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(Everywhere)

## Quo Fas Et Gloria Ducunt

(Whither Right and Glory Leads)



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Summer camp this year was looked forward to by all able to attend, due to a number of new aspects namely; a chance to get together with our brother gunners from Victoria, a chance to fire on a real live firing range, a chance to meet new people in another area and learn some of their methods and secrets and also a chance to fly over the Rockies - a novelty to most of us.

The numbers attending camp this year were down from last year but this was largely due to shake-ups in establishment earlier in the year. One hundred and eight all ranks finally took off in 2 planes, a DC6 and a C46 of the Pacific Western Airlines from Vancouver International Airport at 1630 hours Saturday 3 Jul 65. On arrival at Camp Weirwright they were met by the Advance Party of 4 officers and 16 ORs who had preceded them by 3 days to prepare for this arrival. This brought our strength at camp up to 128 all ranks including 1 officer and 8 ORs of the BC 'I' Staff who were part of the Advance Party. 16 ORs from 3 RCHA joined us also at this time and a further 9 joined us on Wednesday to assist us during our stay for the week.

With the above numbers and most stalwart support, we have enjoyed a most successful week.

*J Best*  
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 A/Editor

The A/Editor wishes to apologize at this time for the omission of some of the articles received due to large response and also due to lack of time and equipment.

A special thanks to those units and individuals who did submit material for publication.

FLIGHT OVER THE ROCKIES BY A HIGH FLYING REGIMENT

Vancouver personnel of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, after marrying up with their Batteries from Ladner and Victoria at the Vancouver International Airport, took off in 2 planes, a DC6 and a C46 of the Pacific Western Airlines at approximately 1630 hours Saturday 3 Aug 65.

A comfortable and not too long a trip was looked forward to by both novices at flying and some seasoned vets but this anticipation was soon quelled when temperatures in the plane carrying flight number one soared to an unbelievable 110 degrees, due to a faulty air conditioning system. Those personnel in the plane carrying flight number two also were doomed to an uncomfortable ride as due to possibly the size of the plane and rough atmospheric conditions, they had to keep their seat belts fastened for the duration of the trip.

Flight 1 - DC6 - 92 passengers - 2 stewardesses - 1 steward - 2 pilots

On boarding the DC6, all ranks were given the usual welcome by the Captain and before the trip was concluded, no end of courtesies and friendship were shown by all members of the crew. Also, even though the temperature made things most uncomfortable, a hot meal was enjoyed by all. The BSM's 'Dave' Penman and BSM's 'Ray' Cuttridge efforts to entice the 2 stewardesses onto the flight deck for some silent conversation were unsuccessful. Ray finally ended up on the floor in a prone position, trying to cool off. The cooperation and assistance given by Cpls East and Hilton, 2 of our fair CWAC members in amending nominal rolls was most appreciated by WO 2 'Ray' Cuttridge. On touchdown in Edmonton at 1900 hours, the unit was met by buses and transported to Camp Mainwright arriving at approx 2230 hours. Here, bedding was drawn, a light lunch partaken of and then off to bed for a much needed rest.

Flight 2 - C46 - 27 passengers - 2 stewardesses - 2 pilots

Those personnel on the C46 plane carrying mostly personnel of our battery in Victoria, although their trip was rougher and seemed longer, arrived only a short time after the 1st flight and joined the balance of the unit at Camp Mainwright.

31 & 209 Batteries The short plane trips by the Air OP Troop of 3 HCHM to many members of the Regiment have proved very popular and a source of great amusement and thrills to the members of the unit. We are all very thankful to 3 HCHM for affording this opportunity to the Regiment.

Our capable MP MCO Sgt THOMPSON has once again shown initiative during this camp. Early in the week she commenced duty as a driver of a 2 1/2 ton Q vehicle, eventually obtained the jeep she wanted, invaded the training area which was previously out of bounds to GUSG, as well as getting a couple of plane trips. She has now become an enthusiastic light plane fan and we soon expect to find her attaching wings to her jeep for her own low level flying thrills around the area.

1 58 Battery Maj BM CLEMONS commanded the Battery which is a Student Militia Battery. The Gunnery from the battery have gained a great deal from the training at Camp Wainwright, as was shown by the sheets on Wednesday and Thursday the 7th and 8th of July respectively. Our AVERY has insisted that he is on a diet but this is not evident in the amount of food he takes away and that his uniform is still a tight fit.

At the swimming parade on Thursday the men took great delight in 'dunking' their BSM and took this occasion to 'get even' and at the same time got in a little swimming. At the time of this writing, the BSM is still missing one shoe, the other mysteriously appeared on top of a stop sign along the highway returning from the lake.

The week has been most successful in both training and recreation wise and of benefit to all. The BC and BSM take this opportunity to wish the personnel of 158 battery proceeding to summer camp in Victoria, the best of luck.

HEARD AROUND BUILDING 167

Cpl EAST worrying about working away up in the pay office and being so far away from the hot water and her tea bags.

Cpl ANDERSON returning to 167 with her 8th or 9th cup of tea still in her cup - "People wont wait for me to finish me tea".

Cpl HILTON worrying about getting to her place of duty on time - seeing WO 2 (20) DONALDSON is her employer.

Sgt THOMPSON swearing at ME in general, spending 3 days trying to acquire her own personal jeep.

Sgt SMITH using a bath towel for a bed-spread so she wont have to sit on the scratchy blankets.

Sgt LONG pereding around in bush pants as if she owned them when anyone looking at her can plainly see she does'nt.

Lt BEST complaining about newly discovered aching muscles since the SER plan started.

Cpl DOTTERIDGE nattering no more as final consent is obtained for her to run sign in the field.

How about the No 1 Sgt in the service Bn who had his shirts ironed by the Victoria lass. We hear he has asked to be transferred to 5 Field Battery.

While at the party at the 3 RCHA mess in the field one of the Sgts became quite obnoxious and when told to go to bed by the RSM he defiantly left the tent and retired. On boarding the vehicle for home 'Maids' the chirper from Twickenham looked at the man next to her in the truck and said 'Oh No! I thought you were sent to bed? You cant come with us' whereupon one of the MCCs from RCHA shone the light on the man and it was discovered to be one of our very own Sgts 'Maids' backed off in embarrassment and the Sgt backed off indignantly.

TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT

As per our SOPs (Sorry Old Pals) the first thing we did was to amend the Training Plan. The second was to change the amendment and the third thing was to amend the change. This being successfully completed (after many hours of hashing and rehashing) the following plot emerged.

On Monday we brushed up on our Gun Drill - Command Post Drill - OP Drill and boots. In the afternoon the guns did a couple of dry deployments while the OP parties went off on a recon to find OP positions. The success of this exercise is still in doubt as they found a couple of good gun areas but in the wrong locations and have remained silent on their registration of any OPs.

Tuesday we made Regimental history by firing our first land target since about 1957 (5 batteries were here in November but at that time they were still known as 5 Independent Medium Battery). It was on this day we were visited by Maj Gen JM ROCKINGHAM OOC Western Command. The General visited the OP for about an hour and watched with interest as Majors PLATT, DIXELL and LESTER obliterated targets on the surrounding countryside.

Wednesday was another day of course shooting but we felt that tomorrow we would get finer. Wednesday was not without history. Maj CLEMENS conducted his first AOP shoot and although there appeared to be some doubt at the OP as to which target he was engaging, the shoot was very successful. Major CLEMENS however, is not volunteering for this job on a permanent basis as he thinks the pilot has too many things to do while his head is still in the clouds.

Thursday should make another milestone in the Regiment's march back to corps training as we hope to fire our first battery target in the afternoon. I am sure it will go off with a 'Bang'!!!

PHYSICAL TRAINING

A popular activity of this year's camp training has been the 0630 P.T. sessions.

To some members of the Regiment, the order to exercise came as a surprise late Sunday night but to most, it came as a shock with reveille Monday morning. At first there may have been suspicions that the idea was an outcome of one of those late late '01 Groups held in the officers mess but after the first couple of days, with the inspecting party consistently turned out in immaculate P.T. GMB, these suspicions were dispelled and it was realized that the whole operation had been carefully planned in advance with the health and welfare of the Regiment as the prime consideration.

For practical purposes each battery or section of the unit was responsible for its own P.T., with the senior admin officers headed by the CO visiting and joining in with a different group each morning.



BE A TIGER IN  
YOUR GYM STRIP



P.F.(cont)

On the first morning there was little evidence and only an incomplete report that all the men of the Regiment actually did turn out. The CWAC however contained their beds with flower picking. A lovely bouquet of wild flowers and prairie grasses was subsequently presented to the CO at breakfast on behalf of the women of the Regiment, giving tangible proof of their loyalty as well as their physical fitness.

The inspecting party consisting of the CO, the SIC, the Adj, the BSM and of all things the QM (to take charge, no doubt, if any damage occurred to these Slacks, field service CWAC during the most strenuous exercises), joined the CWAC on the second morning. The BSM later assured the women that he was wearing his bathing trunks underneath his baby doll pyjamas BUT it was noticed that he kept well to the rear while Cpl ANDERSON conducted the exercises. Later, too, the Adjutant was overheard to remark that his leg muscles were a little sore, and this in spite of an earlier scathing comment about the effectiveness of the CWAC exercises.

In spite of such reports as Capt SEYMOUR, turning out in his long ski pyjamas (for added warmth) and certain officers of 5 battery foregoing their tea in bed in order to exercise, and other unlikely tales, it may never be known whether all of the men of the Regiment took their P.F. or not.

## TRAINING OFFICERS REPORT(cont)

Friday is clean up day and I am sure we will have a Regimental parade but before you dismiss me I should like to thank all those who have assisted in making my job easier, to name a few.

Capt AE SHERWIN	- My associate from 5 battery and Gun Group Co-ordinator
Maj BA CLEMONS	- Co-ordinator OP party
Capt EL MILLER	- ID and BA Area Rep
WO 2 BIRHAM JFW and all his staff	- A/IG Gun Position and Safety
The 3 RCHL Regt	- SANTA

BLUES FROM PAY

The unit Paymaster Slt JIM CLARK forecasts a busy day for himself and staff on Friday but a happy one for those whose hands don't tremble when they give the big five on Friday. Pay wishes at this time to extend his thanks and appreciation to Sgt EAST for her assistance in preparation at the vault. Pay also wishes to present some observations noted during his idle hours namely: Why the Chief Clerk objects so strenuously to giving 14 copies of Part 2 DCs to the pay office; Why anyone who threatens his men with a 12 mile route march then leads them 100 yards for a beer break can be so sneaky; Why everyone trembles when approaching OP stores, especially when confronted by WO 2 DUNNISON.

NEWS FROM UNITS OF ALBERTA AREA  
ATTENDING CAMP

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CALGARY SERVICE BATTALION

by Lt RA LAYCOCK

The C.S.B. under the able direction of Lt Col RA CASHMAN have found Wainwright quite an experience after many years in the familiar confines of ~~Edmonton~~. Although numbers are down considerably (being only 54 all ranks including 1 CWAC officer and 7 CWAC GIs) duties and training have gone remarkably well.

150 Tp Coy - under the combined direction of the 'Dobson Twins' (Capt GILBY and SPEERS) the Coy has benefitted considerably from the size and difference in terrain in their training. Although having marvellous built-in honing devices for messes, a few incidents such as a tour of the Drumheller dinosaur trail and confusing IOPF with a mess some miles away, have resulted in the following commercial announcement - "Will anyone having proven navigational experience (other than mere ex-RCMP) please report immediately to CSD Orderly Room".

6 Ord Coy - Our CO Major CJ JONES is fast gaining a reputation as the most desirable male in camp. However, as it is being conferred by the local mosquito population 'Gerry' considers it a questionable honour. Together with 7 Ord Coy, the Unit believes they have the best scale of issues of all - one CWAC for each male. Confidence in the fighting Ordnance has grown to such an extent that the higher powers cancelled a scheduled rifle shoot. It seems they felt other units were much more in need of the practice. The author has only one complaint - he can't find anyone to give him any standing orders on a lift fork truck. By the way girls, one local celebrity General C DeGaulle alias Col CASBY wishes it to be known that he is really a Dutchman, which he states is somewhat more desirable and not at all biased on his part.

21 Med Coy have recently been joined by their CO Lt Col KEEL to find that they already are famous due mainly to the efforts of one nursing sister Lt AM GRASSICK. It seems she is desirous of

Visit by WCOs of unit to confines of 3 BCHA on Wednesday 7 Jul 65  
(MSG HQ 1000)

After such confusion and rushing around (especially for the CMAC) we departed on our visit to 3 BCHA Field Camp. Mode of transportation of course 2 - 2 1/2 ton cargoes and one Jeep. The 1 and vehicle (jeep) driven by the RSM seemed a little confused as to where it was going, consequently after a brief detour over what seemed to have been a tank track, we arrived well shook up. We were greeted by the RSM WO 1 MALCOLM and his best friend 'Lucky' and invited into the mess for our first initial 'Happy Cup'.

During the course of the evening many of us made new acquaintances and many more renewed old friendships. A most interesting tour was taken by several under the guidance of RSM WO 2 'Bill' GIBSON through his own (2) battery lines. The highlight being the 'Greenville Golf and Country Club'. Most impressive was the patio constructed adjacent to the Sgts Mess, with its rustic type furniture and fire place. Later in the evening, the inevitable sing-song began, first without accompaniment then later with a small compact organ played by our own Sgt 'Pete' SMITH the most versatile 'One Man Band'.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all and we, the RSM and WCOs, both male and female would, at this time like to thank the RSM and his Senior WCOs for making us feel so 'at home'.

We hope Sgt WILLIE didn't feel to bad the next day.

UNIT PARTY

The unit party was held on Thursday evening commencing with a refreshing dip in 'Mott Lake, adjacent to the camp. Following the swim all ranks migrated to build 151 where eating, drinking and Hi-Jinks were in order. A special event of the evening was the attendance of the 'Skittle Band' from the Sherwood Foresters of England. A special vote of thanks must go to the committ and all who assisted in making this a successful evening.

The modern Gunner fails to see,  
 How changed the ways of artillery.  
 In days long past the men would 'rise,  
 Long ere Sun had reddened skies,  
 To feed the horses, Chestnuts, Greys,  
 Geldings, mares in brick floored bays.  
 To clean the harness, polish brass  
 Without a hope of weekend pass;  
 Seldom did they choose to roam,  
 To them 'The Regiment' was home.  
 In canteen they would drink their beer,  
 The Driver, the Gunner, the Bombardier.  
 They spoke of women, guns, the Vet,  
 And snail of stables, horses sweat.  
 Those men were simpler than today,  
 And yet important in their way.  
 They gave our Corps its proud tradition,  
 Of "UNIQUE" on expedition.  
 The modern army has been born,  
 How lonely now on weekend morn.  
 No horses stamping, breathing, brush,  
 But Missiles quiet deathly hush.  
 Black and sleek with expectation, void of any  
 Armed with Warheads Nuclear Sorrow; animation,  
 Poised to save the West\* tomorrow.  
 Geared for 'Countdown' "Three, two, one."  
 That streamlined custer of our 'Old Gun.'

L. A. HULL. SGT. 3. R.C.H.A.

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FROM OUR EXPERIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJOR

I WANT

WE WILL

WE ARE

YOU HAVE MADE A GOOD EFFORT AND I THANK YOU.

  
(BILL FEINMAN)

WO 1

BSM





*EFFICIENCY TROPHIES*

