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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".

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.

Greetings,

May has started off just as rainy as April finished, and at the time of publication more than 30 RMR soldiers have deployed as part of the flood relief efforts.

Looking back, April was certainly a busy month for the RMR - with a particular focus on the 100th anniversary commemorations for the Battle of Vimy Ridge:

The serving battalion sent [Sergeant Juan Nino](#) and the RMR Association sent Comrade Sue Guerin as their official representatives to the ceremony in France held on 09 April 2016.

Back home, [Captain Grant Furholter of the RMR led the parade in NDG](#) where the city of Montreal renamed the NDG park after Vimy.

The RMR Foundation, with the RMR Museum and supported by the serving battalion, hosted ["Regiments on the Ridge: Vimy 100 Years On"](#) at Victoria Hall for three days.

A section from the serving battalion headed off to New Zealand on an exchange at the and apparently managed to get themselves [involved in piracy](#).

The RMR Association held its annual awards night and used the opportunity to [hand out cheques](#) to deserving charities that support veterans and the RMR Cadet Corps 2862 who helps out with the poppy campaign every year.

St-Matthias welcomed the RMR and their extended regimental family for the [annual church parade](#).

Finally, a [change of command ceremony](#) between Lieutenant-Colonel J-F Denis and Lieutenant-Colonel J.L. Shone took place on Sunday 30 April 2017.

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 John Shone, 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

New CO for the RMR

LCol Shone takes command again

Westmount, Quebec - 30 April 2017: At a ceremony held on Sunday 30 April 2017, LCol John Shone, ADC, CD, took command of the RMR from LCol J-F Denis, CD. This is LCol Shone's third term in command of a reserve infantry unit, first commanding the RMR from 2002-05, and then the CGG from 2005-08.



[Read the CO's welcome message to the RMR serving members here.](#)

A RMR Sergeant at Vimy

Reflections of a modern soldier on Vimy

Westmount, Quebec - 27 April 2017: Sergeant Juan Nino represented The Royal Montreal Regiment at the official 100th anniversary commemoration ceremony in Vimy France.

[Read his reflections here](#)



"REGIMENTS ON THE RIDGE"

Successful RMR Museum exhibition at Victoria Hall

Westmount, Quebec - 16 April 2017: The Regiments on the Ridge: Vimy 100 Years On exhibition ("Vimy 2017") was held at Westmount's Victoria Hall over three days in the first week of April 2017. Consisting of a display of WW1 artefacts, diaries, weapons, maps and more from the RMR Museum's collection, supported by documentary film viewings four times daily, as well as a reenactor dressed in WW1 replica uniform.



[Learn more about the results of the exhibition here](#)

Montreal 375th celebrations

Navy, Air Force, and Army to participate

Westmount, Quebec - 26 April 2017: HMCS Montreal will be open to visitors, the SkyHawks, Canada's military parachute demonstration team, CF-18 Hornet fighter aircraft, the 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadron as well as the Snowbirds air demonstration team will provide an aerial show at the Old Port of Montréal, and an exhibit of military vehicles, soldiers and equipment will be displayed.



[Click here to read the details](#)

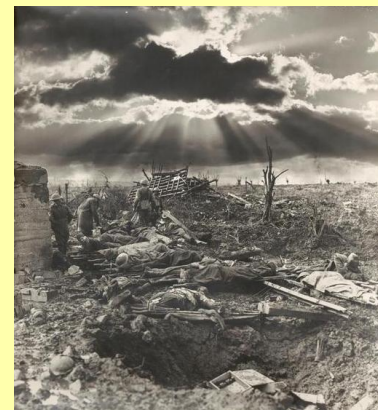
DUVAL DIARY

WITNESSING THE WAR 100 YEARS ON

The RMR Foundation is working to keep alive the memory of those who served during the First World War and is 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 in New Zealand

Contingent marks 100th anniversary of Vimy

Rotorura, New Zealand - 09 April 2017: The eight-man team of The Royal Montreal Regiment, a contingent of Australian Defence Forces and the 3/6 BN of the Royal New Zealand Regiment commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge together at the Rotorura Mauri Cénotaph on the 9th of April 2017.



[Click here to read the details of the commemoration ceremony](#)

Surviving in the NZ Forests

8-day survival exercise for RMR soldiers

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND - April 2017: Eight members of the RMR participated in an 8 day field training exercise with



members of 3/6 Royal New Zealand Infantry Battalion. The purpose of this international exchange was to enhance cooperation and interoperability between the CAF and the New Zealand Defence Forces.

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

Annual Church Parade held

St. Matthias on 30 April 2017

Westmount, Quebec - 30 April 2017: The RMR and their extended regimental family conducted their annual church parade at Westmount's Saint Matthias.

The congregation made the Regiment welcome as usual, and the readings were conducted by a representative of each mess.



Tree planted for Lawson

In honour of Colonel Rhett Lawson

Westmount, Quebec - 30 April 2017: The RMR planted 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 was held on Saint-Catherine street immediately upon the Regiment's return from their annual church parade, under a light rain. A special tree marker was designed to resemble a World War One fence post, and Colonel Lawson's memory will be kept alive with a plaque affixed to the tree marker for future generations to read.

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



RMR Association steps up

Helping in the community

Westmount, Quebec - 28 April 2017: The RMR Association - Branch 14 (Royal Canadian Legion) held its annual Awards and Honours night on Friday 28 April 2017 at the WO's & Sgt's Mess. An annual tradition, approximately 40 members of the branch were on hand to witness the significant donations made by the RMR Association to various military charities. These donations were made possible by the funds raised during the 2016 poppy campaign.



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

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