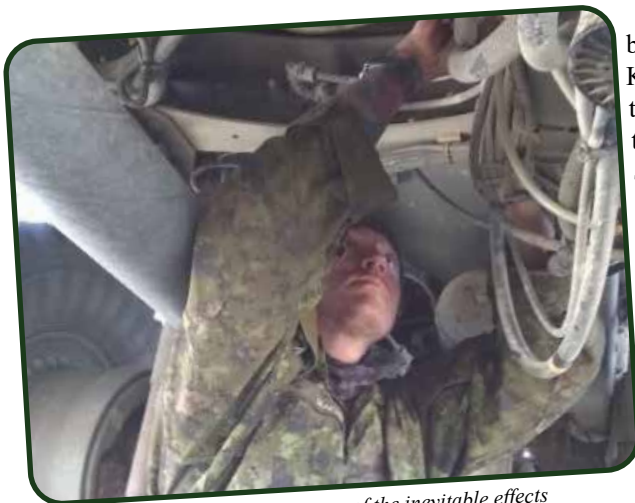
The same could not be said for the Headquarters elements in the south camping on the tree-free centurion field. The SQMS tent was seen flying across the Great Canadian Plains, although they did achieve some internet fame. This minor set-back did not discourage the Squadron, who ensured that the Regiment was well supported throughout the exercise and subsequent Battlegroup level ranges.

Back from the field, the Squadron quickly moved into post-ex drills, and welcomed the arrival of numerous new characters. **Capt Shea "Never Won a Bet" McGlone** and **WO James Hamilton** took over the keys of the illustrious Transport Kingdom. While maintenance saw the addition of **Capt Frank "Skincare" Gelinas** and **MWO Shawn Hughes**. Meanwhile, yours truly continued the tradition of Administrative Officers holding the position for a good time, not a long time, by promptly handing the position back to **Capt Eric Giajnorio** 2 days after arriving to the Squadron.

As fall approached, so did two more major field exercises in Wainwright. The Squadron supported the Regiment through Ex STEELE SABRE 21, and then a full Battle Group during the Combat Team Commander's Course. The Squadron



*Cpl Worden (SQ Shop) supports the Sqn's requirements on Ex STEELE SABRE by creating a ruler from another ruler.*



*Cpl Machin repairs some of the inevitable effects of bush bashing an MSVS.*

broke in a new camp at Airfield 21 after learning of a Knapweed infestation in Peregrine 9, and soon grew to enjoy the gym and semi-permanent structures in the camp.

The SQMS **WO Stewart McLoughlin** over saw the implementation of a new automated supply system, with the “Wheel of Service” letting SQ Reps know that “It’s in the ADREP”. Meanwhile, Transport Troop remained vigilant protecting the Seacan Gym from local looters.

As the Regiment returned from the field, TQ **MWO Kenny Shiells** spearheaded the Squadron’s NDWCC charity initiative. Maintenance troop took this task on hand and offered tire changes during Op DIRTY HANDS. **MCpl Sean Hamilton**

oversaw the traditional slinging of hotdogs while the

remainder of the troop prepared the Regiment’s cars for the winter. Meanwhile, the Transport Officer once again said goodbye to his glorious mane of hair, receiving a buzz cut for charity.

As things began to return to a sense of normalcy in late November, Mother Nature had other ideas. A Request for Assistance arrived in from British Columbia. The province had been hit by torrential rains and floods, with multiple more forecasted over the coming days. After a googling “what is an atmospheric river” the Squadron took off west by plane, train, and automobile, with everyone prepared to do their part in helping the people of BC.

This IRU presented several new challenges for the Squadron. HQ was required to support 5 different Companies as far west as Vancouver Island and as far east as Vernon, BC. As a result the Squadron was split in 2 parts, with many members stepping

up into roles well above their rank and position. The soldiers in HQ met this challenge head on, with everyone offering unique skillsets. **MCpl Joshua Rourke** and **Cpl Thomas Morris**

set up Helicopter

Landing Zones in Vernon allowing for fast movement across the wide Area of Operations, while **Sgt John Keefe** tactically acquired a motor pool of vehicles in Abbotsford for use in sandbagging operations.

Upon return from IRU, the Squadron went home to take a well-deserved Christmas Leave, with a consensus that this was the busiest year the Squadron has seen in years. Regardless, the soldiers of Headquarters Squadron were more than capable of the task.



*The SQ Shop trials a new self-serve system in order to enhance COVID-19 Force Health Protection Measures during the Combat Team Commander’s Course.*

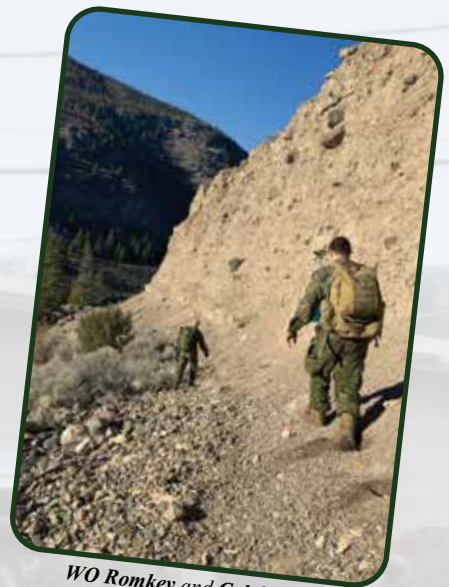


*Padre Deutschmann loads up his kit for travel to Vancouver Island on Op LENTUS*





Regimental Sergeant Major **CWO Kevin King** receives his vaccine dose as part of Op VECTOR.



**WO Romkey** and **Cpl Oliverio** conducting a dismantled recon of possible bypass routes along Highway 8 after the majority of the road washed out.

# Operations

The result of a full day's work in Princeton, BC



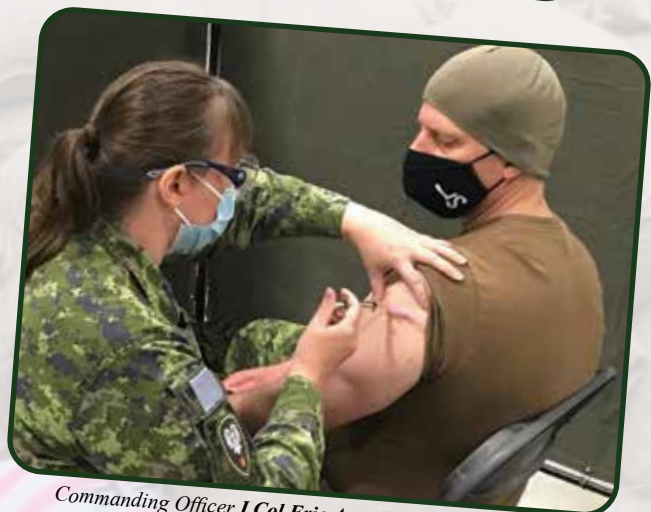
Soldiers from A Sqn begin filling Sandbags in Princeton, BC



**Major Stephen Wright** testing the temperature of the Aegean Sea.



A tray of vaccine vials during Op VECTOR



Commanding Officer **LCol Eric Angell** receives his vaccine dose as part of Op VECTOR.



## Op LASER and VECTOR

*Captain Miles Smith*

Having defeated the Arianians more times in recent memory than seems reasonable, the Strathcona's were on the hunt for a worthy opponent in 2021. Fortunately, COVID-19 stepped up to the plate and provided a challenge that only quality staff work and dedicated soldiers could solve. Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 21 set the stage. Not only were the Arianians back on Atropian soil, but COVID-19 was mounting a renewed attack in the province of Alberta. Following a successful defence in 2020, it was time for the Regiment to go on the counterattack, vanquishing the Arianians with tanks and COVID-19 with vaccines. The challenge would prove to not be easy. Put your helmets (masks?) on and prepare for a story of triumph.

Immediately after crossing the LD and deploying to Wainwright, the plan suffered a potentially fatal blow. A Squadron discovered that COVID-19 had potentially infiltrated their ranks, forcing 50 soldiers to isolate and prevent any possible spread. Much like George Washington during the Continental Army's winter at Valley Forge, **WO Mark "1st Tp RSM" Bell** guided the half squadron through ten days of isolation with Germany stories and one-liners, and the half squadron emerged healthy and ready to fight. Being wary of **Sgt Arthur "sup bro?" McKenzie** working out shirtless almost constantly, COVID-19 didn't dare approach the encamped force.

Meanwhile, **Capt Stephen "Freedom Ranch" Couture** was preparing the final spreadsheets and map diagrams to deploy the counter moves Force: vaccination. Having devised a plan to accomplish the herculean task of inoculating literally everyone deployed on the Army's largest exercise in three days, a crack team of 15 B Squadron soldiers deployed to Wainwright make this happen. Thus began the Regiment's support to Op VECTOR, the Canadian Armed Forces' effort to aid in vaccine distribution. The Regiment was tasked with controlling the movement of 1800 personnel through the clinic, which, needless to say, went smoother than the inside of a Leopard 2 barrel. Together, Health Services Clinic Edmonton and LdSH(RC) worked to provide timely access to vaccines. Although the threat of COVID-19 persisted through the end of 2021, Strathcona support to Op LASER and Op VECTOR ensured that the conditions were set to focus on defeating the traditional enemy of the Regiment: Arianians. No one knows what the future holds for the ever changing COVID-19 situation, however, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Regiment's soldiers and officers rest assured we're moving in the right direction.



*A commemorative plaque from the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) contingent that aided Canadian Forces Health Services Group in delivering vaccines.*



# Operation LENTUS 21-06

## The Regiment in Action

*Captain Matthew Hoffart*



*Tpr Addison filling Hesco to protect against rising flood waters.*

The past year saw multiple almost deployments on a domestic operation (called an Operation LENTUS) that kept the Regiment in a perpetual state of high readiness to support Canadians in a crisis. In February, as the standing Immediate Response Unit (IRU) Vanguard Company, Recce Squadron was prepared to deploy to the Canada / USA border in Southern Alberta as border crossings reopened during the ongoing pandemic. After two days of rapid preparations to deploy in support of Canadian Borders Services Agency (CBSA) and the Canadian Red Cross the task was reduced from a Squadron effort to a single individual – **Lt Scott Veale**. **Lt Veale** worked with Army Reserve (ARes) counterparts to help coordinate contracting arrangements to ensure that COVID testing was delivered at the border crossing in Coutts, Alberta.

Following a high tempo spring training period for the majority of the Regiment, summer leave was upon everyone. At the same time, and after a brief reprieve from significant forest fires in 2020, British Columbia (BC) experienced a formidable challenge as the province fought fires and experienced destruction in one of the worst wildfire seasons on record. In response, the BC government submitted a Request for Assistance (RFA) to the federal government in July asking for military support to add to their already sizable contingent of fire fighters. Soldiers from within 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) and the ARes deployed on Operation LENTUS to assist in getting the wildfire situation under control. As September approached it became apparent that the fires were not letting up and a relief of the current forces in place was required. A Squadron was tasked to lead a composite IRU Company comprised of soldiers from across the Regiment to deploy on the fire line.

In the span of two weeks a flurry of activity took place. The A Squadron Battle Captain conducted all of the planning and coordination required to handover all current training plans to B Squadron while also crafting the plan to deploy to BC and fight fires. The IRU Company was formed under the command of A Squadron leadership and immediately launched into final preparations for an imminent deployment. All soldiers underwent S100M training, a military specific course that trains soldiers to work on a fire line under the supervision of certified wild land fire fighters.

Concurrently, all individual and Company equipment was consolidated, inspected, and packed. As the end of August approached, a deployment date was set for 30 August, with an advance party departing on the 29th. Suddenly, and to the surprise of many, direction was issued on 28 August that the IRU Company was no longer required, all less than 24 hours before the advance party was to depart.

As the COVID situation in Alberta deteriorated throughout September news articles began discussing the possibility of a military deployment into Alberta hospitals to alleviate the strain on select Intensive Care Units. Unsure of what the request would be, if one materialized, A Sqn again prepared for a possible domestic operation. In the end CAF nurses from across the country deployed and no members of LdSH(RC) were required.

After a busy year, the Regiment entered into its final training events to take place prior to Christmas leave. With almost no warning BC faced another massive natural disaster – flooding, mudslides,



*Sgt Brown (left, 1 CER) instructs Lt Haddow (center, LdSH(RC)) and Lt Midgley (right, 1 CER) on the proper construction of the sandbag dike.*



and other crises caused by extreme precipitation. An RFA was rapidly submitted and the federal government immediately activated its most trusted army unit to respond on short notice. On 17 November a small reconnaissance group led by the Commanding Officer, **LCol Michael Mallette** and the Regimental Sergeant Major, **CWO Kevin King** abruptly departed for BC. Within 24 hours, half of D Squadron with augmentation from HQ Squadron deployed into Abbotsford, BC on a military transport. By 19 November, the remainder of D Squadron was flown into BC to assist with flood mitigation efforts. In a highly memorable situation D Squadron rescued 30,000 chickens in one day and in doing so preserved a farmers livelihood. At the same time, the remainder of the Regiment was mobilized a prepared to deploy by convoy into BC. After spending the weekend conducting deployment drills A, B, and HQ Squadron conducted a road move from Edmonton to Vernon, BC with every running vehicle in the Regiment. All soldiers brought immense credit to the Regiment and CAF as they conducted a series of emergency tasks to include:

- Rebuilding a dike to halt significant flooding
- Protecting personal homes and municipal infrastructure with sandbag walls
- Working with the Royal Canadian Air Force to fly essential supplies to cut off areas
- Assisting Indigenous communities with flood mitigation measures
- Reconnaissance of roads across southern BC to confirm usability
- Assisting with local livestock (saving 30 000 chickens!)
- Clearing debris to assist municipal contractors to start recovery operations

This ended the year for all soldiers on an incredibly busy but equally satisfying note.



*Capt Bouvier, WO Hodgson, and Maj Hevenor receive an engraved shovel from Mr Spencer Coyne, the Mayor of Princeton, BC, in appreciation for 5 full days of flood mitigation.*



*A Sqn, 7 Pl was on 60min NTM and ended up deploying by air from Vernon to Vancouver Island when their support was required on short notice.*

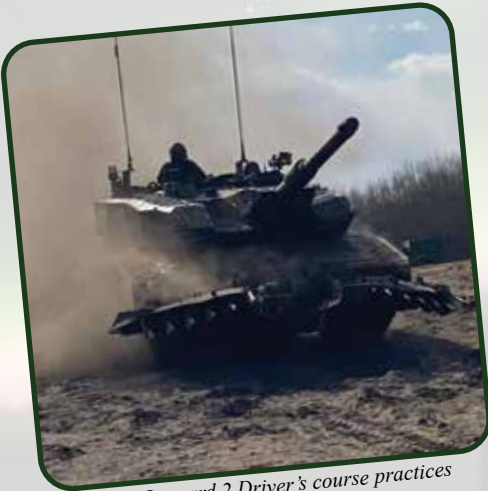




*Commanders bring out their Night Vision Goggles as they prepare for night ranges.*



*Lt Underwood (then WO) inspects his hearty can of soup.*



*The Leopard 2 Driver's course practices the use of the mine plow.*



*The sun sets over Camp Neatby during setup.*



*SSM (WO Murphy), Cpl Vivian, Cpl Feldman prep Hot-dogs under the light of the ARV in the leaguer at Centurion Field.*



*Students take the trace.*

# Training

*Aurora borealis at Camp Wright.*

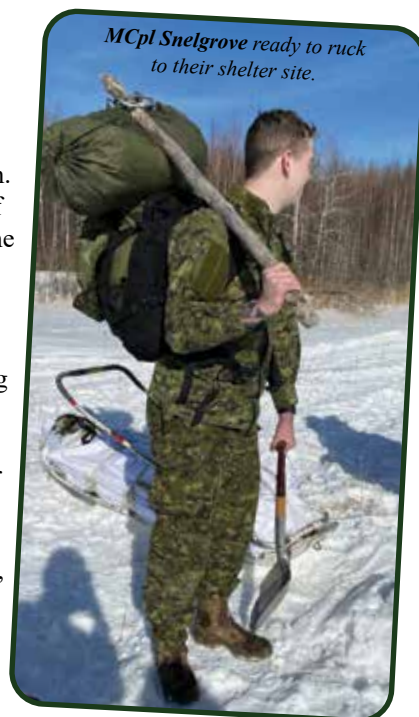


## Ex STEELE WINTER

*Master Corporal Andrew Lonegren and Lieutenant Scott Veale*

In early March 2021, roughly a year after COVID Force Protection Measures were in place, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) bravely stepped out into the unseasonably warm, almost Gagetown-like winter, for some winter warfare and adventure training. As is tradition, Recce Squadron (as it was known then) took the bold move and pushed north, leaving both A and B Squadron's to play in the snow in Edmonton. Recce Squadron was led by its Fighting 3rd Tp, which included many of the activities lined up by **MCpl Andrew "Lonny" Lonegren** that kept the Troops active and entertained.

Commencement began as each serial of the Squadron would arrive shortly after 1000hrs on their day to our beautiful abode at Camp Wright, outside Athabasca, AB. After a short camp brief, all participating members were to be whisked through a line to receive their issuance of survival equipment; not all before making public display of the spring-time and summer weather boots of some members turning out for winter weather activities and survival. Shortly thereafter, the Troops began training by use of stands-based briefs to prepare and ready them for the frosty night ahead. The stands were based off of the 'pattern of survival', and included such lessons as shelter-building (lean-to style), snaring and food preparation, emergency survival signals, and of course, fire building and demo. Reality began to dawn on the soldiers as **Capt Leon "Alpha dog" Van Heerden** detailed some of the very real mortal issues they will be facing while out surviving. Scared, but not incapacitated, some much needed confidence was injected into them after seeing the medics **Cpl Kelsey "Came for Comfort" Conohan**, and **Cpl Pascale "Fire-starter" Veillette** spark up a fire, on video as proof.



*MCpl Snelgrove ready to ruck to their shelter site.*



*Tpr Wittman tending the fire.*

Once briefs and prep were out of the way, there was not much left to do but to cast the survivors out for a much needed gut-check. Deploying for a short trek out to the release point, the troops conducted a nice and sweaty march, complete with toboggans and emergency supplies. Shortly thereafter, settling into the respective survival sites the Troops were left to fend for themselves, learning what worked, and what didn't when it comes to the planning and building for winter survival. As some of these junior members were literally posted in the day prior to deployment, there was plenty of room for mistakes to be made as this is likely their first time in the military under 'no' supervision. **Tpr Matt "I'll try my best" Lafond** learned about mid-night fires on both his sleeping gear

AND his shelter and the fun involved in dealing with

that. While **Tpr Chris "I was letting them dry out" Dickens** learned a hard lesson about what happens to wet boots overnight when you leave them to their own devices in the cold.

All in all, some much needed R+R for the soldiers was had in the form of ice cold beers and some challenging fun. Hopefully, as Force Protection Measures ease, other Squadrons can all participate, passing along laughs and memories with D Squadron (as always) leading the way. Until next time!



## Ex UNIFIED RESOLVE

*Captain Steve Chou*

Of the myriad of exercises that the Regiment participates in, there are few where the Regiment has a full complement of Leopard tanks. However, Exercise UNIFIED RESOLVE 2021 was one that it did. Due to some signals and simulation magic, and without the help of the former Maintenance Officer, the Regiment managed to force generate a whopping 59 tanks and crews to fight the virtual battle. Two of those virtual tanks were allocated to Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) but despite numerous requests from the Signal Officer, **Capt Steve “Armoured Signals” Chou** to the Regimental Operations Officer, **Maj Lyle “Blake” Tapp**, Signal Troop did not get to employ tanks as beefed-up command post vehicles, even as make-believe.

On a brighter note, 19 of the imaginary tanks were allocated to an imaginary C Squadron, which was spontaneously resurrected to participate in the exercise this year. RHQ also brought back the employment of Armoured Soldiers in Sig Tp which saw **Cpls Reagan Henderson, Jeffrey Landry, Samuel Laperriere, and Codey Young** frantically logging the traffic of the virtual battle. Meanwhile, in command of A, B, and C Squadrons was **Capt Kai Keewatin**, who could now brag that he has served in every fighting squadron at the Regiment.

Enabling the 59 tanks to their full fighting potential, the Intelligence Officer, **Lt John Ku** kept the RHQ staff up to date with the most current enemy situation on the Regimental Space Board. As a side note, the Space Board was named by the Regimental Operations Warrant Officer, **WO Stewart “Where is my Wi-Fi?” McLoughlin**, as the map board used to track the battle resembled stars in space. Anyways, given the variety of enemy symbols on the Space Board, the Intelligence Officer resorted to hand-drawn symbols to track enemy positions. This amused **LCol Eric Angell, Maj Matthew Johns**, and the Plans Officer, **Capt Stephen Couture** when the enemy air defence section symbol resembled a sad face.

All the enjoyment in the exercise was nearly cut short when **Sgt (Ret’d) Alan Rodgers** of Brigade Reconnaissance Squadron wiped out half of 1 CMBG when they plugged in a coffee percolator and subsequently tripped a circuit breaker. This not only took out some of the major 1 CMBG units, but for a short period nearly wiped out 59 tanks. Thankfully, after a quick reboot of the system the 59 tanks were running and ready for the next bound in the fight.



*LCol Eric Angell briefs the Bde Comd on his plan during Ex UNIFIED RESOLVE.*





## Ex STEELE BULLSEYE

*Lieutenant Izaak Koolman*

In March 2021, elements of all squadrons from the Regiment moved to Wainwright to conduct the annual spring PCF training, Ex STEELE BULLSEYE. Real Life Support Detachment, under the direction of **Sgt “Best Moustache” Koolman**, deployed 32 soldiers on March 15th, establishing a cadre of cooks, technicians, transport, and medics in order to support the range. The RGWO, **WO “Tower Hog” Brister**, arrived the next day to establish the ranges and begin the qualification shoots for Leopard 2 Gunners and Crew Commanders on Range 16. The Regimental cooks, under the direction of **Cpl “Grits”**

**Dubois**, served food in the scenic locale of the Summer Room, where diners were able to enjoy watching infantry candidates run in circles in the parking lot. The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught’s Own) established themselves on Range 25, conducting 40mm TAPV Gunner shoots prior to handing the ranges over to **WO “Fuzzy” Peachey**, SGWO Recce Squadron. Recce Squadron then completed patrol live fire ranges, static and moving, in preparation for Ex AGILE RAM 21.



*MCpl Foster assesses MUAS candidate Cpl Silverman.*



*MCpl Mackenzie, Lt Underwood and two students conduct flight procedures on the Raven-B MUAS course.*

the physically and mentally demanding course with perseverance and tenacity, fuelled almost exclusively by waffles made out of the back of their TAPV.

While the MUAS candidates ate bonbons in a grassy field, the sabre squadrons punched a ludicrous amount of holes in innocent sea containers, to the endless amusement of **Capt “Hairy” Delaney**, the Training Officer. By the end of the exercise, the majority of the targetry on the range was reduced to smoking rubble, and all candidates successfully received their qualifications.

On the Headquarters front, **WO “Moderate Moustache” Mott’s** maintenance crews were busily engaged repairing almost every truck in the fleet, as **MCpl “Bigger!” Bondy’s** transport detachment suffered a series of growing pains with the new Mack trucks. Maintenance also enjoyed a pleasant night of attempting to jump-start an F450 ambulance, discovering in the process that the tool kit on the Bison MRT is not best suited to repairing Fords. Meanwhile, **WO “Bad Tom” Underwood’s** MUAS Course enjoyed the brisk weather and clear winter air of the west side of the Battle River, conducting qualification flights, familiarizations, and a brief airshow for the Padre. These candidates braved



*RSM King, WO Brister, and Capt Delaney supervise qualifying shoots from the tower on range 16.*



## Ex MAPLE RESOLVE/AGILE RAM

### *Captain Mike “Patient-Zero” Uusoue*

Ex AGILE RAM/MAPLE RESOLVE 21 was one for the books. The 10 week exercise kicked off in early April and ran A Squadron and Recce Squadron through a variety of training scenarios and live ranges culminating in a Level 5 live fire combat team range in early June. Although presented with new challenges, such as social distancing and isolation cohorts, the soldiers of the Regiment worked hard to demonstrate why the Strathcona's are the premiere tank Regiment in Canada.

The exercise started off with the men and women of the Leopard 2 Driver's course breaking the record for the longest 3 week course of all time through a combination of vehicle breakdowns, delayed field training, and COVID outbreaks. While the patient zero(es) were isolated, the remainder of the course settled into Camp (no) COVID in true Lord of the Flies fashion. **Capt Miles “Kommandant” Smith** and **WO Mark “Loosen that Track” Bell** took control of the camp, ensuring that **Cpl Keenan “That’s a Weird Name” Fitzpatrick’s** lightstand worship was kept to a minimum and that the camp soccer ball was shared fairly by all. Meanwhile, the Last Recce Squadron continued their workup training out of Fort Recce before it became infested with invasive weeds.



*Capt Miles Smith (left) and Capt Mike Uusoue (right) compete in the officer's division of the Wainwright Pie Eating Championship.*

Eventually A Squadron was reunited once again, which was celebrated by **Cpl Thomas “Pie King” Lutz** out-eating the rest of the Squadron at a pie eating contest. Attention now turned to preparing for the challenges of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. A Squadron was quickly initiated into the 2 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI) led battle group with their customary battle prayers, and soon found themselves once again working well with their old allies.

H-hour arrived and after a few days of waiting, the battle group faced down their Arianan enemies and began their fighting

delay through the badlands. After a shady midnight deal with some engineers over a crate of Beaver Buzz, the Squadron's leadership was able to obtain a map of the battlefield's obstacles and minefields. **Maj Nathan “Mustaches=Authority” Hevenor** navigated the (fictional) minefields of Range 25 and led his Squadron to safety on the other side. Here they made their final stand, stopping hordes of questionably vis-modded OPFOR vehicles in their tracks (wheels).

Squadron members settled in a leaguer to trade rations with their British allies, and narrowly avoided camping out with a medically-isolated 1 PPCLI. The battle group soon found themselves back on the offensive, and began a series of attacks into enemy objectives while **MCpl Sean “Tank-taxi” Andrews** ensured the vital security of convoy assets. 10 days and several broken tanks later, the A Squadron rolled back to their camps to prepare for their next bound.

The Battle Group took a pause and maintenance became the name of the game as the Regiment took a few days to regroup and repair its vehicles.



*A Sqn leadership (Capt Peterson left, Maj Hevenor right) conduct an AAR with their Combat Team*

**Capt Mitch “Outstanding Usable” Brown** led his maintenance team and helped ensure that Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Day was celebrated. The maintenance team worked long days and nights and were essential in the continued operation of the Regiment into their next bound.

With a good night’s sleep and a delivery of live rounds, the Strathconas transitioned to live fire ranges to begin their workup to Level 5 – combined arms ranges integrated with the infantry.

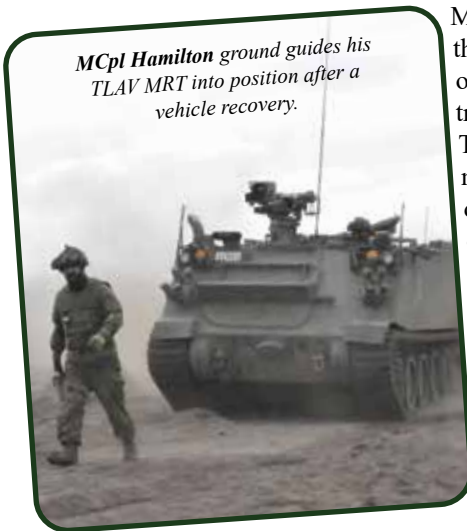
In 1st Tp, **MCpl Matt “Monster is a Blood-Type”**

**Pecarskie** ensured that tanks were topped up with ammo while the crew commanders conducted link-ups with their infantry counterparts.



*Members of Camp (no) Covid attempt to charge their phones through photosynthesis.*

*MCpl Hamilton ground guides his TLAV MRT into position after a vehicle recovery.*



Meanwhile, B Sqn began their hard work to ensure the setup of the Level 5 ranges and created an excellent series of realistic objectives that spanned across the badlands. Several new and old troop leaders teamed up with their WO’s to assist with the ranges. The Last Recce Sqn was first into the breach, and used speed, maneuver, and makeshift obstacle breaching to ensure the full destruction of enemy targets. Next up A Squadron began the first of their 7 run-throughs of the range to ensure the full validation of the Brigade. Although a few rounds almost destroyed **WO Mark Bell**’s treasured brand new periscope glass, A Squadron remained mostly unscathed and demonstrated for a wide audience the destructive power of a Sabre (tank) Squadron. On the last day, **Capt Shea “Watch out for those Helos” McGlone** may or may not have seen helicopters in arcs, allowing 3rd troop to save their rounds for an impressive final night time fireworks show that guided the combat team to the objective before being cut short by some hot recuperators.

With their training objectives met, soldiers settled down for an “enhanced dining experience” of two beers and a burger before preparing to head home. This year’s exercise presented some interesting and unexpected challenges, but the perseverance of all Strathcona’s ensured quality training and successful execution.



*WO Bell, MCpl Marcotte, and Tpr Lutz dismount from their Leopard 2 after finishing a night trace.*





## Ex STEELE SABRE

*Captain Alexandria Schofield*



*Strathcona soldiers haul a generator up the never-ending hill.*

A disclaimer for this article: the age of misinformation is upon us, and it is important to note that this article is intended to cut through the noise and get to the heart of the stories as told by the soldiers who experienced them.

During the dramatic second season of COVID-19, LdSH(RC) faced multiple challenges acting as barricades to pulling off a Regimental exercise without incident, including: the Delta Variant, B.C. forest fires, and heat domes. In a shocking turn of events, A Squadron won the war on the forest fires *without even deploying*, while simultaneously avoiding another month away from home. Although A Squadron complete did not deploy to participate on Ex STEELE SABRE 21 they did send soldiers to augment the troops of B Squadron. Possibly. What is most certainly confirmed is the 2 days of special

leave granted to A Squadron in preparation for their possible domestic deployment British Columbia. Regardless, several soldiers from B Squadron valiantly struck out to complete Battle Task Standards and practice manoeuvring with their comrades. Of particular importance and drastic cultural consequence, **Lt "Send It to the Moon" Bennie** reinvigorated the Strathcona Space Program by launching not just one, but **four** High Explosive rounds into the stratosphere. His efforts have not gone unnoticed and his posting to North American Aerospace Defence Command remains in the works.

In stark contrast to the contribution of A Squadron, the newly formed D/Cavalry Squadron deployed immediately following the Labour Day Weekend and remained till the bitter end at Halloween. Led by **Maj Varun "Surge my Forces" Vahal**, D Squadron planned and executed the most gunnery, driver maintenance and crew commanding courses in the history of the Regiment. Following the successful completion of gunnery and driver courses, D Squadron moved into live fire ranges and squadron-level training that will set the stage for the Armoured Corps' transition from Recce to Cavalry. Gunnery rock stars **MCpl "Lightning" McQueen** and **MCpl "New Cowboy on the Block" Dobson** completed 40 Level 3 battle runs (live and dry)

between the two of them, possibly marking the most rounds fired by a single crew commander in one exercise. The exciting work for Cav Squadron didn't stop there however; the thrilling prospect of administrative work following the completion of squadron training roused the Troop Leaders to action. In a monumental effort to write Cavalry history, D Squadron used a trial-and-error approach to test the limits of Cavalry doctrine; the reception of this data by the RCACS has yet to be determined.

In an effort to remain transparent and candid, the author of this

*Sgt McQueen and Cpl Evers begin the first of 34 level 3 traces!*







article attempted to extract a “good, funny or cool story” from B Squadron leadership to no avail. Alas, the combination of one week of gun camps and manoeuvre training has warranted a six week decompression period. What was mentioned on multiple occasions from several sources was the “war on the wasps”. Indeed, the wasp population of Wainwright was none too pleased at the presence of an entire tank squadron in their natural habitat. Terror stricken tankers could not find solace or safety in their armoured war machines from these tiny flying assassins. It is safe to say that the successful completion of Level 3 live fire battle runs

*44C engages a target during a level 3 live fire range.*

and ensuing validation did not outweigh the emotional and physical trauma caused by the Wasp Army. Despite the wear and tear on the Leopard 2's from a not-so-distant-past exercise, the tanks remained in good working order. In fact, B Squadron was only out shooting on their ranges until approximately 0200 hrs each night (morning?), a big win for any tank squadron. On a more serious note, B Squadron, under the patient guidance of **Maj Gord** “*I Remain Cautiously Optimistic*” **Elliott**, successfully validated their new troops on both dry and live fire ranges.

After a gruelling squadron-level training cycle, soldiers from across the Regiment were poised to conduct a Level 4 trace. Newly trained gunners and drivers under guidance from their crew commanders prepared to unite as a Regiment and demonstrate their honed skills. Unfortunately, due to a lack of time, the fighting squadrons did not have a chance to practice together. The Regiment will be ready for the coming year and prepared to work as one on Ex STEELE SABRE 22!

*B Squadron engages and destroys the enemy while conducting a level 3 live fire trace.*



*RSM CWO King looks on approvingly following the conclusion of the D Squadron ranges and validation of its troops.*

*4th Troop, D Squadron, conducts their level 3 range as a Cavalry troop for the first time!*







# Armoured Crew Commander Course

*Lieutenant Izaak Koolman*

During Ex STEELE SABRE 21, D Squadron led an Armoured Crew Commander course, successfully qualifying 19 new crew commanders in the Regiment. Corporals and Master Corporals from all squadrons came together under the tutelage of the chief instructor **WO Wallace “Third Best Moustache” Churchill** and a team of hand-picked staff. OpFor was provided by the gunners and dismounts of D Squadron, as well as the SSM, **WO Chuck “Hot Dog Slinger” McDougall**. Dress of the day for the valiant enemy was combat pants, puffies, and in the case of a single soldier known only as “*Señor Bandito*”, a luchador mask.

Each day, the course would muster for breakfast, followed by a warning order in a briefing tent, or in the case of **Lt Izaak “Best Moustache” Koolman’s** Third Troop, in an ablutions tent on the outskirts of camp. “It’s more realistic this way,” explained **WO Mark “Fuzzy” Peachey**, the Third Troop WO, as he shooed a grumbling driver with shaving cream on his face away from the map. “Builds character,” remarked a nameless instructor hidden behind the steam of his breakfast (black coffee and a cigarette). Following battle procedure, the candidates would mount a motley collection of Coyotes, TAPVs, and a single LAV ‘borrowed’ from an infantry company who wasn’t using it anyways. The tasks for the day began with familiarizations, moving into advance to contact and hasty attacks after the first week in the field. Following the attack and the consolidation (commanded by **Captain Alex “Many Voices” Schofield**), battle procedure and lunch would begin again in a troop hide. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the course staff, there wasn’t a single day of rain on the entire course, which unfortunately required the instructors to stand behind the students with watering cans to ensure their notes were wet while they delivered orders.

Following the conclusion of the offensive operations phase, the course transitioned into defensives, collectively deforesting

most of the west side of the river in the search for the perfect sticks. The defensive demo, orchestrated by **Sgt Mark “The Architect” Weir** and executed by a composite troop of instructors, saw **MCpl Kyle “Got any of that good stuff” Neuiwhof** jogging around the position, followed by a herd of students frantically taking notes. As is tradition, during the demo the troop leader forgot his coffee cup in the hide, but luckily

the composite troop contained enough sergeants to ensure his kit was firmly thrown into his turret before departure. The practices and assessments were a great success, with an estimated 247 enemy AFV’s destroyed by three troops of medium vehicles over four days. Honours for the course went to the Top Candidate, **MCpl Kelton “All his Teeth” Watson**, and the award for the most jacked up detailed time estimate, **MCpl Cole “College Boy” Foster**.



*Sgt Droogers supervising preparations*



*Señor Bandito*

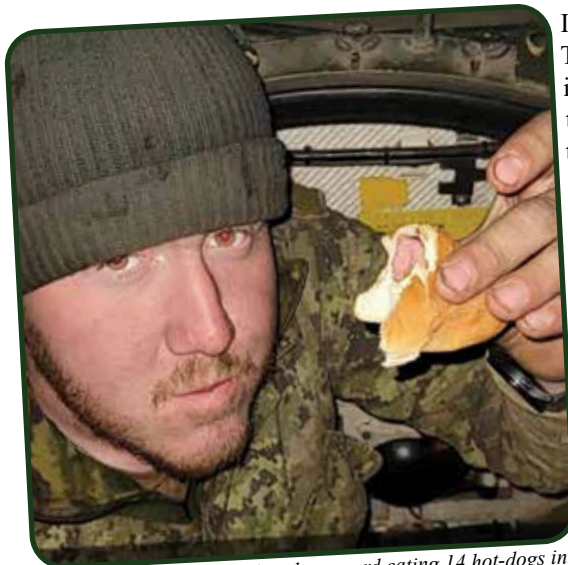


*OPFOR takes a break*



## Combat Team Commander's Course

*Lieutenant Charles Coxhead*



*Tpr Guignard hits a Sqn hot-dog record eating 14 hot-dogs in one sitting, primarily on the floor of the loaders hole.*

It's the third attack of the day. The voice of the Combat Team Commander never seems to change. You're sitting in your gunners seat, the tank is still. Your knees feel like two canteen beers, shaken and ready to 'pop'. You scan the horizon while your C/S sits in consolidation waiting for the next mission. Then, EXCON-9er comes over the net. The Squadron goes wild, excited, even screaming! The boys want more, more of the wise words of EXCON-9er to fuel the internal light of the soldier to push further into the badlands and into the unknown. *"Brilliant, jolly good show, we had a catastrophic comms failure here however that attack was aggressive and passionate."* Now that was an AAR to soothe the inner warrior.

The 2021 Combat Team Commanders Course (CTCC) which took place this past fall in Wainwright was a demanding course which required the efforts of all Strathcona's. B Squadron spearheaded the facilitation of an operational tank Squadron for the course and

did an immaculate job maintaining and crewing tanks for use. For three weeks, each and every day LdSH(RC) trained extensively throughout the Wainwright training area, conducting various attacks to prepare the future commanders of the army.

CTCC was a great opportunity for new and experienced crews alike to increase their skills in the turret during a combat team setting. This poses a lot more challenges for manoeuvre, planning and executing of joint tasks with many other trades.

For the most part, for every hour of use of the tanks, there was about two hours of maintenance to be done. This is where the transition from grass to dirt took place in the maintenance area where soldiers worked tirelessly through the night living on energy drinks to ensure there were tanks to use each and every morning.

It can be said that some crews put their vehicles to the limit, **WO Andrew "The Bull" Burris** sent it so hard into a hole they needed eight road wheels, two hubs, and two idlers. At least he kept his track on, wait, Sir where's your track? **Maj Gord "Lightfoot" Elliott** attempted travelling light without the weight of those pesky tracks through the badlands with little success.

The Strathcona cooks did an amazing job cooking delicious meals throughout the course, however, when hot meals were not available, the B Squadron canteen was ready to capitalize on hungry soldiers with the weenie wagon. Thousands of hot-dogs were sold and not a single bun remained



*Cpl Walker, Cpl StAubin conduct a run-up checking for engine leaks alongside Sgt Crowe.*





**WO Romkey (Cmdr), Cpl Ross (Ldr), Tpr Barkely (Gnr), and Tpr Rutledge (Dvr)**  
cross a cleared bridge on route to the first attack position.



antenna of his Leopard. Somewhat of a scientist himself, albeit more inclined to the limnology discipline of biology, **Lt "Swamp" Rob Haddow** was asked to weigh in on the number of extraordinarily large crows. Unfortunately, he was busy attempting to gather mud samples from the bottom of a lake with his tank tracks.

For many Strathcona soldiers, CTCC was their introduction to combat team training. The course proved to be an excellent training opportunity that was highly enjoyed by B Squadron to improve crew skills, Troop cohesion and overall Squadron development.

*"I tried drinking green tea in the mornings to stay healthy, but it makes me feel sick. My body can only accept Monsters and cigarettes before 0900hrs"* – **Anonymous Soldier**

*CTCC forms up in a leaguer*

in all of the town of Wainwright. Business was so good, buying 8 or more hotdogs got you an extra side of playdough. **Tpr Tyler "Gremlin" Guingard** enjoyed head chef's Cpl Feldman and Cpl Vivian's BBQ so much, he ate 14 dogs in one sitting, supposedly he was 'bet' to do it but nobody could figure out who placed bets?

Wilderness specialists say the crows in Wainwright are abnormally large and nobody knows why. **Lt Cam Bond** had several dangerous encounters with these living dinosaurs, and was found on more than one occasion fending them off with the



**MCpl Gross, WO Romkey, Tpr Guingard, Lt Coxhead, Cpl Gedge, Tpr Headrick, Cpl Breustedt, Tpr Morgan, Tpr Barkely, Cpl Benoit, Tpr Rutledge, Tpr Trenholm, Cpl Ross.**





# Regimental Events

*Members of the Regiment lining the Change of Command departure route.*



*LCol Angell & LCol Mallette*



*Maj Johns & LCol Angell*



*Regimental Officers*





## Moreuil Wood

*Lieutenant Timothy Carroll*

This year marks the 103rd anniversary of the battle of Moreuil Wood. Years past had seen the Regiment come together at Moreuil Wood to commemorate the historic event. This year, as is certainly evident, the pandemic forced us to change the way we celebrate. COVID prevented us from having Moreuil Wood last year in 2020 but this year we were able to hold small ceremonies dispersed at the squadron level. It was a shadow of the usual get-together to be sure, but it was enough to continue our tradition of remembrance and recognise those who still uphold the values displayed on that fateful day. To honour those who fought at Moreuil Wood, celebrating within the social atmosphere of the entire Regimental family is certainly preferable. Nevertheless, our Regimental traditions surrounding the Battle of Moreuil Wood were still upheld.

The CO and RSM would like to congratulate the deserving Strathconas who strive every day to ensure that the example set at Moreuil Wood, of excellence and perseverance, resonates throughout the year. A heartfelt congratulations is extended to this year's Moreuil Wood Annual Award winners:

The Hessin Sword: **Capt T. Clackson**

The Macaulay Sword: **Capt M. Brown**

The Neatby Pace-Stick: **WO C. Eady**

The Milroy Cross-Belt: **Sgt M. Bell**

The Colonel of the Regiment Silver Stick: **MCpl B. Townsend**

The Fox Bugle: **Cpl C. Snelgrove**

The Ross Maintainer Award: **MCpl M. Hamilton**

The Olympic Torch Trophy: **Sgt G. Francis**

The RSM's Shield: **Cpl S. Dunne & Cpl J. Rourke**

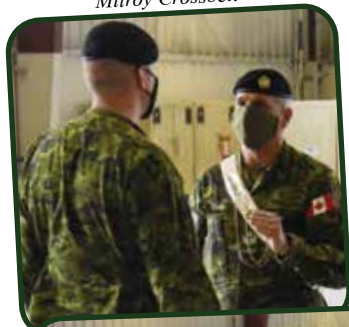


*Ross Gear*



*Macaulay Sword*

*Milroy Crossbelt*



*RSM Shield*



*Neatby Pacestick*



*Colonel of the Regiment Silver Stick*





## Change of Command

*Lieutenant Timothy Carroll*



*LCol Angell departing the Harvey Building in true Strathcona style*

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to change the way the Regiment conducts its business, and the change of command parade was no exception. This time, there was a lot less fuss over DEUs and drill – perhaps to the chagrin of the RSM – as the CFB Edmonton Parade Square was left empty. The most prominent dress concern this year was the face mask. Instead of typical splendid Strathcona pageantry, the change of command was a small, intimate affair.



*The Angell Family departs from the Harvey Building in "Margaret"*

On 25 June 2021 outside the Harvey Building at CFB Edmonton, the Strathcona family saw the end of a historic three-year period of Regimental command by **LCol Eric Angell**. **LCol Angell** deployed the Regiment to Latvia as the nucleus for the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in 2020, led the Regiment through two Road to High Readiness Cycles, and most recently ensured Strathconas were trained and ready to

deploy in support of our NATO alliance. He had constantly championed support for the soldiers and their families. As he departed in proper style commanding a Leopard 2 tank, we wished him and his family the best, confident in his leadership and continued support to the Regiment, Corps and wider Canadian Army.

The occasion allowed us to welcome home another Strathcona leader in **LCol Mike Mallette** and his family. If Ex STEELE SABRE and Op LENTUS 21-06 are anything to go on, all are extremely confident that the Regiment will be well served by **LCol Mallette** and by his sterling leadership throughout his command.



*Above: Soldiers of the Regiment line the departure route. Below: Scroll signing*







## Calgary Stampede

*Lieutenant Rob Haddow*

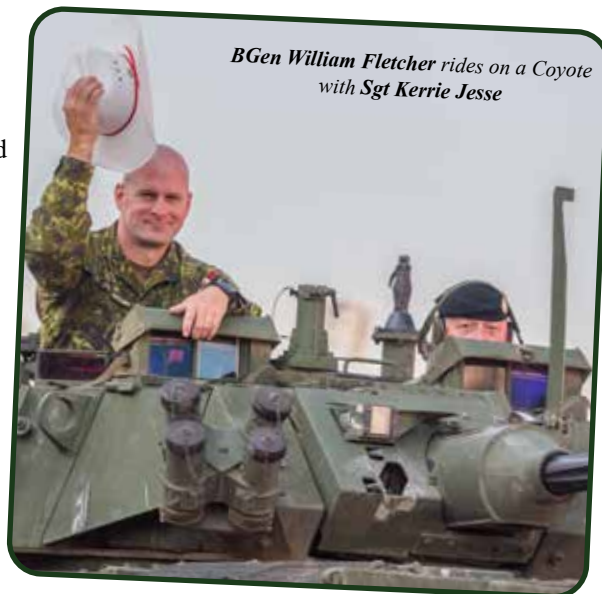
In spite of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, it was a critical mission for Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) to demonstrate to the public that we adapted to new restrictions and maintained capability throughout the pandemic. This effort was spearheaded from 7th to 19th of July by a group of just under 40 Strathcona's, working hard through the summer heat, to show the Canadian public what the Strathcona's are capable of.

The history between the Strathcona's and the Calgary Stampede runs deep. With the cancellation of the Stampede last year, Strathcona's throughout the Regiment were chomping at the bit to demonstrate our capabilities to the public. Our light infantry brethren, the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI), joined LdSH(RC) to prepare more vehicles than usual for this public display. This year's exhibition included a Leopard 2A4M, Leopard 2 Armoured Recovery Vehicle, LAV 6, Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle, and a 3PPCLI MRZR. Maintaining COVID-19 public health protection measures, with so many excited Canadians interested in the CAF and what we do, proved to be a daunting task; however, the Strathcona's rose to the occasion and provided the public with a safe and exciting display of Canadian Army equipment.

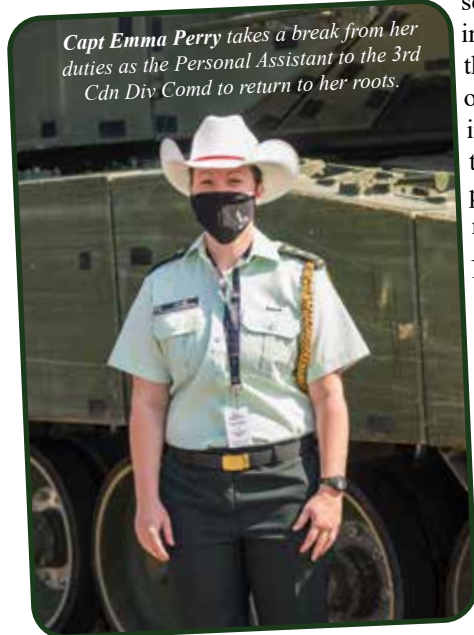
Many visitors considered the CAF static display to have been the pride of the show. Members of the public from all over Canada posed important questions to the vehicle crews, such as "does it have A/C?", "did you drive it all the way here?" and the infamous "is it real?". The team, from the most

senior all the way to the most junior members, developed more informative and humorous answers to these common questions as the week went by. The public was also impressed by the ability of the Strathcona's to simplify technical topics and make the information about how to operate the vehicles approachable. With the health protection measures in place due to COVID, it was not possible to show the public the inside of the vehicles; however, many visitors made promises to come back in 2022.

Nothing we do would be possible without the supporters that deploy with us, especially our cook **MCpl Alicia** "Oh no, my reefer!" **McCabe**. Already known amongst the vehicle crews for her excellent job feeding the Regiment on the spring exercises, **MCpl McCabe** and her team arrived early to support the whole 3rd Canadian Division contingent with tasty and nutritious food for the entire two-week tasking. Additionally, **Sgt Liam** "No sir, that's not a good idea" **Talty**, **Sgt Kerrie Jesse**, **MCpl Joshua Munro**, **MCpl Michael Hamilton**, and **MCpl Richard** "Basically a Patricia" **Paquette** worked diligently to ensure a well prepared and smooth running display.



*BGen William Fletcher rides on a Coyote with Sgt Kerrie Jesse*



*Capt Emma Perry takes a break from her duties as the Personal Assistant to the 3rd Cdn Div Comd to return to her roots.*



## Remembrance Week

### *Trooper Justus Janzen-White*

On 4 November, 17 members of A Squadron attended Edmonton's No Stone Left Alone (NSLA) Ceremony. With COVID-19 ever-present, this year's attendance was significantly reduced from previous events but A Sqn ensured that LdSH(RC) was represented in the community. The guard was under the command of **Maj Nathan Hevenor** and **WO Keith Hodgson** with **Sgt Jeffrey Stevenson** leading the vigil party. This year the skies were clear and the ground was frosted over keeping the guard a little on the chilly side, but they maintained their composure and did not appear to acknowledge the cold.

A tradition that has lasted for over ten years, NSLA involves students laying poppies down on the gravestones of soldiers and doing research about that member to ensure that the brave sacrifice of these men and women will not be forgotten.

Remembrance Day this year was a more subdued affair than usual, with each squadron conducting their own Remembrance Day ceremony. Each squadron properly observed the solemnity of the day then were dismissed and returned home to their families. All soldiers were well turned out and everyone, despite restrictions, participated in the Act of Remembrance. "We will remember them."

## Kids Christmas Gift Delivery

### *Second Lieutenant Tom Lauterbacher*

If the previous Christmas season taught us one thing, it was how flexible we must all be during difficult and strenuous times. With a busy fall season in the field, and a last minute IRU call out to BC, Strathcona families needed some holiday cheer. Just as in Christmas 2020, the Kid's Christmas Party was going to look a little different. There would be no families at the Regiment meeting Santa, playing games and receiving gifts. B Squadron's **Lt Charles Coxhead** was the lead OPI for the Christmas event, until a last minute IRU call sent him to BC for Op LENTUS. With most of the Regiment deployed to British Columbia it was almost certain the children of the Regiment would not be receiving gifts this year.

In the darkest of holiday hours, the Regimental Support Troop (RST) stepped in. Led by **2Lt Tom Lauterbacher**, the RST took over planning the 2021 Kid's Christmas present delivery. With the help of a local toy store, the shopping spree was completed and presents were wrapped under the supervision of **MCpl Curtis Paquette**. The stage was set for the delivery of presents to all the children, however, short staffed RST needed some more helping hands to make it a success. Volunteers were quick to join the team as the Regiment's Adjutant **Captain Darren Carter-Wright**, became the first to offer his services. This offer was followed closely by **Cpl David Gillis** and the long lost former subaltern **Capt Kai "Once a Subbie always a Subbie" Keewatin**.

The delivery teams were set and on the 4th of December routes were dispersed, vehicles loaded and RST's Santa Teams were on their way to deliver the much needed holiday cheer to Strathcona families. After some juggling of presents between vehicles at random drop points, the presents were dispersed to all the families with only a few needing to be picked up at the Regiment. Even though a great part of the Regiment was deployed to aid in the floods in BC, the tenacity and unwavering efforts of the Regimental team at home was able to spread holiday cheer in a year where Strathcona families needed it most.





*Santa and his elves always follow FHPM*



*Regiment Support Team dressed for success*

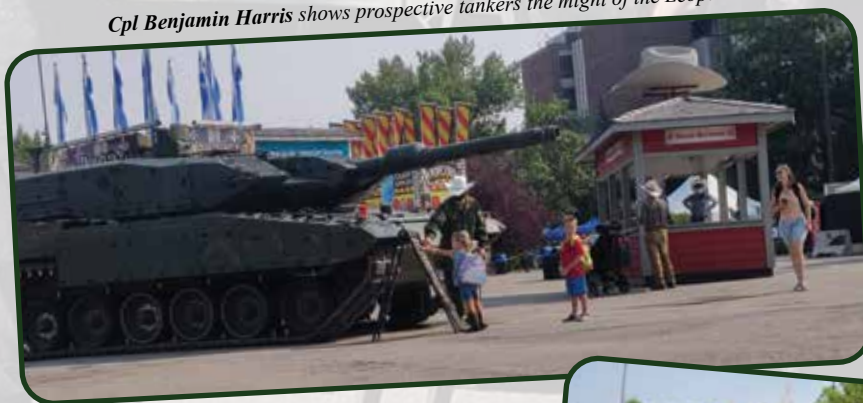


*Santa and his elf visiting two happy kids*



*Gifts Galore*

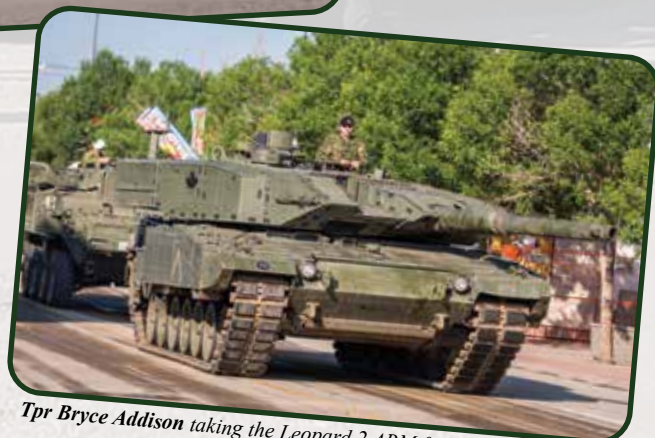
*Cpl Benjamin Harris shows prospective tankers the might of the Leopard 2.*



*A parked Leopard 2 always draws a crowd.*



*"Not without the ARV" MCpl Michael Hamilton and his crew:  
Cpl Benjamin Dulong & Cpl Robert Rutko showcase the  
equipment required to recover the Leopard Main Battle Tank.*



*Tpr Bryce Addison taking the Leopard 2 ARM for a drive in Calgary.*





*Cpl Brennan Maddison teaches a group of Padres about the importance of horse safety.*



*Sgt Paul Kruhlak & Capt Ali Mansour, pose in front of the newly christened carriage "Margaret" after its dedication to the Southern family during Spruce Meadow's Nation's Dinner.*

# Regimental Society & CMT Foundation



*HVT's Ferret Mk 1 is in running order and runs like a top.*



*Cpl Jake Senff give the horses of the Mounted Troop a much needed hair cut before an unexpectedly busy 2021 Ride Season.*



*The Mounted Troop had the privilege of escorting Her Honour, the Honorable Salma Lakhani., Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, into the International Ring at Spruce Meadows.*





## Ceremonial Mounted Troop From Cancelled to Canter

*Captain Ali Mansour*

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The Ceremonial Mounted Troop (CMT) last performed a full Ride Season in 2019; like the rest of the world, the Troop was stood down from performing for the public as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Even as late as June 2021, there was very little intention for the soldiers of CMT to conduct any public engagements. However, as COVID-19 health measures began to ease, the Mounted Troop found themselves going from 'Cancelled to Canter', salvaging the 2021 Ride Season with several performances at the Calgary Stampede, Lac La Biche, and during the tournaments at Spruce Meadows.

The season started off by welcoming CMT's new Troop Leader, **Capt Ali Mansour**, and conducting several Subaltern Ride Courses for the new Subbies and Combat Support Officers of the Regiment. CMT also welcomed the Commanding Officer, **LCol Mike Mallette**, in style by displaying their newly acquired carriage. In the beginning of July 2021, CMT found itself at the Calgary Stampede Parade, and performing six one hour musical rides in front of large crowds at the Nutrien Western Events Centre. During the final ride at Calgary Stampede, CMT said goodbye to long time Riders; **Cpl Simon Dunne**, **Cpl Dylan Braconnier**, and **Cpl David Lees** who began their transition back to the fighting Squadrons of the Regiment.

At the end of July, the Mounted Troop performed a musical ride for the people of Lac La Biche during their Summer Days Festival; this was also the last ride for long time CMT Riders **Cpl Peter Stewart**, **Cpl Scott Fraser** and **Cpl Dylan Brown**. At the end of August, following some much deserved leave, CMT found itself in Calgary once again in support of Spruce Meadow's Nation's, Masters', and North American Tournaments. The Troop conducted over forty mounted vidette tasks and provided an honour guard during the Round Table and Palliser Dinner. On 11 September 2021, the Troop conducted their final musical ride of the season in commemoration of the end of the Nation's tournament and the beginning of the Master's tournament.

At the end of CMT's final musical ride, **BGen William Fletcher**, Commander 3rd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force (West), presented a coin to one of our riders, **Cpl Trae Prosser**, in recognition on his final ride with the Troop and on his release from the Canadian Armed Forces. The evening was culminated with the Colonel of the Regiment, **BGen (Ret'd) Craig Hilton**, Commanding Officer, **LCol Mike Mallette** and Regimental Sergeant Major, **CWO Kevin King** presenting the carriage



*Cpl Aaron Poitras shows children from the MFRC daycare just how far his finger can fit into his horse Sapphire's nose.*



“Margaret” to the Southern Family during the Nation’s Dinner in honour of their enduring support to the Regiment.

The carriage, first used during the Change of Command, marks an important chapter in the Regiment’s history. The idea of including a carriage in the Troop originated with the Ride Master, **Sgt Paul Kruhlak** and the soldiers of the Mounted Troop. Former Mounted Troop officers provided funds for its acquisition and with support from the Society, it was refurbished over the last year. It will, for generations, be an asset to the troop, and a Mounted Troop capability accessible to all units and formations within 3rd Canadian Division and the Canadian Armed Forces. On 18 September 2021, the Troop had the privilege of escorting Her Honour, the **Honorable Salma Lakhani**, AOE, B.Sc., Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, into the International Ring using the newly dedicated carriage to commemorate the beginning of the Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

The already busy Ride Season culminated in October with the beginning of the Basic Equine Rider Course in order to train seven new riders; **Cpl Miguel Blanco**, **Cpl Jakob Brown**, **Tpr Cole Byers**, **Cpl Hamilton Elliott**, **Tpr Tristen English**, **Tpr Samuel LaFleur**, and **Cpl Michael Salvador**. Concurrent to the training of new riders, soldiers of the Mounted Troop continued to support the Regiment by sending soldiers to aid with the Combat Team Commander Course in Wainwright, as well as on domestic operations as part of Op LENTUS 21-06 in response to the floods in British Columbia.

The Mounted Troop also had the privilege to continue to serve the local community through outreach engagements with the Military Family Resource Centre, and as part of the Grand Opening Ceremony for the new Edmonton Veteran’s Village. In November, CMT also welcomed forty Military Padres from across the country during their Chaplain Exercise; the Troop was honoured to demonstrate the mounted capability to the Chaplains and give back to those who give so much to the soldiers and their families. The professional conduct of the Soldiers of the Mounted Troop, in the face of an unexpected and extremely busy 2021 Ride Season, is a testament to their dedication to preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Regiment.



*Cpl Gabriel Gendron leads a nervous Padre on horse bareback around the riding arena.*

*Seven New Riders (Cpl Miguel Blanco, Cpl Jakob Brown, Tpr Cole Byers, Cpl Hamilton Elliott, Tpr Tristen English, Tpr Samuel LaFleur, and Cpl Michael Salvador), and the New Troop Leader (Capt Ali Mansour) complete the Basic Equine Rider Course to begin their new post as part of the Ceremonial Mounted Troop.*

*Instructors include Cpl Jake Senff, the Ride Master, Sgt Paul Kruhlak, and Cpl Gabriel Gendron.*







## Pipes and Drums

*Warrant Officer Bryson Murphy*

Due to the ever changing nature of the force health protection measures, we were unable to perform or practice in 2021; as a matter of fact, we were unable to even get one practice in! Between the restrictions and the battle rhythm of 2021, Pipes and Drums took a back seat to Battle Task Standards. Our hope is to return in 2022 or 2023 should things take a turn for the better!

## Historical Vehicle Troop

*Lieutenant Sheldon Smith*



*Cpl Gedge sits atop the Ferret Mk 1 at the Can Praxis Family day*

It was a quiet year with the Historic Vehicle Troop (HVT). With the COVID-19 health protection measures in place, the ability to gather and keep projects going remained a challenge. Upon taking the leadership role in HVT, it became clear that the number one priority would be to preserve the running vehicles in the fleet. The Ferret and Universal Carrier remain our only runners, and sadly the hunt for Sherman tracks for Catherine continues (if anybody has a set of postwar HVSS wide track they're looking to let go...). This summer, **Cpl Dusty Beck** spearheaded a tune up of our runners. Both had some electrical faults that were quickly fixed with some tinkering, and the Universal needed a carburetor tune. I can report that both Ferret and Universal Carrier now run beautifully.

This August, we were invited to attend a family day event with Can Praxis, a non-profit aimed at bringing equine therapy to veterans and first responders. We loaded the Ferret and Universal Carrier and made for what would be a small but very welcoming event. Speaking with the wide variety of veterans – some having served as far away as

South Africa – was a good opportunity for our members to exchange experiences. The event highlighted to us the *raison d'être* for the HVT, and the historic military vehicle community as a whole. By keeping historic vehicles not just operational, but in the public eye, it will create a bridge to find common ground for different generations – and remember those generations that are no longer with us.

With health protection measures in place, it is unclear when the opportunity to put HVT back into full gear and get rolling again will present itself. When that time comes, there will be a drive to re-invigorate a number of shelved projects – namely the restoration of an additional Ferret and the Harley WLC - as well as get out in the community and display our living monuments to the Regiment's history.



*Clad in period uniforms, the members of HVT pose with Can Praxis's veterans tribute truck.*

# The Regimental Museum

*Captain Phil Webster*



*The Lord Strathcona statue*

Another year, another desperate attempt to not write the Museum Article in direct reference to Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire." Seems I may have succeeded on that point, but we will see. Another year of pandemic-dampened spirits in Calgary and The Military Museums saw January start with the building closed and at minimum staff. However with the vaccine roll out, and all the advancements therein, we have been open since the summer and managing to tell the story of our Regiment despite the challenges faced. The research requests and donations came fast and strong as another year of the Regimental Family looking to find out more about their history saw us extremely busy. All this happened while cataloguing and assessing the artefacts and stories we received last year (which proved to be record breaking for donations and archival materiel.)

Of course while COVID slowed our plans for major shows here at the museum, we were able to have a few major events despite. We lent support to **Mission: Afghanistan**, a world class look at the Canadian contribution to the War in Afghanistan, and a 9/11 Commemoration, an event remembering 20 years since that day that changed the world. In between rounds of school visits, serving soldier displays and long evenings with too much coffee, the museum managed to keep our primary mission alive and well, and entertain along the way. (If I might humbly state.)



*Sgt Richardson, VC, on display*



*M4A2E8 Sherman CALGARY II*

Of course, this year I couldn't have done it without the assistance of my right hand man, **Sgt. Todd**

*"Gravitational Waves"* **Giberson**, who

is celebrating more than 20 years of history, archiving and firearms here as the Collections Manager. Sadly, however, this year didn't involve any field trips to check out mysterious and/or ghostly graveyards, but we can't have it all.

The coming year will see a mini overhaul of the Gallery, which will hopefully correspond to a year of new and returning visitors. All the while we will prepare for another round of major displays and exhibits in the museum proper. Don't forget to visit next time you're in town!

**Addendum One:** There were a limited number of museum awards and milestones handed out this year, despite their

inclusion being edited out of last year's Strathconian. Notably, **Sgt Giberson** took home the "Vitamin D Deficiency" award, having spent exactly 85% of the preceding twelve months in either the basement or the vault. **Capt Laurel "Frazzled" Frizzell** at long last finished her Five Thousandth Hour on Teleconferencing, while for the first time on record in museum history **Capt Webster** went an entire year without receiving a haunted or cursed relic in the mail.

**Addendum Two:** This addendum exists only to make reference to **WO (Ret'd) Ted** *"Don't give me a nickname this year"* **MacLeod**.



# Extra Regimentally Employed

*Suffield Range Control in action  
monitoring the controlled burns.*



*MCpl Ed Snoek receiving the very heavy sacred stone from a village elder during the PsyOps Tactical Operator Course.*



*Maj Tyler Collings on Op JADE in Syria.*



*Who else but Capt Daley at the top of the hike 14,000ft with absolutely zero oxygen.*



*All the participants in a giant 3 CDSG Tug-of-War!*



## Strathconas in the National Capital Region

*By Major Thomas LaCroix*

Postings to the National Capital Region are often seen with such *reverence* that people are hesitant to request them from the career manager. We hearty few did not need to ask for these postings – we were chosen with much humility. To help relate our experience to those at the Regiment, I've described our work in terms of a fictional unit.

**BGen Josh “CO” Major** (Chief of Staff Army Operations) can see lots of black-hats from his office – but most of those people are in the Navy! CA HQ and RCN lines share the same floors....definitely not the Navy running current Ops for the Army!

**Col Errol “DCO” MacEachern** (Director of the Army Staff) – when not meeting with foreign dignitaries and technology consultants, he keeps the staff focused on establishing governance and planning for the next bound.

**Maj Thomas “Business Planner and Fin O” LaCroix** (Directorate of the Army Staff 2-3) pours over his budget spreadsheets and staff products, trying to keep himself and the DCO out of jail.

**Maj John “Adj’t” Kim** (CA HQ DCO) was posted back to the unit after being away for a few years and discovered that most of the processes have changed even though the structure is largely the same.

**Maj Jeff “Ops O” Brown** (CA G35-2) is figuring out a way to balance force generation requirements with the individual training necessary to reconstitute the unit.



*Col MacEachern, LCol Gray, Maj Brown and Maj LaCroix.*



*LCol Gray leading the GCWCC truck-pull team*

**LCol Darryn “OC Headquarters Squadron” Gray** (CA G34) was tasked by the CO to ‘enhance’ the Leopard II Family of Vehicles since the translation staff said that ‘Tank Awesome-ization’ is not in their English-to-French dictionary... darn Termium Plus...

“Tech Adj’t” (Directorate of Land Requirements 3) would be looking at ways to maintain existing capabilities and implement new ones – if there was anyone available for the job. The unit is hoping that one of the other regiments will fill the position.

“The Troops” – Although not directly employed under the aforementioned leadership...are supported by this collective band of Strathconas in the conduct of their training and domestic/ international operations.





**MGen Steve** “Commander of another formation on the base” **Kelsey** (Chief of Force Development) – if the unit had subbies, none of them would be able to explain what his formation does.

**Col Mark Lubiniecki** (Chief of Staff to the Chief of Programme), **LCol Alex Nitu** (Chief of Program staff), **LCol Chris Quinlan** (Chief of Force Development staff), and **Maj Allan Dwyer** (Chief of Force Development staff) are “posted to base units” where they perform essential work behind the scenes to support all the units on base.

**Col Vince** “tasked to the high-readiness unit down the street” **Kirstein** (CJOC J3 Expeditionary) regales unit members with stories from ‘the sandbox’.

**LCol Chris** “from the affiliated Reserve unit” **Adams** (Chief of Staff, 33 Canadian Brigade Group) has enough high-speed tactical kit in his basement to outfit an entire unit.

**Maj Alistair** “on tour again” **McMurachy** is deployed to South Korea with the United Nations.

**Maj Sandy** “the guy who left for *CANSOFCOM*” **Cooper** impressed the recruiters with his charisma, fitness, competence, and long-term OPSEC plan of being difficult to find in the email directory since none of the initials in his address are ‘S’.

Even in this fictional unit, **Maj Sheldon Holmes**, **Maj Mike Lakatos** and **Maj Warren Deatcher** are “posted to Ottawa” as our shepherds of CAF joint capabilities: Cyber and CBRN.

## LdSH(RC) Nexus to Tokyo 2020 Olympics

*Major John Kim*

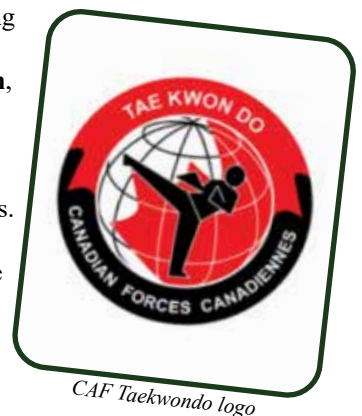


*Maj Kim*

It may not be common knowledge that our Regiment’s personnel are significant contributors to the CAF National (CISM) Sports Program. **MGen Derek Macaulay**, for example, was appointed the Patron of CAF Taekwondo in April 2017. He inherited this appointment from the former Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army, MGen (Ret’d) Christian Juneau. Until recently being posted OUTCAN as Vice J3 of US Central Command in Florida, **MGen Macaulay** also carried out the secondary duties of Taekwondo Patron as the Acting Commander of the Canadian Army. Supporting the Patron is **Maj John Kim**, Deputy Director and Team Manager of CAF Taekwondo, who is currently employed as the Deputy Commanding Officer of Canadian Army Headquarters. Recently posted to Ottawa from 4th Canadian Division Headquarters as the Acting G1, **Maj Kim** was inducted

into the CAF Sports Honour Roll in 2020, which is the highest recognition given to athletes, officials, coaches, and support staff who make up the CAF National Sports Program. Their efforts combined, **MGen Macaulay** and **Maj Kim** achieved a significant milestone, sending the CAF’s first-ever taekwondo Olympian to a Summer Olympic Games. This strategic goal was met in August 2021, when Sailor Second Class Yvette Yong (HMCS York) represented Canada in Tokyo.

Whether supporting our allies, the Canadian Army, or soldier athletes, the Strathconas in the NCR continue to perform in exemplary fashion.



*CAF Taekwondo logo*



# Strathcona's in Kingston

*Captain Stu King*

With the COVID pandemic finally showing some signs of abating, the Strathcona's in Kingston are looking forward to a chance to mingle in the method with which we are all familiar. The year itself has been very busy with many of the Kingston members changing things up with postings, retirements, and the start to a more normal operational work tempo.

To start off with, we would be remiss to not recognize the retirement of two of our long serving members here in Kingston. After bringing the finest in virtual exercises at Formation Training, **LCol Shane "Ex UR" Gifford** decided to hang up his spurs. Despite all appearances, everybody was very happy with his performance and he has chosen to keep doing the exercise even in retirement as a member of the Calian Battalion. Leaving behind the fast-paced role as Deputy Base Commander, **LCol Paul "I am smiling" Pickell** has no regrets on retirement but his non-stop smiling did require medical treatment for strained facial muscles.

Newly arrived in town, **Sgt Ryan Torney**, **Maj John McEwen**, and **Maj Tim Day** have all stated they are happy to be in Kingston despite strong assertions that they have no good stories to tell.

While I haven't personally verified it, they probably had little to do with the Queen's University Homecoming shenanigans. Any such statements to the contrary would be wild conjecture on my part.

With the return to normalcy over the summer, Strathcona's were able to take advantage of social distancing while putting bullets down range. When the dust settled, **Capt Moses "Rata-Tat-Tat" Pano**, **Capt Stu "Get Off My Lawn" King**, and **Cpl Dan "Dead-Eye" Wynen** all enjoyed a bit of small arms and soldiering. Not to be outdone, **MCpl Ed "40 pounds" Snoek** has a great war-story about cultural sensitivity following his PsyOps Tactical Operator course.

Tasked with adding a bit of dash and flair to the Intelligence Branch, **Capt Alex "OPSEC" Young**, **Capt TJ "Redacted" Casey** and **Sgt Matt "Need to Know" Burke** have been kept busy, despite not being able to talk about it. Not to be outdone, both **Maj Islam "Don't Split the Squadron" Elkorazati** and **Maj Dave "Dead Poets' Society" Williams** have been instrumental in shaping future leaders.



*Rare photo of LCol (ret'd) Paul Pickell smiling.*



*Left to right: Maj Clayton Ffield, Maj Dave Williams, Maj Tim Day, Cpl Dan Wynen, MCpl Ed Snoek, Maj Chris Young*





## Strathcona's at 3 CDTC Dreaming of CMTC

*Captain Joshua Horlings*

Beneath the shining walls of Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC)'s glass palace, the working Strathcona's of Wainwright are dreaming of moving up the hill and achieving the blessed status of "work from home."

Not to be deterred by the powerful nobles in their shining palace, the 15 Strathconas of 3 Canadian Division Training Centre (CDTC) have been building an empire of their own. A Coy, 3 CDTC is now fully black-hatted under the leadership of OC **Maj Karl Tams** and CSM **MWO Ryan Vigar**. Tasked with teaching BMQ, PLQ, and AJLC, instructors like **Sgts Nick Norman, Louis Mijares, Dave McNair, Travis Silcox** and **MCpls Jason Comeau and Devon Friolet** work tirelessly to train and mentor every student they find under their command. Elsewhere in 3 CDTC, **Capt Kristian**

**Reiten** wages an endless war on green fleet VOR (yes, it's

*Cold? It's never cold in sunny Wainwright!*

a problem here too.) In the Ops shop, **Sgt Cameron Davidson** and **MCpl Chris "Get Rich Quick" Lawrence** pass their days delving into the depths of Microsoft Excel and CFTPO.

Dutifully, the Strathcona's of 3 CDTC will continue our long days training Canada's warriors and in between we might even find a bit of time for hunting (never hunting for PT...that would be ridiculous.)

## CMTC Strathcona's Schrodinger's Posting

*Captain Tim McHugh*

Those that are posted to Operation Group Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) are both in Wainwright and not in Wainwright; the only way to know, is to go to building 732 and look for them. The posting that for some was never actually a posting, the beauty that is CMTC.

Some highlights to being posted to Wainwright and especially CMTC:

International travel: You get to visit Latvia every six months, where you will attempt to wrangle Polish tanks in a Hilux. If you are one of the chosen few you will get to live in open barracks on Fort Polk, unfortunately no free trips to New Orleans.

Exposure to the CAF: Depending on the year you will be afforded the opportunity to visit Petawawa, Valcartier, if you are lucky maybe Kingston. Then you will also be able to observe the abilities of our Allied brigades whilst they attempt to navigate through the endless fun of Ex MAPLE RESOLVE.

Entry into a rising real estate market: It is easier to get a house in Wainwright than it is in other locations, like Ottawa. On top of that if the Army and the Corps actually come through on this tank redistribution plan you will be in before the storm. Once we add two Squadrons worth of personnel into the lovely town of Wainwright, I would suspect that the market will increase and you might just have a chance to



*A leisurely ruck in the  
Wainwright Training Area.*



take advantage of your fellow black hatters and pad your bank account.

**Hunting:** As alluded to by those hard working personnel at the Training Centre, hunting is the local past time. Many times have I been sitting in my office wondering where people are and why nobody is at work and then I remember it is hunting season. Getting that prized whitetail or moose always takes precedence.

**Work/Life Balance:** Other than when you are tasked to support any of the four major exercises that we run, your work/life balance will be absurdly skewed towards life. The unfortunate drawback to this is that your life is in Wainwright, but the quiet country life will grow on you and soon you will be wearing nothing but Mossy Oak and enjoying flat vistas.

I have no pictures as I haven't seen another Strathcona in years, such is the plight of working in the HQ.

## Strathcona's in 5th Canadian Division The Mighty Maroon Machine

*Major Rich Lund*

Surrounded by the Royal Canadian Navy's Atlantic Fleet, Strathcona's continue to lead from the front at 5th Canadian Division Headquarters (The Might Maroon Machine).

**BGen Paul Peyton** took command of the 5th Canadian Division on 26 June 2021. Having just returned from a deployment on Op INHERENT RESOLVE where he served as the Director Strategic Engagements. Following many years of service outside of Canada, he is finally reunited with his family in Halifax and making the most of it. There has been an adjustment period as he learns a Canadian Division is not as well-resourced as he is accustomed to after working with our American allies.



*Maj Lund, BGen Peyton, and LCol Nolan pose for a quick Holiday photo!*

Following a successful tenure as the RSM of the Prince Edward Island Regiment, **CWO Bill Crabb** was appointed as the Deputy Division Sergeant-Major on 25 June 2021. He balances his duties as DDSM with his civilian employment at Veteran Affairs Canada in Charlottetown, PEI, where he still resides.

We welcomed back **LCol Chris Nolan** this July following a challenging deployment as the Director of the Commander's Initiative Group on Op IMPACT. During his tour he was recognized for his outstanding leadership, perseverance and tireless efforts following a significant escalation in regional tensions, earning himself a CDS Commendation. Not one to rest on his laurels, he took over as the Division G3 upon his return and has quickly settled into the grind of Division operations.

Described as a workhorse for the Division's Attractions, Recruitment and Retention (A2R), **CWO Andrew MacDonald** has been tasked with a broad list of files, ranging from: Full-Time Summer Employment, Retention and Recruitment, Exercise MAPLE ARCH and the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Since he's not busy enough at work, he is also our link back to the former Strathcona's in the community and organizes the occasional get together in Halifax.

We also said farewell to **Capt Corey McLean** this past summer as he deployed on a yearlong tour on Op JADE. We wish him the best.

As for me, I'm in my second year as the Executive Assistant to the Commander, and the work is... but on the bright side I have one of the nicest views of any office in the Canadian Army.





## Strathconas at 1 CMBG Behind the Curtain

*Major Blake Tapp*

Panic starts to set in. The points were just right but now a bunch of new 5Ws just came in from the units. The once perfectly lined up thoughts are now just scribbles. Do you talk about the outstanding PERs first? Or it should it be the active COVID cases? Maybe bring up that MLR that needs to go to the CDS. You'll figure it out when you get there, got to leave now or you'll be late. **Capt Steve** "Squats are Life" **Couture** almost cuts you off, complaining about how the HQ needs coffee time like back at the Regiment. Sit down just in time, so many people gathered around the table. **Maj Matt** "Tons of Ops in a Small Package" **Johns** gives a knowing look, he'll have something interesting to talk about, never a shortage of operations. **Capt Kai** "Big Mustache, Short Shorts" **Keewatin** rushes in, mustache somehow showing from under his mask, and sets up the meeting just before the Commander arrives. **CWO Rob** "\*Epic Hand Gesture\*" **Clarke** raises his eye brows at you. Is he trying to tell you something? Did you forget something important the Commander asked for? Maybe it's something wrong with your hair... again. Alright, it's starting, everyone is dialed in, the Chief of Staff gives his opening remarks, you know you're next. This is it, everyone's looking at you. **Louise** "Still Chief Clerk" **Litwin** is clearly laughing at you. After you get halfway through your report to the Commander, that's when you realize you're not at the Regiment anymore...but it's still just a coord.

Life and work at 1 CMBG HQ remains solid, mainly because we are in strong company here. It always eats at all of us that we can't be back in the Regiment's lines, but it is always good to hear firsthand about the great things the Regiment is doing and knowing that maybe we played some small part in helping in that success. That is of course, the humble opinion of us Strathconas, if you would ever like a wrong opinion about how many of us should be here at the HQ, you can always ask a Patricia officer.

In closing, our time here at the HQ can be summarized in the following poem from **Capt Steve Couture**:

Now our eyes have been opened  
In our ignorance, we were wrong  
The Brigade Staff was never the problem...  
It was Div all along



*1 CMBG HQ Strathcona's gather to face the everyday brigade level problems which are solved with Strathcona perseverance.*

## Strathconas at the 3rd Canadian Division Our Year in Numbers

*Captain Stephanie “Let me send you the link to that policy” Clubine*

- 7 – The number of Strathconas working in the 3rd Canadian Division Headquarters.
- 2 – Number of Michaels brought home from China that **Capt Graham Kallos** and the 3 Cdn Div Imagery folks were able to support, with still and video used by National Media and the Prime Minister’s Office.
- 0345 – First timing in capturing the return of Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig.
- 3 – Litres of coffee consumed in this endeavour.
- 1 – Number of elbow bumps between **Capt Graham Kallos** and the Prime Minister.
- 1 – Number of Captains jealous of the Prime Minister’s hair.
- 2 – Hours **Maj Matt “Outlook Wizard” Shumka** spends every day fighting MS Teams or Zoom with multiple Lieutenant-Colonels, a fiery Colonel, and a knife-wielding Brigadier General looking over his shoulder, and the continuous struggle between DWAN and GPNET.
- 1 – Number of times in **Maj Matt Shumka**’s career that he was actually happy to go “pew pew” on a C7 Sim Range at the Lecture Training Facility because it was the most Army thing he has done this year.
- 0 – Number of days (or nights) spent in the field.
- 70 – The maximum number of words allowed in Honours and Awards citations.
- 125 – How many words people think you can put in a citation (is there a limit, really?).
- 85 – How many words you can stretch the citation to if you write it in French.
- 5 – Times per week **Capt Stephanie Clubine** realizes she should probably work on her French.
- 12 – The number of RFAs 3 Cdn Div HQ supported for Ops LENTUS, LASER, and VECTOR.
- 18 – The number of travel plans **Maj Matt Shumka** created in support of the Commander, 3rd Canadian Division’s battlefield circulation within the first six months of his tenure as Executive Assistant to the Commander.
- 0 – The number of times **Maj Matt Shumka** actually left the office for official business.
- 80 – The approximate number of Honours and Awards nominations processed by **Capt Stephanie Clubine** since August.
- 3,345 – Number of coffees consumed, collectively.
- 730 – Number of coffees consumed solely by **Capt Graham “but they’re artisanal!” Kallos**.



L-R, MWO (ret'd) Brian Speck, **Capt Graham Kallos**, **Capt Stephanie Clubine**, Major Al Wong, Major Matt Shumka  
(not pictured: LCol Tom Bradley, Sgt Townsend)





## Strathconas in 3 CDSG

### *Lieutenant-Colonel Fred Hayward*

Maintaining an effective and efficient institutional support structure remains vital for 3rd Canadian Division to conduct training and ensure soldiers are ready for operations at home and abroad. The Strathconas posted to 3rd Canadian Division Support Group, take this responsibility to heart, providing key leadership and technical expertise from the four base locations (Shilo, Wainwright, Edmonton, Suffield) and in the Group Headquarters.

3rd Canadian Division Support Group is an integrated team of Regular, Reserve, and Civilian members focused on the provision of integral support across the largest, and arguably most challenging, area of responsibility within the Canadian Army. As such, we demonstrate our agility, determination and capability in providing the best institutional support possible each and every day. 3rd Canadian Division is the primary institutional support unit of the 3rd Canadian Division, which is responsible for an Area of Operations in Western and Central Canada comparable to the size of Europe. Given the Group's unique task and purpose, our organizational structure is a little more varied than a traditional line Brigade such as a Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group or a Canadian Brigade Group. A true representation of the Defense Team with approximately 60% civilian Department of Defence Employees, with the remainder Canadian Armed Forces Members, Canadian Forces Housing Agency employees, and Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services employees.

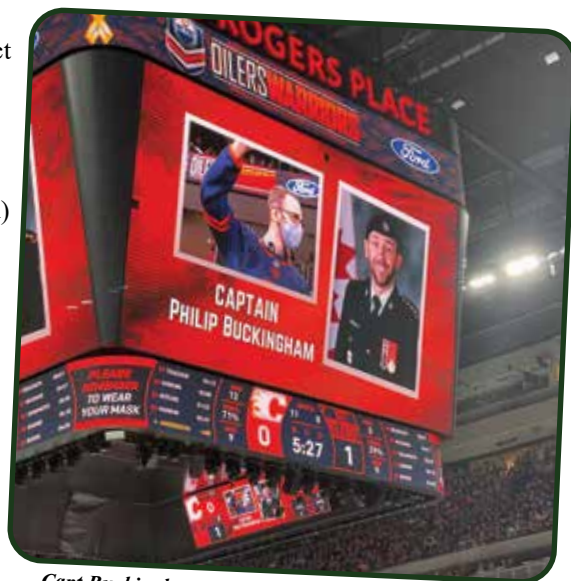
In the unique COVID environment that we are all managing within, we found new and innovative ways of meeting our tasks and remits. The environment has been asymmetric as each province and territory have had their own health protection rules that we had to work within as we provided support despite

the COVID-19 challenges and second order effects. We have been entrusted with personnel, equipment and training areas, all of which are required for the soldiers of 3rd Canadian Division to be ready to fight. We completed all tasks through the adherence to professional standards, demonstrated mental and professional agility, and the physical, mental and emotional resilience to complete all tasks.

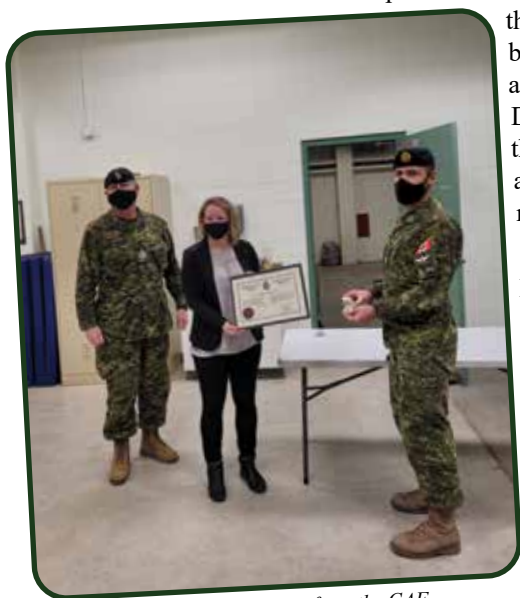
**Strathconas in Wainwright. Cpl Mullens, Cpl Booth, Cpl Foisy, Cpl Silverman, Cpl Lastowski.**

**Strathconas in Edmonton. LCol Hayward, Sgt Baldwin, Cpl Riopelle, Cpl Maxwell, Cpl Jesse, Cpl Nicholson, Capt Buckingham, Capt Churchill, Capt Baglole.**

**Strathconas in Suffield. Capt Miller, WO Ryan Sebo, Sgt Steve Simpson, Cpl Allman, Cpl Hutchinson, Cpl Gray, Cpl Stamp, Cpl Jorge Valenzuela.**



*Capt Buckingham is recognized as Warrior of the Game at an Edmonton Oilers game.*



*Cpl Riopelle retire's from the CAF.*

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## Black Hatters on the Prairie

*Chief Warrant Officer Marcel Chenier*

Previous articles from Suffield showcased our uniqueness and operational tempo in our continuing mandate to provide support to both the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS), and the Defence Research and Defence Canada – Suffield Research Station (DRDC). So this year, I thought I would provide you with the history of CFB Suffield, and end with its significance to the Strathconas.

The Southern Alberta plains were the traditional home of the First Nations people, the prominent tribe being the Blackfoot which lived and hunted on the lands since the 13th century, on what would eventually become the Suffield block. Canada's newly formed Confederation government, and their need to expand west in order to curb America's "Manifest Destiny", led to mass settlement from 1867-1914, and the eventual expropriation of the lands from the Blackfoot (Treaty #7).

With the fall of Algeria France, in 1941 to Nazi Germany, the British Army needed a new training facility for carrying out chemical warfare experiments. The Suffield block was chosen, the federal government then expropriated the land from the above mentioned settlers, and established what would eventually become DRDC.

Britain would again ask for assistance, this time in 1969, as they had just been ousted from their armoured training grounds in Libya, with the rise of Muammar Gaddafi. In 1971, Britain and Canada came to an agreement to allow battle group training to take place in the Suffield area by the British Army. The results of which directly led to the official establishment of CFB Suffield in 1971.

The Armoured Corps, and in particular LdSH(RC), have had a hand in CFB Suffield since its inception, indeed the first Base Commander (BComd), and Operations Officer were armoured officers (**Col M. Weisman** – RCD, and **Capt D. Fallon** - LdSH). Further, 13 of the last 27 BComd's were armoured, 4 of which were Strathconas. As well, 14 of the last 21 Base Regimental Sergeants-Majors (BRSM) were armoured with myself being the 7th Strathcona, following in the footsteps of **RSMs Francis, Chamberlain, Shadbolt, Wonderham, Gardener and Stacey**.

Currently serving from the Regt are: **Capt Jon Miller** – **WO Ryan Sebo** – **Sgt Steve Simpson** (now Dragoon) – **Cpl Mike Allman** - **Cpl Corey Hutchinson** – **Cpl Jeremy Gray** – **Cpl Carter Stamp** – and **Cpl Jorge Valenzuela**.



*Cpl Stamp - Assisting with control burns*



*Suffield Strathcona's (and a lone Dragoon) pose on a crisp fall day.*

Many Strathconas fall in love with the prairies once they've arrived, and sometimes they put down roots. We have enough retirees that we've created the "Medicine Black Hatters" as our own Regimental Association Chapter. Some of its members include: **Mike Onieu** – **Lee Encinas** – **Scott Schall** – **Brian Talty** – **Bob Baron** – **Jimmy Bolger** – **Doug Roy** – **Todd Hall** – **Al Fuller** – **Howard Madden** – **Chris Whalley** – and **Mike Alcock**.

Our motto is Eximius Ordo – In a class by itself. Why don't you come on down and find out why?





## Contact Gagetown ...wait!

*Captain Ali Raju*



*SSM Gratto delivers new Tpr's their cap badges.*

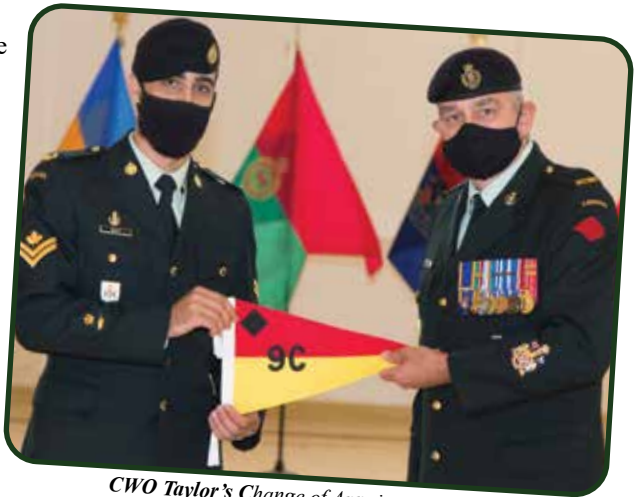
Although thousands of kilometres away from the Regiment, Strathconas in Gagetown are well represented at the Home of the Army. Well, we don't really have much of a choice as our very own Strathcona Base Commander **Col Parsons** expects nothing less than excellence and perseverance.

This year was a milestone for the Corps and all Strathconas serving at the School, as we saw the end of tank training (all Leo 2s eventually moving out West) and the switch over to "Cavalry" Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs); this

saw Troops of TAPVs and LAV 6s conduct

the full spectrum of Armour tasks, from route and area reconnaissance to Advance-to-Contact and hasty attacks. Under this new model, both the Armoured Crew Commander (ACC) and Armoured Troop Warrant courses from this past fall were successfully taught and executed (major mobility issues notwithstanding). Of note, Strathcona (**MCpl Pecarskie**) achieved the status of Top Candidate on the ACC. **Cpts Andrew Tardiff, Dale Patt** and newly minted Strathcona **Capt Andre Berube** (former 12 RBC) have shaped the new Armoured Troop Leader (ATL) pilot course in line with the ACC and ATW courses and congruent with our newly adopted TTPs. It's much longer and more robust than the old style of ATL, and their integration of an (hopefully soon-to-be-permanent) ATV fleet into field training seems to be a roaring success so far.

However, not all news is bright out east. With the ongoing and ever-changing public health protection measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic,



*CWO Taylor's Change of Appointment parade*



*Col Parsons rebadging Capt Berube as a Strathcona.*

Strathconas were deprived of our annual Moreuil Wood and Melfa River celebrations. Also, 2021 saw the send-off of **Capt** (formerly CWO) **Leigh Taylor**, who commissioned from ranks on the same parade where he handed over RSM duties for exciting adventure at PEIR. While we are all thrilled for **Capt Taylor**, he will be sorely missed by his colleagues. We have also welcomed a new Strathcona **Lt Martin Levis**, former Operations Warrant at the School. **Lt Levis** is carefully being mentored into the ways of the Regiment by **Lt Neil Miller**. **Maj Cam Meikle** left HQ Squadron for SAMS in order to prepare for taking over the helm of the school in the near future.



*2Lt's finishing up their DP 1.2 get their Strathcona Cap Badges.*

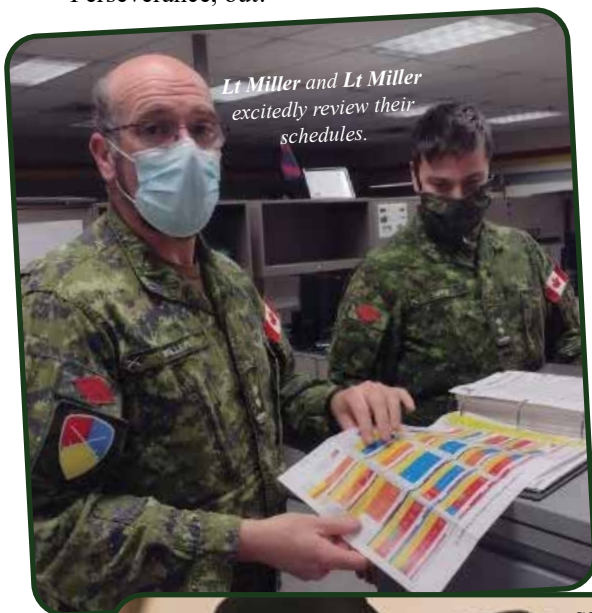
Last but not least, we saw the send-off of **Maj Mike "Lawfield Warrior" Dullege** to medical school in Kingston. His last SITREP tells us that he has influenced the professors at Queens University to teach adequately by adopting adult learning and EDI (Explain, Demonstrate and Imitate). **Maj Salter** replaced our soon to be Doctor Mike by taking the helm of B Squadron and exercising mission command at its fullest from K18.

Outstandingly, under the careful gaze of **MWO Gratto**, the Strathcona room at the School went through a complete makeover. **Sgts Collier, Croxall** and many other Strathconas got the job

done, surpassing everyone's expectations. We are just waiting for some valuable artifacts to embellish the room.

Finally, there are many other Strathconas serving either on base, at CTC, 5 Cdn Div or in the Calian Group. Notably, **Maj Tyler Collings** is currently deployed to Syria. He is teaching the Irish Contingent and other UN Observers the proper ways of Strathcona lifestyle, reflecting upon his time as a subaltern at the Regiment.

Perseverance, out!



*Lt Miller and Lt Miller excitedly review their schedules.*



*Capt Neshcov carries some SABOT on a 120mm range.*



*SSM Moon badges new Tprs.*

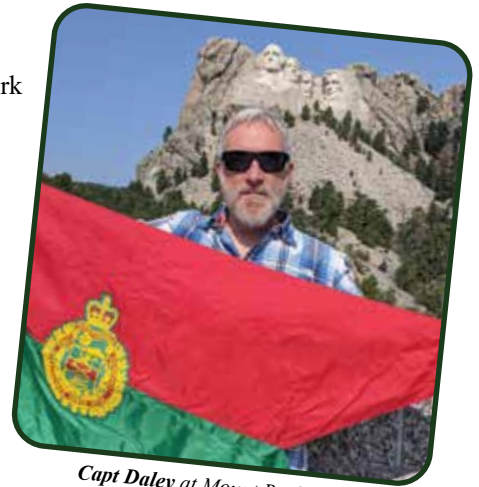




## NORAD

### *Captain Jeff Daley*

So it's been two year's since I was posted to Colorado Springs to work at NORAD & USNORTHCOM HQ's. And what a couple of years it has been! As you can all agree 2019-2021 has been quite the ride. I'll touch on some of the funny highlights. My first impression when coming onto the base was OMG it's huge and they take security very seriously here. The Air Force security forces are fully armed like we expect to see in a theatre of operations not the Homeland. The second thing I noticed is that the US Forces have no idea about Canadian rank insignia. For example, my sponsor was a Canadian LCol F18 driver. He brought me over to the building where I get my common ID that would allow me access to the base. He picked me up outside the base and drove us in. At the parking lot of the identification section, we couldn't find parking and had to park a couple hundred meters away. He had made an appointment for me ensuring we get this done. When we went into the office there was a



*Capt Daley at Mount Rushmore.*

Private as a receptionist but also there was a self-serve kiosk to report in for your appointment. I went to the kiosk to sign in while the LCol talked with the Receptionist. He explained that he had made me an appointment and we were a little late because we couldn't find parking. The Private's eyes grew large, she spudded and exclaimed "Sir, VVIP parking is right in front of the building!" at this she looked at me and down at my rank pips. She thought I was a three star General Officer. You must understand, the Americans don't see the rank ever since everyone is a Major or above and especially on an Air Force base dealing with an Army dude. Every day walking to my office I get the same reaction but from American Maj's and LCol's. Some avoid eye contact, some scramble to salute me first and hold open doors for me before I can salute them which makes it all awkward. I've only once had a US Coast Guard Commander stop and politely ask me to explain what rank I was. She was very polite and I was all too happy to describe the Canadian ranks after which we both had a laugh at the misunderstanding.

## Strathconas in the Levant Op JADE

### *Major Tyler Collings*

At midnight on 14 May 1948 the first Arab-Israeli war began. The State of Israel had just been declared in what was the former British Mandatory Palestine and it was amid these events that United Nations peacekeeping was born. UN Security Council Resolution 50 called for the creation of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, or UNTSO, made up of a mediator and military observers that would be tasked with observing and maintaining a ceasefire between the concerned parties to that conflict. As the UN's oldest peacekeeping operation, UNTSO survived and adapted through wars in 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973, as well as internal conflicts, changing political realities, shifting boundaries and changing Areas of Operation. Today the mission operates in all the states bordering Israel – Israel itself and the Golan Heights, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon, with observer elements being located in the Golan Heights and in southern Lebanon. Canada's contribution to this mission is referred to as Operation JADE and is Canada's oldest overseas operation. Currently our nation provides four to five officers to UNTSO, mostly as observers, but occasionally as staff officers, who can be employed in most of the nations that make up the AO. Presently two Strathcona's are deployed on Op JADE, **Major Tyler Collings** (yours truly) who is serving in Syria and **Captain Corey McLean** who is serving in Lebanon.

For both Corey and myself working for the UN is a new experience. COVID-19 restrictions are another factor that is making this tour a unique one and both realities became evident after our arrival in

Jerusalem for United Nations Military Observer (UNMO) induction training. We had both been told that we would be employed on the Israeli side of the Golan Heights, living in a town on the Sea of Galilee called Tiberius. This however would not come to pass as my outstation was changed to Syria and Corey was assigned a position in Lebanon. Crossing from Israel into any of its Arab neighbors requires some planning and COVID-19 only made things more interesting. For Corey his crossing occurred at Rosh Haniqra, a town on the Blue Line, which forms the boundary between Israel and Lebanon. To this day the “Blue Line” is only a recognized line of withdrawal and not an international border. As a result, the crossing point is occupied with troops from the Israel Defense Force (IDF) on one side and Lebanese Armed forces (LAF) on the other. These troops are physically separated by the permanent presence of UN Troops and all travel across is strictly controlled and coordinated between the LAF, IDF and UN. For myself the crossing from Israeli Occupied Golan into Syria was equally interesting, as the boundary is more a series of military positions than it is a border (which it technically is not). That said, we both crossed without issue and Corey got himself settled into his regrettable waterfront apartment on the beach, in the ancient Mediterranean seaside city of Tyre, with myself taking up residence in a lovely pre-fabricated shed in Syria (I jest).

In Lebanon Corey’s daily routine has him working out of a patrol base located just kilometres from the Blue Line where he conducts daily vehicle patrols with another UNMO and an Interpreter. He routinely conducts village patrols and KLEs with local Mukhtars and Mayors as well. As all UNMOS are



*Capt Corey McLean on Op JADE in Lebanon.*

unarmed, and given the nature of the mandate within Lebanon, there is a focus there on understanding the community and being able to build rapport. According to Corey the requirement that one must approach such situations with great care has been a self-professed lesson in the importance of constant calm composure! On his off days, he lives amongst the population in Tyre, which has been a great way to decompress after the patrol base and has also served as a means to better understand the population and their hardships. Lebanon is currently facing what the World Bank has assessed as one of the most severe economic crises globally since the mid-nineteenth century. The local currency has lost over 90% of its value and basic necessities such as fuel, medicine, and clean water, are often not readily available.

For myself in Syria life is a bit different than in Lebanon, due to two central factors. The first is the mandate is applied a bit differently here, as the focus is on ensuring the ceasefire between Israel and Syria is maintained, which on the Golan translates into observing a zone of separation from Observation Posts and by conducting patrols. The focus in the Golan Heights is to ensure the parties adhere to the 1974 Agreement on Disengagement, so one’s time is largely spent observing, reporting on, and inspecting the activities and disposition of conventional forces. The second factor is that Syria is currently in a state of civil war. Despite having no direct relationship with the mandate, the civil war is a dominating reality that has obvious affects within the state of Syria. Anti-Government Armed Elements (AGAEs) are active throughout the AO, which impacts UN operations and personnel. For example, as an UNMO in Syria you do not have freedom of movement off camp, and only leave camp for duty purposes or to go on leave. Living in Damascus is not currently an option and all movement is conducted with armoured vehicles, often with personal protective equipment worn. That said the Syrian people are some of the most hospitable I have ever met, whose outgoing friendliness and desire to rebuild is impressive. Having the opportunity to see a country so rarely seen by outsiders in recent times, and to get to work with so many nations that I have never had to opportunity to work with before has proven to be a very valuable experience.

I believe for both of us this has so far been a great tour, in one of the most historic, important, and interesting regions of the world. Working with officers from all over the globe has proven to be a once in a lifetime opportunity, and we are both grateful to have been given the opportunity to wear the Blue Beret for Canada here in the Levant.





## A Report from LANDCOM Turkey

*Major S.R. Wright*

Being posted to Izmir, Turkey, home of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Allied Land Command (LANDCOM) in February 2019, has been somewhat difficult and yet very rewarding. Arriving at a new posting at the beginning of a pandemic is not something that happens often, but if you read on, you will see how my wife Jennifer and I have handled the incoming challenges.

Working at LANDCOM within a Multinational environment is often challenging but is also very gratifying. Now, it didn't start out all that great. After less than a month on the ground, and just as I was starting to get the hang of the NATO Battle Rhythm, Turkey improved pandemic movement restrictions and LANDCOM had to assess new ways to achieve the mission. Staffing was decreased and people worked on call, but from these challenges emerged a stronger sense of teamwork and cooperation.

As the G6 Cyberspace Coordination Officer, I manage the Division's Battle Rhythm and tasks for 31 Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) from seven different nations, where English is often not the first language. While I encountered a bit of a learning curve upon my arrival, with the aforementioned teamwork and cooperation, my colleagues and I have learned ways to communicate that ensure we are all on the same page.

Even with the challenges of the pandemic, LANDCOM has been able to achieve its mission by enabling land domain READINESS, INTEROPERABILITY, STANDARDIZATION, and COMPETENCY. If required, LANDCOM will retain the capability to perform the role of Multi Corps-Land Component Command (MC-LCC).

In April 2021 I had the opportunity to attend Ex LOYAL BONUS, a computer simulated exercise with the purpose to prepare and exercise battle staff for their role as a MC-LCC.

Having the opportunity to work alongside individuals from 30 Nations supported by the Host Nation Turkey, enabled me to see the different culturally based approaches taken when tackling problems and communication issues.

In addition to my NATO job, I am also the Administration Officer for the Canadian Contingent, which consists of 12 Regular Force members and their families. This is a small task in itself but it keeps me busy!

On the home front, even with the COVID related restrictions and the disappointment of scaling back our travel plans, Turkey has been a great place to explore. We have been able to walk the streets of over 31 ancient cities, swim in the Mediterranean and Aegean seas, walk the battlefields of Gallipoli, and have been experiencing some of the finest wine and food the country has to offer. Meeting and making new friends along the way has only made this experience more gratifying and rewarding. We have found that the Turkish people are friendly, kind, helpful and are always eager to show you their lifestyle. They truly consider you family.

In closing, the Headquarters is now back fully supporting NATO missions conducting Mobile Training Team (MTT) missions and Combat Readiness Evaluations (CREVALs) throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. I am looking forward to some Temporary Duty and travel and the opportunity to work closely with more of our NATO partners.

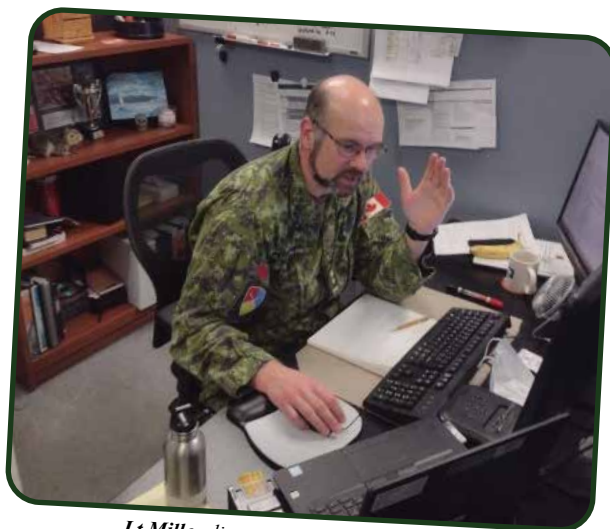


*Major Stephen Wright receiving Commanders Coin from Lieutenant-General R.L. Cloutier, Comd LANDCOM.*



## Extra Regimentally Employed

MGen T.J. Cadieu	SJS	Maj K.D. Tams	3 CDTC
MGen S.R. Kelsey	CFD	Maj L.B. Tapp	1 CMBG
MGen D.A. Macaulay	CA HQ	Maj M.D. Timms	CFC
BGen J.J. Major	CA HQ	Maj D.P. Williams	RMC
BGen P.J. Peyton	5 Cdn Div HQ	Maj S.R. Wright	LANDCOM, Turkey
Col J.L. Cochrane	CFC Toronto	Maj C.J. Young	CADTC
Col V.G. Kirstein	CJOC HQ	Capt J.F. Agius	CFRC Fredericton
Col M. Lubiniecki	VCDS C Prg	Capt R.J. Baglole	3 CDSB
Col E.G. MacEachern	CA HQ	Capt A.P. Bérubé	RCACS
Col D.R. Parsons	5 CDSB Gagetown	Capt P.A. Buckingham	3 CDSB
LCol C.R. Adams	33 CBG	Capt N.B. Bugg	CMTC
LCol E.D. Angell	CFLS	Capt S.T. Casey	JTF-X
LCol R.P. Chiasson	1 CPRG	Capt S.R. Churchill	3 CDSB Ops Svcs
LCol M.A. Connolly	OUTCAN NATO - JFTC	Capt T.M. Clackson	BCR
LCol R.A. Cooper	CANSOFCOM	Capt S.K. Clubine	3 Cdn Div HQ
LCol C.S. Gardner	4 CDTC	Capt S.G. Couture	1 CMBG
LCol D.M. Gray	CA HQ	Capt J.A. Daley	NORAD
LCol V.F. Hayward	3 CDSB	Capt F.J. Dawson	39 CBG HQ
LCol A.D. MacIntyre	CA HQ	Capt D.W.R. Dixon	CANSOFCOM
LCol A. Nitu	VCDS C Prg	Capt L.A. Frizzell	TC Calgary
LCol C.O. Nolan	5 Cdn Div HQ	Capt E.R.J.M. Gajnorio	Royal Lancers
LCol C.J. Quinlan	CFD	Capt J. Horlings	3 CDTC
LCol R.T. Steward	41 CBG HQ	Capt T.J. Hume	SALH
LCol A.S.H. Wong	3 Cdn Div HQ	Capt H. Jung	CFRC Ott
Maj J.A. Anderson	JCSP	Capt M.A. Kaye	5 CDSG Pers Svcs
Maj M.D.R.L. Bentley	eFP BG, Latvia	Capt A.M. Keewatin	1 CMBG
Maj J.S. Boates	CDLS(W)	Capt S.A. King	CADTC
Maj J.W. Brown	CA HQ	Capt L.J. Kirkham	Sask D
Maj T.L. Collings	Op Jade	Capt M. Labrecque	CANSOFCOM
Maj D.R. Cronk	HQ MND-NE Poland	Capt J.F. Lee	FGH
Maj T.W.F. Day	6 CCSB HQ	Capt O.T. Lewis	2/2 SBCT
Maj W.S. Deatcher	CJOC	Capt M.J. MacInnis	CFRC Ott, Det Sudbury
Maj M.R.N Douglas	41 CBG HQ	Capt C.J. MacLean	BCD
Maj L.A. Dunn	1 CRPG	Capt T.R. McHugh	CMTC
Maj A.C. Dwyer	CFD	Capt C.D. McLean	Op JADE
Maj I. M. Elkorazati	CACSC	Capt M.A. McTavish	39 CBG HQ
Maj C.S. Fifield	CACSC		
Maj S.W. Holmes	SJS		
Maj M.D.C. Johns	1 CMBG		
Maj B.S. Johnson	JTFN		
Maj J.M.J. Kim	CA HQ		
Maj T.A. LaCroix	CA HQ		
Maj M.A. Lakatos	D Cyber Ops FD		
Maj R.R. Lee	CMTC		
Maj P.E. Leonard	JTFN		
Maj R.I. Lund	5 Cdn Div HQ		
Maj J.R.F. McEwen	CADTC		
Maj M.A. McMurachy	SJS		
Maj C.W. Meikle	CTC RCACS		
Maj J.P. Nguyen	3rd United Kingdom Division		
Maj C.S. Penney	CAF TU NB-PE		
Maj T.D. Pett	CADTC HQ Det Edm		
Maj C.E.J. Prince	CMTC		
Maj J.N. Rickard	CACSC		
Maj J. Salter	RCACS		
Maj M.R. Shumka	3 Cdn Div HQ		



*Lt Miller discovers the joy of CAFJODs.*





Capt J.L.E.E. Miller	CFB Suffield	Sgt C.K. Clegg	RCACS
Capt A.C.R. Neshcov	RCACS	Sgt C.J. Collier	RCACS
Capt M.G. Pano	CADTC	Sgt M.C.F. Collier	RCACS
Capt D.F. Patt	RCACS	Sgt M.R. Croxall	RCACS
Capt E.G. Perry	QYR	Sgt C.J. Davidson	3 Cdn Div TC
Capt A.A. Raju	RCACS	Sgt J.E. Desjardins	CAF TG
Capt K.A. Reiten	3 CDTC	Sgt J.A. Dunford	CFRC Cgy Det Edm
Capt S.J. Rogozinski	3 CDSB-OLT	Sgt R.N. Ford	RCACS
Capt C.J. Ross	CTC HQ	Sgt F.J. Graham	CAF TC Gagetown
Capt C.T. Smith	3 CDSB Edm ATL	Sgt J.D. Hayes	RCACS
Capt A.D. Tardiff	RCACS	Sgt A.L. Icala	CAF TC Edm
Capt L.M. Taylor	PEIR	Sgt K.A. Job	CFLRS St-Jean
Capt L.W. van Heerden	KOCR	Sgt J.A. Johnson	1 CRPG
Capt E.J. Wiome	RCACS	Sgt B.R. Loft	RCACS
Capt D.M. Wright	CFSU(E)	Sgt M.M. MacLeod	RCACS
Capt A.J. Young	JTF X	Sgt D.A. McNair	3 Cdn Div TC
Lt R.M. Levis	RCACS	Sgt H.L. Mijares	3 Cdn Div TC
Lt N.C. Miller	RCACS	Sgt J.A. Monge	RCACS
CWO M.A.R. Chenier	CFB Suffield	Sgt N.D. Norman	3 Cdn Div TC
CWO R.J. Clarke	1 CMBG	Sgt A.W. Pawliuk	RCACS
CWO R.A. Englehart	U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy	Sgt D.P. Popoff	CAF TC Edmonton
	TC Edmonton	Sgt N.A. Reid	CFB Meaford
CWO A.S. Mayfield	ACO ORGS (S) Naples	Sgt S.J. Richardson	RCACS
MWO H. Babin	CMTC	Sgt R.J. Rushton	RCACS
MWO L.B. Christopoulos	RCACS	Sgt C.R. Schafer	RCACS
MWO M.A.L. Gratto	CANSOFCOM HQ	Sgt T.G.C. Silcox	3 Cdn Div TC
MWO L.R. Hill	TC Edmonton	Sgt S.T. Taborowski	RCACS
MWO B.E. Holmes	3 CDSB SLT	Sgt C.J.W. Talmage	RCACS
MWO N.V. Mills	CJOC HQ	Sgt R.M. Torney	CFB Kingston
MWO G.C. Moon	3 Cdn Div TC	Sgt B.W. Townsend	JTFW-JOC
MWO R.T. Vigar	CATEU	Sgt M.S. Weir	SALH
WO C.J. Bulmer	IMS NATO HQ, Brussels	Sgt K.W.T. Wright	1 Svc Bn
WO J.J.Y.L. Charette	408 THS	MCpl J.G. Comeau	3 Cdn Div TC
WO K.G. Chuback	RCACS	MCpl A.E.M. Cook	CFFCA
WO S.P. Collins	BCR	MCpl S.M. Coughlan	RCACS
WO G. Davidson	BCD	MCpl J.W. Crockett	RCACS
WO T.C. Dickey	RCACS	MCpl N.B. Deringer	BCR
WO J.A.J. Gushue	8 CH	MCpl L.M. Doan	CMTC
WO J.M. Helliwell	Tactics School	MCpl T.W. Ellis	RCACS
WO N.C. Johnston	KOCR		
WO R.W.W. Kearns	3 Cdn Div TC		
WO C.A. Kentfield	CMTC		
WO K.R. McAtasney	SALH		
WO D.J. McMurtry	The Ont Regt		
WO E.R.G. Morley	SALH		
WO J.D. Paterson	RCACS		
WO N.A. Patterson	Sask D		
WO A.A. Pociuk	CFB Suffield		
WO R.G. Sebo	RCACS		
WO S.G. Thomas	FGH		
WO L.J. Troop	1 Cdn Div		
Sgt A.A. Alwani	3 CDSG		
Sgt T. Baldwin	1 CRPG		
Sgt A.E. Balfour	CANSOFCOM		
Sgt L.T. Banman	CAF TG TU Ott		
Sgt F.L. Brown	1 Cdn Div		
Sgt M.R. Burke	CAF TG - Soldier On		
Sgt B.K. Campbell	RCACS		
Sgt H.C. Chen			



*Shots of Strathcona's on the range-Kingston*



MCpl D.J.P. Friolet	3 Cdn Div TC	Cpl M.R. Jesse	3 CDSB
MCpl G.A. George	POESB Esquimalt	Cpl R.I.J. King	CMTC
MCpl T.C. Gibbons	The Windsor Regiment	Cpl C.M. Kipot	RCACS
MCpl A.W. Goodwin	BCD	Cpl K. Klassen	RCACS
MCpl N.J.C. Guay	RCACS	Cpl L.M. Kroeker	RCACS
MCpl J.S.M. Hall	RCACS	Cpl L.M. Lastowski	3 CDSG Tech Svs
MCpl I.G. Harding	RCACS	Cpl K.J. Leis	CMTC
MCpl A.T. Kewley	1 Svc Bn	Cpl M.A.J. Marion	RCACS
MCpl D.W. Lahay	3 Cdn Div TC	Cpl J.D. Martin	RCACS
MCpl R.J.P.J. Larcher Pelland	Sask D	Cpl J.N. Matchett	RCACS
MCpl C.J. Lawrence	3 Cdn Div TC	Cpl M.C. Maxwell	3 CDSB
MCpl A.L. Maisonneuve	JIIIFC/SJS	Cpl M.G. Meena	CMTC
MCpl C.B. Maisonneuve	CANSOFCOM	Cpl S.A. Mireault	RCACS
MCpl J. Park	RCACS	Cpl W.J. Mitchell	RCACS
MCpl R.B. Partridge	5 CDTC	Cpl A.A. Moreau	RCACS
MCpl I.S. Sandhu	CAF TC Cgy	Cpl T.R. Mosher	TC Edmonton
MCpl J.O. Schijns	Halifax Rifles	Cpl L.N. Mullens	3 CDSB
MCpl B.A. Shepherd	TC Edmonton	Cpl J.R.R. Munro	RCACS
MCpl C.J.D. Shute	RCACS	Cpl R.W. Murray	RCACS
MCpl G.H.L. Skaarup	RCACS	Cpl T.F. Ned	408 THS
MCpl P.J. Smith	RCACS	Cpl P.M. Nicholson	3 CDSG
MCpl E.T. Snook	PSTC-CFB Kingston	Cpl A.P.J. Normandeau	RCACS
MCpl K.M.J. Stratford	CFLRS St-Jean	Cpl S.P. O'Connor	RCACS
MCpl D.E. Symington	FGH	Cpl B.D. Peacher	CMTC
MCpl K.M. Thibault	CMTC	Cpl S.G.S. Phypers	RCACS
MCpl E.J. Thibodeau	RCACS	Cpl A.M. Pezzelato	RCACS
MCpl G.D. Veinot	SALH	Cpl R.W. Pietila	RCACS
MCpl R.K. Wagner	5 CDTC	Cpl G.D. Ripley	RCACS
MCpl A.C.P. Warren	RCACS	Cpl C.D.P. Silverman	3 CDSB
MCpl M.L.P. Westelaken	RCACS	Cpl M.M.R. Sirois	The Windsor Regiment
MCpl B.J. Wheeler 3	Cdn Div TC	Cpl D.R. Smith	RCACS
MCpl B.S. Young	RCACS	Cpl C.J. Stamp	CFB Suffield
Cpl M.G. Allman	CFB Suffield	Cpl S.T. Swanson	RCACS
Cpl C.D. Asprey	RCACS	Cpl J.E.A. Valenzuela	CFB Suffield
Cpl D.G.J. Aube	TC Edmonton	Cpl D.M. Wynn	CACSC Kingston
Cpl B.C. Baker	RCACS	Tpr A.D.S. Dee	RCACS
Cpl D.A. Beukes	RCACS	Tpr C.D. Ducharme	RCACS
Cpl K.H. Bishop	RCACS	Tpr D.T. Giersch	RCACS
Cpl J.J.J. Booth	3 CDSB Edm-Det-Gar Wx	Tpr W.R.R.A. Hayne	RCACS
Cpl S.J. Brown	RCACS	Tpr T.C.V. Hunt	RCACS
Cpl N.A.F. Bryk	RCACS	Tpr E.P. Jankowitz	RCACS
Cpl F.A. Castillo	3 CDSB Tech Svs Wx	Tpr K.A. Jaun	RCACS
Cpl K.A. Cena	RCACS	Tpr L.M. Renooy	RCACS
Cpl S.P. Charles	RCACS	Tpr C.B. Rundle	RCACS
Cpl S.M-L Doan	CMTC	Tpr C.T. Service	RCACS
Cpl S Eidt	TC Edmonton		
Cpl N.F. Fabischek	RCACS		
Cpl A.G.R. Foisy	3 CDSB Tech Svs Wx		
Cpl S. Fong	RCACS		
Cpl R.C. Gonzalez-Negret	RCACS		
Cpl J.P. Gray	CFB Suffield		
Cpl M.J. Gregory	RCACS		
Cpl S.J.J. Grenier	RCACS		
Cpl M.J. Guay	RCACS		
Cpl T.P. Hayes	RCACS		
Cpl A.P. Hill	RCACS		
Cpl W.J.K. Hopper	RCACS		
Cpl C.B. Hornby	RCACS		
Cpl C.W. Hutchinson	CFB Suffield		



*Shots of Strathcona's on the range-Kingston*





*Lt Rob Haddow presented his Commissioning Scroll from LCol Mike Mallette*



*L-R - MCpl Oulette, MCpl Grubber, Sgt Gross, MCpl McNeil*



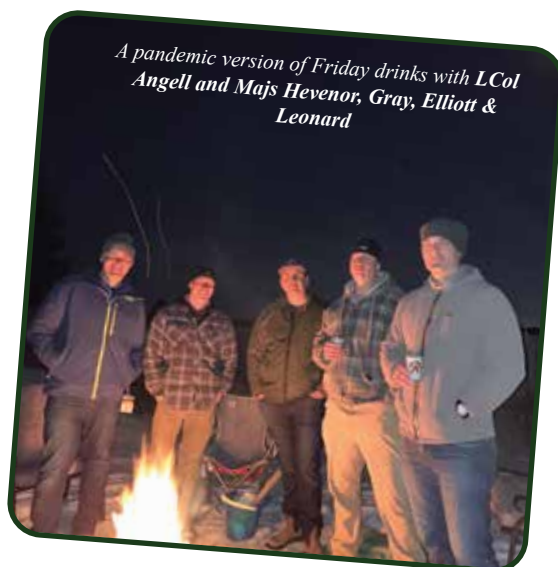
*Who could say no to treats that look that good!*



*The Senior Officers of LdSH(RC) put on a Change of Command BBQ fitting of the times*



*MCpl McKenzie and MCpl Grubber sneak in a selfie.*



*A pandemic version of Friday drinks with LCol Angell and Majs Hevenor, Gray, Elliott & Leonard*

# Messing & Social



## The Mariner Room

*Major Gord Elliott*

I'll try to stay just as optimistic about 2021 as I was last year! The year began for the Mariner Room with our (pandemic delayed) opportunity to say goodbye to many officers leaving the Regiment. With a luxurious meal of pizza and snacks at the EGOM and a rare glimpse of normalcy ahead of Exercises AGILE RAM & MAPLE RESOLVE, we took the chance to say goodbye to many officers following redeployment from Op REASSURANCE in 2020. In another seemingly normal experience at the EGOM so rare during the pandemic, **LCol Eric Angell & Maj Nathan Hevenor** took the time to present PD sessions to all officers on their experiences during respective Tank Squadron deployments to Kandahar – extremely well received by the large group of young officers who only recently had arrived to the Regiment.

While the Summer brought much optimism, we also said goodbye with what must have been a record breaking number of mug outs, coupled with the Regimental Change of Command. For a mere five hours in the unventilated dining hall, we said goodbye to 16 officers leaving Regimental strength, including **LCol Angell** and the outgoing Regimental Second in Command, **Maj Matt Johns**, following by an ad hoc outdoor BBQ, the best celebration possible given the times, to welcome **LCol Mike Mallette** back to the Regiment ahead of the Regimental Change of Command ceremony. **Maj Mike Timms** did his best to set a new Texas brisket record in the absence of STEELE BEASTS this year, but couldn't in the end rival a weekday night at Rudy's.

The EGOM reopening over the Summer months was met in style by the seemingly endless stream of new subalterns posted into the Regiment throughout the year. Arriving in batches of five or six at a time, it has been a generation since so many Lts have been on Regimental strength. Taking advantage of the opportunity, **Capt Mike Forestell** put together an impromptu washer toss tournament that attracted officers across the Brigade, with **Capt Miles Smith** crowned as the inaugural winner.

While deployed on Ex STEELE SABRE, it was with great sadness to the entire Regiment, and the Mariner Room, that we received word of the passing of our fellow Strathcona Officer, **Capt Andrew Kelly**. **Andrew** served in the Regiment between 2018 – 2021, and as a subbie in B Squadron during his final time in the Regiment. His sudden passing left a mark on not only the Regiment, but all of his peers in the Mariner Room who served alongside him over the past four years.

While flooding in BC may have actually played a larger role than COVID-19, all Christmas activities were no to be for a second year in a row. Despite my high hopes of curling tournaments and a return to a normal Silly Season, COVID-19 continued to have other plans. I now, without contest, hold the record as the only PMC without the privilege of organizing a mess dinner for two years. We'll see if there's a third!



*Captain Andrew Kelly, a Calgary native, scratch golfer, and skier at home in the back country of Alberta.*





## The Sarcee Room

*Warrant Officer Derek Murdoch*

The last 12 months have flown by for the mess which always confirms one thing: we were all super busy. From Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 21 to Ex STEELE SABRE 21 and most recently Op LENTUS 21-06, most of our members were out of the area doing the business for almost half of the year. Not to mention the ongoing battle in all messes with force health protection measures to ensure safety from the virus. Due to these measures the mess was unable to host any kind of events throughout the year which unfortunately doesn't give me much to talk about for this article.

What I can offer as the PMC is a secret that few Strathcona's know about and even fewer would even dare to care about: the recipe on how to make a pot of coffee in the Sarcee room. Contrary to popular belief, the coffee does not in fact just materialize once the pot is completed. There are several steps that apparently have been lost over the ages that must be completed before the coffee returns from the nether.

*These steps are as follows:*

**Step 1:** Turn off burner and empty old coffee grinds (These could be days old if the PMC or RSM are not present in the Regiment)

**Step 2:** Place coffee filter into funnel

*Now here comes the hard part:*

**Step 3:** Fill the filter up using the red table spoon provided and fill 7.5 scoops as per the directions on the coffee container

**Step 4:** Place funnel into machine and fill 1 times jug of water to the fill mark

**Step 5:** Fill coffee machine with jug of water

**Step 6:** Wait until brewing process is complete

**Step 7:** While waiting wipe up all messes that you inevitably created (You are not required at any time to wait for the PMC to conduct this step)

**Step 8:** Pour coffee and enjoy

That's it, all the forgotten steps to make the ever elusive pot of Sarcee room coffee. Now I know many of the readers of this article are probably young junior ranks who aspire to climb the ranks and someday sip a chalice of this renowned drink; so please keep this recipe in mind to avoid any future conflicts with crusty Warrant Officer PMCs who are tired of making everyone coffee.

## The Green Point Lounge

*Sergeant Steven Gross*



*The Green Point Lounge emblem*

There is a room way down in the Harvey Building that they call the Green Point Lounge. It has been the ruin of many a poor Master Corporals; and God I know I'm one. The Master Corporals of the Green Point Lounge have personified "*Semper Gumbi*" this year by navigating COVID-19 force health protection measures and a very ambitious training schedule. Practically the entire mess was involved in the recent ACC course run in-house either employed as an instructor or as a student themselves. The freshly promoted **Sgt Kyle** "*I'm not angry, I'm passionate*" **Nieuwhoff** was one such instructor, molding the future of the Armoured Corps and screaming at new crew commanders



*MCpl Armstrong and MCpl Watson enjoy a celebratory cigar following their successful completion of ACC!*

our ability to host events or even linger in our lounge, the spirit and camaraderie of the GPL remained strong within its incoming and outgoing members.



*Everyone in the GPL knows the key to a successful trace is a can of soda each night!*

to sweep the mess. **MCpl Sean** “*Qualified TAPV Combat Diver*” **Marcotte** personified the perfect hull down by taking the optimal hull down in a lake. There is no need to give away your position by firing at the enemy if you can completely conceal your vehicle under water. While provincial and federal restrictions limited



*A one man game of eucure. MCpl Watson diligently takes selfies while MCpl Armstrong is locked in a tight battle with himself.*

The transition from dirty hull gremlin to Crew Commander is a long and difficult one and the grungy drank pit of the Point of Green is the sparkling reward you have been working towards your entire career. Congratulations to all the newly qualified and promoted members, don’t forget to clean out the coffee pot! Also, the fridge is empty you deadbeats, in spite of a member who will go unnamed (**MCpl. S. Andrews**, aka **MCpl Sean A**, aka **Shawn Androos**, aka **Shaun Enfrews**) who by my last tally on the white board still owes 14 cases of beer. Looking forward to the future as many of us move on to Green-er pastures, we pass the torch to you, the new generation of Jacks, with confidence that you will ensure that the mess remains coated in a thin layer of fried chicken grease and moose milk.

## Track Pad

### *Corporal Dane Frizzell*

As another year of COVID 19 passes through the world, the Track Pad has been limited to its day to day operations. **Cpl Kyler** “*Steve-O*” **Bebee** is still the reigning Trooper Funk Champion! He won it as a Trooper and he is now a Corporal! It has been difficult to host events and get together as a team. Like many, we are hoping for a less restricted 2022.

As the year closes I would like to congratulate all former Track Pad members who have now been promoted to MCpl. I wish you all a farewell as you embark on a new chapter of your life in the Fabulous Green Point Lounge. At this time, do not expect a parting gift. As for all who remain, I hope to continue to build a greater mess in the coming year!

A final shout out to now former PMC **MCpl Randolph** “*Randy*” **Rawson**. You made it. Now go on and shape the hearts and minds of the future.





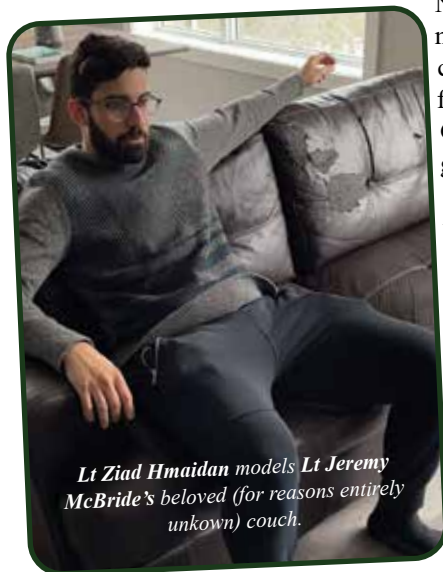
## Subbies' Corner

*Captain Miles Smith*

What is it to be a Strathcona subbie? Is indentured servitude as a barista? Being exiled as a course officer to Wainwright? Cleaning up sugar spitefully spilled by majors on the counter? Polishing silver? The literature is quite clear: any previous subbies corner article in the *Strathconian* since 1914 would answer yes to all these questions.

Enter 2021. The subbies were in uncharted territory when a resurgent global pandemic closed the Mariner Room. Forced to gather virtually and do something other than make coffee, subbies began gathering virtually and drinking coffee. Having successfully infiltrated the WhatsApp group, **Capt Thom** "*Subaltern Emeritus*" **Gray** continued to test his Clauswitzian theory that "roasting is the continuation of professional development by other means." Fortunately, his no-less-posh-but-far-less-British alter ego **Capt Tom** "*turret*" **Clackson** provided alarmingly more sober, son-of-a-judge-like guidance as Senior Subbie until his posting.

In keeping with Regimental tradition that subbies number no less than two Toms, **Lt Tom** "*Excel Wizard*" **Underwood** and **2Lt Tom** "*I'm qualified...as a driver*" **Lauterbacher** joined our ranks. Conspicuously, "the ranks" have begun to infiltrate our group with **Lt Izaak** "*are you kidding me*" **Koolman** and **Lt Colin** "*get out of my trace*" **Clare** joining the Toms in no longer working for a living. Mercifully **Capt Leon** "*ok bud*" **van Heerden** took his sabbatical to Calgary which has been compared to Dennis Rodman's famous 48 hours in Vegas – but for an entire ERE. Unsurprisingly the above found the sanctity of coffee bizarre and became regular members of the "alcoholics unanonymus" subbie meetings, unironically held whenever possible.



*Lt Ziad Hmaidan models Lt Jeremy McBride's beloved (for reasons entirely unknown) couch.*

New, less salty additions to the subbie roster continue to make their mark in different ways. **Lt Jeremy** "*send me your DSR*" **McBride** cordially refused the Regiment's invitation to report to duty at the finest cavalry regiment in the world without his beloved couch from Gagetown, causing the Adjutant to ponder "who the f&%k is this guy." Meanwhile, **Lts Ziad Hmaidan** and **Phil** "*what's an RFD?*" **German** showed up no sooner than weeks after their postings themselves. **Lt Ekam** "*oh, there's no cream in the Mariner Room?*" **Uppal** reminded us all that safety comes first after sending it full tuck down a double black diamond during the subbie ski bash, and **Lt Charles** "*The Innkeeper*" **Coxhead** continues to graciously host guests on his shack room floor once the mess had finally reopened. **Capt Mike** "*the Greek*" **Uusoue** and the author continue to hold the titles of senior serving duty desk supervisors. For those who follow this column of the *Strathconian* loyally, **Lt Tim** "*I'll look into that for you*" **Carroll** was offered as this year's Wainwright course officer sacrifice.

The past year saw a global pandemic and a righteous operational tempo try to put a damper on the usual subbie life. Rest assured, 2021's group of junior officers did their best to keep things amusing, if not mildly irritating, for the more comfortably seated members of the Mariner Room. This year proved that there's more to subbie life than skittering around the Regiment doing odd jobs – it's the people. That being said, if you're a subbie reading this, you should probably go check the coffee in the Mariner Room.



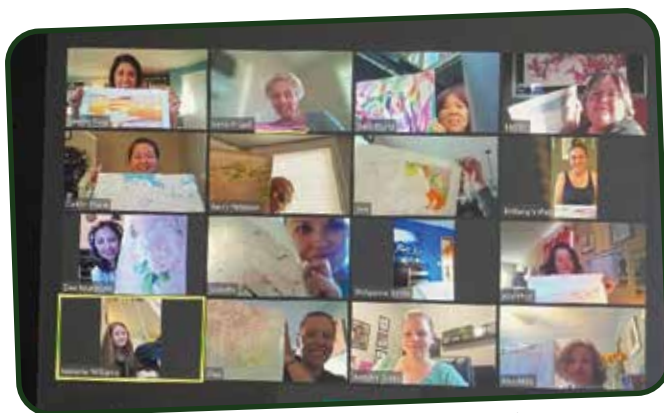
*Captain Shea McGlone demonstrating his luscious flow while exploring the aquatic life of the Wainwright Training Area.*



*2Lt Poulet takes their rightful place on the CO's desk before pecking at some important paperwork (much to the CO's annoyance).*



## Strathcona Spouses



*The end result of the Virtual Paint Night.*

Fall began quietly with a virtual Meet & Greet held in October. Individual treat boxes were distributed and enjoyed from the comfort of our homes while we chatted via Zoom. It was a small group, so it was a great chance to get to know each other a little better.

With the soldiers deploying to British Columbia to battle floods, it was difficult to get together in November, but an in-person cookie exchange and craft afternoon was held in early December. Finding a facility to host the event was difficult but thanks to ingenuity of the wonderful spouses in our community, we were able to have a wonderful afternoon filled with laughs and crafting fun, hot holiday drinks and a wonderful assortment of goodies. Extra cookies were brought to the Strathcona duty centre on Christmas Eve for soldiers to enjoy throughout the holidays.

We look forward to hosting more in-person events in 2022!

The activities of the Spouses group were strongly impacted by COVID and gathering restrictions; however, we still managed to persevere and have some fun. In April 2021, a virtual Bingo night was held. Everyone printed their own Bingo card, and some got creative with their markers (I happen to know that smarties were used by at least one spouse). Then in May 2021, a virtual Craft & Trivia evening was held, with paint kits distributed to attendees in advance.



*Finally, an in-person meeting!  
Holiday decorating was a success!*



*Strathcona Spouses meet online for a virtual gathering!*





# Henry Sampson Memorial Golf Tournament

*Colonel (Ret'd) Roy Forestell*



*Tom Martineau and his team get ready*

It was a great sunny and warm day, the 10th of September! The HSMGT was a go and everyone was eager to play, especially after having to cancel last year due to the pandemic and associated restrictions. 84 Corps golfers and friends gathered at the Smith Falls Ontario Golf and Country Club for this highly popular reunion, thinly disguised as a golf tournament. In Henry's name, and even with restricted numbers, the tournament managed to generate almost \$2000 for the Canadian Cancer Society, so when you add that to the smiles, laughter and friendships renewed and made, as well as golf in great weather, it was a stellar day.

The Henry Sampson Memorial Golf Tournament originated as a tribute to **CWO Henry Sampson**, a former 8th Hussar Regimental Sergeant Major who passed away from cancer. His family had requested that the Regiment host a golf tournament as a charitable event in his name to raise funds for cancer research. This one-time event has now blossomed from that initial tournament to become a highly anticipated Corps event that is held annually, at the Smith Falls Golf and Country Club with Corps participants from all over Ontario and beyond.



*Jim and Lucile Ellard pause for a photo with their team.*

This year the Regiment was well represented by 16 participants (**Dave Rundle, Tom Martineau, Dave Macleod, Roy Forestell, Lucas Forestell, John Stuckart, Spike Hazleton, Jacob Fulton, Derik Holwell, Barry Blackburn, John and Bernadine Russell, Jim and Lucile Ellard, and Jamie and Beth Cade**), all who entertained us with masterful play, some of which would have shaken the 'golf gods' to tears ... of laughter!



*An excellent turnout*

Strathcona results of the day:

3rd Place - Team of **Tom Martineau (LdSH (RC)), Marc Forget, Roger Asuncion and Barry Clark;**

Women's Closest to the Line - **Beth Cade (LdSH(RC));**

Men's Closest to the Pin - **Jamie Cade (LdSH(RC));**

Best Placing by Regiment - 12 RBC, LdSH(RC), RCD;

The aim of the HSMGT is not winning or even golfing but to bring us all together to have a fun day, reminisce with old friends and make new ones. The "real win" is being together as a Corps and seeing everyone having so much fun. A Corps event not to be missed!



*Jacob Fulton, Spike Hazleton, Dave Macleod, John Stuckart*

# The Royal Lancers (Queen Elizabeths' Own)



*Lieutenant A.J. Aldridge*

With the pandemic gripping every aspect of society, one would assume that it would lead to a slowing down of activity for the Royal Lancers. Nothing can be further from the truth. The start of 2021 saw the majority of the Regiment, temporarily giving up our Scimitars and Armoured Cavalry role and deploying to Manchester in the north of England to contribute to the national mass COVID testing effort in support of the civil contingencies. Regimental Headquarters established themselves to lead with the coordination of the operation and B and C Squadrons were located throughout the Greater Manchester area where they ran testing sites. Teams worked closely with local councils to set up and coordinate these testing sites for key workers. Their efforts were recognised by MPs and Lancers also raised £5000 for a local veterans' charity whilst deployed.

Moving towards a more conventional armoured cavalry focus, the core of Regimental Headquarters deployed to Texas for Ex WARFIGHTER. The Royal Lancers formed the Divisional Reconnaissance Battlegroup for 3 (UK) Division, themselves under the command of 3 (US) Corps, and as such were the primary source of on the ground intelligence acquisition for the Divisional Commander. This was a fantastic opportunity for all in Battlegroup HQ as well as a few junior officers who acted as liaison officers at both Divisional and Corps levels. The Regiment received high praise from the GOC for their efforts and were adept to international interoperability.

Elsewhere, A Squadron deployed the majority of their personnel to Ukraine. This saw soldiers and officers training and mentoring Ukrainian units in a number of fields including urban warfare and becoming proficient in the combat estimate. Everyone who took part found the experience hugely rewarding and it culminated with the Squadron providing marching contingent for the Ukrainian Independence Parade. November saw A Squadron take on a rather unique opportunity of deploying to Belize for some jungle training which was demanding and rewarding in equal measure.

At the start of the year, B Squadron had been focussed on their deployment to Kosovo as part of KFOR. They had the challenging task of whittling down a squadron to meet the required strength of 35 and ran a cadre in Catterick in order to select the soldiers who would be best suited to the unique challenge of Human Terrain Reconnaissance (HTR). In the summer they moved onto pre-deployment training with ranges and a HTR cadre in Lydd before departing for Kosovo in early October. They are part of the NATO mission in the country and thoroughly enjoy the new challenges that such an operational tour produces.

C Squadron have maintained the Regiment's core role as Armoured Reconnaissance specialists and continue to be current and competent with CVR(T). This involved extensive mounted ranges in Castlemartin, Wales and a number of exercises both in Catterick and down on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire. This has stood the Squadron in good stead for Ex SOMME LANCER, where the Regiment exercised in Germany in October. This provided the fantastic opportunity for extensive combined arms integration through land and air as well as use of both training area and private land. D Squadron finished the second half of their six month stint to the Balkans where they split their efforts between Bosnia and Kosovo. Here, they worked as the Great Britain Task Unit under NATO by contributing towards the safety and security of the region. They put their inherent recce skills to good use through understanding complex human terrain.

The Squadron returned from Kosovo in April and after some well-deserved leave got straight back into the thick of things and became reacquainted with CVR(T), not before giving some useful tips to B Squadron who took over in October. Finally, the end of the year sees The Royal Lancers taking up the mantle of the UK Standby Battalion and being at readiness for whatever task may come their way.



*The Royal Lancer's shooting team took third in the 1 Armoured Infantry Brigade shooting competition.*

*The Royal Lancer's Battlegroup with attached personnel from across 1 Armoured Infantry Brigade in a Leaguer near Hamelin, Germany.*

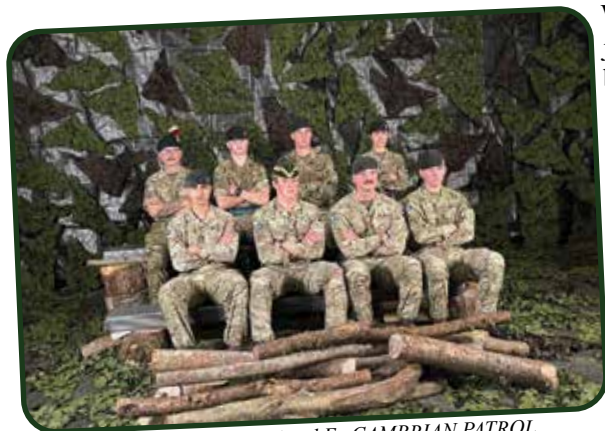




# The Queen's Royal Hussars

## A Year in Review

*Captain Jonathon Nice*



*The QRH team completed Ex CAMBRIAN PATROL and achieved a silver medal.*

Welcome to the back pages of your regimental journal. I hope you've enjoyed the tales of dashing bravery and heroics that your regiment has displayed. Hopefully you've not been too side-tracked by the post-COVID world that we all continue to struggle through.

As dawn broke on 2021 and the British people had just stopped complaining that Christmas had been cancelled (again), we were optimistic that 2021 would be a year of unparalleled opportunity. We had just narrowly avoided (by 2 days) being activated as the UK's Standby Battalion to deliver surge COVID testing across the UK on Christmas Day and through New Year. The Black Pig (D Squadron) were still in Estonia gallivanting in the snow with the 5 RIFLES Battle Group, experiencing a significantly

colder winter than the QRH BG had experienced the year before. Freezing temperatures as low as -35 centigrade forced even the cheeriest, weather obsessed, British soldier to stop seeing the funny side. The regiment had been aligned the UK's Lead Armoured Task Force, the tip of the armoured spear.

In April 2021 we were deeply saddened by the news that our Colonel in Chief, the late HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh had passed away. He had been the Colonel in Chief of The Queen's Royal Hussars since 2002 since taking over from the late Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. He was a very active Colonel in Chief, visiting the regiment many times on tour in Iraq, Afghanistan as well as in Athlone Barracks. We were honoured to provide a Guidon party for his funeral as well as a marching contingent and have renamed our Inter-Squadron competition to be the *Prince Philip's Squadron* competition in his honour.



*QRH at Prince Philip's Funeral.*



*Challenger 2 with BEMA Blade.*

On top of the UK Standby Battalion and the Lead Armoured Task Force, we were held at readiness for the Caribbean Hurricane Relief Force. Most officers prepared by purchasing some very smart sunglasses and applying extra sun-tan lotion. Unfortunately, however, we weren't called to sail across to the Caribbean on a particularly arduous cruise deployment. We have however been fortunate to be apportioned significant tank live fire opportunities at Castlemartin Ranges in Wales, as well as regular low level tank training including providing vehicles and crews for the Challenger 2 Crew Commanders' course, where we trained the next generation of tank commanders. The Regiment have also sent a team on the infamous Cambrian Patrol, where they attained a Silver medal which is no small feat.

Following the national COVID lockdowns we aimed to take advantage of the Army 'Offer', by providing a life less ordinary. Our British Army Warrior Fitness (Crossfit without Copyright infringement) came in the top three teams in the Division, and we are extremely proud that one of our female tank commanders was judged to be the fittest woman in the Division. We have seen our Recce Troop go to the picturesque Isle of Skye where they trekked across the mountains. Admittedly the heavy Scottish fog meant they didn't *actually* see any of the stunning views. A contingent of officers and soldiers flew out to Mexico to represent on their Independence Day Parade in Mexico City. Although most commented they enjoyed the local tequila, the Lucha Libre wrestling and bull fighting more than standing on parade in the heat.



*Mexico Independence Day Parade Guidon Party.*

2021 has also been a substantial year for British Armoured Capability with the announcement of the Challenger 3 Main Battle Tank, which we will look to replace our current Challenger 2 tanks over the next 5-8 years. Coupled with the British Integrated Review (a Strategic Defence review in old money) which highlighted the invaluable role of armour on the battlefield, the future for The Queen's Royal Hussars looks bright (but busy).

Whilst I'm sure you've enjoyed hearing all about The Queen's Royal Hussars, you should probably get back to work, place the journal back on the doctor's/dentist's waiting room table or put it back into the downstairs bathroom magazine rack. But walk away safe in the knowledge that your affiliated regiment, The Queen's Royal Hussars, continues to strive for tactical excellence, tank experience and operational lethality. More importantly though, we are honoured to know that the fine men and women of your regiment may one day stand alongside a Queen's Royal Hussar, whether on a battlefield or in a bar, knowing we are old friends and always allies.



*A Challenger 2 in the snow.*





*1st Tp A Sqn lines up before a hasty attack.*



*D Squadron begins preparations for their dry and live fire.*



*C/S 11A pushes through a grass fire on their level 3.5 live.*



*The ever-intimidating TAPV takes a position during a level 3 battle run.*



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*A Leopard 2 firing at the enemy. Ex STEELE BULLSEYE*

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