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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" (masthead 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.



Corporal Symon observing his arcs with a LMG on Ex SNEAKY LYNX in Farnham, April 2023.
Photo credit: Corporal Lepore.

Greetings,

The end of the training year is nearly upon us! The Regiment will be wrapping up their collective training, holding Church Parade & Battalion Review to hand out awards & promotions, and then it is a quick transition to summer taskings and individual training courses. The month of May for civilians is one of Spring/Summer promises, and for the members of the Regiment it is the completion of a collective training year that runs from September to May, recognition of those who have distinguished

themselves, and then onto the summer taskings!

Our affiliated Cadet units will also be holding their end of training year 'Annual Review' parades in May and June. This is where they show their prowess and strength, and award their top achievers with their well deserved recognition, including the elite summer camps for those who have managed to qualify (Glider Pilot, Airborne, Power Pilot, etc.). Wishing the best of luck this summer to all the Cadets who have worked so hard all year - you make us all proud.

And of course the RMR Association will be holding their 'end of year' Honours & Awards ceremony at the end of May, dispensing tens of thousands of dollars raised during the 2022 Poppy campaign to deserving charities who are supporting veterans and their dependants. Ranging from helping house homeless veterans to supporting disabled veterans learn how to play sports again, the RMR Association (Branch 14) makes a huge impact in our community.

All in all, a busy time of year!

I am pleased to report that I will soon be joined in my Intercom duties by Corporal Zachary Marquis. He is currently serving as a Section 2ic in Bravo Company (and volunteers on the Junior Ranks Club mess committee) and he has volunteered to assist in revamping the RMR website and keeping it current (it hasn't been overhauled since I did it for our Centennial in 2014, so loooooong overdue). The first tangible improvement (of many to come) is the resurrection of the [calendar function](#), check it out whenever you need to know what is going on with the RMR! He's contributing to the Intercom already, the title photo above was provided by him, welcome to the team, Corporal Marquis!

I encourage you to read the profile of service of [Sergeant Joseph David](#) who is featured as this month's 'Meet the RMR NCO's'. This has been a popular feature of the Intercom and we will be continuing it each month.

On behalf of the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, David Bensadoun, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Master-Warrant Officer Jim 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:

Meet the RMR's NCO's: Sergeant Joseph David

Westmount, Quebec – 21 January 2023:
Sergeant Joseph David was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and grew up in Montreal. He joined the RMR on 14 September 2011 and has been very active in the unit ever since, including several mess leadership positions (he currently serves as the PMC of the Warrant Officers' & Sergeants' Mess). He has had wide-ranging and interesting career mixed with full and part-time service, and he has travelled far and wide in service of his fellow Canadians. He is currently serving full-time on Class B as the 34 Brigade Battle School Resource Sergeant.



[Read Sergeant David's story here.](#)

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Westmount, Quebec – 18 April 2023: The RMR Kit Shop has some great new arrivals for Spring to help you show off your regimental spirit! A hoodie and a t-shirt, both **Made in Canada**, available in sizes ranging from Small to 3XL, and at great prices. Contact museum@royalmontrealregiment.com to reserve yours today!

REMEMBERING THE WEST BROTHERS, KIA AT VIMY



Westmount, Quebec – 09 April 2023: The West brothers who were killed in the attack on Vimy Ridge on 09 April 1917, and are buried together in the Nine Elms cemetery, sharing the same grave marker.

This is a particularly sad story among all of the sadness that war brings: imagine the heartache of their parents learning that both of their sons

perished at the same time.



WELCOME TO THE ARMY - A SOLDIER'S STORY

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY PRIVATE NICHOLAS POPP, WHO RECENTLY GRADUATED AS THE TOP CANDIDATE ON BMQ 2301

Westmount, Quebec – 07 April 2023: Hello, I'm Private Nicholas Popp, and I was awarded top candidate of the recently completed BMQ 2301 course. Being born and raised in British Columbia I grew up exploring the forests and mountains of my hometown near Vancouver. After attending university in the Maritimes and working across Canada, I moved to Montreal two years ago to start my career as a spacecraft thermal engineer for a local aerospace company

[Read the full story here.](#)

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

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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 which provides free materials to supplement Quebec's history curriculum.

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