Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association
L’Association du Corps Dentaire Royal Canadien

NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN
Special Edition February 2011

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Hello all,

Welcome to a special edition of the RCDCA Newsletter

First some necessary administrative matters

UNPAID RCDCA ANNUAL DUES

We note that quite a few RCDCA members are not paying their annual dues and we cannot keep mailing to those who do not pay their fair share. A personal letter will be mailed to those individuals later in 2011, advising them of their dues status and asking if they want to stay in the RCDCA or if they want to leave us. In the mean time please look at your dues status (it is written on the mailing label of the envelope that held this newsletter). If the label shows 2009 or 2010, it means that is the last year you paid your dues. Please send all checks to the RCDCA treasurer - Cliff Beauchamp.

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The main reason that this is a “Special Edition” is due to the wonderful work done by CWO Harry Ayerst. Our Dental Corps history must not be lost or forgotten thus, some time ago, CWO Ayerst was asked if he would prepare the story of MOC 724 Dental Laboratory Technicians. He did not fail. He excelled. In fact, as you read this newsletter, you will clearly see the effort he made. For that we all can say.

Thanks Harry well done!!!!! You Lab techs are great!

In addition, please find copies of the RCDCA Treasurers Report and an enrolment form for 2011 plus a return envelope. If your contact info has changed please let us know

Finally two short articles are included – One on the Korean War and a significant Canadian action. (Kapyong).

The second is the first in a series of articles on our Heroes. Yes, the Dental Corps has its heroes and more than you may think. Bill Parker has been investigating and he has found a number of Dental Corps members who were given awards for heroic acts and in the course of their military careers they became prominent figures in the Dental Corps. The first person we feature is Col Climo. How many of you realized what this “Dental” did?

We have several articles “On the Go”; so, if you have contributed but have yet to see yours in an RCDCA Newsletter, please be patient …its been a busy season we will print it soon. There is more to come.

Finally, before I close I want to remind all that it is Bill Parker who meets weekly with his historical fact finders, it is Bill who generates most of this wonderful Corps history material.— Thanks Bill, without you these newsletters would not be the same.
Colonel Charles Bryce Hanny Climo DCM, ED, CD, DDS, FICD was born in Saint John N.B on 8 April 1897. He served with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during WWI from 1916 to 1919 during which time he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bravery in the field (the D.C.M. is second only to the Victoria Cross for Gallantry). Following his release upon returning to Canada he subsequently re-enlisted in the Non Permanent Active Militia with the 1st Halifax Coast Brigade RCA in 1922 and was commissioned in the rank of Lieutenant in 1923. Also in 1923 he graduated from Dalhousie University with a DDS Degree. Colonel Climo served with the Halifax Coastal Brigade until 1939 when he transferred to active service with the Canadian Army Dental Corps as a Major and served with distinction during WWII achieving the rank of Colonel in 1945 and appointed Assistant Director of Dental Services. Post WWII Colonel Climo reverted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1946 Lieutenant Colonel Climo assumed command of No 12 Dental Company, Halifax N.S. and subsequently was posted to Army Headquarters in Ottawa where he was appointed Deputy Director of Dental Service and promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1949. Colonel Climo held this position until his retirement in 1957. It should be noted that during his distinguished Military Service, active, militia and regular force spanning 41 years, he was involved in three wars, WWI as a decorated soldier, WWII a Dental Officer commanding several units and Korea as the Deputy Director of Dental Services.
Infantrymen

On the night of April 22-23, 1951, formidable Chinese and North Korean forces slashed into the UN lines. The 27th British Commonwealth Infantry Brigade was strategically sited in the valley of the Kapyong River near its junction with the Pukam River. A strong defensive position was prepared with the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment on Hill 504, 2nd Battalion PPCLI dug in on Hill 677, and the 1st Middlesex Regiment just south of the PPCLI. After heavy engagement during the night and the following day, Chinese infiltration intensified, forcing the Australians to withdraw under great pressure. The onslaught then fell upon the Patricia’s.

Sgt Carl Schmelzie positions with ensuing fierce fighting. In one case, with platoons being overrun, the “D” company commander had to call down supporting fire on top of his own positions. The attack continued with ferocity and only subsided with daylight when it was determined that the 2nd Battalion PPCLI was surrounded. With ammunition and supplies nearly depleted, the battalion had to be resupplied by parachute drop. Eventually the Middlesex Regiment cleared the enemy from the rear and supply lines were re-established. The PPCLI had bravely maintained positions which were so vital to the brigade defense and had inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. The Canadian defense had been skillfully sited and organized and thus kept Canadian casualties to a relatively light 10 killed and 23 wounded. In recognition of their gallant stand at Kapyong, the 2nd Battalion PCLI and the 23rd Royal Australian Regiment were awarded the US Presidential Citation for “outstanding heroism and exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services”. This was the first and only time that Canadians have won this award.

Bn Dental Team

Capt Frank Nesbitt

Sgt Ken Shergold

Sgt Lloyd Flesher

Sgt B. Gilbert
723

LAB RATS
History

A bit of history covering the Dental Laboratory Technicians who served with the Canadian Armed Forces.
In the book “The Story of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps”, published by Lieut. Col H.M. Jackson in 1956, it was indicated that during the war of 1914-1919 Canadian Dental Technicians while serving in England were tasked with the construction of many intricate prosthesis. The Canadian Army Dental Corps was established in 1915 to care for all dental matters affecting the personnel of the overseas military forces of Canada. During 1916 a training school was established in Ottawa to train Dental Mechanics as the supply from civilian sources had become exhausted. A similar school was also proposed in the United Kingdom.

In 1921 the Canadian Army Dental Services which was formed during the war was disbanded. The Canadian Army Dental Corps was established in its stead effective 15\textsuperscript{th} Jun 1921.

The Canadian Army Dental Corps was disbanded in 1939 and the Canadian Dental Corps was established. In the field one dental technician was responsible for two dental detachments. Each detachment consisted of one dental officer, one dental assistant, and a driver with a mobile dental clinic.

In 1947 the Canadian Dental Corps became The Royal Canadian Dental Corps and in 1968 was renamed Canadian Forces Dental Services.

Dental technicians were trained in Toronto in 1943. During 1946 the training was moved to Ottawa and in 1958 it was moved to Canadian Forces Base Borden. This became the training centre for all laboratory technicians commonly know as “Lab Rats” until 1995.

In 1995 the 723 Dental Laboratory Trade was disbanded in favor of contracting prescriptions out to civilian laboratories.
Most of the Lab Rats carried their trade to Civilian Street and spread themselves across Canada. Many got their provincial papers and opened up dental laboratories, some went on to teaching their trade at various institutes, and some became Denturists and opened their own offices. Many have now retired but still respond happily when addressed as a “Lab Rat”.
The strong bonds that were made while in the Forces still continue today and will never be broken. With all the changes throughout the past years one element has remained constant, that being the high level camaraderie among the laboratory technicians who served with the Armed Forces has not changed. This has been proven at many dental functions. One could always find a table of “Lab Rats” discussing new techniques in the trade, past memories, which took up most of the time, or just joking along with lots of noise and laughter. The Lab Rats have proven that they were very diligent in their Training, Worked hard in their trade, and used any excuse to get out and Play.
In this article I have tried to capture these attributes. I apologize for any errors (I’m sure there are a few). I also apologize for missing a few Lab Rats who did not get their picture inserted in to this article. I thank the many Lab Rats who have helped in gathering information and assisted with names and captions. I certainly could not have completed this article without their help.

I sincerely thank Col McQueen who asked me to present this article about the 723 Lab Rats for the RCDCA newsletter. There was no hesitation on my part as it gave me a chance to contact old acquaintances and bring back many cherished memories.

The historical data was found in “The Story of The Royal Canadian Dental Corps” by Lieut.- Colonel H.M. Jackson, M.B.E., E.D.
Training

CFDSS
1966 TQ4 Lab Course
The Lab Rats start to multiply

Back Row: Ken Rothwell (Inst), Capt Robertson (Inst), Harry Ayerst, Joe Hossdorf (Inst), Norm Hope, Lab Rat Mascot, Mac Allen, Bob Wormington, Brian Bristow, Richard Abfalter, MWO Morris (Inst).

Front Row: Hans Gapman, Roy Todd, Bill Buxton, Claude Larouche, Norm Sharpe.
TQ5 Graduating Course


Front Row: MWO Bob Goodwin, WO Frank Reid, Col Craigie, MWO Keith Lawrence
1975
TQ5 Course

Back Row: Lloyd Payette, Lew Parker, Gary Jones, Bill Kilgrain, Doug Hurley, John Allain, Jack Dale, Pete Hansen, Chuck Baldwin

TQ5 Lab Course 1970
Lab Rats tour Shaw Laboratories in Toronto

Back Row: Chris Heather, Mike White, Mac Allen, Roy Todd, Harry Ayerst, Shaw Rep

Middle Row: Shaw rep, Shaw Rep, Shaw Rep, Russ Black, Brian Hannah, Glen Challenger, Doug Cormie, Dave Crocker, Shaw Rep.

Front Row: Red Ritchie, Frank Reid (Instr), Bob Goodwin (Instr), Keith Lawrence (Instr), Maj Charles (Instr), Phil Wynott.
1976
Trade Adjustment Course

Back Row: Earl Borden, Marc Arbour, Gary Bowser, Pete Spratoff, Ernie Mandrusiak Don Hill.

Front Row: Doug Davies, Maj Cragg, Col Richardson, Harry Ayerst
Graduating TQ6 Course

Back Row: Jim Butson, Ron Lindsay, Jim Likins, Bill Renwick, Tom Taylor, Fred Schuh, Glen Hildebrant, Gerry Anderson, John Walker, Marc Arbour.

Front Row: Capt Frank Reid, Col Craigie, MWO Bob Goodwin.
TQ6 Advance Training Course

Back Row: Ernie Mandrusiak, Marc Arbour, Mac Allen, Al Pink, Harry Peck,
Gary Bowser, Russ Black, Gerry Anderson.

Front Row: MWO Breeze Spates, Col Donely, Maj St. Pierre,
CWO Harry Ayerst.
Trade Adjustment Course

Back Row: John Christenson, Denny Hughes, Jim Bleakney, Roy Todd, Earl McFadden, Joe Hossdorf.

Front Row: Herb Bilbey, Lt.Col Andrews, Col Richardson, Maj. Cragg, CWO Beauvais
New Lab in Stadacona

Breeze Spates and Greg Hines working in their new surroundings
Bucky Buchanan and Breeze Spates working on lesson plans for the training of new Lab Rats
Edmonton 1968

CWO Herb Bilbey and Dental Assistant Maxine welcome a brand new Lab Rat – CPL Harry Ayerst

1968
Harry Ayerst at the bench in Edmonton

1970
Sgt Roy Todd stationed with the UN Forces in Cyprus

1971
UN Dental Detachment in Cyprus
Sgt Paul Mayler, Sgt Harry Ayerst, Capt Steele

CFB Borden
Sgt Wayne Leach is under the scrutinizing eyes of CWO Harry Ayerst and CWO Roy Todd at CFDSS
Shown above are WO H. E. Ayerst (standing left) and Sgt. J. M. Walker (seated right) of the Dental Detachment, CFB Cold Lake. Both are Dental Laboratory Technicians and are responsible for much of the excellent prosthetic work produced by the Dental Laboratory. We congratulate them on their recent promotions to said ranks.
CFDSS

Gerry Anderson and Marc Arbour working on their projects at CFDSS
1970

Sgt Roy Todd at the bench with the UN Forces stationed in Cyprus

1971
Tom Taylor at the bench stationed in Lahr, Germany

1981
Sgt Harry Ayerst at the bench with the UN Forces stationed in Cyprus
WO Gary Bowser working in a Dental Field Van during summer concentration in Gagetown, New Brunswick
SPECIAL EVENTS

723 WORK SHOP
TRENTON
1977

723 Workshop held in Trenton

Left to Right: Doug Davies, Denny Hughes, Earl McFadden, Phil Coss, Roy Todd, John Christenson, Pete Spratoff, Tom Taylor, Keith Lawerence, Lorne Overbye, Harry Ayerst, Bob Clark, Jim Bleakney, Marc Arbour, Jacques Parent, Don Hill, Doug Cormier, Russ Black, Gary Bowser, Joe Hosssdorf.
Christmas 1969

Conference of Lab Rats from the Areas of Edmonton and Cold Lake.

Left to Right: Harry Ayerst, Ralph Thornton, Damon Gasson, Herb Bilbey,

Ken Rothwell, Ken Wallace.

Front: Roy Tallack, Earl McFadden.

Front Row – CWO Marc Arbour, CWO Bob Bernier, Col Lanctis, Gen Begin, Maj Tom Harle, CWO Wayne Cudmore.
Roy served 36 years with the Armed Forces. He was promoted to the rank of CWO in 1978 and was employed as Chief Instructor at CFDSS. In 1986 Roy was commissioned from the ranks to Captain and served as Dental AO for 14 and 13 Dental Units. Roy also served as a Dental Rep at Training Systems HQ. In 1991 Roy was promoted to Major and served briefly as OC of FDCC prior to his release in 1992. Roy was also very involved with the College of Dental Technologists and the College of Denturists by taking part in their annual Provincial Examinations. For a short while Roy taught Dental technology part time at George Brown College in Toronto. At present Roy is semi-retired but still practices denturism in Trenton, Ontario.
1982
CWO T. TAYLOR RECEIVING HIS
CWO SCROLL FROM COL JONES

Tom served 26 years with the Armed Forces. In 1982 he was promoted to CWO. Tom took his release from the forces in 1984. For the next 16 years Tom was the owner and operator of Taylor Dental Laboratory which was located in Victoria B.C. Tom retired in the year 2000 and now resides in Courtenay B.C. enjoying his retirement years with plenty of golf.
CWO H. AYERST RECEIVING HIS CWO SCROLL FROM BGEN THOMPSON

Harry served almost 27 years with the Armed Forces. He received his CWO rank in 1981 and took over the duties as Chief Instructor at CFDSS. Harry retired from the Forces in 1984 and opened up Ayerst Dental Laboratory in Barrie, Ont. For two years Harry taught Dental Technology part time at George Brown College. He became a member of the College of Dental Technicians and took part in conducting the annual Ontario Provincial Examinations. Harry fully retired in 1996 and is enjoying his retirement years in Barrie Ontario.
Marc served 33 plus years with the Armed Forces. He was promoted to CWO in 1986 and is seen here receiving his CWO Scroll from COL Woods. Marc left the Forces in 1995 and put his skills towards stain glass. He became very good at it as many of his pieces were on demand. Marc also became very busy with fixing up their new home as well as volunteering his time to help with his neighbors’ properties. Due to health issues Marc was forced to retire and at present resides in the city of lakes, Dartmouth Nova Scotia.
CWO Richard Abfalter (Ab) served almost 29 years with the Armed Forces. He was promoted to CWO in 1984 and took over the position as Career Manager for three years. Ab then went to CFB Esquimalt as senior Lab Tech and stayed there until he left the Forces in 1989. Ab continues using his lab skills by working part time with a denturist. He continues to enjoy live to its fullest and always has time for fun and travel. Ab now resides in beautiful Nelson BC where he first started grade school.
Glen retired from the Armed Forces in 1989 after completing 26 years of service. Upon his release he went into partnership with Atlantic Dental Lab in Saint John, New Brunswick. At present Glen is still active with the lab but looking forward to retirement in the next few years. Glen is on the Board of Examiners for the College of Technologists in the province of New Brunswick. He has worked hard with colleagues throughout Canada to achieve a National status for Dental technologists. Glen resides in Hampton, New Brunswick and enjoys his home and orchards in Sleepy Hollow.
1994
CWO Marc Arbour receiving his NATO Medal from Lt.Col. Garland
CWO R. TODD RECEIVING HIS CLASP TO HIS CANADIAN FORCES DECORATION FROM NOW GEN J. WRIGHT
1994

CWO Marc Arbour receiving his Clasp to his Canadian Forces Decoration Medal from Col Deyette
CFDSS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

CWO H.E. Ayerst, Senior Laboratory Instructor, CFDSS, presents the "Dental Laboratory Instructor's Award" to A/Sgt R.N. Hall under the approving eye of Col J.M. Doneley, Commandant CFDSS. A/Sgt Hall achieved the highest overall standard on the TQ6A Dental Laboratory Technician Course.
MWO Jim Clarke and MWO Rene Tremblay representing the Lab Rats by caring out the honors of cutting a CFDS cake.
1984
Retirement Send Off for Joe Hossdorf and Harry Ayerst

Back Row: Terry James, John Christenson, Al Pink, Glen Hildebrant,
Rick Abfalter, Ernie Mandrusiac, Breeze Spates,
Gary Bowser, Jacques Boulay, Harry Peck,
Earl McFadden, Roy Todd, Randy Hall, Rene Tremblay,
Wayne Cudmore, Bruce Davies, Mac Allen, Bob Goodwin,
Marc Arbour.

Front Row: Gerry Anderson, Tom Taylor, Joe Hossdorf, Harry Ayerst,
Gerry Jerome.
The last mess dinner for Harry Ayerst and Joe Hossdorf as they retire from the Forces

Gerry Anderson, Tom Taylor, Harry Ayerst, Joe Hossdorf
AT PLAY
WO & SGT”S Mess CFB Borden

“After a hard day at the bench one must let off a little steam at the Mess”

Marc Arbour, Harry Ayerst, Russ Black, Ron Lindsay, Roy Todd
Ottawa Curling “Try-outs”

Who will make the team?

Gen Begin, Maj Hart, Col Budzinski, Earl McFadden, Rene Tremblay, Peter McQueen, Joe Hossdorf, Mat Hall
Winners in Edmonton

1968
Dick Walker, Harry Ayerst, Harry Peck, Jack Schultz
Winners of the SNR NCO’s Trophy
15th Annual Dental Bonspiel 1977

Doug Hurley, Marc Arbour, Roy Todd, Harry Ayerst receiving the SNR NCO’s Trophy from CWO Ernie Everett
"The one that didn’t get away"

Tom Taylor and Harry Ayerst enjoyed a great day of salmon fishing in the beautiful province of British Columbia.
At the Mess CFB Borden

Gen. Thompson enjoys Happy Hour with Sgt John Allain and CWO Harry Ayerst
Cold Lake Bonspiel
1974

Harry Ayerst and Ken Wallace prepare to draw to the button to see who claims the victory.

Guess who won?
A Trophy You Don’t Want to Win

John Walker is seen here receiving the Duffers Trophy from Harry Ayerst at the Annual Dental Cold Lake Golf Tournament
Four Senior Lab Rats
(At the trade table)

Gerry Jerome, Earl McFadden, Bob Goodwin, and James Clark scrutinizing the new Lab Rats
“Wake up Gerry, the party is just beginning”

Gerry Jerome and Bob Goodwin
Dick O’Mara, Tom Deloughery, Earl McFadden and Bob Goodwin at the Annual RCDCA Golf Tournament at CFB Trenton.
Roy Todd explaining the ball flight to Bob Hedley when one slices off the tee
RCDCA Annual Golf Tournament Banquet at CFB Trenton

Roy Todd, Col Lanctis, Harry Ayerst, Bob Goodwin, Tom Deloughery, Dick O’Mara

Harry Ayerst gets a pat on the back from Col Lanctis, I think he’s saying “Sit down Harry, you have said enough”.
“I don’t think we will be the winners again this year”

Bob Goodwin, Rene Tremblay, Dick Gratton, and Tom Deloughery attending The Annual RCDCA Golf Tournament held at CFB Trenton.
“I hope I hit the ball this time”

Harry Ayerst warming up prior to hitting the links at the Annual RCDCA Golf Tournament held at CFB Trenton.
Social time before the RCDCA Banquet

Bob Goodwin and Col Lanctis talking over the old days and how much the Corps has changed.
“I’m ready, let me at it”

Dick O’Mara is ready to tee off at the Annual RCDCA Golf Tournament held at CFB Trenton
“With our stacked rink we should win it all this year”

Annual Dental Curling Bonspiel held at CFB Borden

Earl McFadden, June Patterson, Rene Tremblay Joe Hossdorf
“With this stance I should hit the ball”

CFB Trenton
Bob Goodwin is teeing off at the Annual RCDCA Golf Tournament
“I’ll beat the crowd and get us a Lab Rat table”

Bob Goodwin is waiting for his many Lab Rat friends after a hard game of golf at the RCDCA Annual Golf Tournament
Doug says “I hope I didn’t under pack that denture”

WO & Sgt’s Mess at CFB Borden

Roy Todd, Doug Cormier, and Russ Black discussing their day of events while attending their TQ6 Course
Playing for the troops

Fred Schuh displaying one of his many talents for Helen Swiacavetch and Col George McDougal
A Toast to the Lab Rats

Rene Tremblay, Joe Hossdorf, Earl McFadden, Roy Todd.

To the Lab Rats
May they be long remembered for their dedication to their trade, their willingness to learn and to the many social functions which have built long lasting camaraderie.
It was a blast preparing this article on the Lab Rats.

Hope you had as much enjoyment reading the article as I did preparing it.
### GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Period 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010

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OPERATING LOSS OF $183.12

SUMMARY

RCDC Association has cash assets of $14,205.65
FY ending 30 September 2010

Membership dues will remain at $15.00 per year
RCDC Association/Association du CDRC
2011 Membership Application/Formule d’application 2011

Name/Nom___________________________________________________

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Membership Dues/Cotisation annuelle  $15.00

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envoyer votre chèque à l’ordre de:  L’ Association du Corps Dentaire Royal Canadien à:

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Suggestions

We would appreciate any suggestions you have for improving the RCDCA and the RCDCA
Newsletter.
Nous aimerions recevoir vos suggestions afin d’améliorer l’ACDRC et le Bulletin de
l’ACDRC.

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Others want to know what you are doing, please write some notes about yourself on the
back of this page/ On attend de vos nouvelles. s.v.p. les écrire au verso.

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