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The Command Team Corner



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77 Line Regiment,

As we approach the holiday season, this allows time of reflection on how the Regiment and the CAF has adapted to a return to normalcy while still operating in a COVID-19 environment. The Regiment conducted Exercise COLLABORATIVE EFFORT, which was the first time conducting this size of an exercise since the start of COVID-19 restrictions. The training and Esprit de Corps of the Regiment was in full display. With this focus, the 77 Line Regiment Command Team is extremely proud of the commitment, determination and professionalism that all members and employees displayed at all levels.

With great honor and privilege, the Regiment got officially appointed its Honorary Colonel, Colonel Bhavana Varma. HCol Bhavana Varma, life's endeavors echoes 77 Line Regiment's approach to building strong bonds and cohesion for its people. She was able to participate in the C&E Week with the Command

Team and could appreciate the tremendous success of the Inclusivity Advisory Committee, which was briefed to the entire Corps and Branch.

While these key events happened, the demand on the Regiment and CAF still remains high with support to deployments and domestic projects. Using for the first time the Management Readiness Plan (MRP), the Regiment has successfully generated Line Crews for rotations for Op IMPACT, Op REASSURANCE and supporting numerous domestic projects including an emergency antenna repair in CFS Alert. In line with the Regiment's motto of "Through", through all of these tasks 77 Line Regiment remains ready and prepared to be the CAF's central point for all line sustainment tasks domestically and abroad.

As we enter end-year 2022 and the holiday leave period, we hope everyone will be able to take a well-deserved rest period with our respective family and friends. They are the sup-

port structure that helps maintain the Regiment's ability to force generate capable and "refreshed" personnel. Also, during this time we encourage you to reflect back on the collective successes of the Regiment which is only possible due to the hard work of its members. Unless "Mother Nature" or "Airline companies" decide otherwise, the Regiment Command Team is scheduled to visit all Squadrons across the Country and participate in all Soldiers Appreciation Dinners. It is critical for us to be able to properly and personally thank you, all members of the Regi-

ment, as you celebrate together before departing on your holiday leave.

As a closing note we, the Command Team, are forever grateful for the professionalism and determination of the 77 Line Regiment members and our extended family, the families and friends of all 77 Line Regiment members. Wishing all the 77 Line Regiment members' and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

HCol Bhavana Varma Biography



Bhavana Varma is the President & CEO of the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington. Her previous experience was with the United Way in St. Catharines where she worked in numerous roles, including Director Finance & Administration and Director Development.

During her time with the United Way in Kingston, the annual fundraising campaign has

grown from \$1.5 million in 1999 to just over \$3.8 million last year. During this time the United Way has launched a number of successful initiatives including Retirees United, Women United and Next Gen.

Bhavana works with partners and agencies on developing shared community plans, chairing a local collective impact initiative to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness in the region. She facilitated the Social Services Recovery Taskforce which was set up during the pandemic, as well as the local Safety and Well-being Committee, and co-chairs the KFL&A Homelessness Collective Impact Committee, which she initiated in 2021.

She has received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medal, Queen's University Alumni Association's Jim Bennett Achievement Award, a Legacy Award from the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Canada's award of staff excellence, the George Hart Award, and most recently, a Platinum Jubilee Pin.

Her previous volunteer experience includes Distress Centre, Big Brothers & Sisters, and founding co-chair of the Southeastern Association of Fundraising Professionals. She has participated on various Boards of Directors, including the Kingston Symphony Association, and currently sits on the Kingston Frontenac Public Library Board.

EX COLLABORATIVE EFFORT 22

By: Capt James Locke – Exercise Planner

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, 77 Line Regt was able to come together as one team for a week of professional development and readiness training. EX COLLABORATIVE EFFORT 22 (EX CE 22) was conducted at the Connaught Range and Primary Training Center (CRPTC) in beautiful Shirley's Bay, ON from 12-16 September, 2022.

The intent of the exercise was to prepare the Regt for execution of the new Managed Readiness Plan (MRP) which will continue to see our members deploy on expeditionary operations. Our secondary objective, and arguably the fun part, was fostering esprit de corps through some social and ceremonial events bringing together the entire defense team within the Regt. Due to the unfortunate passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, some modifications had to be made to the Regimental Parade and Mess Dinner during our national period of mourning.

The exercise kicked off with the arrival of the Advance Party on 8 September to prepare the camp and ranges for the week's activities. The fun started right away as members of the Regiment from across the country arrived at CRPTC and met up with friends not seen in years due to the pandemic. Once all were gathered, the Regiment was greeted by the Regimental Command Team and we hit the ground running on Monday morning. The week consisted of a round robin of Individual Battle Task Standard (IBTS) activities

and annual professional development briefs. On the conclusion of the first day of training, the Regt gathered for an informal meet and greet. The team at 3LS organized an amazing pig roast bbq, all enjoyed an evening of catching up with team mates over fantastic food and drink. The initial plan for a Regt parade and Mess Dinner had to be adjusted for our period of mourning. Prior to kicking off our Regt Sports Day, we were able to conduct a quick stables parade, Regt photo and issue some well-deserved H&A to our members. The Sports Day led by 4LS was a great time had by all. Squadrons competed in volleyball and soccer baseball with a grand finale of tug'o'war – with 1LS coming out as champions. Although we were not able to cap the week off with a formal Regt Mess dinner, we were joined by Regt alumni and organizational leadership for some presentations and casual dinner in the dining hall.

Overall the exercise was a huge success. All training objectives were complete, and a lot of fun was had on the ranges. The main event for most members was seeing old friends and colleagues from across the country, and strengthening the bond of the Regimental family. As usual a thorough AAR was conducted, and you can bet the exercise will improve with each iteration. Thanks to all who participated in planning and execution, we hope everyone enjoyed themselves and are already getting hyped for EX CE 23!



1 Line Squadron

Fast and Furious by Cpl Siemens

It was an exciting second quarter for 1 Line in 2022. With COVID restrictions all but gone around us, morale has been high and failure has been low (better yet, it's been non-existent!). Projects, postings, promotions and awards, all that and more in this quarterly article of The Cable.

This past summer provided new names and faces to the Sqn Command team. Lt Varey the new Sqn Ops O, WO Czarnowske the new Ops WO, and WO Hardy has returned to 1 Line. In addition, the Sqn was appointed a new OC. Major Eisenhower from RMC replaced outgoing OC 1 Line Major French.

We also welcomed new members to our 1 Line Sqn family; MCpl Benner from OUTCAN, Cpl Carr from 2RCR in Gagetown, Cpl Perreault-Sanscartier from Edmonton, and Cpl Binette from Suffield. Sgt Perron along with Cpls Krohn, Buckley, Bennett and Bellissimo all walked across the parking lot from CFJSR to join us.

We are also saying goodbye to Sgt Livingston who is going to CFJSR, Sgt Evans who is going to 1 Div in Kingston, Cpl Dion who is going to Trenton and Cpl Bradet who is leaving the Canadian Armed Forces. Good luck in your future endeavors.

We are welcoming back two of our linemen off of their RQ 2.0 Cpls course—Congratulations Cpl Bergeron and Cpl Siemens!

The Sqn had mbrs who attended and successfully completed the 6 week CASIM crse in the Grn Kingston Harvey trg area. They started by getting their feet wet—understanding Complex Ae systems of an 89J, followed by Phase Two—237C in the Carrying Place MACs site. These mbrs will now be the lead for conducting Ae 3rd Line maintenance across the CAF. Sqn members were hard at work while on crse, not only obtaining technical skills, but also ensuring all rescue techniques were sharp and mbrs would feel confident if required to perform a rescue at any time.

Our commitment to the annual summer Northern swing was again a success. The Alert

crew under MCpl Millers' lead deployed for the Great White North on the 28 July, not before spending the mandated 8 days of isolation in the Yukon Lodge prior to the fly day, courtesy of an AF Herc.



Mbrs of 1LS on CASIM crse

With each day like the past, the crew continue to work in the thick, cold Artic fog that blanketed every square inch of the station. These conditions were challenging, and all were advised to remain aware of their surroundings as the polar bear activity was high. The crew did just that, however a breakdown of the Bandvagn 206 (Bv 206) caused a minor hiccup. The crew under approval of the Project Officer (PO) successfully installed the new Air Ground Air (AGA) communication link, a critical asset to CAF operations within the high North. With the Bv 206 repaired, it was time for the crew to get back on schedule, traveling across the arctic tundra to complete maintenance in the glorious 24hrs of sun.



NLWC participating in the Arctic Ocean polar bear dip

With work comes play. The crew was able get some much deserved R&R and to go to the beach to soak up the sun and the views of the

Nav Beacon. A few of crew mbrs made yet another memory and unique life experience as they had dipped their bodies in the Arctic Ocean as a part of the Polar Bear dip.

With the time up and the maintenance completed, all mbrs were excited about Fly day back down South. But this was short lived as they encountered yet another hiccup. The crew along with others scheduled to depart were delayed for an additional 8 days! When the plane finally arrived, smiles a mile long were seen all around. Upon return all mbrs went right on summer block leave and enjoyed every second of it.

As August began, many of the Sqn mbrs returned from summer leave to meet new faces and become re-acquainted with old friends who were posted in this APS. As soon as the crews were all assembled and minor tweaks were made to the reflect MWO Upshall's (SSM) etched-in-stone-with-a-chisel-and-mallet Sqn Org Chart, MWO Gummer (LCS), along with the WO Hardy and Sgt Brisson (Project Coordinators), informed the crews of any developments to their respective projects, as well as details for the upcoming Regimental Exercise, Ex CE 22. The Sqn was a bee hive, with all mbrs of the Sqn employed either supporting daily tasks, project preparation, or Ex CE prep. It all was made possible with the support at all levels of the Sqn CoC.

Late Aug until early Sep the Sqn had three crews deployed. Two in Nova Scotia under Sgts Carrier and Henry's lead, and one in Western Canada under Sgt Nava conducting 3rd line maintenance on various complex Ae.



NLWC conducting 3rd line maint at an Atlantic Ae site

11-17 Sep saw the entire 77 Line Regt in Connaught Range for Ex CE 22.

Upon completion of the Ex CE 22, crew mbrs redeployed back to their project locations to continue their tasks. With their return came another unforeseen, uncontrollable event. Hurricane Fiona felt that the crews on the East coast

needed a visit. Both crews had to batten down the hatches, go for cover and wait out. Fiona left behind total destruction and mayhem for the entire East Coast region. Both crews, when instructed it was safe to do so by local authorities, redeployed to assess the situation at each location. The sites required brush clearing and repairs to a free spinning 89J in Newport Corner, but overall the damage was minimal compared to damage in the surrounding areas.



NLWC with TLCV in Newport Corner Ae site

Without delay and to remain on schedule, the crews, without complaint, worked extended hours conducting 3rd Line maintenance, presenting the Regt and the Sqn with the highest levels of professionalism. All three crews were back to the Sqn lines by late Oct and enjoyed some much needed R&R—only to be given another Ae tasking directive.

A fourth Ae crew, led by the newly posted in Sgt Perron (Kriss), deployed to NCR and surrounding areas to conduct 3rd Line maintenance of numerous complex Ae systems, replacing posts, guys and supporting infrastructure where needed.

Just prior to the start of the Thanksgiving long weekend another surprise email found its way into the Ops Box. Emergency request for a Sqn mbr to deploy to Alert and recce the damages caused by a freak snow and wind storm. MWO Gummer (LCS) was the only remaining choice, along with Cpl Lavoie-Perron (LP), who was excited to return to Alert for the second time in 4 months. After the mandatory COVID isolation period, mbrs took a luxurious Herc Ride to the North of 60 to access the situation. With no return date, they may be riding back with Santa.

2^e Escadron des Lignes

Pagaie Endurance par sgt Mathurin

L'année 2022 marquait le retour de l'Exercice par l'Aventure au sein du 2^e Escadron des lignes après plusieurs années d'absence. Connaissant pertinemment l'importance d'établir un esprit de compétition et de cohésion au sein de nos troupes, la chaîne de commandement était déterminée à tout mettre en œuvre pour l'évènement soit un succès.

Le parc National de la Mauricie à Shawinigan était l'emplacement ciblé dû à sa vaste superficie de plus de 530 km² et des multitudes d'activités offertes sur place, dont le canot, le vélo de montagne et la randonnée pédestre. Trois activités que pratiquement toute l'équipe voulait prendre part. Dans le but de diminuer les coûts, nous avons emprunté certains équipements, dont les vélos auprès des PSP de la Garnison et seulement des vélos hybrides étaient disponibles. Ces derniers ne possédaient aucun amortisseur et avaient des roues de mêmes tailles que des bicyclettes de route. Une fois sur le site de camping et après avoir monté les tentes, nous avons enfourché nos vélos pour la première activité. Jusqu'à là, tout allait bien. Mais après la première ascension, voyant l'inclinaison abrupte de la pente descendante, nos yeux ont pris la grosseur d'une pièce de deux dollars. Le groupe, composé de l'adj Maltais-Tardif, du sgt Mathurindu Cplc Myre, du Cplc Genest, du cpl Fournier, du cpl Pelletier, du cpl Haydari et du cpl Brabant ne possédait que quelques habitués du vélo de montagne et ça n'a pas pris de temps pour que la compétition s'installe. Dans la foulée de l'évènement, toutes sortes de cris se sont fait entendre. Par moments, c'était des cris de joie, et d'autres moments, c'était des cris d'horreur. Nous avons même assisté à un tour de magie performé par le cpl Haydari. En effet, c'était la première fois que nous assistions à la disparition instantanée d'un être aussi imposant physiquement. Alors que nous nous trouvions sur une traverse en bois, le cpl Haydari a perdu l'équilibre et s'est retrouvé dans le marais. Bien évidemment, après avoir obtenu la confirmation le mem-

bre avait encore tous ses membres, nous avons eu un rire fou.

Même de rien, nous avons parcouru approximativement 34 kilomètres en vélo cette journée-là et il va sans dire que le souper et les boissons étaient fortement désirés dès notre retour sur le site de camping. Le Cplc Myre s'occupait du barbecue et il nous a préparé un repas digne d'un chef cette soirée-là et ça a continué tout au courant de la semaine. Nous aimerions prendre le temps de souligner son implication ainsi que celle du cpl Fournier dans l'organisation de l'Exercice. Ensemble, ils ont travaillé d'arrache-pied et ont grandement contribué à la réussite de l'évènement.



Sur le chemin du retour de l'activité vélo de montagne. De gauche à droite; Cplc Genest, cpl Brabant, Cplc Myre, adj Maltais-Tardif, cpl Haydari, cpl Fournier, cpl Pelletier

CTLL Bagotville par sgt Forgues

Au cours de la dernière saison de mutation, le sgt Alain Demers a été muté au Quartier général et Escadron des trans-missions (QGET) remplacé par le sgt Forgues qui fait un retour au 77^e Régiment des lignes après une année à la section des lignes du QGET.

À la fin de l'été, le CTLL a établi un tout nouveau parc pour les câbles et les membres ont participé au mouvement des rouleaux de câbles.

La BFC Bagotville se prépare à de grand changement au cours des prochaines années avec l'arrivée des nouveaux avions de chasse. Dû à cette expansion de la base et de ses infrastructures, le CTLL Bagotville ne sera pas en manque de travail. Que ce soit pour le nouveau système de distribution souterrain ou des Hangars



cpl Christopher Cyr attachant un rouleau de câble en transit

pour les avions de chasse, nous aurons plein de défis à relever et d'expérience à raconter.

Le 1er novembre 2022, l'équipe de commandement du 2^e Escadron des Lignes (2^eEL) a procédé à une visite du CTLL Bagotville. Lors de cette visite, le nouveau commandant du 2^e EL, maj Blais, a pu rencontrer les membres du CTLL et les différentes instances qui travaillent de concert avec nos Techniciens des lignes ainsi que de constater les différents projets en cours et à venir.

À tous les membres du 77e Régiment des Lignes, les membres du CTLL Bagotville vous souhaitent un bon temps des fêtes et une bonne année!

CTLL RCN par cpl Pelletier

Encore cette année, les vacances estivales nous ont tous fait du bien; du temps de qualité avec nos familles et un tempo qui se veut plus tranquille, c'est le moment de l'année pour se reposer. Ce moment est aussi synonyme de mutation, tant les départs que les nouveaux arrivent. Cette année marque l'arrivée du sdt Einarson qui est fraîchement sorti de l'école. L'équipe du Centre de travail local des lignes (CTLL) de la Région de la capitale nationale (RCN) sont déjà en train de lui montrer tout ce qu'on n'apprend pas à l'école, car comme dans tout domaine, l'apprentissage commence vraiment lorsqu'on débute à travailler!

Une équipe du CTLL à participer à la compétition IRON WARRIOR, soit le cpl

Maclean, le cpl Roussy et le cpl Haydari. La compétition s'est tenue à Petawawa. De plus, peu de temps après cette compétition, le 2e Escadron des lignes (2 EL) a tenu un exercice d'aventure.

Ca ne chôme pas au CTLL Valcartier! par le cpl Beauvais et le cpl Boily

Eh oui déjà la fin de l'année qui approche, comme toutes les années, les membres du CTLL Valcartier n'ont pas chômé !

Beaucoup d'action s'est déroulée depuis le début de l'année; En mars dernier, après 49 ans de bons et loyaux services au sein des FAC, Mr Jean-Claude Paiement qui est surnommé 'Mr je sais tout et je connais tout' a pris sa retraite. Jean-Claude, qui a toujours eu la bonne réponse et savait toujours où les choses étaient situées, nous a quittés afin de débiter de nouvelles aventures.

Nous avons accueilli quatre nouveaux membres, soit le cpl Beauvais, le cpl Boily, le cpl Bouchard et le slt Bernard. Le 2^e Escadron des Lignes a souligné le départ des Cplc Savard et Tremblay.

Du 26 sept au 1^{er} oct 22, avait lieu le Championnat national interarmées de soccer à Kingston auquel participait l'équipe de Valcartier. Le cpl Boily faisait partie de l'équipe et est rentré victorieux avec un pointage final de 2-0 contre l'équipe de Petawawa. Pour y arriver, l'équipe a dû vaincre les équipes de Bagotville, Montréal et Ottawa.

Dû aux intempéries, le 2^e Escadron des lignes a été appelé par les responsables des secteurs d'entraînement de Valcartier afin d'intervenir pour remplacer un poteau de télécommunication qui avait été détruit par un violent orage durant la nuit. Trois membres du CTLL ont été immédiatement dépêchés sur les lieux et ont résolu la situation dans les plus brefs délais.



Poteau de télécommunication qui avait été détruit

3 Line Squadron

RLWC Edmonton by Cpl Marin-Rodriguez

Canada's greatest Squadron, 3 Line are wrapping up yet another year filled with amazing adventures and experiences. The best does indeed belong in the west. From polestar antennas in Cold Lake Alberta to the elephant cage FRD-10 antenna in Masset BC, time and time again our crew demonstrated this year that despite having many new members, we can tackle any task and any challenge thrown at us.

RLWC endured the -50-degree weather of Suffield Alberta early in the year, Cold Lake Alberta's piercing hot summers, rampant with swarms of bugs, and the notorious Haida Gwaii island high winds and downpours of rain.

In Cold Lake, Cpl Bui and Cpl Shurtleff climbed the 480 ft tower (one of the tallest structures we work on in western Canada) in order to take down several decommissioned antenna systems along with their cabling.

In Masset BC, after a 3-day land and sea journey to get on the Island, there was plenty of work to go around for the whole crew. Cpl Headstrom and Cpl Marin-Rodriguez walked the beam on the Elephant cage for the first time in their careers. Suspended 110 ft in the air, walking the beam is one of the most talked about feats in the line trade. This job is necessary and the only way to change out the downloads of the structure for improved signal quality. In Masset, we give Cirque du Soleil acrobats a run for their money!

In Yellowknife NWT, Cpl Shurtleff had the brilliant idea of using an inflatable boat in order to reach and realign one of the beverage poles that had conveniently been sucked into the neck-deep swamp water.



Cpl Shurtleff in Yellowknife with his blow-up boat

Though the floaty didn't stay inflated for long, it was long enough for Cpl Shurtleff to endure and get the job done. A hilarious sight that proved to be extremely effective!

In Wainwright Alberta, the Golden Retriever that regularly followed us on to the work site was promptly welcomed into the team and promoted to Site Supervisor due to his **Cutting-Edge Notorious Excellence, Safe and Smart (CUTENESS) Character**. Cpl O'Halloran had his first job rigging and lowering an antenna from a 100 ft tower. It went off without a hitch, thanks in part to the support from our new site supervisor.



Cpl Laidley in Wainwright with the Site Supervisor

All in all, it was an extremely busy year for RLWC Det Edmonton. After a long period of COVID uncertainties, it is nice to be back in the full swing of things. RLWC Det Edmonton looks forward to what next year has in store for us!

LLWC Yellowknife/Mountain Region by Cpl Edmond-Godin

After finishing off the summer on a good note with a very productive and still ongoing 1st line maintenance project at JTFN, and the successful projects in Whitehorse and Inuvik, we started to organize a new task in Whitehorse IOT install the link between the workshop building and the main building. What can we say, the area is beautiful and this great cadet camp is worthwhile of good and frequent maintenance.

In August, Sgt Dahn and his crew were tasked to conduct 2nd line maintenance on our tower sites (Rx, Tx). It is always exciting to see friendly faces visit our AOR. LLWC Yellowknife did its very best to offer a constant support IOT

alleviate the work of the crew. We were invited to every crew dinner and it was a lot of fun.

New kids on the block also arrived in August, Cpl Chappel from Gagetown and MCpl Roussel from Trenton joined our LLWC. It is always welcome to have new hands to help out, new perspectives on doing things and opportunities to build new friendships. There is much work to be done in the north! MCpl Trylinski returned to his old love in Cold Lake and, as for me, I'm still



MCpl Rouse and Cpl Chappel

around until January 2023, but as they say: you are never 100% sure until being in your car, driving across our vast country.

Good times again at Connaught range this September! Ex COLLABORATIVE EFFORT was more than welcomed after this pandemic. There is nothing more fun than getting together with friends for a week. It promotes a sense of belonging throughout the Regt and gives a sense of pride. It also helps to create friendship which is fundamental to build a team (See: Top Gun: Maverick). 77 Line Regt is one big family and we are already looking forward to the Western Grinch and Christmas time this December!

LLWC Yellowknife would like to wish everyone good health and an excellent time during this holiday season by taking on meaningful responsibilities, getting involved in the community, and working hard. When it is time to go on leave, enjoy it in the present moment without worrying about the future or the past. Friends and/or family are all we have, maintaining those healthy relationships is primordial. If you don't have any of those, reach out to a member in our Regt. There will be a door open for you, to bring you in during this joyful and warm moment of tradition, thanksgiving and festivities. We are proud and grateful to be part of this Regt, which is like no other.

May you have peace and health during this Holiday season.

4 Line Squadron

RLWC Petawawa by Cpl Stencell

As a new member of the 4 Line Sqn team, I'm going to do my best to give a snapshot in time of the great work 4 Line has accomplished in this busy year. Coming from 1 Line Sqn this past summer, my expectation of this unit was "it will be great to be a little less busy". Aside from an after posting "slump" while I awaited the two crews to return from their respective road jobs, I quickly learned that this place was just as up-tempo as 1 Line.

Although projects and routine maintenance take up the bulk of our time, there have been some emergency repairs during this hectic year. One of the aforementioned repairs took place in Carrying Place. Unfortunately nothing worth fixing is broken in a nice warm temperate climate. The Comprod 874F-70SM antenna which flew off the 240 ft tower that faithful February was no exception. The crew consisting of Sgt Laframboise, MCpl Closs, Cpl Pickering, Cpl Foster, Cpl Mongeon, Cpl Matthews, J and Cpl Hutchen worked diligently



240 ft tower in Carrying Place

and did their best to keep morale up while temperatures were low. Anyone who has done a winter tower job knows they are about as fun as a deflated bouncy castle. Due to their efforts, the repair was completed and the new Ae was functioning as it should.

In keeping with the theme of frigid conditions I now bring you to Eureka. It was no surprise that Sgt Nielson was tagged for the task, as he is the 4 Line northern representative. What was surprising was that he didn't take his cold weather compatriot in MCpl Closs. Due to the COVID-19 variants, and the challenge of being in such a remote place, the crew was forced to isolate before they got to work on their cable repair. They pushed through and completed yet another task thrown their way.

A few other notable projects were; WCS closet inspections at CFB London, a pole line project at CFB Kingston in the Gore training area, Denison Armouries work tickets, an Ae install at CFB Borden, an Ae install in Petawawa and OSP/ISP fiber install at CFB Trenton. Also, deployed overseas at the time of this writing is Sgt Laframboise and Cpl Matthews, S in Kuwait. Both are due home soon and our LCS MWO Morneau is fresh out the door to Latvia. Cpl Hutchen is currently gearing up for his deployment as well, while tour hopefuls MCpl Closs and myself were chosen as alternates.

Now I'd like to talk about Exercise COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. Anyone who took part in the first Ex knows what an epic time that was, and would probably have said that there was NO WAY it could have been topped. But, we would be wrong, because topped it most certainly was. We all look forward to the next one.

I'll finish this off with who left, and who arrived at the unit this last APS. Leaving the unit was Cpl Mongeon to LLWC Petawawa, and MCpl Pickering to LLWC Trenton. Posted in this year was Cpl S. Matthews from LLWC Petawawa and myself, Cpl Stencell, from 1 Line Kingston.

I'd be remiss to leave out a recent loss, especially for the line trade, as MWO Ron During sadly lost his long battle. R.I.P. Ron
Once a lineman, always a lineman.

LLWC Trenton by Cpl Guergis



Happy holidays from LLWC Trenton! This past summer and fall were very busy supporting our area of responsibility. Our AOR encompasses CFB Trenton, Hastings and Prince Edward County, Mountainview, Carrying Place, Point Petre, and all the way north to CFS Alert. We continue to work with the many different units at the multiple armouries and antenna installations.

Trenton has experienced a great deal of change within the last few months, with multiple members posted out and their new replacements getting acquainted with the layout. Posted out this APS were WO Bradley Hardy, MCpl Dwayne Marshall, and MCpl Maxime Roussel. Our shop has seen the arrival of Sgt CJ MacLean, who in short time will be deploying overseas on Op IMPACT. We look forward to his leadership when he returns. As well, we have gained MCpl Dan Pickering, who brings experience in many different aspects of our trade. Lastly, new to 4 Line Sqn is Cpl Sebastien Dion, an avid worker who never hesitates to do the heavy lifting and do whatever is in his power to aid the team. We're a brand new group altogether, and are eager to develop a strong working routine that runs us through the winter months and beyond.

In recent weeks, we have had the pleasure of working with and supporting one of the RLWC Petawawa crews who, at the time of this writing, are finishing up work on a pair of fibre installs at CFB Trenton. Working with the regional crew has influenced better organization and unit cohesion with sharing of knowledge both ways. Our many different individual work experiences applied to the different aspects of their project has added perspective to the work we do here frequently in CFB Trenton. We look forward to their next visit to our base for future projects.

5 Line Squadron

Ex MERCURY SPUR by Sgt Toms

5 Line Sqn conducted Ex MERCURY SPUR (Adventure training) 22-26 Aug 2022. 16 members from Gagetown, Greenwood, Halifax and Gander all set up camp in Berry Hill campground located in Gros Morne National Park Newfoundland & Labrador. The week consisted of hiking, sea kayaking, zip lining and white water rafting.

After everyone arrived, camp was set up which led to a few sociable beverages and a camp fire. Great way to start the week. The first event was a “warm up hike” of 10km into Bakers Brook Falls. In the afternoon of Day 1 we got on the ocean with some sea kayaking, checking out the amazing coast line of Newfoundland. Pte Davenport was the only one to test out the cold ocean waters when he rolled his kayak turning too quickly to see an eagle. On Day 2 the team drove to Marble Mountain in Steady Brook to partake in Marble Zip Tours and high rope course. 9 zip lines (the 2nd highest in Canada) over a waterfall. The high rope course was 3 levels of obstacles that we had to navigate attached to a strand. The course was very challenging, and only a few members completed all three levels: MCpl Armitage, Cpl Blaquire and Cpl Gaudet.



Ex MS participants at Marble Zip Tours

Day 3 was the most physically demanding—a 17 Km hike with an 806m elevation up Gros Morne Mountain. We were joined by the OC Maj Gill and SSM MWO Denton for the hike. All members pushed themselves for the reward of the amazing views from the top of the mountain. At the top, OC &

SSM had a few surprises, a hook for Pte Connors, a big beautiful bottle of newfie Screech, and some smoked capelin. Seems like an odd combination, but this was to perform the “Screeching in” for the non “Newfie” members of the Sqn. A shot of Screech and kiss the capelin and say “long may your big jib draw” turned all those mainlanders into honorary Newfies.



Ex MS participants at the top of Gros Morne Mountain

After everyone’s legs were good and sore, the next day we drove 2 ½ hours to finish the week smashing our bodies through the white water on the Exploits River for Rafting.

I think I can speak for everyone involved in the Ex and say it was outstanding event that went above and beyond the Commander’s intent. It provided a challenging and rewarding experience that was both physically and mentally demanding, and that allowed members to come together as a group to overcome challenges as a team while developing basic soldier skills. Special Thank You to Capt Carter Ops O 5 Line and Sgt Matt London LCF Greenwood who did all the work to make this a huge success. Cheers!

CFB Gagetown Install/Emergency Cable Repair by Pte Wheeler and Cpl Molkanen

This year, RLWC Halifax was dispatched to Gagetown to execute several tasks. The crew, consisting of Sgt Blaquiere, MCpl McDonald, Cpl Chambers, Cpl Molkanen, Pte Davenport and Pte Wheeler, first installed new fibre from the MDF through the steam tunnels into the new 4 ESR building. LLWC Gagetown, who provided us with an immense amount of knowledge and expertise in navigating through the bends of the steam tunnel system. After a cooperative effort running the fibre optics, RLWC Halifax completed the termination work in a timely and

effective manner, allowing us to proceed with the emergency pole line repair.

RLWC Halifax and LLWC Gagetown merged together to execute and collaborate in installing new strand and fiber optic cable into the recently pilaged pole line of the Gagetown training area. The main focus was Maidstone Road, replacing a total of 3.3km of pole line hardware and cable. The crews were a composite of Gagetown and Halifax



Cpl McNair working on the GAG emergency repair

members, each bringing forward their skill sets and determination to complete our tasking. Under the careful eye of MCpl Armitage, and with the expertise of Cpl Blaquiere, Cpl Calhoun, Cpl Dionne, Cpl. Kupkee and Cpl McNair, both crews completed their tasking with (unsurprising) efficiency despite old, thin and crooked poles. Ideally, all essential communications were to be restored, however, at the time of writing this article, further sabotage has prevented a stable end state of the communication infrastructure from being achieved. In spite of the persistent problems, 5 Line Squadron has proven equal to the task by providing fast solutions to an evolving situation, and its members should therefore hold their heads high.

LLWC Gagetown by Sgt Cleveland, MCpl Armitage and Cpl Blaquiere

2022, what a year! Between work orders, dig locates, and a bunch of copper thefts it's hard to tell if we're coming or going. Thankfully most COVID restrictions have been lifted making our lives a little less complicated. LLWC Gagetown had some movement last APS, WO Mike Smith has moved in and taken the role of ATp WO from Sgt Cleveland who is very grateful to be doing the LCFs job again. MCpl Gallant is finally with fellow Line Techs again, we're very happy to see there has been no skill fade. Cpl Knaggs was

posted to Petawawa with a promotion to MCpl which goes without saying is very well deserved. Cpl Harvey was traded to Greenwood for Cpl Gaudet, we're not sure who got the better deal as Cpl Harvey is very dependable and knowledgeable but with that said Cpl Gaudet has hit the ground running and taken charge of the Assyst queue which is evaporating quickly. This year certainly has been challenging adjusting to everything going on so, we're very happy to have Cpl Maddigan back from Kuwait and Cpl Dionne back from Latvia from his second tour on Op REASSURANCE.

We have had more than a few thefts this year which sadly has been where we've been focusing most of our resources. Every time we've fixed something the thieves are not far behind cutting fiber to get to the copper. A couple times they didn't even steal anything, but the cable was cut anyway causing frustration and more work for the crew. It's a good thing Shearwater is as close as it is because they sent us a crew of Professionals who helped out immensely.



A couple clowns up a pole

With all that's gone on throughout 2022 LLWC Gagetown has kept their morale high and are looking forward to Yuletide Spur this year, though it is too bad that the SSM, MWO Denton has incurred a knee injury suspiciously close to our first ever, soon to be annual ice hockey game, so he won't be playing goal anymore. I know a few troops that would like to burn him with a Michigan, or at least something top shelf where grandma keeps the cookies! Hopefully the SSM heals up quickly knee injuries are never a good time. Anyway, Merry Christmas from Gagetown, we hope everyone enjoys the break this year. Cheers! 052!

Significant Events

In Remembrance of MWO Ronald During, CD

It is with deep sadness that we inform you that Master Warrant Officer Ronald During passed away at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Center on Monday, October 3, 2022, at the age of 52 years.

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, MWO During first enrolled in the Military in 1988 through the Summer Youth Employment Plan (SYEP) in Halifax as a Naval Reservist at HMCS SCOTIAN. He did his 10 week recruit training in Halifax, along with Naval environment training and Trades Trg as a ships BOSIN. As a member of HMCS SCOTIAN he and his unit were responsible for the new task of patrolling the 200 mile limit. After a two years as a BOSIN, he decided to attend College and put his Military career on hold.

In 1996 he re-entered the CF as a Field Engineer to utilise the skills acquired at College. Then he remustered in Sept of 1997 to his current Trade as a Telephone Lineman Apprentice QL3 course. He trained for 10 months in Line Training at CFSCE in Kingston Ontario and was posted in June of 1998 to 1 Canadian Mechanised Brigade Group HQ&SIGS in Edmonton, Alberta where he stayed until 2003. During his posting in Edmonton he was deployed to Bosnia in 2000, then promoted to the rank of Cpl and sent back to CFSCE and completed his QL5 Journeyman Course. Once back in Edmonton he was deployed again to Bosnia in 2002 as the camp LCF. After 5 years in the Edmonton area he was posted to CFS Leitrim Det Masset in the Queen Charlotte Islands off the coast of BC.

With a short 12 month stay in BC he was promoted to the rank of MCpl and posted to 2 Canadian Mechanised Brigade Group HQ&SIGS in Petawawa. During his short time in Petawawa he completed his PLQ and subsequent substantive rank as a MCpl.

A new position for a Lineman was created in Yellowknife in 2005 and was offered to MCpl During in September of that year, after the paper work was finalised and being in Pet for only 14months, MCpl During was posted to CFNA as their new Lineman and the first ever CF Telephone Lineman in the North. He has served as the Area Line Construction Foreman for a little more than 3yrs and was responsible for any and all structure wiring projects, along with antenna installation and maintenance north of the 60th Parallel. As the advisor for the J6, he provided representation for JTFN and the Line Trade during all phases of construction and the upgrade of the cable plant already in place. During his time in the North he was sent back to CFSCE again, this time to complete his 052 LMN QL6A course.

Upon completing numerous Sovereignty Operations in the North and working with the Canadian Rangers (1CRPG), MCpl During was posted to 1 RCR in Petawawa as the Bn LCF. After completing Regimental indoctrination and some intense work-up training, he deployed as the Battle Group LCF for TF 1-10 in Afghanistan. During his deployment he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Once back in Canada he was posted to 3RCR as the Sigs Pl Sgt and subsequently a CFTPO was raised to fill a Trg position within 1CMBG HQ&Sig Sqn.

In 2012 he was posted to Kingston to the Canadian Forces Joint Signals Regiment 1Line Sqn, where he was employed as one of 4 Cable Crew Sgts. Time in 1 Line consisted of numerous road jobs taking him from B.C. to Quebec, including a Roto 0 trip to Kuwait to assist the expansion of the Canadian HUB. During his time in 1 Line he was sent across the road to CFSCE to complete his DP4A CIS TP WO.

In 2015 he was promoted to Warrant Officer and asked to take a position within 1 Bde as the LCS, where he was employed as the Western Area Trade Advisor and Jr Career Manager, along with a



main task of being an Advisor to the Bde Cmdr. After 14 months in Edmonton, he was shifted to the Asst LCS when the MWO position was filled. During his time in Edmonton he completed his ILP and was requested by CFSCE to assist in teaching tasks. After supporting many exercises and trg plans within 1 Brigade, he was informed that a posting to Ottawa was confirmed.

WO During was posted to Ottawa into the Cable Plant/Design position under 77 Line Regt and in line with SSC in Tunney's Pasture, where he was responsible for many different installs over a number of bases in Eastern Canada.

In May 2021, MWO During was posted to DLCI as the Army Line Communications Superintendent where he was the advisor to the Canadian Army on behalf of the Line Trade.

Promotions

Capt Carter	Sgt Perras Salois	Cplc Tremblay
Capt Nicholls	MCpl Dubien	MCpl Tupin
Lt Clark	Cplc Genest	Cpl Levert
MWO Hammond	MCpl Knaggs	Cpl Pelletier-Brazeau
MWO Skalaa	MCpl Laagland-Winder (ret)	Cpl Running-Adams
WO Cadieux	MCpl Marshall	Cpl Siemens
WO Gilroy	MCpl Pickering	Pte(T) Janke
WO J. Hardy	Cplc Reid	Pte(T) Sommer
Sgt Larsen	MCpl Robinson	
Sgt Mathurin	Cplc Savard	

Retirements

Mrs. Paula Benn	Adj Stéphane Haché	Cpl Stephen Ells
Mr. Richard Kitchin	Sgt Scott Anderson	Cpl Jordan Headstrom
M. Jean-Claude Paiement	Sgt Marc-André Nault	Cpl B. Saunders
Capt Pascal Laberge-Leblanc	MS Nick Betts	Cpl Jesse Sorensen
MWO Sean Silver	Cplc Alex Desruisseaux	
MWO Mike Taylor	MCpl Andrew Laagland-Winder	

Births

Cpl Perrault-Sanscartier, and family proudly welcome health baby girl, Mary Jennifer

Le cpl Roussy accueille la naissance de son deuxième enfant, Madden

MCpl Robinson and partner Kate welcomed Huxley Christopher Robinson to the family

MCpl Dan Pickering and spouse Kassie welcomed Cameron Bert Pickering to the family

MCpl Gallant and partner welcomed healthy baby boy, Bo Gallant to the family

Sgt Blaquiere and wife Megan welcomed healthy baby girl, Agnes Blaquiere to the family

Awards & Recognition

Ms. L. Ordish – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin	MCpl A. Laagland-Winder – CD
Capt C. Boucher – 7 Comm Gp Officer of the Year	MCpl R. Lamoureux – 7 Comm Gp NCM of the Year
Capt K. Carter – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin	MCpl C. Larsen – CD1
Capt P.M. Girard – CD1	Cpl Z. Lavallo-Fequet – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin
Capt R. Troute – 7 Comm Gp Comd's Coin	MCpl C. Leblanc – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin
Adjum S. Villeneuve – RB GSM Expedition	MCpl D. Marshall – SSM NATO Bar
WO C. Galbraith – CD1	Cplc P.L. Soucy – CD
WO J. Hardy – PSP Silver Seal Running Award	MCpl R. Trylinski – CD

WO T. Young – CD1
Sgt P. Brisson – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin
Sgt R. Grenier – CJOC coin from OP PROTEUS
Sgt M. London – 77 Line CO's Coin
Sgt D. Martineau – 77 Line CO's Coin
Sgt R. Nistor – 77 Line Regt CO's coin
Sgt J. Perron – CD1
Sgt S. Toms – 77 Line CO's Coin
MCpl S. Armitage – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin
Cplc Desruisseaux – CD
MCpl K. Kneabone – CD

Cpl P. Cena – CD
Cpl J. Dionne – Task Force Latvia Coin
Cpl W. Donovan – Task Force Latvia Coin
Cpl K. Dumont – CD
Cpl B. Horncastle – CD
Cpl J. Kuzyk – GCS
Cpl D. Maddigan – General Campaign Star
Cpl D. McConnell – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin
Cpl T. Potter -7 Comm Gp Comd coin
Cpl S. Rousseau – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin
Pte S. Conners – 77 Line Regt CO's Coin

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