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# The INTERCOM

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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".*

*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" 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.*

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Greetings,

April is promising to be a busy month for the RMR!

To kick off the commemorations for 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Regiment is hosting "[Regiments on the Ridge: Vimy 100 Years On](#)" at Victoria Hall for three days starting on Monday (with a special VIP launch event on Monday 03 April, click [here to register](#)). As well, members of the serving battalion are travelling to France - along with the President of the RMR Association - to participate in the official commemoration event on 09 April 2017. Back at home, the RMR will be leading the parade in NDG where the city of Montreal will be renaming the NDG park after Vimy.

A section from the serving battalion headed off to New Zealand on an exchange at the end of March, stay tuned for an update.

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.

On behalf of Honorary Colonel Andrew Molson, and the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-François Denis, please accept our continued best wishes for a safe and successful 2017.

*Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.*



LCol (ret'd) Colin Robinson, CD  
Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel  
The Royal Montreal Regiment

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## VIMY EXHIBITION & MOVIE

**Launch event Monday 03 April 2017**

Westmount, Quebec - 24 March 2017: The RMR Foundation has announced a launch event for the upcoming Regiments on the Ridge: Vimy 100 Years On exhibition to be held at Victoria Hall on Monday evening 03 April 2017..

[Register to attend here.](#)



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## CHANGE OF COMMAND: 30 APRIL

**Former CO returning to Regiment**

Westmount, Quebec - 16 March 2017: The Royal Montreal Regiment will be conducting a change of command ceremony between Lieutenant-Colonel J-F Denis, CD and Lieutenant-Colonel J.L. Shone, CD on Sunday 30 April 2017 at 14h00 (guests are requested to be seated no later than 13h45).

[Read more about the change of command here](#)



# "REGIMENTS ON THE RIDGE"

## RMR Museum exhibition at Victoria Hall in April

Westmount, Quebec - 28 January 2017: The battle of Vimy Ridge was a defining moment for Canada but victory came at great cost: 3,598 Canadians were killed and more than 7,000 wounded. Amongst these men were 98 RMR soldiers dead and 176 wounded - close to a 50% casualty rate for the Regiment. Despite the cost, Canada demonstrated superior military skill and success on a world stage, and Vimy was the first of a series of victories to follow.



To commemorate the brave Canadian soldiers who fought so successfully 100 years ago to take Vimy Ridge, the RMR Museum will be hosting a free bilingual educational event at Victoria Hall in Westmount on April 3rd, 4th and 6th 2017.

[Learn more about the exhibition here](#)

## RMR'S BEST SHOOTER FOR 2017

### Private Robert Bell

Farnham, Quebec - 05 March 2017: Private Robert Bell of "A" Company RMR won top honours in the regimental shooting competition held in freezing conditions in Farnham. Winning this competition allows him to be considered the Regiment's "top shot" for the year.



[Click here to read the details about the shooting competition](#)

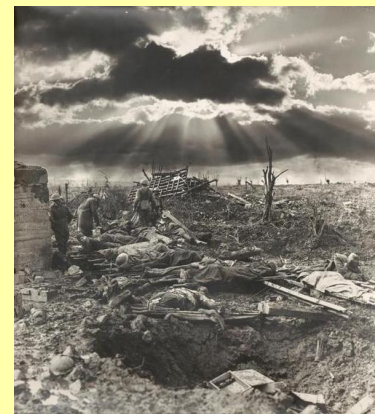
## DUVAL DIARY

### WITNESSING THE WAR 100 YEARS ON

Westmount, Quebec - 10 March 2017: The RMR Foundation is working to keep alive the memory of those who served during the First World War and starting on 22 March 2017 we will begin publishing the daily diary of an eye-witness from the RMR: Private Raymond Duval, MM.

[Read about Private Duval and his diary here.](#)

[Read the daily diary entries here.](#)



## RMR SOLDIERS IN THE ARCTIC

### Bursary program announced for 2016-17

Westmount, Quebec - 20 March 2017: This guest article was prepared by Lieutenant-Colonel John Hlibchuk, the Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Hussars. It is about Operation NUNALIVUT 2017 conducted by 2nd Canadian Division's Arctic



Response Company Group (ARCG), where the company commander was the RMR's Major Pat Paulin along with the CSM Warrant Officer Brent McNair. There were a total of 12 RMR soldiers participating on this operation.

[Click here to read the details of the arctic operations](#)

## *"MILITARY FAMILY" QUILT*

### **Made for Colonel George Javornik**

Westmount, Quebec - 18 March 2017: Surely a first in the world of quilts: a custom-made quilt bearing the crests of both Regiments residing in the Ste-Catherine Street armoury in Westmount. It is fitting that something so unique went to the first officer who commanded both Regiments: Colonel (ret'd) George Javornik.

[Read about the quilt and view the images here.](#)



## *Recruiting Open House: 01 April*

### **Weapons, equipment, and more!**

Westmount, Quebec - 26 March 2017: The recruiting cell of The Royal Montreal Regiment has announced that they will be holding an 'Open House' on Saturday 01 April 2017. Doors open at 13h00 and information sessions will begin at 14h00.

Weapons, equipment, and communications gear will be on display, and a host of experienced soldiers will be on hand to answer all questions. Details available on Facebook @RMR.Recruiting.

[Click here to read the details and learn how to apply](#)



## *Tree planting ceremony: 30 April*

### **In honour of Colonel Rhett Lawson**

Westmount, Quebec - 27 March 2017: The RMR will be planting a maple tree in front of their armoury on 30 April 2017 to honour the memory of Colonel (ret'd) Rhett Lawson, CD, KH, KLJ. The ceremony is scheduled to be held on Saint-Catherine street immediately upon the Regiment's return from their annual church parade, at approximately 11h30.

[Read more about the ceremony here.](#)



# TOUGH WINTER TRAINING

## Combined arms exercise in Shawinigan

Westmount, Quebec - 29 March 2017: On the weekend of 17-19 February 2017 a platoon of The Royal Montreal Regiment (RMR) took part in "GPE 4", a brigade wide exercise focusing on winter warfare tactics.



[Read more about the exercise here.](#)

[Watch the video made about the exercise here.](#)

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