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30 March 2010

3rd FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT RCA (THE LOYAL COMPANY)
ANNUAL HISTORICAL REPORT 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

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 2009 marked another very busy year for the Regiment that tested us to the limits. The spring break of 2009 saw many of our members of 3 Fd Regt deploy to the United States for Exercise Maritime Raider 09. 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 2009 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 continued to focus its training more on urban operations, continually adding another dimension of training for the soldiers.
3. Saw the safe return of one of the members from last year's Task Force in the summer, and three more returning safely at the end of their tours in October. One more soldier was sent for training in March for his second tour and is currently deployed, with another in training to leave in 2010 for their second tour as well. Finally, there are several more soldiers who are currently in the process of being sent on training for their first tours next year.
4. The summer of 2009 saw members of the unit deploy for training to WATC, CATC and AATC. Regimental personnel took part in Common Army Phase Officer Training (CAP), Artillery Officer Training (DP1.1), MQ, SQ, Artillery Driver Wheel, Primary Leadership Course (PLQ), and they also provided training support and instructor cadre for the various schools.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

5. The Regiment marked its 216th birthday on May 4, 2009.
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, 2009. This doubled as the Gun Salute for Victoria Day, which fell on the same date this year. As per normal tradition, the Honorary Colonel inspected the Salute Troop and commented on the excellent dress and deportment of the soldiers.
7. The Regiment was also tasked the honour of performing a 21 Gun Vice-Regal Salute to mark the change of Lieutenant Governor for the province of New Brunswick on Sep 30, 2009. Although the Lieutenant Governor did not inspect the Salute Troop our presence was noted.
8. Remembrance Day was marked with a 21-Gun Salute in Fredericton with Minute Guns in Saint John, Woodstock and Hartland NB.
9. The opening of the New Brunswick Legislature was supported by 3 Fd Regt on Nov 17, 2009. A 21 Gun Salute was given for the Lieutenant Governor.
10. The Regiment held its Men's Christmas Dinner in December in CFB Gagetown on Dec 12, 2009. 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

11. The Commanding Officer LCol S.I. McPherson, CD, BBA remained in command of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment RCA (The Loyal Company). Maj DL Boudreau, CD remained as the 2IC, Capt T.N. Watters, CD remained Adjutant and MWO JG Jordan, MMM, CD remained as the RSM of the Regiment.
12. Capt W. Leblanc, remained BC of 89 Bty with MWO J.H. MacKay remaining as BSM for 89 Bty. Maj C. Bérubé, CD assumed command as BC of 115 Bty and the Fd Bty, with MWO R Parker, CD remaining as BSM. Capt T.N. Watters remained BC of HQ & Svc Bty with MWO P Gillingham as BSM.

13. Our new Honourary Colonel was appointed, HCol John KF Irving, replaced HCol James Turnbull. LCol Hatfield remained our Honourary Lieutenant Colonel.

PROMOTIONS

14. Capt Bérubé was promoted to the rank of Maj when she assumed command of 115 Bty along with the Command of the Field Bty. Major Berube is the first women to Command an Artillery Battery in the 216 year history of the Regiment. Sgt Mason was promoted to WO. WO MacKay and WO Gillingham were both promoted to MWO.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

15. Sgt Osborne, Sgt McLaughlin D., Sgt McLaughlin N. and Bdr Wilson were all awarded their CD. WO Mason was awarded his Clasp for the CD. Capt Watters was awarded his second Clasp for the CD.

TRAINING

16. The Regiment began 2009 with a live fire exercise in February, Ex Sub Zero Gunner, which was conducted at CFB Gagetown. With the arrival of spring the Regiment sent 45 soldiers on Ex Maritime Raider 09 to better prepare soldiers for the conditions in Afghanistan and the Contemporary Operating Environment. The exercise was demanding and set up to mimic the conditions seen in Afghanistan. Our soldiers were attached to infantry platoons as FOOs while the Guns supported Infantry Operations with live artillery fire during the live ranges. This exercise was conducted in Fort Pickett, Virginia USA.

17. In May 2009 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.

18. Fall of 2009 saw the Regiment successfully complete two gun exercises, as well as a deployment as part of 37 CBG, to test the Brigade's effectiveness in domestic operations. December saw the unit supporting the Artillery School's AIG Course for their FOO portion of the course.

19. The Year 2009 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.

UBIQUE!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S.I. McPherson LCol". The signature is fluid and cursive.

S.I. McPherson, CD, BBA
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer

Annex A – Unit Strength
Annex B – Unit Appointments

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UNIT STRENGTH (2009)

OFFICERS

LOCATION	LCOL	MAJ	CAPT	LT	2LT/OCDDT	TOTAL
RHQ	1	1	5	0	0	7
89 BTY	0	0	1	1	0	2
115 BTY	0	1	0	1	1	3

Sub Total: 12

NCMS

LOCATION	CWO	MWO	WO	SGT	MBDR	BDR	GNR	TOTAL
RHQ	0	2	2	6	1	3	1	15
89 BTY	0	1	3	4	7	9	5	29
115 BTY	0	1	1	2	6	10	14	34

Sub Total: 78

Grand Total: 90

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UNIT APPOINTMENTS

RHQ

CO	LCol S.I. McPherson, CD, BBA
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 A.M. Richard, CD
FC	Sgt S. Williams

89th Bty

BC	Capt W. Leblanc
BK	
TC	Lt D.A.J. MacCready
BSM	MWO J.H. MacKay, CD

115 Bty

BC	Maj C. Bérubé, CD
BK	
TC	Lt A.V. Melvin
BSM	MWO R. Parker, CD

HQ & SVCS Bty

BC	Capt T.N. Watters, CD
BK	Capt C.S. Reid McPherson, CD
BSM	MWO Gillingham, CD

Band

OIC	Capt M.J. Molloy, CD
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HONOURARY

Hon Col	Col J.K.F. Irving
Hon LCol	LCol H. Hatfield

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