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RMR troops occupying a patrol base in Valcartier in February 2020

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 monthly and is intended to keep the friends & family of the Regiment up to speed with the accomplishments of the current serving members of the Regiment and all affiliated organizations.

Greetings,

You may have noticed the new masthead the Intercom is sporting. This was inspired by the editions from the 1950's which will be available to the public before the end of 2020 as part of the RMR Museum's massive online digital archive project, which will see nearly 9,000 items available on www.rmr-museum.com - stay tuned!

Also in February, all four of the RMR's affiliated cadet units got together for leadership development day followed by a ceremonial dinner and then a social dance for their senior cadets. This is the first time that all have collaborated since # 588 Squadron joined the RMR family in the autumn of 2019 - please read the story below to learn how it all worked out!

Warrant Officer René Doucet organized a tremendous evening to raise funds for "Guitars for Vets", which helps veterans suffering from PTSD with coping mechanisms through music. Guitars, lessons, and coaching are all donated to deserving veterans for free - please read the story below about the fundraising concert held at the RMR's armoury in February.

Please take a moment to read this selection of the accomplishments & news 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 extended regimental family who are battling illness or disease.

On behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief-Warrant Officer Stephan Leroux, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



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



GPE A Coy OC and CSM enjoying the balmy Valcartier weather at ENDEX. Photo credit: Captain Carmossino (RHC)

GPE 3: Winter Warfare Training in Valcartier

Westmount, Quebec - 23 February 2020: On the weekend of 7-9 February 2020, RMR troops went to Valcartier for a GPE company exercise. After a short night on base, the exercise started with a sunny and very cold day as the company conducted its rehearsals. Then the four platoons, from the RMR, the Black Watch, 4 and 6 R22eR, that made up the company, moved out to set up a patrol base. Given the deep snow conditions, snowshoes were necessary to move from the road to the tree line where the patrol base was set up pretty quickly by the platoons. Stoves and lanterns were lit to fight the increasingly cold weather as the platoons conducted tent routine and had forced rest for a couple of hours before stepping off just after midnight to conduct a company raid on an enemy objective.

[Read more here](#)



WO's & Sgt's mess transitioned for a concert approximately 30 minutes before the show started.
Photo credit: HCol Colin Robinson

GUITARS FOR VETS FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL

Proceeds went to Guitar for Vets Quebec

Westmount, Quebec - 23 February 2020: The WO's & Sgts' Mess hosted an intimate concert on 22 February 2020 to raise funds and awareness for Guitars for Vets, a program that matches veterans and still-serving members with PTSD or other service related disabilities with a gently used guitar and online lessons / volunteer lessons where available. Putting the healing power of music in the hands of heroes. Tickets were free, however donations were being solicited at the door and over \$900 was raised from the crowd of approximately 65 people!

[Read the full article here](#)



Cadets from 2806 Pointe-Claire enjoying themselves at the mess dinner. Photo credit: WO2 Stephen Donato

CADETS VISIT RMR'S ARMOURY

All four affiliated units represented

Westmount, Quebec - 10 February 2020: All four of the affiliated cadet units had a busy Saturday renewing their affiliation with The Royal Montreal Regiment. They spent the day training at the Regimental home on Ste-Catherine street in Westmount, including a briefing on the history & traditions of the Regiment from the RMR's Honorary Colonel, Colin Robinson, who himself is a former Pointe-Claire 2806 (RMR) cadet. The Cadets experienced the opportunity to practice their drill on the same parade square where thousands of RMR's have drilled over the past 950 years since the Armoury opened for training. Awards and promotions were also issued on the parade square in front of the Regiment's 'hallowed ground' - the bronze memorial tablet located on the North wall. A half-dozen instructors from the RMR were on hand to give the Cadets a familiarization with military equipment, etc. This was an excellent opportunity for interaction between different branches of the same Regimental family tree.

[Read more and see additional photos here](#)



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