

THE CABLE



77 LINE REGIMENT

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From the desk of the Commanding Officer:

I am very excited to present our first newsletter to members of 77 Line Regiment.

Given the fact 77 Line Regiment is spread out across 9 provinces and 6 time zones, the purpose of this newsletter is simply to provide an up-date of noteworthy items involving the regimental family. There are so many interesting experiences and op-

portunities, this newsletter is just one way to share that information. The news and activities involving the members of 77 Line Regiment (a unit spanning 28 bases / wings and garrisons) is an important part of family life.

My intent is that communication will continue to bring the family of 77 Line Regiment together by sharing stories and insights founded on the

work and play of the Regiment. The intent is to publish this newsletter quarterly.

The information in this newsletter spans the 122 days the Regiment has existed. While there are a myriad of challenges that lie ahead, I truly look forward to meeting those challenges with this incredible team !

- LCol Scott Gillingham, CO

Special points of interest:

- WELCOME TO 77 LINE REGIMENT !!
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



Leadership of 77 Line Regiment Inauguration day - 20 July, 2016

2 Line Squadron, ST JEAN

Le 16 août 2016 à 9h30, le Cplc Deschamps (Det Bagotville) fût appelé concernant un bris de fibre optique dans le secteur des pistes de vols. Malgré qu'il avait été localisé et marqué de drapeaux, le câble enfoui fût sectionné par une pelle mécanique.

Le Cplc Deschamps a informé sa chaîne de commandement, élaboré un plan de réparation, a demandé du support à son Escadron pour effectuer la réparation. Puisque le détachement de Valcartier est sous la même entité, les Ops d'Escadron furent en mesure de leur assigner cette

tâche prioritaire. Aussitôt, le Cpl Savard et Sdt Séguin (Det Valcartier) ont rejoint leurs confrères de Bagotville procédant aux travaux de remplacement de la fibre. Un rétablissement des services d'alarme intrusion a été fait en 24h.

- Maj Bayode Ajayi, OC

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MORE
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US TO WORK
TOGETHER AS A
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TEAM.
- CAPT THOMAS

3 Line Squadron—EDMONTON

The new 3 Line Squadron was established to consolidate CAF infrastructure line capabilities, located in Western Canada (BC, AB, SK, MB), in order to centralize these capabilities. Since the signing of Ministerial Organization Order (MOO) on 31 May 2016 and the completion of the Annual Posting Season (APS) 2016, there has been more than just a change of faces within 3 Line Squadron. This is a very busy time for the Squadron members, not only with daily work requests, but also with gathering the necessary in-

formation and providing numerous briefings and returns back to the Regimental leadership. In addition, the Squadron continues to upgrade, repair and maintain the communications infrastructure (cable plants, pole lines, antenna and manhole systems), located throughout the Western Area of Responsibility (AOR). Although the Squadron is extremely busy during this period, this increased tempo has provided its personnel with multiple training opportunities for its junior technicians and line-



C Tp Comd (Capt Piper) re-qualifies on the C7 in Shilo, Manitoba.

men. In addition to technical training opportunities the Squadron is currently preparing to re-qualify its personnel on Individual Battle Task Standards (IBTS), in order to ensure its personnel remain highly trained and an essential part of the CAF.

- Capt Scot Johnston, 2IC

4 Line Squadron—PETAWAWA

The stand up of 77 Line Regt was recognized at the 4 Line Sqn change of command in Petawawa 22 June 2016. Since then, the Sqn has gone through some significant evolution. There were a number of key changes as the Sqn moved forward, the largest being the attach posting of linemen from RCAF Wing Technical Information Services to Dets Trenton and North Bay. Realizing the gain in

linemen, dets also said goodbye to departing members, sometimes (as in the case of OCdt de Moss, Det Borden) to entirely new challenges. Despite this, the Sqn has managed to keep an operational focus, a notable example being the support provided by Cpl Skipper in Det North Bay. 4 Line Sqn also set the bar for adventure training, with Det Petawawa being the first group in the Regt to

complete adventure training. Not to be outdone by their foray into sport yakking, 4 Line Sqn HQ joined Det Petawawa for a morning of wet weather golf.

As we move forward, facing challenges and opportunities, there is no doubt that 4 Line Sqn will rise to the challenge.

- Maj Neil George, OC

5 Line Squadron—HALIFAX

The 5 Line Sqn team are ready to hit the road and visit the armouries of Atlantic Canada. Our mandate is to provide 1st line maintenance and continued support to all DND installations across Atlantic Canada. There are a total of forty-six armouries spread across the AOR (four provinces) that require the

assistance of 5 Line Sqn. In order to create success, the 5 Line Sqn Ops team & LCS will meet with local Ops personnel to establish working relationships as well as view and discuss local infrastructure to get a better understanding of the current state of our armouries. One of the visits will include the newly built (2014)

Master Corporal Charles (Chuck) Michaud Armoury in Edmundston, NB (see Left).

- Capt Florian Ghita, Ops O



OCdt de Moss' husband appoints her from the rank of Cpl



Master Corporal Charles (Chuck) Michaud Armoury, Edmundston NB

Regimental Operations

In order to build a capable and relevant CAF line capability and prepare for future high readiness tasks, it will be imperative that we establish an efficient and coordinated Regimental Operations. Now that the dust has settled from the stand up of the Regiment and the summer leave period has come to an end, operations will continue to ramp up and it will be that much more important for us to work together as a single united team. The preparation for

and conduct of operations will be accomplished within a mission-command framework, and it is expected that all levels of leadership will take advantage of opportunities within their AOR in order to further the 77 Line Regiment mission. Working together as a single team and ensuring a standardized approach across all Squadrons will form our main effort. Thus far, we've made excellent progress in the development of the Regimental Calendar,

improvements to our Share-Point site, and formalization of our tasking process. Yes, we will face many challenges as we work towards promoting the CAF infrastructure line capability, but we will also encounter many opportunities for us to ensure that CAF B/W/G's (as well as operations) are able to get the line support that they need.

-Capt Mark Thomas, ROpsO



Cpl Plourde-Larouche (2 Line Sqn) ouvre le boîtier d'épissure de fibre optique.

Regimental Administration



Ensuring the resources (human, financial and material) is in the right place at the right time is essential to the operations of any organization. The challenges of transi-

tioning 4 regionally separated and diverse Sqns under a new HQ is daunting. Overcoming friction points in order to establish standardized processes that are in the best interest of the soldiers, sailors and aviators of the Regiment is a priority of the CO. The Regimental Admin guidance has been key in standardizing reports and returns and provides a single point of contact, RHQ, between the Line Sqns and the newly cre-

ated 7 Comm Gp.

On the horizon, writing the Unit Standing Orders has been the recent focus of RHQ in order to standardize activities such as honors and awards. The establishment of a unit fund has been an important part of ensuring that policies are applied equally across all 28 Bases, Wings and Garrisons and the creation of a cohesive unit.

- Maj Rob Stroud, DCO



Sous supervision du Cplc Deschamps, le Cpl Plourde-Larouche descend du matériel dans le puis d'accès

"MY LOGISTICIANS ARE A HUMORLESS LOT ... THEY KNOW IF MY CAMPAIGN FAILS, THEY ARE THE FIRST ONES I WILL SLAY."

- ALEXANDER

Significant Events

RETIREMENTS:

MWO Crabbe (4 Line) - 11 Sep'16
WO Vezina (3 Line) - 3 Aug'16
MCpl Cunningham (3 Line) - 14 Aug'16
MCpl McGowan (4 Line) - 1 Aug '16

AWARDS:

DGIMO Commendation:
MCpl Meji (5 Line) - 22 Sep '16
DGIMO Certificate of Exemplary Service:
MCpl Irwin - 22 Sep '16
7 Comm Group Commendation:
MCpl Girard - 9 June '16



MWO Hewitt (SSM/LCS 4 Line Sqn) lines up his swing as MCpl Leblanc, Det Petawawa looks on.



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(L-R) Col Wood, CWO Lapointe, MGen Loos, BGen Rutherford, CWO MacKnight, LCol Gillingham, 20 July, 2016

77 Line Regiment was approved by the Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan 31 May, 2016. The Regiment is unique within 7 Comm Group, as it currently includes four regional squadrons, located in Edmonton, Petawawa, St

Jean and Halifax which provide responsive ops and admin support to the 28 local line work centers across the country. The envisioned role of 77 Line Regiment is to force generate scalable 1st , 2nd and 3rd line cable and antenna design, installation, maintenance capabilities in order to enable command and control across Canadian Armed Forces installations domestically and abroad.

77 LINE REGIMENT SHAREPOINT CALENDAR: <http://collaboration-img.forces.mil.ca/sites/7CommGp/77LR/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Canadian Association of Forces Linemen Website : <http://cafl.org/>

RSM's CORNER



I would like to welcome all readers to the first edition of our Regimental Newsletter, "The Cable". This is a great venue for us to share our stories, adventures, milestones and celebrations.

A couple of historic milestones which we achieved this year were of course the stand-up of 77 Line Regiment on 31 May 2016 followed shortly afterwards by the inaugural parade celebrating the creation of both 77 Line Regiment and the change of command of our parent organization, 7 Communication Group on 20 Jul 2016.

As you know, 77 Line Regi-

ment currently has 28 detachments dispersed throughout Canada so it is imperative that we utilize all means of information sharing to build and strengthen a unified Regiment and "The Cable" is one of those means. While linemen are well known for their "Esprit de Corps", this cannot be taken for granted, even within a Line Regiment. I envision a Line Regiment that fosters comradery, not only through a strong and professional work ethic and adherence to the highest standards, but one of respect and caring for one another and our families. Our seasoned members must take our new members under their

wings and mentor them, correct their shortcomings and teach them what they know.

As we embark together on building 77 Line Regiment we will rely on one another and face many obstacles but the journey and the accomplishments will be something we will all share and surely strengthen our "Esprit de Corps".

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- CWO Blair MacKnight, RSM