

## Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess

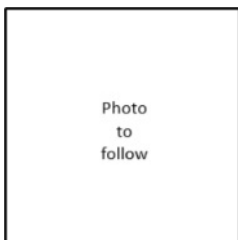


The first known mention of regimental messes was in an invite sent out to the general public through an article in the Province newspaper on 29 Dec 1920. The article mentions renovations having been completed on the Horse Show building and that *Spacious rooms have been arranged on the second floor, above the entrance, for the Messes of Officers and N.C.O.s*. In 1921 an article mentions the organization of the sergeants' mess with Regimental Sergeant Major C Minter as the temporary chairman. The first known picture of the Mess, shown here, is from their new location at the Bessborough Armoury in 1935.

**Fireplace Artillery Badge** - The badge of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery with the Tudor crown used during the reign of King George VI. A smooth-bore 9-pounder field gun Or (gold) on a field Vert (green) above a scroll Azure bordered Or inscribed UBIQUE Or below the gun a scroll Azure bordered Or inscribed QUO FAS ET GLORIA DUCUNT the whole surmounted by the Royal Crown proper.



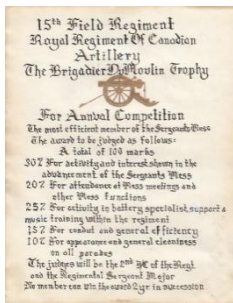
**Mess Guest Book** - Leather cover hand tooled by Sergeant Ernest Victor Redworth Wallington CD and presented to the Mess in 1961.



**Brigadier R.T. DuMoulin Trophy** - Presented to the most efficient member of the Mess. The trophy represents some of the finest Senior NCO's that have served the Regiment.



## Brigadier R.T. Du Moulin Trophy Terms of Reference - Framed terms of



reference dictating the rules in judging the most efficient member of the Mess. 30% for activity and interest shown in the advancement of the Sergeant's Mess 20% for attendance at Mess meetings and other Mess functions 25% for activity in battery specialist, support & music training within the Regiment 15% for conduct and general efficiency 10% for appearance and general cleanliness on all parades. The Judges

will be the 2nd I/C and Regimental Sergeant Major. No member can win the award 2 yr in succession.

## Lieutenant-Colonel E Bell Irving Trophy - This trophy was presented to

Lieutenant-Colonel E. Bell Irving by the Officers of and affiliated with the 2nd Canadian Heavy AA Regiment RCA at Zeggescappel, France on the 2nd of Feb 1945, and by him to the Artillery Sergeants Mess on 8 April 1957. It is comprised of a 25-pounder shell casing, surmounted by Mills Grenade with two 40 mm. projectiles. The



badges on the casings are those corps which supported the artillery in action including the Royal Canadian Electric and Mechanical Engineers, the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corp, the Royal Canadian Army Service Corp, the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp, the Royal Canadian Corp of Signals, the Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps, the Chaplains Corps, and the Dental Corps. The gong is primarily used to initiate newly promoted Senior NCO's into the Mess. The trophy is stood at a mean height, and the recipient of the award is elevated horizontally to a firing position by four of his own rank, and fired towards the gong, which is held by the Regimental Sergeant Major, and released to coincide with his head at the appropriate time.

**28th AA Regiment RCA Sergeants Mess Casing** - The 3.7" anti-aircraft casing lists the members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Regiment Sergeants' Mess as of October 1942. It was presented to the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess by Warrant Officer Class I Jimmy Sanders.



**58th Coast Battery 15th (Vancouver) Coast Regiment RCA Sergeants Mess Casing** - The 3.7" anti-aircraft casing lists the members of the 58<sup>th</sup> Coast Battery Mess and the members of the Point Grey Sergeants' Mess from October 1942. It was presented to the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess by Warrant Officer Class I Jimmy Sanders.



**DOM Plaque** – Inscribed THE ORDER OF THE DOM IS AWARDED FOR CONDUCT BEYOND THE NORMAL CALL OF DUTY BY COL DJ ANDERSON CD DOM APRIL 1972 CWO R GUTTRIDGE CD MWO TYLDESLEY-GORE EC WO WINTER HJ WO WOOD GR SGT ALLEN JR



SGT AMOS DJ PROBATIONARY MEMBERS WO HILL-1986 SGT McCLELLAND CD-1991 SGT HOLT-1997 SGT GARRETT-2000 WO TENNANT CD-2011 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SGT BRUNO-1986 WO HILL CD-1991 WO McCLELLAND CD-1997 SGT CALOGERO CD-2002 WO GARRET CD-2004

**Mess Gong** - The shell casing gong was presented to the Mess by Lieutenant-Colonel JM Reynolds CD RCA on 3 July 1963 and contains the names of the members of the Mess. Having run out of room on the actual gong, the Mess continued with a separate plaque. RSM WO1 DR PENMAN CD RSM WO1 JW BATHURST CD WO1 AB SWEET CD RQMS WO2 JJ ISBISTER CD WO2 DJ CHALLONER BSM WO2 G CHOW CD WO2 AB CLARKE CD BSM WO2 WD COOPER CD WO2 GF



CROSSLEY CD WO2 PG HASSAN CD BSM WO2 JL HEDBERG WO2 LE HUNTER CD WO2 SA MACDONALD BSM WO2 SD MACKENZIE WO2 FM MILLER WO2 NR MOHR BSM WO2 RJ NICHOLS CD WO2 PH SMITH CD WO2 SV THOMSON MM CD WO2 WAJ WADDEN CD WO2 EG WRIGHT S/SGT PA DWILLIES S/SGT CE FREEBORN CD S/SG TAJ HAMILTON CD S/SGT



TA OWEN S/SGT MV RUTHERFORD S/SGT CK SPRAGG CD SGT DG ANGELL SGT SW BARRETT SGT ES BIELECH SGT E BRENNER SGT KE BROWN SGT A DIGUISTINI SGT PM ERWIN SGT WDL FIELD SGT G GUTTRIDGE SGT TL HAMPTON SGT GW HATTON CD SGT AS HOE CD SG TCN HUGHES DGT JH MANCOR CD SGT G MAPSON SGT WG MORGAN SGT H PADGETT SGT RA PETERSON SGT E PITCHLER SGT BD PRESTON SGT DE REANEY SGT J SALMOND SGT RD SEYMOUR SGT BLS THORN SGT DV UPTON SGT DE WATT SGT GA WILL BSM WO2 EC TYLDESLEY-GORE BSMWO2 JA WILLETT BSM WO2 HJ WINTER BSM S/SGT BP CORMIER S/SGT DW A GRUBAN S/SGT DM McCLOY S/SGT D PARR-PEARSON CD S/SGT LD TAYLOR S/SGT AM YELLAND SGT DAW DAVIDSON SGT JB DAVY SGT JR FORSYTH SGT CG HARMON SGT DL HARMON SGT AL HILTON SGT J HO SG TEE JOHNSON SGT RE MUGFORD SGT ED NEFF SGT ID NEWBY SGT RS PLATT SGT A ROLLER SGT NK KINCAID SGT DGW HALL SGT LB SMITH SGT RH THOMPSON SGT RH WEBB SGT SK YORKE SGT MA EAST SGT RDJ DAVIES SGT G HOLLO SGT KE KASPER SGT R KOWIN SGT R McWHINNEY SGT R MINOSKY SGT GR WOOD SGT GR WOOD SGT RJ VAN SLYKE SGT JR ALLEN SGT WJ AMOS SGT DG FRIEDSAM SGT BD HARMON SGT LS HOLMES SGT MP MEEHAN SGT RT ORR SGT DE STREBE SGT RA WILSON SGT L JENSEN SGT GA WATSON SGT GJ PATTERSON SGT AL

SIEMENS SGT GJ PALMATARY MWO FH ROSSI WO ME WHITE SGT DK  
LEVIEN SGT BH HILL SGT JA REVELL SGT JM JACKSON SGT JF PAGE SGT Y  
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SGT RE McCracken SGT DA JOHNSTON MWO G BROWN SGT J PHELAN  
SGT J RENFORTH SGT LC SURGES SGT LJ SURGES SGT T FLEMMING SGT G  
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MONT MWO LT NEW CD SGT GB ADAM US SGT MA HENNESSY SGT JE  
DRINNAN MWO JS BROWNLEE-BAKER MWO RS PATTERSON SGT GR  
BEAUMONT SGT NR DYKES SGT CA GERTSON SGT JH McCLELLAND SGT  
DJ BRUNO SGT JE JACOBSON SGT RG FOWLER SGT KA SURGES SGT RC  
PAJALA SGT LJ SCOTT SGT LL RITCHIE SGT KG LAING SGT B SHOREY SGT  
PA STEWART MWO VT YANO SGT ER LEDUC SGT TE MADSEN SGT DS  
WARNER SGT LE YOSHIMARU SGT PW ROBERTS SGT M IMADA SGT CR  
PARKINSON SGT GR TEES SGT JM RICHIE SGT AD LICHTMANN SGT NA  
SHOREY SGT JV DOBRZANSKI SGT D CALOGERO WO KB STOCKHORST SGT  
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SGT RP SCHEIB WO DB GATWARD CD SGT BJ LOUGHEED CD SGT M WISE  
WO VA BEAUCHESNE CD SGT DA MOSES SGT C GRONDIN CD SG TAJ  
BRADY SGT GA GRAHAM SGT C MILROY CD SGT DW BARTLETT SGT B  
HOLT SGT RW KAIGHIN LS&GC SGT JK FYNN CD SGT SD NELSON SGT BJ  
RAE SGT IM SMITH CD SGT NS PRITCHARD SGT CE McHUGH SGT KHK  
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SGT RT TENNANT SGT JD STREET SGT JG HALPIN SGT JLA DUBUC CD SGT  
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SGT OJ YOUNG CD SGT PA KOSTUK CD SGT AL ARDEN CD SGT AS GEE CD  
SGT CST GODSOE SGT WK LYSHOLM SGT MW IRISH CD SGT ST OULETTE  
CD WO HL PORRITT CD WO LE CÔTÉ CD SGT JE ZHONG CD SGT D LU SGT  
KS KEENE CD SGT JCK WONG SGT AJ UKRAINZOW SGT DC SCOTT SGT CRJ  
KETLER SGT COOLEY CD WO WIERENGA CD SGT AF MCDIARMID SGT RD  
CRAWFORD CD SGT KA HODGSON CD SGT LP UNDERWOOD CD SGT BL  
WOODS CD SGT MH WONG SGT YA LANGLOIS SGT EH WONG CD SGT ST  
HILBICH SG TEC MIKKOLA SGT JKS CORMIER CD SGT Y BOLGAK CD SGT K

MARUYAMA CD SGT MM SUMPTON SGT DF TAYLOR CD SGT TJ HAUSER  
CD PO2 M MCGREGOR SGT MD CAVEEN CD SGT MAB LECLERC CD SGT  
BNR TOLEDO SG TAJ CHAN SGT DS SWITZER CD SGT SO CHEE CD SGT MS  
WILKIE WO NCA SENFF MMM CD WO JW PALMER CD SGT JM ROZARIO  
CD SGT JP NAAKENS CD SGT ADC GRASDAL SGT JJ HAN SGT NRK PATCH  
CD

**Shot Glasses** – personalized shotglasses made from expended 20mm casings.



**Beer Mugs** – Each member of the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess is presented a mug on their 10 year anniversary.



**Mess Committee President Gavel and Gong** - The gavel and gong is used by the President of the Mess to control general mess meetings and to gain attention at Mess Dinners.



**Mobile Command Cup** - At Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess Dinners, the Mobile Command Cup was filled with a punch concocted by the Battery Sergeant Major of the Firing Battery and passed around to toast the Regiment. The names of the original Battery Senior NCO s are engraved upon the casing, which was inadvertently presented to the Mess by Warrant Officer Alan Yelland CD. The Regimental Sergeant Major at the time, on viewing this beautiful piece of work, decided that it was much too nice a piece to decorate the Warrant Officer's home, and encouraged him to present it to the Mess providing that a tradition grew up around the Cup.



**Brass Cannon – BFG** - For many years the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess were the proud custodians of a large brass cannon that was fired during festive events. Sadly, it was over filled with non-standard powder and suffered a catastrophic failure on 1 July 1974. It's origins were unknown until history revealed that a pair had been presented to the 102nd Coast Regiment RCA by Honorary Colonel Tom Ingledow. The whereabouts of the twin were unknown until the son of the Lieutenant-Colonel Horace Peck, the last Commanding Officer of the 102nd Coast Regiment, RCA contacted the Vancouver Gunners and offered its return.



**Sergeant Drew Bartlett** – Inscribed Sgt W.D. Bartlett CD 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Regt RCA  
22 Oct 64-27 Aug 01



**Sergeant Arne Knudsen** - Arne Knudsen was taken on strength 31 Battery, 15th Coast Brigade RCA in 1939. He rose quickly in the ranks due to previous experience in the Danish Navy and the International Brigade in Spain. He was a Sergeant in 1940 and then transferred to 111th Battery, 7th Anti-Tank Regiment RCA. Arne's wartime stories were recorded by the Mess and are available online at the Vancouver Gunners website.



**Horse Show Building** – The original home of the 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery when it was formed in 1920. It was located on West Georgia Street at Gilford near Stanley Park and burnt down 18 Mar 1960.





**L Battery, 1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery - Painting**



portrays L Battery at Nery, Battle of Le Cateau, France, 1 September 1914. In the battle L Battery, less one gun, was all but destroyed. The single remaining 13-pounder Quick fire gun remained in action against the three German Batteries located a thousand yards away. The artillery fire put down by this gun allowed the 1st Cavalry Brigade to deliver a successful counter attack. For this action 3 members of the Battery were awarded the Victoria Cross.

**Canadian National Vimy Memorial Photo** - Canada's national war memorial in Europe stands as a tribute to all Canadians who served during the First World War, particularly for those whose final resting place was then unknown. Created by William Longstaff



**31st Battery, 15<sup>th</sup> Field Brigade Canadian Artillery** –The Regiment deployed often during the early years to a firing camp at Camp Sarcee, located just west of Calgary, Alberta.



**15<sup>th</sup> Field Brigade** – The unit trained at Hastings Park.



**68<sup>th</sup> Depot Battery Canadian Field Artillery** – This unit was responsible for the recruitment and initial training of Gunners in the First World War. They were housed and trained at Hastings Park. This photo is the 13<sup>th</sup> draft 1917.



**Dominion of Canada Flag** - This flag was removed from its position of honour at the fireplace in 1967 when Canada received its new flag. It was re-consecrated by the Padre, framed and placed on the wall.



**Royal Artillery Crest Silk Embroidery** - The embroidery was presented to the Mess by WG Palmer a year before he died in 1964 at the age of 89. He had encouraged his Chinese wash girl to do this embroidery from a hand drawn sketch while he was serving with the Royal Artillery in Hong Kong from 1897 to 1905. He eventually came to Victoria to assist in the installation of its shore Batteries around Esquimalt Harbour.



**Honest John Missile Photograph** - The photo was taken by Regimental Sergeant Major, Chief Warrant Officer Brian Cormier CD during a visit to our sister battery, the 21st (Gibraltar 1779-83) Missile Battery, 50 Missile Regiment, RA, British Army of the Rhine at the Hohne Ranges in West Germany in June of 1974.



**M109 155mm Self-Propelled Howitzer** – The Regiment has sent many individuals on augmentation to the Regular Force artillery units over the years. EX REFORGER was an annual US Army exercise based on deploying Reserve Forces to West Germany to counter a Soviet threat.



**CWO Guttridge Final Salute** – Chief Warrant Officer Ray Guttridge CD, Regimental Sergeant Major 1969 to 1972 at his last salute.



**Norman Ramsay's Guns Water Colour** - This painting depicts Norman Ramsay's Guns at Fuentes d'Onor in Spain. This battle was fought on May 5th, 1811 and I Battery (Bull's Troop) Royal Horse Artillery distinguished itself.



Unfortunately, four years later, Norman Ramsay was killed at the Battle of Waterloo. He was buried at Inveresque near Edinburgh in the burial place of his family, and his memory is still guarded with much pride by the Royal Artillery.

**German Swastika emblem** - The Second World War emblem was removed from the side of the locomotive which had pulled Adolph Hitler's personal train by Major J. Carmichael and his Engineer Sergeant. Major Carmichael presented it to the Mess in 1965 and the Mess Committee president, Warrant Officer Class II Gary Angell's father framed and hermetically sealed it so that it would not tarnish.



**Caen-Falaise Map** - This well worn map was originally issued to Major Rev. Canon S.E. Higgs before landing on the beaches in Normandy in June of 1944. He used the map to mark the locations of the graves he attended. Padre Higgs landed with the Armoured Division as Chaplain.



## With the field guns on the Western Front - A visit to a British battery.



Published in 1916 for Tatler and Sphere.

Artist- Fortunino Matania, one of the most accomplished realistic illustrators and artists of his time, his wartime work was immensely popular and appeared in nearly every major news magazine, Allied, Neutral and Central Powers alike.

**'Halt! The guns come under fire on a road in France. 2** - Fighting under the summer sun - artillery checked by a shell falling in the road. Published in The Sphere, 4 August 1917. Drawn by Fortunino Matania.



## With the British Horse Artillery on the Western Front in Southern

**Flanders** – Rushing a gun through the deserted streets to a hardly-pressed position on the British Front.



**Good-bye Old Man** - Lithographic reproduction of a painting by F Matania, published by The Sphere and Tatler Limited, London, 4 September 1916. It was produced for the Blue Cross animal welfare charity. It captures the pathos of the all too common experience of the death of horses on the Western Front during World War One.



## The guns! Thank God! The guns! – The original drawing was done by

Charles (Snaffles) Johnson Payne, an English painter known for his outstanding draughtsmanship and depiction of the horse in action. The title is taken from the last verse of Rudyard Kipling's poem



*Ubique*. Charles Payne had served as a Gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery prior to World War 1.

**Honorary Sergeants** – The Warrant Officers’ and Sergeants’ Mess



presents an honorary rank to those that have made a recognizable benefit to the Mess, the Regiment or the Army. Members can be promoted within the honorary ranks and are granted a membership to the Warrant Officers’ and Sergeants’ Mess. Members are encouraged to wear their rank at Mess events. The pictured rank was awarded to HonCWO Brig Dumoulin. Other members have included HonSSgt MGen JM Rockingham, HonWOII Brig ED Danby, HonWOII HCol GF Blyth, Hon WOII HonLCol J Griffiths, HonSSgt MGen JM Rockingham, HonSSgt BGen WT Wickett, HonSSgt Col WS Jackson, HonSSgt LCol GM Platt, HonSgt LCol WD Elsdon, HonSgt LCol A Langmuir, HonSgt LCol BA Clemons, HonSgt LCol BJ Bailey, HonSgt JA Phelan, HonSgt MGen ST McDonald, HonSgt Col L Jensen.

**Trophy Cabinet** – The Cabinet contains the Mess’s four miniature



cannons, 105mm L5 Pack Howitzer model presented to the Mess by Chief Warrant Officer Ray Guttridge on his retirement in 1972, Canada's Centennial Birthday 50th round casing, 28<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Regiment Challenge Cup, 1965 RCAA General Efficiency Competition Trophy, Swiss-Canadian Rifle Club Perpetual Trophy, Challenge Cup and the 158<sup>th</sup> Battery Efficiency Trophy.

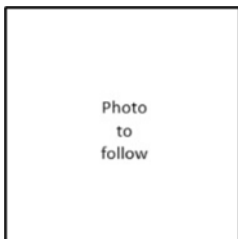


**Regimental Wedding** - Special Thanks to the many parts of the Regimental Family that made the wedding a success.

**72 pounder Napoleon Gun** - This model was made by Sergeant (ret'd) Ken Brown and presented to the Mess by the Ex-Artillery Sergeants Association of British Columbia.



**68 Battery Orienteering Trophy**

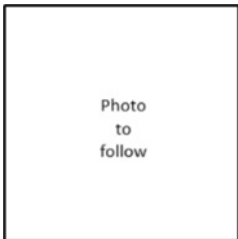


**Mess Chandeliers** - The four chandeliers in the main part of the Mess were once presented by Mr. Hienz Barsnick, an associate member of the Mess. They have since been replaced by new fixtures

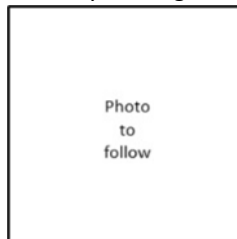


**Mess Piano** - The piano was presented to the RCA Sergeants Mess on 13 of Jan 1956, donor unknown.

**Mess Oak tables and Chairs** - The furniture was obtained refinished from the Provincial Jail in Burnaby. The large carver chair is strictly for the use of the Regimental Sergeant Major, and one of the traditions of the Mess is that if anyone other than the Regimental Sergeant Major sits in this chair, he will entertain the RSM during his presence in the Mess that evening.



**Mess Dart Board** - Presented to the Mess by the Artillery Ex-Sergeants Association in January 1967.



**Mess Exit Sign** - There was a time when the Mess exit sign was displayed upside down. This goes back to 1968, when two British Missile Destroyers were visiting Vancouver, HMS Fife and HMS Glamorgan. The Fife, because she was a senior ship tied up close to the dock and the Glamorgan tied up alongside the Fife. After the ship had been in port a few days, the Commander of the Fife complained to the Commander of the



Glamorgan that his seamen, in crossing the deck of the Fife, were making a mess of it. The Chief Petty Officers decided that from that day forward, all Petty Officers and Chief Petty Officers of the Glamorgan would cross the Fife walking on their hands. The Petty Officers and chiefs of the HMS Glamorgan were invited to the 15th Field Sergeants' Mess and upon entering the Mess, very quickly jumped from their feet to their hands and entered the Mess in that manner and then complained that they could not read the sign because it was upside down. At that time, the exit sign was flipped to accommodate our guests.

**Departure Gift WO Palmer MMM CD – Inscribed To 15<sup>th</sup> Fd Snr NCO**



*“When you commission something you merely place it into service. But when you warrant something, you guarantee it works” – US Marines WO Palmer MMM CD*

**OP Athena – 15<sup>TH</sup> FIELD REGIMENT THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT TO THE DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF ROTO 5 OP ATHENA**



**Presidents of The Mess Committee – Presented by SGT DONATO CALOGERO CD 4 APRIL 1998 1997-SGT D CALOGERO CD 1998-SGT RG WISHNICKI 1999-SGT B HOLT 2000-SGT D CALOGERO CD 2001-WO RG WISHNICKI CD 2002-MWO DB LABOSSIÈRE CD 2003-SGT B HOLT CD 2004-SGT B HOLT CD 2005-MWO KE WALKER CD 2006-SGT IM SMITH CD 2007-SGT IM SMITH CD 2008-SGT IM SMITH CD 2009-SGT CSA SKUCE 2010-SGT CSA SKUCE 2011-WO IM SMITH CD 2012-WO CE MCHUGH CD 2013-SGT CSA SKUCE CD 2014-SGT CSA SKUCE CD 2015-MWO RF GARRETT CD 2016-MWO RF GARRETT CD 2017-MWO CA ROBERTS CD 2018-MWO HL PORRITT CD 2019-MWO HL PORRITT CD 2020-MWO HL PORRITT CD 2021-MWO HL PORRITT CD**

**2472 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCACC Plaque – 15<sup>th</sup> Field RCA Sergeant’s Mess With gratitude and appreciation for your ongoing support Ubique 2019**

