



R.M.R. INTERCOM

August 2024

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 second '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" (the masthead is from the the 1950's) 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,

As summer continues and we look ahead, we're excited to share some updates and stories that highlight our regimental spirit and connection. This edition of the Intercom brings you three stories that remind us of the strong ties we share, both to our history and to each other.

First up, we're pleased to share the good news about RSM Mitchell's medals, which have been saved and preserved thanks to some dedicated efforts. These medals are a tribute to his service and a testament to our ongoing commitment to honoring those who have served with distinction. A special thanks to LCol (ret'd) Richard Garber for first alerting us of the situation and then handling the auction bidding process on behalf of the RMR Foundation, and a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation in response to our appeal for funding!

We also want to report on the return of some RMR cutlery that was missing for 80+ years. It was apparently "liberated" from the RMR officers' mess while the Regiment was serving in the UK during WW2, and it's great to see this piece of our history come back to us, reconnecting us with our past and reminding us of the lasting legacy of the regiment.

And don't forget, the Branch 14 (RMR Association) annual Reunion Smoker is coming up on 01 September 2024. It's going to be a fantastic chance for everyone to come together, catch up, and enjoy some time with fellow members of the regimental family. Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion!

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 Colonel David Bensadoun, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Isabelle Racicot, the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief-Warrant Officer James Quesnel, please accept our continued best wishes.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.



LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD
Editor

Articles from the past month:

RMR REUNION SMOKER

Sunday 01 September 2024

Westmount, Quebec – 21 July 2024: Comrade Sue Guerin, President of the RMR Association (Br. 14) announced today that the RMR Association will be hosting the annual [Reunion 'Smoker' for all Regimental Family members and Friends of the Regiment at the Kahnawake Marina on Sunday 01 September 2024.](#)

Dress is casual, plenty of food will be available, a cash bar will be operating (no outside alcohol, please!), and remember to bring your bathing suits if you want to enjoy the pool.

There will be activities for children, as well as music, family BBQ, cash bar, and other surprises!

Tickets cost \$20.00 each for adults, \$10.00 for kids aged 10 – 18, and kids under 10 or

United Kingdom.
12 May 2024

Dear Curator,

I have enclosed the cutlery as a gift to the museum. It is very probable that it was illegally acquired in the first place. It has been lying in my attic for at least 47 years and I can remember seeing it when I was a boy more than 60 years ago. It may have been "acquired" by a soldier called Fred Charlebois and if you find out that he was in the RMR then please let me know. He will be over 100 years old if he is still alive so, please do not try to prosecute him!

I have made no attempt to clean off any corrosion. If the cutlery is sent to a plating company, then they could possibly bring them up almost as good as new.

Please keep safe and thank everyone there for helping to keep the world a safer place.

Yours
Jim McHardy
Jim McHardy

STOLEN PROPERTY RETURNED AFTER 80+ YEARS!

Some WW2 era RMR cutlery that was missing for 80+ years was sent to the RMR Museum. It's great to see this piece of our history come back to us, reconnecting us with our past and reminding us of the lasting legacy of the regiment.

You can [read the entire story here](#).



RSM Mitchell's Medals Preserved for History

Westmount, Quebec – 24 July 2024: As we continue to honor and preserve the proud history of The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR), in July we had a unique opportunity to bring a significant piece of our heritage back to where it belongs when we were alerted that the medals of Regimental Sergeant-Major (Warrant Officer Class I) J. A. "Jimmy Jesus" Mitchell were available for purchase.

A special thanks to LCol (ret'd) Richard Garber for first alerting us of the situation and then handling the successful auction bidding process on behalf of the RMR Foundation. And THANK YOU to everyone who made a donation that ensured we could cover the costs!

RSM Mitchell's medals, which include the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.), the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, and several other significant honors, serve as a tangible connection to our shared heritage. His exemplary service and dedication to the regiment and his country are now permanently commemorated, thanks to the contributions of so many supporters.

[Read the full article and see more photos here](#)

About the RMR Foundation



The RMR Foundation is a non-profit incorporated body with charitable status, designed to

"Serve the best interests of The Royal Montreal Regiment and accept such tasks designated by the Trustees to help any member body of the Regimental Family."

Donations help with providing emergency financial assistance to RMR soldiers identified by the chain of command, and providing relief to veterans of the RMR.

Beyond direct veteran support, the RMR Foundation provides assistance for the needs of the RMR family, advises on request, the CO of the RMR or any of its affiliated units, promotes the role of the Reserve Forces within the Canadian Armed Forces and the Regiment's affiliated municipalities, lobbies for the promotion of a more effective

Canadian Defence Force, funds the operation of the RMR Museum's annual exhibitions, and supports the *Je Me Souviens* education program providing free materials to supplement Quebec's curriculum.

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