

The Nineteen Seventies



The term “Me Decade” for the 70s described an attitude of towards individualism. People's Republic of China recognized by United Nations. OPEC embargo. Japan's economy overtook West Germany, anti-war protests against the Vietnam War grew, Kent State shootings, first Earth Day, first email transmission, energy crisis peaked in 1973 and 1979, gasoline rationed in many countries, King of Saudi Arabia assassinated, President of Bangladesh and almost his entire family assassinated during coup d'état, U.S. President Gerald Ford nearly assassinated twice, plot to assassinate President Jimmy Carter foiled, Prime Minister of Italy kidnapped and later killed by the Red Brigades, Three Mile Island accident, SALT II treaty signed by Jimmy Carter and Leonid Brezhnev, Margaret Thatcher elected prime

Minister in United Kingdom, WHO certified the eradication of smallpox, October Crisis in Canada, Skyjack Sunday when four airliners were hijacked with over 300 people as hostage, Croatian Spring movement demanded greater decentralization of power, Bangladesh Liberation War, Munich massacre at Summer Olympics, Martial law declared in the Philippines, Yom Kippur War in 1973, Lebanese Civil War started, Cambodian Communist leader Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge captured Phnom Penh, Western Sahara War, Soweto Uprising in South Africa, Egyptian–Israeli Peace Treaty late 70s, Ogaden War between Somali and Ethiopia, Ugandan–Tanzanian War started, Vietnam invaded Cambodia, China and Vietnam engaged in a brief war, Soviet invades Afghanistan, Saddam Hussein assumes presidency of Iraq, Islamic republic of Iran established under Ayatollah Khomeini, Rhodesian Bush War continued, Red Brigades and the Baader-Meinhof Gang were responsible for a spate of bombings, kidnappings, and murders in West Germany, violence continued in Northern Ireland, Weather Underground and the Symbionese Liberation Army formed in the USA.

Bhola cyclone kills an estimated 500,000 people in East Pakistan, Tonghai earthquake in China kills between 10,000–14,000 with another 26,783 injured, Ancash earthquake in Peru kills more than 47,000, Cyclone in the Bay of Bengal kills 10,000 in India, Hurricane Agnes kills 128 in the United States and causes over \$2.1 Billion, Super Outbreak produces 148 tornadoes and kills a total of 330 people in the United States, Cyclone Tracy devastates the city of Darwin in Australia, Bangladesh famine of 1974 claims a death toll between 26,000 and 1,000,000, Banqiao Dam, in China, fails after a freak typhoon with over 200,000 people perishing, major earthquake in Guatemala and Honduras kills more than 22,000, magnitude 7.5 earthquake flattens Tangshan, China, killing 242,769 people and injuring 164,851, magnitude 8 earthquake struck Moro Gulf in Mindanao Philippines causes a tsunami killing 5,000 to 8,000 people.

Regimental News



Lieutenant-Colonel Barrie Alan Clemons CD was the Commanding Officer followed by Lieutenant-Colonel Gary J. Bailey CD in 1972. Lieutenant-Colonel William (Bill) Thomas Wickett CD assumed command in 1973 and handed over to Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Thorne McDonald CD in 1978.

Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Guttridge CD was the Regimental Sergeant Major until 1972 when Chief Warrant Officer Brian Philip Cormier CD was appointed until 1976 when Chief Warrant Officer Eric Clifford Tyldesley-Gore CD was appointed for the remainder of the decade.

William (Bill) Sydney Jackson CD was the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel with Allan Morton McGavin CD as the Honorary Colonel in 1970. Graham Frederick Blyth was appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel that year until he was moved to Honorary Colonel in 1972. James Clark Griffiths CD was appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel in 1974 and remained for the remainder of the decade.

The Canadian Forces Decoration was presented to (1970) Warrant Officer Brian P. Cormier CD, (1971)

Sergeant Victor T. Yano CD, (1972) Lieutenant Steven RGW Burridge CD, Lieutenant Arthur E Gee CD,

Lieutenant Robert (Bob) E. Mugford CD, Lieutenant Ian D. Newby CD, Warrant Officer Michael E. White CD, Warrant Officer Al Yelland CD, (1973) Captain Stuart T. McDonald CD, Master Warrant Officer Eric C Tyldesley-Gore CD, (1976) Sergeant David Carter CD, Sergeant James Page CD, Bombardier John Wright CD, (1978) Sergeant Joseph Phelan CD, (1979) Sergeant Charles Milroy CD.



New Year's Day Levee – 1970

The Commanding Officer gathers his officers to bring in the new year by visiting the other units in the Vancouver District.



Lt Ian Newby, Capt CR Ford, Capt Mike Bennett, Capt Peter Barton, Capt Ian Seymour, Lt Monnell, 2Lt Gary Woloski, Maj Barry Hamilton, LCol Barrie Clemons, Capt Preston, Capt Vic Stevenson, Capt Peter Dwillies, Maj Gary Bailey, Wayne Davidson, Maj Bill Wickett, Maj Bud Abbott.



The Regimental Sergeant Major gathers his Senior NCOs in his Mess and hosts visitors from the other units.



MWO George Chow, Sgt Peter Erwin, Sgt Ted Johnson



Sgt Ruth Thompson

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1970s

Organizational Changes

- 1 Apr 1970 85th Field Battery sent to Supplementary Order of Battle
- 1 Apr 1970 158th Field Battery sent to Supplementary Order of Battle
- 1 Apr 1970 209th Field Battery redesignated 68th Field Battery

50th Anniversary Parade

The Colonel Commandant, Major General H.A. Sparling CBE, DSO, CD reviewed the troops on parade at the Seaforth Armoury.

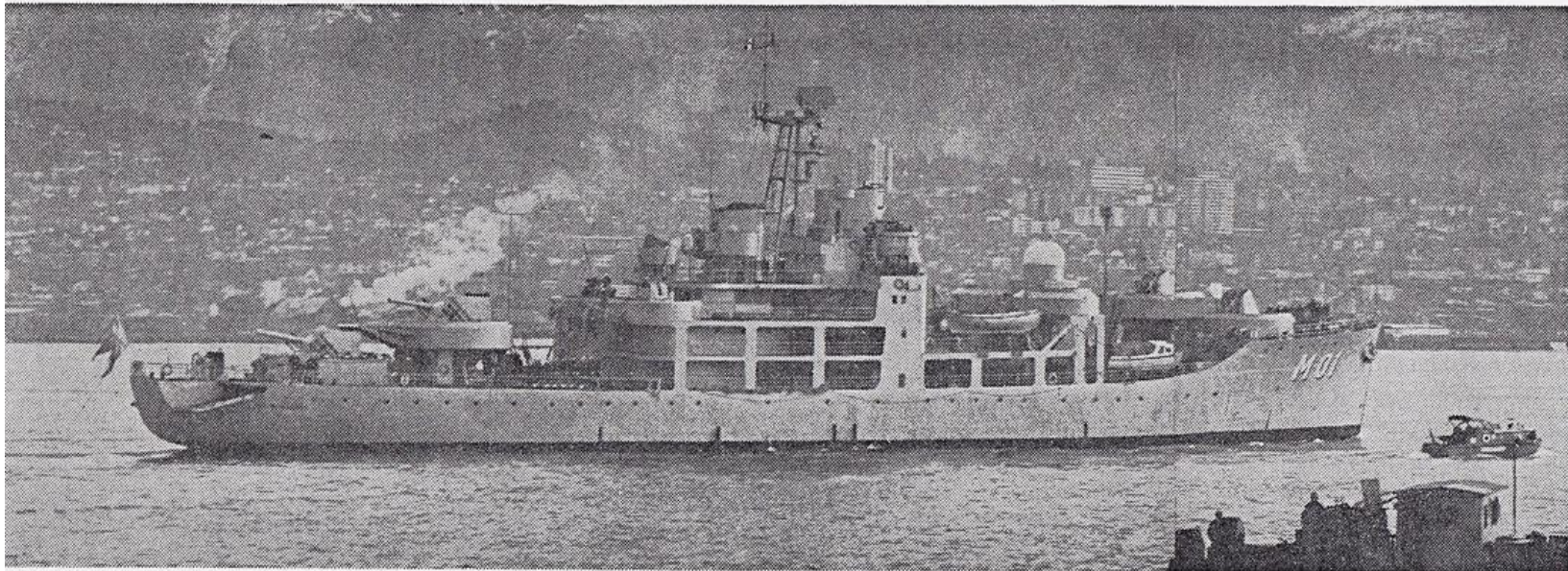
Field artillery parade Saturday

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment (Militia), Vancouver's only artillery unit, is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary of service with a ceremonial parade to be held at the Seaforth Armouries, First and Burrard Saturday, at 8 p.m.

Featured will be a drivepast of the Mobile Command Battery with trucks, jeeps and 105 mm howitzers performing the same ceremony as the horsedrawn artillery of former years.

The parade will be reviewed by Major-General H. A. Sparling, CBE, DSO, CD.





The Swedish training ship Alvsnaabben sails past Brockton Point Thursday on a visit to Vancouver. It gave a 21-gun salute — but there was no answer. —Bill Cunningham photo

Salute to Swedish ship

The Swedish training vessel Alvsnaabben arrived in Vancouver and fired the customary 21 gun salute indicating that all of its 'cannons' were empty prior to entering the harbour. Unfortunately there was no answering volley as the message had been dropped somewhere between headquarters and the Regiment. the error was corrected as the Alvsnaabben left Vancouver for its next port of call.



Better late than never

SPENT CARTRIDGE FLIES from the breech of a 105mm howitzer Monday as the 15th Field Artillery Regiment fires a 21-gun salute to the Swedish naval

training vessel Alvsnaabben on its departure. The ship arrived last Thursday and fired a salute which was greeted with silence. Someone had forgotten to

arrange for a return salute. Apologies were made to the ship's captain and the Swedish ambassador and Monday the Alvsnaabben got its salute.

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1970s

Federal Student Summer Employment Plan – FSSEP

FSSEP was a program designed to reduce the high youth unemployment rate by providing an introductory military course with no obligation to remain a member afterwards. The young students were provided some training at the Vernon Camp as they worked towards their specific trade training.

As a school teacher, Major Vic Stevenson was available to manage the summer course.



Maj Vic Stevenson



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Fort Lewis

The Regimental Band mans three of the US Field Artillery M102 howitzers as part of a Canada Day or 4th of July performance during MILCON.



Inspection

85 Battery is inspected by the Officer Commanding Ladner Station where they parade on training days.



Major Barry Hamilton, with sword, officer in charge of the 15th Field Company, Royal Canadian Artillery, escorts Lieutenant-Commander L.C. Laurie, officer commanding Canadian Forces Station Ladner, during the inspection of the guard at the

sunset ceremony held by the local artillery company May 5 in Memorial Park. The band of the 15th Field Regiment, RCA, provided the music for the ceremony.

Maj Barrie Hamilton

15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA – The 1970s

Artillery Captain Qualifying Course

Course was conducted at CFB Petawawa, Ontario.



Lt Gary Woloski, Lt Steven Burrigde, Lt John Yu, Lt Bob Mugford



MWO Heinz Winters, Bdr Greg James, Capt Art Gee, Pte Jackie Revel, Maj VW Barrie Hamilton, Capt Wayne Davidson

Remembrance Day

With one Battery tasked to fire the salute, the remainder of the Regiment marches in the parade at Victory Square.



Gnrs Leo Kung, David Kachel, Leon Jensen, Craig Stewart, Bill Barlow, Greg James; Bdrs Dave Strebe, Keith Laing, Mike Meehan; Second Lieutenant Art Gee, Lts Bob Mugford, Gary Woloski, Martin Casey; Capts Stuart McDonald, Steve Burrigde; Majs Bill Wickett, Vic Stevenson, Ian Whitelaw, LCol Barrie Clemons

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EX REFORGER

Reserve Force Augmentation to 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in Germany.



Sgt Wood GR (Militia) from Vancouver fires the third round in Mourmelon.



Bdr Richard Van Slyke

Ft Lewis, Washington



Maj Ian Whitelaw, Maj Gary Bailey

Recruit Course 1971



WO Heinz Winter, Pte Doug Storey, Pte Randy Prokop, Pte Roy McCracken, Pte Claude Elezam,
Pte Alan Edward



WO Heinz Winter, Pte Doug Storey, Pte Randy Prokop, Pte Roy McCracken, Pte Claude Elezam,
Pte Alan Edward, Gnr Rolf Brugge, Gnr Colin Norris, Gnr Graeme Mutton

Canadian Forces Green Service Dress

With the introduction of unification, the Canadian Forces begins the transition to a common uniform. The original issue featured forage cap with large hat badge and beret with small badge. The hat badge and small grenades on the lapels were the only unit identifier. A mobile command badge was introduced for wear on the right upper pocket with a plastic name tag.



Bdr Richard Van Slyke



Shilo Live Fire Exercise

Not exactly the kind of weather you left behind in Vancouver. Freezing cold at night and thawing warm weather during the day creates large puddles throuout the ranges.



OKTOBERFEST '71

Wasn't that a party? Hundreds of Regimental members and guests. There's a lot of work to do in order to get Bessborough Armoury ready for the big party! Banners to be hung from the rafters. Sound system too be set up. Beer to unload.



Gnr Doug Loney, Sgt Dave Strebe



Sgt Ted Johnson



Bdr Gary Palmatary



Canada Day Salute 1971

Patrols for the Officers and Senior NCOs and Battle Dress for the Junior Ranks.



Regimental Band Christmas Tradition

The Band comes a-carolling....

Across the bridge
Barry Clemons, 10246-127 St., Surrey, was enjoying a quiet after-dinner nap Wednesday night when, just for a minute, he thought he heard the sound of a military band wailing in the distance.

His suspicions were confirmed as the stomp of 50 or so regulation-pattern military boots came closer — and to the barked command of a resplendent drum-major, crunched to a halt outside Barry's front door.

It was a military band. A 25-piece one belonging to 15 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian

Artillery — a Vancouver-based militia regiment.

Clemons, when he's not looking after business as a circulation superintendent for the Vancouver Sun, is commanding officer of the regiment. And Wednesday's visit was his wife Estelle's and his fellow-officers' unique way of wishing him a Merry Christmas. The whole thing was a complete surprise to him — though he was expecting "a couple of army friends" to drop by for drinks.

The band stayed on in the Clemons' front room until the wee sma' hours — and entertained the neighborhood to several hours of carols, show music and marches.

And as Barry said later: "It sure beats stereo."

Dry Deployments in Chilliwack

The term “dry” applies to the lack of ammunition as opposed to the weather.

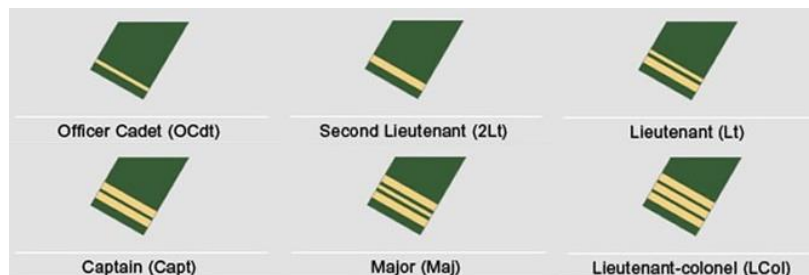


Lt Bill Basaraba

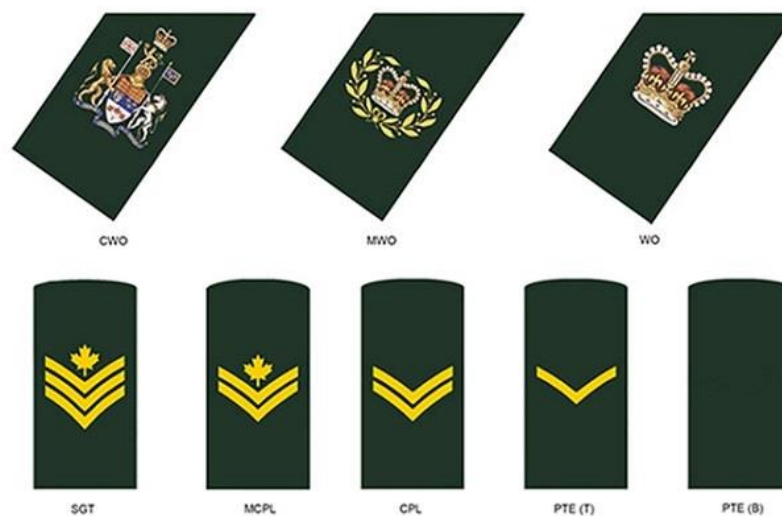


Change in Rank

Unification brought about a complete change in Officers' ranks. Gone were the Pips and Crowns, replaced by bars.



In the non-commissioned ranks, Staff Sergeants were replaced by Warrant Officers, the gun sergeant rank had disappeared and what had originally been a Lance Bombardier was now a Private (Trained) with Master Corporal as the first leadership level. Bombardier and Gunner were no longer official titles.



Fort Lewis Easter 1972

The view from the Observation Post at Fort Lewis' s rather small impact area is followed by some photos from the Easter Sunday parade. The Band provided fine accompaniment to the Padre's talk.



Sgt Kieth Kasper, Capt Davidson, Gnr Leon Jensen



Sgt Kieth Kasper, Capt Davidson, Gnr Leon Jensen



CWO Ray Guttridge, MWO Brian Cormier



CWO Peter Erwin

Lieutenant-Colonel Gary J. Bailey CD



Commanding Officer 1972 -1973

Taken on strength as a Gunner with 13th Field Battery 26 Field Regiment RCA in 1952, transferred to Banff Battery of 19th Medium Regiment RCA from 1955 to 1956, promoted Sergeant, attended 6 month Officer Cadet Programme Command Contingent Method B at Camp Shilo, Manitoba in 1956/57, returned to 19th Medium Regiment RCA in Calgary in 1957/58, transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA as a Lieutenant from 1959 to 1961, promoted Major in May 1968, appointed Battery Commander of 158 Battery which was renamed 68 Battery, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer from 1972 to 1973, retired as instructor at British Columbia Institute of Technology, School of Business in 2000 (Master Teaching Award year 2000). Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration.

Chief Warrant Officer Brian Philip Cormier CD



Regimental Sergeant Major 1972 - 1976

Taken on strength 6th Field Regiment RCA on 6 October 1958, transferred to 7th Battery 34th Field Regiment RCA in Montreal in September 1960, transferred to 158 Battery 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA in September 1966 in the rank of Sergeant; qualified artillery technician on 26 November 1968, promoted Master Warrant Officer on 1 April 1968, Battery Sergeant Major 68 Battery in 1969, promoted Chief Warrant Officer and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 1 September 1972, transferred to Supplementary List effective 24 December 1976. Awarded Canadian Centennial Medal and Canadian Forces Decoration.

Canadian Forces Decoration



Awarded to Lieutenant Robert (Bob) E. Mugford.



Commanding Officer's Parade

Parades were a common occurrence throughout the training year in the 1970s. During this parade the new Regimental Sergeant Major is presented with the sword designating the important position that he has been appointed to.



LCol Gary Bailey, CWO Ray Guttridge, CWO Brian Cormier



Gnr Greg James, Maj Bill Wickett, LCol Gary Bailey



Capt Martin Casey, Maj Bill Wickett, LCol Gary Bailey, Sgt RW Minosky, Sgt Don Friedsam



Sgt Richard Van Slyke, CWO Peter Erwin, LCol Gary Bailey

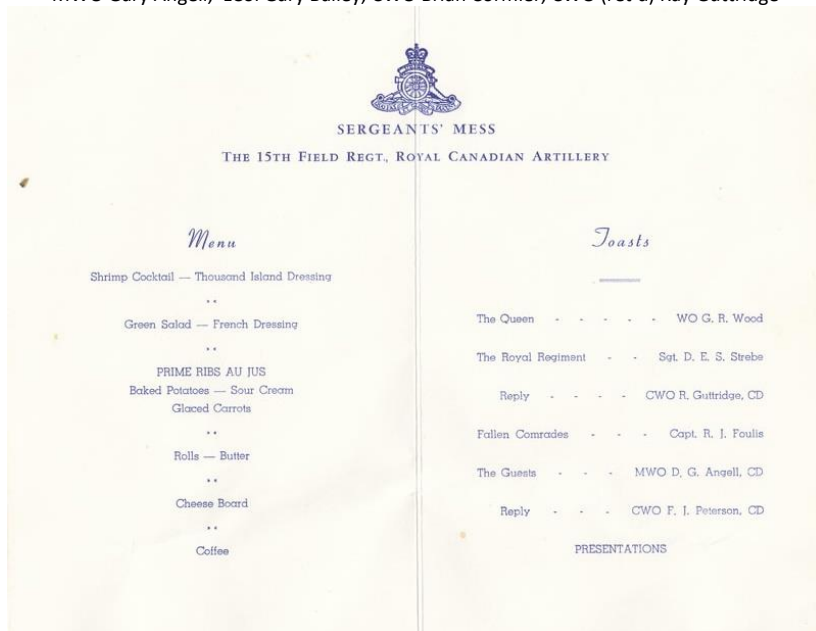
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Sergeant's Mess Dinner

A dinner was held in the Sergeant's Mess in honour of the stand down of Chief Warrant Officer Guttridge.



MWO Gary Angell, LCol Gary Bailey, CWO Brian Cormier, CWO (ret'd) Ray Guttridge



Remembrance Day Salute – 1972



Gnr Tom McCaskill, Sgt Minosky, Gnr Colin Norris, Gnr Leo Kung



Gnr Doug Loney, Pte Tamarak

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Canadian Airborne Regiment

The regiment provided two augmentees to Exercise Nimrod Caper in Jamaica.



Get the point?

PAINED LOOK belongs to Cpl. Brian Harmon, 20, who received his shots Friday in preparation for a 6-week training course with the 1st Canadian Airborne Brigade in swamps and jungles around Jamaica. Looking on is Pte. Brian Hill, while Sgt. Keith Kasper measures out the punishment.

Bdr Brian Harmon, Gnr Brian Hill, Sgt Kieth Kasper



Gnr Brian Hill



Student Youth Employment Plan

Take 26 high school students, issue them bus uniforms, give them General Military Training and see if they like the Militia!



Coronation Ball 1972



Kelly Wood, WO George Wood, Sgt Ray Wilson, Sgt Dave Strebe



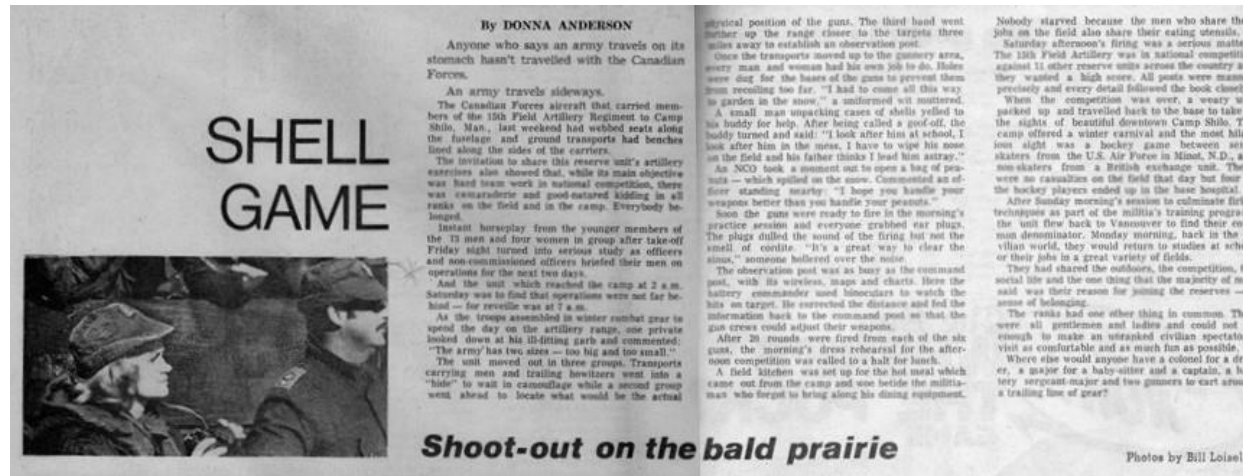
Bdr Gary Palmatary, Gnr Colin Norris, Gnr Greg James

Uniform, Combat General Service

More generally referred to as Combat Clothing, this uniform was adopted for service in 1963 but took another ten years before it was on issue to the Reserve Army.



Vancouver Sun reporter Donna Anderson accompanied the regiment to Shilo for a weekend exercise.



Donna Anderson, LCol Gary Bailey



Gnr Brian Brooks, Bdr Craig Stewart



Gnr Doug Storey



Bdr Mark Jackson, Capt Stuart McDonald, Pte Judy Lutz

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Lieutenant-Colonel William (Bill) Thomas Wickett CD



Commanding Officer - 1973 - 1978

Taken on strength 43 Medium Anti-Aircraft Regiment RCA 16 February 1953, promoted Bombardier 1954, promoted Sergeant 1957, transferred to 15th Field Regiment RCA 1959, commissioned as Second Lieutenant 16 November 1960, promoted Lieutenant 1962, promoted Captain 1966, promoted Major 1 October 1969, promoted Lieutenant-Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery

Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery 19 October 1973, promoted Colonel, promoted Brigadier-General and appointed Area Commander Pacific Militia Area, appointed aide de camp to Governor-General 1978 to 1979, President of Royal Canadian Artillery Association 1979 to 1980, retires as Area Commander in 1981, appointed Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel 1992, appointed Honorary Colonel 1995.

Awarded Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee medal and Canadian Forces Decoration with 1 bar.

United Nations Emergency Force II

Established in October 1973 to supervise the cease-fire between Egyptian and Israeli forces and, following the conclusion of the agreements of 18 January 1974 and 4 September 1975, to supervise the redeployment of Egyptian and Israeli forces and to control the buffer zones established under those agreements.

Bombardier Gary S. Palmatory deployed to Cairo, Egypt
Bombardier Brian D. Harmon deployed to Cairo, Egypt and subsequently to Ismailia.

Remembrance Day 1973

A new emphasis on field training erased the white and red wheel nuts and the white bumpers. The unit paraded in their combat clothing as part of the new focus.



Gnr Doug Loney, Gnr Don Booth, Captain Preston, Lt Art Gee, WO George Wood

1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

The 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and the 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group were stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany as part of the NATO defence of Europe. Every year, in the spring and autumn, a large contingent of reservists would fly over to assist in the participation of the Reforger series of exercises. Captain Martin Casey deployed to Germany in July 1973 followed by Gunner Bill Barlow, Bombardier Mark J Jackson and Bombardier Leon Jensen from 26 July – 26 October 1973



Internal Security

The unit practised fanouts throughout the year to ensure that members were available to respond if required.



Sgt Bill Amos



Sgt Don Friedsam

MILCON 73

The guns from Pacific and Prairie Militia Districts converged in Shilo MB for a one week concentration.



Sgt Richard Van Slyke, Gnr Claude Elezam, Bdr Leon Jensen

Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 1973



Bdr Mark Jackson, Bdr Brian Hill, Bdr Claude Elezam, Bdr Leo Kung, WO Al Yelland, Sgt Richard Van Slyke, Sgt Glenn Patterson, Sgt Don Friedsam, MWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore, Sgt Mike Meehan, Sgt Joe Phelan



RSM CWO Brian Cormier, CO LCol Bill Wickett

Regimental Picnic

The unit brought families, sports equipment and lots of good food down to the park for a great regimental picnic.



Bdr Bill Loiselle, Mrs Sylvia Tyledsely-Gore

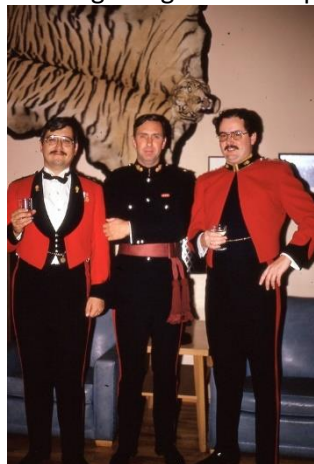


Officers' Mess St. Barbara's Day Dinner

Another excellent dinner with great gunner company, a few celebratory rounds and a few safe mess games.



HLCol Graham Blyth , Maj Ian Whitelaw,
LCol Bill Wickett



Lt Ian Newby, Maj Whitelaw, Capt
Wayne Davidson



HLCol Graham Blyth



Maj Stuart McDonald



UBC Museum of Anthropology

The construction of the new museum threatens the remaining vestiges of the Point Grey Fort. Fortunately a small group of local historians step in and persuades the university to retain gun position #1.



UN Emergency Force Middle East II (UNEFME II)



Established in October 1973 to supervise the cease-fire between Egyptian and Israeli forces and, following the conclusion of the agreements of 18 January 1974 and 4 September 1975, to supervise the redeployment of Egyptian and Israeli forces and to control the buffer zones established under those agreements. Following members were presented United Nations Emergency Force Middle East II (UNEFME II) medal on departure from the mission area: Bombardier Gary S. Palmatory and Bombardier Brian D. Harmon.

Quarter Guard

Guard is mounted for the visit of Major General H.A. Sparling, CBE DSO CD, Colonel Commandant Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery.



Sgt Bill Amos, Gnr Will Hanks, Gnr Jeff Hyldtoft, Pte Leo Kung, Pte Roy McCracken, Bdr Leon Jensen, Pte Alan Edward, Pte Don Booth, Pte Doug Loney

Annual Range Qualification

The unit deploys to Chilliwack at the beginning of November 1974 to qualify on small arms and M36 grenades.



WO Al Yelland, WO Fred Rossi



LCol Bill Wickett

Fire training in the compound



Pte Wendy Wright, Diane Grant, Badger, Kelly Stone, Joe Gauthier



Ft Lewis Fall Exercise



Sgt Leon Jensen, Cpl Jackie Revell, Pte Graeme Mutton, MWO George Wood



Sgt Richard Van Slyke

Remembrance Day 1974



WO Dag Gruban, Lt John Carter, WO Mike Meehan,
WO Don Friedsam



Bdr Doug Johnston

Visit 21 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Missile Battery RA

The Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant Major visit our sister Battery in Germany with a reciprocal visit from one of their subalterns and two Sergeants.



Honest John rocket launcher



Sgt Brian Penk, Sgt Dave Burton, CWO Brian Cormier, LCol Bill Wickett, 2Lt R Sampson

2 ½ Ton Command Post

Several enterprising Sergeants decided that the unit needed a command post similar to those in use by the 3rd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Utilizing the Officers' Mess plywood table tops, household wiring, two 42 radios, tannoy communications, 4 x BB-46 batteries and two chorehorses provided an improvement over a ¾ Ton with a folding table.



New Years Day Levee 1974



Capt Bob Mugford, Lt Bill Basaraba, Lt Ted Johnson, Barrie Hamilton, ?, Capt Wayne Davidson, LCol Bill Wickett, Lt Ian Newby, Capt Martin Casey, Maj Vic Stevenson, Capt Preston, Capt Porter

Dining Out – LCol Gary Bailey



LCol Gary Bailey, LCol Bill Wickett, Maj Barrie Hamilton. Lt Basaraba

Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Annual Mess Dinner 1974



Col Allan Langmuir, LCol Gary Bailey, LCol Bill Wickett, BGen Anderson, CWO Peter Erwin, RSM CWO Brian Cormier, MWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore



Hon Sgt Allan Langmuir, MWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore, LCol Bill Wickett, Sergeant Mike Meehan, Sgt Ray Wilson, Sgt Don Friedsam, Sgt Bill Amos

MILCON 75 – Fort Lewis Washington

A week of live firing into a postage stamp sized impact area. Great new regimental t-shirts and Olympia beer.



Back Row - CWO Brian Cormier, MWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore, Pte Nancy Olson, Sgt Leon Jensen, Mike Meehan, Clive Walton, 7, Peter Erwin, 9, WO John Wright, Sgt Brian Hill, 12, 13, Richard Van Slyke, 15, 16, Joe Gauthier, 18, 19, Mark Jackson, Gnr Reg Gerard, Graeme Mutton, 23, Dave Levien, 25, 26, 27, Fred Rossi, Al Edwards,
Front Row - Joe Phelan, Darlene Willing, Don Friedsam, Bill Amos, Brian Harmon, Jim Hamilton, Gordie Wright, Gnr Dave Warner, 38, Gnr Dawne Belcher, Pte Thibault, Doug Johnston, Don Booth, Bill Loiselle, Wendy Wright, Diane Grant, Doug Loney, Claude Elezam, Cpl Jackie Revell



Maj Stuart McDonald, Gnr Will Hanks, Lt Gary Woloski



Sgt Mark Jackson



Sgt John Wright, Sgt Joe Phelan, Sgt Richard Van Slyke



MILCON 75 - Sunset Ceremony

The Band was kept busy throughout the week rehearsing for the ceremony and participating in other events.



Drum Major - MWO Jim Hamilton

Chilliwack Rifle Exercise

Happy troops at Dinner!



Sgt Joe Phelan, Gordie Wright, Gnr Jeff Hyldtoft, Gnr Reg Gerard, Gnr Gary Tylee

October Live Fire Exercise

Back in Fort Lewis for the Thanksgiving weekend.



Gnr Noel Dykes,

Remembrance Day 1975

Standing watch on the gun



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Christmas 1975



2Lt George Laschuk, 2Lt John Carter,
2Lt Charles (CIY) Young



Sgt Gary Palmatary, Sgt David Levien, Sgt Brian Harmon, Maj Stuart McDonald, Bdr Clive Walton



Maj Stuart McDonald, HCol Graham Blythe, Pte Lorne Gilmour, Pte Stuart Mont, Bdr Bill Loiselle, Gnr Terry Harmon.

St Barbara's Day Dinner

Guests from the US Artillery 1/11th Field Artillery joined the festivities with the subaltern's skit, stretcher races and leaving a souvenir on the beam.



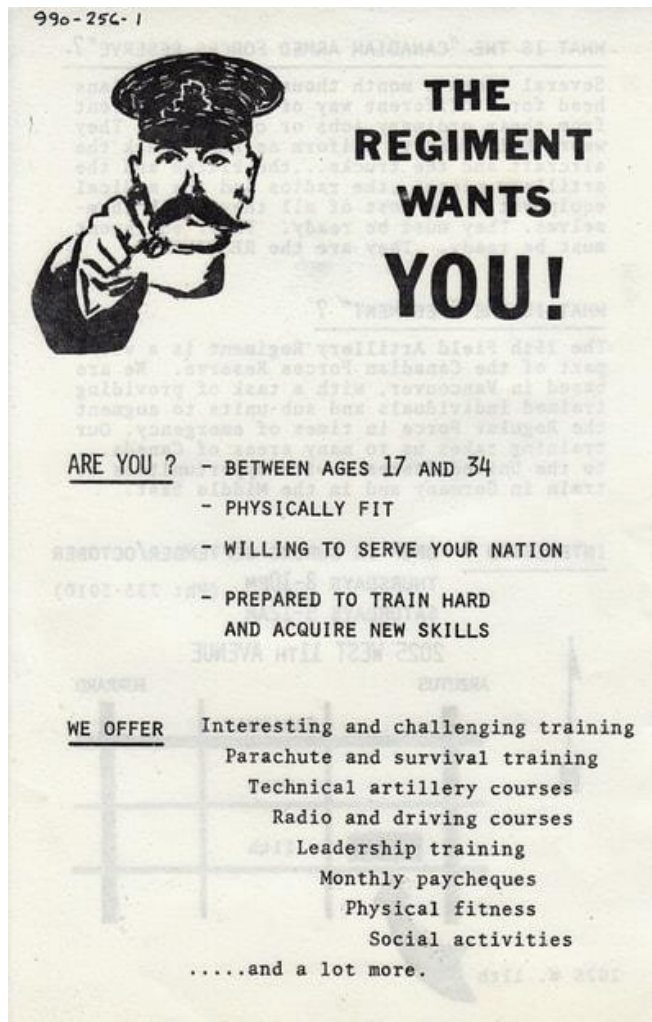
2Lt John Carter, 2Lt Charles Young



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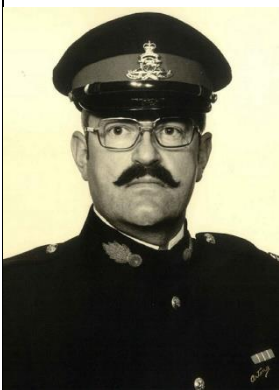


New Years' Day Levee 1975



Capt Bob Mugford, Maj Barrie Hamilton, 2 Lt George Laschuck, Capt Wayne Davidson, Lt Brian Gray, LCol Bill Wickett and Maj Stuart McDonald.

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Clifford Tyldesley-Gore CD



Regimental Sergeant Major - 1981 - 1983
Taken on strength as a Gunner in 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 5 October 1961, Lance Bombardier in 1962, Bombardier in 1963, Sergeant in 1966, Master Warrant Officer from 1969 to 1973, promoted Chief Warrant Officer and appointed Regimental Sergeant Major in 1976, appointed District Sergeant Major in 1979, transferred to 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA on 1 Sep 1981, appointed Regimental Sergeant Major on 1 Sep 1981, transferred to Supplementary List on 15 Jun 1983, commissioned as a Captain with the Cadet Instructor Cadre from 1988 to 1999, deceased 29 Jul 2018.
Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration with one clasp

Changing of the Guard

Members of the unit provide a drill demonstration with a changing of the guard.



Sgt Gary Palmatary, Sgt Leon Jensen, Bdr Doug Johnston, Gnr Lorne Gilmour, Gnr Clifton John, Bdr Alan Edward.

Change of Regimental Sergeant Major Parade



CWO Brian Cormier, CWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore

UN Emergency Force Middle East II (UNEFME II)



Gnr Noel Dykes, Gnr Ernie Kovacs



GAMESCAN 76 – Olympic, Montreal, QC

The Regiment provided a sizeable contingent for security. This included Major Stuart T McDonald, Second Lieutenant George Laschuk, Sergeant Mark Jackson, Gunners Robert Ford, Russell Ford, David Gamage, Jeff Gates, Art Gauthier, Lorne Gilmour, Clifton John, Mark Kozlowski, Tom McLaughlin John Pulchny



Gnr Clifton John

Range Exercise – Chilliwack Firing 9mm Stirling Sub-machine Guns



Sgt Leon Jensen

2 ½ Ton SMP Command Post

The unit converted one of the ammunition vehicles to an Artillery Command Post



Gnr Stuart Mont



2Lt John Carter, Gnr Stuart Mont, Sgt Gary Palmatary

Soldiers' Christmas Dinner



Lt John Carter, Bdr Kieth Laing, Bdr Terry Harmon



Maj Stuart McDonald, Maj Bob Mugford, Maj Barrie Hamilton, OCdt Paul Mirko

Officers Mess St Barbara's Dining In



Maj Barrie Hamilton, HCol Graham Blyth, Maj Vic Stevenson, LCol Bill Wicket, HLCol Griffiths



Regimental Photograph – Spring 1977



Back Row - 1,2, MWO Jim Hamilton,4, Sgt Gordie Wright, 6, Sgt John Wright, 8,9,

Third Row - 10, MWO Bill Amos, WO Don Friedsam, MWO George Wood, 14, 15, 16,17, Sgt Mike Meehan, WO Dag Gruban, Sgt Brian Hill, 21, WO Mark Jackson, MBdr Doug Johnston, WO Leon Jensen

Second Row - Bdr Gamage, Bdr Mike Hennessy, 27, Bdr Joe Gauthier, Bdr Noel Dykes,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37, Bdr Lorne Gilmour,39,40,41,42,43, Sgt Dave Levien, 45, Sgt Darlene Willing, 47, 48, 49, Bdr Stuart Mont, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, Gnr Paul Stewart, Bdr Clifton John, 58, 59, 60, 61, Pte Kathy Brunet, 63, Pte Lori Jolin, 65, 66, Pte Beth Reid, 68, 69, Bdr Brad Shorey, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, Gnr Jim Jacobson, 78, 79, Pte Janet Drinnan, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88,

Front Row – Lt John Carter, Capt John Jessop, 91, 2Lt Cl Young, 93, Capt Peter Erwin, Maj Barrie Hamilton, Maj Stuart McDonald, CO LCol William (Bill) Wickett, RSM CWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore, Maj Bob Mugford, 100, 2Lt Donna Brown, 2Lt Kelly Stone, 104, Capt Paul Roberts, OCdt Russell Ford, Capt Frank Forbes, 108

Shellburst Valley – Fort Lewis

The Battery lines up for the initiation of the Operational Evaluation conducted by 3rd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.



Milcon 77 - Yakima Firing Centre, WA



MBdr Roy McCracken



Top Row - MWO Fred Rossi, Maj Barrie Hamilton, RSM CWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore, Capt Ian Newby, HCol Graham Blyth, Sgt Gordie Wright, 7 8, 9, WO Leon Jensen, 11, Bdr Rob St Germain, 13, Bdr Shane Culver, 15, 16, Sgt Brian Hill, Cpl Julie Wong, 19, Bdr Brad Shorey, Gnr Jim Jacobson, 22, MBdr Terry Harmon, 24, 25, Bdr Graeme Mutton, 27, Sgt Mark Jackson, Cpl Siobhan Connolly, 30, WO Don Friedsam. Centre Row - WO Gary Palmatary, Bdr Barry Cotter, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, Bdr Stuart Mont, 41, Bdr Hugo Palle, Pte Leslie Pickering, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 Front Row - WO Brian Harmon, 52, Bdr Keith Laing, 54, 55, Maj Bob Mugford, 56, 57, CO LCol Bill Wickett, Bdr Noel Dykes, MBdr Doug Johnston, Capt George Laschuk, Bdr Dale Bliss, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67



Chilliwack Range Exercise



Bdr Doug Cullen, Bdr Rob St Germain



TQ1 Artilleryman Course



Bdr Doug Johnston, Gnr Sevan Ashikian



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Regimental Rifle Team - Blair Shoot



Bdr Mike Hennessey, Bdr John Large, Lt John Carter, Capt Martin Casey, WO Gary Palmatary, Sgt Mark Jackson, Bdr Dale Bliss, Bdr Barry Cotter, Bdr Shane Culver, Bdr Dave Gamage, Bdr Williams, Bdr Wong



Pte Olson with Sgt Jackson's RV



Lt George Laschuk

Soldiers' Christmas Dinner



HCol Graham Blyth, Mrs. Sylvia Tyldesly-Gore, CWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore, LCol Bill Wckett



Capt Martin Casey, Maj Barrie Hamilton, Maj Bob Mugford

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Freedom of the City of Vancouver

The Regiment is granted the Freedom of the City on 12 June 1977



LCol William T. Wickett, Mayor Jack Volrich, Capt Paul Roberts



LCol William T. Wickett



WO Dag Gruban, Sgt Mark Jackson, WO Leon Jensen, Sgt Joe Phelan



Mayor Jack Volrich, Capt Peter Erwin

Regimental Wedding

The Senior NCO Sword Party prepares for the photo opportunity at the wedding of Warrant Officer Leon Jensen and Private (ret'd) Nancy Olson



Sgt Brian Hill, Sgt Dave Levien, WO Richard Van Slyke, WO Dag Gruban, WO Brian Harmon and Sgt Mark Jackson.

Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth Gala – Orpheum Theatre

The Band and a Regimental Guard perform with the Pipes and Drums of the Seaforth Highlanders on 11 June 1977 and an audience of 3,000



Armoury Cannons

Capt Ian Newby Ian Newby acquires a pair of cannons from England



Maj Bob Mugford, Kelly Stone, Capt Martin Casey, Charles I Young, LCol Bill Wickett, OCdt Paul Mirko, Lt Peter Erwin, Maj Stuart McDonald, Capt Laschuk, Second Lt Donna Brown, Lt John Carter

Change of Command Parade

Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Thorne McDonald CD



Commanding Officer 1978 - 1981

Taken on strength with the Militia in 1959, Signaller in 3 Signals Regiment, Officer Cadet in Canadian Officers Training Corps 1963 to 1964, Commissioned in 1964 serving as a Lieutenant with 5th (BC) Field Battery RCA, transferred from 5(BC)Field Battery RCA in 1967, Captain in 1969, Major from 1973 to 1976, Lieutenant-Colonel from 1978 to 1982, Commanding Officer 15th Field Artillery Regiment RCA from 1978 to

1981, Colonel from 1987 to 1990, President of Royal Canadian Artillery Association from 1987 to 1988, Brigadier General from 1990 to 1994, Major-General from 1997 to 2000.

Awarded Commander in the Order of Military Merit, Canadian Forces Decoration with two Bars.



LCol Stuart McDonald



BGen Hamm, LCol W.T. (Bill) Wickett



Capt Martin Casey, LCol Bill Wickett, Gnr Steve Darragh, BGen Hamm, Gnr Colin Parkinson, CWO Jim Hamilton, Gnr Brad Shorey





UN Emergency Force Middle East II (UNEFME II)

Established in October 1973 to supervise the cease-fire between Egyptian and Israeli forces and, following the conclusion of the agreements of 18 January 1974 and 4 September 1975, to supervise the redeployment of Egyptian and Israeli forces and to control the buffer zones established under those agreements. Sergeant Joe A. Phelan and Bombardier Dale Arthur Bliss were awarded the UNEFME II medal for their tour in 1978.



Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal

The Queen's Silver Jubilee medal commemorates the 25th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second to the throne. National organizations in every important field of endeavour. Lieutenant-Colonel Bill WT Wicket, CD and Sergeant Gordie Wright, CD were presented the medal at the Change of Command Parade.

Drumhead Ceremony



Fort Lewis Live Fire Exercise - 1978



LCol Bill Wickett, Mike Hennessey, Alan Edward, CI Young, Bdr Stuart Mont, Sgt Darlene Amos



Gnr Noel Dykes, WO Dag Gruban

Yakima



Back Row - Maj Barrie Hamilton, MWO Fred Rossi, Pte Michelle Pause, 4, Cpl Julie Wong, 6, 7, Bdr Mike Hennessey, 9, Bdr Rick Fowler, Capt Art Gee, Bdr Ernie Kovacs, 13, John Wright, CWO Eric Tyldesely-Gore, 16, Gnr John McClelland, Bdr Rob St Germain, 19, Elizabeth Reid, 21, WO Mark Jackson, Bdr Stuart Mont, MWO Don Friedsam, 25, 26, Capt John Jessop, MBdr Keith Laing, Gnr Dale Bliss, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, MWO Bill Amos, 41, LCol Stuart MacDonald, Capt Paul Roberts
Front Row - Capt Harrison, 45, Nancy Drinnan, Pte Janet Drinnan, Bdr Dave Gamage, Gnr Steve Darragh, 50, Kathy Brunet, Sgt Gordie Wright, Bdr Noel Dykes, Pte Lori Jolin, 55, Bdr Clifton John, 57, Gnr Colin Parkinson, Capt Frank Forbes, Bdr Shane Culver, Bdr Barry Cotter, Bdr Brad Shorey, 63, Lt John Carter, 65, 66, Sgt Darlene Willing



Easy Rider 1978



Keith Laing, Noel Dykes, Joey Gauthier, Alan Edward, Clif John, Mark Jackson



Soldiers' Christmas Dinner 1978



Sgt Joe Phelan, LCol Bill Wickett



Capt Ian Newby

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New Years' Day Levee 1978



Capt Peter Erwin, HCol Graham Blyth, Capt Art Gee, Lt Leo Kung, Capt Martin Casey, Capt Red Harrison, Maj Bob Mugford, Maj Stuart McDonald, Maj Barrie Hamilton, HCol Griffiths, Lt EE (Ted) Johnson

Officers' Mess Dining In



HCol James Griffiths, HCol Graham Blyth, LCol Bill Wickett, Lt Donna Brown, Capt Red Harrison, Capt Art Gee, Capt John Jessop, Capt Gord Croucher, Capt Ted Hoskinson, Capt Vic Stevenson, Maj Martin Casey, Charles Young, George Laschuk, Capt Peter Erwin, Stuart McDonald, John Carter, Bob Mugford

Sergeants' Mess Dinner

Gift for the departing Commanding Officer



BGen Hamm, LCol William Wickett, CWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore

MWO Fred Rossi Retirement Dinner



MWO Fred Rossi, WO Dag Grubann, CWO Eric Tyldesley-Gore

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Operational Deployments



UN Emergency Force Middle East II (UNEFME II)

Established in October 1973 to supervise the cease-fire between Egyptian and Israeli forces and, following the conclusion of the agreements of 18 January 1974 and 4 September 1975, to supervise the redeployment of Egyptian and Israeli forces and to control the buffer zones established under those agreements. Bombardiers Terry Harmon, Mike Hennessy, Richard Fowler were awarded the medal and Bombardier Noel RR Dykes was awarded the right to wear the numeral 2.



UN Disengagement Observation Force (UNDOF)

Established in June 1974 to supervise the cease-fire between Israel and Syria; to supervise the disengagement (redeployment) of Syrian and Israeli forces; and, to establish a buffer zone, as provided in the Agreement on Disengagement between Israeli and Syrian Forces of 31 May 1974. Gunner Joseph C Gauthier awarded the UNDOF medal for his service on the Golan Heights from February to December 1979.

Fort Lewis Live Fire Exercise

The former CO, now the Area Commander, drops by the OP. After the a long training day, it's always nice to stop for a cold refreshment



BGen Bill Wickett, Lt John Carter, Capt Martin Casey LCol Stuart McDonald

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On Operations

Enjoying a beer in Ismailia, Egypt during their UNEFME II tour.



Bdr Noel Dykes, Bdr Mike Hennessy

Chilliwack Range Exercise



Sgt Charles McGinley, MBdr Brad Barton

Subalterns' Dinner



Capt Frank Forbes, Capt John Jessop, Maj Ian Newby

St Barbara's Dinner



Lt Charles Young, Capt John Jessop

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