



# “Take Post”

## The Journal of the Toronto Gunner Community

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This journal, “Take Post” is published under the authority of the Honorary Colonel, 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Take Post reaches out to all Gunners and those interested in being part of the Regimental Artillery Family of the Greater Toronto Area. The purpose is to share information and strengthen the ties between serving members, retired Gunners, Gunner families, friends of the Artillery, and the Greater Toronto Community.

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## Regimental Orders Part II

Honours, Awards, Promotions & Appointments

**The following was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration:**

- Maj Scott Graham

**The following was awarded the US Joint Service Achievement Medal**

- Maj Scott. Graham

**The following received his Honorary Appointment Scroll**

- HCol LCol (retd) Barry Downs, CD

**Th following received the Commanding Officers Commendation**

- Ironman Team – Capt Dustin Aliberti, WO James Lombara, MBdr James Browne
- RST Artillery RQ – Sgt Brian Moniz, MBdr Alex Dickinson, Bdr John Yu



Major Graham receiving his CD and his USJOM



HCol Downs receiving his Appointment Scroll

**The following was promoted to Sergeant**

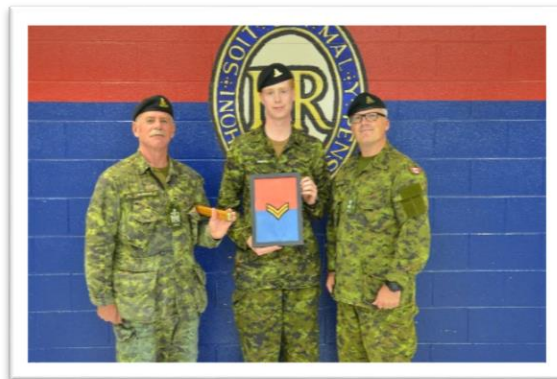
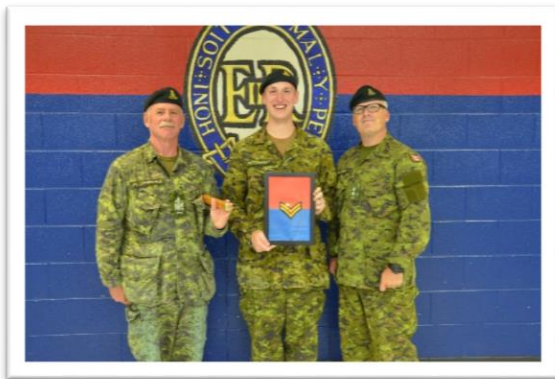
- Sgt Owen Fleet

**The following was promoted to Bombardier**

- Bdr Nicholas Faccini

**The following were promoted to Corporal**

- Cpl Zach Everett
- Cpl Kieran Murphy



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## Stand-Up Parade

As long as anyone can remember our very active Associations had a barbeque for the returning Gunners as the Regiment stood up after the summer Individual Training Recess. Former Commanding Officers and all ranks along with friends of the Regiment flipped burgers and boiled corn on a beautiful end-of-summer evening. The parade welcomed back Capt Aliberti, WO Lombara and MBdr Browne who had completed the Ironman the week before. We also welcomed back Bdr M. Litwin who topped the 4 Div PLQ course and is well on his way to become a Senior NCO in the Regiment.

Some big changes happened too. HCol Barry Downs was on parade for the first time since being named Honorary Colonel. Capt Curtis Roach took command of 9 Battery from Capt Dustin Aliberti. Capt Roach came to us in the spring from the 31 Brigade Influence Activity Company when he was employed as RCPO. Previously he made his home in the Ottawa area where he was a member of 30 Field Regiment, RCA. Curtis, his wife and their infant son make their home in Newmarket. Curtis works as an engineer for the Town of Stouffville.

Capt Aliberti isn't going anywhere! He will remain as the Adjutant after double-hatting at Adjt and BC9 for the last training year.

The stand-up was also the last parade that LCol Ryan Smid will take part in for 8 months. LCol Smid will be deploying shortly to command an overseas contingent. He leaves the Regiment in the hands of Major Nav Grewal.



Toronto Gunners Barbeque 11 Sept 17



Capt Roach (left) takes command of 9 Bty from Capt Aliberti (seated right) 11 Sept 17

<b>REGIMENTAL CALENDAR</b>	
29 Sep 1 Oct	EX SNAP SHOT 1 – CFB Kingston – 15 bty only
30 Sept	Canadian Army Open House – MPA
13-15 Oct	Ex SHARP SHOOTER 2 – Meaford
16 Oct	Toronto Artillery Foundation AGM and Trustee Meetings 1900 at MPA
20-22 Oct	EX HOGTOWN GUNNER 1, Meaford
6 Nov	John McDermott concert in support of the Toronto Artillery Foundation
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
12 Nov	Remembrance Day Church Parade at St. Clements Toronto
17-19 Nov	QoR of C FTX – 15 bty only
24-26 Nov	EX HOGTOWN GUNNER 2, Meaford
1 Dec	St. Barbara's Day Dinner and Dance -- TBD
9 Dec	Soldier's Christmas Dinner
1 Jan	New Year's Day Levee

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## **Aiming Point – Commanding Officer and Regimental Sergeant-Major**

By LCol Smid and CWO Robinson

Welcome back! The RSM and I trust that you each had an outstanding summer which allowed you to spend time with friends and family and to recharge your batteries for another busy training year. Our thanks to all of you who took some portion of your summer to contribute to the success of the Regiment by either attending a course for your own professional development; instructing on a course for the development of others; being staff and working behind the scenes to ensure that courses were successful; and/or having participated in the Brigade exercise in August. Many of you also contributed over the summer by participating in the Canada Day Gun Salute; supporting the Canadian National Exhibition; supporting the Ceremonial Guard; and filling many other tasks as well. Job well done!

This training year promises to be another exciting one as we focus our field skills on actually providing fire support to the infantry through a combined 9 Battery / 48<sup>th</sup> Highlander exercise and a 15 Lightfighter Battery / Queen's Own Rifles exercise. This is in addition to our IBTS exercises in the fall, Basic Winter Warfare in January, and Ex COOPERATIVE GUNNER in March. Plenty of opportunity for you to hone your field skills and practice the technical and tactical aspects of our trade.

Of course, the Regiment is about more than just being in the field. We will once again have a Regimental Soccer Team led by Master Bombardier Allen Noh that will compete in a league at the Hangar. One of the goals of this Team is to provide an environment for improving our level of physical fitness. You might also consider training for the unit Ironman team, participating in Sports Days, and doing work-up training for the Load Bearing March which will be conducted on every field exercise.

Our social calendar is likewise going to be full this year. The John McDermott concert on 6 November promises to once again be a premiere event and our most significant fundraiser for the year. Please consider attending and bringing your friends and family. We will once again have a St. Barbara's Day Dinner and Dance on 1 December that is meant to be a fun evening for all the members of our extended Regimental Family. Bring your friends and family! As always, our training year will culminate in a Regimental Family Day on Victoria Day which includes activities for kids and adults alike and a BBQ to ensure you start the summer right!

There is so much potential in our Regiment that can easily be realized by individuals, regardless of rank, simply using their initiative and approaching their chain of command with a great idea. I can't promise we'll do everything you request, but I will promise that your idea will be seriously considered. Money can always be found to support great ideas that will contribute to the success of our Regiment. If you have an idea then don't hesitate to bring it forward, the

worst that could happen is being told “no” and you will get all the credit for having at least suggested something!

On a personal note, I will be deploying to Lebanon in October and returning in July 18. During my absence, Major Nav Grewal will be the Acting Commanding Officer. He has my full confidence and I know that he will be able to benefit from the excellent team of officers, Sr NCOs, and soldiers who have performed so exceptionally well for me over the past 22 months. While I am excited by this opportunity to deploy which has been afforded me, the only downside is that I will not be able to participate in the Regiment’s training this year. I take immense pride in the work you do for our unit, the Canadian Armed Forces, and our country. It is a privilege to be a part of the same Regiment as all of you and I can hardly wait to return. Until then, I simply wish you well and on behalf of the RSM and myself I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities for development that are provided to you.

Good shooting!

RD Smid, MMM, MB, CD  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Commanding Officer

D.H. Robinson, MMM, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer (Master Gunner)  
Regimental Sergeant-Major

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## **Ironman 2017**

This year’s Ironman saw the 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment send a 3-person team to complete the grueling 50km trek: Captain Aliberti, WO Lombara and MBdr Browne. The Ironman is a 50 km race which is broken up into different phases: (1) 32 km Ruck Run; (2) 4 km portage; (3) 8 km canoe (4) 6 km ruck run. The majority of participants are from 2 CMBG and other Petawawa based units, however many units from 4th Can Div and the Ontario region send teams as well. It can take anywhere from just under 7 hours (for those who are in really good shape) to over 11 hours.

While the majority of the Ironman training was done on an individual level with respect to cardiovascular conditioning and nutrition, there was collective training completed both in Meaford and in Toronto. Meaford was a convenient venue for collective training, as the Ironman Team members were co-located in Meaford during RST. We went through a lesson on the proper rigging of canoes and practiced portaging and canoeing, all done at Mountain Lake. While the steel canoes are considerably heavier than the Kevlar canoes used for the Ironman, it was great for training and preparation for the event. The next training session was done on

Cherry Beach, Toronto, in which we rigged the canoes, portaged them along an abandoned railway track and canoed around the lake for about 2 km all in one morning. Here we used Kevlar canoes, and by this time we also had a better sense as to how we wanted to pad the yolk of the canoes and how we preferred our overall rigging system on an individual level.

We spent a total of 3 days in Petawawa, where we spent time registering, attending the Ironman briefing, rigging our canoes, seeing a few friends and old faces in Petawawa and having dinner together as a team. We woke up at 0230 and by 0400 hrs 2 RCHA fired the ceremonial round to start the race. By far, as was the case the last time I did this in 2010, the portage was the worst part. Overall the race seemed a bit easier this time, and that probably comes from the mental shift in having done something like this before, and realizing that's it's not as hard when broken up into little bits, and attacked sequentially, much like any other big task. I was certainly tired towards the end, but luckily had no blisters and after a refreshing shower, we all enjoyed a much deserved stop at McDonald's before heading back to Toronto. It's always a challenge working in enough training to prepare for something like this, and no doubt everyone always feels like they could have done more training. In the end, diligent training, nutrition, portage/canoe work-up and a little bit of mental toughness ensured that all 3 members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment finished the race successfully. UBIQUE.



*Written by Capt Dustin Aliberti – who is employed as the RSS Adjutant.*



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## **Contemporary Ethics and the Holocaust: Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics**

In March, I was selected as a 2017 Seminary Fellow with Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE). This summer, as a FASPE Fellow, I took part in an international ethics program that explores the history of the Holocaust and contemporary professional ethics. Though this was a civilian program, our CO has asked me to share my experiences with the Regimental Community.

As FASPE explains, the organization provides “business, journalism, law, medical, and seminary students with a 12-day trip to Germany and Poland where the actions of professionals during the Holocaust and in Nazi Germany serve as a backdrop for an intensive course of study on the current ethical challenges in their fields.” More specifically, the program employs “the power of place—the first-hand experience of visiting Auschwitz and other historic sites—to engage Fellows in applying the lessons of history to the ethical issues they face today.”

In preparation for our trip to Germany and Poland, Fellows completed a substantial reading list, studying the history of the Holocaust in connection with contemporary professional ethics. The program began on June 17, when we met in Berlin. This year, Seminary Fellows (an inter-faith group of seminary students and early-career religious leaders) were grouped together with Medical Fellows (medical students and early-career medical practitioners). We were led by eminent faculty: Seminary Fellows were taught by Dr. Kevin Spicer (Professor of History at Stonehill College and a Roman Catholic priest) and Rabbi James Ponet (Yale University Howard M. Holtzmann Jewish Chaplain Emeritus), while other professional groups were likewise led by leaders in their own fields.

For twelve days, we visited sites related to the planning and perpetration of the Holocaust, as well as various memorial sites. The sites we visited included the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe in Berlin, the Topography of Terror Documentation Center, Track 17 (where Jews were forced to board trains bound for concentration camps), Auschwitz I, and Auschwitz-Birkenau. In addition, we visited sites that provided glimpses of the vibrant Jewish life and community that thrived in Eastern Europe prior to the Holocaust, including a reconstructed synagogue in the Auschwitz Jewish Center in Oświęcim, Poland. In conjunction with these visits, the FASPE Faculty led discussions, seminars, and lectures to highlight specific ethical issues. Throughout the program, the focus remained on professional ethics, exploring how the complicity of professionals facilitated the murder of millions of Jews (as well as other targeted groups). Each group of Fellows focused on the roles of professionals from their own fields: for example, Seminary Fellows explored the ethical failures of Christian leaders during the Holocaust, reflecting on what this teaches about responsible religious leadership today.

This was an extraordinary program, exceeding all my expectations. Any graduate students or early-career professionals in Law, Business, Medicine, Journalism, or Religion may be eligible to apply. Since FASPE covers all expenses (including travel, accommodations, and meals), this program incurs almost no costs for the Fellows. For further information, see [www.FASPE.info](http://www.FASPE.info)

*Written by Capt The Reverend David Clark, Regimental Padre*

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## Artillery Reconnaissance Technician Course



The Artillery Reconnaissance Technician is a DP2 course for Artillery Non-Commissioned Members. This course spanned over a total of 4 weeks, and 18 training days. The course was run at 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division Training Center Meaford from 1 Aug to 25 Aug 2017.

The course covered the job duties of an Artillery Reconnaissance Technician, and the crucial role they play in orientation and fixation of the battery in relation to the map and grid in use. Those duties included how to use the Prismatic Compass, use of the

Theodolite, use of the Gun Laying and Position System (GLPS), and assist in the Conduct of Battery Survey. Field Training Exercises (FTX) were conducted to simulate Reconnaissance Technician party deployments, which allowed candidates to successfully pass their evaluations.

Candidates filled the role of Recce Techs, as well as gained understanding of the responsibilities and duties of Recce Officer and Recce Sgt positions. The course had a very compressed schedule and after a total of 4 weeks, the course qualified 11 Recce Techs. Those troops were integrated into an exercise to support the DP1 course, which took place from 22 Aug to 24 Aug 2017.

Each Recce Tech felt the pressure to perform with highest precision when orienting and fixing battery as the battery will be firing live rounds down range. Supporting the DP1 artillery course was the first time that many newly qualified Recce Techs were part of the recce party on a live fire exercise. The exercise consisted of battery level fire missions, which included a variety of high rate fire missions. Due to the poor weather conditions a lot of time and effort was spent into preventing trucks getting stuck in the field during deployments; however this did not interfere with the successful completion of all required trainings.

By Sgt K Stradalowicz – who is the Recce Sgt in 15 Battery

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## **PLQ/AJLC – June 18 to August 22, 2017 – Meaford, ON**

The Army Junior Leadership Course (AJLC) is the first leadership course that NCM's take in their military careers. It is broken up into 4 modules (MODs). PLQ consists of MODs 1-3 which are required to reach the rank of Leading Seamen (LS) in the Royal Canadian Navy or Master Corporal (MCpl) in the Royal Canadian Air Force. For those in the Canadian Army we are required to additionally complete MOD 4, the AJLC portion of this course, in order to become MCpl's/MBdr's (Master Bombardier).

MOD 1 is the distance learning (online) portion where over a five week period we are required to complete 9 full days of training. The training is to learn more about the administrative side to leadership such as writing memos, personal development and evaluation reports (PDR/PER), CAF (Canadian Armed Forces) laws and regulations and the grievance process.

MOD 2 is the first portion of full time training in garrison which lasts two weeks. It is the MOD where we learn to be instructors and are evaluated on doing so while instructing PT, drill, skill (weapons handling), knowledge as well as being an ARSO (Assistant Range Safety Officer).

MOD 3 lasts three weeks where we primarily learn about the principles of leadership, laws of armed conflict, battle procedure and a variety of other leadership processes common in the CAF. Battle procedure and the ability to lead, command and make timely decisions are assessed during a 5 day FTX (field exercise) conducting stability operations (Stab Ops). Typical Stab Ops which we were assessed on included VCP's (vehicle check points), HAS (humanitarian aid stations), presence patrols and KLE's (key leader engagements).

MOD 4 is the final and most difficult module. Everything we learn throughout the entirety of the course leads up to a final 10 day FTX where we are assessed on offensive operations, (leading a section attack), defensive operations, (leading an occupation or withdrawal of a defensive position (i.e. trenches)), and enabling operations (leading and conducting a point recce). We are expected to conduct and lead these tasks while constantly being sleep deprived and stressed in order to simulate the hardships of theatre operations.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 five members of 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment, (4xArtillerymen and 1xMusician), set aside their civilian lives, careers and commitments in order to complete the nine week AJLC, MODs 2-4 in Meaford, Ontario. We all came from a variety of backgrounds including an Engineer (Waterman), a Teacher (Venturanza), a 991 Ambulance Communication Officer (Litwin), a Paramedic (Desormiers) and a student of a BA in Criminal Justice (Chan). We all had one goal in common; to take the next step in our military careers by completing the AJLC and returning to our unit as future leaders.

Our course started with 32 personnel and by the end 19 graduated. The other 13 either failed academically, voluntarily RTU (returned to unit) or were medically RTU. There were two other AJLC platoons and very quickly our platoon had the reputation of being the toughest of the three. The course Officer had a focus on mental resilience with rigorous and demanding PT and an additional FTX in order to better prepare us for the MOD 3 and MOD 4 FTXs. Due to the

high attrition rate amongst the AJLCs one of the platoons was collapsed in MOD 4 and integrated amongst the other two.



Successful 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment Candidates of AJLC post-graduation parade. Left to right: Bdr Sam Waterman, MCpl Joanna Venturanza, Bdr Mystyslaw Litwin (TC), Bdr Charles Desormiers, Bdr Domonic Chan

Though the course was very tough in the end we all were successful. I believe all us at some point faced a personal struggle and may have doubted seeing ourselves complete the course. For me personally I had to work through a fractured ankle which I received on the MOD 4 FTX while leading a section attack, and which nearly resulted in me being medically RTU. In the end through hard work, determination and teamwork we all persevered and passed the course. MCpl Venturanza notably did well passing all her hard assessments on the first attempt thus receiving much praise from the instructors and setting a new bar for musicians being employed as

infanteers. Further, Bdr Litwin was exceptional having finished as the top candidate, making us all very proud. Throughout the course he always knew how to keep the morale of the platoon high and was seen as a leader by fellow candidates whether he was giving advice, helping others or stepping up first to a new task or challenge. As the top candidate he also had the honour of leading the graduation parade.



**Bdr Litwin leading the AJLC graduation parade**



**Photo 1: Bdr Litwin being presented Top Candidate award for AJLC0009 by 32 Bde Col Stepaniuk and CWO Lawson**

Now that the course is over we are all looking forward to returning to our civilian lives and careers as well as our new duties at the regiment as new leaders. We all look forward to a successful 2017/2018 training year.

*Written by Bdr Sam Waterman – who is currently employed in 9 Battery*

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## **DP1 Artillery**

This past summer I was given the opportunity to partake in the DP1 Artillery trades course from the 16th of July to the 4th of August at CFB Meaford. The course, being short in nature, was very high paced and began immediately with immense amounts of information that had to be meticulously studied and understood. All of what was learned would be put to the test later in the course's field exercise.

The first week of course consisted of fire discipline as well as lectures on the GPO's sequence of orders. Fire discipline became the life of every candidate, as verbatim memory of its contents are a requirement of the course. Candidates were constantly drilled in fire discipline until confidently reciting it became second nature. The first week also saw an introduction to the C3 howitzer; its anatomy, its function, and its overall capabilities.

The second week began with a full days lecture on ammunition. Types of ammunition, purposes, abilities, identification, and fuze pairings were all included and painstakingly memorized by the candidates. All candidates showed a very high degree of dedication to studying, as the test later in the week saw not a single student fail.

While studying of the ammunition continued after dismissal, the 4 other training days of the week were dedicated to gun drill. Recording the 3 sight and being able to apply ordered bearings and elevations were repeated until a firm understanding was shown by all those on course. Preparing for action, coming into action, preparing to move, and cease firing were thoroughly covered with competition between detachments being friendly, yet fierce. This week also saw additional course material such as the assembly and removal of camouflage netting.

Monday saw the most important test of the course; the layers test. The majority of candidates, dedicated to becoming better gunners, passed without major conflict. Very few struggled to do well. The afternoon was the commencement of the field exercise, where the performance of every candidate would be constantly evaluated for the next 3 days. Tuesday morning would become the day all candidates moved from Privates to Gunners as everyone on course fired their first rounds, followed immediately by a badging ceremony in the field. The firing continued into a coordinated illumination mission at night, and the field exercise came to an end the next morning.

The course ended with an individual level review by the course officer, and naturally, with hours of maintenance and cleaning of the guns. All candidates would leave base as members of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery, with a profound sense of pride and honour to to have earned the title "Gunner".



Gunners receiving their cap badges from Senior Artillery Officers and NCO's

*Written by Gnr W. Staikos – who is employed in 9 Battery.*

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## **Gun Detachment 2iC**

This summer for RST 2017 I was employed with 48 Bty to assist in teaching the next group of Gun Det 2iC. The staff included, Course Officer Lt Jashchinski from 49<sup>th</sup> Field Sault Ste Marie, Course WO, WO Bellmore of 11<sup>th</sup> field Guelph, Sgt Frank from NDHQ Ottawa, Sgt Stack of 11<sup>th</sup> field Regt Guelph, Sgt Bailey of 11<sup>th</sup> Field Regt Guelph.

7 Toronto Regt Students included just one Candidate, MBdr Noh. The Gun detachment second in command course ran from 23-05-2017 through 16-06-2017. The course qualifies all student to take up the role on the guns as the detachment second in command. While on course they were taught different equipment associated with artillery as well as ammunition and detailed fire discipline for which there were tested on each as a final PO check. The course started with 16 students and finished with 14. For the duration of the course the students are required to present the material to their peers as they would a DP1 course. The subject material ranges from all parts of artillery from basic drills to the operations of prime movers. Each of the students were assessed on their ability to teach the material correctly and to maintain the class as well as many other aspects.

After all the students mutual and the PO checks have been completed, the students take to the field to fire live for a conformation of all they have learnt. All students will be working together along with firing troop to make up three guns, each of the guns would rotate No.1s to ensure every Det 2 ic had the opportunity to fire live in conformation. The end result of the field Ex named FIRST STRIKE was a complete success with every student firing their mission and confirming they are competent Gun Det 2ics.

The Top Candidate Award went to MBdr Kurtis MacDonald from 49<sup>th</sup> field Regiment – Sault Ste Marie

*Written by MBdr Alex Dickinson – who is posted RSS and mployed as the Regiment’s Transport NCO*

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## 7 Toronto Ball Hockey Team Finishes Third

Between 24 – 28 April, a ball hockey tournament was run by PSP at Denison Armoury. About more than half of the team was from 7 Toronto and was captained by our very own Master Bombardier Noh. Despite a slow start from the team losing our first 3 games, we played our best when it counted. Going into the quarter finals, we had a hard fought victory in which everybody played their best. Unfortunately, the team fell short to the fully rested side in the semi-finals. The day after, our last game was the



Top Row: **Gnr Mazzilli, Gnr Hill, MBdr Noh, Bdr Han, MCpl Nunag, OCdt Airforce, Capt Noke**  
Botton Row: **WO Miller, Cpl Lalor, Cpl Xhango**

consolation final which determined if we would finish with a third place medal or a participation award. After 3 long periods, the game was called a tie (up for much debate) and it went to a shootout. I was only player to score in the shootout and Cpl Lalor was a brick wall, shutting the opposing team out, leading the team to a victory and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish for the team. Each member brought a high level of skills, sportsmanship and professionalism to the game. It was a great run and I hope to see more members from our regiment join next year.

**Gnr Hill, Bdr Han, Cpl Lalor, Gnr Mazzilli, MBdr Noh**



*Written by Bdr P. Han*

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## **A Summer in 48 Battery --- Meaford's Firing Troop**

Every RST, many artillery courses need to be run. These courses would not be possible without the 48 Depot Battery Firing Troop. Whether it's providing gun detachments for a CP course, or supplying drivers for the DP1 courses, all these extra troops come from firing troop.

Firing troop consists of all ranks from all regiments in 4 division. It is a great experience for gunners to cooperate with each other and work with people they would not always have the chance to work with, all while getting experience in different gunnery positions. When they were not supporting other artillery courses, firing troop would stay busy, being tasked for gun displays, parades, and completing their IBTS lectures for the year. Firing troop provided a great role in marketing for the Invictus Games. They did photo ops in their gun shed, as well as on a live fire gun position.

From May through August, Firing troop helped support eight artillery courses. It provided employment for over thirty gunners who all showed improvement in their trade. Firing troop



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Szadkowski, Bdr Vanderpost, Bdr. Jashewski, Bdr Ford, Bdr Durrant, Gnr Dampousse, MBdr Gilbert, Gnr Facchini, Bdr Houle, Bdr Moore, Gnr Sheerer, Gnr Debakker, Bdr Sadiasa, Bdr Waller, MBdr Noh, Bdr Gariepy, Bdr Mask, MBdr Woronchanka, MBdr Browne, Sgt Stradalowicz)

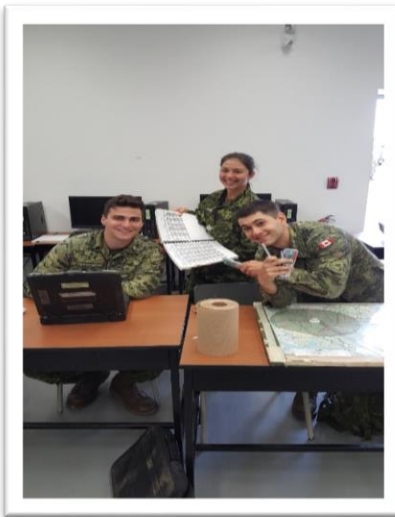
continue to be an asset in order for RST to run smoothly, and will continue to welcome all gunners who would like to spend their summer working hard and effectively with the Royal Canadian Artillery.

*Written by MBdr Browne – currently employed as a Det Cmnd in 15 Battery*

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## **Command Post Technician Course**

The CP Tech course held at RST Meaford came as a surprise to both Bdr Dos Santos and I. We were on task with 48 Bty firing troop and before we knew it we were thrown on the course. We were not exactly sure what to expect. A few days later, we realized the course was different from any other course we have done in the past. The challenge of this course was not a physical barrier, but a mental one we had to push through. But, with the help of our great staff, including 7th Toronto's very own MBdr Buccella, all the candidates were able to grasp the knowledge promptly and get through the homework each night. The course began to get better a few weeks in as we moved on to Manual Artillery Plotting Systems (MAPS). MAPS showed us the bigger picture. This was a great perspective to see since most of us only experienced artillery from the perspective of the guns. Our performance then began to improve since we were doing work we actually enjoyed. Later on, we began Indirect Fire Control Computer System (IFCCS) which was a good step up from MAPS, since it essentially does all the math for us. Overall, I felt the course was ran very well. The order in which we learned everything and the time allocated for each subject was almost exactly what we needed, which helped make the course run smoothly from the candidate side. I surprisingly enjoyed the course much more than I expected and am very glad that I had the opportunity to take it. And now I just can't wait to get in the box live because I feel there's something about yelling 'BOOM' in the classroom just doesn't compare to the sounds of the actual guns firing.



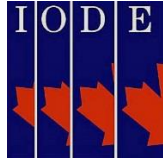
Staff: MBdr Buccella (Centre)

Students: Bdr Dos Santos (Left) Bdr Chilipala (Right)

*Written by Bdr Chilpala*

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## IODE -Ubique!



The Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, Ubique Chapter, is almost two years old now and we are looking forward to another great year as part of the Regimental Family. IODE, Ubique is a women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

With this mission in mind, IODE, Ubique will be coordinating more activities this year to support the soldiers of 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto regiment and their families and people in the local community. Over the coming months we will focus on three main activities:

- a. **Scholarship.** The criteria for the scholarship announced at the Family Day parade will be promulgated through the chain of command in the coming weeks with the scholarship awarded at the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner;
- b. **Children's Christmas Party.** See our flyer on page 27 We are organizing the Children's Christmas Party this year and we encourage all families to come out and join the fun. Details can be found in the flyer below; and
- c. **Holiday Outreach.** Once again, we will work with Padre Clark to provide holiday food hampers, warm clothing and any other items required to people in need in the local area.

IODE, Ubique meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30pm at Moss Park Armoury. We would love to welcome you to our group. If you wish to receive information about IODE or you wish to become a member, feel free to contact us at any time at [ubique.iode@gmail.com](mailto:ubique.iode@gmail.com).

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## ArtyFacts – The Limber Gunners

As our Limber Gunners grow and have become a staple around Toronto the demand for their services grows and as you will see below their op tempo is very high for a group of volunteers.

Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> .

The 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment and Limber Gunners took part in a 21 Gun Salute and a Change of Honours at Queens Park and also set up a static display and Family Day at MPA. I would like to thank the Limber gunners that took part in this memorable event; Frank Moore, Ken Foster, Ian Farquarson,

Sandy Burnett, Gord Kowalishen, Jeremy Cameron, Steve Zurbrigg, Bill Wallace, Dave Rea, Steve Singh, Otto Skerlan, Jeannette Chau, Brian Higgins, Paul Kernohan and Ron Paterson. A special thanks to Sandy Burnett who travel from Winsor and Steve Zurbrigg who travelled from Stratford to support this event. There were 6 LG members dressed in Battle Dress.

Saturday , May 27<sup>th</sup>

The 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment, the Limber Gunners and the Fork York Garrison took part in Two Centuries of Fire Power at Old Fort York. The Limber Gunners and the Fort York Garrison fired a ceremonial salute at Old Fort York. The following Limber Gunners Gord Kowalishen, Ian Farquharson, Don Mac Gilivary James Kupresak and Joe MacCormack took part in the presentation and salute

Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> the Limber Gunner were involved in a Tank Firing and Movement Display at the Oshawa Ontario Regiment Museum display . The Limber Gunners fired the 25Pdr in support of the Tank Fire and Movement display. The ground conditions were extremely muddy but the Armoured and the Guns had a great weekend. I would like to thank Joe MacCormack, Frank Moore, Otto Skerlan, Jeremy Cameron, Paul Kernohan and Ron Paterson for making this week end successful.

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>;

The Limber Gunners were invited to take part in the Highland Creek Village Heritage Festival. The Limber Gunners set up a static display with the Quad, Limber and 25Pdr QF Howitzer. There were many Festival participants that were interested in our display. Joe MacCormack, Frank Moore , Jeremy Cameron , Otto Skerlan, Paul Kernohan and Ron Paterson contributed to making the day a great success.

Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada Day.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Toronto Regiment and the Limber Gunners fired a 21 Gun Salute for this historic event. The Regiment fired 2x 105 Howitzers and the Limber Gunners fired 2 X 25Pdr QF Howitzers. The LG assisted the Regiment with crowd control during the salute.. A special thanks goes to Dave Thompson for supporting this event with his 1942 Jeep travelling from Vermont. There were 3 Limber Gunners , Ron Paterson, Dave Rea and Bill Wallace that took part in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada Day on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1967 that fired on Number #1 Gun for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada Day. The following LG members made this day a success; Dave Anderson, Ken Foster, Ian Farquarson, Gord Kowalishen, James Kupresak, Jeremy Cameron, Frank Moore, Steve Singh, Bill Wallace, Brian Higgins, Otto Skerlan and Dave Thompson.

July 07<sup>th</sup> Q.O.R Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Station Creek Golf Course

The Limber Gunners supported this 4 round Shot Gun Start that supported the Q.O.R Golf Tournament that supported a charity. Each QOR Member drew a raffle ticket number for the opportunity to fire. The following LG members made this day a huge success; Richard Bennett, Otto Skerlan, Dave Rae, Ian Farquharson, Paul Kernohan and Ron Paterson. Frank Moore prepared the blank rounds

August 19<sup>th</sup> Warriors Day Parade at the CNE

The Limber Gunners with the Quad, Limber and 25Pdr. QF Howitzer were honoured to be asked to support the annual Warriors Day Parade at the CNE. I would like to thank the following members for making this parade a great success; Joe MacCormack, Ian Farquharson, Otto Skerlan Ken Foster and James Kapresak .

August 23<sup>rd</sup> The Durham Police Charity Golf Tournament at Deer Creek Golf Course

The Durham Police have asked the Limber Gunners to fire a 5 round Shot Gun Start for their Charity Golf Tournament. A raffle will be held for a member of the Durham Police to fire each round to raise money for their charity. The following members supported the Shot Gun Start for the Charity Golf Tournament; Steve Singh, Ian Farquharson, Ken Foster, Bill Wallace ,Paul Kernohan and Ron Paterson Thank you Frank Moore for prepared the blank ammo.

The Limber Gunners will carried out Driver training this fall , The driver candidates were Jeremy Cameron and Otto Skerlan

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the LG/TG held a a monthly meeting . The next meeting will be held on September 18th

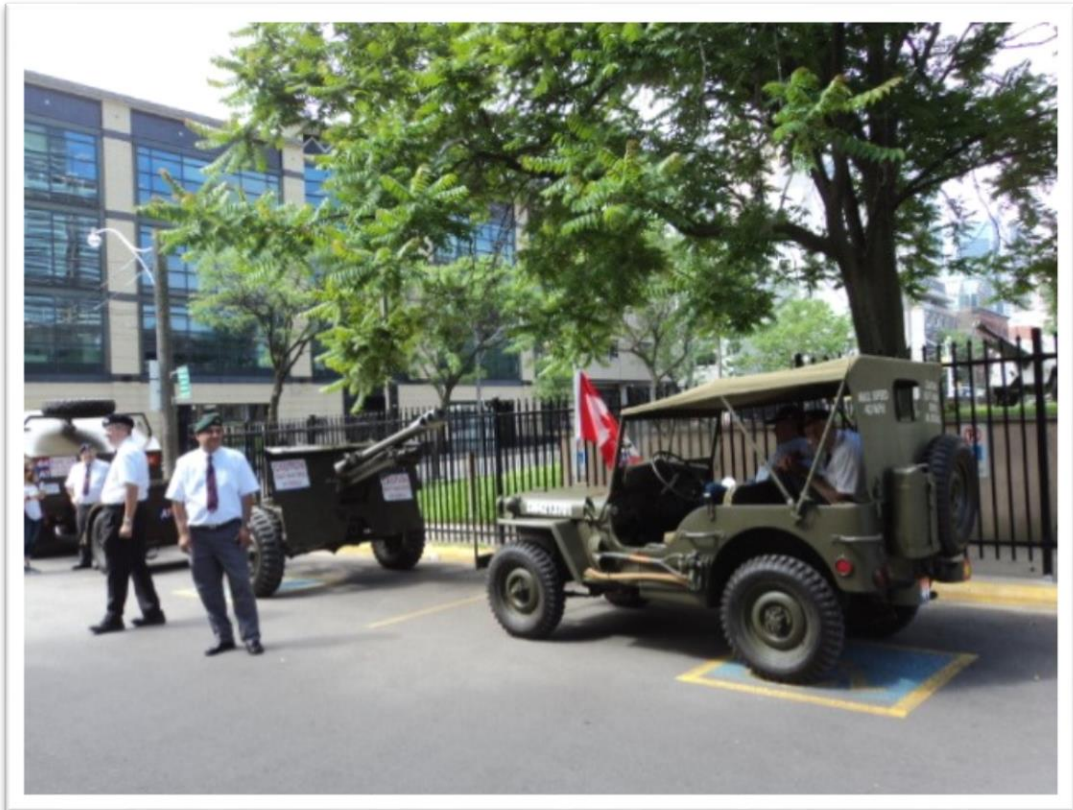
The Limber Gunners will start measuring up for the Canvas Apron ,acquiring tires and painting the 2 RCHA Limber after Remembrance Day

#### **UP COMING EVENTS**

- Monday ,September 11<sup>th</sup> the Toronto Gunners and Limber Gunners will run a Stand up Parade Bar-B-Que at MPA for the Gunners of The Regiment

To the members of the Regiment that have retired ,and you if you like the smell of the gun power, driving a WWII Field Artillery Tractor and firing salutes with WWII Equipment and taking part in an active tank day Join the Limber Gunners and meet some of your old Friends

The LG has a second Limber on loan from 2 RCHA . The LG has a line on a second Quad.





## **THE TORONTO ARTILLERY FOUNDATION** (Established 1978)

September 2017

### **Membership Update**

#### **Benefactors**

BGen E.B. Beno, OMM, CD

The foundation is both pleased and proud to announce the elevation of BGen E.B. Beno, OMM, CD, our recently retired Chairman and Honorary Colonel, to the level of Benefactor.

Ernie first became a Permanent Member of the Foundation on 4 November 2014.

For those Permanent Members who feel that they may be closing in on the Benefactor level do not hesitate to contact the Treasurer to verify your status of donations and consider becoming a Benefactor of the Foundation.

And for those wishing to become a Permanent Member do not hesitate to do so. The Foundation is open to all ranks and small donations will be accumulated until you reach the \$1,000.00 mark at which time your name will appear on the Foundation Plaque located permanently in the 7th Toronto Regiment RCA, Officers' Mess as a Permanent Member.

### **John McDermott Remembrance Concert - 6 November 2017**

If you missed last year's McDermott Concert be sure not to miss this year's !

Preparations are well under way for this great event scheduled for 6 November 2017 again at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Please mark this date on your calendars and let your friends and neighbours know so that they may partake in this musical celebration of Remembrance Week with the renowned Celtic Singer, John McDermott and some very special guests including our own Toronto Artillery Foundation Band conducted by the former Director of Music Graz Brescacin. Again, the beneficiary of the concert will be the Toronto Artillery Foundation so it is incumbent upon the Toronto Gunner Community to make the most of this event to support the Foundation to maximize its funds under long term investment for the eventual use of the Regiment.

If you were unable to attend or wish to relive the performance, please go to the video link that follows: <http://livestream.com/accounts/12182946/events/6434579?t=1475365771>.

### **Save the Date and Buy Your Tickets**

Go to [www.lestweforgetevent.com](http://www.lestweforgetevent.com) for information and advance electronic ticketing

### **Foundation Plaque Update & Reconstruction**

Due to the funding raising activity generated during the retired HCol's tenure, we have now run out of space on the Foundation Plaque located in the Officers' Mess for both classes of membership and as such it will be undergoing a redesign in the near future. The current configuration dates from 2010.

The Plaque has been assessed and work should be commencing shortly with completion anticipated by early October 2017.

The setup currently in the Mess was assembled by the late CWO P. Rosa, MMM, CD.

### **Foundation Annual General Meeting**

The Foundation Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Monday in October (16 October 2017).

The AGM Notice along with the annual Financial Statement will be forthcoming to our members in the near future.

Please reserve this date and participate in the running of your Foundation.

### **Upcoming Foundation & Regimental Events**



Please keep the following meaningful dates on your horizons:

- January - December 2017 - Celebrations for Canada 150  
Official events/salutes, etc. not yet confirmed
- 11 Sep 2017 - Regimental stand up for Fall training and welcome back BBQ put on by the Limber Gunners
- 16 Oct 2017 - Tentative date for Foundation Annual General Meeting. Details to follow with the notice of meeting to Members
- 06 Nov 2017 - Lest We Forget an Evening with John McDermott in Song and Verse. Go to [www.lestweforgetevent.com](http://www.lestweforgetevent.com) for information and electronic ticketing
- 11 Nov 2017 - Remembrance Day Salute at Queens Park

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AN EVENING *with* JOHN McDERMOTT  
\* IN SONG AND VERSE \*



Join JOHN McDERMOTT, Special Guests, and the Toronto Artillery  
Foundation Band for a memorable evening of *music, performance*  
*and pageantry* in honour of Veterans and Service Personnel

A FUNDRAISING EVENT IN SUPPORT OF  
THE TORONTO ARTILLERY FOUNDATION

NOVEMBER 6, 2017, 7:00pm  
YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH  
\$30 online, or at the door  
[lestweforgetevent.com/tickets](http://lestweforgetevent.com/tickets)



## 7<sup>TH</sup> TORONTO REGIMENT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

- ❖ **Date:** Saturday, 19 November 2017
- ❖ **Time/Location:** 10am - 1pm at the Officers' Mess at Moss Park Armoury



- ❖ **Pancake breakfast at 10:30am**
  - ❖ Pancakes (gluten free available on request)
  - ❖ Fruit
  - ❖ Tea, coffee, juice
- ❖ **Activities for kids (and kids at heart)**
  - ❖ Holiday crafts
  - ❖ Face-painting
  - ❖ Decorate the 7<sup>th</sup> Tor Regt tree

At 12 pm, Santa will visit us at Moss Park Armoury  
with gifts for the children.

At 1pm, for all those who wish to participate, we will parade  
to the corner of University and Queen and see Santa once again in  
the Toronto Santa Claus Parade.

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