

3rd Field Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company)
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1325-1 (CO)

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3rd FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2000 ²⁰⁰³ _{APR}

1. Find enclosed the 2003 annual historical report for 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company). This unit met all of its objectives for 2003, and the enclosed report is a true reflection of the events that have occurred during the reporting period.



J.T. Foote
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer

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ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2003

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

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INTRODUCTION

1. The year 2003 began with the unit prepared as always to assist its community and carry out any assigned missions and tasks that could come our way.
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 did not deploy this year but are looking forward to 2004.
3. The summer of 2003 saw members of the unit deploy for training to WATC, CATC, and AATC. Regimental personnel took part in Basic Officer Training, QL# Artillery, Basic Artillery Technician, Artillery Driver Wheel, Primary Leadership Course (PLQ), and they also provided training support and instructor cadre for the various schools.
4. This unit continued to recruit aggressively in the year 2003 in light of the number of members transferred to the regular force and normal attrition. The year 2003 recruiting began leadership of the Regimental Operation Officer and we achieved good success with over 15 new recruits enrolled and loaded onto the BMQ in Feb 2004.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

5. The Regiment marked its 210th birthday on May 4, 2003.
6. The Regiment continued the tradition of the Loyalist Day Salute with the firing of a 21 Gun Salute from Fort Howe on May 18, 2003. As per normal tradition, the Mayor and the Honorary Colonel inspected the Salute Troup and Mayor commented on the excellent dress and deportment of the soldiers.

7. 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.
8. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21-gun salute in Fredericton with minute guns in Saint John, Woodstock and Hartland NB.
10. The Regiment held its Men's Christmas Dinner on Dec 14, 2003 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. Bdr McCollum received the Top Soldier Award which was presented by Mrs Anita Pender. This award is in honor of her daughter Sgt Nancy Howlett who was killed in a car accident along with her husband and two children. Mrs Pender attends each year to present this award and also a cheque for one hundred dollars. Bdr Osborne received the RSM's award for her work and dedication to the unit.

COMMAND STRUCTURE

11. The Commanding Officer LCol JT Foote CD and the RSM CWO TN Watters CD remained at their positions.
12. Capt Paul LeBlanc CD handed over command of the 115 Battery back to Capt Shawn McPherson. Capt LeBlanc took over Command of HQ Bty with Capt Reid-McPherson taking the position of Adjutant so that the CO could round out his Regimental Headquarters.
13. Capt Terry McCormick, CD, handed over command of 89th Field Battery to Capt Craig DeChamp. Capt McCormick retired from the reserves after 37 years of service to the guns.

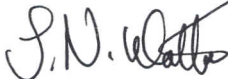
TRAINING

14. The Regiment began 2004 with a January winter indoctrination exercise. The exercise called Ex Severe Trek was held in Woodstock NB. Ex Severe Trek was followed by two live fire exercises, Ex Smoking Gun (February 2003) and Ex Thunderous Volley (March 2003), which were conducted at CFB Gagetown. The turn out for all of these exercises was excellent.
15. With the arrival of spring the Regiment conducted one CPX, Ex Stealth Gunner I. Ex Stealth Gunner I was conducted in CFB Gagetown and was a battery level live fire exercise.
17. 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.

18. Fall of 2003 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.

19. The Year 2003 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.

20. UBIQUE!



T.N. Watters

CWO

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For Commanding Officer

Annex A – Unit Strength

Annex B – Unit Appointments

Annex A
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UNIT STRENGTH (2003)

OFFICERS

LOCATION	LCOL	MAJ	CAPT	LT	2LT/OCDT	TOTAL
RHQ	1	1	4	0	2	8
89 BTY	0	1	1	2	1	4
115 BTY	0	0	2	3	1	6

Sub Total: 18

NCMS

LOCATION	CWO	MWO	WO	SGT	MBDR	BDR	GNR	TOTAL
RHQ	1		2	5	4	4	1	19
89 BTY	0	1	1	3	4	5	10	22
115 BTY	0	1	1	5	4	16	11	36

Sub Total: 77

Grand Total: 95

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Annex B
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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

CO	LCol JT. Foote CD
2IC	Maj D.L. Boudreau, CD, P.Eng
ADJT	Capt C.S Reid-McPherson, CD
RCPO	Capt W. LeBlanc CD
PADRE	Capt W.S. Williams, CD
RQ	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson
RSM	CWO T.N. Watters, CD
CC	Sgt K.E. Sambles, CD

89th Bty

BC	Capt C. DeChamp
BK	
TC	
BSM	MWO J. Linder CD

115 Bty

BC	Capt S.I Mcpherson CD
BK	Capt M.H. Bamford, CD
GPO	Lt R.M. Gerrior
TC	Capt J.C. Besner CD
TC	
BSM	WO S. Sproul CD

HQ & SVCS Bty

BC	Capt P.J. LeBlanc CD
BK	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson
BSM	MWO A. Critchley CD

HON COLs

Hon Col	Col J.H. Turnbull, OMM, CD
Hon LCpl	LCol E.N. McKelvey, OC, CD, QC

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