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CO's Corner



LCol Tom McMullen

As we emerge from a busy 2024 APS, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome new members posted in to 77 Line Regiment across the country at every level. Même si le SMR et moi n'avons pas encore eu le privilège de vous rencontrer tous en tant qu'équipe de commandement du régt. The work that you carry-out everyday brings great credit to yourselves, your trade, and our Regiment. The exemplary level of professionalism and technical excellence you demonstrate, and your pride of workmanship towards not only getting the job done, but getting it done right, are directly linked to the outstanding reputation of our Regiment and to those who came before and who will come after.

I would like to take the opportunity to also highlight the people, both military and civilian, working behind the scenes in support roles across the Regiment. Que ce soit le soutien logistique, ressources humaines, finances, rôles administratifs, design, etc., you each play a critical role as essential cogs in the machine that is 77 Line Regiment - without you our unit would simply not function. Although you do not receive the headlines or accolades of our 'font-line' technicians, know that their work would not be possible without your support. Merci à tous.

The RSM and I are looking forward to working for you in the coming year to address the many headwinds we face and removing barriers where we can. I am not a big fan of the "do more with less" quote we often hear, so let us be disciplined about prioritizing our work, managing expectations and ensuring we are meeting our mandate within the resources we have assigned - there are no easy or quick fixes forthcoming to solving many of the manning and financial challenges we face, and I am not looking to sugarcoat any of them. But as the saying goes, a soldier's most powerful weapon system is their attitude; let us all do our best to keep a positive outlook on our day-to-day routine and continue working as a team to find little victories wherever they reside.

Finalement, j'aimerais féliciter l'équipe de la 2e escadron des lignes qui on remporté la victoire lors de la compétition annuelle de poseur des lignes, le défi Jean Romard, à Petawawa en juin dernier. Vous êtes une inspiration. A special thank you to the team at 4 Line Squadron who orchestrated the event and BZ to all the teams who competed on what was one of the hottest days of the summer. I was awestruck by the skills and teamwork you displayed.

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RSM's Corner

Once again, 77 Line Regiment has done an exceptional job over the past few months and the members of the unit are truly the pride of it. The CO and I have had the chance to visit some of you so far and those visits gave us a better understanding of your reality and your day-to-day challenges. I was very impressed by your individual professionalism and the fact that everyone cares so deeply about the Regt. We certainly have a unique Regt and the nature of the work that we do will always bring challenges, but it is how we take those challenges that develop the true identity of the Regt. You make me very proud to have the opportunity to serve in 77 Line Regt.

Le 77e Rég't des Lignes est en constance évolution, la situation financière actuelle et le manque de personnel font dorénavant partie de notre réalité quotidienne à tous les paliers. Ce contexte particulier n'est assurément pas évident et nous devons apprendre à naviguer dans ces conditions. Nous ne pouvons pas en faire plus avec moins, mais nous pouvons être innovateurs et trouver diverses solutions afin de rendre nos tâches plus simples et d'accomplir notre mission. D'un autre côté, il est essentiel de démontrer le travail que nous accomplissons. Nous travaillons souvent dans l'ombre, mais il est dorénavant évident que nous devons saisir chaque opportunité afin de démontrer l'importance de ce que nous faisons.

I cannot miss the chance to say a word about mental and physical resilience. As a member of the CAF, it is our duty to be in good physical condition. This also applies to public servant employees who work for our unit. Having good lifestyle habits, doing frequent physical training, and pushing ourselves to get out of our comfort zone ensures that everyone will be better equipped to face and overcome future potential challenges.

We are doing an awesome job in each base, wing, and garrison in Canada and abroad. Please keep in mind that every member is an ambassador of the Regt. Wearing the crest of our unit on your helmet or having your Regt T-shirt during PT are small gestures, but they show that you are part of a strong group. We have the great opportunity to be unified under one Regt and doing the work we are so passionate about in maintaining and installing cable and antenna capability across the CAF. There are many things that each one of you could do to promote your Regt, and I expect all members of the regiment to take advantage of every opportunity available to promote our identity as a strong, unified Line Regiment.

Your RSM
USQUE AD FINEM



CWO Bruno Thibault

Regimental Support Committee

Cpl Schuyler Krohn & The RSC

What is Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)? These terms are interpreted vastly different depending on a person's origin, cultural heritage, gender, age, education and experience.

Views on collective belonging, its significance, and its influence on the organization can vary greatly. From a militarized perspective, individuals are encouraged to have a socially and organizationally conservative mindset. In the past, members were trained to not question their position, authority, or acknowledge feelings. We have seen recent changes within the CAF. One such change being within our dress and deportment. Many have felt this positive impact firsthand, from junior to senior ranks, reinforcing the engagement of individuality and cultural belonging. Inclusion impacts everyone and encourages a space where all voices and experiences are relevant and seen as important. It is important to acknowledge that the lack of diversity within our ranks is significant, and we continue to face considerable gender and cultural imbalances. Among all of this, there are also inherent collective challenges that we all face day-to-day that fall within the scope of EDI.

With that said, some still feel uncertain about what EDI means and what affect it can have on their life. So, what does EDI mean to 77 Line Regiment and our membership? Do you see or experience bullying? Do you feel like you have good ideas that are never considered? Do you have a say in social activities that excite you? Is your career being managed properly? Do you see a future in the forces? The CO's and RSM's main discourse for supporting the Regimental Support Committee (RSC), is having a collective voice that can help make positive horizontal and bottom-up changes. It is important we all work together as one and not negate the chain of command, but support improvements upon it. It is critical to acknowledge that although the CO and RSM support effective change, there is only so much that can be done at a L4 Regimental level.

The RSC, formally the Soldiers Committee, was established to build upon and expand the efforts of the original Inclusivity Committee. This has a renewed focus on collaboration and support within the Regiment. The aim is to address issues internal to the Regiment and provide mechanisms to address issues of importance in the EDI space. The committee took a hiatus until April of this year to obtain education and restructure itself. Since doing so, it has cultivated a voice amongst leadership at senior-level meetings. It has established a constitution to protect membership in the future pursuits of RSC activities. It has achieved open dialogue with Chief Professional Conduct and Culture (CPCC) and national coaches to advise on and support questions and concerns.

The RSC also has a designation from Rotman School of Business on proper foundational efficacy for establishing effective EDI committees and programs. Utilizing formally collected data by the Inclusivity Committee, RSC has created proof-of-concept graphic user interface for the Land Acknowledgement initiative, hopefully to be implemented for use soon.

The formation of the RSC marks a significant step forward for our Regiment. Unlike simply rebranding the previous Inclusivity Committee, this reimagined committee was created with a distinct purpose. We are committed to building on the valuable lessons learned from previous efforts while introducing fresh, actionable goals that resonate with the current needs and values of our Regiment. Our focus is on collaboration, support, and making meaningful progress that benefits everyone in our Regiment.

The CO signed RSC Constitution, which allows for 31 people of 77 Line Regiment of all ranks and employment affiliation to have voting seats amongst RSC membership. Additional squadron representatives may be considered based on how dispersed members may be from its HQ location. Soon, the RSC will be introducing themselves by way of squadron level briefs. Using a bottom-up strategy over the next two quarters, each session will be separated by junior, seniors ranks, and civilians. The RSC will take the time to listen to the voices of squadron members, and discuss concerns and ideas for positive change. This will be an opportunity for squadron members to express their interest in joining the committee, if they so wish to.

Le Comité de soutien régimentaire, anciennement nommé le Comité d'inclusion et puis le Comité du Combattant, est une équipe composée de membres du personnel de tous les escadrons du régiment dont le but est de résoudre les problèmes internes à l'unité. Nous fournissons également des mécanismes pour aborder les questions d'importances qui est relié à la 'culture' ou aussi appeler 'EDI' (équité, diversité et inclusion). La culture est une facette de tout environnement de travail, elle reflète et façonne à la fois la façon dont nous atteignons nos objectifs, participons aux opérations et interagissons les uns avec les autres. La culture change aussi avec nous.



Le comité de soutien régimentaire représente la volonté des membres de l'unité de mettre en œuvre un changement de culture au sein du régiment. La Récente Constitution nous permet d'avoir au maximum 31 personnes de toutes affiliations professionnelles ou rangs de siéger parmi les membres votants du comité. Depuis son instauration, l'association compte désormais une dizaine de membres réguliers. Le groupe prendra le temps de se présenter à nouveau, d'écouter les voix de ses membres et de discuter de préoccupations et d'idées à fins d'accomplir des changements positifs. Si vous êtes intéressée à participer au comité de support du régiment faite le savoir à votre chaîne de commande. Au plaisir de se voir accomplir des changements durables et positifs.

Although true transparency is vital for effective organizational change, considerations for individuals and delicate matters must be upheld regarding privacy and decorum. A plus box has been created +77L Regt Support Committee | +77L Regimental Support Committer@77 Line Regt@Kingston. Only the RSC Chair, Co-Chair and Senior Advisor have access. For any enquires, comments, questions and concerns someone will always be there to address you personally.

The RSC has ambitious goals to support the belonging of everyone within 77 Line Regiment, but this can only be achieved with equitable squadron inclusion of the diverse voices it represents.

We look forward to speaking with each and every one of you soon.



Regimental Headquarters

WO Jamie Hardy

There appears to be no slowing down for us here at RHQ. Two six-month tour deployments in early spring timeframe in support of Op REASSURANCE and Op IMPACT, sending members from various squadrons within 77 Line Regiment on their way. Technical Assistance Visits (TAVs) support requests were also added to the mix, including one requesting additional support within Camp Adazi, and another with 1LS deploying with CFJSR. A composite crew composed of 4LS and 1LS members deployed to the Middle East, supporting Op PROTEUS to complete cable plant upgrades. One member each from 6 CI and 1LS found their way to Europe supporting Op UNIFIER to complete Red Distribution System installations, and work will begin shortly on a 100ft self supported tower in support of Op REASSURANCE. Recently, another five members have completed their deployment screening and remain prepared to support the regiment when required.



Director Project Delivery Common Information Systems (DPDCIS) and Shared Services Canada (SSC) continue to provide 1st, 2nd, and 3rd line maintenance projects and installations, filling up the remainder of this fiscal year quite well. We are also anticipating the requirement to support our most northern antenna assets in the near future, which will be quite an adventure.



Garden in front of RHQ, Kingston, ON

Between the daily internal and external demands on RHQ, time can be found for a little bit of fun. In early spring, both our Financial Admin Coordinator and Financial Clerk, Cheri Laverne and Veronica Herrington, had the wonderful idea to start a garden. This vegetable and flower garden, located at the front entrance of RHQ, really revitalizes the area. After a harvest of seven different vegetables, and flowers in bloom, both are excited to see the scope of this project expanded next season.

Fund raising events also play a crucial role in supporting RHQ endeavours. The initiative to conduct a Parking Auction for the spots of the CO, DCO and RSM, for the month of September, drew great interest and support from RHQ staff.

On the 29th of August, while everyone waited patiently, the winners were announced. The winners, Mrs. Lavergne, Captain Hitchie and MWO Morneau. Congratulations to them, and plans are already in place for additional fund raising in the fall.



CO, RSM, DCO Parking Auction

On the 31st of May, the regiment celebrated its 8th birthday. With sunny skies and calm conditions, RHQ celebrated. Under these ideal conditions, we welcomed Honorary Colonel Bhavana Varma, 1LS and 6 CI to celebrate with a BBQ and cake.



Regimental Birthday Celebration

In June, 4LS hosted the Jean Romard Challenge in Petawawa, ON. Seven teams comprised of five to six members participated, with line technicians coming from each of the five squadrons, and one team each from 1&2 CMBG. The CO and RSM took time out of their busy schedules to travel to Petawawa, and address everyone under clear skies and summer heat. The sound of the horn officially kicked off the events, with spectators cheering on as teams cycled through numerous events. Some were physically demanding, while others required the critical thinking of a line technician. Once the scores were tallied, 2LS was declared the overall winning team, and a BBQ celebration with cold refreshments ensued.

While also in Petawawa, the CO seized the opportunity to present a few Honours and Awards, followed by well deserved promotions. Mrs. Sautiere Leblanc received the Command Team REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (RHQ) Commendation, and those promoted include Maj Muralt, Capt Hitchie, Capt Diakite, MWO Stanley, WO Cota and WO Riverin.

There was a bit of movement this Annual Posting Season (APS) within RHQ. We said our good-byes to Maj Muralt, Maj Chittim, MWO Stanely, MWO Villeneuve, WO Cota, WO Riverin, and Lt Zhang. Mrs. Sautiere left for Op REASSURANCE as a Travel Coordinator, leaving behind big shoes to fill.

With those goodbyes also comes the chance to welcome new members, and familiar faces, to come into RHQ. These include Maj Eisenhower and WO Hardy who have come in from 1LS, MWO Morneau and WO Laframboise from 4LS, Capt Turtle from 1 Can Div HQ, Sgt Sharpe from RMC, WO Provencher from CFSMI, Capt Diakite from 6 CI, and 2Lt Sung (conducting OJT).

Summer block leave offered many of us the well-deserved time off to be enjoyed with family and friends. Now well into September, RHQ transitions back into training mode with the smaller scale Ex COLLABORATIVE EFFORT. With 1LS taking the lead, 77 Line Regiment members located in Kingston conducted annual IBTS training. This weeklong exercise included the C7 rifle, the new C22 pistol, and everyone's favourite, CBRN training. Capt Hitchie, acting as CBRN OIC, never fails to live up to expectations, running a flawless and enjoyable gas hut training session. Overall, a successful IBTS exercise. Thank you to 1LS!

With the changes of the seasons fast approaching, there are expectations of a busy fall on the horizon. RHQ will remain focused and dedicated to supporting 77 Line Regiment, including all squadrons and their members, both domestically and abroad.



1 Line Squadron

Cpl Guevara-Perez



In with the new and out with the old. As always, the year began with us saying goodbye to many of our valued members including our OC, Maj Eisenhower who, despite his departure to RHQ just down the road, fondly reminisces about his time with 1 Line Sqn. Apart from welcoming in the new OC, Major Kyra Czarnowske, 1 Line, the flagship squadron of our regiment, welcomes in a diverse array of new members from across the country. We look forward to their arrival as they will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge from across the country, bolstering our capabilities as the National Line Work Centre.

1LS's year began with simultaneous antenna maintenance projects in Newport Corners, Nova Scotia and Aldergrove, British Columbia. The crews enjoyed the famous East Coast hospitality and the tropical wet climates of the West Coast. Both crews rose to the occasion and completed necessary maintenance on multiple antennas at the site with minimal disruptions to work. They even managed to keep the vehicles from getting buried in the heavy snow during the winter storms.



200 series Ae maintenance in Newport Corners, NS



Cpl Desmeules assisting cable install in Cold Lake, AB

In early spring, 1LS demonstrated its operational capability by deploying a cable crew in support of Op Proteus. Despite the challenging political climate in the region, the crew distinguished themselves by completing the job to our usual high standards and returning to Canada safely.

Early summer saw the sqn deploy two cable crews to Cold Lake, joined by members from CFJSR and 3 Line Sqn, to tackle a challenging OSP copper installation project.

Despite encountering various issues, including conduits filled with concrete chunks as thick as 1800 pr cable, our teams persevered with determination and skill, working long, hard hours to ensure the project was completed successfully.



*Cpl Binette, Cpl Pelletier-Brazeau, MCpl Rice, WO Hardy
Cpl Guevera-Perez, Cpl Trew in Petawawa, ON*

Additionally, summer brought about the 2024 edition of the Jean Romard Challenge, hosted by 4 Line Squadron. Valiantly led by MCpl Chris Rice, 1 Line Sqn rose to the lofty heights of 4th place. Adding to our accolades, one of our Squadron members won the YETI cooler being raffled off by the visiting vendors, a prize nearly as prestigious as the Jean Romard itself.

1 Line Sqn continued to be a good neighbor, supporting 6CI in various domestic and international RDS projects, including installations in North Bay, Ottawa, and Germany. This was all being done while simultaneously providing support to LLWC Kingston throughout the year, assisting in the completion of essential maintenance. These opportunities provided invaluable experience and on-the-job training for our members while allowing us to collaborate with various squadrons within the Regiment.

As the Sqn returns from summer block leave recharged and refreshed, we look forward to working with all of you and tackling the various challenges that are sure to come the Regiment's way over the coming year!

Change of Appointment

Outgoing OC Maj Eisenhower

Incoming OC Maj Czarnowske

Promotions

WO Danh

WO Ramsay

MCpl Rice

MCpl Dionne

MCpl Hanger

CD1

Sgt Henry

SSM

Cpl Bergeron

Cpl McBride

Posted Out

WO Hardy

WO Roy

WO Czarnowske

Sgt Nava

MCpl Hauck

MCpl Cody

Cpl Trew

Cpl Pelletier-Brazeau

Cpl Boulos

Posted In

Capt Short

WO Roberts

Sgt Paquette

MCpl Matthews

Cpl Beckingham



2e Escadron des Lignes

Adjum Michel Boucher

Depuis le début de la nouvelle année fiscale, le 2e Escadron a vécu plusieurs événements tels que des déménagements, des projets, des formations, des décès, des nouvelles naissances et des activités de cohésion, sans oublier un changement de personnel considérable. Voici un survol de ces événements marquants au 2e Escadron.

Dû à la saison des mutations, l'escadron a subi un changement de personnel représentant 30 % de son effectif. En premier lieu, plusieurs membres nous ont quittés.



Maj Blais – Groupe du dirigeant principal de l'information (Gp DPI), Capt Bernard – École de leadership et de recrues des Forces canadiennes (ELRFC), Capt Girard – Chef – Conduite professionnelle et culture (CPCC), Capt Kim – ELRFC, Adjum Girard – Quartier général et Escadron des transmissions du 5e Groupe-brigade mécanisé du Canada (QGET 5e GBMC), Adj Deschamps – QGET 5e GBMC, Sgt Mathurin – ELRFC, Cplc Bilodeau – 2e Bataillon, Royal 22e Régiment du 5e Groupe-brigade mécanisé du Canada (2 R22eR 5e GBMC), Cplc Savard – 8e Escadron de transmissions et contrôle (Air) (8 ETCA), Cplc Bineau-Frampton – 35e Régiment des transmissions détachement Sherbrooke (35e Regt Trans Det Sherbrooke), Cplc Haydari – Commandement des Forces d'opérations spéciales du Canada (COMFOSCAN), Cpl Desmeules – 8 ETCA, Cpl Dubois – Centre de transition (CT), Cpl Einarson – Centre de travail local des lignes Dundurn (CTLL Dundurn), Cpl Hatungimana – CT et Cpl Roussy – COMFOSCAN. Merci à vous tous pour votre service et votre contribution au sein du 2e Escadron des lignes. Au nom de tout l'escadron, je vous souhaite une bonne continuité dans votre carrière.

Malgré la perte importante de personnel, le manque a été pallié avec l'arrivée de nouveaux membres. Maj Guérette – Officier commandant (OC), Capt Minthe – Commandant adjoint (Cmdt(A)), Lt Hooker – Officier des opérations (O Ops), Lt Wardag – Commandant de troupe (Cmdt Tp), Adjum Boucher – Surintendant des lignes (SdL), Adj Demers – Adjudant de la troupe B (Adj Tp B), Sgt Closs – Superviseur de maintenance des lignes Ottawa, Sgt Dion – Superviseur de maintenance des lignes Valcartier, Cpl Deschênes – Technicien des lignes Valcartier, Cpl Larose – Technicien des lignes St-Jean, Cpl Gauthier – Technicien des lignes Montréal, Cpl Pelletier-Brazeau – Technicien des lignes Ottawa et Cpl Waddell-Harris – Technicien des lignes Ottawa. Au nom de tout l'escadron, je vous souhaite la bienvenue au sein de notre escadron.

Depuis quelques mois, trois de nos membres ont élargi leur famille en donnant naissance. Le Quartier général (QG) de l'escadron souhaite féliciter Cpl Beauvais, Cpl Boily et Cplc Bouchard, et par le fait même, de souhaiter la santé aux parents et aux nouveau-nés.



*Champion de la compétition Jean Romard 2024
De gauche à droite : Cplc Maloney-Bertrand, Cpl Gauthier,
Cpl Deschênes, Sgt Dion, Cpl Waddell-Harris et Cpl Roussy*

Une multitude d'événements ont rassemblé nos membres, et par conséquent, ont amélioré la cohésion au sein de notre équipe. L'anniversaire du 77e Régiment des lignes a vu plusieurs de nos CTLL célébrer par des activités de cohésion comme une marche à Luskville Falls pour notre CTLL Ottawa. Plusieurs activités de départs ont aussi eu lieu. Mais ce qui attire l'attention et la fierté du 2e Escadron est bien sûr d'avoir remporté le défi Jean Romard. Le trophée repose en toute sûreté au QG d'escadron. Il sera très difficile, voire impossible, de nous l'enlever lors de la prochaine compétition.



*Anniversaire du Régiment – CTLL Bagotville
De gauche à droite : Sgt Fleurent, Cpl Brabant, Cpl Laberge et Cplc Larocque*



Activité de cohésion du CTLL Ottawa

*De gauche à droite, rang avant : Cpl Waddell-Harris, Adj Deschamps, Cplc Bouchard, Adj Myers et Cplc Peters.
De gauche à droite, rang arrière : Cpl Jefferson, Cplc Johnston, Cpl Billard, Cpl Roussy et Cplc Maloney-Bertrand.*

Pour ce qui est des projets et événements dont l'escadron a su porter main forte, je voudrais mentionner le support du CTLL Bagotville au spectacle aérien international de Bagotville (SAIB) où nos membres ont travaillé conjointement avec Bell pour assurer la distribution des réseaux filaires. Le Cplc Larocque a reçu le « Coin du commandant » pour son travail exceptionnel.

En résumé, le 2e Escadron continue d'aller de l'avant malgré les obstacles. Grâce à notre équipe dévouée, nous sommes en bonne posture pour affronter tous les défis qui se dresseront sur notre chemin. Bonne fin de vacances à tous et au plaisir de vous voir au courant de l'année.



3 Line Squadron

Captain Jason Baines



Canada's Western provinces and territories have witnessed a significant uptick in activity, despite the moratorium on significant tower maintenance, since the last Cable articles were written. In the last 8 months, 3 Line pers have participated in Op LENTUS, Op REASSURANCE, and Op IMPACT, supported 1 Line tasks, and operated within 5 Line Sqns' AoR.

Our HQ has undergone quite a transformation, with the departure of the 2IC, the SSM, both regional WOs, and the Senior HRA. Capt

Hocquard came to us from 3 Cdn Div HQ, replacing Capt Chmil. MWO Poole has also left us, making room for the promotion and appointment of MWO Langevin. Her appointment made room for the promotion and posting of WO Nistor to the Ops WO position. MWO Young was promoted and posted to the LCS position at CFJSR and WO Hardy is off to the language school. WO Davenport was promoted in Winnipeg and joined the 3 LS HQ in late August. Lastly, MCpl Roper, our Senior Human Resource Administrator (Senior HRA) has decided to retire from service.

The year got off to a slow start with the cancellation of the western antenna swing, but then things really got moving in short order. On extremely short notice 3 Line's Regional Line Work Center assembled a composite crew from some of the base Dets to travel to Shearwater in support of 5 Line's emergency decommissioning of towers at Hartlen Point...Timber! Since then, the squadron dealt with a shattered Johnny Ball on one of the 89J high frequency towers in Edmonton, repaired the antennas for 1RCHA's 5G FCS trials in Shilo, and spent eight weeks in Comox conducting a detailed audit of the entire Outside Cable Plant. While not on the road, efforts are ongoing to ensure continued regulation of emission security. The Regional Crew had a chance to catch its breath on some well-deserved leave, but immediately redeployed to Comox to finish their audit. While the troops were on leave, the WO and the stores person assembled and shipped a large amount of tools to support another emergency repair task way up north at the Arctic Training Center.

Following the writing of this article, the squadron will all participate in Ex TREE LINE, where, in addition to the Sqns IBTS, the RLWC will be the Sqn SMEs for the Sqn Pole Line refresher. This, on top of executing as much of Wainwright's Aerial maintenance as possible, and an installation of the new AGA at Airfield 1.



This thing is going to be horizontal very soon...

Sgt McFarlane-Hurst deployed to Op IMPACT as the LCF in May, to be followed shortly by another one of our members, who will be replacing him in November. The arrival of MCpl Pearson has laid the foundations for a second crew, but the impact felt from the departure of Cpl Smith (going to be a doctor), Cpl O'Halloran, Cpl Lidstone and Cpl Bui will be significant. Cpl Kuzyk and, eventually Cpl Poole, are not going to be alone in the daily routine, as Cpl Hedstrom in returning to the squadron. Unfortunately, WO Stoneham will be leaving us in October, preparing for the next leg in his journey, and will be deeply missed.

Over to Esquimalt, life on the West Coast continues despite crewing challenges. MCpl Taylor, Cpl Kedini and Cpl Whitcomb are down a couple of members. MCpl Robitaille Jobin has moved a few kilometers up the road to Comox, and MCpl Peart is now more centrally located with 4 Line Squadron. This leaves only three Line Technicians to take care of the Navy, and enjoy everything Southern BC has to offer.

Mentioning Comox, besides gaining a MCpl, Sgt Larsen has gone home to Winnipeg. Luckily, Chris McCabe has finally been promoted to Sgt. MCpl Max Robitaille-Jobin has moved up from Victoria to help fill out their pretty thin work force of only one amazing Cpl (Go! Ruttan, Go! Put your work boots on). On a side note, their maintenance holes sure are well looked after these days!



Cpl Kuzyk inspecting yet another maintenance hole in Comox

Moving on to 50km west of Medicine Hat, in CFB Suffield, the British Army Training Unit (BATUS) has left town for the most part, but there is still no shortage of work. Sgt Jesso, MCpl Proctor, along with Cpl Guy, Cpl Valencia, and Cpl King are co-located with our Sqn LCS, so you know they're on top of things! Of course things may get a bit busier though, since Cpl Guy is off to support Op IMPACT and Cpl Valencia is going to OP REASSURANCE.





Op LENTUS, wildfires near Yellowknife

Looking north, wildfires have continued to plague western Canada, and the Great White North has not been an exception. At least one of the uncontrolled burns approached as close as 15km from the edge of town in Yellowknife. MCpl Viau, Cpl Chappel and Cpl Lanigan continued to support JTF-N throughout its execution of Op LENTUS, ensuring access to telecom infrastructure at numerous Command Post locations.

Members in Edmonton have seen the promotion and posting of WO Ryan Nistor, as previously stated, into the Sqn Ops WO position, replaced by Sgt Potter. They are returning to the "Armies of the West", following a couple of years in the Maritimes. MCpl Bui has come on board from the regional crew and Cpl Dion has arrived from 5 Line Squadron in Halifax.

Meanwhile, in Wainwright, Sgt Korosi and MCpl Kneabone have been holding down the fort after Cpl O'Shea went off to 1RCR, and we farmed out Cpl Sivret to every job we could (assisting the RLWC in Shearwater and Comox, as well as 1 Line Sqn in Cold Lake). His Rock'n'roll lifestyle has come to an end, for now, as 3 Line Sqn prepares for Ex TREE LINE, where we will get as much of their Aerial Maintenance done as possible. The arrival of Cpl Larocque from Edmonton has occurred at the perfect moment.

The Air Force is tightly managed in Cold Lake, where every priority request is being gradually worked through. On top of that, the 1 Line Squadron crew has been in town for the last couple of months, working diligently to keep operationally required systems in tip top shape.

MCpl Marshall and Cpl Dumont, out of Dundurn, have spliced more copper cable this year than the rest of the squadron combined. They have maintained high standards and will keep up the great work!

MCpl Brunet and Cpl Vilcu are carrying on in Shilo with the help of Cpl Duchesne-Rowan from 1 RCHA, after Mike Purdy left us in February. We were hoping for some new blood from the school, but that seems like its not going to happen now...anybody want a posting to Shilo?

WO James Davenport has been promoted and posted to Edmonton on IR. Sgt Craig Larsen has now moved to Winnipeg to keep MCpl Zwaagstra and Cpl Gingras company. Aside from that, Winnipeg remains the same as always...at least it hasn't experienced flooding in a few years.

4 Line Squadron

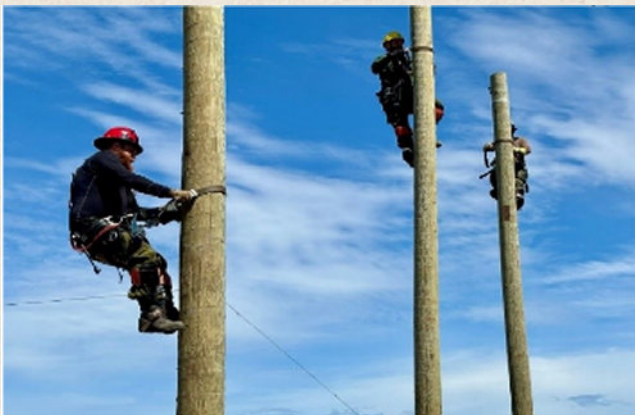
Cpl Richard Foster & Cpl Joshua Matthews

Like most units, we are undergoing a noticeable change this year in terms of postings. While it is necessary to celebrate the achievements of each member's promotion, and to recognize the work and sacrifices they have made to earn their ranks, it must be stated that their absence will truly be felt within the Sqn.

In Petawawa, at the Regional Line Work Centre (RLWC) this year, MCpl Yan Daigle, MCpl Scott Matthews, MCpl Shaun Ratz, MCpl Donovan Teahen, along with Sgt Aaron Closs and WO Steve Laframboise, have all been posted out following their respective promotions.



Incoming crew members are; Cpl Sebastian Dion from Trenton, Cpl Jeremy Asselin from 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and Signal Squadron (2CMBQ HQ&Sigs), and MCpl Simon Lavoie-Perron from 1LS and 2 Sig Sqn. Additionally, WO Mark Gilroy is moving into Sqn Ops WO for 4LS. We welcomed back Cpl Josh Matthews from Op REASSURANCE in June, along with Cpl Davies in the Local Line Works Center (LLWC) Trenton and Sgt Price in LLWC Borden. We commend them for their efforts while being deployed.



*Cpl Rose, MCpl Daigle, MCpl Teahen
Jean Romard, Petawawa, ON*

At the LLWC Petawawa, MCpl Rob Mongeon is off to 3 Line Squadron at CFB Edmonton, and MCpl Ryan Lamoreux will be learning French for the next year following an acting-while-so-employed stint as a Sgt. MCpl Kenya Pittenger is returning to Petawawa to look after the LLWC crew, along with the new LMS Sgt Ron Rose arriving from 2 Sigs, and Cpl Francois Labelle from 5 Svc Bn.

LLWC Kingston has seen a complete turn over with WO Henry Crane promoted and posted out to the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics (CFSCE), along with MCpl Corey Collins, while MCpl Tyler Dubien heads to 2 Sig Sqn in Petawawa. Incoming are Sgt Matt Potwarka from CFSCE, and a former 1LS crew of MCpl Pete Goes, Cpl Broedy Trew, and Cpl Steve Bellissimo rounds out the turnover.

LLWC Borden saw Sgt Kevin Kearney move within 4LS to take over as Line Maintenance Supervisor (LMS) in LLWC Toronto, Cpl Arturo Betancourt departs for the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR), Cpl Brian Tan retires to take a Reserve Force employment opportunity in Borden's Recruiting Center, and the arrival and unexpected retirement of Pte James Stewart. They also await the arrival of their new second-in-command (2IC) MCpl Leshawn Peart in the near future.

LLWC North Bay was a model of consistency with no movement within their three tech line crew. LLWC Trenton replaced the departing members of MCpl Garrett Guergis to CFSCE and Cpl Sebastien Dion to RLWC with new Pte Jordan Yashinskie – big boots to fill.

Sqn HQ in Petawawa was no exception to a year filled with movement, with our 2IC Capt James Fahie departing to 2 CMBG G6 cell, replaced by Capt Alaa El Foulie, who came in from Director General Land Equipment Program Management (DGLPEM) in Ottawa. Lt Vincent Wong headed to 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER), without replacement. Squadron LCS, MWO Pascal Morneau, was called to RHQ to become Regt LCS, replaced by MWO Cory Galbraith from 2 Sig Sqn. WO Art Booker departs for 2 Sig Sqn with WO Mark Gilroy taking over as Ops WO, and WO Pat Hibbs incoming from CSOR as Troop WO.

This year 4LS was heavily involved in planning and hosting two major events: Jean Romard Challenge 2024 (JR24) and Climbing Bear 2024 (CB24). Both events required a lot of time and effort in ensuring their success and we applaud everyone involved. From planning the competition and ranges to the crews that built the JR24 courses and the Range Safety Officers (RSO) who ran and organized teams to run ranges during CB24, many members put their blood, sweat, and tears into these events and that provided a packed schedule of days filled with tough competition and good soldier training for the troops.

Congratulations are due to everyone promoted and who received coins or medals during the parades held at both events. Our members should be proud of all their achievements, and it was great to see many were able to enjoy a moment of recognition with their families in attendance.



*Cpl Rose, MCpl Daigle, MCpl Donovan, Pte Stewart
Jean Romard, Petawawa, ON*

4LS would like to congratulate 2LS for being declared the winner of JR24. It was a close competition that came down to a tie in overall score with 4LS, with 2LS declared winner with more 1st place finishes in individual events. All teams and competitors need to be applauded for their performances. 2LS proved that the JR Challenge is a tough competition where consistent skills and teamwork are what's needed to beat the equally performing reigning champions. 4LS is looking forward to seeing the events that will come next year, and what the competition will bring.



*Cpl Foster, CFS Alert
Antenna Maintenance*

In addition to the new in and out postings of members at the Sqn, RLWC had the opportunity to revisit CFS Alert for annual antenna maintenance. With members being posted and current members on post deployment and summer leave, it wasn't the easiest task to put together a crew. WO Gilroy stepped up to lead the journey to the North, with MCpl Simon Lavoie-Perron as his 2IC. Crew members Cpl Rose, Cpl Foster, and Cpl Gauthier were also sent with them to complete the work. With such a great crew being deployed it was a great success, and the required maintenance was completed within the set time frame. All members who remained back in Petawawa on leave are thankful for the sacrifices the crew made in being sent to the North, during the summer months away from their families and friends.

With members returning from summer leave and new members getting settled in, RLWC is swinging right back into action with upcoming projects on the horizon. Crews are set to roll out to CFB Bagotville and CFB Trenton to complete cable audits and a new fiber installation. It will be a challenging year as many experienced members are moving on. However, this will be an excellent and rewarding opportunity for the new and more junior members to step up to the plate, and carry on with the knowledge the departing members have left them. We all look forward to what the remainder of the year has in store and we will continue to put forth our best efforts, no matter the obstacles that come our way.



5 Line Squadron

Cpl Gabriele Alaia



As summer unfolded, 5 Line Squadron witnessed a period of significant change and notable achievements, highlighting the squadron's resilience, skill, and commitment to excellence. From a key leadership transition to impressive competitive performances, the squadron's activities over the past few months have underscored its dedication to operational readiness and professional growth.

On the 10th of July, 5 LS marked a new chapter with the appointment of Major McPherson as the Officer Commanding (OC), and MWO Guenette as SSM. This leadership transition was celebrated in a formal change of appointment ceremony, serving as both a reflection on past achievements, and a look forward to the future.

Maj McPherson brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to the squadron. In his address during the ceremony, he expressed enthusiasm for his new role and outlined his vision for the squadron's future. The ceremony was attended by various dignitaries and squadron members, who gathered to recognize the contributions of the outgoing OC (Maj Tyler Gill) and SSM (MWO Greg Denton), in addition to welcoming the new leadership. 5LS wishes Maj Gill and MWO Denton the best in their new positions. The event set a positive tone for the upcoming period, emphasizing the squadron's commitment to growth and excellence under Maj McPherson's leadership.

The squadron's commitment to recognizing exceptional performance was evident in the awarding of Regimental Coins to Jesse Byrne and Thomas Sampson. These awards are given to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and effectiveness in their roles.

Jesse Byrne, known for his meticulous attention to detail and leadership skills, was recognized for his contributions to several critical projects. "Receiving the Command Team Coin is a significant honor, and I am grateful for the recognition," Byrne remarked. "It reflects the hard work of the entire team, and I am proud to be a part of such a dedicated group."

Thom Sampson also received the Regimental Coin for his exemplary service. Thom was recognized for the outstanding work he does to keep the Assyst queue system low, and always being the first one out the door to complete the task at hand.

The squadron's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies was demonstrated through several critical repair operations.

When Cable 20 experienced a sudden failure, Cpl Poole and Cpl Davenport were promptly dispatched to Greenwood to address the issue. The urgency of the repair was paramount to ensure uninterrupted service. Their quick response and technical expertise were instrumental in resolving the problem, highlighting the squadron's readiness and efficiency in handling unexpected challenges.

Earlier in the year, Cpl Chambers, Cpl Poole, and Cpl Alaia faced another urgent situation when a damaged pole in Newport Corner required immediate attention. Their successful repair work not only restored functionality, but also showcased the squadron's capability to tackle complex issues in diverse locations.

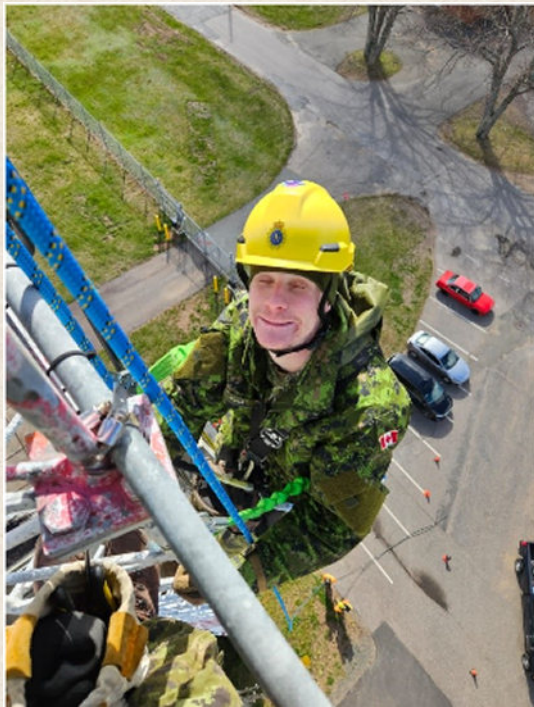


Cpl Chambers and Cpl Poole conducting pole maintenance

5 LS participation in the 12 Wing Shearwater Wing Cup was a highlight this season as a test of skill and teamwork. The squadron's team, comprised of Cpl Poole, Cpl Chambers, WO Martineau, and Sgt Toms, demonstrated remarkable skill and coordination throughout the competition. Their impressive performance earned them a second-place finish, reflecting their ability to excel under competitive conditions.

The squadron's proficiency in maintaining communication systems was further demonstrated when Greenwood requested assistance with antenna maintenance. Cpl Alaia, Cpl Chambers, Cpl Beckingham, and Cpl Poole were tasked with ensuring that the antennas remained operational. Their work involved a thorough assessment and maintenance of the equipment, supporting essential communication infrastructure.





*Cpl Alaia struggles to see without eyewear
Jean Remard, Petawaiva, ON*

The squadron's competitive spirit was further highlighted during the Jean Romard competition, where the team narrowly missed out on first place.

The squadron's performance was particularly notable given the high level of competition. Finishing just one point short of the top position was a testament to the team's skill and determination. The close finish underscored the squadron's ability to perform while highlighting areas for future improvement.

An exercise in Gagetown proved to be significant in providing squadron members with opportunities to advance their qualifications and gain new skills.

The exercise saw the involvement of WO Roy from 1 Line and MCpl Kneabone from 3 Line, who played a crucial role in assisting squadron members with obtaining qualifications for various vehicles. Their support was instrumental in enhancing the squadron's operational capabilities.



5 LS sport during Ex, Gagetown, NB

The summer has been a period of transition and growth, with a focus on maintaining operational excellence and fostering professional development. As Maj McPherson takes the helm, 5LS looks forward to building on its successes and continuing to excel in all areas of its mission.

With a dedicated team and strong leadership, the squadron is well-positioned to face future challenges.

6 Classified Infrastructure

MCpl David Smith

It's been a busy year for 6 Classified Infrastructure (CI) Squadron. The Red Installation Technical Authority (RITA) has been busy, starting new projects even as old ones close. Crypto and Shields (C&S) section have been busy churning out hundreds of cryptographic devices, while Installations and Modifications (I&M) section having been travelling all over Canada and beyond. It has also been a year with a lot of movement as people get promoted, posted out and posted in. Despite the operational tempo, we still manage to find time to have some fun.



There are currently eight personnel in the RITA section, with four designer positions still unfilled. These personnel are extremely busy with a wide range of tasks and mandates working out of Ottawa and Kingston. It is here in this section that projects and directives for I&M are generated. Before I&M section arrives on the ground, RITA personnel will have already visited the site and met with the local OPI, reviewed RFC(s) to ensure accuracy and client unit needs, and how best to design and implement changes to achieve the desired result. Project directives are not just limited to Red Distribution Systems (RDS) and fibre, they also involve the fabrication of shielded twisted pair, and different shielded serial cables for use with Cryptographic equipment, which I&M will fabricate. Mr. Dave Burnett performs EMSEC inspections for buildings and base infrastructure. He also writes directives for shield testing that go on to C&S to be implemented.

Mr. Dan Hood is the Technical Authority (TA) for RDS and Shielded Enclosures. RITA engages in all capital projects (building contracts). To do this, they must consult with contractors and project managers. They perform inspections to ensure compliance with regulations. At the time of this interview, one of the planners (Mr. Steve Jones) had 18 projects in development with an additional seven capital projects. Finally, the section is responsible for maintaining records of all primary drawings of RDS and associated cable records. A lot of work for an understaffed section that punches well above its weight.

Those who know of 6 CI squadron often think of the I&M section. This is because they are so busy travelling around the country and beyond, performing their important work on Classified Infrastructure. So far this year, I&M have had multiple projects from Halifax, Greenwood, Kingston, and Petawawa, to Shirley's Bay, Latvia, and Wiesbaden (Germany). The work is far from over for them, however. There are additional projects planned for multiple locations across Canada, the United States, and around the world. With twelve members stationed in Kingston and another four in the Ottawa DET, it's not surprising that we rarely see them around the unit with the workload they must do.

While the work that C&S section does is perhaps not as glamorous, they have been no less busy. So far this year, they have performed 803 acceptance checks on cryptographic equipment, representing over 1,200 hours of work for the section. They have also destroyed/demilitarized (deliberately—according to their cradle to grave mandate) over 450 cryptographic devices, taking over 80 hours of labour. Although C&S spends a lot of time underground, they have performed inspections on five shielded enclosures across Canada and the United States. Each shield represents a little over a hundred hours of work.

All this work is being performed by three civilians, three Corporals and three Master Corporals prior to the APS, with a little help from I&M section of course. Special thanks should go to MCpl Ginanian from the I&M section for assisting with throughput in C&S, when not travelling across the world.

Things are looking up for the C&S section. Sgt Primeau has been posted in, filling the foreman/2IC position, left vacant for too long. The section has also gained two new Aviators, diligently completing their OJT package. Avr Gatbonton and Avr Roberts are in Trenton right now, completing the airfield portion of their OJT package. When their training is done and their security clearances are approved, they will join the other technicians in C&S, grinding out material for use by the DND.



6 CI Cannonball Crush Team, Kingston, ON

Hard work within the squadron is rewarded as evidenced by the number of promotions we've seen this year. Promotions to WO include WO Landry, WO Genest and WO Howe. Promotions to Sgt include Sgt Rashotte, Sgt Labonte, Sgt Lafrienere and Sgt Hao. Promotions to MCpl include MCpl Smith.

Sadly, some of our families are leaving or have left us this year. Posted out of the unit are Maj Fitzerman, WO Genest, WO Howe, Sgt Rashotte, and Sgt Lafrienere. Retiring this year are WO Landry and Sgt Labonte. We wish them all well in their future endeavors. Though WO Landry isn't going far, as he'll be filling a civilian position in RITA.

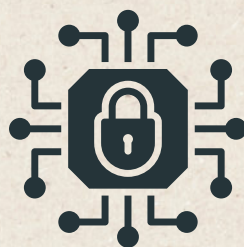
Happily, we are gaining new personnel as well. Posted into the unit are Maj Thompson, WO Roberts, WO Vaillancourt, Sgt Primeau, Sgt Beaton, Sgt Hollister, MCpl Ottevanger and Avr's Gatbonton and Roberts. These new members are being rapidly integrated into our squadron so that they can contribute to the success of our mission and our mandate.



Cpl De Almeida on the water

While we work hard, we also play hard. The squadron's social calendar has been as busy as our work schedule, with pizza lunches to break up the day. There have been multiple challenges placed upon us by the OC, to challenge both our physical and mental fitness. The squadron put together a team to compete in the Cannonball Crush obstacle course at Fort Henry. There was a BBQ to celebrate everyone who was receiving a promotion this year. Volleyball has been the sport of choice for PT. We had a Change of Appointment ceremony for our departing and incoming OC's. As with the promotions, we celebrated with a BBQ. And the summer is not over yet. There is bound to be at least one more BBQ before the season ends.

As always, there will be more projects to plan, more installations to be done, more devices to be inspected, more shields to be evaluated and more fun to be had. Whatever unforeseen changes await; we shall adapt to them. Whatever challenges arise; we shall overcome them. And whatever fun there is to be had; we shall have it!



As a diverse team spread across various locations, we remain united by our shared mission and dedication; to enable command and control across Candian Forces installations, both domestically and abroad.

Each member has contributed their unique perspective, expertise, and hard word, proving that distance is no barrier to innovations and collaboration.

Together, we continue to build on our strengths, committed to achieving excellence no matter where we are.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to future successes as one organization.



Thank You!