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(Everywhere)

Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt

(Whither Right and Glory Leads)



15TH FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT
ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY

CEREMONIAL PARADE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGIMENT
IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

2 FEB 20 - 2 FEB 70

REVIEWED BY
MAJOR GENERAL H.A. SPARLING, CBE, DSO, CD
COLONEL COMMANDANT
ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY
2 MAY 70

NOTICE TO SPECTATORS

1. SPECTATORS ARE REQUESTED TO STAND ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:
 - A. ON THE ARRIVAL OF THE COL.COMMANDANT
 - B. DURING THE GENERAL SALUTES
 - C. THE QUEEN

2. ALL RANKS IN UNIFORM WILL SALUTE:
 - A. DURING THE GENERAL SALUTES
 - B. THE QUEEN

ON PARADE

HONORARY COLONEL
LCOL A.M. MCGAVIN, CD

HONORARY LIEUTENANT COLONEL
LCOL W.S. JACKSON, CD

COMMANDING OFFICER
LCOL B.A. CLEMONS, CD

DEPUTY COMMANDING OFFICER
MAJ R.S. ABBOTT, CD

ADJUTANT
CAPT R.W.M. DAVIDSON

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR
CWO R. GUTTRIDGE

31 BATTERY

MAJ W.T. WICKETT, CD
CAPT R.G.W. BURRIDGE
CAPT D.A. PORTER
CAPT P.E. BARTON, TD
LT.L.D. MCDONNELL
BSM MWO TYLDESLEY-GORE, E.

209 BATTERY

MAJ G.J. BAILEY
LT.G.M. BENNETT, CD
LT. G.S. WOLOSKI
LT. I.A. CASEY
LT. R.E. MUGFORD, CD
BSM MWO WINTER, H.J.

ADC
CAPT I.R. SEYMOUR

OFFICER I/C SEATING
MAJ V.W.B. HAMILTON, CD

DUTY OFFICER
LT. I.D. NEWBY

BANDMASTER
W.O. ERWIN, P.M.

P.R.O.
MAJ R.V. STEVENSON, CD

DRUM-MAJOR
W.O. HAMILTON, A.J., CD

MEDICAL OFFICER
CAPT L.D. KORNDER

ROM
LT. D.U. UPTON, CD

ROMS
MWO ANGELL, D.G., CD

THE MINIATURE GUN SALUTING BATTERY IS MANNED BY
RETIRED OFFICERS AND SENIOR NCOs OF THE REGIMENT.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME

COLONEL COMMANDANT PARADE 2ND MAY, 1970
UNDER DIRECTION OF WO ERWIN, P.M.

1. THE REGIMENTAL BAND WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINING MUSIC PRIOR TO THE FORMING UP OF THE PARADE.
2. ON ARRIVAL OF THE COL. COMMANDANT:
 - . HERALDIC TRUMPET FANFARE
 - . GENERAL SALUTE
3. DURING THE INSPECTION (SLOW MARCH)
 - . THE ROYAL ARTILLERY SLOW MARCH
 - . TROOP THE COLOURS
4. REGIMENTAL MARCH PAST (QUICK MARCH)
 - . SONS OF THE BRAVE
 - . THE BRITISH GRENADIERS
5. DRIVE PAST MOBILE COMMAND BTY
 - . KEEL ROW (TROT)
 - . BONNIE DUNDEE (GALLOP)
6. ADVANCE IN REVIEW ORDER
 - . 8 BARS BRITISH GRENADIERS
 - . GENERAL SALUTE
7. THE SUNSET CEREMONY
 - . ABIDE WITH ME
 - . RETREAT
 - . THE QUEEN
8. MARCH OFF (QUICK MARCH)
 - . COLONEL BOGEY

ORDER OF CEREMONIAL PARADE 2ND MAY, 1970

1. THE PARADE IS FORMED UP BY THE RSM.
2. OFFICERS PROMENADE AT RIGHT FLANK OF PARADE.
3. DEPUTY COMMANDING OFFICER TAKES OVER PARADE FROM RSM AND FALLS IN THE OFFICERS.
4. THE COMMANDING OFFICER TAKES COMMAND OF THE REGIMENT.
5. THE COLONEL COMMANDANT ARRIVES AND IS RECEIVED WITH A FANFARE, 7-GUN SALUTE BY OUR MINIATURE SALUTING BATTERY AND A GENERAL SALUTE.
6. THE COLONEL COMMANDANT INSPECTS THE REGIMENT ON PARADE.
7. THE REGIMENT MARCHES PAST IN QUICK TIME.
8. THE REGIMENT REFORMS LINE.
9. THE MOBILE COMMAND BTY MOUNTS AND DRIVES PAST WITH THE GUNS (OUR COLOURS).
10. THE COLONEL COMMANDANT SPEAKS TO THE REGIMENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER.
11. PRESENTATIONS.
12. THE REGIMENT MOUNTED AND DISMOUNTED ADVANCES IN REVIEW ORDER AND A GENERAL SALUTE IS GIVEN.
13. SUNSET CEREMONY.
14. THE QUEEN.
15. COL. COMMANDANT DEPARTS.
16. REGIMENT RETIRES; GUESTS ARE INVITED TO RETURN TO BESSBOROUGH ARMOURIES.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE COL COMMANDANT

Major-General H.A. Sparling, CBE, DSO, CD

Major-General H.A. Sparling, CBE, DSO, CD, retired in February 1963 from the Canadian Army, after 34 years service. His last post was General Officer Commanding Central Command in Oakville, and he was the Army's senior regular gunner. The General grew up in a military atmosphere; the son of a professional army officer. He started his own career at the Royal Military College in Kingston, and on graduation in 1929 was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Prior to the war, he served in various regimental and staff appointments in Canada and Britain. During the war, he served in several staff and command capacities - Brigade Major of the 2nd Divisional Artillery in Canada and England - senior staff officer and Director of Military Training in Ottawa - Commanding Officer of 13 Field Artillery Regiment in England - attached to Headquarters 8th Army in Sicily and Italy - promoted Brigadier in October 1943 and Commander of 5 Armoured Division Artillery in Italy - in December 1944 until the end of the war in Europe he was Commander Corps Royal Artillery of 1st Canadian Corps in Italy and North West Europe.

Subsequent posts found him in Canada as Commander of the Divisional Artillery of the Canadian Army Pacific Force, and in Germany with the Canadian Army Occupation Force, in Canada again as District Officer Commanding Military District No. 2 in Toronto. Between 1947 and 1949, he commanded Western Ontario Area with headquarters in London, Ontario and after a brief period as

Deputy Chief of the General Staff in Ottawa, spent a year in London, England attending the Imperial Defence College.

His promotion to the rank of Major-General came in 1950 and for the next five years, he was Vice-Chief of the General Staff at Army Headquarters. From January, 1956, until his appointment to Central Command in 1958, he was Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff in Washington.

On retirement from the Army, General Sparling became a member of the three-man Ontario Police Commission. At the same time, he became Executive Officer of the City of Toronto Redevelopment Advisory Council. He continues to serve in both of these activities.

Appointed Colonel Commandant The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in January 1969.

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

L/COL F.F. COGLAN, DSO	1920/4
L/COL W.A. TOWNSLEY, MC	1924/30
L/COL R.T. PERRY, VD	1930/34
L/COL C.G. BEESTON	1934/39
L/COL P.C. TEES, M.M. (1st AA 1939)	
L/COL G.Y.L. CROSSLEY, ED	1939/42
L/COL A.O. HOOD	1942/43
L/COL F.C. UNDERHILL	1940/45 (39th Fd., 11th AA)
L/COL C.K. ROSEBRUGH	1943/44
L/COL R.T. DuMOULIN ED	1946/48
L/COL R. WALKEM	1916/49 (43 HAR)
L/COL J.D. OVERHOLT	1949-51 (43 HAR)
L/COL E.A. ROYCE, ED	1948-51
L/COL C.A. MANSON, ED	1949/52)
L/COL H.W.J. PECK, ED	1952/54) 102n Coast
L/COL E.M. BECKETT, CD	1951/55
L/COL A.M. McGAVIN, CD (43rd)	1952/55
L/COL W.S. JACKSON, CD	1955/58
L/COL G.F. BLYTH, CD (43rd)	1955/59
L/COL F.C. GARRETT, CD	1958/62
L/COL W.D. ELSDON, GM, CD	1962/65
L/COL G.M. PLATT, CD	1965/68

"TO ALL WHO SERVED OUR GUNS"

The 15th Field Artillery Regiment has an official history spanning half a century of service to Canada, but the roots of this proud Regiment run far more deeply into the early history of Vancouver and British Columbia. In 1885, there was a Gunner J. Hall, living in the Village of Granville, as it was then called, whose devotion to the Royal Regiment led him to trek through twelve miles of forest to parade with the 1st Bty British Columbia Garrison Artillery in New Westminster. He lived to see Vancouver grow into a city, and was still living in 1920 when the 15th Brigade, CFA, was authorized, consisting of three batteries of field artillery, the 31st, the 68th and the 85th, with the 5th Siege Battery attached. It is of interest to note that the 68th Battery served in North Russia in the Murmansk/Archangel area during this period, under the famed British General, Sir Edmund Ironside. Fighting in the most impossible conditions, in deep snow, with temperatures to 40 below zero, the Canadian Gunners acquitted themselves gallantly and earned the praise of General Ironside, himself an artilleryman, who wrote:

"The Canadian Artillery, by the action of its drivers and gunners, had worthily upheld the traditions of British Gunners".

In 1925, the 15th Brigade, CFA, was redesignated as the 15th Field Brigade, C.A., although still consisting of the above-mentioned Batteries. Through the long years of peace and into the depression years, the spirit of the early gunners endured and was rewarded in 1935 when the title "Royal" was granted to the Canadian Artillery, bringing with it the responsibility of living up to hundreds of years of British Artillery tradition.

In 1938, the Brigade was disbanded for the purpose of reorganization and reformed as the 15th Coast Brigade, RCA, further redesignated later that year as the 15th (Vancouver) Coast Brigade, RCA. It was during these years that Vancouver's Gunners manned the coastal guns and searchlight batteries in such familiar places as Stanley Park, Point Atkinson, Steveston, Fort Camp U.B.C., and even beneath the Lions Gate Bridge, while 31 and 85 Bty alternated duty at remote York Island during the early years of WW II.

In 1939, the 68th Bty and the 5th Bty were converted from heavy and medium batteries, respectively, to the 9th and 11th anti-aircraft batteries, RCA, and allocated to the 1st A.A. Regiment, RCA.

During World War II, the Gunners occupying Bessborough Armouries were the 39th Fd. Rgt. RCA and the 43rd HAA Rgt. RCA which trained as reserve units throughout the duration.

Although as a unit the Regiment did not serve overseas during the second World War, many Officers and men served with other Canadian Artillery Regiments, returning in 1945/46 to rejoin the newly redesignated 15th Coast Regiment, RCA, which then consisted of the 31st, the 85th and the 159th Coast Batteries, RCA. The 159th Battery was redesignated 158th Coast Battery in late 1946 and the Regiment itself was again reorganized as the 15th Field Regiment, RCA, in 1948.

The 102nd Coast Regiment was raised and disbanded in Vancouver during the 1950s and ended in amalgamation with the 43 HAA Rgt. The 43 HAA was later redesignated as the 43 MAA Rgt. and in 1959, when the requirement for anti-aircraft artillery ceased, this fine regiment was amalgamated with the 15th Field Regiment, which then became, once again, the only gunner unit in the Vancouver area.

The unit was then organized into five batteries: the 31st, 85th, 158th, 209th and 210th. 85 Battery was relocated for training in Ladner and operated successfully in the Surrey-Delta area from 1961 to 1970. By 1966, the 210th Battery had been disbanded and 5 (B.C.) Fd. Battery in Victoria had come under command. In 1968, this Battery was returned to independent status, leaving the Regiment with four batteries until the most recent reorganization on 1st April, 1970, which reduced the unit to two batteries: 31 and 209.

As we enter into our second fifty years, we can take pride in the record of service to Canada and British Columbia, but as Winston Churchill once said:

"This is not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning".

HONOURARY COLONELS

1948-1956

1949-1961

1959-1961

1956-1967

1959-1967

1962-PRESENT

1967-PRESENT

COL W.C. WOODWARD, ED

LCOL F. RONALD GRAHAM, CD

LCOL FRED B. BROWN

BRIG. A.E. McB. BELL-IRVING,
OBE, ED

COL T. INGLEDOW, CD

LCOL A.M. McGAVIN, CD

LCOL W.S. JACKSON, CD

THE GUNS

THE GUNS THAT YOU SEE AT THE REAR OF THE PARADE ARE 105 HOWITZERS. THESE ARE THE GUNS PRESENTLY ON ISSUE TO THE RESERVE FORCES. ALTHOUGH THE ARMY IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF RE-EQUIPPING WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF ARTILLERY, THESE WEAPONS STILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ROLE OF THE ARTILLERY.

THE COLOURS OF A REGIMENT CARRY THE BATTLE HONOURS WON BY THAT REGIMENT. THE ARTILLERY DIFFERS, IN THAT ITS GUNS ARE ITS COLOURS, AND AS SUCH THEY ARE ACCORDED DUE RESPECT. HENCE THE MUSICAL DRIVE PAST OF OUR COLOURS.

APART FROM ITS ROLE IN BATTLE OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE SUPPORT TO THE FORWARD TROOPS, THE ARTILLERY HAS THE DUTY OF FIRING 'GUN SALUTES USED TO HONOUR DISTINGUISHED PERSONS AND MARK SPECIAL OCCASIONS. GUN AND CANNON SALUTES, ORIGINATE FROM THE PRACTICE OF FIRING ALL GUNS OF A BATTERY, FORT, OR SHIP AS A TOKEN OF DISAPPOINTING THEM, FOR EARLY GUNS COULD NOT BE SPEEDILY RELOADED. MODERN GUN SALUTES ARE FIRED WITH BLANK CARTRIDGES OR CHARGES. THE NUMBER OF SHOTS IS PRESCRIBED BY INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM AND AGREEMENT, GOVERNED BY THE RANK OF THE PERSON BEING HONOURED.

VANCOUVER IS DESIGNATED AS AN OFFICIAL SALUTING BASE, THE REGIMENT FIRING ALL OFFICIAL SALUTES.



EFFICIENCY TROPHIES

