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3rd FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2007

1. Find enclosed the 2007 annual historical report for 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company). This unit met all of its objectives for 2007, and the enclosed report is a true reflection of the events that have occurred during the reporting period.

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D.K. McGeachy
 Lieutenant-Colonel
 Commanding Officer

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3rd FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA (THE LOYAL COMPANY)
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2007

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 2007 marked another very busy year for the Regiment that tested us to the limits. The start of 2007 marked a historical event. It saw several members of 3 Fd Regt deploy to the country of Afghanistan with JTFA 1-07. This was especially important due the extreme demands of this combat mission. The Regiment fulfilled its requirement to provide as many personnel as possible to complement the battle group in Afghanistan. 2007 proved to be a difficult and trying year on the members and the families involved with JTFA 1-07. All members who served returned home safely in the fall. Throughout the year the Regiment also maintained a level of preparedness for domestic operations if a need had arose.

2. The Regiment conducted or participated in several exercises over the 2007 year ranging from gun exercises to winter indoctrination. All exercises were designed to increase the individual and sub-units skills of our soldiers. 3 Fd Regt also began to focus some training on urban operations. This added another dimension of training for the soldiers.

3. In January 2007, 3 Fd Regt sent ten members to Afghanistan as planned. They were well trained and prepared for this task spending the better part of 2006 training for the mission. Local community support was greatly appreciated as many businesses, past members, families, friends and neighbours dropped off care packages for our troops. The following members were a part of JTFA 1-07:

Capt A. Clutesi	ISAF HQ
WO K. McLean	PRT CIMIC
MCpl S. O'Dell	NSE Log Ops
MBdr B. Blinn	Battle Group D Battery
Bdr D. Eggert	Battle Group D Battery
Bdr M. Golder	Battle Group D Battery

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Bdr M. Clark	Battle Group D Battery
Bdr J. Greer	PRT HQ
Bdr J. Robinson	Battle Group D Battery
Gnr J. Hosford	Battle Group D Battery

4. The summer of 2007 saw members of the unit deploy for training to CATC and AATC. Regimental personnel took part in Common Army Phase Officer Training (CAP), MQ, SQ, Artillery Driver Wheel, Primary Leadership Course (PLQ), and they also provided training support and instructor cadre for the various schools.

5. The unit was required to step up recruiting due to the absence of many key personnel to JTFA 1-07 as well as losing some members to Regular Force transfers.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

6. The Regiment marked its 214th birthday on May 4, 2007.

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, 2007. As per normal tradition, the Honorary Colonel inspected the Salute Troop and commented on the excellent dress and deportment of the soldiers.

8. The Regiment was also tasked the honour of performing a 21 Gun Salute for the HEGG in Fredericton during her visit on May 15, 2007. Although the Governor General did not inspect the Salute Troop our presence was noted.

9. 3 Fd Regt also participated in the Victoria Day 21 Gun Salute at the provincial capital on the Queen's Birthday, May 21, 2007.

10. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21-Gun Salute in Fredericton with Minute Guns in Saint John, Woodstock and Hartland NB.

11. The opening of the New Brunswick Legislature was supported by 3 Fd Regt on Nov 27, 2007. A 21 Gun Salute was given for the Lieutenant Governor.

12. The Regiment held its Men's Christmas Dinner in December in Woodstock. There was a good turn out that saw several of our Afghanistan veterans attend. Several promotions and awards were presented at that time as well.

COMMAND STRUCTURE

13. The Commanding Officer LCol DK McGeachy, CD, CET remained in command of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company). Maj DL Boudreau, CD remained as the 2IC and MWO JG Jordan, MMM, CD assumed the appointment of RSM of the Regiment.

14. Maj JC Besner, CD remained BC of HQ and Maj S. McPherson, CD remained BC of 115 Bty and the Fd Bty. WO J.H. MacKay, CD assumed the BSM duties for 115 Bty. Capt T.N. Watters, CD remained Adjutant.

15. Lt. R.P. Davis was employed as acting BC of 89 in the absence of Capt. A. Clutesi. WO Storey, CD remained BSM of 89 Bty.

TRAINING

13. The Regiment began 2007 with a January winter indoctrination exercise. Ex Severe Trek provided confirmation of soldier's ability to survive in extreme winter conditions. Ex Severe Trek was followed by a live fire exercise in February, Ex Sub Zero Gunner, which were conducted at CFB Gagetown. The turn out for all of these exercises was below average partially due to the absent of several members who were involved with the TJFA 1-07.

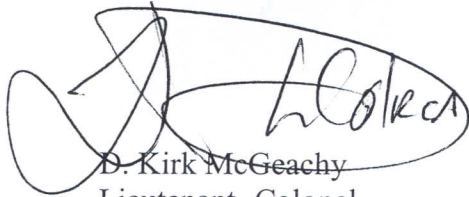
14. With the arrival of spring the Regiment conducted Ex Sharp Shooter as part of ELOC training that focussed on personal weapon skills. In May 2007 the Regiment began conducting battle task standards. This yearly test is a confirmation of a soldier's fitness level. The majority of members completed the BFT successfully.

15. Fall of 2007 saw the Regiment successfully complete two gun exercises as well as urban ops training and advanced levels of personal weapon training. This was done in preparation for CMTC 08 and Fort Pickett. A few members from 3 Fd Regt were tasked to participate in these national and international exercises. One is being held in Wainwright, Alberta and one in Fort Pickett Virginia. To train these few members required the help of all soldiers in the Regiment.

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16. The Year 2007 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.

17. UBIQUE!

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D. Kirk McGeachy
Lieutenant- Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annex A – Unit Strength
Annex B – Unit Appointments

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UNIT STRENGTH (2007)

OFFICERS

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

Sub Total: 12

NCMS

LOCATION	CWO	MWO	WO	SGT	MBDR	BDR	GNR	TOTAL
RHQ	0	1	1	4	4	0	1	11
89 BTY	0	0	2	6	5	13	20	46
115 BTY	0	0	1	3	5	14	17	40

Sub Total: 97

Grand Total: 109

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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

CO	LCol DK McGeachy CD, CET
2IC	Maj D.L. Boudreau, CD, P. Eng
ADJT	Capt T.N. Watters, CD
RCPO	Capt T.N. Watters, CD
PADRE	Capt W.S. Williams, CD
RQ	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson, CD
RSM	MWO J.G. Jordan, MMM, CD
CC	Sgt D. Moores, CD
FC	Sgt S. Williams

89th Bty

BC	Capt A. Clutesi
BK	
TC	Lt R. Davis
BSM	WO K. McLean CD / WO A. Storey CD

115 Bty

BC	Maj S. McPherson, CD
BK	Capt M.H. Bamford, CD
TC	Lt B. Kelly
BSM	WO J.H. MacKay CD

HQ & SVCS Bty

BC	Maj J.C. Besner, CD
BK	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson, CD
BSM	WO D. Ripley CD

Band

OIC	Capt M.J. Molloy, CD
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HON COLs

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

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