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2PPCLI officers (above) run out onto the parade square during the Battle of Kapyong ceremony held to mark an event that started on April 24, 1951 and cost the Patricia's 10 killed and 23 wounded. During a prayer conducted by Padre Olive 350 soldiers (below) removed their head dress.



2PPCLI mark Battle of Kapyong

Stag Special

Of the Regiment's many battle honours, the Battle of Kapyong represents a Canadian first.

Beginning around 10 p.m. on April 24, 1951 and lasting into the early hours of April 25, 2PPCLI withstood

a fierce assault by Chinese and North Korean soldiers on the unit's position atop hill 677.

This heroic stand made the Patricia's the only Canadian battalion in history to win a US Presidential Unit Citation for deserved honour and distinction.

The battle for Hill 677 cost the Patricia's 10 killed and 23 wounded.

The 10 KIA included: Pte M.S. Carr, Cpl C.R. Evans, Pte L.T. Fielding, Pte C.A. Hayes, Pte J.M. Lessard, Pte B.M. MacDoanld, Pte W.J. Marshall, Pte R.G.H. Tolver, Pte R.L. Walker and Pte T.B. Wotton

For their courage, Pte Wayne Robert Mitchell received the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) and Pte Kenneth Francis Barwise received the Military Medal (MM). Capt J.G.W. "Wally" Mills earned the Military Cross (MC).

Pte Mitchell was one of eight Canadians to win the DCM in Korea, the award for gallantry second only to the Victoria Cross.

2PPCLI marked the occasion with a parade and promotion ceremony April 24 on the Base as part of its 100th anniversary celebrations.

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Let's get started

Health Promotion director Shelly Moore hosted a kickoff for this month's CAF Health and Wellness Challenge. She's asking participants on the Base to "Rise to the Challenge" in May, with prizes provided by CANEX and SISIP Financial Services. Here, she shows off the daily activities booklet being used by participants to track their activities if they do not on-line.

Photo by Jules Xavier



Cadets collect food

2Lt Betty Froese
Stag Special

Due to the overwhelming need at Brandon's Helping Hands Soup Kitchen, 2520 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps – 71 Bty is taking immediate action to help those less fortunate in the community.

Beginning this weekend, Army Cadets will be canvassing their neighborhoods for non-perishable food items throughout May.

Vandana Jamadagni, co-ordinator for Helping Hands, has seen numbers on the increase, now serving approximately 160 to 170 people per day, up from 130 last year.

"Whatever we have a little bit of in stock, we're trying to make it last. Every day we have to be more creative," Jamadagni told CBC in an interview. "We are experiencing a real need in our city right now," says 2520 RCACC CO Capt Rob Lussier. "The Helping Hands Soup Kitchen is a vital organization to individuals and families who are struggling and we're working hard to help them. It's all about community helping community."

Participating cadets will be in uniform, with adult supervision, when canvassing for donations this month.

Food items may also be brought to the Brandon Armoury or MPTF at CFB Shilo during army cadet training evening held each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m.

As well, donations may be made directly to the soup kitchen at its Seventh Street location.

For more information on how you can help and when to drop off donated items, please call Helping Hands Soup Kitchen at 204-727-4635.

Helping Hands is a non-profit organization located in Brandon and relies on grant money, donations and volunteers to support the community needs. Cadets Canada is a national youth program funded by the Department of National Defence.

2Lt Betty Froese is the Unit Public Affairs Officer (PAO) for 2520 RCACC – 71 Bty RCA Cadets

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The Battle of the Atlantic parade was held in Brandon May 4, with BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey taking the salute in front of the Armoury.

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Second World War's Battle of the Atlantic commemorated

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The Battle of the Atlantic parade and service was held May 4 in Brandon, with cadets from Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corp Swiftsure, Navy League Cadet Corp Stan Hawitt along with No. 82 Air Cadet Squadron parading past the Brandon Armoury.

BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey took the salute in front of the armoury. Afterwards, a service was held in front of Brandon's new veteran's memorial with members of the public in atten-

dance. The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest battle in the Second World War, lasting five years.

Twenty-four of Her Majesty Canadian ships were sunk during the conflict along with a large number of Canadian registered merchant ships. The loss of life was great.

The Navy commemorates the Battle of the Atlantic the first Sunday in May each year.

Chaplain Lt (N) Christopher Donnelly from 17 Wing Winnipeg conducted the service with great participation from the cadets.

RCA Museum offers free admission

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The RCA Museum is celebrating summer in May.

The museum is offering free admission May 9 as part of the National Day of Honour events.

Free admission is also being offered for Manitoba Day May 12.

The museum will be closed due to construction from May 15 to 18.

Summer hours begin with free admission in honour of Victoria Day May 19.

As of Victoria Day, the RCA Museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Labour Day.

To finish this month, we are celebrating Artillery Day May 26 with free admission.

The travelling exhibit 1812: One War, Four Perspectives from the Canadian War Museum runs to June 29.

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Time for some spring cleaning

The Shilo golf course is open! This must mean that spring is here and summer is around the corner.

In keeping with the warmer days and the yard work that has already begun — no doubt in anticipation of the Shilo Communities in Bloom entry — I want to assist with some of my own "spring cleaning."

There are a number of events, activities and issues that I have on my list to pass along. First amongst them is tomorrow's (May 9) National Day of Honour parade being held on the Leslie Parade Square on the Base.

This cross-country commemorative event marks the end of Canada's mission in Afghanistan by honouring the service of our men and women in uniform and the civilian members of our military's contribution to that theatre of operations.

It is also meant to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The families of Shilo are more than aware of this level of sacrifice. I believe our celebration on this Base goes even a step further.

I envision this as an opportunity to recognize the support and commitment of the myriad of citizens, schools, towns and villages, cities and municipalities, and businesses in and around this Base to our soldiers and their families throughout Canada's 12-year mission in Afghanistan.

All are welcomed to come out at 11:15 a.m. and show your (our) support.

Did you know the Thrift Shop has moved? This resource, run by MFRC volunteers, has relocated — or should I say: returned — to the Community Centre building.

With the draw down of the Deployment Support Centre at the end of March, the opportunity arose to bring the Thrift Shop back to where the majority of the community's families meet or gather. Just like the Shilo library, run by Recreation Association volunteers, the Thrift Shop is a valued resource that many Bases in Canada do not have established for their local communities.

We are very fortunate to have them. Take the time this spring and summer to visit both of these facilities.

Next on my list — Lobster! All of the 950 tickets for the upcoming Base Commander's LobsterFest have been sold. I look forward to seeing all of you who bought a ticket at L25 June 7 for an evening of eating, dancing and other "downhomer-type" activities.

The Shilo and Region Services Club members are fine tuning the co-ordination to make this another great



event. I have directed them to arrange for nice weather. We'll see how they do!

This summer will see many centennial anniversary events related to the First World War. While there are a number of varied celebrations and events across the country, August will be a chance for the Shilo community to come together and take part in activities commemorating some historic milestones.

The RCA Museum will host an Aug. 4 ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of Canada's entry in The Great War. The exact moment will be marked by the firing of a gun from 1RCHA.

This will feature the official opening of a year-long exhibit dedicated to the Canadian Army and its role.

The PPCLI's 100th anniversary Memorial Baton Relay will make its way to Shilo Aug. 24 as part of its tour from Edmonton to Ottawa. The RCA Museum will host the arrival of the memorial baton and the centennial display team. This will be Shilo's chance to come out and take part in celebrating the history of this Regiment and the service it continues to give to this Country, and also the role it plays in our region.

Look for more information in the coming months as we get closer to these two events.

As I take one last review of my list I note that in about a week, Capt Dane Nicholson, the Platoon Commander of the Shilo MP Detachment, will be taking his release from the military.

For any of us who have worked with Dane and seen him in action during the last few years, we truly realize what we as a Base, and the CAF, are losing with his retirement.

As a Base "Sheriff," I have not seen another officer with the same level of commitment, sense of professionalism and dedication to his team.

For those who have worked with him on numerous community-focused programs, such as Operation RED NOSE, and the Shilo MFRC board of directors, you know the depth of his compassion and caring for others. Dane will be missed here and his personal efforts and contributions have made this Base a better place to live and work. Good luck, Dane and "thank-you!"

Golfers have hit the links (above) now that the Shilo golf course opened for the 2014 season. Capt Dane Nicholson (left) is returning to BC after leaving the CAF later this month.

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Sgt Hugo Girouard was in focus with the soldiers taking part in the DP1 infantryman course, with classes held outdoors (inset) often during harsh weather conditions. Indoor classes (above) allowed soldiers to warm up.

Training soldiers survive extreme conditions

2Lt Jack Smith
Stag Special

With extreme weather conditions, demanding course training plan requirements, and very experienced directing staff breathing down their necks, candidates of DP1 infantryman course had significant obstacles to overcome in order to gain the requisite knowledge and experience to be effective infantrymen with 2PPCLI.

For many of the candidates who began the course, these challenges proved to be too much. Even for members of the course who achieved success, the aforementioned challenges were compounded by the difficulties inherent in adjusting to military life and being away from their families and friends.

Of the original 39 candidates, 20 soldiers managed to effectively navigate the myriad of challenges in front of them, participating in a broad range of training which imparted upon them the skills to succeed in their careers.

Beginning with weapons handling and theory classes, the candidates hit the ground running on the first day of training, immediately being exposed to the rigorous testing requirements that accompany infantry training.

Being instructed and then evaluated on their initial weapon system during the first day of the course, successful candidates quickly adjusted to the learning curve and fast — yet effective — pace of instruction at CFB Shilo's 3CDTC C Coy.

Following this, candidates immediately went on to the next bound of learning, by mastering several more important weapons which an infantryman must thoroughly grasp in order to fight in the context of a dismounted infantry platoon.

Up next, the course participants took to the CFB Shilo ranges, conducting live-fire shoots to verify the skills they had been taught for nearly all of the weapons systems in the training plan, from the C7 service rifle to the C19 claymore.

Candidates successfully gained practice in both the safe and effective employment of these diverse weapons, allowing them to carry on to the next stage of the course material.

Following the achievement of the weapon handling and firing requirements of the course training plan, the candidates began instruction on the tactics necessary for an infantryman in the field.

Once again following the fast-paced and rigorous instruction schedule established by the course training plan, candidates learned an array of critical information on subjects ranging from defensive operations theory to patrolling techniques and offensive operations.

The importance of internalizing and fully understanding this material was paramount for the success of these young soldiers during the conduct of field training, which proved to be the most challenging portion of the course.

Initially deploying to a defensive position in the first FTX, candidates battled cold weather conditions, the extensive stresses of difficult tactical scenarios, and the implacable demands of directing staff who knew the high standard that these young soldiers would have to achieve in order to be successful in the battalion and throughout their careers.

The 20 graduates managed to overcome these daunting obstacles during the period of more than a month in order to learn the practical application of tactics instructed to them in the classroom.

For some of these candidates, the completion of this course marks one of the greatest challenges that they will face throughout their entire careers.

For the majority, the successful completion of this course is simply the first step along a long and challenging road — these individuals, amongst the top candidates of this course, will gain an appreciation for their strengths and limitations, with this course simply acting as a quantifiable testament to their ability to succeed in the context of the difficult but rewarding career offered by PPCLI.

From unknown variables enlisting as soldiers at recruiting centres across the country to well-defined and measurable quantities as qualified infantrymen, these 20 successful members of 2PPCLI have gained an experience unlike any other, and earned the right to be proud of their accomplishment in overcoming some of the largest challenges in their lives so far.

2Lt Jack Smith is a course officer with the DP1 infantryman Leonforte platoon course



BComd commendation

A Command Team commendation was presented to the CFB Shilo Non-Public Funds Human Resources (HR) team for their outstanding job performance and team spirit. This team's consistently high-level of competency is noteworthy. Their hard work and high level of efficiency coupled with their exceptional team spirit and dedication to duty have been instrumental in the successful delivery of morale and welfare programs. Their efforts have resulted in a significant and positive effect on the quality of life for our soldiers, civilian employees and their families. This team has proven to be a great asset to the CFB Shilo community in general and is highly deserving of this Command Team commendation. HR manager Silvia Ukleja accepted the award on behalf of her team from BComd LCol Stephen Joudrey.

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Community-minded when it comes to his work, Capt Dane Nicholson shows off his kite-flying expertise during an MFRC summer event. Photo by Jules Xavier

Known for his appetite, Capt Nicholson loves sushi

Jules Xavier
Shilo Stag

When it comes to food and exercise, Capt Dane Nicholson has a big appetite.

Just ask his friends, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) colleagues and the fitness cohorts who observe him sweating profusely during a Tuesday spin class at the GSH.

Born in North Vancouver, BC, 27 years ago, Capt Nicholson, the Platoon Commander for 1 Military Police Regiment at CFB Shilo, is leaving his job here following his last shift May 15.

He's not retiring as he likes to quip, but exploring other policing options so he can return to his home province after being stationed at CFB Shilo the past three years. His military career has covered a decade, with equal parts in the Regular force as well as Reserves.

While he has turned in most of his CAF kit, he will pickup new kit on Vancouver Island when he returns to the Reserves.

"I will be working in support of policing for a municipality outside Victoria, BC," he says, "getting closer to home! And I will also be going outside in the winter."

Will Capt Nicholson miss anything about his CAF career?

"I will certainly miss the great diversity of people most," he offers. "Unique backgrounds, experiences and diversity of opinions makes everything in the military very interesting."

He adds, "Additionally, working in support of the domestic security and safety of Canada's Armed Forces is a very rewarding career. Looking back on the last several years we have accomplished a lot to make CFB Shilo safer for everyone."

Used to the beauty of British Columbia and the ambience of that province, Capt Nicholson noticed major differences when he arrived in Manitoba for his posting to CFB Shilo at the lieutenant rank.

"My first posting was CFB Edmonton, so I did get an urban introduction to the

Prairies," he says. "The cold weather is something I have never settled into, but the Northern lights and summer storms were amazing to watch."

"And I will have seen more farming in a few years than the average Vancouverite will in a life time!"

What will he miss about his time posted to CFB Shilo?

"The people," he instantly offers. "Being an MP in Shilo is a privilege. Military units work with us to ensure a safe community and to support operations. These close relationships benefit everyone and make our jobs in the Military Police much easier."

Capt Nicholson has enjoyed working with the staff who frequent the MP headquarters on the Base.

"The members of the Shilo MP, whether military or civilian, are a fantastic group of hardworking, diligent, and thoughtful employees," he says. "Their consistent efforts made my job [mostly] easy! It will be hard leaving this group."

Capt Nicholson does not hesitate when asked what he won't miss about this Base located in the middle of Canada.

"The weather and Manitoba's roads," he says, "I'm worried about the suspension on my car!"

For those who are close to the captain, his wry sense of humour and penchant for finding free meals, are legendary. Is there a reason why his PMQ fridge is usually empty, unless his girlfriend visits?

"Cooking is not my forte. Cleaning is not my forte," he offers.

"Together cooking and cleaning come together to be quite the chore!"

"Plus, I need to save my money for sushi ... I haven't found that for free yet."

Food does not define Capt Nicholson, but visitors to the Stag's CANEX-based office have likely observed him consuming breakfast, lunch or snacks at a desk he adopted in the news room. And he's not your stereotype police officer, quaffing coffee and donuts.



Captain will miss cinnamon buns, free hamburgers

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But there is a sweet dessert he does crave on a daily basis during the course of his shift.

"Cinnamon buns from the Garrison Grill are my favourite individual item," he says of his favourite foods on the Base.

His favourite day of the week is Friday for a good reason, not because it's the end of the work week. He's a regular for the "MP buffet" at the Shilo Inn.

If he's not attending meetings, hanging out at the *Stag*, or doing paperwork at his office, you will find Capt Nicholson at the GSH. He will miss working up a sweat during boot camp, and not just one day in the week. His schedule includes Monday spin, Tuesday cross-training, Wednesday yoga, and Thursday spin.

"[Training at the GSH is] a great chance to get out of

the office, socialize, and stay fit," he says. "I lost my dedication to a lifestyle of fitness two years ago, and these classes were important to get me back where I wanted to be. I'd really recommend checking it out."

During his three-year stint to CFB Shilo Capt Nicholson acknowledges his top-three highlights were:

- "Opening the Community Police Centre in May 2012. This enabled us to provide a style of service which is somewhat unique to this Base. We also had Canada's first Military Police Facebook page!"

- "Working with Operation Red Nose. Volunteering was a blast... great people, free food, and lots of movies during downtime. Cannot ask for much more!"

- "Summer barbecue season. Something to look forward to almost every week."

Known for his hearty appetite, the *Stag* asked Capt Nicholson which venues make the best sushi, pizza,

burgers, pasta, steak, and desserts in Brandon and its hinterland. His culinary answer was succinct.

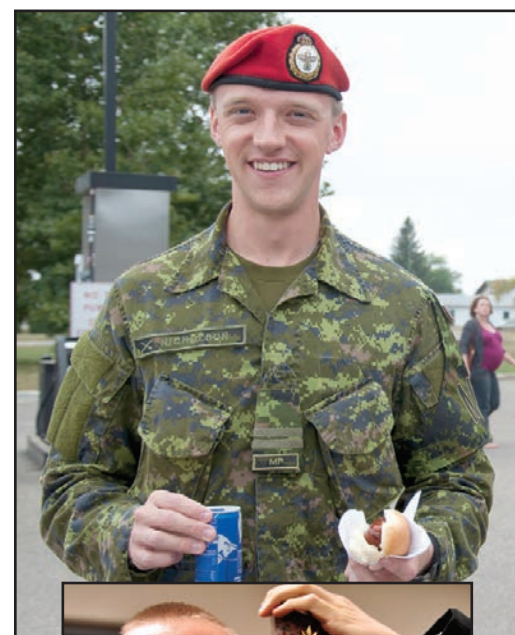
"Outside of Shilo I could sustain myself on Sushi Hut and Qdoba," he says. "I have the loyalty points to prove it."

What will Capt Nicholson's military peers say is his legacy from his time at CFB Shilo?

"A healthy fear of printing in colour at the MP guardhouse," he quips, adding, "Hopefully, I have had a positive influence in having the MP focus on developing helpful relationships with military units and the Shilo community."

Finally, what advice does he have for his replacement when it comes to handling MP duties on this Base?

"Keep a sense of humour, always," he says. "And have a great network of friends."



"Professionally, Dane is a wealth of information regarding police jurisdiction, civilian court, court martials, traffic laws, privacy regulations and everything in between. On a personal level, he has introduced me to Twitter and rainbow sidewalks, and given me unfettered access to his under-utilized kitchen. I have tried to repay him for this kindness by inviting him to experience a small town toga-themed social — complete with incriminating photos — and introducing him to the local farm lifestyle. As all of these activities typically involved great amounts of food, I think both of us have enjoyed the exchange! Dane will certainly be missed by the Shilo community, but our loss is Victoria's gain."

— Capt Jennie Judge



Army cadets take aim during their marksmanship competition held at the Brandon Armoury. Photos by 2Lt Betty Froese

ARMY CADETS TAKE AIM

Gnr Connor Browett garners gold firing .177 calibre Daisy Air Rifle

2Lt Betty Froese
Stag Special

The adage "a smile is worth a thousand words" is not lost on Gnr Connor Browett and WO Colin Lowrie from 2520 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

The two Brandon army cadets achieved high scores during the stage two marksmanship competition held recently at the Brandon Armoury, with these results advancing them to the stage three provincial competition held in Gimli.

The Gimli Cadet Training Centre was the venue for cadets aged 12 to 18 to display their shooting skills earlier this month.

Top-shot cadets, from across Manitoba, represented their army, sea and air cadet corps in this intense military competition which brings together a marksman's personal skill in keeping a steady hand, sharp eye and controlled breathing. These skills must be synchronized in the firing of the .177 calibre Daisy Air Rifle at a target 10 metres away while lying in the prone and standing positions.

A senior cadet, WO Lowrie remarked about the targets used: "It was the first time we used the electronic targets. That was new for us and very interesting. We could sight in our rifles better because the viewing screen was beside you."

He added, "You didn't have to rely on binoculars to see how accurate your shot was. We were allowed as many sighting pellets as we wanted, but once we started firing for points it capped at 20 shots. If we went over 20 pellets they started docking points off our score."

Both cadets were put on separate composite teams of five cadets per team. Each team consisted of cadets of various ages; three senior cadets and two juniors per team, and from different corps across the province. They were also assigned a coach, usually a cadet instructor officer with marksmanship training and experience.

"Most of the members on my composite team were air cadets from Portage la Prairie. I had a really great team," said Lowrie. "There were many highlights of my weekend at Gimli. Meeting new cadets and working together as a team with cadets from other corps was a lot of fun. It was a great experience."

As the weekend progressed, Gnr Browett claimed the gold medal for the province as top-shot in the junior category from a standing position.



Gnr Connor Browett (left) and WO Colin Lowrie from 2520 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps are all smiles based on their marksmanship skills at recent competitions.

He also achieved a bronze medal for top-shot in the prone and standing positions combined, in the junior category for shooters aged 12 to 14. This qualified him for the stage four national marksmanship championship.

"It was a great experience. I met so many new people and have many new friends from across Manitoba," said Gnr Browett. "Everyone there had such good shots. I was so lucky I had such skilled people on my team and I thought to myself, 'We have a good chance of winning because everyone on my team has such a good shot.'"

"But then," laughs the 12-year-old. "I realized everyone else who's not on my team also have great shots."

Typically, contenders at the national competition travel to Valcartier, Que., to compete against the best from each province. However, due to military cutbacks, which also affect the cadet program, the contenders remained in Gimli an extra day to compete in a new competition with a new composite team and coach, vying for top-shot at the national level.

"My coach had competed in the nationals himself, as a cadet in his younger years," said Gnr Browett. "And he had previously coached teams [which] had competed in the nationals, so he gave me great advice."

Sharing highlights from his shooting competition experience, Browett's face beams.

"Getting to go to Gimli to compete in shooting, as my first year in the cadet program, and meeting other cadets from all over Manitoba was great," he offered. "Going on to compete in the nationals was amazing and my shot really improved over the two days. My last few shots will always stick in my mind. It was all just so much fun."

Three cadets from Gnr Browett's provincial team received medals for their outstanding marksmanship.

"I was just as happy when each of my teammates got a medal as when I got a medal because you knew this was your team. How good can we do all together? The higher the points we all get now, the higher our combined score as a team in the nationals."

All score sheets from the weekend are in the process of being evaluated, however, the results have yet to be determined.

"This was a pretty exciting weekend for all of us at our corps," said Brandon's 2520

Army Cadet Corps' CO Capt Rob Lussier. "This is the first time we've had cadets go to provincials, achieve medals and qualify for nationals."

"Both cadets did an amazing job throughout the weekend and we're proud of them both. Now, we're just waiting to see what their scores are for the national competition."

The cadet program is a national youth development program which aims to grow in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership, promote physical fitness, and stimulate the interest of youth in the sea, land and air activities of the Canadian Armed Forces.

2520 RCACC - 71 Bty RCA Cadets parade every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Brandon Armoury located at 1116 Victoria Ave. and at CFB Shilo's MPTF building. The program serves Brandon, Shilo and the surrounding communities.

The cadet program is an accredited program recognized by all provincial high schools and is funded by the Department of National Defence. Youth aged 12 to 18 can join at any time throughout the training season.

For more information call Capt Lussier at 204-720-1494, visit the following websites www.2520armycadets.com and www.cadets.ca

2Lt Betty Froese is unit Public Affairs Officer (PAO) for 2520 RCACC - 71 Bty RCA Cadets

3CDTC C Company

Who are we and from where did we originate?

WO Gordon Brooks
Stag Special

The area of CFB Shilo, where C Company (Coy) has long resided, has been associated with training since 1909, with the opening of Sewell Camp which was renamed Camp Hughes in 1915.

While not officially attached to the following units, C Coy is connected to them by the fact that it has artillery roots that stem from CFB Shilo: In 1946, the Royal Canadian School of Artillery RCSA was founded on this Base and remained there until 1970, when it was relocated to CFB Gagetown.

During this time, several other training units were stood up in CFB Shilo.

The Soldier Apprentice Training Battery was formed in 1954, and was used to train soldiers as young as 16 years of age in the ways of artillery until 1967.

In 1956, the Royal Canadian Artillery Depot was formed and trained artillery soldiers until 1968.

On Sept. 19, 1981, the Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Battle School was formed on this Base to keep the Regular Force Regiments supplied with qualified gunners, and allow the Regiments to concentrate on unit training.

The author of this article was given the privilege of helping in this task in 1985-86 and 1991-92. I can tell you from personal experience that it was a rewarding task.

In June 1997, the RCA Battle School was disbanded, and replaced with a much smaller detachment of the Land Force Western Area Training Centre (LFWA TC). This saw the unit change from running artillery-specific courses to artillery, infantry, leadership, and basic soldiering courses.

The change in training caused a change in the trades

assigned to LFWA TC Det Shilo. No longer a strictly an artillery training unit, Detachment Shilo saw infusion of infantry and support soldiers, mainly PPCLI, to help round out the training cadre so that all basic soldiering skills were completely covered.

This gave the Detachment the ability to also run Reserve and Regular Force Basic Infantry Qualifications (BIQ) under the Western Area Training Centre banner.

In May 2012, LFWA TC Detachment Shilo underwent another name change and became LFWA TC C Coy Shilo.

While this caused some minor issues such as the changing of forms and how the company personnel answered their phones, the job did not change.

Finally, in July 2013, there was another name change to Third Canadian Division Training Centre (3CDTC) C Coy. Once again our paperwork was changed, as well as the unit crest, but the job remained the same.

That job was, and is, to train soldiers to the highest standard possible.

This task is one that all members of C Coy, former and current, have done proudly and have taken seriously.

As any member of the CAF can tell you, there have always been rivalries amongst different trades within the CAF. C Coy is no exception, but we have managed to work through them.

In C Coy, we refer to these little good natured jibes as friendly banter. The members of C Coy work exceptionally well together and have come up with their own trade designation.

If you are ever given the opportunity, or honour, to be posted to C Coy, you may also earn the right to call yourself "Infantry."

WO Gordon Brooks is 3CDTC C Coy's training warrant officer



3CDTC C Coy no longer runs artillery-specific courses, but offers soldiers an education in artillery, infantry, leadership and basic soldiering courses. You often see soldiers honing their skills in the outdoors during the summer months.

Photo by Jules Xavier

Extensive process used to hire MP

Hiring police officers in Canada is a well-researched topic which holds great importance to providing effective and reliable safety services to communities whether military or civilian.

The Military Police, like our civilian counterparts, use an extensive process to hire new members. Having recently been a part of the Assessment Centre used to ensure candidates meet required competencies it seemed appropriate to share how we do business.

Like all military occupations a visit to the recruiting centre is needed. If an applicant selects MP (or MPO) their education and background will be screened in addition to the usual entry requirements. MP non-commissioned members require a complete police foundations course, and MP officers require a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in a related field.

Once deemed acceptable by the recruiting system the "file" is passed to the Military Police Group.

Candidates applying will be again vetted to ensure they meet the pre-defined standards and then loaded on a "Military Police Assessment Centre" or MPAC.

The MPAC is not a place, but rather a process which can be held anywhere.

Lasting three days for non-commissioned members or four for officers, this intense process involves various measures of suitability for the policing occupation. Standardized testing of skill sets occur, and candidates must demonstrate the key competencies that the Military Police Group demands.

While pass rates fluctuate, the honest, hardworking and forthright candidate will be successful in the process.

Merely passing an MPAC, however, does not mean a guaranteed job. Like other employers, the Military Police will select the most competitive applicants based on available information.

Seeing the assessment process in action was a rewarding experience, and exhibits the importance of finding the right people to keep our military safe.

Capt Dane Nicholson is Platoon Commander 1 Military Police Regiment at CFB Shilo

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Editor's note: This is Capt Nicholson's last MP column for the *Stag*. He's leaving the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) this month. He will be in the reserves on Vancouver Island as well as pursuing a municipal police officer job working in a suburb of Victoria, BC.

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WARNING SHILO RANGES

Day and night firing will be carried out at the Shilo Ranges until further notice.

The range consists of DND controlled property lying approximately 32 kms SE from Brandon and N of the Assiniboine River in Townships 7, 8 and 9; Range 14 WPM, Townships 8, 9 and 10; Ranges 15 and 16 WPM and Townships 9 and 10; Range 17 WPM in the Province of Manitoba. If required, a detailed description of the Shilo property may be obtained from the Base Construction Engineering Office at Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

All boundaries, entry ways, roads and tracks into the Range are clearly marked and posted with signs indicating that there is to be NO TRESPASSING. Hunting is no longer permitted on the Shilo Ranges.

STRAY AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVE OBJECTS

Bombs, grenades, shells, similar explosive objects, and their casings are a hazard to life and limb. Do not pick up or retain such objects as souvenirs. If you have found or have in your possession any object which you believe to be an explosive, notify your local police and arrangements will be made to dispose of it.

No unauthorized person may enter this area and trespassing on the area is strictly prohibited.

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Les polygones de tir sont des terrains sous le contrôle du MDN situés à environ 32 km au sud-est de Brandon et au nord de la rivière Assiniboine dans les cantons 7, 8 et 9; polygone 14 OMP, cantons 8, 9 et 10; polygones 15 et 16 OMP et cantons 9 et 10; polygone 17 OMP, dans la Province du Manitoba. Au besoin, une description détaillée de la propriété de Shilo peut être obtenue du Bureau du génie construction de la Base des Forces canadiennes Shilo.

Toutes les limites, voies d'accès, routes et sentiers menant aux polygones sont clairement marqués et ornés d'écriteaux d'ACCÈS INTERDIT. La chasse est dorénavant interdite aux polygones de tir de Shilo.

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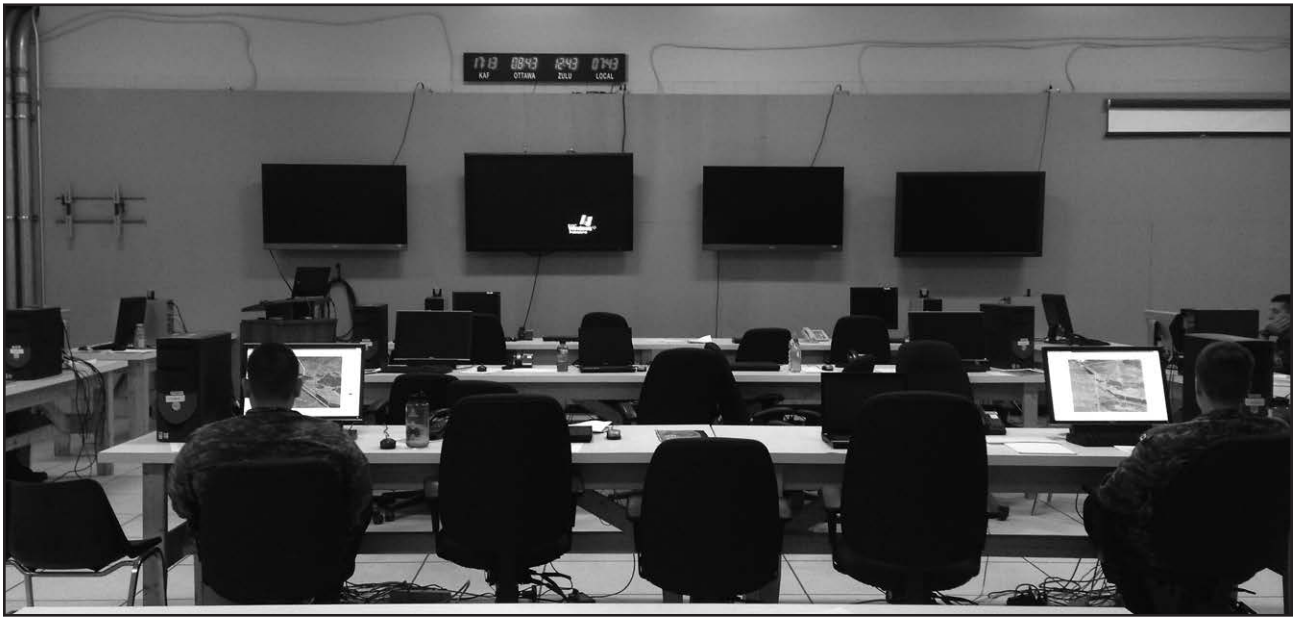
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Soldiers hone their communications skills working on various computer programs.

Soldiers prepare for battle learning com skills

Gnr Saunders
Stag Special

"If coms are neglected, it is no use to start the battle" is something 24 Gunners, Bombardiers and Master Bombardiers have come to understand during their two-month Army Tactical Communication Information Systems course.

We began by learning some radio theories, including the parts of the radio and how radio waves transmit.

Working from there, we then went outside to test the transmitting distance and constructed makeshift antennas using simple items such as sticks, a plastic bottle, buttons and wire.

During a portion of the course, we learned about the different kinds of electronic warfare, such as jamming, and the different kinds of counter-action. Simple skills, such as diagnosing errors in the radio and fixing broken lines by means of splicing, saved lots of precious time when out on an exercise.

As we became more accustomed to speaking on the radio using proper

voice procedures, we started sending various reports: locations, repair and recovery requests, medical requirements, contact reports and correctly identifying call signs.

In the more intermediate and advanced portion of the course, we learned the control indicator, from setting it up and programming it, to installing it in vehicles.

We also worked on various computer programs that enabled us to learn how to set up friendly and enemy locations on a map, and basic communication.

The purpose of these programs is to introduce soldiers to faster and simpler means of communicating battle information.

To wrap up the course, we learned how to set up a 40-foot antenna and learned ways to get it to be able to withstand extreme weather conditions.



We finished the course with the artillery coms portion and have come to fully understand the symbiotic relationship between artillery and the coms — if either one is absent from the other, we are rendered ineffective.

Gnr Saunders is with 1RCHA



Soldiers learned how to fix broken lines by means of splicing.





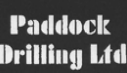


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Sprucewoods & Wawanesa

Guide dog walk raises funds, awareness

Shilo Stag

The Wawanesa Lions Club is hosting a Walk for Dog Guides May 25 at the Lions Clubhouse on Fifth Street in Wawanesa.

Registration is at 1:30 p.m., with the walk starting 30 minutes later.

Interested persons are invited to collect donations and bring their dog for a walk around the village followed by treats and snacks.

Money collected goes for the training of service dogs in the areas of vision, hearing, physical disability, seizure response, autism assistance and diabetic alerts. For more information, call 204-824-2457.

If you can't make the Wawanesa walk that day, then drop by the Sprucewood Community Hall for the same event organized by the Sprucewoods and Area Lions Club. Same times, but a different location.

This five-kilometre event is open to dog owners from CFB Shilo, Sprucewoods, Douglas and Cottonwoods. This walk will proceed to the rear of CANEX where there will be water for participants and dogs, then return to the Sprucewoods Community Hall.

A donation spaghetti lunch will follow, proceeds which will also go to this dog guides walk.

The Westman Jam will be in attendance and perform until 5 p.m.

Sponsor sheets are available at CANEX and Forbidden Flavours on the Base, as well as at commercial outlets in Sprucewoods.

Participants who do bring a dog, treats and scarves will be provided.

Since 1983, Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides

has provided specially trained dog guides at no cost to people of all ages across Canada. Each dog guide costs approximately \$25,000 to raise and train, yet they are provided at no cost to qualified applicants.

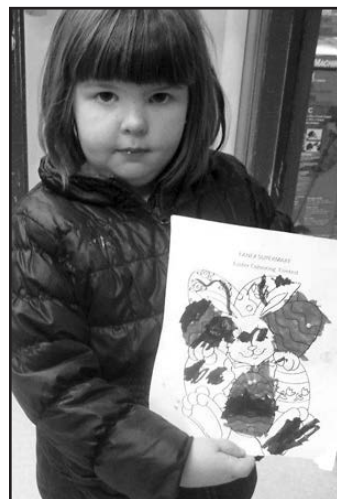
The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides does not receive any government funding and relies solely on the support of fundraising events, as well as donations from service clubs, corporations, foundations and individuals throughout Canada.

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides trains six different types of dog guides:

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To register on-line or to make a donation, visit www.purinawalkfordogguides.com

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Easter colours

These three people each won a \$25 CANEX gift card for their respective entries in this year's CANEX Easter colouring contest: Olivia Dentre age three; Hannah Knee age six; and Kennedy Robicheau age 12.

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Olympian cycling with message about mental health issues

Elaine Desbiens

MFRC

Clara Hughes is a six-time Canadian Olympic speed-skating and cycling medalist.

She is also the national spokesperson for Bell Let's Talk.

This year, Hughes is taking the conversation about mental health on the road.

Clara's Big Ride for Bell Let's Talk is a 110-day national bicycle tour through every province and territory, which began in Toronto March 14. She will conclude the ride in Ottawa July 1.

As part of Clara's Big Ride, Hughes will cover 12,000 kilometres and visit 95 communities along the way.

The ultimate goal of Clara's Big Ride is to engage communities and youth in conversations about mental health and to help end the stigma that surrounds mental illness. Let's create a stigma-free Canada.

Clara's Big Ride will also showcase and support the work and value of local mental health organizations across Canada. Hughes will be in Brandon June 12 and 13.

Although Hughes will be spending most of her time on her bike every day, the most important time she will spend is at events within the community.

In the morning, the Olympian will speak to a school or youth organization each afternoon and/or evening she will have the opportunity to engage with members of the community.

Spreading the mental health conversation around Canada is paramount to the success of Clara's Big Ride and ending the stigma around mental illness.

Plan to come out and support Clara's Big Ride if you are in Brandon.

For more information on Clara's Big Ride visit <http://clarasbigride.bell.ca/en/about/>

Elaine Desbiens is the child and youth counsellor at the Shilo Military Family Resource Centre (MFRC)

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Salute for fallen Patricias

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