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3RD FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT 1996

Find enclosed the 1996 Annual Historical Report for 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company). This unit has met all of its assigned objectives for 1996, and the enclosed report is a true reflection of the events which have occurred during the reporting period.

G.A. Gallop
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer

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1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1996

UNIT UICs:	Regimental Headquarters	U5022
	89th Battery	S6133
	115 Battery	U5022
	Headquarters and Services Battery	U5022

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INTRODUCTION

1. This year the Regiment appointed a new Regimental Sergeant Major in September and several of the units' members attended events commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery. The Regiment was saddened in December by the passing of Brigadier Oland, a past Commanding Officer of the Regiment. This report will highlight the Regiment's training schedule, celebrations, and its support of the Total Force Army.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

2. On September 10 Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Croucher stepped down as the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM). The Regimental pace stick was then passed on to the new RSM, Master Warrant Officer Kenneth Norman. Chief Warrant Officer Croucher was appointed as the District RSM also on September 10.

3. On this same occasion, Master Warrant Officer Frank Gimpel of 89 Bty was appointed Battery Sergeant Major (BSM) of 115 Bty and Warrant Officer Russell Byers of 115 Bty was appointed BSM of 89 Bty.

PASSING OF BRIGADIER P.W. OLAND OC, CD, B Sc

4. On November 29, Brigadier Philip W. Oland, a former Commanding Officer of 3 RCA (The Loyal Company) passed away in Saint John.

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Brigadier Oland served with the Regiment as Commanding Officer from 1948 to 1952 and as Honourary Colonel for 18 years. A funeral was held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on December 2. Several of our members attended the procession and ceremony including Captain Shawn McPherson as the Insignia Bearer.

SOCIAL CALENDER

5. The Regiment continued with the traditional firing of the 18 May Loyalist Day salute from Fort Howe.

6. To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery a formal dinner was held on 1 July at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa. Captain Claessen, Captain Lafortune, and Master Bombardier Campbell represented the Regiment at the dinner.

7. Several of our members also took part in the 125th Anniversary Walk from Saint John to CTC Gagetown. This event took place from 17 to 18 October.

8. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21 gun salute in Fredericton and a minute gun in Saint John, New Brunswick.

9. The 3 Fd Regt annual Men's Christmas Dinner was held on 14 December at the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch No. 11) in Woodstock.

TRAINING

10. The Regiment's strength fell this year to a total of 139 all ranks. Twelve of our members joined the Regular Force this year including one MBdr, seven Bdrs, and four Gnrs. The Regiment conducted a wide variety of training in 1996. Live fire exercises took place in February, March, April, and October with the annual operational evaluation (Exercise Shellburst Valley) in May. Command Post Exercises, Small Arms, Section and Platoon tactics, and Officer/Senior Non-Commissioned Officer training completed the training year.

11. During Arcon 96 in August, the Regiment 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.

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UNIT STRENGTH (1996)

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>LCOL</u>	<u>MAJ</u>	<u>CAPT</u>	<u>LT</u>	<u>2LT/OCDT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
RHQ	1	1	3	1	1	7
89 BTY		1	3		1	5
115 BTY		1	2	2	3	8

<u>NCMS</u>	<u>CWO</u>	<u>MWO</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>MDBR</u>	<u>BDR/GNR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
RHQ	1		3	6	3	15	28
89 BTY		1		7	5	23	36
115 BTY		1		5	4	45	55

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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	LT REID-MCPHERSON
RSM	CWO K.J. NORMAN
NES O	2LT J.A. LEGERE
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	CAPT J.A.B. ULRICH
BSM	MWO W.R. BYERS

115 BTY

BC	MAJ J.T. FOOTE
BK	CAPT P.J. LEBLANC
GPO	CAPT S.I. MCPHERSON
TRG O	CAPT S.I. MCPHERSON
TC "H" TP	LT A.R. TRENHOLME
TC "G" TP	LT M.H. BAMFORD
BSM	MWO F. GIMPEL

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BIOGRAPHY OF P.W. OLAND OC, CD, B Sc

Philip Warburton Oland was born in 1910 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, son of George Bauld Oland, Halifax, NS and Violet Ellen Summerskill, Portage la Prairie, MB. In 1919, the family moved to Saint John, NB as a result of the Halifax explosion in December, 1917.

EDUCATION

Brigadier Oland attended primary schools in Halifax and England during World War I and continued his education at St. Peter's Boys, St. Vincent's and St. John High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1930. He spent one year at the University of Birmingham (1st Class Diploma, Brewing & Malting, 1931) and at the Scandinavian Brewing High School (Copenhagen, 1932).

MILITARY

He served with the Army Cadets in St. John; 4 years in the Canadian Officers Training Corps while at the University of New Brunswick; as an Officer in militia prior to World War II and later served overseas as artillery officer in 3rd Canadian Division. Following the war, he commanded 3rd Field Artillery Regiment in 1948 and Militia Group Commander Western New Brunswick District. Brigadier Oland retired in 1961 and served as Honourary Colonel of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company) for 18 years. He was a life member New Brunswick Army Cadet Corps.

BUSINESS

Brigadier Oland joined Moosehead Breweries Limited in 1932 and was appointed Head Brewer in 1933. He became President in 1961 and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer in 1981.

He served as Governor, Confederation Centre of the Arts, Charlottetown PEI; Patron of Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific, Victoria BC; Chairman of the Saint John Foundation Inc.; President of Kingshurst Estates; Member of the Advisory Committee of honorary trustees of the Canadian Federation of Friends of Museums; Director of the National Youth Orchestra, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts.

In the past, P.W. Oland was a member of the Advisory Board Royal Trust, St John NB; Advisory Board Canadian Military Colleges; Board of Governors St. Thomas University and University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB; NB Director Emeritus Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and served on the Board of Directors of Marine Atlantic Inc.

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He was an Honourary Director of the Canadian Council of Business and the Arts in Canada; Canadian Horse Council; Honourary Life Director of the Canadian Equestrian Federation; Honourary President and Founder of the New Brunswick Army Cadet League, and Honourary Vice-President of the New Brunswick Rifle Association.

He served as a past President of the Saint John Board of Trade, the University of New Brunswick Alumni, and the United Services Institute, Saint John NB.

HONOURS & AWARDS

Brigadier Oland was awarded the Officer of the Order of Canada, Coronation Medal, Centennial Medal, Canadian Decoration, Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal. He became a Freeman, City of Saint John 1970 and also received the Distinguished Service Award, United Way of Greater Saint John and the Canadian Port and Harbour Association's Medal of Merit. He was named the Transportation Person of the Year, 1982 from the Traffic Club of Saint John, NB. He also received the Red Triangle Award YM-YWCA Saint John 1991, the Paul Harris Rotary Fellowship, 1989, and the Gluskap Award, 1989.

HONOURARY DEGREES

Brigadier Oland was awarded honorary degrees from St. Thomas University (1971), Saint Francis Xavier University (1972), Mount Allison University (1973), University of New Brunswick (1978) and the University of Prince Edward Island (1983).

FAMILY

He was married to Mary Howard Frink in 1936 and had 3 children, Jane (Toward) of Montreal PQ, Derek of Halifax NS, Richard of Rothesay NB and 10 grandchildren.

CLUBS

Brigadier Oland was a member of the Union Club, Saint John, Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, Rothesay Yacht Club, Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, Saint John Power Boat Club, Riverside Country Club, Byng Boys Club and The Cliff Club.