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All elements of the RMR family marching to church parade at Saint Matthias, Westmount

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 "Intercom" ("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,

May was a busy month for the RMR family, particularly for ceremonial: Church parade and a change of RSM on 06 May 2018, and all three affiliated cadet units had their annual reviews from 24 - 26 May 2018. The parade square has booked a trip to the spa to recover...!

Church parade was well attended and Reverend Wheeler of Saint Matthias gave an excellent sermon that was prepared specifically for the Regiment. As a sailor in a former life, he certainly understands the realities of life in the military and his message resonated. The congregation was also especially pleased that some nice young soldiers had "*volunteered*" to come and polish all the brass plaques in the church prior to the service. My cynical instincts tend to smell a defaulters parade, but hey - we'll stick with the "*volunteers*" story!

The Regiment welcomed a new Regimental Sergeant-Major, Master-Warrant Officer Stephen Leroux, on 06 May 2018. Farewell and a big THANK YOU to Chief-Warrant Officer David Cochrane for his tireless dedication, his sense of humour, and his common sense wisdom. I am happy to report that he survived his "farewell chair ride" unscathed!



CWO Cochrane carried off parade by his former NCO's

The CO, LCol John Shone, reported to the Regimental Advisory Committee in early May

on the state of the Regiment, which is in fine form. A few key takeaways:

- Unit is at 115% of it's authorized strength, and recruiting continues apace
- Average participation on collective training exercises was 121% of what is mandated
- 100% of active RMR NCO's participated in individual instruction during the year

As the unit switches gears for the summer's individual training, they are already getting ready for next year's collective training year which will kick off on 24 - 26 August 2018 with Ex APPRENTICE WARRIOR (shooting, IBTS, and the "BACK BREAKER" 13-km forced march competition).

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 who are battling illness or disease.

Before I sign off, I would just like to take a moment to commend # 1 Air Cadet Squadron and 2862 RMR Army Cadet Corps for their initiative in forming a combined band this year. The band performed admirably at both unit cadet reviews, and LCol Shone - who was thrilled to see the synergy and mutual support, saying that *"it bodes well for everybody who calls our armoury home"* - has invited them to play at next year's church parade.



Combined band playing at the # 1 Squadron annual review, 27 May 2018

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



WO Ancil accepting the Colonel Trent Cup from Her Worship Christina Smith

Triple Honours for Warrant Officer Ancil

Two trophies and a commendation

Westmount, Quebec - 08 May 2018: At the battalion review held yesterday after the annual RMR church parade, WO Andrew Ancil certainly set the standard by earning a commendation, winning a trophy, and sharing the top honours in rifle shooting proficiency! This year, the Regiment had a three-way tie between WO Andrew Ancil, Sgt James Hatfield, and Cpl Jean-Philippe Valliere for the shooting trophy. Shooting proficiency is key to being an effective infantryman, and their skills are setting a high standard for their peers to emulate. It must be noted that WO Ancil and Sgt Hatfield, and as the strong leaders they are, declined any claim on the cash award so that Cpl Valliere could benefit.

[Read the details of his achievements here](#)



Ex HUNTING BADGER

Winter operations involve meticulous planning

Westmount, Quebec - 07 May 2018: Friday night, March 23rd, members of the RMR arrive at the unit, ready for one of the last field training exercises of the year. During this weekend, Exercise Hunting Badger took place, which was a continuation of last October's Exercise Stalking Badger. Previously, troops had conducted reconnaissance patrols of the area in order to prepare and organize plans for this upcoming weekend. The plan was simple: to conduct a raid against the enemy.

[Read more about the training here](#)



CAPTAIN FURHOLTER EARNS COMMENDATION

Army Commander's Commendation for identifying remains of missing RMR

Westmount, Quebec - 13 May 2018: At the Regiment's battalion review parade held on 06 May 2018, Lieutenant-Colonel John Shone, Commanding Officer, presented a scroll to Captain Grant Furholter who has been awarded the Commendation of the Commander of the Canadian Army. Captain Furholter received this commendation in recognition of his outstanding dedication to the heritage of the RMR. Starting in 2008, he conducted exhaustive research into the grave site of an officer of the 14th Battalion who was missing from the first World War. Five years later, Capt Furholter's efforts enabled identification of the deceased soldier, notification of his relatives and the correct marking of his grave in a Commonwealth War Graves cemetery in Belgium. Capt Furholter's initiative, commitment, and compassion has brought great honour to the Canadian Army.

[Learn more here](#)



Cpl Randall-Coss being presented with the McKean Trophy by LCol Shone and CWO Cochrane

MCKEAN TROPHY FOR CPL RANDALL-COSS

THE CAPTAIN G.B. MCKEAN, VC, MC, MM TROPHY (BEST SOLDIER)

Westmount, Quebec - 08 May 2018: THE CAPTAIN G.B. MCKEAN, VC, MC, MM TROPHY (BEST SOLDIER) award is given to the most deserving soldier who displayed the best attendance, technical ability, leadership potential, relations with peers and superiors, dress, and the extent to which he/she embodies the Regimental spirit. The Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Cochrane, were pleased to announce at the Regiment's battalion review parade held on 06 May 2018 that Private Christopher Randall-Coss had earned the McKean Trophy for the 2017-18 training year.

[Read the full article here.](#)



Corporal Ene receiving the Soldier Trophy from the CO, LCol Shone

CORPORAL ENE WINS THE "SOLDIER TROPHY"

Most Improved Soldier

Westmount, Quebec - 11 May 2018: THE SOLDIER TROPHY (MOST IMPROVED SOLDIER) award is given to the most deserving soldier who made great improvements in attendance, fitness, professional competence, dress, drill, and discipline. The Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Shone, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Cochrane, were pleased to announce at the Regiment's battalion review parade held on 06 May 2018 that Private Laurian Ene had earned the Soldier Trophy for the 2017-18 training year.

[Read about the origins of this trophy here](#)



His Worship Mayor Steinberg of Hampstead presents the trophy for to Cpl O'Driscoll

HAMPSTEAD TROPHY TO CORPORAL O'DRISCOLL

The Hampstead Trophy for Community Service

Westmount, Quebec - 12 May 2018: At the Regiment's battalion review parade held on 06 May 2018, Mayor William Steinberg of Hampstead presented The Hampstead Trophy for Community Service to Corporal Brigitte O'Driscoll.

The Hampstead Trophy was presented to Corporal O'Driscoll for her exceptional community service in having volunteered to assist the firefighters and miners of Burkina Faso as part of a CanadAfrique mission contributing to the peace, prosperity, and security of its citizens.

The trophy was donated to the RMR in 2014 by Hampstead to mark the special relationship between the RMR and Hampstead, both having been created in 1914.

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