As RCDC Centennial regional and local events continue across the CAF, our national events here in the NCR in mid-May were a resounding success. It was truly an honour to play a role in our RCDC Centennial, and thanks go out to those that made it happen; these include LCol Brenda Joy and her Centennial Committee, our RCDC Regimental Office, the Canadian Dental Association for their kind sponsorship, support and significant presence in key events, our Colonel-in-Chief and her staff at Kensington Palace, the Canadian War Museum, the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association, our High Commission in London, CANEX, the Surgeon General’s office, and our members, friends and allies that joined us from near and far to be a part of the Centennial festivities. I recommend to you all the significant portion of this issue of The Communiqué that covers our Centennial events.

As you’re all aware, on 02 June 2015 I officially transferred the positions of Chief Dental Officer, Queen’s Honorary Dental Surgeon, and RCDC Regimental Head to Col Kevin Goheen. The following pages provide a photo-collage of this ceremony. While I retired from the CAF Regular Force this past Labour Day, one never does retire from the RCDC family; I am simply transitioning roles to serve and support our Corps as a member of the RCDC Senate, and of course as an active member of our regimental association, the RCDCA. It has been a privilege to serve with you all, and I look forward to seeing you in various national and international oral health care venues in the months and years to come.
Cols Lemon, Goheen and Taylor at the 2015 CDA AGM, with incoming CDA President Dr Alastair Nicoll (L) and outgoing CDA President Dr Gary MacDonald. The RCDC continues to have the privilege of holding a voting seat at the CDA AGM. LCol Picard was also an AGM participant, representing the Canadian Dental Specialties Association.

Col Taylor presenting the CDO’s coin to Ms Jeannette Smith from the RCDC institutional partner the Canadian Agency for Drugs & Technology in Health, for her full-day seminar with Dental Clinical Council on Incorporating Evidence into Policy.

Cols Lemon, Goheen and Taylor at the 2015 Canadian Oral Health Roundtable (COHR), with (L to R) Dr Martin Chartier, Acting CDO of Canada; Dr Peter Cooney, former CDO of Canada; incoming CDA President Dr Alastair Nicoll; and outgoing CDA President Dr Gary MacDonald. The RCDC is a member of the COHR.
Col Taylor had the opportunity to meet with his UK counterpart, Surgeon Captain Mike Gall, and his staff at their HQ to discuss shared challenges and opportunities for further collaboration.

Following their attendance at the Royal Banner ceremony on 14 April 2015, the Officers of the British Dental Association (BDA) kindly hosted Col Taylor and his UK military counterparts at the BDA HQ in London.

Col Taylor was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Military Merit by His Excellency the Governor General, at Rideau Hall.
Greetings from the Director of Dental Services...now renamed in tradition’s sake as the “Chief Dental Officer”. Originally named the “Chief Dental Surgeon (CDS)” when the Canadian Army Dental Corps (CADC) was stood up on 13 May 1915, (and still my preference for the title today) it appears that the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) has a problem with having 2 CDS’ >;o). Later, when the CADC was reformed in 1939 as the Canadian Dental Corps (CDC), the title given to then LCol Frank M. Lott (subsequently BGen Lott) was Chief Dental Officer (CDO) so that’s what we’re going with...although in “official” documentation, the title will remain Director of Dental Services until we can reflect the change in CAF policy.

As the Centennial activities begin to wind down, I hope that you have all felt the tremendous pride of serving in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) at this moment in time, civilians and military alike. Today, having been chosen as a Deputy Chief of Mission to oversee Triathlon, Basketball, Soccer and Golf at the 6th World Military Games, I am writing to you from Mungyeong, South Korea. A few days ago a group of us had the honour of visiting the UN Peace Memorial Hall and UN Memorial Cemetery in Busan, which commemorates the loss of 40,896 military members, including 516 Canadians, from 17 countries during the period of 25 June 1950 and 27 July 1953. We had the privilege of having Colonel (ret’d) Charland, Korean War Veteran, speak about his fallen comrades and of the pride that he felt in serving his country and the South Korean people. Seeing the vibrant country that South Korea has become because of Canada’s involvement 60 plus years ago, which included many Dental Corps members, I feel an even greater sense of pride in our heritage. Whether you have had family members who have fought in WWI, WWII, the Korean War or been involved directly or in support of recent conflicts or humanitarian efforts such as Afghanistan or Haiti, I ask you all to take a moment during our 100th Anniversary to recognize how important our contribution as a nation has been, and continues to be, to the world.

Stepping into the present, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge Colonel Taylor’s retirement in early September and to thank him for his 35 years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada and specifically to the RCDC. I’m very conscious that I have just shy
of a year left in uniform myself and I want to continue to build upon the great strategic framework that Colonel Taylor established during his tenure as the Director/CDO. The Surgeon General, in his capacity as Commander of the Health Services, has set in motion a strategic model for health care delivery named “Quadruple Aim”, which highlights four major lines of operation: Health of the Population, Enhancement of Patient Care, Resource Stewardship and Operational Excellence. In a nutshell, it speaks to providing predictable health care in all environments and across our entire organization while ensuring that what we provide is sustainable, measurable and affordable. Much work has been done within our Strategic group with engagement at all levels of leadership to come in the near future.

Getting patient care right will mean that we will also examine the way we are structured and governed, fully appreciating that the Health Services Chain of Command must link with the professional regulatory obligations of both medicine and dentistry. This initiative to examine how we are structured to deliver patient care will garner my full attention to ensure that we strike the proper balance of working together with our medical colleagues more efficiently while maintaining the traditions, culture and effectiveness that we’ve come to expect in the Dental Corps. Also in lockstep with the Medical Services, we plan to examine, improve and validate the clinical model we use at the Detachment level to ensure that the appropriate lines of business operations are recognized and in place so that our clinicians can better focus on clinical care; in-garrison and deployed. Lastly, looking after our people, civilian and military, will continue to be at the forefront of my efforts and decisions; ensuring that the career development, work experiences and well-being of our workforce is well taken care of so that we can then have clear focus on our Dental Corps mission.

I look forward to seeing many of you in travels and activities throughout the year and to hearing about the great work, and fun, that you all continue to achieve.

Colonel Kevin Goheen
Chief Dental Officer/ Regimental Head
RCDC
Greetings to All RCDC Personnel,

The following is an update of some of the things that have been happening since the last edition of the newsletter.

First of all I would like to say how wonderful it was to see all of you during the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Annual Mess Dinner in Esquimalt in February 2015. This was an extremely enjoyable evening and was very special in that it represented the official launch of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps’ Centennial celebrations. It was also very special for me personally because I had the privilege of hosting CWO (ret’d) Armstrong, who was someone that greatly influenced me very early on in my career with the Dental Corps. In addition to thanking LCol Russu, Dent Det Comd from Esquimalt and MWO Cantwell for being such gracious hosts, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all who were involved in the planning and execution of this mess dinner. It was second to none and reflected so well on your team. As I said during my speech that evening, we do not succeed alone; success happens as a result of the dedication and the efforts of the many good people with whom we work.

CPO1/CWO Strategic Employment Model (SEM) Project

As some of you may recall from one of my previous newsletter articles, I was a member of a team tasked to review the Canadian Forces Professional Development System (CFPDS) as it pertains to NCM PD. Our team’s review of NCM PD began in February 2013 and was completed in July 2014. The many results and recommendations from this study were compiled and have been submitted to higher authority for their review and (hopefully) approval. Not long after the completion of this study, I was approached by the former Chief Military Personnel (CMP) Command CWO, CWO Pierre Marchand, to serve as CMP’s representative on another CAF initiative, namely the CPO1/CWO Strategic Employment Model (SEM) Project. This project will explore all aspects of CPO1/CWO employment from professional development to terms of service. Once again, this project is very focused on the future requirements of the CAF in an ever-changing world. Its aim is to formalize the development, management and employment of CPO1 & CWO’s to meet the full spectrum of future CAF Institutional and Operational requirements.

In closing, I wish you all a Happy belated 100th Birthday! I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our country and your dedication to our multiple missions. During our Centennial year, please take the time to celebrate this significant milestone, to honour those who have come before you and to honour yourselves.

Until next time,
J. Beach
RCDC CWO

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"The Centennial Express"

It goes without saying that the year 2015 will go down in our collective memory as a significant milestone worthy of very special acknowledgement and commemoration. Having said that, one may also validly ask: Why is this centennial so important, in practical terms and in the overall scheme of things? Obviously, that can be quite a loaded question, as history of any kind usually conjures up very different meanings to those who have experienced it and may elicit any number of diverging conclusions depending from which perspective one addresses the subject.

For present purposes, I would liken our Dental Corps history not to a static recollection of frozen moments in time or a series of anecdotal tidbits to be locked away in some dusty repository. Quite the opposite! Our history is an active and dynamic work in progress, boasting numerous outstanding accomplishments in the past but also intimately steeped in the present where everything achieved on a daily basis forms an integral part of an evolving continuum into the future - a future to be evaluated by those generations of Dental Corps personnel still to come who will look at our current actions as their own history!

In that context, I am reminded of another exceptional centennial and, more specifically, of the famous national exhibit train that crisscrossed the country back in 1967, proudly highlighting Confederation's hundredth anniversary. One can figuratively imagine our Dental Corps as a magnificent and grand old train steaming along at the pace of time toward yet to be determined missions and new frontiers. Only this train has already traveled many long distances over some pretty rough terrain, including the bloody battlefields of two World Wars, the chilling experience of Korea, the sheer horrors of Afghanistan and the mettle-testing challenges of so many other engagements in Canada and around the world.

Our Dental Corps train has made many stops along its rather circuitous route - not just to take stock of the moment in order to better see the way ahead - but to take on new passengers to replace those having made their mark and contribution to its impressive progress; for it is those passengers who are the heart and soul of this train. They are indeed the engines that have generated and continue to generate its forward movement, bringing forth their expertise and renewed energy to ensure that it remains right on track and always headed in the right direction!
Col Taylor and CWO Beach are pictured receiving French and English copies of a recently launched book describing Canada’s contribution to the war in Afghanistan, entitled ‘Vigil’ (‘Vigile’), in which Corps activity is illustrated. Our RCDC Colonel Commandant, BGen (ret’d) V.J. Lanctis (shown presenting the book), acted as Editor for the French edition as well as Associate Editor for the English version. Net proceeds from the sale of the publication will go to PTSD research and to assist military families affected by that war. Additional information can be obtained at www.vigilbook.ca.

Colonel Commandant’s Corner
BGen (retired) Victor J. Lanctis, MB, CD

All of us fortunate enough to be onboard should occasionally pause to take pride in where this train has gone, enthusiastically embrace where it is going, and remember with admiration and respect those who traveled on it before us and contributed to its stellar reputation over ten highly successful decades. Take it from one who has spent well over half a century traveling on this line. History viewed from that perspective takes on a very special meaning - one that will make your journey that much more meaningful and very definitely more enjoyable!

Sanitas in Ore

BGen (ret) Victor J. Lanctis, MB, SBStJ, CD, BA, DDS, MFICD, FADI, FPFA

Dental Corps Col Cmdt
Welcoming Words from the CO and Unit Chief Warrant Officer of 1 Dental Unit.

On 2 March 2015, the Wansbrough Sword was symbolically transferred from Colonel Goheen to myself marking our change of command and my new role as Commanding Officer of 1 Dental Unit. It’s been 5 years since I was last part of 1 Dental Unit and it feels good to be home. During that time, I have had numerous great opportunities in the Directorate and the CF H Svcs Gp HQ and I hope to be able to bring some of what I have learned over that period to 1 Dental Unit. I have quickly realized that it is not the same Unit that I left and I would like to thank the outgoing CO, Col Goheen, for all his efforts, initiatives and to recognize him for the successes and improvements in how we deliver care to the men and women of the CAF. I have known him since the days of his mentoring me as a 2 year dental student on OJT at CFB Cornwallis and wish him all the best in his present assignment as the Canadian Armed Forces’ Chief Dental Officer.

Three days after taking command, Chief Warrant Officer Bizier and I had the privilege of attending the Advanced Dental Officer Course where we had the opportunity to engage the candidates in discussions on leadership, patient care and the future of our Dental Corps. In spending two days with those who will one-day lead this organization, I can assure you our future is bright. I took the opportunity to express what I see is important in our leaders, both Detachment Commanders and Clinic Coordinators. First and foremost is clinical excellence. We have all been given the privilege and the responsibility to care for the oral health of Canada’s finest patients and I expect everyone to strive towards giving them your very best, every day, at anytime, anywhere. Secondly, I believe in the value of mentorship and it is every leader’s responsibility to ensure that those with whom you are charged to lead are mentored both militarily and clinically. Through concerted mentorship, we should strive to provide them the knowledge, skills, tools, and encouragement to be even better than ourselves. Lastly, CWO Bizier and I spoke of balance and making sure that we are taking care of each other, our families, our friends and ourselves.

I’d like to speak for a moment about my Command Team partner, Chief Warrant Officer Mario Bizier. I have known him for 20 years now and it all started in 1995 when we were paired together in 15 Dental Unit Det Valcartier, as a Captain/Corporal chairside general dentistry team. I am excited to work alongside him again as well as the rest of our Headquarters and all the Command Teams in our Dental Detachments.
We will obviously face many challenges together and I have no doubt that, with the contribution of each and every Officer, NCM, civilian and contract employee within the Unit, we will be able to successfully achieve our Unit’s mission and the goals I have set for the Unit as well as exceed the expectation set by our patients and the leaders within the CF H Svcs and CAF.

Be proud to be part of an organization that has endured, yes, perhaps at times struggled, and yet always, ultimately succeeded in delivering an unwavering exceptional service to Canada’s most important patients, at home and abroad.

100 Years of Dental Service! Wow! Over the next little while, CWO Bizier and I look forward to meeting and working with each of you and continue to build upon our proud tradition together.

*Militem Praeparamus*

*Colonel Dwayne Lemon*
*Chief Warrant Officer Mario Bizier*

Col Kevin Goheen (left), Outgoing Commanding Officer, Col David Weger (center), Reviewing Officer and Col Dwayne Lemon (right), incoming Commanding Officer sign the official scrolls at the 1 Dental Unit Headquarters Change of Command Ceremony in Ottawa on 2 March 2015.
The Investiture of Honorary LCol Lyle Best
By Capt Beggs, Adjt, 1 Dent Unit HQ

An Honorary Colonel Investiture Ceremony took place on 5 Feb 2015 during the 1 Dental Unit Ranking Board and Q & PS continuing education held in Esquimalt, whereby Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Lyle Best became the first appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (HLCol) of 1 Dental Unit.

Honorary appointments have a long tradition in the Canadian Armed Forces. Honorary members are seen to be the guardian of traditions and history, able to promote the Unit’s identity and ethos, and are advisors to the Commanding Officer on many issues, other than operations. Honorary members work behind the scenes and provide needed support that would otherwise not be available.

HLCol Best was selected to uphold this great Canadian tradition within 1 Dental Unit through his appointment as our first ever HLCol, and has committed himself to help foster the link between the military, civilian and academic dental communities. HLCol Best’s extensive experience and rich background will be of great service to 1 Dental Unit, and the Unit is very well represented by the appointment of such a prominent and distinguished professional from the Canadian community – an individual involved in both business and academic spheres, along with the dental community.

HLCol Lyle Best is an honorary member of the Alberta Dental Association and College. He is a veteran of more than 35 years in the Employee and Group Benefits Insurance industry, and was inducted into the Alberta Business Hall of Fame in 2006. A recognized individual, HLCol Best was named Business Owner of the Year by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce in 2008, was an Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist in 2006 and 2007, and he was named Edmonton’s Businessman of the Year in 2005. HLCol Best was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2008 in recognition of his leadership as a fundraiser, mentor and volunteer with numerous charitable, sports, and community organizations. In 2012, HLCol Best received the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal and was inducted into the Edmonton Community Service Hall of Fame.

HLCol Best is a former Senator at the University of Alberta and has served as the Senate liaison to the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and is also a member of the admissions committee for Dentistry and Hygiene. In 2004, Venture Magazine named HLCol Best one of Alberta’s 50 most influential people. At the Senate, HLCol Best chaired the nominating committee and was a member of the honorary degrees committee. He is also the Co-Chair of the Management Sciences advisory board of Concordia University, and he has been appointed to the Board of Governors. Recently, HLCol Best has turned his attention to redevelopment efforts in Afghanistan, Liberia, Timor-Leste and Haiti, serving as Chairman of the Board of Building Markets, an NGO based in New York, Ottawa, Great Britain and China.

With the investiture ceremony complete, HLCol Lyle Best is warmly welcomed to the 1 Dental
On 09 June 2015, a Change of Appointment Ceremony took place at CF H Svcs Gp HQ in Ottawa to formally transfer the positions of Chief Dental Officer CAF, Regimental Head of the RCDC, and Queen’s Honorary Dental Surgeon (QHDS) from Col James Taylor to Col Kevin Goheen. The ceremony was presided over by MGen Jean-Robert Bernier (Commander & Surgeon General at the time); attending dignitaries included LGen David Millar (Chief of Military Personnel), BGen Colin MacKay (current Commander & Surgeon General), Cmdre Mark Watson (DGMilitary Welfare Services), Dr Martin Chartier (Acting Chief Dental Officer of Canada), Maj (ret’d) Richard Groves (RCDCA President), HCol Claude Paul Boivin (CDA Executive Director and Honorary Col 1 Dent U), Ms Ondina Love (CDHA Executive Director), Ms Stephanie Mullen-Kavanagh (CDAA Executive Director), BGen (ret’d) Victor Lanctis (RCDC Col Cmdt), CWO Julie Beach (RCDC Reg’tl CWO), Col (ret’d) Marvin Lange (RCMS Col Cmdt), and HLCOL Ylde Best (1 Dent U Honorary LCol).

Prior to his departure speech and in his last act as Regimental Head of the RCDC, Col Taylor inducted MGen Bernier as an Honorary Member of the RCDC.

LGen Millar addresses the ceremony.
The passing of the RCDC Royal Banner to transfer the position of Regimental Head of the RCDC between Col Goheen and Col Taylor; having received the Banner from the Regimental CWO, Col Taylor surrenders the Banner to the Commander ...

… then, having received the Banner from the Commander, the RCDC Colonel Commandant bestows it upon Col Goheen.

The passing of the Royal aiguillette to transfer the position of Queen’s Honorary Dental Surgeon from Col Taylor to Col Goheen.

Col Goheen addresses the ceremony as CDO, Regt’l Head and QHDS.
On 5 February 2015, during the 1 Dental Unit Ranking Board and Q & PS Continuing Education, the Royal Canadian Dental Corps officially launched the 2015 Centennial Year and the start of its Centennial Celebrations with a Mess Dinner at the CFB Esquimalt Wardroom.

The Centennial Mess Dinner was hosted by the RCDC Regimental Head, Col Taylor. The guest of honour was Dr Gary MacDonald, President of the Canadian Dental Association. Many VIP guests were in attendance, including MG Rob Tempel (Chief of the US Army Dental Corps), Cmdre Auchterlonie (Fleet Commander MARPAC), Col (ret’d) David Jones (representing RCDC President), Dr David Baird (President of the British Columbia Dental Association) and Ms Mandy Hayre (President of the Canadian Dental Hygienist’s Association).

US Army Dental Corps members, Dental Directorate members, Det Comd Teams, RCDC former members, and Dent Det Esquimalt members were all gathered to enjoy an excellent meal in convivial company. LCol Hart and MWO Gauthier were the PMC and VPMC for this memorable event.

Eleven musicians from the Naden Band entertained the crowd and Pipe Major Sgt Steve Kelly was the piper for the evening. A highlight of the evening was his rendition of “A Century of Dental Service”, an original bagpipe piece specifically composed by RCDC member WO Glen Miller for the Centennial. This was the first time that “A Century of Dental Service” had been officially played at a Mess Dinner.

LCol Hart masterfully emceed the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Centennial Mess Dinner.
Original bagpipe piece composed by WO Glen Miller for the RCDC Centennial.
As 2015 is the year of our Centennial, Det Borden celebrated the occasion on 5 March 2015 by organizing a mess dinner. The celebration was held at the Home Station Officer’s Mess, and began with a social hour where many old friendships were renewed. The décor of the Base Borden Officer’s Mess was filled with a sense of history, as a memorabilia display included a World War I era dental chair (complements of the CFB Borden Base Museum), as well as the modern day RCDC Air Transportable Kit. The event brought together more than 90 all ranks, including all the RCDC personnel serving with the Canadian Forces Health Services Training Centre, as well Dental Officers, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Technicians from far and wide, including many former members of the RCDC that have retired from service.

VIP’s in attendance included our Guest of Honor and the Director of Dental Services, Col Goheen, the Deputy Commander of the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, Col Weger, as well as the Group Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Wheeler. Captain(N) Francis, the Honorary Capt(N) of the CFHSTC joined us for the evening, as did the new Commanding Officer of 1 Dental Unit, Col Lemon, along with our Unit Chief Warrant Officer, CWO Bizier. In addition, The Base Commander of CFB Borden and Commander of the Canadian Forces Support Training Group, Col Doyon, and the Group Chief, CWO Godbout, also joined the RCDC for the evening to mark our Centennial Year.

Following a welcome address from Maj MacPherson and LCol Brochu, Cmdt CFHSTC, during which Col Lemon was presented a welcome gift from Det Borden (see next page), Col Goheen addressed the gathering and highlighted the Corps’ past, present, and future. During the dinner all were entertained by the talents of MCpl Keefe (Det Trenton) on the piano, as well as tales from the history of the Corps presented by the officers from the Advanced Dental Officer Course. Maj (ret’d) Collins spoke of the Corps’ contribution to the forensic identification of Swiss Air 111, and WO (ret’d) Ingersoll spoke of his
experiences serving with NATO in Kosovo. And no Centennial Year evening would be complete without LCol Hedley regaling the crowd with anecdotes from the past. During desert, Maj (ret’d) Ralph West demonstrated that he has not lost his singing skills in retirement, and finally the Mess was treated to a live rendition of “A Century of Dental Service” (composed by our own WO G. Miller of Petawawa) which was played by the Pipe Master, Capt Olsen, from the CFHSTC.

The evening ended in the wee hours of the following day…. as members of the RCDC, all-ranks, military, former-military, and civilian, took home memories of renewed friendships, and pride in the success of the Corps.

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At the associated black tie Gala, Col James Taylor had the opportunity to show the RCDC Centennial graphic presentation, and present a RCDC Centennial poster to BCDA President Dr. David Baird.

Other RCDC participants at this event, looking sharp in their mess kits, were 1 Dent U HCol Lyle Best, RCDC Centennial Chair LCol Brenda Joy, Maj (ret’d) Peter Lobb (BCDA V-P), and 1 Dent U HCol Claude Paul Boivin. During the ceremonial portion of the evening, Col Taylor received a 2015 BCDA Merit Award from the BCDA President.
The CDA generously used the RCDC Centennial as the 2015 theme of the annual CDA President's Installation Dinner, held in the Ballroom of the Château Laurier in Ottawa. The evening included the RCDC Centennial Images presentation, a military piper, an RCDC Flag Party, and some significant presentations of Centennial mementos. A number of RCDC members were present, as was the CAF Surgeon General. A big Dental Corps "thank you" went out to the CDA for featuring the RCDC Centennial in this auspicious event!
The RCDCA President was a guest at the 2015 CDA PID.

CDA President Dr. Gary MacDonald presents a plaque to the RCDC recognizing 100 years of RCDC service to Canada.

RCDC Reg'tl Head Col Taylor presents the CDA with a framed copy of the RCDC Centennial poster, recognizing their support to the RCDC during its first 100 years.

1 Dental Unit Honoraries with the incoming and outgoing CDA Presidents at the 2015 CDA PID.
On April 14th, our Colonel in Chief, HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, bestowed a Royal Banner upon her RCDC to recognize a century of Canadian military dental services. This ceremony took place in the Macdonald Room of Canada House in London, with the participation of our High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr. Gordon Campbell. As the RCDC Regimental Head, Col James Taylor headed up the RCDC delegation; the RCDC Banner Party, led by Maj Debra Pawluk (DDC GK), comprised Capt Dominik Rudecki (DDC SHAPE) as Banner Bearer, WO Marie-Claude Brulotte (DCC GK), and Sgt France Paquet (DCC SHAPE). Padre Col Nigel Shaw, of the CAF Chaplain General’s office, conducted the blessing of the Banner.

Attendees of the ceremony included: the Dental Directors of the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force; the President and Executive of the British Dental Association; Canada’s Army, Navy and Air Force Attachés; and senior diplomatic staff from the Canadian High Commission.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Laurier Room of Canada House, kindly co-sponsored by the Canadian Dental Association and our High Commission.

As those who have seen the video will be aware, our Banner Party is to be highly commended for their significant preparation and meticulous execution of the ceremony, which greatly impressed a very diverse and high-level audience. Big thanks also go out to our Regimental CWO for overseeing the production and transport of the Royal Banner and the development of the ceremonial aspects of this event; and to our Regimental Office, for their coordination of event details and protocols with Kensington Palace, our High Commission in London, and with our CFHS Public Affairs folks. Well done all!

The Banner, borne by the same RCDC Banner Party, was unfurled and displayed for the first time in Canada on the occasion of the opening of the military dental services exhibit by our Minister of National Defence at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa on the 12th of May, and then displayed the following evening at the Centennial Gala, where our Chief of Defence Staff was our Guest of Honour. One of only four Royal Banners in Canada, it will be kept and displayed at our Home Station at CFHSTC in Borden, and carried on special ceremonial occasions.
Royal event announced by the Palace

(14 April 2015)
The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning presented The Duchess of Gloucester's Banner to the Royal Canadian Dental Corps at Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2

- The Official Website of the British Monarchy -
  http://www.royal.gov.uk/LatestNewsandDiary/CourtCircular/Todaysevents.aspx

Col Taylor greets our Colonel-in-Chief in the foyer of Canada House, accompanied by our High Commissioner.

Col Taylor, our Colonel-in-Chief, and our High Commissioner observe WO Brulotte unfurling the Royal Banner.
Maj Pawluk readies the unfurled Royal Banner for blessing.

Our Colonel-in-Chief, assisted by Col Taylor, places the Royal Banner into the sash of the Banner Bearer (Capt Rudecki), thus bestowing it upon the RCDC.

Padre Colonel Shaw blesses the Royal Banner.

Our Colonel-in-Chief addresses the Ceremony.
Col Taylor thanks our Colonel-in-Chief on behalf of the RCDC.

Col Taylor presents our Colonel-in-Chief with a memento of the ceremony, which was a shadow-boxed miniature of the Royal Banner, with an inscription plate reading: *presented with thanks to our Colonel in Chief, HRH The Duchess of Gloucester GCVO, by her Royal Canadian Dental Corps.*
1915 RCDC Centennial 2015

...The lead up....
On 11 May 2015, the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association (RCDCA) hosted a golf tournament at Hylands Golf Club in Ottawa in celebration of the Dental Corps Centennial. Over 100 golfers participated, and, despite the cool, wet weather, spirits remained high. There were over 55 RCDCA members at the Meet and Greet that followed the golf BBQ, one of the largest gatherings of our members for many years.

Teams were divided into three groups. If three or more of the team members were still serving (as a civilian or military member of the RCDC) they were in the ‘Serving Members’ division. If three or more were retired members, they were in the ‘Retired Members’ division. All other groups were in the ‘Non-Affiliated’ division. The tournament was a four-ball best-ball scramble format.

The winning Serving Members team was Bruce MacLeod, Mike Moser, Frank Bourque and Eric Reid. Runners-up were Richard Pucci, Martin Lipscey, Karen Read and Carolyn Gaboury. The winning Retired Members team consisted of Scott Becker, Bob Gillis, Doug Vandahl and Ron McWade. Runners-up were Cliff Beauchamp, John Currah, Bud Budzinski and Don Clark. The Non-Affiliated Team winners were Travis Hohner, Mark Northcott, David Bartos and Mark Runions who represented Nobel Biocare and Aurum Ceramic Dental Labs. The longest drives were Scott Becker and Karin Plourde; Closest to the Pin were Frank Bourque and Line Siconnelly. More photos of the other prize winners are on the RCDCA website at http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/11-may-2015-cdarcdda-centennial-golf-tournament/

Two of the historic RCDC golf trophies were

RCDCA President Richard Groves presents CDA President Dr. Alastair Nicoll with a pin flag.
brought out of storage for this event. The RCDC(R) Officers’ Trophy was presented to the winning Serving Members team. The KM Baird Trophy was presented to the winning Retired Members team. Depending on cost, the intent is to repurpose these trophies as RCDCA Centennial Golf Trophies which will then be available for future best-ball golf events. If feasible, new bases will be made featuring the Dental Corps Centennial crest and a brass plaque with the new trophy name. The existing trophies will not be damaged in any way – they will simply rest on the new bases.

Thank-you to our generous sponsors. Nobel-Biocare sponsored the green fees, Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories sponsored the BBQ, Milident Dental Laboratory sponsored the Meet and Greet, and Altima Dental provided special pin flags with the Dental Corps Centennial logo on them. The surplus fund generated by the sale of the pin flags and the modest administration fee was donated to the Military Families Fund.
The organization of the RCDC Centennial had been underway for quite some time, almost three years to be exact and there was still almost one year to go. The plan, which started with some ideas on a piece of paper, was shaping up to be an absolutely grand event; it appeared somewhat over-ambitious from the perspective of a new comer (myself) to this surprisingly small…too small organizing committee! However, committee members seemed confident and LCol Joy was running a tight ship!

The Centennial celebrations in the National Capital Region were going to take place at the Canadian War Museum (CWM) with a full program; an RCDCA golf tournament, a two day symposium, a parade introducing the RCDC Royal Banner which was to be presented in England by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, to our Regimental Head a month earlier, a ribbon cutting ceremony opening an indoor historical RCDC exhibit, and finally, a Gala at the Château Laurier. The historical rendering of the last 100 years could not be complete without a display of our mobile dental clinics, a capability that was the envy of our allies during WWII and the Korean War, a capability that served our dental population well during numerous international and domestic operations and countless training exercises.

While the indoor RCDC exhibit, set to be at the CWM until Nov 15 would be featuring the Air Transportable Dental System (ATDS), the outdoor display would be featuring the dental SEV, now in the process of being divested; this was the original intent anyway. The new dental mobile clinic BA14, which had been in the works for the last 10 years, was in the prototype phase. We had been working with the MSVS Project on the last modifications to the prototype and the end was finally in sight! The Centennial seemed to be the perfect platform to showcase the BA14 for the first time. A few discussions with the MSVS project and permission was granted to have the shelter released for the display at the CWM, many thanks to the Project. It was almost perfect, we had the Present, the Future but something was still missing: the Past... not for long! Major Calnan, the RCMS Regimental Major, had mentioned having a Korean War era mobile dental clinic in his museum. Three
generations of mobile clinics would be on display. Much work still had to be done. The Korean War era dental vehicle was used as storage in Major Calnan’s outdoor museum and needed a major clean-up; time and some elbow grease made it look presentable again...and made us realize that it was a dental mobile lab and not a clinic. So all the vehicles were identified, it was now just a matter of getting them in location!!

Thousands of emails over a few months and we had a plan! 28 Field Ambulance would drive the SEV, 2 Field Ambulance would drive the BA 14 new mobile dental clinic using a PLS from 2 Service Battalion coordinated by 1 Canadian Field Hospital, and Major Calnan would tow the Korean War era mobile dental lab using an old American Army 2 1/2 ton from his museum collection. After a few logistical challenges, mechanical issues on the road and some ingenuity, all vehicles made it to the CWM in time for more preparation and the big reveal.

It was a success; all three vehicles displayed, from the oldest to the newer BA 14. We had display panels made by the CWM, interpreters from Detachment Ottawa providing information to the visitors, and sentries to secure the vehicles at night. The Korean War vehicle was partially covered with a camouflage net adding to the military effect and hiding a few rusty areas. The new BA14 was a popular attraction, not only to the RCDC members but to the MSVS Project team who supported all stages of the development of the shelter, and the museum visitors.
This was one historical moment, a week in time where three generations of mobile clinics came together for one last show. It made me think of the past, 13 years ago, on Basic Dental Officer Training (BDOC), where I was laying on the roof of the SEV, connecting the interface to the box and in Bosnia in 2003 when the cam net on the roof of the SEV caught on fire, filling the SEV with dark smoke. I spoke with the very few who worked with the Korean War era SEV, such a walk in time... I felt nostalgic to see them leave as fast as they came, see all this history drive away on a quiet Friday morning.

Note: the current SEV is planned to be sent to CFHSTC Borden where it will be displayed as artefact or monument.
The Korean War era dental mobile lab (left) and the SEV.

Cpl Edwards (Det Ottawa), interpreter for the Korean War era dental mobile lab.

Sgt Pike (Det Ottawa), interpreter for the new BA14.

The three vehicles displayed in the back of the Canadian War Museum.
To highlight the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) Centennial Anniversary year, the RCDC was very pleased to organize and present at the Canadian War Museum (CWM) on 12 and 13 May 2015, the RCDC International Military Clinical Symposium. The aim of this training event was to provide CE credits while affording our participants the opportunity to attend the RCDC Centennial Celebrations activities.

World class speakers at the Symposium included: Dr. Molinari (Director of Infection Control for The Dental Advisor), Maj Sandeep Dhesi (Pacific Region Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in Esquimalt (Victoria, B.C.), Dr. Clokie (Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Toronto), CAPT Gerald T. Grant (Chairman and Program Director for the Maxillofacial Prosthodontics Fellowship Officer program), Dr. Paresh Shah (Instructor at the University of Manitoba Dental School in the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics), LCol Geneviève Bussière (Dental Detachment Commander and RCDC Forensic Advisor), COL Jon Dossett (Clinical Flight Commander, 2nd Dental Squadron, Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, LA., Board Examiner and President-elect for the American Board of General Dentistry), and MAJ Jennifer D. Britt (Chief Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist at the San Antonio Military Medical Center).

The RCDC would like to thank the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) for hosting The Centennial International Military Clinical Symposium.
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On the evening of May 12, 2015, members of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC), retired members, veterans and distinguished guests including the Honorable Jason Kenney, Minister of National Defense, gathered at the Canadian War Museum (CWM) in Ottawa, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Corps and witness the unfurling of the RCDC Royal Banner for the first time on Canadian soil.

At approximately 1730 hrs, the crowd stood up as the master of ceremony, Maj Dumas, announced the arrival of the RCDC Centennial Parade. The parade composed of 28 RCDC personnel led by the Parade Commander LCol Picard, 1 DU DCO, and the Parade Sergeant Major MWO Forward, Regional MWO, took position in the LeBreton Gallery in front of a large number of attendees. The Reviewing Officer (RO), Vice Chief of Defense Staff, LGen Thibault, alongside the RCDC Regimental Head, Col Taylor and other reviewing party members inspected the parade. Following addresses by the RO and Col Taylor, a video showing the RCDC Royal Banner presentation in England, one month prior, and an address by Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester, was displayed on a giant screen. The Royal Banner had been presented by the RCDC Colonel-in-Chief, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Gloucester to the RCDC at Canada House in London on 14 April 2015.

Following the video presentation, the Parade Commander invited the Banner Party, composed of the Banner Party Commander Maj Pawluk, the Banner Officer Capt Rudecki, WO Brulotte and Sgt Paquet to march in the Royal Banner. Col Taylor then invited BGen (ret’d) Lanctis, Colonel Commandant and CWO Beach, RCDC Chief Warrant Officer, to unfurl the Royal Banner for the first time on Canadian soil. WO Glen Miller, Dental Technician at 2 Field Ambulance in Petawawa, proudly played a bagpipe musical piece that he composed to commemorate the Centennial of the RCDC.

Following the parade, the gathering transitioned to the opening ceremony, officially inaugurating the RCDC exhibit “Oral History - A Century of Canadian Military Dentistry” presented by the CWM. Dr Alastair Nicoll, President of the Canadian Dental Association,
WO Glen Miller plays a bag pipe musical piece that he composed to commemorate the Centennial.

Upon conclusion of the formal portion of the evening, attendees and parade participants gathered for a reception, hosted by the Canadian Dental Association, held in the LeBreton Gallery.

Dr John Maker, CWM historian and representing the CWM CEO, and the Honorable Jason Kenney all spoke about the important role that the RCDC played in Canadian military history. Col Taylor, Dr Maker and Dr Nicoll joined the Minister of National Defence in the ribbon cutting to open the exhibit.

CWO Beach and BGen (ret’d) Lanctis unfurl the Royal Banner.


Kneeling L to R: Cpl Pitre, MCpl Prud’homme, MCpl Newell, Cpl Rouzes, Cpl Towes-Henley, Cpl Mann, Cpl Best, and MCpl Pike (now Sgt).
The Canadian War Museum has marked the centenary of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps with its new special exhibition *Oral History — A Century of Canadian Military Dentistry*. The Minister of National Defence, the Hon. Jason Kenney, officially opened this exhibition on 12 May 2015 during a special ceremony held in the LeBreton Gallery of the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

In a press release, Mr. Mark O’Neill, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Museum of History and the War Museum, indicated that “Canadian military dentistry formed an important part of the military health services offered to Canadians during the First World War. This exhibition traces the evolution of the fascinating, often unrecognized, work of military dental teams — from the clinic to forensics and humanitarian assistance missions around the world. In view of their operational, humanitarian and forensic work, we are pleased to present this exhibition in partnership with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps.”

Visitors to the exhibition can peer inside a reconstructed First World War forward-area dental clinic that contains vintage chairs, tools, and manually powered drills. They’ll also see its modern counterpart: an “Air-Transportable Dental System” of the type used in Afghanistan and other recent overseas missions. Archival and modern photographs will show the faces of people who’ve been helped by Canada’s military dental teams, including Lieutenant D.M. Gordon — shot in the jaw by a sniper’s bullet in Sicily in 1943 — and survivors of the 2010 Haitian earthquake, who were treated at a Canadian field hospital in Léogâne.

The exhibition was produced by the Canadian War Museum in partnership with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps and will run until November 2015.


Defence Minister Jason Kenney (second from right) joined Col James Taylor, Regimental Head of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, Dr. Alastair Nicoll, President of the Canadian Dental Association, and Dr. John Maker, Canadian War Museum historian, to open “An Oral History, A Century of Canadian Military Dentistry” at the Canadian War Museum on May 12, 2015.
Defence Minister Jason Kenney's Statement on the Centennial Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps

May 13, 2015

OTTAWA – Defence Minister Jason Kenney issued the following statement:

"I congratulate the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) on its 100th anniversary. Since its inception, the RCDC has enjoyed an excellent reputation, providing high quality, operationally based dental care and other professional capabilities at home and abroad. It has participated in numerous international humanitarian and domestic outreach operations, and has developed forensic and oral health capabilities.

"Having seen the need for oral health care in the field as early as the Boer War in South Africa, where dental services were seen as indispensable when a great number of soldiers presented with dental emergencies, Canada established the Canadian Army Dental Corps on May 13, 1915. Since their formation, Canada's military dental services have looked after the oral health needs of our troops deployed in both World Wars, in Korea, and in Afghanistan, and have responded to orofacial disease and injuries with tremendous skill, precision and dedication.

"Most recently, the Canadian Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team verified the identity of Private Albert Laubenstein, a Canadian casualty of the Second World War during the Battle of Kapelsche Veer on January 26, 1945. As a result of this identification, we were able to bury him with full military honours and lay him to rest at Bergen-Op-Zoom Canadian War Cemetery in the Netherlands on May 6th, 2015.

"Yesterday, I had the distinct honour of opening "Oral History-A Century of Canadian Military Dentistry" at the Canadian War Museum where this particular forensic identification, along with other Canadian military dentistry artefacts, is showcased.

"Celebrating its centennial year, the Royal Canadian Dental Corps is truly deserving of national praise and recognition for providing care that directly contributes to CAF operational readiness and quality of life, while also undertaking other missions important to the Government of Canada."

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 1100 hrs, the RCDC Regimental Head, Col James Taylor, and the RCDC CWO, CWO Julie Beach, laid a wreath at the National War Memorial (NWM) and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Also participating in the ceremony was the RCDC Colonel-Commandant, BGen (ret'd) Vic Lanctis and the RCDC Regimental Major, Maj Rachel Jetté. The purpose of the wreath laying was twofold. First, it was an occasion for the RCDC to pay tribute to the brave men and women who were our patients, for their service and sacrifice to Canada. Second, it was to pay tribute to those RCDC personnel who lost their lives in their service to Canada over the last 100 years of our history. Two serving RCDC members, MCpl Keefe and MCpl Ivanovs who were assigned as Sentries to the NWM and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were also present during the wreath laying.

Col Taylor lays a wreath at the National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

L to R: Maj Jetté, BGen (ret'd) Lanctis, CWO Beach and Col Taylor.

MCpl Ivanovs sentries the NWM and the Tomb of the Unknown soldier.
“A Body Broken, A Life Poured Out”

The only major conflicts that I remember are the Falkland Islands, the Gulf War, and Canada’s involvement in Afghanistan after 9/11. My full awareness of the countless personal sacrifices that have been made for the war effort became clear as I stood Sentry at the National War Memorial guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from 27 April – 24 May 2015. The National War Memorial was dedicated by King George VI upon its completion on 21 May 1939. He referred to it as “The Response” to recognize Canada’s contribution and the multitude of personal sacrifices that ultimately allowed the allies to win the First World War in Europe from 1914-1918.

The remains of an unknown Canadian soldier from the First World War were repatriated to Canada and laid to rest at the base of the National War Memorial in May of 2000. This Soldier represents all the Canadian Soldiers who were not identified during and after the “Great War” which was supposed to be the war to end all wars. As stated by Governor General David Johnston during his Remembrance Day address on 11 Nov 2014 “…We don’t know his name. He is our unknown soldier. In anonymity he honours all Canadians who died and may yet die for their country.”

I wanted to stand on sentry to make sure that these ultimate sacrifices and all of the other selfless acts of courage would never be forgotten. As I stood there, I saw many families who brought their young children and explained to them what the monument meant. The hardest times, for me, were when Veterans visited the tomb. Some stood there in silent reflection and others shed tears. Needless to say it was emotionally challenging knowing what the tomb represented and seeing those fellow Canadians who helped earn that monument and what it meant to them.

To be asked to stand at the Monument is a privilege, but for me it was extra special because I had a chance to honor my Grandfather who served 25 years in the Royal Navy, and for my Uncle Able, who was killed during the Second World War. The events of 22 Oct 2014 were also on my mind as I stood at sentry in the very spot of Cpl Nathan Cirillo; who lost his life when a lone gunman shot him while he stood guard at the tomb.

Another special moment for me while I was guarding the tomb was to honor the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) on its Centennial Anniversary on 13 May 2015. In fact, MCpl Ivanovs and I were the first Dental Technicians to ever stand on sentry and vigil at the National War Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

There is a new inscription on the memorial’s granite wall — “In Service to Canada – Au service du Canada.” The dates of the Afghanistan mission and the South African War have also been added. This rededication on 11 Nov 2014 now includes all the wars that Canada has participated in since the First World War. It is an experience that I will never forget, and I will
feel very honored to say that I did this for my Unit and my Country. It is VERY important for us as a Nation to never forget, to educate our children, and to thank those who put themselves in harm’s way for the freedom that we enjoy every day.

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them.”

“We Will Remember Them.”
The Place: the Château Laurier, Ottawa, the National Capital Region (NCR).

Date/time: 1800 hrs, Wednesday, 13 May 2015 – the evening of the 100th anniversary date of the RCDC and the lull before the Centennial Gala, the last grand event of the NCR’s Centennial program, begins. The day and previous days had been packed full with NCR Centennial events such as the RCDCA/CDA Golf Tournament, the RCDC International Military Symposium, the RCDC Centennial Parade with the marching on of the RCDC Royal Banner for the first time on Canadian soil, the opening of the Canadian War Museum’s exhibit *A Century of Canadian Military Dentistry*, and not to forget, a heartfelt wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the National War Memorial paying tribute to the service personnel who were our patients and to RCDC personnel for their service and sacrifice to Canada. It seemed everyone was ready to cap off a memorable week with a spectacular Gala, graciously sponsored by the Canadian Dental Association and hosted by the RCDC Regimental Head, Col James Taylor.

Walking through the doors of the Grand Ballroom for the final check before the Gala guests – RCDC current and former military and civilian members and invited guests including the Guest of Honour, the Chief of Defence Staff, General Tom Lawson arrived, I stopped and stared with pleasure. The room before me was overwhelmingly stunning in the low light from the chandeliers. Ceiling to floor curtains covering the front of the room shimmered and glowed in the tall columns of green and yellow from the spotlights. Gorgeous yellow and green (dental colors of course!) flower arrangements topped off round tables beautifully set with stark white linen and shining silver cutlery. Two huge screens were set up in the front ready to play the Colonel-in-Chief’s video congratulatory address to the Branch. A carefully arranged line of flags stood proudly on either side of the MC’s podium, representing Canada, USA, Norway, New Zealand, the RCDC, the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association (RCDCA). Off to the side of the head table was the RCDC Royal Banner waiting patiently for Sgt Paquet to take it from its stand and ready it to be marched in front of the Gala guests. A solitary table for our Fallen Comrades was set up to match the guest tables, prepared for CWO Michael Wilson and Cpl Nathalie Robitaille’s acknowledgement of our Fallen Comrades’ service and sacrifice. The room was ready and the Gala ready to launch. First, the reception in the adjacent Laurier Room.

Once the piper, Mr Jack Coghill Jr. started his tunes, the double doors to the Grand Ballroom opened and the room filled with a flow of formally attired guests who eagerly took their seats and waited for the head table to be piped in. The head table consisted of: Gen Tom Lawson (Guest of Honour) and his spouse, Mrs Kelly Lawson; Col James Taylor (RCDC Regimental Head) and his spouse, Dr. Elizabeth Judge;
Dr. Alastair Nicoll (CDA President); CWO Julie Beach (RCDC Branch CWO) and her spouse, CPO1 Pierre Langlois; BGen (ret) Vic Lanctis (Col Cmnd) and his spouse Marilyn Lanctis, and Mrs Beth Brogan, wife of Col Brogan, former CO of 12 Dental Unit.

Col Dwayne Lemon, CO 1 Dent Unit and Master of Ceremonies quickly took charge of the podium and with his usual humour and aplomb guided the evening’s program through the various introductions, presentations, speeches, and thank you’s intermixed between courses of an exquisite meal prepared by the Château Laurier’s chefs. Music for the evening was provided by the Jazz Trio (reception) and the String Ensemble (dinner) of the Central Band Ottawa. Following appetizer service, the lights in the room were dimmed and into the darkness and with drum sticks glowing fluorescent colors, marched the Drum Line from the RCAF Pipes & Drums under the Command of Maj Dave Shaw and led by MWO Doug Craft. The Drum Line impressed the guests with their drumming precision and deft tossing of their drum sticks – all in the dark!

There were many highlights and accolades given during the evening, including congratulations from our Colonel-in-Chief, congratulations from the RCDC President, Maj Richard Groves, presentations to the RCDC by the Canadian Dental Assistants’ Association (CDAA) President, represented by the CDAA Executive Director, Ms Stephanie Mullen-Kavanagh; by the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) President, Ms Mandi Hayre; by MG Rob Tempel, US Army Dental Corps Chief, and by Lt Col Per Ludemann, Chief Dental Officer, Dental Services Norway. Of note was the presentation by CDA to the RCDC of a sword engraved with the RCDC crest and the words “100 years of Service”; Gen Lawson’s presentation to the CDA of the CF Medallion for Distinguished Service for their support to the Canadian Armed Forces within the national and international oral health communities, and, of course, as the distinguished Guest of Honour, Gen Lawson’s lighthearted address and sincere words of congratulations to the RCDC on our Centennial.

Dinner ended at a reasonable hour, however, the party continued on in the adjacent Laurier Room where remaining guests mingled, re-connected with old friends and colleagues, posed for photos in front of the display of historic RCDC uniforms kindly loaned by Capt (ret’d) Tom Rutledge for the event, and perused their Gala memento, a copy of the RCDC Centennial History book personally autographed by the author, Maj Richard Groves. Without a doubt, an outstanding and highly enjoyable evening to finish off the Centennial Week in the NCR!
RCDC historical uniforms on loan from Capt (ret’d) Rutledge.

L to R: Dr. Judge, Mrs Lawson, Gen Lawson, CWO Beach, CPO1 Langlois.

CDS, Gen Lawson, with RCDCA President, Maj (ret’d) Groves.

WO Miller, Composer of the RCDC Centennial Pipe Composition and Ms. Lavictoire.

L to R: Dr. Nicoll, CDA President, Gen Lawson and Col Taylor.

Gala MC – Col Lemon, CO 1 Dent Unit.
Mr Coghill Jr and Head Table.

Sgt Paquet and Col Taylor.

RCAF Pipes and Drums Drum Line.

CWO Wilson and Cpl Robitaille.

MG Tempel, US Army Dental Corps Chief with Col Taylor.

Lt Col Per Ludemann, Director of Dental Services, Norway, with Col Taylor.

L to R: Col Goheen, Col (ret’d) Currah, BGen (ret’d) Wright, BGen (ret’d) Begin, BGen (ret’d) Lanctis, Col (ret’d) Becker, Col Taylor.
RCDCA President Maj (ret'd) Groves.

CDAA Executive Director, Ms Mullen-Kavanagh and Col Taylor.

CDA President, Dr. Nicoll with Col Taylor.

CDHA President, Ms Hayre with Col Taylor.

CDS with CDA President.

CDS, Gen Lawson.

CWO (ret'd) Burton.
The Heart and Soul of the RCDC
On the 13th of May, 2015, just a few hours before the Dental Corps Centennial Gala at the Château Laurier, the RCDC took possession of the first copies of the newly printed *The History and Heritage of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps: A Century of Military Service*, written by Major Richard Groves. This was the first Dental Corps history book published since 1986 and the first bilingual history of the Dental Corps. Enough copies were printed for all current Dental Corps members, military and civilian, to receive a copy, and the e-book version is available as a download from the RCDCA web-site http://rcdca.cfdental.ca/royal-canadian-dental-corps-history/.

Work on this book started over ten years ago, when the Chief of the India Army Dental Corps asked all of The Section of the Defense Forces Dental Services (SDFDS) member countries to provide a four page summary of the history and current capabilities of their dental corps, to be published as a keepsake when they hosted the FDI/SDFDS the next year. The various staff officers at the Dental Directorate contributed to the capability section, and I wrote a short history piece and combined all of the entries into the document. A few years later, in 2006, when HRH Birgitte was named as Colonel-in-Chief for the RCDC, Col Scott Becker tasked me to redo this short history with some more detail and more photos to present to HRH during her first official visit. This revised history was about 20 pages long. After the presentation, this version was translated and became the official Dental Corps history for the CFHS website.

When Col James Taylor visited the Colonel-in-Chief in 2011, he retrieved the book and I was once again tasked to update it. By this
time we realized that it was time to prepare an actual book for release during the 2015 Centennial year. During my spare time over the next two years, then as a one-day-per-week Class A reservist, I scoured all of the old newsletters and historical documents looking for topics and illustrations to include in this book. The Royal Canadian Dental Corps Association was provided with an early draft, and their feedback led to some new topics and corrections. I also learned how to use MS Publisher, and did all of the design work myself.

By 2014, the manuscript was almost done, and it was time to enlist more reviewers. In particular, CWO Beach and Colonel-Commandant BGen (ret’d) Lanctis provided line-by-line feedback that was very helpful. Maj Fred Ferron and LCol Annick Gingras not only reviewed the English manuscript, but ensured the Translation Bureau French language text matched the tone and content of the English text – not an easy task!

As mentioned in the opening paragraph, the first copies were delivered the day of the Gala, to be distributed that night. Luckily, after ten years of preparation, there were no printing errors, and the book met our expectations. After dinner, I stayed by the bar for several hours autographing copies of the book for Gala attendees, and collecting autographs in my personal copy of the book. It was wonderful to see physical copies representing many years of work, but it was also a bit sad knowing that task was now complete.
On May 13th, in order to increase the visibility of our celebration, 1 Dent Unit Det Esquimalt gave over 600 tooth brushes and floss samples (赞助 by Henry Schein) at both Naden and the Dockyard gates. There was a message attached to each gift highlighting the 100th anniversary of the RCDC.

An article about the history of the Dental Corps and the celebration of the RCDC 100th anniversary was published on the Lookout (CFB Esquimalt weekly Journal). The article was accompanied by the head table photo of the RCDC Mess Dinner held in Esquimalt last February.

Dent Det Esq main event to celebrate the RCDC Centennial was the day sail aboard the ORCA. For this activity, 1 Dent Unit Det Comox joined us where we all went for a wonderful four hour sail on a training ship. After the safety brief, we set sail. The crew did some ship handling demonstrations and some of the dental staff were given the opportunity to steer the ship. The ship set anchor at Pedder Bay where we shared a great BBQ lunch with our hosts. We then proceeded along the coast and returned to the base. Many thanks to the Navy and the ORCA personnel, for making this great activity enjoyed by all!!

Once ashore, Det Comox set out for their drive back up island while Det Esquimalt staff returned to the clinic and closed the celebration with a RCDC Centennial anniversary cake and coffee.

Det Comox and Det Esquimalt staff posing for a Centennial group photo when anchored for lunch.

LCdr Cobb welcoming us aboard the ORCA.
Wainwright Detachment

1 Dental Unit Detachment Wainwright celebrated the Centennial with a giant homemade ice-cream cake shared with 12 Health Svcs Unit and an afternoon on the mini-putt course.


1 Dental Det Toronto is serving it up!

What is 1 Dental Unit known for? From the inside our unit, most would have to say our food-centric events and, from the outside our unit, being on top of our patients to have their Ph1 checkups completed! With those two things in mind, 1 Dental Unit Det Toronto came together to form an idea with which we could accomplish both in addition to celebrating the RCDC’s Centennial.

During the month of May, our Det advertised that we would be holding a draw for a gift certificate to a popular downtown Toronto restaurant with each patient in our AOR given a contest ballot when having completed or booked their annual exam. We had never seen so many patients run to our clinic so they could have their name entered! (We presume the CAF members outside Dental enjoy good food as well.)

On 5 Jun 15, the name of our lucky winner was drawn: Capt Pajuluoma from CFEME was the gracious recipient. Once again, another happy patient left the clinic. Following the presentation, the Det staff shared in increasing our caries risk by enjoying a beautiful commemorative cake. All in all, it was great way to celebrate 100 years: demonstrating that our patients come first which puts a smile on our faces.

Happy 100th birthday to the RCDC from 1 Dental Unit Det Toronto and here’s to 100 more!

Photos by: MCpl Pop
On 13 Feb 15, the dental team at 1 Dent Det Ottawa ran a Team Building Event that concluded with RCDC Centennial Trivia. The clinic was challenged on topics ranging from RCDC historical facts to details on past Operations. In the photo, 2Lt Samantha Patton is awarding a centennial T-shirt to the winner, Mme Francine Perras.

Det Shilo organized a golf day and BBQ/Pot Luck on 21 May 15 to celebrate the RCDC Centennial.

Cpl Brownell and Centennial cake: Cpl Brownell is Det Shilo’s baker, not only has she organized most of our Centennial events, she also planned months in advance to bake our Centennial cake. Here is Cpl Brownell and the result of her baking talent.

Centennial BBQ: After a few hours spent playing golf, Maj Alarie is preparing hamburgers and sausages on the BBQ. This turned out to be a succulent pot-luck!

Maj Alarie-Heather-Tracy joined by retired Med Tech, MCpl Cranston. Maj Alarie’s team "Crannie’s angels" was first to complete the golf course.

RCDC Centennial Trivia

Ottawa Detachment by Capt Chester
1 DU Det North Bay celebrated the RCDC Centennial with their medical counterparts with a BBQ and cake!!

**BBQ Med mbrs:**
L to R: Cpl Bradley, Cpl Read, Sgt Smith, Nancy Lawson, and Cpl Ready.

**Dental mbrs (Sitting around table):**
L to R: Lindsay Reardon (Dental Assistant), Cpl Jessica Jinks (Dental Technician), 2Lt Christine MacNeil (Reservist awaiting training), Steve Courchesne (Dental Assistant), and Amanda Levesque (Hygienist).

**Dental with Centennial cake:**
L to R: Cpl Jessica Jinks, Amanda Levesque, Lindsay Reardon, Sgt Tracey (DCC), Capt Plasse (DDC), Steve Courchesne and 2Lt MacNeil.

**Cake cutting:**
Capt Plasse, DDC, and Sgt Tracey, DCC.
Petawawa Detachment  By MWO Gauthier

On 8 May, 2015, 1 Dental Unit Det Petawawa and invited guests from 1 Cdn Fd Hosp and 2 Fd Amb celebrated the Centennial of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. A luncheon was held at the Garrison Golf Course, complete with a RCDC crested birthday cake. Teams of dental personnel were challenged and enriched with a RCDC trivia competition followed by a mini-putt competition. Many thanks to the Det Entertainment Committee for their fund raising efforts to provide numerous RCDC Centennial kit shop prizes.

Cold Lake Detachment  By Sgt Nantel

Our clinic decided to go bowling as the weather was not cooperative that day for our initial plan. On the 5th of June, we also had a combined Mess Dinner with our Medical family and invited the Command Team from Det Edmonton. LCol Bussière provided a brief history of the RCDC.

Standing L to R: Cpl Howlett-Cooney (IPSC), Mrs Marche-Frigault, Mrs Gillis and Ms Stahn. Sitting L to R: Mrs Sheppard, Sgt Nantel, Maj Rusiecka, Mrs Bend and Capt Bevans. Kneeling L to R: Cpl Gilbert and Mrs Jeannotte.
Except for the original Centennial pin, all of the RCDC Centennial memorabilia is produced by CANEX and available for purchase only at CANEX specific retail outlets across the country and on-line at www.canex.ca.
Det Esquimalt had the privilege to host the 2015 1 Dental Unit Ranking Board and Q & PS continuing education on the first week of Feb 2015.

All Command Teams representing the 26 Canadian Dets were present. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to the ranking board for Cpl, MCpl, Sgt and Capt at the CPO’s Mess. At the end of the second day, the participants were invited for the Meet & Greet held at The Wardroom (Officer Mess); this was a great opportunity to socialized with old friends and make new ones. We also had the privilege to host our US friends, MG Tempel, COL Reese and MAJ Bangerter.

Wednesday and Thursday were dedicated to Q & PS training. Despite a busy schedule and a lot of hard work, it seems like everyone appreciated their week and the great weather that we had throughout the Unit Ranking Board and Q & PS training in Esquimalt.
As you’ll recall, the 2014 Thomson Trophy was awarded to the RCDC members deployed on Op ATTENTION, to Health Canada and to the Canadian Dental Association. The Chief Dental Officer of Canada graciously provided the Canadian Dental Corps with access to their two-year Canadian-developed Dental Therapist curriculum, a document which helped form the foundation of the condensed six-month AFAMS Dental Mid-Level Provider program. The Canadian Dental Association partnered with our Royal Canadian Dental Corps in lending its support to the development of organized dentistry in the country, and sponsored the newfound Afghan Dental Association’s membership in the FDI World Dental Federation and their participation in the FDI World Dental Congress.

As the Thompson Trophy itself remains on display in the RCDC Regimental Office, individual formal certificates are presented to all Trophy winners. RCDC recipients attending the 2014 RCDC Symposium received their certificates at that time, as reported in our last Communiqué. For this year’s institutional Trophy recipients, however, wooden plaques were created and presented to their leaders for permanent display in their respective institutions.

Col Taylor is presenting the Health Canada plaque to Dr Peter Cooney, Chief Dental Officer of Canada at Health Canada, at his office in Health Canada.
The Royal Canadian Dental Corps was selected as a recipient of the Faculty of Dentistry 2015 Award of Distinction for outstanding commitment to the dental profession, the community and society. Col James Taylor had the privilege of accepting this award on behalf of the Corps during the 2015 Awards of Distinction Gala being held on Saturday, March 28th, 2015, and was joined at this gala by his RCDC colleagues, Maj Jodi Shaw, Maj Jim Lai, and Maj Jason Yee.

On 28 November 2014, Dr David Sweet received the Medallion of Distinguished Service from the Chief of Defense Staff, General Thomas Lawson. This award is the highest Canadian Armed Forces honour for civilian service. Dr. Sweet is an international leader in Forensic Odontology and is recognized for his outstanding contributions to the development of the Canadian Armed Forces capability and capacity to respond to Disaster Victim Identification missions.
Our Surgeon General, BGen Jean-Robert Bernier (L), and the Chief of the US Army Dental Corps, MG Rob Tempel (R), promoted Col Dwayne Lemon on the afternoon of 24 February, 2015. As Majors, MG Tempel and Col Lemon were co-residents at the US Army Comprehensive Dentistry PG Program at Fort Bragg, NC.

On 26 November 2014, Lucy Xiuhui Xu from 1 Dent U Det St– Jean was promoted to the rank of Captain.

LCol Teo Russu, Dental Detachment Commander Esquimalt, being promoted by the Deputy Commander CF H Svcs Gp, Col David Weger (R) and the Commanding Officer 1 Dental Unit, Col Dwayne Lemon (L), during their visit to the Advanced Dental Officer Course where LCol Russu had been fulfilling the role of Course Director.
Promotions / Awards / Distinctions

On 28 Nov 2014, LCol Steve Hétu (L) promoted Capt Carrier (R), new Dental Detachment Commander in St-Jean, to the rank of Maj.

On 23 Jun 15, MCpl Monica Cegledi was promoted to the rank of Sgt by LCol Hedley and WO McCafferty from Dent Det Ottawa. From left to right are: LCol Hedley, Sgt Cegledi and WO McCafferty.

On 9 Jul 2015, MCpl Pike was promoted to the rank of Sgt by Capt Wolfs at Dent Det Moose Jaw.
During a visit to the University of British-Columbia, General T.J. Lawson, Chief of Defence Staff, took the opportunity to promote two Dental Officers attending the post-graduate Prosthodontics program.

**Capt Richard Kratz** who recently graduated from the Prosthodontic Program, is promoted to the rank of Maj by Gen Tom Lawson, CDS.

**Capt Christopher Dare**, then a fourth year dental student, is presented his CD Medal by Maj Sébastien Dostie, then a third year post graduate student in Periodontics.

**Capt Peter Walker**, then a first year student in the Prosthodontics Program, is promoted to the rank of Major by Gen Tom Lawson, CDS.
On 14 Aug 15, LGen Whitecross presented Sgt Prevost from CFHSTC, with the Commander’s Coin. Her citation reads: “Highly committed to CFHSTC’s successes as NCO i/c Support Services, Sgt Prevost is actively involved and a dedicated participant in many Unit and Base activities; such as Unit Change of Command, opening of Unit “Internet Café”, multiple courses’ instruction, Dragon Boat Team, Juno Beach Mess, CFB Borden 100th Anniversary committee, to name a few. Her exceptional leadership, strong work ethic and devotion to duty, are exemplary of her constant pursuit for excellence.”
Retirements

On 19 Sept 14, Maj Mario Mailhot from Dent Det St-Jean retired after 29 years of service. L to R: Sgt Vigneau and Maj Mailhot.

On 24 June 2015, LCol Franklin (Frank) Hedley was honoured in a Depart with Dignity luncheon at the Army Officer’s Mess in Ottawa. LCol Hedley retired from the Canadian Armed Forces after more than 35 years of dedicated service to the RCDC on 2 July 2015. His leadership style, sense of humour and friendship will be missed.
Retirements

On 3 September 2015, members of the RCDC, as well as other designated guests, gathered at the Rideau Club here in the NCR to say farewell to Colonel J.C. Taylor who retired from the CAF and RCDC after 35 (plus) years of distinguished service. Joining Colonel Taylor on this momentous occasion was his wife Dr. Elizabeth Judge. Colonel Taylor’s last official day in uniform was September 7th, 2015.
Promotions

Capt Xu
WO Brulotte
Maj Carrier
Maj Kratz
Maj Walker
LCol Russu
Cpl Towes-Henley
Col Lemon
Maj Lucsanszky
MCpl Gillam
Capt Cho
LCol Ross
Capt Nicholls
LCol Goulet
Capt Doiron,
Capt Ju
Sgt Cegledi
Sgt Pike
Capt Zykus
MCpl Cogswell
MCpl Dennis
Capt Zeiler
Maj Truswell
Maj Liew
Sgt Adams
MCpl Lejeune
Capt Godbout
MCpl Hare
MCpl Hare
Maj Thomas
Retirements / Releases

Maj Mailhot
Sgt Meade
Cpl Prince
MCpl Kuhl Pardy
Ms. Rathburn
Capt Olacke
2Lt Patton
Capt Greene
Sgt Mckay
Capt Ross
MCpl Oake
LCol Hedley
WO Gilholm
Capt Wolfs
Capt Decloux
2Lt Khoshatr
Cpl Hogg
Ms. Penteado
MWO Asselin
Capt Bevans
Sgt Reid
Col Taylor
On 4 June 2015, Sgt Marie-Christine Ouellet (left) graduated from her Dental Hygiene Program at La Cité Collégiale. From left to right are Col Goheen, Sgt Ouellet and CWO Beach.

On 10 June 2015, Cpl Yolanda Dennis (right) graduated from her Dental Hygiene Program at George Brown College.

On 23 June 2015, Sgt Cegledi (left) graduated from her Dental Hygiene Program at Algonquin College. Sgt Cegledi was one of the two dental hygiene students presented with the Golden Scaler award. This award is presented annually by faculty of participating dental hygiene schools to students who have demonstrated remarkable skill and talent over the course of their classes.
June 6th, 2014, marked the day that comrades would stand shoulder to shoulder for the 70th anniversary of D-Day, part of the Battle of Normandy. Normandy was the place where brave sacrifices began, where boys turned into men and girls into women, as they helped liberate the whole of Europe. The 70th anniversary of D-Day was likely the last decade ceremony to be attended by surviving veterans. It was a day that I was very fortunate to be a part of and a day that I will forever remember.

I was truly honoured to be selected for the OP DISTINCTION 2014 tasking. The CAF deployed an Honour Guard team to France from 2-9 June 2014. The team consisted of a fifty member Honour Guard, a Vigil Party, a Flag Party, the Stadacona Band, and a multitude of support staff - 120 plus personnel in total. We participated in six parades over a three day period, the largest being the Juno Beach Parade for which Prince Charles was the Reviewing Officer. Imagine this… I’m with the CAF contingent on the bus making our way to the Juno Beach Parade and for the first time we are surprisingly informed that the Reviewing Officer will be Prince Charles. My thoughts… are my boots shiny enough, what do I call him, how do I look, yes Your Royal Highness, Whynot really is my last name…haha. Unfortunately, due to a two hour delay in the parade, and some very tight time constraints, His Royal Highness only reviewed the front rank. Whew!

We met at the Carleton University Campus the evening of the 29 May 2014 for a four hour briefing to finalize administrative documents and go over the details of what would happen. The 30-31st May 2014, were filled by ten hours of parade and drill practice each day. Lucky for us, it was above thirty degrees Celsius on each of these days when we marched around the parking lot of Carleton University Campus, again… and again... and again. Did I mention how hot it was? Throw in some kit inspections, boot inspections, DEU inspections… did I mention how long the days were? Understandably, we were part of a piece of history in the making. We were not only representing our units, but the CAF as well.

We had several late evening lectures with our contingent expert historian. He went over the history of the Battle of Normandy so we could have a better understanding of what it was we were about to embark upon. He explained the significance of each unit selected for this commemorative parade. Each unit selected, in some way, participated in the Invasion of Juno Beach and subsequently, the Battle of Normandy. North Nova Scotia Highlanders, Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Queen's Own Rifles s…, I understood these units being at the battle but my first thought was, “I’m dental…Juno Beach… I need some clarification.” I asked a few questions after the lecture, to me this was huge. He explained that even though it may never
have been recorded in history books, indeed the Canadian Dental Corps played an important role and they were present. Canadian Dental Corps personnel handled battle casualties and assisted the medical teams in the management of facial injuries. Every Battalion had their own dental team because so many of the soldiers had bad teeth. They would extract teeth (more than likely without any anaesthetic) so that soldiers could quickly return to battle.

I've always been proud to wear the Canadian uniform and I truly believe it is a privilege. I remember how proud I felt driving home that night, to be part of the RCDC. Does anyone know this information - how we really were such an integral part of history? Why our role isn't mentioned in any history books? So many questions.

We deployed at midnight on 2 June and arrived in France 3 June 2014. Regional hotels were in extremely high demand and had been completely booked for a year (or more) in advance. There were swarms of people everywhere. Many Canadians (and others from around the world) made the journey to France to witness this historic event. We got situated and enjoyed the one day of rest we had before our first parade. Our team departed at lunch time on 5 June 2014 in two tour buses carrying all the team members. The closer we got to the event, the more security personnel and crowds we encountered. Security personnel lined the sides of the road. There were Canadian flags everywhere and people waved to us as we drove by. Our journey to the Juno Beach Parade on 6 June 2014 was particularly memorable. Sections of the highway were blocked off and people required event tickets to enter certain parts of the road to make their way to the parade. I remember arriving at a barricade in the highway where there were six policemen on motorcycles waiting to escort us through. We were the only traffic on this stretch of highway. I felt like we were movie stars. We entered towns where other policemen would block off intersections and roundabouts as we came through. Local people waved, and were so gracious and thankful for the Canadian contribution to the war effort. I was very humbled by the whole experience, to the point where I was moved to tears.

Our drill was impeccable. Spectators and other attendees clapped and cheered, shook our hands, and gave their thanks. No matter how long the parades were, all I could do was focus on all the veterans present and think that standing on parade, motionless, for an extended period of time, was nothing compared to what they endured; experiences to which we will never truly be able to relate. No matter how many times they tell their stories, we will never be able to re-live the hardships and terror these surviving veterans of WWII endured day in and day out. Being on these commemorative parades and meditating on the experiences of the veterans that were being honoured was a life changing experience.
On 7 June 2014 we completed the final four parades. We were exhausted but proud, proud to be part of the OP DISTINCTION and proud to wear the Canadian uniform. We spent our final day touring various different battle sights. It was at one of these battlefields that I found more concrete proof of the RCDC’s presence. One of the inscriptions read, “2nd Canadian Infantry Division – The steles lining the walkway to the monument display the crests of the corps and regiments that comprised the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division and the 2nd Canadian Armoured Brigade. Both these formations participated in the battles that occurred in this area between 18 July and 9 August 1944. During this time over 2,000 Canadian soldiers lost their lives. ” We will remember them.” There on the pathway, I found the stele which had read “Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps No. 10 Field Ambulance, No. 11 Field Ambulance, No. 18 Field Ambulance and Canadian Army Dental Corps No. 2 Dental Company.”

It was during WWII that the Canadian Dental Corps grew to include 1562 dental officers and 3725 other ranks. By 1945, due to critical staffing situations, highly skilled women were finally serving in Canada and overseas. Sadly, fourteen officers and nineteen other ranks were killed or died in active service during WWII. In recognition of the CDC’s “splendid performance” throughout the war, King George VI, on Jan 15, 1947, granted the Corps the title Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC).

This year marks a milestone for the RCDC as we celebrate its Centennial. We have earned a reputable place in the CAF, and rightfully so. We have contributed significantly to history, we have shown compassion, empathy, professionalism and bravery. We have made sacrifices, stood beside our comrades, and made friends for life. We should not only be proud and thankful for the country that we live in and call home, and the uniform that we wear, but also for the RCDC cap badge that we represent and the unit by which we are employed. Take a moment to reflect on the prominence of the RCDC over the last 100 years and perhaps, we might all go to work tomorrow with a new outlook on who we are and what we, the RCDC, has accomplished.
In January 2015, the 5 Field Ambulance Dental Platoon deployed to the Valcartier training area for Ex RAFALE BLANCHE. The team consisted of Capt Jesse Barker and Cpl Rachael Martin from 1 Dental Unit Detachment Valcartier and MCpl Caroline Letourneau from 5 Field Ambulance.

RAFALE BLANCHE takes place every January over the course of 9 days. It sprawls out over a diameter of about 50km in the hilly landscape to the North-East of Québec city from the Jacques-Cartier River to the town of Portneuf. The exercise gives about 2800 soldiers the chance to put their personal and team capacities to the test in rural and urban environments. The challenge is only made more intense by the harsh winds rolling off the St. Lawrence. This year the mercury dropped down past -30°C on a few occasions.

Once we had all of our portable dental kit running, it was easy to see that we were the technological envy of the rest of the hospital. We had digital radiograph capabilities, an autoclave steriliser, the impressive Aseptico portable dental unit, and a wide array of dental armamentarium at our disposal.

For the most part, the patients we saw were similar to the sick parade patients that you would see in garrison. There were fractured cusps, class IV composites, a few bizarre oral medicine cases, emergency endodontic procedures, and broken restorations. We even had one complicated oral surgery case that ended up requiring treatment back at the Valcartier clinic. Our previous training and our kit enabled us to deal with anything that came our way in the same way it would be dealt with on base.

Due to our location in the PSB clinic, we also were able to see what goes on with the medical side of things. A medical consult was always available when we needed it and they reached out to us for consult on a few cases.

Overall, we had a great experience filled with lots of challenging problems, many typical winter warfare situations, and plenty of laughs.
The schedule for winter 2015 was rather hectic for 5 Ambulance Company. It participated in a number of exercises, which allowed the Unit to cut its teeth before the final build-up validation exercise of 5 CMBG, scheduled for Wainwright from 19 April to 7 June. Most of what I know about the work of the Operations Officer (Ops O) I learned during exercises RAFALE BLANCHE and UNIFIED RESOLVE, which took place respectively from 19 to 27 January 2015 and 9 to 25 February 2015. This is a short account of this experience, which differs somewhat from the regular duties of a dental officer.

As soon as I found myself in the position of Ops O in September 2014, I realized that being a dentist in the CAF means much more than treating people in a dental chair. Working in operations, which deals primarily with administration, calls for versatility, organisation and an extensive knowledge of the unit’s capabilities. Being relatively new to the medical branch of health services, I had to begin by ingesting a lot of knowledge, most of it relating to the roles, responsibilities, resources and culture of the Unit. Then I had to acquaint myself with medical doctrine and its concrete application to Brigade support. The various command relationships and the Unit’s position on the organization chart, a sometimes complex issue, must also be understood if you are to respond effectively to the different levels of the hierarchy.

The work in garrison can sometimes seem abstract because of the multiplicity of issues inherent in the Ops O’s duties. All this invested effort becomes meaningful and more tangible, however, during exercises.

Planning and participating in exercises is the cornerstone of the Ops O’s work. More specifically, the training preparations can take several weeks and involve coordinating and assembling all the necessary elements so the event can take shape. Preparing the task synchronization matrix, the lists of personnel and vehicles, the compilations of weekly information with the different players from the sub-units...these are some of the elements handled by operations. Like any other aspect that needs looking after, information, irrespective of its nature, must be passed both up and down the chain of command and overseen by the Ops O. One effective information-sharing method under the responsibility of the operations team consists in drafting training directives and orders; this represents a key step in the battle procedure and helps guide the sub-units in accomplishing their respective tasks. One key problem must be addressed, however, when preparing these documents: that of plainly and clearly explaining the concept of medical support in accordance with doctrine and adapting it to the operational scheme of manoeuvre dictated by the brigade. Once deployed, the Ops O is responsible for the unit’s command post and tasked with informing the Comd of the progress of the tactical and operational situation and the state of the unit’s material and human resources. The Ops O must compile all the information and make it easily accessible since the effective evacuation of patients demands clear and prompt decision-making. Finally, the operations cell takes responsibility for conveying the commander’s intent and ensuring that it is concretely reflected in the field as the exercise progresses.

In conclusion, the job of an Ops O is complex, onerous and difficult to define. Despite all the problems I encountered, the experience was extremely enriching and the knowledge gained was far greater than I had anticipated.
Greetings from 2 Field Ambulance Dental Platoon!

Being posted to an operational unit affords one the opportunity to partake in numerous events which would not be offered to me if I were still working out of a clinic. I would like to take a few moments to tell you about one such opportunity.

From 26 Jan – 13 Feb 15 I took part in EX WARFIGHTER at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. This exercise was a two-week command and control exercise to test and evaluate a headquarter’s reaction, and methods of battle pertaining to its management and execution abilities, through a virtual battlefield.

This was a joint exercise with our US counterparts; approximately 3000 US troops were involved from 22 different units from the regular and reserve force, army and air National Guard, and of course about 300 personnel from the 4th Canadian Division and other supporting units.

The first several days of this EX was a familiarization with the operating systems, getting to know our US counterparts, and reading copious amounts of material regarding the upcoming battle, the missions, and the overall plan of action.

During the EX, I acted as the 2 Fd Amb nightshift LOCON Duty Officer. The Canadian HSS team consisted of five HCAs and me. Each shift was approx. 12 hours long and commenced at 1900hrs. I would show up 30 minutes early to do a handover with the dayshift and most importantly, to get all the details of any major activities during the day.

During the battle simulation, the Brigade suffered hundreds and hundreds of casualties. My job was to track the battle utilizing mainly two programs called Transverse Chat and Battleview. As 9 Liner reports came in from various units, I had to determine the best course of action to take to ensure all casualties were safely extracted from the battlefield and delivered into the hands of highly trained medical professionals.

Once the number and type of casualties were identified, I would then contact the HSS LO (Liaison Officer) who would then in turn pass on our plan to the brigade who when necessary, supplied us with air assets (helicopters) to extract the patients from the battlefield. On more than one occasion air assets were not available so we had to devise a plan, designate ambulance exchange points, study the terrain and determine how long it was going to take to extract the casualties via ground. An important thing to remember is to request force protection to accompany the ambulances travelling forward of secured areas.

Security during this exercise was taken very seriously; we were not allowed to bring cameras, phones, tablets, laptops, or any sort of media storage materials. Our workstations were surrounded by our US counterparts who were utilizing a top secret program called CPOF (Command Post of the Future). This software system allows commanders to effectively maintain ongoing knowledge of the battle, allows them to collaborate with superiors, peers and subordinates, and easily allows them to pass on the mission intent.

I am no expert on HSS doctrinal material so you can very well imagine the amount of reading I had to do beforehand and while on location. Despite having prepared for this; once the battle commenced it was at times chaotic. All the LOCON officers were around one massive table, fire orders were being shouted out to the CPOF operators (Pucksters), units were coming under fire, vehicles were hitting mines, and well suffice to say, it was chaos. Of course it was not chaos all the time; several of the nights were quite uneventful while the Div was preparing to move forward to engage the enemy, these were the nights I spent reading HSS doctrine.

The bottom line was that no matter how crazy things got, we all pulled together as a team and completed the mission objectives. This was an excellent opportunity to see first-hand the role and responsibilities of 2 Fd Amb and of the entire division at war; if any of you out there are ever given the opportunity to take part in such an Ex, I highly recommend it.
As a Unit on High Readiness with members deployed to support various operations such as Op REASSURANCE, Op IMPACT, Op SIRONA, suffice to say that 2 Fd Amb is currently quite busy and the number of boots on the ground gets scarcer every day. It is in that spirit, that the 2 Fd Amb winter exercise held from 2-6 February 2015, EX FROSTY VIPER, was designed; to survive no matter the weather and no matter how many of us are left!

As background information, for the folks in the sunny west coast reading this article, this winter has been pretty painful for most of Canada! Petawawa, although glad we didn’t receive the crazy snowfall reserved this year for the east coast, we had to endure endless frost bite warnings and extreme cold advisories. The average weather was probably -35 with the wind chill. With my luck, it didn’t get any warmer for our week long winter exercise!

So to return to this famous EX FROSTY VIPER, the Dental Platoon sent four members out in this chilly weather (MCpl Trying to pick up my ruck sack in the chaotic pile!

Wells, Cpl Cudahy, Cpl McInnes Learning and I) to learn how to survive; one other Dental Pl member (Cpl Thompson) was there as part of the training staff. You may be wondering where our fearless leader, Maj Dagrain was during this chilly adventure. He probably wouldn’t like me to share this but he found a way to fracture his tail bone prior to the EX and for a few weeks, could barely walk straight. As you have read above, WO Miller was at Camp Atterbury, Indiana on EX WARFIGHTER; although not as cold, they still had to endure temperatures almost cold enough to make you put on your toque.

The concept of the exercise this year was completely different; we didn’t bring out our beloved dental SEV and therefore, we didn’t have the capacity to treat dental emergencies. We were there to survive and survive we did! We had four days to learn how to survive prior to being shipped off in a different location in the training area where we were to remain with an assigned fellow hopeful survivor for 24 hours!
That week, we became a dental arctic warrior team! We started off the week learning basic skills such as how to win the fight against a non-cooperative frozen Coleman stove in the middle of the night and how to chop endless amounts of wood for a big bonfire that required feeding for four days. But as the week progressed, so did our learning curve. We all survived our 24 hours in pair in the wild!!! In order to do that, we had to learn how to do many things including building an improvised shelter, starting a fire from only a spark (no matches or lighters), snare and prep a rabbit, and go ice-fishing.

We probably all had a moment of pure insanity and “hysteria” during that week but the bottom line is that we all gained a tremendous amount from that experience. For myself, I lost all sanity when I realized that I had to get into my sleeping bag on our 24hr survival night. It had spent the day in the freezing cold, was laid down in my freezing cold improvised shelter and my feet, hands and laces were frozen. And at that moment, I was expected to quickly get undress and lay down in it. Honestly, there were no positive thoughts in my mind and no kind words to be said about the five minutes it took me to complete this awful task. I am honestly glad I survived this experience once and feel stronger for it. I am certain the other dental team members feel the same way. The skills we gained were invaluable and the relationships you build in those moments are precious. The bottom line is that 2 Fd Amb Dental Platoon simply rocks! If you remember anything about this, that is the most important thing.
PEARL HARBOR (May 27, 2015)

Master Corporal Michelle Parnell, Dental Technician, Canadian Army, interacts with U.S. Sailors during the manning the rails on the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) for Pacific Partnership 2015. Now in its tenth iteration, Pacific Partnership is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. While training for crisis conditions, Pacific Partnership missions have provided medical care to approximately 270,000 patients and veterinary services to more than 38,000 animals. Additionally, Pacific Partnership has provided critical infrastructure development to host nations through the completion of more than 180 engineering projects.

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MCpl Parnell and Cpl Thompson
On 14-18 Sept 15, dental platoon members from 1, 2, 5 Fd Amb, 1 Cdn Fd Hosp and CFHSTC met at 2 Fd Amb in Petawawa for a working group aimed at validating the new mobile dental clinic (BA14) training package. Eleven candidates, three technical advisors from the MSVS Project, a technical writer from DEW Engineering and Development, and DDS 3 and 4 personnel spent 3 days deploying the two shelters and operating the baseline and dental systems within the BA14, providing feedback on processes and ensuring critical steps were captured in the training manual. This validation working group is the first phase in the development of a comprehensive training to be developed within the RCDC and generated the first cohort of personnel that can be employed in a train-the-trainer program. Once validated, the 17 dental shelters currently being built will be delivered to the CF H Svcs Operational Units and CFHSTC for training and operations.

With its one wing fold down, this ISO container is one of the 28 variants of Special Equipment vehicle (SEV) being built as part of the Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) replacement program to support the Canadian Armed Forces' operations. The BA14 is twice the size of the current dental SEV, has an integrated mechanical room and modern dental equipment.
LCol Genevieve Bussière, Canadian Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team (CF FORT) Leader (and Practice Leader) and Maj Rachel Jetté, CF FORT Deputy Team Leader, attended the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 67th Annual Scientific Meeting and the 45th Annual Scientific Session of the American Society of Forensic Odontology (ASFO) in Orlando, Florida from 14 to 22 February 2015.

Each year, professionals from all over the world, representing a wide range of forensic specialties, meet to present the most current information and research in their fields. We had the opportunity to participate in workshops and learn from experts in the science of bite mark analysis, age estimation protocols, disaster victim identification, dental identification, animal bites, research, forensic technology and more.

For the first time this year, the RCDC was represented on the list of speakers with an excellent presentation from LCol Bussière on the structure, history and activities of our CF FORT capability.
Almost all the prosthodontists from the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC) were in attendance at the ACP Annual meeting in New Orleans held on 5-8 Nov 14.

The RCDC is pleased to see that Dr John Agar, ACP President, proudly embraced the tradition of wearing the poppy in remembrance of the fallen soldiers. Dr Agar was formerly a Colonel in the United States Army Dental Corps and was the Prosthodontic Program Director at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. during Col Goheen’s prosthodontic training, 1991-1993. Upon retirement, he became the Prosthodontic Program Director at the University of Connecticut, where LCol Dubois completed her Masters in Dental Sciences & Certificate in Prosthodontics under his tutelage from 2004 to 2007.
The RCDC would like to congratulate Maj Lalande on becoming a Diplomate of the American Boards of Prosthodontics and for being granted his Fellowship in the American College of Prosthodontists during the President Awards Dinner on 6 Nov 14.

Maj Lalande receiving his Fellowship certificate. L to R: Dr Agar, President of ACP, Dr Eckert, Past President of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Maj Lalande.

The RCDC prosthodontists took the opportunity to get together with their spouses for an excellent meal in one of the local restaurants.
From March 5-7 the Pacific Dental Conference (PDC) took place in Vancouver and the Canadian Armed Forces were right there in the middle of the spotlight. The three-day event is one of the largest dental conferences held in North America with over 12,500 attendees and over 300 exhibiting dental companies. The dental conference provides world-class continuing education from over 150 guest speakers from Canada and abroad.

Amongst the attendees and exhibitors were proud members of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps (RCDC). The RCDC, which is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year, sent a team comprised of dental officers, dental clinic coordinators, dental hygienists, and dental technicians, representing various detachments from across the country. The team came together in Vancouver to represent the CAF and add a much appreciated military flare to the conference.

With over 300 exhibitors vying for notice, standing out in a crowd can be a challenge but the RCDC overcame this challenge with some military-inspired ingenuity. In true military fashion, the dental team constructed their display using field equipment including mod tents, camouflage netting, and sand bags. The overall display mimicked a mobile dental setup that could be used
in theatre and featured a fully functional air transportable dental kit complete with operating unit, dental chair, light, and sink.

It was mission accomplished for the RCDC as the unique display caught the eye of many conference attendees thus increasing visibility of the CAF in the community. The display further served to educate on the dental role of the RCDC in the CAF and also provided an excellent recruiting platform for potential CAF members. The display booth attracted many potential recruits from students to already experienced health care providers interested in serving their country. The booth provided information on the dental trade and the many benefits of working as a dental officer, dental hygienist, or dental technician with an emphasis on providing the best dental care to CAF members.

The RCDC was well represented at PDC not only in a recruiting capacity but also in a continuing educational capacity. RCDC members, LCol Genevieve Bussière (Comprehensive General Dentistry) and Maj Sandeep Dhesi (Oral Maxillofacial Surgery) were featured as guest speakers at this year’s event. LCol Bussière enlightened attendees on the topic of military forensic identification operations while Maj Dhesi used his experience being deployed in Afghanistan to impress audiences with his lecture on combat trauma.

The RCDC team members would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and dedication in making this year’s event a success. Major objectives were achieved as the RCDC display booth and guest speakers provided a unique look into the realm of military dentistry while increasing visibility and recruiting prowess. The presence at PDC emphasized the important role that the RCDC plays supporting military personnel in Canada and abroad.

CAF members manning the RCDC display booth featured at the 2015 Pacific Dental Conference in Vancouver, BC. L to R: Mr Rémi Desmarais, Capt Derek Decloux, Capt Aaron Lee, MWO Leah Marche, Capt Chris Mills, Sgt William Bullions, Sgt Jody Lamers.
The RCDC shines at the 2015 Journées Dentaires Internationales du Québec

True to tradition, the Royal Canadian Dental Corps took part in the JDIQ convention, which was held at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal from May 24 to 26, 2015.

To mark 100 years of dental service to Canadian military members at home and abroad, a panel comprising Maj Dhesi (Det Esquimalt), Maj Toupin (Det Ottawa), LCol Bussière (Det Edmonton) and LCol Kaiser (5 Fd Amb, Valcartier) introduced the interested audience to the many facets of the various Dental Corps occupations, the Corps’ history and founding, and even the RCDC today.

Also, in the Journées Dentaires exhibition hall, there was a team made up of a recruiting sergeant from 51 Fd Amb and six RCDC members from dental detachments Valcartier, St-Jean and Longue-Pointe. This team’s professionalism, enthusiasm and esprit de corps were without a doubt a factor in drawing an unprecedented crowd to the CAF’s recruitment kiosk this year. The recruitment team members were all pleased to answer various questions from the people of all ages and kinds who showed interest in a possible military career. A few retired dental officers also took the opportunity to come by and recall the Dental Corps of yesteryear and their “hardship” deployments to locations such as Cyprus and Germany. The recruitment team also had the pleasure of a visit from dental officers on their first trip to Canada from Cameroon and Senegal who shared their reality of providing dental care to military members. It goes without saying that the RCDC’s activities at the JDIQ were a great success. Each individual’s contribution was key, not only to making this event a reality, but also, on the occasion of the Royal Canadian Dental Corps’ centennial, to giving the Corps the opportunity to shine in the eyes of a public that is not always aware of the extent of the RCDC’s involvement and dedication to Canada and Canadian military members.
Several RCDC members attended the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) 2015 Bootcamp held in Atlanta, GA, from 12-14 January 2015. OSAP is a leading advocate for the safe and infection-free delivery of oral healthcare, and brings together the most expert minds in the profession to produce courseware that is supported by dental leaders and valued by educators. From L to R: Maj Frédérick Ferron, D Dent Svcs 2-2, Ms Therese Long, Executive Director, OSAP, LCol Brenda Joy, D Dent Svcs 2, Maj Domenico Belcastro, 1 DU Q&PS Team Leader, Maj Joel Doucette, Det Comd, 1 DU Det Gagetown.
Five RCDC Dental Officers attended the ICE (International Continuing Education) Conference in Fort Drum New York on 22 May 2015:  Col Lemon, LCol Picard, LCol Joy, Maj Moser and Maj McLean

Maj Deidra McLean gave a presentation entitled *Enamel Bond Strength of New Universal Adhesive Bonding Agents*.

Maj McLean is pictured receiving her certificate of appreciation from Col Valerie Holmes, Fort Drum Dental Activity Commander and Capt Herbert Mendoza, organizer of the 2015 ICE Conference.
Maj Brenton Winnett and a representative of the RCMP carry the flags at the Royal College of Dentists of Canada 50th Anniversary Convocation that took place at The Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto on September 19, 2015. Maj Winnett is a Fellow and Royal College Examiner and was privileged to represent the Royal Canadian Dental Corps during this important celebration of organized dentistry in Canada. Many RCDC specialists have proudly served as Examiners and Chief Examiners over the past 50 years and the Royal College is seen to be an important strategic partner of the Dental Corps.
Dental Corps Coins and Spousal Coins

These coins are available from D Dent Svcs 2-5, Maj Fisher, 613-945-6786, at a cost of $10 each.