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If you have items of interest to the greater Logistics family, please submit a short, bilingual article (approx 300 words), including photos (action pics, people, etc) to the Logistics Branch Adjutant, Capt Pierre Beauchamp NLT 1 Feb 16. All articles shall be submitted in a bilingual format.



# LOGISTICS BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Holidays

### LBA Christmas Message - 2015

It has been a year of change and renewal within the Logistics Branch in 2015. We have embarked on a series of revitalization initiatives this past year. To revitalize is defined as “to give new life to” and that was what the senior leadership has committed to doing to the Logistics Branch. Teams of Colonel’s within the Branch formed Working Groups in January 2015 to examine and make recommendations on ways that the Branch could be grown. These initiatives were all encompassing and included Communications, Governance, History & Heritage, the Logistics Museum and the CF Logistics Association. The pace of change within the Branch has been unprecedented this year and from all the feedback that CWO Côté and I have received during our Outreach visits, this is welcomed by the majority of Logisticians.



The Newsletter itself has grown to include regular articles from the Branch CWO, LBI Staff, the Logistics Museum, the CF Logistics Association and the Occupation Co-Advisers on initiatives occurring within the eight Logistics Occupations. Through the extraordinary efforts of the Log Branch Adj, Capt Pierre Beauchamp, the Logistics Branch website has been revamped and is now full of relevant information about the Branch, Production and Training of the Occupations, and links to sites frequently used by Logisticians in their daily work. Retirement and promotion pages are planned for next year. In the New Year, this site will be mirrored on the Internet to permit access by Reservists without DWAN access and retired members still interested in keeping up on Branch news.

The Branch Governance document has been updated to reflect the Councils and Committees that run the Branch on your behalf with clearly defined Authorities, Responsibilities and Accountabilities. This will streamline decision-making into the future, ensuring that the Branch is responsive to new requirements identified by the Environments and the Joint/ Corporate world; lessons learned on operations and exercises; or in response to changing technologies or business processes utilized by the Occupations.

The Branch Campaign Plan was rewritten and approved at the November 2015 Senate meeting. The Branch will embark on a 5-year plan to be **A Logistics Branch that delivers world class sustainment to achieve institutional and operational excellence**. All Senate participants agreed that as Logisticians we need to remain operationally relevant to our operational colleagues and the institution. Our actions need to embody our motto of “Service,” making ourselves indispensable in supporting operational and institutional excellence. Everyone agreed that the professionalism and dedication of our fellow Logisticians will ensure that this will be achieved.

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# (Continued) Happy Holidays

As we look forward to the future with the Campaign Plan, we have also committed to getting better at recognizing our Branch History & Heritage and all of the Logisticians who have come before us, so that we can build upon their success. The Branch will be approaching DHH to begin discussions about having a Branch history written. For those who remember the Branch Handbook, we are updating the Branch Handbook to be published in spring 2016. Copies will be issued in the future to all QL3 and LOCC graduates so that the newest members of the Branch can be better informed about the Branch and our Occupations as well as inspired by the remarkable contributions of their predecessors.

As a Branch we have also committed to better supporting our Logistics Museum in Montreal in the future. Three studies will be conducted in 2016 to; determine the 'raison d'être' and target audience of the Museum; and the infrastructure requirements for a new facility to house the Museum. Regardless of the outcomes, most Logisticians that I have met over this past year are enthusiastically supportive of the proposal to make the Logistics Museum a permanent part of the curriculum of future QL3 and LOCC courses to instil Branch pride in the newest members of the Branch. Our enthusiastic curator Dr Andrew Gregory and his dedicated team have produced some incredible displays highlighting the works of Logisticians throughout our history. These displays have been admired by personnel in Kingston, Ottawa (NDHQ & LStL bldgs) and at CFLTC. Plans are underway for future displays that highlight the significant contributions Logisticians have made in supporting CAF operations throughout our history.

The Branch has also committed to strengthening the relationship with the CF Logistics Association. A stronger relationship with the CFLA can benefit the Branch in three main ways. Primarily, in promoting esprit de corps amongst serving and retired Logisticians; advocating for the military logistics function; and supporting the "Logistics family". The Logistics Association is intended to support all of us: Reg F and Reservists; serving and retired. The goal is for all Logisticians to see the Branch and the CF Logistics Association as two parts of the same whole. Discussions are already underway in Borden, Winnipeg, Kingston, and Edmonton to start new chapters in the New Year. How about where you are?

The Branch CWO, Col Cmdt and I have visited Valcartier, Kingston, Trenton, Petawawa, 34 Bon de svc, Cold Lake, Comox, 7 CFSD, Edmonton, Victoria, CFAD Rocky Point, 25 CFSD, 3 CSU and 4 CFMCU this past year. We have been truly impressed with the high morale, professionalism and dedication of all Logisticians we have met. All are succeeding at delivering operational and institutional excellence every day. Our late Col Cmdt, LGen(ret'd) Leach was enthusiastic about the new life being breathed into the Branch and justifiably proud of our Logisticians. A true gentleman and proud Logistician, he is sorely missed.

With the Logistics Branch's 50th Anniversary coming up in 2018, this is the right time to revitalize and reinvigorate the Branch. I invite all of you to get involved by sending your ideas and specific recommendations on how we can achieve this to the LBI Adj Capt P.J. Beauchamp.

In the meantime, as you enter the Christmas and holiday season I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, whether it is at home, on the beach or the slopes! Take the time to recharge your batteries as the next year is shaping up to be as busy as the last for all of us. In the words of MGen Lamarre, it is a good time to be a Logistician, I would also ask that you join me in keeping our colleagues, who will be spending their Christmas away from home, in our thoughts and prayers as we look forward to their safe return in 2016.

**From my family to yours Merry Christmas / Joyeux Noël /  
Happy Holidays / Joyeuses Fêtes / and wishing you a safe and healthy  
holiday season.**

Col A.M. Banville





# 2015 Logistics Appointments

*It is my privilege to announce the following PRes appointments that have taken place or occurred in 2015, and I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations and sincerest best wishes to those taking on new appointments and new responsibilities.*

LCol S.T. Harding, CO 31 Svc Bn;  
 LCol J.R. Haylock, A/CO 32 Svc Bn;  
 LCol D.A. Paterson, CO 33 Svc Bn;  
 LCol J.R.M. St-Denis, Cmdt 34 Bon Svc;  
 Adjuc A. Gouin, SMR 34 Bon Svc;  
 Lcol J.F.D.C Teasdale, Cmdt 35 Bon Svc;  
 Adjuc J.G.D. Pelletier, SMR 35 Bon Svc;  
 LCol R. Spaulding, CO 36 Svc Bn;  
 CWO J.J.P.B. Houde, RSM 36 Svc Bn;  
 LCol G.R. Janes, CO 37 Svc Bn;  
 LCol G.M. Bourque, CO 38 Svc Bn;  
 LCol R. Alolega, CO 39 Svc Bn;  
 CWO P.J.R. Lavallee, RSM 39 Svc Bn; and  
 LCol D.M. Sweeney, CO 41 Svc Bn.



Additional Reg F appointments omitted or errored in our last newsletter.

Major F.L. Jeffrey, CO of 16 Wing HQ;  
 Major D.F. Van Raes CO CFAD Angus, replacing Major Ouellet Sep 2015; and  
 CWO DG Clark, W Admin CWO, 17 Wing Winnipeg;  
 LCol M.M.D. Clouter, initials changed from M.W.D. W Admin O, 17 Wing Winnipeg;  
 CWO J.J.D. Flamand, W Admin CWO, 14 Wing Greenwood, not 17 Wing Greenwood;  
 CWO W.J. Hinchey is the WLE CWO, 14 Wing Greenwood, not 17 Wing Greenwood; and  
 CWO J.O.P. Jette, 2 Cdn Air Div CWO, Winnipeg, not Borden.



*The Canadian Forces Logistics Museum  
wishes all members of the Logistics Branch  
a Merry Christmas  
and a Safe and Happy New Year*

*Thanks to the Royal Canadian Postal Corps, Santa was able to find the troops deployed  
in the Sinai Peninsula during UNEF I -United Nations Emergency Force I.  
The photo was taken sometime between 1961 and 1964.*



# MCpl Steeves - Canadian Bodybuilding Federation (CBBF) Nationals

by MWO Nadia MacQueen, Corporate Services Sergeant-Major, 4 CDSG



MCpl Michele Steeves is an RMS Clerk currently employed with 4 CDSB Corporate Services. She recently competed in the Pre-Qualifier Competition in Mississauga, ON on 22 August 2015. At this competition she not only won her class, Women's Physique Tall in a class of four women; she also won Overall Women's Physique, out of a total of 14 competitors. It is of importance to note that the winner of each class (Women's Physique Short, Medium, Tall and Masters) all compete together in a final deciding round.



<http://muscle-insider.com/photos/canadian-national-championships-world-qualifiers-2015-womens-physique/dsc6736jpg>

MCpl Steeves has trained an entire year for this competition; the Canadian Bodybuilding Federation (CBBF) Nationals. First, she concentrated on gaining muscle size and quality and improving her symmetry, then she "cut" for a period of 12 weeks in order to bring her body fat percentage down to competition level (about 9%). During the cutting phase, she trained six to seven days per week and completed cardio every day. She carefully monitored her diet, ensuring that what she ate served the purpose of getting her stage ready. To assist her with this competition she worked with a coach named Eric Broser. He is a world renowned lifetime natural bodybuilder who is based out of Los Angeles, CA, USA. All of this produced results, she won the competition.

The CBBF is a natural competition, meaning all competitors are subject to drug testing to ensure they are not using Performance Enhancing Drugs. In order to reach the National Level, MCpl Steeves had to first compete at a Regional show (Ottawa Classic, June 2013), and the Provincial Level (Ontario Championships July 2014). Winning overall has qualified her to compete at the International Bodybuilding Federation (IFBB) World's as the representative for Canada in Women's Physique. CBBF will be sending a team to the competition to represent each category (bikini, figure and physique). The IFBB World's will take place in Budapest, Hungary and was held 21 November 2015.

MCpl Steeves is a true attestation of how hard work and determination pays off. She is incredibly dedicated to her physical fitness and her "Overall Win" speaks to this dedication. As she headed out for the IFBB Worlds in November, she had the entire Formation rooting for her. It is without a doubt that she will proudly represented both the Formation and the CAF as a whole.

Good luck Michele.



# United Nations Logistics Course – Malaysia

By Maj Douglas Thorlakson , Deputy Commanding Officer 4 CDSB Petawawa Technical Services

Currently there are sixteen active United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping missions in the world with nearly 91,000 soldiers from across the globe deployed in support of those operations. As part of the ongoing requirement to train Logistics Officers to support those missions, Canada routinely deploys Logistics Officers as instructors around the world to UN Peacekeeping centres to deliver training.



During the last two weeks of September, the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre (MPC) in Port Dickson (on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur) hosted the UN Logistics Officer course. The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) through the Directorate of Military Training Coordination (DMTC), played a key role in the success of the course by sponsoring the participation of some international students and providing instructors. Students came from Bangladesh, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, Mongolia and Nepal, while the principal staff were all members of the CAF. Posted to the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre, Major Dan McNeil was both Course Director and principal instructor, ensuring that the students, facilities and teachers were ready to provide the best possible training. LCol Michel Cécyre (3 Wing Bagotville) and Maj Doug Thorlakson (4 CDSG Petawawa) rounded out the Directing Staff.

[LCol Cécyre leads syndicate discussions during UN Logistics](#)

The MPC has been delivering training since 1995 and is currently situated in a modern training facility, located geographically close to the international airport of Kuala Lumpur on the Malaysian side of the Strait of Malacca. Fully accredited under the Global Peacekeeping Operation Initiative (GPOI) and United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) and delivers a full range of courses including UN Military Observer, UN Staff Officer, Law of Armed Conflict and UN Logistics in addition to a number of smaller courses and support to international exercises.

Not surprisingly, UN Logistics share numerous similarities to what is taught in Canada as part of basic logistics training and the principles of supporting deployments and Logistical planning are nearly identical. One of the primary objectives of the course is to have the students develop a deployment plan and sustainment plan for a UN operation. This requires an understanding of the traditional Logistics estimates and incorporates the specialized requirements of how missions interact with the UN in New York and UN Logistics Bases around the world. Finally, the students were introduced to the UN reimbursement methods required to calculate how the UN compensates the contributing nations for their personnel and equipment that is deployed in support of UN operations.

In spite of a persistent haze from Indonesian forest fires that hid the beauty of Malaysia beneath a thick pale of smoke, the course was rewarding for both participants and staff.

This task was particularly gratifying in that it gave the opportunity to work with military forces from geographically distant countries who we do not normally operate with at either the operational or tactical levels.



[L to R – Maj Thorlakson, LCol Cécyre, Maj McNeil at the Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre](#)



# Resource Management Support (RMS) Coin

By WO Zalman Jackson, Formation Chief Clerk, Combat Training Centre, Gagetown

MCpl Merner, Orderly Room 2IC at The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School (RCAS) Gagetown 22 September 2015 was presented the Resource Management Support (RMS) Clerk Occupation Coin. She has proven herself to be a highly motivated and dedicated RMS Clerk who will go the “extra mile” for the members of her unit. MCpl Merner has been described as a force-multiplier at the RCAS and her excellent efforts behind the scenes have supported Gunners in facilitating on-time, on target firepower. Additionally she had volunteered to speak at a Veteran’s Week event where she received great accolades from the local community, and bolstered civilian impressions of military service.



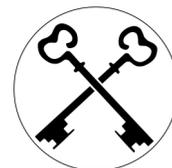
CWO Vidal RSM RCAS, LCol Giroux Cmdt RCAS, MCpl Merner, CWO Bouffard 5 CDSG Tech Svcs Br RSM, MWO Abbott 5 CDSG Supt Clerk, MWO Pyke CADTC Supt Clerk, WO Jackson CTC Fmn CC.



# Supply/Ammunition Technician Mess Dinner

By CWO Ollie Cromwell, DGMSSC Divisional CWO

On Friday 30 October 2015, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual NCR NCM Supply/Ammo Mess Dinner was held at the NDHQ WOs' & Sgts' Mess in Ottawa. The dinner, hosted by CWO Cromwell (DGMSSC, Divisional CWO) and included personnel from invited Units from outside the NCR. A combination of Regular and Reserve Force, as well as retired Technicians from Petawawa, Borden, Montreal and the NCR enjoyed a fantastic evening.



The Guest of Honour (former Log Branch CWO ret'd) Gaetan Moreau, MMM, CD presented a motivating speech highlighting the theme of the dinner which was "to instil Esprit de Corps and camaraderie throughout the memberships of the two trades."



Discussions were held at all levels



A few retired members

# The Logistics Museum Corner

## In the Movements Section of the 25 CFSD

At a parade in the Movements Section of the 25 CFSD on 23 November, LCol MacDonald presented the Curator of the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum, Dr Andrew Gregory, with a plaque thanking him for his dedication and for his efforts to promote the history of the 25 CFSD.



LCol S. MacDonald, Dr. Andrew Gregory and  
CWO M. Cartier, Depot SM

## Agreement CFLM - 25 CFSD



Col A.M. Banville, LCol S. MacDonald, CWO J.P.P. Côté, Log Br CWO and  
CWO M. Cartier, Depot SM

The LBA, Col A.M. Banville, and the CO of 25 CFSD, LCol S MacDonald, signing the Service Level Agreement between the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum and the 25 CFSD. The museum is located at CFB Montreal and relies on the Depot for logistics support.





# Quite a discovery! Lest we forget

By LCol Guy Leclerc, Cmdt Canadian Forces Logistics Training Center (CFLTC)

On July 7, 2015, I took command Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre near Barrie, Ontario.

Three weeks ago, my staff invited me to the awarding of the best student trophy for the Qualification Level (QL) 5 – Traffic Technician course. The trophy bears the name of Corporal Bruce Stringer, Traffic Technician, and we had the rare opportunity of welcoming his father for the awarding of the prize - apparently, his second invitation in 20 years.

Immediately, I conducted some research to get a better understanding of the significance of this trophy in order to better prepare for my speech. On August 9, 1974, Corporal Bruce Stringer was a Loadmaster on United Nations Flight 51, a Canadian Forces Buffalo supply flight headed from Ismailia, Egypt, to Damascus Syria. Just after the plane crossed the border between Lebanon and Syria, three surface-to-air missiles were launched, destroying the plane and killing nine Canadians, including Corporal Bruce Stringer.

Today, August 9th, is National Peacekeepers' Day. Every year it is an occasion to honour and commemorate Canadians who have served or are serving in peacekeeping operations around the world. This date was chosen to remember the highest number of Canadian peacekeepers killed in a single incident.

Through my research, I also discovered other interesting facts: the Buffalo was brought home and restored at the museum in Hamilton, The Ottawa museum holds some artifacts and a memorial has been erected in Calgary.

I am now ready to pay tribute to Corporal Bruce Stringer.



(From left to right) CWO J.L. Lamontagne, CFLTC RSM, Mr. J. Stringer, WW II Veteran and retired CWO MSE Op; LCol J.M.G. Leclerc, CFLTC Cmdt



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## (Continued) Quite a discovery! Lest we forget

Late, the day before the ceremony, as I was going through my calendar and notes, I noticed that Mr. Stringer's bio had been added. To my great surprise, I discovered that he was born in 1920 and that he is a veteran of the Second World War and the Korean War. A retired Chief Warrant Officer, as well as a Logistician and Mobile Support Equipment Operator. Moreover, he now lives in a retirement home in Barrie. How could we have forgotten this individual?

I immediately changed my approach: I now realized that we also need to pay our respects to this man. Obviously, for his son's service and for his loss, but also, for Mr. Stringer's exemplary service with the Logistics Branch. After thinking it through, I called my senior disciplinarian and explained the situation. I told him we would put on our best uniforms and medals in order to pay respect to this man.

On the day of the event, Mr. Stringer, along with his son Stuart, were present at the ceremony. From the look in his eyes, it was clear that he was extremely pleased to be with us. The ceremony was very emotional and Mr. Stringer insisted on shaking everyone's hand as the certificates were handed out. Then, the senior non-commissioned members invited him to join them at their Base Chief Warrant Officer's weekly coffee break. Despite his fatigue, he gracefully accepted the invitation.

On this year's Remembrance Day, since it was difficult for Mr. Stringer to come out to the ceremony, the Regimental Sergeant Major and I paid a visit to this remarkable man, his charming wife and his son Stuart. The Stringer family was proud to be amongst military personnel for this commemoration. For us, we were proud to have found this man and to be able to pay him respect.

This is only the beginning of an adventure aimed at ensuring the heritage of the Canadian Armed Forces logistics.

Let's make sure we don't forget them.



**Mr. Stringer presents the Cpl Bruce Stringer Award for Top Student for QL5 Traffic Technician Course to Cpl Beach**



# 4 Wing Cold Lake



By Capt Skelhorn, A/W Pers Svcs O, Wing Admin

The Logistics Branch Adviser, Col Angela Banville and her Chief Warrant Officer, CWO P. Cote visited 4 Wing Cold Lake on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Col Banville is a Cold Lake alum, having been posted here as the WLEO for three years from 2009-2012. She was excited to be back to visit 4 Wing and to hear how things have been going here since her departure. She was given the opportunity to visit the various Logistics units and Branches on base including Wing Replen, TEME, W Admin and W Compt. She attended a luncheon with the Log Branch COs, OCs, CWOs, and MWOs at the All Ranks Kitchen. Following a luncheon with key members of the 4 Wg Logistics Branch, she had a meeting with W Comd Col Kenny. The day ended with a Town Hall including all Defence Team Logisticians where she discussed the role of the Logistics Branch Adviser and Logistics Branch Integrator and the direction that the Branch is headed in.



**Sgt Doucette 4 Wing Replen/Foods**

During her tour of the W Replen sections a number of changes and challenges were discussed including: the Air Force DEU rank change project; boots; the expansion of the clothing warehouse into the main warehouse; W Replen's request to have combat t-shirts included in the LOGISTIK UNICORP on-line contract; shortages of combat pants and shirts; The need for AGAD Fuel Farm Supervisor and AIUI Part A & B Train the Trainer courses to be run; problems with the Tac Side Fuel Farm; and why the SPS 2 (aircraft parts warehouse) was moved to its current location.

While at TEME, Col Banville toured the Medley Terminal and WO Peter Weir offered her a tour of the Movements section. This section provides the safe and efficient processing of passengers, baggage, and freight that comes through 4 Wing Cold Lake. Although the unit has faced shortages in manpower, the section is able to perform at the current op tempo 4 Wing demands: Its talented personnel consistently fulfill their mandate and achieve mission success.

Next, Col Banville visited the Refuelling section, which directly supports the flying operations here on 4 Wing. WO Sandi Green showed off our newest acquisitions of Tremcars, which allow us to refuel jets in an efficient and safe manner. MCpl Andrea Smith also showcased the Refueller of the Quarter Award, WTEME's newest initiative to recognize our human talent: This award is given quarterly to the individual who pumps the most fuel in the given time frame. With an average of 610,300L pumped per person, and the highest record of 1,286,703L pumped by a single individual, it is truly an impressive feat when one is bestowed this honour.



**Cpl Myles S. 4 Wing TEME/TN**

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# (Continued) 4 Wing Cold Lake

Sgt Tom Voigt briefed Col Banville on Heavy Equipment Section and its responsibility for the Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) on the airfield at 4 Wing. With the arrival of the fall season, SNIC is once again ramping up to combat the brutal winter that will soon bombard Cold Lake. The section is responsible to clear roads, taxiways, and runways in order to fulfill the NORAD mandate 4 Wing has been entrusted with.



**MCpl McDonald C.J. 4 Wing Air Reserve Flight**

While at WAdmin she and CWO Cote were given a tour of the Wing Primary Force Generation Cell, which was recently activated at 4 Wing to prepare the Op IMPACT Roto 2 Fighter Det and ATF for deployment. In total, the PFG cell will DAG 600 people for Op IMPACT this fall. The PFG cell is unique in that it is made up of Clerks on loan from a number of units across the Wing and would not be possible without the contributions made by all units on the Wing. For this reason it is a 'jewel in the crown' for the Wing since it showcases the efforts and teamwork of the Wing. She also had the opportunity to meet with personnel from PSP, the 4 Wg Air Reserve Flight and the 4 Wg Orderly Room.

The Town Hall proved to be an excellent opportunity to pass on information and for the troops to ask questions. An ongoing concern for personnel within the Log Branch has been the differing PLQ requirements from Environment to Environment for the purple trades. MWO Schmidt from W Foods asked if there would be a 'purple PLQ' course created to address the PLQ issue. According to Col Banville this has never been looked at, but the concern has merit and would be looked at by CWO Cote. MWO Wille from the ARAF asked if reserve Logisticians are considered in the Log Branch's Succession Plan. Col Banville answered that since the RCAF is more 'total force' in its employment of its Reserve Branch it could be possible, but the limiting factor would be the way the RCN and the CA use their Reserve Force Members. Comments were also made surrounding the new Traffic Tech Occupation Analysis and a potential new Domestic Procurement course.

During the Town Hall, Col Banville and CWO Cote presented deserving 4 Wg members with a Logistics Branch Coin, the recipients were: Sgt Doucette, MCpl McDonald-Whynott, Cpl Myles and Cpl Roberts.

Overall, the visit from Col Banville was an exciting opportunity for the 4 Wg Logistics Branch members to showcase their successes and better understand the direction of the Logistics Branch.



**Cpl Roberts M.R. 4 Wing LE HQ**



## The Bedford Magazine Explosion

By the History & Heritage committee of the CFLA NCR Chapter



### 1945 Halifax Explosion (night)

On July 18<sup>th</sup> 1945, some two and a half months after VE day, the residents of Bedford Nova Scotia, who could have been forgiven for thinking that their share of World War II fireworks were over, got a spectacular if unwanted surprise when, at 1830 hrs, a massive explosion was heard coming from the Halifax harbour, followed by a chain reaction of explosions that lasted for over 24 hours. The cause was a barge on the jetty of Bedford Magazine (now CFAD Bedford (Magazine Hill)) that had caught fire. A number of Royal Canadian Navy warships were undergoing refit in preparation for deployment to the Pacific and, because the main compound was completely full, their ammunition was stockpiled on the dock itself. The fire quickly spread from the barge to the dock and to the ammunition stacked there. Miraculously, damage to Halifax itself was limited to shattered windows, crumpled roofs, and cracked structures. Even more amazingly, there was only one fatality, a dock worker, and a small number of minor injuries amongst the population of Halifax. This was due in large part to the implementation of an emergency plan that had been created in the aftermath of the explosion which had devastated Halifax in 1917. Under the emergency plan, the northern half of the city was evacuated in an orderly fashion, an action which largely contributed to the minimal casualties. It is worth mentioning that the incident would have been infinitely worse but for the fact that they were able to rescue some thousands of depth charges from the flames. The fires were put out by Naval personnel who served as volunteer firefighters, a gesture which helped to ease some resentment still felt by the population of Halifax in the aftermath of some violent and destructive demonstrations during VE Day celebrations of the previous 7-8 May. The barge which was at the origin of this conflagration still lies on the seabed near the eastern shoreline, adjacent to the CFAD Bedford Magazine Dock. In 1995, the Navy began to remove some of the ammunition that had fallen into the harbour, and disposed of it by controlled explosion.

Sources of photos: Wikipedia & Mysteries of Canada.com

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### 1945 Halifax Explosion (day)



# Canadian Forces Support Unit (Europe)

By Sgt Mat Poulin, Traffic Supervisor (Furniture & Effects)



On Thursday 14 October 2015, the Commanding Officer of Canadian Forces Support Unit (Europe), LCol P.N. Feuerherm took over the parade in front of the Headquarters Building in Niederheid (Geilenkirchen), Germany to mark a special event in the short history of this Unit.

Canadian Forces Support Unit (Europe) was founded on 9 July 1993 but not until this day did it have a unit flag flown. Early on that particular morning the first Canadian Forces Support Unit (Europe) flag was raised, twenty-two years after the formation of the unit.

The flag was raised and flown for twenty four hours on the mast in front of the Headquarters, and was then lowered, to be placed within the presentation cabinet of the Command Suite.

## Many logisticians stand out during Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2015

*Capt Marilyn Lemay, DComd FLG*



The LIVEX portion of Ex TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2015, the biggest NATO exercise in the last 10 years, took place from 21 October to 6 November 2015 in Spain, Portugal and Italy. It involved a total of 36,000 soldiers, 140 aircraft and 60 ships from over 30 nations. 5 Service Battalion (5 Svc Bn) was tasked with generating a Forward Logistics Group (FLG) to support Canadian units of the (Canadian) Multinational Brigade in the Santa Margarida region of Portugal. Our technicians had the opportunity to work and interact with representatives of seven nations (Canadians, Portuguese, Italians, Poles, Germans, Bulgarians and Americans) and also received a waiver allowing them to provide support as needed. One instance of this was when they stepped in to refuel the German bridging vehicles.

The FLG was a team of 72 soldiers, airmen/airwomen and sailors in various combat service support (CSS) trades coming for the most part from 5 Svc Bn. Considerable pre-exercise preparation was required in order to provide robust combat service support in the execution phase. Planning, preparation and deployment of equipment, vehicles and personnel represented some serious challenges. Addressing our land, sea and air capabilities, the FLG took nothing for granted. It made sure to have everything needed to effectively support the troops deployed forward. First to arrive on the ground, the logisticians worked all out to receive equipment and issue it to the various units, including serialized materiel, camp stores and the assorted vehicles used to carry personnel forward or replenish them.

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**(Continue) Many logisticians stand out during Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2015**



The FLG provided genuine support during the two impressive portions of Ex TRJE 15; the Serialized Field Training Program (SFTP) and the Combined Joint Offensive Operations (CJOO). In the SFTP, the FLG primarily handled second line support and limited first line support to Canadian units, while assisting other nations as needed. The FLG supported offensive manoeuvres during the CJOO, providing the resources required for coordination and support of road movements, responding to requests for combat supply classes, and making resources available for consolidation. To ensure smooth conduct of operations, full battle procedure was executed each time a delivery point was planned.



As well, our logisticians had the opportunity and privilege to take part in technical and cultural exchanges with their Portuguese counterparts during a visiting and outreach day in which we were able to demonstrate some of our capabilities to the Portuguese civilian public and the other nations present.

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## **(Continue) Many logisticians stand out during Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 2015**

Another most worthwhile event caught the attention of a many logisticians. The FLG was able to visit the Portuguese Support Battalion of the Santa Margarida Garrison, which proudly demonstrated its equipment and capabilities. With the same generosity, the FLG then hosted the Portuguese logisticians in their lines. This exchange was very popular and beneficial. It certainly helped logisticians to learn while promoting continued positive relations with the host nation.

The FLG played a crucial role in all phases of the exercise and stood out for its flexible support and professionalism throughout Ex TRJE 15. 5 Svc Bn participation very certainly contributed to the success of the exercise.





## *The Construction of the DEW Line*

*By the History & Heritage committee of the CFLA NCR Chapter*

The Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line was built to be North America's first line of defence against Soviet bomber and InterContinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) attack from across the North Pole, the shortest route for the USSR to reach North America. The DEW line, with its chain of radar stations above the Arctic Circle and across the Canadian arctic as well as Alaska, Greenland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands, was first and foremost a joint Canadian/American project that would replace the inadequate and, by then, obsolete Mid-Canada and PineTree lines. More importantly, the DEW Line was arguably the most ambitious and logistically challenging military construction project in Canadian History.



Location of DEW Line Sites

The first phase in this monumental construction project was an aerial survey of potential sites; this involved more than a million miles of travel by mapping teams, and produced over 80,000 aerial photos. Once the operating sites were chosen, it was possible to start the hiring and transport to the polar regions of skilled labour, a process which began in December 1954. This also included the transport and installation of food, shelter, tools, machines and materials in order to construct; buildings, roads, storage tanks, towers, antennas, airfields and hangars. All in all, approximately 25,000 people were directly employed on this project, with 1.6 million others working on related projects and with products flowing in from over 113,000 purchase orders issues to 4,650 supplier companies in Canada and the U.S.. This included over 66,000 orders worth more almost \$200 million in Canada, and almost 50,000 orders worth almost \$150 million in the U.S.

With the personnel hired and the contracts issued, the next step was the giant task of transporting the building materials to the various sites during the short arctic summers. This was done by military and civilian airlifts as well as huge sealifts to dozens of arctic ports. These sealifts included 3,000 U.S. Army Transportation Corps soldiers who had been given special training in unloading of ships under arctic conditions. Once landed, the cargoes were transported to the sites along the entire length of the line by snowcat trains and barges for the building of the permanent settlements at each site. Naval convoys transported 281,600 tons of materials, with another 17,600 tons being moved by Cat Train, and 20,300 tons by barge between 1955 and 1957. An airlift brought in another 140,000 tons, for a grand total 459,900 tons of building materials.

Also shipped north were 75,000,000 gallons of petroleum products, including 43,000,000 gallons that arrived in 818,000 drums. The backbone of the whole operation was the airlift, mainly provided by the U.S. Air Force which used LC-130 Hercules from the 139<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron to do most of the work, with C-124 Globemasters and C-119 Flying Boxcars flying in support. A large number of civilian aircraft were also pressed into service, including small bush planes and airliners belonging to some 50 Canadian and 31 U.S. commercial airlines. Enough airstrips were built in the arctic to cover 26,700,000 square feet, more than 9,600,000 cubic yards of gravel were produced, 46,000 tons of steel were used, and sufficient power generation equipment was brought on line to produce 155,000 kilowatts of energy per day. Finally, 22,000 tons of food, 12 acres of bed sheets, 6 acres of rugs, 3 miles of window shades, and, last but definitely not least, 100,000 copies of 600 different manuals covering operation and maintenance of the line were also sent in during the 32 months before the DEW Line was finally ready for operations on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1957. The construction work itself was done under the direction of the Western Electric Company, an electrical engineering and manufacturing firm that had its headquarters in New York City and that was one of the companies that would eventually form the telecommunications giant AT&T. Work was done all year round, and would involve over 7,000 bulldozer operators, carpenters, masons, plumbers, welders, electricians and other tradesmen from the U.S. and Canada who laboured in 24hr daylight and darkness, blizzards and sub-zero cold to put it all together.

This project was truly an example of sustainment excellence executed by Logisticians, Engineers and Communications specialists in support of a national mission.



# 2 Service Battalion Birthday



2 Service Battalion 47th Annual  
1968-2015

## By 2Lt Stacey Decaire

2 Service Battalion was formed on 1 October 1968 following the amalgamation of several elements and consisted of Transportation Company, Supply Company, and Maintenance Company. The Battalion Flag was presented 26 June 1978, in recognition of the unit's tenth anniversary. Over the years, the Battalion has undergone numerous organizational changes and today the unit consists of 5 Companies (Supply, Maintenance, Transportation, RCME OJT and Administration) which enables the provision of second line combat service support to 2 CMBG and greater Garrison Petawawa.



On 6 November 2015, all members of 2 Service Battalion, military and civilian, joined together to celebrate the Battalion's 47<sup>th</sup> birthday. With the Cooks serving up excellent food, including a custom decorated cake courtesy of MCpl Grise's skill, unit members took a short pause from their very busy schedules to reflect on their accomplishments over the years.

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# Logistic Museum comes to CFLTC



*Mr. Andrew Gregory, the Log Branch Integrator's (LBI) Museum Curator is seen here discussing the 2nd battle of Ypres with LCol Leclerc, CFLTC Cmdt: Just one of many interesting items to be found on display in building T-145 for the next 6 months.*

The concept was inspired by the professionalism of the logistic community that the Curator, Dr. Andrew Gregory encounters every day. He believes that the achievements of “our” logisticians are no less incredible than of the combat arms. He has committed to collect, restore, preserve, interpret, and display materials that reflect the history of the Canadian Forces Logistics Branch. He intends to help educate the public and members of the military about the contribution of the Logistics Branch to the success of military operations by creating a mobile museum to show his compilation of artefacts and descriptive displays to various areas of Canada.

You are highly encouraged to visit CFLTC and take a walk through some of the remarkable Logistic History now on display within building T-145 until April 2016.

*By LCdr A.A. Thys, DCmdt CFLTC*

## Mobile Logistics Museum stops in at CFLTC

The mobile exhibit, created by the Canadian Forces Logistics Museum in Montreal, is entitled, WE WERE THERE: ARMY LOGISTICS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE GREAT WAR and chronicles the efforts of Canadian Army Logistics from August 1914 to June 1915.

The exhibit is divided into four segments: “The Initial Rush to Europe: August 5th to October 3rd 1914; Britain; France; and the Second Battle of Ypres, from 21 April to 25 May 1915.



*MWO Roach, LCol Leclerc from CFLTC and Dr. Andrew Gregory from LBI seen standing in front of the Mobile Logistics Museum currently on display at CFLTC*



# LOGISTICS BRANCH

## CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER'S CORNER



Is it December already? I must admit the last few months just flew by so fast. Indeed, during the last months as part of our cyclical visits, Colonel Banville and I had the opportunity to visit Cold Lake, Comox, Edmonton, Victoria, Rocky Point and Montréal and we were really impressed with the caliber of work Logisticians are producing in support of the Canadian Armed Forces mission. During these visits, we had the chance to meet dedicated and operationally focused people who, on a daily basis ensure the success of every mission. Furthermore, having talked to many Logistics Chief Petty Officers First Class and Chief Warrant Officers, I can say that all Logisticians across the Canadian Armed Forces provide exceptional work and we should be proud of what we do.

Next Year looks very promising. We have many ongoing and new initiatives that we hope will invigorate Branch strength & pride. To name a few, we will have our Branch Birthday, followed by the Logistics NCR NCMs Mess Dinner. We will continue to get ready for our 50th Anniversary. The Logistics Branch Awards & Recognition Directive and the NCMs Succession Plan Directive should be published soon. Of course, we will continue to be very busy but at the same time, it will be extremely rewarding to be part of these initiatives and once again, demonstrate what Logisticians can do!

Lastly, please allow me to take this opportunity to personally thank you all for your contribution to the Branch and the Canadian Armed Forces and have a great and safe Holiday Season!

CWO P. Côté





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# *A word from the editor!*

## Greetings fellow Logisticians



With the Festive Season upon us, many of us will be taking the time to spend time and visit our families, friends and loved ones, while reflecting on the year behind us and looking forward to all that 2016 will bring. We as Logisticians should take pride in our accomplishments over the past year, supporting domestic operations and to our contributions to missions on the international scene.

This year has been especially busy. Wherever there is a Canadian footprint, wherever services or support are provided, you are there, ensuring CAF personnel are properly equipped, fed, transported and benefiting from the financial and administrative needs that allow all of us to function at the highest level.

It's all too easy, when delivering services to others, to forget about ourselves. The Festive Season is a unique opportunity to take the time to reconnect with those who mean the most to us, to take advantage of the holidays to relax and enjoy some hard earned tranquility carved out of the tempest of our operational tempo. I would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and Merry Christmas, filled with joy and happiness and a prosperous New Year.

The next Newsletter is scheduled to be published 10 February 2016, I solicit your continued support by submitting your articles. The deadline for submissions is the 1 February 2016.

Remember that articles are required in a bilingual format and don't forget to include pictures. I'm always available and interested in your comments on how to improve our Newsletter and to hear all new and innovative ideas you have. Do not hesitate to contact me by email at [Pierre.Beauchamp3@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Pierre.Beauchamp3@forces.gc.ca) or by phone at (613)996-4739



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