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THE EDITOR’S RANT

Good afternoon, all. First of all, I need to apologize to all on the delay in which this edition was rolled out. Absolutely my issue, and a steep learning curve in taking over this task. I sincerely intend to remedy this for the next edition, which should arrive shortly after the turn of the New Year. I’m aiming for mid-February.

Oh, for those who don’t know who I am, my name is Lt Peter Rosendal, Battle Captain for A Squadron in Medicine Hat. I actually reside with my family and parade in Lethbridge, as we still are looking to the day when 3 Troop grows to the point in which we can become “C” Squadron, South Alberta Light Horse.

So many things happened in 2021 which posed challenges to the Regiment. COVID-19 hit the Army hard in 2020, causing training issues, new technology issues (virtual parading and meetings on Teams, etc.), and personnel issues, as people dealt with masking and vaccine mandates.

Everything seemed to come to a halt, until restrictions were somewhat relaxed, and in-person training was once again allowed. For now, our job has become one of recovering from the halt to recruiting and collective training, grow the Regiment back to where it was prior to COVID, and beginning once again to hone our skills.

This leads me to the next point, the change of our role from Armoured Reconnaissance to Cavalry. I am extremely excited for this change, as it brings me back to the days when the South Alberta Light Horse was able to form a full squadron and echelon in the field (we did it once, in the mid 1990’s!) and exercise as we did back then using aggressive, direct fire tactics which some of us still remember.

I hope that things get back to “normal” again soon. We certainly have the leadership and soldiers to accomplish this. It just takes a cavalry attitude...

“Audace, audace, toujours l’audace!”

SEMPER ALACER

The Commanding Officer's Message

Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Onieu, CD

To start, I must sadly acknowledge the death on 21 April 2021 of Colonel Stanley Albert Milner, OC, AOE, MSM, CD. His leadership, generosity, determination, and keen interest in the welfare of his Regiment were unsurpassed. He was and remains an integral part of the Regiment's fabric and history, and we will never forget him.

2021, or PANDEMIC PRONGHORN, saw the Regiment frequently forced to operate from a "virtual" force posture, coming together primarily for exercises and individual training directly tied courses and mandated exercises. While onerous, the plague-ridden operating environment did not prevent us from completing the gamut of training and courses outlined in our Operating Plan. As 41 Canadian Brigade Group's Territorial Battalion Group, we completed Exercises DOMESTIC GRIZZLY and GRIZZLY READY in the first quarter, in anticipation of a TBG deployment that never materialized. We turned over the TBG responsibilities to the Calgary Highlanders in October. Exercises PRONGHORN CHARLIE, DELTA and ECHO were executed prior to Regional Summer Training, which saw numerous personnel gone as candidates and instructors. A Sqn competed on behalf of the Regiment in the Countess of Wessex Cup in April, putting in an excellent showing that definitely would have been a win if we could have participated in person. In the fall, we completed Regimental gun camp Ex PRONGHORN GUNNER, before gaining approval for a hybrid Soldiers Christmas Dinner. Unable to gather the whole Regiment, we held two

dinners in Edmonton and Medicine Hat, complete with awards, promotions and of course turkey.

While we were able to complete our core tasks, our ceremonial, social and non-essential activities were severely curtailed, and recruiting delays were extensive – we recruited 14 soldiers and three officers.

It's accurate to say that we didn't have a Regimental social life in 2021, and we all strained under the shackles of the restrictions. But, as I am writing in 2022, the future looks much brighter, and we hope to shed the health restrictions soon and get back to a vibrant Regimental calendar.

2022 will see the Regiment convert to Cavalry from Reconnaissance, as part of the Corps Cavalry Conversion which in turn is related to Force 2025 structures. To distill a complex issue, Cavalry encompasses the whole range of Corps tasks, from direct fire through recce. The entire corps will consist of four car troops, whether tracked or wheeled, and we expect changes to our mission task of providing a CBRN troop. What won't change is the requirement to generate trained, professional soldiers ready to integrate into operational tasks, and that will remain our focus.

Finally, what stands out to me most about 2021 is how our soldiers, leaders, Association and Foundation were not deterred by any of the year's adversity. In that fighting spirit, enjoy this edition of the Sabre and Spur, with many thanks to Lt Rosendal for taking on the important role of making it happen.

Semper Alacer

Regimental Sergeant-Major's Message

Chief Warrant Officer Gerald Olsen, CD

Wow!! What a year we had!! Where did it go?? So, we found ourselves still trying to achieve our training goals while continuing to suffer under pandemic conditions. All in all this past year saw the Regiment begin to provide training and courses, in an effort to reduce the backlog we have suffered from the previous year. Herculean efforts and incredible levels of dedication and commitment were demonstrated by the NCOs and officers in order that the troops could get that all important training we could not complete the year previous. 2021 saw the troops going back on exercises, while trying to maintain COVID protocols, which offered all sorts of new challenges. Who would have thought that attempting to conduct military training during a pandemic would be the new normal state of affairs and yet here we are.

2020/21 saw the Regiment training BMQs, DPI and young NCOs attending a western Army driven ACC, with incredible success rates. I was proud to see our instructors so eager to lead and teach. Its soldiers like this who make it so easy to be the RSM. We, the Regiment, continued to receive accolades and congratulations on the quality of our leaders. By constantly maintaining the axiom "always do the next right thing", the soldiers of this Regiment continue to impress those around us.

2021 saw the loss of two very important people affiliated to the Regiment. In April we lost our Regimental benefactor and father of the SALH Foundation, HCol Stan Milner. The impact that

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"Col Stan" had on the Regiment is perpetuated by the Best Sgt drill cane, which Col Stan donated to the Regiment. The "Tom Milner Drill Cane" is awarded every year to the Top Sgt. Col Stan was also responsible for several other projects in Regimental lines, and was a huge benefactor to those soldiers in need. He will be sorely missed. In May we lost Mrs. Gaye Young, wife of our Honourary Colonel, to a long battle with cancer. Mrs. Young was not only the epitome of grace and dignity, she was a staunch supporter of the Regiment and the Regimental family. She is deeply missed.

2021 saw the Regiment being directed, along with the rest of the Canadian Armoured Corps, to change its title and role to the Canadian Cavalry Corps. This transition from "sneak and peek" reconnaissance to aggressive fighting for information will be long and slow, but I have every confidence that the soldiers of this Regiment will embrace the change.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of this Regiment for your steadfast resilience and your incredible dedication through these trying times. I am made proud every time I get to stand in front of you just knowing the caliber soldiers you have become. You never cease to amaze and impress me. Keep doing what you do best and keep doing it for the right reasons. Keep practising those new health protocols and we will all come out of it together. This too shall pass.



Message from the Association

Who would have thought that we would still be grappling with masks, lockdowns, and vaccinations at the end of 2021? The last year and a half has been quite challenging for all of us. Your Association Executive has performed admirably during this time.

We bid adieu to Rob McCue, who was the first Historical Officer for the Association. Rob did great work during his time on the Executive. He maintained important connections with our SAR veterans and oversaw our contributions to various historical initiatives, such as Project 44. I am confident we will see Rob pop up from time to time – anybody who knows Rob knows that he can't help but stay involved. (No pressure, though!)

Greg Yanda stepped down from the President's role after 6 years leading the Association. He is returning to his original capacity as Events Officer for Edmonton. During his 6 years, Greg oversaw significant capacity building for the Association. He recruited wonderful board members. Under his tenure, membership, finance, and the kit shop all made significant advances.

Greg's decision to step down as President allowed me the opportunity to step into the role. For those who don't know me, I served with the Regiment from 1992 to 2006, mostly with B Squadron, but also with RHQ for a couple years. I joined the Regiment as a Trooper and left as a Captain. During that time, I deployed on four operational tours (Bosnia 94, 97, 02/03, and Haiti 04). I have been the Secretary for the Association since inception.

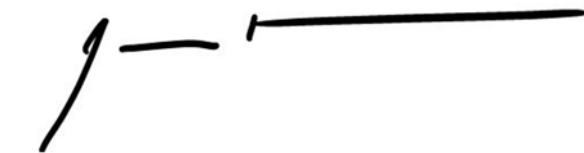
We welcomed two new board members at our 2021 AGM. Norman Leach, a well-respected and oft-published historian, is now the Regimental History Officer. Angeline Rolf, former Commanding Officer of 3068 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, one of our affiliated Corps, is the new Secretary. Both will be familiar to anybody who has regularly attended Association events.

As always, I am grateful to the members of the Association Executive for their volunteer work. Membership under the guidance of Paul Mast and Richard Mack has never been stronger. The Kit Shop, led by Reid Egger and with heavy input from RSM Gerry Olsen, has developed strong ties with Regiment. Our Treasurer, Lisa McLeod, has introduced controls and tracking that give me great confidence in our ability to grow the organization responsibly and sustainably. Dean Lawson and Greg Yanda in the events roles for Medicine Hat and Edmonton, respectively, have worked hard to keep events up and running (mostly via Zoom) during the pandemic. Don Girling, in the Vice President role, has been a great presence in Medicine Hat, and provides the voice of reason for the Association meetings. Bruce Thomson, while not on the Executive, has got us set up properly with technology tools, including standardized emails and document storage.

Through 2022, we plan to resume live events. The Battlefield Tour planned for 2022 has, unfortunately, been postponed to the Fall of 2023, assuming travel restrictions permit. We hope to move our Zoom socials back to live events. I plan to continue Greg's work in developing a Mission and Vision for the Association. That will help us better allocate resources and communicate our purpose to the membership.

Thanks to all for your support. It has been a great pleasure, and I look forward to the next year.

Yours,



Captain (Retired) Jason R. Watt CD
President
SALH Regimental Association

Regimental Association Membership

The Regimental Association is a group to foster friendship and camaraderie between past members (The Old Guard) and the current regiment, and to maintain historical connections with veterans and our comrades in Europe. It is a group of volunteers who continue to work together to bring together activities and services to members. The current membership officers are Major (Ret'd) Paul Mast in Medicine Hat /Southern Alberta and Lt (Ret'd) Richard Mack, in Edmonton / Northern Alberta.

The Regimental Association currently has 144 members, including 112 Lifetime, and 4 Honorary. Yearly dues are \$20.00 or \$200.00 for a Lifetime Membership. Those who purchase a Lifetime Membership receive a display folder, with certificate as well as Battle Guidon.

Anyone can join the Association, but only those who have served in the Regiment can vote on Association matters. Most members are former soldiers, and some Cadet Officers, as well as family of soldiers who have served.

The Regimental Association conducts the following events and activities:

1. Roughly once a month we host a get-together.
2. Battlefield Tours
3. Once a year Association Dinner and Silent Auction

4. Events in conjunction with the Regiment. (Change of Command and Remembrance Day are examples)
5. Volunteer and Fundraising activities to keep the legacy of past soldiers. Examples of this are the work of Troy Steele and Sticks Gallard at Light Horse Park in Edmonton, as well as assisting in the construction of the Memorial to the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles, The 175 Battalion and maintaining the Sherman Tank in Veterans Park in Medicine Hat.
6. Financial Support to Cadet Groups, and Veteran Organizations.
7. Other volunteer work such as Edmonton's Riverfest.

It's easy to join, just go to www.salhra.net. You can download the application form and send it to Paul or Richard. We are also now set up for E-Transfer.

When health care restrictions are relaxed, we hope to see many of you in person to share memories. Once you are a member of "Alberta's Regiment" you are part of a special family that will hopefully give you fond memories of your service to your country.

Semper Alacer!

2023 Battlefield Tour

Planning continues for the 2023 Battlefield Tour. Unlike previous tours, where Brian Talty and I did the great majority of the planning, this time we have assembled a committee and distributed the workload. Brian and I are leading the France leg; Lisa McLeod and Bruce Thomson are leading the Belgium leg; Don Girling will lead the Netherlands leg and also taking care of the tour clothing, as he

has done in the past. Angeline Rolf is providing admin and comms support. Brian is also taking care of tour booklets and gifts.

Unfortunately, we have had to delay the tour by one year due to ongoing uncertainty around COVID and the associated travel restrictions. However, most of our planning work is still valid,

and we plan to conduct pretty much the same activities in 2023 as we would have done in 2022.

Our plan as of right now is to RV in Portsmouth, England, tour there for a day, and then cross the English Channel into Caen. We will spend 4 days in and around Caen under the guidance of Jean-Pierre Benamou. We will then spend 3 days along the WWI Western Front, in the vicinity of Arras, France.

The Belgium leg will start in Bruges. We will continue our tradition of attending the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gates. From there, Bruce and Lisa have us visiting many sites in Belgium

that previous tours have not visited, including the Siegfried Line and the Ardennes Forest.

The Netherlands leg put together by Don Girling also includes a combination of familiar and unfamiliar sites. There will be significant activities at the Bergen op Zoom Canadian War Cemetery. We will visit the Xanten Archaeological Park in Germany for the first time on any Tour.

Thanks to all those who are participating in this tour, as well as those who have supported and participated in prior tours.

Captain (Retired) Jason R. Watt CD
Chair, Battlefield Tour Committee

South Alberta Light Horse Regiment Foundation

With deep sadness, the Foundation acknowledges the death of Founding Chairman, Honorary Colonel (Ret'd) Stanley A. Milner, OC, AOE, MSM, CD, LLD on 21 April 2021. Colonel Milner's dedication and efforts to preserve and promote the history of the military in Alberta and Canada, and in particular the South Alberta's and South Alberta Light Horse, will never be forgotten. The Foundation is committed to carrying on his legacy.

The SALHRF acknowledges and extends its appreciation to R.H. (Swatty) Wotherspoon for his generous support and guidance to the Board of Directors from 2008-2021. Swatty resigned in March 2021 as a Director but remains a member of the Foundation.

Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2021:

Chair	HCol (Ret'd) John Ferguson
President	HCol Ralph Young
Vice-President	HCol (Ret'd) Angus Watt
Secretary	LCol (Ret'd) Brian Hodgson
Treasurer	BGen (Ret'd) Thomas Putt
Assistant Sec/Treas.	LCol (Ret'd) Colin Michaud
Commanding Officer	LCol Mike Onieu

#2313 SALH (Kiwanis) Cadets RCACC Medicine Hat Captain Kaylin Bradley



Nothing heard, out.

#2051 19AD (Edmonton) RCACC Captain Marlace Pederson



Nothing heard, out.

#3053 SALH (Lac. Ste. Anne) RCACC

Captain Robert Heinz



A very pleasant surprise at the 3053 RCACC's training night. Comrade Edward Gallagher brought great news that 2 of our junior cadets had placed in the Onoway Legion Branch (#132) Remembrance Day Poster and Literary contest!! Cadets M Daniels and K Daniels had placed 2nd and 3rd in their age group with their B/W drawings. Great job cadets!

#3068 SALH (Camrose) RCACC

Captain Chris Coombs



Nothing heard, out.

EX TUNDRA PRONGHORN 21 - A SQN

Circumstances sometimes require soldiers to deploy in deep snow and cold weather. These are the skills that were practised during Exercise Pronghorn Tundra 29-30 January 2021 in Cypress Hills Provincial Park. The goal of the exercise was to provide practical hands-on training of moving through deep snow on foot, skis or snowshoes. The Troops moved around the park fully loaded with winter gear and pulling toboggans. At each stop the toboggans were unloaded and camp was set up with the sections racing to have a fully erect winter tent with boiling water for coffee.

During the exercise, A Sqn learned that the reality of moving through the deep snow while pulling a loaded sled and keeping their weapon clean and ready was more challenging than

learning the same in the classroom. The soldiers that participated in manoeuvring through the deep snow gained an understanding of the need to maintain a higher fitness level for operations outside of ideal conditions.

Troops were spared the punishing cold of previous versions of this exercise; the weather was a beautiful -4 C with sunshine and no wind which made a very enjoyable weekend for all that participated. This year, due to COVID precautions, the evening tent routine and sleeping in the park for the night was not able to happen. Therefore at the end of the day we returned to the Armoury to hang the tents and other gear to dry and finished the pack up and cleaning in the morning.

Capt Rob Hozack, A Sqn 2IC



EXERCISE TUNDRA PRONGHORN 21 - B SQN

On the weekend of 30-21 Jan 2021, 40 plus members of B squadron participated in EX TUNDRA PRONGHORN. Virtual training conducted during December and January gave soldiers a basic understanding of winter warfare and the exercise allowed them to put this knowledge into practice.

Saturday morning was dedicated to demonstration and practice. The Troops of B Sqn were shown how to set up and tear down arctic tents and how-to site, set up and camouflage improvised shelters. At lunch they were shown how to properly set up the Coleman stoves to cook IMPs in a pressure cooker.

After lunch on Saturday, troops got the opportunity to don snowshoes and practice pulling toboggans. B Sqn finished the day by splitting into smaller crews to practice navigation in a winter environment. Each Soldier in the section was given the opportunity to use the map and compass to plot a nav point and attempt to navigate around obstacles to find it. On Sunday, the Squadron's future leaders were given the opportunity to lead



crews in a circuit course that would confirm the skills learned the day before. The crews set off from the CP pulling toboggans to their first nav point where we set up the arctic tent. The crews worked together to site the tent location, set it up, tear it down and get the toboggan ready to move to the next navigation point. At the next nav point, the crews went into the bush to set up camouflaged improvised shelters. Before heading back to the CP, the crews went to one more nav point to set up stoves and get them ready for cooking IMPs. Once back at the CP, the future leaders were debriefed and coached on different ways they could lead the crews before heading out and doing the course once again.

B Sqn finished their Winter Warfare EX just before sunset on Sunday, 31 Jan. EX TUNDRA PRONGHORN gave the troops of B Sqn valuable skills which will be used on all winter exercises and gave our future leaders practice leading soldiers before going on their PLQ course later in the year



Cpl Jen Iskiw

EXERCISE PRONGHORN CHARLIE 2021

“3, this is 32, KEYSTONE.”

“3, roger, KEYSTONE, out.”

With those words the Battle Task Standard collective training season for The South Alberta Light Horse had begun in earnest, as our seven car troop crossed the line of departure, heading west on Black route in the Wainwright training area to push the hordes of the Arianian 245th Battle Group out of our area of operations, and securing an axis of advance for our friendly forces, 1 PPCLI and the LdSH (RC), to advance west to defeat the enemy on the west side of the Battle River.



Friday begins the same as it has for the past several years, with three locations mounting up and traveling up to 7 hrs from their respective armouries in Edmonton, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge, to meet in Camp Wainwright late Friday evening/Saturday morning to get some rest, go over last minute battle procedure, and confirm the crews which will make up callsign 32 for the next two days. Gone are the old rivalry days of the 80's and 90's between A and B Squadrons, when cooperation on an exercise was hardly heard of, as B Squadron was training with AVGP Cougars, and A Squadron was training as reconnaissance on the Iltis jeep. In fact, I was particularly looking forward to this weekend's exercise, as it was the first time since the 90's in which I was training with my brother, WO Derek Rosendal, and the first time as his Tp Ldr in c/s 32.

Saturday morning began with reveille at 0530, IMP rations for breakfast then out to the vehicles to get them ready for the day. Thankfully the advance party had already taken care of most preparations but it still took some time to iron out the last minute issues for each crew before departure to the training area, especially our nemesis, the radios! Once on the road, however, things began to groove again, as crews worked on their reconnaissance drills

Sgt Symington led us out to the line of departure, in the usual order of march. Each patrol worked on coming together to knock off the rust from a year away from the field, and the strangeness of working with soldiers that we may not even have met before since qualified crew's are a mixture from each of the three locations. The troop vehicles were a mix of TAPV and G-Wagon employed in patrols of one each. However, after all that once we got going by about 0930 things were starting to come together.



We continued west down our trace, engaged by the Wainwright Combat Training Centre's "KFOR Enemy Force", a very professional group of NCO's who supplied us with a live enemy to train against. We worked on our drills, encouraged and assisted by the BC in c/s 3 and the OC in c/s 39, who direct

the movement of the Squadron (both live and fictitious) in order to ensure we are meeting our training objective and that all soldiers are improving their skills throughout the day.

As the day wears on, we encounter the main enemy position along black route at Rocky Village, and are halted while we develop the situation for c/s 3 and the Bde Comd. Eventually, after working on our all arms call for fire drills to soften up the enemy in the “village” we hand off the contact to our notional supporting Combat Team.

We traveled back to Camp Wainwright for the evening to perform more battle procedure and prepare for a VIP convoy escort on Sunday morning. The troop goes through the morning routine, which already has significantly improved as the crews have shaken off their training cobwebs from Saturday, and we head out to meet up with the

“mayor” of Rocky village, who looks suspiciously like WO McMurtry...

We start the convoy escort when we are attacked by the enemy who cut off our vanguard from the main body. A quick reactive battle ensues from the contact, a bit of confusion, but it’s all good training as we learn lessons for the next time at the After Action Review. End-EX is called over the net, and we form, head back to the base to clean weapons and vehicles, and then head back home to our respective armouries. We will meet again in two weeks to do it again, with a different scenario, and most likely different crews, and continue to develop and hone our reconnaissance skills with another scenario.

“3, this is 32, permission to close down now, over.”

“32, 3, close down now, out.”



2Lt P Rosendal

EXERCISE PRONGHORN ECHO 2021



On the weekend of 5-7 March 2021, the Regiment once again deployed together to CFB Wainwright in order to practice collective training in the Armoured Reconnaissance role. Two troops of G-Wagens and TAPV's were deployed, and soldiers were able to put their year of lessons and training to the test.

It's great to be able to get together as a Regiment to work together in the field, as we go for such a long time throughout the year without seeing members of each others' squadrons. This year, OC Brian Talty put together 2 troops of soldiers in the field, with a third troop being played on the radio net for additional training fidelity. Once again, the weather in Wainwright did not disappoint, and we were able to complete a route reconnaissance up to



the Battle River, and then go into observation posts in the evening. The Operations and Training staff put on an excellent show for us, with a realistic scenario and enemy force.





All of the soldiers performed well in their roles, many of whom for which this was their first field exercise since DP 1 Armoured Crewman. I look forward to continuing to get together to train as a

Regiment, and also to putting our training to further scrutiny when we attend the 41 CBG Brigade exercise in August!

SEMPER ALACER

EXERCISE PRONGHORN GOLF



Exercise Pronghorn Golf, our annual CBRN Reconnaissance and Survey Task collective training exercise, was held at CFB Suffield this year, on the weekend of 19-21 March 2021. B Squadron came down to join A Squadron in the sunny south, and combine our CBRN skills with our traditional armoured reconnaissance role as part of the Support the Army Reserve program.

Our Regiment was chosen to create a CBRN reconnaissance troop for 3 Division, As such, several of our members have become CBRN Defence NCO/Officer trained, and for the nucleus of a CBRN troop, augmented by crewman and crew commanders from the rest of the Regiment.

This year, we undertook refresher training at different stands, as well as conducting a reconnaissance and survey of a contaminated area in the south of the CFB Suffield training area. The next morning, we undertook a dismounted foot patrol with three different troops, led by our junior MCpls, and mentored by the CBRN trained staff. We also undertook a fourth troop conducting a

decontamination site for the returning three troops from their foray into the “hot” zone.

Overall, the Regiment once again put on an excellent training environment to practice our new task, and challenge our younger leadership with a varied experience to their training. Thanks go out once again to WO’s Paterson and McMurtry, and Sgt Weir, for setting up a realistic and challenging exercise!



SEMPER ALACER!



EXERCISE WESTERN SABRE 2021



This year marked the return of the annual 41 CBG Brigade concentration in CFB Wainwright, the last two weeks of August. It actually was a 3 Division wide Reserve concentration, with units from both 39 CBG in British Columbia, and 38 CBG in Saskatchewan/Manitoba.

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The EX began with a live fire PWT 2 / 3 for the infantry and non-combat trades. Our Regiment was tasked with running the PWT 2 for the Signals and Service Battalions prior to all of us deploying to the field.



Once that was completed, we joined up with the composite Armoured Reconnaissance Squadron out west of Range 16/25, near Buffalo Hill. We bivouacked here for the remainder of the EX.

The next task was to conduct level 3 live fire Battle Runs on the G-Wagens. This was accomplished on our first day of actual field training, and was a fantastic experience for our soldiers. Most had never participated on a battle run before.



The next few days, the composite Armoured Squadron, with 1 Troop from the BCR's/BCD's, 2 Troop from the KOCR's, 3 Troop from the Sask D's/FGH, and 4 Troop from the South Alberta Light Horse, conducted dry Cavalry tactics under the direction of Captain Van Hierden and WO *salh.ca*

Kearns (RSS from the KOCR's.) They set up a training plan that would allow the troops to learn and practice the new cavalry tactics at the crew, then troop level, and then put it all together for a 3 day FTX of an advance to contact from Saville Farm to Centurion field. This was accomplished with much mentoring, as many (almost all?) of the troops have had no prior Cavalry (tank) tactics experience.

In the meantime, Lt Rosendal and Sgt D'Souza, were detached to the Infantry in order to support their live fire company level attack for the same 3 days. They provided Armoured fire support for different Infantry regiments, 2 per day, as they practiced dry, and then live fire platoon level attacks on a defensive position. The two G-Wagons provided flank security/fire-base support to the infantry.





Overall, it was great to get back out into the field again as a Reserve Concentration. Our soldiers were able to meet up with many of the people they went on course with over the past free years, and put into practice their skills in a full squadron level environment.



SEMPER ALACER

IBTS TRAINING EX PRONGHORN AROUSE 2021/ PWT 3

Once again part of our IBTS program of training in the Fall, the Regiment deployed to Lethbridge to undergo CBRN refresher training. We conducted the regular level 1 training of the CBRN survival rule, gas mask and gas suit training, as well as level 2 in the gas hut, and level 3 survey and decontamination drills. This was to continue to build our capability as the 3 Division unit tasked to be the CBRN Troop.





Once that was completed, both squadrons conducted PWT 3 ranges in Edmonton and Suffield in order to qualify everyone on the C7-A2 service rifle.

Submitted



EX PRONGHORN GUNNER 2021

Every year, once our IBTS training is out of the way, the South Alberta Light Horse moves into our collective training phase, starting with the annual Gun Camp. This year again, it was conducted in Wainwright, in late October.

The range was again a great success, with many, many 7.62mm holes poked into figure 11 and 12 targets, and happy gunners returning with big smiles on their faces.





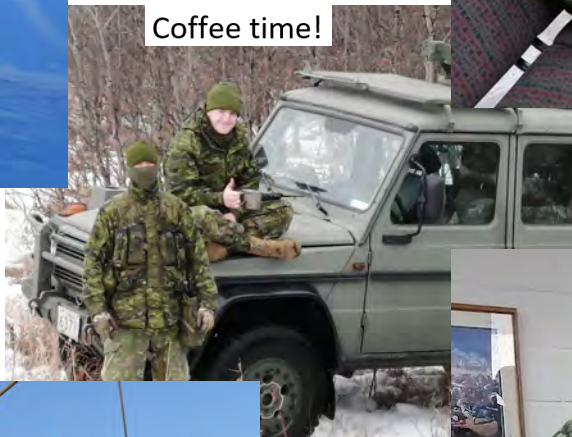
OTHER TRAINING EVENT PHOTOS FROM 2021



You want me to walk how far in these things?



No, see, we guard the food. It's better than cleaning guns...



Coffee time!



Happy gunner, before the EX starts



You sure this is the latest fashion?



I had to include this...any guesses?



CO promotes 2Lt Samraj



CO presents WO with their CD



No, the CO isn't short, Cpl Dueck is THAT tall....



I Wanna Be In The Cavalry !

I wanna be in the cavalry if they send me off to war
 I need a good steed under me. Like my forefathers before
 I want a good mount when the bugle sounds
 I hear the cannon roar
 I wanna be in the Cavalry if they send me off to war
 -Corb Lund

With the new development in doctrine for Canada's Armoured Forces to be designated Cavalry, I thought it might be appropriate to discuss what this might mean for our "Black Hats" especially The South Alberta Light Horse. I am by no means an expert on Armoured Warfare but am somewhat of a Military History Buff.

When I was in the South Alberta Light Horse from 79-81, we were designated as a Reconnaissance Unit, with machine guns mounted on jeeps. I also trained in Gagetown in Lynx and M113 APCs. Our role could be defined as follows: To lead advance to contact, report on enemy dispositions, and only use fire to disengage enemy forces.

1. To call artillery and tank and infantry resources to continue contact.
2. To screen positions in defensive mode, and withdraw once contact was made, after accurately reporting enemy positions.
3. To provide convoy escort
4. To report on bridges, roads and obstacles for other units.

Our OOB (Order of Battle) would also include an Assault or Support Troop, with what was basically an Infantry Platoon attached to each Recce Troop. Each Recce Troop would usually have 4 / 2 patrol cars and a Troop Leader. In theory there would be 3 troops in a Squadron.

In reality, we could barely have enough jeeps or troopers for one troop. Having an Assault troop was pure fantasy. The jeeps would often break down, and we had to beg other units to "borrow" their jeeps. We used to call our role : "Recce By Death."

With the introduction of the AVGP Cougar, the SALH converted to a tank role, only to be switched back to Recce in the 90's. Many soldiers remember the Cougar years with great fondness, as Cougars were kept in Wainwright, and were available in sufficient numbers for effective training.

When SALH soldiers were deployed in Afghanistan, they did not serve together as a unit, as was regular practice for American Reserve Units. Some served as Provincial Reconstruction teams, some served in Headquarters Units, and some were crews in Convoy Escort.

In recent years, The SALH used G-Wagons in the Recce Role. After years of wear and tear, it became harder to put more troops in the field, and parts and replacements became harder to find.

Recently, the Regiment received the newest Armoured Vehicle, the TAPV (Tactical Armoured Patrol Vehicle) This was seen as a very welcome addition by the troops, as they now had a vehicle that provided blast protection, a machine gun with good firepower, and good mobility. It also allowed reservists to cross-train on a vehicle used by Regular Armoured Units. It also would prove a great recruitment tool. This vehicle was only given to the Reserves in limited numbers, again giving the Regiment vastly inferior numbers to train with.

So now, it must be determined what the role of the Regiment will be in the new doctrine. American Cavalry Units are heavily equipped with M1A1 Abrams Tanks, as well as Bradley APCs with TOW anti-tank missiles. Their doctrine is to engage the enemy and not to break contact, but to call up further support. This doctrine was proven

correct in the 91 Gulf War when an American Cavalry Unit led by then Captain H.R. McMaster defeated a much larger Iraqi Republican Guard Unit with surprise and aggressive tactics.

Although the TAPV has come into service, I believe it does not have the flexibility and capability needed for the new role. Instead, the Light Armoured Vehicle LAV 6, is a much better fit for our Reserve Forces. Recently, 900 LAV 6 vehicles were bought by Saudi Arabia. Imagine what our Army could do with 900 Lavs! This vehicle incorporates all lessons learned in Afghanistan. It has Ceramic Armour to defeat RPG's, excellent blast protection against IEDs, and a proven 25mm cannon for fire support. In addition, it can carry a small number of Infantry troops in the back. It would allow our soldiers to use this vehicle in a variety of roles, such as Tank

Tactics, Recce, Infantry Assault, and many other roles. Deploying the TAPV before new doctrine was established was in my opinion, a mistake.

I await as you all do for the new doctrine, and to see where it takes our troops. I have not heard much enthusiasm from serving soldiers about these changes, but sometimes change is good, as we adapt to new threats to our security and way of life. Whatever happens, I salute all serving and past members of the Regiment, and know it is not easy to serve when you are short of resources to do the job.

Semper Alacer!

Richard Mack B.A / B.ED (Lt, retired)

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All due to the the announcement of updated COVID restrictions, we have had to cancel the opening of Light Horse Park. I will update with a new date and plan once things settle down in the COVID arena.

Open Invitation To Attend The Opening Of Light Horse Park with events starting at 12:45pm Oct 2nd 2021

We are very happy to announce the official opening of Light Horse Park in Old Strathcona at 10324 85 Ave

There will be a Military and Police vehicle parade on 105st, we ask you to be safe



The official program we invite you to join us in a fundraising BBQ to support Afghanistan refugees who just escaped from Kabul.

Come enjoy some tasty food and be entertained by an indigenous drum circle while you explore your new park.



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Pte Z Clewlow
Pte B Gray
Pte M Hoffman
OCdt M Iris

OCdt M Meurer
2Lt K Samraj
Pte M Schawalder
Pte C Sidam

Pte J Stolte
Pte S Visser
Pte E Wallin
Pte A Whitaker

Departures from the Herd

Cpl C Black
MCpl A Brodeur
Cpl M Comer
Cpl T Conrad
MCpl T Den Hollander
Pte T Doiron
Pte C England
Cpl S Eresman
Pte T Gordon
Pte N Groening
OCdt R Grutterink
Cpl M Harper
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Cpl P Hiller
Cpl J Hould
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Cpl K Middleton
Pte N Miller

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Pte H Raza
Cpl C Rogers
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Cpl B Sunshine
Pte H Sylvestre
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Pte J Vergara Leon
Pte E Wall
Pte C Walsh
Pte J Woch

On 21 April 2021, we mourned the loss of a great member of the Regimental and Association family, Hon. Col. (ret.) Stanley A. Milner, OC, AOE, MSM, CD, LL.D.

He was a dear and immensely strong supporter of not only the Regiment, but Edmonton and Alberta as a whole. He always had time to talk to any member of the Regiment, from the newest Trooper, to the CO. His support and kindness were evident

in the Christmas parties he hosted in Edmonton, to the personal welcome and thanks he gave to the soldiers upon their return from overseas tours.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions at the time, we were unable to attend a funeral for Col. Milner. We will miss him, and his kind smile.

SEMPER ALACER, sir.

In Memoriam

Honorary Colonel (Ret'd) Stanley A. Milner, OC, AOE, MSM, CD, LL.D Leader and Mentor



A passion for leadership, perseverance and philanthropy, Honorary Colonel Milner learned early in life the importance of commitment to life-long learning, service to one's community, province and country.

Born into a military family, he joined the Royal Canadian Cadet Corps when he was not old enough to go to war. As then, today's citizen soldier, the men and women of the Militia, are ready to devote much of their spare time to the service of their country and to sacrifice their lives for their fellow Albertans and Canadians.

A graduate of the University of Alberta in Engineering, in the 20th Century, HCol Milner was a leader in the Canadian oil and gas industry in Alberta, and subsequently was recruited for many corporate Boards of Directors. Admired for his intellect, his intricate understanding of complex information and ability to zero in on the heart of the matter, along with a gentlemanly manner, lead him to set the gold standard for performance defining him as the "best of the best". He was exceptional in front of people whether speaking to large crowds or simply listening to people one-on-one - all knew he was fair. Ultimately, he was a mentor who provided support, encouragement, advice and optimism. Not only was he smart, but wise.

HCol Milner's philanthropy was wide-ranging spanning the arts, education, public libraries and the South Alberta Light Horse. In remembrance of his family's service, and in particular, his brother, Sergeant Tom Milner, DCM, he wanted the history of the Regiment to be documented for all time. Highly adept at engaging skillful people, he established The South Alberta Light Horse Regiment Foundation (the "Foundation") in 1994 to preserve the history and traditions of The South Alberta Light Horse and its predecessor Regiments. The histories of the South Alberta Regiment "*A Canadian Regiment at War*" and the South Alberta Light Horse "*Century of Service*" were ultimately published, sold, gifted to leaders and dignitaries within the military and around the world, plus copies to all post secondary institutions and libraries across Canada. His steadfast vigour to support education is evidenced by the Foundation awarding over 300 post secondary scholarships to serving soldiers of the SALH to date and continuing support to the Regiment's Cadet Corps. One of his greatest contributions to Reservists serving the Canadian military in Alberta was the spearheading of Bill 1, Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009, the Province of Alberta, job protected military leave.

His selfless devotion to others, coupled with his humility, grace and charm, provide witness to his leadership and legacy.

The Last Post

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them”

Gail (Gay) Young – 16 May 2021 – Friend of all, wife of HCol Ralph Young

HCol (Ret'd) Stanley Milner – 21 April 2021 – Founding Chairman, SALHRF

Lt. Herman Wahl - 5 March 2021 - former member of A Sqn SALH

Hon. SAR Piet van Dijk – 14 December 2020 – Hon. SAR Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands

Henk Rosendal – 13 November 2020 – Father of 2Lt Peter Rosendal and WO Derek Rosendal - SALH

Bonny Hodgson – 29 May 2020 – Friend of All, Wife of Past CO LCol (Retd) Brian Hodgson

LCol (Retd) Brian Moore – 15 February 2020 – Past CO of the Regiment

George Milne – 25 January 2020 – Friend of the Regiment

Lt (Retd) Dr. David Marsh – 14 January 2020 – SALH

Bernice Nichols – 30 September 2019 – Widow of John Nichols – SAR

John (Jack) Gardiner – 20 July 2019 – SAR

Lt (Retd) Stanley Riddell – 17 May 2019 – SAR

Isabel Currie – 18 February 2019 – Widow of Lt-Col D.V. Currie, VC – SAR

WO Jim Hayward - 7 February 2018 - former member of A Sqn SALH