

FORMATION AND OPERATIONAL HISTORY OF 21ST A/A BTRY (TYPE 2H) RCA.CA.

The formation of the 21st A/A Battery (Type 2H) RCA.CA. was authorized under HQS 7018 FD46 M.R.1 dated 16 April 1942. The War Establishment was to be 12 Officers and 326 Other Ranks. The Concentration Order dated 18 May 1942 stated that the Battery would concentrate at Macaulay Plains (Canvas Camp) on 1 June 1942 with the following forming the slate of Officers:-

Battery Commander - Capt. R.L. Buller
Capt. H.S. Ward
Lieut. W. R. Orchard
Lieut. H. W. Lawrence
Lieut. H. S. Mahon
Lieut. P.B. Reid

An original draft of 15 O/R's was received from the 15th (Van) Coast Brigade RCA as prospective N.C.O.'s. Capt. R.L. Buller was promoted to the rank of Major on 23 June 1942. The Battery was grouped under command of H.Q. 28th A/A Regt. RCA.C.A. on 1 July 1942. Further N.C.O.'s were received from various N.P.A.M. units in Vancouver.

The Battery moved from Macaulay Plains to Boundary Bay on 7 September 1942 and was there quartered under canvas. More recruits were obtained as the result of an intensive Regimental Recruiting drive during the fall of 1942. Large drafts of H.D. personnel were received from time to time from C.A.S. of I., Esquimalt, B. C.

In the late fall equipment was received and H.A.A. training started. During this time newly recruited personnel were receiving basic training at the Regimental Basic Training Wing at Boundary Bay. This was later moved to Hastings Park and then to North Vancouver. Construction of a gun site was started at Boundary Bay but was not completed. After a damp, cold and somewhat muddy winter the Battery moved from Boundary Bay on 28 April 1943, half of the personnel going to North Vancouver with B.H.Q. and the other half going to Ambleside. Construction was started immediately on the gun site at Ambleside and was completed by mid June. Construction was also started at Lynnour on 23 July 1943 and was near the end of October. The Battery won the first Regimental Track and Field Meet held at Brockton Point Oval on July 14. Practice shoots were fired from Ambleside during the summer and fall of 1943 but were only partially successful due to the small firing arc, proximity of shipping and a difficult air co-op course.

On December 19 B.H.Q. moved from North Vancouver to Ambleside and the following day "B" Troop moved from North Vancouver to Point Grey where they were quartered in Marquees. Radar equipment arrived at Ambleside on 7 Jan. 1944. On Feb. 19 "B" Troop moved from Point Grey to Ambleside, "A" Troop going to North Vancouver. A few months later, on 30 April, "A" and "B" Troops exchanged positions.

On June 20 "A" Troop and B.H.Q. moved from Ambleside to Lulu Island for Silent practice, "A" Troop leaving for Firing Practice Camp at Victoria two weeks later and "B" Troop taking over the Lulu Island site. The Battery again won the 28th A/A Regimental and Vancouver Defences Track and Field Meet held on July 15 at Brockton Point Oval. This was particularly noteworthy as "A" Troop was absent in Victoria. "A" Troop returned from a successful Firing Practice Camp during which two hits were scored on a M.3 Radar drogus and one visual drogus was shot down. "A" Troop went to North Vancouver on July 19. "B" Troop started Silent Practice Camp at Lulu Island the following day and moved to Victoria for Firing Practice two weeks later - "A" Troop again taking over the manning of Lulu Island. While in Victoria "B" Troop destroyed two visual drogues, five hits out of fifty rounds being recorded on the two drogues. "B" Troop returned to the Point Grey Site

together with B.H.Q. and "A" Troop moved to North Vancouver.

The Battery Softball team won the 28th AA Regimental championship and cup and defeated a number of other service and civilian teams in challenge games. "A" Troop moved from North Vancouver to the tent camp at Lymnour on Oct. 1st. The officers of B.H.Q. and of "B" Troop occupied the new quarters at Point Grey on October 31st - thus completing the slow transition of the camp from marquees to huts. The results of a field check by two officers representing the I.G. Pacific Command during October showed that the 21st AA Bty. was the most efficient in the Regiment with a percentage of 86 per cent - "A" Troop with 84% and "B" Troop with 88%.

During the last half of November 1944 an intensive campaign was under way to recruit N.R.M.A. personnel to General Service for overseas reinforcements. The turnover in personnel of the Battery during the two years was approximately five hundred. Seventeen N.C.O.'s were commissioned and posted to various units and formations of the Canadian Army.

The Battery went out of it's operational role on Tuesday 21 Nov. 1944 was dissolved in accordance with

The War Establishment immediately before dissolution being 11 Officers and 228 Other Ranks.

Following is a brief biography of each Officer posted to the 21st A/A Bty (Type 2h) RCA.CA. from 1 June 1942 to 31 December 1944.

Major R.L. Bullar

Born 8 May 1906 at Victoria, B.C. Married. Enlisted as a gunner in Sept. 1932 in 5th (BC) Coast Brigade, RCA. Qualified as Sgt. Field Arty (18 Pdr) at Camp Hughes, Manitoba in the summer of 1933. Appointed Lieut. (C.D.) in 1932 and posted to 5th (BC) Coast Brigade, RCA. Called out on the outbreak of hostilities in Sept. 1939. Promoted to rank of Captain in Aug. 1941. Served with the 5th (BC) Coast Brigade until transferred to H.A.A. in order to form the 21st A/A Bty (Type 2H) RCA.CA. in May 1942. Promoted to rank of Major in June 1942 and continued as O.C. 21st A/A Bty until the Battery was dissolved. Civilian occupation - Insurance and Investment Salesman in Victoria, B. C. Played rugby in Victoria for the J.B.A.A. & 5th Regiment.

Capt. H. S. Ward

Born 19 March 1906 at Vancouver, B. C. Served with 2nd Searchlight Bty, RCA from Aug. 1939 to May 1942; 21st H.A.A. Bty, RCA from May 1942 to Sept. 1943; 22nd H.A.A. Bty (Mobile) RCA. from Sept. 1943 to Jan. 1945. Civilian occupation was: Ward Electric and Marine Supply Co., Prince Rupert, B. C.

Capt. C.H. Munsie

Born 10 Dec. 1915 at Victoria, B. C. Educated at Vancouver College and Victoria College. Civil occupation was Secy-Treas. Shawinigan Lake Lumber Co. Military Biography as follows: Enlisted 19 Sept. 1939 as a Gunner with 2nd A.A. Bty; promoted through L/Bdr, Bdr. to L/Sgt. by 4 July 1940; transferred to 60th Heavy Battery RCA 1 Sept. 1940 and became 2 Lieut., posted to 26 Bty, Heavy RCA 28 Nov. 1940, and then became Lieut.: promoted to Captain 16 April 1942, posted to 9th then 21st AA Bty following its formation; sent to England on interchange 14 July 1942 to 9 Dec. 1942; attached to H.Q. Pacific Command and appointed Staff Officer AA Artillery 1 July 1943 to 29 Feb. 1944; posted to 58th Coast Battery, RCA 29 Feb. 1944; promoted to Major 11 March 1944; posted to A.I.C.A.T.C. 11 Aug.

1944: posted to District Depot 11 Dec. 1944.

Capt. G.S. Crombie

Born 27 December 1906 at Chatham, Ontario. Married Isobel Burns Cameron at Montreal, Que. on 7 Nov. 1940. Children - 2 boys. Educated at Toronto and Montreal Public Schools. Attended R.M.C. for three years and Nova Scotia Tech. College, Halifax for 2 years. Civilian occupation with McGill-Frontenac Oil Co. and Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Instructor at McGill C.O.T.C. 1939 - 1940. Adjutant 6th Field Bde (Bde) 1940. Called out under G.O.139 as A and T Staff 79th Fd Bty(Res) from 5 Dec. 1940 until mobilisation of 79th L.A.A. Bty. 1 April 1942. Promoted to Captain 19 Jan. 1943. On disbandment of 79th L.A.A. Bty. was posted to 21st AA Bty(2H) RCA on 1 Nov. 1943. Remained with 21st Bty. 13 April 1944.

Capt. C.E. Wallen

Born 11 January 1915 at Grozny, North Caucasus, Russia. Received Junior Matriculation Education at Oil Springs High School in Ontario. Military Biography as follows: 55th Field Bty, (R), London, Ont. November, 1940; Cadet O.T.C. Brockville, Ont. 4 July 1941; 2/Lt. 10 Oct. 1941; Lieut. Petawawa 6 Dec. 41; 68th Coast Bty(5th BC Coast Bde) Dec. 41 to June 42; 34th L.A.A. Bty June 1942 to Nov. 1943 Annette Island, Alaska 13 Mos; A/Capt. 1 July 1943; 21st AA Bty Nov. 1943 to Sept. 1944; 42nd AA Bty Oct. 1944. Civilian occupation was Oil Driller in California fields. Home Address - 719 1/2 S. Arroyo, Los Angeles, California, USA.

Lieut. P.B. Reid

From Montreal. Worked with the Bank of Montreal. Originally a Field Arty Officer he came to 5th (BC) Coast Bde Dec. 1941. Joined 21st AA Bty on its formation. Left 21st Bty about August 1942. Promoted to Captain in AAOR in 27th Regt. From there he went to the 44th H.A.A. Bty, then took an intermediate staff course and proceeded Overseas in the summer of 1944.

Lieut. W.R. Orchard

Born in Victoria. Graduated from Victoria College and Normal School. A member of the 5th (BC) Coast Bde N.P.A.M., he was called out in 1939 on the outbreak of war. Commissioned in 1941, he qualified at Gordon Head and A.23 CATC. He returned and was posted to the 21st AA Bty on its formation. He took a further AA Course at C.A.E. of I., Esquimalt, BC and was retained there as an instructor in August 1942, when he was promoted to Captain. He went Overseas on a War Gunnery Course in the spring of 1944.

Lieut. H. W. Lawrence

Graduate of the University of B.C; he toured Europe in 1939, getting out of Germany one week before war was declared. He returned to Canada and proceeded in 1941 by ship to Singapore. He left Singapore and returned to Canada and joined the 15th Coast Bde as a Gunner. Recommended for a commission he went to Gordon Head and A.23 CATC where he qualified. He was posted from the 15th Coast Bde to the 21st Bty on its formation and qualified in H.A.A. at C.A.E. of I., Esquimalt, Bc. He left the Battery in Dec. 1943 and went to Shilo where he took a Field Course and went Overseas in Self-Propelled Artillery.

Lieut. H.G. Robinson

Born 6 Aug. 1911 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Educated in Edmonton, Alberta. Played Canadian Rugby Football with Edmonton Junior Eskimos in 1929 - 30 - 31. Moved to Victoria, BC in 1937 where he engaged in the Antique business. Enlisted in 5th (BC) Coast Bde (Reserve) in July 1940. Entered O.T.C. (WC) Gordon Head in March 1942 as a Cadet. Qualified Lieutenant (AA Artillery) at C. & A.A.A. (A.23) T.C., Halifax, on Sept. 1942. Attached to Instructional Staff at A.23 from 5 Sept. 1942 until 5 May 1943. Posted to 21st H.A.A. Bty, 28th AA Regt., on 24 May 1942. Posted to H.Q. Pacific Command and appointed Instructor Gunnery (A.A.), H.Q.P.C. on 7 May 1944. Promoted to A/Capt. 16 Oct. 1944.

Lieut. G. F. Weld

Attended University of B.C., member of O.T.C. Member of Meteorological Service at Patricia Bay. Commissioned in 1942, qualifying at Gordon Head and in H.A.A. at A.23 CASC. Posted to 21st AA Bty Oct. 1942. Left 21st AA Bty in May 1944. Promoted to Captain and posted to 29th AA Regt.

Lieut. J.K.A. Foote

Home is in West Vancouver, B.C. Joined up in Sept. 1939 in 1st Searchlight Regt, 3rd Battery; rose to Bdr. Transferred from 47th AA Bty Sept. 1942 as P/2/Lieut., qualified as Lieut. at S.1 CC&AAAS, Esquimalt, BC 3rd April 1943. Posted from 21st AA Bty to A.6 RCE.T.C. Chilliwack, B.C. 7 Jan. 1944. From there is transferred to British Infantry and saw service in France, Belgium and Holland where he was wounded, then returned to Canada.

Lieut. J. L. Homan

Home Vancouver. In N.P.A.M., he was called out 26 Aug. 39 and was posted to 85th Bty, York Island; rose to Sergeant. Transferred from 47th AA Bty Sept. 1942 as P/2/Lieut., qualified as Lieut. at S.1 CC&AAAS, Esquimalt, BC 3 April 1943. Posted to Mobile Field Artillery 15 April 1944, trained at Brandon and then proceeded Overseas.

Lieut. A.F. Black

A High School Teacher at Vancouver; graduated from University of B.C. Posted to 21st AA Bty from University Officers Training Corps 20 Oct. 1942 as P/2/Lieut. Qualified as Lieut. 20 June 1943 at S.1 CC&AAAS, Esquimalt, B.C. Posted to H.Q. Pacific Command 30 Sept. 1943 as Educational Officer.

Lieut. R.K. Town

Born 26 Aug. 1907 at Vancouver, B. C. Matriculation education. Civilian occupation as Radio Technician. Enlisted with 5th Medium Bty, 15th Field Bde, Vancouver B.C. in Feb. 1924 as signaller. Promoted to Signal Sgt. in 1926. Attached to R.C.H.A. Winnipeg, Man. Royal School of Artillery in 1934. Promoted to EQNS in 1934. Called out under G.O. 63 Aug. 26, 1939. Feb. 1940 to 1st AA Regt. May 1941 EQNS Vancouver Barracks. To Gordon Head as Instructor in June 1941. To 44th AA Bty as BSM in Aug. 1942. Appointed P/2/Lieut. and posted to 21st AA Bty April 1943. Completed P/2/Lieut. to Lieut. Course and appointed Lieut. Dec. 1943. Posted to 85th Coast Regt., RCA 9 Jan. 1945.

Lieut. J.W.S. Crompton

Born 29 September 1913 in Victoria, B.C. Moved to Vancouver and educated there. Employed on sales staffs of B.F. Goodrich Rubber Co. and Lever Bros. Prior to joining Canadian Army was Western Representative for Sherriff's Ltd. 4 yrs. Seaforth Highlanders, rank of Sgt. 1 yr 6th Supply Column R.C.A.S.C. as Sgt. Joined Active Army Oct. 10, 1942 and posted as Gnr to 43rd AA Bty; promoted to L/Bdr 15 Nov. 1942; Bdr. 15 Jan. 1943; L/Sgt. 1 June 1943 and P/2/Lieut. 22 June 1943. Graduated from S.1 CC&AAAS in April 1944. Posted from 43rd AA Bty to 21st AA Bty 22 June 1943. Lieut. 8 April 1944. Transferred to O.1 O.T.C. 18 Sept. 1944.

Lieut. W. Forsyth

Born 7 Sept. 1907 at Staines, Middlesex, England. Emigrated to Canada January 1929. Civil occupation was tanker. Joined 28 AA Regt. 10 Sept. 1942 as Gnr and posted to 43rd AA Bty. A/Bdr 3 Jan. 1943; L/Sgt. 1 Apr. 1943; promoted to P/2Lieut. 28 June 1943 and posted to 21st AA Bty. Promoted to Lieut. 8 Apr. 44 and posted to HQ, 28 AA Regt. RCA. Hobbies are tennis, golf, soccer, reading (authbiographies).

Lieut. V.W. Young

Born 27 July 1914 at Vancouver, B. C. Joined 5th BC Light Horse in 1929; unit name changed to B. C. Hussars. With this unit 5 years. University of BC 1934 to 1939. Joined Seaforth Highlanders in 1939. 6 months later joined 1st Searchlight Regt(R). Joined 31st AA Bty 11 April 1942. Entered Gordon Head 13 Nov. 1942 and graduated as P/2/Lt. Qualified as Lieut. in Field Artillery at A.3 CATC on 17 May 1942. At A.23 CATC Halifax, NS from 13 June 1943 to Dec. 1943 when he was posted to 28th AA Regt and re-posted to 21st AA Bty on 17th Dec. Posted to 31st AA Bty 28 Mar. 1944. Subsequently posted to #6 AAOR. Civilian occupation was Superintendent of Commercial Sales for the Esso Oil Distributors Ltd.

Lieut. J.W. Rudson

Born 8 Sept. 1917 at Victoria, B.C. Single. With C.O.T.C. U.B.C. Contingent from 1939 to 1942. Enlisted as a Gnr in Oct. 1942. Appointed P/2/Lieut. June 1943 and posted to 23rd AA Bty. Promoted to Lieut. April 1944 and posted to 21st AA Bty. Transferred to CIC and left for O.T.C. Brockville Ont. in November 1944. Civilian occupation with Helliwell, MacLachlan and Co. Chartered Accountants, Vancouver. Graduated from U.B.C. in 1938 (B. Comm.) Played basketball and rugby for U.B.C.

Lieut. G McIntosh

Born 1 Sept. 1904 at Vancouver, B.C. Grade 8 education. Enlisted 1st S/L Bty Aug. 1940 (A/Bdr). Enlisted C.A.S.F. July 10th 1941. Attached C.D. & A.A. (A.24) Diesel Instructor. Posted to 4th AAS/L Bty Dec. 1941. L/Bdr and went to Halifax Jan. 1942 Bdr., Feb. 1942 L/Sgt. Returned to Victoria with Unit. May 1942 unit changed to 23rd H.A.A. Bty. July 1942 promoted Sgt. Aug. 1942 unit moved to Tofino. April 1943 unit moved to Vancouver and became part of 28th AA Regt. Promoted to 2/Lt. 28 Dec. 1943 and posted to 21st AA Bty. Promoted to Lieut. 8 Apr. 1944. Oct. 1944 Regt'l Range Officer Att. H.Q. 28th AA Regt. 17 Oct. 1944. Posted to 29th AA Regt. 15 Jan. 1945. Residence at Sooke, B.C. Civilian occupation - Diesel Engineer and General Contractor.

Lieut. H.F. Scott

Born 6 Oct. 1923 at Glasgow, Scotland. Residence at 10 Redpath Place, Montreal P.Q. Enlisted 12 Oct. 1942. Basic Trg at Landon Farm, Ont. followed by 2 months NCO Course for Infantry A/I at O.T.C. Brockville. Appointed L/Cpl A/I 10 Jan. 1943 at O.T.C. for duty as S.A. and Battle Drill Instructor. Mathematics Instructor 23 February 1943 to 15 Apr. 43 in Arty Wing at O.T.C. Brockville. 15 Apr. 1943 to 20 June 1943 trained in Field Arty and appointed A/I in Arty Wing. 20 June 1943 to O.S.A.C. at Three Rivers P.Q. 24 July 1943 to 16 Oct. 1943 cadet at O.T.C. Brockville and graduated as 2/Lieut. Qualifying course at A.1 CATC, Petawawa and qualified as Lieut. Arty Mobile(Field Branch). Instructed in Field Bty at Petawawa & obtained qualification A/Tk Arty(6 par). On course at SSCATS Hamilton for 7 weeks and at Windsor for 3 weeks & qualified D.I.C. To 21st AA Bty 25 Apr. 1944. H.A.A. Elementary & Instrs Course at SICC&AAAS June to August 1944. Transferred to 43rd AA Bty 13 Nov. 1944.

Lieut. C.W. O'Brian

Born 4 April 1918 at Vancouver, B.C. Education Queen Mary Public School and Kitsilano Junior High School at Vancouver; Duke of Connaught High School at New Westminster; Fairview High School of Commerce at Vancouver, B. C. Joined Reserve Army 1st S/L Regt. July 1940. 31st L/A.A. Bty April 10 1942 on formation. L/Bdr 15 Apr. 1942; A/Bdr 26 May 1942; L/Sgt 21 July 1942 and moved to instructional staff of SICC&AAAS; Sgt. 14 Aug. 1942; P/2/Lieut. 23 Dec. 1943; Lieut. 23 Dec. 1942. To 21st AA Bty 1 June 1944. Returned to SICC&AAAS 2 Oct. 1944. Civilian occupation - employed in Tax Office, City Hall in Vancouver for 5 years.

Lieut. N. M Rogers

Born 20 July 22 at Halifax, N.S. Resided Toronto and Montreal (for short periods) Education - Toronto & Montreal Public Schools; Upper Canada College, Toronto; Queen's University, Kingston, B.A. 1943. Joined District 3A 8 May 1943. O.S.A.B. Three Rivers Que. to June 1943; qualified 2/Lieut. O.T.C. Brockville to Sept. 1943; qualified Field Arty Mobile A.T.C. A.1 CATC to November 1943 at Petawawa Qual H.A.A. A.23 Halifax to January 1944; 1 AA Bty (2E) at Goose Bay Labrador in April 1944; 61 CA(B)TC New Glasgow in Mar 1944; 21st AA Bty, 28 AA Regt. Vancouver in May 1944; 23rd AA Bty July 1944. Profession -- Student at Law.

Lieut. C.W. Bisson

Born 5 Sept. 12 at Perce Quebec. Education: High School for Boys at Colchester, England 1920 - 28; Bishop's University, Quebec 1928 - 33; Strasbourg University, France 1930 - 31. French Specialist at Knowlton High School, Quebec 1933-35; at Colchester High School, England 1935-37 and New Carlisle High School Quebec 1937-38. Front Office Clerk, Berkeley Hotel, Montreal 1938 - 40. Manager Perce Rock Hotel, Quebec summers 1938-40. Clerk then night manager Windsor Hotel Montreal 1940-43. COTC Bishop's University 1928-30. Enlist 21 April 1943. Pre OTC St. Jerome Que. 1943. O.T.C. Brockville 1943. Field Arty A.2 pro OTC St. Jerome Que 1943. O.T.C. Brockville 1943. Field Arty A.2 CATC Petawawa 1943. Lieut. Mobile Arty N v. 1943. Qual. H.A.A. A.23 CATC Halifax Jan. 1944. 4 wks No. 61 CA(B)TC New Glasgow, N.S. 3 weeks Goose Bay Labrador. To 21st AA Bty 25 May 1944.

L.A.A. Bty, 27th Regt. at Patricia Bay, B.C., approximately 1 Nov. 1943. Promoted to rank of A/Capt. and Bty Captain on 22 May 1944 of 11th L.A.A. Bty. This Bty disbanded 31 Au. 1944. Then posted to 11 D.D. Proceeded on Adm Course 5 Sept. 1944 to Brockville, Ont. & returned to Victoria 15 Oct. 1944. Posted 15 Sept. 1944 to 21st AA Bty, 28th AA Regt. Reported to OC 21 AA Bty & acted in Capacity of Bty Captain until disbandment of Bty. Confirmed in rank of Captain Dec. 1944.

Lieut. H.O. McDonald

Born 5 Oct. 1909 at Vancouver, B. C. Married 21 May 1943. Children 1 daughter, Education - Junior Matriculation at Prince of Wales High School, Vancouver, B.C. Civilian occupation - Salesman with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada Ltd. Military - enlisted 19 Aug. 1942. Posted to 34th L.A.A. Bty, RCA Stationed at Annette Island Alaska for 1 yr. Posted to 35th L.A.A. Troop RCA stationed at Alliford Bay, Queen Charlotte Islands for 4 months. Attached to SICCAAAAS for 3 months qualifying course. Posted to 11th L.A.A. Bty RCA stationed at Prince Rupert for 5 months. Attached to SICCAAAAS for 5 weeks Radar and H.A.A. Refresher Course. Posted to 21st AA Bty RCA 10 Oct. 1944. Appointed P/2/Lieut. 1 May 1943. Qualified Lieut. 8 April 1944. Posted to 27th AA Regt. 15 Jan. 1945.

Lieut. A. Morris

Born 19 Dec. 1913 at Boundary Falls, B.C. Attended U.B.C. Prior to enlistment worked in Accounting Dept. for C.M. & S. Co. Ltd., at Trail B.C. Enlisted at Trail 17, July 1942, allocated to RC.O.C. Went to O.T.C. at Brockville Aug. 1943 & qualified P/2/Lieut. Dec. 1943. Qualified in RCA Mobile at Petawawa. Qualified in A/T at Shilo Camp, Man. July 1944. Attached to 21st AA Bty July 1944. Attended 6 week Light and H.A.A. Course at SICCAAAAS, Esquimalt, B.C. 7 Aug. 1944 to 17 Sept. 1944. Posted to 21st AA Bty 15 Sept. 1944. Attached to 31st(alta) Recce Regt. 1 - 2 Dec. 1944. Posted to 27th AA Regt. 15, Jan. 1945.

Lieut. L.M. Stalwick

Born 9 Aug. 1922 at Douremy, Sask. Married. With CO.T.C. University of Sask. Contingent from 1940 to 1943. Enlisted in May 1943 as a P/2/Lieut. Took Arty Trg at Brandon, Man. Was sent to O.T.C. in August 1943. Took Qualifying Field Course at Brandon and became Lieut. in Jan. 1944. Spent time at Brandon and Shilo until transfer to 21st AA Bty in July 1944. Transferred to C.I.C. and left for O.T.C. Brockville in November 1944. Civilian occupation - farming in summer months and student in winter. B.S.A.

Lieut. L.M. Stalwick (Cont'd)

Degree from University of Sask. Played basketball, hockey and curled at University of Sask.

Lieut. B.T. Holmes

Born 5 May 1905 at Toronto, Ontario. Married, two children. With C.O.F.C. Toronto Contingent, Artillery Coy 1940 - 42. Qualified Lieut. Reserve June 1941. C.Q.M.S. Artillery Coy 1942. 2/Lieut. 207th Bty, 7th Toronto Regt(Reserve) Field Artillery Aug. to Nov. 1942. P/2/Lieut. 40th H.A.A. Bty RCA(CA) Summit Ste Marie, Ont. Nov. 23, 1942 - Qualified Lieut at A.23 in H.A.A. - July 24, 1943. Posted to #2 B.D. on disbandment of unit December 1943. Posted to 43rd AA Bty, 28th AA Regt. Jan. 1944. Posted to 21st AA Bty Nov. 1944. Civilian occupation - Actuary, Confederation Life Association, Toronto. Graduated from University of Toronto 1925 (B.A.) Fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, American Institute of Actuaries, Associate of the British Institute of Actuaries.

Lieut. C.C. McConnan

Born 27 Feb. 1910 Liverpool, England. Married 5 Mar. 1938. Children 2 sons (2 yrs, 5 yrs). Education - Public School and 3 yrs Vancouver Tech. High School. Civilian occupation - Insurance Control Clerk - Graduate Insurance Institute of America, Degree A.I. I.A. Military - 15th Vancouver Coast bde(Reserve) Aug. 1940 to June 1942. Qual. BC A/Sgt. 27th AA Regt 19 June 1942 to 10 Sept. 1942. OTC(WC) 10-Sept. 1942 to 10 Dec. 1942. A.23 CATC 11 Dec. 1942 to 10 Mar. 1943. 28th AA Regt. 10 Mar 1943. Posted to 27th AA Regt 15 Jan. 1945. Courses; -Reserve Army: Qualified BC AA School and qualified Sgt NCO School. Active Army: P/2/Lieut. OTC(WC), Lieut. A.23 CATC, Q1 L.A.A. Refresher at 81 CCLAAAS, Q1 H.A.A. at 81CCAAAS, took Administrative Course at 8.7 CAAS.

Lieut. L. Shankman

Reserve Army (Field Arty) 3 yrs Nov. 1939 to Mar 1943 rank Sgt. Englisted May 1943. From #2 DD to Three Rivers, Que. OTC Gordon Head June 1943, to Sept. 1943. Qual. 2/Lieut. A.3, Shilo Camp, Man. Sept. 1943 to July 1944. Qualif. as Lieut. Nov. 1943. Officers Refresher Course OTC Brockville 2 m oaths Apr - May 1944. To 21st AA Bty, 28th AA Regt. July 1944.