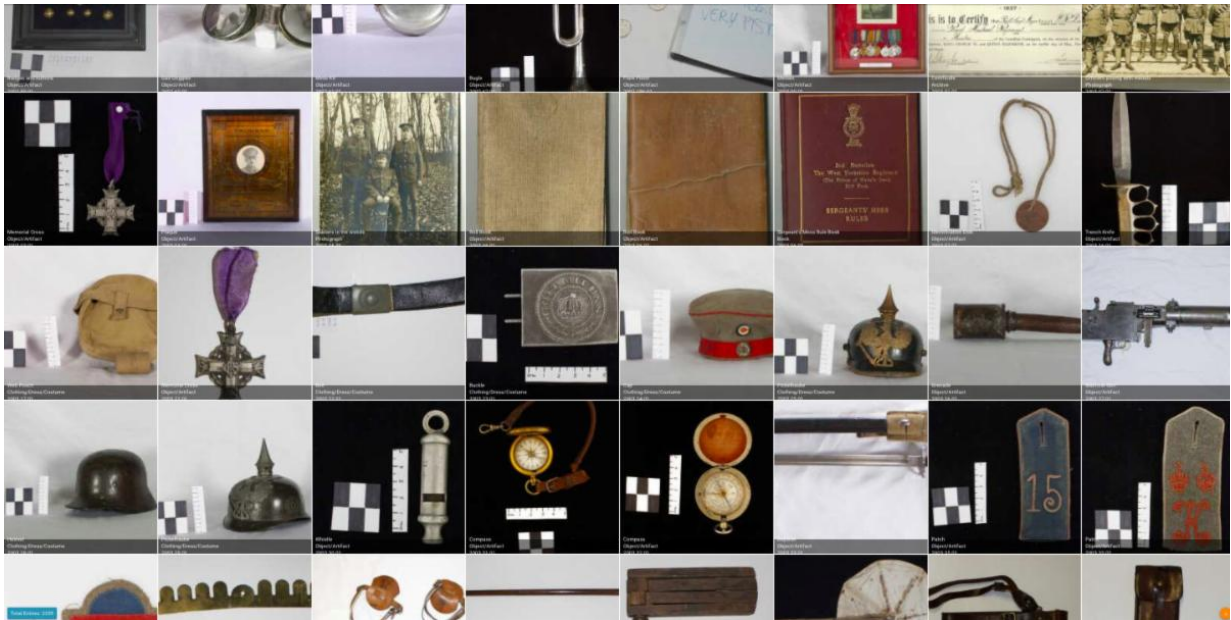


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Collection of artefacts from the RMR digital archives

# 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*

Greetings,

Somehow in this locked-down world where virtual meetings have become the norm, it seemed appropriate to choose an image for the top of this month's Intercom that represented our upcoming virtual RMR Museum collection which will be available to the public before the end of 2020. This is part of the RMR Museum's massive online digital archive project, which will see thousands of items available on [www.rmr-museum.com](http://www.rmr-museum.com), and there's a story below that explains it all.

April was an unusual month for the RMR, just like for everyone else. The armoury remains closed except for an operations centre (properly physically distanced, of course). Collective and individual training remains suspended. All cadet activities have been cancelled until 01 September 2020. RMR Association Legion meetings have been suspended. The RMR Museum remains closed, and the renewal project of the physical spaced suspended.

As a reminder during these unsettling times, there are plenty of resources available to support members of the regimental family. The RMR Foundation, the Legion, and Veterans Affairs all have programs to help serving soldiers and veterans. Padre Rici Be of the RMR has been working tirelessly with both the serving soldiers of the Regiment and the members of the RMR Association to help those in need.

Typically this time of year is one of the busiest for the Regimental family. Church parade and all of the annual awards back at the armoury (Best Soldier, Best Recruit, Top Shot, Trent Cup, etc.). The RMR ball hockey season wrapping up. Instructors and candidates making summer training arrangements. Cadet Annual Reviews where a year's worth of dedicated training, effort, and teamwork are put on display. The RMR Association's annual awards night where we recognize those who make a marked difference in the community, and typically disperse upwards of \$30,000 worth of donations to charities supporting veterans, bursaries for deserving students, etc. All of this has been put on hold, and I for one can't wait to get back to being a part of the vibrant RMR regimental family life!

At the time of writing, more than 50 RMR's from all ranks (including the CO and RSM) have volunteered for callouts to help with the government's response to Covid 19. Major Pino Talarico has assumed duties as Acting Commanding Officer and regular unit administration continues apace, albeit virtually. The top priority is preparing for the summer's individual training. The Commander of the Canadian Army, Lieutenant-General Wayne Eyre, updated the Honorary Colonels on Friday stating that all arrangements possible are being made to not lose the summer's training, with a focus on BMQ, DP 1, and PLQ.

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



## BASIC TRAINING WITH THE RMR

Series of six videos will be released over the coming weeks

Written by 2Lt Pulliam-Therrien: During the first couple of months of 2019, The Royal Montreal Regiment ran a Basic Military Qualification course - BMQ 1904. The Regiment's Headquarters & Services Company documented this with a six-episode documentary which followed the candidates from the day they received their first pair of combats to their final lectures in the field. The documentary captured the candidates experience the challenges which BMQ presents to a newly enrolled Canadian Armed Forces member - starting with learning how to walk and talk as a member of the military, through weapons handling, operating in a CBRN environment, and operating in the field as a member of a dismounted section. The documentary includes training footage and interviews with several of the candidates - almost all of whom are now fully qualified in their respective trades - as well as with the instructors which turned the new these young men and women into BMQ-qualified members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

[View the first video here](#)

[View the second video here](#)

[View the third video here](#)



Project on track with 2,779 entries already edited & verified

Our new database has several interesting features that will highlight the exploits of members of The Royal Montreal Regiment today and yesterday. The profile 'profile' function allows you to navigate through a catalog of individuals or historical events to make it easier to find in your future searches. In this growing virtual collection, you will find, among other things, medals, badges, weapons, articles from period newspapers, personal letters and a large number of photographs.

[Read the full article here](#)



Cadets from 2806 Pointe-Claire enjoying themselves during happier times at a RMR cadet mess dinner in February 2020. Photo credit: WO2 Stephen Donato

## CADET ACTIVITIES CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

### All four cadet units affiliated with the RMR affected

Westmount, Quebec - 20 April 2020: An announcement that affects the four cadet units affiliated to the RMR, "CANCDTGEN 015/20 SPRING AND SUMMER 2020 ACTIVITIES CANCELLATION", was issued earlier this week.

Essentially due to the persistent public health threat from COVID-19, all in-person cadet activities have been cancelled until August 31, 2020. This includes summer camps, spring FTX, regular training days/nights, and all Annual Ceremonial Reviews.

[Read more details here](#)



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