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# 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".

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,

We lost a great leader and friend to cancer this September. Colonel (ret'd) George Javornik was an essential component in making the RMR a strong cohesive unit. His dedication and passion for the Reserves and the RMR was strong to the end, and he was quite involved in various projects such as Reserves 2000, a coalition of Canadians who wish to preserve the Militia as a viable option in Canadian defence capability. Colonel Javornik can be credited with saving the RMR from being disbanded or forced to amalgamate with several other Montreal-area units in the late 1990's, when his timely intervention as Honorary Colonel with the Minister of Defence helped preserve the RMR's status and protected our future.

Colonel Javornik was honoured by the Regiment in a memorial service held at the regimental church, Saint Matthias, on Saturday 30 September 2017. Several of his old comrades celebrated his life by telling their stories of serving under him and learning from him. Lest We Forget.

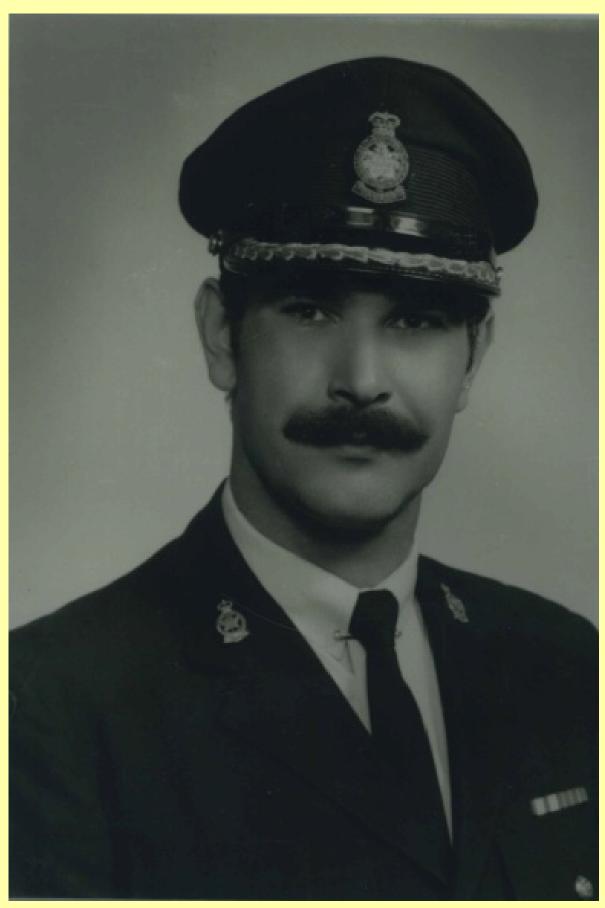
Recruiting is open at the RMR. If you are interested in joining or know of someone who is interested, the Regiment conducts information sessions every Tuesday evening 19 19h30.

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments of the RMR Family over the past month that are shown below. From patrolling to firing 81mm mortars to Air Cadets starting training, September was a very busy month! As well, please take a few moments to think of or utter a prayer for deployed RMR members and those who are battling illness or disease.

On behalf of Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson, and the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Oui Mal Y Pense.

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



RIP: Colonel (ret'd) George Javornik, CD

13 September 2017: The RMR Foundation regrets to announce the death of Colonel (ret'd) George Javornik, CD, a former Commanding Officer (1978-82), Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel (1990-94), and Honorary Colonel (1994-99) of The Royal Montreal Regiment (and former Commander of District 1, a precursor to 34 GBC, from 1986-88). Comrade Javornik was also a member of the RMR Association (Br. 14).

Originally enlisting with the 11th Signals Regiment in Westmount as a militia recruit, within 15 years he had risen to command the unit (by then redesignated as the 712 Signals Squadron and now known as the 34th Signals Regiment).

Read more about Colonel Javornik here.



# Recruiting is now open

#### INFO SESSIONS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

The RMR is hiring for positions as Infantry Soldiers and Officers . To join the Army Reserves, you must:

- o Possess Canadian citizenship,
- o Be 18 years of age or older;
- o Have completed a minimum of provincial grade 10 education or Secondary IV in Quebec; and
- o Full-time students who have completed a provincial grade 10 education, or Secondary IV in Quebec, may apply at the age of 16 or 17 with the consent of a parent or legal guardian.
- o You can join as a Reservist and still keep your full-time career or full-time education outside of the Canadian Army.

Learn more about joining the RMR here



# INVICTUS GAMES FLAG TOUR STOPS AT RMR

## RMR is the only stop on the island of Montreal

Westmount, Quebec - 14 September 2017: The RMR hosted the Invictus Games Flag tour yesterday in their armoury. Invited by Comrade Sue Guerin, president of the RMR Association (Br. 14), the flag tour came to Westmount as part of their cross-country tour. The RMR was the only stop on the island of Montreal.

Read the full story here.



HALT! ADVANCE ONE TO BE RECOGNIZED

### Article written by Captain Alan Vincent, OC 'B' Coy

Westmount, Quebec - 22 September 2017: In the dim twilight of an evening patrol you carefully place your steps, setting your foot down slowly, toe to heel to avoid the unnecessary noise of breaking twigs. You cautiously shift branches and leaves aside to avoid leaving traces of your passage for the enemy to follow. Your eyes are wide, scanning for out of place movement. Your detachment members are well practiced and are keeping proper tactical spacing. Your navigation is spot on, your GPS and pacing confirms that you are 100m out from your intended ORV and you are well within you estimated timings. All seems well with this operation when suddenly you hear a low grumbling growl that instantly gives you a chill down your spine. You cannot identify the origins of the sound, you nervously scan your surrounding and signal the rest of the patrol to halt. There it is again, a menacing, feral growl that freezes you in place.

Read about the new Badger badge here



## AIR CADETS KICK OFF THE TRAINING YEAR

## CO's Parade to be held 02 October 2017

Who: Youth between the ages of 12 and 18

What: The best program imaginable for developing leadership skills, citizen engagement, self-

confidence and discipline

Where: RMR Armoury (4625, rue Ste.-Catherine West, Westmount)

When: Mondays, 18:45-21:15

Why: To develop our leaders of tomorrow, promote physical fitness, good citizenship, and an interest

in the Canadian Armed Forces

INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW RECRUITS: Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at 19h00

Read more about # 1 Air Cadet Squadron here



RESERVISTS JOB FAIR: 05 OCTOBER 2017

## Côte-des-Neiges Armoury: 18h00 - 21h00

Westmount, Quebec - 25 September 2017: Canada Company is organizing a major job fair to help reservists searching for careers and jobs to be held Thursday 05 October 2017 from 18h00 - 21h00 at the Côte-des-Neiges Armoury: 4185 Chemin de la Côte-des-Neiges, Montreal, Quebec H3H 1X2. To better prepare you to meet with employers, we recommend that you view the job search tools on Canada Company's Military Employment Transition (MET) program website (www.metforce.ca). This is for all members of the Reserve Force in the Greater Montreal Area, regardless of unit, rank, or seniority. Everyone in the Reserve is invited to attend at no cost. Remember to bring your CV!

Register for the job fair here



"Same old thing & heavy bombardments of HE [high explosives] and shells many cases of gas."

#### DUVAL DIARY: WITNESSING THE WAR 100 YEARS ON

The quote is from Private Raymond Duval's diary entry precisely 100 years ago (19 September 1917). The RMR Foundation is working to keep alive the memory of those who served during the First World War and is publishing the daily diary of an eye-witness from the RMR: Private Raymond Duval, MM. In the space of a month readers have witnessed Duval's enthusiasm for war diminish rapidly.

Read about Private Duval and his diary here.

Read the daily diary entries here.



BRINGING OUT THE BIG GUNS

#### Article by Sergeant Juan Nino, RMR

Westmount, Quebec - 26 September 2017: During the weekend of 22-24 Sep 17, after some theoretical training on calling in indirect fire, six RMR members deployed on an exercise with the 2nd Field Artillery Regiment.

The training comprised several different facets:

- 1. All arms call for fire from an OP, HE, Smoke, Illum. (105 mm, 81 mm)
- 2. Loading and Firing C3 105 mm Gun.
- 3. Loading and Firing 81 mm Mortar.
- 4. Mentoring Gun Line leadership on Local defence strategies and tactics.

Read more about the training here



# EX STEALTHY BADGER, A SOLDIER'S PERSPECTIVE

### Article written by Private Pierre Cordeiro, 'B' Company

Farnham, Quebec - 26 Sept 2017: A reconnaissance patrol is arguably the most important method of preparing to face an enemy battle group. Having been in the Army for only 2 years, I haven't had much appreciation for this fact. Recce done at the detachment level is something rarely done during exercises given that there is always a specific group of troops designated as part of the 34 CBG Recce Team. Ex Stealthy Badger, the first of a handful of RMR training weekends planned for this year, gave an opportunity for all troops to participate in a force-on-force weekend where recce patrols were the focus.

Read more about the RMR's recce patrol training here

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