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ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT - 1995

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January - 31 December 1995

UNIT: 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (The Loyal Company)

UICs:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Regimental Headquarters | U5022 |
| 89th Battery | S6133 |
| 115 Battery | U5022 |
| Headquarters and Services Battery | U5022 |

CFOO: 3.310 1 January 1981

COMMAND: Land Forces Command

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INTRODUCTION

1. The following outlines the significant events and operations of 1995 conducted by 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, RCA (The Loyal Company). The year was productive for the regiment as a great many training exercises were conducted in order to heighten and maintain operational readiness.

ORGANIZATION

2. 3rd Field Artillery Regiment maintained an approximate strength of 160 personnel throughout 1995, a number consistent with previous years. Not included within this figure are the approximately 30 members of the former 3rd Field Regimental Band. A breakdown of personnel by rank and sub-unit is provided at Annex A. A nominal list of officers and their main functions is provided at Annex B.

3. The 3rd Field Artillery Band, although still located within the Saint John Barrack Green Armoury, was transferred to the control of New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island District Headquarters in 1995. The Band is now a detachment of the New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island District Band; as are all former unit bands in the district.

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HONOURARY APPOINTMENTS

4. Colonel J.H. Turnbull continued as Honourary Colonel of the regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel E.N. McKelvey extended his appointment for a further three years as the Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel.

TRAINING

5. The 3 Fd Regt training schedule underwent a major change in 1995. In the spring and summer, training was geared toward gunnery and preparing for the annual operational evaluation, Exercise Shellburst Valley, with three live-fire exercises and two command post exercises being completed. Exercise Shellburst Valley was conducted in May and 3 Fd Regt was awarded a second place finish; in comparison to our 1994 first place finish.

6. In the fall of 1995, training was aimed at completing the Individual Battle Task Standards, or Warrior Training Programme. Three small-arms and platoon support weapons exercises were held in September and October. These exercises were done to evaluate and improve the combat skills of our soldiers.

7. Members of 3 Fd Regt attended various courses in 1995. These included QL4 for CP Tech, OP Tech, Arty Driver, and Comms, as well as CLC and Offr Trg Crses.

8. In August, 3 Fd Regt combined with 1 Fd Regt and 84 Ind Bty to form the Atlantic Artillery Regiment during ARCON 95. This exercise is an annual live-fire training period in which all Land Force units in the Atlantic Region participate.

9. Several members of 3 Fd Regt supported the Regular Force in September for Exercise Venom Strike. Four members of 3 Fd Regt joined the Regular Force in 1995 and are now serving in CFB Gagetown, CFB Shilo, and CFB Petawawa.

10. A list of the exercises included in the 3 Fd Regt 1995 Training Plan is attached at Annex C.

CEREMONIES

11. On 12 February, 89 Bty participated in a church parade with the Governor General in Woodstock.

12. On 6 May, 3 Fd Regt observed VE Day in Saint John by hosting a Victory Ball at the armoury. Members of all units within the geographical area were invited, as were various local figures,

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VIPs and veterans. This event was attended by approximately 150 people. In Woodstock, 89 Bty supported the local Royal Canadian Legion (Branch No.11) in a joint celebration of VE Day on 6 and 7 May. The events included a Cenotaph Parade, drive past, dinner and dance, church parade, and social lunch at the Legion.

13. Also in May, 3 Fd Regt participated in local Loyalist Day ceremonies in Saint John by providing a gun salute from 115 Bty. Victoria Day was also honoured in Saint John with a gun salute from 115 Bty. Canada Day was celebrated with a salute in Fredericton NB with guns from both 89 and 115 Bty. Remembrance Day was honoured with a 21 gun salute in Fredericton, as well as minute gun salutes in Saint John, Woodstock, and Hartland NB.

14. A 115 Bty Honour Guard was sent to Moncton NB on 10 September for the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island District Headquarters Change of Command Parade. The former Commanding Officer of 3 Fd Regt, Colonel P.F. Currie, was appointed as NB/PEI Dist Commander, replacing Colonel E.W.D. Goodwin.

15. The 3 Fd Regt annual Men's Christmas Dinner was held on 2 December at the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch No.11) in Woodstock.

SOCIAL EVENTS

16. 3 Fd Regt conducted Adventure Training/ski weekend 19-20 February at Crabbe Mountain NB.

17. Members of 89 Bty took part in Adventure Training from 11-12 July; this included a canoe trip on the Meduxnekeg River. The battery entertained the local SISIP representative as a guest.

18. In December, the Jr Ranks of 89 Bty organized a greatly successful Christmas Dance for members of 3 Fd Regt.

Annex A - Unit Strength 1995
Annex B - Unit Appointments
Annex C - Exercises 1995

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UNIT STRENGTH 1995

| UNIT STRENGTH 1995 - OFFICERS | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|-----|------|----|----------|-------|
| OFFICERS | LCOL | MAJ | CAPT | LT | 2LT/OCDT | TOTAL |
| RHQ | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 2 | 8 |
| 89 BTY | | | 3 | | | 3 |
| 115 BTY | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 8 |

TOTAL - 19

| UNIT STRENGTH 1995 - NCMS | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| NCMS | CWO | MWO | WO | SGT | MBDR/MCPL | BDR/GNR CPL/PTE | TOTAL |
| RHQ | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 |
| 89 BTY | | 1 | | 7 | 7 | 39 | 54 |
| 115 BTY | | 1 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 57 | 74 |

TOTAL - 139

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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| CO | LCOL G.A. GALLOP |
| 2IC | MAJ D.K. MCGEACHY |
| ADJT | CAPT P.P. CLAESSEN |
| RCPO | CAPT J.M.A. LAFORTUNE |
| PADRE | CAPT W.S. WILLIAMS |
| OPS O | CAPT J.M.A. LAFORTUNE |
| A/ADJT | 2LT J.A. LEGERE |
| FIN O | - |
| RECRUITING O | 2LT J.A. LEGERE |
| TRANSPORT O | - |
| SUPPLY O | 2LT C.S. REID |
| NES O | 2LT J.A. LEGERE |
| RSM | CWO D.R. CROUCHER |
| CHIEF CLERK | SGT N.W. TARRANT |

89 BTY

| | |
|-----|---------------------|
| BC | CAPT T.G. MCCORMICK |
| BK | CAPT R.R. GREER |
| GPO | CAPT J.A.B. ULRICH |
| TC | LT S.I. MCPHERSON |
| BSM | MWO F. GIMPEL |

115 BTY

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| BC | MAJ J.T. FOOTE |
| BK | CAPT P.J. LEBLANC |
| GPO | LT S.I. MCPHERSON |
| TRG O | LT H.M. BAMFORD |
| TC "H" TP | LT S.I. MCPHERSON |
| TC "G" TP | CAPT G.D. GALLANT |
| BSM | MWO K.J. NORMAN |

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EXERCISES 1995

| 3RD FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT - 1995 EXERCISES | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|---|
| SER | DATES | EXERCISE | OBJECTIVE |
| 1 | 14 JAN 95 | FROZEN MUKLUK | PREP FOR REGIMENTAL WINTER INDOC |
| 2 | 28-29 JAN 95 | COLD SHOULDER | WINTER WARFARE - WINTER INDOC |
| 3 | 4-5 FEB 95 | PATCHED ELBOW | FIRST AID AND CPR REFRESHER TRG |
| 4 | 18 FEB 95 | LOCAL EFFORT | SUB-UNIT TRG DAY |
| 5 | 11-12 MAR 95 | SPEED WOBBLE | CPX/OPX - FIRE MISSIONS, FIRE PLANNING AND RELAY PROCEDURES |
| 6 | 25-26 MAR 95 | QUICK DRAW I | ARTY LIVE FIRE EXERCISE |
| 7 | 8 APR 95 | SURE SHOT III | SMALL ARMS TRAINING |
| 8 | 22-23 APR 95 | NIMBLE DIGITS II | CPX/OPX - PREP FOR SHELLBURST VALLEY |
| 9 | 29-30 MAY 95 | VALLEY SCOURGE | ARTY LIVE FIRE - PREP FOR SHELLBURST VALLEY |
| 10 | 13-14 MAY | SHELLBURST VALLEY | ANNUAL OP EVAL |
| 11 | 10-11 JUN 95 | CERTAIN CHALLENGE | SMALL PARTY LEADERSHIP TRAINING |
| 12 | 30 SEP-10 OCT 95 | SMALL THUMB | SMALL ARMS AND PISTOL LIVE FIRE |
| 13 | 14-15 OCT 95 | LARGE THUMB | SMALL ARMS LIVE FIRE |
| 14 | 28-29 OCT 95 | PLATOON PRACTICE | ANTI-TANK LIVE FIRE |

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