



Westmount's Regiment

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Robinson (retired), CD.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

The Royal Montreal Regiment

17 April 2014



Founding of the Regiment

- “The 14th Canadian Battalion, designated ***The Royal Montreal Regiment*** by special warrant - authority of H.M. the King - was recruited in **August 1914** from three Montreal units of the Canadian Active Militia:
 - 1st Regiment, Canadian Grenadier Guards
 - **3rd Regiment, Victoria Rifles of Canada**, and
 - 65ieme Regiment, Carabiniers Mont-Royal.
- The 14th was one of four battalions in the Third Canadian Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Division.
- From the outset it was composed of both **English** and **French**, and “*illustrated more than any other battalion in the 1st Canadian Division the spirit of unity between those two great races.*”



Current Situation

- Bilingual reserve infantry regiment based in Westmount.
- 165 all-ranks RMR (still actively recruiting).
- Strong Legion ties since 1934: Branch 14 (RMR Association) RCL.
- 34% of current serving members are veterans of Peace Support Operations since 1992.
- 1 member currently deployed overseas (Afghanistan).
- Members come from all areas of Greater Montreal.
- *Freedom of The City* (Westmount, Montreal, Pointe-Claire, and Hampstead).
- Proud sponsor of three Cadet Corps/Squadrons.
- Sister Regiment: 1st YORKSHIRE Regiment
- Centennial in 2014



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ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. *Capt.*
Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION

- What is your name? *Richard Steacie*
- In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Ireland*
- What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Miss S. Steacie*
- What is the address of your next-of-kin? *202 Summit Ave. Westmount*
- What is the date of your birth? *Aug 27 1871*
- What is your Trade or Calling? *Secretary*
- Are you married? *Yes*
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? *Yes*
- Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *Yes*
- Have you ever served in any Military Force? *Yes. 20 yrs Can Militia*
- Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *Yes*
- Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *Yes*

(Signature of Man) *R. Steacie*
(Signature of Witness) *R. Scott Proctor*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Richard Steacie*, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Description of *Richard Steacie* on Enlistment.

Apparent Age *37 1/2* years months. (To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height *5 ft 10 1/2 in.*

Chest *37 1/2 in.*
(Girth when fully expanded)
(Range of expansion) *32 in.*

Complexion *Fair*

Eyes *Blue*

Hair *Brown*

Religious denomination: Church of England ☒
Presbyterian ☐
Wesleyan ☐
Baptist or Congregationalist ☐
Other Protestants (specification to be noted) ☐
Roman Catholic ☐
Jewish ☐

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.
Scar on back of arms, right fore arm

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I have examined the above-named Recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him *fit* for the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force.

Date *Sept 25* 1914.

Place *Valcartier*

(Signature of Medical Officer) *de Courville*
Medical Officer.

"Insert here 'fit' or 'unfit'."
Note.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the causes of unfitness.

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CAPT. RICHARD STEAGIE,
of Montreal,
Killed in action at Langemarck.



N^o 2 Company Royal Montreal Regt.
14 Batt. C.E.F. Grenadier Guards of Canada

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Original RMR Officers: August 1914





New Recruits to Victoria Rifles: 1914



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Camp Valcartier: September 1914



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$$14 + 23 = 58$$

WITH OUR TROOPS AT VALCARTIER.



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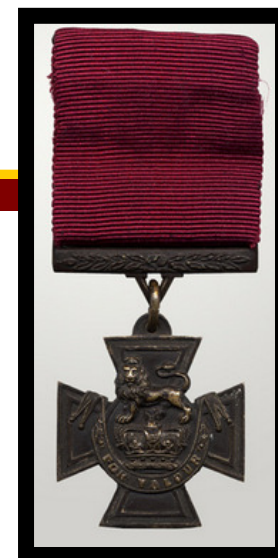
*58th Regiment Westmount Rifles, Canada Militia.
Inspection by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught,
April 1915, on Fletcher's Field, Montreal.*

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MONTREAL OFFICERS WHO COVERED THEMSELVES WITH GLORY AT ST. JULIEN.—The officers of No. 2 Company, 14th Batt., Royal Montreal Regiment. They were badly cut up on the night of April 22nd and the Battle of St. Julien. From left to right they are:—

Capt. W. R. Knubley, Capt. D. F. B. Larkin, Capt. Richard Steacie (killed); Major Paul R. Hanson, Capt. Wilfred Brotherhood. Front row: Lieut. George Stairs, Capt. S. English, Lieut. Gavin Stairs.

OFFICIERS DE MONTREAL, QUI SE SONT COUVERTS DE GLOIRE A ST-JULIEN.—Les officiers de la Compagnie no. 2 du 14eme bataillon du Regiment Royal de Montreal. Ils furent horriblement decimés durant la nuit du 22 avril a la bataille de St-Julien. De gauche a droite:—

Capt. W. R. Knubley, Capt. D. F. B. Larkin, Capt. Richard Steacie (killed); Major Paul R. Hanson, Capt. Wilfred Brotherhood. Front row: Lieut. George Stairs, Capt. S. English, Lieut. Gavin Stairs.



RIP
IN
MEMORY
OF
PTE. J. PORTERAGE 4018
14TH CANADIAN BTN. R.M.R.
KILLED
IN
ACTION
25.5.16

RIP
IN
MEMORY
OF
PTE. C. LAURENT 28489
14TH CANADIAN BTN. R.M.R.
KILLED
IN
ACTION
25.5.16

RIP
IN
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OF
PTE. H. ANTERIEUX 63035
14TH CANADIAN BTN. R.M.R.
KILLED
IN
ACTION
25.5.16

RIP
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MEMORY
OF
PTE. A. LITTLEJOHN 412782
14TH CANADIAN BTN. R.M.R.
KILLED
IN
ACTION
25.5.16

RIP
IN
MEMORY
OF
PTE. F. MCBURNEY 26098
14TH CANADIAN BTN. R.M.R.
KILLED
IN
ACTION
22.5.16

LIEUT
J. H. M. COY
KILLED
IN
ACTION
22.5.16

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THANK WESTMOUNTERS

Col. Smart and Capt. Mitchell Acknowledge Xmas Gifts

The members of the Westmount Soldiers' Wives' League yesterday heard how welcome were the Christmas boxes and supplies dispatched for the men of the 23rd Battalion and Col. Smart's brigade.

Under date of "France, December 1st," Col. Smart writes:

"The five cases of comforts and useful articles for the men of my brigade as well as the nine cases sent to Lt.-Col. Baker by the Westmount Soldiers' Wives' League arrived safely today. I was hoping they would have arrived on Christmas Day, but owing to the congestion on the railways, between here and the coast, the delay was

"Will you be good enough to convey my heartiest greetings and very best wishes for a bright and happy New Year to all the ladies of your League, and any others who may have assisted you in your worthy undertakings and with kindest personal regards.

"Believe, me, yours very sincerely,

"CHAS. A. SMART."

THANKS FROM ENGLAND.

The acknowledgment from Capt. Geo. F. Mitchell, 13rd (Reserve) Battalion, based West Sandling, England, read:

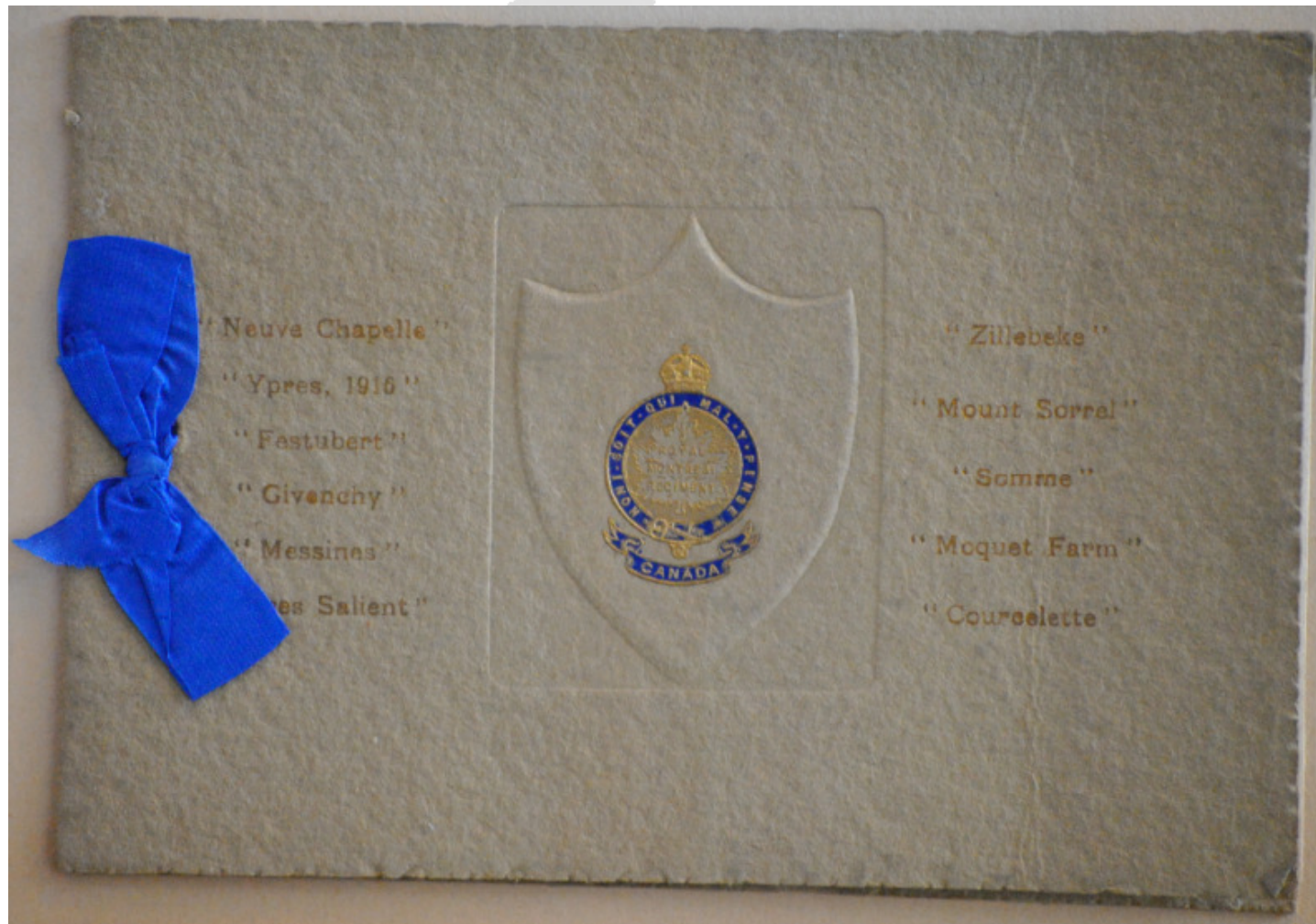
"Dear Ladies,—It is with great pleasure that I write to thank you on behalf of the boys from Westmount at present with the 23rd Battalion here in England, for your kind wishes and Christmas boxes. They arrived here on the afternoon before Christmas Day and were brought up to our A. M. Store, and on Christmas morning we had a parade of all boys from Westmount, and distributed the pre-



(1) FIXING BAYONETS PREPARATORY TO CHARGING ON THE SOMME.



(2) "OVER THE TOP."



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1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
23621	Private	AUGER	Fortunat
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. E.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
14th Battalion	26-3-16	649-A-799	Roman Catholic
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>"Found guilty of desertion by Field General Court Martial 15-3-16. Maximum punishment carried out at 5:43 a.m. March 26th, 1916."</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:—Items 11, 12 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. COUNTRY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
TROIS ARBRES		Grave <u>5</u> Plot <u>3</u> Row <u>H</u>	

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Stirring Address by Private Haines at Westmount Monday Night

GIVE MEN A SQUARE DEAL.

Must Not Be Overworked In Trenches Because Not Enough
Volunteers—Audience Cheered Speakers.

"In England they do not ask you if you are going to the front. The officer comes along and tells you when you are going—and you go. You are the people who are going to force the same sort of thing in Canada unless you buck up and fill our battalions."

This was the remark made by Pte. Douglas Haines, who went to the front with Major Alexander's company in the 24th Battalion, at the recruiting meeting on Monday at Westmount Park. Pte. Haines appeared with his arm in a sling, as a result of wounds received at the front, and he made a recruiting speech that won much applause from the audience.

"Don't you think I am talking like that because I am home with my arm in a sling," continued Pte. Haines. "As soon as I can get a doctor to pass me I am going back with the first regiment I can join. I know the service over there and what it needs, and I am only waiting the time when I can go back to it."

"Your first duty of course, is to enlist," said Pte. Haines. "Your first service is overseas. But those of you who are not immediately fit for service at the front can at least enlist for service at home—and the time may come when the fellows at the front will hope the horsepower are up to strength."

"If you can't do more at the front, do it at home, and be ready. You men are not cowards. You are Canadians. My advice to each of you is, be a man, act like a man, and enlist for something where a man can do a man's work."

There was a very large crowd at the Monday evening band concert

by the 58th Westmount Rifles, with the meeting for the 24th Battalion, and it was noticed that there were many more men than last week.

Lt.-Col. C. M. Strange presided, and said that, while the Westmount Rifles has recruited 1,800 men during the past two years, there were still 500 men in Westmount eligible for service, and they were looking for those.

A SPORTING PROPOSITION

Pte. Haines, who was evidently still suffering from his experiences at the front, was received with cheers. He appealed to men to accept the hazards of war as a sporting proposition. "Of course, there are hardships in France," he said. "But what is the use of a man who cannot stand hardships? He is no good to himself or anyone else."

From this Pte. Haines proceeded to tell of his personal experiences on active service, many of them of a humorous nature, but generally tending to show that the Germans were on the defensive now.

"I have asked the men to look at this as a sporting proposition and a serious duty," he said. "Now I want to ask you wives, sisters

and sweethearts. You are not kidding yourselves that it would break your hearts to allow your men to act like men. You know what happened in Belgium—I do. Don't you know that the men at the front are fighting to prevent any such thing from happening in

Westmount or anywhere else in Canada? When I went it was a privilege to get into a battalion. But don't let any of you imagine that our mothers and women don't feel just the same as yours would do today. That is no excuse for any of you. Men are needed, and that means you men that are fit. It is better for women to suffer because you go, than to suffer because you did not go and the enemy comes here.

"Are you giving those men at the front a square deal?" he asked. "Since that second battle of Ypres, Canada has been thought more of by the world than ever before. But it was not because of you men who are staying home; it was because of those men who were there fighting. You are not giving them a square deal by leaving them to fight it through. You are needed there as much as they are."

Pte. Haines told of the relentless work in the front trenches, and of men who had been six days and nights on the firing line suddenly called back to battle when they should have been resting simply

TO MEN OF MILITARY AGE (18 TO 44)

Minimum Height, 5 feet 6 inches. Minimum Chest Measure, 32 inches.

Get Out This Form, Fill It In, And Mail To
CITIZENS' RECRUITING ASSOCIATION
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA.







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THE ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT



RETURN OF 14TH BATTALION, C.E.F.

Tickets of admission for relatives of 14th Battalion to Champ de Mars and Grenadier Guards Armoury may be secured at Grenadier Guards Armoury, Esplanade Avenue; Victoria Rifles Armoury, Cathcart Street; 65th Armoury, Pine Avenue East.

Admission by Ticket Only

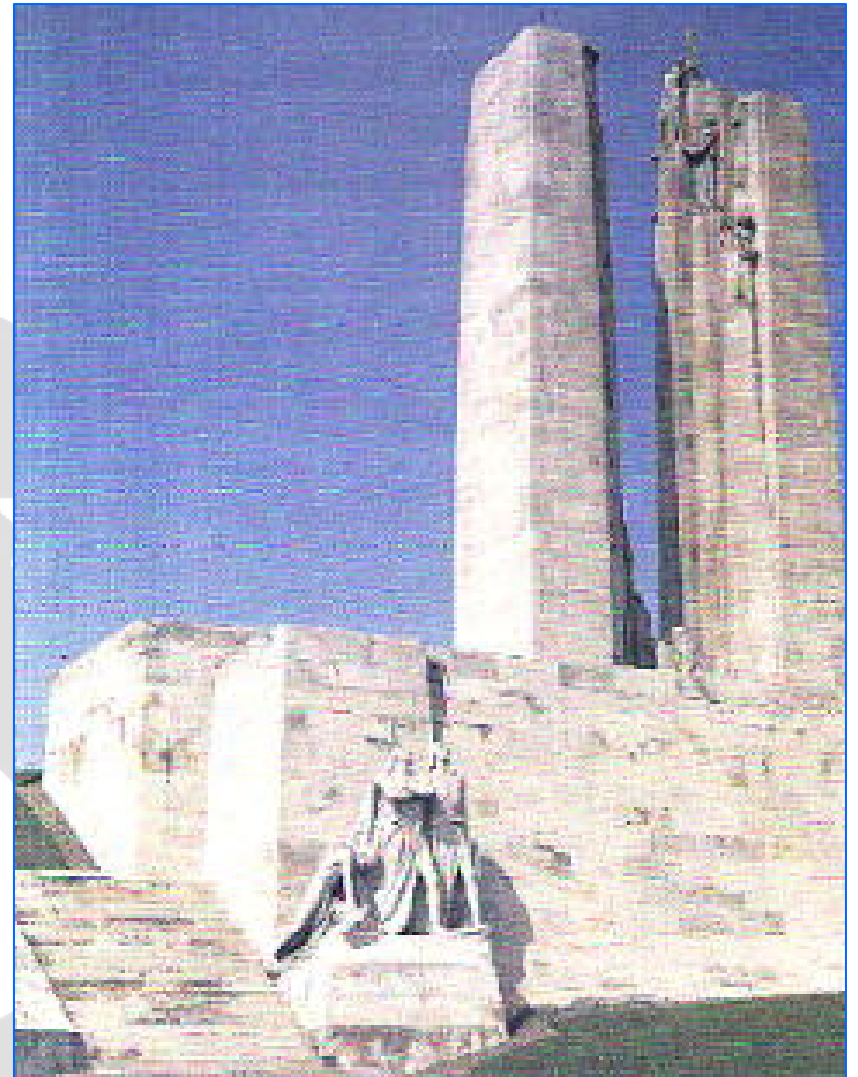
The Gazette, Montreal, Friday, April 18, 1919, page 9, col. 6

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RMR Statistics - World War 1

- 6,270 men served.
- 1,192 were killed.
- 3,277 were wounded.
- total casualties - 4,469.
- 1 out of every 5 men who served with the Regiment was killed.
- 1 out of every 2 men who served was wounded.
- 3 out of every 4 men who served became a casualty.
- The Regiment clearly represents what Canada gave *“for King and Country”*.



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Parade of CEF Veterans: Champ de Mars, 1919





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Major H.G. Brewster.
For information
MONTREAL, QUE.
SEPT. 19th, 1919.
To:- A. A. G.,
M. D. 4.

At a meeting called by the Officers
and Other Ranks, who had served at any time in the
Royal Montreal Regiment, 14th Battalion, C.E.F.,

G. Brewster.
For information
SEPT. 19th, 1919.
To:- A. A. G.,
M. D. 4.

At a meeting called by the Officers
and Other Ranks, who had served at any time in the
Royal Montreal Regiment, 14th Battalion, C.E.F.,
at Peel Street Barracks, last night, the following
resolutions were made:-

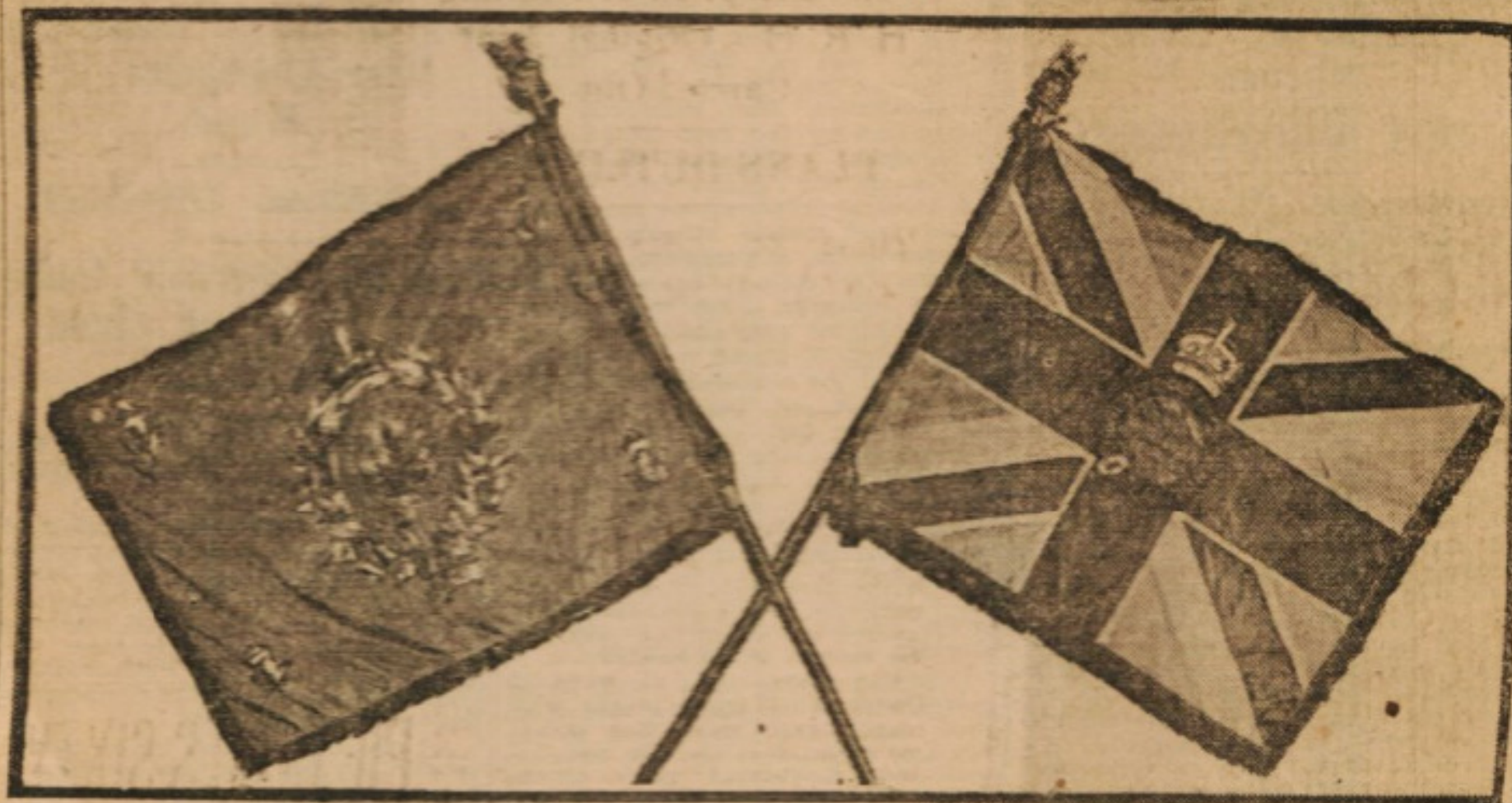
1st:- That an Old Comrade Association
should be formed by all members of the Royal Mon-
treal Regiment, and that its Headquarters should
be at the Rooms at present used by the 58th Regi-
ment, on the corner of St. Catherine and Green
Avenue, by kind permission of Lieut-Colonel Strange.

so far as they relate to the Ceremony and Parade in
connection with the depositing of Colours be given,
to Lieut-Colonel D. WORTALL, PEEL STREET BARRACKS.

Dick Worrall
Lieut-Colonel.
Late Officer Commanding, 14th Bn.

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COLORS OF 14TH BATTALION TO BE PLACED IN CHURCH



The colors of the 14th Royal Montreal Regiment, which will be deposited in the Church of St. James the Apostle tomorrow afternoon, were given to them by Mrs. E. A. Whitehead, of Montreal. Mrs. Whitehead had two sons in the battalion, one of whom, Capt. E. A. Whitehead, was killed in the early part of the war after distinguished service, and the other, Capt. V. Whitehead, came home with the battalion. Mrs. Whitehead put the working of the colors into the hands of the most famous of England's color makers, who were a full year working upon them. They were presented to the regiment by Prince Arthur of Connaught, in a German village near Cologne early in the New Year.

October 1919

R.M.R. OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

A reception will be held on New Year's Day from 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. at the Westmount Rifles Headquarters 1215 Greene avenue, corner St. Catherine street, in conjunction with the Westmount Rifles. All members of the 14th Battalion are cordially invited.



April 1920

14TH BATTALION TO HAVE REUNION

Two Generals and Eleven Colonels Formerly in Command

A big reunion dinner of the officers of the 14th Battalion will be held on Monday evening, April 21, at the Montreal Club. A committee, of which Major J. H. Richardson is chairman, was appointed at a recent general meeting of the regimental officers to make the necessary arrangements for the reunion, and to endeavor to locate every officer who had served in the battalion at any time. Preliminary notices regarding the dinner have been sent out for the purpose of ascertaining how many officers will be able to attend.

The date of the dinner coincides approximately with the date of the Battalion's first engagement in France, and also with the return of the unit to Montreal, four years later.

The first that even came to the notice

May 7/20

ORGANIZATION OF 14TH BATTALION

Amalgamation with 58th Westmount Rifles is Now Completed

The plans for the organization of the Royal Montreal Regiment, 1st Westmount Battalion, 14th Battalion, C. E. F., have been completed, with Headquarters at 1215 Greene Avenue, Westmount.

The re-organized regiment is a result of an amalgamation between the 14th Canadian Battalion, R. M. R., which went overseas with the 1st Division, and the 58th Westmount Rifles. A preliminary meeting of the Old Comrades Association of the R. M. R. was held last Monday when Lieut.-Col. C. B. Price, the newly appointed Commanding Officer addressed the officers, and other ranks, spoke of the generous and enthusiastic support received from Lieut.-Col. Strange and officers of the 1st Westmount Rifles.

Dec 8/20



The Royal Montreal Regiment Christmas Supper and Dance

A Christmas Supper and Dance will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee on Monday, December 20th, at 7.00 P.M., in Victoria Hall, 4600 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount, to all men, who have not enlisted with other Militia Regiments, and their families, who served with the 14th Bn. R.M.R., original members of the 23rd Bn. C.E.F. and those on the present strength of the 1st (Westmount) Battalion, The Royal Montreal Regiment.

Widows and children of men who lost their lives while serving with the above mentioned battalions are cordially invited.

All those who already wish to register, either personally or in writing, before December 13th, to the Adjutant, The Royal Montreal Regiment, 1215 Greene Avenue (Cor. St. Catherine St.) Westmount. No tickets will be issued, the act of registering is sufficient notice that you are coming.



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The Royal Montreal Regiment Baseball Practice

A baseball practice will be held in the basement of St. Mathias Church, corner Cote St. Antoine Road and Metcalfe Avenue, Westmount, at 8.15 p.m., November 26th.

All members of the Battalion are requested to attend.

D. MacRITCHIE,
Captain and Adjutant,
The Royal Montreal Regiment.

To others wishing to become associated with this famous group, a cordial invitation is extended.

Training quarters have been provided and all is in readiness for the commencement of active work.

Tuesday, 15th February, 8.15 p.m.

1215 Greene Ave. (Cor. St. Catherine)

February 9/21



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WESTMOUNT LIKES MILITARY TATTOO

Display in Park Witnessed
by Several Thousand
Spectators

Several thousand persons were entertained in Westmount Park last night by the band of the Royal Montreal Regiment, which held a parade and military tattoo. Accompanied by a party of torch-bearers, the band arrived at the park at 8:30, and in a roped-off space marched and counter-marched, the flaring torches being very effective.

"Retreat" was followed by several well-known airs, including "Rule Britannia," "Pack Up Your Troubles," "O Canada," and a most effective

MILITARY TATTOO ⁹⁴⁴ AT WESTMOUNT PARK

— Sept 18/12 —

Royal Montreal Regiment Had
Effective and Spectacular
Parade Last Night

Westmount Park was en fete last night when the Royal Montreal Regiment held a parade and carried out the ceremony of Tattoo. Accompanied by a party of torchbearers the bands and drums of the regiment marched from their headquarters on Greene avenue and arrived at the park at about 8.30 p.m., where a crowd of several thousand persons awaited them. A space measuring about four hundred yards in length



On Bisley Team



Company Quartermaster-Sergeant A. Parnell, who is the only representative from Montreal on the Canadian Bisley team. C.Q.M.S. Parnell enlisted in 1914 with the original 14th Battalion, R.M.R., and served with distinction overseas. He is now a Company Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Westmount Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment.

June 11/24.



The Royal Montreal Regiment

1st (Westmount) Battalion
(14th Battalion C.E.F.)

RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Sixth Annual Meeting

AT
POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES RANGES
ON

SATURDAY, JULY 3RD 1926

Hon. President
Lt. Col. C. B. PRICE, D.S.O., D.C.M.
Hon. Vice-President
Lt. Col. J. E. McKENNA, M.C.
President
Lt. M. LE MIEUX
Vice President
Lt. H. W. WOOD
Secretary-Treasurer
R. Q. M. S., A. W. SEAMAN
Captain of Teams
Lt. A. HANDCOCK, D.C.M.

COMMITTEE

C.Q.M.S. A. Parnell
Sgt. B. A. Norman
Sgt. S. L. Bain
Pte. Hedley
Sgt. D. MacRae



PRIZED WAR RELIC FOUND IN FRANCE

Plate With Names of Dead of
Royal Montreal Regiment
From Tara Hill

DONOR IS CAPTAIN HERSEY

Bears Marks of Enemy Shell
Fire—Has Honored Place
in Officers'
Mess

A war relic that will be highly prized has been restored to the Officers' mess of the Royal Montreal Regiment by Capt. A. C. Hersey, of the Canadian Grenadier Guards. It is a brass plate, fashioned from the case of a 3-inch shell and inscribed with the names of 120 officers and men



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WHY AN ARMOURY IS NECESSARY IN WESTMOUNT

1. Without it, "The Westmount Battalion," The Royal Montreal Regiment, an efficient unit in the Defence Forces of Canada, with a splendid war record, will have to be disbanded.
2. It will provide healthy training and recreation for the youth of Westmount.
3. It will provide a large hall which can be used by the public for exhibitions, meetings, entertainments, etc., which does not exist at present.
4. It will be an ornament to the City of Westmount.
5. The projected plan will not add to the taxation in Westmount.
6. COME TO THE MEETING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, AT 8.15 P.M., IN VICTORIA HALL.

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Westmount Citizens Meeting

A meeting will be held tonight, at 8.15 P.M., in Victoria Hall, to decide as to whether the Westmount Battalion of The Royal Montreal Regiment will retain its identity by being provided with a suitable Armoury. All citizens are earnestly requested to attend.

Speakers:

Sir Arthur Currie; the Representatives of the Federal and Provincial Parliaments, and prominent Westmount citizens.

His Worship The Mayor Will Preside.

The Officers and Men of the R. M. R. Westmount Battalion are asking you to vote in favour of a 99 year lease being granted by the City Council, at one dollar per annum, for a certain area of land, situated on St. Catherine Street, between the High School and the Academy Apartments, for the purpose of building thereon an Armoury.

The funds for building the Armoury will be provided by the Westmount Armoury Association, Incorporated, and arrangements have been completed for the same, so that the City will not incur any expenditure.

The building will be designed to harmonize with the High School, and will be an attractive addition to the locality.

Plans of the proposed Armoury are now on view at the City Hall.

No increase in taxes whatever.

The above proposition was unanimously approved at a large public meeting held in Victoria Hall on February 7th, 1924.

You are earnestly requested to vote in favor of the Armoury on Thursday, June 12th.



PROPOSED ARMOURY OF THE R. M. R.
WESTMOUNT BATTALION

Plans prepared by Government architects call for an imposing structure with a frontage of 187 feet on St. Catherine Street, between the Westmount High School and the Academy Apartments, adjoining the park. The depth of the building will be 111 feet. The interior arrangements provide for a large well-lighted drill hall 130' x 76' with spectators' gallery, an assembly room for each company, a large recreation and billiard room for the men, commodious quarters for officers, and sergeants' messes. In the basement space is provided for bowling alleys, shooting gallery, swimming pool, shower baths, band room, etc.

The building will not entail any expenditure by the City of Westmount, nor will it add in any way to the taxes. Arrangements have been made whereby the armoury will be financed by the Westmount Armoury Association, the interest on the bonds being guaranteed by the Federal Government in the form of rental which is now being paid for entirely inadequate premises. By this plan a handsome and much-needed public building will be secured without any cost to the citizens of Westmount or any capital expenditure by the Government.

In the referendum to be held Thursday, June 12, citizens will vote on the question of the City leasing for a period of ninety-nine years, at a rental of \$1.00 per year, the piece of vacant property required for the armoury.

City of Westmount

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Electors of the City of Westmount who are Proprietors, that the Mayor and Council have fixed Thursday the 12th day of June, 1924, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Committee Room in the City Hall (Sherbrooke Street and Argyle Avenue), as the day for the poll to ascertain whether the Resolution is approved or not.

The said Resolution as adopted at the meeting of the City Council on the 22nd Day of May, 1924, is as follows:

WHEREAS certain officers of the Royal Montreal Regiment and citizens of Westmount and other persons interested in the Westmount Battalion propose to seek incorporation as the Westmount Armoury Association and to erect an armoury in the City of Westmount for the use of said regiment and which, by arrangement with the military authorities, would be available for public meetings when not required for military purposes; and

WHEREAS such persons have asked that a long lease be granted to such Association of certain vacant lots belonging to the City on which the armoury may be erected and maintained, and that the Council do exempt from general taxes the property of such Association; and

WHEREAS at a public meeting of the citizens of Westmount held the 7th day of February, 1924, a resolution was unanimously passed calling on the Council to grant to said Association, on conditions to be agreed upon, a lease of said vacant prop-

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WESTMOUNT CITIZENS

You are requested to vote tomorrow (Thursday) in favour of the City leasing a certain area of land on which will be constructed without cost to the City an Armoury for the Westmount Battalion, Royal Montreal Regiment.

Complete details of the proposition, with plans and description of the proposed building, are available at the City Hall. *For further information Telephone Westmount 383-0*

The future of Westmount's only defense unit depends upon your vote. Unless suitable quarters are provided, the regiment must disband. *415-0
7492*

This Is Your Regiment — Vote For It!



R.M.R. EXPECTS TO GET ARMORY

Optimistic Reports of Voting in City of Westmount Today

Members of the Royal Montreal Regiment were out in full force from an early hour this morning, confident in the hope that their efforts to secure the grant of land from the voters of Westmount, whereon to erect a drill hall and armory, would be successful.

The R. M. R. officers and specially selected teams, captained by officers who know the local situation, were out immediately after the breakfast hour and materially assisted voters to register quickly and be on their way to business.

Lieut.-Col. Price has made it very plain that if the people of Westmount do not vote sufficiently strong to enable the R. M. R. to secure the grant of a block of ground on which to build the armory, there will be a halt to the activities of the Regiment and that members will disband owing to the want of proper training quarters.

Automobiles were pressed into service to make the task of the voter more simple and everything was done to see that those who have the franchise could not later say they were handicapped in getting to the polling booths at Westmount city hall.

At one o'clock optimistic reports of the voting were given out by officers of the regiment.

Majors H. G. Brewer, J. H. Richardson, R. H. Hood, G. V. Whitehead and W. Clarke and Captain Armstrong were in charge of the six teams busily engaged "whipping up" the voters.

June 12/24



La scène que présentait le nouvel Arsenal du "Royal Montreal Regiment", 1er bataillon de Westmount, 14e bataillon C.E.F., lors de l'inauguration de l'édifice, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest, par le ministre de la Milice, l'honorable E.-M. MacDonald. — (Cliché Rice Studio).

"La Presse" January 16/26.

4. The following work will be carried out as follows.
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| 8.15 p.m. | — | <i>Swedish or Physical Training.</i> |
| 8.40 p.m. | — | <i>Massed Trot.</i> |
| 8.45 p.m. | — | <i>Squads will be formed for—</i> |
| | (1) | <i>Horizontal Bar.</i> |
| | (2) | <i>Parallel Bars.</i> |
| | (3) | <i>Bayonet Fighting and Fencing.</i> |
| | (4) | <i>Boxing.</i> |
| 9.45 p.m. | — | <i>Tug of War.</i> |

5. Dress for practices—Optional, but it is hoped that those issued with Regimental Vest and white trousers will wear them on practice nights. White rubber soled Shoes are essential. Kit may be purchased from the Treasurer on Practice nights. Vests—50c. White Trousers—\$1.50.

6. Regimental Competitions will be held as follows:—
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| Monday, December 10 | — | <i>Boxing.</i> |
| Thursday, December 13 | — | <i>Bayonet Fighting.</i> |
| Monday, December 17 | — | <i>Inter-Company Tug of War.</i> |
- If sufficient progress is made, gymnastic and fencing competitions will also be held.

CONDITIONS

- (a) The competitions will be open to all members of the School who have attended on 6 practice nights.
- (b) Bayonet Fighting will be judged under the Rules of the Royal Naval and Military Tournament, copy of which will be posted in the Drill Hall.

- (c) Inter-Company Tug of War.—There will be two competitions. (1) Light weight. (2) Heavy weight.

Teams shall consist of four men, total weight 532 lbs. for the Light weight teams and 626 for the Heavy. The Pull shall be 12 feet.

- (d) Boxing:
- (1) Divided into 3 weights—103 lbs., 125 lbs., 150 lbs.
 - (2) At least 2 entries must be received for each weight or the competition will not be held.
 - (3) Each bout will consist of 3 one minute rounds. Decision will be given by two judges and a referee. In case of a tie one extra round will be fought.

Prizes will be awarded for all these Competitions.



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Approval has been granted to change the designation of the Westmount Mounted Cadet Corps to No. 1425, the Royal Montreal Regiment Cadet Corps. The affiliation of this cadet corps with the 17th D.V.R.C. Hussars has been cancelled and its affiliation with the Royal Montreal Regiment, first Westmount Battalion approved—from the 30th September, 1931.

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MONTREAL, . November 17th 1931

Lt Col R.H. Hood,
Royal Regiment.
4625 St Catherine W, Montreal

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find cheque for \$60.00 in favor of the Royal Regiment for the music your were kind enough to give us at our exhibition game with Providence Club on the 9th, for which we thank you very much.

Yours very truly.

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THE ROYAL MONTREAL REGIMENT



RMR Association (Br. 14): 1939



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18 May 1939: Marching to Duties – Royal Visit



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To The Citizens of Westmount and The Western Environs of Montreal

The British Empire is in deadly peril.

After laying waste most of Europe and reducing its people to serfdom, a powerful and ruthless enemy, bent on world conquest, is about to throw his whole weight and cunning against the very heart of our Empire. This is the final testing time for all of us.

Canada's duty is clear. Complete mobilization of all the resources and man power of our country must be pushed to completion without a moment's delay. All of us do not realize the dreadful urgency of this need. Those who do are asking "What can we do — NOW?"

To the men of Westmount, Notre Dame de Grace and the western environs of Montreal our answer is

JOIN THE **ROYAL MONTREAL REGIMENT**

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FOR PART-TIME MILITARY TRAINING

The Royal Montreal Regiment has already contributed a machine gun battalion, with numerous reinforcements, to the 1st Division, C. A. S. F. And now for HOME DEFENSE the regiment is raising an infantry battalion in the Non-Permanent Active Militia (N. P. A. M.) including a company of veterans.

Here is your opportunity to VOLUNTEER immediately for part-time drill and instruction to be carried on in the evening — two or three nights a week. In addition, the battalion will go to camp for a period of three weeks intensive training — probably commencing late in August. From information available, it is likely that this training will be counted as a credit to the volunteers when the draft system is inaugurated.

The R. M. R., with headquarters in Westmount, is a unit with splendid traditions of service, experienced officers and N.C.O.'s, a modern armoury and ample parade grounds. It is easily accessible to the entire west end.

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Lieut.-Col. J. E. McKenna, M.C.—Officer Commanding.

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New RMR recruits drilling in Westmount Park, Sept 1939





Machine-Gun Training in Westmount Park, Sept 1939





P.T. Class Westmount. 1 RMR 1939

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New RMR Recruits: 25 July 1940

nearly 1,000 men (including Veterans Coy)





“Phony War” Period: January 1940





RMR (MG) Training in UK: 1942



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Helping with the Harvest: Sept 1942



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Training Accidents: 19 Sept 1942





RMR (MG) Training: 25 April 1942



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2 Battalion RMR Training





32 Recce (RMR): 1943



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32 Recce (RMR) Training: 16 Nov 1943



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End of an Era: 1943



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Not for long...



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RMR Hockey Team: February 1944



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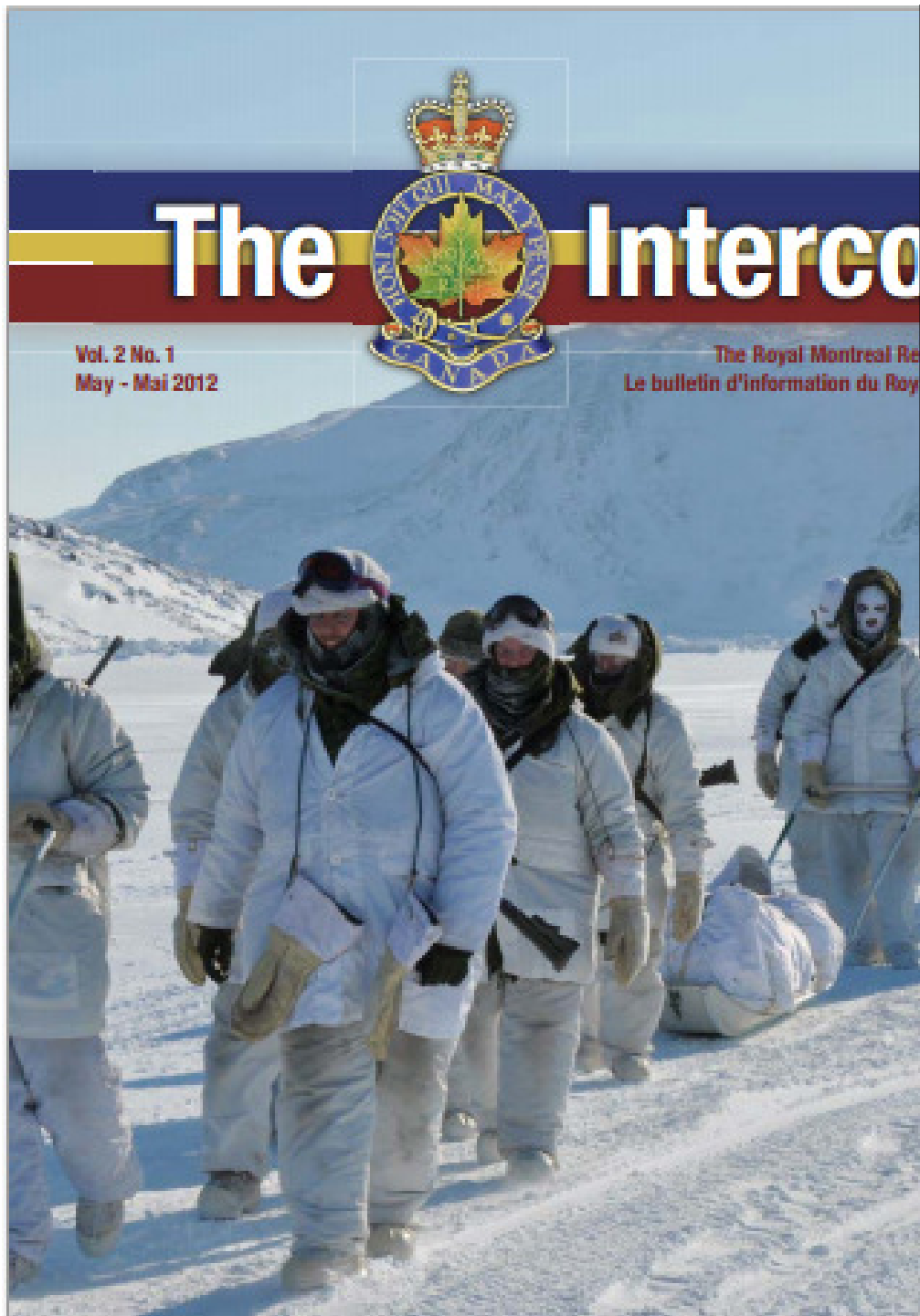


C Coy - RMR 2nd Bn. displaying Bren
in anti-aircraft position May 1942





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13 May 1945: Church Parade



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Welcome Home

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Welcome Home 1st Bn RMR: 22 Sept 1945





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and Dedication

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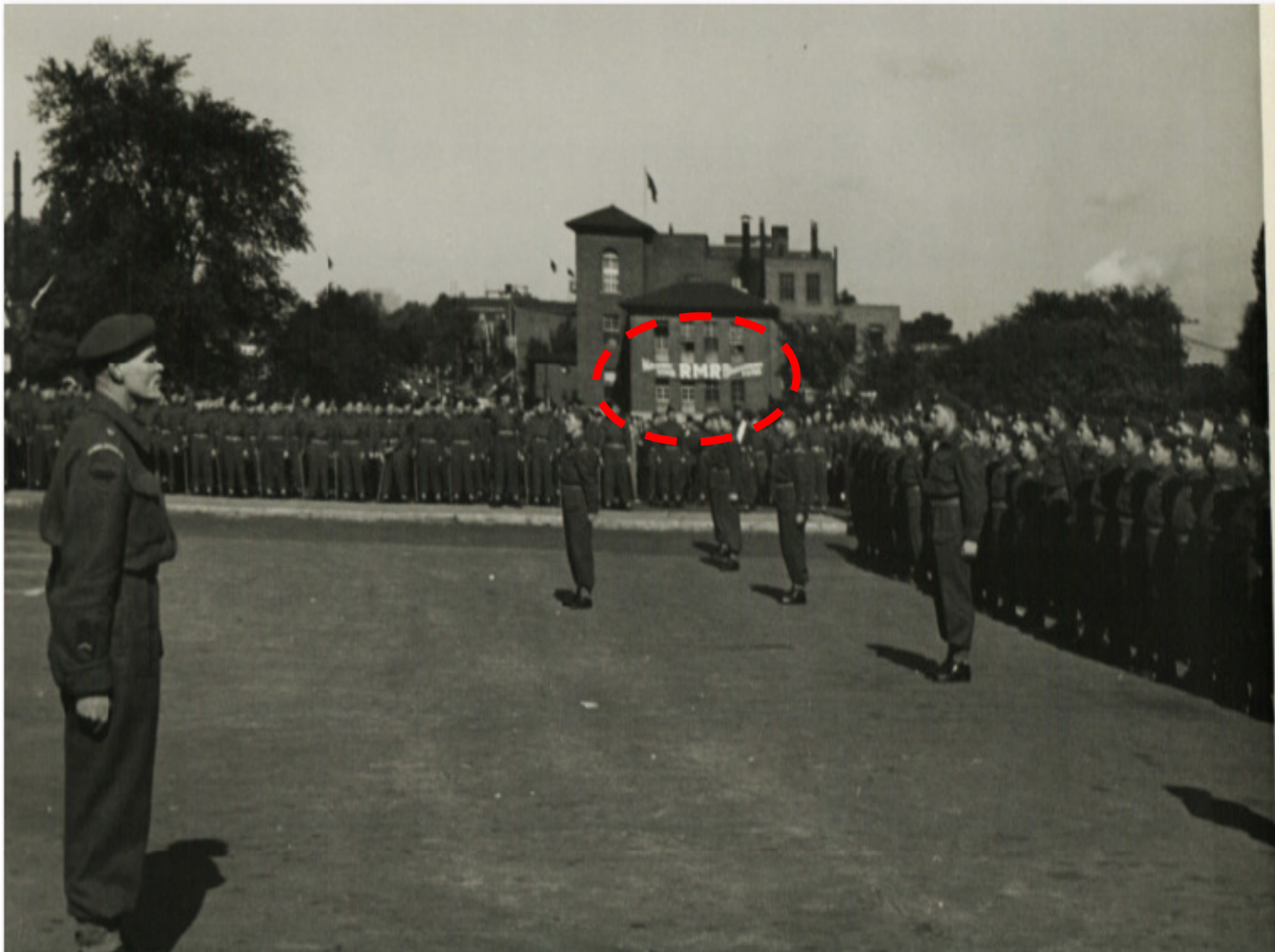


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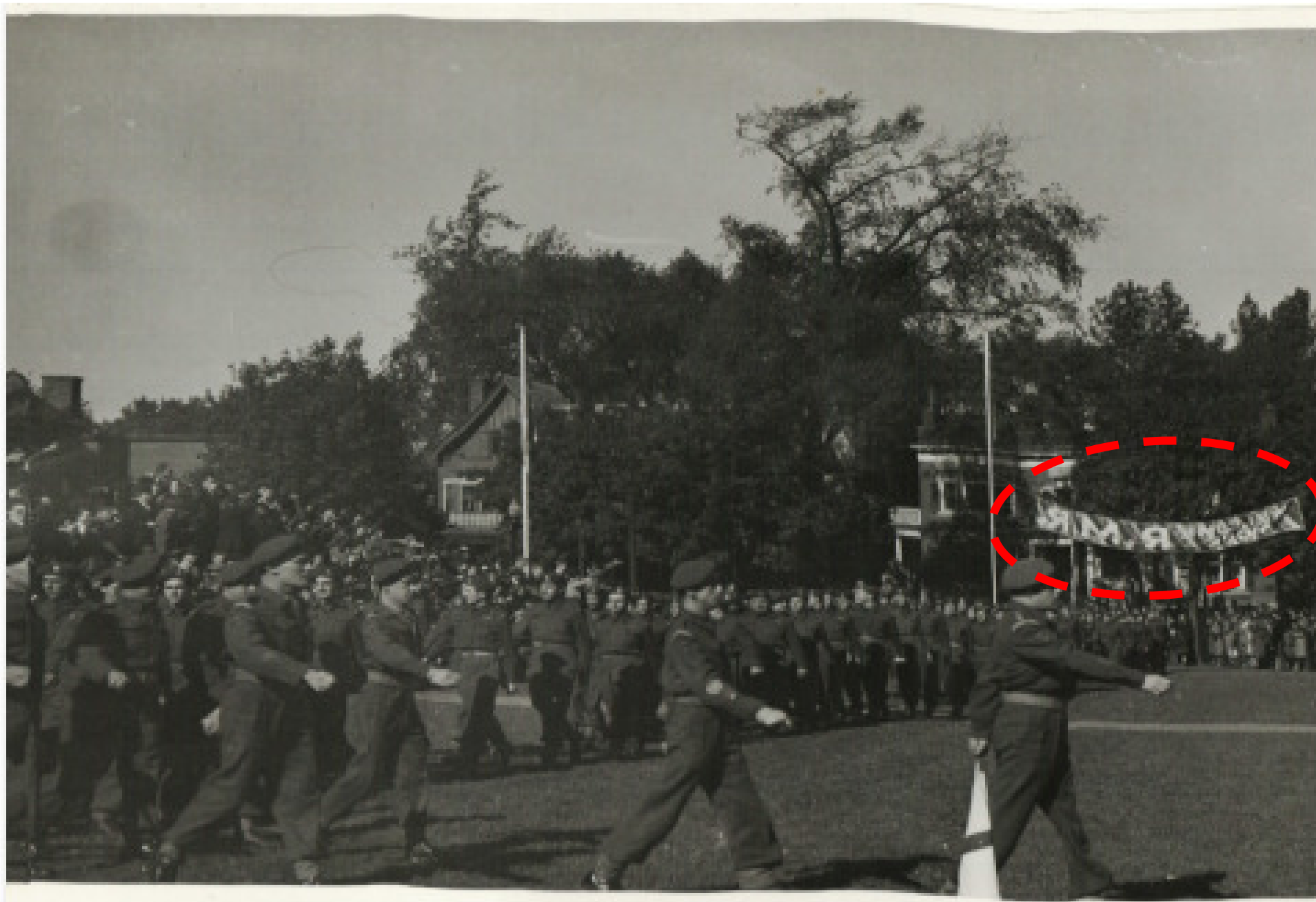
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RMR celebrations draw 450 veterans of regiment from all over continent

35 The Westmount Examiner, Friday, October 2, 1964

Over 450 RMR veterans, some from as far away as California, returned to their old regiment Sept. 19 to join in 50th anniversary reunion celebrations and Color presentation ceremonies.

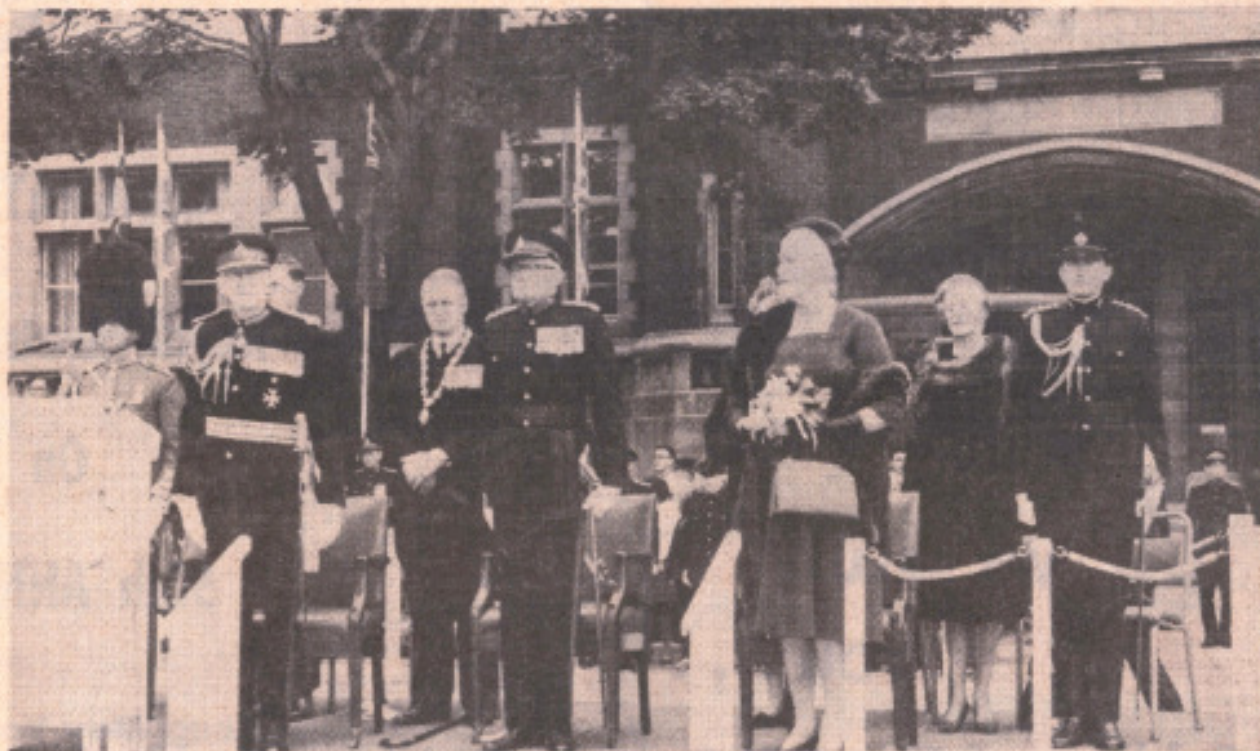
The event had taken about two years of planning.

Highlighting the weekend was a gala dinner at the St. Catherine street armoury Saturday night followed by the presentation of the Colors by the Governor-General Sunday afternoon.

Parade order listed

Parade order for the Color Presentation ceremonies — Sept. 30 was as follows:

1. Keeper-of-the-Grounds were posted.
2. Guards and Colours marched on Parade. "The Contemptibles", Band of The RMR.
3. Officers Fall-In.
4. Arrival of the Vice-Regal Party. "Fanfare", Band of The



West Yorks send RMR greetings

Air Vice Marshall E. W. Towsey, special guest at the Reunion Dinner brought greetings from the RMR's affiliated regiment, The West Yorks.

He reported that despite the many miles that separate the

At the saluting base are from left to right: Lt. Col. J. G. N. Rushbrook, CD, ADC; His Excellency, The Governor-General of Canada; His Honor Mayor Drury of Westmount; Brigadier G. V. Whitehead, Honorary Colonel of the RMR, Mrs. Georges Vanier, and Mrs. Whitehead.

ON PARADE

Members of the Royal Regiment on parade at the Color presentation ceremonies recently included:

Honourary Colonel
Brigadier G. V. WHITEHEAD

Honourary Lieutenant Colonel
Lieut. Col. J. A. CALDER

Commanding Officer
Lieut. Col. D. W. WARD, CD.



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Lt. Col. D. W. Ward, CD, Commanding Officer of the
Royal Montreal Regiment.

The old Colours of the RMR are paraded for the last time before the unfurling of new ones by Governor-General Vanier

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RMR Shooting Team: 1970



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Open House: 1978



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Remembrance Day: 1978



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106mm Training: 1980's



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Heliborne Training: 1980's



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Westmount Family Day: 1990's



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90th Anniversary BBQ: August 2004



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Machine Gun Training: 2000's



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Change of Honorary Colonel: 2008



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RMR soldiers in Afghanistan: 2009



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RMR soldiers training: 2014



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Post-war: Peace Support Operations

MISSIONS

- Korea
- Egypt
- Golan Heights
- Cyprus
- Beirut
- Former Yugoslavia
- Haiti
- Africa (various)
- Afghanistan

PARTICIPATION

- 3 NCMs
- 10 NCMs
- 22 NCMs
- 9 NCMs
- 2 Officers
- 78 all ranks
- 8 NCMs
- 6 all ranks
- 47 all ranks
- 175 and counting...





Domestic Operations

- Oka Crisis
- Goose Bay
- Ice Storm
- Floods
- Forest fires
- Searches
- FLQ Crisis
- 1976 Montreal Olympics
- 1998 Ice Storm
- Québec Summit 2008
- 2010 Vancouver Olympics
- 2011 Montergie Floods



Questions?

Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Robinson (retired), CD.

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

The Royal Montreal Regiment

17 April 2014