



## April 2023

*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 above is from 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.*



RMR CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Jonasz (far left), and the RMR's RSM, Master-Warrant Officer Quesnel (far right), pose with an RMR instructor, Master-Corporal Mai (centre) and four of the five RMR candidates who graduated from BMQ 2301: Left to Right: Privates Popp and Gao, Second-Lieutenant Volcov, and Private Najim. Not pictured is Private Luksha who not present for parade, but did complete the BMQ.

Greetings,

April 2023 is one of those rare periods when all three of the major Abrahamic religions are celebrating major holidays. So whatever you may be observing, allow me to wish you Chag Sameach! Happy Easter! Ramadan Mubarak! Regardless of your faith, I hope that you get some time to relax with family and friends.

We will be publishing an article on 09 April 2023 to commemorate the RMR's role in the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which coincidentally started on Easter Sunday 09 April 1917. The West family had three brothers serving in the Regiment during the First World War, and tragically all three were killed in the same year (1917). Two of them were killed on the same morning during the RMR's assault at Vimy Ridge and are buried together in the [Nine Elms](#) cemetery. Check the RMR's website on 09 April 2023 to

read the article about Arthur and Bill West, two brothers who share a headstone far from home.

April will also be a busy month as the Regiment and affiliated Cadet units get ready to wind up their collective training year. The Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess will be holding their annual 2nd Battle of Ypres Dinner to be held on Saturday 22 April 2023. This traditional Mess Dinner is held on the Saturday evening closest to April 22, and is presided over by the RSM. It is held to commemorate the Second Battle of Ypres, in 1915, which was the 14th Battalion (RMR) CEF's first battle and incorporated the horrors of gas warfare used for the first time on the Western Front.

Before you know it we will be in May, with Church Parade and Battalion Review on Sunday 07 May 2023, the RMR Association's Honours & Awards evening on Friday 26 May 2023, and the various Cadet Annual Reviews that will be held. Mark your calendars and come out to support the RMR's serving soldiers!

On behalf of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel David Bensadoun, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Master-Warrant Officer James Quesnel, please accept our continued best wishes.

*Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.*



LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD  
Editor, Intercom

## Articles from the past month:



### COMMENDATION FOR SERGEANT O'DRISCOLL

Westmount, Quebec – 13 March 2023: On the 2nd of March 2023, RMR's Sergeant Brigitte O'Driscoll has received the Canadian Joint Operations Command commander's commendation for her work in support of Operation LASER. A well-deserved recognition for one of the RMR's top leaders.

### Meet the RMR's NCO's: MWO James Quesnel, CD

*"Meet the RMR's NCO's" is a monthly series where we profile a different NCO for readers to get to know the folks who make up the 'backbone of the army'*



Westmount, Quebec – 01 April 2023: Starting his military journey as a RMR Cadet in Pointe-Claire (2806), MWO Quesnel's extensive military career has seen him qualify on pretty much everything an Infanter can, from machine-guns to driving light armoured vehicles, to everything in between. Appointed as the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the RMR...

[Read the complete story about the RSM here.](#)



## MASTER-CORPORAL RANDALL-COSS WINS THE COMMAND TEAM CHALLENGE

ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CORPORAL GREEN

Westmount, Quebec – 16 March 2023: 2023 began with the Commanding Team Challenge. The one-day event had members of the regiment compete in 3 different categories encompassing a variety of soldiering skills. The first event consisted of a PWT-1 C7 shoot, the second a 9mm pistol shoot at 25 meters, and the third event was a march in snowshoes with patrol packs and frag vests with plates, that saw members navigating to several checkpoints in the Farnham training area.

[Learn more by reading the full article here.](#)



## RMR TAKES TOP SPOTS ON BMQ 2301

Westmount, Quebec – 19 March 2023: Five RMR's graduated from Basic Military Qualification course 2301, with two of them taking the top candidate spots: Private Popp (1st) and Second-Lieutenant Volcov (2nd). The Basic Military Qualification (BMQ) course is a mandatory training program for all new Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) recruits, including reservists. The BMQ course is designed to provide new



recruits with the essential knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be effective members of the CAF.

[Learn more by reading the full article here.](#)

## About the RMR Foundation



### 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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