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1325-1 (CO)

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3RD FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT  
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT 1998

Find enclosed the 1998 Annual Historical Report for 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company). This unit has met all of its objectives for 1998, and the enclosed report is a true reflection of the events that have occurred during the reporting period.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.K. McGeachy', is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is written in a cursive style.

D.K. McGeachy  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commanding Officer

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3 FIELD REGIMENT RCA

THE LOYAL COMPANY

ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT

1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1998

UNIT UICs:

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

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Regiment actively participated in a number of activities. These ranged from disaster relief during OP Recuperation to assisting in the production of a Hollywood film.
2. On June 7 1998 LCol G.A. Gallop, CD stepped down as Commanding Officer of The Loyal Company and handed the position to LCol D.K. McGeachy, CD,. After four years as Commanding Officer of 3<sup>rd</sup> Field he retired from the military after 35 years. During LCol Gallop's career he has occupied various positions in the Artillery from positions in the Regt to staff and instructor position at the Artillery School to staff positions in NDHQ. He assumed command of 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Regt on 5 June 1994 until he handed the Regt over to LCol D.K. McGeachy, CET.
3. During January of 1998 a freak ice storm hit areas very hard downing power lines and causing cities to shut down. During Operation Recuperation 3<sup>rd</sup> Field sent their chef cook Sgt Inkpen and 3 personnel to Ontario to help with the relief effort, in which the military was instrumental in providing service to the citizens and cities in which they protect.
4. Ontario and Quebec were not the only areas to be hit hard. Local areas throughout the province were affected by the ice storm. During the Operation Recuperation the armoury housed 4 Air Defence Regiment who provided relief service from Quispamsis, NB to St. Stephen, NB.

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5. In September of 1998 Swiss Air flight 111 crashed off the coast of Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. The military played a major role in the recovery of objects, and missing personnel. 3<sup>rd</sup> Field again sent their chef cook to help in the Operation.

6. Finishing off the year 3<sup>rd</sup> Field was the liaison to the production manager for the movie "The Fourth Floor". The apartment scene was set up on the Armoury floor for two months during which they filmed parts of the movie.

SOCIAL CALENDER

7. In Jan the junior officers of the unit held a mixed dinning in. The guest of the event included various members of the Artillery School.

8. The Regiment participated in the annual Oland Memorial Games, held in Barrack Green Armoury between the end of April and the first of May.

9. The Regiment continued with the tradition of the 18 May Loyalist Day salute from Fort Howe.

10. A mess dinner was held in the honor of the outgoing CO at which the Lcol AS Wiley, CD Comdt of the Royal Canadian Artillery School and the Col Comdt Bgen RP Beaudry, CD were in attendance.

11. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21-gun salute in Fredericton and minute guns in Saint John, Woodstock, and Hartland, New Brunswick.

12. The 3 Fd Regt annual Men's Christmas Dinner was held on 12 Dec at the Branch Legion in Woodstock, NB.

TRAINING

13. The Regiment's strength grew this year to a total of 120 all ranks. The Regiment conducted a wide variety of training in 1998. Live fire exercises in CFB Gaagetown took place throughout the year between September and April as well as winter indoctrination and warrior training.

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14. During the summer of 98 Arcon was cancelled due to budget restraints. The Atlantic Artillery Regiment joined the Artillery Phase courses for the final confirmation exercise at the end of the training summer.

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Annex A - Unit Strength  
Annex B - Unit Appointments

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UNIT STRENGTH (1997)

<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	2	0	6
89 BTY		0	3	1	0	4
115 BTY		1	1	3	0	5

<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		3	4	4	11	23
89 BTY		0	1	5	2	22	30
115 BTY		1		5	7	39	52

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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

CO	LCOL D.K. MCGEACHY, CD, CET
2IC	MAJ D.L. BOUDREAU, CD
ADJT	CAPT S.I. MACPHERSON
RCPO	CAPT J.C. BESNER
A/RCPO	LT R.M. GERRIOR
PADRE	CAPT W.S. WILLIAMS
RECRUITING O	CAPT J.C. BESNER
SUPPLY O	LT C.S. REID-MCPHERSON
RSM	CWO K.J. NORMAN, CD
NES O	CAPT J.C. BESNER
CHIEF CLERK	SGT N.W. TARRANT, CD

89 BTY

BC	CAPT T.G. MCCORMICK, CD
BK	CAPT B. ULRICH, CD
TRG O	CAPT P.J. LEBLANC, CD
TC	LT D.W. FRASER
BSM	WO J.G. FORBES, CD

115 BTY

BC	MAJ J.T. FOOTE, CD
BK	CAPT R.A. BYCZKO
GPO	LT K.P. CURRIE
TC "H" TP	LT M.H. BAMFORD
TC "G" TP	LT M.J. CROWLEY
BSM	MWO F. GIMPEL, CD

HQ & SVCS BTY

BC	Capt P.P. CLAESSEN
BK	LT C.S. REID-MACPHERSON
BSM	WO T.N. WATTERS, CD

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HON APPTS

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COL JH Turnbull, OMM, EM, CD  
Lcol EN McKelvey, OC, CD

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