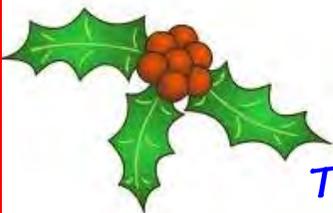




**The Golden Spur  
The Newsletter of the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen  
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*Merry Christmas  
And A Very Happy  
New Year  
To All Members and Their Families*





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

It's been a great year for the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen and an excellent year for the Line Trade. The stand-up of 77 Line Regiment continues to move forward, and now with the amalgamation of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Work Centers under a unified chain of command will no doubt enhance the Trade's ability to support the Canadian Armed Forces anytime and anywhere. The challenges for the new Regiment will certainly be demanding but rewarding in the end. I would also like to acknowledge the retirement of Mike Huard and give thanks to his 40 plus years of dedication to the DND, the Forces and, of course, to the Line Trade. We have included, in this addition of the Golden Spur, articles from the new 77 Line Regiment newsletter, "The Cable" I'm sure you will enjoy reading them.

Last year's scholarship award winner, Kayla Duffett wishes to pass on her thanks to the association for their support and is still maintaining honor roll marks with a 90 percent average.

This year we saw new changes in the national executive leadership for the Association with the addition of new members with myself as President and Yvan Tremblay as Vice President. All our new National Executive members have done outstanding work and in particular Julien continues to upgrade our website which can be seen at <http://cafl.org/>. In the New Year there will be the reinitiation of the CAFL Membership Card and Pin that should be in the mail shortly after our next Annual General Meeting, (AGM), which will be our 30<sup>th</sup>. The AGM will be held in Cornwall On, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 2018. I would like to thank everyone for their support in my time as President.

Enjoy the Christmas season with friends and family and I hope to see many of you in the upcoming year. I thank you all greatly for the contributions to this newsletter the association and the Trade. Good luck, all the best over the holidays and in the upcoming year.

Kevin Duffett  
President  
Canadian Association of Forces Linemen





### Padre's Corner - 2017

I begin by wishing all brothers and sisters of the CAFL community a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for 2018.

During this festive season, as we come to the end of the year, it is time to pause and reflect on our past as well as look forward to the future.

The feast of Christmas celebrated by Christians around the world relates to God's entry into our human history in the person of Jesus. It is God living among us as one of us.

I realize with the many world events leading to the destruction of mankind a person may struggle and find it difficult to consider or maintain a faith life. Even Jesus had his moment: In Mark's Gospel we read Jesus crying out, "***My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?***"

Our transition from childhood faith to adult faith takes place at three levels: ***mind, heart, and soul***. (by soul, it means the deepest dimension of our being) A faith journey is a mystery of ***gift and freedom***. A gift of God's grace that prepared us for the journey; invites us to embark on the journey; and embraces us every step of the journey, through the good times as well as the hard times.

We are never really sure where a response to God will lead. It is a risk that can be overcome only by trust. The kind of loving trust that one lover has for another.

Even if a person is unable to nurture a faith life, anyone living in this great country, we call Canada, should be taking time to reflect on our many blessings. Compared to the many places we served throughout the world we have been greatly blessed.

May many blessings be yours throughout 2018  
and  
May God Bless You and your loved Ones  
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## *HAPPY HOLIDAYS* *FROM 4 LINE SQN HQ*

It's the time of the year once again with Christmas upon us. This year has certainly flown by and now it's time to switch our minds off of work and spend quality time with our families and friends. I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year on behalf of the OC Maj Neil George, SSM MWO Bill Grandy, LCS MWO Bill Hewitt, myself WO Steph Hache, and from all 4 line Sqn team.

It has been another pronounced and busy year being part of 4 Line Sqn. With a few additions to the Sqn, Capt Banan Al-Aubidy as the new 4 line Sqn OpsO, MWO Bill Grandy as the SSM, MCpl Candy Young as our new Senior HRA, Sgt Jeff Neilson LLWC Petawawa LCF, Sgt Steve Cleveland LLWC Kingston LCF, MCpl Angus Henry LLWC Borden 2I/C, Cpl Andrew Brammer LLWC Borden, Cpl Maxime Roussel LLWC Trenton and Cpl Tom Evans with LLWC North Bay.



Not forgetting our retired / posted members. Capt Kevin Symes who retired in the past year, Sgt Matt Taylor who took a posting with 1 line troop Kingston, Sgt Johnny Ottenheimer (newly promoted to WO) who accepted a posting out East with JSR (now 2 line Sqn), Cpl Rob Mitchell (newly promoted to MCpl) and was posted to CFSCE, MS Steph Masciotra & Cpl Marie Kosterewa were also posted last APS, (good luck to all of you)

Above all, I would like to wish to all retired linemen and their families a Merry Christmas and prosperous new year to all.

I believe a Job Hazards Analysis should have been done before putting up this Christmas tree lol....



## *4 LINE SQN LLWC BORDEN*

New Year. Yes, New. Each year we wish ourselves a happy new year in anticipation of new and exciting things. This year had indeed seen a lot of new challenge for LLWC Borden such as the stand up of a new school for RCEME. Currently under construction is a new data center and as a result of this, a new building for SSC, a new compound, and new office space for the line section. So yes, we seen a lots of try walls and moved a lots of material to our new location.

Speaking of old, we have had to say goodbye to a few of our fellow linemen this year, our “old man” Leo Thomas has left us to join the reserves this summer and is currently working in the building next door with the recruiting group. MCpl Chris Hancock has also retired from the CF this year and he is enjoying his retirement. WO Boucher left us for 1 Line and Capt Dolsen has gone to tech services. So in saying all that, we needed replacement for these guys. Well, new to the section this year is MCpl Henry who came to us from the mother ship in Kingston, Cpl Brammer, fresh out of the field from Petawawa are both joining forces with Cpl Parker. Capt Yee has joined us from base TIS. Myself and Sgt Horwood switching positions and assuming each other’s responsibilities. Sgt Horwood now sits in the design chair, looking after new requirements from the lodger units in Borden as well as Meaford and Toronto, while I took on the duties of LCF.



Left to wright: Cpl Brammer, Sgt Letendre, Cpl Parker.  
Missing: Capt Yee, Sgt Horwood, MCpl Henry.

Local contractors also dug new holes, which meant new locates and phone calls starting with the dreaded “oops, we found something, is it yours?” Completed amid the chaos of the relocation and new construction was our regular maintenance, going through the MH’s, closets and pole lines, finding new and exciting faults and deficiencies.

As we wrap up another year, LLWC Borden would like to wish all good health, a Merry Christmas and, as always, a Happy New Year.



## 4 LINE SQN LLWC TRENTON

Season’s Greetings from all of us here at 8 Wing Trenton. Truly there has been minimal time to slow down throughout this year and take it all in. This past year we have been quite busy with the amount of work, tasking’s, training and supporting 8 Wing. Our team here have been having one hell of a time updating all the old records of the inside and outside cable plant.



Sgt Slaney has spent the last month doing his pre-deployment and is now currently over in the “Sandbox” for the next 8 months. MCpl Blaquiere has taken the reins as LCF. Cpl Marshall was one of the fortunate signallers to be a part of the Battlefield tour this year. He is extremely grateful for this opportunity and to have been a part of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our great Nation. Cpl King has been at half speed due to breaking his leg while participating in the Soccer nationals. He is currently recovering well and should be at full strength soon. Bob Hupman is our SSC member here who works extremely hard keeping up with all add, moves and changes, he is an incredible help to us and a wealth of knowledge as he has been here the longest, which explains his horrible sense of humor I guess.



Lastly, Cpl Max Roussel and his spouse Rebecca have joined our team this year from the great white north (CFB Yellowknife). Upon his arrival, he immediately jumped into an extremely busy summer of Ae Maintenance. Both Max and Rebecca are expecting a new little “lineman” named William at the end of December, congrats to them both!

On behalf of all of us here in Trenton, I like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## *4 LINE SQN LLWC PETAWAWA*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from LLWC Petawawa. Nearing the end of 2017 we can say good bye to all the hard work that was done and we are looking forward to another great year in 2018. By all indications it will be another busy year with lots changes. The LLWC consists of Sgt Jeff Neilson, MCpl Simon Leblanc, MCpl Jason Kells, Cpl Jenifer Spence, Cpl Melisa Krieger and yes we still have the old man Mr. Dave Shillington (seriously, when is he going to retire?)

This year there has been some movement as we said a farewell to Sgt Taylor who has grudgingly returned to the Kingston area to be reunited with his family and MCpl Leblanc who recently departed for tour in Kuwait. The LLWC has also seen the addition Sgt. Neilson from 1 Canadian Field Hospital, Cpl Krieger from CFS Leitrim and our Co-op student Garrett Belton.

With the Garrison's Infrastructure constantly being upgraded, this has been the year of the dig locate. With Mr. David Shillington and MCpl Leblanc as lead, the LLWC completed over 200 locates. MCpl Leblanc's knowledge of the Petawawa OSP has become quite extensive. Newly promoted MCpl Kells and Cpl Spence have been expanding there splicing knowledge with hands

on experience thanks to an unusual amount of damaged cables that were caused by contractor's hand digging with an excavator.

From the entire LLWC Petawawa, we would like to wish you and your family a Happy Holiday and a Joyous 2018.



Left to right: MCpl Kells, Cpl Spence, Sgt Neilson, Dave Shillington, Cpl Krieger, Garrett Belton



## 4 LINE SQN RLWC PETAWAWA

In the past year, RLWC Petawawa had been busy, as usual. We have been all over the map within our AOR. From the sunny shores of Trenton to Montreal conducting Ae maintenance, pulling cable in manholes and pole line in Valcartier, or installing a cross loop antenna in Gander; both crews were sent on variety of jobs where they were able to continue to hone their knowledge and skills.



Posting season saw a few changes this year. We had some new members join our team. Cpl Belanger-Landry came in from 2 HQ and Sigs, Cpl Johnston came in from 1 RCR and Cpl Diagle came in from QGET. All members arrived, ready and eager to shake off the field dust and learn from the RLWC of choice. This year we said goodbye to: Sgt Hardy, who was recently promoted, left our flock to go to CFSCE as an instructor and part of standards cell. MCpl Crane left to go back out East and become part of the Greenwood team, and Cpl Zollner left to pursue other exciting aspects of the trade with DHTC. Although we did lose both our MCpl's this year, fear not, we would like to congratulate MCpl Simms who was promoted this summer. We are still on the hunt for another MCpl, if anyone is looking for a job. We also had a small addition to the RLWC, congratulations to Cpl Burton for his son, Beau!

With the chaos of projects and lots of time away, everyone at the RLWC are looking forward to enjoying their Christmas Holidays. On behalf of all the members we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

*RLWC of Choice!*



## 4 LINE SQN LLWC KINGSTON

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:

Where to start, another year under our belts and still chugging away. Our fearless leader has seen the sunny skies in the east and run for the hills to Halifax. WO Johnny Ottenheimer is gone but not forgotten. The CoC has in their great wisdom, sent us Sgt Steve Cleveland to guide us along after being at CFSCE for five years shaping future linemen, he is now leading us on the new roadways. With the Sgt holding down the fort, MCpl Martin St-Louis sees to it that the rest of the crew is kept busy with 1st line maintenance duties, tickets and locates doing our best to keep the man happy! Cpl Eric McDonald is a busy man running from one task to another. Always fixing what the everyday user breaks or helping to locate lines so the contractors don't dig them up!



Over the past year we have been blessed for three months with the legendary Mr. Steve Bycok. His knowledge has been a huge asset to the shop! Also joining the ranks was Cpl Jamie Legault on a CFTPO. Jamie was always willing to pitch in and give a helping hand at whatever task that needed done. Starting on Oct 30th we are lucky enough to have another legend come back to the shop, a Mr. Rob McKay. I am sure he will lend his knowledge to the crew and give plenty of advice along the way, even if he is a Leaf's fan, I'm sure his trade knowledge is much more reliable. We have had a busy year with work orders and locates as well as helping to set up the lines of communication for 77 Line HQ. We have also had the chance to get out of Kingston and do some courses with the rest of 4 Sqn. We traveled to Petawawa and also to CFB Trenton for a grounding and bonding course with Ken Michaels from IGround. We are all excited to see what takes place in the New Year with the Regiment, things are looking great so far. From all of us here at the LLWC, we wish you and yours a happy holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



## 4 LINE SQN LLWC NORTH BAY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from LLWC North Bay! 2017 has been another busy year for us in North Bay. With most days spent on maintenance, inside and outside plant. Our small (in numbers not as short joke) but effective team is always up to the challenge. Keeping the communications up and running to allow the NORAD mission to continue monitoring air space aiding in defending our home land has been our top priority!

We had a fair amount of movement with our members this year. Newly promoted MCpl Rob Mitchell left this APS to pass on his experience and knowledge to the future lineperson at CFSCE and Cpl Adam Olliffe deployed in June to Kuwait. Luckily, we got some new blood in the form of Cpl Tom Evans, a component transfer from the reserves who is now our newest addition to the team. In the meantime, MCpl Shane Toms just completed is LST 3B.1 with success.



With the new year coming up, we are looking forward to facing the challenges as they come and look forward to continue growing our new Regiment and Sqn as 77 continues to push forward. With a little luck, our new line shop will finally be ready for occupation. Best Wishes to all Current and Retired Linemen 052!



## Seasons Greetings from 5 Line Sqn LLWC Greenwood.



It has been a busy year with lots of changes for 5 Sqn LLWC Greenwood.

Newly Promoted Sgt Mark Ramsay, moving into his new role as LCF, taking over from the former LCF for Greenwood Sgt Gerard Flood. Sgt Flood has made his way back to Ontario and we wish him the best, as CFJSR-Kingston gains a very knowledgeable lineman.

Sgt Ramsay preserves continuity, ensuring that the new 2IC had a complete handover, meeting the day to day obligations of the line section without disruption. MCpl Henry Crane, coming in from CFJSR Detachment Petawawa, made a smooth transition into fulfilling the 2IC position. He is happy to take a break off the road, and grateful for the chance to spend more time at home with his family.

We were pleased to also gain Cpl Wayne Donovan, who was a perfect fit for line section, bringing with him extensive knowledge of base maintenance, from his time in Wainwright, where he was sentenced to eight years of hard labor in the land of mud and war.

Cpl Keegan will remain with us for at least another year, and has proven to be a great asset with his invaluable knowledge of the Base, and all of its moving parts.

We have been kept busy this year, supporting 14 Wing during their new construction endeavors, completing cable locates and installing new drops. In addition to Greenwood, we also oversee Camp Aldershot, and the armories in Yarmouth, Bridgewater, and Middleton.

MCpl Crane has managed to keep the balance as he juggles between work orders, emergency jobs, and annual maintenance with the support of our Sgt, unrivaled Cpl's, and with the backing of 5 Line Sqn HQ.

The year's changes and challenges, have been met with enthusiasm and balance all while retaining the continuity of high standards and excellence of the line trade.

As the holiday season and New Year is almost upon us, we would like to extend our upmost gratitude to those deployed, and their families who are unable to spend their holiday season together.

To the entire Line community, may you have a happy and safe holiday season.

Submitted by Cpl Wayne Donovan



## 5 Line Squadron, RLWC Halifax

Season's Greetings from the regional line work crew out in the east coast! The holidays are right around the corner and, as per, we're staying busy right up until we hear that whistle blow.

This year we said goodbye to a handful of good friends. Jack Hunt, our longtime storesman, has finally stepped down from his throne and has been replaced by the ever resourceful Cpl Chris Lapointe, newly promoted MCpl Steve Armitage and MWO Dion Rose have both been posted to CFB Kingston, and finally MWO George Godin has retired and has taken up a cushy civilian position with the local line section. New to our crew is newly promoted WO Johnny Ottenheimer, coming to us from the CFB Kingston base crew.

It's been a very busy year to say the least, spending a good majority of it on the road and away from our loved ones; but the work has still been quite fulfilling and we wouldn't have it any other way.

From all of us to you, we wish you a very Happy Holidays and well wishes into the New Year!



## 2 LINE SQN DET VALCARTIER

### 2017 l'année de tous les changements.

Il fallait s'y attendre, l'année 2017 fut excessivement ardue, avec le départ de plusieurs membres du détachement Valcartier (6 sur un total de 7) qui ont quitté les Forces armées canadiennes ou ils ont été mutés emmenant avec eux leur expertise et la connaissance du vaste secteur de responsabilité que les lineman du détachement Valcartier doivent couvrir.

Finalement, il y eut un vent de fraîcheur avec l'arrivée de 6 nouveaux joyeux lurons au sein du détachement et croyez-moi (en étant un des 6 lurons) le défi à relever fut plus que colossale, encore aujourd'hui il y a du pain sur la planche et la petite position relaxe et statique que l'on espérait tous, a rapidement fait place à un endroit où le tempo est effréné et la demande ne ralentit pas.

Entre les NIACS, les nombreux MAC, les préparations au déploiement, la maintenance, le support au 5<sup>e</sup> GBMC qui est actuellement en montée en puissance les cours et nombreuses autres obligations, nous avons dû nous adapter en deux temps trois mouvements, retrousser nos manches retenir notre souffle afin de foncer tête première et relever les défis un à la suite de l'autre.

Parmi nos nombreux défis il y eut la réparation d'urgence pour la fibre du Mont-Triquet, quelque coupures de câble au centre de recherche lors de creusage, des bris de conduits sur les garnisons de Valcartier, et le déploiement d'un membre sur OP RÉASSURANCE dans un délai de 2 jours, eh oui ici on connaît et on applique l'expression *je veux ça pour hier*.

C'est avec un immense plaisir que tous vont prendre les quelques semaines du congé bien mérité afin de se reposer, célébrer Noël et la nouvelle année en famille et entre amis et bien sûr, refaire le plein d'énergie, car il est déjà à prévoir que 2018 ne sera pas une année de tout repos, déjà au calendrier deux implications majeures du Détachement soit le support à l'EX UNIFIED RESOLVE, et le support pour le sommet du G7.

Au nom de tout le détachement Valcartier;  
Je vous souhaite à tous et à toutes un joyeux temps des fêtes, santé et prospérité.



2 Line SQN Det LCF  
Sgt Tremblay J.E. (chico)



# Les poseurs de lignes du QGET année 2017

L'année 2017 a une fois de plus été très fructueuse en termes de défis et de bons coups pour l'équipe de poseurs de lignes du QGET. Voici, en quelques lignes, les points clés que nous pouvons ressasser de notre travail d'équipe cette année:

## Janvier - février 2017

Le début de l'année et l'hiver servent principalement à la planification des exercices et à l'entraînement qui occuperont le QGET tout au long de l'année. En 2017, l'exercice majeur dont nous devons assurer l'assistance technique était Final Glory, exercice qui consiste à faire avancer les PC A et B dans un contexte de bataille au rythme très élevé.

## Avril- mai 2017

Ces mois sont toujours fort occupés pour notre groupe et particulièrement au début du printemps. Avec la préparation de l'EX LSE et les inondations dans la région de Montréal (OP LENTUS). Ces événements ont apporté leurs lots de défis avec les inondations dans la région de Montréal.

Cette opération avait pour but de porter assister la population civile, alors que la crue des eaux ne cessait de monter. Durant opération plusieurs membres effectuaient des tâches très précises comme la distribution de sac de sable pour aider à solidifier les structures existantes et protégé les structures essentielles. Certains des membres ont travaillé d'arrache-pied pour monter et maintenir le complexe du QG opérationnel. Les poseurs de ligne du QGET ont dû aussi supporter différentes organisations tel que le 12 RBC et le 5 RALC.

## Mai-juin 2017

Dans cette partie de l'année, la plupart des membres était en procédure de retour des inondations. Le mois suivant les membres s'affairaient à la préparation du matériel en vue de l'exercice en Californie.

## Juillet-aout 2017

Durant cette période, les membres sont déployés en Californie en vue de l'EX LSE (Large Scale Exercise). Nos membres travaillent dans un contexte inter-armée et nos installations reçoivent les compliments du superviseur des lignes du US Marines Corps. Somme toute, cet exercice s'avérera un grand succès.

## Septembre – novembre 2017

Encore une fois, l'automne pour le QGET est synonyme de support technique aux troupes lors des exercices en cours. Lors de cet important travail d'équipe, nos hommes sont en mesure de mettre en commun tous les acquis techniques et organisationnels afin de pallier aux demandes des troupes sur le terrain.

La dynamique de coordination dont les poseurs de ligne du QGET ont fait preuve cet automne est digne de mention. Nos troupes sont appelées à supporter plusieurs organisations dans leur entraînement annuel, dont le 5 RGC avec l'EX Sapeur Intrépide, le 5e Ambulance de Campagne avec l'EX Serpent intrépide, le 2R22R, l'exercice de tir réel ainsi que le QGET avec les EX Mercure intrépide et Lion Numérique. Le montage du PC D possède son lot de défi. En effet, l'installation est d'une ampleur considérable et les délais sont très courts. Le défi est relevé une fois de plus et nos membres en sont très fiers. De son côté, le PC A sera déployé pour la majeure partie du mois de novembre et les membres feront face à une météo changeante et peu clémente. Beaucoup de travail à accomplir avec les nombreux déplacements du PC durant cette période. Une fois de plus, nos membres sont appelés à se surpasser à travers les montages, démontages, les roving patrol, les postes d'observation et les stand to. Fidèles à leurs réputations, les membres accomplissent un travail remarquable.

De la part de l'équipe de poseurs de lignes du QGET, nous souhaitons à tous une excellente période des fêtes et une année 2017 mémorable. Profitez-en pour faire le plein de bon temps avec famille et amis!



## 77<sup>e</sup> Régiment des Lignes / 2<sup>e</sup> Escadron Détachement Bagotville

Cette année fut une année remplie de défi pour le détachement de Bagotville avec tous les projets, demande de travail, permis de creusage et entre autre le SAIB (Spectacle Aérien International de



Bagotville) qui à ce jour est le plus gros spectacle aérien militaire au Canada. Cette année le SAIB a accueilli plus de 130 000 personnes en 2 jours, et nous avons été chanceux de recevoir 2 x F-22 Raptor de l'équipe de démonstration de l'aviation Américaine.

Vue d'un F-22 avec en arrière-plan une portion d'un mur de feu de plus de 1000'

Nous avons aussi été privés de l'un de nos membres pendant plusieurs mois, le Cplc Deschamps s'est porté volontaire pour un déploiement au Koweït pour l'OP Impact où il s'est distingué avec brio. La section des lignes de Bagotville reprendra ses activités normales au mois de Février 2018 avec une équipe complète.

(Un autre gros défi de cette année installer une antenne pour notre nouveau ASR/SSR une antenne 'Far Field Monitor'. Installation fait en Janvier au Lac Castor avec des températures de -45 degrés Celsius)



En cette année 2017, nous voulons profiter de cet instant pour vous souhaiter des joyeuses fêtes et une très bonne année 2018 à toute la famille des poseurs de lignes du Canada.

Cpl Jason Plourde-Larouche





77 Line Regiment 2 Line Squadron, Det Saint-Jean and Det Montreal are still working very closely together, not always by choice but mostly because of shortage of personnel. This year, Det SJN loss newly promoted Sgt Nicola Girard CD and was replaced by his Senior Cpl, also newly promoted, MCpl Donald Mathurin. MCpl Mathurin just made it back from CFB Gagetown, where he enjoyed and absorbed all the required knowledge to properly supervise a Line Det on his PLQ-L. With Donald's promotion, a vacant Cpl position needed to be filled, the position was filled internally by Cpl Jonathan Savard who left Det Valcartier. Cpl Jean-Paul Marta CD enjoys his every minute spent on the road driving from home to work and back (3 hours a day). With all his tiresome driving done in one day, Cpl Marta has no choice but to take it easy at work to prepare himself for the long drive home.

Det Montreal suffered the unsurmountable loss of MCpl Dan Ward who was posted to Ottawa. MCpl Ward was not replaced as it was explain to us, he was irreplaceable. With only one Sgt, one Cpl, and one SSC member; Sgt Jean-Francois Comeau CD, Cpl Jason Hervieux, and Bob Lepage had their hands full this year with a few emergency cable repairs. Regardless of frequent cable locates and sites visits throughout the year, contractors still managed to find our cables with the ultimate Hydraulic Cable Locator. Det Montreal has been recruiting pretty much anyone wearing a uniform (even blue...) to keep up with the work load. Avr Assari, a future Atis Tech has been a great addition to our team and is quickly picking up the tricks of the trade, with the great mentorship of Cpl Hervieux and the Great Bob Lepage. Cpl Hervieux is currently working on his second career. He has been approached by Just for Men Beard & Mustache product. In his recent interview for Men's Health Magazine, Cpl Hervieux revealed the secret of growing a thick and masculine beard, regardless of your testosterone level and weaknesses. A must read for all ACCIS Core members.

With all the new buildings being built and constant digging within our AOR, Det Saint-Jean is praying each and every day that no one finds their cables. Det Mtl members also have been praying for a little brother or Sister Lineman to help out with the high demand of MAC in the area.



From left to right: Cpl Marta, Cpl Savard, Cpl Hervieux, MCpl Mathurin, Sgt Comeau, and Bob Lepage.

## Regional Line Work Center NCR

*Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. -Norman Vincent Peale*



Once again it's the time of year to hang up the boots and take a minute to slow down and appreciate time with family and friends. It's been a busy year and we have all worked so hard that a much needed rest is in order before the New Year. Now is a good time to recap the year's events within the NCR.



There have been many new additions in the shop including, WO Marc Bergevin coming in from Valcartier, Sgt Brad Hardy moving over from CFS Leitrim, MCpl Chris McCabe all the way from sunny Edmonton; and also joining us from Valcartier is MCpl Yan Forgues and Cpl Jeff Myre. We've also had to say goodbye to Cpl Francois Paquette who, for the moment, is currently deployed to Kuwait. Other big news in the shop is the marriage of Cpl Jordan and Kendra Knaggs, congratulations to you both.

We hit the ground running at the start of 2017 with many projects in the NCR, mostly due to the ongoing move to Carling Campus, we had our work cut out for us. Along with the daily grind of assisting with adds, moves, changes and the occasional drive across the city to troubleshoot a broken phone display, only to discover it wasn't plugged in, we also tackled some major projects including, but not limited to the installation of 200+ fibre, 200+ cat6, a vertical dipole antenna at National Defense HQ, 3 microwave dishes for the SEARS team in Uplands, an emergency aerial fibre splice at Connaught range, and a large scale fibre installation at Shirley's Bay. We also completed several projects at Startop but the first rule of Startop is you don't talk about Startop.

Over the past 12 months, we have completed many projects and taskings and adapted to many changes that came our way thanks to the hardworking members of our team and we look forward to the challenges in 2018.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE MEMBERS OF DET OTTAWA!**



Cpl Cody Henderson





## *Happy Holidays from 77 Line Regiment 1 Line Squadron*

It's that time of the year again. The season of Joy, streets lit up with Christmas spirit, gifts filled with love and most importantly it's the time of the year where families get together and spend some quality time with each other.

The year of 2017 has been a very busy one for 77 Line Regiment 1 Line Squadron; used to be CFJSR 1 Line. Antenna work projects in Matsqui/Abbotsford BC, Great Village NS, Trenton ON, CFS Alert and Edmonton Alberta. Our tower crew went through a few challenges and errors that improved the trade's knowledge on antennas/towers. We also had a few Cable projects in Toronto ON, ValCartier QC and Borden ON. Lastly it wouldn't be 1 Line without the deployments and exercises, such as OP Impact Kuwait, OP Reassurance Latvia, Jerusalem Israel and St-Magwan in the UK for the joint ex. We also had a great turn out with the AIDN Casmic course we run every year to better our knowledge with antennas and towers. With a very busy year we still had a nice smooth transition to 77 Line Regiment. Unfortunately the once called CFJSR 1 Line was split into two and our fellow Linemen who wanted to stay CFJSR are now with CFJSR Charlie troop.

This past year, we have seen a lot of promotions such as now, Sgt Jill Daigle, MCpl Olivier Langlois, MCpl Mark Livingston, MCpl Mark Pelton and a few Privates and Corporal promotions. We also have seen people come in the unit to join us. We now have a new TP Comd, Lt Popa from Greenwood, WO Leblanc from the NCR, Sgt Taylor from Petawawa, Sgt Flood from Greenwood, MCpl Armitage from Det Halifax, MCpl Nakai from CFCSE, MCpl Nuncio-Painchaud from CFB Valcartier and a good amount of newly recruits who aspire to being a Lineman (The best trade of the Armed forces Communication branch). Lastly, MCpl Henry has moved on with his career and now works with the base crew in Borden ON.



We are very excited to face the upcoming year and ready for the new challenges and obstacles we have here as the new 77 Line Regiment 1Line Squadron. As we are nearing the end of the year, we wish all our fellow Linemen, Brothers and Sisters, coast to coast to have a wonderful time with families and friends.

Merry Christmas and an amazing New Year.

Cpl Cena  
77 Line Regiment 1Line Squadron



Cpl Larocque



Cpl Valois



Happy Crew in Great Village



## Season's Greetings

Happy holidays from CFJSR's newly formed 3 Sqn Charlie Troop, (what is old is new again). 1 Line Sqn left CFJSR to form, 1 Line Sqn the NLWC as part of 77 Line Regiment in November 2017, and 3 full crews were carefully selected and hand-picked to form C Tp at CFJSR. Gone are the days of checking in, we will now be diggin' in. With our new location housed within the E37, formally known as the TAT Cage the C Tp room/MCpl's office/cable maintenance/everything. With some help from 1 Line Sqn Troop room, it is slowly coming together. The Kingston Lineman were busy this this year on multiple Operations/Deployments; Op Reassurance (Eastern Europe), Op Artemis (Bahrain), Op Foundation (Bahrain), Op Impact (Middle East), Op Proteus (Israel), Op Calumet (Egypt); and most recently JOINTEX 17 which was held at RAF St-Mawgan, UK.

As our newly formed family continues to thrive, we are eager to see what 2018 has in store for us. On the agenda looks like we have some exciting exercises, such as Ex Hermes Angle to kick start the New Year, followed by various tasking, courses and lots of refresher training to be conducted all while still adapting to our new work environment.

From our Line family to yours we would like to extend our season greetings all our trade brothers and sisters, wishing nothing but peace and prosperity in the New Year.

Cpl Alex. Lafontaine



## Merry Christmas from the MMF-1 Staff

A Big Hello from the Military Maintenance Facility Kingston that looks after all items associated with the LCMM's of Strategic Towers, Antennas, & Cable and the associated kit within DND. We've been very busy this year bringing on charge within the Canadian Forces Supply System (CFSS) all cable inventory starting with Gods-Country "Halifax Nova Scotia" where the lobster and clams were "oh" so fresh, Then I (John C) had to take a break in early Aug and head to Alert for a couple of weeks to socialize with the "polar-bears" and do a bit of QA work on some antenna work, "Tks for the trip Owen☺". Then it was off to Edmonton where our new LCMM Michael Walsh AKA (Meatball) who tagged along for the ride, and might I add for the first time ever paid a visit to West Edmonton Mall (Rookie/Monkey), "Although not so new to the LMN world" ☺... Then it was back to K-town to take care of our own back yard. We've also been very busy with taking on most of the test-equipment for Antennas and Cable work-which takes up a great deal of our day to day work. Now to get ready for the Line Tasking Conference, consequently you know the saying "there's no rest for the wicked" .... Keep Safe out there...☺

To say it was a busy year at the MMF for Antennas along with the Cable work, would be an understatement. First up was our 100% stocktaking of all the Antenna gear at the MMF, the last time something of this magnitude was done was more than 15 years ago. To add to the challenge of the task, it was done during the winter months, Nov-Mar in an unheated metal building, temperatures a couple of degrees lower than outside. Most of the materials and parts had been stored outside, in some cases for decades. Boxes and crates were frozen, filled with snow and ice and falling apart. Also the home of mice and other ugly creatures, cockroaches, spiders, which came out when the (portable heater) blow torch was turned on. With patience, sore fingers and no lasting injuries the tasks were completed. All items were identified, numbered, bin locaters, crates repaired and entered into DRIMIS as part of the supply system.

The Military Antenna Crews were involved in many antenna projects, this required the MMF Staff to acquire and provide parts and materials to support these missions. Throughout the year numerous shipments were sent to: CFS Alert, Resolute, CFB Edmonton, CFB Halifax and our receive and transmit sites at Aldergrove, Matsqui, Cardiff, Riverbend, Carrying Place, Point Petre, Newport Corner, Mill Cove and other smaller sites across the land, including overseas requirements.

The maintenance of 89Js is our most detailed and involved task, providing parts, research and an open line of communication between the Military and Contractor Crews, the MMF Staff and Higher Headquarters is detailed and most entertaining. All concerns and supply requirements would at some time be related to the MMF 1 AOR.

Within CFB Kingston we have an everyday connection with: CFJSR, 1 Line Sqn, Base Linemen, 77 Line Regiment, Base Transport and Base Construction Engineering. We also hold on charge the equipment to support CFARS and deal with their everyday needs in supplying communications, towers, poles and antennae.

At present we are accounting for the parts and pieces of the Grillage Foundations. Two of these were purchased a few years back, the purpose: foundations for antennae structures in remote areas, especially on/in sand and tundra. We would hope these foundations would be first constructed here at the MMF before sent out for deployment. The next tasking is to go through all our Antennas/Towers to make sure all the parts are there and their serviceability.

On behalf of the MMF Staff we wish you a Merry Christmas a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year.

Steve, Tim, John and Mel

PS: I know you will love our picture and hang it on your wall, the clothing attire is beautiful!



**We would like to wish all of our Brave Troops A Very Merry Christmas and A Safe and Happy New Year – Thank You  
VVV**





Hello everyone,

My name is Cpl Lainey, and I am thrilled to tell you all about our exciting year and hard work we have accomplished this year! We will also sadly mention individuals who have been posted out that have been a huge asset to all of our successes and will be missed. So, take a seat and enjoy our article!!

First and foremost, we had three individuals that were posted out of CFSCE, our Senior Trade Advisor (STA) CWO Lavoie, Sgt Cleveland and MCpl Nakai.

CWO Lavoie was posted to CFSCE in 2015 and remained until the summer of 2017 when he moved onto bigger and better things as the new RSM of CFJSR. During his time at CFSCE, he switched between Support and 1 SQN as their SSM while still managing to serve the Line trade as the STA and MES manager. Thank you for all your hard work Sir, and good luck as the RSM.

Arriving in CFSCE in 2012, MCpl Steve Cleveland made sure his presence was felt, as was a proud member of 2 Sqn C Tp for 5 years! His notable experiences included assisting in the development of the pick off rescue and taught on all DP 2.1 Journeyman (QL5) courses. The base line section has gained both a new Sgt and an avid video game enthusiast from our loss during the summer of 2017. Way to go Sgt Cleveland!



MCpl Celeste Nakai was tasked to us as a PRes MATA fill in CFSCE 2 Sqn C Tp during the winter of 2016 and decided not to leave afterwards. MCpl Nakai was involved in numerous DP 1.1 Apprentice (QL3) and DP 2.1 courses, and influenced numerous candidates through her incredible trade knowledge and tireless work ethic. It was a bittersweet experience to see component transfer come in as she was posted out of CFSCE in the summer, but we are certain that the CFJSR will appreciate having her there. Good luck MCpl Nakai!

Although technically not posted Sgt Pierre Tanguay, has shifted over to CFSCE Ops to cover a maternity backfill for the year. While we miss the presence of 'The Tank', he remains influential on the troop as he gives us a heads up on good goes and how to avoid the bad things coming down the pipe, as well as expands the Line influence in the school.

Another noteworthy change happened in 1 Sqn where we said goodbye to WO Tom Dillion. Tom packed up (minus Monique) and headed to Gagetown, only to head back 3 months

later on CFTPO as DP3b.1 Supervisor/Manager, (6A/6B) staff. Replacing Tom was Sgt Jamie Hardy straight from Petawawa. Jamie came in very eager to shape the minds of the MCpl cadre of the trade.

But the exciting part of when people leave, new individuals are posted in to replace them! We extended a warm welcome to our new STA MWO Dion Rose who came to us via CFJSR Det Halifax and thought that filling the very big shoes of CWO JF Lavoie was something that he would like to tackle, so far so good! MCpl Rob Mitchell who came to us from North Bay to thaw out, MCpl Ron Rose who managed to find his way out of Toronto, and Sgt Jamie Fahie who decided that he wanted to cross Highway 2 and see how the view was. Next is Cpl Nic Tasse who joined us from the PRes to assist me in the maintenance section... all the background work to make each course possible. This summer also saw the inclusion of MCpl Don Kennedy who we borrowed from Petawawa on a CFTPO to cover MCpl Patricia Snook while on MATA leave. We are all very excited, and slightly curious to see what they will accomplish with us in the New Year.



Now, let's get into our accomplishments that we have completed just this year!! This part of my article is the best part. This is when you all get to see how hard we work, play, strive and have a happy atmosphere. So, let's begin! The first notable improvement was the installation of a beautiful and sturdy chin-up bar located in the rear of C-55. The excitement of the staff was palpable, however the students didn't share the same enthusiasm. We have also installed a stairway made out of old telephone poles leading down to our Delta Antenna Site, which eliminates slipping and falling on our behinds on the wet grassy hill. Speaking of the Delta Site, we finally gained approval for civilian contractors to come in and zero scape the site, installing 72 loads of crushed rock/gravel around the Millard towers! Now future courses will no longer have to sign for life jackets every time it rains in Kingston! We all came together and helped replace all of the poles in the orchard with new telephone poles, but, then we had to deal with the woodpecker problem (insert your own joke here). As we weren't allowed to break out the shotguns we brainstormed and rigged up a solar panel bird repellent to deter a woodpecker! Bye bye birdy ... for now at least! We are currently improving our memorial pole which will be located in our building C55, which will provide a more modern looking salute to our fallen.

On top of those we have numerous amounts of other small projects that we have completed to make Line Trg a better, more organized and structured area. We also have started the process for projects in the New Year, such as new fencing all around the Harvey training area.



Besides all of that, we have supported an impressive amount of courses go through this year. We have successfully completed 4x DP 1.1 which yielded a total of 60 newly qualified members to our Line family and 4x 2.1 course. We have also participated in 4x DP1.0 courses as

well, and as always, anticipate future Line candidates as a result of our influence. By the time Santa comes to visit, we will have 2 courses in house, 1x DP 1.1 and 1x DP 2.1, have participated in a fifth 1.0 and preparing to assist in a sixth 1.0 in February. And still we have managed to fit in a plethora of monthly BBQs and Lineman “get together's”.



Despite all of the work faced by the members of Line Trg the morale remains high. For some unknown reason a bobble head cut out of Sgt Fahie has appeared and serves as a real life ‘out of office’ when he attends his numerous meetings. As a holiday twist he is currently the Line Trg “Sarge on a shelf”, but nobody here is on the nice list anyway.

On behalf of MWO Dion Rose, WO Dean Upshall, Sgt Jamie Fahie, Sgt Paul Hawkins and the hard working staff of Line Trg, we would like to wish those of you in the community and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a happy new year.

Cpl Dinah Lainey

Quid Quid Requiritur (Whatever it takes)

## 2 CMBG HQ and Sig Sqn - Line section Petawawa



We began 2017 in high gear preparing to step up as the high readiness Brigade. The road to high readiness wasn't very different from our normal work pace any other year from nearly losing two of our guys due to serious medical issues to shuffling our crews due to members attending courses, this really put us in the breach pulling the trigger on the year of the TOMAHAWK.

Beginning with supporting EX TOMAHAWK THRUST in Kingston, pushing our way through Wainwright EX MAPLE RESOLVE followed by a brief but well deserved summer block leave led us to the finale off our summer... Figuring out who could out fish who at the CAFL fishing derby and walking into tinfoil offices...we all found ways to have fun along the way.

The Bde was feeling pretty light after APS having over half members moving on from us. Cpl Greene moved to 2 Service Battalion, Cpl Belanger-Landry and Cpl Johnston to JSR Det Petawawa, Cpl Brammer slid over to CFB Borden, Cpl Maddigan headed east to CFB Gagetown, Pte Guergis at 1 RCR, MCpl Kearney promoted moved to 2RCHA and of course we all knew Kat was special from the beginning (Cpl Smith).

MWO Pelletier overseeing it all unfold while WO Mullet was sent out on deployment leaving Sgt Hunter to fill the LCF's position.

Only half way through the year and eight more exercises slated on the board...we needed a secret weapon and "higher" delivered! MCpl Mullins filling the void as acting Sgt with MCpl Laframboise at his side, MCpl Clavet, Cpl Teahen, Cpl Matthews and now Cpl Duclos with her new born baby girl (we all know her as Swan). Cpl Turcotte who also was off looking after his new addition to his family, Cpl's Haydari, Hutchen, McNair, Ells, Pickering, Battiste, Harris, Ratz, and Pte Foster.

It's been one hell of a year juggling vehicles and crews on all the Ex's but we still managed to pull through as a team and finish. Just keep sliding those Oreo cookies by the sleeve because I think we are all ready for that glass turkey.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us here at 2 Bde.

Written by: Cpl McNair









# CAGE THE ELEPHANT



## MAINTENANCE CREW OCTOBER 2017

CFS Masset was first established in 1943 as a naval radio station and in 1968 re-designated as “CFS Masset”. Until recently, CFS Masset used to be a posting like all others for Lineman. Now Lineman are sent in crews for maintaining the DND communication structures for the area. Being sent with a maintenance crew for this station was the highlight of my career.

In 77 Line’s first year as its own regiment, there were many mixed emotions about how the line trade was going to work from now on. Me being skeptical of change, I was unsure but as the year went on the smaller details became clear. The biggest thing for me was the change in tours and tasking. Now it doesn’t matter what base you belong to, everyone has the same chances of getting on the road.

Masset is a beautiful quaint village with such incredible unique personality. From the locals to the CF members posted there, morale is very high. Getting sent there with only two others, (whom I have never met before) meant there were long days ahead of us, but we meshed as if we worked together every day. Remember, just because you work hard, doesn’t mean you can’t have fun doing it!

Cpl Mike Buckley, LLWC Shilo, 3 Line Squadron, 77 Line Regiment

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*Merry Christmas And a Happy Holidays from*

*77 Line Regiment 3 Line Squadron!*

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*Home-made elephant constructed the weekend before Halloween 2017 by the 1<sup>st</sup> line maintenance Masset Crew (Sgt Joel Merrifield, Cpl Rob Trylinski, and Cpl Mike Buckley)*

## **HQ & SIG SQN LINE SECTION**



**Cheers from 1 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn, CFB Edmonton. This years Section is being supervised by LCF, Isabelle Langevin (Sgt) and her 2 IC Shirley Ouellet (MCpl). Izzy is proud to announce that her entire Section is now DP 2.1 qualified. These fine Journeyman are: Cpl's; Leonard Leamon, Hermes Hatungimana, Abdul Omer, Nicholas O'Halloran, Matthew Larocque, Josh Martin, Alex Dawson, Pte's; Juan Marin-Rodriguez, Brett Otterbein and Zachary Lavallee-Fequet. She also is looking forward to welcome four new recruits straight from the Line Reserve Units, 4 X Milcot Clak's. Izzy is also happy to announce that they are performing great.....on paved roads!**

**Her Section had a busy 2017, even though the Bde was in a reconstitution stage. It started with tasking her Line section on deployments for Ex SPECTRAL RAM in Washington State (JBLM), support of 2 CMBG Bde during Ex MAPLE RESOLVE 2017 and finalized with a return trip to Wainwright for two months of back to back Ex's FINAL GLORY and IRON RAM. All of these deployments, exercises and career courses truly taxed her Sections limited personnel but with solid leadership and a bit of ingenuity they managed to complete all comm-line requests with efficient work.**

**Izzy's crew is a young energetic active bunch; busy with additional taskings, Unit sports, community volunteering, extra schooling and having fun with their respective families. Most of all this group is dedicated to the Line trade and have carried on the proud tradition of the 'Lineman' during the previous year and show great promise for the upcoming 2018.**

**Not included in the Section but still in the Line trade at HQ & Sigs, CWO Stevens, MWO Brown, and WO During, Sgt Williams, MCpl Schaeffer and Cpl Edwards.**

## 77 Line Regt LLWC Edmonton

During this year at LLWC Edmonton there were many changes within the section that I would like to bring the line community up to date with.

The year started out with everyone returning, well rested from Christmas Leave and ready to get back to work. LLWC Edmonton employed a number of CFTPO personnel from 1 CMBG HQ and Sig Sqn, who assisted the section with conducting ISP inspections. They also had the opportunity to deploy to BC on Theatre \activation Visit's (TAV's) to complete numerous inspections of Armouries within our AOR.

In March of this year, we were able to congratulate Cpl Ryan Nistor with his promotion to MCpl, unfortunately with this promotion, a posting to 1 Svc Bn followed. With his departure, it left a large gap of knowledge, but with members like Cpl Kaylee Shea and Cpl Keith Jesso, the transition was smooth and our 1<sup>st</sup> Line maintenance excelled.

We were also very happy to see Sgt Kris Gummer promoted to WO this summer, but once again losing a vital member of the section and the leadership that he brought. Fortunately for the section his replacement, Sgt Joel Merrifield, was able to bring the same level of leadership keeping the section focused and allowing us to move forward.



Cpl's Shea and Jesso performing underground repairs on a 600 Pair cable.



2Lt Tobechukwu Nwachukwu was tasked to the LLWC from Aug to Dec 17 to conduct some OJT. During his time with LLWC Edmonton, he was able to obtain a mass amount of experience and knowledge about the line trade. Working with the line section will definitely make him a better officer in the future. With his civilian confined space qualification, he became an important member to the section, allowing the section to have an additional safety attendant for maintenance holes inspections and maintenance. He was also introduced to ISP maintenance, took part in lowering an 89J antenna, conducted MAC's and assisted in cable locates. Thank you for all the hard work you will always be an honorary Lineman throughout your career. With the hard work that was put forth by the all members of LLWC Edmonton we were able to complete a large portion of required OSP maintenance.

A congratulations was extended to Cpl Jeffrey Rector and his family on the arrival of his newest family member, a baby girl born in 14 Nov 17.

Now that Christmas leave is just around the corner and the excitement of enjoying some upcoming leave is upon us, the section is getting as much of the last minute work completed prior to the holidays.

**On behalf of all the members of LLWC Edmonton,  
we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2018.**



## Happy Holidays & Happy New Year From 3 Line Squadron RLWC

Well, it's that time of year again where everyone is looking forward to taking a break and spending some time with their families and friends over the holidays.

It has been another busy year with lots of projects and many changes within the detachment. We only lost one person during the last posting season and that would be Cpl Price who went on to better things in Kingston, Ontario, where he is much closer to family for some much needed support for his wife and two children.

To replace the empty spots we brought in Cpl Bui from 1 Svc Bn who was able to come over in the early spring. Cpl Hauck is the second member to be posted in from 1 CMBG HQ & Sigs Sqn in Edmonton. We welcome these new members and they are a great addition to the detachment. Cpl Saunders was away in Kingston completing his Advanced Antenna Course in April returning in June, congratulations to him. Cpl Brunet who was deployed to Kuwait found her way back to the detachment in June before going on some much needed leave.

During the course of the year we had a few emergency repair jobs; two being in Cold Lake on the 480ft tower. The other one being in CFD Matsqui repairing a Tilted Dipole where a beaver chewed down a tree which fell on the Antenna. A true Canadian story! During this year our detachment went to many locations from Masset B.C. (Haida Gwaii) all the way to Winnipeg, Manitoba. In addition we were preparing for our transition from CFJSR to become the new RLWC for 3 Line Sqn as part of the 77 Line Regiment family. This transition finally came true during the month of October and the new unit has been very welcoming and we look forward to a bright future.

It has been a very busy year overall with the highlight being our recently completed refresher training. We invited all local units within the 3 Line Sqn AOR to join us for two weeks of trades training in order to keep our skill sets high, and to inspire some 'Lineman' comradery. A big thanks goes out to 1 CMBG HQ & Sigs Sqn for their assistance during the refresher training.

From all of us here at 3 Line Sqn RLWC, we wish you all a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year in 2018.



### Back Row: Left to Right

Mr. Steve Gauthier, Cpl Sheldon Smith, Cpl Dustin Turpin, MCpl Mark Gilroy,  
Sgt Jason Stoneham, Cpl Cameron Zwaagstra

### Front Row: Left to Right

Cpl Van Bui, Cpl Dan Hauck, Cpl Cody Kneabone, WO Ken Bailey, Sgt Scott Anderson, Cpl Isabel Brunet

Cpl Hauck and Cpl Zwaagstra





## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Wainwright!

During Christmas leave we all receive the well-deserved opportunity to spend much needed time with friends and family after a full year of work, although Wainwright may seem small we have been very busy this past year!

This summer we said goodbye and good luck to fellow linemen Cpl Wayne Donovan who moved on to a position in Greenwood, Nova Scotia. We also welcomed a beautiful new baby girl into Mcpl Fredrick Whites family.

LLWC Wainwright had one member, Cpl Wayne Davis, deploy on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December for a six month tour to Kuwait; Merry Christmas Wayne!

When members of the CF think of CFB Wainwright they normally think horrible weather, boring town and less then enjoyable exercises. However being posted with LLWC Wainwright is a much different experience, the town has grown immensely in the last five years. This past year alone saw a KFC built; as well as the Canex upgrade which added a Tim Hortons coffee and donut station.

The work load for the linemen here in LLWC Wainwright consist of assisting fellow linemen on exercises in the Trg area by pushing voice and dara services down to the Biv sites using our aerial or buried cable routes depending on the requirement, however we do much more on base! The base Line crew is also responsible to maintain the vast copper and fiber network on base for personnel posted to Wainwright by installing multiple drops of CAT6 and Cat5e, upgrading old cable into new cable for better functionality, repairing damaged or broken cable as well as splices whether they be aerial or underground, and the occasional pole replacement. We are also required to do Comms closet inspections and manhole inspections and also multiple dig permits to the entire base and training area as they are always upgrading CFB Wainwright or digging defensive positions!

All in all LLWC Wainwright is a very busy location and had a very successful year, despite being low manned for the majority of the year due to courses, vacancies, and pre-deployment preparations.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from LLWC Wainwright!**



## LLWC COLD LAKE 3 Line Sqn / 77 Line Regt

First off, we would like to introduce the section up here in Cold Lake. We have Sgt Eugene Korosi, MCpl Pascal Brisson, Cpl Robert Trylinski, Cpl Clifford Maynard and our newest member to the section, Pte Connor MacNeil.

So what has happened here in Cold Lake this year other than the ridiculous weather? This year we had another Maple Flag and yes, The Cold Lake Det was again tasked to support this exercise; we can only guess no one wanted to watch planes fly for a month, except for MCpl Fred White from Wainwright, we believe he just wanted a vacation from the Army.

The section has supported a number of tasking's, such as assisting the RLWC with annual 2<sup>nd</sup> line antenna maintenance in Cold Lake and Suffield. We sent members to Masset, BC, on numerous occasions to conduct 1<sup>st</sup> Line Antenna maintenance. We also took on the addition of the Prince Albert armoury to our AOR and assisted the RLWC on 2 different occasions with emergency dish alinements at the Primrose Lake Evaluation Range.

Again the base is going through a major utilities upgrade and yet again **emergency repair emergency repair emergency repair**. Can we have one year without any incidents. We believe that Sgt Korosi plans these emergencies with the contractors before he goes on leave, because it always seems like it happens when he's gone.



*Cpl Trylinski repairing yet again another emergency repair in MH 24-2.*

After this Holiday break we will be all be rested for the upcoming pole line job we have scheduled with the RLWC and to complete some much needed 1<sup>st</sup> Line refresher training with some of the other LLWCs in Wainwright.

**On the behalf of LLWC Cold Lake 3 Line Sqn, 77 Line Regiment we wish the entire line community and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Safe travels to all who are traveling this year to see family and friends.**



## LLWC Suffield / 3 Line Squadron / 77 Line Regiment

Good day to everyone from sunny southern Alberta, here at CFB Suffield. Currently in our line shop we have; Sgt Jeff Nickerson “Snickers”, MCpl Tony Yashuk, Cpl Alex Arsenault, and myself Cpl Dave Savoy. Working with us as an SSC Lineman we have Mr. Tony “The Crow” Crowley and within our Tels Section we have MCpl Anthony Rousseau, and newly promoted, MCpl Brandon Scott, congratulations.



Top Left: Cpl Savoy receiving CFB Suffield Combined Signals CDN Soldier of the year. Top Right: Mr. Crowley of SSC receiving CFB Suffield Combined Signals Civilian of the year award. Both presented by Sgt Nickerson. During the annual Combined Signals Christmas Breakfast.

In this past year, we have been very busy, which is to be expected when we have to take care of the largest base in the entire commonwealth, along with many NATO allies training here this FY. With the absence of MCpl Yashuk being on parental leave and his Manger/Supervisors course or as referred to the DP3B.1, I have been acting as I/C of the line shop. Our section has its plate full with Moves Add Changes (MAC's), maintenance inspections, and our secondary duties, which include; stores, chairman of the base Safety committee, and Jr ranks mess committee duties.





Above Left: Cpl Arsenault re-attaching fiber a splice during the OSP inspection on the EXCON pole line route.  
Above Right: MCpl Scott, receiving his promotion during 77 Line Regt Comd Team visit 15 Nov 17.

We continued to be busy by completing maintenance in the ammo compound where we installed 25 pair HPFL's, into 5 ammo magazines, to replace the old 492 blocks, and carbons. This will eliminate some of the ongoing issues, and faults we continue to have. Manhole maintenance was our priority this past summer, but with leave and shortage of man power it was definitely a challenge that we welcomed with open arms. 3 Line RLWC Edmonton came for a month to do 2<sup>nd</sup> Line tower work, and we assisted and supported them where we could. The massive training area also keeps us occupied doing pole-line maintenance, as we had over 180 poles recently replaced by a contractor. There were two new buildings that were added to CFB Suffield this past year. One building was retrofitted to become the new British Physio building, and a new office was constructed for Canadian Forces Housing Agency.

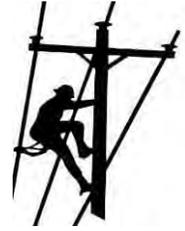
**In closing, we would like to wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2018.**

By Cpl Dave Savoy





## **2017 CAFL Christmas Newsletter** **LLWC Esquimalt, 3 Sqn, 77 Line Regiment**



Written by: Master Corporal Nick Benner

First off, from all of us here at LLWC Esquimalt we would like to wish all currently serving and retired line brothers and sisters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our hope is that everyone is able to take some much needed and deserved time off to decompress, relax and spend some quality time with friends and family.

This year seemed to fly by out here in on the sunny west coast. Boasting the largest AOR of any of the LLWCs across the country our workload has been steady and heavy at times. We have definitely put a lot of miles on our trucks and our spurs. LLWC Esq. currently consists of: Sgt Ren Dyck, MCpl Todd Clark, MCpl Rick Panter, myself MCpl Nick Benner, Cpl Jason Abel, Cpl Terris Stordock and our two retired civilian linemen Adam Miles and Kelly Dean. On most days you can also find Ret'd WO Brian Stewart puttering around the shop handing out elk steaks and coffees, all the while reminiscing about the good old days.



*Kelly Dean replacing an old splice closure and some hardware during poleline maintenance in Albert Head.*



Cpl Stordock splicing a 50 pair copper cable in Albert Head.

This year has been an interesting and eventful one for our shop. We have been without Sgt. Dyck and MCpl Panter since early summer, as both have been deployed overseas on OP Impact. With Sgt. Dyck and MCpl Panter away on tour, this left the rest of the crew back in Esquimalt to pick up the slack. MCpl Clark has done a great job filling in for Sgt. Dyck as acting LCF and is currently just finishing up his DP 3.1 in Kingston. While he's been filling in as LCF, I have stepped in as shop 2/IC for much of the year as well.

Operating with a smaller crew than we are used too, we have still managed to complete some much needed pole line, manhole and antenna maintenance in areas such as Albert Head, Rocky Point and Dockyard. While trying to keep our heads above water with the multitude of trouble tickets that come in on a daily basis. Brian Stewart can also be counted on to keep the shop busy, as he attempts to complete his lifelong goal of segregating the red and black networks here on base.

Throughout the year we have also taken several trips to the mainland to conduct maintenance, complete trouble tickets and cable locates at sites such as Matsqui, Aldergrove, Chilliwack and many of the armories and recruiting centers scattered all over the lower mainland.



MCpl Benner and MCpl Clark changing the bulbs on the SPQ-230 in Albert Head.

With many changes to the base on the horizon and no shortage of work for the foreseeable future, we look forward to recharging the batteries, enjoying the holidays and getting back at it in the New Year.

All the best in the New Year!

Cheers!





## **2017 CAFL Christmas Newsletter** **LLWC Comox, 3 Sqn, 77 Line Regiment**



Written by: Master Corporal Daniel Haché and Corporal  
Corey Collins

Season's Greetings from Local Line Work (LLWC) Center Comox. As you may or may not know, Island Life believe it or not can be difficult at times. Most days it seems nearly impossible to keep on top of the maintenance needs, locates and emergency calls as we struggle to push through the ever so often work demands. Whether it is over cast, raining or believe it or not snowing. Yes, Comox does get snow just not the cold weather that usually accompanies it in the rest of Canada. You just can't keep a good lineman down.

To add to the hardships featured in Island life, the LLWC completed an assyst ticket for the always hard up yacht owners at the Yacht Club.....seriously. I'm in disbelief just typing it, but it's true, I was there and witnessed it personally. Of course we could not let this happen, so it was LLWC Comox to the rescue once again. We installed a brand new fibre just for them via service vaults installed just a few years back. Although it was a tough pull with the constant distraction of the ocean breeze we were successful and the yacht club users can now surf the web at their leisure. LLWC Comox saves the day once again.

LLWC Comox also provides support for the CTX exercise in preparation for OP Impact Roto 5. In order to accomplish the task we had to get reinforcements from the LLWC Esquimalt. Cpl Stordock and Cpl Abel valiantly augmented the LLWC Comox crew and completed a flawless install. This exercise was a bit different from what we army guys are used to. The whole set up was inside a hanger because these air force guys don't work in the rain.

In closing, we would like to congratulate WO Polak on his promotion and wish him luck on his future endeavors in the Line trade.





3 Sqn SSM, MWO Silver, WO Polak and OC 3 Sqn, Major Lentzakis

HAVE A VERY  
*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**LLWC Yellowknife / 3 Line Sqn / 77 Line Regiment**  
**CAFL Newsletter**

Well it's that time of year again!

On behalf of LLWC Yellowknife we wish you and our Line-Brother's and Sister's a Merry Christmas. We feel proud to have such a dedicated COC in this new organization. It is a privilege for us to share that our section has shown significant work in ISP/OSP and Ae all over Yellowknife.

Kam Lake and Ingram trail Tower sites get constantly monitored by the crew. This makes brush clearing and snow removal easier. Our efforts and hard work has made CFB Yellowknife a pleasure to work at.

Now belonging to 77 Line Regiment our geographical AOR has become much greater. By coordinating with each other and working efficiently we are achieving our old targets and new.

MCpl Philippe Burney, and Cpl Erik Seguin are just back from Iqaluit NU, where they conducted 1st Line maintenance, and completed a cable project in the FOL building.

Once again, we would like to thank you for all of your hard work and dedication over the past year, we are happy to now belong to 3 Line Sqn/77 Line Regt.

**Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!**



Top Left: Iqaluit by the Beach, Top Right: Iqaluit only tough guys!

Cpl Andrew Scott





# The Cable

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## From the desk of the Commanding Officer:

Je ne peux pas croire que nous approchons déjà la fin de 2017. Nous sommes à notre 19<sup>e</sup> mois d'existence et le temps a passé très vite. Il ne fait aucun doute que ceci est attribué aux nombreux projets du 77<sup>e</sup> Régiment des lignes!

My goal has always been (and remains) to take every opportunity to keep you informed and involved. This quarterly newsletter, coupled with our face to face engagements and correspondence through the chain of command, the interaction remains a recognized challenge. We have recently taken another leap and established a Facebook Group – named 77 Line Regiment (a propos don't you think?) With a view to allowing the members of 77 Line to connect and share photos, stories, celebrate events, pass along information and ideas ... all in good taste of course and I encourage your participation.

En cette période de l'année, j'espère que tous et toutes prendront un moment pour faire le bilan des réalisations de l'équipe régimentaire mais aussi de votre famille. Il ne fait aucun doute que nous construisons une organisation crédible, dédiée à produire une force générant la capacité d'experts de ligne. Chacun, chacune d'entre vous démontre cette force au quotidien. J'aimerais souligner les sacrifices de ceux et celles qui sont récemment revenus(es) de déploiement et ceux et celles qui également viennent tout juste de partir pour fournir un soutien expérimenté sur les opérations. L'avenir est prometteur avec de nombreuses opportunités à l'horizon.

As we continue to focus on strengthening the establishment, we have recently marked it with a spike in growth. November saw the largest change in organizational structure since the Regt's stand up - the integration of 1 Line Squadron. This transfer of resources (20% of the CFJSR's establishment) officially identifies 77 Line Regiment with the responsibility for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line cable and antenna work domestically with a notable increase in responsibility on deployed operations.

I am very proud of this young unit and where it has come in such a short time – the incredible potential exists because of each and every one of you as outstanding representatives of the Regiment. I tip my hat to you all with sincere gratitude. I truly am fortunate to be a part of something so great - the build of 77 Line Regiment!

I know that we are all looking forward to 2018, it will certainly present many challenges personally and professionally. Keep your chin up – your potential and that of this Regiment are unmeasurable!

Profitez bien des vacances de Noël avec votre famille et vos proches. Bonne et Heureuse Année. Revenez nous en 2018 prêts à relever les nouveaux défis de la nouvelle année - BONNES VACANCES !!



LCol Gillingham  
Commanding Officer

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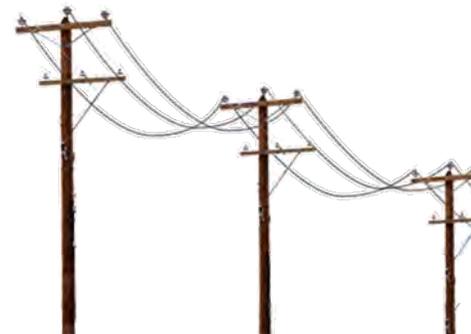
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# 1 Line Squadron

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## STAFF COLLEGE CURTIS HALL, TORONTO

By Mcpl Nakai

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*Indoor cabling installation, Staff College Curtis Hall, Toronto Ontario 23 October to 24 November 2017. The members of the crew were Sgt Jimmy Yates, MCpl Celeste Nakai, Cpl's Andrew Metivier, Colin Milner, Phil Savoie, and Alex Morin.*

From 23 October to 24 November 2017, six members of 1 Line Sqn completed an indoor cabling installation at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, ON. The work was completed in three phases. The initial phase was the installation of hardware in each of the respective

termination rooms. The building had three floors, including a basement, and had upwards of 230 drops per floor. The crew did have a few challenges throughout this phase such as fitting over 110 cables in 3" conduit. However, they were able to work together and overcome any obstacles they were faced with.

The second phase of the project consisted of termination, racking and organizing both the Entrance Facility and the Distribution Room. This was quite a challenging job as the crew had to organize over 780 Category 6

cables, not including their fiber optic and COAX drops. This was a time-consuming step which involved very meticulous work. However, the crew was able to complete the job in record time. Lastly, the third phase was to complete the testing which went very smoothly.

Throughout the four weeks that the project lasted, the 1 Line Sqn crew worked long hours while keeping an exceptionally high morale. Each member of the team contributed significantly to the successful and efficient completion of the project.

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## GREAT VILLAGE/MASSTOWN

By Cpl Cena

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*Antenna work (AW) project Great Village/Masstown Nova Scotia September to November 2017. Members of the crew were Sgt Sheldon Gillis, Mcpl Olivier Langlois, Cpl's Patrick Cena, Matthew Stencell, Vincent Laroque and Jonathan Valois.*

From September to November 2017, a crew from 1 Line Sqn deployed to Nova Scotia to perform AW at the Great Village and Masstown sites. A big part of the project was to replace an old rotator with a new one. This was a challenging task for the crew especially getting the booms installed to the new rotator. They completed the job, and it was a great

learning experience for all.

The crew also conducted full maintenance on all the LPH 89-J including lowering and erecting the structure, plumbing, and tensioning guy wires, torqueing both pivot and stationary tower, testing grounds, a full examination of each anchor points, full maintenance on the array itself, time domain reflectometer testing and conducting Anritsu tests.

The crew experienced a Nico press failure on the 6:1 system of the structure. The wire slipped out of the Nico press and caused the array to bang on the structure. The tower

was safely lowered, no one was injured, but this incident showed the importance of paying attention to details and inspecting every parts and systems of the tower. The crew also reported rust on anchor points, missing thimble eyes and maxed in turnbuckles.

Throughout this 8-week project, the 1 Line Sqn crew worked well together and accomplished all the tasks that were assigned to them. They showed a positive attitude and outstanding professionalism and also learned a lot.

# 2 Line Squadron

## IT'S A FAMILY THING

By MWO Kennedy

A short 28½ years ago, I found myself in Sudbury Ontario, being sworn into the CAF. Leaving my family behind for the first time, I quickly realized I was merely exchanging one family for another. On 18 Oct 2017, I found myself on the other side of the enrolment scroll. This time, I was swearing my son, Matthew, into the CAF. While the RCCS isn't fortunate enough to have both father and son serving in its ranks, (perhaps that is a good thing), I know he will do quite well in his chosen trade, Avn Tech, RCAF.

The last couple of weeks before he left to BMQ, I dragged him around town and exposed him to some serving and retired pals of mine to hopefully pick up a few bits of advice that would do him well during the first few years of military service. While some of the information is not fit for print, we both noticed that the continued theme from many was the feeling of comradeship and family that had developed during their calling to serve Canada in uniform. I've maintained comms with my son during his training, and this was something that he emphasized almost immediately. The feeling that the soldier, sailor or aviator next to you was someone you could count on to have your back, to help you up and



MWO Kennedy and his son Matthew Kennedy

sort you out when needed is something we serving members take for granted. A quick step out into the civilian world will remind us that this sort of familial bond exists in very few places. I count myself among the fortunate to have been part of it for so long.

Matt just had his first weekend out of BMQ and crashed at my place in St-Jean when I returned to Kingston to home and hearth. Remembering what his room looked like during all those years when he was with us, I wondered what I was going to walk into on my return Sunday night.

However, it seems he's learned a thing or two as my place was tidy and squared away. The only concern I had, is the two cases of beer I left for him were almost untouched, save for three missing cans. I don't know what they are being taught in recruit school, but it seems some things have changed, while the important things have not.

# 2 Line Squadron



## FORMATION AUTOCAD

LLWC VALCARTIER

By Cplc Simon Châteauneuf

En octobre dernier, quatre membres du Régiment ont eu la chance de recevoir une formation sur le logiciel AutoCAD de base par la compagnie SolidCAD. La formation a eu lieu à même les locaux de la compagnie à Québec. Le Sgt Morneau (Bagot), le Cpl Dion (Bagot), le Sgt Tremblay (Valc) et le Cplc Châteauneuf (Valc) ont été les heureux candidats pour ce cours.

Pour certains d'entre nous, cette formation était un « refresh ». Pour d'autres qui en étaient à leur première expérience avec ce logiciel, ce

fut un nouvel apprentissage. Notre instructeur a fait preuve de patience avec ses candidats, car nous étions pour la plupart au niveau de base. En plus de notre formation, il nous a fait de brèves démonstrations d'autres logiciels de conception 3D tel qu'Autodesk Inventor et REVIT. Je vous confirme que notre cours d'AutoCAD n'est qu'un début dans le monde du design!

Nous avons beaucoup appris lors de ces quatre jours de formation, les novices tout comme les plus expérimentés. Pour certains, la dernière for-

mation AutoCAD remontait à notre cours de SSCIA 3B.1 – TSL. Ceux d'entre nous qui avaient des cheveux à perdre en ont perdu quelques-uns. On a même eu droit à un avant-gout de l'Halloween avec quelque friandise (une récompense pour notre bon rendement en classe).

Bref, ce cours fut réellement apprécié de tous. Il nous a exposé à une gamme d'informations pertinentes et nous sera très utile dans le futur pour le design et la lecture de plans.

# 3 Line Squadron

RLWC - CFB ESQUIMALT 10 OCT 17 – 3 NOV 17

By Cpl Hauck



In early October, 77 Line Regiment Regional Line Work Center (RLWC) Edmonton was tasked with the job of installing new fiber optic and copper cables into the Mercury Global Building at CFB Esquimalt. The crew consisted of Sgt Stoneham - Project Foreman, MCpl Davenport - Crew 2IC, and Cpl's Hauck, Kneabone, Saunders, and Turpin. The

crew flew out of Edmonton on 10 October to beautiful BC, and after getting some vehicles, we took the short drive out to Esquimalt.

Once we settled into our accommodations, the crew was ready to start working. The first week may have been short, but it did not lack in preparation. First, we had to pre-

pare everything to pull the fiber optic cable on quite the route around the Base. Then the route was walked, manholes were fished, and some of the crew learned how to splice a pole line strand, and that was during the first week.

In the second week, the crew was ready to start pulling the fiber from



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**Photo 1:**  
Cpl Saunders and Cpl Hauck preparing a strand splice.

**Photo 2:**  
**Back Row (L to R)** Mr. Gauthier, Cpl Smith, Cpl Turpin, MCpl Gilroy, Sgt Stoneham, Cpl Zwaagstra.

**Front Row (L to R)** Cpl Bui, Cpl Hauck, Cpl Kneabone, WO Bailey, Sgt Anderson, Cpl Brunet.

**Photo 3:**  
Cpl Saunders feeding cable into MDF.

**Photo 4:**  
Cpl Kneabone testing Cable.

the top of signal hill, by the Mercury Global Building, down to the MDF in Building D211; this was also the time that BC decided to show us the notorious west coast rain. The crew powered through, pulling the fiber down the hill, through the many manholes and up through the service tunnels and into Building D211 all the while enduring the constant showers provided by Mother Nature. During the pull, manhole four appeared to have disappeared, but with the help of the Bases crew, who provide a camera snake and a civilian excavator it was unearthed from one foot beneath the gravel road, and work could proceed uninterrupted.

With the fiber pulled and racked within the tunnels and manholes, it was time to start the 3rd week and get the cable in the air. After some trial and error and many hours on the poles, the cable was finally lashed on the pole line using our new DCD lineman lasher. It was time to terminate the fiber into Building D211 and Mercury Global, and now that we were heading inside, the sun conveniently decided to break through and dry everything up for us. With the fiber terminated into the buildings, the crew then set to installing the copper cable, which had to be lashed a gruel-

ing single bay outside of the Mercury Global Building. With the fiber and copper cables ran, racked, terminated the crew was able to finally relax a little.

The final week was reserved for testing cable and finishing up the remaining small tasks. Our crew went into testing with a strong confidence that was quickly put in check when issues arose during the testing of the fiber cable. Taking a breath and a step back allowed us to correctly adjust our use of the DSX-5000, and we were underway again testing without issue, never underestimate the value of real-time training. Once the testing was completed and the Q-tel was set into the conduits, we were ready to pack up everything and finish off the week.

The project was complete, and everyone was ready to head back to Edmonton after enjoying Esquimalt and exploring neighboring Victoria. During our time in Esquimalt, the whole crew was able to apply their knowledge of cable installation while learning many new skills. Everyone also learned the value of having a quality rain jacket when coming to BC.

# 3 Line Squadron

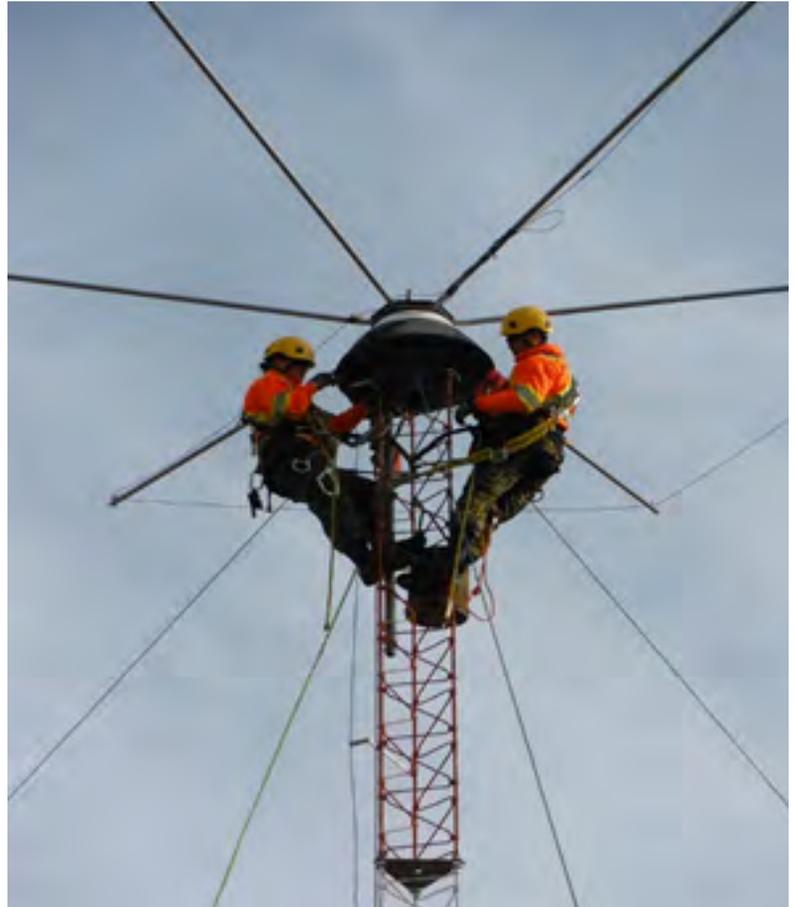
## RLWC - DUNDURN/MOOSE JAW ONCE AGAIN WE PACK OUR BAGS AND ON THE ROAD WE GO

By Cpl Brunet

Crew 2 of the Regional Line Work Centre, 3 Sqn, were off to Saskatchewan, where the winds are strong, and trees do not exist. The first stop, was CFAD Dundurn to conduct tower maintenance. We began with the 100ft self-support tower, where we re-labelled four antennas' and removed two redundant cables. The crew then continued with the next four 60ft self-support towers. Thankfully the cool fall weather cooperated, and the crew was able to complete all of the maintenance without any issues.

After CFB Dundurn we travelled to 38 Signal Regiment 4 Squadron Reserve Armouries in Saskatoon. We began with removing slack from a cable that was drooping so low across a parking lot that if left, it could have caused problems in the future. We rectified the issue by using preforms and U-bolts, to increase the tension. Lineman ingenuity to the rescue!

We then made our way to Moose Jaw, home of the Snowbirds. We were fortunate enough to see the Snowbirds fly above us while on site. The crews' job in Moose Jaw was to disassemble a 40ft Pole Star Non-Directional Beacon. Disassembling a tower is not something we get to do very often, and



Cpl Brunet and Cpl Bui preparing to remove AE array

we were all looking forward to the challenge. This structure presented a special challenge because the antenna was built into the tower's top guy plate. After some brainstorming, we then proceeded to dismantle and lower the antenna parts separately before lowering the tower in one piece.

With the four-week project com-

plete, it was time to head back to Edmonton. We stayed ahead of the blizzards closing in behind us and made it home, safe and sound. It is now time for refresher training and a well-deserved break with our families over the holiday season to recharge our batteries before heading back on the road in the New Year.

# 4 Line Squadron

IN THE PAST YEAR, RLWC PETAWAWA HAD BEEN BUSY, AS USUAL.

By Cpl Johnston



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In the past year, RLWC Petawawa had been busy, as usual. We have been all over the map within our AOR. From the sunny shores of Trenton to Montreal conducting Ae maint, pulling cable in manholes and pole line in Valcartier, or installing across loop antenna in Gander; both crews were sent on a variety of jobs where they were able to continue to hone their knowledge and skills.



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**Photo 1:**

**Back Row (L to R)** Mr. Pete Rowe, Cpl Lamoureux, Cpl Belanger-Landry, Cpl Viau, Cpl Closs, Cpl Pattinson, Cpl Fraize, Cpl Johnston, Mrs. Benn, Cpl Burton, Mr. Crossman.

**Front Row (L to R)** MCpl Simms, Sgt Gosse, MWO Grandy, WO Beaton, Sgt McQuay.

**Photo 2:**

Cpl Closs, Cpl Viau, unknown installing a cross loop antenna supporting structure in Gander, NF.

**Photo 3:**

Cpl Belanger-Landry changing a tower lightbulb at Farnham, QC.

**Photo 4:**

Cpl Johnston operating the con truck from the bucket in the Petawawa trg area.



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Posting season saw a few changes this year. We had a couple of new members join our team from the brigade. Cpl Belanger-Landry came in from 2 HQ and Sigs, and Cpl Johnston came in from 1 RCR. Both members arrived, ready and eager to shake off the field dust and learn from the RLWC of choice. As always when new members come in, someone had to go. This year we said “see ya later” to: Sgt Hardy, who was recently promoted, left our flock to go to CFSCCE as an instructor and part of standards cell. MCpl Crane left to go back out east and become part of the Greenwood team, and Cpl Zollner left to pursue other exciting aspects of the trade with DHTC. Although we did lose both our MCpl’s this year, fear not, we would like to congratulate MCpl Simms who was promoted this summer and slid right in. We are still on the hunt for another MCpl, if anyone is looking for a job. We had a small addition to the RLWC, congratulations to Cpl Burton for his son, Beau!

In between projects, we were able to get some good old trades training done. Cpl’s Lamoureux, Belanger-Landry, Closs, Pattinson, and Johnston were trained on the ditch witch and received lots of practice driving, as it took ap-

proximately 2 hrs to drive out to the site in the training area. This is also where they put their new skills to good use, as rock and soil had to be moved to assist the planting of poles, for the Petawawa pole line project. Most of the RLWC was successful in completing the challenging SPRAT course and MCpl Simms, and Cpl Closs attended and completed their CASMIC course. Congratulations to all.

A significant change happened this past Oct, along with all the other CFJSR Dets, we no longer fall under CFJSR Kingston but have become a part of 77 Line Regiment under 4 Sqn, and we are now referred to Regional Line Work Centre (RLWC) instead of Det Petawawa. We’re attached posted for now, but the move will be official Apr 18. Although sad to leave the mother-ship, we are excited to be a part of our new organization.

With the chaos of projects and lots of time away, everyone at the RLWC is looking forward to enjoying their Christmas Holidays. On behalf of all the members, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

# 4 Line Squadron

LLWC BORDEN - UPKEEP, SERVICE, CARE

By Cpl Andrew Brammer



As early winter snowfalls and thaws, maintenance continues on at CFB Borden. MCpl Henry directed the small crew, consisting of Cpl Brammer and Cpl Parker through pedestal maintenance and servicing before a cold winter shows its force, and we have to leave for Christmas.

The fall season saw us navigating buried cable within CFAD, as alarms within the compound chimed with every rainfall. Test, locate, terminate, test, locate, terminate. As we worked our way through installing a 100 pair Riser within RCEME and adding new outlets in this new building, troubleshooting, and ever-changing MACS, emails were quick and forthcoming from RPO that the issues persist. We began to develop a vendetta against this phantom alarm, wondering what else we could possibly bix, or crimp together? For we were now starting to hear the commissionaires daily complaints and theories ringing through our heads, and questioning if we were doing anything at all. We followed the trail one more time, terminating the alarm lines as we went, and testing throughout the whole, the LED screen green and white as it reads us PASS. What more could be done, the answer was simple; wait for the rain. Days passed, and we continued on onto Pole Line Maintenance, ink checkmarks filled the boxes of our reports and the moral rallied under the routine.

As I drove to work one morning with my wipers on high, the rain had been falling in full force, and when I arrived at work the mood was somber, yet no emails or phone calls came, there were no alarms, there was just silence. Without a doubt the Pedestal phantom has gone into hiding, and hopefully never to return, we are confident in the importance of a job well done, and maintaining a high standard of service for our AOR.

# 5 Line Squadron

## CRESTED INSPIRATION

By MS T.L. Gaudet

After the stand up of 77 Line Regiment, 31 May 2016, members of the Squadron Headquarters (Sqn HQ) and Local Line Work Center's (LLWC) were presented with the exciting opportunity to create the image that would identify and distinguish each of the Line Sqns under 77 Line Regt. I knew I wanted to participate in this venture but thought "Wow, okay, how is this going to work? I am a Navy Human Resource Administrator and know very little about the Communications and Electronics (C&E) Branch." So I did some research and found that the C&E Branch has a vibrant history filled with fascinating information that I knew I wanted to incorporate into my design to represent 5 Line Sqn.

With an abundance of information on hand, I tried not to deviate too much from the iconic images that embody the communications trade. So with that being said, I reused a lot of elements in my design, such as the "V" imagery that can be seen in the pole. This symbolic to the Latin phrase *Velox, Versutus, Vigilans* (Swift, Skilled, Alert), a motto inherited from the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals

(RCCS). Also, as a sailor and ex-Naval Communicator, I was fascinated by the colours in the communications flag and knew that I had to have that incorporated into my design as well. My research revealed that even though it is commonly believed that the colours of the flag represent "grey skies over blue waters" the colours



were originally inherited from the Officer's Mess Dress uniforms of the RCCS. Other distinct and identifiable elements that can be seen is the use of lightning bolts, sparks, or flashes, which alludes to electronics and the transmission of information. These symbols are closely linked to

the figure of Mercury, fondly referred to as "Jimmy" amongst the C&E branch community, which symbolizes swift communication. Finally, I wanted to ensure that I included not only the maple leaf to represent Canada, but that the image of the world incorporated in the crest. This is reminiscent to the ADM (IM) badge, as our services and support span not only across the country but are seen and felt all over the globe.

In the end, I wanted to create a crest that was simple in design but at the same time immediately recognizable without any question as to which unit it was representing. I hope I did 77 Line Regt, 5 Line Sqn proud, as it was an honour to be part of this venture. My time with this Unit will eventually come to an end, but regardless of where I am, what Unit I belong to, or what I am doing, I feel as though I have forever immortalized a little piece of myself with 77 Line Regt, 5 Line Sqn.

MS T.L. Gaudet, CD  
Sr HR Admin  
5 Line Sqn HQ

# 5 Line Squadron

## RLWC HALIFAX

AE/CA MAINTENANCE (GANDER, NL)

By Cpl M.R. Beckingham



(L to R) Local Screech-In Patron, Cpl Beckingham, Gander Mayor, MCpl Isaacs, Cpl Carr, Pte Cook, Cpl Thibodeau, MWO Duffett, Sgt Purdy

The working aspect of 2017 Gander road job was like most other outstanding jobs: completing 2nd Line Cable/Ae Maintenance. Over the duration of the job, we kept quite busy completing a base-wide fiber LC conversion, re-terminating cable that was older than a quarter of our crew and maintained/climbed towers that were (possibly) older than the crew ICs. There were some additional tasks such as manhole maintenance and the Cross-loop tower deconstruction in preparation of the

new build. The weather held out, and it was perfect for outdoor activities.

Aside from the actual work on site, we also had the good fortune to explore the town of Gander and the surrounding area. Pte Cook, being from Gander, was the official tour guide. The people were very friendly and treated us like their own, almost like we were all a family of sorts. Living in Gander for almost two months could be considered a life-changing experience, and a couple of us even

became honorary Newfoundlanders with a “Screech In” presented by the town Mayor.

In conclusion, we all gained a great deal of job knowledge, upgraded 9 Wing Gander’s cable plant/Ae site and learned a little bit more about each other; we are all better off because of it.

# Significant Events

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## PROMOTIONS

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WO Polak (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	MCpl Gallant (5 Line Sqn) - Dec 17
Sgt Tremblay (2 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	MCpl Kenny (5 Line Sqn) - Dec 17
MCpl Andrews (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	Cpl Morin (1 Line Sqn) - Nov 17
MCpl Benner (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	Cpl Buckley (3 Line Sqn) - Oct 17
MCpl Panter (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	Cpl Clow (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17
MCpl Scott (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	Cpl Kells (5 Line Sqn) - Dec 17
MCpl Fraize (4 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	Pte Julien (1 Line Sqn) - Dec 17
MCpl Kells (4 Line Sqn) - Dec 17	Pte Lesperance (3 Line Sqn) - Dec 17

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## RETIREMENTS

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MCpl Lawrence (5 Line Sqn) - Nov 17	Cpl Careau-Hamel (2 Line Sqn) - Oct 17
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## AWARDS

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Sgt Simmonds (4 Line Sqn) - GCS-SWA +1	Cpl Shea (3 Line Sqn) - CD
Maj Myint (5 Line Sqn) - CD	Cpl Careau-Hamel (2 Line Sqn) - CD
MCpl Brisson (3 Line Sqn) - CD	Cpl Dubois (2 Line Sqn) - CD
MCpl Smith (3 Line Sqn) - CD	

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Facebook Closed Group: [77 Line Regiment](#)

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

Communications and Electronics Branch website: <https://cmcen.ca/branch/>

77 Line Regiment SharePoint: <http://collaboration-img.forces.mil.ca/sites/7CommGp/77LR/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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# RSM's Corner



This article marks the first of many I hope to communicate with you as your new RSM.

First and foremost I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to CWO Blair MacKnight as he was one of the founding members and RSM of 77 Line Regiment. I will endeavour to continue building on what CWO MacKnight laid the groundwork for.

This has been one of the busiest fall seasons that I've experienced in a very long time. I have been traveling through a large part of the 77 Line Regt's AOR. I have certainly gained a new perspective for the Line Trade from the technical and physical standpoint. I did have the opportunity to climb my first pole, and I have to say, for all us Operators out there, it is not as easy as it looks!

I very much enjoyed meeting the troops. As our 77 Line Regiment AOR is so massive, it was clearly impossible to spend time with each of

you. I do strive to meet as many members of our team as I can in 2018.

I would like to thank the OC's and SSM's of 2, 3, 4 & 5 Line Sqns for their excellent work in moving us around their respective Sqn Lines during visits. I know this was not an easy task, but you pulled it off seamlessly and again, I thank you for that.

I guess I would not be the RSM if I didn't throw in a few words on dress and department. I would like to start off with an update on what RHQ are trying to do for our new Regimental PT gear. I have been in contact with "Herb" (whom many of us know) at the Mercury (C&E) Museum here in Kingston, and he is more than willing to support us in getting off the ground with our initial orders. We are now creating a few samples, and I plan to share with you all. I will be sending out some pictures to everyone early in the New Year.

Next, to the business of Dress. I am somewhat concerned with the number of very full beards. The dress regulations state beards are to be neatly trimmed to a number 1. Building a

proud and professional organization, your department speaks as much to the unit's credibility as the work you do. So I encourage the SSM's to ensure the issue is addressed as per current QR&O's.

I would also like to congratulate all the members that have been promoted this fall and as recently as December. Excellent work! Keep it up.

CWO Carson K. Roberts, RSM

**USQUE AD FINEM**





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**Photo 1:**  
**(L to R)** Sgt Dyck, MCpl Panter, MCpl Deschamps, Cpl Olliffe, Cpl Eichler.



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**Photo 2 & 3:**  
 Visit at LLWC Gagetown  
**(L to R)** Sgt Galbraith, LCol Gillingham.

**Photo 4:**  
 MCpl Gallant promotion. **(L to R)** Maj Myint, MCpl Gallant, MWO White.

**Photo 5:**  
 Second Annual Regimental HQ Dinner.

**Photo 6:**  
 CO and RSM visit Det Bagotville 28th November 2017.

**Photo 7:**  
 Great day lending a hand (unskilled labour consisting of the CO, RSM, OC 2 Line and SSM 2 Line).



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**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FORCES LINEMEN**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL**



I \_\_\_\_\_  
First name/nickname Surname

hereby make an application for membership/renewal in the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen (CAFL).

I completed my Lineman Apprentice Training (Group 1/TQ3/QL1/DP 1.1)

From: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_ and served in the Canadian  
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Armed Forces from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a cheque/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my  
membership dues for the period 01 Apr \_\_\_\_\_ to 31 Mar \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Year) (Year)

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year and the membership year is from 1 Apr to 31 Mar.

Note: Make check payable to the Canadian Association of Forces Linemen.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Forward to: Canadian Association of Forces Linemen

P.O. Box 64064, Holland Cross RO, Ottawa On. K1Y 4V1

Attn: Membership Chair



## 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 than 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;

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- 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 2014, the scholarship awarding requires a minimum of three (1) 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?	YES	NO
Application Date: (Refer to Post Mark on Letter)		
Copy of High School Diploma:	YES	NO
Copy of Post Secondary Institution's Acceptance Letter	YES	NO
Copy of post secondary institution's registration fee receipt	YES	NO
Copy of applicable birth certificates	YES	NO
Copy of applicable marriage certificate or proof of common law relationship	YES	NO

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](mailto: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, K4R 0A4: Attn Owen Crabbe.