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Logistician of the year



The Logistician of the Year Award was created in conjunction with our 50th anniversary and was presented for the first time in Borden on February 1st 2019. The intent of the award is to recognize the Junior NCM and Junior Officer of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service who most demonstrated exemplary devotion to duty, integrity, and professionalism in the delivery of logistic services to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Cpl Nicholas Betts, HRA from 406 Sqn in Shearwater, was the first recipient and was presented with the award by LGen Lamarre.

Taking on challenges well beyond his current rank and experience, Cpl Betts had a direct and positive effect on all activities in which he was involved. Whether through his in-depth knowledge of administrative procedures, his professional demeanour or his leadership attributes, Cpl Betts' ability to positively impact his surroundings extended far beyond his current position and had a significant impact on morale across his Squadron and the Wing. Cpl Betts embodies the best personal and professional attributes of a member of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service and is hereby recognized as the 2018 Logistician of the Year.

The award itself is built around the Logistics Branch CWO's cane that was retired in October 2018 when the Log Branch became the Royal Canadian Logistics Service. The Logistics Branch CWO's cane represents the highest level of achievement that a NCM can attain within the Logistics Service and therefore is a fitting symbol to represent the Logistician of the year. The award was created by LCdr G.D. Thompson, a logistics officer working at D Nav Log and also the artisan behind GDT Custom Woodcraft <https://www.facebook.com/GDTWoodcraft/>

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Upon close inspection of the trophy, one may notice that it is not perfect. There are screw and nail holes, marks and stains, which are signs that the wood has been used for other things. It is appropriate that these marks of a past life appear on this tribute to the Royal Canadian Logistics Service, because they are all marks of logistics service.

The main body is made from sugar maple recovered from a sugar bush. The holes where the spiles were driven into the trees to collect the sap and the stains from that sap are readily apparent. It is hard to think of something more Canadian than a maple tree that has been used for maple syrup production.

The wood that holds the Logistics occupation coins and fills the "interlocking chain links" of the Logistics cap badge are made from an unidentified softwood (although likely pine) recovered from pallets used to ship a member's furniture and effects home from an overseas posting.

The 3 inch 70 calibre gun system mounted in RESTIGOUCHE and MACKENZIE class ships was designed and manufactured in Britain at a time when the United Kingdom still had a significant number of overseas possessions. It is speculated that some of the ammunition purchased by Canada was boxed in a former British possession in the Far East, where hardwoods are much more available than the spruce normally used to box ammunition in Canada. When the 3 inch 70 calibre

guns were decommissioned at the turn of the Century, the remaining ammunition was demilitarized. As the boxes were being broken up, it was discovered that underneath the thick layers of paint, a number of the boxes were actually made of exotic hardwoods, such as the mahogany used to make the "interlocking chain links".

It is hoped that the recovered wood used in this trophy will continue to serve the needs of Logisticians as they have in the past.

The recipient for the Junior Officer has been selected but the presentation was not done before the publication of the Newsletter. Make sure to look at the next edition to find out more.





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50th Anniversary Flag Relay Officially ends in Borden



by *LCol Douglas Martin*

After 580 days – more than a year and a half – of travel, celebrations, festivities and adventure, the Royal Canadian Logistics Service 50th Anniversary Flag Relay ended with a special dedication at the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre at CFB Borden on 1 February.

CFLTTC staff, veterans, and VIPs, along with CWO Paul Flowers, the architect and lead organizer of the Flag Relay and his 2IC, PO2 Sonja Chisholm attended the unveiling of the Relay Flag and Pennant that is now prominently displayed in the student lounge of CFLTC along with a second display case featuring numerous mementoes collected during, or

associated with, the Relay.

“I truly believe in my heart that CFLTC is the perfect place for the flag to finally come to rest after its incredible journey,” said CWO Paul Flowers. “I believe having it reside here at the training centre, will inspire and challenge the Logisticians of tomorrow.”

The Flag Relay began on Canada’s 150th Birthday, 1 July 2017 at the National Military Cemetery (Beechwood) in Ottawa to honour fallen Canadians. From there the Flag was passed from Logistician to Logistician visiting Logisticians in 11 countries and all 10 Provinces and the three Territories of Canada. To name just a few highlights, the Flag soared

35,000 feet in a C-17, broke the sound barrier in a CF-18, dove 60 feet below sea-level, crossed, by land, two mountain passes, sailed in HMC ships and RHIBs (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats), road in numerous combat and logistics vehicles, flew in almost all types of CAF helicopters, went skiing, running, golfing, curling, was stalked by a wolf in CFS Alert, did two parachute dives with the SkyHawks, was featured on an official 50th Anniversary T-shirt, was the central focus in hundreds of group photos and passed through the hands of nearly 4,000 Logisticians. Total distance – 87,000 kilometres – more than twice around the world at the Equator.

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“What transpired with the Log 50th Flag Relay was an unprecedented sequence of events that exceeded all expectations and surpassed its aim to generate esprit de corps, inspire teamwork and promote pride and awareness within the Logistics Service,” said CWO Flowers.

The first of the two display cases included not only the 50th Anniversary Flag and Pennant adorned with stains, wrinkles and frays after the 19-month journey, it also contains the badges of the eight trades from all three elements within the Logistics Service, and the locations the flag visited; all mounted on royal purple velvet to depict what are affectingly known as the purple trades.

The second contains objects that either travelled with the flag or were significant to the relay and are mounted on Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force colours.

Two key elements in the second case include the signature of Her Excellency the Governor General, the Right Honorable Julie Payette. She

was the last person to sign the ledger and it is found in the third of three ledgers containing the signatures of nearly 4,000 Logisticians.

The other element is a motion sensor digital photo frame that displays a video containing more than 360 pictures of what the Royal Canadian Logistics Service accomplished during its remarkable “Year of the Logistician.”

“I’m proud of the legacy we are leaving for future Logisticians,” said PO2 Sonja Chisholm. “I am truly honoured to place my name in history with so many who have sacrificed and served the most versatile service of the Canadian Armed Forces. Opportunities come but once and this one was worth the wait.”

Logisticians who are on course or visiting Borden are strongly encouraged to stop by CFLTC to see the Flag, Pennant and mementos either to reminisce about the time and place when they saw the flag and signed the Logbook or to see this extraordinary piece of RCLS history for the first time.





Marching into the Future



Closure of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service's 50th Year

By Lcol Douglas Martin

The Royal Canadian Logistics Service's 50th Anniversary festivities officially ended on 1 February 2019 commemorated by two special events at CFB Borden hosted by Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre (CFLTC), the bastion of logisticians.

With about a thousand personnel in attendance, the first event was a tremendous success and included a graduation parade for 78 Human Resource Administrators – the next generation of Logisticians – who were presented with their Logistics Service Cap badge as part of the ceremony. Spectators were welcomed by members dressed in historic uniforms from the First and Second World War eras representing the past accomplishments as a service. It was an extremely proud day for the graduates and the 90 family members

who had travelled from across Canada to recognize this momentous occasion.

"Our logisticians on parade today are equipped with weapons, representing the 'warrior spirit' and the fact that as logisticians we are not bureaucrats, but supporters of operations; critical to mission success," said Capt John LaRose, the Master of Ceremonies. "We are soldiers, sailors, airmen and women first, prepared to embrace to the challenges that await us, to shape our future."

The second event, which occurred after the parade, was the dedication of the RCLS 50th Anniversary Flag and Pennant to remain on display at the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre. CFLTC staff, veterans, and VIPs, were invited to observe unveiling of the National Relay Flag, which is now prominently displayed in the student lounge of CFLTC.

"It is a great honour ... for us to be here as we close off the (50th

Anniversary) Year," said LGen Charles Lamarre, our Senior Logistician and reviewing officer for the parade. "Clear across Canada we conducted a number of events and ceremonies that made sure that Logisticians can draw on their pride of what it is to be a Logistician."

Then specifically to the new HRAs, LGen Lamarre said, "You have chosen the right time to serve the Canadian Armed Forces. You have chosen the right time to be a Logistician ... Thank you for your decision to serve Canada."





RCLS 50th Anniversary Closing Message from the National Committee Chair
◇ **Brigadier-General Virginia Tattersall –**
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“On Friday, 1 February 2019, we officially ended the Royal Canadian Logistics Service's 50th Anniversary. This anniversary of the amalgamation of various support trades into the then Logistics Branch offered us an important opportunity to reinforce a sense of pride and unity among those who serve or have served under the Logistics cap-badge and to demonstrate to those not part of the RCLS our pride in what we do.

I would like to express my appreciation first and foremost to everyone who contributed to or participated in the various events and activities organized across Canada and overseas. In particular, I would like to thank Col Dan Riviere and LCol Todd Hirtle for stepping in and ensuring that the National Committee's plan for the 50th was executed so successfully, notwithstanding the many changes and challenges that arose. I would like to commend the Regions for their engagement and support of the 50th at the Regional Level.

I would especially like to commend the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre, Cdr Francis Turcotte, Maj Corinne Koekhuyt, CWO Jean St-Laurent and before him CWO Luc Lamontagne, for the tremendous effort of all ranks at CFLTC to celebrate the 50th from the para-drop with the SkyHawks to the LOGGIE FIVE-O photo to the graduation parade on 1 February. Your efforts to lay that groundwork of pride in the RCLS are critical to our long-term unity and esprit de corps.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our Senior Logistician, LGen Chuck Lamarre, and the active involvement of the Logistics Branch Integrator (Col BJ Johnson, CWO Patrick Dufour) and the Colonel Commandant MGen (ret'd) Mark McQuillan.

Finally, I would be remiss to not thank CWO Paul Flowers and PO2 Sonja Chisholm for the 50th Flag Relay – it truly was the unifier for everything we did to mark the 50th and the fact that the flag and mementos will remain here at the school to bear witness to future generations of our pride at being Logisticians is fitting.

It is always a fine day to be a Logistician. Servitium Nulli Secundus.

Virginia Tattersall

Brigadier-General

Chair

National Committee





2 Service Battalion



Decon Pl – 25 Jan 2019; after ENDEX is called during Ex DECON BEAR II.

Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Decontamination Platoon

Exercise DECON BEAR II – 18-28
JANUARY 2019

*Prepared by: Lt N.D. Coutu, 2 Svc Bn Decon
Pl Comd*

2 Service Battalion (2 Svc Bn) recently deployed its Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) Decontamination Pl (Decon Pl) during Ex DECON BEAR II to conduct continuation training for the Decontamination Operators who belong to Decon Pl, train a new group of Surge Operators who will augment Decon Pl and trial the decontamination system on operations in an indoor environment. This exercise saw the decontamination of vehicles and equipment as well as ambulatory and non-ambulatory casualties.

2 Svc Bn is the Lead Mounting Unit (LMU) for the high readiness decon capability and is tasked to provide the leadership and qualified Decontamination Operators

to deploy and operate the decontamination system. The Decon Pl is a joint effort between 2 Svc Bn, 2 Field Ambulance (2 Fd Amb), and a contingent of Surge Operators, in this case from 2 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (2 RCHA). The Decon Pl is comprised of over 35 personnel from 2 Svc Bn, 20 personnel from 2 Fd Amb, and 34 Surge Operators from 2 RCHA which together form a platoon of close to 100 personnel. This effort is coordinated by the Supply Company Officer Commanding (OC Sup Coy), Major J.T. Gaudet, and the Decon Pl Commander (Decon Pl Comd), Lieutenant N.D. Coutu.

The exercise began with the issuing of orders to the Decon Pl Comd, who subsequently made all the arrangements possible to move the Decon Pl, decon system, and all decon stores to an indoor location within Garrison Petawawa. For this exercise, the large interior space of the TAPV barn was used to accomplish the mission. The Decon Pl employs over 15 vehicles to move all of the required

stores and personnel needed to conduct decontamination tasks for a 72 hour period.

Between 21-23 January 2019, the Decon Pl deployed the system indoors and trained the Surge Operators to perform decontamination tasks alongside the Decontamination Operators from 2 Svc Bn and 2 Fd Amb. During this period, the Surge Operators learned how to perform rudimentary decontamination drills such as undressing drills and detection drills to assist the Decontamination Operators in the operation of the decon system. Their role is critical to ensure that the Decon Pl can effectively manage the demands and fatigue associated with operating within a CBRN environment for an extended period of time. A great deal of effort is made by the Decon Pl leadership to ensure that personnel operating the decontamination system follow a strict regimen of work/rest cycles to manage and balance personnel degradation factors with maximum productivity.

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The exercise culminated with a confirmation period between 24-25 January which saw the Decon Pl conduct a road move and deploy for two full uninterrupted decontamination cycles. This coincided with a visit from 4th Canadian Division Commander Brigadier General J.J.M.J. Paul on 25 January who observed the Decon Pl in action. Representatives from Canadian Nuclear Labs (CNL) in

Chalk River, ON, also visited the decontamination site to learn more about this new capability. They are interested in comparing 2 Svc Bn Decon Standard Operating Procedures with their radiation decontamination response plan which has been an educational experience for both organisations. The Decon Pl remains ready to respond to CBRN incidents at home and abroad until fall 2019, when 5 Svc Bn in Valcartier, Quebec will assume the high readiness task from 2

Svc Bn.

The Decon Pl is also preparing to participate in two large scale exercises in the next six months. The Divisional exercise, Ex TRILLIUM RESPONSE, will be held in March 2019 where the Decon Pl will be deployed under an Immediate Response Unit (IRU) context, while the NATO exercise, Ex PRECISE RESPONSE 2019, will be a live agent exercise held in July 2019.



A 2 Svc Bn Decontamination Operator is using Inactive Skin Decontamination Lotion (ISDL) to decontaminate a member on the ambulatory line after they have stripped them of their Chemical Defence coveralls.

A 2 Svc Bn Decontamination Operator spraying DF200 decontaminant on a Tactical Armoured Personnel Vehicle (TAPV) to eliminate the CBRN hazard.





4th Canadian Division Training Centre detachment Petawawa



The Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) Standard Military Pattern (SMP)

by: WO Mike Girard, Training Pl WO, 4 CDTC D Coy.

The MSVS SMP

The Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) Standard Military Pattern (SMP) replaces the tired Medium Logistic Vehicle Wheeled (MLVW). Bigger, stronger, more versatile and equipped with the latest technology, the MSVS SMP is highly anticipated by everyone. Central Tire Inflation System (CTIS) for road, track, sand and snow, Anti-lock and Electronic Brake System ABS/EBS and higher crane capacity are some of the new features found on the trucks.

These trucks arrived in Petawawa last September via the Equipment Fielding Detachment (EFD) and inspected

under the field service representative, Mr. Phillip Agar from Valcom/Mack Defense. Mack Defense was hired to teach the initial Instructor Cadre Training (ICT) at 4 Canadian Division Training Centre (4 CDTC D Coy).

Most vehicles will transition through EFD for delivery to 4th Division units. As part of the fielding implementation plan, all training centres across Canada will deliver the steady state of cadre training. As such, 17 vehicles (Cargo, material handling crane (MHC), load handling system (LHS) and trailers) were sent to D Coy to begin the "train the trainer" approach.

The contracted ICT team

The ICT team consisted of former service members; head instructor Mr. Robert Davis (retired Engineer), instructors Mr. Joe Ferguson (retired MSE OP), Mr. Art Elbridge (retired Armour Corps) and Mr. Al Harper (retired Armour Corps). The team

worked tirelessly, training 60 instructors over a series of eight serials between October and December.

The Candidates

Handpicked from units within 4th Division, candidates received the initial training; which focused on qualifying future instructors. Candidates required a breath of experience prior to receiving training. Qualifications required were; either MSVS MilCOT, HLVW, SHLVW or AHSVS with trailer operating experience. Training was fast and furious; all variants were taught within seven days.

Continuation

An important part of the implementation is to continue

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4th Canadian Division Training Centre detachment Petawawa

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delivering training to all of 4th Canadian Division units, giving them the capability to train and operate this new asset. D Coy is spearheading this steady state by providing an additional seven serials. According to the Training Plan (TP), the training will be longer than the contractor led ICT. Serials will be a mix of qualified instructors as well as new drivers on all vehicle variants between January and April. Furthermore; newly qualified Army Driver Wheel operators will be able to attend one of three serials between May and June. In other words we are ready to train!

Conclusions

The ICT training & fleet implementation was a great success, mainly due to D Coy's extensive experience in logistics. They were chosen to host and support ICT and given the responsibility to provide; training grounds, classrooms, tools, equipment, POL, Maintenance Parts and Labour (MP&L) services, students' prerequisite verifications, and liaising with the other Divisions. The professionalism and tireless efforts displayed between the ICT team and D Coy were clearly evident. Students were very impressed with the new truck's capabilities.

Special thanks to all personal who made this training successful, specifically; EFD Petawawa, ICT team, 2 CMBG Ops, 450 Sqn, and Maj Karen Poirier, OC D Coy. Her leadership & support was the driving force behind this endeavor.





Canadian Joint Operations Command

CJOC HQ 51st Birthday celebration of the RCLS





3 Canadian Support Unit



Left to right: WO Provost (Sergeant-major 4 CFMCU), Maj Gagnon (CO 4 CFMCU), Col Zimmer (Comd CMSG), BGen Quinn (COS Support CJOC), LCol Huot (CO 3 CSU) and MWO Fortin (Acting Sergeant-major 3 CSU)

50th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Logistics Service: Closing of the celebrations at 3 CSU and 4 CFMCU

By Cpl Dorian Amona-Mbani

“This has been a memorable and proud year for all Logisticians as we celebrated our 50th anniversary — the Year of the Logistician. Together we have recognized and celebrated the diligence, traditions, and sacrifice of logisticians serving in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) over the last 50 years. Now we must embrace the future and continue to provide Service Second to None. As we shift our focus towards the next 50 years, my intent is to close the 50th commemoration program with a last symbolic activity

at the bastion that represents the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Centre (CFLTC) in Borden.” These were the clearly stated intentions of LGen Charles Lamarre, Commander of MILPERSCOM and Senior CAF Logistician, in his National Directive of January 28th 2019 on the closing celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) on February 1st 2019.

As a result, 3 Canadian Support Unit (3 CSU) and the 4 Canadian Forces Movement Control Unit (4 CFMCU) responded to LGen Lamarre's directive by receiving two high-level guests from the Canadian Armed Forces Logistics Service. “Today, we are privileged to have with us two distinguished guests” said LCol Martin Huot, 3 CSU Commanding

Officer, referring to BGen David Quinn (COS Support, CJOC) and Col Christopher Zimmer (Commander of the Canadian Materiel Support Group). With enthusiasm, LCol Huot first wished a happy Logistics birthday to the civilian and military members gathered in large numbers in the compound of the building housing the two operational units, based at CFB Longue-Pointe in Montreal, before passing the floor to BGen Quinn.

BGen Quinn opened his speech by handing Coins to two deserving members of 3 CSU – Capt Donald Viel and Cpl Yvan Michaud – who were voluntarily part of the Logistics Branch Fund. This provided an opportunity for BGen Quinn to

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remind the two recipients - and also the gathered audience - of the pride and sense of belonging that have characterized the Logistics Service for a long time. "This sense of belonging is natural among the members of the Logistics Service. I do not think there is another group that can claim that in the Canadian Armed Forces," said General Quinn proudly.

In addition to his remarks regarding the tenacity, history, and spirit of the CAF Logistics personnel and the Service as a whole, BGen Quinn also made a point to remind the military and DND civilian personnel of the importance of service with dignity and respect, through Operation HONOUR. "Turning a blind eye to misconduct is like accepting it. We

will stop talking about Operation HONOUR only when we do not have the kind of problems that we currently have each week. A healthy work environment is a guarantee of the success of our operations."

In accordance with LGen Lamarre's recommendations, the celebration of the 51st Anniversary - and the closing of the 50th celebrations - at 3 CSU and 4 CFMCU ended with the symbolic cutting of the cake. In that same spirit of celebration, BGen Quinn candidly stated that he hoped that cutting the cake last would ensure he would not lose his train of thought with regard to his address to the gathered members, an assertion that did not fail to make everyone share a laugh.





Task Force Jerusalem



Celebration of the 51st Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) – Operation PROTEUS

By Maj Brigitte Noël, Human Resources Program Manager, Roto 19

The logisticians and other members of Task Force Jerusalem (TFJ) proudly celebrated the 51st anniversary of the RCLS. For the occasion, Colonel Serge Ménard, Deputy Commander of TFJ and Director of Operations Support (Ops Sp) at the Office of the United States Security Coordinator (USSC), shared with the entire Canadian contingent an anniversary cake specifically prepared for this event. A reminder of the milestones in the history of the Logistics Service was also presented by Lieutenant (Navy) Yoon An, Logistics Officer of the National Support Element (NSE). In addition to the Roto 19 members of Operation PROTEUS deployed to Jerusalem for

one year, we were fortunate to have four Canadian logisticians on a Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) deployed to support the Basic Logistics Course being delivered at the Central Training Institute in Jericho.

Consisting of 24 Canadians, TFJ is composed of 21 military members from all three elements and three civilian police officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Fredericton Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). The five members assigned to the NSE closely work with the Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC) Headquarters and are also assisted by local employees essential to the success of our mission and who fill the roles of cultural advisors, language assistants and drivers. Other members of TFJ coming from various military occupations are integrated into the USSC in the Ops Sp directorate; Strategic Plans and Assessments

directorates; Training, Education and Leadership Development (TED) directorate or; as Liaison Officers (LNO).

TFJ offers logisticians a unique experience in planning, organizing, advising and supporting the mission in a cultural and political environment that brings challenges and great opportunities. Various logistics specialties are represented such as Logistics Officers, Transport Officer, Supply Officer, Human Resources Officer, Financial Services Administrator and Human Resources Administrator.

Servitium Nulli Secundus



Task Force Jerusalem



Col Menard, Deputy Commander of Op Proteus and CWO Gouin cutting the Logistics Cake in Jerusalem.





Cake Cutting with MS St-Pierre with CO and RSM CDSG Technical Services Branch.

attendance, thanking everyone for their exemplary work day in and day out, as well as handing out a few Logistics Branch Fund coins for newly joined members. This was followed by a breakdown of events by newly promoted Lt Thavarajah, the OPI for the day.

For those not participating in the curling, there were cards, board games, darts and refreshments to take part in and of course, spectating and cheering on the 10 teams who did participate in curling. For those participating, there was some friendly competition and banter, a few slips on the ice and even more laughs to be had.

The day was wrapped up with the breaking of bread amongst friends and colleagues. We all joined together to sing March of the Logistics Branch before cutting into the amazing Logistics cake. The CO and RSM were joined by MS St-Pierre, the creator of the cake, in the ceremonial cutting of the cake. A wonderful spread of food, including Caesar Salad, garden salad, chicken souvlaki, Lasagna and subway was served. Ultimately, everyone left with full bellies and happy hearts. Happy Birthday Logistics!

By: MCpl Lindsay Schock

The 51st Logistics Birthday was celebrated on February 1st, 2019, with military and civilian Logisticians from 3 Canadian Division Support Group Wainwright, in what has become an annual tradition, curling. Members braved the cold and snow, left their desks and warehouses behind

and joined together to celebrate a day that commemorates the hard work they put forth each and every day.

The day began with opening ceremonies on the ice, with everyone joining in to sing our beautiful National Anthem under the biggest Logistics flag in the West. Following O Canada, the CO of CDSG Technical Services Branch, LCol Parker and RSM CWO Runge addressed those in



Largest Logistics flag in the West, Wainwright AB



Garrison Petawawa

By 2Lt Roy Rios

The Royal Canadian Logistics Service (RCLS) celebrated its 51st birthday on 1 February 2019. In Petawawa, the milestone was celebrated with a variety of sporting events and a barbeque luncheon that was meant to engage all the members of the RCLS based at Garrison Petawawa to foster pride, comradery, and improve morale.

The event began with Lieutenant Colonel Kieran Kennedy, Commanding Officer of 2 Service Battalion delivering a speech at the opening ceremonies at Dundonald Hall, followed by a morning full of competitive and fun sports. Logisticians of Garrison Petawawa enjoyed friendly games of ice hockey, ball hockey, indoor soccer and volleyball while clearly demonstrating

a healthy competition between the various RCLS professions as well as between the officers and Non-Commissioned Members (NCM). The sports were followed by a barbeque luncheon which was prepared by the cooks of 2 Service Battalion and attended by approximately 300 logisticians from various units across Garrison Petawawa. This gathering allowed the logisticians from different units to share a meal, stories and each other's company. RCLS Challenge Coins were also handed out to members during the luncheon.

The luncheon was highlighted by 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (CMBG) Commander Colonel Adair and Brigade Sergeant Major Chief Warrant Officer Forest's attendance at the cake cutting ceremony. Colonel Adair was assisted by the youngest logistician in

attendance Pte Wilson, at the ceremonial cutting of the RCLS' birthday cake. He also presented 2 CMBG Commander's coins to two deserving 2 Service Battalion members. He then shared a personal story of his experience in Afghanistan where he realized first-hand the importance of RCLS soldiers, and the outstanding capability they provide to enable the fight.



Left to Right: LCol K.K. Kennedy, CO 2 Svc Bn; Col J.T. Adair, 2 CMBG Comd; Pte O. Wilson, Ammo Tech; Sgt A.Daigle, 2 IC Food Svcs



Garrison Petawawa



LCol K.K. Kennedy, CO 2 Svc Bn addressing the RCLS members during the opening ceremony.



Left to Right: Col J.T. Adair, 2 CMBG Comd; Capt E.C. Elgar, 2IC Admin Coy; Pte C. Dube, Supply Tech; CWO M.P. Forest, 2 CMBG SM.

Col J.T. Adair, 2 CMBG Comd sharing his personal story to RCLS members during the luncheon.





Canadian Forces Logistics Association

75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands: Op FAUST 1945-2020

This title should bring one or two questions to mind; what was Op Faust and why is this in the RCLS Newsletter? Well, the following article should answer these two questions and perhaps create a few more.

Op FAUST 1945: The Canadian Army provides starvation relief for Holland

Article by the Canadian Forces Logistics Association

The winter of 1944-45 was a desperate time that came to be known as the "hunger winter" in Holland. What little food there was had been largely commandeered by the occupying German forces and many thousands suffered malnutrition and even death (including a fifteen year old girl named Audrey Ruston, who survived her winter of privation in Arnhem and, despite lifelong ill-health from eating tulip bulbs and bread baked from grass, went on to become the award-winning actress and renowned humanitarian that we remember as Audrey Hepburn).

By April of 1945 the 1st Canadian Army was driving hard against the remaining elements of the German Army in western Holland and the local German leadership, sensing the imminent finish and perhaps nervous about the prospect of war crimes charges for their treatment of the population, offered a truce to allow the allies to distribute food to the starving civilians. American and British/Canadian air operations (Op CHOWHOUND and Op MANNA)



were quickly organized, with allied bombers flying at low level to drop massive quantities of food over city rooftops, some of them bearing signs that read "Thank You, Canadians".

Unfortunately, the shattered Dutch distribution system and the lack of or ill health of available civilian labour made it impossible to distribute this food effectively, and it became obvious that the 1st Canadian Army would have to get involved in a large and active program to carry food over land and across German lines for the relief of the starving Dutch population. Operation FAUST had its beginning on 1 May, 1945 when 1st Canadian Army Commander LGen Charles Foulkes met 25th German Army Commander LGen Paul Reichelt to organize safe passage for the food-laden land convoys. The two sides agreed that neutral corridors would be

established in the north and the south and that in these areas all troops would stand fast, there would be no patrols, and the firing of weapons of any kind would be forbidden. Foulkes and Reichelt subsequently agreed to expand the neutral zone and to form a Joint Food Distribution Committee to deal with any complaints regarding the proper execution of the operation, and Reichelt agreed to provide guards to protect food dumps from civilians and German Troops.

Having been tasked with the urgent land delivery of food, coal and medical supplies, the trucks of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) began to roll on 2 May 1945, and by the following day, a fully -loaded convoy of 30 vehicles was crossing the line every 30 minutes.

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During the talks Foulkes tried to interest Reichelt in the idea the surrender, but Reichelt declined, saying that he and his troops would rather open the dykes to flood Holland and to fight and die rather than surrender the country (A position that he subsequently reconsidered when Foulkes pointed out that flooding the country and thereby adding unreasonably to the already considerable suffering of the Dutch people would certainly lead to war crimes charges against those responsible).

Dutch labourers loaded the Op

FAUST trucks with food and supplies at two Service Corps supply dumps in Nijmegen, and the convoys proceeded from there to drop-off points in the neutral zone, where the supplies were handed over to the Dutch authorities who were responsible for dispersal and distribution. The Dutch were aided in this by the provision of 200 Canadian military vehicles for frontline distribution and by the work of additional Canadian troops assigned to help make up for the weakened condition of many Dutch labourers and to stand in for the massive numbers of able-bodied men who had either been sent to Germany as slave workers or who had been driven into hiding to escape such a fate.

Op FAUST ran from 2-9 May 1945, and delivered between 840 and 1141 tons of food and supplies per day. This came at a time when death had already stricken the very young, the elderly, and the poor but, were it not for these food runs, acute starvation would certainly have set in and would have caused a massive increase in suffering and death throughout the occupied Dutch territories.

Source: *thefreelibrary.com*; *The Best Little Army in the World*, Granatstein, HarperCollins, 2015.





Op FAUST 2020: Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary

Canadian Logistics troops played a significant role in the liberation of the Netherlands and to highlight their contribution, the Canadian Forces Logistics Association, in conjunction with the RLCS and “Keep Them Rolling” a Dutch grassroots vehicle preservation society, has taken the lead in planning and organizing a “battlefield tour” in the Netherlands. This will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of those logisticians who came before us and to take part in what should undoubtedly be a great

lesson in history.

The tour is scheduled to take place between 29 April and 8 May 2020 and includes visits to important Canadian battlefields in the Netherlands, monuments, museums and Commonwealth War Cemeteries. Participants will also attend the Canadian ceremony at Wageningen on Liberation Day and participate in the “Keep Them Rolling” convoys.

All planned activities are led by the experienced military historians and veterans of “Fields of Fire tours” and include all meals, travel by coach bus in the Netherlands, and all accommodations.

Of course, all the details have not been finalized at the time of publishing but if this sounds like something you would be interested in, make sure to inform your technical chain of command and stand by for further details.

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CHIEF'S CORNER

Well that's it, the "Year of the Logistician" has now come to an end with the celebration of the 51st throughout the country and abroad. What a whirlwind it has been. With this over it's always fun to look back and reminisce about everything great that happened but for the time being let's stay in the present.

The Colonel Commandant, RCLS-I and myself regularly have opportunities to meet with you in various bases and forums and one commonality that we see everywhere is that we have great people doing great work, so thank you! Another point that comes back is the fact that, for some reason, we still have logisticians who don't know about the Royal designation or the Service Fund. This is a conundrum. Between the coverage in the newsletters, on social media, and the celebrations, it's safe to say that we still have a ways to go regarding communicating these important issues.

On the bright side, if you are reading this then I am confident that you are

not part of the problem, so I would like to ask you to be part of the solution.

Be an ambassador and help us make sure that all logisticians are aware that we are the Royal Canadian Logistics Service. That we have a Service Fund designed to strengthen the sense of community, pride, and sense of belonging across the RCLS. We need our logisticians to understand that the only way this Fund can help build cohesiveness is by people supporting the Fund. It's like the chicken and the egg analogy, support the Fund so it can support you J

I can tell you that we won't stop working at it and convert logisticians one at a time if it's what it takes, but with your assistance we can get there much faster. If you are interested in building a better and stronger RCLS all you need to do is become a

voice and help us make sure that our message is heard.

Keep up the good work.

CWO P. Dufour



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