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Logistics Branch Integrator visits

8 Wing Logisticians

Article & Photos by Ross Lees

On 1 April 2015, Lieutenant-General (Retired) W.C. Leach, Colonel Commandant of the Logistics Branch, passed away unexpectedly. You will find in the following article his last visit comments and quotes.



Logistics Branch Advisor/Integrator (LBI) Colonel Angela Banville visited 8 Wing Trenton on March 25 to make sure the Logisticians on the Wing knew who she was and that she and her staff were always available to address issues or requirements within the 47-year-old Branch.

She told the large turnout that she always wanted them to be operationally focused to keep the Branch vital within the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

“You need to be dedicated, operationally proficient, professional, and responsive to operations because, ultimately, that’s what we need to be doing as Logisticians,” she noted. “We need to be enablers of operations. Our credibility within the Branch rests with our credibility within operations.”

Col. Banville was impressed with her tour of 8 Wing Trenton and its units and people of the Logistics Branch.

“We heard lots of great things about the work that you are doing and I’d like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of you for the work you do,” she said.

“Your Wing Commander (Col. David Lowthian) and the other members of the staff here that we met were very enthusiastic about the work that you do throughout the Wing in support of operations. It’s very impressive what you’ve been managing to do with no increase in resources. That’s exactly what we want to be seeing, throughout the Branch, because that credibility in the end will allow us to be contributors to operations of the CAF.”



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The Logistics Branch Integrator Directorate is made up of three cells, she told her audience at the National Air Force Museum of Canada, Training, Production and the Secretariat.

The Training cell assesses the training being done within the Branch to ensure its relevance, credibility and effectiveness and then addressing any gaps in training which might exist, she stated.

The Production cell runs things related to the Occupation to keep them healthy and to ensure the entry standards are correct to set those coming into the profession up for success. They would also assess required changes, she indicated.

The Secretariat promotes and supports esprit de corps and morale within the Branch through such things as the Newsletter.

As the LBI, she said she was responsible for melding the capabilities of the Branch with the requirements of the CAF and base operations, comparing it to a city bus.



Logistics Branch Advisor/Integrator (LBI) Colonel Angela Banville spoke to logisticians at 8 Wing Trenton on Wednesday, March 25.

"If everything's working, the city bus will arrive on time, there will be enough room for all the passengers, there'll be enough gas and there will be will be a load of cargo in the back," she said. "If the Branch Integrator is not doing their job properly, the bus will break down, it won't have enough gas, there won't be enough room for all the passengers and the cargo will be left behind."

"We try to create a logistics capability with Occupations that are relevant and credible with the operational missions that are properly trained and ready to support operations in the field."

She said there is never a lack of work for the LBI, who is always looking to upgrade the Branch and addressing the issues it may encounter in its day-to-day operations.

"We're always looking at ways to do the job better and address issues as they spring up and impact the Branch," she noted.

One of the issues they are looking at as they approach the 50th anniversary of the Logistics Branch in 2018 is potentially a new badge.

She said they intend to hold discussions to see if the badge should be changed to coincide with the pending anniversary, however no decision has been made to date.

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Lt.-Gen. (Retired) Bill Leach, having joined the military in 1960, has watched the Branch develop from its infancy to the present and he said he had a sense of the challenges Logisticians face.

"You are the largest, most complicated, most broadly-used branch in the CAF," he indicated. "That's not a statement of fiction, that's a fact!"



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Lt.-Gen. Leach said he was excited with the things being worked on and which would be produced by the Branch and he was impressed with what was being done in Trenton.

"There was a time when the only thing you knew about Trenton was this is where you came to get on a 707 to fly to the east coast, the west coast or Europe," he noted. "If you came from the east coast, the west coast or Europe and you landed, you landed in Trenton. Those days are gone! You people live an every-day life of being the most strategic hub the CAF has in its inventory of places to be. You're involved in everything. It's not just an Air Force base, it's an air force location, a deployed air force, army units and ships at sea. It's hard on your body and minds and your families, we know that!"

"But it's travelling to places like this and meeting people like you that it's all about for me."



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"You need to be prepared for those retirements so that the people replacing them are qualified and knowledgeable enough to be able to take over," he said. "You need to stay flexible, mobile, fit, and knowledgeable so you can do your job as well as it can be done."

He also told those attending the town hall they need to remember to recognize their people as they do their jobs, adding he felt the Branch in Trenton was doing a tremendous job.

Captain Ken Ruller receives Third Clasp to CD signifying 42 years of Military Service

by Capt Pierre Beauchamp, Log Br Adjutant



Captain Ken Ruller at 41 CBG HQ Calgary receives his Third Clasp to the CD from Lieutenant Colonel Ken Faulkner on 30 April 15. Captain Ruller served as an Administrative Clerk and as a Resource Management Support Clerk for 39 years attaining the rank of Master Warrant Officer before transferring to the Reserve Force and Commissioning from the Ranks as a Logistics Officer. Captain Ruller reached the 42 year service mark on 17 January 2015.



Logistician Profile - Maj Tim Symington

By LCol Paul G. Young

Maj Tim Symington is an Army Logistics Officer on an exchange assignment with United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) in Honolulu, Hawaii, as part of the Canada-United States Integrated Lines of Communication Agreement (ILOC). As part of his duties, he is the lead logistics planner for the Multinational Planning Augmentation Team (MPAT), which includes participating in multi-national exercises in the Pacific Region.

Maj Symington recently participated in the exercises BERSAMA WARRIOR 15 in Malaysia and COBRA GOLD 15 in Thailand. The purpose of these annual exercises is to provide an opportunity for better cooperation, coordination and synchronization/integration between multiple nations within the Asia-Pacific region. They involve the planning and execution of various scenarios centered on the fictional continent of Pacifica. Scenarios vary year-to-year, and range from humanitarian assistance and noncombatant evacuation operations (NEO), to counter-piracy and drug trafficking operations, to full-scale kinetic military operations. For this year's exercise, Maj Symington was the J4 representative in the notional USPACOM Headquarters, where he provided direction, oversight and guidance on logistics planning and requirements in support of counter-piracy operations.



(L to R): Maj Tim Symington, a Canadian ILOC exchange officer serving at USPACOM poses with fellow Exercise COBRA GOLD 15 participants from the U.S. Joint Staff J7, Royal Thai Air Force, and USPACOM J37.

Base Commander Commendation—MWO Charbonneau

By Capt Corinne Koekhuyt, OIC BOR, CFB Borden/CFTSG



Master Warrant Officer (MWO) Pam Carbonneau receives a Base Commander's Commendation from Commander M.F. Langlois, Administrative Officer of CFB Borden/CFSTG on behalf of Colonel J.B.C. Doyon. The commendation was presented to MWO Carbonneau on May 2015 in recognition of her, *“remarkable leadership, professionalism, and extraordinary commitment to the welfare of CFB Borden/CFSTG personnel.”*

MWO Carbonneau has been an avid proponent of the Seasonal Sharing Basket Program, a local initiative designed to provide Defence Team Members and their families experiencing financial distress during the Christmas holiday season with much needed support, since the program's inception in 2005. Her selfless dedication to the program has been a catalyst to its success and has enriched the lives of many. An exceptional Logistician and leader, MWO Carbonneau's overwhelming commitment to serving those around her is commendable, authentically personifying the Logistics Branch Motto,



“Servitium Nulli Secundus”





By Ian Nicholls, President CFLA NCR Chapter

Overview/Activity Summary June 2013 to May 2015

The following is a laundry list of what our chapter has provided to members and interested Logisticians over the last 21 months. It is neither prioritized nor chronological, but it gives readers a taste of what they can expect.

1. Created a public domain website which reaches across the country
2. Organized briefings on the following topics:
 - a. Current Unclassified Log Ops updates from both SJS and CJOC, including:
 - i. DART deployments
 - ii. Afghanistan drawdowns
 - iii. Op Impact/Op Reassurance/Op Sirona

(Note – these briefings are often not otherwise available to the Non-Commissioned Logisticians in the NCR and are welcomed by all.)

- b. Ammunition Program Restructure
 - c. Log Museum
 - d. RMS trade situation
 - e. Cook trade situation
 - f. Sup Tech trade situation
 - g. Armed Forces Pensioners Association of Canada
 - h. Natural Resources Canada Polar Continental Shelf Program
 - i. Canadian Naval Logistics
 - j. Canadian Army Logistics
 - k. Service Battalion Association
 - l. Hill 70 WWI Memorial
 - m. ATCO Canada operations
 - n. Logistics Branch Updates by LBA(s)
 - o. DND Procurement Overview
3. Provided monthly, or more frequently if required, electronic communication bursts to all members and contacts on a variety of topics of interest
 4. Provided regular forum for updates and discussion with Col. Commandant
 5. Created a professional database for members and contacts (including outreach to former RCAF Supply officers, RCASC orgs),
 6. Stood up a History and Heritage subcommittee
 7. Stood up a Lest We Forget subcommittee
 8. Organized and administered 2 NCR All Ranks golf tournaments on behalf of the LBA
 9. Conducted joint meetings with the EMEA
 10. Provided representation at various CDA activities
 11. Attended and supported local Logistics Branch Birthday and Meet and Greet celebrations
 12. Most importantly, increased paid membership from 18 to 96, of which 43 are Regular Force serving Logisticians. At the same time we have increased our total contact list to 375 confirmed addressees.

Postal

Field Operations for the New Era

By Sgt Jen Jodrey - Postmaster, Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 15



Another year, another field exercise? Oh no, this exercise was much different!! Camp Wainwright AB and Exercise MAPLE RESOLVE 15 provided the backdrop for the deployment of the latest version of a field post office. This brand new Special Equipment Vehicle (SEV), utilized by the CAF Postal Unit, was the talk (and envy) of many who stopped by to have a look. Whether it was for a social visit with the Posties, a quick tour for the engineer types, or simply to pick up a care package from home, everyone left with an understanding – ‘Old School MECC’ has met ‘Modern Technology’.

While it may look like just another ordinary seacan MECC shelter from the outside, the inside of this postal prototype tells a completely different story. With its custom designed interior, the SEV proved it could accommodate mail operations for a large concentration of troops from 5 countries that made up this year’s Ex MAPLE RESOLVE. With its two spacious work stations, ample storage space, mail sorting tables, customer service area and the top-notch climate control system, you may never know that you are actually in a field environment. Camp routine was anything but routine as the faces of Canadian and US troops appeared at our door to collect their mail.



We all know how temperamental spring weather in Wainwright can be, but throw in a 17.5 kW generator that pumped out enough heat from a 5.5 kW heater to ward off those chilly winter days, and plenty of icy air from the 10,000 BTU AC units on the hot days and we had it made!! It was pretty much a guarantee to have everyone stopping by just to get out of the elements. And to make life even easier, all that was required was a simple flip of the switch to change from diesel powered generator to conventional shore power.

So by the end of the Exercise, when all was said and done - yes, mail for the troops came in and mail went out, but with this great new piece of kit, it gave the CF Postal Service an even greater chance to shine in the face of “just another field Ex,” and at the end of the day, it’s a great time to be a Logistician!!



50th Anniversary of Canada's Reserve Service Battalions

By Maj John Page, ADM(Mat) / DMGSP 3-3

The recent past has seen a number of Anniversary's and celebrations around Canadian Military milestones. We celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812, a war that if the British had not won, (or at least "not lost") Canada as we know it would not exist. Some other recent Anniversary's: last year was 100 years since the start of World War One (WW I); and a number of battles have been commemorated – such as the Gallipoli Campaign with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in April 1915; the first gas attack at Ypres on 22 April and, the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) engagement at Frisenburg on 8 May 1915. We also celebrated some World War II (WW II) anniversaries such as the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy invasion by 3rd Canadian Infantry Division on Juno Beach in June 2014; the liberation of the Netherlands by 1st Canadian Army on 5 May 1945; and Victory in Europe (VE) Day on 8 May 1945 (9 May 1945 for the Soviet Union).

2019 marks another milestone, besides being the 75th Anniversary of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME); it is the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of Reserve Service Battalions (Svc Bn) in Canada on 1 January 1965. Canada is the only country to ever adopt the Service Battalion construct, a uniquely Canadian organisation.

The Canadian Army formed four Regular Force Service Battalions between 1968 and 1970; building on the successful trials of 3 (Experimental) Service Battalion in Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick, from 1963 until 1968; and, the lessons learned from the formation of Reserve Service Battalions. Note that 4 Service Battalion was formed in 1969/70 in Northern Germany and disbanded in 1993 in Lahr, West Germany, along with the remainder of 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group at the end of the Cold War.

The Service Battalions have continued to evolve into our current Order of Battle of three Regular Force Battalions – 1 Service Battalion, Edmonton; 2 Service Battalion, Petawawa and 5e Bataillon des Services du Canada (Bon S du C), Valcartier; and, ten Reserve Service Battalions, one per Reserve Canadian Brigade Group (CBG).

On 1 January, 1965 several minor (Company or smaller sized) Army Reserve service support units in each city were grouped to form a single Battalion sized major service support unit (Toronto and Montreal were large enough to form two Battalions, each). Although each Battalion was slightly different, depending on the previously formed minor units within the geographical location, all were similar and received: one or more Transport Companies, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (Tpt Coy, RCASC); an Ordnance Company, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (Ord Coy, RCOC); a Technical Squadron, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Tech Sqn, RCEME); a Medical Company, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, (Med Coy, RCAMC); a Dental Unit, Royal Canadian Dental Corps (Dent U, RCDC); a Provost Detachment, Section or Platoon, Canadian Provost Corps (Det, C Pro C) and in many cases a personnel unit or manning depot.

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Service Battalions were formed in the following locations (From East to West):

- a. Halifax Service Battalion with a Company in Sydney, NS and Platoons at Charlottetown, PEI and St John's, NL;
- b. Saint John Service Battalion;
- c. Moncton Service Battalion;
- d. Quebec Service Battalion with a Company in Trois Rivieres;
- e. 2 x Montreal Service Battalions, one North Shore and one South Shore (St Hubert) with a Company in Sherbrooke;
- f. Ottawa Service Battalion with a Medical Platoon in Cornwall and a Transport Platoon in Kingston;
- g. North Bay Service Battalion with a Maintenance Company in Sault Ste Marie;
- h. 2 x Toronto Service Battalions – at Moss Park and Denison Armouries;
- i. Hamilton Service Battalion;
- j. London Service Battalion;
- k. Windsor Service Battalion;
- l. Port Arthur/Fort William (Thunder Bay) Service Battalion;
- m. Winnipeg Service Battalion with a Platoon in Brandon;
- n. Saskatchewan Service Battalion with Companies in Regina and Saskatoon and a Platoon in Moose Jaw;
- o. Edmonton Service Battalion;
- p. Calgary Service Battalion with platoons in High River and Red Deer;
- q. Vancouver Service Battalion with a Company in Abbotsford; and
- r. Victoria Service Battalion.

The late 1960s and 1970s were not static, as the Militia and Reserve Components navigated the entire question of Unification and Amalgamation with the disbandment of the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), the Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as legal entities and the formation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Most of the pre-unification corps that had been created in the early 20th century within the Army were disbanded or were merged with counterparts in the Navy and Air Force to form the personnel branches of the CF.

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Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and Royal Canadian Dental Corps—became the Canadian Forces Medical Service (CFMS) and Canadian Forces Dental Service (CFDS) respectively; in the 1990s, both the CFMS and CFDS would combine together administratively as the Canadian Forces Health Services (though both still wear their individual branch insignia). In October 2013 the Medical branch was renamed the Royal Canadian Medical Service and the Dental Branch was restored to its previous name of Royal Canadian Dental Corps.

Royal Canadian Corps of Signals with corresponding trades in the RCN and RCAF — became the Communications and Electronics Branch

Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps amalgamated with supply and transport services of Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and corresponding trades in the RCN and RCAF —became the Logistics Branch

Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers with corresponding technical trades from the RCAF — became Land Ordnance Engineering, then Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch

Some Clerical trades of Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps, and Royal Canadian Postal Corps along with Food Service/Cook trades of Royal Canadian Army Service Corps; and the corresponding trades in the RCN and RCAF — became the Administration Branch (which later merged with the Logistics Branch)

Canadian Provost Corps and Canadian Intelligence Corps with the corresponding trades in the RCN and RCAF — became the Security Branch

In 1975 the Militia Service Battalions were assigned two digit numbers and affiliated with their regular force Service Battalions, as follows:

1 Service Battalion, Calgary with:

- 11 (Victoria) Service Battalion;
- 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion;
- 14 (Calgary) Service Battalion;
- 15 (Edmonton) Service Battalion;
- 16 (Saskatchewan) Service Battalion;
- 17 (Winnipeg) Service Battalion; and
- 18 (Thunder Bay) Service Battalion;

2 Service Battalion, Petawawa with:

- 21 (Windsor) Service Battalion;
- 22 (London) Service Battalion;
- 28 (Ottawa) Service Battalion;

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5e Bataillon des Services du Canada, Valcartier with:

- 51e (Montreal) Battalion des Services du Canada; and
- 55e (Quebec) Battalion des Services du Canada;

CFB Gagetown, Technical Services Branch with :

- 31 (Saint John) Service Battalion;
- 32 (Moncton) Service Battalion;
- 33 (Halifax) Service Battalion;
- 35 (Sydney) Service Battalion; and
- 36 (Newfoundland) Service Battalion.

In 1976, the Military Police Platoons were brought into the Reserve Service Battalions for Administration but the platoon commander retained his access to the District Commander for Military Police and disciplinary matters. In 1980 the Medical Sections were removed from the Service Battalions to form the District Medical Companies and subsequent Field Ambulances, following the numbering scheme as per the Service Battalions.

In the late 1980s, the Canadian Forces began integrating its Regular Force and Reserve Force into a "Total Force" and distanced itself from the term "Militia" (which was taking on negative connotations from wars in Lebanon and fundamentalist movements in the United States.) The 22 Militia Districts were reorganized and amalgamated into 14 reserve Districts. For example, in December 1989, the Windsor Militia District was absorbed into the London Militia District to form London District; while Southern Alberta Militia District and Northern Alberta Militia District, became simply Alberta District.



On 1 September 1991, Canada's army was again reorganized into four separate administrative Land Forces Areas. These four area commands were overseen by the Chief of Land Staff (relocated to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa from Land Force Command HQ in St Hubert, Qc). The Areas commanded all land force personnel within their geographic boundary: Regular Force Bases, Canadian Mechanized Brigade Groups as well as the reserve districts.

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In 1997, the 14 District Headquarters were reorganized into 10 Canadian Brigade Groups (CBGs), using as inspiration the numbered reserve brigades that had served in Canada in the Second World War. Subsequently, by 2010, each CBG was assigned only one Service Battalion, with units amalgamated and renumbered to reflect the supported formation:

LFAA	36 Canadian Brigade Group	(PEI - Nova Scotia)	36 Svc Bn, HQ Sydney
	37 Canadian Brigade Group	(New Brunswick - NL)	37 Svc Bn, HQ Saint John
LFQA	34 Canadian Brigade Group	(Montreal)	34e Bon S du C, QG Montreal
	35 Canadian Brigade Group	(Québec)	35e Bon S du C, QG Ville de Québec
LFCA	31 Canadian Brigade Group	(Ontario)	31 Svc Bn, HQ London
	32 Canadian Brigade Group	(Ontario)	32 Svc Bn, HQ Toronto
	33 Canadian Brigade Group	(Ontario)	33 Svc Bn, HQ Ottawa
LFWA	38 Canadian Brigade Group	(SK-MB)	38 Svc Bn, HQ Winnipeg
	39 Canadian Brigade Group	(British Columbia)	39 Svc Bn, HQ Richmond (Vancouver)
	41 Canadian Brigade Group	(Alberta)	41 Svc Bn, HQ Calgary



Canadian Army/Armée Canadienne

Finally in 2013, the Canadian Army adopted the rank badges and insignia that were discarded in 1968; and renamed the Land Force Areas as numbered Divisions, perpetuating groupings that were last disbanded after the Second World War in 1945.



1 Cdn Div (Joint – CAF Resource, HQ Kingston)



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2 Div CA (SQFT)



3 Cdn Div (LFWA)



4 Cdn Div (LFCA)



5 Cdn Div (LFAA)

Each Division is supported by a Divisional Support Group that consists of one or more Support Bases and Garrisons; and is organised along functional lines to provide the full range of support services to the Division. Each Brigade in the Field Force, Regular and Reserve, continues to be supported by this uniquely Canadian construct, a Service Battalion.

One thing that is certain, the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Army will continue to evolve throughout the 21st Century. Canadian support services have come a very long way since confederation, and as we move through the national Sesquicentennial Celebrations in 2017 and the 50th Anniversary of the Logistics Branch in 2018, we will continue to evolve.

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2015 RMC TOP MBA STUDENT

By Maj John Karagianis, Assistant Professor & Deputy Chair MBA Program, RMC



KINGSTON, Ont. –The Minister of National Defence and Chancellor of the Royal Military College of Canada, Jason Kenney, presented the 2015 Logistics Medallion to Lieutenant-Commander André Savard in recognition of his achievement as the top student of the Royal Military College of Canada’s Master of Business Administration program for 2014-2015. While Lieutenant-Commander Savard completed his MBA studies this past autumn, he was awarded the annual award during RMCC’s May 2015 Convocation Ceremonies, held in Kingston.

Major John Karagianis, Assistant Professor and Deputy Chair of the MBA Program, extended his personal congratulations to LCdr Savard. “Lieutenant-Commander Savard worked very hard to earn this prestigious award, which is offered annually to our top student. He truly led with distinction. The Logistics Medallion is a great symbol of scholarly achievement, and it demonstrates how the Logistics Branch has consistently supported our graduate program here at RMC.”

The MBA program, which targets Logistics officers, is now delivered by the Royal Military College of Canada solely through online studies. The new online MBA program consists of 14 courses and an applied project.

Pearls of the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum

By Dr Andrew Gregory, Curator of the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum



A view of the MLBU diorama



Aerial view of the MLBU's boiler, showers and storage area

We wanted to create a display that would depict the work done by Laundry and Bath Units. Effective displays usually have a core artefact that draws in the visitor so we settled on using a diorama. This display tool would explain immediately the operation of such a unit and attract more attention to detail than a photo. We met with a diorama builder whose forte was battle scenes. As it turns out, Mr Richard Aubé is a former Vandoor and when we asked him if he was interested in a MLBU project, his eyes lit up! It was noted in *To the Thunderer His Arms*, the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (RCOC) history, that for most Canadian troops in the Second World War, the principal time they aware they were interacting with the RCOC was when they came to the MLBUs. These units did much to popularize the RCOC. Now here was this Infanteer who wanted to undertake this project as an act of love! The museum supplied him with photos and a diagram. Six months later, on March 5, 2015, we received our anchor for the MLBU/Decontamination display! Enjoy the closeups.



Our goal, as with all displays, is to tell a story that invariably links the past with the present. The museum has MLBU photos from the 1950s but nothing more recent. However, more modern photos, ideally in high resolution and from different elements, would give the display an inclusive feel and provide more information. An example of such a



photo would be a ship's LogO briefing the crew on ship decontamination or a photo of such a decontamination exercise. Would anyone have high resolution photos of Laundry and Bath Units or related artifacts? We would also like to hear from people who have served in MLBUs to gather stories and ideas. Please contact me at the museum at 17agregory@gmail.com.

35 Service Battalion (35 Svc Bn) change of Command

By Capt Christian Déry



Col Thébeau and LCol Teasdale

During a ceremony presided by Colonel Denis Thébeau, Commanding Colonel of 35 Canadian Brigade Group (35 CBG), Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Teasdale took command of the 35 Svc Bn from Lieutenant-Colonel Éric Gosselin during a well-attended ceremony at the St-Malo Armoury in Quebec City on May 23, 2015.



LCol Gosselin, LCol Morrison and LCol Teasdale

Citations/Quotes

“Commanding a battalion is a great honour for any military member, and it is also a great responsibility. The 35 Svc Bn, on top of its required training, must also provide logistics services to the other 35 CBG units. We succeed at fulfilling these different mandates, thanks to the excellent level of professionalism of our members.”

LCol Charles Teasdale, incoming Commanding Officer of 35 Svc Bn



LCol Gosselin and Cpl Poitras

“I wish to LCol Teasdale to have an as gratifying command as mine was. I know that with the support of the officers, NCOs and members of the battalion, he will excel in his new function.”

LCol Éric Gosselin, outgoing Commanding Officer of 35 Svc Bn



The Logistics of Repatriation and Demobilization in 1945, Part I

By Dr Andrew Gregory, Curator of the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum

This summer marks the 70th anniversary of the demobilization in Europe. The term “demobilization” in 1945 applied to the question of winding down the whole war effort. It included government plans to repatriate troops and to reintegrate them back into civilian life. As those involved in mission closeouts will appreciate, the end of a mission also has special implications for Logisticians. This was certainly the case with the winding down the war in Europe.



In this “Part I” of a two-part newsletter article, we will look at the logistic challenges of repatriating service members back home. The second part will look at the other logistics issues in Europe after May 8, 1945 - V-E Day. The RCN won't be dealt with because it had a relatively small footprint in Britain and shipped its 3,000 home via RCN vessels.

V-E Day did not mark the end of the war. Japan still had to be defeated. As such, the Canadian government created the Canadian Army's Pacific Force (CAPF) to carry the fight to Japan. There was also the need to contribute to the occupation of Germany, in the form of the Canadian Army Occupational Force (CAOF), at least in the short-term.

The repatriation of service personnel, many of whom had been serving for more than five years overseas, was the driving question in the public mind at war's end. By V-E Day, there were some 282,000 men and women of the Canadian Army serving in Britain and continental Europe. The RCAF added another 59,000. Then there were 42,000 War Brides along with 20,000 children who had to go to Canada.

The efforts made by Logisticians to complete the repatriation of the Canadian Armed Forces ought to be stuff of legend. Their contribution was truly amazing, particularly in view of the impact of repatriation on their labour force and their own desire to get home.

Repatriation

The government had been working on demobilization and rehabilitation since December 1939 so was not caught unprepared. To avoid an inter-service conflict, the RCAF and the Army agreed to the same priority ranking system. There were three principal determinants to the repatriation formula; the first was volunteer participation in CAPF, the second was length of service based on a points total (more on this in the next edition of the newsletter). Later in the repatriation process, likely after three months, once the long-service members were gone, the units would return by unit. The fly in the repatriation ointment was the Canadian government's absence of control over the shipping. That was the Allied Shipping Pool under the Combined Chiefs of Staff. At the end of May 1945, the Canadian government was offered shipping capacity for 20,000 service members a month, starting in June. The government pushed for 150,000 in the first six months but the actual number was better than that.

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On May 9th, the day after the war in Europe ended, the government canvassed the Canadian Forces in Europe to secure the necessary volunteers for CAPF and CAOF and to obtain individual point scores. By the end of the month, the reinforced Overseas Canadian Records Office, Logisticians by any definition, had already tabulated the 12 question survey for nearly 90 percent of the 282,000 army personnel. This is a truly herculean achievement! In three weeks, this group identified those who had volunteered for duty in the Pacific or in the CAOF and rank those who were considered as long-service. All the individual records had to be updated. Lastly, statistics had to be compiled. This data would drive all the immense and conscientious efforts in the next six months.

It is amazing to consider that by the end of June, less than two months after the cessation of hostilities, more than 17,000 members of the Canadian Army sailed; in July the number rose above 26,000.

The six-month total, ending in November 1945 was 192,000 service members, or an average of 32,000 per month; 2,000 more than the government's hoped-for target!

CAPF

Troops began to be sent to England for CAPF in early June. This was another stellar logistics achievement! Within a month, people received orders to move to transit camps, group personnel by Military District for transfer to Canada, move them to England, place them in the appropriate Repatriation Depot, assign them a ship to Canada and take them to the proper military district so they could have 30 days leave before being shipped to Kentucky for further training. Often overlooked in this mammoth operation was the need for medical and dental exams, pay arrangements, pay-book verifications, foreign currency exchange, clothing and equipment checks.

By mid-August, over 27,000 CAPF had been sent back to Canada. Repatriation of CAPF volunteers slowed drastically after mid-August and on 4 September, stopped completely when CAPF was officially disbanded in early September.

CAOF

To these ends, on 10 August 1945 the government presented its plan for the occupation force. The total contribution was not to exceed 25,000, including air elements and last for one year. The availability of shipping in mid-1946 meant that repatriation could occur very quickly.

Conclusion

By 28 February 1946, a total of 238,293 Army personnel had then been brought home since hostilities ended. The last units of the CAOF had left Britain in June 1946. The last of the Canadian military contingent in Britain and Europe were back in Canada by September 1947 and demobilized. Aside from some incidents of rioting in July 1945 and February 1946, repatriation went off without a hitch. Given the technology at the time, the volume of service members, quantity of records, the number of small tasks and the loss of personnel to repatriation, the repatriation work done by Logisticians was second to none.



Ottawa Service Battalion Association – Celebrating 50 Years of

“Canada’s Army supporting the community we live in!”

Article by Maj John Page, ADM(Mat) / DMGSP 3-3



On 1 January, 1965 several minor Army Reserve service support units in Ottawa were grouped to form the Ottawa Service Battalion, a single major unit providing support services to the Militia units - Combat Arms and Combat Support Arms, in the Ottawa area and Eastern Ontario. 130 Transport Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (130 Tpt Coy, RCASC); 3 Ordnance Company, Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (3 Ord Coy, RCOC); 28 Technical Squadron, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (28 Tech Sqn, RCEME); 10 Medical Company, Royal Canadian Army Medical

Corps, (10 Med Coy, RCAMC); 54 Dental Unit, Royal Canadian Dental Corps (54 Dent U, RCDC); 13(?) Military Police Platoon, Canadian Provost Corps (13 MP Pl, C Pro C) and 113 Manning Depot were the original organisations, and all formally maintained their Corps designations as part of the Battalion until 1968. Originally, 9 Medical Company, RCAMC from Cornwall and the Independent Transport Platoon of 130 Coy, RCASC in Kingston were nominally part of Ottawa Service Battalion but were later absorbed as support troops by their local units: Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders, Cornwall and Princess of Wales Own Regiment, Kingston. Former army Corps accoutrements (Cap Badge, Shoulder Titles/Flashes, Collar Badges, buttons and Lanyards) were maintained throughout the Battalion until formally replaced by the unified Canadian Armed Forces versions of the Logistics, Land Ordnance Engineering, Personnel, Security and Medical Branch badges in the mid-1970s!

In 1976, 28 Military Police Platoon was brought back into the Service Battalion for Administration but the platoon commander retained his access to the District Commander for Policing and disciplinary matters. In 1980 the Medical Section was removed from 28 (Ottawa) Service Battalion to form 28 (Ottawa) Medical Company and subsequently 28 (Ottawa) Field Ambulance in 2004.

A few other minor changes occurred through the years, District and Area Headquarters would evolve; the unit would leave the venerable Wallis House that they shared with 763 Communication Regiment (now 33 Signal Regiment) at 589 Rideau Street in 1990, for the former Fitness Centre and current Armoury at 2100 Walkley Road, that would also be shared with 3 Field Engineer Squadron, (Later 33 Combat Engineer Regiment) and 28 MP Platoon. The Armoury was named for a local Victoria Cross winner, Major E.J.G. Holland, VC after the units moved in.

In 1997, Ottawa District became 33 Canadian Brigade Group (33 CBG), using as inspiration the numbered Reserve Brigades that had served back in Canada during the Second World War. In 2001 the Battalion was transferred to full command of 2 Area Support Group and by 2013, 28 Service Battalion was amalgamated with the Ottawa Militia Support Section, 26 (North Bay) Service Battalion, their Company in Sault Ste Marie and some elements of Area Support Unit Northern Ontario to form 33 Service Battalion. 33 Service Battalion gained support obligations across Eastern and Northern Ontario and was placed once again under full command of 33 CBG.

(Continued) Ottawa Service Battalion Association – Celebrating 50 Years of

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MCpl Elaine Mailman, Capt Terry Mackey, Capt
Shawna Mackey, MCpl Emily Smith

For the 50th Anniversary, the Ottawa Service Battalion Association; (a grouping of former members and people affiliated with the unit) determined to help the unit celebrate this major milestone. It was fully 25 years since the last Reunion of 28 (Ottawa) Service Battalion; held in 1990 when the move from Wallis House was about to happen, therefore a party was overdue. With the support of the Commanding Officer, LCol Sheila Chapman; and Regimental Sergeant Major, CWO Denis Lessard; the Association formed a 50th Anniversary Committee and they brainstormed many possible ways to mark the event.

In the end, three events were chosen to mark the occasion: an informal Meet & Greet at the Armoury for all interested parties; a formal joint Commanding Officer’s and President’s Ball – combining what had been two separate events in the past; and finally a Reunion event to coincide with the upcoming Change of Command celebrations in September 2015.



Cpl Erin Carter, Ms Megan Klimas, Ms Elsa Herge,
Cpl Steven Jackson, MCpl Brandon Ferguson and
WO Kriston Carter

The Meet & Greet was held on Friday, 8 May in the Officer’s, Warrant Officer’s and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer’s Mess at the Major EJG Holland, VC, Armoury. There was a reasonable representation of current members of the Battalion and quite a few people representing the cohorts of the 1960s, 70s and 80s. It was a nice informal atmosphere and a great opportunity to renew old friendships and to meet some new people.

The Commanding Officer’s and President’s Ball was held at the National Defence Headquarters Warrant Officer’s and Sergeant’s/Chief’s and Petty Officer’s Mess on Saturday, 9 May. It was a lovely day, an opportunity for people to tour the opening of the Tulip Festival and military re-enactors encampment celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the

Liberation of the Netherlands. That evening, in Mess Dress, Tuxedos and Gowns; everyone congregated to celebrate another training year nearing completion, to say Thank-You to the spouses and friends for allowing their part-time soldiers to dedicate time to their “other” military family; and to recognise the extended family that the Association brings to the unit. The theme of the 50th Anniversary was recognised throughout the evening, and was another reason to celebrate 2015.

Thank-you for the organisers and participants in this special event!



Logistics Branch Coin Presentation

8 Wing Trenton



Capt Ilijanic embodies the notion of Service Second to None with a tireless determination to attend to the needs of the personnel of 436 (T) Sqn. Her advice to the senior leadership promoted the strictest of moral integrity; the resulting courses of action were always in the best interest of both the members and the organization. She developed highly innovative solutions to complex problems, ensuring all members were supported in their tasks. Capt Ilijanic is an excellent Logistic Officer and is well deserving of the Logistic Branch Coin.



MWO Hulan is a central figure in supporting CFS Alert. He has mentored a series of logisticians on the nuances of resupplying Canada's most northerly permanently inhabited site and is considered a subject matter expert on Alert operations and the complexities of the Ellesmere Island Commercial Support Contract. He has developed logistical processes that contribute to maintaining a synchronized effort between Alert's civilian contractor, DND's supply system, CE's processes and available airlift. MWO Hulan's dedication and unwavering support to the mission has been vital to the continued success of our northern responsibilities and he is well deserving of the Logistic Branch Coin.



MWO King is the Deputy Passenger Services Officer, at 2 Air Movements Sqn. Since his arrival at 2 Air Mov Sqn in 2013, he has revamped and streamlined the execution of the 1 Cdn Air Div Christmas Flight Program. His reorganization has affected a seamless system, allowing for the processing of more than 2180 applications of CAF pers and families. These efforts have not only impacted the efficiency of the Sqn, but have also contributed to the support of military members and their families travelling over the Christmas holidays'. MWO King exceeds the Logistics Motto of Service Second to None.



Since 14 May 2013, WO Bishop has assumed the responsibilities of the Senior Parachute Rigger for the CAF a position normally filled by a MWO. His outstanding dedication, professionalism and tireless efforts on behalf of the Logistics Branch have ensured that every aspect of the parachutes being managed and used by the CAF were compliant and safe. This in turn facilitated a high level of confidence in the parachutes received by the user community and enabled successful Airborne Operations across Canada.



Logistics Branch Coin Presentation (Continued) 8 Wing Trenton



Posted to CJIRU in July 2014 as the first and only Ammo Tech, Sgt Sorel thoroughly assessed all SOPs and implemented new procedures, transforming the unit ammo program from acceptable to exemplary. His professionalism and dedication to the unit, Branch and CAF are second to none and he is well deserving of the Logistic Branch Coin.



MS Strickland's exemplary efforts as the Unit Chief Clerk are instrumental in providing administrative support to personnel, as well as operations including WVIP missions, strategic airlift taskings and air to air refueling. Despite being one of only two permanent positions in the 437 (T) Sqn Orderly Room, MS Strickland's thorough work ethics, keen attention to detail and outstanding prioritization have proven vital in assuring the squadron's operational success. MS Strickland works long hours and willingly comes in on weekends to ensure that crucial logistic details are swiftly addressed; always ensuring that squadron's best interests are promoted. MS Strickland's extraordinary efforts and commitment to operations fully emulates the Motto of the Logistic Branch "Service second to None", and is highly deserving of the Logistic Branch Coin.



Cpl Szili is an excellent example of a can-do soldier who welcomes and thrives in challenging circumstances. His willingness and enthusiasm to undertake duties outside of his expertise are extremely impressive. Cpl Szili has single-handedly enriched the logistic proficiency of CFPU by transforming the unit stores into an efficient model of resource management.



Li Fan is a Financial Analyst working with the WCompt Branch. Working in the Resource Analysis and Compliance Services (RACS) section, she has displayed outstanding initiative and has tackled the reorganization of the Post Payment Verification which has tremendously improved the financial stewardship of 8 Wing Trenton. In her role of supervisor of PPVs, her strong leadership skills have resulted in a substantial increase in FAA compliance and accountabilities. She is a dedicated and professional individual who consistently demonstrate an exceptional and inspirational standard of performance. She serves as an example for others and is well deserving of the Logistic Branch Coin.



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A word from the editor!

Greetings fellow Logisticians



I hope you liked this issue of our Newsletter.

The next Newsletter is scheduled to be published 10 October 2015, I solicit your continued support by submitting your articles. The deadline for submissions is the 1 October 2015.

Remember that articles are required in a bilingual format and don't forget to include pictures. I'm always available and interested in your comments on how to improve our Newsletter and to hear all new and innovative ideas you have. Do not hesitate to contact me by email at

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