



The Golden Spur

The Newsletter of the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen

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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

To All Members and their Families





Best wishes, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all serving and retired Linemen their friends and families and all of friends of the Line Trade.

It's been a great year for the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen and an excellent year for the Trade. As our Trade and association has always been in a constant state of change as are most professional trades, this is pretty much same old same old. There are a few new twists in the mix today with the changes in the military employment structure (MES) and our relationship with Shared Services Canada (SSC) but the job has not changed and continually becomes more challenging from a technology based perspective.

Instead of giving my normal President's Christmas message I thought this year I would spend some time discussing the history of our association which is now in its 26th year. I can't think of a better way of doing this then taking a little trip into history and republishing a Golden Spur article from 1999. This article describes the founding of our association and its founder, Mr. Arnie Murray, whom is also a recipient of the Lineman Lifetime Achievement Award. I hope you enjoy the article as much as I did. I thank you all greatly for the contributions to this newsletter the association and the Trade. Good luck and all the best over the holidays and in the upcoming year.

Owen Crabbe
President
Canadian Association of Forces Linemen





Article Published by then CAFL President Ray Bouffard June 1999.

EDITORS MESSAGE CAFL HISTORY

During the past year the association has been giving some thought to the idea of featuring CAFL members in various edition of our newsletter. What better what to start then to profile!

The Founder of the CAFL- Mr. Arnie Murray.

Arnie has provided us the information of his biography; however the association would like to highlight some of the items pertaining to his involvement of the creation no the CAFL.

On the 18th of December 1986 while he was serving as the senior CAF Lineman at Canadian Forces Communication Command HQ, CWO Murray sent a letter to all senior Linemen detailing his proposal for the formation for a National Association for Canadian Forces Linemen. In emphasizing the need for an association to retain the common bond that has always existed between retired and serving Linemen, Arnie put forward the following additional items/areas of interest for consideration in advanced of actually setting up a formal association:

1. Providing guidance and support to the C&E Museum in support of the Bob Burt Memorial Room;
2. Speaking out on Trade matters and having an influence with in the C&E branch with regards to Linemen by writing letters and placing articles in various CAF publication IRT the Line Trade;
3. Promoting and improving the esprit-de-corps among all serving and retired CAF Linemen;
4. Recognition of member for outstanding achievement and for those who retire or take their release from the CAF and or public service while serving in the role of a Lineman;
5. Providing counseling and or assistance to Line Trade personnel in time of hardship;
6. Creating opportunities through our many civilian contacts for Line Trade personnel in need of job following release or retirement;
7. Provision of membership lists to members including addresses and telephone numbers so that members travelling across the country or in a time of need will have someone to contact;
8. Creation of an association insignia;
9. Creation of an association card, pin, ring, crest Ect;
10. Organizing Linemen reunion on a periodic basis; and
11. Communication with member's families following the loss of a loved one.

Arnie distributed survey sheets throughout the trade to determine the level of interest and table the CAFL proposal as an agenda item for discussion during the 1987 CFCC Line Trade Meeting and Tasking Conference.





The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the CAFL was held at the NavCenter in Cornwall Ontario on the 26th of January 1988 and marked the official beginning of our association. The meeting was held following the completion of a year of hard work by a Line Trade Working Group in drafting the constitution, By-Laws and completing many other administrative tasking to develop a sound framework on which to build our association.

While many good ideas and suggestions were brought forward by the potential membership the members or the National working group who did most of the heavy lifting consisted of:

Mr Ron Bellmore
CWO George Brantnall
MWO Gerry Gillis
MWO Ron LeBlanc
Mr Lee Winchester
MWO Terry Pringle
MWO Jean Romard
MWO Frank Leblanc; and
Capt Arnie Murray

The Associations National Executive Committee elected during the first annual general meeting consisted of:

Arnie Murray-President;
Gerry Gillis-Vice President;
Ron Bellmore-Treasurer; and
Frank LeBlanc-Secretary.

During the first two years of the first National Executive Committee, Regional Association's were established in Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Central Ontario, Prairie(MB and Sask), Western, Pacific and in the National Capital Region normally lead by the MWO LCS at 76 Comm Group. A membership card, association pin, crest and other memorabilia were designed approved and produced for the membership. The committee foresaw that an association newsletter would be one of the important mediums to distribute news and exchange information between CAFL regions and the Line Trade in general. A search for a name for the newsletter began and Arnie remembers that he was returning from leave in South Carolina when he came up with the name "The Golden Spur". The name was presented to the committee and adapted as the official name for our newsletter.

As we approach the twelfth anniversary of our association in January 2000 it is nice to look back at how our association began. It is also refreshing to see how our regional chapters have grown and are flourishing with annual family get-to-gathers, curling bonspiels, fishing derbies, camping trips, dines, house parties and many good reasons for Linemen and their families to meet and greet each other.

To quote a phrase from the founder's letter of 18th Dec 1986, "*The possibilities for our association are limited only to our imaginations*" *As we go forward into the next millennium let us do*





so with vision and share our ideas on how we can make the CAFL better serve all retired and serving Linemen and their families.

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**WTIS LINE SECTION
14 Wing CFB GREENWOOD**



Left to right: Sgt Flood, Cpl Villeneuve, MCpl Ramsay, and Cpl Keegan

With the 2014 holiday season approaching, the crew here at CFB Greenwood (14 Wing) are celebrating a full crew again! MCpl Mark 'Rubber' Ramsay escaped the fires this APS from Yellowknife and has given Sgt Flood a first line of defense from his 2 Cpls. His days are a little more festive now ☺. This has been a big year for him... being alone at the shop with Cpl Villeneuve, due to another year of Maple Flag line tasking's...and later, alone with Cpl Keegan because his previous company was out of country on OP Reassurance.

2014 has been a typical year of the never ending maintenance and responding to everyone's cable 'emergencies'...being the first ones called out when comms equipment fail (but it's never the line and we all know that!). Creating memories with each other in a hole splicing after a contractor had an accidental/inattentive backhoe strike. Sgt Flood steers the ship and MCpl Ramsay is adapting to life back in civilisation but is happy to be closer to Potato Land. Cpl Villeneuve is the same as always but a little older and wiser after his deployment, and Cpl Keegan is still Ron...fighting the good fight. The new higher security levels also have the section working extra hard, but we can't say more than that of course!

From the line folks here in Greenwood,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Once a Lineman, Always a Lineman!!!!

Submitted By;
Cpl Villeneuve; and
Cpl Keegan

*Merry Christmas And A Very Happy New Year To
All Lineman and Their Families*



Good Day All,

Greetings from the Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment Detachment Halifax, it's cold and wet and wet and cold here but it's still the place to be. We just took our yearly photo and I've included it for your viewing pleasure. This will be my last time writing an article for this prestigious publication, I will be retiring within the year. For all you people that want this job ya should call the CM sooner than later.

New into our little community this year are Mike Purdy, Alex Desruisseaux, Chris Lam, Chris Lapointe and Andrew Scott; they came here to replace Tim St. Onge, Pat Deschamps, Rob Doucette and to fill two vacant spots. Duane Thibodeau retired and will be replaced by Dion Rose in the New Year.

We haven't done a lot of CAFL activities this year; we couldn't get everyone together at the same time for more than a few beers, so we did just that. Yesterday we had a CAFL mtg and there are events being planned for the New Year.

Christmas is almost upon us and we are preparing to take a much needed break to be with our families and friends. From Det Halifax, Wenda, Jack, Rick, Steph, Mike, Richie, Chris, Chris, Chris, Richie, Sandy, Alex, Justin, Jake and yours truly wishing each and all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Les Henry Sends.

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5 CMBG HQ & SIGS CFB VALCARTIER

This year, the linemen were implicated in many exercises and courses which all ended up being very profitable and useful to the line section. It started off with a couple linemen being booked on the Winter Warfare course, which teaches the basics of survival and fighting in a winter environment. This course took place from the 8th-15th of January. Temperatures as cold as -38 degrees Celsius were seen here in Valcartier during that week, but the men pushed on and all came out on top!

The exercise Mercure Contrôleur was the first of January. This exercise was primarily to support an HCLOS setup, which required the use of only one fiber optic cable. This exercise was from the 20th-24th of January.

The next big event that took place in the month of January was the exercise Rafale Blanche. This brigade level exercise took place from the 27th of January to the 5th of February. The linemen were deployed to put in place the communication lines necessary to operate a substantial command post connected to an antenna park via several kilometers of fiber optic cable. These cables were laid using the aid of snowmobiles where possible and the rest was laid on foot. There were over a dozen tents that require their own custom installation of cat-5 cable to plug to the computers for the use of our communication systems. Several linemen were able to participate on a snowmobile course during the down time on this exercise.

Some of the linemen participated in a 2-days adventure training on the 17th and 18th of February. It was a grueling 48 km trek through mountains and valleys on snowshoe. Then at the end of February, we competed in all of the different disciplines of the Valcartier 5CMBG Winter Games. This included tug of war, stretcher race, rank relay, snowshoe race, hockey and cross-country skiing. We all did very well and had tons of fun before leaving on the 1st of March for a week long break to be with our families.

On the 17th of March, we started a week long refresher First-Aid course at the academy on the base.

We were deployed on another exercise the 17th of March. This one took place in the bunker here on the base. We cabled a brigade HQ and gave support to any modifications needed during the week. This exercise consisted of the officers controlling simulated troop movements on the ground through our secret electronic warfare system giving them an overall view of the battlefield.

Another exercise took place on the 24th of March for a total of 10 days. This exercise was a full HQ & Sigs shakeout and offered challenging aspects to every trade of the communications branch. As linemen, we practiced detachment command & control and challenged members to work in less comfortable aspects of our jobs. We switched the habitual roles of our crews so that crew members that usually cable the inside of the tents did the outdoor cabling and vice versa.



For the month of April, before preparing for trades courses and an international joint task exercise with U.S. Marines. Valcartier base lineman participated in a line competition that regroup the entire lineman on base and divided them into 5 teams. These 5 teams challenged each other in events such as pole rescue, cat-5 and fibre connectors, pole carrying and fault finding on fibre and copper.

As of May, $\frac{3}{4}$ of our members left for Kingston on their DP 1.1 mod 2 trades course to practice and learn various aspects of the line trade such as new techniques for climbing and rescue on towers and poles, indoor cabling, cable & fiber splicing in their proper enclosures, conduit bending and pole lining.

The international joint task exercise named LSE (Large Scale Exercise) consisted of sending two of our members to represent the line sect in building a Canadian CP in the Mojave Desert near 29 palms, California. Stationed at Camp Wilson, our Canadian crew along with a sect of HQ & Sigs built a CP for Colonel Fortin, to command Canadian troops under the command of a U.S. Marines General in a war scenario. This exercise practiced all our acquired skills of the past year. It was a complete success for the members that built the CP along with the officers that made use of it.

In September, our CO organised bush lane scenarios with live ammunition that permitted members to participate in a more interactive type of shooting range. This granted us more situational awareness and weapons safety. It was a very interesting and successful experience to have developed new weapons skills instead of the traditional shooting ranges and blank ammunition exercises.

This training year was a great success with many new experiences. Our team here at the HQ & Sigs line sect grew to an impressive 25 members, containing many knowledgeable and hard-working men. With the return of conventional warfare based on a newly-revised mobility concept, our team has many challenges to face. Without a doubt, our diverse team will use it's wide-range of skills to accomplish anything that is thrown our way.

On the behalf of 5CMBG HQ & Sigs Line Section, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

052 Forever!

Pte Duguay
Cpl Nuncio-Painchaud



5 GBMC OGET BFC VALCARTIER

Cette année, les poseurs de lignes ont été impliqués dans de nombreux exercices et des cours qui ont tous fini par être très rentables et utiles à la section de lignes. Nos événements notables ont commencé avec des monteurs de lignes étant inscrits sur les cours de guerre hivernale. Bien sûr, ce cours enseigne les rudiments de la survie et le combat dans un environnement d'hiver. Ce cours a eu lieu du 8 au 15 jan 14. Températures aussi froides que -38 degrés Celsius ont été vécus ici à Valcartier au courant de cette semaine, mais les hommes ont persévéré et sont tous sortis sur le dessus!

L'exercice Mercure Contrôleur était une préparation pour Rafale Blanche en janvier. Cet exercice a été principalement pour soutenir une configuration HCLOS, qui a nécessitait l'utilisation d'une fibre. Cet exercice a été du 20 au 24 jan 14.

Le prochain grand événement a eu lieu au mois de janvier, ceci était l'exercice Rafale Blanche. Cet exercice de Brigade a eu lieu du 27 jan 14 au 5 fév 14. Les monteurs de lignes ont été déployés pour mettre en place les lignes nécessaires pour faire fonctionner un poste de commandement substantiel connecté à un parc d'antenne par plusieurs kilomètres de fibre optique de communication. Ces câbles ont été posés en utilisant l'aide de motoneiges, quand la situation le permettait et le reste a été posé à pied. Il y avait plus d'une douzaine de tentes qui nécessitent leur propre installation personnalisée de câble CAT-5 à brancher sur les ordinateurs pour l'utilisation de nos systèmes de communications. Plusieurs poseurs de lignes ont pu participer à un cours de motoneige pendant le temps moins occupé de cet exercice.

Certains des poseurs de lignes ont participé à une aventure de 2 jours le 17 et 18 fév 14. Cette expérience était une épuisante randonnée de 48km à travers les montagnes et les vallées en raquette. À la fin de février, nous avons participé à toutes les différentes disciplines des Jeux d'hiver de Valcartier. Cela comprenait souque à la corde, course à brancardier, course à relais, course de raquette, le hockey et le ski de fond. Nous avons tous bien performer et a eu pleins de plaisir avant de quitter le 1er mars pour une semaine de relâche pour passer du temps avec nos familles.

Le 17 mars, nous avons complété un cours de secourisme à l'académie sur la base.

Nous étions déployés sur un autre exercice le 17 mars. Celui-ci a eu lieu dans le bunker ici à la base. Nous avons câblé un PC de brigade et nous avons apporté notre soutien à toutes les modifications nécessaires au cours de la semaine. Cet exercice a consisté d'officiers qui contrôlaient les mouvements de troupes sur le terrain simulés grâce à notre système secret de guerre électronique leur donnant une vue d'ensemble du champ de bataille.

Un autre exercice a eu lieu le 24 mars pour un total de 10 jours. Cet exercice a offert au QGET tous les aspects difficiles de chaque métier des communications. Pour les poseurs de lignes, nous avons pratiqué le contrôle et commandement de détachement et ceci a forcé les membres à travailler dans leurs aspects moins habitués de nos taches. Nous avons changé les



rôles habituels de nos équipes afin que les membres de l'équipage qui câble généralement l'intérieur des tentes a fait le câblage extérieur et vice versa.

Pour le mois d'avril, avant de se préparer pour les cours de métiers et un exercice international de travail mixte avec les Marines américains. Les poseurs de lignes de toute la base de Valcartier ont participé à une compétition de lignes qui regroupe tous les poseurs de ligne et les divisa en cinq équipes. Ces cinq équipes se sont affrontées à des événements comme pôle rescue, connecteurs cat-5 et fibres, pole carry et fault finding de fibre et de cuivre.

En mai, le ¾ de nos membres sont partis pour Kingston sur leur cours de métiers DP 1.1 mod 2 pour pratiquer et apprendre divers aspects du métier de poseur de ligne, tels que de nouvelles techniques de grimpage et de sauvetage sur les tours et les poteaux, câblage intérieur, le splicing de fibres et de cuivre dans leurs boîtiers respectifs, conduit bending et pole line.

L'exercice international de travail mixte nommée LSE (exercice à grande échelle) consistait à envoyer deux de nos membres pour représenter la section des lignes dans la construction d'un QG canadienne dans le désert de Mojave près de 29 palms Californie stationné au Camp Wilson, notre équipage canadien avec une section du QGET a construit un QG pour le Colonel Fortin et son équipe, pour commander des troupes canadiennes sous le commandement d'un général des Marines des États-Unis dans un scénario de guerre. Cet exercice a pratiqué toutes nos compétences acquises durant l'année écoulée. Ce fut un succès complet pour les membres qui ont construit le QG avec les officiers qui en ont fait l'usage.

En septembre, unité a organisé des Bush Lane réelles qui ont permis aux membres de participer à un type de champs de tir plus interactif. Cela nous a accordé plus de conscience de la situation et la sécurité des armes. C'était une expérience très intéressante et nous avons réussi à développer de nouvelles compétences d'armes au lieu des champs de tir traditionnels et des exercices de munitions à blanc.

Cette année de formation a été un grand succès avec de nombreuses nouvelles expériences. Notre équipe ici à la section des lignes du QGET a augmenté à un impressionnant 25 membres, contenant beaucoup d'hommes compétents et qui travaillent dur. Avec le retour de la guerre conventionnelle basée sur un concept de mobilité nouvellement révisée, notre équipe a de nombreux défis à relever. Sans aucun doute, notre équipe diversifiée utilisera leur large éventail de compétences pour accomplir tout ce qui est lancé dans notre chemin.

Au le nom de la section de lignes du QGET au 5 GMBC, nous vous souhaitons un très joyeux Noël et une heureuse nouvelle année!

052 pour toujours!

Sdt Duguay
Cpl Nuncio-Painchaud



**Merry Christmas from the Nation's Capital
Annual CAFL newsletter
CFSSG (C) Det Ottawa**

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" – Henry Ford

Another year has come and gone and with our Christmas leave quickly approaching, we eagerly await for time to spend with family and friends and some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Let's now reflect on the events of the Line Shop this past year.



With the many changes to our shop this year, we managed to succeed with ease. We were sad to see the departure of Cpl's Larry Weekes and Miguel Boucher and newly promoted MCpl's Dan Ward and Marc-Andre Nault (which we send big congratulations out to each and wish them all the best of luck in their gaining units). In return, we welcomed Sgt Pat Hall, MCpl Roch Grenier and Cpl's Justin Raycraft, Jordan Knaggs, Kirk Beattie and our OJT Cpl Cody Henderson. With them, we gain a wide range of knowledge and experience.

The Line Shop has had a great year this year with completing over 3000 work tickets which included many adds, moves and changes and installing thousands of drops in some of the numerous buildings we manage in the NCR. This excellent work was almost thwarted when we had the great GAS CRISIS of 2014, for those that don't know we shut most of our vehicles down for a bit when there was no funding for gas amid the transformation between our fine managing authorities. Although, when we could no longer provide the awesome service for the 22,000 clients in the NCR, it seemed that money was found rather quickly. We also clean, refurbish and test phones for the thousands of installs that are requested on a daily basis (as demonstrated by Cpl Ryan in the picture below).



When we don't have one of our many work tickets, we usually hang out at the shop, kick our feet up and relax.....oh wait.....are you kidding me?....We still have to continue with the maintenance of our tools, vehicles and plenty of shop clean-up.

We have constructed a few TR's from the ground up which included the installation of HPFL's, racks, trays and all of the necessary grounding and bonding. You think you are getting away with just doing all of these work tickets?...No no... get your DEU's ready, this is the NCR and parades are a part of

our weekly routine. Many dignitaries frequently visit the NCR and guys from the Line Shop are always on high ready to volunteer for the parade tasks.

Over the last 12 months with the departure and welcoming of members, we have completed many projects and adapted to the changes triumphantly. We all look forward to the New Year and the opportunities it will bring. Wishing you all of the joys and wonders of Christmas... may this festive season fill your life with bright moments and bring you lots of sweet and pleasant surprises.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us!!



(Back Row from left: MCpl Jon Brown, Eric Giroux, Carol Choquette, Cpl Ryan Whittaker, MCpl Roch Grenier, Cpl Francois Paquette, Chris Gauthier-Brousseau, Cpl Jordan Knaggs, Joey Adams, Caroline Asselin, Vidya Jaganatha, Cpl Tim Ryan, Cpl Justin Raycraft. Front Row from left: Paul Lemay, Cpl Kirk Beattie, MWO Mike Walsh, Tony Purvis, WO Mike Barrington. Missing from picture: Sgt Martin Leblanc, Sgt Pat Hall)



- CFAL 1 Line Kuwait Article -

Once more 1 LINE SQN *Theatre Opening Team* (TOT) was deployed to yet another foreign country to structure wire a new and existing Camp, to be specific Ali Al Salem and Al Jaber Air Bases in Kuwait. The two crews were comprised of members from 1 LINE SQN Kingston and augmented by one pers from Det Petawawa and one pers from Det Edmonton. The two Det pers are enjoying their first experience of desert life and working with the TOT crews.

There were two separate locations to be occupied and wired, one crew moved to Al Jaber Air Base (AJAB) and the other at Ali Al Salem Air Base (AASAB). The main focus and installation effort was put into the complete wiring of AJAB which had no Canadian presence or infrastructure to tie into. Secondary was the expansion of Camp Canada at AASAB, with the addition of an Annex.

AJAB, a camp in the middle of the desert, was filled with 3000 fine USMC brothers full of testosterone and only one thing on their minds; shooting stuff and working out, this is something you don't want to be in the middle of. As always there were late nights and working in very hot weather conditions like most of the deployments for 1 Line and the TOT Crew. Our famous saying in AJAB was "Be Flexible"; all the changes encountered were typical for a TOT Crew. Being provided a small foot print within the American Camp was a challenge. Providing the proper level of install within Weather Haven Office Spaces, MT, MTR and TCs was a challenge due TCI and EMSEC issue inside of office built within a tent. A joint effort between the American Line Crew in location helped to facilitate the install of feeder cables within their exiting MH and HH systems from the camps MDF and TCs.

The crew in AASAB was based out of an existing Canadian Camp (OS HUB Kuwait - Camp Canada) which had an infrastructure consisting of multiple building with an MDF, an IDF and various TCs to tap into. This crew's main effort was to support the Task Force, HQ and to expand/upgrade the existing cable plant along with the building of an Annex. The Annex was located outside of the exiting Camp Canada and was provided by the Americans, supported by existing MHs and HHs. This area was constructed to house multiple Weather Havens for office space along with new sleeping quarters. An MTR and TC were built to support both the Comd Team and all J Staff including a Med tent with more to follow.





There certainly was no shortage of work for 1 Line Squadron during the deployment all our cables were installed in makeshift conduit systems to each tent. It required the installations required kilometres of fibre-optic and copper along with back bone and riser cabling to provide voice, data and video connections just within both camps. Still at the end we were able to look back at what we accomplished and had a great feeling of satisfaction.

1 LINE SQN
OP IMPACT KUWAIT
JOINT TASK FORCE IRAQ



1 LINE SQN OPS TEAM

By MCpl Jesse Myers

1 Line Sqn has been exceptionally busy this year, particularly in the September to December timeframe. Sqn Ops, comprising Cpl McFarlane-Hurst, MCpl Fahie, Sgt Hewlin, and myself have been very busy organizing and support training, projects, and operations. For starters, we contributed staff support to OPERATION REASSURANCE in Lithuania/Romania, deploying a cable crew and line gear out in support of a NATO operations in Europe and further helped support another mission, in mid-October with OPERATION IMPACT, where again we provided staff assistance to “launch” a dozen Linemen, from across the Sqn, into theatre in Kuwait. During the prep time for this deployment, action in the Ops section was hectic and we had little time to collect our thoughts, however, we maintained focus and ensured our guys were “Green”/mission ready. Domestic projects were also supported by Sqn Ops with two antenna projects out; one at CFS Leitrim and the other at NRS Newport Corner. With cable, we had a couple crews in Trenton and Gander doing work, unfortunately several tentative cabling projects fell through due to a lack of funding from SSC or available manpower from the Sqn. Add to this IBTS driven trg, with the Sqn getting the majority of the CBRN trg tasks for the Regiment and Trade Introduction trg for new ACISS DP 1.0’s recently posted into unit. Still with all these activities and tasks, Sqn Ops staff still found some time to conduct a small “reorg” in the office, changing the layout and sorting out our “high side” network capability – can you say “BUSY”.

The other “big player” in the Sqn Ops Group is the SQ staff which consists of MCpl Gray, Cpl Snook, Cpl Duguay, and Mr. Don Daunais. They provide great and ongoing support to our crews, ensuring all kit and vehicles are serviceable and ready to go, as required. These guys do the many “behind the scenes” tasks that seldom get recognized, but their hard work and effort are an integral part of the Sqn success. Without them, no Lineman would have the proper tools and equipment required to do the work. Finally, observing the “fourth commandment of Sqn Ops”- thou shall not forget the Draftsman. Mr. Howard Fielding – working somewhere in the depths of E-30, he produces great work, providing technical drawings, graphics and pictures in support of both Sqn and Regimental activities, including birthing announcements cards and retirement certificates and scrolls. He deserves recognition for all his behind the scenes efforts too. Thank you, Howard!

The Sqn Ops team works with coherence and effectively provides the support and information and training that the crews need and where/when they need it. With the occurrence of a new threat, we may well all be very busy in the near future providing support ‘through’ the line work that we all love, to help combat a new foe. The upcoming year is looking promising and we will continue to work like the well-oiled machine that Sqn Ops is!

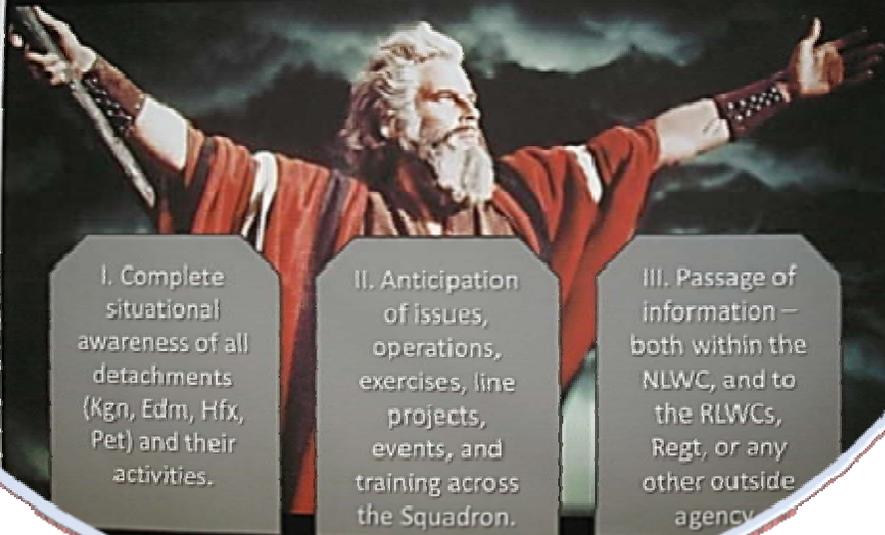


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The Three Goals of 1 Line Squadron Ops



I. Complete situational awareness of all detachments (Kgn, Edm, Hfx, Pet) and their activities.

II. Anticipation of issues, operations, exercises, line projects, events, and training across the Squadron.

III. Passage of information – both within the NLWC, and to the RLWCs, Regt, or any other outside agency.





Clockwise from bottom left: MCpl Fahie, MCpl Myers, WO Woelders, Cpl McFarlane-Hurst



Left to Right: MCpl Gray, Mr. Don Daunais, Cpl Duguay, Cpl Snook



110 Ft Cross loop Construction, CFS Leitrim, Ottawa, Ontario. September 29-
November 21, 2014.



***110 Ft Cross loop CFS Leitrim Antenna field

During our time at CFS Leitrim our assignment was to construct a 110ft cross loop antenna. The crew originally consisted of Sgt Scott Villeneuve, MCpl Dan Martineau, Cpl Mat Blaquiére, Cpl Alex Lafontaine, Cpl Vivian Parker and me, Cpl Terrace Stordock. However due to operational reasons Cpl Parker and Lafontaine needed to be removed and replaced by Cpl Stephane Gilbert and Cpl Ron Malley. This is merely one change and challenge that this project presented to our crew. One of many.

Upon our arrival in CFS Leitrim, we realized that not only did we have incorrect parts but we were missing several critical parts to construct the tower. As we waited for new parts to arrive, an add on to our directive allowed us to make use of the delays by repairing twenty seven connectors on the Rosetta Long Wire Beverage that had been damaged due to weather and stretching. As well, we were able to occupy our days by having a ditch witch instructor come to the site and qualify each member of the crew on the new ditch witch while we direct buried over eight hundred feet of cable to the new cross loop.

Our time in Leitrim not only came with parts problems but inclement weather posed to be an issue that presented us with the challenge of having a swampy site full of mud and mini lakes. The mud was so deep at one point that our rugged terrain forklift (RTFL) was buried past the tires and required the ditch witch to pull it out. Other vehicles also got stuck and required recovery from the ditch witch showing the multi-use of this new tracked vehicle.

During the attack at Parliament Hill and the War Memorial in Ottawa, CFS Leitrim was put on lockdown. Our crew was put into a



conference room with 20 Lt. (N) for about six hours. On November 11th our crew was able to attend the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the National War Memorial where we were able to pay our final respects to all fallen soldiers who have fought for our country.

Once parts issues were rectified we were able to start constructing the cross loop. What we did was build seventy feet on the ground and lift it by rigging up to the RTFL and several temporary guys to minimize sway in the tower. The remainder of the tower was built using the gin pole. The four 30 foot towers were constructed on the ground and raised using a UTV. Throughout the project our team worked closely with various civilian contractors and members of CFS Leitrim Line Shop. Once the tower was erect we were able to swiftly attach the array to the towers, take our final tensions and prepare to come home.

In conclusion the project was a learning experience for all involved. Developing new skill sets to be passed to future generations of Tower Lineman.

-TCL



***110 Ft Cross loop CFS Leitrim Antenna field





Lighting Kit Replacement on the Ae #602 & Ae #603 Newport Corner, NS

On 29 September 14, Fearless leader Sgt P. Morneau, lead is crew MCpl P. Snook, Cpl A. Henry, Cpl O. Langlois, Cpl M. Livingstone and Cpl M. Potswarka, left Kingston for a scenic two days drives to Newport Corner in Nova-Scotia. After settling in we show up on the first day at the job, we started on this safety procedure and brief on the site i.e. lock out procedure and general safety precaution around transmitting antennas (Ae). First task was to plump and tension the structure for these Ae. We worked with some pretty impressive tensioning charts which guy wire up to an inch of diameter.



This is an example of the 4:1 technique to take the initial tension. Cpl Henry (the left) Cpl Potwarka facing back and Cpl Livingstone.

We repeated this step for each anchor points. On a side note working with the “turfer” assembly which is made for a good arm workout. When we completed the plumbing and tensioning, our next task was to climb to the top and torques every bolt to spec. Which easily took full day to completed.



Cpl Langlois happy to reach the 490’ summit on Ae #602. What else to do then take a selfie?

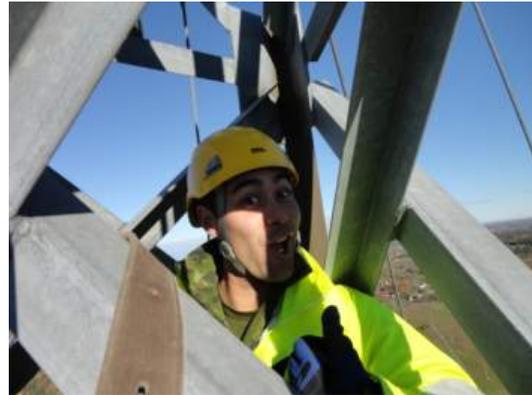


The second week the company RVA Lighting & Mast Inc, provided some professional development they showed us how to properly assemble and connect the lighting kit. For a first timer like me (Cpl Langlois) I learned that there were a lot of differences between the new LED kit and the previously use incandescent kit. Thanks to Kris Foston and Brian Gray for their time.

Our next task for the next few weeks was the removal of the existing lighting kit and cable and the installation of the new LED lighting kit. After the removal of the existing cables we install and attached the four new cabling at 125', two at 250', one at 350' and the top 490'. We installed the proper lights at the 125' Dual Obstructing Light (DOL's), two beacons at 250', one DOL's at 350' and the top beacon 490'.

Every day was an adventure and a challenge. Not only did we climb and work with the big steel we had to work around with the east coast wind and harsh element.

As special thanks goes out to Cpl Lam from CFJSR Det Halifax, who came and work with us.



The supervision crew: Sgt Morneau white hat and MCpl Snook the ever have vigilant eyes on us.



Wall Of fame

Cpl O. Langlois

Antenna Crew member

1 Line Sqn





1 Line Squadron

part of the Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment



"The Mothership"- Kingston.



89J Great Village (Mar 2014)

2014 was another busy year for the members of 1 Line Sqn Kingston.

Our crews worked across Canada and around the Globe, with Antenna Projects, Cable Projects, Exercises, and Operations.

Halifax, Shearwater, Masstown, Great Village, Truro, St. John's, Pleasantville, Gagetown, Valcartier, Montreal, Ottawa, Petawawa, Nanimo, Cold Lake, Wainwright, Trenton, Matsqui, Gander, Meaford, Newport Corners, Eureka, Alert, Op Reassurance, Ex RIMPAC, Ex Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Ex Ready Support, Ex Dragons Nest, Ex Hermes Warrior, Ex Hermes Command, Ex Hermes Support II, CFJSR Gun Camp, Op Nevus, Op Nanook, and Op Imapct.

The Great "Red One" could be seen and found. 



Ex Hermes Warrior (Mar 2014)

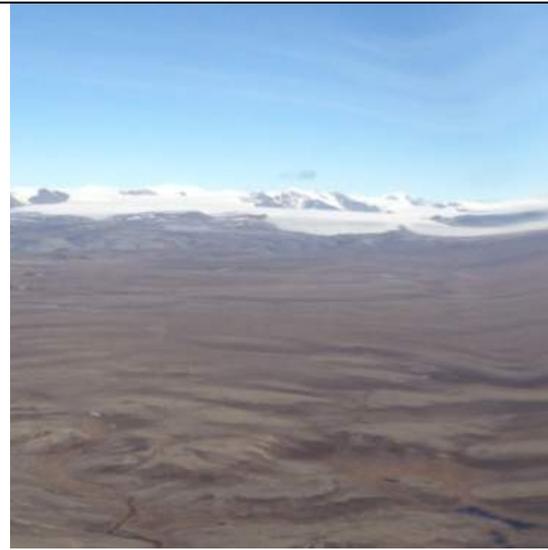
With 1 Line's support, we continued to raise the bar, making what was thought to be impossible a reality to make it "So others can talk to the World".



Maj Chaisson takes command of 1 Line (July 2014)

In July, during the Change of Command ceremony at CFJSR Kingston with LCol Whalen. Maj. MacDonald transferred command of 1 Line Sqn to Maj. Chaisson.





Op Nevus, Eureka (Summer 2014)

In the North. Op Nevus, Op Nanook, and work in Alert. Over the summer 1 Line did repairs, upgrades and maintenance in support of Task Force North requirements and commitments.

Internationally, 1 Line supported Ex RIMPAC, Ex Ulchi Freedom Guardian, Op Reassurance and Op Impact. With design, installation, skill, and professionalism we lead the way make it “*So others can talk to the World*”.



Op Reassurance, Lithuania (Fall 2014)



Op Impact (Fall 2014)



490' Newport Corners (Oct 2014)

During 2014, 1 Line reached to new heights. Whether working in the cold, the north, across Canada, around the world, or 490 feet aloft, 1 Line continues to strive.

With the hard work of the members of 1 Line will continue to be known around the world for our standards, professionalism, and high morale.

1 Line looks forward and ready for the challenges of 2015.



110 Ft Cross loop Construction, CFS Leitrim, Ottawa, Ontario. (Oct 2014)



2014 Christmas Article for SSU Central Det Kingston Line Section By Cpl Neil Reese

Well, look at that, 2014 is almost over. Here at the base line section, (the shop formerly known as 2 ASG, now SSU (C) or SSC depending on who you ask), we've been industrious enough to lose track of time, trying to keep everything running smooth despite all the changes and bombardment of work orders coming in.



This fall saw a lot of people moving around. Sadly, Jay O'Quinn moved on to begin a new chapter working for VistaCare, but newly-arrived Steve Bycok joins Rob McKay (who left briefly, but couldn't stay away) to form an intimidating line powerhouse that skips lunch to eat trouble tickets instead of food.

There was a bit of a shakeup with the army guys as well. Sgt Johnny Ottenheimer remains the big white helmet, but MCpl Marty St. Louis was torn, kicking and screaming from his Cold Lake outdoors to become Johnny's right-hand man. MCpl Jon Leute is also a welcomed addition, providing a helping hand wherever possible. Cpl Cody was promoted to MCpl and quickly snatched up by 1 Line Squadron, who can't get enough of them these days. Filling his boots now is yours truly, Cpl Neil Reese, who just came from 1 Line. We'll just have to see who got the better draft pick, I guess.





2014 has been the Year of the Mouse for us, whether they're chewing fibre down at RMC, getting stuck in pedestals, or making homes in our splices, we've had quite a few run-ins. We make extra sure the furry varmints can't get back in once the mess is fixed. Beside this, cable locates, and all the little trouble tickets, we also ran some line out to the Gore and Harvey training areas, crawled around between the floors of the Forde building, set up the KMCSC's new offices, even started revising the manhole numbering over on the Vimy side of base during maintenance, which I'm surprised we even got to. And that's just the few months I've been here.

Yes, it looks like the future of the base line crew is going to be busy, with no let-up as we continue the grand transition of shared services. It's good that we get a little breather with the holidays, so from all of us at CFB Kingston's line crew, a merry Christmas and happy New Year!





MERRY
CHRISTMAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM 2 CMBG HQ & SIG SQN

December 2014

Merry Christmas from 2 CMBG HQ&Sig Sqn, Petawawa Ontario. Once again it has been another busy year and before we knew it Christmas is upon us. The year seemed to sail by and this will be a well-earned Christmas leave period for all of the linemen at 2 CMBG and their families.

This year, we were again faced with a gauntlet of Exercises and as all ways maintaining our preparedness for high operational readiness. Once more, as we have done in the past on multiple occasions, we muscled through multiple exercises of all sorts, such as Exercises EX Maple Resolve, Hermes Warrior 2, Hermes Reach, and Spartan Bear in preparation for EX War Fighter in Indiana taking place in the New Year.

Due to our line expertise and professionalism, these exercises were set up quickly and ran smoothly throughout their entire duration.

In addition to all of the exercises activities taking place in the background, we once again performed our annual refresher training. The following members joined our unit this APS: Sgt Greg Snook, MCpl Kent Hennigar, MCpl Andrew Kilgour, Cpl Greg Viau and Cpl Justin Greene . We must also mention the members that left the unit for greener pastures Sgt Pat Hall, MCpl Ryan Demeurichy, Cpl Chirs Lam, Cpl Donovan Teahen, Cpl Dwayne Marshall, Cpl Kirkland Beattie, Cpl Tyler Ingram and Cpl "Turtle" Trylinski.

Throughout the year, challenges persistently presented themselves to us. We were able to put the lineman training facility area to good use especially the 100ft self-support tower during multiple exercises. It made it possible to get the HD lose shot up higher and shoot further than in previous application. We also spent 2 months early in the year February and March wiring up the new ASIC building. Plus we had a very successful fishing derby were we spent time with many friends both old and new.





Cpl Ryan Lamoureux & Cpl Melissa Kreiger
Installing HD Los antenna on the 100ft self-support tower.

At first glance, the fast approaching New Year appears to be equally demanding as we will continue our training to ensure we are prepared for the challenges and deployments in the future. Considering our next deployment is in the United States of America in Indiana EX War Fighter and is planned for the New Year. Time spent in professional development sessions as well as in training exercises will ensure that we maintain our expertise to overcome any challenges the future will bring us.

As this year draws to an end, all soldiers and officers of 2CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn would like to give thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. To all linemen, their family and friends, I hope you take this time to relax and enjoy the much needed time at home. We wish you health and happiness during this holiday season and into the New Year.

Merry Christmas to all.

Kent L. Hennigar
MCpl
Line Det Cmd
2 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn





SSU Central Det Petawawa

Seasons Greetings to all our fellow Linemen!!! It's that time of year again. Time for some R&R and good cheer!!

There was some movement in this section over the last little year. After Christmas, we welcomed Cpl Jason Kells who wanted to join us so badly he came to us in Feb. During the APS we said goodbye to Cpl Fred White who decided he was bored of being home and needed to see the open road with JSR Det Petawawa. Cpl Candice Cahill was called back to 2 Sigs as her CFTPO was over, also, our Det WO, WO Weaver was promoted and posted to Ottawa and our Det Cmdr left us for 4 CDSG Sigs Sqn. In July, we said goodbye to our long term contractor Norm Leblanc. After so many issues with his contract and the uncertainty of any chances of renewal, he left for greener pastures working in northern Alberta and BC coming home every 3 weeks. He pops in every time and he seems happy!! Best of luck to you!

We all took our summer leave; Sgt Sam McQuay decided to hang out in hockey arenas during her leave. MCpl Adam Rowsell decided that two weeks wasn't enough and took the whole summer to spend with his family and newborn daughter Emma, who was born in June. Cpl Peter Goes and his family made the trek to his adopted province and pretended to be a hermit in his cabin in the boondocks located somewhere in NFLD, I'm still scratching my head at trying to figure out the location. Cpl Kells enjoyed his in ground pool that he finally opened up!! And last but not least WO Frank Evans stuck around as he was saving his leave to spend his time in the rinks this hockey season!! He's now trying to raise money to go to Europe!! And I thought a tourney in Vermont was expensive!!!

We didn't get anyone new into the section as we were over our numbers, but MWO Trask, the SSM of 4 CDSG Sig Sqn, was commissioned and became our fearless Det Commander!! We now have an ex Rad Op in our midst and we constantly harass him. He gives as good as he gets sometimes!! I still want to steal his plates as it has a 052 on it!! After sorting out issues with security clearances and such, we finally welcomed Frank Alsop, who took over Norm's contract. Finally someone to give Dave Shillington a new aneurism!! Kidding, at least Dave has someone to keep him company while us green folk are at PT.

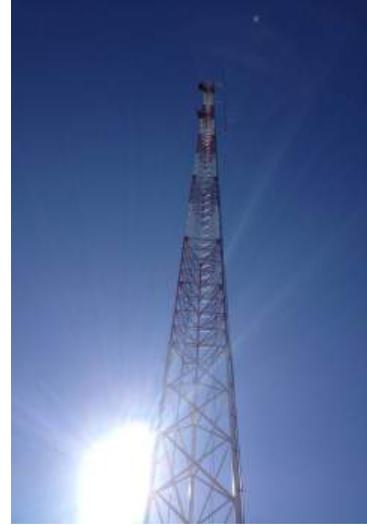




Dave- Shaved his moustache
1st time in 15 years!!!!



Frank- Climbing 1st time
using the stop fall belt.



Cpl Goes on Range Cntrl
Tower.

As for work, we are constantly busy. We managed to catch up on some much needed maintenance in the training area. The bears love to mark our poles. We also had some inspections done, everything, luckily is still standing. And the usual small projects, adds moves and changes and break/fixes. We're still keeping a weary eye on Paquette and we're really surprised that hasn't fallen and hurt someone but hopefully this new year will see JSR out here and some brand new pole line!!



Yes white hats do work!!



Dave and Cpl Kells replacing a pole

From all of us in the Garrison Petawawa Line Section we want to wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!



CFJRSR Det. Petawawa The Det. Of Choice



As a rule, life at CFJRSR Det Pet can be fast and furious, and there was no exception to the rule this year. The Det's busy schedule had the crews deployed throughout Ontario, Quebec, and the Great White North. The busy schedule kept the crews prepared and their skills honed, gaining them the valuable experience required to accomplish anything and everything thrown at them.

Many of our Cpl's were busy completing courses at CFSCE. Cpl's Gagnon, Nickerson, Simms and Turcotte completed their D.P 2.1D course. Cpl Zollner also went to Kingston to complete his D.P 1.1.D. Cpl's Nickerson, Turcotte, and Zollner all finished top student on their respective courses. In addition to trade courses Cpl Gagnon successfully completed the Advanced Antenna Course (AAIDN). Outside of the trade related courses, there were a few members that had a chance to expand their knowledge and experience from outside civilian agencies. Cpl's Simms and Maclean visited Mississauga Ontario to attend the tower symposium. Cpl's Maclean and Nickerson had travelled to Stayner Ontario and completed SPRATT. Cpl Fraize attended a fibre termination course in Italy.

This year we had a couple of members posted out. MCpl Neilson was posted to 1st Canadian Field Hospital in Petawawa, Cpl Kenny to Marlant N6 in Halifax. MCpl Hardy from 1 RCR Petawawa and Cpl White from 2 SSU(C) Petawawa were posted in to fill these key positions. Cpl Fraize was deployed to Kuwait, "land of sun and sand". We all wish him a safe deployment, and a safe trip home.

The Det had deployed to all angles of the globe in order to conduct business this past year. One crew deployed to the Great White North to complete annual tower/antenna maintenance. We also had two Det members that supported Op's Nevus and Nanook. Outside the Northern swing we still had commitments that required our dedication and professionalism. We still managed to deploy to 8 Wing Trenton and install copper and fibre in the Advanced Warfare Center as well as Hangar 6. As the seasons changed the Op Tempo did not, we then turned our attention to complete some much needed cable plant maintenance/upgrades in Meaford, Borden, Valcartier, Toronto, and Ottawa.

It has been a great year, the shop has been busy, and we are always excited to deploy for the next job and equally looking forward to the upcoming break, and the time with our families, to enjoy Christmas. From all Members of CFJRSR Det Pet we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year!!!

Submitted by: Cpl Jonathan Gagnon & Cpl Jonathan Turcotte





Greetings from Alberta, Western Chapter, CAFL.

Another year has passed and our Annual Campout was again a great success. It was held at Imrie Park close to Onoway Alberta. The regulars and their families that always show up had a great time, we had the meet and greet on Friday night ,followed by friendship and refreshments. Saturday the games started with cribbage, bocci ball and horseshoes. Saturday evening was our steak Bar-B-Q, which was truly enjoyed by everyone. Sunday morning we had our breakfast and then the games continued, followed by the awards presentation. All in all a great time was had by all.

The attendees were Leslie Berkness, Steve Blanchard, William Escott, Gordon Heaton, Don McNair, Moe Morin, Gary Welch.

We are attempting to get more personnel to attend but seem to have a hard time recruiting, we spread the word, maybe next year.

Any ex linemen or still serving members that are interested can contact Moe Morin in Wainwright for information.

That is all the news for now VVV. Gary Welch





CFJSR Detachment Edmonton 2014 News Letter

With the end of another year fast approaching and Christmas block leave just around the corner, we once again reflect on a busy 2014. Every year Det Edm welcomes some new faces and says farewell to others and this year is no exception. We welcomed Cpl Sheldon Smith who has joined us from HQ &Sigs Edmonton. We said farewell to Cpl Dale Griffin who has occupied a position at SSU Halifax.

The fiscal year 2014 started out at a faster than expected tempo that never slowed down. We conducted yearly mandated IBTS training, First Aid training and refreshed ourselves with rescue training and rigging techniques on a regular basis in between projects where time allowed. CFJSR held a Gun Camp for the 1st time in years and Det Edm were represented by WO Pelletier, Sgt Clarke and MCpl Yashuk.

With an abundance of 2nd Line Antenna and Cable Maintenance projects there was no shortage of work for Det Edm. We conducted maintenance at numerous bases within our area of responsibility. Places such as Cold Lake, Wainwright, Suffield, Winnipeg, Aldergrove/Matsqui, Comox, Nanoose, Masset and Yellowknife just to name a few. This year, Det Edm also had the opportunity to deploy members on overseas exercises and operations. Cpl Coreas deployed to South Korea on Exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian. Cpl's Davenport and Zwaagstra deployed on OP Reassurance and Cpl Arsenault on OP Impact (Kuwait). We were also given the opportunity to send Det Edm members such as WO Pelletier and Sgt Anderson on trade relevant courses such as Grounding and Protection Fundamentals Course and our Det Comd, MWO DesRoches on a Telecommunications Project Management Course in Tampa Florida.

Det Edm members had to replace yet another damaged pole at CFB Wainwright. This job had a lot of moving parts but we had two LCVs to make our job easier. We planted a temporary pole and then put all the hardware and cable onto that pole. This all happened on the first day of the replacement. The removal of the old pole was easy but the planting of the new permanent pole was a very delicate and precise activity. So after the new pole was in, it was back into the bucket trucks and away we go. The replacing of the hardware was a bit finicky but was once again completed by CFJSR and our hardworking crew members got the job done.



Pole Line Replacement in Wainwright.



Detachment members were tasked with working on the 480ft PLER (Cold Lake) site and surrounding sites. Most of the work consisted of removing old cabling and ensuring that all structures were in good working order. During our month long trip we removed an old microwave dish. The dish weighed about 300 pounds with brackets still attached and was brought down with ease due to the crew's experienced knowledge of rigging.



Cpl Jones on top of the 480 ft Tower PLER enjoying his lunch.

Det Edm members in Yellowknife conducting 2nd Line Antenna Maintenance during the month of October working on structures such as Andrews Model 3065-102-3, Andrews Model 2001, and an SPQ-330 before winter and the cold weather arrives.



Cpl Zwaagstra and Cpl Roussel (JTFN)



Subsequently after a long year of projects and training we are all looking forward to some well-earned time off back home with our loved ones and friends to relax and recharge the body. Christmas is just around the corner and both crews finishing our last projects in Aldergrove/Matsqui and an Emergency Pole repair in Suffield Alberta.

In closing, on behalf of CFJSR Detachment Edmonton I would like to send Seasons Greetings to all and Lineman (serving or retired) and their families across Canada and Deployed Overseas all the best during in the New Year.

Written by:
Cpl James Davenport
Crew Member
CFJSR Det Edm





1 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn - 2014



So here we are again, another year coming to an end. With this past season, we have completed numerous exercises at 1 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn, such as Ex's Frozen Jimmy, Warfighter, Maple Resolve, Cerebral Ram, Mercury Wanderer, and Final Glory.

We are also losing a few good men through both postings and releases. Posted out this season were MCpl Smith to CFB Dundurn and Cpl Smith to JSR Det Edmonton. We regret to see leave Cpls Barrett, Carr, Laforce, Redpath, Sutton, and Taylor who are off to make their way in civilian life.

Posted in this year we have MCpl Schaeffer from SSU(W) Suffield, Cpl Ingram from 2 RCHA Petawawa, Cpl Leamon from CFJSR Kingston, and Cpl Rector from 3 VP Edmonton.

We have had a few of our troops complete their DP 1.1 course, Cpls Brunet, Labelle, and Kneabone and a few troops slated to go in the New Year. MCpl Stoneham had completed his yearlong French language training and Cpl Ouellet completed her English language training.

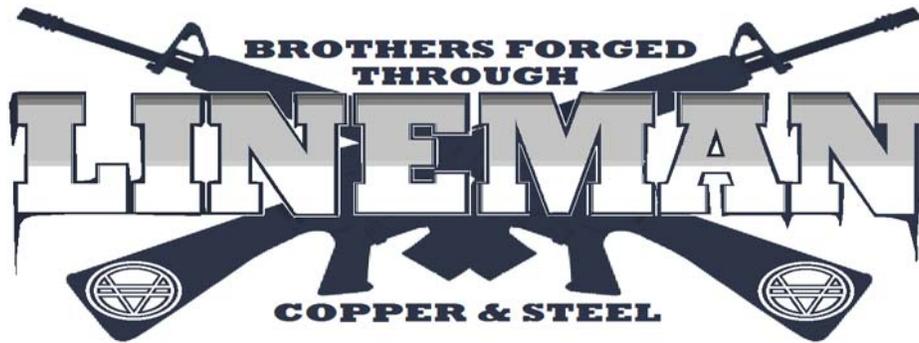
So now we have WO Taylor as the Troop WO, Sgt Williams (LCF), MCpls Gilroy (Det Comd), Schaeffer (Stores), and Stoneham (Line Sect 2 I/C), Cpls Brunet, Ingram, Hatungimana, Jesso, Kneabone, Labelle-Gordijn, Lambert, Leamon, Ouellet, Price, and Rector, Pte's Martin and Potter. We also have Sgt Simpson in Squadron Ops.

We are all very much looking forward to spending some much deserved time off with our families during Christmas leave block and coming back starting off the New Year with DP 1.1, DP 3.1 and PLQ courses as well as Ex Frozen Jimmy. We are of course always looking forward to meeting up with our brethren during courses and other line tasking. On behalf of the Bde LCS, MWO Blane Kilback, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





4WG LINE SECTION



Hello to my fellow linemen. I am Cpl Trylinski newly posted to Cold Lake Alberta. This is definitely a new adventure for me in my life to go from a field unit to a base crew. But with the crew and amount of knowledge that is in this shop I am sure I will have no problem learning my new job to its highest potential. In the line shop to date we have Sgt Dean Upshall, MCpl Pascal Brisson, Cpl Corey Collins, Cpl Curtis Gavin, and me, Cpl Rob Trylinski or turtle, I guess that the nickname followed me here... oh yeah, WO Tim Brown, but I don't get to see him much as we are on the other side of the base. This year there was no Maple Flag. The planning has started for 2015 Maple Flag and I am sure the requirements will grow as time goes on.

For fitness, 3 members of the shop participated in the Spartan Sprint: Sgt Upshall, MCpl Brisson and Cpl Collins. Sgt Upshall and MCpl Brisson also conquered the Spartan Super and Sgt Upshall did the Spartan Beast to earn his trifecta medal. Unfortunately, I was away and did not get a chance to do any of these events but in 2015 I will definitely try.

In the outdoor life of Cold Lake, hunting is definitely the best here as MCpl Brisson's garage has become the section meat locker. It has been a very successful year for all members that went out. MCpl Brisson had the best year of all. He took advantage of his luck by making a Bear and Deer chili for our annual chili cook off. Line section won 3 out of five awards for his chili

which he said was not that hot. I got feeling back in my lips 1hr after I ate it.

On a sad note but good note Cpl St-Louis was promoted to MCpl and posted to Kingston. He is missed in Cold Lake line shop. On the good note because he is gone, I hunt in the area he was in and MCpl Brisson is the sportsman of the year.

Cold lake is also losing another good lineman this year but not due to promotion or posting. Cpl Gavin is releasing from the military as of Jan 5th 2015. He is not leaving the line trade though as he is going to be working on the civilian side as a lineman. Once a lineman, always a lineman. In the short time I have worked with him I have learned quite a bit from him. He is very knowledgeable in our trade and will be missed.

Next APS is not looking much better for us here in the shop. Sgt Upshall and Cpl Collins are possibly being posted out. They also will be much missed.

2015 will bring new adventures for all and as lineman we will get threw anything.

From Cold Lake, Happy Holidays and the best of luck to all lineman out there and their Families.

Cpl "Turtle" Trylinski





Greetings From 19 Wing Comox

Well, another year has come and gone in the blink of an eye here on the beautiful West Coast. Life is extremely busy for the members of the 19 Wing Line Sect. Construction has been proceeding at a fast pace over the past twelve months. We have seen the completion of our new MDF and the opening of a new child care center as well as the commencement of construction of a barrier free accommodation, new ASR/SSR radar tower and the expansion of the underground cable plant.

In Feb 14, we enjoyed the company of Sgt Clarke and his JSR Det Edmonton crew on the island as they completed 2nd line AE maint. As a result of their excellent final report, MCpl Hache and Cpl Wilson were able to complete some 1st AE maintenance in Tofino. We look forward to hosting them again in Jan 15.

There were multiple trips to Holberg as part of the ongoing refurbishment and structure wiring of the Canada Costal Radar (CCR) site there. As linemen in Comox have remained under the control of the air force, we continue to have a close and productive working relationship with our SSG ATIS tech counterparts at the Wing and with Ms. Karen Poynter in CFB Esquimalt.

We have been able to fit in some PD opportunities with MCpl Hache and Cpl Clavet attending the BFTA course in Barrie. 2015 is promising to be just as productive and exciting with the slated construction of a new IPSC bldg, a major revamp of roads and underground base utilities and the hosting of the 2015 Comox airshow. We will also be saying goodbye to two of our members next summer with Cpl Clavet promoted and posted to Edmonton and Cpl Wilson posted to CFJSR Kingston (until the posting messages is out). From all mbrs of 19 Wing Comox to all our fellow linemen domestic and deployed a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

VVV LMN 052



Sgt Ken Bailey, MCpl Dan Hache, Cpl Martin Clavet and Cpl Jay Wilson

CAFL Family Scholarship



Approved during the sixteenth annual CAFL General Meeting held in Cornwall Ontario on 21 February 2005, the CAFL Family Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to CAFL member's dependent attending a full time program at a recognized post secondary institution such as University, Community College or Technical Institutes.

The funding of this scholarship will originate from annual membership dues or private donations held and managed by the National CAFL executive. The awarding of the scholarship began in school year 2005- 2006 and will carry on at the wish of the membership and as funds remain available.

Amount:

A single \$300.00 scholarship will be awarded annually during the Annual CAFL meeting held in Cornwall Ontario.

Eligibility

Note: As approved during the CAFL General Meeting held in Cornwall Ontario on 21 June 2010, the CAFL Scholarship's eligibility was extended to include grandchildren and siblings (brothers and sisters).

Eligibility to the scholarship will be based on the following criteria:

a. applicant must be a sponsored dependant (**children , grandchildren, brothers, sisters or spouse**) of a CAFL member in good standing (paid up);

Note: For clarity, extended family such as nephews and nieces are not to be considered as dependants.

b. must be enrolled and registered in a full time program at a post secondary studies institution for the year of application;

c. must apply, in writing, to the CAFL National Executive Committee **no later then 31 Jan** in the calendar year which schooling starts and include the following information (see attached form):

- i. name and particulars of sponsor (CAFL member);
- ii. name and particulars of applicant (CAFL member's dependent);
- iii. a copy of high school diploma;
- iv. a copy of post secondary institution's acceptance letter;

CAFL Family Scholarship

- v. a copy of registration fee receipt of a post secondary institution;
- vi. a copy of a birth certificate or certificates showing the relationship with the CAFL sponsor as follows:
 - **Children:** birth certificate showing relationship with CAFL sponsor.
 - **Grandchildren:** birth certificate showing parent names **and** parent's birth certificate showing relationship with grand parent (CAFL sponsor).
 - **Spouse:** marriage certificate or proof of common law relationship with CAFL sponsor.
 - **Brothers or Sisters:** applicant's birth certificate and CAFL sponsor's birth certificate.
- d. the post secondary institution must provide full time programs which leads to a collegial or university degree;
- e. all eligible applications received by the National CAFL Executive Committee will be entered into a "simple draw from the hat";
- f. the draw will be held annually during the Annual National Line Tasking Meeting, and
- g. the scholarship cheque will be sent by mail following the Annual National Line Tasking Meeting.

Duration:

Dependents can apply yearly as long as all criteria are met. Dependent can only be awarded the CAFL Family Scholarship one time.

Accessibility:

Only one yearly application per CAFL sponsor will be accepted.

Minimum entry:

As voted during the eighteen annual CAFL meeting held in Cornwall in February 2007, the scholarship awarding requires a minimum of three (3) nominations / applications from the membership. If the minimum nominations / applications are not received, the awarding of the scholarship will be deferred to the next year.

CAFL Family Scholarship



Application Form

DEPENDENT INFORMATION (STUDENT)	
First Name:	
Name:	
Date of Birth	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Secondary school graduated from:	
Secondary school address and phone number:	
Graduation date:	
Post-secondary institution attended:	
Post-secondary full time program attended:	
Relationship with CAFL Member (Child, grandchild, brother, sister, spouse)	
SPONSOR INFORMATION (CAFL MEMBER)	
First Name:	
Name:	
Address:	
Telephone Number Home:	
Telephone Number Work:	
For the Use of the CAFL Executive Committee Only	
CAFL Membership paid up?	
Application Date: (Refer to Post Mark on Letter)	
Copy of High School Diploma:	
Copy of Post Secondary Institution's Acceptance Letter	
Copy of post secondary institution's registration fee receipt	
Copy of applicable birth certificates	
Copy of applicable marriage certificate or proof of common law relationship	

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is accurate and complete. In the event that I receive the scholarship, I grant authority to publish my name as the recipient of the scholarship for publicity purposes.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of CAFL Member _____ Date _____

Email your application and supporting documents no later than 31 January of the current year to webmaster@cafl.org. If you have no internet access, please mail a hard copy to the address below.
CAFL Family Scholarship, 15 Settlement Lane Russell On: Attn Owen Crabbe



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Note: Membership is \$10.00 per year.