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3 FIELD REGIMENT RCA  
THE LOYAL COMPANY  
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT

1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1993

UNIT UICs:	Regimental Headquarters	U5022
	89th Battery	S6133
	115 Battery	U5022
	Headquarters and Services Battery	U5022
	3 Field Regiment Band	S7023

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INTRODUCTION

1. As we entered our 200th year of loyal service to the guns, the Regiment was filled with apprehension and eagerness. We had finally entered our Bicentennial after years of planning and preparation. The year saw the Regiment schedule many commemorative events in the Saint John and Woodstock areas. The celebrations were intertwined in the Regiment's busy training schedule. This report will highlight the Regiment's celebrations, its busy training schedule, and its support of the Total Force Army. A video record of our bicentennial celebrations is presently being compiled and will be forwarded for your records upon completion.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

2. The prelude to our celebrations took place in November 1992 with the opening of a Remembrance Day exhibit about six former Commanding Officers of the Regiment at the Aitken Bicentennial Exhibition Centre.

3. Our Bicentennial celebrations began with a New Year's Eve Ball at the Barrack Green Armoury. The Colonel Commandant, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, Colonel, the Honourable, Judge R.A. Jacobson, CD was the guest of honour. Our Regimental Print, "200 Years Loyal" was presented to the Colonel Commandant. At noon on January 1, a 21 gun salute was fired from the Barrack Green to begin the year's 200 round salute. A reception was held in the Officer's Mess.

4. On April 30, The two honorary Colonels, Colonel Turnbull and Lieutenant-Colonel McKelvy, and the gunner

members of the Byng Boys Club, hosted a dinner for unit officers at the Byng Boys Club. The Master Gunner of St. James Park was the guest of honour.

5. On 1 May the City of Saint John presented replica Colours to the Regiment in a colourful ceremony at Saint John Stone Church. Saint John Stone Church is the Regiment's Garrison Church where our original colours are deposited. Mayor Wayne was presented with a Regimental print and was made a Honourary Gunner. The unit wore for the first time on parade, the replica uniforms of the 1866 period.

6. The Master Gunner of St James Park, General Sir Martin Farndale KCB was the Reviewing Officer for the Regiments exercise of the Freedom of the City parade that afternoon. The Master Gunner brought greetings from our Captain General, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Greetings were also received from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Premier Frank McKenna. The Master Gunner also presented the Canadian Forces Decoration and the Canada 125 Medal to members of the Regiment.

7. The Annual Loyalist Ball was held at the Barrack Green Armoury on the evening of 1 May, again with the Master Gunner in attendance. Our member of Parliament, the Honourable Lieutenant-Colonel Gerry Merrithew, PC, CD, presented Canada 125 commemorative medals to our Commanding Officer and to retired Chief Warrant Officer Stick Holtom.

8. On our birthday, May 4, both batteries fired salutes in their home communities. The 115 Battery saluting troop was inspected by retired Major Buzz Devenne, who served the Regiment from 1926 to 1962. The 89th Battery planted a commemorative tree in Woodstock. Both Batteries held birthday parties in their respective messes that evening.

9. The Regiment continued with the traditional firing of the 18 May Loyalist Day salute from Fort Howe. The saluting troop was inspected by our Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel, Neil Mckelvey, and the President of the United Empire Loyalist Society, Elizabeth Hoyt-Prescott, whose father served with the Regiment during World War one. 115 Battery planted a commemorative tree in Queen's Square, Saint John, on 20 May.

10. The Regiment marked its close ties with the Town of Woodstock with a reunion weekend from 4-6 June. On the evening of the 4th, current and former members of 89th Battery attended a meet and greet in the armoury mess. On the 5th, Mayor Clara Moffatt presented the Freedom of the Town to the Regiment on behalf of the Council and Citizens. The Regiment gave a 13 round General Salute for Major General Frederic Mariage, Chief of Reserves, who then inspected the Regiment.

The Regiment then exercised for the first time its new Freedom of the Town of Woodstock.

11. That evening the Regiment, and former members of 89th Battery in Woodstock, held a Special Guest night at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Regimental Band provided music, as it had for the two previous functions earlier in the year.

12. Sunday, June 6 marked a special anniversary in the history of the 89th Battery and the Regiment. To mark the 49th anniversary of D Day, when several former members of the Regiment landed in France, a church parade was held at St. Luke's Anglican Church. Following the parade a plaque was unveiled on the Woodstock Armoury commemorating the Regiment's bicentennial.

13. The highlight of the weekend was the renaming of the Armoury after Major John Douglas Winslow, MC, a prominent Woodstock businessman who went overseas with the 65th Overseas Battery in 1917. After seeing active service in France, Major Winslow was sent to North Russia where he was awarded the Military Cross and the Order of St. Ann for his brave conduct in the field. The Winslow plaque was unveiled by his son, with his mother in attendance. Following the renaming of the Armoury, a 9 pounder demonstration was held. All in attendance then retired to the mess where a display of Regimental and Battery memorabilia was viewed.

14. On July 1 the Regiment fired the 21 gun Canada Day salute. During the Loyalist City Festival, a 9 pounder salute was fired on opening day, 18 July, and on 23 July, a 9 pounder gun detachment gave a demonstration and fired a hourly gun at King's Square.

15. On the weekend of August 19-22 the Regiment held a reunion in Saint John. On Thursday evening the 19th registration took place with many old friendships being rekindled and tall tales being retold. Friday began with tours of local military sites. That evening saw the first of the units main events, a sunset ceremony and mini tattoo. The Guest of Honour for Fridays events was the Acting Commander Land Forces Atlantic Area, Brigadier General A.R. MacDonald. Following this ceremony there was a small reception held in the armouries with a display of Regimental memorabilia and artifacts.

16. The next day saw a grand parade put on by the Regiment and its former members for his Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon J. Hnatyshyn P.C., C.C., C.M.M., C.D, Q.C. Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada at King's Square. The Governor General inspected the Regiment and

presented several C.D. medals to members of the Regiment. After the parade the Regiment returned to the Armouries where the Governor General unveiled a plaque commemorating our "200 years loyal". That evening the members of the Regiment hosted a Ball at the Saint John Trade and Convention centre with the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick as the special guest of honour.

17. Sunday morning saw the Regiment attend church parade at the Saint John Stone Church. The Stone Church is the Regiment's Garrison Church where the Regimental colours are proudly displayed.

#### TRAINING

18. The Loyal Company's strength was consistent with previous years with a total of 210 all ranks. The Regiment conducted a wide variety of training in 1993. Live fire exercises took place in May, October and November with the annual operational evaluation (Exercise Shellburst Valley) in May in which the Regiment produced a second place finish. Command Post Exercises, rappel training and Officer/Senior NCO training completed the training year.

19. This year saw the creation of the Army Reserve Training Centre (ARTC) in Gagetown. As a trial, the 3 Atlantic Artillery Regiments formed the Reserve Artillery Battery in the Field Artillery School. It was found to be a success and it was recommended that the other arms adopt the same approach.

20. During ARCON 93 in August, The Loyal Company joined with 1st Field Regiment and 84 Independent Battery to form the Atlantic Artillery Regiment. The Regiment conducted extensive live fire training along with observer/command post support to Exercise Atlantic Warrior.

21. The Regiment also found time to support a POT course conducted by 403 Sqn in March 1994. We also fired the opening day salute of the New Brunswick Legislature on 16 March. The unit fired the Remembrance Day salute in Fredericton and minute guns in Hartland, Woodstock and Saint John, New Brunswick.

22. In keeping with our support to the Regular Force and UN operations, 5 members of the Regiment served with 2PPCLI in Yugoslavia. We also saw one of our full time staff, Captain R.G. Leblanc, join 12 RBC during their tour in Yugoslavia.

HONOURARY APPOINTMENTS

23            This year also saw a change in our Honourary Colonels. Colonel J.H. Turnbull took over from Colonel W. Simcock and Lieutenant Colonel E.N. Mckelvey received the appointment of Honourary Lieutenant Colonel.

Annex A - Unit Strength  
Annex B - Unit Appointments

Annex A  
 To 1325-1 (Adj't)  
 March 1994

UNIT STRENGTH (1993)

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>LCOL</u>	<u>MAJ</u>	<u>CAPT</u>	<u>LT</u>	<u>2LT/OC DT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
RHQ	1	2	6	1	2	12
89 BTY			2	2	1	5
115 BTY		1	2	2	2	7
BAND				1		1

<u>NCMS</u>	<u>CWO</u>	<u>MWO</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>MBDR</u>	<u>BDR/GNR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
RHQ	1	1	2	3	3	7	17
89 BTY		3		7	7	36	53
115 BTY		1	1	9	8	72	91
BAND				5	1	18	24

Annex B  
TO 1325-1 (Adjt)  
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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

CO	LCOL P.F. CURRIE
2IC	MAJ D.K. MCGEACHY
ADJT	CAPT R.G. LEBLANC/CAPT M.Q. LOCKE
RCPO	CAPT M.Q. LOCKE/MAJ G.A. GALLOP
PADRE	CAPT W.S. WILLIAMS
OPS O	MWO R.L. BROOKS
A/ADJT	LT M. BAMFORD/CAPT P.J. LEBLANC
FIN O	2LT L.D. HANSEN
MO	CAPT M.L. MORSE
RECRUITING O	2LT L.A. MCGRATH/CAPT D.W. SMITH
TRANSPORT O	LT R. LEWIS
BAND O	LT G.W. MACKAY
RSM	CWO P.P. CLAESSEN
NES O	SGT S.M. MILTON
CHIEF CLERK	SGT S.M. MILTON

115 BTY

BC	MAJ D.L. BOUDREAU
BK	CAPT P.J. LEBLANC/CAPT J.T. FOOTE
GPO	CAPT D.G. HENLEY/LT S.I. MCPHERSON
TC "H" TP	CAPT J.T. FOOTE/CAPT D.G. HENLEY
TC "G" TP	LT S.I. MCPHERSON/LT M. BAMFORD
BSM	MWO D.R. CROUCHER

89 BTY

BC	CAPT T.G. MCCORMICK
BK	CAPT R.R. GREER
GPO	LT D.R. HENLEY/LT R.N. LITTLE/2LT M.C. TURNER
TC	LT LITTLE/MWO ULRICH
BSM	MWO F. GIMPLE