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3rd FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA (THE LOYAL COMPANY)
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2000

Unit UIC(s): U5022 Regimental Headquarters
S6133 89th Field Battery
U5022 115 Battery
U5022 Headquarters & Services Battery

CFOO 3.4.202 Dated 22 December 1998

INTRODUCTION

1. The year 2000 began with this unit prepared to assist its community and carry out its assigned missions and tasks in the event of the so-called Y2K bug. Although there were no problems related to Y2K the planning and training conducted by this unit only served to enhance its readiness for the future.
2. The Loyal Company enjoyed another busy training year. The Regiment conducted or participated in over 14 field and CP exercises designed to increase the individual and sub-units skills of our soldiers. With respect ARCON we once again met our commitment by deploying a field battery as part of the Atlantic Artillery Regiment
3. The summer of 2000 saw members of the unit deploy for training to WATC, CATC, and AATC. Regimental personnel took part in Basic Officer Training, QL3 Artillery, QL4 Basic Artillery Technician, QL4 Artillery Driver Wheel, Junior Leaders Course, and they also provided training support and instructor cadre for the various schools.
4. This unit continued to recruit aggressively in the year 2000 in light of the number of members transferred to the regular force and normal attrition. The year 2000 recruiting began with some setbacks but under the leadership of the Regimental 2IC the last quarter saw tremendous success with over 20 new recruits enrolled and loaded onto the QL2 in Feb 2001.

SOCIAL CALENDER

6. The Regiment marked its 207th birthday on May 4, 2000.
7. The Regiment continued the tradition of the Loyalist Day Salute with the firing of a 21 Gun Salute from Fort Howe on May 18, 2000. As per normal tradition the Mayor and the Honorary Colonel inspected the Salute Troop and Mayor commented on the excellent dress and deportment of the soldiers.

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8. As per unit tradition the Regiment conducted a canoe trip down the St. Croix River in June. The event was well attended and was once again considered a great success.
9. The Regiment participated in the annual Oland Memorial Games, held in the Barrack Green Armoury between 27 Nov and 3 Dec 2000. The Regiment placed 2nd in the overall standings.
10. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21 gun salute in Fredericton and minute guns in Saint John and Woodstock. An interesting side note for this year was the fact that all the C3s and gun tractors in the CF were grounded due to a problem with the wheel rims. They were ungrounded miraculously just in time for the salute but fell victim to grounding once again a couple of weeks later and remained so for the rest of the year.
11. The Regiment held its Men's Christmas Dinner on Dec 9, 2000 in Woodstock. As per the normal tradition in Woodstock the dinner was held at the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary prepared the meal. The Regiment gave the ladies a thunderous round of applause and a large bottle of wine for their excellent meal.

COMMAND STRUCTURE

12. The RSM of the regiment, CWO Frank Gimple, CD, hand over the Regimental Sergeant-Major's Drill Cane to MWO Tom Watters, CD in May 2000. RSM Watters was the regular force Warrant Officer posted to Saint John from 1994 to 2000 and upon retirement transferred to 3rd Field Regiment and took a civilian job as the RSM of the Corps of Commissionaires NB/PEI.
13. Capt Shawn McPherson, CD handed over command of 115 Battery to Capt Paul LeBlanc, CD in Sept 2000. Capt McPherson took the position of Adjutant so that the CO could round out his Regimental Headquarters.
14. Maj Dave Henley, CD handed over command of 89th Field Battery to Capt Terry McCormick, CD in Sept 2000. Maj Henley was taking a position at a law firm in Halifax, Nova Scotia and transferred to 1st Field Regiment RCA where he took command of 51 Battery.

TRAINING

15. The Regiment began 2000 with a January winter indoctrination exercise. The exercise called Ex Severe Trek was held in Saint John on the property of Lt Matt Crowley. Ex Severe Trek was followed by two live fire exercises, Ex Smoking Gun (February 2000) and Ex Thunderous Volley (March 2000), which were conducted at CFB Gagetown. The turn out for all of these exercises was excellent.

16. February 2000 saw the Snr FOO, Capt S McPherson, take his FOO party to Fort Knox Kentucky with the 8th CH BG for a SimNet exercise. The BG left from Moncton on a CC-130 Hercules on Feb 7 and they returned on Feb 13.

17. With the arrival of spring the Regiment conducted one CPX, Ex Target Strike II (April), and one Live Fire, Ex Tremor Valley (April). Ex Target Strike II and was conducted in Saint John and was an Atlantic Artillery Regiment CPX while Ex Tremor Valley was conducted in CFB Gagetown and was a battery level live fire exercise.

18. With respect ARCON we once again met our commitment by deploying a field battery as part of the Atlantic Artillery Regiment. The Regiment also contributed personnel and resources to the Headquarters and Services Battery.

19. Fall of 2000 found the Regiment focussing on basic soldier skills. The Regiment conducted two Rifle Range/Fieldcraft exercises and one Patrolling/Rappelling exercise. All of the exercises were held at CFB Gagetown and all achieved their aim.

20. The Year 2000 was a very busy training year for 3rd Field Artillery Regiment. The number and scope of the exercises kept all ranks very busy. As a result many of the members spent two to three weekends a month away from their families. This Regiment greatly appreciated its member's dedication and sacrifice.

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S I McPherson
Capt
Adjutant
For Commanding Officer

Annex A – Unit Strength
Annex B – Unit Appointments

Annex A
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UNIT STRENGTH (2000)

OFFICERS

LOCATION	LCOL	MAJ	CAPT	LT	2LT/OCDT	TOTAL
RHQ	1	1	4	0	1	7
89 BTY	0	1	1	2	0	4
115 BTY	0	0	2	3	1	6

Sub Total: 17

NCMS

LOCATION	CWO	MWO	WO	SGT	MBDR	BDR	GNR	TOTAL
RHQ	1	1	2	5	4	4	1	18
89 BTY	0	0	0	3	4	5	10	22
115 BTY	0	0	0	5	4	16	11	36

Sub Total: 76

Grand Total: 93

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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

CO	LCol D. Kirk McGeachy, CD, CET
2IC	Maj D.L. Boudreau, CD, P.Eng
ADJT	Capt S.I. McPherson, CD
RCPO	Capt J.C. Besner, CD
PADRE	Capt W.S. Williams, CD
RQ	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson
RSM	MWO T.M. Watters, CD
CC	Sgt K.E. Sambles, CD

89th Bty

BC	Capt T.G. McCormick, CD
BK	Lt K.P. Currie
TC	Lt D.W. Fraser, CD
BSM	Sgt J.M. Ferguson, CD

115 Bty

BC	Capt P.J. LeBlanc, CD
BK	Capt M.H. Bamford, CD
GPO	Lt R.M. Gerrior
TC	Lt C.A. DeChamp, CD
TC	2Lt M. Carr
A/BSM	Sgt R. Wilson, CD

HQ & SVCS Bty

BC	Capt P.P. Claessen, CD
BK	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson
BSM	WO G.M. Louvelle, CD

HON COLs

HON COL	Col J.H. Turnbull, OMM, CD
HON LCOL	LCol E.N. McKelvey, OC, CD, QC

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