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Former RMR Corporal Jeff Melchers receiving his official wound stripe certificate from the CO, LCol John Shone, accompanied by the RSM, MWO Stephan Leroux. 2018 marks 25-years after Melchers was wounded when his patrol was ambushed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He later donated it to the RMR Junior Ranks Club. Photo credit: Master-Corporal Clement.

The INTERCOM

The INTERCOM is the RMR family's newsletter, which originally started as "The Bugler" in 1914 on the troopship carrying the 14th Bn (RMR) overseas. Censorship quickly squashed the initiative, but the RMR tried again in 1916 with "The Growler" (which was also squashed!).

In WW2 the RMR had two battalions, one overseas from 1939-45, and a Home unit stationed in Westmount. In an effort to boost morale and keep the lines of communication open between the two battalions, the "Intercomn" ("n" intentional) was born.

The current "Intercom" is published on an ad-hoc basis and is intended to keep the friend & family of the Regiment up to speed with the accomplishments of the current serving members of the Regiment and all affiliated organizations.

Greetings,

I am boldly predicting here in writing that the Officers & NCO's will repeat their 2017 victory over the Junior Ranks Club in hockey this year. Puck drops at 07h00 on Saturday 15 December 2018 at the Westmount Recreation Centre, come and root for your favourite team!

The RMR was involved in many activities and functions marking the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War, and even provided cenotaph guards in full WW1 period dress for the parades in Pointe-Claire and Westmount. A lot of publicity was gained and all members of the Regimental family were impressive when speaking with the media. Some great examples are [Master-Corporal O'Driscoll on Breakfast TV](#) talking about life as a modern soldier, and [Melanie Presseau-Dumais](#), the RMR Museum's Assistant Curator, being interviewed by CTV about the museum's Armistice exhibition.

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments of the RMR Family over the past month that are shown below. As well, please take a few moments to think of or utter a prayer for deployed RMR members and those of our regimental family who are battling illness or disease.

Next edition of the Intercom will be the "2018 Year in Review", so on behalf of Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Master-Warrant Officer Stephen Leroux, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD
Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel
The Royal Montreal Regiment



RMR soldiers exiting the gas hut in Farnham

RMR is 'Home on the Range'

Individual Battle Task Standards + Live-fire Bush Lanes

Westmount, Quebec - 06 November 2018: Early morning on the weekend of 27th October 2018 The RMR took to the field to sharpen its core infantry skills. There was shooting, Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear Defences training, lectures on Improvised Explosive Devices and Mines, and live fire-shooting!

[Read the full story and see all of the pictures here](#)



Students visiting the RMR Museum exhibition as part of a class assignment

RMR Museum exhibition a success!

WAR: IS IT OVER? THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE

Westmount, Quebec - 15 November 2018: The RMR Museum announced the attendance figures from their latest exhibition "War: Is It Over? The Challenge of Peace", that was held at Westmount's Victoria Hall Gallery from 02 - 11 November 2018, as being over 1,600, including many students from local schools.

The RMR Museum has had 9,274 visitors thus far this year, a 14% increase over the entire 2018.

[Read more about the exhibition here](#)



RMR holds annual Remembrance parades

Former Corporal presented with his wound certificate

Westmount, Quebec - 26 November 2018: On Sunday 04 November 2018, the RMR conducted Remembrance Day parades in Pointe-Claire and Westmount, culminating with the traditional 'battalion review' ceremony where a page from the RMR's roll of honour was read by the youngest soldier. As part of the ceremony, Corporal (Retired) Melcher was awarded the wound stripe certificate for injuries sustained in 1993 in former Yugoslavia.

[Read the full story here](#)



2018 Poppy Campaign sets record

RMR Association (Branch 14) raises most funds ever in 99-year history

Westmount, Quebec - 23 November 2018: The RMR Association (Branch 14) has confirmed that 2018 was the most successful year ever in their 99-year history. The President of the RMR Association, Comrade Sue Guerin, asked Comrade Georges Gohier, the Poppy Campaign Chairman, to report the results at the General Meeting of the Branch held on Friday 23 November 2018, and he was pleased to report that 2018 exceeded 2017's record "by a good margin".

[Read about the 2018 campaign results here](#)



RMR Recruits visit Ottawa

War Museum, Parliament, and more!

Westmount, Quebec - 23 November 2018: During the morning of Saturday 17 November 2018, Depot Platoon set out to learn about their country's military history at the Canadian War Museum. The recruit platoon formed up at 0700 for inspection and prepared to board a bus to the nation's capital. They were about to learn about the sacrifice of our predecessors and the suffering which they endured to build Canada into the great country that it is today.

[Read about the observations of a young RMR recruit here](#)

RMR's on Canadian Patrol Concentration

Article written by Corporal Alexander Loeven

Westmount, Quebec - 01 December 2018: From the 20 - 26 November 2018, the 34th Canadian Brigade Group sent two teams to participate in the Canadian Patrol Concentration (CPC) at CMTC Wainwright, Alberta. Among these 16 soldiers were three members of the RMR, myself accompanied by Privates Hollingdrake and Randall-Coss. The CPC consisted of a helicopter insertion into the field followed by a long range reconnaissance patrol, complete with a point/reccce objective, convoy segment and extract via Rope Bridge crossing a river. The CPC had total of 27 participating teams, including international teams from the UK, USA, Netherlands (two teams), Poland, Italy and Latvia. The rest of the teams were from various Canadian units.

[Read the full story and see more pictures here](#)



Chantal Claborough, the teacher who has produced the content for the JMS educational modules, posing with one of the six panels from the travelling exhibition. Photo credit: Ryan McHugh

"They Cared: Origins of Military Nursing" launched

New 'Je Me Souviens' educational program module

Montreal, 21 November, 2018 - The Je Me Souviens (JMS) educational project launched a new module entitled "They Cared: Origins of Military Nursing" today at the Montreal General Hospital. Consisting of teaching materials, student guides, and a travelling exhibition, it was produced in a collaboration between the RMR Museum and the Montreal General Hospital Foundation. Visitors to the launch heard from the educator who created the materials, the nurse who provided the technical expertise, the historian who packaged the materials for the students, and a current serving military

nurse (who has deployed to Afghanistan twice) provided her perspective on how the original military nurses paved the way.

[Read about the latest JMS module here](#)



Current and former serving RMR officers gather in front of the memorial tablet with WW2 veteran, Honorary-Colonel David Hart, MM, of the 34th Signals Regiment

RMR officers hold 98th reunion dinner

Started in 1920 to honour fallen & missing comrades from the 'Great War'

Westmount, Quebec - 19 November 2018: This year's RMR officers' mess dinner has come and gone and with it marks the passing of the centenary of the armistice ending World War I. As we dined together, we were humbled in remembrance of the RMR members who had never returned from their call to arms in Europe during World War 1 and 2. As always, the event allowed for old friends to reconnect, and for new bonds to be formed between generations of RMR members and our guests.

[Read the full story and see all of the pictures here](#)

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