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2 April 2009

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

CFOO 3.4.202 Dated 22 December 1998

INTRODUCTION

1. The year 2008 marked another busy year for the Regiment that tested us to the limits. The Regiment continued to fulfill its requirement to provide as many personnel as possible to complement the battle group in Afghanistan. Throughout the year the Regiment also maintained a level of preparedness for domestic operations if a need had arose.

2. During the 2008 year the Regiment conducted or participated in several exercises including winter indoctrination. All exercises were designed to increase the individual and sub-units skills of our soldiers. 3 Fd Regt also continued to focus training towards urban operations.

3. Two more personnel were deployed to Afghanistan for JTFA 3-08, and are returning in 2009. Three more are in training to depart in 2009 for JTFA 1-09. The following members are currently deployed:

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| Bdr L. Clark | 4AD Regt TF 3-08 |
| Bdr A. Wood | 4AD Regt TF 3-08 |

4. The summer of 2008 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 continued to keep recruiting up from the last year as several members took on taskings from and had transfers to the Regular Force. The recruiting was a great success, fielding many new soldiers for the Regiment. These soldiers were put in their summer artillery training and returned in the fall as fully trained Gunners for the unit.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

6. The Regiment marked its 215th birthday on May 4, 2008.
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, 2008. As per normal tradition, the Honorary Lieutenant Colonel inspected the Salute Troop and commented on the excellent dress and deportment of the soldiers.
8. 3 Fd Regt also participated in the Victoria Day 21 Gun Salute at the provincial capital on the Queen's Birthday, May 21, 2008.
9. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21-Gun Salute in Fredericton with Minute Guns in Saint John, Woodstock and Hartland NB.
10. Early November marked the untimely death of the late LCol Duncan (Kirk) McGeachy. The unit paid their respects to the former Commanding Officer with a full military funeral held for him in Saint John, NB. He will be missed. LCol McGeachy commanded the Regt twice in its history; 2000 to 2002 and 2005 to 2008.
11. The Regiment held its Men's Christmas Dinner in December in CFB Gagetown. Several promotions and awards were presented, and there was a good turnout that saw several of our Afghanistan veterans attend.

COMMAND STRUCTURE

12. The Commanding Officer LCol DK McGeachy, CD, CET passed command of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company) to LCol S.I. McPherson, CD 07 Sep 08. Maj DL Boudreau, CD remained as the 2IC and MWO JG Jordan, MMM, CD continued as RSM of the Regiment.
13. Capt T.N. Watters, CD assumed the appointment of BC of HQ along with his Adjut duties. Capt W. LeBlanc assumed command of 89 Bty. Maj JC Besner, CD continued to command 115 Bty and the Field Bty.

TRAINING

14. The Regiment began 2008 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 ELOC training in February. Ex Sub Zero Gunner, took place this year at the end of March. All exercises were conducted at CFB Gagetown.
15. The beginning of March came with it Exercise Maritime Raider in Fort Pickett, Virginia. The unit sent 9 personnel, including a FOO party, to train within 37 CBG in an Afghanistan-type setting. The focus was Infantry-driven, with the Artillery providing

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indirect fire support. Entire villages with actors were designed to give the feeling of being overseas and added to the impact and effectiveness of the training.

16. Fall of 2008 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 Maritime Raider 2009, which will have many more members participate.

17. UBIQUE!

 L Col

S.I. McPherson
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annex A – Unit Strength
Annex B – Unit Appointments

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UNIT STRENGTH (2008)

OFFICERS

| LOCATION | LCOL | MAJ | CAPT | LT | 2LT/OCDDT | TOTAL |
|----------|------|-----|------|----|-----------|-------|
| RHQ | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| 89 BTY | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 115 BTY | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
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Sub Total: 16

NCMS

| LOCATION | CWO | MWO | WO | SGT | MBDR | BDR | GNR | TOTAL |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| RHQ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| 89 BTY | 0 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 36 |
| 115 BTY | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 22 | 45 |

Sub Total: 94

Grand Total: 110

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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

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| CO | LCol S. McPherson, CD |
| 2IC | Maj D.L. Boudreau, CD, P. Eng |
| ADJT | Capt T.N. Watters, CD |
| RCPO | Capt T.N. Watters, CD |
| PADRE | |
| RQ | Capt C.S. Reid-McPherson, CD |
| RSM | MWO J.G. Jordan, MMM, CD |
| CC | Sgt D. Moores, CD |
| FIN CLK | Sgt S. Williams |

89th Bty

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| BC | Capt W. LeBlanc, CD |
| BK | |
| TC | Lt R. Davis |
| BSM | WO A. Storey, CD |

115 Bty

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| BC | Maj JC Besner, CD |
| BK | Capt C. Bérubé, CD |
| TC | Lt D. MacCready |
| BSM | MWO R.M. Parker, CD |

HQ & SVCS Bty

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| BC | Capt T.N. Watters, CD |
| BK | Capt C.S. Reid McPherson, CD |
| BSM | WO A.A. Sangster, CD |

Band

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| OIC | Capt M.J. Molloy, CD |
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HON COLs

Hon LCol LCol H. Hatfield, CD

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