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22 YEARS SERVICE WITH ARTILLERY AT BESSBOROUGH

On 19 October this year a notable ceremonial parade is being conducted by the 15th Field Artillery Regt., at which time two Very Distinguished Gentlemen will be honoured.

Honourary Lt Col Fred B BROWN and Honourary Lt Col F Ronald GRAHAM have amassed 22 years distinguished service with the Artillery at Bessborough Armouries, Lt Col BROWN as H/Lt Col with both the 15th Field and the 43rd MAA Regts and Lt Col GRAHAM as H/Lt Col with the 15th Field and are now retiring. It is with deep regret that we bid them farewell. It is also most appropriate that the Lieut Governor of British Columbia joins us on this occasion as his association with both Lt Col BROWN and Lt Col GRAHAM dates back a considerable number of years.

A word from our Editor-in-Chief

I would like to convey to you all at this time my thanks for your continued support in the past few months and can see by the ever increasing strength of the unit that bigger and better things are in store for us in the many months to come.

I would further like to express my apologies for the absence of our monthly paper "Ubique" but due to the Summer Stand-down and since starting up again, to an excellerated recruiting programme, we have been unable to go to press.

However we are now in circulation again and hope to provide you with much more and much better releases.

In this issue we are continuing our series on Personalities and this will be the second article of the Part I - Honourary Colonels section.

The subject of this article will be Honourary Lieut Colonel Fred B BROWN whose photo appears along with that of Honourary Lieut Colonel F Ronald GRAHAM, on the second cover of this issue.

Lieut Colonel Fred B BROWN was born in Brandon Man., and moved west in 1906 where in Vancouver he received his education. At the age of 20 he entered the logging industry as a time keeper for the Elk Bay Timber Company on Vancouver Island. Three years later he and Fred Kirkland formed the B&K Logging Company and took over the operation of the Elk Bay Stand.

During the ensuing years the Brown & Kirkland team were involved in the forming of several other companies including the Veddar, K B Fraser, Clear Cedar, Capilano and the Earl & Brown Timber Companies. In the period between 1927 and 1934 the Brown interests logged more than 100 million feet annually.

In addition to his affiliation with the Vanwest Logging Co., Colonel BROWN is President of Deeks McBride Building Supply Co., Pacific Salvage and is Vice President of Straits Towing, Canadian Collieries Dunsmuir Ltd., and holds directorates in Crown Zellerbach of Canada, Capilano Timber, North American Life Insurance Co., and Burns & Co., Ltd. He is also on the advisory Board of the National Trust Co. Besides his service with the Logging Congress, Fred was President of the BC Logging Association in 1936 and 1937 and Vice President of the Canadian Forest Products Ltd., in 1942 to 1944.

Colonel BROWN has present affiliations in the executive capacity with numerous other organizations besides his service with the Royal Canadian Artillery at Bessborough Armouries in Vancouver. He served as Honourary Lieut Colonel of the 43rd MAA Regiment for approximately 9 years and on the amalgamation of the 43rd MAA and the 15th Field Regiments in October 1959, retained H/Lt Col rank and has served with this unit to date.

PERSONALITIES

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Lieut Colonel Fred B BROWN along with Lieut Colonel F Ronald GRAHAM are now retiring as Honourary Lieut Colonels of this unit and although without a doubt will be greatly missed, will never be forgotten for their undying efforts towards the success of the Artillery in Vancouver BC.

Battery Patter

31 Battery - Not much to report this time but by the next issue should have quite a bit of news. The battery has swelled quite considerable since our last parade in June. A dozen new recruits have joined the battery since starting up on the 14th of September and there are still some who have yet to be processed. Another change for the better in 31 is the appointment of Bdr 'Dave' UPTON to L/Sgt rank. He will not only be invaluable to the training wing but will also prove an asset to the Mess.

85 Battery - Since start-up on the 14th of September, several changes have been made in the battery along with eight additions to the battery. Previous to stand-down in June Capt GRIFFITHS had his hands full trying to handle not only the training of the battery but also the administration. However since that time, Major DMM GOLDIE has taken over as Battery Commander, Capt 'Don' EVERETT, Lt 'Bruce' LONGON and Lt 'Ian' SEYMOUR have been transferred to the battery to assist in the training and admin and Bdrs GUNN and KENNY have also been added to the training staff of the battery. The quarters allotted to the battery in the Hangar at Ladner are still pretty rough but help is on the way in that line. A most interesting point towards the success of the Young Soldier Battery at Ladner is that the A/BSM at the present is Sgt 'Len' SMITH and his brother WO 2 'Pat' SMITH is the BSM of the Young Soldier Battery at Bessborough.

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NEWS FROM FRIENDS OVERSEAS
(152(Inkerman Locating Bty RA)

At last we are able to give you a bit of news about one of the units with which we are affiliated.

The 152 Locating Battery of the Royal Artillery are at present soldiering in Germany and have been there for a considerable length of time. It would be nice if some of us in this unit could strike up a closer friendship with some of the Gunners of that unit by corresponding. They probably have numerous things of interest that you would like to hear about and I know they would be most interested to hear about things here in our homes.

Anyone in the unit interested in carrying on such a correspondence can obtain names and addresses from RHQ on request.

The following is a short digest of their service history during the year 1960.

152(INKERMAN)L.A.A. Battery RA went into suspended animation on the 29th of February 1960. The Battery was reformed on 1st May 1960 as 152(INKERMAN)Locating Battery RA one of the batteries of the 94th Locating Regiment RA. At the time of reforming, the battery was at practice camp with RA 2nd Division until early June 1960 when it returned to its permanent station at Menden, near Dortmund.

During the time of practice camp the battery received visits from the GOC 2nd Div(Maj-Gen E.A.W. WILLIAMS, CBE, MC); the CCRA 1 (BR) Corps

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This should provide some keen competition both for 85 and 158 batteries in the days to come.

158 Battery - Things have been going along very well in the battery these days but now that the young soldier battery has really got under way in Ladner, extra efforts will have to be made to remain ahead of them in both our training and attendance. When our battery was formed in 1959 we went ahead in leaps and bounds and the same can be expected of the Ladner group (this group incidently includes boys from White Rock, Ladner and Surrey). A goodly number of our members attended both Junior and Senior NCO Courses since the unit stand-down and the following promotions have been made:

Sgt ELNICK DA - to S/Sgt
Bdr RICHARDSON AJ - to Sgt
Bdr HARPER JS - to Sgt

Of the seventeen young soldiers to attend the YST Course at Albert Head this summer, nine were able to qualify as Junior NCOs.

The battery has lost a number of good boys to the Canadian Army Regular but these have already been replaced with a new group who have already proved themselves to be good potential soldiers.

209 Battery - The battery have been keeping quite busy of late and there is a most interesting article on the following pages regarding their exercise to the Squamish area again on the week-end of 13-14 May 61. Our battery has also had an extensive recruiting programme going on since start-up on the 14th of September and the ranks of the battery have swelled by a further twelve men. A very great loss to the battery since stand-down in June is that of our Battery Commander Major 'Merv' GORDON who due to civilian commitments has had to retire to the

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(Brig E.J.H. BATES, OBE, MC) and the CRA 2nd Div (Brig R.G.S. BIDWELL, OBE).

During June 1960 the battery was preparing to leave Menden (where it shared a barracks with 50th Regiment RA) and move to Celle to join the remainder of the 94th Locating Regiment RA. The move was completed by mid-July.

From then until the middle of October the battery was engaged in intensive training involving the annual locating exercises, 6th and 11th Brigade, 2nd Divisional and NATO exercises. The results of the annual locating exercise were most successful, particularly those by the radar sections which located many mortar positions to a good accuracy and also made a promising start at locating rockets of the Honest John type. The exercise season was followed by preparation for the annual administrative inspection which was held on 15th November. The inspecting officer was Brigadier E.J.H. BATES, OBE, MC, CCRA 1(BR) Corps. A break in the preparation was made on 5th November for the celebration of Inkerman Day.

Up to this time the battery had consisted of two composite locating troops and one CB staff troop. Each locating troop consisted of a sound ranging section capable of putting out a base of six thousand yards length and a mortar locating section of two equipments, Radar, AA No 3 Mk 7(F). The CB staff troop provided counter bombardment staff at divisional HQ and at each brigade HQ.

On 1st December the organization was changed and the sound ranging element withdrawn from the battery. The battery is now organized into a CB staff troop, rather larger but performing the same functions as before, and a radar troop of three sections each of two radar sets. The two troops are lettered 'H' and 'I' troops. All ranks are looking forward to getting the new mortar locating radar set.

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Supplementary Reserve. Major GORDON joined the 43rd HAA later to become the 43rd MAA on the 21st of April 1947 serving with them as a Captain until March 1952 when he was promoted Major and transferred to 7 AAOR where he served until December 1954 as their C.O. At that time the 7 AAOR amalgamated with the 43rd MAA and Major GORDON once again became a member of the 43rd. Once again in October 1959 Major GORDON changed units when the 43rd amalgamated with the 15th Field and he was appointed Battery Commander of 209 Battery. Now after a good 14 years with the Artillery Militia in Vancouver he is retiring and his loss will surely be felt by this unit. Capt 'Lionel' COOK has taken over as Acting Battery Commander of 209 Battery and he realizes the task he has in front of him to keep the battery at the standards set by Major GORDON. We know he is capable of just that and will continue to give him the support as was given with Major GORDON at the helm.

General news and quotes - Four of the unit WO 2s 'George' CHOW - 'Gus' CLARKE - 'Windy' WADDEN and 'Pat' SMITH attended a very interesting course at Arnprior this summer. A two week rescue instructor course. The coming training session should be receiving some valuable instruction from these four in the coming months.

Since starting up in September the unit have really been successful in their recruiting programme. We have taken on approximately 65 new men and there are a further 15 still in the processing stages. With the Special Militia Training Plan just getting under way, it looks like we will be getting near that 400 mark in no time at all.

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The following are some of the personnel of the battery:

- BC - Maj PCA LORAINÉ RA
- BK - Capt FAL BULL RA
- OC 'H' Tp - Capt PA HORWOOD RA
- OC 'I' Tp - Capt GW BRUTY RA
- BSM - WO 2 LAWSON GK
- TSM 'H' Tp - WO 2 ANGELL JH
- TSM 'I' Tp - WO 2 HAZELL W
- BQMS - S/Sgt MEHIGAN JP

The battery has now been joined in the barracks by another 'INKERMAN' unit, 156 (INKERMAN) Locating Battery RA who live in the adjacent barrack block.

209 BATTERY SCHEME

Again 209 battery was on the move. On the week-end of 13-14 May this battery had another successful light rescue scheme in the Squamish Area.

The men were taught survival in the field and living under these conditions, it was gratifying to see the ingenuity used by all members. Major GORDON discussed from personal experiences, how to survive with nature's own fruits. An example was how the green scum from tops of lakes and the mud from the bottom of the lake can produce nourishment for survival.

L/Bdr 'Stan' HOLTBY of 210 battery also enlightened the men on survival from personal experience in the Alberta area. He discussed how the use of a hollow log in winter time can keep a man very warm for sleeping purposes.

Capt BLACKHALL and his two assistants S/Sgt MACDONALD and Sgt CHALLONER executed an extremely interesting course with demonstrations in which all men participated.

The first of these was to scale a 70 foot cliff with the use of ropes and

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A very notable parade will be conducted by the regiment on Thursday the 19th of October in which we will be honouring the departure from our ranks of two Honourary Lieut Colonels. (see article on our second cover of this issue.)

Everyone has been pitching in and many hours have gone into the preparation for this one. On each of our practice parades, we have had good turn-outs both of the older members of the unit and the newer ones. We are looking forward to a very large turn-out on the 19th and know that we will have that turnout.

SUMMER CONCENTRATION - 1961

The Summer concentration for 1961 held once again at Vernon was by far the most successful and best attended concentration for a good many years. Our unit, drawing from one location only was well up the ladder on both attendance and enthusiasm.

This year it was decided that our unit would stay in the Glen-Emma training area rather than in Vernon Camp and this decision proved most successful. It also gave everyone a chance to be together and really get to know one another. By the time the unit moved out for the NS Exercise, they were working together as a well moulded team.

Following the NS Exercise, the troops rendezvoused just outside of Merritt where they were individually introduced to the Paymaster for the well-earned payoff. After moving to the bivouac area in Allison Pass, via Princeton a rather chilly morning saw them on the last leg of their return to Vancouver.

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the proper procedures. The second was to cross a ravine approx 100 feet wide and approx 80 feet high with the use of rope and pulley. This seemed like a very difficult feat but after seeing the safety precautions used, it was extremely easy to accomplish. The third task was for each member to enter a smoke filled shack using the respirator. This in itself was quite enlightening as to the capabilities of the respirator.

It was also noted now team-work throughout the entire week-end certainly is beneficial to the survival of men and their ability to save others. Good common sense was used by all members participating.

We should also thank Sgt MACDOUGAL and Spr DEWHURST of the 6th Field Engineer Squadron for their excellent preparation of the food. It was amazing to see how personnel can be trained to prepare such meals in the field with a minimum of facilities available. Gnr PHELAN also assisted the cooks and should make a fine cook for the Regiment.

Saturday night was quiet for the battery but was not without the usual enjoyment. Gnr HIPPEL of 31 battery did an excellent job stewarding for the combined mess set-up in the marquee.

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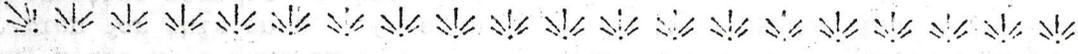
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