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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 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.



BRAVO COY: The Sergeants of Bravo Company conducting a planning session the night before the attack, collecting information from the various recce patrols and determining the best plan of attack. Photo credit: Honorary Colonel David Bensadoun.

Greetings,

The RMR Family sure had a busy month of May! From rainy church parades to TEWT's, commendations, Cadet annual review parades, and everything in-between, there's something for everyone to read below.

Honorary-Colonel David Bensadoun, now officially 'promoted' to Honorary-Colonel and in his second term, [shares his experience at CFB Valcartier during exercise Iron Boot](#). He highlights the operational aspects, impressive base camp amenities, and leadership skills demonstrated by Bravo Company. The article is well

worth the read as he provides a unique perspective as a civilian observer: [Tents, Tactics, and Tasty Treats: Lessons in Leadership from the RMR's Honorary Colonel.](#)

Watch this space for updates this summer on the annual Branch 14 (RMR Association) 'Smoker' (reunion BBQ) as well as the RMR's virtual Army Run that will be held along the banks of the Lachine Canal. As well, the RMR Museum is planning a temporary exhibition for this year's Remembrance Week which will focus on the Battle of Leopold Canal as part of the Liberation of Europe 80 years ago.

To all our soldiers who are embarking on training courses this summer, please enjoy yourselves, stay safe, learn lots, and set the standard. To our RMR soldiers deploying to Latvia this summer, we will be thinking about you - stay safe!

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



TENTS, TACTICS, TASTY MEALS: LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP FROM THE HONORARY COLONEL

Westmount, Quebec – 01 May 2024: For those whom I have not yet met, I'm David Bensadoun, the Honorary Colonel of the RMR. I served a first term as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel alongside HCol Colin Robinson, former CO of the unit and the current publisher of this fine publication. I'm just starting my second term and recently received my paperwork for promotion to HCol.

My "day job" is as the CEO of the Aldo Group, a fashion footwear company with its head office in Montreal. My main efforts outside of family and work are as the Chair of the Board of Governors of Lower Canada College and my role as HCol for the RMR. My focus has been on helping the members of the RMR with their personal careers and education plans, as well as learning as much as I can so I can help uphold the traditions of RMR across the entire regimental family. I have loved every minute of being an Honorary and hope to increase my contribution in the three years ahead.

With that in mind, I'd like to share some first person accounts of experiences with the RMR. While I know that many of the readers of the Intercom are veterans or currently serving, I believe there are also many who, like me, are civilians with a deep appreciation for our military. I hope my perspective will help everyone see the RMR through "fresh eyes" and please forgive me if I don't get all the acronyms or terms

right!

[Read the full article here](#)



Exercise IRON BOOT

Article written by Captain Sergey Perchun

Westmount, Quebec – 01 May 2024: Over the weekend, the Royal Montreal Regiment took part in EX IRON BOOT, a demanding field exercise simulating a daring raid behind enemy lines. The scenario involved neutralizing remnants of a defeated enemy force. B Company was tasked with infiltrating and dismantling an enemy command and control (C2) defended by RMR's Depot Platoon, setting the stage for an upcoming major offensive.

[Read the full article here.](#)



RMR Command Team Coin for MCpl Hervieux

Westmount, Quebec – 05 May 2024: Master-Corporal Etienne Hervieux was awarded the RMR's Command Team Coin. He has provided exemplary service to the RMR and his presence will be sorely missed when he is posted out of the unit this summer.

The commendation for Master-Corporal Hervieux reads:

Since the start of his mandate as Transport NCO, MCpl Etienne Hervieux has performed his duties faithfully, with great distinction, professionalism, and excellence. During his time at The Royal Montreal Regiment, he has gone above and beyond in his work, getting involved with the Operations Cell – something that was outside of his mandate. These efforts, combined with the positive attitude that MCpl Etienne Hervieux demonstrated daily made him an excellent addition to the RMR.



CO's Commendations for 2023-24 Training Year

Westmount, Quebec – 05 May 2024: During the Battalion Review that follows the annual Church Parade, the RMR's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, issued commendations to deserving NCO's, who in the words of Chief Warrant-Officer James Quesnel, the RMR's Regimental Sergeant-Major, *"the folks that make the RMR work"*. Bravo to:

- Sgt Alexey Oleshko
- Sgt Thomas Stewart -Waywell
- Sgt Alex Khalife
- MCpl Elizabeth Lefebvre
- MCpl Juliano Lepore

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



RMR holds annual Church Parade at St-Matthias

Westmount, Quebec – 08 May 2024: On Sunday morning 05 May 2024, the RMR, along with Branch 14 (RMR Association) and the affiliated Cadet units, marched in a steady rain to their regimental church, Saint Matthias, and conducted their traditional annual church parade.

The Royal Montreal Regiment's annual church parade is a significant tradition in which members of the regiment gather for a religious service to commemorate their heritage and reaffirm their commitment to duty.

[Read the full article here.](#)



MCpl Mai thanked for volunteering

Westmount, Quebec – 10 May 2024: The RMR's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Maciej Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer James Quesnel, have been formally recognizing RMR members who are on Class B callouts and are volunteering their time to help out the unit with training, administrative, and/or operational duties. This extra service that they perform is above and beyond what they get paid for by the Canadian Armed Forces, and while this has been occurring for generations, it is nice to see some well-deserved recognition being given. The RMR Foundation has donated gift boxes containing exclusive RMR merchandise for these volunteers.

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



RMR TEWT: Battle of Sainte-Eustache

Article written by Second-Lieutenant Yaroslav Krymov

Westmount, Quebec – 13 May 2024: Last Saturday, a group of us aspiring officers had the honour of accompanying the RMR during a Tactical Exercise Without Troops (TEWT) in Saint-Eustache, the site of one of Canada's last rebellions. A Tactical Exercise Without Troops (TEWT) is a military training exercise where commanders and staff practice planning and decision-making on real terrain, but without deploying actual troops. It focuses on understanding the tactical situation, terrain analysis, and the execution of military operations in a simulated environment, enhancing strategic skills and readiness.

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



BARRE TROPHY FOR PRIVATE AKTAS

Westmount, Quebec – 15 May 2024: The Major P.H. Barré, ED, C ST S Trophy (TOP RECRUIT) award is given to the most deserving soldier who received the highest ranking on his/her Basic Military Qualification / Soldier Qualification course, and the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Jonasz, and the Regimental Sergeant-Major, Chief Warrant Officer Quesnel, were pleased to announce at the Regiment's battalion review parade held on 05 May 2024, that Private Aktas had earned the Barré Trophy for the 2023-24 training year. The RMR Foundation funds this award with a Bursary to assist winners with their studies.

The trophy is so named after Major Paul Barré who joined the RMR in the early 1920's, following the footsteps of his uncle, Hercule Barré, one of the original RMR's (14th Battalion CEF) who came from the 65th Regiment, Carabiniers Mont-Royal. Hercule Barré was a company commander with the RMR until being wounded at the Second Battle of Ypres in April 1915. His own story is fascinating in its own right and can be read [here](#).

Why is Major Paul Barré considered a RMR hero?

In 1943, Major Paul Barré was second in command (DCO) of the RMR, and went on course with the Army to participate with the Allied Military Government at the end of hostilities. After cessation of hostilities on May 5th, 1945, he was posted with the Allied Military Government in Continental Europe and then attached to British Army 5th Corps Headquarters at Carintia, Austria, and it was there his duties took him to the nearby village of Viktring to attend to a large group of Yugoslav refugees where his humanitarian intervention (and disobedience to military orders) saved the lives of thousands of people. Recognition for this effort was manifested at a reception held in the Officer's Mess on April 4th, 1987, when Major Barré was presented with *"the degree, rank, and status of a Knight Commander of the Order of the Saint-Sava for his outstanding service to the Yugoslav Royal Army in 1945"*.

Major Paul Barré is a RMR hero who saved thousands of lives – recipients should be very proud to have earned an award named after him.



RCACC 2862 (RMR): 54th Annual Cadet Review

Article written by Captain Rolanda Murphy

Westmount, Quebec – 31 May 2024: Captain J. Mo took over as Commanding Officer of RCACC 2862 from Captain Eric Simon. RCACC 2862 extends their appreciation for his leadership. We also acknowledge the departure and transfer of Captain Murphy, Training Officer, from RCACC 2862 RMR to 588 Eric Simms Squadron. Captain Murphy writes:

"I would like to take this time to express my most sincere gratitude and appreciation for having had the privilege and honour of serving with RCAC 2862 RMR for the past 14 years. I first joined as a civilian volunteer in the fall of 2010 and has had the pleasure of maturing from a young officer to a more experienced officer in the past 14 years.

My time at 2862 allowed me the honour of being part of a fantastic Officer staff team and connecting with numerous families and cadets as well as the RMR family. To the parents, thank you for sharing your cadets with our unit.

My time at 2862 saw me through two deployments to Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Center in Alberta and many numerous cadet activities in the Montreal West area.

My time at 2862 has come to an end. I will be moving forward to another unit in the next training year. It is not good bye, but 'til we meet again."

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

About the RMR 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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